



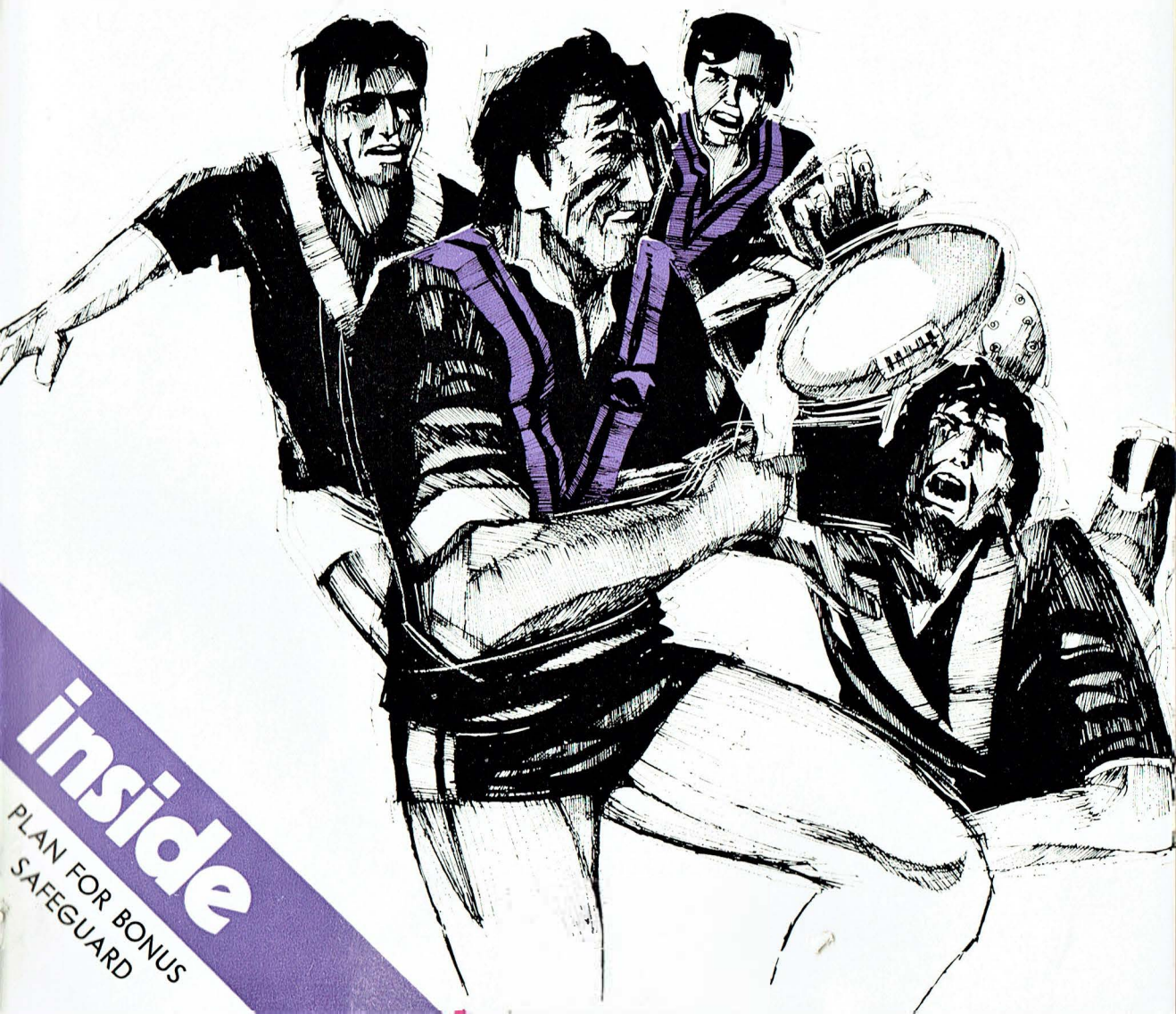
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PLAN FOR BONUS
SAFEGUARD

MAITLAND HAD 52 STRAIGHT WINS

Maitland third-grade team won 52 matches in succession from the start of the 1960 season — a feat thought to be without parallel up to that time. The side had scored 20 wins in 1960, another 20 in 1961 and 12 in 1962 before the run was broken with a 10-6 defeat by Cessnock.

