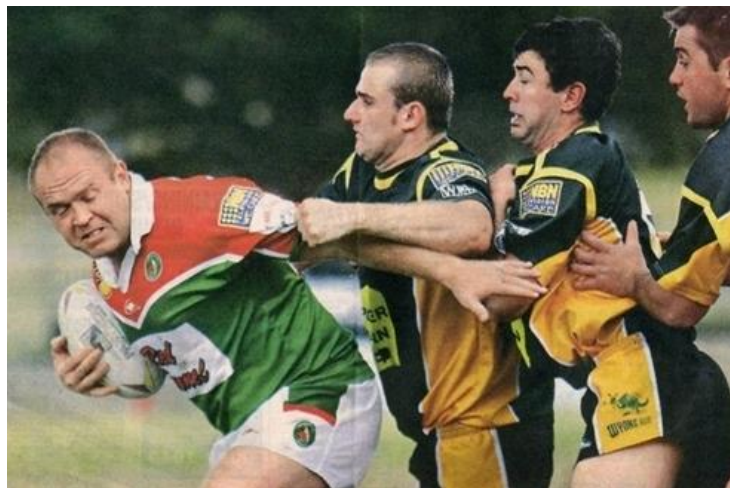


2004

Troy Fletcher continued on as First Grade Captain / Coach in 2004, while Ian Thompson took over as Reserve Grade Coach, and Dave Stewart was appointed as Opens Coach. 2004 was another successful season. West were Club Champions and Major Premiers in First Grade and Open Grade. First Grade defeated Northern Blues 32 – 28 in the Grand Final. The winning West side was 1. Garth Ross 2. Brett Cullen 3. Gavin Cook 4. Paul Delaney (try) 5. Andrew Hickey (3 tries) 6. Craig Wise (try) 7. Shaun Wallace 13. Todd Maddison (3 goals) 12. Troy Fletcher 11. Jarrod O’Doherty 10. Scott Asimus (try) 9. Ryan Dagwell 8. Andrew Weir 14. Ben Hopper 15. Todd Pavlou 16. Shane Johnson and 17 Todd Bates (goal). This game was remarkable for a late surge in points from the Northern Blues – the full time hooter came at a pretty good time for West. Open Grade defeated Wyong 10 to 8. The winning Open Grade team was 1. Todd Wright (try) 2. Clint Crispin 3. Tom Maiden 4. Kurt Stallworthy 5. Peter Coleman 6. Dylan Skee (goal) 7. Ben Porter 13. Matt Resch 12.



Kurt Evans 11. Paul Brogan 10. Al McCully 9. Matt Marks 8. Luke O’Connell and 14. Ryan O’Sullivan (try). Players who first played grade with West in 2004 included Todd Bates, Andrew Hickey, Matt Resch, Steve Gordon, Warren Schillings (Jnr) and Shaun Wallace. Todd Pavlou was awarded “The Clubman of the Year” and Ryan Dagwell (Firsts), David Thomas (Reserves) and Todd Wright (Opens) were awarded trophies for the “Most Outstanding Player in each Grade.” Scott Asimus (*pictured*) had just the one season with West – in 2004. He had played in some pretty good teams over the years (Knights, Northern Eagles, North Queensland Cowboys to name a few)

but had never won a Grand Final. It was fitting that his last game of Rugby League resulted in a Grand Final win. On the saddest of notes, 2004 was remembered for the passing of “Mr West”, Glen Maloney. A “bit of a history” of Glen appears on page 2 of this 2004 summary.

