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2023 MATCH PROGRAM

Round 1

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



What a weekend it is to kick off the 2023 Newcastle Rugby League season!

Even before a ball is kicked in the club competition, on Saturday afternoon at 2pm the Newcastle Rebels will go head-to-head with the Riverina Bulls in the final of the NSWRL Country Championships. As our club teams have been slogging it out in pre-season training the Rebels have played 3 knockout matches in the Country Championships. The Rebels accounted for the Central Coast in round 1 and on each of the last two weekends they have travelled to Wollongong and taken care of the Illawarra-South Coast Dragons and then the Western Rams. So for the Rebels, all roads lead to Woy Woy Oval on Saturday in the final! All the best, to coach Adam Bettridge and the team.

The Denton Engineering Cup then kicks off on Saturday 3pm with the local derby between Central Coast heavyweights Wyong Roos and The Entrance Tigers. Both teams have recruited well in the off season. It'll be a big day at Morry Breen Oval with the Roos celebrating the 50th anniversary of their licensed club.

On Sunday, the Rebels players will back up for their respective clubs, on what will be a historic day for the League...the Northern Hawks will play their very first match in the Newcastle Rugby League first grade competition. They will play West Newcastle at Tomaree Sporting Complex at 3pm. Congratulations, to Hawks president Andrew Chapman, coach Brad Tighe and all involved with Hawks for your commitment, dedication and persistence in getting your club to this point.

Elsewhere, it's a busy Sunday in the Coalfields with Cessnock hosting South Newcastle and the derby at 'the graveyard' between reigning premiers Maitland and Kurri. Finally, at St John Oval, the Butcher Boys will take on the Scorpions.

A word to the volunteers of our clubs. For some of them the pre-season can be the busiest time of year with player regos, trainer compliance, player contracts and just getting players back to your club can take up a great deal of time. So to those of you that make that happen, the competition doesn't happen without you, so thank you!





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To our coaches, thanks for choosing to spend your time mentoring the players, creating training sessions, recruiting players. The competition doesn't happen without you, so thank you!

To our sponsors, especially our major sponsors Toohey's and Denton Engineering and A-Plus Contracting and Poly Welding, you allow us to offer the services to the clubs that we do and to promote what is outside NSW Cup, the best competition in the State. The competition doesn't happen without you, so thank you!

To our match officials, we appreciate you spending your weekends refereeing and touch judging all the competitions throughout Newcastle. There is never enough of you and the competition doesn't happen without you, so thank you!

To our players....the ones that provide the entertainment. You are the one's that everyone comes to see and playing at this level takes significant commitment while fitting in training and playing along jobs and family. We look forward to what you provide on the field this season because the competition certainly doesn't happen without you, so thank you!

And to the fans of the clubs, enjoy the footy, enjoy supporting your club, enjoy the greatest game of all!

It takes every one of those that I've mentioned to bring our competitions to life and it's all about to happen. Welcome to the 2023 Toohey's Newcastle Rugby League

ADAM DEVCICH
GENERAL MANAGER
TOOHEYS NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE





A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

With the season proper commencing this weekend, on behalf of the Newcastle Rugby League Board of Directors I'd like to take this opportunity to wish clubs a successful season.

To our hundreds of volunteers, thank you! You are the pillars of our clubs and more broadly our sport. Without your dedication we have no competitions

Similarly to all sponsors, your contributions are greatly appreciated and duly acknowledged.

Our best wishes go to players for an injury free season. I would also like to acknowledge our referees and wish you all a successful year.

As it has been for over a century, the Newcastle Rugby League community (and that of Wyong and the Entrance) can look forward to many close and hard-fought contests throughout the season.

