



● Ipswich Mayor Ald Don Trowman and QRL chairman Ron McAuliffe toast the launching of the Jets into the Brisbane league competition.

JETS' BIG DAY

By staff reporter
RENARD PETERS

"All other Brisbane clubs take note — from now on you will have one hell of a fight," Queensland Rugby League chairman Ron McAuliffe said yesterday.

Mr McAuliffe was speaking at the Bakehouse Steakhouse official launch of the Ipswich Rugby League into the Brisbane competition next season.

Yesterday at the Bakehouse Steakhouse in Ipswich, rugby league officials, dignitaries and supporters gathered to kick off the Jets' official entry into the Brisbane premiership.

"It's a most momentous decision," Mr McAuliffe said.

"The Ipswich Rugby League has decided to take the kings of rugby league head on.

"It shows the health of support here in Ipswich."

Next season Ipswich will have three teams in the Brisbane competition — A grade, reserve grade and under 18.

The A grade team will be

coached by former international halfback Tom Raudonikis who held the Jets coaching position this season.

Ipswich will be the first club to enter the Brisbane competition since Redcliffe 25 years ago.

Brisbane Rugby League chairman Bill Hunter said it was a tremendous day for rugby league in Ipswich.

He said the BRL was "tremendously thrilled" by Ipswich's decision to move to Brisbane.

The Ipswich Rugby League chairman Les Stokes said the decision for Ipswich to move to Brisbane was based on market research and the recommendations of management consultants.

"In line with those recommendations, the administration

of the Ipswich division will be radically changed," he said.

"We will have a management board of youthful professionals and proven administrators able to steer Ipswich into an exciting era of modern football."

A board of 13 members has been appointed to manage the IRL, including three former international players John Morgan, Gary Parcell and John Brown.

The new administration board comprises 13 Ipswich identities of which five are businessmen.

Mr Stokes said eight committees would be set up and they would be responsible for finance, sponsorship and fundraising, corporate relations, team management, building and facilities, local club competition, junior league, and division secretariat.

He said Ipswich provided 13 players in the current Brisbane A grade competition and these players would be available without a transfer fee.

"There's no doubt we will field a competitive side," Mr Stokes said.

Winfield State League 1985

ROUND 1

Souths 10 defeated Brothers 0 at Lang Park
Wide Bay 26 defeated Gold Coast 22 at Lang Park
Norths 10 defeated Wests 2 at Lang Park
Toowoomba 18 defeated Valleys 16 at Toowoomba
Wynnum-Manly 22 defeated Ipswich 8 at Ipswich
Easts 34 defeated North Qld 18 at Townsville
Redcliffe 28 defeated Central Qld 16 at Rockhampton

ROUND 2

Wynnum-Manly 18 defeated Valleys 14 at Lang Park
Brothers 32 defeated Ipswich 8 at Ipswich
Toowoomba 38 defeated North Qld 16 at Lang Park
Redcliffe 6 defeated Norths 2 at Lang Park
Souths 40 defeated Wide Bay 10 at Maryborough
Gold Coast 14 defeated Wests 6 at Carrara Stadium
Easts 58 defeated Central Qld 18 at Biloela

ROUND 3

Easts 14 defeated Valleys 10 at Lang Park
Central Qld 24 defeated Ipswich 18 at Lang Park
Souths 34 defeated Wests 10 at Lang Park
Norths 23 defeated Gold Coast 16 at Carrara Stadium
Redcliffe 34 defeated Toowoomba 16 at Roma
Wynnum-Manly 36 defeated North Qld 6 at Mackay
Wide Bay 17 defeated Brothers 16 at Bundaberg

ROUND 4

Wynnum-Manly 36 defeated Redcliffe 6 at Lang Park
Valleys 30 defeated Ipswich 2 at Gatton
Wide Bay 42 defeated Central Qld 18 at Lang Park
Brothers 45 defeated Easts 18 at Lang Park
Souths 24 defeated Gold Coast 17 at Carrara Stadium
Norths 20 defeated Toowoomba 16 at Dalby
Wests 27 defeated North Qld 16 at Cairns

ROUND 5

Brothers 16 defeated Norths 8 at Lang Park
Ipswich 16 defeated Easts 12 at Ipswich
North Qld 26 defeated Gold Coast 4 at Lang Park
Souths 3 defeated Valleys 2 at Lang Park
Wynnum-Manly 30 defeated Toowoomba 10 at Charleville
Wide Bay 19 defeated Redcliffe 16 at Nambour
Wests 15 defeated Central Qld 6 at Barcaldine

ROUND 6

Wynnum-Manly 38 defeated Wests 10 at Lang Park
Toowoomba 34 defeated Ipswich 10 at Lang Park
Easts 20 defeated Redcliffe 4 at Lang Park
Brothers 32 defeated Gold Coast 20 at Carrara Stadium
Souths 26 defeated North Qld 12 at Ayr
Norths 28 defeated Wide Bay 6 at Gympie
Valleys 50 defeated Central Qld 24 at Emerald

SEMI FINALS

WYNNUM-MANLY 40 (Brett French 2, Bob Lindner 2, Terry Butler 2, Wally Lewis, Warren Green tries; Warren Green 2, Colin Scott 2 goals) **defeated EASTS 6** (Mark McDonald try; Mark Wilkes goal) **at Lang Park**

BROTHERS 28 (Robert Grogan, Henry Foster, Ray Baumber, Pat Shepherdson tries; Pat Shepherdson 6 goals) **defeated SOUTHS 16** (G Thompson, Gary French, Brad Sully tries; Gary French 2 goals) **at Lang Park**

GRAND FINAL

WYNNUM-MANLY 16 (Warren Green 2, Terry Butler tries; Warren Green 2 goals) **defeated BROTHERS 0** **at Lang Park**



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A stunning new jersey in the green of Australia, white stripes and the Armstrong Nissan sponsor's logo will carry the team's pride throughout the 1986 Brisbane rugby league competition.

Working under coach Tom Raudonikis and trainer Steve Nance, the team is extremely fit and keen to bring glory back to the city of Bulimba Cup fame.

Off the field, supporters will be impressed by the efforts of the Management Board to inject a new level of professionalism into the city's premier sporting activity.

Chairman of the Management Board's Building and Facilities Committee, Mr Gordon Ball, says \$45,000 of improvements have been made to the ground and its facilities since the new board and administration structure commenced in October, 1985.

The new-look administration and systems were the result of 12 months of investigations and research undertaken by Brisbane management consultants, Grahame Cox and Mark Herford for the Queensland Rugby League.

Mr Ball said 1986 would be a turning point for the upgrading of facilities at the North Ipswich ground, where games will be played.

"This year crowd control will be a priority activity. The joint co-operation between our management board and the Ipswich Police will ensure that families are able to enjoy the football without disruption".

Areas planned for liquor consumption will be strictly policed during football games. Spectators will also be advised that only players and officials will be allowed onto the grass area in front of the grandstand.

Mr Ball said that the playing area was in excellent condition due to a

new watering system and professional top soiling.

"Water is being pumped up from the river and spread over the grass to keep it in top condition for the football season", he said.

Mr Ball said \$16,000 worth of improvements had been made to the playing area.

He said new fencing had been erected around the can shop area. Further fencing for a players' race is planned for construction during the next few weeks.

The player's dressing sheds have been freshly painted and tiled. New plumbing and showers will also allow players to enjoy very reasonable conditions when they change after a game.

For local supporters and rugby league patrons, improvements to the administration block including new tiled and painted toilet facilities will be welcomed.

Mr Ball said all public areas had been re-wired for added security and safety.

"Our next plan is to build a supporters and members area which could cost \$50,000. Work has already commenced to stabilise the area and we expect work on the clubhouse to commence following council approvals which will also include new kerbing, channelling and bitumen in front of the administration block," he said.

Moneys spent on ground improvements have been raised from local sponsors, fundraising and bank loans.

Ipswich Division President, M. Les Stokes, said it was important that the Ipswich community and football public had improved facilities.

"Our goal has always been to put a first class rugby league side on the ground and provide real benefits to the people of Ipswich".

Jets gain a sponsor

ALTHOUGH Armstrong-Nissan Motors will be the first sponsors of the Ipswich Jets in the Brisbane competition next season, the firm is no stranger to supporting rugby league.

The firm has backed rugby league in Ipswich for many years and has given financial support to local clubs Goodna and Brothers.

Principal of the company Claude Armstrong is one of 13 members on the new administration board of the Ipswich Rugby League.

The chairman of the IRL Public Relations and Corporate Relations committee John Brown said the sponsorship was initially for the first year of Ipswich's venture into the Brisbane rugby league competition.

"We as a League are happy with the sponsorship," Mr Brown said.

"We hope the Jets perform well enough to get some TV exposure for Armstrong-Nissan."

Mr Brown described the sponsorship package as "very attractive".

He said that in return for their sponsorship, Armstrong-Nissan would receive exclusive use of their name on the Jets jerseys, access to players for advertising, advertising at the ground, use of league facilities and free passes and other benefits.

He said minor sponsors would be sought over the next few weeks to take up packages of \$200, \$300 and \$500.

1986

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Winfield State League

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Watkins back to Jets

By staff reporter RENARD PETERS

AFTER a virtual season of reserve grade at Valleys, Richard Watkins would like nothing better than to cement an A grade spot in the Ipswich Jets rugby league side.

Watkins is one of a few former Ipswich players who have returned to the Jets this year for their entry into the Brisbane competition.



• Richard Watkins

Last season Watkins left Ipswich and moved to Valleys in Brisbane where stiff competition kept him in reserve grade for all but one A grade match.

Although he considers himself primarily a centre or fullback, he played for Valleys on the wing, a position he had to contest with players like Steve Boys and Les Kiss.

Regardless of lack of opportunities with the Diehards, Watkins has no regrets about his 1985 season.

"It was an enjoyable year," he said.

However, this year Watkins decided to re-join the Jets — "I was open to anywhere I could get a game," he said.

Watkins, who first played in Ipswich in 1982 with Swifts, is no stranger to Jets supporters — in 1984 he enjoyed a fabulous run with the boot, kicking 12 goals from 14 attempts in the state league.

Last season for Valleys he kicked 40 goals for a success rate of 72 percent and also chimed in with seven tries.

Watkins kicking skills developed from his days as a former junior soccer player from under eights to 11s.

He kicks around the corner, and with both feet "on a good day."

Watkins is enthusiastic about the Jets chances, but, by experience, is also cautious.

"I remember in 1984 we had a really good draw," he said.

"I thought we'd win five out of six."

"We won only one."

Watkins said the spirit and keenness within the present Jets teams was high; attributes that coach Tom Raudonikis has been chiefly responsible for promoting since taking over the Jets last season.

"He's down to earth," said Watkins describing his early impressions of Raudonikis.

"But if there's something wrong he'll let you know about it."

"He does it in a way so that you don't drop your bundle."

"He knows every guy's first name and it's little things like that lift you a bit."

The 21-year-old utility back said he thought the Jets had bought wisely with all positions covered.

Jets supporters will be hoping that one of those buys, Richard Watkins, can produce the goods for the Brisbane competition's newest club.

IN-FORM KELLAWAY IS COMING THISAWAY

MORE encouraging reports continue to come from England on the form of Ipswich Jets rugby league signing Bob Kellaway.

Kellaway, who is expected to arrive back in Australia on March 19, is in scintillating form according to English newspaper reports.

An article in The Times on the Bradford Northern-St Helens game on January 18, described Kellaway as "outstanding in a fine all-round pack."

Kellaway was one of the stars in Bradford's win over St Helens — the side's fourth in their last five games.

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In those five matches Kellaway has taken away three man of the match awards.

It was also the first time since February 1980 that Bradford had won at St Helens home ground.

In other references, The Times report attributed a try by Bradford captain David Redfern to good work by Kellaway and describes another of his fine pieces of play which nearly resulted in a try for compatriot and former Souths teammate Ash Lumby.

Among Kellaway's teammates is Great Britain hooker Brian Noble, who is also playing well.

According to the match report, conditions in England are very different from those Kellaway would encounter in Australia.

While the Jets prepare for their first trial next week in the middle of an Australian summer, Kellaway is currently playing in vastly different climatic conditions.

The Times described the conditions of the Bradford-St Helens clash aptly when it reported that "the rain eased off after the break but Northern began to make the wind advantage count."

Ipswich Rugby League '86 Advertising feature

THE 1986 JETS



NAME: Neil Smith.
NICKNAME: Hooper or Crash.
BIRTHDATE: 14/9/66.
WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
OCCUPATION: Laborer/Student.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Souths under 18, 21, East M1 Gravat Juniors, Souths Juniors, Clairvaux College open league and rugby union.
REP HONORS: Queensland independent schoolboys 1893, 84, South Queensland combined high schools, rugby union 1983.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Centre, five-eighth, fullback.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Carriage removed.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Queensland final in Commonwealth Bank Cup representing Queensland.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing out on representative honors due to silly mistakes.
AMBITIONS: Succeed in Rugby League.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Anyone with a jersey on.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Parcells, Mal Meninga, Bob Kellaway, Steve Ella.



NAME: Kerry McMaster.
BIRTHDATE: 3/3/65.
WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
OCCUPATION: Laborer.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Brothers for eight years.
REP HONORS: North and South Brisbane Schoolboys.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Halfback, fullback, lock.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Fractured jaw, both ankles, dislocated shoulder.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Making the grand final in 1983 and also in 1985.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing them both.
AMBITIONS: To make it all the way to the top.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: All of them.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father who has helped me a great deal.



NAME: Shane Moon.
NICKNAME: Moonman or Bert.
BIRTHDATE: 27/5/59.
WHERE BORN: Ryde NSW.
OCCUPATION: Bricks'n supervisor.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Wentworthville Juniors, Parramatta 1979, Newtown 1980, St. Wentworthville A grade 1982, Tockley 1983, Burdell 1984, Forbes 1985.
REP HONORS: President Cup Parramatta 1979, Central Coast 1983.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Lock, second row and front row.
INJURIES SUFFERED: None serious.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Playing President Cup and grade.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Never winning a grade final after playing in 14.
AMBITIONS: To play first grade at Ipswich.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: John "Dallas" Donnelly (ex-Wests Sydney).
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Barry Jackson (ex-NSW state hooker) and Bill Matherston.

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NAME: Steve Williams
Birthdate: 20/6/65 — Bundaberg.

Occupation: Aircraft metal worker.
Played for: Lady-Smith 1981-84, Lockyer 1985.

Rep honors: Group 13, Riverina, Wagga, Ipswich.

Positions: Centre, lock.
Injuries: No major ones only a broken nose.
Main achievement in rugby league: Making Ipswich State League side in 1985.

Biggest disappointment: Not getting a chance to play at lock.

Ambitions: To be successful in whatever I do.

Toughest opponents: Horse (Keith Evans) formerly with Goodna.

Influences on career: David Reid, a coach I had while playing for Lady-Smith.

NAME: Steve Rohl.
NICKNAME: Iron.
BIRTHDATE: 10/11/60.
WHERE BORN: Ipswich.
OCCUPATION: Plumber.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Norths, Lockyer.
REP HONORS: Queensland under 18s 1978, Queensland Country 1983, 85.
POSITIONS PLAYED: front row, second row, lock.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Back operation 1979.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Winning Ipswich player of the year.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being beaten after fulltime in a knockout final by a ridiculous penalty.
AMBITIONS: To be part of a successful team to help put Ipswich back on the rugby league map.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Gatton players — they've got heaps of spirit.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Des Tadge, Ray Hine.



NAME: Chris MacNellie.
NICKNAME: Macka.
BIRTHDATE: 20/8/62.
WHERE BORN: Gold Coast.
OCCUPATION: Laborer.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Surfers Paradise 1980-83, Brothers Brisbane 1984, 85.
REP HONORS: Gold Coast.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Hooker, second row.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken hand, torn ligaments in ankle.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Playing most of 1984 in A grade for Brothers who were coached by Tom Raudonikis.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the play-off for fourth spot against Redcliffe in 1984.
AMBITIONS: To make the highest heights in League (to play for Queensland).
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Redcliffe.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My wife, Peter Barrett for introducing me to Tommy when I first joined Brothers, and of course Tommy himself.

NAME: Franco Enzo Scarpelli.
NICKNAME: Entertainer.
BIRTHDATE: 18/3/63.
WHERE BORN: Mt Isa.
OCCUPATION: Fitter and turner.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Brothers Mt Isa 1981-83, Black Stars 1984, 85, Mt Carmel College Charters Towers.
REP HONORS: Captain North Queensland under 18s 1981, Mt Isa Foley Shield side 1982, 84, 85, North Queensland Marlin.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Lock, hooker, second row, prop, centre.
INJURIES SUFFERED: None serious.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Representing Queensland under 18s in 1981.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being selected for the Australian under 18 side.
AMBITIONS: To represent Queensland again and one day represent Australia.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: All of them.

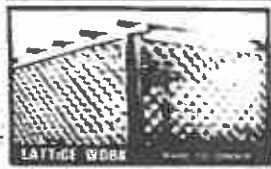


NAME: Rod Biggs.
BIRTHDATE: 11/7/61.
WHERE BORN: Ipswich.
OCCUPATION: Plumber.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Norths 1980, 82, Brothers 1983, 85.
REP HONORS: Ipswich, Queensland Country 1.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Lock.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Dislocated elbow.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Grand final wins with Norths 1980, 82, Selection Queensland Country 1985.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Grand final losses for Brothers 1983, 85.
AMBITIONS: To succeed.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Teammates playing with now.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My father, Snow Hooper and Tom Raudonikis.

