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A newspaper report of the 1933 interstate match won by NSW 17-14.

## INTRODUCTION

# The Story of Interstate Rugby League, 1908-81

It might be hard for those rugby league fans born after 1980 who watched State of Origin become the annual sporting juggernaut it is now is to comprehend that there was a whole history of interstate rivalry dating back to the birth of the game in 1908. That's 112 years ago. The fact that Queensland had no domestic rugby league competition at that time and a 'state' team had to be hastily chosen and offered up as a sacrifice to the NSW team did not stop the league from going ahead with the first 'interstate' match. The Blues won easily in a whitewash, 43-0.

And so, the concept of 'state versus state' became integral to the popularity of 'professional rugby union', as the code was then colloquially known, in this country. Interstate games served as essential trials for Test matches, and regular tours of rival states was important in growing the game, especially in country areas.

This first era of interstate rugby league was dominated by great players such as 'Dally' Messenger, Dan Frawley, 'Tedda' Courtney, 'Pony' Hallway, 'Sandy' Pearce and Chris McKivat – the code's original pioneer rugby union converts



who also starred in club and international matches. All were New South Welshmen.

Not surprisingly then, a quick look at the stats show that NSW dominated interstate matches for the first 14 years of rugby league in this country. Queensland did not even win a match until 1922, by which time great players such as Tom Gorman, Norm Potter and Cec Aynsley, and later Duncan Thompson, Herb Steinohrt and Mick Madsen, had emerged.

Queensland won their first series in 1923, and then made a clean sweep of the three-match series in 1924 (and also

defeated England and Victoria!). Fired by the success of the great Toowoomba teams of the mid-1920s, the Maroons dominated the annual interstate contest for much of the decade.

Both Queensland and NSW squads made extensive tours of their rival states during the ensuing decades, playing warm-up matches against regional sides. Both state squads also toured New Zealand in the early 1910s and 1920s (see international section for those records).

But as that generation of great Queenslanders began to retire, NSW once again gained the upper hand in the 1930s. The advent of World War II put the annual contest on hold at the start of the 1940s, and when the interstate game resumed the balance of power had shifted irrevocably NSW's way.

In the period 1945 to 1959, Queensland won just two series – in 1951

and 1959. Whenever talented players emerged up north – Kel O'Shea, Brian Davies, Ken McCaffery and Noel Kelly to name just a few – rich Sydney clubs with the backing of a registered Leagues Club (and poker machines) brought them down to Sydney on huge contracts. These Queenslanders were then picked in NSW teams to take on weakened Maroons sides. The results were fairly predictable.

Queensland's record in the 1960s and 1970s was even worse. The Maroons drew the 1960 and 1961 series, two games all, but did not win a series outright for the next two decades. In fact, Queensland won just four games (and drew four) of the next 60 games played. Even a move by Queensland coach Barry Muir to instill a new dimension into the contest in the 1970s – real *hate* (it was Muir who coined the term 'Cockroaches' to describe highly paid NSW players) – could not turn results the Maroons' way.

By the time the 1980s rolled around, interest in interstate rugby league had fallen to an all-time low. In the second interstate match of the 1980 season, just 1368 people turned up to Leichhardt Oval on a winter Wednesday night to see the Blues beat the Maroons, 17–7. Something had to change or the contest would have gone the way of the dinosaur.

The Queensland Rugby League had agitated for change throughout the 1970s, appealing to the NSWRL to allow Sydney-based Queenslanders to play for their state. The league's opposition to this, largely because of pressure from Sydney clubs who did not want their highly paid stars getting hurt but also because few really believed the 'mate v mate' concept would work, delayed the State of Origin concept until 1980 – a belated 'dead rubber' match at the end of another disappointing series.

Finally, against all odds, State of Origin had arrived.

Below: Action of the first interstate match, 1908, at the RAS Showground.





SECTION 1

# Interstate Matches, 1908-1981

Opposite: Rival interstate captains Fred Laws (Queensland) and Harry Owen (NSW) in 1931.

## NSW versus Queensland, 1908–1981

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### 1908: Series One

**NSW 2–0**

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#### 11 July 1908 at the RAS Showground, Sydney

**NSW 43** (T. Anderson 4, T. McCabe 2, W. Cann, A. Butler, S. Deane tries; H. Messenger 8 goals) **Queensland 0**. Referee: Fred Henlen; Crowd: 5,000

**NSW:** Charlie Hedley, Frank Cheadle, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger, Andy Morton, Tom Anderson, Sid Deane, Arthur Butler, Billy Cann, Tom McCabe, Lou Jones, L. ‘Jersey’ O’Malley, Bob Graves, Arthur Hennessey (c)

