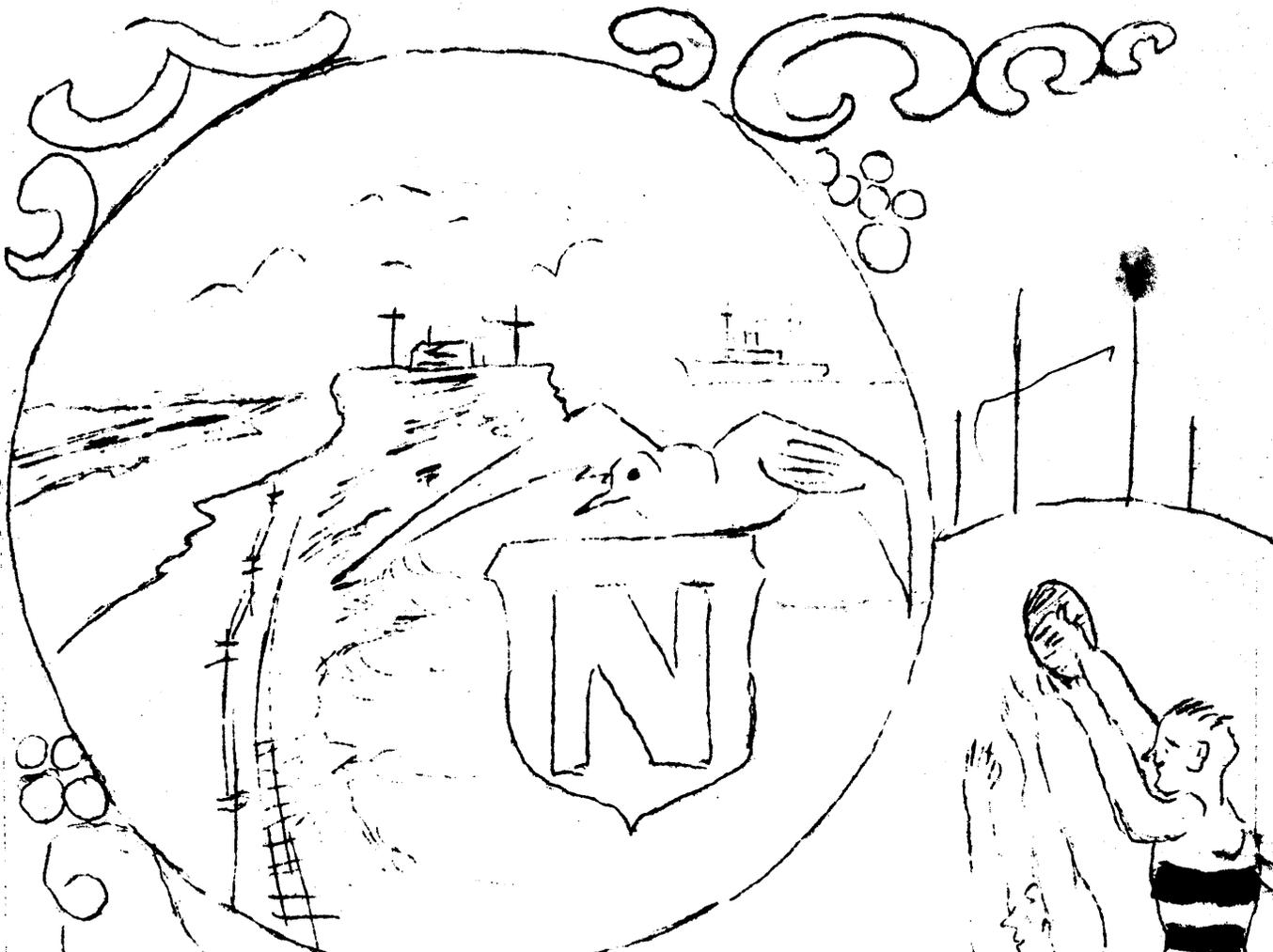


ANNUAL REPORT & STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1936

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NEWCASTLE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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Annual Report & Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 1936.

To the members of the above League.

Gentlemen,

It is with extreme pleasure your committee presents the first Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the Season 1935.

The progress of the League during the past year, can be referred to with satisfaction and pride, and we look forward with every confidence to the future of the Australian National code of football in the Newcastle District.

Your League was brought into existence in response to an advertisement inserted in the Newcastle Morning Herald, by Mr.G.Ross, and our first meeting was held on the footpath in front of No.2 Sports Ground, on Sunday, April 7th,1935. About ten supporters assembled and it was decided "That this meeting form the Newcastle National Football League" and that we make every effort to revive the code in Newcastle.

Our first Annual Meeting was held on Friday, April 12th. at the Longworth Institute, and was attended by about fifteen supporters. The election of officers for the year was conducted, and resulted in the following being elected.