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NAME: Brett Whiting
NICKNAME: Fish
BIRTHDATE: 6/11/64
WHERE BORN: Tainui
OCCUPATION: Slaughterman
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Malanda 1978-81, Mareeba 1982-85
REP HONORS: Cairns under 18 and under 20.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Forwards.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Knee.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Best forward under 18s and making the Tableland team to play against the Queensland Police team.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing grand final



NAME: Glen Higgins
NICKNAME: Jabber
BIRTHDATE: 12/5/64
WHERE BORN: Tainui
OCCUPATION: Laborer
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Rotorua (1981, 82, Nambucca) Heads 1981, South Sydney 1984, Brothers Brisbane 1984, 85. Played juniors in Caboolture.
REP HONORS: Brisbane South Queensland Junior, North Coast 2nd Group 2 in SW.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Everywhere in forward pack.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken jaw and ankle.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Representing North Coast in final of Country championship.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking my ankle last year and never getting back in first grade.

NAME: Peter Hunter
BIRTHDATE: 25/10/63
WHERE BORN: Cairns
OCCUPATION: Student
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Mareeba in Cairns competition.
REP HONORS: Queensland Schoolboys 1982.
POSITIONS PLAYED: All backline positions, but favour fullback or wing.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Cracked ribs, torn ankle ligaments, broken leg.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Graduating to A grade, chosen for Queensland and getting a crack at the big smoke for the Ipswich Jets.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped from Australian secondary schools side because of injury.
AMBITIONS: To go as far as possible in Rugby League and also to get my diploma of teaching.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Mr. Ita Foley Shield side.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My girlfriend Quosile for her great support and inspiration and also Tom Raudonikis.



NAME: Pat Shepherdson
NICKNAME: Shepo
BIRTHDATE: 1/2/69
WHERE BORN: Kingsley
OCCUPATION: Lineman
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Ipswich 1978-79, Gold Coast 1980-82, Brothers 1983-85.
REP HONORS: Queensland under 18s, Queensland Country 1980-82.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Lock, five-eighth.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Too many to count.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Probably being picked as captain of Brothers.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The 1985 season with Brothers.
AMBITIONS: To lead a long and happy life and to retire from work young.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Wally Lewis, Yogi Dunn.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: No one that really comes to mind.



NAME: Mark Kruger
NICKNAME: Krug
BIRTHDATE: 6/8/63
WHERE BORN: Toowoomba
OCCUPATION: Panel beater
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Stanthorpe 1981-84, Lockyer 1985.
REP HONORS: Warwick and District 1984.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Centre, wing, fullback.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Fractured ankle 1983, broken finger 1984.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Being given the opportunity to play in the Brisbane competition with the Jets.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being able to play in the 1983 grand final because of a broken ankle.
AMBITIONS: To have an injury free and successful season and work to secure an A grade position.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Collegians in the Warwick and District competition.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: A number of coaches and teammates over the past few years who I have enjoyed being associated with.



NAME: Glenn Wegener
NICKNAME: Docco
BIRTHDATE: 28/1/64
WHERE BORN: Ipswich
OCCUPATION: Clerk in Justice Department.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Norths, Lockyer 1985.
REP HONORS: Ipswich junior and senior teams.
POSITIONS PLAYED: second row, front row, lock, inside centre.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken hand, torn shoulder and ankle ligaments.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Being in nine grand finals and winning all nine. Playing for Ipswich last year.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Injuries in second year of under 18s which kept me sidelined for most of the year.
AMBITIONS: To play A grade regularly for Ipswich.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Too many of them to print.
INFLUENCES ON CAREER: All of my junior and senior coaches. Tom has been the biggest influence. Players in the mould of Terry Randall.



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NAME: Clinton Baker or "Bake" for short.
 BIRTHDATE: July 28, 1967, in Ipswich
 OCCUPATION: Builder.
 Played for West End for past six years and Swifts for one year.
 Represented Ipswich, Queensland U18 Possibles and Probables.
 Biggest achievement in football was having been selected for the Possibles and Probables.
 Biggest disappointment was missing Queensland selection.
 Injuries a shattered knee cap.



NAME: David Bell.
 NICKNAME: Dinga.
 BIRTHDATE: 19/9/62.
 WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
 OCCUPATION: Clerk BCC
 TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Souths Brisbane
 REP HONORS: Nil.
 POSITIONS PLAYED: Hooker, halfback.
 INJURIES SUFFERED: Fractured jaw 1982.
 BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Reserve grade premierships 1983, 84. A grade debut.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Fracturing jaw.
 AMBITIONS: To play consistently in A grade and achieve all I can.
 TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Redcliffe at home.
 INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Greeme Atherton, Wayne Bennett.

NAME: Kerrod Walters.
 NICKNAME: Focks.
 BIRTHDATE: 20/10/77.
 WHERE BORN: Rockhampton.
 OCCUPATION: Electrician.
 TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Booval Swifts, Ipswich.
 REP HONORS: Queensland under 15 1992, under 18 1985.
 POSITIONS PLAYED: Hooker.
 INJURIES SUFFERED: Dislocated shoulder.
 BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Australian national youth squad 1985.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to NSW under 18 at SCG.
 AMBITIONS: To wear the green and gold.
 TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Ray Herring Brisbane under 18 hooker.
 INFLUENCES ON CAREER: Wayne Bennett, Merv Sumner and most of all my family.



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 WHERE BORN: Roma.
 OCCUPATION: Railway worker.
 TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Normanby 1978, 79; Roma Cites 1977, Goodna 1980-85.
 REP HONORS: Ipswich Jets.
 POSITIONS PLAYED: Second row, lock.
 INJURIES SUFFERED: None.
 BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Selected to play for Ipswich Jets in 1985.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Having a good game when we defeated Easts and then taken off the field when playing against Toowoomba after having a shocker.
 AMBITIONS: To have my best 1986 season with the Jets.
 TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Ashley Haak.
 INFLUENCES ON CAREER: My wife Coral.

NAME: Ray Kelly.
 NICKNAME: Kel.
 BIRTHDATE: 20/4/60.
 WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
 TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Gatton 1979, 80, Easts 1981-85.
 REP HONORS: Queensland Country 1979, 80; Queensland 1980.
 POSITIONS PLAYED: Five-eighth, centre.
 INJURIES SUFFERED: Dislocated shoulder.
 BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Playing for Queensland.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Playing for Queensland.
 AMBITIONS: To play in England and to win Gold Lotto.
 TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Gene Miles.



NAME: Richard Watkins.
 NICKNAME: Watto.
 BIRTHDATE: 13/5/64.
 WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
 OCCUPATION: Plant operator for Main Roads Department.
 TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Beenleigh under 12-15, Wests under 16, 17 and seniors, Booval Swifts under 18, A grade, Ipswich 1984, Valleys 1985.
 REP HONORS: Queensland under 18s, South East Queensland Schoolboys, Ipswich under 18s and State League.
 POSITIONS PLAYED: Fullback, centre, wing, second row, lock.
 INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken arm, knee ligaments, groin, hamstring.
 BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Making Queensland under 18s.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Haven't been many, probably never having won a premiership.
 AMBITIONS: To go as far as my ability takes me.
 TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: None spring to mind.

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NAME: Mark Clarkson.
NICKNAME: Clarke.
BIRTHDATE: 10/12/62.
WHERE BORN: Brisbane.
OCCUPATION: production assistant for an advertising agency.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Borthers St Marks under 7s to under 15s Souths 1979-85.
REP HONORS: Brisbane under 14.
POSITIONS PLAYED: halfback, five-eighth.
AMBITIONS: To cement an A grade spot.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: They're all tough.

NAME: Gordon Langton Jr.
NICKNAME: Rocks.
BIRTHDATE: 31/8/66.
WHERE BORN: Cherbourg.
OCCUPATION: Unemployed.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Cherbourg A grade, under 17, Murgon High School.
REP HONORS: South Burnett, Wide Bay, Queensland, Australian schoolboys.
POSITIONS PLAYED: wing, centre, fullback, five-eighth, halfback.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken shoulder.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Australian Schoolboys and member of 1983 Murgon High School team which won Commonwealth Bank Cup.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing 1984 grand final (under 18).
AMBITIONS: To play to the utmost of my ability and fulfil a two-year contract with the Jets.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: New Zealand.



NAME: Ben Olsen.
BIRTHDATE: 17/3/65.
WHERE BORN: Denmark.
OCCUPATION: Builders laborer.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Carole Park juniors and Goodna.
REP HONORS: Jets squad 1985, 1986.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Lock, second row.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken foot, torn shoulder ligaments.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Playing a few trials with the Jets and winning best and fairest first year in A grade.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Getting knocked out of the grand final last season when playing for Goodna.
AMBITIONS: Play A grade and make a bit of money.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Ashley Haak.



NAME: Shane McCarthy.
NICKNAME: Ziggy.
BIRTHDATE: 8/3/61.
WHERE BORN: Dalby.
OCCUPATION: Storeman.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Dalby Brothers 1979-82, Brothers Rugby Union 1983 and League 1984, 1985.
REP HONORS: Darling Downs Rugby union to New Zealand, 1982 State League representing Toowoomba.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Centre, wing.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Broken arm, sprained ankle.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Winning six premierships out of the last seven years.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking my arm playing on holidays during my first year at Nudgee College.
AMBITIONS: To help Ipswich establish themselves as a force in the Brisbane Rugby League competition in its first year.



NAME: Don Porter.
BIRTHDATE: 9/5/60.
WHERE BORN: Augathella.
OCCUPATION: Linsman.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Easts Brisbane under 21 1979-80, Booval Swifts 1981-85.
REP HONORS: Ipswich Jets, Brisbane under 21, Queensland Country.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Wing.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Medial ligament and ankle ligaments.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Making Queensland Country side.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Tearing ankle ligaments in first trial match for Jets in 1983, missing the next nine weeks.
AMBITIONS: To have a successful season.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: Mat Meninga.



NAME: Brett Walters.
BIRTHDATE: 16/5/63.
WHERE BORN: Rockhampton.
OCCUPATION: Carpenter.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Booval Swifts under 9 to first grade, Ipswich Jets 1982-83, Brisbane Norths 1984-85.
REP HONORS: Oorahua under 15s 1980, 81.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Centre, wing.
INJURIES SUFFERED: Torn hamstring.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IN RUGBY LEAGUE: Playing against NSW under 18 and beating them two years running.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing much first grade at Norths in 1984.
AMBITIONS: To play for Brisbane in the National Panasonic Cup.
TOUGHEST OPPONENTS PLAYED AGAINST: John Ribot.



NAME: Alan Langer.
BIRTHDATE: July 30, 1966.
OCCUPATION: Construction worker in Ipswich.
TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Norths A grade, 1985 and Norths Juniors.
REP HONORS: Queensland U15 and Queensland U18.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Halfback.
BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT: Making the U18 team and his only injury has been a broken ankle.
Alan's ambition is to play for Australia.

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Jets make one change to side

THE Ipswich rugby league selectors have rewarded last Sunday's team for their sterling effort against Souths by making only one change to the side to play Wynnum Manly on Saturday.

The Jets held the reigning premiers Souths to 10-6 at three-quarter time before going down 28-6.

Ray Kelly is back in the side in the centres after missing the last two weeks through injury.

His selection has resulted in Errol Hunter moving back to fullback with Richard Watkins returning to reserve grade.

Kelly's selection in the centres rather than five-eighth illustrates the fine job Pat Shepherdson performed last week against Souths wearing the number six jersey.

Shepherdson's kicking in general

By staff reporter
RENARD PETERS

play was instrumental in keeping the Magpies on the back foot.

He was also involved in some nice attacking moves and will be a key player if the Jets are to contain Wally Lewis and co.

The retention of 12 players from last Sunday's side tends to suggest that coach Tom Raudonikis is getting close to stabilising his side for the Winfield State League.

In reserve grade Lou Ots returns to the front row after two weeks suspension and Kerry McMaster comes into the five-eighth position after suffering a shoulder injury against Valleys.

McMaster will take the place of Cliff Sinn who, on Monday night,

was suspended for four weeks.

The A grade side is — Errol Hunter, Gordon Langton, Ray Kelly, Shane McCarthy, Brett Walters, Pat Shepherdson, Allan Langer, Glen Haggath, Franco Scarpelli, Ben Olsen, Shane Moon, Chris MacNellie, Steve Rohl.

Reserve grade — Richard Watkins, Don Porter, Neil Cobbin, Neil Smith, Steve Williams, Kerry McMaster, Mark Clarkson, Rod Biggs, Glenn Wegener, Roy Nilsen, Lou Ots, David Bell, Patrick O'Doherty. Reserves: Steve McMahon, Mark Kruger, Robert Strathie, Brett Whiteing.

Under 19 — Clinton Baker, Paul Rohl, John Bozier, Dean Robinson, Greg Richardson, Aaron Swanson, Kevin Walters, Darren Wolens, Brian Cumner, Paul Nunn, Harvey Evans, Kerrod Walters, Mark Bagenal. Reserves: Michael McKean, Bradley Anderson, Paul Messenger, Jubal Sandy.

A night of firsts for Jets

By staff reporter
RENARD PETERS

LAST night's superb win by the Ipswich Jets created a wealth of firsts for the Ipswich A grade rugby league side.

It may have the required impetus to end one of the worst periods of results in Ipswich rugby league history.

In the past four seasons of the Winfield State League the Ipswich teams, depleted by players moving to Brisbane, could not have held a candle to the great Bulimba Cup-winning sides of the 1950s and 1960s.

But before anyone gets carried away, last night's win does not mean an automatic return to Ipswich's rugby league glory days.

But it is a start.

Here are some of the landmarks the historic win achieved:

- the win was the first by Ipswich in the Brisbane Rugby League competition;

- it was the Jets first win at Lang Park in the state league;

The previous Jets state league wins have been v Redcliffe (1983), Wests (1984), Easts (1985) — all at the North Ipswich Oval — and Central Queensland at Dysart on Sunday.

In the first season of the state-wide competition the Jets did not win a game.

- Last night was the first time the Jets had won two games in a row in a state league season;

- it was also the first time the Jets had won two games even in an entire state league season;

- consequently it is the first occasion the Jets have been in the top half of the state league table;

- the win also puts the Jets — admittedly only until Sunday — on top of the state league table for the first time ever.

That pleasant situation has arisen because apart from Wests the Jets are the only side to play two matches.

JETS IN AGAIN

A SUPERB performance by diminutive halfback Allan Langer was the highlight of the Ipswich Jets stunning 21-12 rugby league win against Wests at Lang Park last night.

The young blond halfback stamped himself as a player of the future.

If he continues to display last night's form representative honors could come his way in the seasons ahead.

Langer was the epitome of brilliance, scoring the matchwinning try, setting up the other two scored by the Jets and defending tenaciously.

It was Langer's match last night and the only pity was that his duel with older brother Kevin came to a halt after only 10 minutes.

The West halfback was forced to leave the field with an ankle injury and was replaced by Warren Best.

However, it is unlikely that even Kevin could have prevented his younger brother from running riot.

While Allan Langer shone like Halley's Comet last night there was a team of stars in the Jets lineup.

Among them were:

- Winger Gordon Langton, who while he didn't score a try, gave Wests defence many anxious moments.

- Secondrower Glenn Wegener

By staff reporter
RENARD PETERS

who bought off some magnificent hits and was tidy in attack.

- Prop Bob Kellaway who broke the Wests defence on many occasions and has added some spice to the Jets pack since arriving from England.

- Five-eighth Pat Shepherdson, providing the experience in the backline and a perfect foil for Langer.

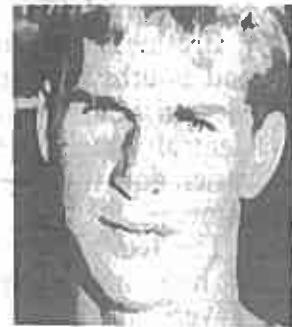
The Jets began their assault last night with a try in the eighth minute by winger Brett Walters, who had to leave the field straight after, another victim of an ankle injury.

The try began with a Kellaway burst and ended with Langer passing to fullback Errol Hunter, backing him up and offloading to lock Glen Haggath who fired the pass to Walters.

In the 21st minute Hunter scored one of the best Jets tries seen in recent seasons with Langer again the instigator.

A beautiful dummy enabled the nippy half to race 40m before passing to centre Ray Kelly who linked up with co-centre Shane McCarthy before Hunter accepted the final pass.

The Jets early tries were unconverted but Shepherdson



● Allan Langer.

added a penalty in the 29th minute to make the score 10-0.

Wests hit back, though, with former Jets centre Don Caslick, the Panthers best player, scoring tries in the 32nd and 49th minutes to put his side in front 12-10.

However, nothing was going to deny the Jets last night and a Shepherdson penalty levelled the scores before Langer scored a brilliant individual try to wrap up the game.

Shepherdson put the result beyond doubt with a field goal and a penalty.

IPSWICH JETS 21 (B. Walters, E. Hunter, A. Langer tries P. Shepherdson 4 goals field goal) d WESTS 12 (D. Caslick 2 tries W. Reis 2 goals).

Jets can be force in State League

THE Ipswich Jets' rugby league side ended their pre-season competition campaign with a 24-8 loss to Wynnum-Manly at Kougari Oval on Saturday night.

It sent them to their fourth consecutive loss, but the Jets did show that in the Winfield State League they could be a force to reckon with.

Brothers, Wynnum-Manly, Valleys and Souths proved baptisms of fire for the Brisbane newcomers and certainly Central Queensland should be much easier for the Jets in their first WSL game.

The Jets have shown glimpses of form in the first four games with a number of players showing up.

Winger Gordon Langton has the ability to do anything and is at an age where the sky is the limit.

Halfback Allan Langer is another player who has come on in leaps and bounds this season and should benefit from the experience of players outside of him such as Pat Shepherdson and Ray Kelly.

By staff reporter
RENARD PETERS

On Saturday night an 11-penalty caning in the first quarter did nothing to assist the Jets, neither did an impressive performance by Kangaroo hopeful Bob Lindner.

Lindner scored two tries and posed countless problems for the Jets defence.

Referee David Manson didn't help the Jets cause as fullback Colin Scott made good use of the penalties awarded to Wynnum, kicking six from seven.

