



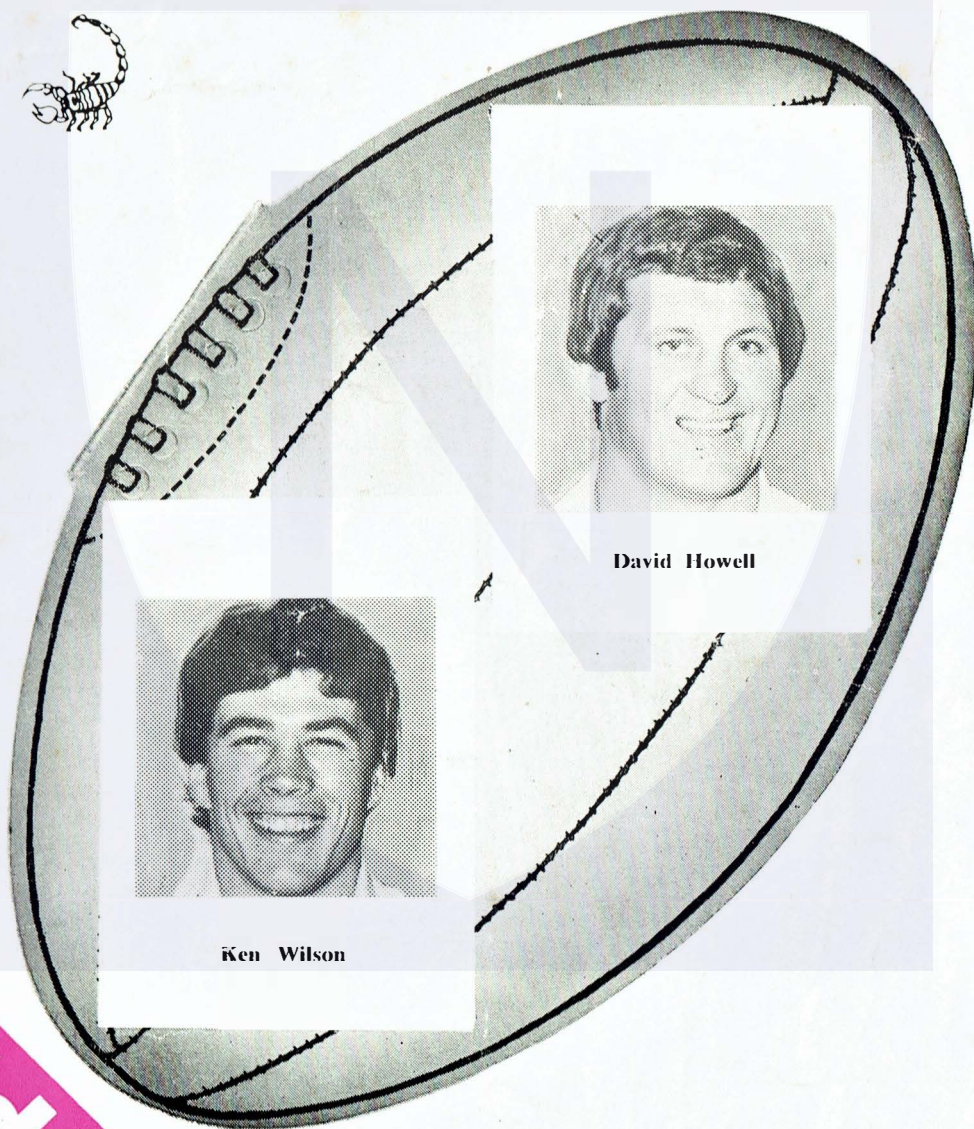
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CLUB TROPHY

FROM HERE AND THERE

active ranks and went on to lead the district team in an easy win against France.



it on 275 points, two more than the Goannas.

Macquarie United also could go to 275 if successful in three grades against Maitland at Peacock Field this Sunday and Kurri Kurri could add to the battle for top rating by rising to 274 with three wins against South Newcastle at Kurri this Saturday.

So the prospects are there for an absorbing contest before the ultimate winner becomes clear.

Despite West's belated surge, the club's two lower-grade teams must keep winning to clinch semi-final spots.

