



Kurt Hancock (pictured left) continued on as First Grade Coach, Brad Melville as Reserve Grade Coach and Matt Marks took on the Under 19's Coaching position. West were again Club Champions, and reached the Final series in each grade. Both First and Reserve Grade were eliminated at the semi final stage, but the Under 19's team won their Grand Final with a 26 to 20 win over South. The winning West Under 19's team was 1. Jake Evans (3 goals) 2. John Armstrong 3. Chad Redman 4. Shane Antilla 5. Ryan Pywell (try) 6. Tyrone Roberts (3 tries) 7. Michael Hodge 13. Matt Casserly 12. Roberts Puliueva 11. Matt Herman 10. Sam Jobbins 9. Shane Bowman 8. Sam Webb (try) 14. Sam Collins 15. Ryan Fox 16. Paul Latu 17. Liam McKenna 18. Rhys Nixon 19. Tom Raines and 20. Merv Tighe. New players to grade in 2009 included Joel Penny, Michael Fortier, Simon Friend, David Pangai, Matt Casserly, Shane Antilla, Matt Herman, Matt Kennedy and Liam McKenna. Brett and Kerry Nixon were acknowledged with the "Club Persons of the Year Award", while the awards for the "Most

Outstanding Player in each Grade" were presented to Joel Penny (Firsts), Will Smith (Reserves) and Michael

Hodge (Under 19's). Joel Penny played for the Northern Eagles, then the South Sydney Rabbits, then Widnes in the English Premier League, and then came to West. He was a football "wizard". He won numerous awards with West, and in 2012 was selected as the Newcastle Rugby League "Player of the Year". Joel was a champion fullback, an expert at "sniffing out" tries, a superb "backer upper", a strong defender and a speed that belied his "bald headed" looks. He played with West from 2009 to 2013 – played 94 games – all in First Grade and scored 35 tries. I just wish he could have played 6 more First Grade games, as he would be a most worthy person to receive "Life Membership" of the WSRLFC. Joel's try in the 2013 Grand Final against Kurri typifies him as a player. *Trish Evenden's photo, shows Joel's – he "started" it, and "finished" it – Joel Penny – COULD PLAY!!*



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	Opponent	Result	Reserves	19's
Round 1	Cessnock	Lost 20 - 10	Won 22 - 16	Won 38 - 18
Round 2	Lakes	Won 40 - 6	Won 20 - 18	Won 36 - 22
Round 3	Kurri	Lost 18 - 4	Won 24 - 20	Won 24 - 16
Round 4	Wyong	Won 36 - 18	Lost 18 - 16	16 all Draw
Round 5	Central	Lost 22 - 10	Won 30 - 24	Won 34 - 24
Round 6	Maitland	Lost 34 - 18	Won 26 - 10	Won 48 - 10
Round 7	Macquarie	Won 32 - 12	Won 26 - 0	Won 24 - 4
Round 8	Nelson Bay	Lost 34 - 22	Won 24 - 10	Won 42 - 6
Round 9	South	Lost 32 - 24	Lost 34 - 14	Lost 23 - 22
Round 10	Maitland	Won 50 - 6	Lost 16 - 10	Won 50 - 6
Round 11	Cessnock	Lost 38 - 24	Lost 22 - 20	Won 80 - 6
Round 12	Lakes	Won 62 - 10	Won 20 - 10	Won 28 - 16
Round 13	Kurri	Won 26 - 24	Won 30 - 14	Won 56 - 18
Round 14	Wyong	Lost 34 - 16	Lost 22 - 18	Lost 18 - 14
Round 15	Central	Won 30 - 4	Lost 16 - 10	Won 28 - 26
Round 16	South	Won 60 - 26	Won 18 - 14	Won 22 - 20
Round 17	Macquarie	Won 36 - 32	Lost 16 - 14	Won 56 - 4
Round 18	Nelson Bay	Won 66 - 36	Won 46 - 12	Won 74 - 4
Elimination Semi	Kurri	Lost 24 - 20	West 36 C'tral 10	
Minor Semi			Kurri 30 West 16	
Major Semi				South 30 West 28
FINAL				West 28 Lakes 8
GRAND FINAL	Wyong 36 def Cessnock 4			West 26 South 20