Other State of Origin players Gene Miles and Scott also showed their considerable wares.

The arrival of forward Bob Kellaway this week will be a boost to the Jets, particularly if he is accompanied by an English international forward being touted as likely to play for the Jets.

WYNNUM-MANLY 24 (B. Lindner 2, C. Adams tries C. Scott 6 goals) d IPSWICH JETS 8 (P. O'Doherty try P. Shepherdson 2 goals).

JETS MAKE SEMIS

A 26-14 loss to Redcliffe at Lang Park yesterday could not keep the Ipswich Jets out of the Winfield State League semi-finals.

The Jets only threats were knocked out of WSL semi-final calculation yesterday when Toowoomba was defeated by Brothers at Roma and Wide Bay unluckily drew with Wests at Lang Park.

Even if the Jets were to lose to Toowoomba next Sunday, they could not be beaten for fourth position and their first semi-final berth.

However, Toowoomba will have to play extremely well for that to happen, particularly after the Jets spirited performance yesterday.

It took the star-studded Redcliffe lineup 47 minutes to grab the lead after the Jets put in a spirited first half display.

Even the presence of four internationals in their side could not prevent Redcliffe from trailing 40-0 29 minutes into the first half.

The Jets began the scoring in the 13th minute with the try of the match — another result of brilliant combination by halfback Allan Langer and winger Gordon Langton.

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Not for the first time this season, Langer chip kicked ahead for Langton to regain on the full and score under the posts. The try was converted to give the Jets a 6-0 lead.

The duo have performed similar feats on numerous occasions this season and have built up an uncanny understanding.

Penalties by five-eighth and captain Pat Shepherdson in the 19th and 29th minutes gave the Jets their 10-point break.

The second penalty earned Redcliffe second rower Wally Fullerton Smith a stint in the sinbin after an incident in a tackle involving Shepherdson.

Redcliffe Darryl Van De Velde said after the game he had not been concerned by the Jets early lead.

He was probably a lot happier, however, when lock Steve Bleakley crashed over for the Dolphins first try after the Jets had lost two tight heads close to their line.

Redcliffe then took control early in the second half with three tries in the first 19 minutes to virtually end the Jets hopes.

Two of them were scored out wide

by the wingers while the other came from an accurately placed Mark Murray bomb which gave Jets fullback Errol Hunter little chance.

However, the Jets, to their credit, did not give up and added a try in the 63rd minute with winger Brett Walters running on to a neat pass by Shepherdson.

Jets coach Tom Raudonikis, obviously disappointed said: "I'm not happy because we lost but I was happy that they didn't throw the towel in."

The Jets performance featured some fine individual games — Shepherdson threw some lovely passes, Langer made a couple of try-saving tackles in addition to kicking well in general play, Langton again dazzled the Lang Park crowd with his pace and the forwards David Bell, Bob Kellaway and Glen Haggath did their share of the work up front.

REDCLIFFE 26 (S. Bleakley, G. Donnelly, R. Thorne, J. Richards, G. Barwick tries T. Benson 2, G. Donnelly goals) **IPSWICH JETS** 14 (G. Langton, B. Walters tries P. Shepherdson 3 goals).

Scrums: Redcliffe 12, Ipswich 9; penalties: Ipswich 11, Redcliffe 7.

First scorers: Redcliffe number 8, Ipswich number two.

Clydesdales clobbered as Jets have a field day

THE Jets, minus their chief pilot Pat Shepherdson and navigator Bob Kellaway, still had too many guns for Toowoomba at Lang Park yesterday, winning 26-6.

Five-eighth Shepherdson did not play because of a virus and was replaced by Peter Wright while Kellaway went off early in the second half of the Winfield State League clash because of a twisted ankle aggravated against Redcliffe in the previous game.

"I was just making sure it was all right," Kellaway said after the game.

However, while the Jets won convincingly it did appear that they missed the two experienced campaigners.

In the second half in particular the Jets didn't look as organised as usual and were unable to capitalise on a number of try scoring opportunities.

The second half was a big test of depth for the young Ipswich side — also missing from the lineup was

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injured fullback Errol Hunter (broken nose).

The Jets defence lacked a little effectiveness; while they conceded only one try they were often guilty of not putting the player on the ground.

Toowoomba lock Chris Roche certainly exploited that and was able to offload to support on most occasions.

The fact that the Jets can make those sort of errors and still win by 20 points — something Brothers and Valleys could not do against Toowoomba — shows the outstanding potential of the Ipswich team.

It was not all smooth flying for the Jets.

After nine minutes the Ipswich side looked in some trouble when Toowoomba hooker Bill Holmes was able to force his way over from dummy half.

At that stage it was all Toowoomba, with halfback Mick Gleeson finding a few gaps in the Jets defence.

It took another piece of individual brilliance from winger Gordon Langton for the Jets to notch their first try in the 22nd minute.

Langton ran about 40m untouched after snapping-up a pass from Kellaway which didn't even seem to be meant for the teenage flyer.

During the WSL Langton scored six tries from six games, an illustration of his outstanding finishing skills.

A converted try to hooker Chris MacNellie who backed-up a break by lock Glen Haggath gave the Jets a 14-6 first-half lead despite running into a strong wind.

The other two Jets tries were scored by halfback Allan Langer from his own bomb and Haggath just before fulltime.

Fitness certainly gave the Jets the edge in the 40-minute-a-half game.

Three changes for Redcliffe match

THE Jets selectors last night gave Errol Hunter another chance at fullback — a just reward after some impressive performances in reserve grade.

Formerly from Mareeba, Hunter has been in and out of the top Jets side this season and has had a rough run with injury.

He is an exciting player with brilliant attacking skills and will be an asset to the team which will play Redcliffe at Dolphin Oval next Sunday.

The player Hunter replaces is Richard Watkins who has played consistently since coming into the team and has not faltered under pressure.

He is also a champion goal kicker but will now forfeit the kicking duties to skipper Pat Shepherdson.

Centre Shane McCarthy returns to the side in place of Neil Smith.

By RENARD PETERS



● Errol Hunter

McCarthy lost his place through injury and he has also been a strong performer in the reserve grade ranks.

A hard running attacker and solid defender, McCarthy has gone a long way to remedying the weakness which previously existed in the Jets centres.

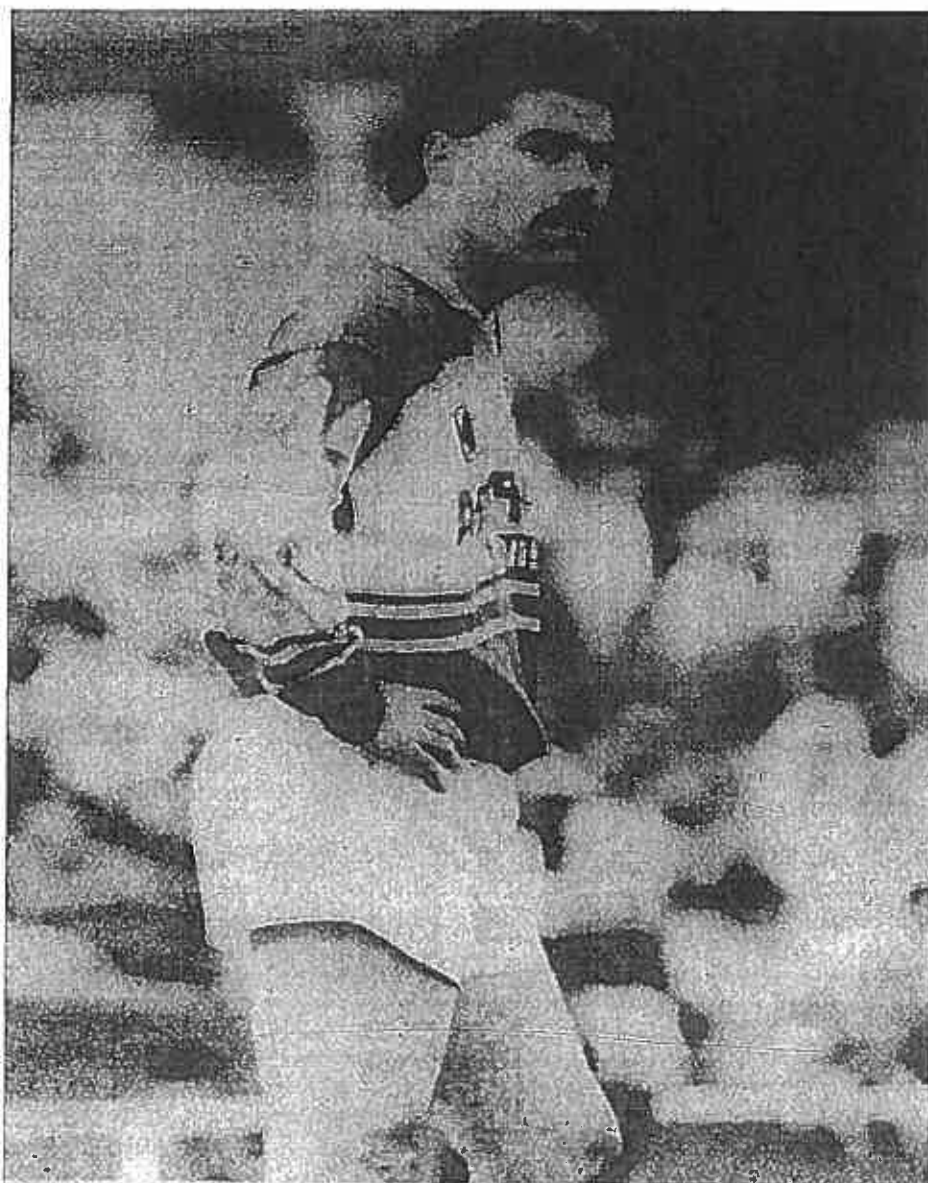
With Ray Kelly, McCarthy has formed a good combination and the duo have been among the first picked when fit.

Cliff Sinn is also back from injury and returns to the pack at lock.

Sinn injured his knee against Brothers three weeks ago but has regained his spot for Sunday.

No other changes have been made for the game against Redcliffe which looms as a vital one for the Jets.

A loss would be the Jets fourth in succession and would surely cast doubts on their semi-final aspirations.



• John Lydiat

First touch — a try

IPSWICH Jets English import John Lydiat had a dream start in his Australian debut against Wynnum Manly on Sunday — he scored a try with his first touch of the ball.

The Hull utility player put the finishing touches on a promising backline movement to score the first try in the Jets reserve grade side's 14-12 win over Wynnum.

Playing on the wing, Lydiat didn't have too many more opportunities but had a sound game overall.

"I thought it'd be harder than that," Lydiat said after the match.

"I was surprised I wasn't sweating more.

"I was still full of running at the end of the game."

Lydiat played the entire match despite earlier suggestions that he would be on the reserves bench.

Wynnum Manly missed three relatively easy penalty kicks in the

By staff reporter RENARD PETERS

second half when attempting to take the lead from the Jets.

At halftime, the Jets led 8-6 but a try by five-eighth Peter Sinclair gave Wynnum a 10-8 advantage.

While standing behind the goalposts big Jets prop Lou Ots — one of the best players on the field — gave his teammates some inspiring words of advice and backed it up with a try from dummy-half soon after.

The conversion from Kerry McMaster gave the Jets a 14-10 break which was only lessened when Wynnum finally managed to put over a penalty.

In the under-19s the Jets held on to win 26-20.

During the final stages of the game they looked in danger of continuing their current run of losses but managed to stay in front.

JETS PLAYERS 1986

A GRADE

Brad Albury
 David Bell
 Rodney Biggs
 John Bozier
 Mark Clarkson
 Glen Haggath (Capt)
 Dale Hodgson
 Errol Hunter
 Bob Kellaway
 Ray Kelly
 Greg Kent
 Mark Kruger
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 John Lydiat
 Chris Macnellie
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 Stephen McMahon
 Kerry McMaster
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 Shane Moon
 Roy Nilsen
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 Patrick O'Doherty
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 Lou Ots
 Steve Parcell
 Don Porter
 Steve Rohl
 Franco Scarpelli
 Pat Shepherdson (Capt)
 Cliff Sinn
 Neil Smith
 Robert Strathie
 Brett Walters
 Kerrod Walters
 Kevin Walters
 Richard Watkins
 Glen Wegener
 Brett Whiting
 Steve Williams
 Darren Wolens
 Peter Wright

RESERVE GRADE

Brad Albury
 Michael Anderson
 Clinton Baker
 David Bell
 Rodney Biggs (Capt)
 Stuart Briggs
 Craig Buffett
 Mark Clarkson
 Neil Cobbin
 Robert Cole
 Bruce Cumming
 Joel Fechner
 Peter Heywood
 Errol Hunter
 Dale Hodgson
 Darren Jone
 Paul Jorgenson
 Bob Kellaway
 Ray Kelly
 Greg Kent
 Mark Kruger
 Zane Kunde
 Allan Langer
 Cliff Langer
 Neville Langer
 Gordon Langton
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 Mark McCoy
 Stephen McMahon
 Kerry McMaster
 Shane Moon
 Allan Munro
 Andrew Murphy
 Roy Nielson
 Patrick O'Doherty
 Michael O'Sullivan
 Ben Olsen
 Lou Ots

Richard Watkins
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 Brett Whiting
 Steve Williams
 Peter Wright
 Steve Parcell
 Don Porter
 Craig Price
 Patric Ralph
 Steve Rohl
 Franco Scarpelli
 Pat Shepherdson
 Cliff Sinn
 Robert Strathie
 Neil Smith
 Brett Walters
 Steve Waters

COLTS

Bradley Anderson
 Mark Bagenal
 Clinton Baker
 Scott Barrett
 Sam Bartley
 Richard Bond
 John Bozier
 Brian Cumner
 Tony Daylight
 Peter Dowling
 Roy Essom
 Harvey Evens
 Wayne Finch
 Peter Gibson
 Myles Harm
 Andrew Jackwitz
 Bernard Lon
 Scott Johnson
 Gilbert Mailman
 Michael McKean
 Paul Messenger
 Robert Morris
 Garry Morrissey
 Andrew Murphy
 Paul Nunn
 Greg Richardson
 Dean Robinson
 Paul Rohl
 Jubil Sandy
 Chris Steele
 Aaron Swanson
 Kerrod Walters
 Kevin Walters (Capt)
 Sam Ward
 Stephen Weatherhog
 Darren Wolens

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New Jet's no giant

UTILITY player Jack Simpson might not have worn the green and white of the Ipswich Jets had he been a bigger man a couple of years ago.

The 23-year-old, who is one of a number of recruits from north Queensland, rejected offers to play for Redcliffe in the past because he did not think his small frame would stand the rigours of Brisbane football.



● Jack Simpson

"I knocked back a couple of offers from Redcliffe," Simpson said this week at training.

"I was nine stone wringing wet and felt I was just too small to play in Brisbane."

Now about 12 stone, he is still no giant, but is confident of handling the rough and tumble of metropolitan league.

For Simpson, linking up with the Ipswich Jets ends a four-year desire to play rugby league in the city.

After leaving school in 1982, he set his sights on playing in Brisbane.

"It's a great challenge and I'm really looking forward to it. It's a goal I've had since I left school."

Simpson arrived at the Jets two weeks ago via playing stints in Cherbourg, Toowoomba, Mareeba and Cairns.

He was spotted by Jets coach Tom Raudonikis in last season's Foley Shield final in Cairns, in which Cairns beat Townsville.

Obviously Raudonikis liked what he saw and set about securing the services of the talented back.

Like most of the new recruits at the Jets, Simpson's sole aim this season is to establish a permanent position in first grade.

Where he will play is the mystery.

"Preferably, I'd like to play in the centres, but anywhere in the backline," he said.

Simpson is a true utility player, however, and may find himself switched around during the season.

He was selected for the Queensland schoolboys side in 1982 as a halfback, but played most games as a winger.

Although only new to the Jets, Simpson says he has already noticed the greater professionalism compared to his playing days in north Queensland.

One of the big differences he expects to notice is the greater emphasis on physical fitness.

Simpson admits to having over-indulged on food and drinks over Christmas.

However, extra weight is not a great problem for this player, whose lack of weight once threatened to curtail his plans to play in Brisbane.

Scarpelli gains role with Jets

FORMER no-nonsense Jets forward Franco Scarpelli will be an active member of the Ipswich rugby league camp this year.

Scarpelli, 24, suffered severe throat and spinal injuries in a car accident last year which put paid to a promising football career — at least for the moment.

But Scarpelli, who has been working furiously to rehabilitate his battered body since his release from hospital, has not given up thoughts of a comeback sometime in the future and has kept in close contact with the Jets.

In fact, he had a major part in the Jets' signings of three North Queensland representatives.

And now he will continue to exert an influence over the Jets' fortunes as one of two newly-appointed selectors.

As well as Scarpelli, the Jets have named former Swifts captain-coach Greg Dalliston to help coach Tom Raudonikis select sides.

The under-19 appointments to assist coach John White are Noel Bragg and Merv Stumer.

Ipswich Rugby League chairman Les Stokes yesterday said that the Ipswich clubs would now be asked to choose three under-19 selectors and three A grade selectors to advise the Jets' selectors.

"Hopefully this year we will not have to bother the clubs too much by taking players," he said.

In other league news, Stokes yesterday said the Ipswich Diggers under-19 side could play its first on April 16 against a combined Gold Coast Sub-districts side.

Stokes and IRL club competition director John Edyvane have been working on the Diggers concept for six months and hope to

By PETER GARDINER

have A grade matches played this year. Basically the Diggers will be made up of the best of the rest in Ipswich who are not playing for the Jets.

Meanwhile, Wynnum Manly and the Seagulls-Diehards — two of the sides likely to dominate the 1987 Brisbane rugby league season — will be pitted against Ipswich in the early-season State League series.

The Jets have a relatively tough draw in the six-match series.

Wynnum have dominated the Brisbane league in the 1980s, while the merger between the strong Valleys club and the rich Seagulls Tweed Heads outfit seems certain to make the combined team a formidable unit.