MARK SINGLETON
CHAIRMAN ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TOOHEYS NEWCASTLE RUGBY LEAGUE



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ROUND 1

SAT 25TH MARCH 3:00PM



WYONG VS THE ENTRANCE
MORRY BREEN OVAL



SUN 26TH MARCH 3:00PM

CESSNOCK VS SOUTHS
CESSNOCK SPORTSGROUND



Tooheys Feature Match



SUN 26TH MARCH 3:00PM

HAWKS VS WESTS
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CENTRAL VS MACQUARIE
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KURRI VS MAITLAND
KURRI KURRI SPORTSGROUND



Tooheys Feature Match



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DENTON CUP: WYONG ROOS V THE ENTRANCE



Luke SHARPE	1 FULLBACK	Grant NELSON
Levi KASUN	2 WING	Zachery MACKAY
Isaac BLACKHALL	3 CENTRE	Kyle MCLEAN
Blake ANDREWS	4 CENTRE	Ryan MCDONALD
Lathan HUTCHINSON-WALTERS	5 WING	Fualmamao UTA
Ryan WALSH	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Adam MCINNES
Lachlan HANNEGHAN	7 HALFBACK	William PEARSALL
Not available	8 PROP	David FIFITA
Mitchell WILLIAMS	9 HOOKER	Joseph BESGROVE
Nathan KEGG-KING	10 PROP	Jake WOODS
Tarnae MAHON	21 11 SECOND ROW	Harley RIDGE
Kye HOPWOOD	12 SECOND ROW	Jacob KERNICK
Not available	13 LOCK	Ryan DOHERTY CAPTAIN
Arana TAUMATA	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Tjaden MCLEAN
Not available	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Tim Nawaqatabu
Not available	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Jack BURRSTON
Not available	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Matthew KILLICK
Not available	18 INTERCHANGE 5	Ryan Shaw
Simon PATI	19 INTERCHANGE 6	Brodie GREEN

Coached by:
MITCH WILLIAMS



Referee:
ROB BOWEN

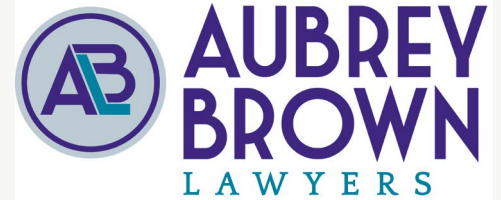


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**KICK OFF: 3PM
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH
MORRY BREEN OVAL**



WYONG ROOS WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEIR SPONSORS





WYONG ROOS COACHES PREVIEW: MITCH WILLIAMS



The Roos have had a good pre-season and have hopefully learned a few things from trials against Goulburn and Maitland. The team was well short of where it needed to be against a depleted Pickers outfit and has worked hard to address the problems exposed by the Premiers.

Wyong never expects anything other than a tough, physical battle when we play the Tigers; Jamey Forbes coached teams always play for the full 80 minutes and never beat themselves. The Entrance will be aggressive up front and David Fifita will demand plenty of defensive attention. Will Pearsall has a big kicking game and will test out the Roos back three.

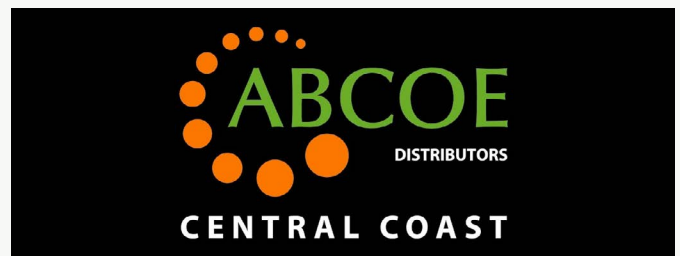
The young Wyong forwards have another 20 or so Denton Cup matches under their belts and will be better for that experience. Ryan Walsh in the halves will provide variety, direction and a precise kicking game. Look for Arana Taumata to cause some problems when the opposition begins to tire. The Roos have speed across the park but will need to work hard to earn the opportunity to use that speed. There is little margin for error at this level of footy and Wyong will be looking to minimize mistakes and maximise time in possession.

The local derby is likely to attract a big crowd at Morry Breen Field. Members of the Central Coast Volunteer Rescue Association will be at each entry point asking for gold coin donations. The Club will not be charging an entry fee on the day.

