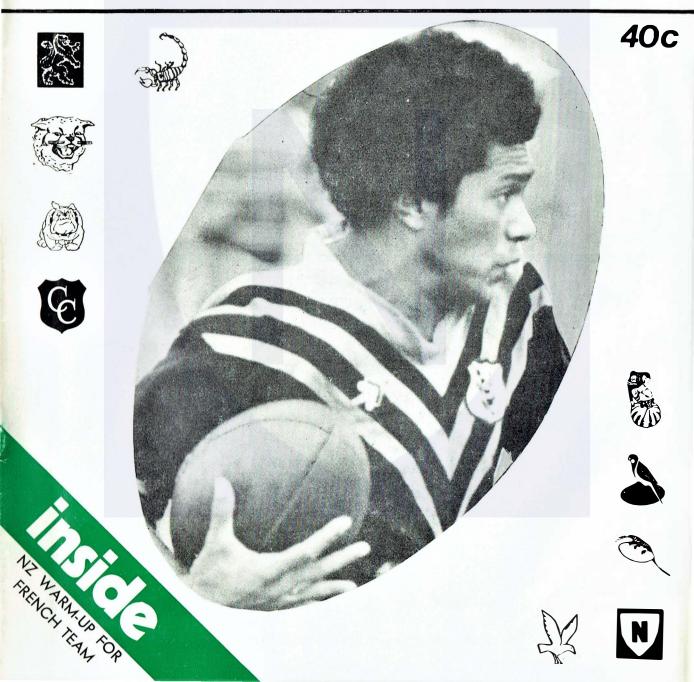


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HOOKER'S 3 TRIES IN FIRST HALF

NEWCASTLE hooker Alan Jones scored three first-half tries in a 45-25 win against Monaro in a country divisional championship first - round match at Queanbeyan in 1971. The tries were a reward for his enterprise in backing up and keen dummy-half work. Newcastle scored 11 tries and full-back Ron Munro added six goals.

SOUTH NEWCASTLE was the only one of four Newcastle club teams to get past the first round of the State Cup competition in 1965. South defeated North Sydney 23-7, then went down 17-7 to Eastern Suburbs (Sydney) in a second-round match. In other first-round matches Manly-Warringah outclassed Maitland 31-10. St. George overran Western Suburbs (Newcastle) 43-10 and East toppled Central Newcastle 20-7.



NEWCASTLE'S football -playing priest, Father John Cootes, was one of three NSW Country players chosen in the Australian squad for a tour of New Zealand in 1969. The others were Illawarra five-eighth Graham Lye and lock or secondrower Ron Costello. Father Cootes had previously been named as country player-of-the-year after the Country-City series.



IN naming a 17-man squad for an Amco Cup match against Northern Division in 1977, Newcastle selectors picked 15 players new to representative football. The match was played only three days after Newcastle had been beaten 33-13 by Monaro in the country divisional final. With hooker Allan Dagwell and centre Zig Niszczot the only "survivors" from the Monaro fixture, Newcastle suffered another dent to its prestige when Northern Division won the cup match 26-17.

NEWCASTLE Rugby League sought in 1967 to have a City-Country match on September 3 played at Newcastle Sports Ground. The match was a trial before selection of the Kangaroo touring team. In supporting his own resolution to seek allocation of the fixture to New-

"STAR" COMPETITION



NEWCASTLE STAR PREMIERSHIP

First Grade

CESSNOCK 13 (B. Holden, S. Nelmes, M. Fitzgibbon tries, J. Fairns 2 goals) (d. NORTH NEWCASTLE 8 (R. Wright, M. Bates tries, M. McCann goal).

WARATAH-MAYFIELD 36 (R. Farrell 2. K. Maynard, N. Dent, G. Golden, M. Scobie, A. Toohey, R. Warren tries, Dent 6 goals) d. SOUTH NEWCASTLE 8 (C. Barkley, W. Maddison tries, N. Bagnall goal).

MACQUARIE UNITED 23 (K. Sumner, P. Bleakney, D. Brown, J. Shield, C. Windle tries, N. Elwin 4 goals) d. CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN 10 (G. Pyers, G. Heddles tries, K. McDonell 2 goals)

KURRI KURRI 27 (B. Hopes, G. Palmer, K. Myers, W. Lee, J. Roach, A. Murphy tries, P. Sumner 4 goals, Lee field goal) d. LAKES UNITED 21 (P. Cootes 2, T. Quinn, S. Piper, R. Griffiths tries, R. Burgess 3 goals).

MAITLAND 28 (S. Mathews, M. Murrell G. McArthur, W. Smith tries, C. Adams 8 goals) d. WESTERN SUBURBS 10 (G. Martine, A. Lennan tries, B. Hicks 2 goals.

Reserve Grade

Cessnock 50 d. North Newcastle 9: Waratah-Mayfield 26 d. South Newcastle 12: Macquarie United 41 d. Central Charlestown 11; Kurri Kurri 24 d. Lakes United 9: Western Suburbs 30 d. Maitland 7.

Uuder-23 Grade

North Newcastie 14 d. Cessnock 11: Waratah-Mayfield 15 d. South Newcastle 0; Macquarie United 18 d. Central Charlestown 11; Lakes United 17 d. Kurri Kurri 16; Western Suburbs 31 d. Maitland 0.