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NEWS FROM CLUBS

LAST Saturday saw the return of the "Tank" and his famous charges at the try line. Rob Thomson delighted "Goanna" fans with his try. It's a good job he has good brakes or he would have knocked the fence over, he was so wound up.

NORTH'S officials, players and supporters wish their popular secretary a speedy recovery from his recent illness and hope to see him up and about again doing the job he likes most—looking after North.

JIM REEVES, another Lakes United junior player hit with injuries, made a comeback last Saturday and scored two great tries. He will be a fit player next year, and I feel sure to have an excellent season with the "Seagulls".

GREG SWANCOTT is playing some good football now. A very versatile player, he plays where selected and is a good club man for Lakes United.

JOHN BEECHER, West reserve grade lock forward, showed last Sunday which was his 20th birthday, that he has outstanding potential. His game showed that with a bit of experience he could become a strong challenger for a regular spot in West seniors.

WAYNE EVANS' solid all round performances in recent weeks, have been rewarded by him being placed in West first grade to play Cessnock in what should be the best game in the round with both teams striving to consolidate their individual places in the competition of first and fourth respectively.

TWO good rubbers are worth their weight in gold to a club and here Waratah is indeed fortunate. Reg Pratt has been with the club for such a long time and there isn't a better trainer in the business. Then along comes Kevin Monagli, who in two short seasons has become as popular with the players as poker machines are to gamblers. It is to their credit that Waratah has virtually had the same side for many weeks.

SELECTORS often receive a lot of criticism and little credit. However the "Goanna" pair, Lou Roach and "Nifty Nev" Andrews along with coach Norm, certainly deserve credit for their daring selections last week. Controversial selections Hendo, Kelly and Jobson, all performed very well.

TOMMY SHEPPERD is a player with unlimited potential. He came from the Juniors and nearly a full season of first grade football behind him, his future looks very bright with Lakes United.

IF you were asked to name Waratah's best known and respected member, the vote must surely go to that great stalwart Ted Dawson. For more years than we care to remember, Ted has been with the 'Tahs in every capacity. Player, coach, selector, committeeman and even a self taught carpenter as the Leagues Club took shape. It has been a fitting reward that Ted has number two badge in the Leagues Club, second only to the "Lord Mayor of Waratah" Bill Godden.

MARK MAYNARD makes his debut in first grade with South's against Lakes this Sunday, and after many good performances in reserves, it seems certain he will give a good account with a good all round effort. Good luck M.D.

GOOD to see Neil Noble back with South supporters again after a brief sojourn in hospital. His many years with Rugby League has made Neil one of the code's most astute judges and his opinions are always respected.

REG VITNELL is one of the many young players with South's who is regularly turning in good efforts. A versatile back-line player, he gave an excellent showing against Maitland reserves when chosen in the halfback position.

PETER RAMPLIN came into Lakes front row as a stop-gap through injuries to other players. He is playing so well that he is doing an above average job and improving from game to game.

NORTH'S position on the points table is no reflection on their popular team manager Harry Daniels who is doing such a grand job in looking after his first grade team.

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JOHN ANDERSON
Scored over 100 points for South

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AFTER a season of rather mixed displays, it's very good to see Waratah winger Terry Sergeant back to his very best form. When "Sergo" is in that form there isn't a better winger in the town. Always very strong in defence it was a revelation to see him in such sparkling attacking form last week and his two tries were a fitting reward to his fine positional play and hard running.

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JOHN COOTES is steadily getting back to something like the player that was responsible for so many West victories over the years. His strong attacking runs will no doubt be evident as West approaches the big ones. His willingness to back up should bring him many tries as he has some brilliant players inside him.

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GIVING great service to Macquarie United are K. Wright, A. Drew, K. Christiansen and D. Riding.

CONGRATULATIONS to Macquarie United player, W. Gleeson who made his debut to first grade last week against West.

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MACQUARIE ladies committee played Cardiff ladies Rugby League last Sunday, Macquarie ladies well led by C. Redman and won the game 6 to 3.

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NEW front row forward for West, Mick Trypas, had a sound game against Macquarie last Sunday at Harker Memorial Oval. Mick's solid defence stopped many a promising movement well before they became a threat. Given a couple of games to become used to this important phase of the game, Mick could well become a match winner.

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LES JONES
Lakes reliable fullback

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THE three musketeers had nothing on "Goanna" committeemen Darrel Jurd, Gary Jack and Merv. McLennan. See one and you see the three, as well as others such as Warren Beckett, Col Chapman and, of course, Fred Brown. Col Saxon and Billy Johnson are two regulars as well when it comes to work.

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Kurri Injured Players' Fund Mini Bike competition won by Bob Bedford, Kanawna Ave., Cessnock.



