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MARLBORO

Come to where the flavour is



Around the clubs..

CAPTAIN-COACH Ken Lantry is still suffering from a leg injury but reports a marked improvement and he should be available to lead the young 'Tahs very shortly.

CESSNOCK supporters reckon that Paxton "Red" is better than Pokolbin red, especially when it's popular redhead Wayne "Jobbo" Jobson. He has played his 100th game for the club and is now heading for the 200. Well done, big fella.

ANOTHER newcomer to the "Bulldog" ranks to show a ton of promise is Union convert Len Blakeney. Len, a very elusive and quick thinking footballer, has been quick to adjust himself to League and is sure to be pressing for a first grade berth very soon. Keep it up Len.

WARATAH ranks have again been strengthened by former members of the Shortland Junior Rugby League under 19 teams. This year Greg Heddles, Norm Bennett, Paul Beith, Mark Balcomb, Frank Considine and Johnny Marjoribanks have been successful in obtaining positions and indications are that these players will be well known by the end of this season.

MAITLAND fans will be pleased to learn that Ray Wawzkowicz and Gavin Gleeson will be returning to the field shortly. Both were believed to have had serious injuries, however intensive treatment has them on the mend. Their return may cause some embarrassment for the selectors as their replacements have acquitted themselves well.

MICK TRYPAS is West's first grade second row forward for today's important match with Macquarie. No doubt Mick's inclusion will strengthen the defence around the rucks, an area in which they looked a trifle thin in recent matches.

GOOD to see North Committeeman Neil Hancock making an appearance at the games once again after a lengthy stay in hospital where he underwent a serious operation. The club wishes him continued good health.

GARY TRAIN, talented West centre in third grade is a very interesting player. He was freely tipped to take over as West senior lock in some quarters at the start of the year. So with this in mind it might pay to keep your eye on him.

WEDDING BELLS recently for Warren and Karen Metcalf. Congratulations to you both from Maitland players, committee and supporters. Married life must agree with you Warren as your game improves each week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Peter Turnbull on playing his 150th game for Cessnock today. Has always been a great trier and the "Goannas" thank you Pete. Only 50 to go for life membership and is still only a young bloke.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri High School boys Stacey Jones and Greg Wyborn, on their selection in the Newcastle Schools open representative side to play the North Coast on Friday, May 30. Good effort boys, all the best for a successful game from all at Kurri.

THREE players from the Raymond Terrace Club, namely Lee Anlezark, Peter Campbell and Tony Eagar are now members of North first grade team. These boys have won their positions against strong opposition and a bright future seems assured for all three.

WEST Injured Players Fund organisers are taking buses to the Amco Cup fixture Newcastle versus Balmain. Fare \$6.00, including fare into ground. Buses to leave West Leagues at 3 p.m. May 28. Tickets available P. Johnson (Club) and K. Clarke (West Committee).

NORTH second rower in first grade today is Chris Newton and judging by the way he is playing it will be difficult to dislodge him from his position.

KURRI coach Peter Jaques has proved to be a very popular figure throughout the club. A hard task master on the training paddock, Peter sets a good example for all to follow and would not ask a player to undertake anything he would not do himself.

CESSNOCK Ladies Committee does a great job but Secretary, Jane Ward, says that they wouldn't do so well without the assistance of fellows like Tom Evans, Ralph Vesper, Don Schofield and Billy Mowatt who help out in many ways.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri reserve grader Chris Roberts, who last week celebrated his 21st birthday. Best wishes for the future from the whole of the "Bulldog" camp Chris.

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NORTH team managers Allan Pritchard, Ned Andrews and Kerry Gilchrist are performing their duties in a most capable manner and the club and members are most appreciative of their services.

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ROBERT "Jackie" WRIGHT is the stand-off half for West first grade team. No stranger to this position, it is felt he could be an ideal link between backs and forwards in attack and his strong defence is equal to almost any task he may encounter.

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ALL Maitland supporters are invited to the Western Night on Sunday, May 18 in the "Rainbow Room". Tickets will be limited, so avoid being disappointed and book now.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Kurri "Bulldog" Alan Drew on his hat-trick of tries last week. Alan, one of the hardest tacklers in the game, is playing great football and has proved a very worthy acquisition to the Kurri club.