Patron. The Mayor of Newcastle, Ald. R.Christie.

President. Mr.J.Werrin.

Vice-Presidents. Messers D.Morrison. F.McNamara. C.Taylor. J.J.Maloney
R.Petney. Ald.T.Blackall.

Hon. Secretary. Mr.J.J.Arnold.

Hon. Assistant Secretary. Mr.G.Ross.

Treasurer. Mr.R.Lee.

Executive. Messers. W.Opie. J.Crocker. W.Chivers. K.Goodworth. R.Cowie

Auditor. Mr.P.J.Ryan. (and J.Turner.

Fifteen meetings were held during the year, and all were well attended.

The North Shore F.C. was invited to come to Newcastle, and we played a match at the Showground on Monday June 3rd. We had the ill-fortune to experience an extremely wet day, which had the effect of keeping many of our supporters away. Our team gave a very creditable exhibition and was narrowly defeated by a more experienced and better conditioned side. Mr.J.Crocker managed the visit and gave every satisfaction in handling a very difficult problem.

We again met a Sydney team when we played a curtain raiser before the Collingwood-South Melbourne match on August 3rd. against a team of Metropolitan colts. We again played good football, but found the opposition too strong on the fast turf of the Sydney Sports Ground. Mr.J.Crocker was again in charge of the team, and had them ready to go on the field at the appointed time. That he gave every satisfaction is indicated by the fact that a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him at the next meeting.

Collingwood and South Melbourne Football Clubs were invited to play and exhibition match here, and on Wednesday July 31st. met at No.1 Sports Ground, before-for a mid week fixture-a splendid crowd. Their visit entailed considerable organizing, and in this work, able assistance was rendered by our President Mr.J.Werrin, and our Treasurer Mr.R.Lee. During the stay of the visitors, Mr.Lee was continually in attendance, from early morning till late at night, and rendered extremely valuable assistance to your Secretary.

The teams arrived here about 7 am.on Tuesday July 30th.and were met at the train by Messers J.Werrin. R.Lee. J.McDonnell. J.Crocker and the Secretary, and conducted to their hotels. They were the guests of the B.H.P. for the day, and visited the Steel Works. Lunch was provided by the B.H.P. Co. and an interesting day resulted. Tattersalls Club had the visitors as guests in the evening, and the teams spoke highly of the hospitality extended to them by the members of "Tattersalls". Some of the visitors were entertained at a theatre party at the Civic Theatre by our League. On Wednesday they were tendered a Civic Reception by the Mayor, and then taken over the Warriors Chapel by the Dean of Newcastle, V.Rev.Johnson. In the afternoon they played an exhibition on No.1 Sports Ground and Collingwood proved the better team of the day. In the evening a dance was given in honour of the visitors by your League, and proved a most enjoyable evening. On behalf of the visitors, your Secretary was presented with a cheque as a Wedding gift from the members of both Clubs. The visitors left on the Thursday morning, Mr.Lee again supervising the arrangements regarding luggage etc. at the train. As the result of the visit of these teams our code received much publicity, and it remains for the members to make the best use of it.

Your Committee desire to express their gratitude to these teams for the visit, which we hope will be repeated in the near future.

SCHOOLS. During the year our code was played by five teams, in four schools. Your Secretary interviewed a number of other headmasters of schools, and we believe that the coming season should find our game installed in several more. We realise that the schools provide the players of the future, and every effort will be made to win them over to our code. A Cup is in the possession of the P.S.A.A.A. and an endeavour will be made to have it competed for this season. Our thanks is due to Mr. Crocker for maintaining the code in the schools, particularly during the time that there was no organized body in the district.

GOACHES. One of our difficulties is to obtain coaches to teach the boys our game and our committee would appreciate the services of any member or supporter who would be willing to assist in this direction.

GROUNDS. During the season, the Carrington Council made available a playing area, and whilst the ground was very rough, it provided a space every Saturday on which to play our game, and to this Council we wish to extend our very grateful thanks. We had an arrangement with the Meny Hockey Association to share a playing area on National Park, once in every third Saturday. This was secured after much correspondence and "Conferences" and was of little use to the League. Negotiations are in progress in reference to the Hamilton Speedway, and your committee hope to conclude some arrangement for this ground.

TRAINING. Training was carried out on No. 2 Sports Ground, and thanks are due to Mr. W. Chivers who obtained free use of these grounds for our members. The absence of a trainer was seriously felt, and your committee would appreciate the services of any volunteers for this position.

FINANCE. Owing mainly to the generosity of our supporters, your League concluded the season with a very satisfactory credit balance, as will be seen by the Statement of Accounts. One of the main items of expenditure was for jerseys, but a number of these have been resold to members, with the result that the cost of them to your League was materially reduced.

