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NEWS FROM CLUBS

KURRI supporters are very pleased to see John Mitchell playing so well and receiving 3 points in N.B.N. and 2HD-Goodsir Cooper awards.

DUE to the untiring efforts of Warren Brandt, Maitland has arranged a trip to Maryborough at the end of the season, but just to ensure everything will be A1 he has co-opted his pal T.H. as adviser.

TODAY sees Darrell Andrews back in his favourite position of full-back for Maitland. In this position he has been one of the form players with the club.

MACQUARIE has made a few changes this week in an effort to regain its early form. Allen Drew could be another Harry Wells in the centre.

CESSNOCK gave Frank and Maureen Narvo a farewell show at Norm Henderson's house last week. The popular pair were presented with an illuminated address. Good luck from the "Goannas".

DAVID PRINGLE, Lakes third grade winger, is one of our best prospects at the moment. He is playing excellent team football and each week improving out of sight.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dianne and Graham (Dike) Dunn of Central on the recent new addition to their family, a footballer "Stephen".

I DOUBT if ever in his career has Waratah's half Greg Thompson played better than he did last week. He got through an amazing amount of work. His service was clean and smart, his defence good, but above all he ran at the finish with the courage of a front row forward, straight through the rucks.

KURRI Rugby League Injured Players' Fund Lucky No. 9357, was won by M. Hodge of Cessnock.

ALTHOUGH only 17 years of age Robert Finch of the Maitland Club has answered his many critics and has given solid performances in all first grade games.

ROGER DEAN, who is something of a utility player being able to play in forwards or backs. Roger is at present playing as a front row forward and in usual fashion he is turning in good performances week after week, and it is players like Roger that give West that much needed depth.

NORTH third grade team had a good win last week. Players to impress were Denis Maddison, who returned to his old form showing the ability he has when running on to the ball. Brian Nichols was also impressive with his strong running when in possession and his tireless defence. The centre pairing of David Steele and Merv Hesketh was very effective and continually had the opposition in trouble.

LAKES' tough as teak prop, Russ Devonshire, proved his dedication to his team by playing with his jaw fractured in three places against Waratah—an injury he received very early in the game. It is indeed very unfortunate this injury has put Russ out for the rest of the season.

A BIG hand to Secretary George Brown and Treasurer Paul Crosbie for their untiring efforts in Central's recent application for a licensed club.

A QUIET START to a big success. That's the story of Waratah centre Peter Love. Coming in as a replacement back a few weeks ago, Peter has shown top class form which is going to ensure him of a first grade spot for a long time yet. Possessed with a ton of pace and good defence, he is going to be one of Waratah's trump cards in the long road ahead.

KURRI reserve graders Ross Harris and Steven Anderson, both resuming after injuries had big games and will pressure any failures in the first grade.

MAITLAND'S reserve grade hooker Paul Perry is one player who at all times gives a good performance and his tackling could be copied by a lot of other players.

MAITLAND'S Terry Pannowitz in his last couple of games has shown all his former brilliance and a continuation of his form and that of his players could see his team in their fifth consecutive grand final.

GREG COOK, West second row forward, is certainly making the most of his chances this year. Brought into the team while the representative players were absent, Greg has played so well it is just a case of possession is nine points of the law and it is difficult to see him being relegated while in such devastating form.

JOE NISZCZOT, Mark Witcom, Kel Sweetman and Steve Doran played good football in North's first grade side last weekend. This team is steadily improving each week and it should only be a matter of time before they notch a win.

BUCK PEEK led his side in great fashion at Kurri last week. He made a try and crossed for the 3 points himself only to have it disallowed. Great sport that he is, he didn't comment but the "Goanna" fans did.

ALLAN THOMSON'S tackling as always, must be the envy of every young player watching. His tackling last Sunday was superb and his leadership first class. It is a credit to League to have players like this back in Newcastle.

CENTRAL'S reserve grade, after conceding a good start to the "Bluebags" 11 points to nil, finished more like a team in the second stanza, running out winners 25-15. An excellent forward effort.