REMEMBER WHEN...

Lakes United lock Tom Sheppard achieved the rare feat of gaining NSW Country selection before representing Newcastle. He was chosen to tour Queensland after replacing Peter Howlett in a trial match support to the country divisional final at Wollongong in 1975.

Country Rugby League selectors called Northern Suburbs prop John Daly into the Country Seconds squad for the match with City Seconds in Sydney in 1963. They included Daly after South Newcastle forward John Richards withdrew when he was unable to get leave from work to train.

The 1950 season was a wet one. One complete series had to be deferred as well as several individual matches. One match became vital in determining the four semi-final teams. This was the game between North and Maitland, which had to be called off when flood waters covered Maitland's ground.

Northern Suburbs won the 1948 premiership by defeating Kurri Kurri 5-2 at Newcastle Sports Ground. All the points were scored in the first half. The strong southerly wind on the day helped to dry out the ground, which had been heavy after two days of rain. The wind, however, made conditions difficult for the kickers with the ball often being blown backwards or off-course. North that year distributed a then record bonus figure of £800 (\$1600).

Newcastle Rugby League decided in 1958 that no team be allowed to play in the Port Stephens Rugby League unless it was in the Port Stephens district boundary or had the sanction of the NRL to play in such a competition. The NRL acted on a motion by Mr. D. Moreland (Maitland), who said the Port Stephens League intended to run a Sunday competition among junior clubs for prizemoney of about £500.

Spectators at the Cessnock-West match in August, 1959, were puzzled when referee Noel Spohr stopped play and waved urgently for the ambulance man. No player required attention but Mr. Spohr's whistle had become blocked. After minor surgery the blockage was removed and play continued.

Newcastle selectors chose a surprise forward line-up for the match against New Zealand in 1963. Don Schofield, the team captain, was picked as lock while John Richards and John Daly, prop representatives earlier in the season, were named as second rowers. New props selected were Les Burgess and Col Bakes while Allan Buman remained as hooker. A notable omission was Norm Wilkinson, who had been lock or five-eighth in Newcastle teams for several years.

SYDNEY POINTS TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cronulla	5	-	2	138	94	10
St. George	5	-	2	135	102	10
West	5	-	2	110	90	10
Parramatta	4	1	2	156	87	9
Manly	4	-	3	114	100	8
Newtown	4	-	3	118	113	8
Canterbury	4	-	3	117	141	8
South	3	-	4	144	101	6
East	3	-	4	89	123	6
Balmain	2	-	5	78	130	4
North	2	-	5	97	119	4
Penrith	-	1	6	105	221	1

AWARDS

H. L. WHEELER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

South v. Macquarie:
N. Baker (S) 2, P. Carey (M) 1.
Maitland v. Lakes:
M. Harragon (L) 2, W. Medcalf (M) 1.
Cessnock v. Kurri:
N. Stevens (C) 2, L. Mara (K) 1.
West v. Central:
P. Banner (C) 2, R. Wharton (W) 1.
North v. Waratah:
M. Sullivan 2, I. Barkley (N) 1.
Best Points: 3—P. Banner (Cent); 4—N. Baker (S); 3—P. Ryan (War); 2—M. Donnelly, J. Mayes, M. Sullivan (N), R. Wharton, D. Howell (West), R. Lavis, M. Humphreys, M. Harragon (L), S. Matthews, J. Scott (Mait), N. Stevens (Cess), D. Edwards, S. Lofts (War), J. Masterman, R. Patrick (K), D. Kemister (Cent), J. Shield (Mac).

LEADING SCORERS

	T	G	FG	Pts
W. Medcalf (Mait)	3	16	-	43
N. Bagnall (L)	1	16	-	33
H. Tatana (Cess)	-	17	-	34
K. McDonnell (Cent)	-	16	-	32
N. Baker (S)	1	14	-	31
K. Riley (War)	2	11	-	28
G. Forlonge (K)	2	9	-	24
G. Hurry (N)	-	10	-	20

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Newcastle's Western Suburbs played a trial match against North Sydney on Sunday, February 15, 1970.
2. St. George.
3. Ken Fogarty, who was selected for Newcastle from the Maitland club.
4. Cronulla.
5. Arthur Summons and former Kiwi captain Mel Cooke.
6. Yes, in the Second Test against France in Brisbane in 1951 and the First Test against England in Brisbane in 1928.

