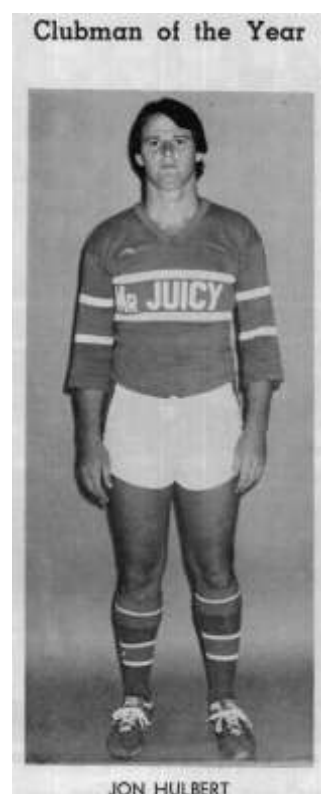


1983

Ron Broderick took over as First Grade Captain / Coach in 1983, while John Anderson was again in charge of Reserve Grade whilst Gary Leo took on the position of Under 23's Coach. Not the best of years for West – indeed for 2 weeks during the season (Rounds 10 and 11) West failed to win one of the 6 games. This was a highly unusual occurrence – so unusual that it may not have happened again since 1983 and 2014 (the time of writing). Just a few players made their grade appearance with West in 1983. Those that went on to play a significant number of games for West were West Juniors Peter Haggerty (159 games) and Russell Kilpatrick (55 games), former South's player and Kotara Junior Steve Power (63 games) and Union recruit (I think), Mick Little (45 games). I suppose that if you analyse the season's results – won the Pre Season, Finalists in First Grade and Semi Finalists in Reserve Grade it was a pretty good season. It certainly provided the impetus for the 1984 season to be “cranked up” from “pretty good” to “almost perfect”. Indeed 1984 was a great season for West! At Presentation Night in 1983 the awards for the Most Outstanding Player in each grade were received by Peter Johnston (First Grade), David Mills (Reserve Grade) and Mitchell Knight (Under 23's). The “Clubman of the Year” was awarded to Jon Hulbert. (NB Jon Hulbert and Greg Price are the only 2 players to have played 100 + games in both First Grade and Reserve Grade for West. – quite a remarkable achievement). As an aside, Hulbert was the “MC” at the 2014 Players Reunion with his excellent interview of Allan Dagwell and Karl Hutchinson.



<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	Central	Won 32 - 10	Rd 4 – Macquarie	Won 20 - 18
Round 2	North	Won 28 - 8		
Round 3	Lakes	Lost 14 - 4	<i>Play Off for 1st – West 20 def Lakes 15</i>	
Competition	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Under 23's
Round 1	Cessnock	Won 21 - 11	Lost 34 - 6	Won 26 - 20
Round 2	Lakes	Won 24 - 12	Lost 28 - 18	Lost 35 - 4
Round 3	Waratah	Won 26 - 18	Won 26 - 12	Won 18 - 10
Round 4	Kurri	Won 32 - 12	Lost 32 - 6	Lost 17 - 16
Round 5	Macquarie	Won 44 - 8	Won 32 - 20	Lost 24 - 22
Round 6	North	Won 32 - 8	26 all Draw	Lost 34 - 22
Round 7	South	Won 12 - 10	Won 52 - 2	Won 40 - 6
Round 8	Maitland	Lost 42 - 14	Won 26 - 22	Won 42 - 18
Round 9	Central	Won 26 - 12	Won 20 - 16	Lost 15 - 2
Round 10	Cessnock	Lost 42 - 8	Lost 30 - 26	Lost 20 - 12
Round 11	Lakes	8 all Draw	Lost 44 - 2	Lost 42 - 0
Round 12	Waratah	Won 40 - 10	Won 20 - 8	Lost 26 - 20
Round 13	Kurri	14 all Draw	Lost 32 - 16	Won 26 - 10
Round 14	Macquarie	Lost 22 - 19	Won 40 - 12	Lost 16 - 14
Round 15	North	Lost 28 - 16	Won 30 - 2	Won 28 - 22
Round 16	South	Won 34 - 8	Won 48 - 4	Won 48 - 4
Round 17	Maitland	Won 26 - 14	Lost 30 - 20	Won 32 - 14
Round 18	Central	Won 22 - 11	Won 54 - 10	Lost 32 - 10
Elimination Semi			West 42 Kurri 6	
Preliminary Semi	Lakes	Won 24 - 20		
Minor Semi Final			West 24 Maitland 24	
Semi Replay			Maitland 12 West 8	
Major Semi Final	Maitland	Lost 34 - 12		
Final	Cessnock	19 def West 12		
GRAND FINAL	Maitland	20 Cessnock 12		