

1990

Mal Graham continued as First Grade Captain / Coach in 1990, with Glen Armstrong continuing as Reserve Grade Coach, and the “Rubber Ball” John Scott taking over as Third Grade Coach. It was a pretty good season in which all 3 teams made the semi final. A couple of observations about the table below. In First Grade there



were 3 draws in 4 games, with a one point win in the other game – just a little unusual. The other thing to notice isNO MAITLAND!. Yep, Maitland succumbed to financial pressures and did not field teams in the 1990 competition. Some players who first played grade with West in 1990 included West junior, Garth Brennan, Mick Reid (pictured - originally from Queensland), and Neil Baker (a South Newcastle junior who came to West from Penrith). First time player Jason Schiemer also impressed by scoring 24 tries during the year and winning the Darcy Real Estate Trophy for “Most Tries”. During the year West also won the inaugural “BP Sevens” over Cessnock. This final was played at half time in a Knights game. There was another bit of good news in 1990 – although West did not win a Grand Final they won the Club Championship – a trophy that West has

won many times over the years. The 90’s would produce 4 First Grade Grand Final wins so good times were in the offing.

<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Kurri	Lost 22 - 6		
Round 2	Toronto	Won 36 - 8	<i>Play Off for 1st – West 18 South 16</i>	
Competition	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Thirds
Round 1	Central	Won 32 - 28	Won 52 - 10	26 all Draw
Round 2	Cessnock	Won 25 - 22	Won 22- 4	Lost 52 – 0
Round 3	Waratah	Won 14 - 11	Won 50 – 8 #	Lost 32 – 10 #
Round 4	Toronto	24 all Draw	Won 20 - 12	Won 16 – 6
Round 5	Kurri	20 all Draw	Won 28 - 10	Won 44 – 26
Round 6	South	Won 17 - 16	Lost 30 - 16	Lost 26 – 16
Round 7	Lakes	22 all Draw	Won 40 - 20	Won 22 – 12
Round 8	North N Bay	Won 10 - 6	Lost 32 - 0	Lost 16 – 12
Round 9	Central	Won 20 - 8	Won 24 - 10	Lost 12 – 10
Round 10	Cessnock	Won 26 - 12	Won 22 - 12	Lost 32 – 14
Round 11	Toronto	Lost 22 - 6	18 all Draw	Won 34 – 10
Round 12	Waratah	Won 32 - 29	Won 84 – 6 #	Lost 28 – 24 #
Round 13	Kurri	Won 24 - 10	Won 26 - 4	Won 52 – 4
Round 14	South	Won 36 - 18	Lost 14 - 10	Won 50 – 8
Round 15	Lakes	Lost 22 - 18	Won 16 - 10	Won 36 – 20
Round 16	North N Bay	Won 52 - 4	Won 36 - 10	Won 24 - 14
Elimination Semi				West 20 NN Bay 20
Elim Semi Replay				NN Bay 18 West 6
Preliminary Semi	Waratah	Won 22 - 20	West 26 NN Bay 6	
Major Semi Final	Lakes	Lost 16 - 15	South 18 West 10	
Final	Waratah	Lost 18 - 6	Lakes 18 West 8	
GRAND FINAL	Waratah 17 def Lakes 14			Waratah (winners)