



Congratulations to South Newcastle who qualified for the Grand Final on the weekend with a 28-22 win over the Cessnock Goannas. Ryan Glanville (pictured) was our MOTM.







GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Before we get to this weekend's games, what a great day the preliminary finals were at Kurri Sportsground last Saturday. With the very unusual sight of seeing red and white covering the Kurri Old Boys shed, the vocal and passionate Souths fans found their voice as their Denton Cup team overcame a 22 to 8 deficit to storm home to beat Cessnock 28-22. Although they fell one game short, a big congratulations to Harry Siejka and the Cessnock club for making the preliminary finals in both first and reserve grade.

The Rosellas has a successful day at Kurri with both their lower grade teams winning through to the grand final after beating Maitland in under 19s and Cessnock in reserve grade.

And so to Grand Final Day! The teams that finished the regular season in the top 2, in all three grades have made their way through to the grand final at McDonald Jones Stadium...and what a day in promises to be. In under 19s Lakes will be out to avenge last years defeat to Wests when the two clubs face off at 10.15am

In reserve grade Wests, who lost last years decider will be out to go one better when they take on Maitland who have been the benchmark in reserve grade, with only 1 loss in the regular season. Reserve grade kicks off is 12pm

In the big one, the Denton Engineering Cup, the Lions take on the Pickers. There was only a struck match between them two weeks ago when Maitland got home 24-22 in the major semi-final...so get out to McDonald Jones Stadium to see if the Lions can stop the Pickers taking back-to-back first grade premierships!

For the winner of our Denton Engineering Cup grand final, the season doesn't stop there! In two weeks' time (16/17 September) they will host the winner of Illawarra's Mojo Homes Cup in the first round of the Presidents Cup, with the winner of that match playing in the Presidents Cup final at CommBank Stadium, Parramatta on the 24th September.

To all the volunteers, club committee members, players, coaches, match officials and supporters, thank you for supporting the Newcastle Rugby League competitions. It is a great collaboration of people that bring these competitions to life. The competitions would not be as strong as they are without the input of you all.

To NSWRL CEO David Trodden, the board of the NSWRL, the staff of the NSWRL both at NSWRL HQ and locally, you provide great support and advice for these competitions which is greatly appreciated.

Finally, to the board of the Newcastle Rugby League. Thanks for providing the direction and guidance to the Newcastle Rugby League competitions. We look forward to building on a successful 2023 with an even better 2024!

> ADAM DEVCICH General Manager









VIDEO PODCAST ALERT

Newcastle Rugby League Footy Show -Grand Final - LIVE - Brydens Lawyers. With Special Guests Mitch Cullen, Chad O'Donnell, Matt Lantry, Andrew Ryan, Brendon Simpson, Jarom Haines, Lachlan Piper and more from the NRL's biggest stars!











DENTON ENGINEERING GROUP CUP MAITLAND V SOUTHS

Daniel	1	Reeve
LANGBRIDGE	FULLBACK	Howard
William	2	Jacob
NIEUWENHUISE	WING	AFFLICK
Matthew	3	Harrison
SOPER-LAWLER	Centre	VAN DARTEL
Gary	4	Jhett
ANDERSON	Centre	BUTLER
James	5	Jarrod
Bradley	WING	FLANAGAN
Chad O'DONNELL	6 FIVE-EIGHTH	Ryan GLANVILLE CAPTAN
Brock LAMB CAPTAN	7 HALFBACK	Angus ERNST
Jayden	8	Frank-Paul
BUTTERFIELD	PROP	NUUAUSALA
Alex	9	Mitchell
LANGBRIDGE	Hooker	BLACK
James	10	Brendon
TAYLOR	PROP	SIMPSON
Reid	11	Lewis
ALCHIN	Second row	HAMILTON
Lincoln	12	Harry
SMITH	Second Row	CROKER
Samuel	13	Jack
ANDERSON	LOCK	WELSH
Luke	14	Jarom
Knight	INTERCHANGE 1	HAINES
Harrison	15	Justin
SPRUCE	INTERCHANGE 2	AFFLICK
Faitotoa	16	Carlin
FAITOTOA	INTERCHANGE 3	PETTET
Mitchell	19 20	Lochlan
Cullen	INTERCHANGE 4	PIPER
Daniel	17 18	Marshall
TICEHURST	INTERCHANGE 5	SING
	17 INTERCHANGE 6	Connor BROWNE
	19 interchange 7	Zac Browne
	21 INTERCHANGE 8	Campbell SCOTT



Coached by: MATT LANTRY

MAITLAND PICKERS R.L.C.



