

# RUGBY LEAGUE

## Production v Maintenance



**Production (L. to R.) Back Row:** George Mutambo, Steve Midwood, Mark Hoole, Brett Tarrant, Richard Poole, Ray Taylor, Chris Njovu, Mark Oldham, Barry Cousins, Phil Jenkins.  
**Front Row:** Jerry O'Keefe, Mick Zavialoff, Barry Bradley (Captain), George Jennison. Absent Dave Fallas.



**Maintenance (L. to R.) Back Row:** Greg Dovey, Steven Bridge, Peter McPhee, Robert Montgomery, Kevin Morris, Andrew Stokes, Bob Kelly, Phil McKenna.  
**Front Row:** Greg Baglee, Kerry Polglase, John Young (Captain), Niclas Derksen. Absent: Chris Weeks, Mark Mason, Brett Fishpool.

A best of three games rugby league series for the 'Sulphide Challenge Shield', involving the Production and Maintenance Departments, was played between June and September at North Lakes Oval, Speers Point. This was the second year of the challenge which was won last year by Production.

### FIRST GAME

The first game refereed by Alex Arthur and played on 17 June, was won 30 points to 14 by Production, even though Maintenance had led 6 points to 0 early in the game.

Playing a strong, wide running game, first half try scorer Ray Taylor increased Production's 8 points to 6 half time advantage with another two tries early in the second half. They led 14 points to 8 and then 18 points to 8 before Maintenance replied with a converted try by John Young to bring the score to 18 points to 14 with 10 minutes remaining.

Late tries by Dave Fallas and Geoff Gill sealed victory for Production.

### Scores

#### Production 30

Tries: R. Taylor - 3  
 J. O'Keefe  
 G. Gill



Bob Kelly making a copybook tackle.

### TEAMS FOR THE DECIDING GAME

D. Fallas  
 Goals: J. O'Keefe - 3  
**Maintenance 14**  
 Tries: R. Walker  
 J. Young  
 Goals: J. Young - 3

### SECOND GAME

The second game refereed by George Hamilton was played on 15 July. This game started late as Production was only able to field 10 of the required 13 players for the first half.

At half time the score was 10 points to 0 in favour of Maintenance but things looked better when three more players arrived and Production was able to field a full team for the second half.

Unfortunately for Production the damage had been done and the Maintenance team went on a scoring spree in the second half. They added 24 points and conceded only a solitary try to end up easy winners by 34 points to 4.

### Scores

#### Maintenance 34

Tries: K. Polglase - 3  
 W. Prater  
 T. Stamp  
 I. Hannon  
 N. Derksen  
 Goals: J. Young - 2  
 B. Kelly

#### Production 4

Try: P. McCloskey

### THIRD GAME

Refereeing duties for the third and deciding game played on 9 September were shared with Alex Arthur in charge during the first half and George Hamilton taking over for the second half.

Production keen to retain the shield, included an imported player and trainer for the match. Zambian visitors Chris Njovu and George Mutambo were included in their line up.

From the kick off it was obvious that this deciding game was going to be a rugged encounter and certainly not touch football. Only four points were scored in the first half, all by stand in Captain - John Young who kicked penalty goals in the 3rd and 28th minutes. Playing a heady role, John took over as organiser and ball distributor early in the game whereas Barry Bradley - Production's Captain was off the field several times with a leg injury.

First try of the match was scored 10 minutes after resumption when latecomer Dave Fallas showed a clean pair of heels to sprint 70 metres down the left touchline to score. Jerry O'Keefe converted to give Production a 6 points to 4 lead.

However, Maintenance under cool leadership were now starting to benefit from straight and hard running particularly from Chris Weeks, Mark Mason, Brett Fishpool and Kevin Morris. A try, from a bomb in the 15th minute by Greg Dovey, put Maintenance back in the lead 8 points to 6. Another try in the 20th minute by Kevin Morris increased the Maintenance lead to 14 points to 6.



Referee George Hamilton about to award a try to Kevin Morris.

A try in the 25th minute by Phil Jenkins made the final score 14 points to 10 in favour of Maintenance who won the series two games to one and became holders of the 'Sulphide Challenge Shield'.

### Scores

#### Maintenance 14

Tries: G. Dovey  
 K. Morris  
 Goals: J. Young - 3

#### Production 10

Tries: D. Fallas  
 P. Jenkins  
 Goal: J. O'Keefe