

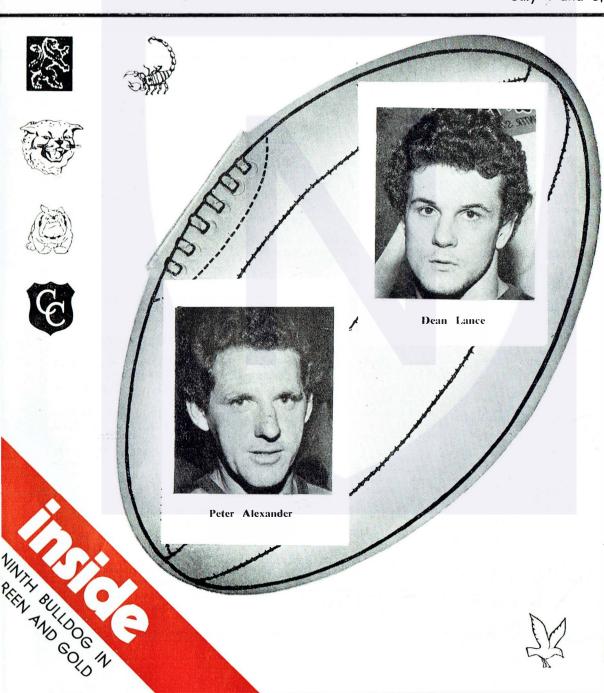
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Roosters' double jackpot

Sydney's Eastern Suburbs club has struck a double jackpot in its signing of Newcastle forwards Jeff Masterman and Ian Barkley this season.

Masterman's rise to become Australia's Test hooker was predicted from the early weeks of the season and came to pass last weekend when he shared in a 43-3 demolition of France

Barkley's development has had a quieter build-up, but is now grabbing the headlines.

Playing at lock, Barkley was rated as the difference between the teams when top-of-the-table East beat Manly-Warringah 17-7 last Sunday.

East coach Bobby Fulton tabbed Barkley as a future Test player if he continued to develop.

The Kangaroo tour at the end of next season could come just at the right time for Barkley, recently out of his 'teens.

Barkley had only one injuryplagued season of first grade with

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North Newcastle behind him when he took up the offer of a contract with Fast

But his potential was well known to the Sydney scouts following his tour of England and France with the Australian schoolboys' team in 1979-

East has brought him along steadily in its lower grades before deciding, apparently correctly, that he is ready for the "big stuff".

It will be no surprise if he becomes the seventh North product to play for Australia at senior level, joining such notables as Herb Narvo, Jack Hutchinson, Arthur Collinson, Charlie Gill. Brian Carlson and Bill Owen.

A CHANCE entry to first grade may have provided a turning point in the career of Cessnock 21-year-old

kicker. When he was coach of Cessnock in 1975-76 and then a player in 1977-78 Fairns kicked intermittently because of the presence of Greg Smallcombe and then Henry Tatana in the Goanna ranks. In a season with Macquarie United in 1979 Fairns again was the "understudy" kicker to centre Neville Elwin.

KEN SHINE and Lindsay Gailey, rivals in cricket as well as League, will be the men at the nerve-centre of a promising reserve-grade premiership clash this weekend. Shine is coach of Macquarie United and Gailey prepares Waratah-Mayfield, which will meet in a top-of-the-table clash at Waratah Oval. The Cheetahs and Scorpions also are well established in high places in the inaugural under-23 premiership.

TABLES

Saturday, July 4—3 p.m.

South Newcastle

Red and white

1—BARRY MADDEN

2—DENIS JONES

3—DARYL MORRIS

4—DAVID LOWE

5—STEVE NICOL

6—NEVILLE BAGNALL (c)

7—JEFF SIMS

8-JOHN MARTINE

9-BRAD WARREN

10-MICK BURGESS

11-MICK STAVROS

12—GEOFF BURGESS

13—NEVILLE REID

Referee: W. Sullivan

Coach: Peter Banner



SCRUMS

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

PENALTIES

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13-14 15 16 17 18

North Newcastle

Royal blue and sky

1-KEN McCARTNEY

2—MARK BATES

3-MICHAEL McCANN

4—BRETT KONDATEW

5—MARK WRIGHT

6—BRAD GIBSON

7—CHRIS HARTNEY

8—ROBERT McKIERNAN

9—JOHN McKIERNAN

10—GLENN CAMPBELL

11-MICK DONNELLY (c)

