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MARLBORO COUNTRY



NEWS FROM CLUBS

A NEWCOMER to the Maitland ranks is Les Drew from Redfern All Blacks. Les was also a member of the team which recently toured New Zealand and we feel sure he will be an acquisition to the club and a real crowd pleaser.

PROMOTED half in West first grade today is Jeff Dial and what a smart young player he is. His team will not suffer at having him work the scrums. His game consists of bright attacking play and his defence rates well above average.

DENIS NICHOLS, North's hard working prop forward is currently playing the best football of his career. Denis, in last week's game against Macquarie never stopped trying.

ROBERT "Wilbur" WRIGHTSON scored three tries in the first half last week for Macquarie from the fullback position.

NOBODY really knows how much Waratah needs Alwyn Walters until the days he doesn't play. Probably one of the most gifted players to ever come to Waratah, the boy from Brookhouse is sure to pull out all stops against another great tactician in Norm Henderson today. Should be a clash worth the trip to see.

LAKES UNITED threequarter Les Jones, back after an injury, is really finding form with his kicking. Also his play has been very strong indeed.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri front row forward Ian Ellison on his engagement to Diane Fairhall. Best of luck to you both for the future.

ROBERT McDERMOTT, South's outstanding centre, seems set for a great season. His selection in the Country side was automatic following his performances this year and it would not surprise to see "Macca" go on to further honours.

KURRI Rugby League Injured Players' Fund was won by Basil Syers of Abermain.

LINDSAY GAILEY is starting to really play top class football which is great to see. His attack and defence is top class.

MAITLAND'S Brian Burke is our only representative to tour Queensland and we congratulate him on his selection and wish him a successful tour, and just for good measure Dave has gone as Manager.

WEST hooker Allan Dagwell, once again showed that he is an "ace" of a rake. Not only did he win all the ball against Waratah last Sunday, his all round display in the forwards was first class.

TWO old but welcome faces re-appear in today's third grade team. They are forwards Waka Mutu in the second row and Winston Loades in his accustomed position of front row and skipper—a role he has had many times. Welcome back and best of luck for today from all your admirers.

MACQUARIE UNITED scored a century of points when it won three grades against North at Toronto Oval last Sunday.

YOU don't have to be told what a fantastic prospect young Mark Scobie is. Not since the days when Whakka Graves was in his prime, has there been a player in Waratah who can really get the crowd on their feet whenever he gets a yard to move in. There is no limit to the heights this player is going to reach some day.

A PLAYER having a good year with the "Goannas" is Graham Banister. He went on as a replacement winger when Dennis Moore broke his collarbone and scored a determined try. He is a son-in-law of popular Cessnock fan "Boy" Bradstreet.

A THRILLING finish at Kurri last Sunday when South's got up to win in the last seconds of the match and great credit must go to Gary Banks and Peter Watsford who combined to make the match winning try.

WAYNE EVANS, West reserve grade 2nd row forward is really playing well. His tackling, besides being hard, is constantly breaking up the opposition's moves before they become a threat to his team.

JIM "Bobcat" WOOD, North's third grade winger, is a player of ability who keeps trying all the way. A lot will be seen and heard of this player before the season is over.

RONNIE MUNRO is slowly becoming Newcastle's forgotten footballer. But the old Munga is showing them this year that he is still the best in the business in his position. Probably keener now than at any other stage of his career, he is going to give the opposition no end of bother.

WINNER of competition conducted by Maitland last Sunday was Roy Smith with ticket number 7414.

TODAY we see Alan West in a new position with Maitland, that is halfback, a position not new to the "silent one", as Alan played most of his junior football in this position.

MAITLAND Club, although a week late, take this opportunity of congratulating Fred Kowalczyk on his playing of 100 games with the club.

WEST centre in reserves today is Ross Dunstan. He usually plays on the wing but he prefers to play centre and no doubt he will grab the opportunity to show that it is his best position.