The reserves are in fifth place in a tightly-bunched group of six vying for supremacy.

But they could be squeezed back to sixth if beaten by joint leader Cessnock.

In the under-23 premiership West and Cessnock are locked in fifth place with only one appearing likely to finish in the top five.

The result of their clash this Saturday may well decide which is to be the "survivor".



NORTH NEWCASTLE captain-coach Mick Donnelly has been well enough satisfied with the stout-hearted performance of his lightweight team this year to accept reappointment to the coaching role for next season. The Gunnedah prop joined North in 1978 and took over this year as coach from former international Johnny Mayes. Adding to a season of personal achievement, Donnelly gained his first call to Newcastle represent-

AGAIN on the subject of club championships . . . the Parramatta Eels, by winning in three grades against St. George last Sunday, took a stranglehold on their sixth successive club title in the metropolitan premiership. The sequence is a Sydney record, eclipsing the five wins by St. George from 1955 to 1959 and from 1962 to 1966. But Parramatta's sequence has been matched in Newcastle — by West — from 1972 to 1977. West also won four championships in a row from 1966 to 1969.

TABLES

NEWCASTLE STAR PREMIERSHIP

FIRST GRADE

Ted O'Sullivan Trophy

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cessnock	12	0	2	295	144	24
Maitland	11	0	3	316	159	22
West	11	0	3	337	183	22
Macquarie	9	0	5	281	204	18
Kurri	9	0	5	222	197	18
North	6	0	8	167	199	12
Waratah	5	0	9	204	227	10
Central	4	0	10	184	272	8
Lakes	3	0	11	219	372	6
South	0	0	14	132	400	0

RESERVE GRADE

Oscar Mullaly Trophy

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cessnock	10	1	3	290	137	21
Macquarie	10	1	3	323	212	21
Waratah	10	0	4	230	142	20
Maitland	10	0	4	275	184	20
West	9	0	5	286	188	18
Kurri	8	1	5	308	176	17
Lakes	3	1	10	199	311	7
North	3	1	10	136	331	7
Central	3	0	11	160	312	6
South	1	1	12	152	366	3

UNDER-23 GRADE

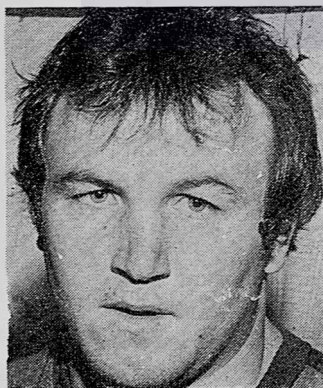
Frank Barker Trophy

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kurri	11	2	1	262	133	24
Waratah	12	0	2	256	151	24
Macquarie	9	1	4	314	207	19
Lakes	9	1	4	227	200	19
Cessnock	7	1	6	268	204	15
West	7	1	6	216	166	15
North	5	0	9	181	205	10
Maitland	4	0	10	161	227	8
Central	2	0	12	133	274	4
South	1	0	13	98	349	2

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Mal Woolford Trophy

	1st	Res	U-23	Pts
Cessnock	144	84	45	273
West	132	72	45	249
Macquarie	108	84	57	249
Kurri	108	68	72	248
Maitland	132	80	24	236
Waratah	60	80	72	212
North	72	28	30	130
Lakes	36	28	57	121
Central	48	24	12	84
South	0	12	6	18



Mick Donnelly

"STAR" COMPETITION

Sunday, August 2—3 p.m.

Passmore Oval

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Mick Donnelly



- 1—KEN McCARTNEY
- 2—MARK BATES
- 3—MICHAEL McCANN
- 4—MARK WRIGHT
- 5—PHILLIP KING
- 6—GLEN FREW
- 7—TREVOR CROW
- 8—GLEN CAMPBELL
- 9—MICHAEL RYAN
- 10—BRAD GIBSON
- 11—MICK DONNELLY (c)
- 12—REX WRIGHT
- 13—MICHAEL DALL

SCRUMS												
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PENALTIES												
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Referee: R. Conley

