

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT of the EAST NEWCASTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB

for presentation at the ANNUAL MEETING on the 2nd March 1920.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your committee has the pleasure in submitting for your consideration the the Annual report for season 1919.

The trouble that confronted the Club as in previous seasons was overcome this season through a great number of our players returning home from the war, especially the First Grade who after a few years of being unable to place a good team in the field succeeded in putting a team on the field that proved the winners of the final. The football as played by this team was brilliant at times, but on several occasions the team suffered through the neglect of older players to turn up, leaving the Club in an awkward

position, having to place third grade players on the field, but although this was done, the players proved that in a few seasons they will be considered as some of our best players.

Teams were also entered in the B and C Grade Competitions (two in the latter) but owing to the thirds not getting a full team, the Club was compelled to withdraw it after playing a few matches.

The B Grade players are to be congratulated on the form shown by them throughout the season, but were unlucky in not being placed in the final. One thing that your committee might say about this team, that had they received a little more attention from the Northern Branch in the places that this team was sent to play, your committee is sure that they would have proved the winners of their grade.

The C Grade team was placed in the same way and the treatment given them by the Northern Branch was anything but just, it is a record for a team to play right through a season, and only have a referee appointed by the branch on two occasions. Had the Branch given this team a referee in the (Semi-Final) match Kurri-Kurri Vs East played at Carrington, there would have been no doubt the Third Grade competition would have been won by this team, having to pick up every Saturday afternoon, someone to referee match, would make their love for football disappear from all our young players.

It is with a feeling of heart-felt regret that your committee has to record the death of Mr. Sid. Schapter who was one of your committeemen, the sincere sympathy of the Club is extended to the relatives of a great and true sport.

Your committee extends best thanks to the following gentlemen, who have donated cash and trophies to the Club during the season:-

A.G.Lloyd	£1/01/00
A.R.Gardiner	£1/01/00
L.D.Mouat	£1/01/00
Mr.Thalbergs	

Gold medal for best player in Senior Final

At the conclusion of the season a Smoke Concert was held and all medals won during the season were presented as follows:-

A Grade players medals won in the Final, C.Pugh for the best player in the Final game, also to the Club's mascot, G.Linstrom which was subscribed to by all Senior players. Our President Mr.A.G.Lloyd was presented with a silver cigarette outfit by the members and supporters for good service rendered to the Club.

The Smoke Concert proved to be the best ever held by this Club, over fifty members and supporters attending same. The hope is expressed that the same will be made an annual event.

With another football season close at hand it is to be hoped that football will be all under one body.

This year we have the Soccer and Australian Rules Clubs to compete against, and with the prospects of enclosed grounds, it is hoped that the wish of all the players from all sides will be finalised, that is manage our own affairs and affiliate with the New South Wales Rugby League. Under this I am sure that football will boom in the district, especially in the East Newcastle District, as the prospects for a Senior team are great with such men as Gibb, Dwyer, Uran, Dobbs, Pugh, White, Loscoco, Brain, Thompson, Lahiff, Bell, Houstin and others. East will I am sure uphold their name earned before the outbreak of war by their Senior team.

In conclusion your committee urges the members to give their utmost support to the incoming committee and strive to make season 1920 a record one. The duty of upholding the splendid record of East Newcastle Club devolves upon the players, and without their earnest support the committee is helpless, therefore your executive confidently expects the players to give this appeal every consideration.

For the committee

Signed: Wal Murray

Honorary Secretary East Newcastle Rugby League Football Club.