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LES DREW blemished his record last week. Until the game against Macquarie, Les had scored a try in each game. Minor compensation was that he set up two tries before leaving the field in the second half. Keep up the good work Les.

LOCK FORWARD Doug Farr in West reserve grade, continues to play outstanding Rugby League and he must be putting great pressure on those back row forwards above him and a further good game today could see him justly rewarded by elevation.

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LEADERSHIP and backing up played a big role in the Kurri third grade win over South last week. Captain coach Alan Williams, as well as winning his side a 2 to 1 majority of the scrums, led his side extremely well and appears to have the confidence of all his players. Good team effort fellers.

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YOUNG North centre Lee Anlezark was the recipient of the Supporters' Club weekly award for a tremendous effort both in attack and defence against Cessnock.

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ROB CHRISTIE is showing how to kick goals this season and this ability gives him that extra something that team selectors search vainly for when selecting teams, besides his all round game for West, which is at present first class.

A BUSY TIME AHEAD

This Sunday night the metropolitan selectors will meet and select the two City teams that will contest the annual Country v City games next Saturday.

The next Sunday night the State selection panel will pick a NSW squad to oppose Queensland at Lang Park on the following Wednesday and Saturday.

On May 24 Queensland and NSW selectors who make up the Australian selection committee will also have their first consignment of the season when they meet to nominate the Australian side that will oppose New Zealand at Lang Park on June 1.

It will be the first game of the international series between Australia, New Zealand, England, France and Wales.

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NCLE. SPORTS GROUND—2.45 p.m. (NBN 3 Telecast) Saturday, May 10, 1975

Northern Suburbs v. Lakes United

NORTHERN SUBURBS

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

Fullback:

1—P. Campbell

Three-quarters:

2—R. Warren T. Eagar—3

4—L. Anlezark R. Tunney—5

Halves:

6—J. Campbell C. Warner—7

Forwards:

8—P. Gilfeather P. Beeton—9

10—C. Newton B. Russell—11

12—D. Cassidy G. Leo—13

Referee: L. Rodway

LAKES UNITED

Blue, Gold, Blue Shorts (Coach: A. Thomson)

Fullback:

1—J. Fisher

Three-quarters:

2—T. Metcalfe S. Booth—3

4—R. Burgess S. Brown—5

Halves:

6—G. Golden G. Thompson—7

Forwards:

8—M. Pitman J. Brock—9

10—A. Thomson G. Huggins—11

12—T. Shiels D. Gardiner—13

Linesmen: H. Nash (Blue), R. Cadogan (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Fullback:

1—R. Farrell

Three-quarters:

2—R. Trevena G. Cassidy—3

4—S. Doran C. Cox—5

Halves:

6—M. Witcom K. Wilson—7

Forwards:

8—J. Mullard P. Newton—9

10—W. Cooper B. Nichols—11

12—P. Edmonds D. Harper—13

Referee: R. Paton

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Blue Shorts

Fullback:

1—L. Jones

Three-quarters:

2—S. Piper J. Sazdanoff—3

4—K. Sazdanoff S. Hull—5

Halves:

6—J. Heaney L. Gailey—7

Forwards:

8—M. Burgess R. Hector—9

10—W. Izzard P. Murray—11

12—M. Ramplin S. Bowden—13

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), W. Terry (Red)

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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

KURRI KURRI

Royal Blue, Red and White V

1—P. Gladmen

2—I. Brown	M. Hargrave—3
4—A. Thompson	N. Hawkins—5
6—J. Cooper	N. Stoker—7
8—W. Cardow	N. Boyes—9
10—B. Vanzanden	D. Browning—11
12—A. Williams	B. Liddell—13

Referee: W. Humphries

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—A. Brown	R. Fowler—3
4—W. Lidbury	G. Banister—5
6—G. Kelly	G. Kilmurray—7
8—J. Schofield	G. Hindmarsh—9
10—W. Goodwin	B. Gilmore—11
12—G. Knipe	D. Burgess—13

Linesmen: R. Hughes (Blue), R. Noble (Red)

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—B. Russell

2—T. Price	Greg Mason—3
4—S. Damm	Garry Mason—5
6—R. Thomas	C. Newman—7
8—C. Strutt	G. Sharpe—9
10—M. Edwards	D. Harper—11
12—J. Darcy	K. Byers—13

