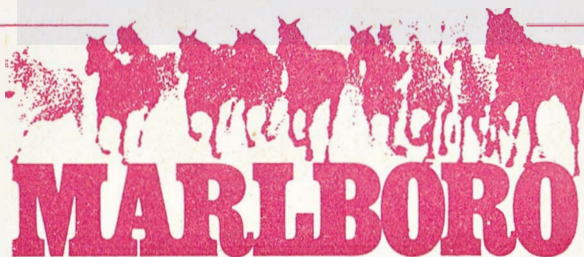


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**FOLLOW THE NBN 3 MARLBORO
PLAYER OF THE YEAR ON SPORTS REPORT**

NEWS FROM CLUBS

Winning numbers at the Benefit Night held for Kel Worth on Saturday night, July 13 were: 1st 5838, 2nd 4762, 3rd 2956. Further enquiries may be made by ringing 66-1163 or 57-4819.

ON behalf of the committee and players of the "Pumpkin Pickers", we congratulate our representative Rod Sneesby on his performance last Saturday and hope he goes onto higher representative honours.

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Louise Riding on the birth of their first child—a bouncing boy and a future "Scorpion".

KEITH HEMSWORTH, West first grade fullback, fresh from his sound performance against Great Britain last Saturday when his trusty boot kicked four goals from as many attempts. Keith is once again well up in the points for the season and no doubt he will be flat out to add to this in his match against Northern Suburbs.

LAKES UNITED thirds are coming along nicely in their quest for a semi final spot. Much of the credit for this success goes to the consistent play of centre Neil Gaudion. Good work Neil.

GARY SIMPSON must be one of the hardest working forwards in the North. "Goanna" fans will be looking for a big game from him today against Maitland. Another junior product who has made good.

JOHN SAZDANOFF and "Baron" McGregor, Central's centres, are both going well and combining their play to advantage.

WINNER of Kurri Ladies' Auxiliary raffle at West game was Miss Gai Holtz of Kurri with pink ticket number 12901.

ONE of the toughest players to go around with Waratah for years must be hooker Peter Edmonds. Since joining the Tahs this year, Peter has played in every game and is rarely beaten for the ball.

NICE to see "Bulldogs" John Glachan and Mick Beesley back on the paddock after missing several games. John and Mick would only have to get anywhere near top form to be pressing for a spot in first grade.

A WELCOME return of form by Central lock Peter Cox. His last three games were much like the Pete of junior fame.

PLAYING good football with Cessnock reserves is David "Brother" Burgess. When "Brother" goes well "Uncle Tom" Dorrington in the press box, doesn't forget to tell his mates that they are relations.

GLEN GOLDEN wears the number six in Lakes United first grade with great distinction. Glen is largely responsible for Lakes backs good performances this year. Never greedy yet never selling a damp stamp, this heady player is a real champion of the future.

GREAT to see Wayne "Bomber" Hore back in his accustomed place in West first grade, that of centre three-quarter and by the way his current form is shaping up, he will be hard to displace. Wayne is back home after having seasons with Kurri and Cessnock, but as one keen West follower was heard to remark—"Bomber never stopped being a Rosella!"

TODAY we welcome back to the "Pumpkin Picker" ranks after injury Keith Pollard, and we feel sure that Keith will soon be playing in a higher grade. Keith, by the way, acted as interpreter last Saturday.

WITH the return of many players to the "Pumpkin Picker" ranks after injuries, we have the position of some players not being able to get a game, but we know that all players will accept this position and be available if required.

THE winner of the raffle for the clock/radio, conducted by Norths on 7/7/74, was Mr. P. Smith, Cheryl Close, South Wallsend. Ticket No. 864.

PROMOTED to the seniors with Maitland, Ross McKinnon has grasped his chance and his performances are such that he appears to be a certain first grader for the remainder of the season.

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ANOTHER great worker for Macquarie United for many years, Brian Heard of the North Lakes area, passed away suddenly last week. Brian shall certainly be missed in our "Scorpion" area.

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GOOD to see Paul Gilfeather, North's lock, now out of hospital and eager to pull on the blue jumper again.

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POPULAR Lakes United back Les Jones, has been having a good season in reserve grade. Les is most unfortunate that Lakes are so strong in backs otherwise he would be a regular first grader.