Lakes United

Blue and gold

Coach: Tom Sheppard



- 1—DON McGUINNESS
- 2—PETER COOTES
- 3—PETER DODDS
- 4—TERRY QUINN
- 5—LES JONES
- 6—STEVE DORAN
- 7—RICK GRIFFITHS
- 8—TOM SHEPPARD (c)
- 9—STEVE PIPER
- 10—BOB TABER
- 11—IAN HAMPSON
- 12—GREG JOHNSON
- 13—STEVE BROWN

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Touch Judges: G. O'Neill (Blue), C. Sheather (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Dave Morley

1—Paul HILL

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| 2—Bob SKELLY | Mark HUGHES—3 |
| 4—Steve GIBSON | Denis OUTRAM—5 |
| 6—Greg EAGAR | Ken FAIRHALL—7 |
| 8—Gary O'BRIEN | Geoff DUNNE—9 |
| 10—Brett PRICE | Chris WHITE—11 |
| 12—Nicholas KING | Steve BETTRIDGE—13 |

Referee: W. Sullivan

LAKES UNITED

Coach: Les Hannah

1—Brad WHITE

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2—Geoff KEMP | Greg HILL—3 |
| 4—Paul WILLIAMS | Ross CLINTON—5 |
| 6—George LIOLIO | Bob AUBIN—7 |
| 8—Craig DUFFY | Ron BURGESS (c)—9 |
| 10—Phil NEWTON | Maurie JUDD—11 |
| 12—Steve LEWIS | Peter DUNNAGE—13 |

Touch Judges: R. Barnett (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

UNDER-23 GRADE — 12 noon

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Bruce Williamson

1—John KELLY

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| 2—Dave PICKFORD | Grant INGHAM—3 |
| 4—Peter BARKLEY | Neil DUNNE—5 |
| 6—Bob KULAPACH | Peter SLEAP—7 |
| 8—Bob CLERKE | John GRAY—9 |
| 10—John BUFI (c) | Garry BRIDGES—11 |
| 12—Tom PATTISON | Paul KRZYSKA—13 |

Referee: T. Manning

LAKES UNITED

Coach: Grahame Huggins

1—Ross EDDEN

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Doug DRIES | Peter WEARY—3 |
| 4—Mick SHEEHAN | Bob COSTELLO—5 |
| 6—Mick SULLIVAN (c) | Les HANNAH—7 |
| 8—Mark GAUT | Greg TURNER—9 |
| 10—Jim BURGESS | Gary JOHNSON—11 |
| 12—Paul GOVER | Chris TURNER—13 |

Touch Judges: R. Barnett (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

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NEWCASTLE STAR PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

WESTERN SUBURBS 24 (J. Hulbert, D. Lance, P. Walsh, G. Martine tries: Walsh 6 goals) d CESSNOCK 12 (M. Schofield, S. Nelmes tries: J. Fairns 3 goals).

KURRI KURRI 34 (P. Brady 2, L. Brian 2, T. Richardson, M. Mate tries: M. Winkler 8 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 14 (D. Morris, P. Garbutt tries: N. Bagnall 4 goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 25 (P. Bleakney 3, P. Carey 2 tries: N. Elwin 5 goals) d MAITLAND 3 (D. Palmer try).

LAKE UNITED 26 (M. Sheehan 2, R. Griffiths 2, P. Coates, D. McGuinness tries: P. Dodds 3, L. Jones goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 8 (M. Bates 2 tries: M. McCann goal).

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 18 (K. McDonnell, G. White, G. Pyers, M. Betts tries: McDonnell 3 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 14 (R. Farrell, M. Scobie tries: Farrell 4 goals).

Reserve Grade

Cessnock 18 d Western Suburbs 7; Kurri Kurri 45 d South Newcastle 5; Macquarie United 13 d Maitland 12; North Newcastle 31 d Lakes United 11; Waratah-Mayfield 21 d Central Charlestown 8.

Under-23 Grade

Western Suburbs 9 d Cessnock 7; Kurri Kurri 52 d South Newcastle 4; Macquarie United 23 d Maitland 4; Lakes United 23 d North Newcastle 3; Waratah-Mayfield 23 d Central Charlestown 2.