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MARLBORO

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Around the clubs..

GOOD to see John Cooper wearing the "Bulldog" colours again. John played some first class football before leaving the club and we hope his return will bring him back into top form.

LAKES UNITED third grade centre Michael Burgess, gives promise of better things to come. This former top Lakes junior, although not related, may one day emulate some of the feats of a more famous Burgess playing with Lakes.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Burgess from all Macquarie committee and supporters on the way that John has conducted fund raising at Speers Point Hotel.

CESSNOCK owes much to "Oochy" Lee's group of fund raisers. Young fellows like Jack Carroll, Trapper Husband (senior and junior) and Merv McLennan are decided assets to the "Goannas".

GREG THOMPSON has begun to settle in completely with his new club, Lakes United. With confidence growing each week Greg produced a top class performance with three tries last week showing the value in backing up when a break is made.

FROM Under 18's to first grade Mark Winkler almost achieved this honour last week when he was asked to stand by as a reserve for Maitland's first grade side against Cessnock.

MAX BOLAND, Central's halfback, deserves a great hand for his 14 points against South at the Sportsground last Saturday. Max is a very intelligent player, who makes every post a winner close to that line.

RUNNING the line for Kurri again this year as ballboys are Phil Williams, Brad Munro and Paul Sell. The Kurri club thanks the boys for the manner in which they attended their duties during 1974. Their conduct both on and off the field was a credit to themselves and their parents.

A BIG welcome is extended to Lakes United player Steven Brown. Steve has come to Lakes from the Halifax club in England for the season. An established first grader in his club he will be of great value as the season progresses.

A NEW FACE in the "Scorpions" line up in the near future will be Russell Devonshire. All in Macquarie area wish you well with your new club Russell.

"GOANNA" Secretary, Phil Baird, is having a bad spell of back trouble. There have been all sorts of suggestions as to the cause but Phil reckons it's from carrying his committee mates too much. He's only joking, we hope!

TONY EAGAR, playing in his initial first grade game with Norths, is another young player who is showing tons of potential in reserve grade. Tony, a centre from Raymond Terrace Juniors, looks set for a big year.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris Passfield for his outstanding effort in Maitland reserve grade win over Cessnock last week. Chris had already played a "blinder" in third grade and was called on as a replacement in reserves. He set up one try and scored another. Keep up the good work Chris.

BACK in action at the weekend was Central's Phil Eulo, who during the pre-season sustained a broken hand. Just for good measure Phil played thirds, backed up in reserves and scored two good tries.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kurri third grade boys on notching their first points last Saturday. This side has a mixture of young and also experienced players and if keenness counts for anything they could prove to be a stumbling block for any side they meet. Keep it up boys.

CONGRATULATIONS to Waratah on their first win against Kurri last week. They were led in fine style by hooker Ken Lantry, who scored eight of the team's 16 points.

THE first person to congratulate John Callighan on his great game in first grade for Maitland last week was Terry Pannowitz, the player he replaced. John has retained a position in the firsts this week, and is sure to keep the pressure on the back row forwards.

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CONGRATULATIONS for a good game to young Central lock, Peter Sharp, in the fixture in which Central played second fiddle to Souths.

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CONGRATULATIONS to "Bulldog" Jeff Roach on playing his 100th first grade game with Kurri last week. Jeff has played some top class football with the club and has always been a great clubman. We hope your next 100 will also be with the "Bulldogs" Jeff.

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LAKES UNITED lock Tom Sheppard, looks set for a great season. Tom has, in the two games played, given non-stop displays of top class football. Good work "Shepps".

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CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Lindsay on his promotion to first grade. Tony formerly played with Cardiff and is now playing good football with Macquarie.

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VETERAN trainer, Jimmy Flaherty, is still rubbing the "Goannas" and doing it as well as ever. Always a keen League man, Jim is a little depressed at the moment, but don't worry Jim, we'll be back.

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MAITLAND players of yesteryear are still active. Two teams are entered in the "Over 30" touch competition on Sunday mornings. Former stars Ron Madge, "Dinga" Bell, Dick Gollidge, Bob Brown and Gus Ryan and lesser knowns Warren Brandt and Terry Hunt are playing. Former reserve grade coach "Coogan" Lawrence almost received his marching orders in last week's game but kept his cool and played on.

GOOD to see Bob Warren, Norths first grade winger, back in the top grade after a crop of injuries kept him in the lower grades last season.