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ONCE again the "Goannas" have been well served by their ball boys and sand boys. Ball boys are Brett Scott and Tony Saxon with sand boys Phillip Devison and Michael Kilmurray, while Dennis Orchard mans the scoreboard. Thanks boys.

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ALL praise to Phil Eulo, Central's second rower, for an outstanding game against Souths. Three tries plus a tackle count that would be almost a record, saw Phil a very busy player throughout the game.

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KURRI Club congratulates the Newcastle side and coach John Raper, on a first class effort against Great Britain. It gives a lift to Newcastle Rugby League prestige. We are also proud of our representatives who brought credit to the club.

PAUL DANIELS, West third grade second row forward, is a very interesting selection as his form for West United A Grade has been excellent. In fact, it has been freely stated that Paul is playing non-stop and it seems that he has been putting in 90 minutes into every match. Best of luck today Paul.

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A VOTE of thanks to Waratah's two selectors, Ron Sheedy and Aub Richards who, despite the criticism they cop all year, do a fine job. Both have had plenty of experience as players and can always give you a reason for changes they make. Incidentally, Aub has broken into the greyhound business and soon hopes to be leading in his first winner.

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WARATAH halfback, Greg Thompson, is playing probably as good as ever yet the awards don't seem to be coming his way. Of course last year the side was near the top all season and everybody likes to be on a winner. But one can see Greg week after week giving his best and one can't ask for more than that.

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DENNIS WARD, West captain-coach, surely must have silenced his critics with his great game against "The Poms" last Saturday. The way he set his backs away with good passing and his intelligent kicking of the ball really was an object lesson to aspiring halfbacks in the district.

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THE weekly winners of the Northern Suburbs Supporters' Club awards were Chris Strutt against Maitland and Mick Richards against Macquarie United.

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NORTHERN SUBURBS Supporters' Club will hold a Variety Night at Stewarts and Lloyds Club on Wednesday, July 31.

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LUCKY number for West v Kurri game last Saturday week is still unclaimed. The number is 9484.

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WICKHAM OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, July 21, 1974

Northern Suburbs v. Western Suburbs

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue Sky Blue Bars (Coach: R. Devonshire)

Fullback:

1—J. Mullard 6-6-6-6

Three-quarters:

2—R. Tunney 7

4—S. Dann 7

6—J. Campbell 7

Halves:

8—P. Newton

10—G. Briggs

12—B. Williamson

Forwards:

S. Doran—3

G. Mason—5

R. Andrews—7 7

P. Beetson—9

E. Russell—11

B. Russell—13

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green (Coach: D. Ward)

Fullback:

1—K. Hemsworth 6-6-6-6

Three-quarters:

2—P. Slattery

4—G. Owen

6—R. Wright

8—M. Trypas 7

10—M. Goldman

12—A. Dagwell

Halves:

W. Hore—3 7

P. Perkins—5 7

D. Ward—7

P. Howlett—9 7

K. Hutchinson—11

G. Skeers—13

Forwards:

Referee: J. Geddes

17-7

Linesmen: S. Delforce (Blue), C. Thomson (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Fullback:

1—D. Boyce

Three-quarters:

2—R. Warren

4—D. Steele

6—G. Harrison

Halves:

8—G. Curtis

10—D. Kay

12—J. Nyland

Forwards:

B. Bussell—3 6-6

T. Price—5

K. Wilson—7

C. Strutt—9

D. Tearce—11

J. Dubyk—13

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

Fullback:

1—K. Blackwell 6-6-6-6

Three-quarters:

2—V. Cronin 7

4—A. Murphy

6—J. Monie

8—J. Beecher

10—G. Cook

12—P. Burt

Halves:

P. Barnwell—3 7

N. Freund—5

R. Darcy—7

W. Evans—9 7

G. Whitmore—11

J. Cook—13

Forwards:

Referee: R. Reid

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—C. House	J. Ross—3
4—L. Walls	R. Smith—5
6—G. Banister	G. Kilmurray—7
8—W. Mowatt	G. Johns—9
10—A. Thompson	B. Gilmore—11
12—G. Knipe	W. Jobson—13

Referee: J. Everett

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—K. Cousins

2—G. Preston	R. Hunt—3
4—M. Quinn	S. Shone—5
6—C. Lawler	W. Hawke—7
8—J. Callaghan	D. Hain—9
10—J. Cook	K. Pollard—11
12—G. Chandler	B. Hall—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), R. Gottery (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—A. Neader

