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NEWS FROM CLUBS

ANOTHER South centre to show outstanding form is Danny Rowe. His great efforts last Sunday were one of the contributing factors in the reserve grade notching a win against Macquarie.

LAKES UNITED delegate Allan Dawber was the club's first casualty of non players. Cause: crossbar fell off posts; Effect: six stitches; Conclusion: "Put them up without me next time", says Allan.

DARREL LOWE aims to reach his 100 points quickly for this season. With only one match played, Darrel's total stands at 17 points from kicking seven goals and scoring a try. The "Blues" are indeed fortunate to have a player of his calibre in the club.

CENTRAL are very pleased with the performances of young players Peter Cox, a former North junior; fullback Small and rugby union convert Keith Powell.

ALTHOUGH North's first grade were defeated last week it was pleasing to see the manner in which Paul Beetson continually broke Waratah's defence. Paul is set for a big year.

CENTRAL are very grateful to Arthur and Phil Crockett for the amount of work and time they have spent on the new clubhouse shortly to be opened in Bula Street, Whitebridge.

ON Peter Carr's performance, Garry Collins will have to keep his best foot forward to keep this young lad out of Kurri's first grade.

WINNERS of the competition conducted by Maitland last week were Leo Clark, Raymond Terrace 24298 and S. Clayton, East Maitland 24359.

WEST third grade five-eighth Graham Steel is going along great guns at present and it would not surprise to see him reach at least reserve grade before long. Graham is a University student who possesses well above average ability in both attack and defence.

CENTRAL extends a very warm welcome to all new players in the various grades for the 1973 season. Names such as John Sneddon, Sig Morris, Warren House need no introductions, all having played with other Newcastle sides over past seasons.

THE South Supporters' award went to second row forward Alan Hodgson in the third grade side, for his non stop efforts. A newcomer to South's this season, Alan has quickly made a host of friends and is creating a favourable impression with South followers.

IT seemed like the early fifties so far as Cessnock representative players were concerned last weekend. Norm Henderson, Rod Sneesby, Jim Batey and Rob Thomson in the main game, while Peter Davies, Danny Pemberton and Stephen Eagleton repped in the under 19 side. Senior vice-president Don Schofield, coached the senior side.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Central coach Keith Maddison. Keith previously played with St. George in Sydney and is proving a very popular leader and he already has the confidence of all players and officials of the old club.

WEST long service player, Kerry "Joe" Campbell, was presented with a bouncing baby girl (who incidentally weighed 8lbs. 5ozs. at birth) by his good wife. The name decided on is Danielle and no doubt this young lass will grow up to be a West barracker. Congratulations to the proud parents.

TWO promising young players from the Glendale club or "Bildo" Bowers Domain, have created a very good impression with West. They are Mick Slater, a back with outstanding potential, and Ken Parkes, son of former West grade player Mitchy Parkes. Ken played hooker at Maitland in third grade and he like many others are being blooded in grade football by the West selectors, Norm Johnson and John Kell, which is the club policy which can only bring results in the long run.

LAKES UNITED front row forward Wayne Cooper, celebrated the quiet season by getting married. Congratulations to a fine sportsman and his lovely new wife.

TOMMY SHEPPARD suffered twice last Sunday—first a defeat by Kurri; second a smashed windscreen on the way home, that's the game Tommy.

NORTHERN SUBURBS' third grade team started the season with a very convincing win last week against Waratah. Team captain, Mick Richards, played a very big part in guiding the team to this win and was supported by good team work from all players.

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to "North's" hard working treasurer, John Thomas and his wife Carol who last week were blessed with a son, giving their daughter Lisa a brother.

ROBERT McDERMOTT is showing great form in the centres both for the rep. sides and South Newcastle. His ability to make a spontaneous break is an asset to any side he plays with.

A SURPRISE selection for the Nocks first grade match was that of Laurie "Sparrow" Clifton as prop. One thing is for sure and that is he would be trying 100 per cent no matter what position he is playing.

THE Kurri Club and supporters would like to congratulate Kevin Myers on his selection in the Newcastle representative side and we wish him the very best of luck.

HAVING his first game for two seasons with Waratah this week is Ross Fuller. A player with tons of ability, both as half or five-eighth, it's only a matter of time before he is pushing for a first grade spot.

WITH the Kurri reserve grade team's performance against Lakes, the crop of talented youngsters will be making their presence felt in the very near future.

A NEW face in Waratah this week is ex Wagga second row forward Roger Lavis. If early form is any guide, then Waratah could have made the capture of the season.

NO wonder John Fisher of Lakes United is running so well. The reason; his new son. John's feet haven't touched the ground yet.

DOUG FARR is showing great early season form for South's and seems sure to be a player of great value to the Red and Whites during 1973.