PROGRAM

1st Series—April 19-20:

CENTRAL 20 d. KURRI 5
WEST 11 d. WARATAH 5
MAITLAND 38 d. MACQUARIE 18
NORTH 20 d. CESSNOCK 14
LAKES 40 d. SOUTH 11

2nd Series—April 25-26-27:

WARATAH 17 d. CESSNOCK 14
MAITLAND 15 d. with NORTH 15
KURRI 12 d. SOUTH 9
CENTRAL 18 d. MACQUARIE 14
WEST 16 d. LAKES 8

3rd Series—May 3-4:

MACQUARIE 16 d. NORTH 14
LAKES 22 d. CESSNOCK 12
WARATAH 19 d. MAITLAND 8
KURRI 4 drew with WEST 4
SOUTH 18 d. CENTRAL 4

4th Series—May 10-11:

SOUTH 29 d. MACQUARIE 12
CESSNOCK 24 d. KURRI 14
LAKES 30 d. MAITLAND 19
WEST 19 d. CENTRAL 11
NORTH 24 d. WARATAH 10

5th Series—May 17-18:

MACQUARIE v. KURRI
MAITLAND v. CESSNOCK
NORTH v. WEST
WARATAH v. SOUTH
CENTRAL v. LAKES

6th Series—May 24-25:

WEST v. MACQUARIE
CESSNOCK v. SOUTH
LAKES v. WARATAH
KURRI v. NORTH
CENTRAL v. MAITLAND

7th Series—May 31-June 1:

MACQUARIE v. LAKES
WEST v. CESSNOCK
NORTH v. CENTRAL
SOUTH v. MAITLAND
KURRI v. WARATAH

8th Series—June 7-8:

CESSNOCK v. MACQUARIE
MAITLAND v. WEST
LAKES v. KURRI
SOUTH v. NORTH
WARATAH v. CENTRAL

9th Series—June 14-15-16:

MACQUARIE v. WARATAH
CENTRAL v. CESSNOCK
NORTH v. LAKES
WEST v. SOUTH
KURRI v. MAITLAND

NBN 3 PREMIERSHIP COMPETITION

Sunday, May 18—3 p.m.

Passmore Oval

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky blue

Coach: John Mayes

- 1—MARK WRIGHT
- 2—GLENN PENGILLEY
- 3—BRETT KONDATEW
- 4—IAN BARKLEY
- 5—GLEN CAMPBELL
- 6—MARTIN BRISLANE
- 7—JOHN MAYES (c)
- 8—PETER NILSSON
- 9—DAVID RIDING
- 10—GREG HURRY
- 11—MICHAEL DONNELLY
- 12—REX WRIGHT
- 13—MARK SULLIVAN

SCRUMS												
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PENALTIES												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Referee: C. Russell

Western Suburbs

Red and green

Coach: David Howell

- 1—ROBERT WHARTON
- 2—STEVE NELMES
- 3—OWEN WALLACE
- 4—MAL GRAHAM
- 5—ALAN LENNAN
- 6—DEAN LANCE
- 7—ROB DARCY
- 8—DAVID HOWELL (c)
- 9—BRAD FINNIGAN
- 10—MICK WALLACE
- 11—GEOFF COBURN
- 12—ALAN DAGWELL
- 13—STEVE SMITH

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Touch Judges: Owen Smith (Blue), N. Craig (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Dave Morley

1—Paul HILL

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| 2—Mark BATES | Phil HOLMES—3 |
| 4—Paul MAZARTO | Mark HUGHES—5 |
| 6—Steve ABERCROMBIE | Bob KULUPACH (c)—7 |
| 8—John McKIERNAN | Mark WILKINSON—9 |
| 10—Col MATHIAS | Gary BROWN—11 |
| 12—Gordon BRAUER | Steve BETTERIDGE—13 |

