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BATTLE FOR THE LEAD

Maitland's charge to the top of the table and Macquarie's continued good form sets the scene for another great clash this weekend and undoubtedly the match of the round.

With eight of the ten clubs bunched so closely together, a loss can cause a team to slide down the table and Maitland and Macquarie are only too well aware that six other teams are in striking distance of the top spot. The contest of two powerful packs of forwards with classy backs on both sides sets the stage for a thriller.

Cessnock are away to Lakes and level with them on the table in equal third spot. Lakes started the season well, were upset at Maitland and then could not handle Macquarie last weekend.

Cessnock appear to be improving their organisation on the field and though away could upset the Sea Eagles again. Lakes are making every effort to get back on the winning list.

Wests could have the chance to push further towards the four in their clash with Kurri. The Rosellas have taken time to settle down this season and have the potential to give this premiership a real shake.

Kurri are a never say die team and with a little bounce of the ball their way are always capable of a win. Should be a good one, with the home team having that slight advantage.

Waratah are struggling and will find Souths stiff opposition at Waratah Oval. The Lions should confuse the leadership struggle even further with a win here. The Cheetahs look good on paper but can't transfer enough of that potential on to the field to be a real threat. With the season passing by, the Cheetahs could be left behind.

Central will have just too much class for Norths and have the opportunity to mount a percentage booster in this game. Still Norths prior to last week had shown some improvement and could reduce the final

difference a lot. But it is Central all the way.

This round marks the halfway point of the competition and points on the board will be of vital importance in the run down to the final four.

COMB. HIGH SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE

Selection trials for the N.S.W. Combined High Schools Rugby League teams, Open and Under 15 will be held at Lyle Peacock Field, Toronto from Mon. May 23 to Thur. May 26.

Preliminary selections have been made for four teams in each division: Metropolitan, Northern NSW, Southern NSW, Western NSW. The Under 15's will participate on Monday and Tuesday, the Opens on Wednesday and Thursday. The State teams will participate in Australian Carnivals, the Under 15's in Darwin and the Open at Canberra.

It is worth noting that for the first time Victorian and South Australian High School teams will play in the Canberra Carnival.

Six boys from Newcastle High Schools are in the Open Northern NSW team and eight are in the Under 15 team.

Northern Division Reunion

The Northern Division Rugby League will be holding a Reunion Dinner on Saturday, 4th June at the West Tamworth Leagues Club. This event is being held on the eve of the Northern Division v Great Britain game at Scully Park.

All ex-players and officials should contact Des Ferris 067-72 1329, Jim Sharpe 067-42 1784, Ron Lanesbury 065-43 3050 or Ken Thompson 067-65 2588 by 28th May.

2HD Player of the Year

The "Player of the Year" competition for the 1988 Premiership is being sponsored again by Radio 2HD. The competition has been judged over the five rounds held so far, with points awarded out of 10 for the performance of three players in each game.

In last week's round, the points were awarded as follows.

South v Central:

S. Cherry (C) 8, G. Snowden (C) 7, P. Rees (S) 6.

Cessnock v Kurri:

B. Aiken (C) 7, G. Shannon (C) 6, P. Brady (K) 6.

Maitland v Waratah:

D. Michalski (M) 7, M. Blundell (M) 6, M. Burrows (M) 6.

West v North:

T. Price (W) 8, G. Coburn (W) 8, P. Webber (W) 7.

Lakes v Macquarie:

T. Stevenson (Mac) 8, M. Sullivan (Mac) 7, C. Mathias (L) 7.

Progress points after five rounds:

T. Stevenson (Mac) 28, J. Hunter (Cess) 27, P. Williams (K) 24, T. Price (West) 22, M. Sullivan (Mac) 22, C. Mathias (L), M. Winkler (Mait) 19, G. Eager (Mait) 19, T. Vaughan (S) 15, W. Schillings (Cent), L. Bowne (L) 14, T. Donaldson (S), M. Burrows (Mait), K. Pywell (WM) 13, R. Jones (S) 12, C. Higgins (W) 9, P. Hazell (Mac), A. Watt (Cent), S. Cherry (Cent), P. Atkins (W), G. Coburn (W) 8, S. Gustard (L), P. Hafey (K), G. Shaw (WM), P. Duncan (Mait), P. Lockwood (Mac), W. Snowden (Cent), P. Webber (W), D. Michalski (Mait), M. Schofield (Cess), T. Bender (Cess), B. Aiken (Cess) 7, G. Shannon (Cess), M. Blundell (Mait), G. Codrington (Mait), M. Flanagan (W), M. Fairclough (Cent), E. Smith (Cent), A. Williams (Mac), P. Brady (K), S. Lee (K), T. Hindmarsh (K), P. Rees (S), P. Para (S), B. Phelps (S), M. Pitman (L), D. Harrington (L) 6, L. McDougall (W) 5.

NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Saturday, May 21—2.45 p.m.

Passmore Oval

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszczoł

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



SCRUMS

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PENALTIES

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Central Charlestown

Blue and white

Coach: Greg Owens

- 1—A. WATT/K. BARNIER
- 2—GEOFF MILTON
- 3—DAVID NEWTON
- 4—WARD SNOWDEN 1/6
- 5—PAUL McKENZIE
- 6—EDWARD SMITH
- 7—STEVE FITZSIMMONS
- 8—WARREN SCHILLINGS
- 9—PETER SNOWDEN
- 10—BRAD RYAN
- 11—R. BRIGGS/T. McDONELL
- 12—CRAIG NEALON
- 13—STEVE CHERRY



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RESERVE GRADE — 1.10 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

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

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

Coach: Doug Gall

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| 1—K. BARNIER/L. KLOUSIS | Robbie CURRAN—3 |
| 2—Brian SPICER | Leon HAMMOND—5 |
| 4—Chris CROESE | Craig HIBBERD—7 |
| 6—Kelly KING | Dave McDONELL—9 |
| 8—Phil SMITH (c) | P. HUDDLESTON—11 |
| 10—R. BRIGGS/W. SMITH | Anthony WEBB—13 |
| 12—Jason LYNCH | |

THIRD GRADE — 11.45 a.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

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

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

Coach: Gary Thorogood

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| 1—Glen MARSH | T. FINN—3 |
| 2—P. TALTY | L. KLOUSIS/G. PERCIVAL—5 |
| 4—W. BRENNAN | Ron HAMMOND—7 |
| 6—Grant NEWTON | Gary THOROGOOD—9 |
| 8—Dave McKENNA | W. SMITH/D. OAKLEY—11 |
| 10—Mick PETERSEN | T. HETHERINGTON—13 |
| 12—Bob FULLER | |

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

- ★ Game Days—Mon., Thur., 11 a.m.; Wed., 7.30 p.m.
- ★ Mixed Bowls and Euchre—Tuesday 8.00 p.m.
- ★ Lunchtime Market Raffle every Monday and Thursday drawn 1.15.
- ★ Monster Meat Raffle—Thur., Fri., drawn 6 p.m.; Sunday 12.30 p.m.
- ★ Live Rock from 9.30 p.m. till late every Friday.
- ★ "Vegas" each Saturday night from 8.30 p.m.

First Grade

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 86 (P. McKenzie 4, W. Snowden 3, A. Watt 2, G. Milton 2, S. Fitzsimmons 2, D. Newton, P. Snowden, T. McDonnell tries, W. Snowden 11 goals) d **NORTH NEWCASTLE** (S. Ridgeway try).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 64 (N. Sheather 3, T. Vaughan 2, P. Parr 2, T. Donaldson 2, P. Hill, B. Guy tries, P. Parr 10 goals) d **WARATAH-MAYFIELD 0**.

MAITLAND 26 (G. Brown 2, M. Blundell, J. Hemson tries, M. Winkler 5 goals) drew with **MACQUARIE UNITED 26** (Williams 2, D. Hill, M. Stortenbeker try, F. Lawler 5 goals).

CESSNOCK 26 (A. Levido, P. Craft, B. Aiken, M. Schofield tries, M. Schofield 5 goals) d **LAKES UNITED 8** (B. Sullivan try, D. Butler 2 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 30 (P. Atkins 2, T. Amidy, C. Hubbard, W. Newling tries, G. Price 5 goals) d **KURRI KURRI 8** (P. Sumner try, P. Williams 2 goals).

Reserve Grade

Central Charlestown 128 d **North Newcastle 0**, Waratah-Mayfield 18 d South Newcastle 15, Maitland 16 d Macquarie United 10, Lakes United 25 d Cessnock 18, Western Suburbs 38 d Kurri Kurri 8.

Third Grade

Central Charlestown 90 d **North Newcastle 0**, Waratah-Mayfield 38 d South Newcastle 8, Maitland 26 d Macquarie United 6, Lakes United 22 drew with Cessnock 22, Western Suburbs 56 d Kurri Kurri 0.