GEOFF NYLAND, hooker in Northern Suburbs' reserve grade side, is a player who must have a heart as big as himself. Geoff has won many admirers this season with his non-stop work.

IT must be a hard job for Waratah's best supporter Con Trypas when they are opposed to West. With big brother Mick new with the opposition, Con was probably the quietest man at the Sports Ground last week. But you can be sure Contolics will be up at Cessnock with the Tahs this week.

RANDEL SMITH, Lakes United utility back, played most of his game on Sunday with a nasty head gash. It didn't stop him turning in a blinder though. Great sportsmanship Randel.

CESSNOCK'S run of injuries continues with Dennis Moore, Brian Slade and Dave Parkinson out of action. The last named joins "Pinky" Garnett in being out for the whole season. "Bomber" Here's future also is in doubt. We used up all our good luck last year it seems.

BETTER news comes from Doug Clark, the non stop Cessnock second rower. Doug has missed three games but has had his ligaments reset and is looking forward to his comeback. His return plus the improving form of Dave White will boost our chances.

BEST wishes to Geoff Roach and Jan Maxwell who are getting married today, hoping you have a very happy married life.

AMONG the many promising juniors stepping up into grade ranks with South is Mark Brennan, who is going great guns. A non stop player, his efforts are not going unnoticed by South supporters.

CONTINUING to improve with every game is Maitland's Peter Sharpe, and who knows in future seasons he may be Terry's replacement.

CONGRATULATIONS to Allan Thomson on his selection as Captain to the Country squad.

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WICKHAM OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, 1973

Northern Suburbs v. Kurri Kurri

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—R. Andrews
Three-quarters

2—T. Price
4—K. Sweetman
6—S. Doran
8—M. Witcom
10—P. Beetson
12—D. Cassidy

Halves
Forwards

G. Curtis—3
V. Watsford—5
R. Davls—7
R. Snell—9
D. Nichols—11
J. Niszczot—13

Referee: W. Humphries

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

Full-back
1—P. Carr
Three-quarters

2—N. Bagnall
4—K. Myers
6—J. Glacham
8—J. Raper
10—J. Roach
12—A. Williams

Halves
Forwards

W. Scotman—3
I. O'Brien—5
A. Rossiter—7
N. Boyes—9
J. Mitchell—11
I. Ellison—13

Linesmen: R. McLaren (Blue), F. Kitcher (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—D. Lowe
Three-quarters

2—C. Cox
4—R. Warren
6—W. McLelland
8—A. Lobley
10—C. Finn
12—G. Nyland

Halves
Forwards

L. Plimmer—3
L. Dawson—5
J. Davey—7
P. Bowham—9
R. Potter—11
M. Richards—13

Referee: D. Crich

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

Full-back
1—G. Collins
Three-quarters

2—D. McNabb
4—P. Rouse
6—G. Cairns
8—N. Moffatt
10—K. Callen
12—S. Buffier

Halves
Forwards

D. Henderson—3
F. Hill—5
D. Schofield—7
R. Findlay—9
R. Stevens—11
G. Marquett—13

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), T. Austin (Red)



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FOLLOW THE '73 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

2—R. Morley
4—R. Hardy
6—W. Medcalf
8—T. Bolton
10—G. Grainger
12—E. Sponder

J. Cooper—3
R. Cooper—5
K. Hedges—7
J. Meskauskas—9
R. Clarke—11
M. Wind—13

Referee: F. O'Hearn

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—A. Asquith

2—B. Kennedy
4—J. Roberts
6—J. Williamson
8—W. Jaques
10—J. Bickerstaff
12—G. Howell

C. Roberts—3
G. Simpson—5
P. Callen—7
I. Mullard—9
P. Neylan—11
P. Hunt—13

Linesmen: N. Digby (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—R. Smith

