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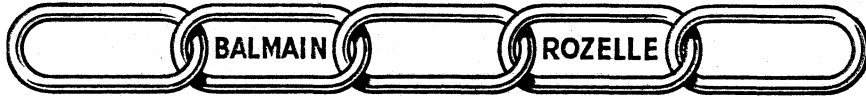
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1972.

1972 FOOTBALL STARTS:

Balmain's New Faces: Juniors Make History

The 1972 Rugby League season in the Balmain district has commenced with a major reorganisation of the first grade team following acquisition of new players, and a win against Newtown in the first pre-season game.

Also the Club reports an acceleration in the great growth of junior football.

New players for Balmain are Mal McMartin, Dennis Preston, Michael Dryden, Trevor Ryan, Glen Capelin, Kevin Timms, Ron Sparks, and Dick Jeffery.

Mal McMartin, winger, formerly played first grade for Penrith.

Dennis Preston, full back, and Michael Dryden, second row forward, are from St. George.

Trevor Ryan, 17-year-old centre, is from Nambucca Heads.

Glen Capelin, winger, is from Wollongong.

Kevin Timms, front row forward, comes from Western Suburbs.

Ron Sparks, front row forward, is from Manly-Warringah.

Dick Jeffery, hooker, from Glen Innes, represented N.S.W. on three occasions in 1971.

Several other players from country areas and other Sydney clubs are undergoing trials. They performed creditably against Newtown.

A decision in respect of them will be made after the game against Manly this week-end.

Secretary of Balmain District Rugby League Football Club, Mr Kevin Humphreys, commenting on the game against Newtown, said that the

new captain, John Spencer, had an excellent game, and had commenced the season in fine form.

John has played over 100 first grade games for the Club. His father, Jack Spencer, played over 170 first grade games for Balmain.

Paul Cross, leading try scorer last season in the Rugby League competition, quickly showed form by scoring two tries.

Barry McTaggart, World Cup representative in 1970, who had a disappointing season last year following a serious injury, returned to his very best form.

The only gloomy part of Saturday night's picture was an injury to star centre, Terry Parker. Terry missed most of the 1971 season with a serious knee injury.

He was showing brilliant early form on Saturday night when he injured his other knee. Whether this is serious will not be known until later in the week.

GROWTH OF JUNIORS

Mr Humphreys draws attention to the enormous growth of junior Rugby League football in the Balmain district.

The district extends from Miller's Point to Rydalmere.

In 1965 the Club had 34 teams playing Junior League in the district.

Last year there were 238 teams, and this year it is anticipated there will be 288.

The various Local Government Councils in

the area — Leichhardt, Drummoyne, Ryde, Parramatta, and Hornsby—supply grounds for their play.

There are clubs with only one team playing. Others have as many as 16 or 17.

Leichhardt Coaching Class started only four years ago with two teams—the under 8 and under 9. This year it will field 12 teams.

New Ground

At the conclusion of the 1971 season Balmain District Club broke new ground when it decided to select squads of 30 players to form the basis of their representative junior teams for the 1972 season.

Former first grade players were appointed coaches — Ron Clifford

Liberal Campaign To Be "Full-blooded"

Liberal Party plans to mount "A full-blooded, co-ordinated campaign" for the seats of Sydney, Phillip, Wentworth, and Kingsford Smith at this year's Federal elections were laid at Bondi Beach recently.

This was announced by the President of the Party's Eastern Metropolitan Region, Dr D. Freeman.

He presided over a meeting of 94 Party officers from these electorates, at which the plans were laid. The electorates constitute that region.

Dr Freeman told the officers that totalitarian, one-party countries were the only places where the outcomes of elections were foregone conclusions.

"In this multi-party nation we must not help Labour's 1972 election programme by any failure to put forth our maximum effort", he said.

Commenting on the meeting, Dr Freeman said the enthusiasm at the gathering augured well for top-class campaigns in the four seats.

"The tone of the gathering was inspiring", he added. "We are all looking forward to the poll".