KICK OFF: 2:00PM SAT 2ND SEP MCDONALD JONES STADIUM

Referee: JOEY BUTLER



Coached by: ANDREW RYAN



MAITLAND PICKERS WEEKEND REVIEW: COACHES



The Pickers are proud to again be part of Newcastle Rugby League Grand Final day. It's also a special occasion to be sharing the day with our reserve grade team who appear in their first grand final since 2010.

The journey each and every year isn't possible without our volunteers delivering countless hours to run our club. To each and every one of you, we sincerely thank you for the amazing effort you've all gone to this year. A special mention must be made of John Gorman (president) and Jane O'Rourke (secretary) for their coordination of things behind the scenes to make the last fortnight move smoothly into grand final day.

We'd also like to thank Andrew Carraro for his work behind the scenes with the amazing artwork he's compiled for our change rooms to ensure the day is a memorable one for our players. Andrew your artwork is the best in the business and we're enormously grateful you're aligned with our club.

To our sponsors, you are the best in the business! We value each and every one of you for your support and contribution to our club. We hope you enjoy Saturday as much as we will. We look forward to celebrating with you back at Club Maitland City on what a successful season 2023 has been and hope you'll all join us for the ride again in 2024.

Matt Lantry



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SOUTHS Coaches Preview



Last weekend saw us travel to Kurri Kurri for a prelim final against a very tough team in Cessnock. Started well with first try after a few minutes but then the rest of the half fell away from Cessnock taking opportunities, being more willing and our team making errors and poor discipline. It meant we were down 14 to 4 at half time. After half time it was a real arm wrestle with Cessnock again having quite a lead.

The players spirit to come from behind to lift and score 3 late tries and advance to the grand final was really impressive! Can't thank enough the Souths supporters including families, volunteers and players from other grades that traveled to Kurri to get us home.

Also a huge thanks to Kurri Kurri football club that helped out so much. This week the ultimate test comes against the best team in the competition who are coming in fresh from the week off.

Can't wait to get to McDonald Jones Stadium to see all the support for our football club. If we go on the last few weeks in final, I know that this group will certainly give effort on Saturday.

Also wishing our A Grade team good luck in their preliminary final on Saturday, unfortunately we can't all be there to support.

Thanks again to all our volunteers, players and families we wouldn't be there on Saturday without you.

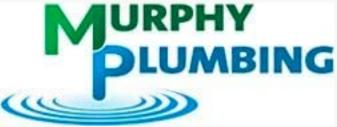
Andrew Ryan



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TOOHEYS NEW RESERVE GRADE MAITLAND V WESTS



Bailey	1	Tyler
TAYLOR	Fullback	MOODIE
Jye	2	Benjamin
BIEMAN-KING	WING	GLASHEEN
Lachlan	3	Lochlan
Matthews	Centre	BULLER
Jackson	4	Dylan
Shade	centre	HEMSLEY
Jackson	5	Malu
ECKFORD	WING	FIU
Jacob	6	Joseph
BUTTON	FIVE-EIGHTH	LEWIS
Jye	7	Isaiah
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Ethan CURTIN-EDWARDS	8 PROP	Nicholas HAGGERTY CAFTAN
Jarrod	9	Harry
SMITH	Hooker	REID
Daniel	16 10	Jordan
TICEHURST	PROP	BLUNDELL
Joseph	11	Samuel
Barber	second row	MCKENNA
Taj	12	Preston
RIDLEY	SECOND ROW	CONN
Leroy	13	Joe
TUIVAITI	LOCK	LUMB
Ben	10 14	Joel
IRELAND	INTERCHANGE 1	MUNRO
Shaun	14 15	Bronson
BELL	INTERCHANGE 2	MEEHAN
Jock	15 16	Cain
SULLIVAN	INTERCHANGE 3	WATERMAN
Kamilo	17	Harry
Visesio	INTERCHANGE 4	HORE
Harry	18	Rhys
WHITFIELD	INTERCHANGE 5	Williams
Thomas	19	Braith
BAKER	INTERCHANGE 6	Lewis
Bailey	20	Jack
JENKINS	INTERCHANGE 7	BENNETT
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Cody CLULOW	22 INTERCHANGE 9	
Dionysse Spathis	23 INTERCHANGE 10	
Michael MCKENZIE	24 INTERCHANGE 11	