Ipswich's first match is against Souths on April 4 under floodlights at the North Ipswich Reserve.

Matches to follow are versus North Queensland at Ayr on April 12; against Souths at Lang Park on April 16; versus the Seagulls-Diehards at Lang Park on April 26; against Wynnum at Lang Park on March 3; and versus Wide Bay at Maryborough on May 10.

Semi-finals are scheduled for May 15 with the final to be played on May 17. All the finals will be at Lang Park.

Playing in their first season of the Brisbane competition last season, the Jets made a big impression in the State League, but faltered somewhat towards the end of the year.

However, coach Tom Raudonikis is confident that off-season recruits will strengthen the playing depth of the Brisbane side.

• More league on page 45.



• Franco Scarpelli . . . to play active role.



• Tom Raudonikis . . . will test new recruits.

Big Brett — from a Marlin to a Jet

SOME people have a knack of attracting publicity — one such case being new Ipswich rugby league recruit Brett Johnstone.

Tipping the scales at 92kg and boasting a height from which he can look down on most people, it is perhaps natural that the big centre is easily noticed.

Although Johnstone has been in town only a week, rumours preceded him that a "Gene Miles-type centre" was coming from north Queensland to join the Jets.

The tag is unfortunate and one that clearly embarrasses Johnstone.



● Brett Johnstone

"I didn't even know that's what was being said," the quietly-spoken Johnstone said at training on Tuesday night.

The training session — his first with the Jets — was unfortunately interrupted early in the piece by heavy storms which forced the players to the calm of the North Ipswich grandstand.

Certainly, Johnstone has no illusions about living up to the Gene Miles tag.

For him, realistic goals have been set for his first season in the Brisbane league.

"I just want to cement an A grade spot with the Jets firstly and take things from there," he said.

The last time Johnstone walked into publicity was when he was playing for the North Queensland Marlin's last season in the State League.

By CAM COOPER

A Brisbane television station ran a feature story on the "bloke from the north" — one of those players who would travel thousands of kilometres each week to don footy gear and play rugby league.

The theme centred around his life on the farm, although Johnstone admits that his link to horses and mustering has been restricted over the years.

He went to boarding school in Charters Towers for seven years, but still appreciates life in the bush.

"I don't think I'll really miss the country lifestyle. Perhaps a little bit. It's good to be in that environment," he said.

For now, however, he is looking forward to life in the city and a chance to establish himself in the big league.

Former Ipswich forward Franco Scarpelli — who played much of his early football in north Queensland — enticed Johnstone to join the Jets, along with others such as Jeff Nixon, Ken Robertson and Jacko Simpson.

Together they form the nucleus of a recruiting drive that Ipswich officials hope will see the Jets perform even better this season. Other new players at the club include former Easts fullback Gavin Payne, Toowoomba halfback Col Lindenberg and former Wynnum Manly prop Mark Zillman.

The first chance to see the new players in action is on Saturday in Ipswich when the Jets take on Brisbane Souths in a trial match. A grade starts at 7.25pm; B grade at 5.45pm; and under-19 at 4.30pm.

Johnstone is no novice to the quicker pace of Brisbane league, having played for the Marlin's for three successive years in the State League.

A former Queensland schoolboys player, he appears to have the credentials to make his mark in Ipswich.

For the sake of the Jets, it is to be hoped that the big man from the north continues to grab plenty of attention — this time for his playing deeds on the field.

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JETS SQUAD WIDE OPEN

By PETER GARDINER

THE MAKE-UP of Jets A grade squad to take on Brothers at the North Ipswich reserve next Sunday in the first of the Woolies preseason encounters will be announced tomorrow night at training.

And at this stage in the season, after one win and two losses in unoffi-

cial trials, there are a heap of positions still wide open.

The latest trial on Saturday night resulted in a 24-2 loss to a Norths side loaded with such big guns as Greg Dowling and Paul McCabe.

That scoreline has done little to disillusion Jets coach Tom Raudonikis who seems to have boundless faith in his players.

"We are going to have a good year this year. It was a good trial despite the scoreline," Raudonikis said.

"Norths are going to be one of the

strongest teams in the competition this year."

Even so, Raudonikis said yesterday that he knew how Norths could be beaten and will no doubt put his plan in motion when the games count for fixture points.

What did not please Raudonikis was the amount of dropped ball by his team. These basic errors on Saturday night and a scrum deficit, gave the Devils a glut of possession.

But it is still early days for a Jets team which is full of new recruits who are still unfamiliar to each other and their style of play.

Raudonikis has already taken steps to overcome both problems.

Yesterday the Jets camp got together at the reserve for a barbecue that will feed club morale and comradeship as much as beef-up the players.

Raudonikis' solution to the handling problem involves sessions concentrated on ball skills.

Starting tomorrow night Raudonikis will split his players into three squads for handling and passing drills. For the time being, every Tuesday night session will be dedicated to the elimination of these costly on-field errors.

And Raudonikis is far from happy with the Jets scrummaging at present and said that this would be also worked on at training.

Tuesday night will also be a night of tough decisions as the Raudonikis and the Jets selectors work-out who will survive the reserve-grade cut.

At this stage there are only a few certainties.

Frontrower Mark Zillman, half-back Alan Langer and fullback Gavin Payne will all be starters for the Brothers match. Kerrod Walters is the likely first choice hooker and Raudonikis has indicated that he is pleased with former centre Ray Kel-

ly's performance at lock.

But from there the choices get harder — a fact which testifies to the increased depth of the club.

The other frontrow's position could go to any number of players.

Raudonikis is quietly pleased with the progress of new boy Norm Kena and says that he could become more valuable to the Jets as the year progresses.

"He'll learn a bit this year. Last night he was up against one of the best frontrowers in the world (Greg Dowling)," Raudonikis said.

Competing for a spot in the final 13 will be Steve Rohl, who has been troubled by an injured back but made his presence felt in reserve and A grade against Norths.

As well there is Patrick O'Doherty. He and backrower Glen Haggath are expected back from playing in England this week and they are bound to be rushed into the squad. Lou Otis is another contender. The back row positions are a race between half a dozen players, though Robert Strathie and Haggath might be first preferred.

The Jets have backs to burn, though none has really stamped his name on any position yet. A likely centre combination is Brett Johnstone and Ross Williams and there are a few players laying claim to the vital five-eighth position.

Col Lindenberg trialed there on Saturday night and he is a likely starter, though Jeff Nixon will get strong consideration.

Things have changed when you consider that last year's star winger Gordon Langton, might not even figure in the side. Other talented backs hoping to get placed include Ken Robertson, Dean Carroll and Jack Simpson.

Norths 24 (M. Booth 2, G. Harvey, P. Cook tries; Booth goals) vs Ipswich 2 (C. Lindenberg).



• Action in Saturday's trial match

Backline reshaped

IPSWICH selectors predictably opted for experience last night in naming the Jets line-up for Sunday night's Woolies Cup pre-season match against Brothers at the North Ipswich reserve.

Although a number of the club's new country recruits have been named, most boast considerable State League experience against Brisbane sides.

Overall, the side looks well balanced to take on last year's grand finalists in what is the first major match of the season.

Only two players from last season's backline remain — winger Gordon Langton and halfback Alan Langer.

The contentious centre spots have gone to North Queensland recruits Brett Johnstone and Ken Robertson, while former Toowoomba player Col Lindenberg beat off a number of challengers to inherit the five-eighth's jumper.

Brothers selectors have resisted pressure to return Peter Gill to the fullback position that he has assumed for Brisbane. Instead, Gill will play five-eighth.

Gill and Clinton Mohr have been in great early season form and, in the absence of long-serving Queensland custodian Colin Scott, are rated the top two fullbacks in the state.

However, that has created the enviable problem of fitting both players into the Brothers backline.

By CAM COOPER

Gill has performed creditably in the pivot role and coach Ross Strudwick is keen to utilise him in that spot.

The Brethren will field a pack that bares little resemblance to that which played in last season's grand final.

Rookie props Jim Stafford and Mark Anderson have been chosen for the first major match of the season, while former Easts lock Brett LeMan will wear the number-eight jumper.

LeMan is one of Brisbane's most underrated forwards and should be a dangerman to the Jets.

Another player Ipswich coach Tom Raudonikis respects is talented centre Robert Grogan.

IPSWICH: Gavin Payne, Ross Williams, Brett Johnstone, Ken Robertson, Gordon Langton, Col Lindenberg, Alan Langer, Ray Kelly, Stuart Briggs, Robert Strathie, Steve Rohl, Kerrod Walters, Mark Zillman.

BROTHERS: Clinton Mohr, Vince O'Brien, Robert Grogan, Jason Stafford, Jeff Burns, Peter Gill, Grae Smith, Brett LeMan, Eric Kennedy, Gary Smith, Jim Stafford, Trevor Bailey, Mark Anderson. Reserves: Chris Greenwood, John McGraw, Tony Rea, Craig McAlpine.



● Alan Langer

Only
Langer
and
Langton
remain



● Gordon Langton

Tommy's hoping for vocal support

By CAM COOPER

IPSWICH coach Tom Raudonikis hopes Ipswich's infamous home crowd will give his players an added edge when they take on Seagulls-Diehards at the North Ipswich reserve on Sunday night.

The match, featuring the Jets versus the big spenders of the Brisbane competition, promises to draw a bumper crowd.

Clearly, Raudonikis would welcome a large, partisan band of Ipswich supporters.

"I think we've been going well enough to deserve that support. I'm sure there will be a big crowd," the Ipswich mentor said yesterday.

"I have a lot of respect for Ipswich supporters. If they get along there it might spur our boys on that little bit more."

The match promises to be a watershed following Ipswich's convincing win over Wests last weekend.

The Diehards, boosted by a huge injection of money from the Tweed Heads merger, are one of the glamour sides in the competition.

In addition, they have the player strength to justify their ranking as one of the gun sides in the Brisbane competition.

In that respect, the match should be a guide as to how good the Jets are this season.

While acknowledging that Seagulls-Diehards will be hard to beat, Raudonikis is confident that Ipswich can win — a victory that would almost certainly put the Jets into the semi-finals of the Woolies Cup.

Ipswich, after matches against Brothers and Wests, are in third spot on the Woolies ladder behind Brothers and Norths.

The Jets seem to have settled on a side and are starting to show the benefits of that combination.

The clash of the halves shapes as a match-winning factor on Sunday.

Diehards five-eighth Peter Coyne is one of the classiest players in the competition, but won't have it all his own way against Ipswich's Col Lindenberg.

The switch of lock Mark Wilson to mark Alan Langer has been well publicised.



• Tom Raudonikis

However, Raudonikis has complete faith in his protege.

"The move (of Wilson to halfback) could have been designed to stop him (Langer). Everyone is trying to stop him.

"But I think Alan will handle him very well."

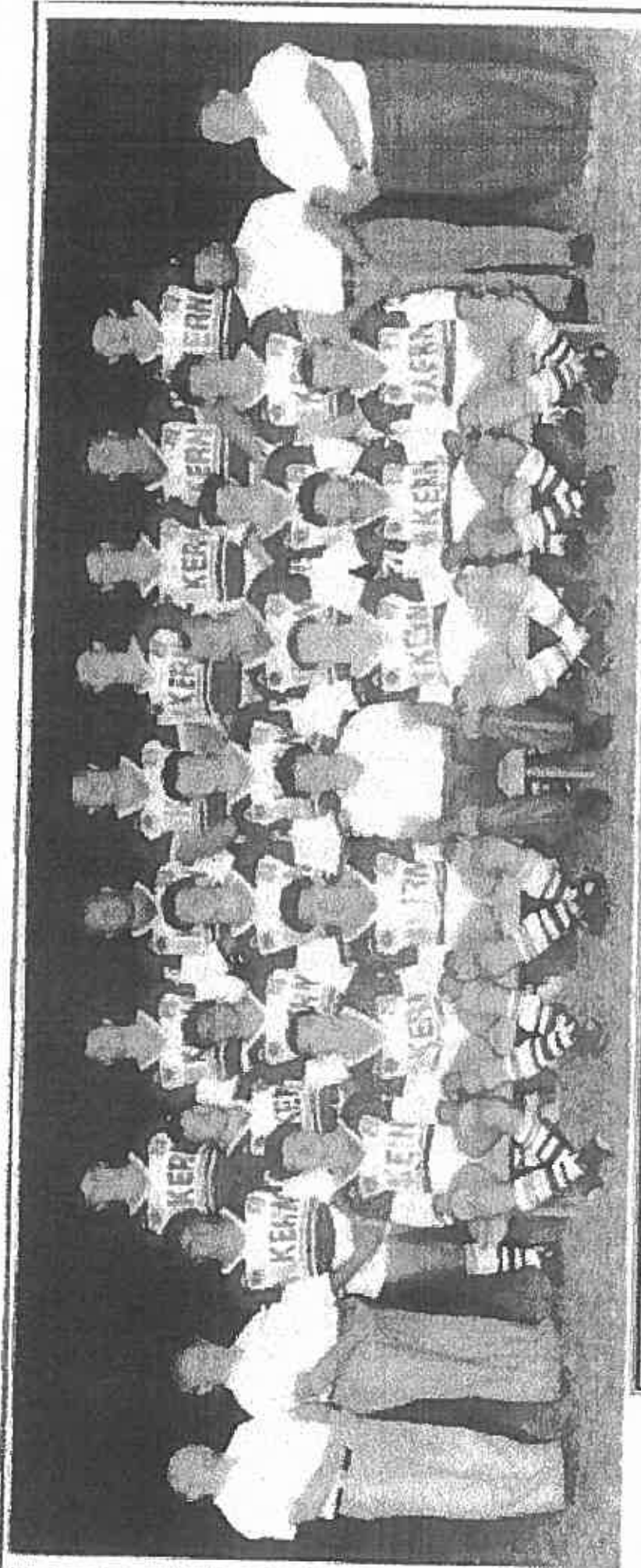
Raudonikis is not overly worried about Ipswich's lack of ball from the scrums against Wests last weekend.

The Jets didn't win their first scrum until the 62nd minute of the match.

"We've been working at training on winning the ball.

"I don't think we scrummaged that badly against Wests. They had most of the feeds."

Sunday's match starts at 6pm.



IPSWICH JETS RUGBY LEAGUE A GRADE GRAND FINALISTS

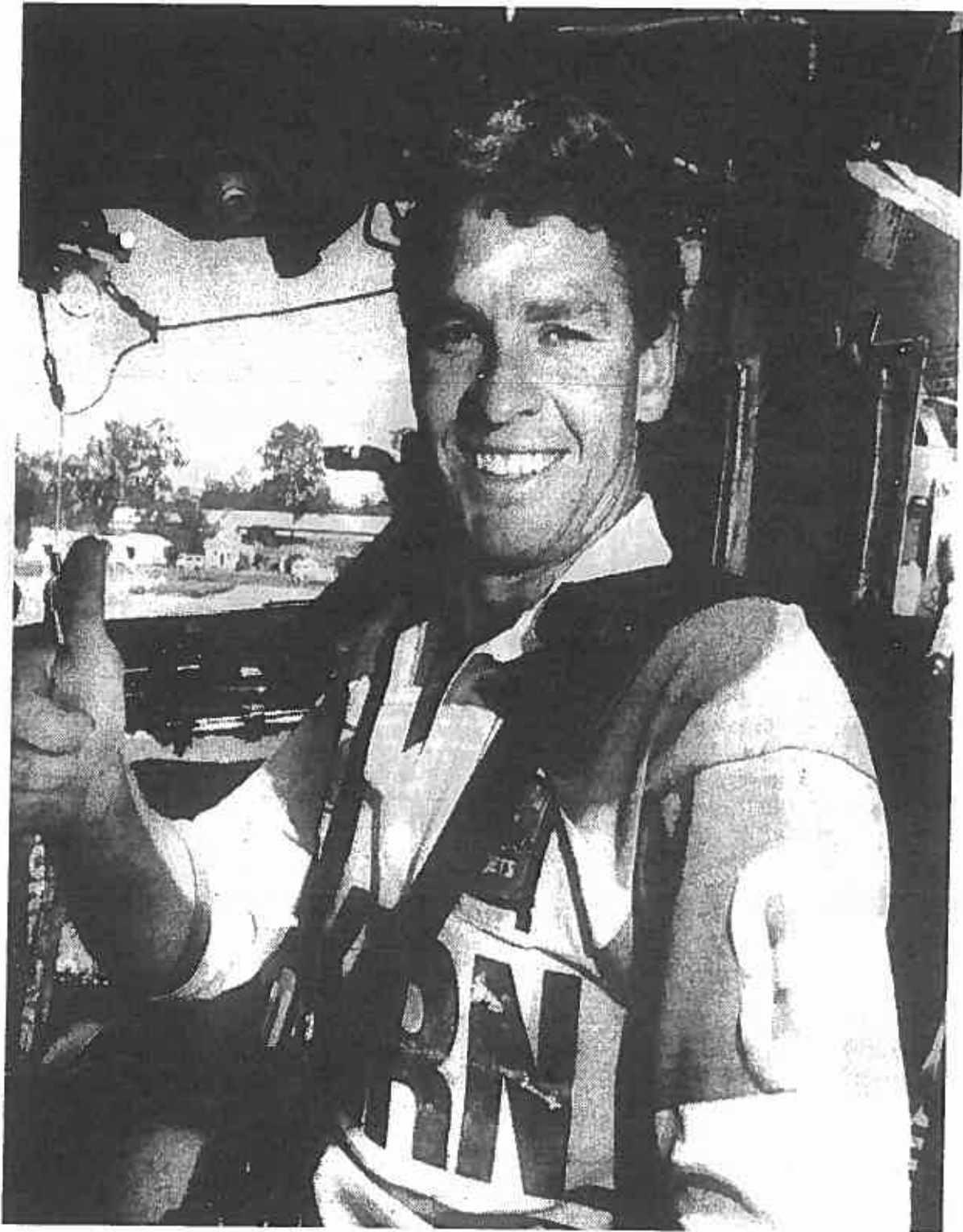
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BACK ROW: Rodney Allery, Craig Spark, David Hogg, Bob Kellaway, Gavie Muir, Sam Smith,
Brett Knabe, Ross Williams

MIDDLE ROW: Brian Graham (Manager), Harry Russell (Asst Manager), Clotens Baker, Graham Andrews,
Erol Hunter, Darren Walters, Tony Watson, Ben Olsam, Gary Morrissey, John McInnes

FRONT ROW: Tony Waddup, Ray Oxen, Steve Percell (Captain), Jim Landy (Coach),
Andrew Walters, Jack Simpson, Cliff Langer

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Steve Parcell
Jets Captain

Jets ready to avenge defeat

THE Ipswich Jets zoomed into their second successive Winfield Cup grand final with another outstanding sudden-death performance at Lang Park last Sunday.

