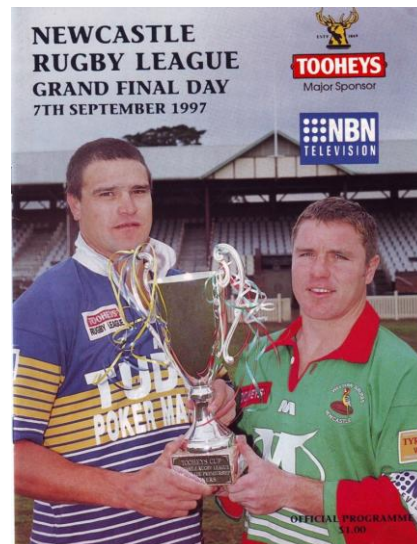


## 1997

Tony Price began his 2<sup>nd</sup> season as Captain / Coach in First Grade, Craig Miller continued on as Reserve Grade Coach, while Geoff Gidley took over the coaching duties of the Under 20's (*yep – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade gone again!*). It was very nearly a “Golden Year” with both First and Reserve Grades winning their Grand Finals, and Third Grade going down by just 2 points. The winning First Grade side that defeated Lakes 26 – 16 in the Grand Final was 1. Scott Bradley (3 goals) 2. Brett Cullen 3. Steve Storrie (2 tries) 4. Les Smith 5. Tom Blaszak 6. Paul Skovgaard (try) 7. Tony Price (try) 13. Anthony Pauling 12. Adam Frost 11. Chris Wells 10. Michael Reid 9. Tony Hutton (try) 8. Andrew Weir 14. Greg Ninness 15. Brendan Dooley 16. Jon Wilson and 17. Tod Anderson. The winning Reserve Grade side that defeated South 16 to 6 in the Grand Final was 1. Luke Gibson 2. James Lovegrove 3. Frank Lawler (try and 2 goals) 4. Frank Purcell 5. Jon Wilson 6. Ben Porter 7. Matt Marks (try) 13. Mark Saunders (try) 12. Steve Barwick 11. Michael Blake 10. Tim Perrin 9. John Freebody 8. Tod Anderson 14. Liongi Pooi # 15. Mick Kearney 16. Andrew Taylor 17. Greg Price. Players who first played grade with West in 1997 included Wayne March, Daniel McCarney, Justin Alexander, Adam Gidley, Paul Skovgaard and Adam Frost. The “Clubman of the Year” was awarded to Craig Miller. (*At the time of writing, June 2014, Craig is the current 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Coach, holding that position for the previous 3 years*). The trophies for the “Most Outstanding Player” in each grade were awarded to Tony Hutton, Greg Ninness and Peter Shearer. The record holder for the number of First Grade points, Scott Bradley, scored 222 points for the season, and the record holder for the number of First Grade tries, Brett Cullen, scored 32 tries for the season.

# *Liongi Pooi???? If you can answer who he is, you may win a lot of money. In fact, Liongi Pooi (real name) came to West under an “assumed” name, Lucky Save. In fact, West records show that Lucky Save, played from 1995 to 1997 – 1 First Grade game, 27 Reserve Grade games (3 tries) and 18 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade games (13 tries).*



<i>Pre Season</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Round 1	NN Bay	Won 46 - 0	Rd 3 - Central	Won 40 - 0
Round 2	Toronto	Won 16 - 8	<i>Final West 42 def Cessnock 2</i>	
<i>Competition</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Reserves</i>	<i>Under 20's</i>
Round 1	Lakes	Lost 33 - 20	Won 44 - 16	Lost 20 - 14
Round 2	Kurri	Won 26 - 18	Lost 28 - 12	Lost 30 - 8
Round 3	South	Won 28 - 22	Lost 28 - 10	Lost 23 - 6
Round 4	Maitland	Won 58 - 0	Won 62 - 2	Lost 28 - 16
Round 5	Cessnock	22 all Draw	Won 22 - 0	Won 38 - 12
Round 6	NN Bay	24 all Draw	Won 24 - 8	Won 18 - 10
Round 7	Waratah	Won 42 - 2	Won 38 - 0	Won 26 - 4
Round 8	Central	Won 26 - 10	Won 28 - 4	Won 20 - 0
Round 9	Toronto	Won 28 - 0	Won 48 - 4	Won 16 - 6
Round 10	Lakes	Lost 14 - 4	Won 22 - 4	Won 20 - 0
Round 11	Kurri	Lost 30 - 12	Won 21 - 6	Lost 13 - 10
Round 12	South	Won 30 - 0	Won 26 - 6	Won 35 - 24
Round 13	Maitland	Won 46 - 6	Won 42 - 0	Won 32 - 12
Round 14	Cessnock	Won 44 - 4	Won 28 - 4	Won 20 - 4
Round 15	NN Bay	Won 74 - 6	Won 52 - 10	Won 40 - 6
Round 16	Waratah	Won 26 - 4	Won 24 - 4	Won 28 - 4
Round 17	Central	Won 94 - 6	Won 54 - 12	Won 26 - 24
Round 18	Toronto	Won 72 - 10	Won 54 - 4	Won 20 - 6
<b>Qualifying Semi</b>	<b>Kurri</b>	<b>Won 18 - 10</b>		<b>West 30 Kurri 26</b>
<b>Major Semi Final</b>	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Won 26 - 16</b>	<b>West 28 South 4</b>	<b>Lakes 18 West 16</b>
<b>Final</b>				<b>???</b>
<b>GRAND FINAL</b>	<b>West 26 def Lakes 16</b>		<b>West 16 South 6</b>	<b>Lakes 16 West 14</b>