

1987

John McLeod, originally from Bundaberg, came to West from the West Magpies in Sydney to be the First Grade Captain / Coach in 1987. Jon Hulbert took over from Steve Smith as Reserve Grade Captain / Coach with Brendan Barber again appointed as the Third Grade coach. (NB Brendan is still involved in 2014 with West – he has been an “on field trainer” for many years). It is fair to say that First Grade had a “tumultuous” season, being eliminated at the semi final stage of the competition. Reserve Grade were very unlucky losing the Grand Final to a Maitland field goal, and the impressive Third Grade side carried their good form into the final series winning the Grand Final 28 points to 6 over South. The winning Third Grade team was 1. Paul Hoole (4 goals) 2. Shaun Martin 3. David Wilson 4. Greg Mitchell (try) 5. James Wesley (try) 6. Jason Smith 7. Glen Campbell (try) 8. David Ashman (try) 9. David Baldwin 10. Craig Dodd 11. Derek McVey 12. Greg Harrison and 13. Steve Donohue (try). The team was captained by Steve Donohue, a Kotara junior, whose father was former South legend, Peter Donohue. In addition to John McLeod, some of the new players in 1987 were Peter Chapman from Taree Old Bar (154 games for West), West junior Greg Mitchell (134 games), Kotara junior Michael “Flash” Flanagan (115 games), Wallsend junior Brett Fellshaw (88 games) and Tony Amidy joined West from Greta Branxton via Maitland. Another Kotara Junior, Greg Harrison (pictured) was awarded the “Clubman of the Year” trophy in 1987 for “his services to the club as a player in all grades, and his continued support in all social activities”. Harrison was a great clubman who played “any grade – any time”, indeed his 228 games for the club were made up of 48 Firsts, 137 Reserves and 43 Thirds.



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<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Central	Lost 22 - 18	Rd 3 – Maitland	Won 8 - 4
Round 2	Waratah	Won 28 - 0	<i>Final – Central 31 West 28</i>	
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Thirds</i>
Round 1	Maitland	Won 22 - 14	Lost 22 - 20	Lost 19 - 16
Round 2	Lakes	Lost 12 - 6	Lost 9 - 8	Won 15 - 12
Round 3	Waratah	Won 30 - 18	Won 40 - 26	Won 21 - 4
Round 4	South	Lost 18 - 16	8 all Draw	Won 15 - 2
Round 5	Macquarie	Won 36 - 26	Won 32 - 8	Lost 10 - 8
Round 6	Cessnock	Lost 31 - 14	Won 19 - 18	Won 16 - 8
Round 7	Central	14 all Draw	Lost 14 - 10	Won 18 - 14
Round 8	Kurri	Won 54 - 24	Won 44 - 12	Won 58 - 4
Round 9	North	Won 54 - 16	Won 80 - 12	Won 50 - 0
Round 10	Maitland	Won 32 - 12	Won 20 - 10	Won 36 - 4
Round 11	Lakes	Lost 32 - 6	Won 16 - 6	Won 21 - 10
Round 12	Waratah	Won 36 - 20	Won 24 - 20	Won 22 - 21
Round 13	South	Won 28 - 10	Won 24 - 14	18 all Draw
Round 14	Macquarie	Won 34 - 0	Won 22 - 16	Won 18 - 6
Round 15	Cessnock	Won 40 - 14	Won 24 - 4	Won 20 - 10
Round 16	Central	Lost 16 - 6	Won 20 - 12	Lost 32 - 18
Round 17	Kurri	Won 36 - 2	Won 46 - 18	Won 42 - 12
Round 18	North	Won 40 - 6	Won 52 - 12	Won 40 - 0
Preliminary Semi	Lakes	Lost 10 - 0	West 42 Central 6	
Minor Semi Final	Cessnock	Lost 14 - 8		
Major Semi Final			West 18 Lakes 16	West 31 Lakes 6
GRAND FINAL	Lakes 24 def South 16		Maitland 19 West 18	West 28 South 6