	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Opens
Round 1	Central	Won 62 - 24	Won 60 - 8	Won 112 - 4
Round 2	Northern Blues	Won 32 - 14	Won 32 - 18	Won 36 - 0
Round 3	Kurri	Won 42 - 12	Lost 18 - 10	Won 54 - 16
Round 4	Waratah	Won 84 - 6	Won 72 - 0	Won 86 - 0
Round 5	Cessnock	Won 30 - 12	Won 28 - 10	Won 40 - 8
Round 6	Ray Terrace	Won 34 - 24	Won 36 - 14	Won 88 - 6
Round 7	Lakes	Lost 52 - 30	Lost 30 - 28	Won 36 - 32
Round 8	Wyong	Lost 22 - 20	Lost 38 - 22	Won 25 - 10
Round 9	South	Won 46 - 16	Won 28 - 18	Lost 13 - 6
Round 10	Macquarie	Won 54 - 8	Won 52 - 16	Won 56 - 4
Round 11	Central	Won 78 - 24	Won 86 - 0	Won by Forfeit
Round 12	Northern Blues	Won 30 - 26	Lost 28 - 18	Won 46 - 22
Round 13	Kurri	Won 64 - 16	Lost 28 - 26	Won 64 - 0
Round 14	Waratah	??	??	??
Round 15	Cessnock	Won 19 - 12	Won 32 - 24	Won 50 - 4
Round 16	Lakes	Won 34 - 12	Lost 14 - 12	Lost 14 - 8
Round 17	Ray Terrace	Won 18 - 16	Won 36 - 4	Won 32 - 12
Round 18	Wyong	Won 22 - 16	Lost 34 - 22	Lost 24 - 4
Round 19	South	Won 44 - 2	Lost 26 - 24	Won 38 - 16
Round 20	Macquarie	Won 68 - 16	Won 38 - 10	Won by Forfeit
Play Off 5th			West 26 Kurri 8	
Elimination Semi			South 16 West 12	
Qualifying Semi				West 11 Wyong 6
Major Semi	Northern Blues	Lost 28 - 16		West 34 Lakes 8
FINAL	Lakes	Won 36 - 24		
GRAND FINAL	West 32 def Northern Blues 28			West 10 Wyong 8

Glen Maloney 1924 - 2004



Glen was born in West Wallsend in 1924. He was only a baby when his family moved to Milton, on the South Coast, where his family was involved in a timber business. His father then joined the NSW Railways which resulted in the Maloney family “moving about”. Glen attended 11 Primary Schools, before attending High School in Parramatta. Late in his High School days Glen played A Grade for the Granville Shamrocks Rugby league team. In 1942 Glen joined the RAAF as an air frame fitter. He moved around a number of air force bases before coming back to the Newcastle region at the Rathmines Flying Boat base. Upon leaving the RAAF Glen set up a “Barber Shop” in Rugby Road, New Lambton. (He told me that I had the “roughest nut” of any kid that he knew – but I reckon he told that to every kid who went to his Barber Shop). He married Nita in 1946, and over the years, this partnership was a formidable force as far as West

was concerned. He played Third Grade for West in 1948. However, West’s records start in 1951, so his official record with West is – Glen Maloney – 2 Third Grade games – one in 1952 and the other in 1953 – most probably to “help out”. Glen took over as Secretary in 1953 from Gordon Brown. 1953 is significant because very few West records were handed over to Glen, so he “started from scratch”...and he started with the records of the 1951 season...and that’s why West records start at 1951. Glen was Secretary of the Football Club from 1953 to 1975 and President in 1976 and 1977 – an outstanding record. In 1957, Glen, together with Harry Harding, Jack Aitchison, Jack Bell, Doug Carroll, Jack Harvey and Bill Jukes started the idea of a Leagues Club. Special mention should also be made of Solicitor, Bruce O’Sullivan, who had the “know how” to “get things done”. West Leagues Club opened on 24 September 1960 with 150 members. It is no coincidence that West broke a 39 year old drought by winning the 1961 First Grade Grand Final with a 10 to 9 win over Waratah – almost 1 year to the day after the Leagues Club had opened. Glen Maloney gave up his Barber Shop and became the inaugural Secretary / Manager of West



Leagues Club. In my opinion Glen Maloney is the “Most Influential Person” in West’s history. On 31 July 1974 Glen, together with long term President, Harry Harding, and long term Treasurer, Jack Bell, were honoured at a Testimonial Dinner – recognition of the importance of these 3 men in West’s history. Glen was also honoured by being appointed “Manager” of West’s Team of the Century that was announced in 2010. My enduring memory of Glen Maloney, is Glen and Nita, circulating at all West’s home games with their weekly raffle – First Prize – a “wonderful” canteen of cutlery and Second Prize – a pure wool “Onkaparinga” blanket. Those were the days!!