By ANDREW SLACK

Following their demolition of Norths in the knockout semi-final a fortnight earlier, the Jim Landy-coached outfit dished up more of the same for Easts, scoring five tries to one in their 24-6 triumph.

The scene is now set for a replay of the '88 grand final against Valleys. And on finals form to date, the Jets look good things to avenge their 17-14 defeat 12 months ago.

Easts, although improving on their poor display against Valleys in the major semi-final, were still lacklustre and had no response to the brilliant ball handling and support play of Ipswich, who looked to have timed their premiership surge to perfection.

From prop Tony Watson through to fullback Tony Wadups, no weaknesses have cropped up in the Ipswich play of late. And certainly none were evident last Sunday.

Aided by a favourable penalty count, Ipswich had the bulk of possession and their ball skills were a joy to watch - except for Easts supporters.

The Jets pack, marshalled superbly by skipper Steve Parcell, provided the platform and once again the inside backs trio of Ray Owens, Gary Morrissy and Ross Williams, each of them try-scorers, created the gaps out wide.

To Easts credit, they did contain Ipswich for the majority of the first half and would have led

at halftime if not for a Nick Muir indiscretion.

Down 4-2 with just eight minutes left, the Tigers put together their best attack of the match. From a high kick an Easts player grounded the ball over the tryline and referee John Topp was about to award a try, when touch judge Alan Waters entered to report interference by Muir, a ruling supported by TV replays.

Two minutes later and 100 metres downfield, Muir's opposite number Ray Owens was underneath the posts, following great lead up by Morrissy.

Crafty dummy half play from Parcell and determined running from Watson caught the Tigers short early in the second half and from then on it was a matter of which players the coach would rest in readiness for the big one against Valleys.

Andrew Walters showed why he had been a 1988 Bronco signing, defending stoutly but did not neglect his attack.



Steve Parcell, led the pack and set up victory

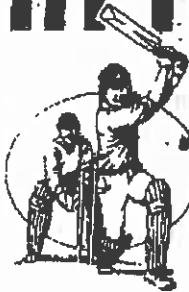
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A Grade: Valleys v
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Reserves: Norths v
Redcliffe (1:30pm)
Thirds: Easts v Redcliffe
(12 noon)
Colts: Wests v Redcliffe
(10:30 am)

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Steve Parcell

Gatley can leave care in hands of proteges



**Sports
Scope**

PART TWO



• From left — Kerry Nean, Merv Gumbleton, Jet's trainer Darryl Gatley, and Lisa Nipperess.

IF AND when Jets' trainer Darryl Gatley decides to leave the local rugby league scene there will be three qualified trainers waiting to take his place.

In Part One of SPORTSCOPE (in Wednesday's *Queensland Times*) Gatley emphasised the need for all sports in Ipswich to be "covered" by having a qualified sports trainer in attendance.

At the Jets' headquarters, the North Ipswich Reserve, he has assembled three Australian sports medicine-qualified trainers to strap and treat the green and white players after he leaves.

Jets' trainers, Lisa Nipperess, Merv Gumbleton and Kerry Nean, each have their reasons for undertaking the task and each have goals they wish to attain.

As a full-time nurse Nipperess has been involved with the treatment of sports injuries for a number of years in the casualty department at Ipswich Hospital.

With her love of rugby league it was only natural that Nipperess would want to find out

how these injuries occurred and, more importantly, how they could be prevented.

Nipperess received the extra push needed to enter the male-dominated profession from Gatley when she began reading his sports medicine books.

"It all started from there," she said. "That was two and a half years ago and now I've set my sights on reaching the top of the profession."

"The players accepted me straight away as a trainer. I'm just like one of the guys, except now they take care to mind their language when they're around me," she said.

Compared with Lisa, reserve grade trainer Merv Gumbleton is an "ancient" in the rugby league game of strapping.

Gumbleton's association with the game stretches back over four decades from when he was five years old, he is now 47, and played his first game. He started strapping in 1976 in the

NSW Group 13 competition.

The move into sports training began after he heard Gatley and former Australian Sports Medicine Association president Dr Kevin Hobbs speak at a seminar in Mackay.

As a result he signed up and completed an Australian Sports Medicine certificate — level one.

Gumbleton said his goal now was to finish his career as head strapper for a State League team.

Without doubt C grade trainer Kerry Nean is the junior member of the trio.

Nean found his way to the Jets' headquarters as a trainer after reading about the course in a paper.

"I was always interested when I was playing the game so I decided to put something back into it.

"I finished the Australian Sports Medicine course in May 1988. I'm still really learning my way at the moment and I watch and listen to Darryl (Gatley) and Dr Saunders very carefully.

By SANDY DUNN

Commitment key to Ipswich game plan

By SANDY DUNN

JETS' A grade coach Jim Landy expects his team's commitment to carry them to victory against Norths at Bishop Park tomorrow.

"We've met Norths on three occasions this season. We won one, lost one and drew one," Landy said.

"They're a good, all-round team which is coached by former Australian halfback Greg Oliphant. They have two good halves in Neil Wharton and Dean Sammut and some troublesome forwards, especially Darryl Duncan.

"However, Ray Owens and Andrew Walters should be able to contain their opposite halves and the forwards should, once again, dominate up front.

"Duncan can be troublesome if allowed to run. He also has a good kicking boot which has been the downfall of several sides. We will have to control him."

Landy said fresh reserve Steve Rohl was under an injury cloud with a corked thigh. However, he was receiving intense physiotherapy and was expected to start on Sunday.

The Jets' camp had another injury scare on Thursday when winger Tony Waddups rang and informed Landy he had hurt himself at work. Fortunately it was a minor injury and he is expected to play. Peter Kings is the shadow player for him.

● Reserve grade coach Bob Kellaway is confident his team can notch its first win against Norths tomorrow at Bishop Park.

"They are on 12 points and we are on 10 points so far this season. They're going well.

"They beat us twice in the pre-season when we were still experimenting with the team. Their team hasn't changed but ours has. It will be a different ball game this time," Kellaway said.



● Peter Kings — on standby.

"We will miss Cam Wallace's leadership up front. David Haug takes his place as the forward leader. This will give him a little more work to do in the forwards, but it should not trouble him."

Kellaway said Wallace's position would be filled by C grade second rower Ricky Jones, "you couldn't get much better".

He said in the backs Peter Kings may go up to A grade and his position would be filled by Fleming Larson. C grade player Darren Batchelor would then move up one grade. Otherwise the team was the same.

● C grade coach Ted Owens is counting on a "competent" pack to help defeat Norths tomorrow.

Owens said the preparation for the match

had gone smoothly during the week and he was confident of a win.

"We beat them once at Lang Park, 28-16, and lost once to them at Bishop Park.

"I don't think the team will be the same as the one we first defeated. Oliphant will have made sweeping changes which will have affected all grades after the club's A grade loss to Logan City. It will be a tough job."

He said C grade "tackling machine" Wayne Finch would miss his first game of the season this weekend. He would be a fresh reserve.

● Colts' coach Keith Polkinghorne hopes to string a few wins together starting with Norths tomorrow.

Polkinghorne said the Jets' colts side had easily defeated Norths twice this year.

He said the side was looking especially strong with the return of the six under 19 players who were in Brisbane last weekend.

The team won 54-8 without these top players last weekend against Brothers.

A grade: Clinton Baker, Jack Simpson, Sam Smith, Ross Williams, Tony Waddups, Andrew Walters, Ray Owens, Craig Spark, Cameron Wallace, Brett Kaatz, Tony Watson, Steve Parcell, Ben Olsen. Reserve: Steve Rohl.

Reserves: Cliff Langer, Fleming Larson, Peter Kings, Bruce Cummings, Brad Hartmann, Rob Cunningham, Garry Morrissey, Gavin Minz, Ricky Jones, Kelvin Albery, Mark Furringer, Graham Andrews, David Haug.

C grade: Jeff Polkinghorne, John Smith, John Brown, Errol Hunter, Bevan Baker, Ross Henderson, Aaron Swanson, Paul Shooter, Dwayne Pocock, Miles Halm, Ken Fuller, Sean Arbuthnot, Craig Mason.

Colts: Scott Brown, Bob King, Terry O'Toole, Lindsay Tetzlöff, Dane McQueen, Len Carius, Ron Cox, Gordon Pidgeon, Keiran McHugh, Richard Walsh, Brad Chicken, Shane Pagew, Mark Hayley. Reserves: Steve Hocking, Darren Shaw, Brett McGarry, Michael Stenner, Lawrence Martyn, Todd Zischke.



MARK D. SMITH

Jets stars feature in City selections

SIX members of the Ipswich Jets A grade rugby league side have been selected to play for City next week against their Country counterparts.

Ross Williams and Darren Wolens have been selected to play for City (White) and Tony Waddups, Steve Parcell, Craig Spark and Andrew Walters have been selected for City (Red).

The Red team also includes former Jets players Pat Shepherdson now playing at the Gold Coast and Ken Robertson (Souths).

For 20-year old Craig Spark selection in the side is just reward for the hard working performances he has put in.

Spark has been the in-form forward of an unlucky Jets side this season. He now has an opportunity to press his claims for selection in the Queensland Residents team which tours Papua New Guinea next month.

Sparks was surprised by the selection.

"The first time I heard of my selection was when the IRI rang me at 1pm on Monday. I'm surprised but I'm going to make the most of the opportunity when it comes next

week," he said. Steve Parcell has also been rewarded for his recent workmanlike performances.

The White team will play its trial match against Northern Country at the Mackay Showgrounds on Anzac Day. The Red team plays Southern Country at Athletic Oval, Toowoomba, the same day.

City White: David Bourke (Valleys), Guy Halsey (Norths), Trevor Cook (Easts), Ross Williams (Ipswich), Shane Buckley (Valleys), Kevin Langer (Wests), Brett Daum (Valleys), Chris White (Souths), Bill Holmes (Valleys), Scott McKay (Brothers), Ian McKenzie (Norths), Darren Wolens (Ipswich), Darren Smith (Easts). Res: Ziggy Strasser (Valleys), Neil Wharron (Norths). City Red: Tony Waddups (Ipswich), Shaun Mhor (Souths), Ken Robertson (Souths), Peter Coyne (Valleys), Mark McDonald (Easts), Rod Dovie (Wynnum), Doug Belford (Wynnum), Neil Tierney (Wynnum), Steve Parcell (Ipswich), Martin Quinn (Easts), Richard Rows (Valleys), Andrew Walters (Ipswich), Craig Spark (Ipswich), Res: Troy Evans (Norths), Tony Catton (Valleys).



● Andrew Walters... representative call.

19-4-1989

Jets go full steam ahead

By SANDY DUNN

A FULL strength Jets A grade side will meet premiers Valleys in their first match of the Winfield Cup competition on Sunday at Neumann Oval.

After several disappointing performances in the State League series the Jets side will be eager to show they are a class side and a definite chance to claim the premiership, and not a team of "chokers".

It may only be the first match of the season, but it is one of considerable importance.

So important in fact that coach Jim Landy has only named a squad and not a definite run-on

team. Part of the reasoning behind this manoeuvre is to keep Valleys coach Ross Henrick guessing.

The tactic also allows lock Darren Wolens time to recover from a niggling knee injury and winger Clinton Baker time to receive treatment for a lower back injury.

In the engine room Landy has decided to use strong running prop second rower Ben Olsen as a fresh reserve.

Olsen could easily be disappointed with his relegation to the reserves bench after his strong performances recently.

But unfortunately for Olsen he has to make way for the return of Combined Brisbane forwards Andrew Walters and an injured Wolens.

Landy must also omit another forward from the pack or slot him elsewhere before the final team is announced on Saturday.

In the backs Ross Williams will presumably return to centre and Tony Waddups will takeover from his experienced deputy, Cliff Langer, at fullback.

Colts player Sam Smith has impressed Landy during his previous excursions into A grade, retaining his spot on the wing.

He came on as a replacement against Valleys in the second half recently and performed well.

Jets squad: Jack Simpson, Clinton Baker, Sam Smith, Tony Waddups, Ross Williams, Craig Spark, Ben Olsen, Andrew Walters, Steve Parcell, Tony Watson, Steve Rohl, Darren Wolens.



● Darren Wolens... in doubt

Jets crash to Dolphins

WHILE the Jets' A grade battled air sickness and the Capras in Central Queensland on Saturday (see back page), Bob Kellaway's Ipswich rugby league reserve graders were battling a one-sided penalty count at Dolphin Oval.

Ipswich and Redcliffe a fortnight before had fought out an entertaining draw, but this time honours went to the Dolphins 12-2.

Kellaway said at half-time he had been happy enough with a 4-2 deficit in a first half which saw play seesaw from one end of the field to the other. "I thought we could go on and win the game from there, but they fell away in the second half," he said.

But the Jets finally succumbed in the second half to an onslaught by the Cherry brothers and a lack of ball. At one stage in the match, the penalties were 14-2 against the Jets.

"I was pleased with the performance in the first half.

"We only dropped the ball on

three occasions and for about 20 minutes withstood a lot of pressure from Redcliffe when they were attacking our line."

Kellaway said among the stand-out players in the match which counted for points were forwards David Hang and Dwayne Pocock.

"I thought all the forwards went well and you can't criticise the backs because they didn't have a real lot of opportunities," he said.

"When they did get the ball they executed their moves well."

Kellaway gave no excuses for the loss, but it is fair to point out that the side was without some key players.

Among them were the A grade reserves up in Blackwater, who will be available this weekend, and classy five-eighth Gary Morrissey who was away on family business.

The side, which has already sustained a number of injuries, also lost promising back John Moynahan with suspected medial ligament

damage to the knee.

• The success story of the three Ipswich sides which travelled to Redcliffe was Keith Polkinghorne's under 19's.

They scored a fairly impressive 14-8 win over the young Dolphins.

Polkinghorne said the most pleasing aspect of the win was the side's defence.

One of the standout players was talented forward Brad Chicken, while backrower Shane Page and back Dane McQueen had strong games.

Chicken scored one of the three tries, after impressively outpacing the cover defence for a 30m charge to the line.

Mark Haley and five-eighth Len Carina scored the others and prop Stephen Hockings kicked one goal.

Polkinghorne said the biggest plus from the match was getting the first up win, which will help the side's confidence.

• The Ipswich C grade side coached by Ted Ovens, put up a strong showing, despite going down 28-6.

Ovens said with less than 10 minutes to go, Ipswich was only trailing 10-6, but a couple of questionable tries saw Redcliffe race away with the match.

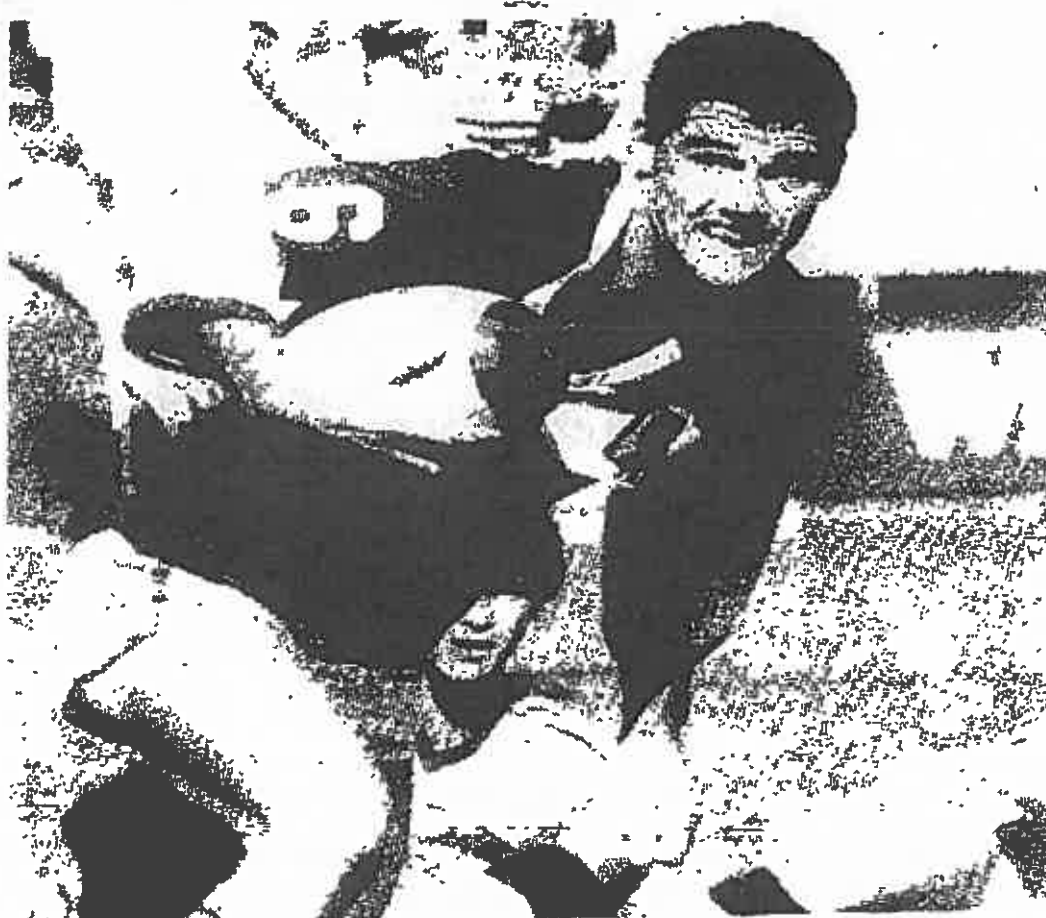
The C grade side was disrupted badly on Saturday by injuries in higher grades and late minute changes.