MITCH WILLIAMS
WYONG ROOS



THE ENTRANCE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEIR SPONSORS





THE ENTRANCE COACHES PREVIEW: BEN O'CONNELL



Round 1 sees us take on our local rivals in Wyong. This is always a game that both sides look forward to. We are under no illusions as they have some quality new signings and will be very hard to beat. Hopefully it's a good day out at Morris Green Oval and we can start the year off on the right foot.

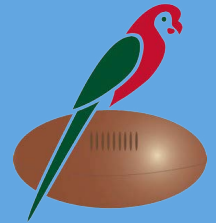
The Entrance Tigers.

BEN O'CONNELL
THE ENTRANCE TIGERS





TOOHEYS FEATURE MATCH: HAWKS V WESTS



Jordan PHILLIPS	1 FULLBACK	Hayden LOUGHREY
Manu MATOKA	2 WING	Tyler MOODIE
Bradley TIGHE	3 CENTRE	Cory DENNISS
Timanu ALEXANDER	4 CENTRE	Stephen WIDDERS
Macauley AOAKE	5 WING	Patrick ACHURCH
Floyd TIGHE	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Ryan STIG
Liam WALSH	7 HALFBACK	Max BUDERUS
Daniel MELMOUTH	8 PROP	Matthew HERMAN
Barry MCGRADY	9 HOOKER	Joe LUMB
Aden JENKINS	10 PROP	Jake GOODWIN
Joe MURRAY	11 SECOND ROW	Will MEHAN
Quincy ROSS	13 LOCK	Benjamin STONE <small>CAPTAIN</small>
Brandon THOMPSON	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Jack BENNETT
Jessie OCONNOR	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Preston CONN
Timothy RYAN	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Jyris GLAMUZINA
	12 SECOND ROW	Kyle AVERY
	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Keanu WAINOHU-KEMP

Coached by:
BRAD TIGHE



Referee:
KURT GROGAN

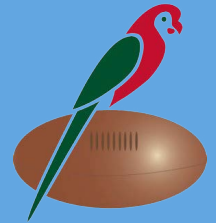


Coached by:
RICK STONE

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SUNDAY 26TH MARCH
TOMAREE SPORTS
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RESERVE GRADE: NORTHERN HAWKS V WESTERN SUBURBS



Not available	1 FULLBACK	Braith Lewis
Jack PALMER	2 WING	Benjamin GLASHEEN
Danny Vale	3 CENTRE	Lochlan BULLER
Lachlan O'NEILL	4 CENTRE	Malu FIU
Liam BLANCH	5 WING	Drew CONLEY
Logan AOAKE	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Jamie THORPE
Kurtis LANGDON	8 PROP	Jordan BLUNDELL
Jack LANGDON <small>CAPTAIN</small>	9 HOOKER	Joel MUNRO
Kyle SAUNDERS	10 PROP	Nicholas HAGGERTY
Caleb LANGDON	11 SECOND ROW	
Dean Langdon	12 SECOND ROW	Riley CULLEN
Not available	13 LOCK	Samuel MCKENNA
Jordan HILL	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Liam DUNN
Darryl SHARPLEY	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Ethan STRICKLAND
Blake MARTIN	16 INTERCHANGE 3	
Jack GOLDSPINK	17 INTERCHANGE 4	
Nate ELKIN-MCDONALD	18 INTERCHANGE 5	
Jake BENNETT	19 INTERCHANGE 6	
	7 HALFBACK	Mathew Smith



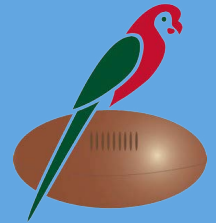
Referee:
MATT JAMES



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UNDER 19'S: NORTHERN HAWKS V WESTERN SUBURBS