CESSNOCK trainer Jim Flaherty, was all smiles when he learned that he was to receive assistance from two former players—Jock Henderson and Barry Burgess. Welcome back fellows.

TONY "Fagin" BROWNE joins his fellow team mates, namely Dennis Ward, Karl Hutchinson, Mick Goldman, Peter Howlett and Peter Cootes in the Newcastle team to play Northern Division at the No. 1 Sportsground today. No doubt all at West wish Tony well in today's game along with the rest of the West boys.

NOW that he has lost a couple of stone, big Graham Murnane, Waratah prop forward is rearing to go. A real prospect last season, the big fellow is training like a beauty and that spells trouble for the opposition.

THE West reserve grade centre pairing of John Cootes and Greg Owens is creating much interest in the club. No doubt John is giving young Greg the benefit of his experience and together they form a dangerous pair.

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NEWCASTLE SPORTS GROUND—3 p.m.

Monday, April 23, 1973

Northern Suburbs v. South Newcastle

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—D. Lowe

Three-quarters

2—T. Price

4—M. Witcom

Halves

6—R. Andrews

Forwards

8—G. Gibson

10—P. Beetson

12—D. Cassidy

S. Doran—3

C. Cox—5

R. Davis—7

K. Sweetman—9

R. Potter—11

D. Nichols—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back

1—J. Anderson

Three-quarters

2—G. Crompton

4—R. McDermott

Halves

6—G. Smallcombe

Forwards

8—D. Farr

10—M. Judd

12—J. Wood

G. Banks—3

T. Kirk—5

R. Griffiths—7

B. Lamberth—9

G. Wilks—11

W. Gardiner—13

Referee: K. Marker

Linesmen: C. Sheather (Blue), K. Bilton (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back

1—D. Boyle

Three-quarters

2—T. Mitchell

4—D. Steele

Halves

6—V. Watsford

Forwards

8—R. Snell

10—P. Bowhay

12—G. Nyland

R. Warren—3

Les Dawson—5

N. Skelton—7

D. Maddison—9

B. Nichols—11

J. Niszczot—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back

1—P. Watsford

Three-quarters

2—R. Vitnell

4—P. Miller

Halves

6—G. Robinson

Forwards

8—N. Scobie

10—W. Aoake

12—R. Thornton

D. Rowe—3

G. Dagg—5

B. Walton—7

J. Adamson—9

D. Morley—11

P. Donehue—13

Referee: J. Smith

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), N. Scotman (Red)

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SOUTH NEWCASTLE v. NORTHERN SUBURBS

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

2—R. McIntosh
4—G. Harvey
6—N. Morgan
8—R. Rankin
10—S. Balley
12—P. Dennis

G. Marshall—3
P. Frost—5
G. Noble—7
A. Hodgson—9
D. Gall—11
K. Byers—13

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue, White Shorts

1—G. Pickering

2—J. Wood
4—R. Toby
6—B. Taylor
8—A. Lobley
10—C. Finn
12—B. Williamson

G. Curtis—3
Larry Dawson—5
J. Davey—7
J. Gill—9
J. Dubyk—11
M. Richards—13

Referee: F. O'Hearn

Linesmen: R. Milton, N. Scotman

NEWCASTLE PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

WESTERN SUBURBS 27 (P. Cootes 2, M. Trypas, D. Ward, M. McDermott, J. Monie tries, K. Hemsworth 4 goals, Trypas field goal) d LAKES UNITED 14 (A. Shiels, R. Burgess tries, L. Jones 3, Burgess goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 23 (P. Burgess 2, J. Findlater, B. Besley, B. Landi tries, K. Tommerup 4 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 9 (G. Walsh try, K. Powell 3 goals).

MAITLAND 10 (A. West, A. McNab tries, B. Burke, K. Shine goals) d CESSNOCK 8 (J. Batey, J. Scott tries, L. Clifton goal).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 20 (G. Crompton, M. Judd, G. Smallcombe, R. McDermott tries, McDermott 4 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 6 (K. Sweetman 2 tries).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 28 (M. Scobie, R. Wise, N. Makin 2; T. Sergeant, A. McHugh tries, R. Munro 5 goals) d KURRI KURRI 16 (N. Boyes, K. Myers, W. Scotman, J. Mitchell tries, G. Collins 2 goals).

RESERVE GRADE: Western Suburbs 28 d Lakes United 13; Central Charlestown 14 d Macquarie United 9; Maitland 24 d Cessnock 22; South Newcastle 30 d Northern Suburbs 17; Kurri Kurri 50 d Waratah-Mayfield 9.

THIRD GRADE: South Newcastle 20 d Northern Suburbs 6; Western Suburbs 36 d Lakes United 2; Central Charlestown 28 d Macquarie United 13; Cessnock 13 d Maitland 8; Kurri Kurri 12 drew Waratah-Mayfield 12.