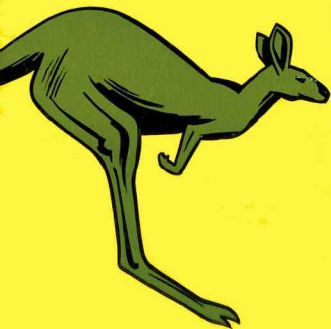


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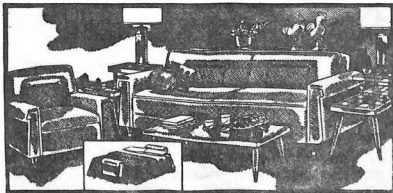
I sincerely hope the weather is kind to you, and the ground firm, so that we may see you at your best.

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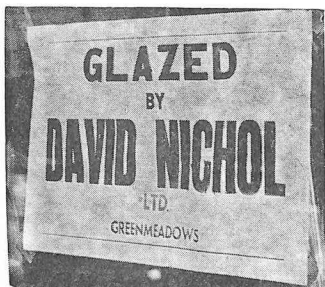


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David Burnett

David Burnett, age 20, 5ft 11in, 13st, inside centre. Last year he blossomed forth to gain a position as reserve in the Australian team against the Springboks. He also played for Sydney against the Springboks, and selectors, appreciating his potential as an attacking centre, chose him for N.S.W. and Sydney v. France and for Australia in the two tests against France.

R. (Dick) Cocks, age 27, 6ft 1in, 15st, lock. Played for Country since 1967. Toured South Africa with Wallabies in 1969. Spent 1971 in South Africa and played for Western Province. In 1972 he represented N.S.W. and Australia and Country against France.

John Cole, age 26, 6ft, 13st 8lb, wing. An established Australian player. He first represented New South Wales in 1967, and has been in N.S.W. each year since. In the international sphere he is experienced and reliable. He toured South Africa with the Australian team



Dick Cocks

in 1969 and has played against Ireland, Scotland and British Isles. Last year he accepted an invitation to appear in the centenary celebrations matches in the United Kingdom and upon his return to Sydney he was selected for N.S.W. against British Isles. He also played in the tests against the visiting South African team. He suffered a broken jaw early this season and upon his return to match play on July 8 gave a classy display for Randwick against Eastern Suburbs.

Greg Davis, age 33, 5ft 11in, 13st 6lb, break-away. Educated in New Zealand, Davis has been prominent in Australian teams for years and has 35 caps for Australia. He has been to South Africa twice, having captained the 1969 team. He also toured New Zealand and the British Isles, played in the U.K. centenary celebrations matches and has seen action against Scotland, the British Isles and South Africa last year. He led the Australian team



John Cole



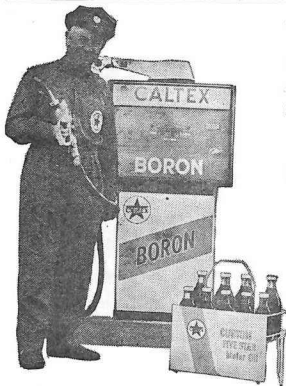
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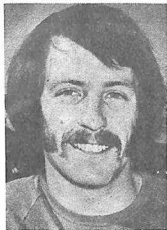
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Gary Grey

in France in 1971 and this year captained Sydney, N.S.W. and Australia (twice) against France.

Russel Fairfax, age 20, 5ft 10½in, 12st 11lb, five-eighth or fullback. A much talked about player who excels as five-eighth or fullback. He plays his football with the exuberance of confident youth. At fullback, which he prefers, he constantly joins the attack, sometimes creating some anxiety, but his judgment of when to do so is sound. As a five-eighth he can cut the defence. He also is a good goal kicker and a colourful defender. He appeared on the "international scene" in 1970 when he was picked to play for Sydney against Scotland. He won a place in the Australian team to France last year and this season he played in invitation matches in New Zealand and in recent weeks played for Sydney, N.S.W. and Australia (both tests) against France.

Garriek Fay, age 24, 6ft 5½in, 17st, 2nd row. Played for N.S.W. v. Queensland in 1972. Played for Sydney, Junior Wallabies and in the second test against the Springboks in 1971.

Played against France for Sydney this year. First tour with the Wallabies. Improving after playing against visiting international teams.

Mick Freney, age 24, 5ft 8in, 12st 13lb, hooker. Toured New Zealand with Queensland 1970 and played against visiting international teams. An experienced player who has had some fine matches for the State in recent seasons. Very speedy in the loose play.

A. (Tony) Gelling, age 25, 6ft 3in, 14st, lock. First represented Country 1967. Has toured New Zealand with Country and N.S.W., and played against France this year.

Gary Grey, age 24, 5ft 6in, 11st, half-back. Played for Country since 1967. Toured France and North America with Wallabies 1971. Many times reserve for N.S.W. and Australia. Reserve v. France 1972.

David L'Estrange, age 24, 5ft 9in, 12st 7lb, outside centre. Toured to France in 1971 with the Wallabies. Played for Junior Wallabies against Springboks in 1971. Has been injured this season and only recently came back into representative football.