Bailey PAGE	1 FULLBACK	Taylor GRIFFEN
Bobby BAKER	2 WING	Deacon LEWIS
Jack PALMER	3 CENTRE	Kaiden WETTIG-WALLACE
Cody HANCOCK	4 CENTRE	Luke BULL
Jayden HUXTABLE	5 WING	Mitchell CONNORS
Logan AOAKE	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Tyrese GORDON
Jai BRIGGS-FORD	8 PROP	Jay LEOTA
Nate ELKIN-MCDONALD	9 HOOKER	Ashton Daley
Mitchell GOODMAN	10 PROP	Callum HANNAH
Aidan COWARD	11 SECOND ROW	Benjamin WELLARD
Bailey COE	12 SECOND ROW	Lawson DOOLEY
Jordan HILL	13 LOCK	Liam WILLIAMS
Royden TAAPE	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Tallis FILIPO
	7 HALFBACK	Kynan TOOMEY
	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Isaiah AOAKE
	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Manase Fakahau
	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Harry LAWRY
	18 INTERCHANGE 5	Calum Fraser
	20 INTERCHANGE 7	Kaylan KING



Referee:
SAM DALEY



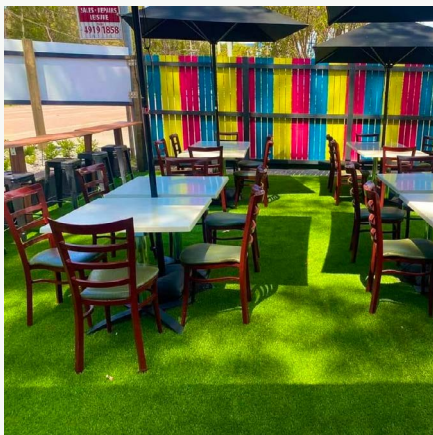
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NORTHERN HAWKS COACHES PREVIEW: BRAD TIGHE



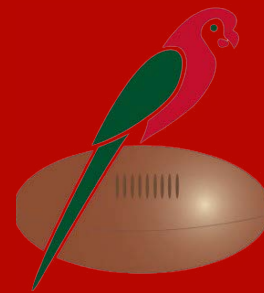
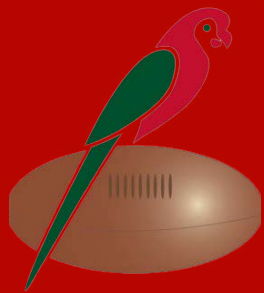
The Northern Hawks Rugby League Club look forward to our historic first match in the Denton Engineering Cup. After two very successful years in the Newcastle lower grades and after all the hard work that has gone into our preparation, the next step of the Hawks journey starts on Sunday. We look forward to hosting the Wests Rosellas at Tomaree and anticipate a tough match.

Huge congratulations to all the Hawks first grade debutants this weekend.

Let the games begin!

BRAD TIGHE
HAWKS COACH

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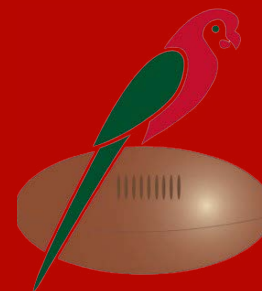
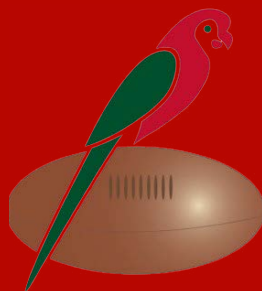
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WESTS COACHES PREVIEW: RICK STONE



It has taken a while to get there but everyone at Wests is looking forward to the season starting this weekend.

We have a good preseason training under highly creditable Strength and Conditioning coaches Lee Clark and Darren Jenkins.

Training at Wests Balance Mayfield we have the access to 1st class gym facilities and a quality surface to train on.

Mick Gill how has been as West for a few years now is back again and his knowledge of the current playing group has been invaluable.

Former premiership player Lucas Miller joins the coaching ranks taking charge of reserve grade and with the help of former players Cal Richardson and Jamine Ale sure they will instil pride in the West jumper.

Club stalwart Matt Atkinson takes over the reigning premiers in the under 19's team. Matt has been around the West seniors and juniors for a long time and has an outstanding knowledge and understanding of all our emerging junior players.

Phil Hure has been elevated from our under 17's women's team to take over our open women's team and again Phil's understanding of our emerging female players has been really valuable to the club.

We take on the Northern Hawks this week who have been elevated from reserve grade after winning the premiership last year. With a host of experienced senior players they should manage the jump with ease.

