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# MARLBORO COUNTRY



# NEWS FROM CLUBS

GARY SIMPSON had a great game for the Cessnock reserves last week and gives his best every week. He doesn't speak much, but he said "thank you" when he won the \$10 award last week.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Johns, third grade halfback for his 100th grade game for Kurri Club.

WEST lock Peter Howlett, had a great game in Sydney last Saturday and if the so called "good judges" are correct, he may get a run in the coming N.S.W. v Queensland matches. No doubt all his keen followers will follow his game closely to see if his three weeks "away" has improved his play.

THE South Supporters and Promotions Committee are holding a Sea-Food night at Mr. and Mrs. G. Rainnes home, Faul St., Adamstown Heights on Friday, June 1, commencing at 7 p.m. Donation \$2, proceeds to Injured Players' Fund. All welcome.

DESPITE a lay off for a couple of weeks, Robbie Wise, Waratah five-eighth, was back last week better than ever. Some of his cover defence was fantastic, even wingers don't seem to be able to get away from him. Robbie, always a gifted player, once seemed lost to football forever, but his comeback, after injury in his junior days, has been remarkable.

NORTHERN SUBURBS third grade side played some good football last week. Vince Murray and Paul Dennis were two players to impress from a solid team effort.

SOUTH'S third grade has a promising bunch of young players who seem destined to make the higher grades. Their captain-coach Geoff Noble, is doing a grand job in developing and encouraging their play. It seems quite likely that this side will be in the final four.

ON Glen Marquett's tackling performance in reserve grade, he really deserves his place back in Kurri first grade. Hope you keep it up Glen.

BRIAN LIDBURY signed with Lakes from Cessnock this year and is already proving his worth as a player and as a clubman for his new club. Nothing is too much trouble for Brian, a very welcome asset to Lakes United indeed.

STALWART Ken Worthington, always reliable, always there attending to every players needs, and also does a good job on Kurri ground. A man every club needs.

CENTRAL RESERVES had a good win and splashes of good football to defeat South's. Make no error, several of this side are knocking at the door of first grade.

MICK TRYPAS, West first grade second row forward, had a beauty last Sunday at Harker Oval. No matter what the tackle count was, Mick certainly showed them how to do it. His attack also showed out and the way he positioned the "flying" Peter Cootes was first class.

JOHN SCHIVINGHAMMER and "Coogan" Lawrence are two coaches of reserve grade teams. You might say "So What". They are also both on the examination board of Dixon Park Surf Club. But hereby hangs a story. Last Saturday they clashed when Waratah played Maitland reserve grade and in a cliff-hanger finish, "Coogan's" Maitland side just got there. John was confident the 'Tahs can win next time they meet where once again friendship will cease for about 80 minutes.

TO all League followers, any dispute about players, teams etc. over the past half century, consult Harry Muller. At 87 years of age, his knowledge on these matters is truly remarkable (especially where blue and white colours are concerned).

DOING a good job for Macquarie United selling money raising workings are Dennis Hamilton and the "Red Rat" D. Geatches, although not members of the committee they are willing workers for the green and golds.



COL "Troll" BRADLEY, twin brother of better known Gordon, had a turn in first grade last week and played well. Don't get injured Jim Batey or you might not get back into the top "Goanna" side.

GEOFF "Tag" SPRUCE, West reserve grade fullback, really turned it on last week against Kurri, who up to last Sunday were equal leaders with West. Always on the ball, "Tag" scored a try and kicked two field goals and in general was a headache to Kurri.

NORTH'S reserve grade side is steadily improving each week. Their game last week against Cessnock was a gem, with all players sticking to their task. One player to stand out in a strong team effort was John Dubyk. Keep up the good work John.

STEVE PROUDLOCK comes into the wing spot for South in place of injured Glen Crompton for this week's match against Maitland. After an early injury, Steve has displayed great form in the lower grade and is certain to make a big showing against the Pumpkinpickers.

LAKES UNITED gear steward, Phil Anthony, certainly puts his heart in his work. He guards the jumpers like gold and was seen this week training with his team "in a new jumper".

A FEATURE of South's defence is the powerful tackling of winger Terry Kirk. It is only on very rare occasions that the opposition can get through his rock-hard defence. His efforts against Central won him the supporters award for the day.

JOHN SAZDANOFF, the young Central threequarter, receives congratulations for a first class display against South's at Townson Oval last Sunday. More speedy backs are needed like young John.

WEST first grade centre, Greg Nor-gard, is proving to be a steady reliable player for the "Rosellas". His defence is solid and his attack play is very constructive. Greg is fitting in well with his new club and already he has quite a personal following within the club.

A PLEASING thing for Waratah last week was the winning of an award for lock forward Peter Lawrence. For the past couple of seasons, Peter has been one of those players who turn in a good game every week, yet never seem to win anything. However his deeds are well received in the club, because last year he pulled off a beautiful end of season award.

GOOD to see old Central stalwart and life member "Bunn" Smith getting around again after a very severe illness.

TWO players to stand out in North's first grade side last week were wing three-quarter Viv. Watsford and prop forward Joe Niszczot.

KEN HARLOW signed from Manly to Lakes this year and was unfortunate to suffer a leg injury. Only sincere dedication to the game has Ken back on the field and playing better every game.

PETER CLARKE, a newcomer to the "Goanna" camp from Dunedoo, sustained a nasty gash in his leg last weekend which needed 13 stitches. Have to chase those cows on horseback for a while, Pete.

TONY LORRIMER is a player to watch in the future. Full of vigour and clever tactics will prove Tony a very valuable player for Lakes United.

