

# 'Ter-ref-ic'!

**T**HE STANDARD of refereeing at the Endeavour Field, in all grades last Sunday, was the highest I've seen for years.

Although my team lost the first grade game I have no excuses to offer and certainly would not point the bone at the referee.

I sense there has been a major upheaval in the refereeing ranks. The appointment of former referee Cliff Brown as supremo has obviously worked wonders. The referees in each grade got on with the job. I often referred to the program to see who the referee was.

If ever referees were going to grab the spotlight it was last weekend.

It was the first weekend of Rugby League color television yet, from what I've heard and seen, not one of the white brigade tried to put on a show pony's act.

We saw more football and less of the referee.

I have no excuses to offer for Cronulla's first round defeat. We were beaten by a better side, but it does mean I will be a lot tougher with the players.

I have wielded the axe this week and can't afford to be kind.

We fell for the thimble and pea

—says  
**Johnny Raper**

trick from Penrith's gladiator, Bill Ashurst.

What a mighty player he is! His double dummy fooled my boys every time. He was in full control and I reckon he appreciated the atmosphere of the Endeavour Field which is very similar to that of an English football ground.

I had heard rumours that there was off the field trouble at Penrith.

Well, there was no sign of it on the field.

Captain Mike Stephenson got the full support from his team and he set a very high standard.

His combination with Ashurst left us floundering.

Stephenson is a magnificent captain and he played us off a break.

And what about the Panthers' young prop, Glen Stolzenheim. Oh boy, didn't he give us some curry! He has an outstanding future.

It's been a long time since I've seen a prop step off his left foot with such certainty.

I am not disappointed. I know where we collapsed. Our strength, the forwards, was our weakness.

There was no aggression in the forwards. My pack went on a tackling strike. We reached in the tackle. There was no full blooded stuff.

And our handling? Best forgotten!



Canterbury winger Chris Anderson in action on Sunday at Belmore. He was all the rage with Widnes.

## Chris makes a big hit

**CANTERBURY'S** Chris Anderson — fresh from an off-season in England — is destined to make a return to the Old Country.

But next time he'll be wearing the green and gold of Australia.

That's the considered opinion of 'The Wild Bull of the Pampas', Vince Karalius.

And what better judge could there be.

Karalius was the star of many memorable Anglo-Australian clashes during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and knows just what is required for such games.

Karalius is the coach of Widnes, Anderson's club while in England.

"Anderson is a great player," Karalius noted. "He is a miniature Billy Boston. Not the fastest runner in the world, but

he could eat a man so easily. He left opponents bewildered.

"I vividly remember a hat-trick of tries he scored at Dewsbury.

"Alan Hardisty (now Dewsbury's coach) couldn't get over the tremendous power he displayed for a player his size.

"He was unorthodox. Look at him on the wing when the play was away

from him. He didn't seem interested. He was somehow unconcerned.

"Then suddenly he'd take the ball and come alive like a fire-cracker.

"From 30 to 40 yards out he was lethal.

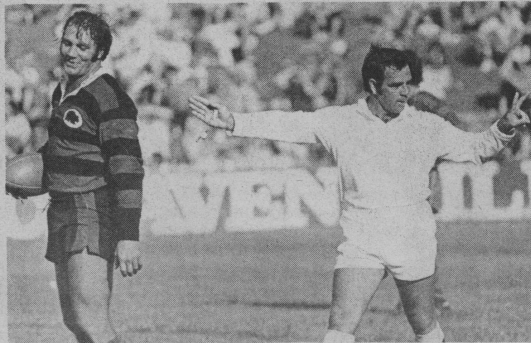
"And I am sure we didn't see this lad at his peak at Widnes. There is no doubt in my mind that he will come back to this country as an international tourist."

Anderson played 16 games for Widnes. But fellow countryman John Peek had his stay marred by injury.

Karalius reckons he went easy on both of them as far as training was concerned.

"Chris and John weren't marvellous trainers while they were here," he admits. "I suppose they felt it was a bit of a holiday."

Holiday or not, Anderson really set the world on fire here.



Norths prop Brian Norton has a chuckle to himself after referee Greg Hartley awards the Bears a penalty on Saturday at Redfern. Photo: JOHN KNIGHT.

# The Stars Wear 3 Stripes



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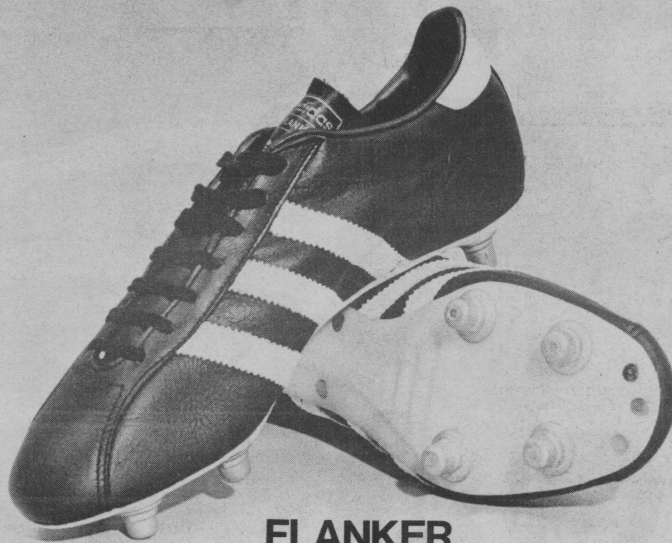
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