Good luck to Brad Tighe and his club it great to have a team representing the Bay area again.

I would like to say thanks to everyone at West for making an old Lakes boy feel welcome. Like all local clubs the volunteers at the club are the ones who make it tick and at Wests this is no different. With too many to name I would like to thanks them all.

Good luck to all competing teams its shaping up as one of the strongest local competitions in years. Like all teams we are keen to get away to a good start as it has been an issue in the last few years. We will have an idea how we are travelling after the 1st 4 games and we know we are in for a big challenge this week.

**RICK STONE
WESTS COACH**



DENTON ENGINEERING GROUP CUP CESSNOCK V SOUTHS



Harrison O'BRIEN	1 FULLBACK	Jarom HAINES
Joshua CHARLES	2 WING	Jacob AFFLICK
Brayden MUSGROVE	3 CENTRE	Jarrold FLANAGAN
Harvey NEVILLE	4 CENTRE	Harrison VAN DARTEL
Honeti TUHA	5 WING	Reeve Howard
Douglas BEALE	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Ngangarra BARKER
Harrison SIEJKA	7 HALFBACK	Angus ERNST
Samuel APTHORPE	8 PROP	Frank-Paul NUUAUSALA
Hayden REGAN	9 HOOKER	Mitchell BLACK
Kori Barber	10 PROP	Brendon SIMPSON
Reed HUGO	11 SECOND ROW	Lewis HAMILTON
Wyatt SHAW	12 SECOND ROW	Connor BROWNE
Brent Mendyk	13 LOCK	Ryan GLANVILLE <small>CAPTAIN</small>
Luke HUTH	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Harry CROKER
Matthew FILIPO	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Jack WELSH
Jarred ANDERSON	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Justin AFFLICK
Shane Beale	21 INTERCHANGE 8	
Lucas THOMSON	22 INTERCHANGE 9	
	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Carlin PETTET
	18 INTERCHANGE 5	Zac Browne

Coached by:
HARRY SIEJKA



Referee:
BRETT EYB



Coached by:
ANDREW RYAN

**KICK OFF: 3PM
SUNDAY 26TH MARCH
BADDELEY PARK**



RESERVE GRADE: CESSNOCK GOANNAS V SOUTH NEWCASTLE



Cooper HARRIS	1 FULLBACK	Not available
Jayden PLUMMER	2 WING	Lachlan FITZHENRY
Not available	3 CENTRE	Zac Browne
Tyson GEERING	4 CENTRE	Timothy CHRISTIE
Mitch SCHREIBER	5 WING	Marshall SING
Beau ABRAHAM	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Not available
Liam Browne	7 HALFBACK	Jason BONEY
Jai SEE	8 PROP	Marcus HITCHCOCK
Reid BROWNE	9 HOOKER	Jonas BUTTERFIELD
Tariq MILES	10 19 PROP	Joel NEWMAN
Iane jurd	11 SECOND ROW	Tate GRAINGER
Jack GIDDINGS	12 SECOND ROW	
Elliott MORRIS	13 LOCK	David DRYDEN
Dylan BROWN	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Tyler Bray
Ryan FIELD	15 10 INTERCHANGE 2	Lachlan FULLER
Addison PEEL	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Warren BAXTER
Cameron Geering	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Mitchell PARKER
	15 INTERCHANGE 5	Not available
	18 INTERCHANGE 6	Jack SMITH



Referee:
NATHAN EVELEIGH
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BADDELEY PARK





