

First Grade Records – 1910 to 2024

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Year	1 st Grade Coach	Position	Comments
<u>1910</u>	Bill "Snog" Lightfoot	4 th (Last)	Withdrew from Potter Shield after Rd 4
<u>1911</u>	Bill "Snog" Lightfoot	3 rd	No Semi Finals (only 4 clubs)
<u>1912</u>	Bill "Snog" Lightfoot	1st	Def East 10 – 7 in Potter Shield Final
<u>1913</u>	Freddie Bell	2 nd	Lost 18 – 0 to East in Potter Shield Final
<u>1914</u>	Freddie Bell	4 th	
<u>1915</u>	Freddie Bell	1st	Def North 16 – 8 in Potter Shield Final
	Freddie Bell	2nd	Def North 10 – 8 in Potter Shield Final
			No Competition
			No Competition
			Lost "Bolshevik" Final to South 7 - 2
<u>1916</u>		3 rd	No Semi Finals
<u>1917</u>		1 st	Lost Final to Central 5 - 3
<u>1918</u>			
<u>1919</u>			
<u>1920</u>			
<u>1921</u>			
<u>1922</u>			
<u>1923</u>		1st	Def Central 5 – 0 in Cornish Shield Final
		1 st	Lost Semi Final to East 5 -2
		5 th (Last)	
		3 rd	No Semi Finals
<u>1924</u>		4 th	No Semi Finals
<u>1925</u>		8 th	
<u>1926</u>			
<u>1927</u>			
<u>1928</u>			
<u>1929</u>			
<u>1930</u>			Won 4 games out of 16
		7 th	
	A Rice	4 th	Lost Semi Final 5 – 2 to North
<u>1931</u>	A Rice		
<u>1932</u>	Hans Mork		
<u>1933</u>	P Davis	Equal 4 th	Lost play off to Waratah 14 -5

<u>1934</u>	P Gray / A Noonan	7 th	
<u>1935</u>	Max Bailey	7 th	
<u>1936</u>	Max Bailey	7 th	
<u>1937</u>	Max Bailey	5 th	
<u>1938</u>	Max Bailey	Equal 4 th	Lost play off to Cessnock 11 - 8
<u>1939</u>	Cec Morgan	Equal 2 nd	Lost Final 34 – 5 to Central
<u>1940</u>	Dick Welshman	6 th	
<u>1941</u>	Ossie Screen	5 th	
<u>1942</u>	Cec Hinks		
<u>1943</u>	D Dunn	Equal 3 rd	Semi Finalists – Lost to South
<u>1944</u>	Cec Hinks		
<u>1945</u>	Ossie Screen	4 th	Lost Final 18 – 15 to War Mayfield
<u>1946</u>	Col Maxwell		Lost GF 11 – 3 to South
<u>1947</u>	Col Maxwell	Eq Minor Premier	Lost Final 15 – 4 to North
<u>1948</u>	Horrie Banks	3 rd	Semi Finalists Lost to North 12 - 7
<u>1949</u>	Horrie Banks	2 nd last (9 th)	
<u>1950</u>	Perce Clark	Last (10 th)	
<u>1951</u>	J.J. Wilson	Last (10 th)	
<u>1952</u>	J.J. Wilson	Last (10 th)	

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<u>1953</u>	E Bunting/N Dagwell	Last (10 th)	
<u>1954</u>	Ken Mogg		Missed Semis
<u>1955</u>	Charlie Gill	2 nd	
<u>1956</u>	Charlie Gill		Won 5 games
<u>1957</u>	Horrie Banks	6 th	
<u>1958</u>	Jack Eveleigh	4 th	Semi Finalists. Lost to North 27 - 10
<u>1959</u>	Jack Eveleigh	5 th	
<u>1960</u>	Charlie Gill		
<u>1961</u>	Rex Elvin	3 rd	Semi Finalists. Lost to Cessnock 15 - 4
		Minor and Major Premiers	Grand Final West 10 – Waratah 9
<u>1962</u>	Rex Elvin	3 rd	Semi Finalists . Lost to South 27 -10