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GARY DAGWELL, Central's second row forward, always on the move, does a ton of tackling and is in the hard stuff all the time.

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NEWCOMERS to Kurri camp, Chris Roberts, Terry Condron and Alan Thompson are all playing good football with the reserve grade side and appear to have settled in well with the "Bulldogs". All are sure to make their presence felt very soon.

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PLAYING good football for South Newcastle is the evergreen Gary Banks. He is brilliant in both attack and defence and played a blinder last week against Central when the chips were down.

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PAUL EDMONDS, North reserve grader was the recipient of the Supporters' Club award for a most consistent game against Western Suburbs.

HE HAS TO BE GOOD

Peter Gordon is one of the halfbacks chosen in the English squad that will tour Australia and France in June and already the critics are rating him better than Tommy Bishop, who returned to Australia and put Cronulla-Sutherland on the Rugby League map a couple of years back.

Steve Nash, the other halfback, who played so well on the last tour of Australia is rated second to Gordon, which seems to assure Gordon the number one spot for the English matches.

Gordon took over from Alex Murphy at Warrington this year and he promised to be one of the stars on tour.

Murphy is the coach of the tourists and has already warned that his players will be tough and physically fit.

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NCLE. SPORTS GROUND—3 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 1975

Northern Suburbs v. South Newcastle

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue, Sky Blue Bars (Coach: G. Leo)

Fullback:

1—P. Campbell

Three-quarters:

2—R. Warren T. Edgar—3

4—L. Anlezark R. Tunney—5

Halves:

6—J. Campbell C. Warner—7

Forwards:

8—P. Gilfeather P. Beetson—9

10—C. Newton B. Russell—11

12—D. Cassidy G. Leo—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V (Coach: R. Elvin)

Fullback:

1—R. Carroll

Three-quarters:

2—P. Love G. Armstrong—3

4—D. Rowe T. Williams—5

Halves:

6—G. Banks R. Griffiths—7

Forwards:

8—P. Merlo B. Lamberth—9

10—G. Wilkes P. Apps—11

12—J. Wood T. Clawson—13

Referee: J. Fitzpatrick

Linesmen: C. Thomson (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Fullback:

1—R. Farrell

Three-quarters:

2—R. Trevena S. Doran—3

4—G. Cassidy Garry Mason—5

Halves:

6—S. Dann R. Andrews—7

Forwards:

8—J. Mullard C. Finn—9

10—P. Newton B. Nichols—11

12—P. Edmonds P. Bowhay—13

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Fullback:

1—P. Watsford

Three-quarters:

2—C. Haasnoot R. Mawson—3

4—G. Marshall C. Hunter—5

Halves:

6—V. Watsford J. Scott—7

Forwards:

8—S. Bailey J. Adamson—9

10—M. Crabtree J. Schofield—11

12—R. Thornton P. Bernasconi—13

Referee: D. Thornton

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), J. Schofield (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

KURRI KURRI

Royal Blue, Red and White V

1—J. Cooper

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| 2—A. Fren | G. Sage—3 |
| 4—T. Anderson | I. Brown—5 |
| 6—P. Gladman | N. Stoker—7 |
| 8—W. Cardow | R. Crighton—9 |
| 10—B. Vanzanden | D. Booker—11 |
| 12—A. Williams | G. Marquet—13 |

Referee: C. Russell

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—P. Olsen

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|----------------|------------------|
| 2—W. McCubbin | W. King—3 |
| 4—R. McMahon | R. Bailey—5 |
| 6—A. Train | F. Frasca—7 |
| 8—J. Beecher | N. Freund—9 |
| 10—G. Hamilton | P. Govoronski—11 |
| 12—P. Burt | G. Savage—13 |

Linesmen: N. Digby (Blue), W. Terry (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—G. Dunn

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2—D. Prince | R. Carr—3 |
| 4—J. Pickford | A. Neader—5 |
| 6—C. Carrol | B. Lewis—7 |
| 8—G. Sedden | A. Fincher—9 |
| 10—P. Burt | J. Marshall—11 |
| 12—B. Leary | P. Donehue—13 |

Referee: N. Dougherty

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 2—B. Jensen | P. Cagney—3 |
| 4—G. Banister | P. Samuels—5 |
| 6—A. Brown | G. Kilmurray—7 |
| 8—C. Driess | R. Whittaker—9 |
| 10—G. Hindmarsh | W. Goodwin—11 |
| 12—S. Roxby | D. Burgess—13 |