(President's Cup), Kevin Smythe (Jersey Flegg Cup) and John O'Brien (S. G. Ball Cup).

The boys in the various squads have been outfitted and supplied with track suit, training suit, summer shorts and training shirt, and a district gear bag.

The squads have trained non-stop throughout the summer months.

Professional running coaches have been provided to improve the boys' speed, and the advice of weight training experts has been secured to assist the programme.

It is expected that several outstanding young players will come from these squads into the grade ranks in the near future.

Mr Humphreys expects this policy will be continued by the District Club in future years.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY EVENTS

Balmain Hospital Auxiliary will conduct the annual hospital fete on Saturday, September 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Auxiliary has decided to donate \$1,425 for the purchase of two items for the hospital.

These are \$425 for a portable humidifier for the maternity obstetric unit (to transfer sick babies from the theatre to the location required); and \$1,000 for orthopaedic equipment necessary in hip replacement operations.

The Eunice Wall Boutique will present an autumn fashion show at Fidden Hall (rear of hospital) on Wednesday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Admission 70c (supper provided). Proceeds will

go to the hospital appeal.

A chocolate wheel will be conducted at National and Darling Streets, Rozelle, next Saturday, Feb. 26, also on March 11 and 18. Help would be appreciated.

Mrs Janet Peters, State Organising Secretary of the U.H.A., will be a guest at the next meeting of the Auxiliary on March 9, and will advise on fund raising.

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Vicki Berge's Scholarship

Miss Vicki Berge, who has for years organised fetes in Balmain for blind babies, has won a Commonwealth and a Teacher's Scholarship to Sydney University.

Column NINE

Football For The Young

Mr Kevin Humphreys's picture of the growth of junior football in the Balmain district is interesting.

For the number of Junior League teams to mushroom from 34 to 288 in seven years is a magnificent achievement.

Rugby League is receiving a shot in the arm by Balmain District Club's measures to encourage youngsters.

We'll be amazed if it doesn't produce some famous Tigers.

Whether other winter sports (thus denied active participants) like the idea is another matter. Still, it's up to them to arouse in boys the enthusiasm which produces such growth.

Those who love soccer—and the love is deep, and the number increasing—are also active in encouraging district boys to take up their game.

This is good. Youngsters require expert assistance to learn the finer tricks of the game, and world quality players (needed to represent Australia) are more likely to arise if taken in hand by expert coaches early in life.

One aspect of pitting youngsters against one another in competitive sport, however, is decidedly controversial.

This is when it concerns the very young—say the six-year-olds.

To regiment babies week after week in inter-club competition is deplored by quite a few people, including some top medical men.

They say it is apt to burn out a boy before he is grown up, and that a very small boy ought to be allowed to remain a very small boy. He'll become a big, aggressive one quickly enough!

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That a headstone of Balmain's most important early personalities now forms the upper portion of the stone monument at the corner of Rowntree Street and Macquarie Terrace?

The monument, of course, is to Captain Thomas Stephen Rowntree, who in 1851 settled in Balmain and purchased a piece of land at Waterview Bay (now Mort Bay) from a Sydney chemist by the name of Morgan.

The land was purchased with the idea of building a slip.

However, Captain Rowntree decided to join with the late Mr. T. S. Mort, under the name of Rowntree & Co. in building a dry dock.

The dock was opened in 1854 and some ten years later Rowntree sold his interest in the enterprise to Mr. Mort.

The business flourished to such an extent that in 1910 it employed between 1,000 and 1,600 men daily in the shipbuilding and allied industries.

Captain Rowntree himself built "Northumberland House" and "Woodleigh", which is still standing in Stack Street. "Woodleigh" was designed by Edmond

Blacket, who was also the architect of St. Mary's Church of England near by. Rowntree was Mayor of Balmain in 1864 and again in 1871. It is said that early council meetings were conducted at "Woodleigh", his home in Stack Street, prior to the erection of the Balmain Town Hall (the site of which was not chosen until 1875).

