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CESSNOCK OFF TO FLYING START

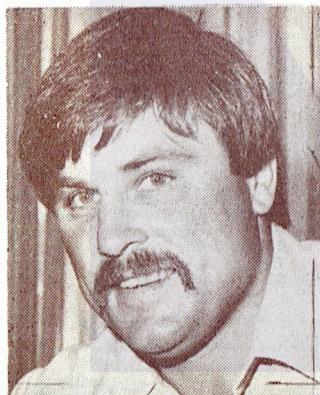
The Cessnock "Goannas" have launched their bid for the 1986 major title in great style with convincing wins in their three games of first grade and have amassed 152 points for while only conceding twelve points against.

This achievement must be close to a club record and has established them as a great chance to take out the major title which eluded them last year when they were defeated by Lakes United in the grand final.

Captain-coach, Bruce Starkey, is leading by example and the team is playing fast, open football that will bring crowds back to the game.

The large content of "local products" in the Cessnock team is creating a great deal of interest. In fact, their first grade team which took the field last week against Maitland contained no less than ten players who came through the ranks of the club.

Cessnock share the competition lead with West and Lakes who are also undefeated after their games.



Bruce Starkey

West have scored 88 points for and conceded only five points in their three wins. Coached by Paul Merlo the "Rosellas" have already served notice that they will be hard to beat as the season progresses.

Lakes United, last year's major premiers have indicated that they are not about to surrender their title without a fight and have scored 112 points and conceded 50.

Captain-Coach, Robert Taylor, with his success last year in steering Lakes to their grand final win has had a great start to 1986, captaining Newcastle in their two wins in the Caltex Country Championship to qualify for the final and being named captain of Combined Country when they played St. George at Bathurst on Wednesday night.

Kurri Kurri are keeping in touch with the leaders with two wins from their three games and the clash this week with Cessnock should produce a great game of Rugby League.

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at

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on

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Newcastle to play Western Division at Dubbo

Western Division qualified for the Caltex Country Divisional Championship Final when they defeated Riverina in the Southern Zone final 30 points to 18 last weekend.

Western Division have not won the final since 1963 while Newcastle's last success was in 1984.

From all reports Western Division's performance last weekend was full of merit and their clash with Newcastle next weekend at Dubbo should result in a great final.

Results of Southern Zone games are as follows:

Southern Zone

WESTERN DIVISION 47 (B. Gordon 3, M. Gordon 2, I. Douglas 2, R. Spurr, G. Rout tries, N. Moy 4, M. Gordon goals, P. Smith field goal) d SOUTHERN DIVISION 12 (N. Howe, P. Leffley tries, P. Coman 2 goals) at Lithgow Sportsground.

RIVERINA 26 (T. Paton 2, S. Saddler 2, N. Elwin, J. Vittuci tries, N. Elwin goal) d CENTRAL COAST 24 (P. Davis 2, S. Brown, S. Hall tries, P. Melross 4 goals) at Lithgow Showground.

Southern Zone Final

At Lithgow Sportsground

WESTERN DIVISION 30 (R. Burt 2, B. Gordon, G. Rout, P. Smith tries, N. Moy 5 goals) d RIVERINA 18 (S. Saddler, D. Murray, T. Lyons tries, N. Elwin 3 goals).

Play-off for 3rd and 4th:

SOUTHERN DIVISION 22 (J. Chapman, P. Leffley, R. Taylor, M. Pinkerton tries, J. Chapman 3 goals) d CENTRAL COAST 8 (S. Waugh try, P. Melross 2 goals).

● **CARLTON UNITED BREWERY**
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NBN 3 — CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

Friday, April 25—3 p.m.

Cahill Oval

Lakes United

Blue and gold

Coach: Robert Taylor

- 1—PETER PARSONS
- 2—STEVEN DRINKWATER
- 3—DAVID GRANT
- 4—RICK STONE
- 5—MARK BATES
- 6—DAVE ROBINSON
- 7—MICHAEL SULLIVAN
- 8—ROBERT TAYLOR (c)
- 9—COL MATHIAS
- 10—GREG HAYWARD
- 11—JIM FOWLER
- 12—BRUCE BURGESS
- 13—MARK BROKENSHIRE



SCRUMS

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

PENALTIES

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

Referee: P. Lovett

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Karl Hutchinson

- 1—DARREN MEHAN
- 2—DAVE ANDERSON
- 3—NICK O'BRIEN
- 4—PETER WALKER
- 5—SHANE GARSIDE
- 6—WAYNE WALKER
- 7—DAVE NEWTON
- 8—BRETT DANN
- 9—KEN LUMSDEN
- 10—DALE WALTON
- 11—TODD ANDERSON
- 12—STEVE TERRY
- 13—TOM PARKS



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Touch Judges: P. Parkinson (Blue), R. Stobbs (Red)

RESERVE GRADE

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1.25 p.m.

