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## FIXTURES FOR NEXT WEEK

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# News from Clubs

Extremely bad luck for Wayne Lack, South's promising half-back in reserve grade to be forced onto the sideline for the next couple of matches due to a foot injury. His fine all round displays must certainly have had him close to first grade selection.

Back this week with the 'Tahs is rep. player Mick Trypas. This player has the ability to make or break games on his own and all at Waratah welcome him back.

Unclaimed — North's prize for the N.S.W. Queensland game the lucky number 1149.

North are very pleased with the play of centre Mervyn Hesketh, a product of schoolboys football with a two year period in Vietnam. He is a very determined runner and exceptionally strong defender.

Mick Richards front rower with North's reserves, continues to play good football and with the addition of a little more weight, should be a strong contender for senior honours next season.

Kurri Rugby League Injured Players Lucky No. 2869 was not claimed.

West front row in first grade today is ex-New Zealander Neil Beri. This big forward will no doubt take this opportunity to clinch a permanent spot in West senior team. His form over the last couple of games, in reserves, has been excellent and his army of followers will all wish him well. Today's game will be the first time the two New Zealanders have packed down together since the final of the pre-season competition.

Cessnock reserve grade half-back Terry Connolly turned in a very fine game last Saturday. Terry has proved a very versatile player for the 'Nocks, having played in all back line positions.

Former Maitland first grade players, John Osmond and Brian McIntyre are doing excellent work as player-coaches of Junior teams. Brian is still an excellent goal kicker, having scored 106 points in 9 games.

West lock forward in Third grade Gary Blanche, made a favourable impression on the many keen judges who attend the early fixtures week after week. Gary hails from Kiama, where he has made quite a reputation for himself, and judging on his very first game with West, Gary could prove a valuable acquisition to Western Suburbs.

Another interesting selection is Rodger Dean in West third grade. This player comes from Penrith, where he has had first grade experience. It is hoped Rodger enjoys his stay with West and quickly settles in with his new team mates. So all the best Rodger, from all connected with West.

Out of action is Maitland's senior ball-boy John Davies. John, a son of former first grade lock Ossie, had the misfortune to break his arm. We all wish you a speedy recovery John.

Jim Porter came right back to his best against Cessnock. This talented winger has overcome fitness worries and will cause opposition wingers plenty of headaches before the season finishes.

It's a rare occasion if Waratah third grade player Glen Plumridge doesn't come up with a fine game. Any position in the forwards suits him just as well, because he gives a non-stop effort each week, plus at least one visit from the ambulance man, when he gets tired.

John Cook plays his initial first grade game with Lakes today. All Lakes' supporters will wish 'Bruno' every success. It looks like married life agrees with some footballers.

Macquarie Reserve grade, hard hit by injuries before they took the field were unlucky to lose to Wests last week. Back at full strength this side could still make the semi-final.

West reserve grade half-back Robert Mitchell, fully deserves his chance to show his wares in today's match. This bright young player has shown on more than one occasion, that he has the potential to play in much higher company. While West has young players of his calibre to call on they will always be a force to contend with.



Maitland player Dick Gollidge has his own cheer squad consisting of Lynn and Terrie Proude. Dick's performances on the field never let's the girls down.

West 5/8 in first grade for today's important match at Kurri is Ken Smith. This tough resolute player will play a key role in his teams bid for victory. His rocklike defence, and his ability to gain ground, with his astute kicks makes him almost a must in West senior team when fit.

Maitland players are reminded that in lieu of training next Tuesday films will be shown at the club commencing at 7 p.m.

Cessnock lock John Scott turned in one of his best games for the season last Saturday against Lakes United. It is to be hoped John can maintain this standard of football.

Cessnock reserve grade team is playing good football under coach Barry Levido and is proving a threat to all teams.

Macquarie forward Don Knight's game against Wests was his best ever. Now that Don has hit his top representative honours would not be beyond him next season.

Bob Stermer has earned his selection in South's first grade after only two weeks with the club since coming from South Sydney and together with our other new player Wal Crust should form a formidable second row pairing.

