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FAST AND OPEN PLAY EXPECTED

Western Suburbs, the minor premier, and Northern Suburbs, runner-up on averages, clash this afternoon in the major semi-final and a grand game of fast and open football can be expected.

In their first encounter this season Northern Suburbs won quite comfortably by 23 points to 6, but in the return fixture Western Suburbs, won on the bell to even the series by the one point margin of eight points to seven.

Western Suburbs' record is 15 wins and three losses for a total of 30 points. Northern Suburbs has won 13 matches, lost on five occasions to register 26 points.

It took Western Suburbs 39 years to register a major premiership win. That was in 1961, but since then the club has been most prominent but was easily beaten by South in the grand final of 1964.

However it followed up this loss by being minor and major premier in 1966. The side overran Cessnock by 31 points to 9 to help register the Club's sixth premiership since 1915.

Northern Suburbs was the competition leader for the greater part of the season, but reverses cost it points and possibly the "Blues" were fortunate to end up in second position on averages.

Northern Suburbs always relies on local talent and the only exception this season is Doug McManus, whose defense and attack in the backline have been a feature of North's play.

North has won more premierships than any other Club and its last success was in 1962. Its first premiership was recorded in 1911.

The winner of today's clash will move straight to the grand final and the loser will meet the winner of the Lakes v. Macquarie match in the preliminary final next Saturday.

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• AROUND THE CLUBS •

West third grade captain-coach Brian Stanbridge, will not hear of defeat in today's semi-final against North. With the players he has available, Brian's confidence seems well founded. His team is a combination of youth and experience, necessary ingredients in a team, when the big ones come around.

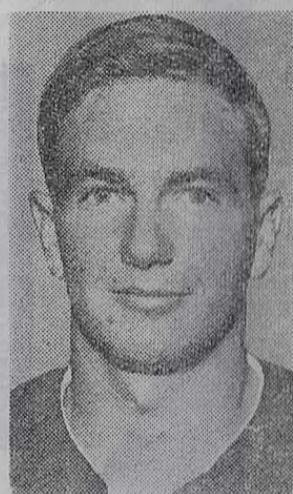
West captain-coach John Hobby, will no doubt carry a lot of West's supporters hopes in today's semi-final clash with North. His long powerful runs down the middle, cause West's opponents many headaches during a game. All at West camp are delighted in his reappointment as captain-coach next season.

West star centre John Cootes, will also be a key player in today's semi-final. His ability to score heavily both with tries and goals has made him invaluable to the Rozellas this season. Last Saturday he was noticed, giving vocal encouragement to his fellow team mates in their match with Maitland, while recovering from injury.

West reserve grade captain-coach Kevin "Wrinkles" Hodgson, will look to a concentrated team effort from his players in today's semi-final. Kevin, himself has given Yeoman service to his club, but no doubt this particular season will give him personal pride in the capacity of captain coach for the first time.

Today marks a 10 year absence of North's 3rd grade side from a semi-final. Much of this teams success must go to their popular coach, Brian Gibson who has instilled a great team spirit amongst his players.

West full-back Brian Warby, was responsible for some fine play in both reserve grade and first grade against Maitland, when he was called on as a replacement. Brian looks set to give a good account of himself in the important games ahead.



ALLAN JONES
North's hooker

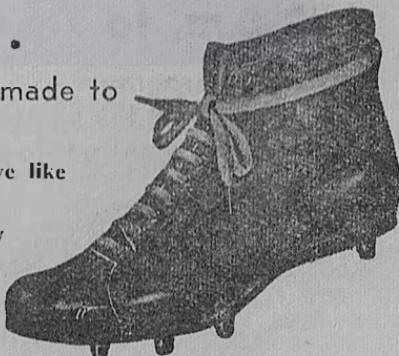
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West second row forward Ray "Wagga" Johnson, along with Allan Buman and Rob Davies have great hopes in winning their third competition together, having played in the successful teams of 1961 and 1966. All three have been great stalwarts of the club since their junior days in the club tradition of "West is Best."

West reserve grade winger, Kerry Campbell, had a great match against Maitland, scoring three tries. One try in particular he left a trail of black jumpers on the ground, in a determined burst to score. West followers are hoping for a repeat performance in today's semi-final with Lakes.

West second row forward Allan Milton, played a blinder at Maitland last Saturday. Many critics thought him the best of a hard working six. No doubt West followers will look to him to put life into the game again today as was the case last week.



DENNIS ROWSTON
West second-row forward

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Western Suburbs has taken out the Mal Woolford Club Championship for the second consecutive season.

All told West has won the championship on four occasions since the inception of the trophy in 1959.

Maitland and South Newcastle have both won the championship on two occasions and Lakes United is the only other club to have its name registered on the trophy.

Results:

- 1959 Lakes United.
- 1960 Maitland.
- 1961 Western Suburbs.
- 1962 Western Suburbs.
- 1963 South Newcastle.
- 1964 South Newcastle.
- 1965 Maitland.
- 1966 Western Suburbs.
- 1967 Western Suburbs.

CAN WEST DO IT AGAIN?

Last season Western Suburbs was minor premier in the three grades and eventually won all major premierships.

The Club's feat was unprecedented and it was thought that this outstanding performance would stand for a long time.

However the "Rozellas" have come out on top again in the three grades and many keen judges are tipping another clean sweep.

The senior team has won 15 games, the reserves 17 and the thirds 16. For an aggregate of 54 games, the three teams have conceded only six defeats.

West has proved it has depth and another major clean-up is not beyond the club.

Of the 26 North players taking part in semi-finals today, 21 of them have all played their junior football with North.

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Sunday, August 13: 10.30 a.m. K.O. SNOOKER TOURNAMENT; 8 p.m. Film, "SHE" starring Ursula Andress.

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WESTERN SUBURBS v. NORTHERN SUBURBS

Western Suburbs

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Red and Green

Full-back:

1—Geoff SPRUCE

Three-quarters:

2—Morris ALCHIN
3—Owen KILPATRICK

Peter HOLMES—5
John COOTES—4

Halves:

6—Wayne HORE
Mick GALLAGHER—7

Forwards:

8—John HOBBY
9—Dennis ROWSTON
11—Neil GIBSON
12—Allan BUMAN

Ray JOHNSON—10
Rob DAVIES—13

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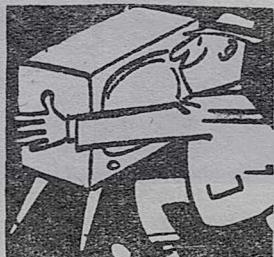
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2—Russell COOPER
3—Peter WATSFORD

Don NEWTON—5

Doug McMANUS—4

Halves:

6—Les PERRY

Brian ASKIE—7

Forwards:

Bill Mastingsiey
9—Gavin BALL
11—Denis NICHOLS
12—Alan JONES

8—Jack GILL

Karl HUTCHINSON—10

Bill OWEN—13

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SUBURBS 7 (W. Mattingley try, J.
Gill, B. Askie goals).