**Queensland:** Eddie Baird, Bill Abrahams, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke, Mick Bolewski, Arthur O’Brien, Ooder Olsen, J. ‘Mick’ Dore (c), Bill Hardcastle, Jack Fihelly, Vic Anderson, Bob Tubman, Ernest Cartmill, Jack Thompson

#### 18 July 1908 at the RAS Showground, Sydney

**NSW 12** (L. Hansen, P. Moir tries; H. Brackenreg 2, Hansen field goal) **Queensland 3** (O. Olsen try). Referee: Tom McMahan; Crowd: 6,000

**NSW:** Harry Bloomfield, Albert Broomham, Albert Conlon (c), W. ‘Son’ Fry, Bill Bailey, Jack Leveson, Lance Hansen, Harry Glanville, Herb Brackenreg, Peter Moir, Dick Green, Lou Jones, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney

**Queensland:** Mick Bolewski, Bill Abrahams, Arthur O’Brien, Bill Evans, Ooder Olsen, Eddie Baird, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke (c), Pat Walsh, Jack Thompson, Ernest Cartmill, Bob Tubman, Vic Anderson, Jack Fihelly

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### 1910: Series Two

**NSW 3–0**

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#### 30 July 1910 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground

**NSW 40** (A. Broomham 3, T. McCabe 2, T. Courtney, W. Cann, V. Farnsworth, C. Sullivan, C. McKivat tries; Cann 4, H. Messenger goals) **Queensland 21** (G. Hooker 3, P. McGrory, D. McGregor tries; H. Brackenreg 2, G. Duffin goals). Referee: T. J. Laws; Crowd: 5,500

**Queensland:** Doug McGregor, George Duffin, Charlie Woodhead, George Hooker, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke (c), Harry Dickens, Evan Lewis, Phil McGrory, Vic Anderson, Bob Tubman, Ed Buckley, Herb Brackenreg, Jack Mann

**NSW:** W. ‘Webby’ Neill, Albert Broomham, Viv Farnsworth, Bill Farnsworth, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger, Arthur McCabe, Chris McKivat, Bob Craig, Jack ‘Towser’ Barnett, Con Sullivan, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce, W. ‘Bill’ Cann

#### 3 August 1910 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**NSW 32** (T. McCabe 2, W. Cann, A. Broomham, T. Courtney, E. McGuinness, C. Sullivan, W. Spence tries; Cann 3, McGuinness goals) **Queensland 18** (P. McGrory, C. Brown, E. Buckley, A. O’Brien tries; G. Rousell, G. Hooker, G. Duffin tries). Referee: T. J. Laws; Crowd: 700

**Queensland:** George Duffin, George Hooker, George Rousell, Charles Brown, Arthur O’Brien, Harold Heidke, Evan Lewis, Bill Thomas, Phil McGrory, Ed Buckley, Alf Foote, Vic Anderson, Alfred Jones; Res.: Otto Thomsen

**NSW:** Ted McGuinness, Arthur McCabe, Viv Farnsworth, Bill Farnsworth, Albert Broomham, Chris McKivat, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney, Con Sullivan, W. ‘Bill’ Cann, Bill Spence, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce, Bill Noble

#### 6 August 1910 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**NSW 19** (A. Broomham, W. Farnsworth, E. McGuinness, A. Halloway tries; W. Cann 2 goals) **Queensland 3** (A. O’Brien try). Referee: T. J. Laws; Crowd: 5,000

**Queensland:** George Duffin, Arthur O’Brien, Charlie Woodhead, George Hooker, Charles Brown, Harry Dickens, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke, Harold Nicholson, Vic Anderson, Bob Tubman, Herb Brackenreg, Ed Buckley, Alfred Jones; Res.: George Rousell

**NSW:** W. ‘Webby’ Neill, Albert Broomham, Viv Farnsworth, Bill Farnsworth, Ted McGuinness, Chris McKivat, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway, Con Sullivan, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney, J. ‘Towser’ Barnett, Bill Noble, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce, W. ‘Bill’ Cann

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### 1911: Series Three

**NSW 3–0**

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#### 3 June 1911 at the Sydney Showground

**NSW 65** (H. Messenger 4, H. Hallet 2, D. Frawley 2, W. Cann 2, A. Broomham, W. Noble, W. Farnsworth, P. McCue, C. McKivat tries; Messenger 10 goals)

**Queensland 9** (C. Woodhead try; H. Brackenreg 3 goals) Referee: Laurie Kearney; Crowd: 32,000

**NSW:** W. ‘Webby’ Neill, Dan Frawley, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger, Howard Hallett, Albert Broomham, Bill Farnsworth, Chris McKivat (c), Con Sullivan, ‘Paddy’ McCue, Bill Noble, Bob Craig, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce, W. ‘Bill’ Cann

