

1981

David Howell was again in charge of First Grade, John Anderson was again in charge of Reserve Grade whilst Dennis Duncan took on the position of Under 23's Coach. In the First Grade Grand Final West 13 def Cessnock 2. The West team (pictured) was 1. Peter Walsh (2 goals) 2. John Hulbert 3. Dean Lance 4. Mal Graham 5. Allan Lennan 6. Brad Finnigan 7. Peter Duggan (try) 8. David Howell 9. Gary Martine (try) 10. Ron Broderick 11. Ken Groves 12.



Wayne Newling 13. Steve Smith 14. Bob Paton (try). A few things to note about 1981. Under 23's were introduced instead of Third Grade (what goes around comes around..at the time of writing, April 2014, we have under 23's again). West were also beaten in all 3 grades by Macquarie in Round 3 – a rare event indeed. A record number of 36 new players first played with West in 1981. These included the West Magpies trio of Peter Walsh, Ron Broderick and Peter Duggan who were recommended to West by Allan Bell (of Knights fame). Col Bice, David Morris and Ashley Harde were West Juniors, while Craig and Peter Dedman were Kotara Juniors. Gary Martine (formerly with South) came to West from Mascot B Grade and South Sydney U 20's. (Martine then went to Paramatta in 1982 only to return in 1984 as West's successful First Grade Captain / Coach). Shaun Sunerton arrived from Macquarie and the "energiser" Wayne Newling came from Maitland. David Howell, Ken Groves, Mal Graham, Peter Walsh and Dean Lance all achieved representative honours. Two years – two wins – 1982? Would it be three years for 3 wins? YOU BETCHA!!

<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	South	Won 42 - 0	Rd 4 – Central	Won 25 - 15
Round 2	Kurri	Won 24 - 2		
Round 3	Waratah	Won 17 - 5	<i>Play Off for 1st – Cessnock 28 def West 8</i>	
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Under 23's</i>
Round 1	South	Won 25 - 13	Won 24 - 23	Won 16 - 0
Round 2	Maitland	Lost 28 - 10	Won 30 - 7	Won 31 - 0
Round 3	Macquarie	Lost 33 - 11	Lost 28 - 9	Lost 14 - 10
Round 4	Kurri	Won 9 - 8	Lost 22 - 16	Lost 15 - 10
Round 5	North	Won 19 - 5	Lost 10 - 5	Won 15 - 10
Round 6	Central	Won 44 - 11	Won 21 - 0	Won 7 - 0
Round 7	Cessnock	Lost 22 - 16	Won 18 - 14	Lost 21 - 17
Round 8	Waratah	Won 23 - 8	Lost 12 - 5	Lost 23 - 14
Round 9	Lakes	Won 27 - 16	Won 36 - 5	9 all Draw
Round 10	South	Won 38 - 5	Won 32 - 7	Won 35 - 8
Round 11	Maitland	Won 27 - 5	Won 21 - 12	Won 24 - 3
Round 12	Macquarie	Won 24 - 10	Lost 25 - 18	Lost 27 - 19
Round 13	Kurri	Won 20 - 9	Won 24 - 18	Lost 18 - 2
Round 14	North	Won 36 - 5	Won 25 - 15	Won 16 - 11
Round 15	Central	Won 35 - 8	Won 23 - 5	Won 15 - 12
Round 16	Cessnock	Won 24 - 12	Lost 18 - 7	Won 9 - 7
Round 17	Waratah	Won 21 - 0	Won 26 - 16	Lost 28 - 8
Round 18	Lakes	Won 44 - 7	Won 42 - 8	Lost 22 - 15
Elimination Semi			Waratah 21 West 5	Lakes 24 West 10
Major Semi Final	Kurri	Won 37 - 11		
GRAND FINAL	West 13 def Cessnock 2			