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Great Start by the Premiers

Lakes United continued on from where they left off the 1987 season with a repeat of the Grand Final defeating Souths last weekend.

Souths had their chance when they led 16-14 with 15 minutes to go but Lakes came home well to clinch the win 26-16 in the last 5 minutes.

Souths were depleted with injuries and with their full side on the pad-dock will be a formidable proposition this year as will be the premiers.

With lock forward Warren Schillings leading the way, Central Charlestown won well over Western Suburbs. Central appeared to have control for most of the game but Wests on a number of occasions were in a position to take a vital lead but just could not manage it. Six great goals by Ward Snowden for Central and sound no mistake play in the last 15 minutes saw Central take the points.

Cessnock were too strong for a disappointing Maitland outfit. Maitland started brightly and led early with a converted try. However, the Goanna forwards led by Michael Schofield dominated the midfield and Cessnock had made a good start to the season.

Displaying that traditional Kurri spirit, the Bulldogs stormed home in the last 20 minutes, scoring four tries, to snatch an exciting win over Waratah-Mayfield. The Cheetahs appeared to have it in the bag, but at Kurri a game isn't won over the locals until that final whistle has gone and the points are on the board.

Macquarie United have built up well in the off season and they turned on the power against Norths to win easily.

Round 2 brings together last start winners Lakes United and Kurri Kurri at Belmont. Both teams have a blending of experience and enthusiastic youth and the game promises to be a great clash.

Macquarie United will have an opportunity to really test their strength against a Western Suburbs team, keen to avenge their last round

loss and eager to get points on the board.

Souths may find the going hard at Cessnock. Injuries are still keeping some players out and Cessnock are a side playing with plenty of purpose.

North Newcastle will be struggling at Maitland and Waratah-Mayfield will be looking for their first win against an in form Central.

The round is set for some great football and even so early in the season the competition table could suffer some radical changes after this weekend.

Lights at Townson Oval

South Newcastle, in the next round, play their first match under the new lights at Townson Oval.

Rated the best lights for football in Newcastle, they can only be an addition to the improved sporting facilities appearing in the city.

Souths opponents are Kurri Kurri in this twilight fixture and Souths are out to make a good showing.

PROMOTION AT ST. JOHN

Central Charlestown have an exciting promotion at each home game. Each patron admitted to St. John Oval receives a ticket in a Holiday for Two at the Aussi Resort at Burleigh Heads at the end of the season.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Central Leagues Club after the last home game of the season.

Ask the gatekeeper for details.

And kids at St. John, you get a free bag of lollies as you arrive for the game.

Under 17 Representative Team

The Under 17 Representative team to contest the Country Championships at Port Macquarie (Northern section) on 7th May was finalised this week.

Coached by Johnny King, the squad is:

David Vickery, Kurt Lawton, Chris Wallace (Cessnock)

Jamie Lovett, Brad Dives (Lakes United)

Clint Perry, Paul Shafer, Jamie Sherman (Maitland)

Mark Andrews, James Kapricatis (South Newcastle)

Simon Hayes, Shane Beale (Booragul-Teralba)

Andrew Williams (Nelson Bay)

Scott Melville, Damian Tynan (Beresfield)

Chris Cole (Wangi)

Ron Proctor (Western Suburbs)

Mark Callaghan (Kotara)

Paul Johnston (Waratah-Mayfield)

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Round 3: Saturday, April 9

3rd Grade — 11.45 a.m.

Reserve Grade — 1.20 p.m.

First Grade — 2.45 p.m.

North Newcastle v Cessnock

At Passmore Oval

Maitland v Western Suburbs

Maitland Sportsground

Central Charlestown v Lakes United

St. John Oval

TWILIGHT FIXTURES

3rd Grade — 3.30 p.m.

Reserve Grade — 4.55 p.m.

First Grade — 6.30 p.m.

Macquarie United v Waratah-May.

Lyle Peacock Field

South Newcastle v Kurri Kurri

Townson Oval

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NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Thursday, March 31—8.30 p.m.