12—REX WRIGHT

13—BARRY WEBSTER

Townson Oval

Coach: Mick Donnelly

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PENALTIES

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Touch Judges: N. Craig (Blue), H. Nash (Red)

RESERVE GRADE

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: John Shoobridge

1—Geoff MOY

2—Ron COLLINS M. FITTOCK/W. MADDISON—3
4—Brett McINERNEY David SHEEHAN—5
6—Brett BEVERIDGE John LAWRENCE—7

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10—David GRIFFITHS George HART—11

Peter GARBUTT-13 12—Tony BURNS

Referee: M. Walsh

1.30 p.m.

NORTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Dave Morley

1-Terry DENT

2—Geoff DUNNE 4—Steve GIBSON Mark HUGHES—3 Denis OUTRAM—5

6—Trevor CROW Steve WILKINSON-8—Greg HURRY Michael RYAN—9

John LANGDON-11 10-Michael DALL 12—Nicholas KING Steve BETTRIDGE-13

Touch Judges: G. Kinealy (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

UNDER-23 GRADE

SOUTH NEWCASTLE

Coach: Gordon Beveridge

J—D. BAKER/B. PREECE

2—Rod HAASNOOT Wayne MADDISON—3

4—Craig SLEAP Peter BURGESS—5 6—G. WEINER/J. PALMER M. MORRISSEY (c)—7 8—P. BURGESS/N. MANTON Murray JAMES—9 10—Anthony WEBB Ross HARTIGAN—11 12—Wayne SCUDDS Peter STRICKLETON—13

Referee: T. Garrett

NORTH NEWCASTLE Coach: Bruce Williamson

1-Paul HILL Peter BARKLEY-3

2—John KELLY 4—Phillip KING 6—Glen FREW

— 12 noon

8—Grant INGHAM

10-Ken FAIRHALL

12—Tom PATTISON

Brett PRICE-9 John BUFI—11 Paul KRZYSKA—13

Neil DUNNE-Peter SLEAP-7

Touch Judges: G. Kinealy (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)



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NEWCASTLE STAR PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

KURRI KURRI 14 (J. Scott, P. Brady, J. Lillis, A. Murphy tries; Brady goal) d CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 11 (M. Betts 2, A. Nean tries; D. MacColl goal).

NORTH NEWCASILE 24 (K. McCartney)
2. B. Kondatew, M. Wright R. McKiernan,
R. Wright tries; M. McCann 3 goals) d
SOUTH NEWCASILE 7 (N. Reid try; N. Bagnall 2 goals).

CESSNOCK 27 (L. Meyn 3, S. Nelmes, A. Thompson tries; J. Fairns 5, Nelmes goals) d LAKES UNITED 15 (P. Dodds 2, P. Cootes tries; R. Burgess 3 goals).

WESTERN SUBURBS 24 (J. Hulbert 2. M. Graham 2. D. Lance. R. Brodrick tries; P. Walsh 3 goals) d MACQUARIE UNITED 10 (N. Wilson, C. Windle tries; N. Elwin 2 goals).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 22 (R. Tunney 2, K. Maynard, R. Cox tries: R. Farrell 5 goals) d MAITLAND 20 (A. Price, W. Smith, G. McArthur, M. Murrell tries: M. Finch 4 goals).

Reserve Grade

Kurri Kurri 31 d Central Charlestown 13; South Newcastle 11 drew with North Newcastle 11; Cessnock 39 d Lakes United 11; Macquarie United 25 d Western Suburbs 18; Maitland 11 d Waratah-Mayfield 5.

Under-23 Grade

Kurri Kurri 24 d Central Charlestown 8; North Newcastle 27 d South Newcastle 10: Cessnock 28 d Lakes United 20; Macquarie United 27 d Western Suburbs 19; Waratah-Mayfield 23 d Maitland 18.