

2013



Two changes in 2013 – Wyong decided to play in the NSW Cup, and the Newcastle League elected to play Under 18's on game day. West were Club Champions and went “back to back” by winning the First Grade under coach Craig Miller (*pictured left 2014*). West defeated Kurri by 21 to 8 in the First Grade Grand Final. The winning West team was 1. Joel Penny (try) 2. Justin Smith 3. Jermaine Ale (try) 4. Simon Williams 5. Mitch Williams 6. Steve Gordon (2 goals) 7. Brad Murray (fg) 13. Lucas Miller 12. Peter Mannion (try) 11. Warren Schillings (try) 10. Ryan Petro 9. Matt Thurston 8. Jake Finn 14. Matt Herman 15. James Woolford 16. Matt Kennedy and 17. Colin Clarke. Reserve Grade, under coach Mark Morrissey, were Minor Premiers, but lost the Grand Final to Macquarie. Both the Under 23's, coached by Dave Stewart, and the Under 18's, coached by Paul McLaren lost in the Final. Craig “Barney” Miller deserves special recognition. After successfully coaching West Junior sides, he coached West Thirds to a Premiership in 1995, West Reserves to Premierships in 1996 and 1997. He then had time away from West, where he was Assistant Coach of the Knights (assistant to Michael Hagan). Returning

to West in 2011 as First Grade Coach, West were unluckily beaten in extra time by Maitland and West won again in 2012 and 2013. (*At the time of writing - 28 June 2014 - West are unbeaten at the half way mark of the competition – so the 2014 First Grade season looks promising*). 2013 would have been especially pleasing for Craig, as his son Lucas was a member of the winning team. During 2013 Garth Ross (*pictured right by Trish Evenden scoring the “record breaking” try*) broke Brett Cullen's try scoring record with his 2 tries against Kurri in the 2nd round. A former West Junior, Ross retired after the 2013 season, playing for 15 years (237 games) with a



Club Record of 235 tries. He was a member of the 2004 First Grade winning GF team. Dain Bamblett was awarded the trophy for “Clubman of the Year”, and the trophies for the “Most Outstanding Players in each Grade” were awarded to Matt Thurston (Firsts), Brett Jarrett (Reserves) and Gareth Evans (Under 23's)

	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Under 23's	Under 18's
Rd 1	Cessnock	Won 24 - 20	Won 34 - 10	Won 36 - 22	Lost 30 - 24
Rd 2	Maitland	Won 36 - 22	Won 34 - 12	Won 20 - 12	Won 20 - 12
Rd 3	Port Stephens	Won 40 - 12	Won 50 - 6	Lost 28 - 20	Won 46 - 20
Rd 4	Lakes	Won 62 - 4	Won 44 - 6	Won 30 - 0	Won 32 - 18
Rd 5	Central	Lost 18 - 14	Won 26 - 22	Lost 30 - 12	BYE
Rd 6	Kurri	Lost 26 - 22	Won 46 - 10	Won 44 - 4	Won 44 - 16
Rd 7	South	Won 44 - 16	Won 34 - 20	Lost 32 - 18	Won 28 - 22
Rd 8	Macquarie	Won 36 - 16	Lost 22 - 20	Won 42 - 4	Won 42 - 10
Rd 9	Cessnock	Lost 26 - 16	14 all Draw	Won 20 - 14	Lost 36 - 0
Rd 10	Port Stephens	Won 38 - 22	Won 56 - 8	Won 24 - 12	Lost 28 - 24
Rd 11	Lakes	Won 44 - 14	Won 68 - 0	Won 60 - 4	Lost 36 - 32
Rd 12	Central	Won 36 - 22	Won 86 - 12	22 all Draw	BYE
Rd 13	Kurri	Won 28 - 6	Won 42 - 6	Won Forfeit	Won 40 - 16
Rd 14	Maitland	36 all Draw	Won 96 - 0	Won 50 - 0	Won 34 - 22
Rd 15	South	Lost 29 - 6	Won 22 - 12	Won 20 - 14	Won 23 - 16
Rd 18	Macquarie	Won 34 - 6	Won 59 - 14	Won 36 - 0	Won Forfeit
Qual Semi				West 22 Sth 20	West 24 Cess 20
Major Semi	South	Won 22 - 12	West 28 Sth 20	Cen 24 West 16	Mait 20 West 4
FINAL				Sth 34 West 4	Lkes 30 West 22
GR FINAL	West 21	def Kurri 8	Mac 32 West 16		