

2001



Paul Skovgaard continued as First Grade Captain / Coach in 2001, while Garth Brennan took over as Captain / Coach from Dennis Duncan in Reserve Grade. Ian Thompson continued on as “Third Grade” Coach – yep, the Under 20’s of 1999, were replaced by the Under 19’s of 2001, who were replaced by Third Grade in 2001. Another good year for West – Club Champions, and Minor Premiers in the two lower grades. First Grade beat Lakes in the Major Semi Final, but that success was not repeated in the Grand Final. West were big winners in Reserve Grade, but found Raymond Terrace too strong in Third Grade. *(There was an 11 team competition in 2001 with the entry of Raymond Terrace. Quite an impressive start – they beat West in First Grade twice, and won Thirds).* Reserve Grade defeated Cessnock 36 to 0 in the Grand Final. The winning West team was 1. Garth Brennan 2. Stu Carmont 3. Trent Salkeld (3 tries) 4. Tony Herman 5. Jay Walls (6 goals) 6. Steve Doherty (try) 7. Brock Wills 13. Troy Wright (try) 12. David Burgess 11. Adam Dagwell 10. Justin Alexander 9. Scott Collins 8. Gavin Leigh 14. Adam Gidley (try) and 15. Phil Christianson. West juniors Paul Brogan and Dane Thorogood first played grade

in 2001 as did David Goodridge from Farrer High School in Tamworth. Jeff Hughes was awarded the trophy for “Clubman of the Year”, and the trophies for the “Most Outstanding Player in each grade were awarded to Ryan Dagwell (Firsts), Steve Doherty (Reserves) and Jade Davison (Thirds). Paul Skovgaard (*pictured 2010*) played 126 games between 1997 and 2002 – all in 1st Grade. In 2010 he was selected as 5/8 in West’s “Team of the Century”, and, at the time of writing, June 2014, he is coach of the Newcastle Representative team. At the Schoolboy level (U 12’s to U 15’s) Greg Connell, Clint Davies, Ryan Lamb, Mark Farrar, Jarrod Mullen, Matt Redman, Pat Slattery, Tim Walker, Ben Farrar and Sam Wooden all represented Newcastle.

	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Thirds
Round 1	Central	Won 50 - 14	Won 34 - 14	Won 56 - 4
Round 2	Kurri	Won 56 - 24	Won 80 - 0	Won 20 - 2
Round 3	Macquarie	Won 46 - 32	Won 68 - 0	Won 58 - 0
Round 4	South	Won 64 - 4	Won 42 - 12	Won 23 - 16
Round 5	Northern Blues	Won 26 - 16	Won 30 - 6	Won by Forfeit
Round 6	Waratah	Won 21 - 20	Won 46 - 0	Won 44 - 0
Round 7	Lakes	Lost 40 - 10	Won 30 - 14	Won 22 - 18
Round 8	Cessnock	Won 38 - 8	Won 26 - 18	Won 32 - 10
Round 9	Maitland	Won 66 - 0	Won 60 - 6	Won 64 - 4
Round 10	Ray Terrace	Lost 48 - 26	Lost 18 - 10	Won 28 - 18
Round 11	Central	Won 46 - 0	Won 42 - 4	Won 50 - 4
Round 12	Kurri	Won 40 - 22	Won 42 - 20	Won 18 - 10
Round 13	Macquarie	Won 96 - 0	Won 82 - 6	Won 70 - 6
Round 14	South	Lost 38 - 22	Won 34 - 10	Won 36 - 22
Round 15	Northern Blues	Lost 38 - 22	Won 38 - 16	Won by Forfeit
Round 16	Waratah	20 all Draw	Won 22 - 20	Won 84 - 0
Round 17	Lakes	Lost 26 - 18	Won 32 - 12	Won 68 - 0
Round 18	Cessnock	Won 22 - 20	Lost 33 - 16	Lost 18 - 12
Round 19	Maitland	Won 80 - 16	Won 50 - 6	Won 40 - 16
Round 20	Ray Terrace	Lost 16 - 10	Won 26 - 10	16 all Draw
Qual Semi Final	Northern Blues	Won 34 - 28		
Major Semi Final	Lakes	Won 22 - 12	West 46 Cess 38	R Terr 20 West 10
Final				West 68 Cess 10
GRAND FINAL	Lakes 18 def West 10		West 36 Cess 0	R Terr 28 West 10