**Queensland:** George Duffin, Charlie Woodhead, Eric Glasson, Arthur Maitland, George Hooker, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke, Evan Lewis, Ed Buckley, Vic Anderson, Harold Nicholson, August Pioch, Herb Brackenreg (c), Bob Tubman

### 7 June 1911 at the Sydney Showground

**NSW 49** (H. Messenger 2, C. McMurtrie 2, L. Cubitt 2, A. Halloway, D. Campbell, D. Grundie, S. Pearce, W. Joass tries; Messenger 7, Campbell goals) **Queensland 0**. Referee: Bill Finegan; Crowd: 3,500

**NSW:** Os Brown, Tom Berecry, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger (c), Herb Gilbert, J. ‘Dinny’ Campbell, Les Cubitt, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway, Charles McMurtrie, Ted Swinson, Don Grundie, Con Sullivan, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce, Bill Joass

**Queensland:** Doug McGregor, Arthur Maitland, Eric Glasson, George Hooker, George Duffin, Harry Dickens, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke, Herb Brackenreg (c), Ed Buckley, August Pioch, Harold Nicholson, James McCombe, August Schatz

### 10 June 1911 at the Sydney Showground

**NSW 32** (H. Messenger 3, J. Stuntz, C. Russell, J. Davis tries; Messenger 7 goals) **Queensland 8** (H. Brackenreg, W. Heidke tries; G. Duffin goal). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 10,000

**NSW:** W. ‘Webby’ Neill, Charles ‘Boxer’ Russell, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger (c), Bill Farnsworth, John Stuntz, Henry Naylor, Arthur Butler, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney, Ed Burdett, Jack ‘Towser’ Barnett, Alby ‘Son’ Burge, Jim ‘Barra’ Davis, Bob Williams

**Queensland:** Doug McGregor, Arthur Maitland, Eric Glasson, George Hooker, George Duffin, Harry Dickens, W. ‘Bill’ Heidke, Herb Brackenreg (c), Bill Thomas, Harold Nicholson, August Schatz, Bob Tubman, August Pioch; Res.: James McComb

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### 1912: Series Four

### NSW 2–0

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### 1 June 1912 at the Sydney Showground

**NSW 65** (F. Burge 3, W. Cann 3, A. Broomham 2, P. McCue 2, D. Frawley 2, C. Sullivan, H. Messenger, H. Gilbert tries; Messenger 10 goals) **Queensland 9** (W. Lynch try; G. Duffin 3 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 20,000

**NSW:** Howard Hallett, Dan Frawley, H. ‘Dally’ Messenger, Herb Gilbert, Albert Broomham, John ‘Dinny’ Campbell, Chris McKivat (c), W. ‘Bill’ Cann, Frank Burge, Bill Noble, Con Sullivan, ‘Paddy’ McCue, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney

**Queensland:** George Duffin, George Hooker, Bill Lynch, Bill Quinn, George Rousell, Bill Farnsworth (c), George Hazelton, Herb ‘Lucky’ Collins, Ken McKay, Paddy Fahey, Percy Ross

### 3 June 1912 at the Sydney Showground

**NSW 32** (E. White 2, H. Thompson 2, W. Spence, W. Lindsay, T. Berecry, R. Norman tries; D. McGregor 3, Norman goals) **Queensland 4** (G. Duffin 2 goals). Referee: Laurie Kearney; Crowd: 10,000

**NSW:** Doug McGregor, Tom Berecry, Harry ‘Hash’ Thompson, Bill Lindsay, Eddie White, Ray Norman, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway, Larry ‘Jersey’ O’Malley, Harry Brighton, Bill Joass, Bill Spence (c), Joe Murray, Don Grundie

**Queensland:** George Duffin, George Hooker, Dave Hazelton, Bill Lynch, Bill Quinn, Bill Farnsworth (c), Alf Dreverson, Tom Healy, Tom Dean, Ken McKay, Herb ‘Lucky’ Collins, Paddy Fahey, George Holzberger; Res.: Don Jeffrey, Bob Nicholson

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### 1913: Series Five

### NSW 2–0

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### 23 August 1913 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground

**NSW 27** (A. Baber 2, H. Bolt 2, B. Gray, C. Russell, D. McFarlane tries; R. Norman 3 goals) **Queensland 12** (G. Maunders, O. Hardy tries; H. Bolewski 3 goals). Referee: Jack Roche; Crowd: 7,000

**Queensland:** Henry Bolewski, Dobbyn Hickey, Bill Lynch, Cec Maunders, Billy Beavis, Sam Parker, Evan Lewis (c), Alf Foote, Bert Nalder, James Adams, Thomas Dean, Bill Richmond, Ossie Hardy

