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KURRI KURRI

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SATURDAY 1953 SEPT. 5



NORTH

Congratulations to the Senior team on their victory over Maitland in last Saturday's semi-final. The win was in no small measure due to the efforts of the forwards who so effectively closed the game up by keeping possession when we got to the front.

It is extremely hard to name any outstanding player, however, worthy of mention was Bob Crane's efforts in winning such a majority of the ball from the set scrums. Special mention should be made of Ray Campbell, this young full-back, who was promoted at the last moment, showed he possesses football ability above the ordinary, and is to be commended on the display he gave in his first grade debut.

The Reserves were unlucky to lose their semi-final, but there is always next year to look forward to.

To-day we meet Kurri in the final and expect a hard game from them, however, as the team is very fit and keen we go into the game full of confidence.

R.E.H.

Pen Pictures of Northern Suburbs Team

The Northern Suburbs Rugby League Club has a long record of successes, having won more premierships than any other club in Newcastle. North has won nine premierships, the most recent being in 1935, 1938, 1948 and 1951.

The Club has played in numerous finals and semi-finals and once again North has a strong team bidding for premiership honours.

CHARLIE GILL (Capt.-Coach): Age 30, weight 14-st., front-row forward. Charlie has now played 155 first grade games with North and, in fact, has never played with any other club. Now recognised as one of the greatest front row forwards ever produced here, he battled for years for recognition which did not come until recent years. He was a prominent member of the last Kangaroos and was a member of the team which recently toured New Zealand. He has played many games now for N.S.W. and has appeared in Tests against England, France and New Zealand.

BRIAN CARLSON (Winger or Centre): Age 20, weight 13-st. 6-lb. This brilliant player has captured public imagination by the rapid rise in the game achieved in so short a time since Carlson first made a name for himself playing for Newcastle against France in 1951. Since then, Brian has been a regular N.S.W. player, a Kangaroo tourist of England, France and New Zealand and a Test winger who may yet rate with the greatest of all time.

RAY CAMPBELL (Full-back): Age 18, weight 12-st. Promoted from undefeated Under 20 side to semi-final against Maitland. A safe handler and strong kick, he has represented Newcastle in Junior Football, also a leading goal-kicker in Under 20's.

BARRY REDDING (Fullback or Centre): Age 26, weight 13-st. 4-lb. Has played all season as full-back. However, was a member of successful 1951 side as a centre. The team's goal-kicker, he has scored 98 points for the season with two tries and 46 goals. He is also a Newcastle representative.

BILL BURNS (Right wing): Age 20, weight 11-st. 6-lb. An excellent handler and a hard runner, he has represented Newcastle as a junior as full-back. Came into the team early in the season as a winger while Brian Carlson was touring N.Z. Has since proved a big success.

BILL MacKENZIE (Left wing): Age 26, weight 11-st. 3-lb. A fast, tricky runner who was a member of the 1948 and 1951 Premiership teams. Has represented both Newcastle and Country. A product of the Stockton Junior Club.

COLIN SHERWOOD (Centre or Wing): Age 25, weight 12-st. 6-lb. A hard running centre and a safe tackler who came to the Club from the Tweed River where he represented against the Frenchmen in 1951.

JOHN BOWMAN (Centre): Age 24, weight 14-st. A Rugby Union convert who has represented Newcastle in that Code for the past several Seasons. A hard runner and a punishing tackler.

CHARLES SMITH (Five-eighth): Age 27, weight 11-st. An experienced five-eighth, who was a member of the successful 1948-51 Premiership Teams. Has represented Newcastle and is a product of the Northern Suburbs Junior Club.

ERIC LONG (Scrum-half): Age 25, weight 11-st. A member of the 1951 Premiership team, he represented Newcastle against the Frenchmen, and is regarded by many critics as the No. 1 Half for Newcastle.

JACK HUTCHINSON (Lock): Age 30, weight 14-st. 6-lb. One of the most experienced players in the team, has represented Newcastle, N.S.W. and Australia. Tall and rangy, has a good fend and can mix it in close play. Has played well over 100 first grade games with North.

TOM ANDERSON (Second-row): Age 23, weight 15-st. 7-lb. A fast moving second row forward. Has represented Newcastle in the past couple of seasons. He was a member of the 1951 Premiership Team, and is a product of the Stockton Junior Club.

DOUG. HAWKE (Second or Front Row): Age 23, weight 13-st. 7-lb. Also a member of the 1951 Premiership Team, is a product of the Northern Suburbs Juniors. Usually plays in front row but has shown that he is equally at home in the second row. Has represented Newcastle and Country in front row.

BOB CRANE (Hooker): Age 29, weight 11-st. Most successful hooker in Newcastle Competition. Has represented Newcastle and Country on numerous occasions, was also a member of the 1951 Premiership Team. Has played more than 100 first grade games with North.

JACK MANTLE (Front row): Age 23, weight 15-st. A young front rower who has developed rapidly since last season. Now regarded as one of the best in the competition. A hard worker in the rucks who never fails to turn in a good game.

JIM NICHOLLS (Second Row): Age 22, weight 13-st. Was regular member of team in early part of season but was displaced when Charlie Gill returned from N.Z. Tour. A young player with lots of promise who makes backing up the main part of his game.

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Full-back:

15—R. Campbell

Three-quarters:

2—W. Mackenzie

B. Redding—1

3—C. Sherwood

B. Carlson—5 *TRY*

TRY 30—W. Burns (One to be omitted)

Halves:

6—C. Smith

E. Long—7

Forwards:

8—J. Hutchinson

9—T. Anderson

D. Hawke—13 *TRY*

11—C. Gill

J. Mantle—26

12—R. Crane

Reserve Forward: J. Nichols (10).

Referee: H. Gillard.

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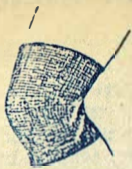
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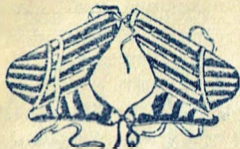
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Kurri Kurri

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Full-back:

1—G. Madge

Three-quarters:

5—A. Taylor

D. Palmer—2

4—J. McCroarey

J. Chapple—3

Halves:

6—R. Duncan

W. Roberts—7

Forwards:

8—R. Ellis

10—W. Grant

D. Chapple—9

13—W. Sweeny

H. Pearson—11

12—W. Hilliard

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at the sports ground where this game was played: there was a good deal of speculation as to whether North could defeat Kuri well this did happen and very easily too by 15% Nil. North kicked off against a very strong wind and was able to put 5 points on the board at half time in the second half Kuri playing against the wind was no match for North and North I would say just coasted along to make sure they would win by 15% Nil North play best now in the Grand Final next Saturday 24/9/53 Jack played a good game though I think he could have done better had the occasion warranted it