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Neil Baker continued as Captain / Coach in First Grade, Geoff Coburn again took over in his last season as Reserve Grade Coach while Craig Hubbard took over as Captain / Coach of 3rd Grade. No Grand Final wins this year, but the club again won the “Mal Woolford” trophy for being “Club Champions”. First Grade had a wonderful year before falling by the barest of margins to Kurri in the Final. Reserve Grade were finalists, and



Third Grade were Grand Finalists. So all in all, an excellent season. Another win by over 100 points in Round 15 when West defeated Central 114 – 0. Indeed the combined score in all 3 grades, over both rounds, against Central resulted in “West 536 pts – Central 12 pts”. Players who first played grade with West in 1994 included Steve Vallette (Nelson Bay), and West juniors Tony Hutton and Adam Dagwell. Hutton went on to play 141 games for West, winning 1st Grade Premierships in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2002. Ross Potter was awarded the “Clubman of the Year” trophy, while the “Most Outstanding Player” trophies in each grade were awarded to Tod Anderson, Frank Elmer and Keith Couper. Geoff Coburn (*pictured*) deserves a special mention. A local junior Geoff played 151 games (121 First Grade) between 1977 and 1988, with some years in the middle playing First Grade in Sydney. He played in the 1978 First Grade Grand Final (West 23 def South 16), and the 1980 First Grade Grand Final (West 17 def Cessnock 3). In the

1990’s Geoff coached Reserve Grade for 3 years. Later he was a member of the WSRLFC Committee, and a Director of West Leagues Club (*still is- at the time of writing June 2014*). “Good job...well played...by an unlikely looking tough, front row forward – but Guy Keenan will always win the award as the “most unlikely front row forward” (*Todd Pavlou is also in the mix – all 3 played well above their weight*)

<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Cessnock	Lost 26 - 4	Rd 3 - Maitland	Won 30 - 0
Round 2	Toronto	Won 12 - 10		
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Thirds</i>
Round 1	Toronto	Won 54 - 8	Won 24 - 18	Won 12 - 10
Round 2	South	Lost 26 - 22	Lost 18 - 16	Won 20 - 16
Round 3	Waratah	Won 22 - 8	Won 36 - 14	Won 36 - 16
Round 4	NN Bay	Won 22 - 2	Won 44 - 22	Won 32 - 18
Round 5	Maitland	Won 28 - 14	Won 40 - 10	Won 14 - 6
Round 6	Central	Won 94 - 0	Won 90 - 0	Won 80 - 12
Round 7	Kurri	Won 30 - 8	Won 52 - 11	Won 22 - 20
Round 8	Cessnock	Won 50 - 15	Won 26 - 10	Won 20 - 6
Round 9	Lakes	Won 48 - 10	Won 30 - 10	Won 18 - 15
Round 10	Toronto	20 all Draw	Won 16 - 8	Won 50 - 6
Round 11	South	Lost 14 - 8	Lost 24 - 6	Lost 19 - 4
Round 12	Waratah	Won 20 - 12	Won 12 - 4	Won 34 - 18
Round 13	NN Bay	Won 40 - 12	Lost 32 - 6	Won 30 - 9
Round 14	Maitland	Won 34 - 10	Lost 14 - 12	Won 16 - 14
Round 15	Central	Won 114 - 0	Won 80 - 0	Won 78 - 0
Round 16	Kurri	Won 22 - 17	Won 24 - 6	Won 28 - 6
Round 17	Cessnock	Won 82 - 8	Lost 24 - 18	Won 20 - 18
Round 18	Lakes	Won 52 - 12	Won 38 - 4	14 all Draw
Qualifying Semi			M'land 16 West 14	
Minor Semi Final			West 22 C'nock 14	West 27 South 10
Major Semi Final	Toronto	Lost 24 - 16		Lakes 22 West 14
Final	Kurri	Lost 12 - 11	M'land 16 West 0	West 9 South 2
GRAND FINAL	Kurri 20 def Toronto 16			Lakes 28 West 6