**NSW:** Frank Kinghorn, Wally Messenger, Henry Bolt, C. ‘Boxer’ Russell (c), Ted Leggo, Ray Norman, Selby McFarlane, Bert Gray, Arthur Baber, Ed Hilliard, Bill Noble, Arch Moncrief, Harry Butler

### 30 August 1913 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground

**NSW 21** (B. Gray, R. Norman, H. Bissett, E. Hilliard, T. Leggo tries; Norman 2, Leggo goals) **Queensland 17** (H. McCabe 2, O. Hardy tries; H. Bolewski 4 goals). Referee: Jack Roche; Crowd: 4,000

**Queensland:** Henry Bolewski, Herbert McCabe, Bill Lynch, Cec Maunders, Billy Beavis, Sam Parker, Abe Patrick, Alf Foote, Charles Scott, Ossie Hardy, James Adams, Bill Richmond, Bert Nalder

**NSW:** Frank Kinghorn, Harold Bissett, Ted Leggo, Henry Bolt, Arthur Baber, Ray Norman, Selby McFarlane, Bert Gray, Arch Moncrieff, Charlie Lees, Ed Hilliard, Harry Butler, Bill Noble

**1915: Series Six****NSW 2–0****5 June 1915 at the RAS Showground, Sydney**

**NSW 53** (H. Horder 5, F. Burge 2, L. Cubitt, H. Thompson, B. Gray, C. Fraser tries; Horder 8, Fraser 2 goals) **Queensland 9** (J. Hanley try; W. Hedges, H. Bolewski, D. Thompson goals). Referee: Joe Black; Crowd: 25,000

**NSW:** George Challis, Harold Horder, Bill Kelly, C. ‘Chook’ Fraser, H. ‘Hash’ Thompson, Les Cubitt, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway (c), Jack ‘Bluey’ Watkins, Bert Gray, Frank Burge, Felix Ryan, Walter Palmer, E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney

**Queensland:** Henry Bolewski, Herb McCabe, John Birkett, Jim Hanley, Peter Olsen, Charles Hodgens (c), Duncan Thompson, Jack Egan, W. ‘Bill’ Hedges, Jerry Johnson, Peter Olsen, Jack Henley, Duncan McIvor

**7 June 1915 at the Sydney Cricket Ground**

**NSW 39** (H. Horder 5, C. Fraser, J. Watkins tries; Horder 7, Fraser 2 goals)

**Queensland 6** (J. Wixted 2 tries). Referee: Joe Black; Crowd: 10,000

**NSW:** George Challis, Harold Horder, Bill Kelly, C. ‘Chook’ Fraser, ‘Hash’ Thompson, Les Cubitt, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway (c), Jack ‘Bluey’ Watkins, Bert Gray, Frank Burge, Felix Ryan, Walter Palmer E. ‘Tedda’ Courtney

**Queensland:** Jim Hanley, Jim Wixted, John Birkett, Arch Foley, Peter Olsen, Charles Hodgens (c), Duncan Thompson, Arthur Hoolahan, Peter Olsen, Tom Dean, Jack Hanley, Tom Pask, Jack Egan; Res.: W. ‘Bill’ Hedges

**1919: Series Seven****NSW 4–0****19 July 1919 at the Sydney Cricket Ground**

**NSW 33** (L. Cubitt 3, H. Horder 2, R. Vest, C. Prentice tries; A. Oxford 6 goals)

**Queensland 18** (N. Potter 2, M. Johnston, C. Thorogood tries; B. Paten 3 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 30,000

**NSW:** Lyall Wall, Harold Horder, Ray Norman, Les Cubitt, Dick Vest, Alf Blair, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway (c), Joe Kerwick, Jim Pye, Arthur Oxford, Bill Shultz, Clarrie Prentice, Felix Ryan

**Queensland:** Tom Sweeney, Nev Broadfoot, Jack Maguire, Clarrie Thorogood, Bill Paten, Thomas Bath (replaced by James McCosh), Duncan Thompson (c), Bill Richards, Ted McGrath, Norm Johnson, Patrick Moran, Claud O’Donnell, Norm Potter

**28 July 1919 at the Sydney Cricket Ground**

**NSW 12** (R. Norman, R. Vest, A. Halloway, L. Wall tries) **Queensland 7** (J. McCosh try; D. Thompson 2 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 3,000

**NSW:** Les Wall, Dick Vest, Ray Norman, Herb Gilbert, Jack Robinson, C. ‘Chook’ Fraser, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway (c), Jack Watkins, Frank Burge, Arthur Oxford, Bill Shultz, Clarrie Prentice, Felix Ryan

**Queensland:** Tom Sweeney, Bill Paten, James McCosh, Jack Maguire, Nev Broadfoot, Clarrie Thorogood, Duncan Thompson (c), Bill Richards, Norm Johnson, Claud O’Donnell, Ted McGrath, Pat Moran, Norm Potter