2—R. Nash
4—T. Cheers
6—R. Bell
8—T. Lorrimer
10—W. Johnston
12—D. Whipper

N. McDonnell—3
D. Pringle—5
P. Maher—7
B. Clifton—9
P. Ramolin—11
T. Finch—13

Referee: W. Morgan

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—R. Carr

2—J. Marshall
4—J. Sansom
6—J. Shoebridge
8—M. Conway
10—G. Levick
12—T. Trow

G. Harrison—3
R. Bailey—5
W. Hancock—7
S. Poulton—9
R. Donaldson—11
R. McBain—13

Linesmen: J. Leonard (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—P. Gilfeather

2—C. John
4—P. Slattery
6—G. Steel
8—R. Dean
10—P. Burt
12—S. Paradisi

M. Slater—3
M. McEntyre—5
R. Christie—7
W. Mutu—9
W. Loades—11
G. Broadhead—13

Referee: R. Conley

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

2—R. Carnell
4—W. Izzard
6—N. Morgan
8—R. Rankin
10—S. Bailey
12—R. Thornton

M. Docherty—3
R. McIntosh—5
G. Noble—7
P. Frost—9
D. Gall—11
M. Crabtree—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), S. Delforce (Red)

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—R. McKinney
4—R. Grey
6—O. Taylor
8—B. Bates
10—G. Simpson
12—B. Peek

G. Sampson—3
D. Sneesby—5
K. Morris—7
G. Reay—9
R. McWilliams—11
P. Clark—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—J. Lawrence

2—B. Hughes
4—R. Fuller
6—A. Robinson
8—I. Ford
10—G. Mannix
12—T. Anthony

S. Martin—3
J. White—5
I. Wilson—7
P. Gumbleton—9
R. Flannery—11
B. Coughlin—13

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), T. Mowbray (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—G. Pickering

2—T. Mitchell
4—D. Steele
6—R. Toby
8—P. Gray
10—T. Rippon
12—B. Williamson

M. Hesketh—3
J. Wood—5
A. Wasley—7
Jim Gill—9
V. Murphy—11
D. Tearle—13

Referee: N. Scotman

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—M. Beesley

2—T. Anderson
4—M. Hargraves
6—R. Harris
8—P. Gladman
10—G. Willetts
12—B. Wiseman

N. Wanless—3
D. Beveridge—5
D. Johns—7
T. Counsell—9
I. Ellis—11
G. Hetherington—13

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), T. Austin (Red)

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

First Grade

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 17 (G. Crompton 2, G. Smallcombe tries, J. Anderson 3, D. Rowe goals) d WESTERN SUBURBS 16 (M. McDermott, J. Moxie tries, K. Hemsworth 5 goals).

MAITLAND 66 (R. Cameron 2, A. West 2, R. Finch 2, R. Wawskowicz 2, K. Shine, L. Drew, T. Panowitz, A. McNab, M. McMahon tries, Shine 13 goals, Drew field goal) d MACQUARIE UNITED 7 (K. Christiansen try, K. Tommerup 2 goals).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 9 (M. Scobie try, A. McHugh 3 goals) d CESSNOCK 6 (G. Bradley try, M. Goldman goal, J. Phillips field goal).

LAKES UNITED 31 (T. Metcalf 3, L. Gailey L. Jones tries, R. Burgess 8 goals) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 12 (P. Cox, K. Maddison tries, K. Powell 3 goals).

KURRI KURRI 31 (I. O'Brien 2, K. Myers, A. Williams, A. Rossiter, J. Mitchell, W. Scotman tries, Scotman 4, P. Carr goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 14 (K. Sweetman, M. Richards tries, S. Doran 4 goals).

RESERVE GRADE: South Newcastle 20 d Western Suburbs 19; Macquarie United 25 d Maitland 18; Cessnock 30 d Waratah-Mayfield 11; Lakes United 26 d Central Charlestown 15; Kurri Kurri 63 d Northern Suburbs 12.

THIRD GRADE: Western Suburbs 11 d South Newcastle 10; Macquarie United 18 d Maitland 13; Cessnock 32 d Waratah-Mayfield 9; Central Charleslow 21 d Lakes United 17; Northern Suburbs 29 d Kurri Kurri 13.