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# Looking at League

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## Semi-final spot still undecided

After results of Series 15 played last weekend Kurri Kurri moved into outright fifth position as a result of their 18-14 win over Macquarie United but still face challenges from the Scorpions and also Central Charlestown who are three points behind Kurri on 12 points following their win over Maitland.

Two matches this weekend will no doubt have a great bearing on who will fill the fifth position. The games are Central v Kurri Kurri on Sunday at St. John Oval and Macquarie United v Cessnock at Lyle Peacock Field also on Sunday.

While Central are three points away from fifth position a win over the "Bulldogs" would bring them right back into calculations. Their remaining two games after this weekend are against South Newcastle and North Newcastle. Kurri Kurri play Maitland at the Maitland Sports Ground in their second last game and then play South Newcastle in the last game at Kurri Sports Ground.

Macquarie United, even though losing their position as joint fifth position holders are still confident they can qualify for the semi-finals but are at home this week when they play third-placed team Cessnock in what is virtually a grand final for them. A win over the "Goannas" will keep them in the race but a loss will almost certainly finish their fight to qualify for the semi-finals.

Cessnock's display against competition leaders Lakes United last weekend, going down by only two points indicated that they are still a major chance of playing in the grand final and will certainly test the "Scorpions" in this their most important game so far this season.

Saturday's match of the series between South Newcastle and Lakes United should be a thriller. Lakes will be keen to keep their undefeated record so far this season intact while South still have an outside chance of making the vital third position on the points table.

Saturday's programme in all three grades should be most entertaining as Lakes United are in second position in third grade with South only two points behind them while in reserve grade Lakes hold down first position again with South only two points away in second position.

## ST. PETERS (MAITLAND) REACH FINAL OF SCHOOLS CARNIVAL

Last weekend St. Peters open rugby league team travelled to Tamworth to participate in the annual Peel Cup which attracts school teams from all over the state.

St. Peters played outstanding football throughout the carnival to earn a place in the final but were defeated 24-4 by the highly rated Sydney school team St. Gregory's Campbelltown.

## Ward Snowden leads points score

Macquarie United centre, Ward Snowden, has a 19 point lead over his closest rival Peter Walsh from Lakes United.

Ward has scored five tries and raised the flags on 60 occasions for his 140 points while Peter Walsh has also scored five tries, kicked 50 goals and one field goal to be on 121 points.

Others to reach their 100 points also are: Les Rotumah (South Newcastle), Phil Williams (Kurri Kurri), Michael Schofield (Cessnock), Greg Price (Central), Tim Vaughan (Waratah) and Stephen Drinkwater (Lakes). All are in positions to reach the century mark before the completion of the season.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES**

CESSNOCK v NORTH Cessnock Sports Ground

MAITLAND v KURRI Maitland Sports Ground

WARATAH v MACQUARIE Waratah Oval

> LAKES v WEST Cahill Oval

SOUTH v CENTRAL

Townson Oval ...

## CARLTON UNITED BREWERY

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Sunday, July 27—2,45 p.m.

Passmore Oval

### North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

I-WAYNE WALKER

2-DAVE ANDERSON

3-NICK O'BRIEN

4-TONY PICKIN

5-IAN MILLINGTON

6-MARK WRIGHT (c)

7-DAVID NEWTON

8-S. GARSIDE/P. WALKER

9-PATRICK MULLEN

10-COL GIGGINS

11-TODD ANDERSON

12-MICHAEL RYAN

13-TOM PARKS

Referee: C. Russell



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PENALTIES 1 2 3 4 5 6

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## Waratah-Mayfield

Maroon and gold

1-TIM VAUGHAN

2-KEVIN PYWELL

3—DARRELL WARDEN

4—LIONEL PHILLIPS

5—JOE PERRY

6-PAUL GUARNIERI

7-EWAN McGRADY

8-TREVOR CROW

9-BRETT ISAAC

10—PETER JOY

11—PETER GARBUTT

12—GLEN RANDALL (c)

13—WARREN BLACK

Coach: John King



**SCRUMS** 

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Late Touch Judges: S. Crich (Blue), R. Newstead (Blue)

#### RESERVE GRADE

#### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

1-Darren MEHAN

2—Dave FLETCHER

4—Ron PAYNE

6-Darren MAXWELL

8—Carl BLICK

10—Tom PATTISON 12—Peter TAYLOR Referee: P. McBlane

John BLENKIRON-3

Rick COLEMAN-5

Ken FAIRHALL-7 Dale WALTON-9

Brett DANN-11

Wayne HYDE-13

1.10 p.m.

#### WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Coach: David Clulow

1—Phil DUNCAN

-Alan LYDDIARD 4—Craig McLOUGHLAN

6—Craig SHORT

8—Ken McCARTNEY 10-Wayne WILSON

12—Tony BENDEICH

Steve ROBINSON—3 John SLOCKEE—5 Steve McCARTY-Mick FORRESTER-9 Steve WALTERS-11

Dave CLULOW (c)-13

#### THIRD GRADE

#### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

1—Tony DODDS

-Tony MANTON 4—Gary EVANS

6—Chris MEAD

8-Don HARDY

10-Steve NEWELL 12-Steven TERRY

Graham CURRIE-3

Brett REED-5 Alan ARMSTRONG-7 Ray KEATLEY—9 Phil HARRISON-11 Kevin ARMSTRONG-13

Referee: R. Reid

11.45 a.m.

#### WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Coach: Brett Harper

1--Brodie THOMAS

2—Brett JONES

4—Gavin DENNIS

6—Garry WHITE

8—Brad LANTRY

10—Peter CORNFORD

12-Mark DART

David KING—3 Wayne TODD—5 Bill CARRIG—7

David PRIESTLEY-9 Sam DAWSON-11

David RUSSELL-13

Early Touch Judges: G. Sullivan (Blue), T. Sutcliffe (Red)



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#### NBN 3-CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

#### First Grade

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 21 (L. Hammond, C. Nealon, G. Price tries, G. Price 4 goals, W. Schillings drop goal) d KURRI KURRI 14 (P. Watson, M. Thomas tries, P. Williams 2, P. Sumner goals).

NORTH NEWCASTLE 14 (W. Walker 2) tries. T. Pickin 3 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIED 8 (L. Phillips try. T. Vaughan 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 20 (B. Davies 2, R. Whittaker tries, B. Davies 4 goals) d MAC-QUARIE UNITED 8 (K. Townley try, W. Snowden 2 goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 22 (R. Jones, N. Wilson tries, L. Rotumah 7 goals) d LAKES UNITED 20 (M. Sullivan 3 tries, P. Walsh 4 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 40 (M. Knight 2, G. Eagar, C. Dedman, P. Haggerty, J. Hulbert, P. Elliott tries, M. Knight 6 goals) d MAITLAND 0.

#### Reserve Grade

Kurri Kurri 12 d Central Charlestown 5 Waratah-Mayfield 96 d North Newcastle 0, Macquarie United 26 d Cessnock 6, South Newcastle 16 d Lakes United 12, Western Suburbs 22 d Maitland 0.

#### Third Grade

Kurri Kurri 28 d Central Charlestown 6, Waratah-Mayfield 62 d North Newcastle 0, Cessnock 36 d Macquarie United 6. South Newcastle 6 draw Lakes United 6. Western Suburbs 14 d Maitland 6.