

1988

Well that answers that question – and in answering the question one might ask “What about Third Grade?

The question – has West ever scored over 100 points in a game? The answer is a resounding YES! – just by looking at the results in Rounds 8 and 17. But the question still remains about Third Grade – 98 points in Rd 8 and 96 points in Rd 17 – missed by “this much”. Gary Martine returned as a non playing First Grade coach in 1988. Glen Armstrong took over as coach of Reserve Grade, while Brett Nixon took over the Third Grade side as a Playing Coach. First Grade were defeated finalists, whilst Reserve Grade won their Grand Final, whilst Third Grade went down to Maitland. The winning Reserve Grade side was 1. Peter Hill (2 tries) 2. Danny Brown 3. Brett Fellshaw (2 goals) 4. Peter Chapman 5. James Wesley 6. Darryl Benson 7. Tony Price 8. Lorn McDougall (try) 9. Scott Budden 10. Wayne Dawson (try) 11. Barry Loring 12. Graham Russell and 13. Greg Harrison. The newcomers to the club in 1988 included 2 brothers who would play a combined total of 478 (**yep FOUR HUNDRED and SEVENTY EIGHT**) games for the club. No guesses for the names of the former Central youngsters – Tony Price played 240 and Greg Price



(pictured) played 238 games for the club – a remarkable achievement. Other players to join were local juniors Wayne Hepple, Craig Lloyd and Peter Storey. Country players to join West included Peter Atkins (Taree) and Tim Morrison, and Craig Hubbard joined West from Lakes. The “Clubman of the Year” was awarded to Treasurer, Jack Bell, who had just begun his 39th (**yep 39th**) year as Treasurer. (**Bell would hold that position until 1992. His 43 years as Treasurer makes him the longest serving Club Official on record.**)

<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Central	Won 18 - 16		
Round 2	Lakes	Won 15 - 0	<i>Final – West 15 South 14</i>	
Competition	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Thirds
Round 1	Central	Lost 28 - 20	Won 26 - 18	Won 14 - 10 ##
Round 2	Macquarie	18 all Draw	Won 32 - 0	Lost 8 - 6
Round 3	Maitland #			
Round 4	Waratah #			
Round 5	Lakes	Lost 18 - 10	Won 40 - 10	Lost 26 - 16
Round 6	South #			
Round 7	Cessnock	Won 34 - 28	Won 54 - 0	Won 22 - 14
Round 8	North	Won 116 - 2	Won 120 - 2	Won 98 - 0
Round 9	Kurri	Won 30 - 8	Won 38 - 8	Won 56 - 0
Round 10	Central	Lost 20 - 18	Won 26 - 8	Won 14 - 10
Round 11	Macquarie	Won 23 - 18	Won 30 - 6	Won 44 - 0
Round 12	Maitland	Won 32 - 6	Won 22 - 12	Won 22 - 19
Round 13	Waratah	Won 34 - 12	Won 32 - 12	Won 14 - 2
Round 14	Lakes	Lost 18 - 9	Won 34 - 10	Lost 16 - 12
Round 15	South	Lost 15 - 8	Won 20 - 10	Won 12 - 10
Round 16	Cessnock	Won 16 - 4	Won 16 - 14	Lost 13 - 12
Round 17	North	Won 118 - 4	Won 114 - 0	Won 96 - 2
Round 18	Kurri	Lost 25 - 24	Won 56 - 2	Won 38 - 6
Elimination Semi	Maitland	Won 35 - 6		
Preliminary Semi				Lakes 22 West 14
Minor Semi Final	Central	Won 13 - 8		
Major Semi Final			Maitland 19 West 12	Maitland 10 West 8
Final	Lakes	Lost 16 - 10	West 30 Lakes 16	West 16 Lakes 8
GRAND FINAL	South 29 def Lakes 8		West 20 Maitland 0	Maitland 18 West 12