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## DECISION ON WASHOUTS

Three washed out rounds have certainly made a hole in the 1988 premiership, causing a real stop-start beginning. Club decisions on these washouts will be conveyed to the Newcastle Board on Monday night and a decision taken.

In the meantime, the Macquarie-Souths clash as a Saturday twilight fixture looks to be the match of the round. Macquarie will be missing Paul Hazell (Country Firsts) but the team is playing well and should repeat the win of a couple of weeks ago against Central.

South, however, won't lay down in this one particularly with a big game to come against Central the following week. It looks to be a very even clash with plenty of good football to eventuate.

Maitland are at home to Lakes and this match also has loads of promise. Lakes haven't had to go so far from home in the three rounds played. The Pumpkin Pickers are hard at home and this will be a real test for the premiers. Greg Eager will be keen to keep his side on a winning run and maybe the home side just might sneak away with the points.

Central are at home to Kurri in a Friday night game. The Butcher Boys, smarting from the loss to

Macquarie, will be keen to get back on the winning list and should do just that. Kurri did well against Maitland and are due for another win but might find this one a little hard. Still, one never knows.

Wests have the advantage at home on Saturday against Cessnock. Still not playing well the Rosellas also are due for a win but can they skin the Goanna?

Cessnock have the potential, will be missing Geoff Todd (Country 1sts) but should still take this one. Wests need a win soon to keep in reasonable touch with the leaders.

Waratah-Mayfield are at home to Norths on Friday night and should be confident of a win. Norths are on the improve and it will be interesting to see how the Bluebags perform.

Waratah will be missing Craig Higgins (Country 1sts) and this will take some spark from their attack.

If this programme is ready it means that football is on. Let's hope so!

## Bicentennial Caltex Country Championships

Newcastle bowed out in the Country Championship Final losing 30-24 to Riverina.

Newcastle led 20-14 at half-time and had their chances right up until the dying seconds. But Riverina had the points on the board and that's what counted.

Three Newcastle players have been selected in the Country Firsts for the match on Wednesday next 11th May at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Craig Higgins, half-back, who scored three tries in the final, Geoff Todd centre threequarter from Cessnock and Paul Hazell lock forward from Macquarie United are the Newcastle representatives.

The best wishes of all Rugby League supporters in Newcastle go with them for this game.

The Country challenge this year by Newcastle has been a good one. The side was a well-knit, enthusiastic unit, well prepared by an excellent group of officials.

The feeling after the final, mixed with considerable disappointment, was one of making every effort in 1989 to win the Championship for Newcastle. Congratulations gentlemen.

### Caltex Country Divisional Championship Final

RIVERINA 30 (G. Ashby, D. Block, T. Cronin, M. Donohue, T. Reid tries, A. Krause 4, N. Elwin goals) b NEWCASTLE 24 (C. Higgins 3, P. Hazell tries, J. Hunter 4 goals) at Eric Weissel Oval, Wagga.

### PLAYERS OF YESTERYEAR

#### EDDIE LUMSDEN

#### Fifteen Test appearances for Australia

Eddie Lumsden was the best of a fine footballing family — so good that he held a virtual mortgage on a Test wing spot for years in the early 1960s.

Lumsden had joined St. George in 1957, from the NSW coalfields town of Kurri Kurri. He represented both Sydney and NSW in that first season.

Lumsden played his first Test in 1959 and when he bowed out of the representative arena four years later

had appeared in 15 Tests and made two overseas tours (to England and France with the 1959-60 Kangaroos and to New Zealand in 1961).

He was no less brilliant for St. George, staying with them 10 years and scoring a club record 164 tries. Only once during his stay with the Dragons did he miss out on a grand final win. That was in 1960, when an injury forced him out of the line-up.

# NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Friday, May 6—8.30 p.m.

Waratah Oval

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczot



- 1—GREG CHRISTIANSEN
- 2—MARK WHEATLEY
- 3—JERRY MAULA
- 4—HARRY GARVIE
- 5—IAN LUCIETTO
- 6—STEVE RIDGEWAY
- 7—DARRYL MAXWELL
- 8—MARK PAYNE
- 9—PAT MULLENS
- 10—PETER WILLIAMS
- 11—BRUCE EDDON
- 12—RAY KEIGHTLEY
- 13—BRETT DANN