**27 September 1919 at Davies Park, Brisbane**

**NSW 24** (A. Blair 3, C. Horder 2, G. Potter tries; Horder 2, Blair goals)

**Queensland 10** (H. Stevens, J. Holborow tries; Holborow 2 goals). Referee: Laurie Kearney; Crowd: 800

**Queensland:** Tom Sweeney, Nev Broadfoot, John Holborow, Ray Silver, Jack Gordon, Duncan Thompson (c), Tom Flanagan, Ted McGrath, Harry Jacques, Ted Stanley, Pat Moran, Luke Woods, Henry Stevens

**NSW:** Ed ‘Snowy’ Rigney, Charlie Ogle, Clarrie Horder (c), Harry Caples, George Potter, Alf Blair, Sid Kaufman, Clarrie Tye, Jim Pye, Horrie Watt, Bert Gray, Bill Joass, Andrew ‘Son’ Fraser

**4 October 1919 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground**

**NSW 13** (V. Sheehan 2, C. Horder tries; Horder 2 goals) **Queensland 10** (M. Bennett 2 tries; S. Hull 2 goals). Referee: Laurie Kearney; Crowd: Unknown

**Queensland:** Sam Hull, Nev Broadfoot, Mick Bennett, John Holborow, Jack Gordon, Jim McBrien, Duncan Thompson (c), Stan Barnes, Ted Stanley, Ted McGrath, Patrick Moran, Jim Sigley, Henry Stevens

**NSW:** Ted Taplin, Vince Sheehan, Clarrie Horder (c), George Potter, Paul Boys, Alf Blair, George Robinson, Reg Farnell, Horrie Watt, Alf Faull, Bert Gray, Jim Pye, Bill Joass

**1920: Series Eight****NSW 1–0****14 August 1920 at the Sydney Cricket Ground**

**NSW 40** (H. Horder 3, R. Vest, B. Gray, A. Johnston, J. Robinson, H. Caples, J. Ives, F. Burge tries; Burge 5 goals) **Queensland 18** (B. Paten 2, D. Thompson, C. O’Donnell tries; H. Fewin 3 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 10,000



**NSW:** C. ‘Chook’ Fraser, Dick Vest, Paddy Conaghan, Jack Robinson, Harold Horder, Harry Caples, Albert ‘Ricketty’ Johnston (c), Bill Shultz, Frank Burge, Dick Townsend, Bert Gray, J. ‘Clarrie’ Ives, S. ‘Sandy’ Pearce

**Queensland:** Harry Fewin, Nev Broadfoot, Edward Brown, Jack Maguire, Bill Paten, Stan Ryan (c), Colin Thompson, Jerry Johnson, Simon Kreutzer, Claud O’Donnell, Bill Richards, Pat Moran, Norm Potter

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## 1921: Series Nine

## NSW 2–0

### 4 June 1921 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**NSW 37** (H. Horder 2, R. Norman, D. Seddon, C. Prentice, A. Johnston, F. Ryan, D. Hodgins, J. Pye tries; Norman 4, Horder goals) **Queensland 11** (T. Bath, N. Potter, N. Broadfoot tries; B. Paten goal). Referee: Webby Neill; Crowd: 35,000

**NSW:** C. ‘Chook’ Fraser, Harold Horder, Dudley Seddon, James Flattery, Rex Norman, Dallas Hodgins, Albert ‘Ricketty’ Johnston, Reg Latta, Clarrie Prentice, Jim Pye, Felix Ryan, Horrie Watt, Bill Ives

**Queensland:** Harry Fewin, Nev Broadfoot, Edward Brown, Clarrie Thorogood, Bill Paten, Thomas Bath, Tom Flanagan, Charles Cavanagh, Bill Richards, Ted Stanley, Norm Potter, Claud O’Donnell, Jim Bennett

### 17 September 1921 (Davies Park, Brisbane)

**NSW 34** (J. Flattery 4, E. Hanrahan, W. Gillespie, J. Robinson, F. Hume tries; A. Oxford 4, E. Rigney goals) **Queensland 20** (E. Stanley 2, J. Hourigan, E. Frauenfelder tries; T. Mooney 4 goals). Referee: Laurie Kearney; Crowd: 2,500

**Queensland:** Tom Mooney, Jack Hourigan, Jim McBrien, Tom Gorman, Eric Frauenfelder, Colin Thompson, A. ‘Pony’ Halloway, T. ‘Jerry’ Johnson, Alex Brown, Claud O’Donnell, Jim Bennett, Pat Moran, Ted Stanley