PRESS SECRETARY. The efforts of Mr. McDonnell in this capacity did wonders in placing our game before the public. He was in attendance at every match and at practice, and was ever ready to give assistance where needed. Your League is deeply indebted to him, and we trust he is soon restored to his normal good health, and able to take his place with the code again. Whilst there are a number of old players and supporters in the district, to whom our hearty thanks are due, your committee would specially like to extend their thanks to all those supporters who so generously made donations towards placing the code on its feet, and we trust that they will feel that their confidence and generosity has not been misplaced, and that our efforts to establish the game has borne fruition. Our thanks are particularly due to our very worthy President, Mr. J. Werrin. When we made our first efforts to promote the code, we were entirely without funds, and on being approached to accept the position of President, Mr. Werrin immediately donated £5/5/- to our funds. This not only gave us the money to make a start, but induced a spirit of confidence and determination amongst our members, and was the impetus that carried us over our many difficulties in the early stages. During the season, we were time and again the recipient of our President's generosity and his interest and influence was undoubtedly the mainstay of our organization. We sincerely trust that he will be many more years associated with the National Code in Newcastle. During the year Mr. J. Werrin was presented by your Secretary, with an autograph photo of the team that played North Shore.

WE ARE INDEBTED TO The North Shore Football Club, for their visit to Newcastle and for their generosity to our players during their visit to Sydney. The B.H.P.Co. and Tattersalls Club for entertaining the Victorians. All supporters of our programme viz: M. Light & Co. Mr. J. Werrin. Standard Laundry. Stocks Ltd. Mac's Shoe Stores. The "Owl" Stores. Bargain Arcade. The Baseball Association, who placed their players at our disposal in a curtain raiser before the Victorian Match. Mr. F. Cahill, City Publicity Director, whose valuable advice and assistance did much to lighten the work and make enjoyable the visit of the Victorians. The Australian Society of Patriots, who placed rooms at our service, in which to hold meetings, and who gave us one of their social nights to help swell our funds. Messers J. Turner and H. Smith for placing meeting rooms at our disposal. Mr. R. Cowie, for providing transport during the visit of the Victorians, and through the season. To all players who turned out Saturday after Saturday, and made the game grow, until we were able to field two teams in an exhibition match, and to all friends and supporters who gave assistance to help establish the code in Newcastle.

We sincerely tender on behalf of the committee and members of the League our grateful thanks and appreciation and we wish them all prosperity in the future. Another season is ushered in. We meet it with renewed confidence, fresh from our successes of the last, strong in finance and personel, and respected by the press and public of Newcastle. Our League has a path before it, strewn with difficulties, but none so formidable that cannot be overcome. We have gained a place in the sporting life of the District, and it remains for every supporter of our code to exert every effort to consolidate and extend the work already started, and if this is done, with the spirit of sportsmanship evident amongst our members, we are confident that the National Code will become one of the most popular Winter Sports in Newcastle.

For the Committee.

J.WERRIN President.
 J.J.ARNOLD Hon. Secretary
 R.LEE Hon. Treasurer.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE.

As at 1st. February 1936

<u>Expenditure</u>				<u>Income</u>			
To Jerseys Purchased	6.16.6			By Donations			
Less sales	<u>2.18.6</u>	3	18	Mr. J. Werrin	5.	5.0	
Advertising N.M. Her. Ann.				Mr. N. Leagur	5.	0.0	
Meeting		6	0	Mr. G. Ebbott	1.	1.0	
Receipt Books. Rubber Stmp.		6	0	Mr. M. Anderson		10.6	
Petty Cash, Impress		5	0	Mr. D. Morrison		10.0	
Mr. E. McDonnell. Expenses		10	6	Mr. S. Hewitt		5.0	
North Shore Match				Mr. G. Priest	<u>5.0</u>		12 16 6
Hire Show Grnd.	7.7.0			Member. Fees & Collects.			1 12 0
Advt. N.M. Her.	<u>6.0</u>	7	13	Social Aus. Soc. Patriots			10 6
R. Bromley Expenses		13	6	Dance Longworth Inst.			18 6
J. Crocker. Exs. to Sydney		14	6	Competitions	2.16.3		
Sundries. Phone etc.		1	0	do	<u>1.16.9</u>	4	13 0
Postage. Telegrams etc.		14	5	Profit on Vic. Match		4	0 0
Sundry Debtors		10	0	Sundry Receipts		3	8 5
Balance being excess Income over Expenditure		<u>11</u>	<u>7 9</u>				
		<u>£27</u>	<u>18 11</u>				<u>£27 18 11</u>

Audited and found correct

P.J.RYAN. Auditor

R.LEE

Hon. Treasurer.

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