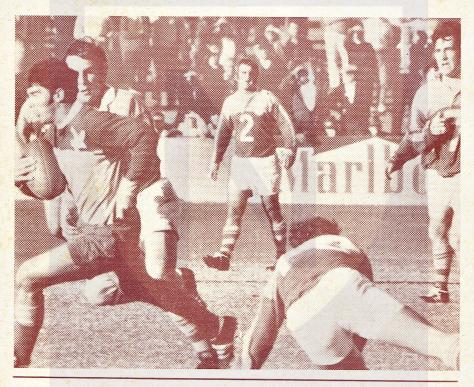
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ANOTHER interesting selection at lock in seniors is Gary Dagwell. This talented young player has the ability to go far in the game. Being the type of player who learns quickly, it is expected in the West camp that he will become a "top liner', in the game providing he improves as he gains experience in top company.

MEDALS should have been awarded last week to Cessnock's sideline ambulance men, Robby Thomas and Colin Chapman. They nearly froze to death but as always their only thoughts were for the p'ayers.

ONE of the most improved players in Newcastle this season is undoubtably Lakes United hooker Tony Shiels. Tony is fast becoming the best dummy half in the district, a feature reflected in the good displays by his team mates.

YET another player in Waratah who has improved out of sight is half back Reg Longworth. Though not one of the spectacular types he is rugged, tough, and gives 80 minutes of solid football each week. Reg will be one of Waratah's big hopes in the important games to follow.

GOOD to see Allan Wasley back in reserve grade this week after being injured in the last few minutes of the third grade fixture against South in which he played a very good game a fortnight ago.

MAITLAND Club today congratulate that fine player and clubman Merv Wright who is playing his 100th game with the Club. Merv's performances are well known to all followers of rugby league.

CONGRATULATIONS to Garry and Gail Johns on the birth of their son from Kurri players and officials and supporters also. Congratulations to Nana and Pop Johns.

BRIAN "Butch" TAYLOR, North's third grade half continues to amaze Norths followers the way he tackles men twice his size. Keep up the good work "Butch".

GARY WHITFIELD'S All Age boys came to the rescue of the Nocks thirds last week when injuries reduced the Nocks regular ranks. Thanks to young Hamilton, Baker, Williams, Gallagher and Bartley, the side took the field. EVERY week in Waratah's side comes a top class game from winger Terry Sergent. The improvement in this player is tremendous, and he has developed into a really class winger. Last week his handling of the wet ball was fantastic equalled only by the ever reliable Ron Munro.

TENAMBIT schoolboys team, now playing in the under 12 grade have a record since forming in season 1968 in the under 9 grade of completing four seasons undefeated. Their record is as follows.—1968 277 to 6, 1969: 228-0, 1970: 317-11, 1971: 340-0.

NORTH'S offer congratulations to Dennis Nicholls and wife Christine also to Ian Gardiner and his wife Robyn on the birth of their daughters last week.

LAKES UNITED third grade hooker Mick Ramplin, had his best game this season last weekend. Mick has always shown promise as a hooker but army service interrupted his career for two seasons. This, his first season back, has been a good one and further improvement is expected.

TRYPAS IN STATE TEAM

Mick Trypas, Waratah-Mayfield's lock forward, has been chosen to represent New South Wales against Queensland in the State fixture to be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground today.

He is a reserve, but it is certain he will be given a "run".

Trypas was a tireless defender last Saturday in opposition to Western Suburbs and he deserves his chance in "top" company.

He is a Newcastle and Country representative and three seasons back won a radio award for his display against City and also in opposition to Johnny Raper, who was then St. George lockforward and one of Australia's outstanding players.

It is an honour well merited and his selection should start him on the road to Rugby League fame.

Country hooker, Dick Jeffrey, has retained his hooker's place, but Newcastle's State representatives, Brian Burke, Des Kimmorley and John Barber have been passed over.

The only other bit of "Newcastle flavour' is the picking of Bill Hamilton, the Manly front-row prop, who played for Kurri and also Newcastle sides before transferring to Sydney football in 1965.



THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

