



Waratah – back in 2003 – and a 12 team competition. Troy Fletcher continued on as First Grade Captain / Coach, while Frank Lawler took over from Garth Brennan in Reserve Grade. Ian Thompson was in charge of the “Open” Grade team – (“Openne” is a Spanish word for “third”). All 3 teams reached at least the Final stage of each competition, so it was a very successful year overall. “Opens” won the Grand Final by defeating Lakes by 16 to 10. The winning West team was 1. Todd Wright 2. Robert Kirkland (try) 3. Michael Pantazis 4. Colin Clarke (try) 5. Nathan McLoughlin 6. Trent Goninan (2 goals) 7. David Thomas 13. Chris Diebert 12. Adrian Connell 11. Luke

O’Connell 10. Rick Sternbeck 9. Andrew Stephens 8. A McCully and 14. Steven Francis (try). Players who first played grade with West in 2003 included Shane Morrissey, Craig Wise, Nathan Hinton, Ben Hopper and Colin Clarke. Ian Thomson was awarded the trophy for “Clubman of the Year”, and the “Most Outstanding Player in Each Grade” were Ben Donaldson (Firsts), Matthew Pearce (Reserves) and Trent Goninan (Opens). Todd Pavlou and Trent Salkeld represented NSW Country. Pavlou (*pictured top*) played 155 games for West, with 153 of those being in First Grade. Pavlou vies with Guy Keenan and Geoff Coburn for being the best “pound for pound” props who have played for West. Colin Clarke (*pictured right*), is still with West. He is currently the Reserve Grade Captain / Coach. Up until today 16 June 2014 Colin had played 199 games for West, including 132 in First Grade. He has scored 49 tries and kicked a “very neat” 57 goals. West were saddened during the year at the passing of long term Treasurer, Jack Bell. Bell was Treasurer from 1950 to 1992. He is the longest serving official in West’s history.



(NB “Openne” does not mean “Third” in Spanish – I just made that bit up)

	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Open
Round 1	Ray Terrace	Won 16 - 14	Lost 28 - 20	Lost 36 – 22
Round 2	Wyong	Won 30 - 16	Lost 24 - 16	Lost 32 – 18
Round 3	Waratah	Won 64 - 10	Won 74 - 6	Won 48 – 0
Round 4	Lakes	Won 58 - 16	Lost 34 - 26	Won 14 – 10
Round 5	South	Won 48 - 10	Won 30 - 18	Won 39 – 6
Round 6	Cessnock	Lost 24 - 16	Won 16 - 10	Won 50 – 4
Round 7	Macquarie	Won 38 - 12	Won 24 - 14	Won 24 – 16
Round 8	Kurri	Won 48 - 30	Won 46 - 10	Won 38 – 6
Round 9	Maitland	Won 48 - 8	Won 46 - 10	Won 66 – 0
Round 10	Central	Won 28 - 20	Won 70 - 0	Won 50 – 4
Round 11	Northern Blues	Won 28 - 22	Won 38 - 10	Won by Forfeit
Round 12	Ray Terrace	Lost 34 - 20	Won 25 - 22	Won 48 – 18
Round 13	Wyong	Won 34 - 10	24 all Draw	Won 38 – 8
Round 14	Waratah	Won 52 - 22	Won 24 - 18	Won 94 – 6
Round 15	Lakes	Won 34 - 16	Won 24 - 22	Won 28 – 14
Round 16	South	Won 58 - 18	Won 24 - 22	Won 40 – 14
Round 17	Cessnock	Won 24 - 16	Won 16 - 14	Won 46 – 4
Round 18	Macquarie	Won 40 - 24	Won 68 - 0	Won 20 – 16
Round 19	Kurri	Lost 30 - 22	Won 38 - 10	Won 34 – 8
Round 20	Maitland	Won 78 - 0	Won 86 - 0	Won by Forfeit
Round 21	Central	Won 28 - 6	Won 76 - 0	Won 72 – 0
Round 22	Northern Blues	Won 40 - 14	Won 58 - 8	Won by Forfeit
Major Semi Final	Ray Terrace	Lost 24 - 16	Wyong 18 West 16	West 22 Wyong 12
Final	Cessnock	Lost 25 - 18	R Terr 24 West 14	
GRAND FINAL	Cessnock 22	Ray Terrace 20		West 16 Lakes 10