LAKES UNITED

Coach: Paul Williams

1—Craig HUBBARD

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| 2—Stephen PIPER (c) | Michael SHEEHAN—3 |
| 4—Glen SULLIVAN | Mark HANLON—5 |
| 6—Peter WALSH | Stephen WALTERS—7 |
| 8—Darrell BENSON | Brett HUYBERS—9 |
| 10—Tod EMMERTON | Darren SMITH—11 |
| 12—Rod JONES | David EDWARDS—13 |

Referee: B. Farrell

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

1—Darren MAXWELL

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2—Ron PAYNE | Tony PICKIN—3 |
| 4—Bruce HASLAM | Rick COLEMAN—5 |
| 6—Ken FAIRHALL | Dave McCARTER—7 |
| 8—Col GIGGINS | Dave WILLIAMS—9 |
| 10—Ian MILLINGTON | Tom PATTISON—11 |
| 12—Peter TAYLOR | Mick RYAN—13 |

Touch Judges: T. Sutcliffe (Blue), R. Stobbs (Red)

THIRD GRADE

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12 noon

LAKES UNITED

Coach: Terry Quinn

1—Clifford PEARCE

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| 2—Barry STOKES | Michael FAIRCLOUGH—3 |
| 4—Doug CHESTER | Robin SNAPE—5 |
| 6—Jeff SIMS (c) | Michael ROBERTS—7 |
| 8—Darren LOVEDAY | Peter WILLOUGHBY—9 |
| 10—Dale ANDERSON | Darren POLLARD—11 |
| 12—Dave MUNRO | Terry CHRISTOPHER—13 |

Referee: T. Sutcliffe

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

1—Peter PRESTON

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2—Chris MEAD | Mark EVERETT—3 |
| 4—John BLENKIRON | David FLETCHER—5 |
| 6—David MAHER | Zac MASLOW—7 |
| 8—Steve NEWELL | Phillip HARRISON—9 |
| 10—Dave STANFORD | Wayne HYDE—11 |
| 12—David LAWRENCE | Ken ARMSTRONG—13 |

Touch Judges: P. Parkinson (Blue), B. Farrell (Red)

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NBN 3-CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 28 (T. Crow, E. McGrady, P. Garbutt, P. Joy, W. Black tries, T. Vaughan 4 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 10 (G. Jarrett try, G. Price 3 goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 56 (A. Williams 3, K. Townley 2, P. Snowden 2, P. Lockwood, M. McCloskey tries, W. Snowden 10 goals) d MAITLAND 14 (J. Crooks 3 tries, M. Threlfo goal).

WESTERN SUBURBS 24 (G. Murray 2, G. Eagar, C. Higgins tries, P. Elliott 2 goals, M. Knight 2 goals) d SOUTH NEWCASTLE 20 (P. Duggan, B. Phelps, G. Squires tries, L. Rotumah 4 goals).

CESSNOCK 32 (R. Whitaker 2, J. Hunter, A. Smith, B. Davies, J. Barr tries, M. Schofield 4 goals) d KURRI KURRI 10 (P. Watson, P. Brady tries, P. Williams goal).

LAKES UNITED 48 (B. Burgess 2, S. Drinkwater 2, P. Parsons, F. Grant, R. Stone, D. Robinson, M. Sullivan, C. Mathias tries, S. Drinkwater 4 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 10 (D. Newton 2 tries, P. Walker goal).

Reserve Grade

Waratah 18 d Central 14, Maitland 24 d Macquarie 21, South 24 d West 12, Lakes 56 d North 2, Cessnock 36 d Kurri 16.

Third Grade

Waratah 36 d Central 4, Maitland 26 d Macquarie 12, South 28 d West 8, Cessnock 12 d Kurri 10, Lakes 66 d North 2.