JOHN PHILLIPS landed 5 goals last weekend. Over the year "Flipper" has done this many times but has fallen on lean times lately. Hope this is the start of something good for the top "Goanna" pointscorer of all times.

WAYNE SOLOMONS suffered bad facial injuries against West. All Macquarie players and supporters wish him a speedy recovery.

NEW imports to the Bulldogs Glen Marquett and John Glachan had very strong games against Cessnock and pleased the club and supporters alike.

LAKES UNITED welcomed into their reserve grade side last week Allan Murrell, a lock of great potential indeed. The way Allan played last week caused a lot of talk out "Seagull" way. All very complimentary indeed.

IT'S been a long time between water-holes for Waratah winger Keith Wilson. A couple of seasons ago, Keith was one of the most feared players around. Since then he has had his ups and downs, but last Sunday it was the big fella back to his best. Not that he made many long runs, but he was always dangerous and handled the ball with uncanny skill. Look to the "big spider" for more thrills this week.

WARATAH has got another first to last player. His name: Larry Hill. First to training, last onto the field to train. After a period of about an hour sympathising with the wounded from the previous match, Larry decides it's getting near to time to put in an appearance on the field. However Billy Snedden reckons he is great material and worth the effort each night to get him out there.

WEST first grade winger Peter Perkins is perhaps the most improved player in their threequarter line. His attack play is very dangerous to any opposition and his former suspect defence has improved so much so you would hardly recognise him from last season's efforts.

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MAITLAND OVAL—3 p.m.

Saturday, June 2, 1973

Maitland v. Northern Suburbs

MAITLAND

Black and White

Full-back
1—K. Shine

Three-quarters

2—M. Wright
4—A. West

Halves

6—L. Drew

Forwards

8—T. Pannowitz
10—R. Wawszakowicz
12—A. McNab

R. Finch—3
M. Bickley—5

B. Burke—7

R. Hensby—9
M. McMahon—11
K. Pollard—13

Referee: W. Humphries

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—G. Jordan

Three-quarters

2—V. Watsford
4—K. Sweetman

Halves

6—S. Doran

Forwards

8—M. Witcom
10—A. Lobley
12—D. Cassidy

G. Curtis—3
R. Warren—5

R. Davis—7

P. Beeton—9
J. Niszczot—11
M. Richards—13

Linesmen: C. Thomson (Blue), F. Kitcher (Red)

RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

MAITLAND

Black and White

Full-back
1—K. Cousins

Three-quarters

2—R. Cameron
4—D. Newman

Halves

6—G. Druery

Forwards

8—P. Sharp
10—K. Partridge
12—P. Perry

G. Gleeson—3
R. Hardy—5

M. Boland—7

L. Scott—9
J. McLane—11
G. Oldfield—13

Referee: D. Crich

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back
1—D. Lowe

Three-quarters

2—C. Cox
4—M. Hesketh

Halves

6—R. Toby

Forwards

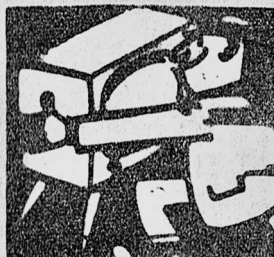
8—B. Bussell
10—P. Bowhay
12—L. Jack

D. Steele—3
T. Price—5

N. Skelton—7

C. Finn—9
P. Dennis—11
J. Dubyk—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), R. Gottery (Red)



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THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—R. Austin
4—G. Sampson
6—G. Durie
8—G. Reay
10—R. McWilliams
12—G. Knipe
B. Sharp—3
D. Sneesby—5
K. Morris—7
C. House—9
F. Lennard—11
B. Peek—13

Referee: R. Conley

WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—P. Gilfeather

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

Linesmen: J. Walker (Blue), R. Walsh (Red)

MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

2—R. Hunt
4—Z. Niszczot
6—W. Medcalf
8—P. Williams
10—J. Meskauskas
12—R. Dicken
J. Cooper—3
R. Cooper—5
K. Hedges—7
R. Duma—9
J. Clarke—11
G. Grainger—13