**NSW:** Ed ‘Snowy’ Rigney, Jack ‘Junker’ Robinson, Fred Hume, Bill Gillespie, Jim Flattery, Dallas Hodgins, W. ‘Binghi’ Benson, Harold Leddy, Jack Knight, Alf Fraser, Arthur Oxford, Clarrie Tye, E. ‘Feather’ Hanrahan

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## 1922: Series Ten

## Qld 1–0

### 22 September 1922 at the Sydney Sports Ground

**Queensland 25** (T. Gorman, W. Spencer, E. Brown, W. Stanley tries; B. Paten 5 goals) **NSW 9** (J. Flattery 2, A. Oxford tries). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 12,000

**NSW:** Frank McMillan, James Flattery, Les Steel, Oscar Quinliven, Cec Blinkhorn, Dallas Hodgins, Duncan Thompson (c), Jack Watkins, Vic Armbruster, Tom McGrath, Arthur Oxford, Clive Evatt, Felix Ryan

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Bill Paten, Tom Gorman, Jim McBrien, Bill Spencer, Edward Brown, Cyril Connell, Jerry Johnson, Ted Stanley, Norm Potter (c), Jim Bennett, Claud O’Donnell, Alex Brown

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## 1923: Series Eleven

## Qld 2–0

### 25 June 1923 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**Queensland 18** (N. Potter 2, J. Hunt, A. Henderson tries; J. Craig 3 goals) **NSW 13** (J. Watkins, J. Robinson, J. Toohey tries; A. Oxford 2 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 32,000

**NSW:** Frank McMillan, Jack Toohey, Frank Rule, Herman Peters, Jack Robinson, Harry Caples (c), Albert Johnston, Jack Watkins, Bill Shultz, Reg Latta, Felix Ryan, Clive Evatt, Harold Leddy

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Bill Spencer, Tom Gorman, Jim McBrien, Bill Paten, John Hunt, Jim Craig (c), Norm Potter, Jim Bennett, Cec Broadfoot, Arthur Henderson, Tom Tierney, Alex Brown

### 25 August 1923 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 25** (J. Craig 2, C. Aynsley 2, A. Henderson, B. Paten, E. Frauenfelder tries; Craig 2 goals) **NSW 10** (H. Horder, J. Robinson tries; Horder 2 goals). Referee: Jack Roche; Crowd: 25,000

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Cecil Aynsley, Tom Gorman, Jack Cuneen, Bill Paten, Jim Craig (c), John Hunt, Norm Potter, Arthur Henderson, Jim Bennett, Cec Broadfoot, Jim Purcell, Alex Brown

**NSW:** Frank McMillan, Harold Horder, Tom Linskey, Jack Robinson, Cec Blinkhorn, Harry Caples (c), Bill ‘Binghi’ Benson, Jack Watkins, Bill Ives, Reg Latta, Bill Shultz, Clive Evatt, A. ‘Son’ Fraser

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## 1924: Series Twelve

## Qld 3–0

### 31 May 1924 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**Queensland 22** (B. Paten 3, C. Aynsley 2, N. Potter tries; D. Thompson, J. Craig goals) **NSW 20** (H. Horder 2, A. O’Connor, C. Blinkhorn tries; A. Oxford 4 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 55,000

**NSW:** Henry ‘Micky’ Waterhouse, Cec Blinkhorn, Jack Dawson, Harold Horder (c), Benny Wearing, Dudley Seddon, Bill ‘Binghi’ Benson, Jack Watkins, Arthur Oxford, Alf O’Connor, Reg Latta, Clive Evatt, Jim Dunworth

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Cecil Aynesley, Jim Craig (c), Tom Gorman, Bill Paten, John Hunt, Duncan Thompson, Norm Potter, John Purcell, Vic Armbruster, Jim Sigley, Jim Bennett, Cec Broadfoot

#### 4 June 1924 at the Sydney Sports Ground

**Queensland 20** (J. Bennett 2, C. Aynesley, J. Craig tries; D. Thompson 4 goals) **NSW 7** (H. Horder try; A. Oxford 2 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 18,000

**NSW:** Henry ‘Micky’ Waterhouse, Cec Blinkhorn, Jack Dawson, Harold Horder (c), Benny Wearing, Clarrie Hincksman, Bill ‘Binghi’ Benson, Jack Watkins, Alf O’Connor, Reg Latta, Arthur Oxford, Clive Evatt, J. ‘Clarrie’ Ives

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Cecil Aynesley, Jim Craig (c), Tom Gorman, Bill Paten, John Hunt, Duncan Thompson, Cec Broadfoot, John Purcell, Vic Armbruster, James Purcell, Norm Potter, Jim Sigley, Jim Bennett

#### 30 August 1924 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 36** (W. Spencer 3, A. Edwards 2, A. Anderson, J. Craig, C. Aynesley tries; Aynesley 6 goals) **NSW 6** (H. Horder 2 tries). Referee: Jack Roche; Crowd: 12,000