### 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: R. Haines

## Waratah-Mayfield

Maroon and gold

Coach: Dave Edwards



- 1—ANTHONY SHANNON
- 2—TONY ROBINSON
- 3—KEO EYWELL
- 4—TONY PICKEN
- 5—MARK HANLON
- 6—PETER HAGGERTY
- 7—GARY SHAW
- 8—STEVE HOPPIE
- 9—BRAD LANTRY
- 10—DAVID PRIESTLEY
- 11—MICHAEL RYAN
- 12—MARK ROSS
- 13—DAVE EDWARDS (c)

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Touch Judges: W. Campbell (Blue), K. Beker (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 6.55 p.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1—Darren BARRETT  |                  |
| 2—Mark HARWOOD    | Darren JONES—3   |
| 4—Peter SULLIVAN  | Mark JACKSON—5   |
| 6—Allan ARMSTRONG | Craig AFFLICK—7  |
| 8—Gerry DENT      | Paul KODELA—9    |
| 10—Eddie ULBURT   | Steven SAULT—11  |
| 12—Neil HALL      | Phil HARRISON—13 |

Referee: G. Gill

### WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Coach: Michael Donnelly

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1—Wayne WALKER   |                  |
| 2—Mick LITTLE    | Darrell WARDEN—3 |
| 4—Craig HEWLETT  | Allan LYDDIARD—5 |
| 6—Peter WALKER   | Darren SCREEN—7  |
| 8—Joe PERRY      | Andrew RENNIE—9  |
| 10—Ken McCARTNEY | Tony GOUGH—11    |
| 12—Kent LUMSDEN  | Matt SULLWIN—13  |

Touch Judges: W. Campbell (Blue), R. Hinds (Red)

## THIRD GRADE — 5.30 p.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 1—Mark PRASSER   |                 |
| 2—Mark SHERIDAN  | Adam LOWE—3     |
| 4—Dave STEVENS   | Mark CROCKETT—5 |
| 6—Shane BANKS    | Robert GOLDEN—7 |
| 8—Bill IZZARD    | Col SMITH—9     |
| 10—Ivan TOCKNALL | Mark PRATTER—11 |
| 12—Dave STANFORD | Brad SMITH—13   |

Referee: R. Hinds

### WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Coach: Noel Dent

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1—Ian MILLINGTON    | Mark NEESON      |
| 2—John SLOCKEE      | Norm MURRAY—3    |
| 4—Darren BLUNDELL   | Shane GARSIDE—5  |
| 6—Terry MUIR        | Peter ANDERTON—7 |
| 8—Scott MUNROE      | Pat GLEESON—9    |
| 10—Dave SNEDDON     | Kevin WICKS—11   |
| 12—Anthony BENDEICH | Greg PEEVEY—13   |

Touch Judges: G. Gill (Blue), K. Beker (Red)



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## **First Grade**

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 10 (T. Vaughan 2 tries, P. Parr goal) d MACQUARIE UNITED 6 (T. Stevenson try, J. Holt goal).

MAITLAND 33 (P. Jones, G. Eagar, M. Blundell, M. Burrows tries, pen. try, M. Winkler 6 goals, G. Eagar drop goal) d LAKES UNITED 20 (D. Crelley, M. Pitman, J. Fowler tries, D. Butler 4 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 34 (T. Price 2, J. Wesley 2, P. Atkins, W. Newling tries, G. Price 3 goals, B. Felshaw 2 goals) d CESSNOCK 28 (A. Thompson 2, J. Garvie, J. Hunter, B. Teasdale tries, J. Hunter goals).

KURRI KURRI 25 (P. Hafey, J. Munro, P. Brady, P. Williams tries, P. Williams 4 goals, S. Lee field goal) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 18 (P. McKenzie 2, C. Nealon tries, W. Snowden 3 goals).

**WARATAH-MAYFIELD 54 (A. Shannon 2, K. Pywell 2, G. Shaw 2, T. Picken, M. Hanlon, S. Hoppe, G. Ross tries, T. Picken 7 goals) d NORTH NEWCASTLE 6 (S. Ridgeway try, B. Eddon goal).**

## **Reserve Grade**

South Newcastle 24 d Macquarie United 12, Maitland 24 d Lakes United 20, Western Suburbs 54 d Cessnock 0, **Waratah-Mayfield 104 d North Newcastle 4**, Central Charlestown 18 d Kurri 8.

## **Third Grade**

South Newcastle 18 d Macquarie United 12, Maitland 14 d Lakes United 12, Western Suburbs 22 d Cessnock 14, **Waratah-Mayfield 82 d North Newcastle 0**, Central Charlestown 24 d Kurri 4.