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PASSMORE OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, May 27, 1973

## Northern Suburbs v. Central-Charlestown

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back  
1—G. Jordan

Three-quarters

2—V. Watsford  
4—G. Curtis

Halves

6—S. Doran

Forwards

8—M. Witcom  
10—B. Bussell  
12—D. Cassidy

K. Sweetman—3  
R. Warren—5

R. Davis—7

P. Beetson—9  
J. Niszczoł—11  
M. Richards—13

### CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

Full-back  
1—H. Small

Three-quarters

2—K. Powell  
4—J. Szadnoff

Halves

6—K. Szadnoff

Forwards

8—P. Cox  
10—G. Walsh  
12—B. Leary

J. Snedden—3  
W. House—5

S. Cotton—7

G. Balcombe—9  
K. Maddison—11  
R. MacBain—13

Referee: K. Marker

Linesmen: L. Maughan (Blue), H. Horne (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back  
1—D. Lowe

Three-quarters

2—S. Bowhay  
4—C. Cox

Halves

6—J. Davey

Forwards

8—A. Lobley  
10—P. Bennis  
12—I. Jack

L. Plimmer—3  
T. Price—5

N. Skelton—7

C. Finn—9  
P. Bowhay—11  
J. Dubyk—13

### CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

Full-back  
1—J. Mullard

Three-quarters

2—J. Karnaghan  
4—G. Harrison

Halves

6—S. Morris

Forwards

8—W. Kirk  
10—P. Eulo  
12—T. Prince

T. McGregor—3  
W. Hodge—5

D. Davey—7

G. Briggs—9  
D. Ives—11  
J. Luxford—13

Referee: D. Crich

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

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# THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

## KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Gladman

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 2—L. Brown        | R. Hill—3      |
| 4—G. Cairns       | M. Hargraves—5 |
| 6—N. Wanless      | D. Johns—7     |
| 8—G. Hetherington | G. Willetts—9  |
| 10—T. Anderson    | N. Fox—11      |
| 12—J. Irving      | S. Buffier—13  |

Referee: D. Bolewski

## CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 2—R. Austin      | R. McKinney—3 |
| 4—T. Conolly     | B. Sharp—5    |
| 6—G. Durie       | K. Morris—7   |
| 8—G. Reay        | D. Clark—9    |
| 10—R. McWilliams | W. Jobson—11  |
| 12—G. Knipe      | B. Peek—13    |

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

## SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

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|----------------|---------------|
| 2—W. Izzard    | P. Hodges—3   |
| 4—N. Morgan    | R. Carnell—5  |
| 6—G. Robinson  | G. Noble—7    |
| 8—R. Rankin    | M. Crabtree—9 |
| 10—J. Adamson  | K. Byers—11   |
| 12—R. Thornton | D. Gall—13    |

Referee: R. Conley

## MAITLAND

Black and White

1—G. Preston

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 2—R. Hunt     | J. Cooper—3     |
| 4—D. Andrews  | R. Cooper—5     |
| 6—W. Metcalfe | G. Hedges—7     |
| 8—P. Williams | J. Meskauskas—9 |
| 10—J. Buma    | R. Clarke—11    |
| 12—R. Dicken  | G. Grainger—13  |

Linesmen: W. Hardy (Blue), T. Mowbray (Red)

## MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—A. Asquith

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 2—B. Kennedy | J. Roberts—3     |
| 4—L. Mullard | M. Cleary—5      |
| 6—W. Gleeson | P. Callen—7      |
| 8—W. Jaques  | J. Bickerstaff—9 |
| 10—P. Hunt   | G. Drummond—11   |
| 12—G. Howell | W. Conway—13     |

Referee: W. Morgan

## WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—K. Smith

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2—M. Slater     | P. Slattery—3   |
| 4—G. Steel      | G. White—5      |
| 6—R. Christie   | Keith Smith—7   |
| 8—P. Gilfeather | M. Goldman—9    |
| 10—K. Campbell  | P. Maher—11     |
| 12—S. Paradisi  | G. Broadhead—13 |

Linesmen: S. Delforce (Blue), G. Lawson (Red)

## NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—G. Pickering

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|--------------|---------------|
| 2—J. Wood    | D. Steele—3   |
| 4—M. Hesketh | T. Mitchell—5 |
| 6—R. Toby    | J. Swan—7     |
| 8—A. Wasley  | D. Maddison—9 |
| 10—Jim Gill  | V. Murphy—11  |
| 12—G. Nyland | B. Nichols—13 |

Referee: R. Keys

## CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—S. Jeffries

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| 2—R. Bailey  | J. Marshall—3    |
| 4—S. Poulton | T. Shepherdson—5 |
| 6—J. Sanson  | P. Poulton—7     |
| 8—M. Conway  | N. Hughes—9      |
| 10—D. Murray | W. Donaldson—11  |
| 12—T. Bull   | G. Leveck—13     |

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), B. Godden (Red)

## LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—R. Smith

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|----------------|----------------|
| 2—J. Canning   | K. Harlow—3    |
| 4—B. Lidbury   | D. Pringle—5   |
| 6—J. Laut      | N. Hincks—7    |
| 8—R. Bell      | B. Wade—9      |
| 10—T. Lorrinan | P. Ramplin—11  |
| 12—W. Johnston | P. McClusky—13 |

Referee: N. Scotman

## WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—L. Ford

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 2—B. Jackson   | B. Robinson—3  |
| 4—S. Martin    | P. Gibson—5    |
| 6—B. Carroll   | J. Wilson—7    |
| 8—G. Mannix    | P. Gumbleton—9 |
| 10—G. Coughlin | S. McCarney—11 |
| 12—K. Flannery | G. Murnane—13  |

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