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Cecil Aynesley, Tom Gorman, Jim Craig (c), Bill Paten (replaced by Bill Spencer), Johnny Hunt, Arthur Edwards, Cec Broadfoot, Vic Armbruster, John Purcell, Norm Potter, Arthur Henderson, Jim Bennett

**NSW:** Frank McMillan, Harold Horder (c), Dud Millard, Os Quinlivan, Frank Saunders, Alan Steel, Bill ‘Binghi’ Benson, Reg ‘Whip’ Latta, Arthur Oxford, Alby Carr, Bill Ives, Horrie Watt, Les Hayes

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### 1925: Series Thirteen

### Qld 4–1

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#### 30 May 1925 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**Queensland 23** (V. Armbruster 2, W. Spencer, B. Paten, T. Gorman tries; D. Thompson 4 goals) **NSW 15** (W. Hardman 2, B. Wearing tries; Wearing 3 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 44,000

**NSW:** Henry ‘Mickey’ Waterhouse, Benny Wearing, Tom Barry, Frank Rule, Wal Murphy, Jack McMahon, Eric Doig, Reg Latta (c), Bill Hardman, Alf O’Connor, Bill Ives, Arthur ‘Snowy’ Justice, Pat Murphy

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Bill Paten, Tom Gorman, Jim Craig (c), Bill Spencer, John Hunt, Duncan Thompson, Herb Steinohrt, Vic Armbruster, Perce Parcells, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter

#### 1 June 1925 at the Sydney Sports Ground

**Queensland 27** (B. Paten 2, V. Armbruster, H. Leibke, A. Henderson tries; D. Thompson 5, C. Aynesley goals) **NSW 13** (F. Rule try; B. Wearing 5 goals). Referee: S. Jackson; Crowd: 8,000

**NSW:** Henry ‘Mickey’ Waterhouse, Benny Wearing, Frank Rule, Tom Barry, Frank Saunders, Frank O’Rourke, Norm ‘Latchem’ Robinson, Reg Latta (c), Bill Hardman, Alf O’Connor, Pat Murphy, Arthur ‘Snowy’ Justice, Bill Ives

**Queensland:** Jim Craig (c), Bill Paten, Tom Gorman, Edward Brown, Cecil Aynesley, Jim McBrien, Duncan Thompson, Vic Armbruster, Harry Leibke, Jim O’Mara, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter

#### 8 June 1925 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**NSW 27** (B. Wearing 3, W. Ives, P. Murphy tries; Wearing 6 goals) **Queensland 16** (W. Spencer, H. Leibke, T. Gorman, J. Craig tries; D. Thompson 2 goals). Referee: Tom McMahon; Crowd: 35,000

**NSW:** George Daisley, Benny Wearing, Frank O’Rourke, Frank Rule, Jimmy Love, Jerry Brien, Jimmy Johnson, Reg Latta (c), Bill Hardman, Alf O’Connor, Pat Murphy, Arthur Justice, Bill Ives

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Bill Spencer, Jim Craig (c), Tom Gorman, Bill Paten, John Hunt, Duncan Thompson, Herb Steinohrt, Harry Leibke, Vic Armbruster, Norm Potter, Arthur Henderson, Jim Bennett

#### 22 August 1925 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 26** (W. Spencer 2, C. Aynesley, J. Bennett, N. Potter, A. Henderson tries; J. Craig 4 goals) **NSW 8** (B. Wearing 2 tries; goal). Referee: Reg Leighton; Crowd: 15,000

**Queensland:** Eric Frauenfelder, Cecil Aynesley, Tom Gorman, Jim Craig (c), Bill Spencer, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Herb Steinohrt, Harry Leibke, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter

**NSW:** Jack Lawrence, Stan Brain, Frank Rule, Cec Fifield, Benny Wearing, A. ‘Georgie’ Lane, Norm ‘Latchem’ Robinson, Reg Latta (c), Alf O’Connor, Bill Hardman, Stan Maker, Tom Leamey, Les Hayes

#### 29 August 1925 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 23** (H. Caples 2, T. McDonagh, J. Allman, A. Anderson tries; Caples 3, Aub Oxford goals) **NSW 18** (J. Lawrence, Stan Brain, N. Robinson, W. Hardman tries; G. Stettler 3 goals). Referee: Reg Leighton; Crowd: 6,000

**Queensland:** Bill ‘Circy’ Smith, Roy Lindsay, Harry Anderson, Jerry Allman, Mal Biggs, Harry Caples (c), Sid Malcolm, Jerry Johnson, Ted McGrath, Arthur Oxford, Eino Ripinen, Dan Dempsey, Bill McDonagh

