

## 2000

Paul Skovgaard took over as First Grade Captain / Coach in 2000, while Dennis Duncan took on the Reserve Grade position, and Ian Thompson the Under 19's. A really good year saw West win 2 Grand Finals, with



First Grade losing a tight game to Waratah by 24 to 22 in the final. In the Reserve Grade Grand Final, West 36 def Lakes 6. The winning West team was 1. J Allen?? (2 tries) 2. Guy Wills 3. Scott Bradley (goal) 4. Troy Hilder (try and 3 goals) 5. Wayne March (2 tries) 6. Craig Kimmorley 7. Brock Wills 13. Nathan Kelly 12. Nathan Parker 11. Todd Maddison 10. Justin Alexander 9. Scott Collins 8. Martin Boyd 14. Shane Johnson (try) and 15. Troy Wright (try). Under 20's defeated Central 36 to 12 in the Grand Final. The winning West team was 1. L Coleman? (try) 2. Trent Salkeld 3. Jay Bolton (try) 4. Chris Attwood 5. Chris Parr 6. W Towers? 7. Clint

Cunningham (try and 4 goals) 13. Troy Wright (try) 12. M Kurtz (try) 11. Robbie Williamson 10. Adrian Connell 9. Chris Schneider 8. David Burgess and 14. Jamie Archibald (2 tries). New players to West grade in 2000 included juniors Troy Wright, Chris Schneider, Todd Pavlou and Andrew Stephens. Trent Salkeld came to West from Farrer High School in Tamworth. At Presentation Night Dennis Duncan, deservedly, received the trophy for "Clubman of the Year". The trophies for the "Most Outstanding Players in each grade were awarded to Scott Conley (Firsts), Scott Collins (Reserves) and Matther Kurtz (Under 19's). Looking back to the Schoolboys some names stand out. Newcastle Representatives included Mark Farrar (12's), Jarrod Mullen (13's), Ben Farrar and Sam Wooden (14's) and Cleo Meredith and Nathan Hinton (15's). However the "BIG" award for 2000 was when Jarrod O'Doherty was named "Country Player of the Year" – a significant honour. Jarrod played 79 games for West and won First Grade Premierships in 1999 (West 22 Cessnock 18) and 2004 (West 32 Northern Blues 28). Jarrod played with the Knights (1997, 1998, 2001, 2002), West (1999, 2000, 2004, 2005) and Huddersfield in 2003. (Pictured in Knights and Huddersfield colours)



	Opponent	Result	Reserves	Under 19's
Round 1	Cessnock	Lost 18 - 12	Won 14 - 10	Won 38 - 10
Round 2	NN Bay	Won 24 - 22	Won 50 - 10	Won 50 - 10
Round 3	Lakes	16 all Draw	Lost 26 - 20	Won 26 - 8
Round 4	Central	Won 32 - 24	Won 58 - 0	Won 10 - 6
Round 5	South	Won 36 - 18	Won 24 - 18	Won 50 - 8
Round 6	Kurri	Lost 26 - 14	Won 30 - 4	Won 34 - 12
Round 7	Macquarie	Won 66 - 4	Won 54 - 0	Won 36 - 4
Round 8	Waratah	Lost 32 - 26	Won 42 - 4	Won 48 - 0
Round 9	Maitland	Won 32 - 10	Won 28 - 0	Won 26 - 6
Round 10	Cessnock	Won 20 - 8	Won 34 - 14	Won 20 - 16
Round 11	NN Bay	Won 20 - 16	Won 42 - 12	22 all Draw
Round 12	Lakes	Lost 18 - 12	Lost 30 - 28	28 all Draw
Round 13	Central	Won 66 - 6	Won 42 - 10	Lost 24 - 14
Round 14	South	Won 48 - 10	Won 68 - 0	Won 16 - 0
Round 15	Kurri	Won 42 - 26	Lost 34 - 28	Won 50 - 12
Round 16	Macquarie	Won 80 - 4	Won on forfeit	Won on Forfeit
Round 17	Waratah	18 all Draw	Won 54 - 4	Won 52 - 10
Round 18	Maitland	Won 36 - 26	Won 60 - 6	Won 56 - 6
<b>Major Semi Final</b>	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Lost 20 - 14</b>	<b>West 48 Lakes 4</b>	<b>West 16 Central 10</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>Waratah</b>	<b>Lost 24 - 22</b>		
<b>GRAND FINAL</b>	<b>Waratah 20 def Lakes 14</b>		<b>West 36 Lakes 6</b>	<b>West 36 Central 12</b>