Referee: M. Walsh

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Blue Shorts

1—N. Hincks

2—J. Bale	R. Smith—3
4—C. Ansoul	A. Tegg—5
6—P. Jones	G. Robbs—7
8—R. Crawford	B. Clifton—9
10—J. Howard	A. Cameron—11
12—P. Burgess	M. O'Neil—13

Linesmen: B. Mate (Blue), W. Terry (Red)

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold, White Shorts

1—C. Wallace

2—M. Cleary	S. Proudlock—3
4—G. Ford	D. Coates—5
6—D. Sharpe	D. Brown—7
8—D. O'Neill	P. Stevens—9
10—P. Haines	D. Westwood—11
12—G. Howell	T. Finch—13

Referee: N. Dougherty

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—P. Olsen

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

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

WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—B. Hughes

2—N. Bennett	D. Skews—3
4—M. Flynn/Martin	R. Hunt—5
6—T. Lawrence	J. Lawrence/Druce—7
8—P. Grey	P. Hoppie/Grithes—9
10—P. Richards	L. Innes—11
12—A. White	A. Bull—13

Referee: G. Lawson

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—P. Miller

2—C. Hunter	P. Holmes—3
4—N. McDonnell	W. Smith—5
6—G. Robinson	B. Walton—7
8—C. Hartney	R. Mawson—9
10—J. Johnson	P. O'Brien—11
12—S. Fleming	R. Cleaver—13

Linesmen: A. Wardle (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—G. Dmn

2—D. Prince	J. Pickford—3
4—R. Carr	A. Neader—5
6—B. Lewis	R. Bowden—7
8—G. Seddon	A. Fincher—9
10—G. Gibson	P. Donehue—11
12—B. Pearson	L. Ireland—13

Referee: R. Aurelius

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—G. Collins

2—W. Metcalf	M. Quinn—3
4—G. Brooker	S. Skinner—5
6—T. Newman	Lawler/ Hughs—7
8—P. Hunt	C. Passfield—9
10—D. Mullard	M. Thrift—11
12—M. Winkler	B. Hall—13

Linesmen: R. Gottery (Blue), J. Savidge (Red)

NEWCASTLE PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

NORTHERN SUBURBS 31 (R. Tunney 2, P. Beetson, G. Leo, P. Campbell, R. Warren, B. Russell tries; P. Campbell 5 goals) d **LAKE UNITED** 28 (T. Metcalf 2, S. Booth 2, S. Brown, M. Pitman tries; R. Burgess 4, A. Shields goals).

CESSNOCK 28 (J. Scott 3, M. Goldman 2, R. Mullard tries; G. Smallcombe 5 goals) d **KURRI KURRI** 13 (K. Myers, W. Scotman, J. Roach tries; N. Bagnall 2 goals).

MACQUARIE UNITED 23 (T. Moore 2, D. Riding, K. Christiansen, B. Moore tries; T. Moore 4 goals) d **WESTERN SUBURBS** 15 (B. Barber, B. Owen, P. Burt, tries; K. Hemsworth 3 goals).

MAITLAND 32 (L. Drew, G. Dwyer, R. Sneesby, G. Hillard, A. West, K. Shine, T. Pannowitz tries; Shine 4 goals) d **CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN** 13 (J. Batey 2, P. Dodds tries; Dodds, M. Boland goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 25 (M. Bickley 2, T. Williams, R. Griffiths, P. Howlett tries; T. Clawson 5 goals) d **WARATAH-MAYFIELD** 8 (G. Heddles, R. Wise tries; P. Wark goal).

RESERVE GRADE: **Northern Suburbs** 28 d **Lakes United** 18; **Cessnock** 23 d **Kurri Kurri** 17; **Western Suburbs** 19 d **Macquarie United** 9; **Maitland** 33 d **Central Charlestown** 10; **South Newcastle** 21 d **Waratah-Mayfield** 14.

THIRD GRADE: **Lakes United** 25 d **Northern Suburbs** 15; **Cessnock** 16 d **Kurri Kurri** 11; **Western Suburbs** 19 d **Macquarie United** 5; **Maitland** 23 d **Central Charlestown** 2; **South Newcastle** 20 d **Waratah-Mayfield** 2.