

2008

Kurt Hancock continued as First Grade Coach, Brad Melville came from Kurri to be Reserve Grade Coach, Steve Bettridge continued as Open Grade Coach and West “legend”, Wayne March, took over as coach of the Under 19’s. West were Minor Premiers in every grade, but tasted only one success on Grand Final day. The First Grade Grand Final will be remembered for John Reynolds (*top*) scoring 5 minutes after the start (and converting his try), and scoring 5 minutes from the end (and converting his try). The winning West side was 1. Sam Wooden 2. Willy Pole’o 3. Wes Tillott 4. Jermaine Ale 5. John Reynolds 6. Nathan Hinton 7. Luke Karam 13. Colin Clarke 12. Matt



Resch 11. Peter Mannion 10. Warren Schillings 9. Matt Thurston 8. Dan Quinn 14. Dan Hagan 15. Tim Walker 16.



Dean MacBain and 17. Mark Farrar. New players who first played grade with West in 2008 included juniors, Mitch Garbutt (*currently, 2014, with The Storm*), Sam Jobbins, Clint Davies and David Dryden, Dan Quinn (Macquarie) and Matt Thurston (Knights). Shaun Wallace (*left*) was recognised as “Clubman of the Year”, and the “Most Outstanding Players in each Grade” were Matt Thurston



(Firsts) (*picture right*), Murray Parker (Reserves), Luke Poolman (Opens) and Matt McLaren (U 19’s). A great year ending with our 19th First Grade Premiership. Nathan Hinton was recognised as “Newcastle Rugby League Player of the Year”, and Matt

Thurston as “Newcastle Rugby League Rep Player of the Year”.

Rd	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Opens	Under 19's
Rd 1	Nelson Bay	Lost 38 - 26	Won 34 - 12	Won 86 - 0	Won 34 - 8
Rd 2	Ray Terrace	Won 54 - 8	Won 56 - 4	Won 36 - 0	Won 48 - 0
Rd 3	Lakes	Won 38 - 8	Won 46 - 8	Won 64 - 6	Won 50 - 0
Rd 4	Wyang	Won 32 - 14	Won 38 - 6	Won 34 - 14	Won 36 - 16
Rd 5	Kurri	Won 40 - 18	Won 16 - 12	Won 34 - 6	Won 24 - 23
Rd 6	South	Won 54 - 22	Won 64 - 6	Won 40 - 22	Won 34 - 6
Rd 7	Cessnock	Won 22 - 14	Won 34 - 28	Won 40 - 12	Won 54 - 0
Rd 8	Macquarie	Won 23 - 10	Lost 14 - 13	Won 36 - 28	Won 32 - 12
Rd 9	Central	Lost 31 - 18	Won 42 - 18	Won 60 - 6	Won 30 - 12
Rd 10	Nelson Bay	Won 36 - 12	Won 22 - 16	Won 66 - 8	Won 32 - 10
Rd 11	Lakes	Won 42 - 0	Won 28 - 6	Won 40 - 6	Won Forfeit
Rd 12	Wyang	Lost 20 - 16	Won 32 - 4	Won 24 - 14	Won 34 - 0
Rd 13	Kurri	Won 24 - 14	Won 28 - 6	Won 44 - 4	Won 22 - 10
Rd 14	South	Won 70 - 20	Won 24 - 20	Won 48 - 0	Won 36 - 10
Rd 15	Cessnock	Won 25 - 24	Won 12 - 8	Won 38 - 0	Won 46 - 6
Rd 16	Macquarie	Won 48 - 18	Won 34 - 4	Won 34 - 16	Won 24 - 0
Rd 17	Central	Won 26 - 24	Won 28 - 16	Won Forfeit	Lost 30 - 4
Rd 18	Ray Terrace	Won 56 - 10	Won 34 - 16	Won 68 - 8	Won 50 - 0
Major Semi	Cessnock	Won 42 - 4	Macquarie 22 West 16	West 32 Macquarie 12	Central 16 West 6
FINAL			West 14 South 10		Wyang 19 West 10
GRAND FINAL	West 12 def Cessnock 10		Macquarie 30 West 26	Macquarie 13 West 12	