Ovens said he was forced to use three under 19 players. Under the circumstances, he was pleased with the side's efforts.

"We were forced to play for 30 minutes with only 12 men after three players were sin-binned."

Ovens said lock Wayne Pinch had another outstanding game, chalking up 38 tackles.

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• Jets rugby league five eighth Craig Spark looks for support as he tries to break out of a Norths tackle in Sunday's State League match at Lang Park. Ipswich finally got their revenge for a draw and a defeat against the Devils to win a drizzling match

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Rugby League

Tragic return adds to woes

By TONY HARPER

THE Ipswich Jets reserve grade team was thrashed 50-18 by Easts yesterday but the biggest loss was not on the scoreboard.

Top Jets signing Jeff Ashe had a tragic comeback after injury when he hurt his shoulder in the first tackle he capped.

Ashe, who missed the first two games this season after a nasty knock in the mouth during trials, lasted less than 10 minutes.

The former Souths hooker was thrown into the fray shortly after half-time with the Jets trailing 28-6.

Ashe's quick step produced a gap and he fed to try scorer Graham Andrews to add the Jets' second try.

But unfortunately Ashe walked away from the scene with his arm limp by his side.

Reserve grade coach Jim Landy said Ashe had a suspected broken collarbone.

If broken the collarbone could take another four to five weeks before it healed.

The Ipswich team gave the Tigers a 28-0 start and although throwing everything at Easts early in the second period they were never a chance.

Landy admitted the change of five players from the previous win against Wymouth had ruined the Jets cohesion.

Halfes Tony Blanco and Tony Barnes tried hard but Easts had too much ball and controlled it too well.

The Ipswich defence was begging for a solid pattern but the unbeaten Tigers did not ease up from the start.

Even when Andrews ran in two tries after the break Easts held firm to ward off the threat and then marched on.

John Butler was the Tigers hero scoring 24 individual points.

The halfback was not the Tigers' first choice goal kicker but after Ian Stains missed three from four Butler kicked six from seven.

His three tries typified the difference between the teams.

Both appeared eager to perform but Butler's backing up gave the Tigers an extra bite.



• Tony Blanco (number 7) ... tried hard.



• Gavin Payne.

Two mistakes cost Ipswich a semi chance

By TONY HARPER

DEFENSIVE lapses either side of half-time cost the Ipswich Jets rugby league team a place in the Woolies semi-final and a win against Easts yesterday.

The Jets travelled to Langlands Park in fourth spot on the Woolies ladder and facing the team running last.

But the two mistakes kept Ipswich pointless and they were leap-frogged by the Tigers who snared four points on the day in winning 18-8.

Ipswich coach Tom Raudonikis was disappointed by the eight minute period either side of the break during which Easts scored two tries.

"I was very disappointed about the tries because both of them came on the last tackle and that shouldn't happen," he said.

Easts began well when promising lock Darren Smith backed up some splendid backline passing to score the opening try after just two minutes.

Ipswich struck back 12 minutes later when wing Glen Chandler scored an excellent winger's try.

He took an intercept on his own quarter to repel the Easts' storm and then finished the job in style by outlasting the defence over 75 metres.

The Jets were finding holes courtesy of some strong arm tactics from Pat O'Doherty.

O'Doherty consistently broke the line and the Jets' passing was looking dangerous.

Denis Wark, the Jets' winger promoted from local club competition into A grade, finished well on the left hand wing after some fine lead up work from half back Ray Owens.

Ovens carried Ipswich from deep in their own half with an elusive run and Payne added extra yardage with a well timed link.

When Easts caught up the Jets swung play to the left and Wark received the ball with plenty to do.

His body swerve left opposite number Mark McDonald face down in the turf and put Ipswich into an 8-4 lead.

At that stage Ipswich appeared certain to win the half and gain a vital bonus point even though Easts narrowed the deficit to two through a penalty.

But the Tigers fought back in front of their home crowd and with five minutes of the half to run more magic from lock Smith presented them the lead.

Smith received the ball next to halfway and dodged and weaved his way past the defence to within ten metres of the line.

McDonald made up for his miss of Wark by steaming up inside and with the conversion Easts led 10-8 at the break.

Any hopes the Jets held of striking back straight after half time evaporated after a blistering run from Tigers' winger Darryl Harrison.

Harrison, nicknamed the shadow, was given a half chance on the left and he turned on a change of pace which left the defence stranded.

Gavin Payne, arguably the most secure cover defender in the league, arrived on the scene with urgency but Harrison timed his dive for the line to perfection.

The Jets tried hard to regather composure but they were thwarted by some bad luck and some below average handling.

Harrison made Easts day with a 70th minute try which ended any hopes of a Jets' comeback.

Raudonikis said he was upset with the loss but not with the way many of his team played.

He rated prop Cam Wallace, a tireless defender and Ray Kelly as his outstanding forwards.

Glen Chandler was Raudonikis' pick as best back and the blond winger certainly made several incisive gains.

Ovens also had a busy game.

SCORES: Easts 18 (Darryl Harrison, 2, Darren Smith and Mark McDonald tries, Craig McAlpine one goal) d Ipswich 8 (Glen Chandler and Denis Wark tries.)

First scorers were five for Ipswich and eight for Easts.

Tackling a colts' problem

POOR tackling cost the Ipswich Jets colts any chance of extending their unbeaten run against Easts yesterday.

Easts won the battle in crushing 38-4 style, mainly due to some ordinary defence and a decided lack of cohesion from the Jets.

And the touted lack of Tiger fitness proved wrong as Easts scored five tries in the second half including three to replacement winger Andrew McGown.

Easts went to the break 10-0 up after coping the best of the penalties.

Referees were changed at the break because of injury and the Jets flew away with the first four decisions.

They narrowed the gap to 10-4 after some fine lead-up work from Jets' best, Craig Spark.

Spark, a solidly-built second rower who is ferocious in both attack and defence, drew in three defenders and despite the attention was able to off-load.

Winger Steven Waters received the final pass and hustled over.

But instead of signalling a Jets' revival it signalled the end.

Three minutes hence Easts regained their 10-point margin when Ipswich conceded a scrum against the feed.

Tigers' half Andrew Neave caught the Jets by surprise and darted in.

Four minutes later Easts' winger Kurt Burnett laughed off three ineffectual tackles and added to the Jets misery.

McGown scored the first of his three, four more short minutes later by knocking over replacement winger Paul Armstrong and the Jets were gone.

A spiteful brawl with only a couple of minutes to run gave Ipswich a chance to vent some spleen but it was Easts who won the football - letting the spectators know with McGown's grand finale on the bell.

Spark and his second row partner Mitch Turnbull were Jets' best but Turnbull was hoisted off the ground in the second half with an ankle injury.

Jets win means grand final spot

THE Jets will be playing for a first ever spot in the Woolies grand final tomorrow when they take on Norths at Bishop Park.

By PETER GARDINER

Both clubs are on equal footing going into the match and a win over the Devils would be an invaluable morale boost to the Ipswich club.

Most importantly it would confirm that Ipswich, despite some key off-season player losses, has carried on from last year's milestone season.

Also it will give extra confirmation of the coaching calibre of Jim Landy, one of the newest, but most thoughtful coaches the Brisbane A grade scene.

According to Landy, it will not be the end of the world if the Jets lose tomorrow. He is more concerned with his own player's performances.

"But naturally we will be going all the way to win for the club and supporters," he said.

Despite the lure of early honours and cold cash, both teams will be using the match to further experiment with the combinations and Landy said few positions had been sorted out as yet.

He sees the highly competitive nature for spots this year as a healthy sign for the club's 1989 chances.

In the whole Jets side, only halfback Ray Ovens and centre Ross Williams, might be sure of their spots. Everything else is wide open, and no one is above being dropped for a bad performance.

From the past two Jets performances, there seems little likelihood of a major disaster. Landy is reasonably pleased with the side's progress to-date, but will be keeping the pressure on.

Both Ipswich and Norths have played Redcliffe, with the Jets winning 36-22, while the Devils scrapped in 12-8.

Those scores will count for little, tomorrow in Brisbane.

For Ipswich, hooker Steve Parcell comes back into the side after being rested on Wednesday night because of a sore back.

Ben Olsen and Tony Watson have won the starting honours in the front row, while Garry Morrissey will have the first up chance to impress at five-eighth.

Ipswich will again trial four teams, and Landy said he has been impressed with the depth in all grades.

Ipswich: Tony Waddups, Brad Hartmann, Ross Williams, Peter Kings, Peter Dodds, Garry Morrissey, Ray Ovens, Craig Spark, Brett Kaatz, Andrew Walters, Ben Olsen, Steve Parcell, Tony Watson, Darren Wolens, Steve Rohl, Kelvin Allery, Jack Simpson.

Norths: Michael Booth, Danny Cramer, Laurie Blake, Brett Kelso, Guy Harvey, Jeff Hanna, Peter Cleary, Steve Herman, Ricky Estreich, Troy Evans, Paul Dinte, Steve Rosolen, Troy Greenwood, Peter Hamilton, Gordon Reid, Shane Bowering.

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Jim Landy
A Grade Coach



● Bob Kellaway
Reserve Grade
Coach



Keith Polkinghorne
Colts Coach

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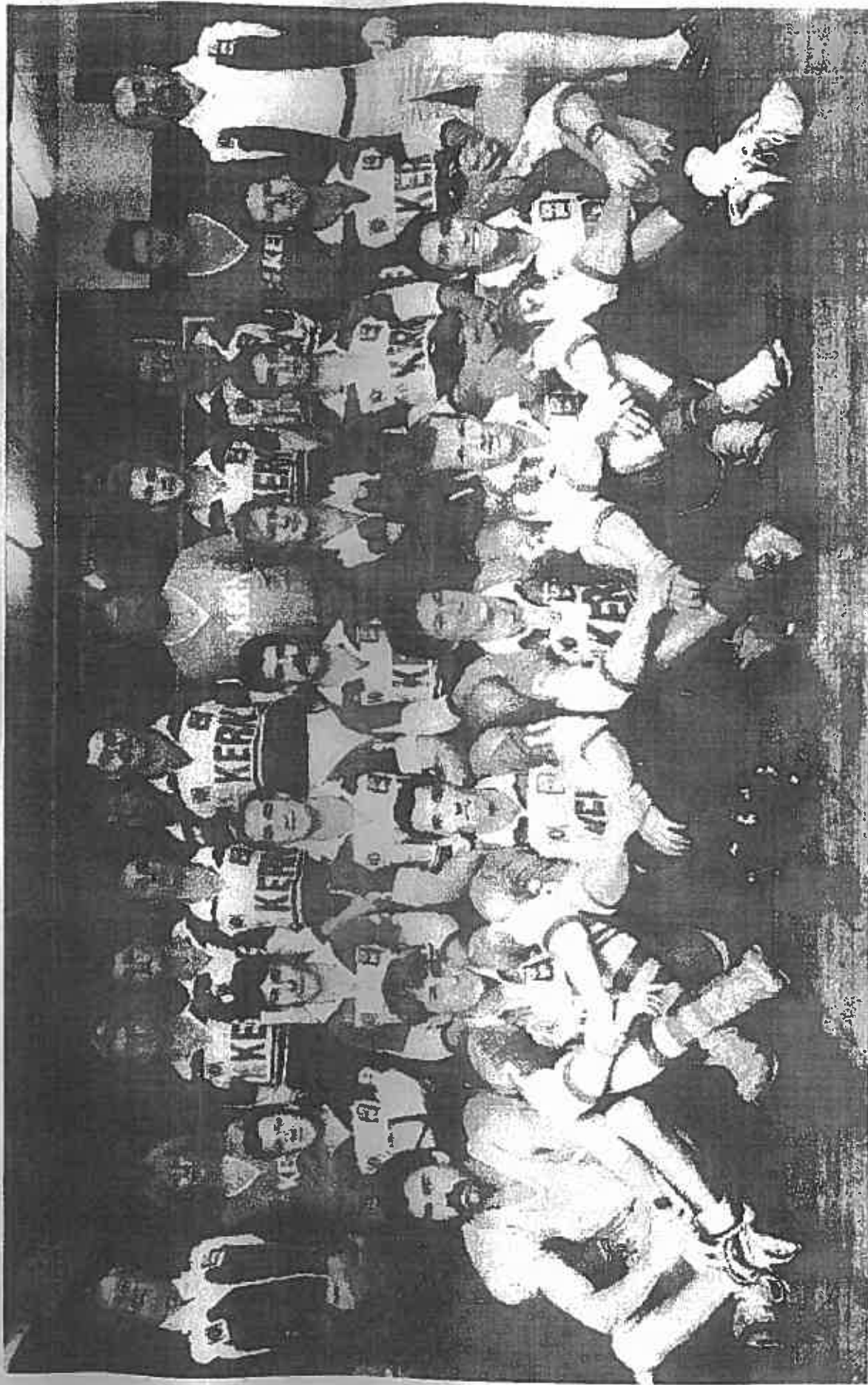
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1988 Grand final team

Back Row: Harry Russell (Manger), Lisa Nippress (Strapper), K en Robertson, Craig Spark, Jamie Green, Steve Rohl, Dean Ponting, Vic Mellors(Trainer), Peter Bulmer
 Middle Row: Andrew Walters, Ross Williams, Pat O'Doherty, Gavin Payne,(Captain), Tom Raudonikis(Coach), Darren Wolens, Brett Kaatz.
 Front Row: Jeff Ash, Garry Morrissey, Ray Ovens, Tony Waddups, Cliff Langer, Ray Kelly.

Charge for the Cup



Ipswich posts hopes on Jets

MEMBER for West Ipswich Dave Underwood — above — teamed with Cleland Printing and The Queensland Times to produce 4000 Ipswich Jets posters.

Mr Underwood had the idea for the "Ipswich Jets for Premiers" posters which are hanging in homes and businesses throughout Ipswich.

The design was made at T&P Queensland Times and Yic Halpin from Cleland Printing printed the posters free of charge.

A keen league fan, Mr Halpin played in the New South Wales' tough Illawarra league. He moved to Ipswich six years ago and watches the Jets every chance he gets. Support for the team is growing and the Jets players will be in the Ipswich mall from 5pm today to sign autographs. Jets fundraising committee member Doreen Woolley said singer-songwriter Shane Hogan was expected to appear to sing the Jets song with the players.

Many businesses in the city area have set up displays in their shop fronts and a large number of supporters are expected to travel to Lang Park for Sunday's grand final against Seagulls Ditchards.

The Ipswich Rugby League is still taking ticket and bus orders on 281 3381.

A QRL spokesman yesterday said all areas at Lang Park would be open on Sunday. Grandstand tickets ranged from \$10-\$14 with outer tickets \$2.50 for children and pensioners and \$5 for adults.



• Gavin Payne, (captain) fullback, 20. Height: 180cm, weight: 82kg. Nickname: Snake.

This has been an up and down season for the former Australian Schoolboys player. An injury saw him miss most of the season but Gavin forced his way back and has assumed the captaincy with Glen Haggath missing through sickness.



centre, 23, 183cm, 84kg. Nickname: Chainsaw.

Ken has been out of form during the season after forcing his way into the Jets' centres.

The former Easts player began his A-grade year with the Jets in the second row but injuries in several test matches saw him gain a chance. He showed enough form and determination to retain his position.



• Craig Spark, live-ought, 19, 180cm, 80kg. Nickname: Rowdy.

Craig is a youngster with huge potential. Although a lock before this season he has taken A-grade pivot duties in his stride.

Represented Queensland under 19 this year and is tipped to add many more honours in the coming seasons.

• Ken Robertson, centre, 22, 180cm, 80kg.

Ken's last premiership win came for Mt Isa A-grade club Black Stars in 1985. He has been Russ Williams' regular centre partner this season and the duo form a speedy partnership.

Ken is a tenacious defender and provided the tackle of the match in Saturday's preliminary final against Souths.



• Errol Hunter, winger, 24, 180cm, 76kg.

As goalkicker there will be a lot of pressure on Errol on Sunday.

The quickly-spoken Marceba product booted six from seven against Souths last weekend and in a tight match his trusty left boot will carry Ipswich's hopes.

• Tony Waddups, winger, 22, 175cm, 75kg. Nickname: Bon Jovi.

Tony played for Goodna last season after playing all his junior football with Souths in Brisbane. Although a late comer to the Jets A-grade side he is no stranger to grand finals at Lang Park and scored two tries in Souths' under-21 final win over Brothers in 1986.



• Ross Williams, fullback, 23, 183cm, 84kg. Nickname: Chainsaw.



• Ray Ovons, half-back, 25, 168cm, 70kg. Nickname: Worm.

Ray is an integral part of Ipswich's kicking tactics and rated one of the most dangerous attacking players in the competition.

He scored 10 sensational tries for Ipswich this season and is capable of turning a match within seconds.



• Brett Kaatz, lock, 23, 183cm, 90kg.

Brett is a former Easts player who returned to Norths in Ipswich early last

season. He forced his way into the Jets team last year and, despite a couple of niggles, though injury has been a regular member of the grand final campaign. He tried in the preliminary final but the last nail in Souths' coffin for 1988.



• Ben Olson, prop, 23, 178cm, 91kg.

Danish-born Ben was a Jet in 1985 and 1986 before captain-coaching Collingville last year. After this year he'll be with Gold Coast Seagulls but returned to the Jets. He forced his way into A-grade during the third round and has stood fairly pressure from rivals for his position with big matches leading up to the final.