UNDER 19'S CESSNOCK GOANNAS V SOUTH NEWCASTLE



Liam ABIWAHAB	1 FULLBACK	Harrison SAMS
Benjamin MURRAY	2 WING	Bailey BRIDGE
Logan BROWNE	3 CENTRE	Ethan LEE
Will SCHREIBER	4 CENTRE	Kai SPRUCE CONN
Not available	5 WING	Marlow TATTERSALL
Cooper JURD	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Jordan WILSON
Tj ROE	7 HALFBACK	Jordan HODGES
Seth VINCENT	8 PROP	Nicholas TULIATU
Billy ROLFE	9 HOOKER	Jakob BACON
Richard Dreyer	10 PROP	Not available
Noah ROOTES	11 SECOND ROW	Lucas WRIGHT
Tyler THREADGATE	12 SECOND ROW	Asher Thomas
Jackson BULLEN	13 LOCK	Samuel EBRILL
Seth BLISST	14 INTERCHANGE 1	
Brock STINSON	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Max Quinn
Connor RIGBY	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Harrison BRENNAN
Noah BAILEY	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Zakk JONES
Dominic HOULE	18 INTERCHANGE 5	



Referee:
JACKSON JAMES WALSH



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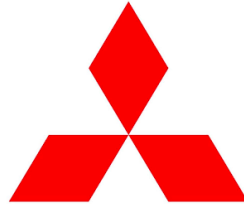
**PAXTON
BOWLING CLUB**

Home of the Wombats



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NEXT GENERATION POOLS & CONCRETING
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BELLA YOU BEAUTY
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SOUTHS COACHES PREVIEW: ANDREW RYAN



Season 23 is here,

How Good !! Bit of news on the Souths front:

The players have been ultra-keen and training up a storm. New recruits Uiti Baker, Lachlan Piper, Gnan-garra Barker, Jarom Haines and Jonas Butterfield have certainly found their feet early and are an awesome acquisition to our club. Couple these new blokes with the core of our club that have been together for over 5 years, and expectations are certainly at a high. Round 1, and we get told to head to Cessnock on a Sunday arvo. They don't come much tougher than that to be honest. However, the lads are keen and are looking forward to a physical contest.

Overall we are just glad pre season is behind us, its now week in week out contests.

Let the Year begin !!

**ANDREW RYAN
SOUTH NEWCASTLE**



DENTON ENGINEERING GROUP CUP KURRI V MAITLAND



Tiaan Brownless	1 FULLBACK	Bailey TAYLOR
Ben EDWARDS	2 WING	William NIEUWENHUISE
Jesse WIGHTON	3 CENTRE	Not available
Brodie LINNANE	5 WING	James Bradley
Ben McIntyre	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Chad O'DONNELL
Joshua GRIFFITHS	7 HALFBACK	Brock LAMB
Michael STEELE <small>CAPTAIN</small>	8 PROP	Jayden BUTTERFIELD
Craig RICHARDSON	9 HOOKER	Alex LANGBRIDGE <small>CAPTAIN</small>
Tyler LE PRINCE-CAMPBELL	10 PROP	James TAYLOR
Mayson METCALF	11 SECOND ROW	Peter WILSON
Kye HOWARTH	12 SECOND ROW	Lincoln SMITH
Jack TAMBURRINI	13 LOCK	Samuel ANDERSON
Charlie HOUGHTON	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Jackson Shade
Daetyn Tanuvasa	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Harrison SPRUCE
Jonathon ALCHIN	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Faitotoa FAITOTOA
Sam Robinson	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Pat MATAUTIA-LEIFI
Cooper COLLINS	18 INTERCHANGE 5	
Not available	19 INTERCHANGE 6	
	4 CENTRE	Gary ANDERSON

Coached by:
DAN LINNANE



Referee:
JOEY BUTLER



Coached by:
MATT LANTRY

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KURRI KURRI SPORTS-
GROUND**