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), A. Wardle (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—B. Bussell

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| 2—S. Stawski | C. Cox—3 |
| 4—Greg Mason | T. Price—5 |
| 6—M. Witcom | K. Wilson—7 |
| 8—C. Strntt | G. Sharpe—9 |
| 10—A. Wasley | K. Byers—11 |
| 12—I. Jark | W. Cooper—13 |

Referee: W. Humphries

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

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|---------------|----------------|
| 2—J. Johnson | P. Holmes—3 |
| 4—W. Smith | N. McDonnell—5 |
| 6—G. Robinson | B. Walton—7 |
| 8—R. Finlay | C. Hartney—9 |
| 10—S. Bower | M. Davis—11 |
| 12—T. Banks | P. O'Brien—13 |

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), J. Schofield (Red)

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—G. Preston

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|----------------|----------------|
| 2—W. Metcalf | M. Quinn—3 |
| 4—M. Lawler | M. Skinner—5 |
| 6—T. Newman | C. Lawler—7 |
| 8—C. Passfield | S. Bootland—9 |
| 10—D. Mullard | S. McCarney—11 |
| 12—M. Winkler | B. Hall—13 |

Referee: J. Everett

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Blue Shorts

1—R. Smith

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|---------------|---------------|
| 2—S. Hull | C. Ansoul—3 |
| 4—M. Burgess | J. Bale—5 |
| 6—P. Jones | N. Hincks—7 |
| 8—R. Crawford | R. Hector—9 |
| 10—J. Howard | A. Cameron—11 |
| 12—G. Shaw | P. Ramplin—13 |

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), R. Noble (Red)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold, White Shorts

1—P. Ryan

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|----------------|--------------|
| 2—S. Proudlock | D. Sharpe—3 |
| 4—G. Ford | D. Coates—5 |
| 6—R. Batterham | D. Jones—7 |
| 8—A. Easter | P. Stevens—9 |
| 10—P. O'Neill | P. Haines—11 |
| 12—G. Howell | T. Finch—13 |

Referee: R. Keys

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—B. Hughes

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 2—N. Bennett | R. Hunt—3 |
| 4—P. Hanley | D. Skews—5 |
| 6—P. Hoppie | J. Lawrence—7 |
| 8—B. Maloney | M. Beith—9 |
| 10—P. Grey/G. Mannix | L. Innes—11 |
| 12—T. Anthony | D. Bond—13 |

Linesmen: W. Milton (Blue), N. Smith (Red)

NEWCASTLE PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

KURRI KURRI 16 (A. Drew, J. Dial tries; N. Bagnall 5 goals) drew with WESTERN SUBURBS 16 (L. Scott, B. Barber, V. Cronin, B. Coughlan tries; K. Hemsworth 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 20 (M. Goldman 2, G. Boyd, G. Ambrum tries; G. Smallcombe 4 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 9 (M. Boland 2, R. Johnson tries).

NORTHERN SUBURBS 23 (R. Warren 3, P. Campbell, J. Campbell tries; P. Campbell 4 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 13 (P. Love, G. Banks, T. Williams tries; Williams, R. Carroll goals).

LAKE UNITED 38 (J. Brock 3, S. Booth 2, G. Thompson, J. Fisher, L. Jones tries; Jones 7 goals) d MAITLAND 8 (L. Drew, K. Shine tries; Shine goal).

MACQUARIE UNITED 44 (J. Roberts 2, P. Solomon 2, B. Moore 2, G. Faber, K. Christensen, A. Clapham, A. Walters tries; J. Sommers 6, Roberts goals) d WARATAH-MAYFIELD 5 (S. Hudson try; K. Lantry goal).

RESERVE GRADE: Western Suburbs 17 d Kurri Kurri 2; Cessnock 18 d Central Charlestown 10; South Newcastle 19 d Northern Suburbs 15; Maitland 31 d Lakes United 0; Macquarie United 30 d Waratah-Mayfield 5.

THIRD GRADE: Western Suburbs 15 d Kurri Kurri 8; Central Charlestown 11 d Cessnock 5; Northern Suburbs 10 d South Newcastle 8; Maitland 23 d Lakes United 12; Macquarie United 21 d Waratah-Mayfield 5.