• Darren Wolcott, second-rower, 21, 180cm, 87kg. Nickname: Waldo.

Darren is one of the fiercest tacklers in the game due to an outstanding defensive technique. He played Queensland under 18 foot-ball and represented Ipswich at most junior levels. He was a Norths player before joining the Jets and says he has no intention of moving from Ipswich next season.



• Steve Parcell, hooker, 24, 178cm, 80kg.

Sieve has been one of Ipswich's unsung heroes this season but never turns in a poor match.

He is always near the top of the tackles and is a devastating attacker especially close to the line.

Sieve crossed for a try against Souths which was disallowed despite TV replays which showed he placed the ball correctly and he deserves to get on the sheet for Ipswich on Sunday.

• Andrew Walters, second-rower, 21, 178cm, 86kg. Nickname: Carrot.

Andrew is a Broncos signing who has added spice to the Ipswich pack during the last part of the season.

His ball playing is outstanding and can create tries with powerful running or accurate passing under pressure.



Ipswich player profiles

Payne in hot seat

By PETER GARDINER

FULLBACK Gavin Payne had been hoping that when the Jets team was announced on Monday night he might figure in the A grade rugby league run-on side somewhere.

So it came as quite a shock to learn that he was not only in the side but Ipswich coach Tom Raudonikis had firmly put him in the hot seat as captain against Souths this Saturday.

He replaces Glen Haggath, who has been forced out through illness, in the vital preliminary final.

"Tom was tossing up last week between a number of players," he said.

Names that were apparently bandied about, apart from his own, were centre Ross Williams, Brett Knatz and Steve Parcell.

Parcell, at hooker, had filled in a number of times for Haggath early in the season.

Payne had also captained the side early in the season when Haggath had broken his thumb, but according to Haggath yesterday, he was the "only man for the job".

Haggath yesterday gave Payne his full endorsement and



• Gavin Payne.

believed he would have the necessary on-field qualities to get the best out of the team.

Payne, however, thought that he had not played enough games this season to get the nod.

He has missed most of the season with a shoulder injury and this week is the first time he has been named in the Jets A grade run-on side since April.

"It was a bit of a shock to me, I have played so few games this season," he said.

But like any determined footballer, Payne is now keen to help fill in the huge void left by Haggath.

"This will be the biggest game I've played as captain," he said.

"Glen is an inspirational sort of player, especially with the big hits he pulls off," Payne said.

Haggath will be on the sideline beside Raudonikis as the Ipswich players will be aware.

"First of all you go out and play for yourself, then you play for your club and supporters, but I'm sure in the back of the minds there will be a spot for Glen," he said.

Payne will not be doing much of the heavy stuff from fullback, but he will be able to make just as big a noise from his rear position.

Against Easts in the knockout semi-final, as he does in most games, Payne constantly urged his team-mates on, after Raudonikis threw him into the fray.

He will be in the ideal position to pick weaknesses in Souths and help show up the Jets defences.

An he has the experience and respect of the players to ensure his orders will be carried out.

Payne said he will not be able to do the job alone. He said forwards like Parcell and lock Knatz will have to follow Haggath's example and lead the team from up front.

Payne has only played one

game against Souths this year in a trial match and, along with the rest of the Jets, was on hand to see them beaten last Sunday by the Seagulls Diehards 25-14.

"I wouldn't say that Souths were unlucky to lose, but things didn't go right for them."

Payne said losing prop Bob Kellaway early in the match with an ankle injury unsettled the Souths side.

He has nominated Kellaway as a key player, if he is fit to play this week.

If the big forward does not recover in time, that will certainly help even up the loss/gain balance sheet of the two sides.

"Bruce Harry (Souths five-eighth) is their general and we will be looking to bottle him up," Payne said.

And Raudonikis is expected to use the same ploy of replacing second rower Dean Ponting with Andrew Walters no later than the start of the second half.

Payne said that Raudonikis has told his faster players to give Walters plenty of support when he runs with the ball.

But above all, the Jets have been told to maintain a rock solid defence against Souths.

• O'Doherty waits on Sydney; Jets league comment... see page 38.

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Jets ready for victory

By PETER GARDINER

COME on the mighty Jets! That's the call Ipswich rugby league coach Tom Raudonikis and his A grade side hope to hear from every corner of Lang Park tomorrow night when they try to make history and win their way into a Winfield Cup grand final.

Despite the loss of the regular captain Glen Haggath to illness, the team is on a high after narrowly downing Easts and everyone in the Jets camp is thinking of not "if" they beat Souths tomorrow, but "when".

Final football is about a belief in yourself and your team, and both Jets teams involved in the finals have that.

Jim Landy's Jets reserve grade is also fighting for a place in next Sunday's showdown. The Jets reserves take on Seagulls Diehards in the final curtain-raiser.

The reserves have shown tremendous strength and courage in the recent matches against Easts and deserve to down the Diehards and set up a grand final showdown with Redcliffe.

Playing Redcliffe would hold no fears for the Jets as they bowed the Dolphins the last occasion they met in a torrid encounter.

The A grade have struggled against Souths this year, but they have put those games behind them and are ready to march over the top of the Magpies to get at the Seagulls Diehards.

Tomorrow at 7.30pm, they will be led on to the field by experienced campaigner Gavin Payne. The Jets have the heavy artillery up front to down Souths in forwards like Pat O'Doherty, Dean Ponting, Brett Knatz and Andrew Walters.

Their backline has the guile of halfback Ray Owens, the strength and determination of centres Ken Robertson and Ross Williams and the flair of winger Errol Hunter.

It is a balanced all round side capable of going all the way.

• Jets A grade captain Gavin Payne and coach Tom Raudonikis — keen to knock the Magpies off their perches tomorrow night at Lang Park.

JETS FACING TOUGH RUN

THE Ipswich Jets will have to win the grand final the hard way after lopsided action in Brisbane rugby league yesterday.

By TONY HARPER

Ipswich, 33-20 winners over Redcliffe at the Oval, finished equal second with Seagulls-Diehards who drew on their famous club spirit to steal an 18-all draw against Brothers at Corbett Park.

Although Ipswich and Valleys were locked on 23 points the Diehards reached the major semi-final against Souths through a superior points difference of 19.

Ipswich meet bolters Easts in next week's knockout semi-final at Lang Park.

It was an afternoon of roller-coasting emotions and tension at the North Ipswich Reserve as news filtered through from Corbett Park and Ipswich fought hard to down the Dolphins.

When Redcliffe hit the front within the first two minutes through a Rob Clark try Ipswich pessimists were thinking of a play-off for fourth.

When the Jets scooted away to a 26-8 lead early in the second half and a progress score from Brisbane had Valleys down 16-2 Ipswich optimists were thinking of a major semi-final berth.

Neither group had their way thanks to a solid hit-out from the Jets and Valleys' good fortune.

Ipswich, for their part, could only go out and win. But the victory was not without some concern as the Jets allowed Redcliffe to come from 18 points down to eight points down mid-way through the second half.

Ipswich recovered from their slow, try-conceding start to hit back almost immediately.

Powerful second-rower Brett Kaatz was the early prime mover and he sparked a scoring chance with a splendid short pass to Glen Haggath which opened up the defence.

Ben Olsen levelled the scores soon after following some sensible work from winger Brett Walters but Redcliffe, with no finals

position to fight for, were committed to their task.

Ipswich left another hole on the left which Dolphin Darren Thruff exploited to give Redcliffe the lead once again.

Errol Hunter booted two of his six goals to get Ipswich on level terms but it was Kaatz who sparked Ipswich from their sluggish start into overdrive.

Two instances of Kaatz magic in the 33rd minute produced a try which gave Ipswich a lead they never relinquished.

A perfectly timed run and pass inside his own half saw the former Easts player put centre Ross Williams into a cavernous space and bring Ipswich within metres of scoring.

From the play the ball Kaatz ran strongly before firing a diving pass inside to straight running fullback Cliff Langer.

The ball turned inside was used to good advantage five minutes later when Brett Walters — playing his last match for Ipswich because his Bronco commitments rule him ineligible — stormed over after space was created by a fine pass from young five-eighth Craig Spark.

Spark found Olsen who held the ball up and inside for Walters.

When Walters stormed down the left flank to increase the margin to 18 after the break Ipswich were on a roll.

The try was inflicted on Redcliffe in the cavalier style which makes these galloping greens such an attractive side with the ball.

Ray Owens lost his footing at the scrum base but managed to scoop a pass to Haggath. The captain found Ken Robertson running strong and fast and Walters was put away with a neat pass. All over with so quickly but then Ipswich lapsed as is their irritating habit.

Owens was sent off for a 10 minute spell and just as he returned Redcliffe exposed Ipswich's major weakness.

Dolphin prop Tony Gadsby strolled through some tepid Ipswich defence near the line, scoring a try most teams have managed against Ipswich but which none should.

The heart flutters amongst the biggest crowd of the season were premature and Ipswich sealed the match with 10 minutes to play.

The last try fell to Tom Raudonikis' best performer Robertson, who claimed an intercept on halfway and had too much pace and nouse for the cover.

Raudonikis held centre stage in a dressing room of many thoughts — some of what might have been and some of what certainly can be.

He said he was pleased with the way Ipswich put aside the previous debacle against Wests but predicted the charges would have to play much better against Easts on Sunday.

The loss of two try Walters is an unavoidable shame but the good news in the Ipswich camp is the expected return of boom winger Glen Chandler who missed yesterday through a knee injury.

● The Jets have reached their first Brisbane final and their hopes of bringing the silverware to Ipswich rest to some degree with their supporters.

The club aims to run five buses down to the knockout semi-finals on Sunday. Cost of the bus will be \$5 return (which does not include entry to the ground). Bookings must be made today or tomorrow at the club on 281 3301. After hours, seats can be booked through John Norman on 281 1529 or Alex Strathie, 281 6824.

Ipswich 33 (Ben Olsen, Cliff Langer, Brett Walters 2, Ken Robertson tries, Errol Hunter 6 goals, Ray Owens field goal) d Redcliffe 20 (Rob Clark, Darren Thruff, Gary Howard, Tony Gadsby tries, Thruff 2 goals).

Top four Ipswich tacklers: Pat O'Doherty 22, Brett Kaatz 20, Glen Haggath 19, Ray Owens 18.

Scrums to Ipswich 13-12, penalties 8-8. First scorers 11 for Ipswich, 3 for Redcliffe. First three match scorers 3, 11, 2.



● Ipswich centre Ken Robertson scoots away from Redcliffe lock Steve Bleakley during yesterday's 33-20 by Ipswich at the Oval.

● Crafty half leads early assault

JETS ON TARGET

By TONY HARPER

SELF-PROFESSED saviour of "rejects", Tom Raudonikis watched his latest subject inspire Ipswich Jets to an opening State League win at Lang Park yesterday.

Well-travelled halfback Ray Owens claimed man of the match honours in the 24-6 disposal of Logan City.

Raudonikis praised the crafty half who kept Ipswich advancing with clever kicks and elusive running.

"Every team I've coached has had a few rejects that I've got going again," Raudonikis said.

"Last year it was Mark Zillman and Glen Haggath."

Owens previously played with Redcliffe and Souths and is in his first year with the Jets.

After several games with the Ipswich reserves he won a first grade spot above Tony Blanco for the Logan match.

Raudonikis also remained happy with his "youngsters" who again played mature football.

Leading the way was 19-year-old five-eight Craig Spark who ran in three tries.

Spark admitted he was still trying to adjust his game for the change from Colts second row to A grade pivot. But yesterday he made the most of standing aside Owens and backed up his usual sterling defence with tangible gains in attack.

Although Raudonikis was pleased with his teams' third straight win, he was concerned with the start.

"We still started badly. We should have had a few more tries but the boys were a bit lethargic," Rau-



● Ray Owens.

donikis said.

Jets had plenty of possession in the first 20 minutes but resolute defence from Logan thwarted several raids.

The Scorpions scored first through a penalty goal to Doug Hughes and it was not until the half hour dawned that Ipswich replied.

Logan's defence was split up the middle when Spark doubled around Ross Williams, courtesy of a well weighted pass from the centre.

Ipswich had two more clear cut chances before the break but squandered both.

Centre Dean Robinson was in a promising position on the left flank but cover arrived and he pushed a pass forward.

In the final minute of the half prop Dean Ponting ran onto a ball within sight of the line.

He would have scored if the pass from Williams found hands instead of forehead.

A Raudonikis blast got the Jets roaring in the second half and Spark scored again after two minutes.

He showed much pace in a classy run which took him to the right hand corner.

Two instances of Owens' magic then put the game out of the Scorpions reach:

● In the 49th minute he chipped ahead from inside his own half and soon regathered 22m out.

The ball was thrown left through Kelly and a fine delayed ball from Robinson gave Errol Hunter a weaving path to four points.

● Four minutes later Owens was afforded the luxury of another chip by deep standing Logan fullback Greg Phillips.

Phillips moved up on Owens in time to see the half distribute a ball past him and into the hands of speedy fullback Jacko Simpson.

Spark intercepted a grounded Logan ball two minutes later and although the Scorpions crossed through Bronco Allan Cann late in the match it was a comfortable result for Ipswich.

SCORES: Ipswich 24 (Craig Spark 3, 30th, 42nd, 55th, Jacko Simpson, 53rd, Errol Hunter, 49th, tries, Pat O'Doherty and Hunter goals) d Logan City 6 (Allan Cann, 73rd, try, Doug Hughes goal).

Scrums — 16-8 to Logan. **Penalties** — 11-9 to Logan.

Top Tacklers — Ray Kelly 31, Pat O'Doherty 26, Ben Olsen 20, Darren Wolens 18 and Steve Parcell 18.

First scorers were 6 and 6. The trifecta was 6,11,6.

● Jets reserves hand out a stunning lesson... report on page 22.

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● Gavin Payne . . . back in action.

Leading Jets pair to take on Cowboys

By PETER GARDINER

TWO of the Jets rugby league's most valuable players of 1987 will take to the field tonight at the North Ipswich Reserve in the two senior trials against the red-hot country outfit, the Warwick Cowboys.

Ipswich player of the year, fullback Gavin Payne, and centre-cum lock Ray Kelly will return to the fray tonight against the premiers of the strong Toowoomba competition.

Jets coach Tom Raudonikis on Australia Day opted to rest the lynchpin players in order to give a flood of new faces a fair go against the highly-competitive Logan City.

The new boys, playing to avoid the forthcoming squad cut, did a commendable job in two trials.

Ipswich took the first comfortably and drew the main game.

Jets A grade manager Barry Cronau said yesterday Raudonikis would use two totally re-shaped squads against Warwick.

The teams were to be finalised after training last night, Cronau said.

A squad of 60 players is soon to be cut to 34. Raudonikis will have 17 players to work with for the Woolies pre-season competition and reserve grade coach Jim Landy will have the other half for

the start of fixtures in two weeks.

Cronau said he would be surprised if the cut was made before next week's trial against Brisbane Souths at home.

"You have to be fair to the players. Some of them only got half a game on Tuesday night and it's hard to pick on that," he said.

Ipswich sustained a number of injuries in the first trial, the worst being to St George under-23 import Dean Ponting.

Cronau said Ponting's hamstring damage did not seem as serious as first thought, although he will not play tonight.

Among the other injured players who might be selected if they satisfied Raudonikis at last night's training are centre Dean Robinson (hamstring) and back rower Darren Wolens.

The first game today will be the Ipswich Colts encounter with Brisbane Wests starting at 3.30pm, while the first senior trial is at 5pm and the second at 7pm.

The under-19s, under new coach Franco Scarpelli, looked impressive in their first-up 20-4 drubbing of the Scorpions last Tuesday.

In the pre-season trials last year, the Warwick outfit gave the Jets a torrid outing up on the Darling Downs and another tough match seems certain.

1988 Coaches



Tom Raudonikis
A GRADE



Jim Landy
RESERVE GRADE



Frankco Scarpelli
COLTS

● Seagulls-Diehards claim league title

Jets vow to return

By TONY HARPER

"WE will return" was the promise of Jets lock Brett Kautz after yesterday's 17-14 rugby league grand final loss to Seagulls-Diehards.

The mood in the Jets dressing room was obviously sombre, despite a wonderful effort in reaching the final in only their third season and a courageous display during the match.

But the Jets have vowed to learn from the defeat and return next season as an improved outfit.

The match was in the balance until the final siren, but it was Diehards' experience which enabled them to secure their 15th grand final win — and their first since beating Souths 26-0 in 1979.

Dejection showed on the faces of all Ipswich players who tried so gallantly to break Brisbane's hold on the Winfield Cup.

Nine felt the blow more than veteran Jets manager Barry Cronau, who disputed the Diehards' mantle as the best team in the competition.

"A reporter came in here and said

"they were just a little too good" — they weren't, a little too good at all — we scored the same number of tries and if we had kicked all of our goals we would have won," Cronau said.

He said the Ipswich team would regroup in November, hopefully with many of this season's faces.

"At this stage no one has told me they won't be playing football. Obviously we may lose a couple, but I think the Ipswich Rugby League should fight to retain the whole team," Cronau said.

Ipswich fought to the end of a thrilling grand final — a day of which all Ipswich league supporters can be proud.

The Jets travelled 40 kilometres to play Brisbane's strongest club and the visitors were given a home-ground reception.

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● Top — The agony of defeat is clear. Jets coach Tom Haidonjks consoles a dejected Errol Hunter. Seagulls-Diehards won the final 17-14.