Ron Andrews, North's five-eighth, had his best game last week. His defence in particular being outstanding.

Neil Morgan, South Newcastle's crack five-eight and centre has been forced to retire from football on medical advice and his loss is a big blow to South. A product of South juniors, Neil has been a great clubman.

Laurie Thomson with his 2nd 15 points straight has now scored 69 for the season, taking him into second place in Lakes' point scorers, behind Wayne Cartwright on 83 points.

Kev. Johnson gave Lakes a large share of the ball against Cessnock. John now fully fit, is playing outstanding football.

## JOHNSON CONSISTENT

Ray Johnson, Cessnock's captain-coach has been most consistent in his play this season. This is evident in the H. L. Wheeler trophy for the player of the year, because of the seven series so far played, Johnson has been credited with points on seven occasions, which includes four major awards. He collected top marks last week, as did Garry Sullivan (Kurri), Gary Collins (Maitland), John Cootes (West), Ron Andrews (North).

John Barber, J. Cootes, Collins are bracketed in third position. Sullivan is one point ahead of the three and trails Johnson by two points.

### Top Scorers:

- 11—R. Johnson.
- 9—G. Sullivan.
- 8—J. Cootes, J. Barber (West), G. Collins.
- 7—P. Cootes (L).
- 6—N. Wilkinson (Cent.).
- 5—A. Rossiter (K).
- 4—B. Lawrence (S), B. Lawrence (War.), M. Wright, A. West (Mait.), N. Boyes (K).
- 3—C. Ball, W. Mattingley (N), H. Miller (S), B. Burke (Mait.), W. Thompson (Mac.), J. Bonus, R. Horne (Cent.), B. Sullivan (L), G. Boyd (Cess.).
- 2—D. Rowston (West), A. Jones, K. Sweetman, P. Watsford, K. Hutchinson, D. McManus, R. Andrews (N), W. House, S. Pynsent (S), R. Munro (War.), T. Thurtell, C. Buchanan, F. Hulands (Mac.), G. Radnidge (Mait.), D. Ives, P. Crockett, E. Curtis (Cent.), D. Kimmorley (L), J. Phillips, D. Moore (Cess.).

It was good to see Waratah forward Dick Bignold pull up free from injury last week. Dick has only played a handful of games and his toughness in the front row has been sadly missed by the 'Tahs.

Another South player out for the balance of the season is Paul Mahoney. Paul hopes to be on deck again next season.

The Blood Bank venture was a big success at training on Tuesday night and Lakes' officials wish to thank everybody who gave blood to this worthy cause. We may have a return engagement.

The Red & White Ball to be held next Wednesday at Souths has been a sell out, but if you missed out there is still the Juniors Ball on the 6th August — tickets available now.

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## South Newcastle v. Northern Suburbs

### SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back:

1—G. Smallcombe

Halves:

2—W. House J. Murray—3

4—P. Dimond K. Swift—5

Three-quarters:

6—R. Longworth H. Miller—7

Forwards:

S—B. Lawrence R. Strumer—9

10—W. Crust P. Donohue—11

12—P. Gay W. McCall—13

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back:

1—C. Ball

Three-quarters:

2—J. Davis A. Wasley—3

4—M. Hesketh P. Watsford—5

Halves:

6—R. Andrews G. Gibson—7

Forwards:

S—K. Hutchinson W. Mattingley—9

10—E. Russell G. Alchin—11

12—A. Jones D. Nichols—13

Referee: K. Barwick

Linesmen: R. Edwards (Blue Flag), C. Russell (Red Flag)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.45 p.m.

### SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back:

1—J. Anderson

Halves:

2—R. Carnall A. Wallace—3

4—A. Back F. O'Grady—5

Three-quarters:

6—G. Noble G. Stephenson—7

Forwards:

S—R. Rankin G. Hoey—9

10—C. Ireland R. Beverley—11

12—D. Evans D. Morley—13

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back:

1—D. Ellis

Three-quarters:

2—J. McCarter L. Plimmer—3

4—R. Huuter I. Gardner—5

Halves:

6—R. Toby N. Skelton—7

Forwards:

S—P. Cox D. Maddison—9

10—D. Greaves M. Richards—11

12—B. Gilbert T. Malone—13

Referee: N. Spohr

Linesmen: K. Cartwright (Blue Flag), J. Thornton (Red Flag)

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# THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

## SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—D. Lowe

2—J. Adamsen	J. Murdoch—3
4—A. Murrell	W. Jones—5
6—R. Reid	Jeff Johnson—7
8—D. Gall	S. Pynsent—9
10—A. Greenland	J. Schmidt—11
12—R. Finn	W. Donaldson—13

## NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—B. Williams

2—R. Ball	J. Morris—3
4—W. Young	J. Pascoe—5
6—V. Watsford	B. Askie—7
8—B. Gibson	K. Owen—9
10—J. Hattan	R. Davis—11
12—B. Johnson	R. Taylor—13

Referee: K. Steel

Linesmen: K. Cartwright (Blue Flag), J. Thornton (Red Flag)

## KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—J. Cooper

2—D. Mort	J. Lynch—3
4—Bainbridge/Beveridge	Pollock—5
6—W. Robinson	R. Gear—7
8—R. Hughes	R. Hindmarsh—9
10—B. Campbell	E. O'Brien—11
12—R. Madden	D. Latter—13

## WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—P. Gilfeather

2—R. Dowse	R. Watton—3
4—T. Kelly	Bob Campbell—5
6—B. Martin	W. Weston—7
8—G. Blanche	B. Stanbridge—9
10—R. Dean	T. Browne—11
12—B. Rooney	R. Campbell—13

Referee: N. Scotman

Linesmen: L. Maughan (Blue Flag), R. Reid (Red Flag)

## MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—P. Lane

2—M. Paine	R. Fowell—3
4—G. Matthews	J. Gardner—5
6—K. Barry	A. Asquith—7
8—P. Hunt	J. Drinkwater—9
10—T. Redman	E. Whatling—11
12—R. Rodgers	N. J. Heaton—13

## MAITLAND

Black & White

1—B. Seymour

2—M. Christiansen	A. Brooker—3
4—C. Wilkins	B. Mosman—5
6—W. Kerry	J. Spender—7
8—B. Clark	L. Moffat—9
10—S. Fennell	P. Healey—11
12—M. Dooley	Glen Wilks—13

Referee: C. Billington

Linesmen: M. Walsh (Blue Flag), W. Hardy (Red Flag)

## CENTRAL-CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1—R. Bennett

2—K. North	J. Ridgwell—3
4—L. Condon	J. Hinds—5
6—D. Spooner	K. Harther—7
8—G. Marshall	W. Hughes—9
10—P. Power	I. Sampson—11
12—B. Brown	T. Corrigan—13

## LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—R. Smith

2—R. Terry	B. Smith—3
4—P. Radford	D. Bailey—5
6—D. Motum	G. Pickering—7
8—W. Cooper	L. Thomson—9
10—B. Rohr	J. Brock—11
12—R. Green	L. Lee—13

Referee: D. Crich

Linesmen: W. Milton (Blue Flag), K. Bilton (Red Flag)

## WARATAH-MAYFIELD

Gold, Maroon V

1—J. Toohey

2—B. Martin	B. Pope—3
4—T. Sergeant	R. Hingston—5
6—C. McBride	R. Fuller—7
8—W. Smith	G. Ling—9
10—K. Skelley	P. Muddle—11
12—G. Plunmridge	W. Gardener—13

## CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—R. Wilson

2—K. Richardson	R. Harper—3
4—D. Burke	K. Cagney—5
6—G. Whitfield	N. Barrett—7
8—W. Mowatt	D. Crump—9
10—D. Parkinson	D. Chapman—11
12—A. Brown	J. Wilson—13

Referee: B. Maher

Linesmen: F. Kitcher (Blue Flag), J. Schofield (Red Flag)