RESERVE GRADE: KURRI KURRI V MAITLAND PICKERS



Lawrence CRAFT	1 FULLBACK	Jackson ECKFORD
Joshua UDBINAC	2 WING	Sean Walker
Nicholas SCOTT	3 CENTRE	Dionysse Spathis
Not available	4 CENTRE	Not available
Samuel HUNT	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	tyler rush
Brook PORTSMOUTH	7 HALFBACK	Jade PORTER
Daniel WILLIAMS	8 PROP	Ethan CURTIN-EDWARDS
Khynan BUTLER	9 HOOKER	Jarrod SMITH
Aaron HEATH	10 PROP	Ben IRELAND
Joseph GREEN	11 SECOND ROW	Joseph Barber
Barry Wells	12 SECOND ROW	Kamilo TUIVAITI
Cooper COLLINS	13 LOCK	Leroy TUIVAITI
Kade FABRI	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Morgan AMIDY
Harper COLLINS	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Shaun BELL
Jack SYLVESTER <small>CAPTAIN</small>	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Jock SULLIVAN
Jackson CLUFF	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Jacob BUTTON
Tea EDWARDS	18 INTERCHANGE 5	Cody CLULOW
Zachary MCENTYRE	19 INTERCHANGE 6	Thomas BAKER
Brock WARD	20 INTERCHANGE 7	
Mitchell GALVIN	21 INTERCHANGE 8	
Beau SLADE	22 INTERCHANGE 9	
Joel CONNELL	23 INTERCHANGE 10	
Fletcher THOMPSON	24 INTERCHANGE 11	
Callan BARBER	25 INTERCHANGE 12	
Tyson ELLISON	26 INTERCHANGE 13	
	5 WING	Broc HUNT

Referee:
JACK FISHER

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UNDER 19'S

KURRI KURRI

V MAITLAND PICKERS



Tully WHOLERT	1 FULLBACK	Not available
Tyran COWLING	2 WING	Zac SHAW
Corben HAMPSTEAD	3 CENTRE	Jonathan SCHOLES-GILSON
Wil KENNEDY	4 CENTRE	Riley MOORE <small>CAPTAIN</small>
Brock ALLAWAY	5 WING	Bayden ALLEN
Brock WARD	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Joshua LOGVYN
Fletcher THOMPSON	7 HALFBACK	Ashton FARRELL
Joel CONNELL	8 PROP	Riley HOFFMAN
Khyran BUTLER	9 HOOKER	Dylan MAXTED
Beau SLADE	10 PROP	Jack COOPER
Joseph GREEN	11 SECOND ROW	Samuel Lantry
Callan BARBER	12 SECOND ROW	Ned JENNINGS
Harper COLLINS	13 LOCK	Mhalikai MERCY
Riley HAWES	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Jett ROBARDS-HASSALL
Kade FABRI	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Ethan QUINN
Reegan MILLER	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Riley TOTH
Not available	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Angus DEVON
Mitchell GALVIN	18 INTERCHANGE 5	
David LEWIS	19 INTERCHANGE 6	Not available
Daniel SOUTHERN	21 INTERCHANGE 8	
Fletcher ANLEZARK	22 INTERCHANGE 9	

Referee:
ALEX LIDBURY

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MAITLAND PICKERS COACHES PREVIEW: MATT LANTRY



As season 2023 commences we're excited to see how our club shapes up in all grades this year. Maintaining majority of our grade squad has helped with consistency in delivering the standards we set for ourselves as a club. Our U19s are in great shape with a very positive pre season under their belt and a number of guys having the opportunity to take part in some grade trials.

The Pickers would like to thank our very loyal supporters for their support again in particular Club Maitland City and A Plus Contracting. To our new committee thank you for your tireless efforts across the course of the pre season, without our volunteers our club wouldn't function.

We'd like to acknowledge Bailey Taylor and Luke Knight who will line up in Pickers colours for the first time in 1st Grade this weekend along with new players Riley Yates, Dennis Spathis and Jacob Button in Reserve Grade.

Best wishes to the Newcastle Rebels, they've been completely dominant in the Country Championships, and we hope they can finish the job with a win in this weekends Representative Grand Final.