Maitland Sportsground

Maitland

Black and white

Coach: Greg Eager

- 1—GREG CODRINGTON
 2—JASON HEMSON
 3—LAURIE PERRY
 4—CLAYTON CAMARDI
 5—ROLAND WHITBY
 —GREG EAGER (c)
 7—GERARD O'CONNOR
 8—WAYNE CLARKE
 9—ROD BLACKMORE
 10—PAUL JUHNKE
 11—GREG BROWN
 12—MARK WINKLER 116
 13—ANDREW YATES

**SCRUMS**

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

PENALTIES

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13	14	15	16	17	18

Referee: T. Garrett

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczot

- 1—PETER WILLIAMS
 2—JAMES FLETCHER
 3—DAVID STOWE
 4—GREG CHRISTIANSEN
 5—IAN LUCIETTO
 6—TERRY DENT
 7—DARRYL MAXWELL
 8—MARK PAYNE
 9—JERRY MAULA
 10—DAVID STANFORD
 11—BRUCE EDDON 6
 12—PETER TAYLOR
 13—BRETT DANN

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Touch Judges: N. Mitchell (Blue), D. Ratcliff (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 6.55 p.m.**MAITLAND**

Coach: Kevin Cousins

- 1—Danny EDWARDS (c)
 2—Peter JONES
 4—Dean MICHALSKI
 6—Craig BARCLAY
 8—Mark BLUNDELL
 10—Billy UNDERWOOD
 12—Pat WARBY
 Brett FARRELLY—3
 Craig BALLENDEN—5
 Greg WINCHESTER—7
 Robert BAKER—9
 Milton BURROWS—11
 Michael MATE—13

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

- 1—Darren BARRETT
 2—Dave STEVENS
 4—Steve RIDGEWAY
 6—Craig AFFLICK
 8—Michael PRATER
 10—Paul KODELA
 12—Neil HALL
 Peter SULLIVAN—3
 Mark JACKSON—5
 Robert GOLDEN—7
 Jeff WILSON—9
 Brian SLADE—11
 Peter HARRISON—13

Referee: P. Simpkins

Touch Judges: R. Williams (Blue), O. Smith (Red)

THIRD GRADE — 5.30 p.m.**MAITLAND**

Coach: John Scott

- 1—Adam BOGDANIS
 2—Brian ROBB
 4—Shane O'BRIEN
 6—John SCOTT (c)
 8—Glen BURNS
 10—Brendan LANTRY
 12—Mark IHLEIN
 Tommy GORDON—3
 Kevin RIGNEY—5
 Paul DOOLEY—7
 Troy ERNST—9
 Jamie OZGA—11
 Brett WINKLER—13

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

- 1—Shane BANKS
 2—Mark SHERRIDAN
 4—Darren STENLUND
 6—Bill IZZARD
 8—Michael PRASSER
 10—Steve DEAN
 12—RAY KEIGHLEY (c)
 Mark ANDERSON—3
 Mark HARWOOD—5
 Bill LAMB—7
 Steven CLEAVER—9
 Steven SAULT—11
 Chris SULLIVAN—13

Referee: P. Evans

Touch Judges: R. Williams (Blue), O. Smith (Red)

**MAITLAND
Leagues Club**

Snack Bar open daily, noon to 2.00 p.m., 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Darcy Restaurant open Wed. to Sun. for Dinner.

Bistro Bargains: \$3.75 All Meals
 Best catering value in Hunter Valley!

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Tuesday: HOUSIE, 11 a.m., Main Auditorium.

Wednesday: HOUSIE, 7.30 p.m. Main Auditorium.

Thursday: SNOOKER COMPETITION, 8 p.m.

Friday: HOUSIE, 2.30 p.m., Main Auditorium. Non-Profit Raffle, drawn 6 p.m.

Sunday: Spectacular NON-PROFIT RAFFLE. Tickets on sale from 5 p.m. Drawn 6.30 p.m. Top prizes including electrical goods, travel goods, manchester, etc.

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First Grade

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 24 (A. Watt 2, W. Schillings tries, W. Snowden 6 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 10 (W. Walker, C. Higgins tries, C. Hewson goal).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 20 (P. Sleap, P. Parr, R. Jones tries, Parr 4 goals) d CESSNOCK 6 (A. Thompson try, J. Hunter goal).

WESTERN SUBURBS 18 (T. Price 2, T. Morrison tries, W. Moylan 3 goals) drew with MACQUARIE UNITED 18 (D. Hill 2, T. Stevenson tries, P. Duncan 3 goals).

LAKES UNITED 18 (L. Bowne, S. M. Donald, M. Pitman tries, D. Butler 2, Bowne goals) d KURRI KURRI 12 (P. Hafey, S. Lee tries, P. Williams 2 goals).

MAITLAND 74 (G. Codrington 2, J. Hemson 2, L. Perry 2, C. Camardi 2, G. Winchester 2, G. Eager, M. Winkler, D. Travers tries, M. Winkler 11 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 2 (B. Eddon goal).

Reserve Grade

Central 20 d Waratah 12, Cessnock 10 d South 4. West 32 d Macquarie 0, Lakes 26 d Kurri 2, Maitland 126 d North 0.

Third Grade

Waratah 14 d Central 6. South 18 d Cessnock 4. Macquarie 8 d West 6, Lakes 18 d Kurri 2, Maitland 68 d North 2.