16th Sept. (1933)

Newcastle Sports Ground

First Grade Semi-Final

Referee: Mr.J.Moses

Crowd: 7,500

Waratah/Mayfield) (5) (vs) (Northern Suburbs) 🗸

**** (This game was abandoned at half time) ; (see report below ***)

Waratah:

A.Wrightson, R.Bailey, S.Sampson, J.Harris, L.McWilliams, W.Ridgeway, A.Blair, J.Davies, W.Lyddiard, A.Hancock, J.Oliver, R.Kirkaldy, H.Edwards.

North:

W.Huff, R.Sherry, C.Charlton, R.Cody, E.Howley, A.Toovey, H.Grace, K.Rose, H.Narvo, F.Wilkinson, W.White, C.Sharpe, C.Rundle.

Scorers: (to half time) Waratah: J.Davies try; A.Blair goal. North: R.Sherry 2 goals.

The game prior to this First Grade Semi-Final, was a Reserve Grade Semi-Final, between Maitland and North, which at the end of normal time was 11 all. 10 minutes each way extra time was played, with the score then being 16 all. Two players from North, George Huff and J.Passmore, had been taken from the field on stretchers shortly before extra time concluded. Because of these injuries, a second extra 10 minutes each way was called off, with the replay to take place on the following Saturday, the 23rd of September.

George Huff who had been injured in the Reserve Grade Semi-Final, was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, but collapsed and died shortly before half time of the First Grade Semi-Final.

At a specially convened meeting of the Newcastle Rugby League, it was decided to abandon the First Grade match for the day. The game was played the following Saturday, the 23rd of September.