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## MACQUARIE BREAK THROUGH FOR FIRST WIN

Macquarie United registered their first points of the 1986 premiership with a 56 points to 14 win over Maitland last weekend. The win comes as no great surprise as Macquarie even though defeated in their first three games have shown the form that indicated they could still play a big part in this year's premiership.

In their first series game they held the powerful West team to a ten point margin when they went down twelve points to two and in their second match went down to Central eighteen points to twelve and then held South Newcastle to live points in a match that could have gone either way before their win over Maitland.

The points for and against tell the story for the improving "Scorpions" notching up 94 points for and conceding 83. This would be the most encouraging start Macquarie have had in first grade for many seasons.

Macquarie captain, Peter Alexander has lost none of his ability as a Rugby League player and is being well supported by his front rowers Peter Lockwood and Terry Stevenson.

Olaf Prattl in his second year as coach of the "Scorpions" is sure to keep the pressure on his players to continue the form they are currently displaying and by doing this they will become semi-final contenders as the season progresses.

The three undefeated teams, Cessnock, West and Lakes again served notice that they will be the teams to beat, however, Waratah's win over Central has moved them up to four points with Kurri Kurri and both

these teams are well within striking distance of the leaders.

Although defeated by West in their last game South Newcastle served notice that they are capable of causing upsets to the leading teams and with their reserve grade and third grade teams undefeated after four games the club has an abundance of talent that is required to ensure the club of a successful season.

While the results in some of the games have been "one sided" the competition still holds a great deal of interest and no teams should be "written off" at this stage.



Peter Alexander

## Newcastle set for the Caltex Final

The Newcastle selectors have made few changes to the representative team for their game against Western Division in the Caltex Championship final at Dubbo on Sunday.

Only injury doubts have forced changes to the team that will be out to make it the tenth win for Newcastle since the inception of the Country Championships in 1960.

Western Division have been successful on three occasions when they won the final in 1962, 1963 and 1964.

The Newcastle team coached by John King is as follows:

1. Peter Parsons, Lakes
2. Rod Whitaker, Cessnock
3. Rick Stone, Lakes
4. Tim Butler, West
5. Glenn Murray, West
6. Greg Eagar, West
7. Craig Higgins, West
8. Robert Taylor, Lakes
9. Chris Cumming, Cessnock
10. Tony Keevill, South
11. Mark Brokenshire, Lakes
12. Glen Randall, Waratah
13. John Farrar, West
14. Col Mathias, Lakes
15. Michael Schofield, Cessnock
16. Peter Webber, West
17. Les Rotumah, South

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# NBN 3 — CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

Sunday, May 4—2.45 p.m.

Passmore Oval

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Karl Hutchinson

- 1—DARREN MEHAN
- 2—DAVE ANDERSON
- 3—NICK O'BRIEN
- 4—PETER WALKER (c)
- 5—TONY PICKIN
- 6—WAYNE WALKER
- 7—DAVE NEWTON
- 8—BRETT DANN
- 9—STEVE TERRY
- 10—COL GIGGINS
- 11—TODD ANDERSON
- 12—KEN LUMSDEN
- 13—TOM PARKS



### 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
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Referee: M. Walsh

## Macquarie United

Green and gold

Coach: Olaf Prattl

- 1—MICK SMITH
- 2—KEITH TOWNLEY
- 3—WARD SNOWDEN
- 4—D. HILL/M. McCLOSKEY
- 5—JEFF CURTIS
- 6—ALLAN WILLIAMS
- 7—WALLY CRAWFORD
- 8—PETER SNOWDEN
- 9—MARK STORTENBEKER
- 10—DON TOWNLEY
- 11—PETER LOCKWARD
- 12—PETER ALEXANDER (c)
- 13—TERRY STEVENSON



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Touch Judges: S. Crich (Blue), D. Hayman (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE

1.10 p.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Mick Ryan

- 1—Peter PRESTON
- 2—Ron PAYNE
- 3—Shane GARSIDE—3
- 4—Bruce HASLAM
- 5—Rick COLEMAN—5
- 6—Zaff MASLOW
- 7—Ken FAIRHALL—7
- 8—Dale WALTON
- 9—Dave WILLIAMS—9
- 10—Ian MILLINGTON
- 11—Tom PATTISON—11
- 12—Mick RYAN
- 13—Ken ARMSTRONG—13

Referee: R. Williams

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Wayne Cartwright

- 1—Darren NICHOLS
- 2—Rodney RENDAL
- 3—Robbie CURRAN—3
- 4—Greg COOPER
- 5—David LAWRENCE—5
- 6—Peter LYNCH
- 7—David CURRAN—7
- 8—Neil SUNNERTON
- 9—John McKELVIE—9
- 10—Murray LAMB
- 11—John ROSS—11
- 12—Paul CHRISTENSON
- 13—David LOCKLEY (c)—13

Touch Judges: S. Crich (Blue), D. Hayman (Red)

## THIRD GRADE

11.45 a.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Terry Dent

- 1—Tony DOBBS
- 2—Chris MEAD
- 3—Anthony MANTON—3
- 4—John BLENKIRON
- 5—Greg CURRIE—5
- 6—David MAHER
- 7—Alan ARMSTRONG—7
- 8—Mark EVERETT
- 9—Dave LAWRENCE—9
- 10—Steve NEWELL
- 11—Wayne HYDE—11
- 12—Peter TAYLOR
- 13—Peter TURK—13

Referee: K. Minotti

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Don Jardine

- 1—Peter CAREY (c)
- 2—Kevin BOSWELL
- 3—Phil DENNIS—3
- 4—Tony WEBB
- 5—Peter McDERMID—5
- 6—Steven BRUCE
- 7—Warren WARNER—7
- 8—Trevor SAGER
- 9—Bill WARNER—9
- 10—Terry SIMPSON
- 11—Todd GRAHAM—11
- 12—Peter EDWARDS
- 13—Les SAMUELS—13

Touch Judges: M. Pinfold (Blue), B. Grainger (Red)



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## NBN 3-CARLTON PREMIERSHIP

### First Grade

KURRI KURRI 20 (J. Gordon, C. Wyborn, B. Hopes tries, P. Williams 4 goals) drew with LAKES UNITED 20 (P. Walsh 2, S. Drinkwater tries, P. Walsh 4 goals).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 24 (B. Clarke, R. Jones, J. Pengilley, N. Sheather tries, B. Clarke 4 goals) d MAITLAND 0.

MACQUARIE UNITED 44 (M. Stortenbeker 2, W. Snowden, D. Hill, A. Williams, W. Crawford, T. Stevenson tries, W. Snowden 8 goal) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 23 (S. Terry, D. Newton, T. Anderson, T. Pattison tries, P. Walker 3 goals), drop goal)

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 27 (S. Lee 3, D. Michalski tries, T. Vaughan 5 goals) S. Lee drop goal) d CESSNOCK 16 (D. Levido, J. Barr tries, B. Davies 4 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 10 (P. Merlo, P. Haggerty tries, M. Knight goal) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 0.

### Reserve Grade

Lakes 12 d Kurri 0, South 19 d Maitland 14, North 26 d Macquarie 20, Waratah 20 d Cessnock 2, West 14 drew with Central 14.

### Third Grade

Lakes 12 d Kurri 8, Maitland 18 d South 12, Macquarie 18 d North 16, Waratah 22 d Cessnock 0, Central 22 d West 6.