**NSW:** George Daisley, Stan Brain, Jack Lawrence, Cec Fifield, Gordon Stettler, A 'Georgie' Lane, Norm 'Latchem' Robinson, Reg Latta (c), Alf O'Connor, Bill Hardman, Stan Maker, Tom Leamey, Gwynne Hughes

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### 5 June 1926 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**NSW 30** (F. O'Rourke 2, J. Toohey 2, E. Goddard, B. Wearing tries; Toohey 6 goals)

**Queensland 17** (A. Edwards, H. Caples, C. Aynsley, H. Steinohrt, N. Potter tries; Aynsley goal). Referee: Webby Neill; Crowd: 46,000

**Queensland:** Jim Craig, Bill Spencer, Harry Caples, Tom Gorman, Cecil Aynsley, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Herb Steinohrt, Harry Leibke, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter (c)

**NSW:** Nelson Hardy, Benny Wearing, Frank O'Rourke, Tom Arneman, Jack Toohey, Keith Ellis, A. 'Georgie' Lane (c), Aub Kelly, E. 'Ned' Goddard, Ernie Lapham, Bill Maizey, Arthur Justice, Harry Cavanough

### 7 June 1926 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**NSW 5** (A. Lane try; B. Wearing goal) **Queensland 3** (A. Henderson try). Referee: Webby Neill; Crowd: 40,000

**Queensland:** Jim Craig, Bill Paten, Harry Caples, Tom Gorman, Cecil Aynsley, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Herb Steinohrt, Bill Kavanagh, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter (c)

**NSW:** Nelson Hardy, Benny Wearing, Frank O'Rourke, Tom Arneman, Jack Toohey, Keith Ellis, A. 'Georgie' Lane (c), Aub Kelly, E. 'Ned' Goddard, Ernie Lapham, Bill Maizey, Arthur Justice, Harry Cavanough

Below: Action from the 1926 interstate series.



### 12 June 1926 at the Newcastle Sports Oval

**Queensland 26** (C. Aynsley 2, T. Gorman, N. Potter, J. McBrien, W. Kavanagh tries; A. Aynsley 3, J. Moores goals) **NSW 11** (F. Burge, E. Goddard, K. Ellis tries; B. Wearing goal). Referee: Webby Neill; Crowd: 7,000

**Queensland:** Harry Caples, Jim McBrien, Bill Paten, Tom Gorman, Cecil Aynsley, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Herb Steinohrt, Bill Kavanagh, Perce Parcell, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter (c)

**NSW:** Nelson Hardy, Benny Wearing, Frank O'Rourke, Syd Harris, Harry Finch, Keith Ellis, A. 'Georgie' Lane (c), Aub Kelly, E. 'Ned' Goddard, Ernie Lapham, Frank Burge, Arthur Justice, Harry Cavanough

### 3 July 1926 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 38** (J. Moores 2, N. Potter 2, A. Edwards 2, C. Aynsley, T. Gorman tries; Moores 7 goals) **NSW 0**. Referee: Reg Leighton; Crowd: 25,000

**Queensland:** Harry Caples, Cecil Aynsley, Jim Craig, Tom Gorman, Bill Paten, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Jim Purcell, Herb Steinohrt, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter (c)

**NSW:** Nelson Hardy, Harry Finch, Tom Arneman, Norm 'Latchem' Robinson, Jim Bell, Keith Ellis, A. 'Georgie' Lane (c), Aub Kelly, E. 'Ned' Goddard, Ernie Lapham, Bill Maizey, Arthur Justice, Harry Cavanough

### 10 July 1926 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground

**Queensland 37** (J. Moores 3, J. Purcell 2, N. Potter 2 tries; J. Craig 8 goals) **NSW 19** (E. Lapham 3, A. Kelly, K. Ellis tries; Lapham 2 goals). Referee: Reg Leighton; Crowd: 10,000

**Queensland:** Harry Caples, Cecil Aynsley, Jim Craig, Tom Gorman, Bill Paten, Jeff Moores, Arthur Edwards, Vic Armbruster, Jim Purcell, Herb Steinohrt, Jim Bennett, Arthur Henderson, Norm Potter (c)

**NSW:** Nelson Hardy, Eric Hogan, Tom Arneman, Norm Robinson, Frank O'Rourke, Keith Ellis, A. 'Georgie' Lane (c), Aub Kelly, Bill Hardman, Ernie Lapham, Les Bull, Arthur Justice, Harry Cavanough

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## 1927: Series Fifteen

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### 25 June 1927 at the Sydney Cricket Ground

**NSW 14** (B. Wearing, E. Root tries; F. O'Rourke 2, A. Blair goals, A. Righton field goal) **Queensland 10** (J. Craig, H. Leibke tries; Craig 2 goals). Referee: Webby Neill; Crowd: 56,437