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# Looking at League

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## COALFIELDS LOCAL DERBY

The end of the first half of the competition has seven teams within three points of one another and sets the stage for a great finish to the season.

Hopefully, the interruptions are behind us and the local competition can progress to what should be a grand finale to the season.

Macquarie and Maitland staged a great game last Sunday at Toronto. The match was watched by a big crowd that enjoyed a first class spectacle of quality football. Those that maintain that N.R.L. playing standards are down should get out and look positively at the football being played.

Series 10 brings out three really good games with five of the top seven involved. The Sunday Coalfields special at Cessnock against Maitland is capable of producing the same brand of enthralling football that Macquarie and Maitland showed last week.

Maitland are leaders and deserve to be so but Cessnock are only a point behind, are at home and could grab that lead. Both have good packs, exciting backs and a blending of experience and youthful enthusiasm in both sides. A special!!

Down in the city, the improving Rosellas take on Central at Harker Oval. Another special — anything can happen. But when the dust clears a great game of football will have been played. Gary Martine's boys are settling down after a slow start and Central are having a good year.

In the big city too, South and Lakes replay last year's Grand Final. Lakes won the first encounter at the beginning of the year but have fallen on hard times in the last three games. A win brings them back in touch and this could be just what is needed to motivate an improved effort. A return of injured players would also help. The Lions are going well and will be keen to keep up that effort. Should be a good one, well worth seeing.

Macquarie have an easy two points to get against North. The Bluebags are still in there trying hard with little success. Scorpions to win.

Waratah and Kurri at Waratah will be another even game with the Bulldogs from the Coalfields favourites to win. But then again maybe the Cheetahs can salvage some pride and have their second win of the season.

The next round on weekend 4/5 June will remain uncertain until it is known when the Knights are playing Cronulla.

Follow the local media for details.

## Rep. Football

### LOWER HUNTER RUGBY LEAGUE

The Lower Hunter Rugby League have nominated two representative teams in a 2nd Division Representative Knockout Competition to be conducted by the Central Coast Rugby League. The competition will be played on Saturday, 11th June at Morrie Breen Oval at Kanwal (Wyong Leagues Club ground) with Central Coast and Group 21 Second Divisions also represented.

The matches start at 10.30 a.m. with the Final at 3.15 p.m., sprints and goal kicking being included in the programme. Up to \$1,000 prize-money will be available for the day's events.

### Newcastle Junior R.L. Inc.

The Newcastle Under 17 and Under 19 Country Championship Representative teams have been invited to play Northern Division at Tamworth on June 5th as curtain-raisers to the game Northern Division v Great Britain.

## 2HD Player of the Year

The "Player of the Year" competition for the 1988 Premiership is being sponsored again by Radio 2HD. Points are awarded out of 10 for the performance of three players in each game.

Points awarded in Round 9.

### Cessnock v Lakes:

B. Aiken (C) 8, D. Levido (C) 7, G. Todd (C) 7.

### South v Waratah:

T. Donaldson (S) 8, P. Hill (S) 8, T. Anderson (S) 8.

### Kurri v West:

P. Atkins (W) 9, T. Price (W) 8, L. McDougall (W) 7.

### Macquarie v Maitland:

A. Williams (Mac) 8, M. Burrows (Mait) 8, T. Stevenson (Mac) 6.

### North v Central:

W. Snowden (C) 8, P. McKenzie (C) 7, A. Watt (C) 7.

Leaders in the competition:

T. Stevenson (Mac) 34, T. Price (WS) 30, J. Hunter (Cess) 27, P. Williams (K) 24, M. Sullivan (Mac) 22, T. Donaldson (S) 21, M. Burrows (Mait) 21, C. Mathias (L) 19, M. Winkler (Mait), G. Eagar (Mait) 19, P. Atkins (WS) 17, A. Watt, W. Snowden (Cent) 15, T. Vaughan (S) 15, L. Bowne (L), A. Williams (Mac) W. Schillings (Cent) 14, K. Pywell (War) 13.

## NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

### ROUND 11

**Note:** Please watch in local media for details of when games will be played.

### Saturday/Sunday, 4/5 June:

SOUTH v CESSNOCK  
KURRI v LAKES  
CENTRAL v WARATAH  
MACQUARIE v WEST  
NORTH v MAITLAND

# NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP

Saturday, May 28—2.45 p.m.

