

Kinchela Boys Strike Again in Boxing and Soccer

Here are three reports about successes of boys at the Board's Training Home, Kinchela, near Kempsey. The Kinchela boys excel at sport, and because of their good sportsmanship—win or lose—they have become wonderful ambassadors for their race. These reports give instances, at Gloucester, Singleton, and Kotara (near Newcastle), of the way in which the Kinchela boys have created their reputations, and how people in the towns open their houses to them.

BOXING

Mr H. A. Henricksen, manager of the Kinchela home, reports: "On 31 July, the Kinchela Boys' Boxing Team travelled 132 miles in the home vehicle to take part in a boxing tournament at Gloucester.

"Unfortunately only 6 of the 13 boys were matched. Of the six, three won and three lost. The winners, Ken Johnson, Robbie Peters and Carey Jarrett fought very well indeed. Robbie won on a TKO in the second round, Ken's man could not come up for the last round, and Carey got a well-earned points decision.

"Ken Johnson, in the ring for the first time, gave a polished display—his heavy, straight punching had his man in trouble from the bell and Ken did not let up.

"After the bout Ken was congratulated by many of the trainers and managers and all predict big things for him in the boxing world.

"Of the losers, Dennis Johnson was the unlucky one. Many thought he had won, but most of his punches were ill-directed and many failed to find the mark. Cec Leon, having his first bout, was very nervous and failed to take advantage of the many opportunities presented to him, and, as a consequence, he lost. Tommy Clayton also lost, for the same reasons."

Two weeks later, the boys went to Singleton, 222 miles from Kinchela. Of seven bouts, they won three and lost four. Cec Leon, Dennis Johnson and Tommy Clayton showed that they had learnt

from their previous bouts and won easily. Cec KO'd his man early in the second round, and Dennis and Tommy won comfortably with clean, straight punching.

Ken Johnson, Carey Jarrett, Gus Bates and Doug Russell fought well but lost their bouts on close decisions. Gus Bates, current State 5 st. 7 lb. title holder, was matched with the current Police Boys' Club champion. Gus was not up to his usual good form and many of his punches went astray. His lack of form, and Doug Russell's, has understandable because they had not fought since the titles in May.

SOCCER

On 21 and 22 August, seven teams from the Kempsey Soccer Association (including 24 boys from Kinchela) went to Kotara, near Newcastle, to play 14 social matches with the Kotara club.

One of the best efforts from the Kempsey teams was the performance of Kinchela's senior team, who were undefeated during the carnival. They played against a team who had not been beaten for two years. Kinchela won the first match 2-0, and drew the second 1-1.

Mr H. J. Byrnes, team manager for Kinchela, said that Kotara were amazed by Kinchela's teamwork, speed and ball control. All the Kinchela boys played soundly, and Henry Suey, Ken Johnson, Arthur Russell and goalie Tommy Clayton gave a polished display. For a team playing its first season at Soccer the Kinchela boys did remarkably well.

The junior side lost both their matches but most certainly were not disgraced. Adrian Bates as goalie earned many rounds of applause by saving many shots that looked like certain goals. Trevor Knight, Greg Cromelin and Cec Leon more than earned their place in the team, and Kinchela's two nine-year-old Soccer addicts, Ian (Crow) Lowe and Allan (Boomps) Cooper, showed great promise.

The Kinchela boys were billeted during their stay at Kotara in houses of club members. The Kotara people proved to be good hosts and on the Saturday night Kinchela boys could have been found at the drive-in movies, ten-pin bowling, or watching TV.

Dawn passes on the sincere thanks of the Kinchela boys, and Messrs Henricksen and Byrnes, to the people of Kotara, Singleton and Gloucester, and to the Aborigines Welfare Board for making these trips possible. The hospitality and friendliness shown by the townspeople is a good guide to the way they feel about the Kinchela boys.