BRAYDEN HUNT KICK OFF: 12:00PM SAT 2ND SEP MCDONALD JONES STADIUM

Referee:



brydens _{lawyers}



WESTS COACHES PREVIEW



Firstly, I want to extend my congratulations to Matt and his under-19 Wests boys for reaching the Grand Final. We've been fortunate to have some of these boys support our team throughout the year. We wish them the best in their match against Lakes, which is sure to be an intense game.

On behalf of the reserve grade squad, I'd also like to express our gratitude to the Wests' support staff and volunteers who contribute to the seamless operation of our games each week.

Our team, led by Captain Nick Haggerty, has earned the chance to compete on grand final day against a formidable Maitland side. With a talented roster from 1 to 19, I take pride in our achievements this year, I wouldn't trade any of them; it's been my pleasure to coach this very tight group. Special thanks to Callan Richardson and Jermaine Ale for the support throughout the year in 2023.

Let's ramp it up and go the maggots!

Lucas Miller Reserve Grade



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TOOHEYS NEW Under 19's Lakes V Wests



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Zeek 4 Tyrese FAULKINER CENTRE GORDON	
Charles 5 Mitchell HENNESSY WING CONNORS	
Ty-James 6 Jamie DAVIS-DATES FIVE-BIGHTH THORPE	
Kyle 7 Kynan MCDERMOTT HALFBACK TOOMEY	
Cooper 8 Kade RALPH PROP YOULTEN	
WII 9 Ashton SWAIN HOOKER Daley	
Elijah 10 Callum Hebden-Pentoa _{PROP} HANNAH	
Daniel 11 Benjamin WARD SECOND ROW WELLARD	
Jacob 12 Llam MARSHALL SECOND ROW WILLIAMS	
Jed 13 Harry ROUSE LOCK LAWRY	
Kohen 14 Travis LEE INTERCHANGE 1 MAY	
Chey 15 Thomas EMERTON INTERCHANGE 2 DYER	
Cooper 16 Harrison WALLIS INTERCHANGE 3 KEARSEY	
Nathan 17 Jack THOMAS INTERCHANGE 4 HAYLEN	
Ivan 18 Zye SUA-LEAUPEPE INTERCHANGE 5 MIDWOOD	
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Referee: SAMUEL DALEY

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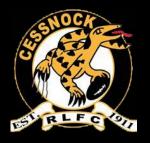












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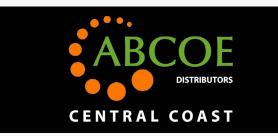
















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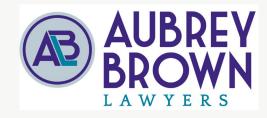






















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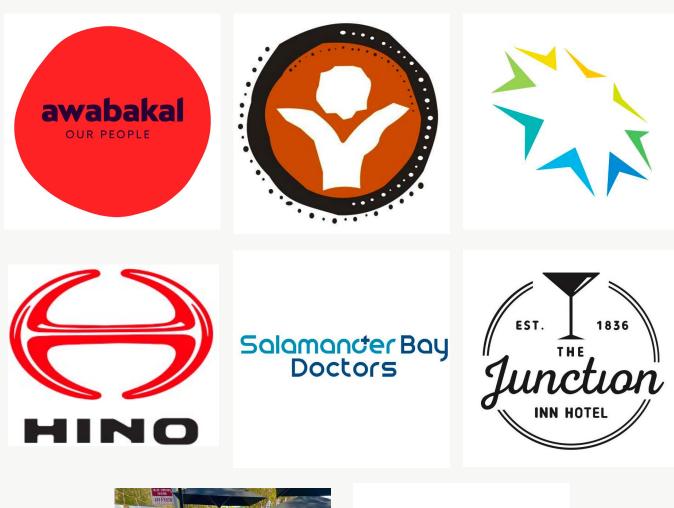


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