Passmore Oval

## North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

Coach: Ziggy Niszezot



- 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

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### PENALTIES

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Referee: P. Riddell

## Macquarie United

Green and gold

Coach: Olaf Prattl



- 1—JOHN MEDLAND
- 2—JASON HOLT
- 3—DAVID HILL
- 4—GLEN SULLIVAN
- 5—PHIL DUNCAN
- 6—ALLAN WILLIAMS
- 7—MICK SULLIVAN (c)
- 8—MARK STORTENBEKER
- 9—DAVID HARLEY
- 10—TERRY STEVENSON
- 11—PETER LOCKWOOD
- 12—ROD JONES
- 13—PHIL TYNE

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Touch Judges: R. Hinds (Blue), S. Doherty (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.10 p.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Peter Taylor

#### 1—Darren BARRETT

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 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: T. Hardy

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Ian Gunn

#### 1—Frith CHRISTIANSEN

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 2—Rod WORKMAN   | Rod RENDELL—3          |
| 4—Steve LITTLE  | Mick McCLOSKEY—5       |
| 6—Robert GUNN   | Francis LAWLER—7       |
| 8—Terry SIMPSON | Kevin GEEVES—9         |
| 10—Brett ISAACS | D. BOYLE/S. PROBERT—11 |
| 12—Scott KATON  | Jeff WILKES—13         |

Touch Judges: R. Hinds (Blue), S. Ryan (Red)

## THIRD GRADE — 11.45 a.m.

### NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Ray Keighley

#### 1—Mark PRASSER

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|------------------|-----------------|
| 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: S. Ryan

### MACQUARIE UNITED

Coach: Shaun Sunnerton

#### 1—Wayne ROBINSON

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 2—Grant O'HENNLEY | Wayne STORTENBEKER—3   |
| 4—Shaun SUNNERTON | Steven DOVEY—5         |
| 6—Brad FOSTER     | Jason JONES—7          |
| 8—Bill WARNER     | Jason ABDON—9          |
| 10—Tod GRAHAM     | Ray TURNER—11          |
| 12—Wayne FARMER   | S. PROBERT/D. BOYLE—13 |

Touch Judges: S. Doherty (Blue), T. Hardy (Red)

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## **First Grade**

**MACQUARIE UNITED** 66 (M. Sullivan 4, F. Christiansen 2, D. Harley 2, A. Williams 2, G. Sullivan, J. Medland, J. Holt tries, F. Lawler 4, Holt 3 goals) d **NORTH NEWCASTLE** 6 (D. Maxwell try, R. Keightley goal).

**KURRI KURRI** 30 (P. Williams 3, M. Collins, P. Brady tries, P. Hafey 5 goals) d **WARATAH-MAYFIELD** 8 (A. Lyddiard 2 tries).

**CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN** 20 (W. Snowden, A. McDonell, P. Snowden tr, W. Snowden 4 goals) d **WESTERN SUBURBS** 18 (G. Mitchell 2, M. Flanagan tries, G. Price 2, P. Chapman goals).

**SOUTH NEWCASTLE** 22 (P. Parr 2, T. Butler, T. Anderson tries, P. Parr 3 goals) d **LAKE UNITED** 10 (D. Harrington 2 tries, L. Bowne goal).

**CESSNOCK** 20 (B. Aiken, G. Shannon, B. Teasdale tries, J. Hunter 4 goals) d **MAITLAND** 12 (P. Jones, L. Perry tries, M. Winkler 2 goals).

## **Reserve Grade**

**Macquarie United** 92 d **North Newcastle** 2, **Waratah-Mayfield** 14 d **Kurri Kurri** 2, **Western Suburbs** 26 d **Central Charlestown** 8, **South Newcastle** 14 d **Lake United** 10, **Maitland** 30 d **Cessnock** 0.

## **Third Grade**

**Macquarie United** 74 d **North Newcastle** 0, **Waratah-Mayfield** 30 d **Kurri Kurri** 6, **Western Suburbs** 14 d **Central Charlestown** 10, **South Newcastle** 19 d **Lake United** 2, **Maitland** 14 d **Cessnock** 10.