It is suggested that another of Captain Rowntree's achievements was to be the winner of Australia's first ocean yacht race.

Captain Rowntree died in 1902 at the age of 85.

The monument to him in Macquarie Terrace was erected in 1941 by the Balmain Council, and the headstone from his grave at Balmain cemetery was removed to form part of the monument.

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Sunday, 2nd April, Easter Sunday, sick parade, The Minx instrumental vocal trio, 3 p.m., Live Show, Custers Last Stand, classed as the best vocal instrumental quintette in Australia, 7 till 11 p.m., The Real Country Duo, country-western, Lorraine Smith, vocalist by special request.

Sunday, 16th April, Members' Commemoration Dinner at completion of March. Tickets are available in the Members' Bar and are limited—first in best dressed.

PARK PILLARS MAKE HISTORY FOR COUNCIL

One of the events in Leichhardt Municipal Council's centenary year — being celebrated this year — will take place at 11 a.m. this Saturday, February 26. It will be the unveiling of a plaque in King George Park, Rozelle.

The unveiling will be performed by Mrs Hannah (Nan) Rodrick, aged 92, and will commemorate the hewing from local stone of four fence pillars, which have been incorporated into the park entrance.

The plaque will be inscribed as follows:
"William Wailes
1844-1907

Cornish stonemason Amy Wailes 1845-1918

"William Wailes built his home, No. 20 Quirk Street, Rozelle, in 1883 and fashioned these four fence pillars from local stone when building a cottage on this site in 1904 for his daughter, Mrs Hannah (Nan) Rodrick.

"Nan Rodrick, says: 'I am 92, have 63 descendants so far, and it all started in your lovely park'.

"Leichhardt Municipal Council Centenary Year N. Origlass (Mayor), 26th February, 1972".

This gesture to one of the old nation-builders follows receipt by the Mayor of a letter dated January 18 from Mrs Rodrick.

In this she said that about 1905 she bought a piece of ground off Western Road (as it was named then), just off Iron Cove Bridge.

This is now King George Park.

She paid \$52 for the block.

Her father, a stonemason from Cornwall,

said he would build a cottage for her, and she provided the bricks.

The back yard was blocks of stone, and out of them her father carved four pillars—two for the front entrance and two for the side. He was then aged 65.

All of her six children were born there. The Council then took her home for a caretaker's residence.

Later she passed the spot and found her home gone.

Wanting to know what had become of her father's posts she was taken found the stone posts just where her father had put them.

They had been made into an entrance to the park. The four steps led to a seat just where her bedroom was, and from this seat beautiful views unfolded.

Mrs Rodrick said she had just had her 92nd birthday. She expressed thanks for the beautiful park.

She said she would love to get to it often, but was not allowed to go by herself on trains or buses, although she walked to church on Sunday.

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The boat's regular captain sailed as sheet-hand, and some more of the experienced sailors acted as sheet-hands in the Club boats.

Chris Eager (aged 8) was on the tiller of Propeller, and was going well on his way to the finish when the southerly hit.

John Gilliard (9) was in Native Rose, Steve Kerrison (10) sailed the winning boat, Nymph, and Miss Donna Taylor (11) came second in Little Ripper.

The Super Snails in their handicap weathered the southerly and all finished the course — a very good performance. Wilela looked like making it two in a row, but could not withstand Stanley Reeves's finishing run.

Results were:

Sabots: Nymph (S. & P. Kerrison) 1; Little Ripper (Miss D. Taylor, R. Thompson) 2; Bounty (Ross & Rodney Bell) 3.

Super Snails: Stanley Reeves (P. Pont, J. Halstead) 1; Wilela (C. Woods, D. Hickson) 2; Livonia (B. Robinson, K. Lycett) 3.