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WICKHAM OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, August 5, 1973

Northern Suburbs v. Maitland

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—R. Andrews

Three-quarters

2—V. Watsford

4—K. Sweetman

Halves

6—N. Skelton

Forwards

8—M. Witcom

10—A. Lobley

12—D. Cassidy

S. Doran—3

R. Warren—5

R. Davis—7

R. Potter—9

J. Niszczot—11

D. Nichols—13

MAITLAND

Black and White

Full-back

1—K. Shine

Three-quarters

2—M. Wright

4—A. West

Halves

6—L. Drew

Forwards

8—T. Pannowitz

10—R. Wawszakowicz

12—A. McNab

R. Finch—3

G. Druery—5

B. Burke—7

G. Gleeson—9

M. McMahon—11

K. Pollard—13

Referee: J. Smith

Linesmen: R. McLaren (Blue), G. Benson (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—G. Pickering

Three-quarters

2—G. Jordan

4—C. Cox

Halves

6—L. Plimmer

Forwards

8—A. Wasley

10—C. Finn

12—J. Davey

T. Price—3

D. Boyle—5

C. Newman—7

P. Beetson—9

P. Dennis—11

B. Nichols—13

MAITLAND

Black and White

Full-back

1—K. Cousins

Three-quarters

2—R. Hardy

4—D. Newman

Halves

6—R. McKinnon

Forwards

8—P. Sharp

10—B. Yates

12—M. Presland

M. Bickley—3

J. Cooper—5

M. Boland—7

J. Meskauskas—9

G. Oldfield—11

J. McLane—13

Referee: W. Humphries

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), K. Bilton (Red)



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FOLLOW THE '73 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—C. John

2—G. White
4—C. Pritchard
6—K. Blackwell
8—P. Marzato
10—G. Smith
12—S. Paradisi

G. Steel—3
P. Holmes—5
R. Christie—7
K. Smith—9
B. Barber—11
P. Maher—13

Referee: N. Scotman

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—T. Bell
4—J. Phillips
6—O. Taylor
8—G. Reay
10—R. McWilliams
12—G. Goodwin

J. Dever—3
G. Banister—5
K. Morris—7
C. House—9
D. Burgess—11
B. Peek—13

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), T. Mowbray (Red)

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Gladman

2—I. Brown
4—D. McNabb
6—D. Johns
8—W. Pinfold
10—G. Naylor
12—J. Irving

G. Bates—3
T. Anderson—5
S. Blain—7
P. Sattler—9
I. Ellis—11
N. Fox—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—J. Sansom

2—J. Karnaghan
4—W. Hodge
6—K. Allard
8—G. Marshall
10—J. Marshall
12—G. Long

J. Shoebridge—3
T. Podgorelec—5
J. Pickford—7
R. Robinson—9
W. Donaldson—11
L. McGinnes—13

Linesmen: N. Digby (Blue), R. Aurelius (Red)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—T. Timms

2—G. Mullaly
4—B. Robinson
6—G. Simpson
8—K. Tommerup
10—R. MacDonald
12—D. Timms

G. Wray—3
M. Clary—5
B. Heaton—7
G. Howell—9
P. Hunt—11
R. Christie—13

Referee: R. Reid

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—J. Lawrence

2—B. Atkinson
4—R. Carroll
6—D. Brophy
8—B. Hollingsworth
10—N. Dawson
12—S. Nesbitt

P. Hanley—3
R. Jackson—5
J. Darby—7
G. Mannix—9
D. Bond—11
B. Alford—13

Linesmen: R. Walsh (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Smallcombe

2—P. Hodges
4—L. Edmonds
6—N. Morgan
8—R. Rankin
10—S. Bailey
12—R. Thornton

G. Marshall—3
G. Robinson—5
G. Noble—7
M. Crabtree—9
J. Adamson—11
J. Blyton—13

Referee: R. Keys

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—R. Daniels

2—J. Reeves
4—R. Turner
6—W. Cartwright
8—P. Newton
10—W. Johnston
12—G. Gaegler

T. Lorrimer—3
D. Pringle—5
T. Cheers—7
J. Howard—9
J. Daniels—11
R. Devonshire—13

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), W. Milton (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

2—T. Mitchell
4—D. Steele
6—R. Toby
8—D. Maddison
10—J. Gill
12—J. Nyland

M. Hesketh—3
J. Wood—5
K. Gilchrist—7
E. Rippon—9
V. Murphy—11
P. Bowhay—13

Referee: W. Morgan

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

2—R. Cooper
4—W. Medcalf
6—K. Hedges
8—L. Scott
10—G. Grainger
12—R. Picken

R. Hunt—3
F. Kowalcuk—5
P. Williams—7
P. Ilfield—9
M. Wind—11
B. Hall—13

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), K. Bilton (Red)