Referee: R. Keys

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—T. Mitchell

2—J. Wood
4—D. Boyle
6—J. Swan
8—A. Wasley
10—J. Gill
12—G. Nyland
G. Pickering—3
T. Tarnawski—5
K. Gilchrist—7
D. Maddison—9
V. Murphy—11
B. Nichols—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), R. Gottery (Red)

CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

Blue and White Hoops

1—S. Jeffries

2—R. Bailey
4—J. Marshall
6—J. Sansom
8—M. Conway
10—N. Hughes
12—T. Trow
R. Carr—3
T. Podgorelec—5
P. Poulton—7
W. House—9
W. Donaldson—11
D. Murray—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Gladman

2—P. Binder
4—G. Cairns
6—N. Wanless
8—G. Willetts
10—T. Anderson
12—J. Irving
P. Hill—3
I. Brown—5
D. Johns—7
G. Hetherington—9
N. Fox—11
I. Ellis—13

Linesmen: R. Milton (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—P. Gibson

2—P. Radcliffe
4—R. Jackson
6—R. Carroll
8—G. Mannix
10—P. Gumbleton
12—P. Flannery
C. Ford—3
B. Robinson—5
J. Lawrence—7
C. Couglin—9
S. McCahey—11
G. Murnane—13

Referee: W. Morgan

MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—T. Timms

2—B. Kennedy
4—G. Wray
6—J. Roberts
8—W. Jaques
10—P. Hunt
12—R. Howell
G. Simpson—3
G. Bunn—5
P. Callen—7
C. Buchanan—9
W. Conway—11
G. Drummond—13

Linesmen: T. Mowbray (Blue), H. Horne (Red)

LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, Black Shorts

1—R. Smith

2—J. Canning
4—B. Lidbury
6—W. Cartwright
8—T. Lorrinan
10—J. Howard
12—W. Johnston
W. Byles—3
D. Pringle—5
N. Hincks—7
P. Ramplin—9
P. McClusky—11
W. Cooper—13

Referee: C. Sheather

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—G. Harvey

2—R. Carnell
4—N. Morgan
6—G. Robinson
8—R. Rankin
10—S. Bailey
12—R. Thornton
L. Edmonds—3
P. Hodges—5
S. Wilkinson—7
W. Aoake—9
D. Gall—11
M. Crabtree—13

Linesmen: J. Leonard (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

First Grade

CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 19 (J. Sazdanoff, T. McGregor, S. Cotton, B. Leary tries; Sazdanoff 3 goals, S. Cotton field goal) d KURRI KURRI 16 (W. Scotman 3, A. Rossiter tries; P. Carr 2 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 21 (P. Perkins 2, P. Cootes, P. Howlett, M. Trypas tries; K. Hemsworth 3 goals) d CESSNOCK 3 (B. Jensen try).

MAITLAND 39 (R. Finch 2, A. West, K. Shine, A. McNab, B. Burke, L. Drew tries; Shine 9 goals) d NORTHERN SUBURBS 14 (V. Watsford, G. Jordan tries, S. Doran 4 goals).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 20 (N. Makin, G. Thompson, K. Wilson, M. Scobie tries, R. Munro 4 goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 8 (D. Marshall, R. Cooper tries, B. Landi goal).

SOUTH NEWCASTLE 20 (R. Griffiths 2, J. Wood, T. Kirk tries; J. Anderson 4 goals) d LAKES UNITED 17 (J. Cowling, J. Campbell, E. White tries, R. Burgess 4 goals).

RESERVE GRADE: Kurri Kurri 17 d Central Charlestown 15; Western Suburbs 15 d Cessnock 14; Maitland 57 d Northern Suburbs 6; Waratah-Mayfield 9 d Macquarie United 7; South Newcastle 16 d Lakes United 14.

THIRD GRADE: Kurri Kurri 20 d Central Charlestown 15; Western Suburbs 9 d Cessnock 2; Maitland 26 d Northern Suburbs 15; Macquarie United 22 d Waratah-Mayfield 6; South Newcastle 16 d Lakes United 3.