<u>1963</u>	Paul Pyers	7 th	
<u>1964</u>	Ron Walls	Minor Premiers	Lost Grand Final 27 -12 to South
<u>1965</u>	Brian Carlin	Eq Minor Premiers	Finalists. Lost to Maitland 19 -12
<u>1966</u>	<i>John Hobby</i>	<i>Minor and Major Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 31 – Cessnock 7</i>
<u>1967</u>	John Hobby	Minor Premiers	Lost Grand Final to North 13 - 11
<u>1968</u>	John Hobby	Eq Minor Premiers	Major Semi Finalists. Lost Final to South
<u>1969</u>	John Hobby		Lost Major Semi to Lakes 12 - 8
<u>1970</u>	<i>John Raper</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>Grand Final West 21 – Maitland 14</i>
<u>1971</u>	John Raper	5 th	
<u>1972</u>	John Raper	3 rd	Finalists. Lost to Cessnock 21 - 20
<u>1973</u>	Dennis Ward	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1974</u>	Dennis Ward	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1975</u>	Dennis Ward	2 nd	Grand Finalists.
<u>1976</u>	Brian Moore	2 nd	Grand Finalists . Lost to South 22 - 15
<u>1977</u>	Brian Moore	5 th	
<u>1978</u>	<i>Bob Adamson</i>	<i>Minor and Major Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 23 – South 16</i>
<u>1979</u>	Bob Adamson	6 th	
<u>1980</u>	<i>David Howell</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Grand Final West 17 – Cessnock 3</i>
<u>1981</u>	<i>David Howell</i>	<i>Minor Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 13 – Cessnock 2</i>
<u>1982</u>	<i>David Howell</i>	<i>Minor and Major Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 21 – Kurri 14</i>
<u>1983</u>	Ron Broderick	2 nd	Finalists
<u>1984</u>	<i>Gary Martine</i>	<i>E Minor Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 10 – Lakes 2</i>
<u>1985</u>	Gary Martine	2 nd	Finalists. Lost to Cessnock 20 -18
<u>1986</u>	Paul Merlo		Semi Finalist
<u>1987</u>	John McLeod	2 nd	Semi Finalists
<u>1988</u>	Gary Martine	4 th	Finalists. Lost to South 16 - 10

<u>1989</u>	Mal Graham	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1990</u>	Mal Graham	Eq Minor Premiers	Finalists. Lost Final 16 – 8 to Waratah
<u>1991</u>	Neil Baker	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1992</u>	<i>Neil Baker</i>	<i>Minor and Major Premiers</i>	<i>Grand Final West 33 – Lakes 0</i>

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<u>1994</u>	Neil Baker	Minor Premiers	Finalists
<u>1995</u>	Paul Martin	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1996</u>	Tony Price	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
<u>1997</u>	<i>Tony Price</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>Grand Final West 26 – Lakes 16</i>
<u>1998</u>	<i>Tony Price</i>	<i>Min / Major Premier</i>	<i>Grand Final West 51 – South 14</i>

1999	Tony Price	Minor and	Grand Final West 22 – Cessnock 18
1993	Neil Baker	Minor Premiers	Grand Finalists
		Major Premiers	
2000	Paul Skovgaard		Lost Minor Semi
2001	Paul Skovgaard	3 rd	Grand Finalists. Lost to Lakes 18 -10
2002	Troy Fletcher	2nd	Grand Final West 27 – Lakes 16
2003	Troy Fletcher	Minor Premiers	Finalists
2004	Troy Fletcher	Minor and Major Premiers	Grand Final West 32 – Northern Blues 28
2005	Ryan Dagwell	Minor Premiers	Finalists
2006	Ryan Dagwell	4 th	Semi Finalists. Lost to Cessnock 30 -14
2007	Kurt Hancock	5 th	Semi Finalists. Lost to Cessnock
2008	Kurt Hancock	Minor and Major Premiers	Grand Final West 12 – Cessnock 10
2009	Kurt Hancock	5 th	Semi Finalists. Lost to Kurri 24 - 20
2010	Dan Quinn	2 nd	Finalists. Lost to Cessnock 34 - 22
2011	Craig Miller	2 nd	Grand Finalists Maitland 19 def West 18
2012	Craig Miller	2nd	Grand Final – West 16 def Cessnock 14
2013	Craig Miller	1st	Grand Final – West 21 def Kurri 8
		Min / Major Premiers	Grand Final West 22 def Cessnock 8
2015	Dean Botham	Minor Premiers	Minor Premiers – Lost to Macquarie 18 - 12
2016	Steve Storrie	3 rd	Finalists – Lost to South 42 - 22
2017	Matt Lantry	Minor Premiers	Grand Final – Macquarie 24 def West 6
2018	Matt Lantry	6 th	
2019	Matt Lantry	Min & Maj Premiers	Grand Final West 36 def Cessnock 0
2020	Todd Lowrie	Finalists – lost to Cessnock 38 to 14	
2021	Todd Lowrie	No competition winners in 2021 as comp was forced to stop because of covid.	
2022	Todd Lowrie	Missed semis	

2023

Rick Stone

finished in 6th position

2024

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finished in 7th position