2—R. Johnson	J. Pickford—3
4—M. Grant	D. Fitzgerald—5
6—G. Marshall	W. Hancock—7
8—G. Sedden	R. Nunn—9
10—D. Maddison	D. Ives—11
12—P. Burt	I. Percy—13

Referee: R. Keys

KURRI KURRI

Royal Blue, Red and White V

1—K. Dawes

2—J. Flanagan	P. Rowse—3
4—N. Wanless	I. Brown—5
6—R. Eastwood	N. Stoker—7
8—W. Cardow	R. Morley—9
10—D. Booker	B. Liddell/I. Ellis—11
12—B. Hampton	P. Hindmarsh—13

Linesmen: R. Cadogan (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—B. Davis

2—J. Bliss	T. Sergeant—3
4—K. Wilson	T. Mathews—5
6—G. Thompson	D. Pepperal—7
8—D. Maloney	G. Buckingham—9
10—S. Grey	L. Mathews—11
12—R. Hollingworth	L. Hoppie—13

Referee: C. Russell

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—P. Watsford

2—R. Nearl	J. Lulham—3
4—T. McNaughton	J. Johnson—5
6—J. Laut	B. Walton—7
8—A. Stamp	C. Hartney—9
10—R. Cleaver	M. Brennan—11
12—R. Thorton	L. Morley—13

Linesmen: L. Vanderclay (Blue), R. Milton (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—R. Toby

2—R. Trevena	C. Cox—3
4—M. Hesketh	J. McCarter—5
6—R. Davis	N. Skelton—7
8—G. Gibson	A. Lobley—9
10—A. Wasley	M. Richards—11
12—J. Davey	B. Nichols—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—I. Bell

2—K. Campbell	R. Dowse—3
4—M. Slater	C. John—5
6—K. Smith	A. Train—7
8—G. Hamilton	A. Murrel—9
10—P. Daniels	G. Broadhead—11
12—J. Arthur	K. Emerson—13

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Blue Shorts

1—R. Smith

2—J. Canning	W. Gaudion—3
4—S. Hall	B. Lidbury—5
6—G. Heaney	N. Hincks—7
8—P. Cowling	R. Bell—9
10—J. Daniels	P. Ramplin—11
12—M. Ramplin	R. McDonnell—13

Referee: N. Dougherty

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold, White Shorts

1—P. Ryan

2—M. Clary	P. Deaves—3
4—R. Fowell	M. Conway—5
6—W. Solomons	R. Batterham—7
8—P. Christiansen	G. Thompson—9
10—D. O'Neill	G. Drummond—11
12—B. Heaton	B. Bunn—13

Linesmen: D. Malone (Blue), P. Evans (Red)

First Grade

KURRI KURRI 26 (W. Scotman, D. Henderson, N. Bagnall, W. Aoake, J. Roach, A. Williams tries; Bagnall 3, P. Carr goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 3 (D. Nichols try).

CESSNOCK 12 (G. Poole, T. Kirk tries, G. Smallcombe 3 goals) d MAITLAND 10 (T. Kellett, A. West tries; K. Shine 2 goals).

LAKES UNITED 16 (S. Proudlock, S. Booth, P. Williams tries; A. Finch 2 goals, L. Gailey 3 field goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 6 (B. Besley, O. Prattl tries).

WESTERN SUBURBS 32 (P. Perkins 2, G. Skeers 2, W. Hore, P. Howlett, M. Trypas, P. Barnwell tries; K. Hemsworth 4 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 23 (R. Tunney, D. Steele, R. Andrews, J. Campbell, G. Briggs tries; J. Mullard 4 goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 25 (G. Banks 2, G. Marshall, D. Morley, J. Wood tries; G. Harvey 5 goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 17 (M. Flynn, D. Bond, P. Edmonds tries; R. Munro 4 goals).

RESERVE GRADE: Kurri Kurri 26 d Central Charlestown 9; Maitland 19 d Cessnock 15; Macquarie United 16 d Lakes United 10; Western Suburbs 13 d Northern Suburbs 1; Waratah-Mayfield 18 drew with South Newcastle 18.

THIRD GRADE: Central Charlestown 13 d Kurri Kurri 12; Maitland 15 d Cessnock 5; Macquarie United 17 d Lakes United 2; Northern Suburbs 9 d Western Suburbs 7; South Newcastle 13 d Waratah-Mayfield 7.