Referee: K. Marker

WESTERN SUBURBS

Coach: John Anderson

1—John ANDERSON (c)

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| 2—Bruce HASLAM | Jon HULBERT—3 |
| 4—Paul BRADY | Wayne TAYLOR—5 |
| 6—Robert WRIGHT | Bob PATON—7 |
| 8—Graham CROSS | Glenn WILLETTS—9 |
| 10—Brett NIXON | Ken GROVES—11 |
| 12—Bob HAYDEN | Brendan BARBER—13 |

Touch Judges: P. Watt (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

THIRD GRADE — 12.15 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Bruce Williamson

1—Steve DORAN

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| 2—Wayne McDONALD | Robert McKIERNAN—3 |
| 4—Allan WELLS | Dennis OUTRAM—5 |
| 6—Wayne ROLPH | Peter SLEAP—7 |
| 8—Neil MAYBURY | Grant HAWTHORNE—9 |
| 10—Graham ASBURY | Bob TABER—11 |
| 12—Chris MORGAN | John HILL—13 |

Referee: W. Campbell

WESTERN SUBURBS

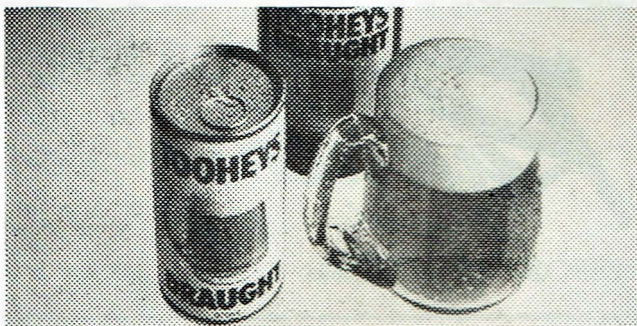
Coach: Bob Hayden

1—Chris WRIGHT

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| 2—Nev FREUND | Robert CHRISTIE—3 |
| 4—Kevin WILTON | Wayne NICHOLS—5 |
| 6—Glen FREW | Graham MORISSEY—7 |
| 8—Paul FERRY | Gary JAMES—9 |
| 10—Richard HAMMETT | Ian ROSS—11 |
| 12—Dennis DUNCAN | Gary BROADHEAD—13 |

Touch Judges: P. Watt (Blue), J. Leonard (Red)

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First Grade

CESSNOCK 13 (P. Garaty, P. Davies, M. Schofield tries, H. Tatana 2 goals) d. MAITLAND 12 (S. Perry, D. Tinman tries, W. Medcalf 3 goals).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 16 (P. Ryan, S. Dyson, C. Norgard, R. Cox tries, K. Riley, Dyson goals) d. SOUTH NEWCASTLE 12 (M. Burgess, N. Baker tries, Baker 3 goals).

LAKES UNITED 24 (T. Quinn 2, P. Cootes, P. Grob, M. Humphries, R. Griffiths tries, N. Bagnall 3 goals) d. CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 23 (S. Brown, M. Lawler, B. Lawrence tries, I. Dobson 7 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 20 (D. Howell, S. Nelmes, R. Wharton, M. Wallace tries, Nelmes 4 goals) d. NORTH NEWCASTLE 12 (B. Kondatew, G. Pengilley tries, G. Hurry 3 goals).

KURRI KURRI 24 (B. Hopes 2, S. Lee, J. Roach, W. Lee, C. Passfield tries, G. Forlonge 3 goals) d. MACQUARIE UNITED 17 (S. Sunerton, J. Shield, P. Bleakney tries, K. Townley 2, P. Carey 2 goals).

Reserve Grade

Maitland 19 d. Cessnock 18; Waratah-Mayfield 18 d. South Newcastle 15; Central Charlestown 12 d. Lakes United 5; Western Suburbs 23 d. North Newcastle 11; Macquarie United 16 d. Kurri Kurri 7.

Third Grade

Cessnock 9 d. Maitland 3; Waratah-Mayfield 13 d. South Newcastle 5; Central Charlestown 10 d. Lakes United 5; Western Suburbs 10 d. North Newcastle 3; Macquarie United 13 d. Kurri Kurri 9.