

2008

BETTINGTON CUP FINAL – Kurri v Cessnock

At Dungog on Sunday 6 April, 2008

Old rivals Cessnock & Kurri met in the final of the Bettington Cup at Dungog on Sunday 6 April, 2008. Intermittent showers and a lush golf course greeted the teams for the showdown.

Cessnock were defending the Cup, whilst Kurri were chasing their first victory since 1995.

After 9 holes there was nothing in it, with Kurri holding a slender lead of 4 matches to 3.

As the second 9 holes unfolded Kurri improved its position. Against the run of play first to claim victory was Fluff Clark (Cessnock) demolishing Martin Jolly 7/6, followed shortly thereafter by Jeff Wyper who recorded a 4/2 win over a wounded Murray Flannigan for Kurri.

A procession of wins to Greg Wyper, Brodie Wells, Chris Ford and Andrew Wyper, with Michael Taggart squaring his match, to give Kurri the 5 1/2 to 1 1/2 victory and their first win in 13 long years.

Kurri		Cessnock	
Andrew WYPER	+4/3	Dave MORGAN	
Chris FORD	+3/2	Josh KNOTT	
Mick TAGGART	SQ	John BARRETT	SQ
Brodie WELLS	+1 up	Rob LOGUE (c)	
Martin JOLLY		Michael CLARK	+ 7/6
Greg WYPER (c)	+2/1	Brendan SMITH	
Jeff WYPER	+4/2	Murray FLANNIGAN	
	5 1/2		1 1/2

B Grade Pennant Final

POGONOSKI CUP FINAL – Paterson v Maitland

At Kurri Sunday 6 April, 2008

The small Paterson Club took out their second Pennant for the year when the B Grade side followed in the footsteps of their C Grade team in winning the 2008 Pogonoski Cup in the final against Maitland at Kurri on Sunday 6 April.

This was the first B grade title for the B grade team, who have been led in all their campaigns by stalwart Roy Bishop.

The final was a tense affair with both teams recording a win apiece in first two matches. Playing at number 3 Gavin Wolfe & Mark Hodgson (Maitland) were untroubled to defeat Wayne Stedman 3 /2, with Roy Bishop & Dean Lauder squaring the ledger with a 2/1 victory over Greg Riches and Steve Yates.

This made for a thrilling finish with the number ones deciding the final.

Coming to the last hole the Paterson players Brad Hicks & Darren Presland were one up over Phil Johns & Bill Srbnovski. It came down to the final putt where Phil Johns lipped out for a birdie which would have taken the match into sudden death.

Paterson retained their advantage and won the Pogonoski Cup for the first time.

PATERSON		MAITLAND	
Wayne STEDMAN Kevin RUDD		Gavin WOLFE Mark HODGSON	3/2
Roy BISHOP Dean LAUDER	2/1	Greg RICHES Steve YATES	
Brad HICKS Darren PRESLAND	1 up	Phil JOHNS Bill SRBINOVSKI	
	2		1

C Grade Pennant Final

BERCINI CUP FINAL – Paterson v Maitland

At Scone Sunday 20 March, 2008

Paterson C grade pennant team made it four in a row and are regarded as immortals at their Club after the convincing win against Maitland at Scone on Sunday 20 March, 2008.

Maitland number ones logged a hard fought 2 & 1 win, but at that stage the final was all over bar the shouting with the Paterson number twos and threes recording convincing wins.

Heath Eslick and Wayne Clark, playing at two, showed their opposition John Buck & Chris Pryke no mercy handing them an 8 & 7 thrashing, whilst the number threes Phil Merchant & Peter Watson winning by the margin of 4 & 2 over Ray Harrison & Kevin Paterson.

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PATERSON		MAITLAND	
A. Campbell M. Shillington		P. Ryder G. Percival	2/1
H. Eslick W. Clark	8/7	J. Buck C. Pryke	
P. Merchant P. Watson	4/2	R. Harrison K. Paterson	
	2		1

Junior Pennant Final

HACOCK SHIELD – Scone v Muswellbrook

At Denman Sunday 20 March, 2008

The 2008 junior pennant final was a first when it was staged between two upper Hunter clubs, Muswellbrook & Scone. The final was played at Denman where the hospitality extended was most appreciated.

In one of the closest finals ever witnessed Scone won the Hancock Trophy by the margin of 3 matches to 2.

Apart from the number 5 match all other matches went the distance to provide a thrilling finale, witnessed by officials and supporters.

Matt O'Donnell and Jake Teague (Scone) led the way with victories over Brady Benkovic and Brad Baskik to give Scone a healthy 2-0 lead.

Adam Hume narrowed the margin with his 2/1 win over Kyle Blinco.

Justin Smart eventually succumbed to Jordana Keaton on the last hole, to even it up 2 matches apiece.

Back on the 17th green Mac Dawson was 1 up over Cameron Benkovic. Both players were on the green putting for birdie. Mac faced a tricky downhill 15 foot slider, whilst Cameron had the upper hand with an uphill 8 footer.

Mac rose to the occasion and holed the pressure putt for birdie placing Cameron in the position of having to hole his putt to keep the match alive. Sadly his putt lipped out and the Hancock Trophy and victory in the 2008 pennant went to Scone for a history making first time.

SCONE		MUSWELLBROOK	
(S)Mac DAWSON	2/1	Cameron BENKOVIC	
Justin SMART		Jordana KEATON	1 up
Kyle BLINCO		Adam HUME	2/1
Jake TEAGUE	1 up	Brad BASKIK	
Mat O'DONNELL	7/5	Brady BENKOVIC	
	3		2

Senior Pennant Final

FRAME CUP FINAL – Paterson v Maitland

At Kurri Sunday 6 April, 2008

Red hot favourites Branxton cruised to victory in the Final of the Frame Cup played at Kurri on Sunday 6 April, 2008.

Branxton were undefeated throughout the round robin series and maintained their form in the final against Dungog winning by 2 matches to 1.

First game into the clubhouse were the Branxton pairing of Mick Watson & Gary Beeton with a convincing 7/5 victory over John Copas and Spencer Shilton.

Dungog legend Ted Russell and his partner John Enright took Gary Wilton and Errol Munsenberger to the 17th hole to go down 2/1.

The final match went to the last hole where Ken Aird & George Anderson went down to Gary Wynne & Barry Rumble, but by this stage the Cup was firmly in the grip of Branxton's hands.

BRANXTON		DUNGOG	
Gary WILTON Errol MUNSENBERGER	2/1	Ted RUSSELL John ENRIGHT	
Mick WATSON Gary BEETON	7/5	John COPAS Spencer SHILTON	
Ken AIRD George ANDERSON		Gary WYNNE Barry RUMBLE	1 up