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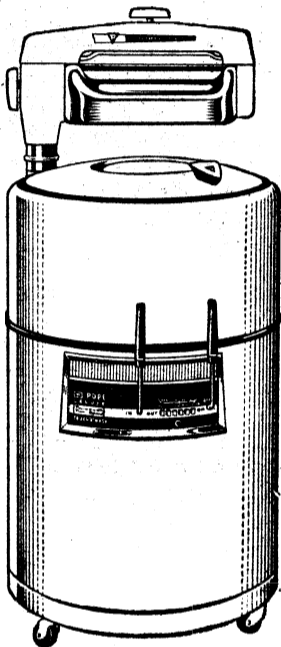
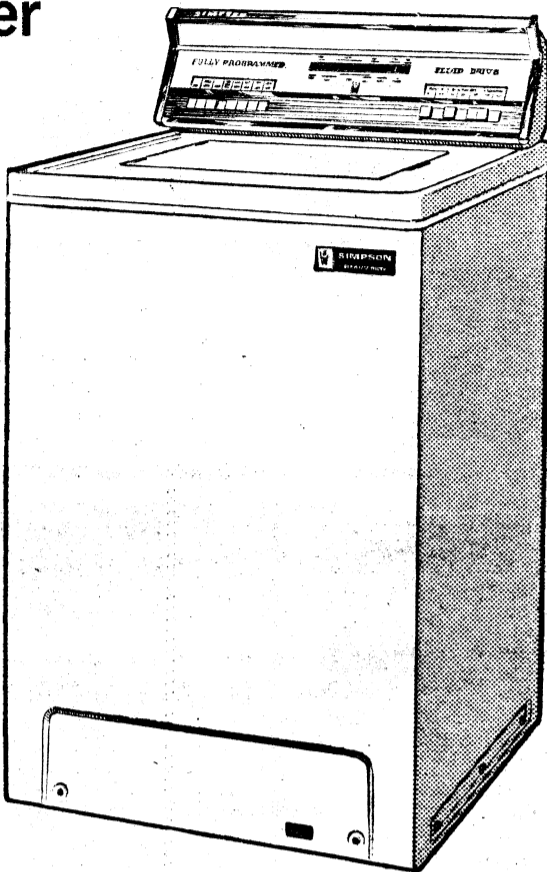
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BALMAIN AND GLEBE STUDIES RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL BY POPULATION DENSITIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Council has adopted the principle of Residential Development Control by population densities as enunciated in the "BALMAIN and GLEBE STUDIES" prepared by The State Planning Authority of New South Wales.

EXHIBITION MAPS in respect of the Studies may be inspected at the **BALMAIN TOWN HALL**, 370 Darling Street, Balmain, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Monday to Friday, inclusive, during the period 16th February, 1972, to 29th February, 1972, and during other hours in the aforementioned period when functions are conducted at the Town Hall.

Residents and Residents' Groups are **INVITED** to inspect the maps and submit their comments in respect thereof to permit Council to give further consideration to the Studies involving the possibility of their modification.

Council wishes it to be made known publicly that it is grateful to The State Planning Authority of New South Wales for preparing the Studies.

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Study Maps On Display

The exhibition maps in the Balmain Glebe State Planning Authority are being displayed at the Balmain Town Hall, Glebe between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, until February 29.

These studies were the basis on which Leichhardt Council's interim codes for residential development were developed. Residents and residents' groups are being invited to comment on the subject.

BOYS' CLUB

Balmain Police - Citizens' Boys' Club has postponed its annual general meeting and election of officers and premises to Tuesday, February 29, at 8 p.m. at the Club.

Rugby League:

Players are required from 5 years to 18 years of age. Boys interested should report to the Club office at 4.30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

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The undefeated team won on forfeit to retain their position at the under 12 team dismissed for 71, and in Ravens for 71, and in p.m.)

Stamp Collecting:

Classes are being considered if the response be sufficient. Lads interested should submit their names at the office. Classes being held Wednesday 7.30 p.m. by Mr V. Reid. Boys interested should attend at that time.

There are vacancies also in the St. John Ambulance Cadets (Thursday 7.30 p.m.) and drum corps (Tuesdays 7 p.m.)

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