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Makeadane winning first up at Ipswich setting a new class record

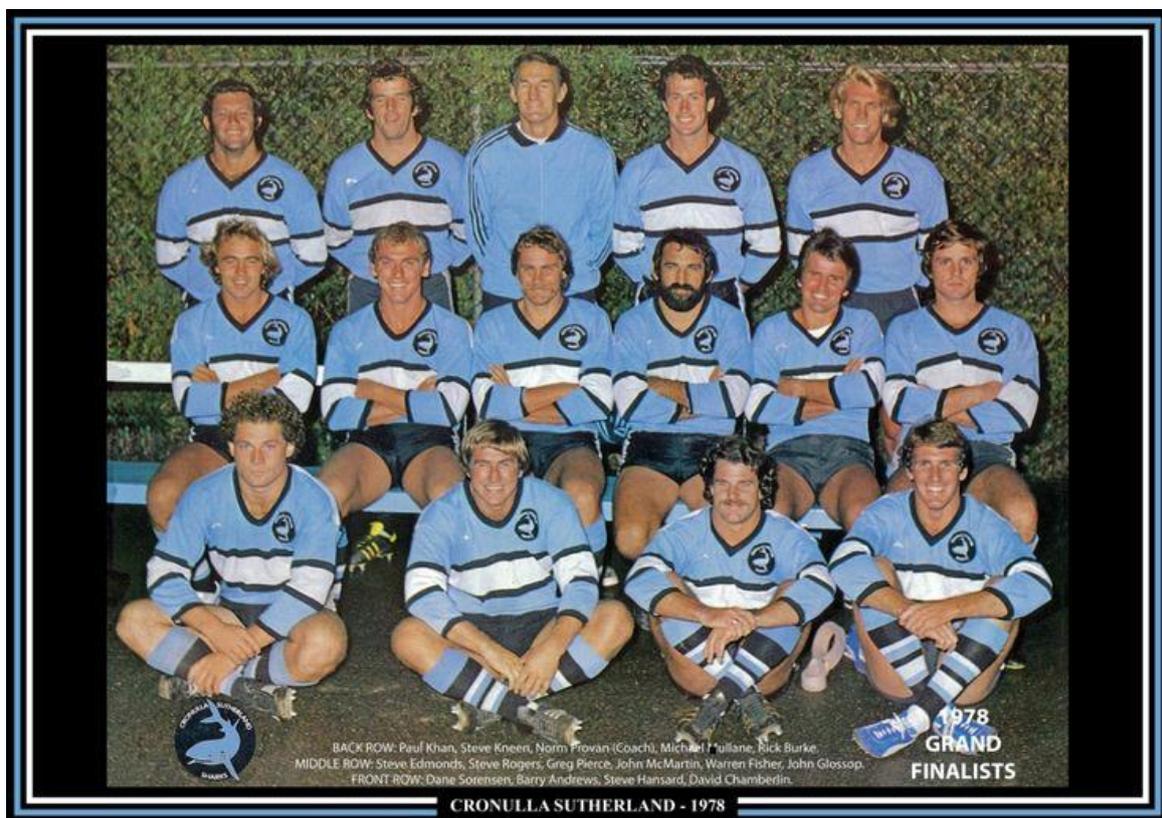
It was hard not to be impressed with Makeadane's win at Ipswich on Wednesday. He was first up after a good break and had not previously been placed in four fresh runs. He settled last on a day when the leaders were dominating the day and produced a terrific burst to win going away setting a new class record for the 1200m trip.

The horse was beautifully ridden by James Orman and big thankyou to John Thompson and his Gold Coast staff. The horse looks set to have a very good preparation. We also have More Than A Rose and Reneged in training with John at the Gold Coast and not far off racing.

Good luck to our trainers this weekend with many of them having runners in big races. It is not only an exciting but important time of the year for their stables.

We see the first of the two year old races kick off on the weekend with races in the five big states. There are a lot of babies strutting their stuff and it will be interesting to analyse the results.

There are some very expensive two year olds lining up, particularly in Sydney. Good luck to the owners. We may well have a two year old runner or two in the coming weeks.



Cronulla Sharks 1978

I don't think there is a better weekend in Australia than Grand Final weekend in Sydney when the Grand Final falls on the October long weekend. On Saturday you have the Epsom meeting at Randwick followed up with the Grand Final on Sunday.

These days I am a keen Melbourne Storm Supporter but back in 1978 I was a Sharks supporter with a few mates in the side. Sadly they lost in a replay on the Tuesday after the scores were locked at 11 all on the Saturday afternoon. Injuries took their toll with five changes to the Saturday side that played. Sadly three of the key players in the side pictured above skipper Greg Pierce, centre Steve Rogers and fullback Rick Burke have all passed away. They were a terrific bunch of players and good fun to be

with. I am still very good friends with Peter Ryan who played in the Tuesday night replay, Barry Andrews, Paul Khan and Mick Mullane.

It is amazing how many clients we have from the Shire who support the Sharks with a special mention to Pat Parkes who along with her late husband Allan who are long-time supporters of the Club. Also Des and Pam Ryan who were the publicans of the Caringbah Inn for many years which was a 2nd home for many of the players back in the late 70's. I wish them well and know that a win would give a lot of people a great thrill.

Good luck to all our clients who support the four sides playing on Saturday in Melbourne and Sydney. It would be ironic but a sign of the times if the Sydney Swans win the AFL Grand Final and Melbourne Storm win the NRL Grand Final. How times have changed.

ON THE TRACK

Not much went right for Flying Jess at Caulfield on Saturday with her almost falling at the 800m and losing her momentum. Racing can be a tough game at times!!!

This week we have a few runners with Annaman likely to start at Doomben, The Wasp at Muswellbrook and Flying Jess at the Gold Coast. Hopefully Annaman will find a couple of lengths back at Doomben on Saturday where he was so impressive winning by six lengths.

I hope we don't get too much more rain. We have had enough and it holding up some of our horses programs.

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VISIT TO THE HUNTER VALLEY

I headed up to Scone during the week to have a look at our horses and just as important to inspect some of the yearlings that will be on offer at next year's sales. I found it very rewarding. I am planning to do a couple more visits before the end of the year to the Valley and a lesson I was taught in the Army was that time was never wasted in reconnaissance. This is so true in this business.



Yarraman Park at present looks unbelievable!!!



Shine On Anna with her Not A Single Doubt filly