

## 1982

David Howell was again in charge of First Grade, John Anderson was again in charge of Reserve Grade whilst Glen Frew took on the position of Under 23's Coach. West nearly had the "clean sweep", but were beaten in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Grand Final by South after being Minor Premiers. First Grade made it "3 in a row" when they defeated Kurri 21 to 14 in the Grand Final played at the International Sports Centre. David Howell suffered an eye injury in the 3<sup>rd</sup> last round and was unable to take his place in the team. The winning West team was 1. Peter Walsh (3 goals) 2. Jon Hulbert (try) 3. Craig Dedman (try) 4. Ron Gibbs (3 tries) 5. Allan Lennan 6. Brad Finnigan 7. Bob Paton 8. Craig Duffy 9. Mick Wallace 10. Ron Broderick 11. Steve Smith 12. Rod Bright 13. Brett Nixon and 14. Peter Johnston. Reserve Grade defeated Maitland 21 to 10. The West team was 1. Ian Thompson (try) 2. Peter Stevenson 3. Neil Toohey (try) 4. Brett Kondratiew 5. Michael Wilson (try) 6. Paul Grob 7. Peter Duggan (try and 3 goals) 8. Gary James 9. Wayne Aoake (try) 10. Peter Johnston 11. Brendan Barber 12. Jim McKenna and 13. Russell Petrie. New players to West in 1982 included Steve Coburn, Ken Daly and Steve Donohue (Kotara Bears), Glen Murray and Peter Stevenson (Glendale), Craig Duffy (Nth Sydney), Paul Grob (North N'Cle), Peter Johnston (Kempsey), Michael Street (Lakes) and Mitchell Knight (West Juniors). The biggest signing was centre Ron Gibbs (from Bourke then Dubbo) who went on to a very successful career in Sydney. At the Newcastle League Presentations West scooped the pool with Bob Paton "winning the car", and David Howell, Ron Gibbs and Kim Paras winning awards. (You'd win money on guessing the names of West's four award winners at the NRL Presentations in 1982). Kim Paras? – was West's winning entrant in "Miss Newcastle Rugby League!"



<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Maitland	Won 12 - 7	Rd 4 – North	Won 23 - 3
Round 2	Central	Won 19 - 0		
Round 3	Cessnock	Won 22 - 10	<i>Play Off for 1st – Lakes 24 West 14</i>	
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Under 23's</i>
Round 1	Maitland	Won 25 - 8	Won 31 - 10	Won 31 - 8
Round 2	Cessnock	Won 23 - 22	Lost 15 - 2	Won 23 - 22
Round 3	Central	Won 35 - 7	Won 57 - 0	Won 51 - 0
Round 4	Lakes	Won 14 - 12	Won 22 - 17	Lost 30 - 13
Round 5	Kurri	Lost 15 - 12	Won 22 - 17	Won 36 - 0
Round 6	North	Won 36 - 8	Won 24 - 12	Won 32 - 0
Round 7	Waratah	Won 29 - 17	Won 44 - 9	Won 22 - 10
Round 8	South	Won 16 - 10	Won 16 - 6	Won 15 - 0
Round 9	Macquarie	Won 31 - 23	Won 22 - 5	Won 23 - 18
Round 10	Maitland	Lost 24 - 9	Won 25 - 10	Won 27 - 7
Round 11	Cessnock	Won 25 - 10	Lost 18 - 14	Won 23 - 8
Round 12	Central	Won 24 - 15	Won 37 - 5	Won 24 - 3
Round 13	Lakes	Won 14 - 7	Lost 17 - 8	13 all Draw
Round 14	Kurri	10 all Draw	Won 16 - 12	Won 27 - 5
Round 15	North	Won 30 - 15	Won 36 - 10	Won 25 - 6
Round 16	Waratah	Won 48 - 3	Won 34 - 10	Won 27 - 13
Round 17	South	Won 31 - 10	Won 39 - 8	Lost 17 - 9
Round 18	Macquarie	Won 15 - 14	Won 41 - 6	Won 23 - 3
<b>Preliminary Semi</b>			<b>West 39 Lakes 3</b>	
<b>Major Semi Final</b>	<b>Kurri</b>	<b>Won 22 - 12</b>	<b>West 28 Cessnock 15</b>	<b>South 27 West 8</b>
<b>Final</b>				<b>West 15 Lakes 10</b>
<b>GRAND FINAL</b>	<b>West 21 def Kurri 14</b>		<b>West 21 Maitland 10</b>	<b>South 16 West 10</b>