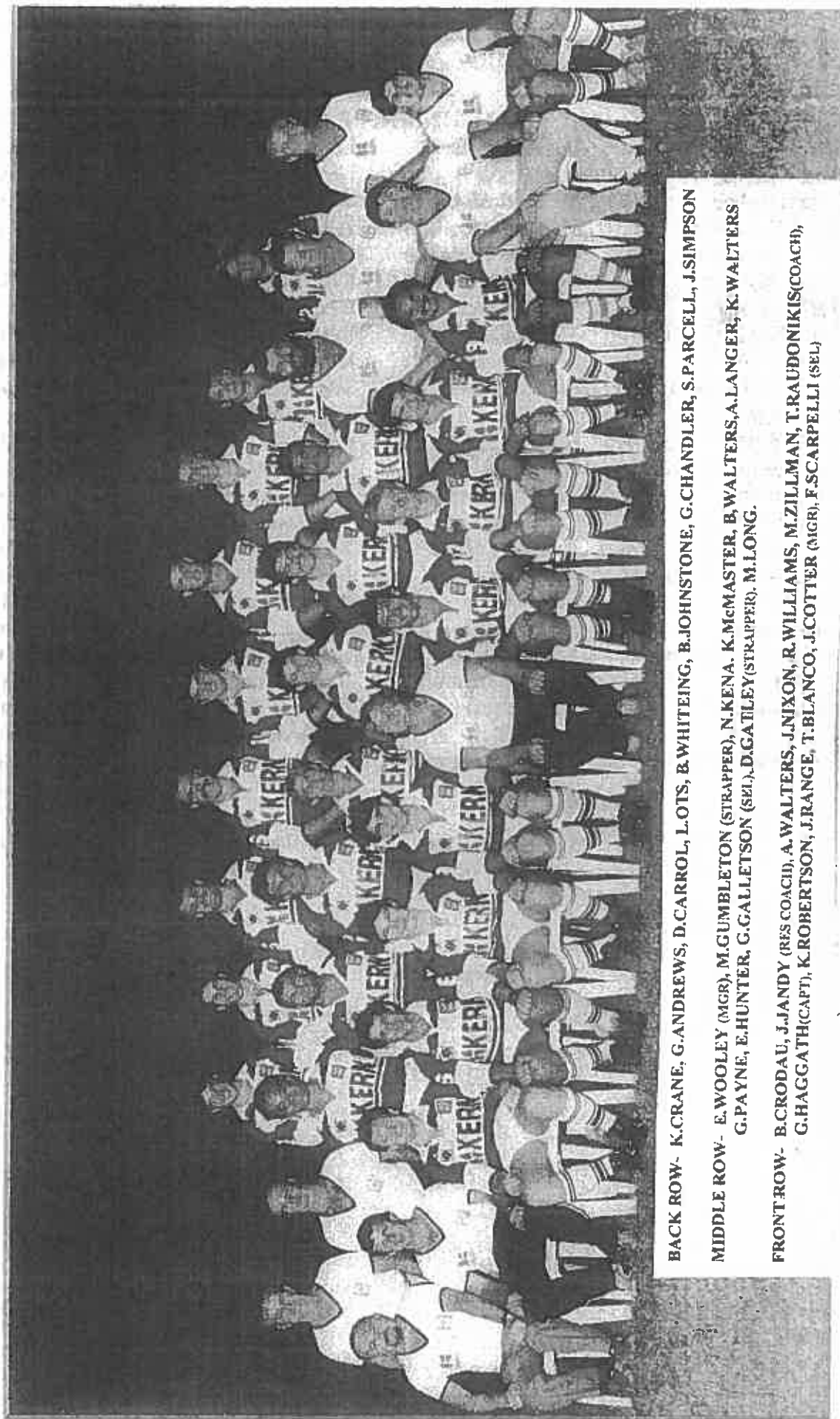


● Left — The loneliness of losing. Ipswich prop Dean Ponting sits stunned after yesterday's defeat. Ponting scored the Jets' first try.



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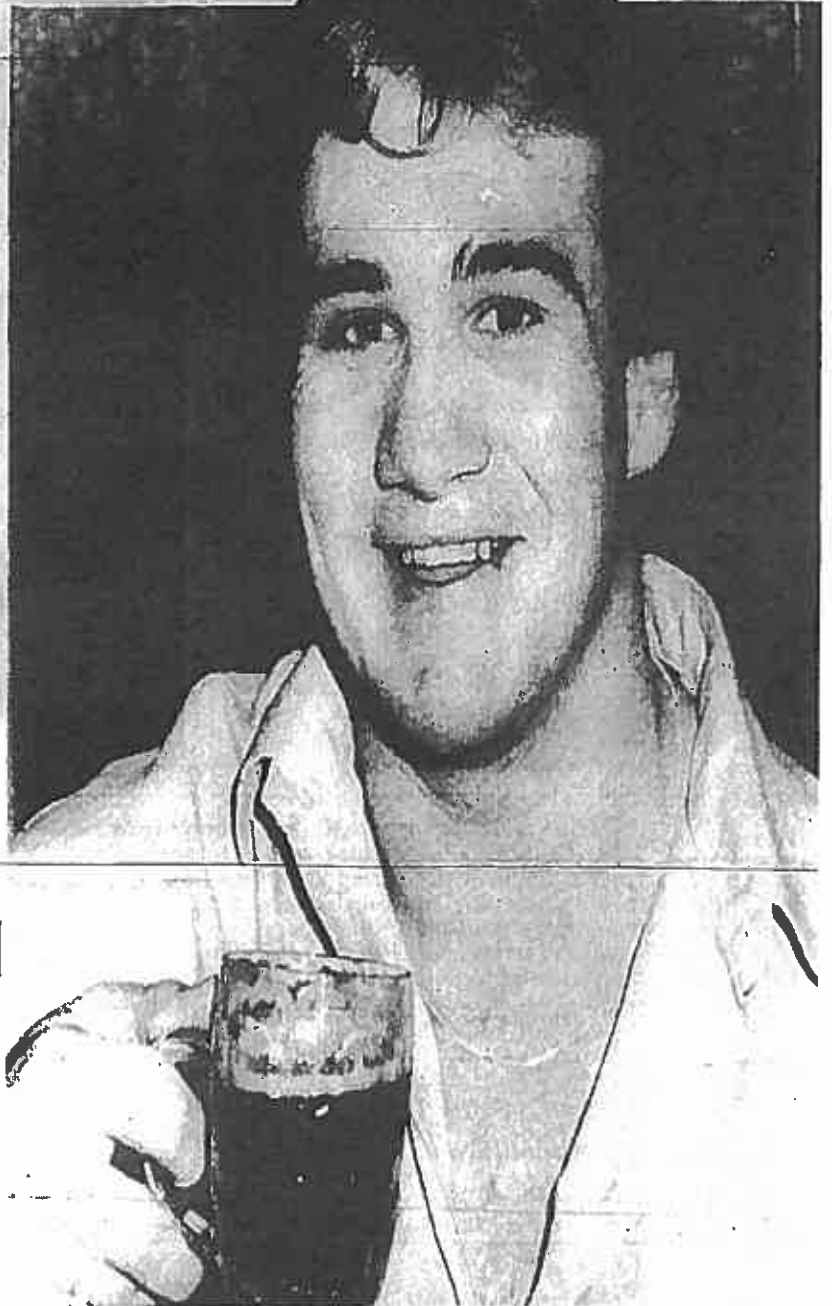


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'I'm not getting a fair go!' claims O'Doherty

Pat ready to quit Jets

By PETER GARDINER



ONE of Ipswich's most promising but under-used forwards, Pat O'Doherty — right — is ready to quit the Jets because he says the selectors have not given him a fair go.

The 21-year-old prop forward has already been approached by Souths in Brisbane and tonight is having talks with Wests officials about signing with the club.

O'Doherty said yesterday that he was not the only Jets signing who was unhappy with officials and who was planning to head elsewhere next season.

"Half the players I've talked to are angry. They just see the same players making A grade all the time and the side goes worse every week," O'Doherty said.

"I don't want to leave Ipswich really, it is my home town and I'd rather be playing here, but I think I'll have to if I'm not going to get a go," he said.

Despite looking like a class forward when he has come onto the field in several A grade matches, O'Doherty said he has been selected in only one run-on side this year in the top grade.

That was in the last State League match against Wide Bay at Marybor-

ough almost two-thirds of the way through the season.

Unfortunately for O'Doherty he injured his shoulder in that match after only 24 minutes.

He came back two weeks later against Brothers, playing the last five minutes in reserve grade and was then thrown on for 40 minutes of A grade.

That routine is all too familiar to him.

"They put me on halfway through a match and expected me to do wonders," he said.

A training accident during a game of two-handed tag after this game popped his shoulder and kept him out of matches until the last round against Brothers.

He played a full game in reserves against the Brethren, then found himself on the reserve benches again last week. O'Doherty was thrown into the Easts match last Sunday 10 minutes from full time, with Ipswich trailing and the burly blond forward turned the game around.

As most observers would agree, Ipswich got up by one point thanks largely to the big busts and bullocking try of O'Doherty.

O'Doherty believes his raw deal began before his shoulder problem.

"I don't know what I've done, but when you think you are playing well and are not getting selected something's wrong."

O'Doherty said many Jets supporters have asked why he was not playing A grade.

"I tell them I don't know why and to go ask the selectors," he said.

He pointed to the fact that his older brother Hugh could not break into Ipswich A grade and went to Valleys where he eventually played hooker for Queensland.

Hugh O'Doherty is acting as negotiator for his young brother and is not keen for him to stay in Ipswich, although O'Doherty would consider staying if he got a better contract.

"I've been with Ipswich two years

and they haven't even got a job for me in that time, while other players come from out of town and are found jobs."

O'Doherty believes several factors may have caused him to be on the outer with the Jets.

O'Doherty admits that he got Ipswich officials offside after he began playing with Wests in Brisbane at the start of the 1986 season while signed with Ipswich. He was picked for the Wests starting line-up that year before the Jets objected and got him back.

O'Doherty is certainly in demand outside of Ipswich. England club Fulham, which he played for in the off-season, has made repeated calls and O'Doherty spoke with them last night.

O'Doherty said he will not go back

there this year, but instead will concentrate on breaking into the Brisbane side.

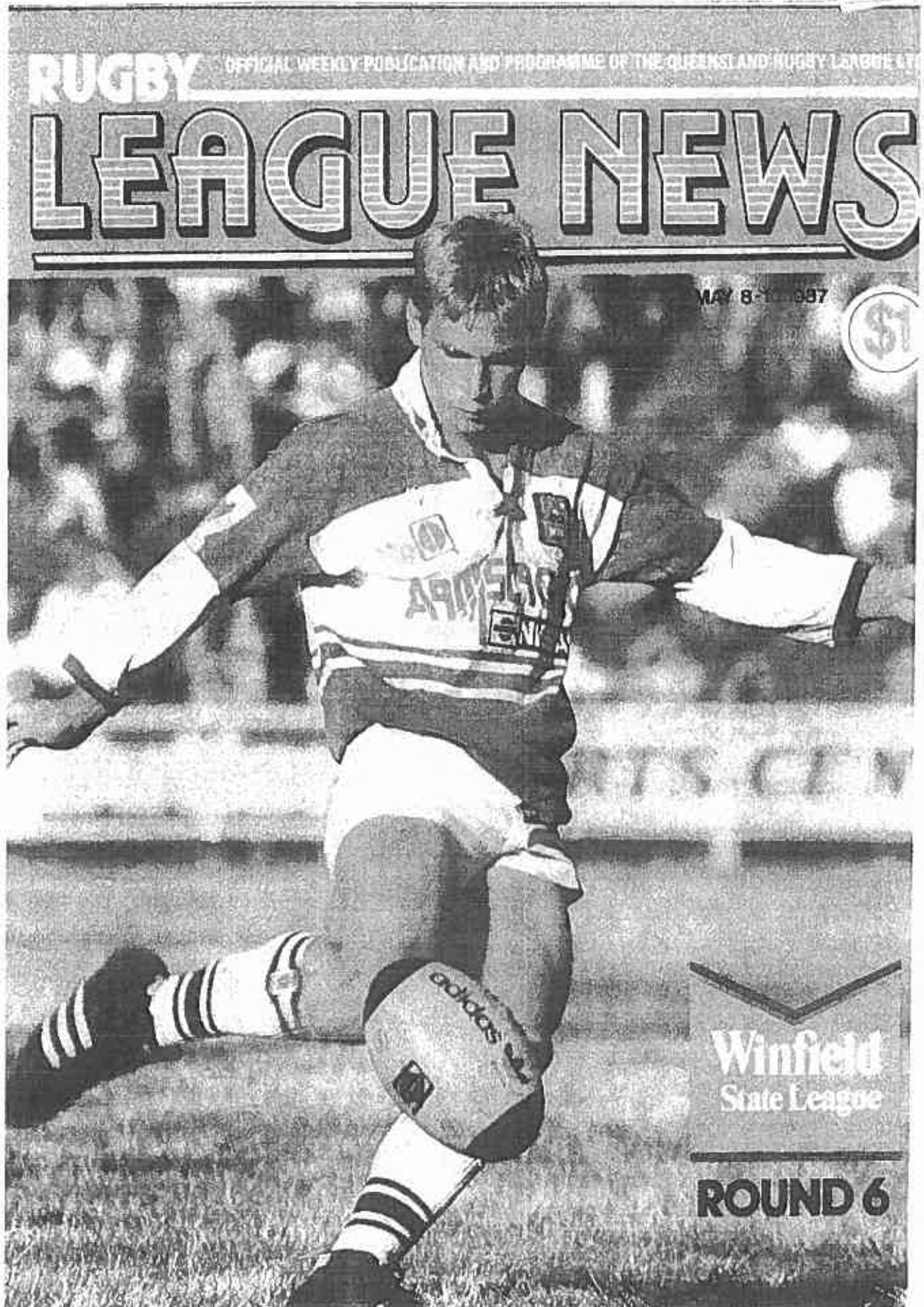
Wests appear keen to sign O'Doherty whose contract with Ipswich finishes this season. He would also like to join forces again with former Ipswich prop Bob Kellaway.

"I love playing with Bob; with him on the field, you never have any worries," he said.

Ipswich coach and one of the A grade selectors Tom Randonikis said last night O'Doherty was entitled to his own opinion and would not comment further.

IRL chairman Les Stokes and player management committee chairman Barry Cronan were unavailable for comment last night.

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Reserves strength boosted

IPSWICH boasts a side stacked with players containing A grade experience for tonight's reserve grade rugby league clash at the North Ipswich Reserve.

With players coming back from injury and a number of others dropping back from first grade, tonight's side has an A grade look about it.

Coach Jim Landy yesterday agreed that the side appeared a good one, but was still cautious about its chances:

"The side looks good on paper. I just hope they can get it together on the night," he said.

Coming off a bye, the Jets have been working hard at training to ensure that players have not softened up since the last game.

Making his return tonight after a long lay-off is five-eighth Col Lindenberg.

Lindenberg has been sidelined with a hand injury for well over a month.

His combination around the scrum-base with halfback Tony Blanco could be decisive.

Blanco has been in good form this season and has worried most sides with his elusive running.

With Lindenberg the organiser, the backline looks well balanced.

Also in the backs are former first grade centres Brett Johnstone and Dean Carroll. Carroll will play on the wing tonight.

Johnstone will be keen to regain top form after losing his spot for Sunday's top grade game against Wynnum Manly at Lang Park.

The forward pack also looks strong.

The only newcomer is hooker Graham Andrews, who has been recruited from Fassifern.

Ipswich beat Wests in the last encounter between the two sides at Purtell Park.

The match starts at 8pm.

The Ipswich side is:— Kerry McMaster, Dean Carroll, Glenn Chandler, Brett Johnstone, Jack Simpson, Col Lindenberg, Tony Blanco, Darren Wolens, Brett Walters, Steve Parcell, Brett Whiteing, Graham Andrews, Norm Kena.

BIGGER ROLE FOR SKIPPER



● Mark Zillman . . . looking to take on more responsibility.

JETS rugby league captain Mark Zillman believes he has an increased role to play in tonight's State League match against Souths at Lang Park.

With Ipswich full of confidence after two resounding wins, the burly prop admits he must take on more responsibility.

"I'm confident we can beat them (Souths) as long as we don't go in complacent," Zillman said last night.

"I'll be doing my best to make sure that doesn't happen."

Zillman, who joined the Jets this season after a season's lay-off, said it was up to him to keep Ipswich's momentum going.

"I could be doing a few more things (as captain), but I've never captained a side before.

"Now I've got my game sorted out, I'm going to start thinking more about the team."

The former Wynnum Manly, Valleys and Brothers player believes the Jets must also continue playing their open style of football.

"We've just got to get our basic game plan going," he said.

"That's to keep moving up in defence and giving the ball plenty of air."

Zillman is understandably pleased with his team's impressive start which included a recent 24-12 win over Woolies Cup winners Brothers.

"I'm a bit surprised as to how well we're doing so early," the 27-year-old said.

By DAVID LEMS

"But everyone has worked hard for three months. We're progressing well."

However, Zillman believes Ipswich is yet to peak.

"I don't think any of us have hit our full straps yet.

"But the side should have enough confidence to go on with it now."

Coach Tom Raudonikis has stuck with the line-up which thrashed North Queensland 48-4 at Ayr last Sunday.

The good news in the Jets camp is the availability of second rower Glen Haggath for tonight's clash.

Early in the North Queensland game, Haggath was rushed to Ayr hospital with a suspected broken jaw.

But he has proved his fitness at training this week.

The main danger players in the Souths line-up are five-eighth Gary French and former Ipswich forward Bob Kellaway.

IPSWICH: Gavin Payne, Ken Robertson, Brett Johnstone, Ross Williams, Errol Hunter, Jeff Nixon, Alan Langer, Darren Wolens, Rob Strathie, Glen Haggath, Steve Rohl, Kerrod Walters, Mark Zillman. Reserves: Ray Kelly, Pat O'Doherty, Jack Simpson and Tony Blanco.

SOUTHS: Ray Owens, Steve Gibson, Rick Newman, Ken Sprouster, Danny Allan, Gary French, Greg Minton, Robert Taylor, Gary Greinke, Steve Underwood, Bob Kellaway, David Bell, Wayne Jensen.

