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Next Saturday's Fixtures :

WESTERN SUBURBS v. SOUTH NEWCASTLE
NORTHERN SUBURBS v. WARATAH-MAYFIELD
MAITLAND DISTRICT v. LAKES UNITED
CENTRAL NEWCASTLE v. CESSNOCK

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WESTS ROSELLAS

Lightweight forward, Jack Gibson, with his rucking is no exception to the old saying, "Tis not the size of the dog in the fight; but the size of the fight in the dog that counts."

With Gordon (Nipper) Frost in as prop. to-day, our front row is probably the youngest in the district, in Frost 21, Kiers 21, Lightfoot 20. It is our tip that this trio in a year or two will be more famous than the three they oppose to-day.

All supporters and players wish Ned O'Brien, who is in the Mater Hospital following a 20-ft. fall at work, a speedy recovery.

Club Secretary Jack Wilson has now taken over the O.K. Bakery in New Lambton. We all wish Jack every success in his new venture.

West Under 16's, under the guidance of Coach Maxie Carroll, have developed into a really fine combination. A wee bit on the small side, but their approach to the game is equal to that of much older exponents. Nice going, youngsters.

To-day, Pat Kirby's Under 20's have to down South to have any chance of being in the final four.

NORTH

Congratulations to Central on their win last week. After looking to have the game sewn up at half-time, we found the loss of Charlie Smith too much.

The highlight of the match was the exhibition of tackling given by Allan Welch who played his best game this year. Allan must surely be recognised as one of the best centres in Newcastle, now.

Congratulations also go to Jack Hutchinson who played his 100th game with the Club last Saturday against Central.

This week we have two changes in the senior team. Freddy Smith replacing Charlie Smith and Cecil Parrot replacing Bob Carlon—as both these boys have had previous senior experience they will not be out of place in the team.

The Reserve Grade team once again played good football to beat the strong Central team 6-4 after leading at half-time. Perhaps the outstanding player in this grade was Freddy Smith who is in the seniors, to-day.

Well, boys, you have got to win this one to be still in it, and despite our dogged bad luck, lately, we are still confident you can do it.

R.E.H.

CENTRAL

Congratulations boys on your fine exhibition against North last Saturday, but do not leave it so late in future, lads, as supporters have hardly any finger-nails left to chew. This win enhances our prospects of entering the semi-finals and providing you train assiduously and can keep your good form, your Committee and supporters have the utmost faith in you to suppose you can win your second successive Premiership.

Those two diminutive fellows, Bob Banks and Russ McCarthy are again functioning smoothly and this combination can always be relied upon to spring something out of the bag as they did last Saturday.

Whilst not intending to discriminate amongst our forwards it is noticed that "Tiger" Thornton, besides winning his share of the ball, is playing above average in the rucks and loose and must rank as one of the most efficient centre forwards in the competition, but Pat, don't you know how to stop a right cross without using your jaw.

To-day we play South at District Park and a good game is looked for and whilst not disparaging South, a good win is looked forward to.

Best of luck, boys, and also to South.

The R.S.L. team play the last match in the competition against Railway at Beresfield to-morrow, before playing the semi-finals, in which these old Central players, after a mediocre beginning, finished in second place in the West Macquarie A. Grade.

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Wickham Oval—3 p.m.

Saturday, 12th August, 1950

Northern Suburbs v. Western Suburbs

NORTHERN SUBURBS.

(Colours—Royal Blue)

Full-back:

1—N. Wedesweiler

Three-quarters:

2—J. Doran

C. Parrott—17

4—A. Welsh

D. Ratley—5

Halves:

18—F. Smith

E. Long—7

Forwards:

8—J. Hutchinson

T. Anderson—9

15—A. Linich

C. Whyte—24

12—R. Crane

C. Gill—13

Referee: O. SCREEN.

WESTERN SUBURBS.

(Colours—Red and Green)

Full-back:

1—M. Moore

Three-quarters:

2—A. Armitage

A. Maddison—3

4—D. Bentlin

W. Parkinson—5

Halves:

6—H. Banks

J. Baker—7

Forwards:

8—W. Harding

W. Burnley—9

10—J. Gibson

J. Lightfoot—14

12—J. Kiers

G. Frost—13

Linesmen: T. TAYLOR, F. BLAIN.

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS.

(Colours—Royal Blue)

Full-back:

14—G. Kapeen

Three-quarters:

15—J. Trimble

R. Carlon—3

—E. Reynolds

N. Davey—16

Halves:

4—L. Dann

R. Morrissey—20

Forwards:

21—L. Sweeney

R. Picton—

26—H. Claverie

J. Cavanagh—

25—T. Smith

D. Hawke—

Referee: J. LANE.

WESTERN SUBURBS.

(Colours—Red and Green)

Full-back:

1—O. Connors

Three-quarters:

2—B. Burke

M. Sullivan—3

4—S. Brown

W. Mitchell—5

Halves:

6—P. Brodgen

R. Vipon—7

Forwards:

8—K. Monagle

S. Barnard—9

10—E. Curry

K. Galbraith—11

12—P. Grofos

W. Cameron—13

Linesmen: J. PORTER, T. McINTOSH.

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