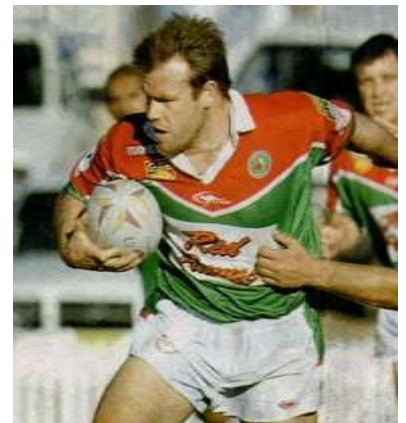


2002



Another “Golden Year” – 3 Grand Final wins and a Club Championship win. (2002 follows other “Golden Years” of 1966, 1984 and 1992). Troy Fletcher (*pictured 2013*) took over as First Grade Captain / Coach, Garth Brennan continued with the Reserve Grade and Ian Thompson with the “Under 20’s”. First Grade defeated Lakes 27 to 16 in the Grand Final. The winning West team was 1. Trent Watson 2. Wayne March (try) 3. Gavin Cook 4. Paul Delaney 5. Trent Salkeld (2 tries) 6. Paul Skovgaard (2 goals) 7. Troy Wright (2 tries and 1 fg) 13. Todd Maddison (goal) 12. Ben Donaldson 11. Tony Hutton 10. Troy Fletcher 9. Ryan Dagwell 8. Scott Conley 14. Shane Johnson 15. Chris Schneider

16. Andrew Weir and 17. David Goodridge. Reserve Grade defeated Cessnock by 34 to 16. The winning West team was 1. Garth Brennan 2. Stu Carmont (try) 3. Kurt Stallworthy (try and 2 goals) 4. Michael Smith 5. Garth Ross (try) 6. Ryan O’Sullivan 7. Steve Doherty (try) 13. Dane Thorogood (2 tries and 3 goals) 12. Adam Gidley 11. Matt Kurtz 10. Justin Alexander 9. Matthew Pearce 8. Nathan Parker 14. Chris Attwood 15. Chris Diebert and 16. Ben Newman. Under 20’s defeated Lakes 30 to 10. The winning West team was 1. Todd Wright 2. Steven Francis 3. Michael Pantazis 4. Scott Beilier 5. Robert Kirkland 6. Trent Goninan 7. David Thomas 13. Paul Brogan 12. Adrian Connell 11. Luke Garrard 10. Rick Sternbeck 9. Andrew Stephens 8. Al McCully. The competition was back to 10 teams as Waratah “dropped out”. New players to West in 2002 included Paul Delaney, Todd Mulville, Todd Wright, David Thomas (from Coonabarabran) and Troy Fletcher from the Knights. Ben Donaldson also made a big impact in his first of 2 years with West. Paul Skovgaard was awarded the “Clubman of the Year” trophy, and the “Most Valuable Player in Each Grade” trophies were awarded to Paul Skovgaard (Firsts), Matthew Pearce (Reserves) and David Thomas (Under 20’s)..And to top off a great year, Ryan Dagwell (*pictured right*) was named “Country Player of the year”. West were saddened by the passing of “Charger” Walls and “Monty” Spruce (Tag’s twin brother) during the year.



	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Under 20's
Round 1	Macquarie	Won 48 - 12	Won 88 - 0	Won by Forfeit
Round 2	Maitland	Won 36 - 16	Won 38 - 12	Won 42 - 20
Round 3	Central	Won 42 - 6	Won 38 - 16	Won 42 - 16
Round 4	Northern Blues	Won 26 - 8	Won 50 - 0	Won 20 - 0
Round 5	Ray Terrace	Won 26 - 10	Lost 26 - 10	Won 40 - 12
Round 6	Lakes	Lost 17 - 10	Won 26 - 10	Won 15 - 12
Round 7	Cessnock	Lost 24 - 22	Won 32 - 16	Won 26 - 20
Round 8	Kurri	Won 42 - 10	Won 34 - 4	Won 58 - 8
Round 9	South	Won 44 - 6	Won 42 - 0	Won 34 - 12
Round 10	Ray Terrace	Lost 18 - 16	Lost 52 - 8	Won 60 - 10
Round 11	Macquarie	Won 64 - 4	Won 52 - 0	Won by Forfeit
Round 12	Maitland	Won 80 - 6	Won 54 - 4	Won 46 - 4
Round 13	Central	Won 36 - 16	Lost 32 - 4	Won 26 - 16
Round 14	Northern Blues	Lost 30 - 24	Won 38 - 10	Won 38 - 10
Round 15	Lakes	Lost 13 - 6	Won 44 - 4	Won 42 - 24
Round 16	South	Won 54 - 18	Won 48 - 0	Won 27 - 12
Round 17	Cessnock	Won 40 - 16	Won 80 - 4	Won 44 - 26
Round 18	Kurri	??	??	??
Qual Semi Final	Ray Terrace	Won 36 - 12	West 28 Central 14	
Major Semi Final	Lakes	Lost 16 - 14	West 28 R Terr 4	West 26 Lakes 14
Final	Northern Blues	Won 31 - 18		
GRAND FINAL	West 27 def Lakes 16		West 34 C'nock 16	West 30 Lakes 10