**MATT LANTRY
PICKERS COACH**



DENTON CUP CENTRAL V MACQUARIE



Cameron ANDERSON <small>CAPTAIN</small>	1 FULLBACK	Matthew COOPER
Kain ANDERSON	2 WING	Joe WOODBURY
Mapu Uasi	3 CENTRE	Dean MORRIS
Lachlan Milton	4 CENTRE	Kodi CROWTHER
Brett BOTHAM	5 11 WING	Mallik DEYAOLU
Callen EDWARDS	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Kerrod HOLLAND <small>CAPTAIN</small>
Fletcher KENNEDY	7 HALFBACK	Bayden SEARLE
Isaac BRIGGS	8 PROP	Jordan MITCHELL
Joseph MORRIS	9 HOOKER	Cody BRYANT
Nicholas RITTER	10 PROP	Luke HIGGINS
Dominic MURPHY	11 16 SECOND ROW	Rocky TOGATUKI
Lachlan O'BRIEN	12 SECOND ROW	Jordan NOBLE
Thomas MADDEN	13 LOCK	Connor KIRKWOOD
Samuel KAMU	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Matthew MOON
Joel WILLIAMS	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Jack MCGUIRE
Jacob RICHARDSON	16 5 INTERCHANGE 3	Jayden WRIGHT
Tyler DONEY	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Jordan POPE
	20 INTERCHANGE 5	Beau GERRARD

Coached by:
PHIL WILLIAMS



Referee:
ADAM SIRIANNI



Coached by:
MATT ROACH

**KICK OFF: 3PM
SUNDAY 26TH MARCH
ST JOHN OVAL**



RESERVE GRADE: CENTRAL V MACQUARIE



Jono WARE	1 FULLBACK	
Isaac SMITH	2 WING	Ro BUASERAU
Ryan MILLGATE	3 CENTRE	Jireh TOKA
Jesse ANDREWS	4 CENTRE	Samuel HUNTRISS
Joshua ANDREW	5 WING	Not available
Steven DENGATE	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Rhyan LEGGIE
Matthew ATKINS	7 HALFBACK	Lelf RALPH-RHODES
Halatoa Havea	8 PROP	Ryan Whitcombe Hargood
Lleyton ROSE	9 HOOKER	Darryl ELLIS
Jal HANDLEY	10 PROP	Curtis PURSSELL CAPTAIN
Connor Lloyd	11 SECOND ROW	Brendan HAY
Ethan FOWLER	12 SECOND ROW	Beau GERRARD
Jack GEDDES CAPTAIN	13 LOCK	Billy-Jo TOWERS
Dominic FIORENZA	14 INTERCHANGE 1	Kye JACOBSON
Liam IRELAND	15 INTERCHANGE 2	Jake BAMBACH
Zephaniah Bower	16 INTERCHANGE 3	Mathew BAKER
Laith CUNNEEN	17 INTERCHANGE 4	Not available
Kyle WILLIAMS	18 INTERCHANGE 5	Alfred DUNCAN
Jack COWMEADOW	19 INTERCHANGE 6	Ethan KIRKWOOD

Referee:
TOM LIBBURY

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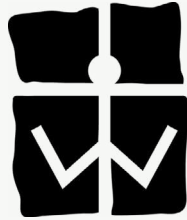


The Butcher Boys are looking forward to Season 2023 after what has been a very gruelling and physical preseason for them. This year we will get to see plenty of youth in the side with the average age of our playing group changing significantly from last season. We are all excited by the challenge and the year ahead and cannot wait to kick-off the season at home against Macquarie in which should be another exciting clash between the two teams. Lastly, I just wanted to thank all our sponsors old and new for the support they give the club and we are looking forward to a big 2023.

PHIL WILLIAMS
CENTRAL COACH



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MACQUARIE SCORPS COACHES PREVIEW: MATT ROACH



How good is it to finally start the competition proper for 2023. Its been a long pre season for the Scorpions playing three trials against Kurri, Western Suburbs and Lakes United and we are ready to go for our first up clash against Central on Sunday.

Due to the seeding of rye grass on Peacock field the Scorpions have our first three games away and we are finally at home to Kurri Bulldogs on Saturday 15 April 2023. With the Scorpions celebrating with our 2023 sponsors on that day.

This Sundays games against Central are going to be a very tough encounters in the two grades with both clubs rebuilding from 2022 and the new players at the Scorpions will be extremely keen to impress for their first game with the club.

It is hoped that a big crowd of Scorpions supporters can travel to Charlestown to cheer the boys on and hopefully the players can get the win and start the season on a high. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Newcastle Rebels well for their game on Saturday.

MATT ROACH
MACQUARIE SCORPIONS



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