John Howard



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John Howard, age 27, 5ft 11in, 14st 8lb, prop. His original sport was rowing although he played Rugby when at school. Rugby recaptured his interest when there were thoughts on the personnel of the team likely to visit South Africa in 1969. He won chances in the trial games and so impressed that he was chosen for the South African tour. Since his return he has been a regular in representative teams, the selectors being loathe to break up the Prosser-Johnson-Howard front-row formation. In 1970 he played against Scotland, in 1971 he represented N.S.W. and Australia against South Africa and the British Isles. This year he played for Sydney and N.S.W. against France alongside Prosser.

Arthur McGill, age 28, 5ft 10in, 14st 2lb, fullback. Established as Australia's best fullback and has played 17 tests. He made his first appearance as a representative player when chosen for New South Wales in 1967, and has been on the scene since. His first international was in 1968. He has represented Australia against New Zealand, France (twice), Scotland, British Isles and South Africa in home series. As a tourist he has been abroad with Australian teams to Ireland and Scotland 1968, and was in South Africa as Australia's fullback in 1969 and France 1971. Played in the tests in Australia v. South Africa 1971.

Jeffrey McLean, age 24, 6ft 1in, 13st 5lb, wing. A very fast winger. Has represented

Queensland since 1969 against Fiji, Scotland, British Isles, South Africa and France (in France and Australia).

Roydon Prosser, age 30, 6ft, 15st 12lb, prop. Another experienced Australian player, now in his 10th year of representative football for either N.S.W. or Australia. He has toured New Zealand, British Isles, France, Canada, South Africa and Malaysia with his club in 1970. In 1970 he played against Scotland in Australia, and was in the N.S.W. and Australian teams against the 1971 British Isles and South Africa. He toured France in 1971 and played for Sydney, N.S.W. and Australia (two tests) against France 1972.

David Rathle, age 22, 5ft 11in, 13st 6lb, inside centre. This speedy youngster is on the threshold of a great first class career. A Sheffield Shield cricketer, David naturally enough has quick hands and an eye for an opening. A hard tackler, he toured to France 1971, Japan 1972, and was an Australian centre against France 1972, playing in the two tests.

Geoffrey Richardson, age 23, 5ft 10in, 12st 10lb, five-eighth. The "find" of the 1971 season in Queensland. A fitness fanatic, he is the pivot of the team's backline hopes. Played for N.S.W. and N.S.W. Country against Fiji and British Isles 1969, and for Australia against South Africa 1971 and Queensland against France 1972.

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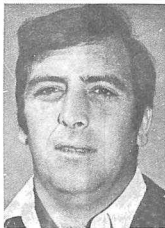
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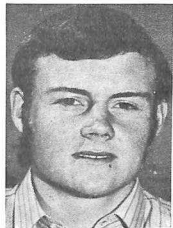
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David Rathie

Reginald Smith, age 24, 6ft 4in, 16st 3lb, second row. A former Country player, he visited New Zealand in 1970 with a N.S.W. side, and in 1971 he played against the Springboks for N.S.W. and Australia, then toured France with the Wallaby team. Is recognised as one of Australia's best second-row forwards, and did well for Sydney, N.S.W. and Australia (two tests) against France 1972.

Trevor Stegman, age 25, 5ft 11in, 13st 4lb, centre. A very useful and steady player with good defence. He played in the centre alongside Burnet last year against Country and later was five-eighth in the New South Wales side against British Isles. He is a former Country player, having played for Country against the British Lions in 1966 at Canberra. This year he was in the centre for N.S.W. against France.

Barry Stumbles, age 24, 6ft 4in, 15st 6lb, second row. He formerly played for Country, and first represented N.S.W. in 1970 against Scotland. He toured New Zealand in 1970, was in France with the Wallabies in 1971, and was a reserve against South Africa last

year. Recently he was in the Australian Colts' team which visited Japan. This year he played for Sydney and N.S.W. against France.

Peter Sullivan, age 24, 6ft 2in, 14st 9lb, breakaway. He first represented N.S.W. in 1966 against visiting teams from the British Isles and is one of the finest backrow forwards in Australia. His positional play is uncanny and his pace in following the ball, either in attack or defence, makes him extremely important in a team. He toured with N.S.W. to New Zealand in 1970, and gained valuable experience last year against the South Africans and won a place in the Australian team that toured France. This year he played for Sydney, N.S.W. and Australia (two tests) against France.

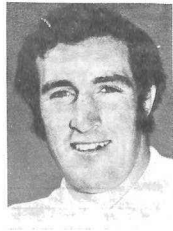
John Taylor, age 22, 5ft 9in, 12st, wing. In 1971 the State and national selectors gave him well-earned chances when they chose him to play for New South Wales and Australia against the Springboks. This year he represented N.S.W. against France and was in the two tests against the Frenchmen.



Geoffrey Richardson



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THE BOYS FROM THE BUSH

This article was specially written for the programme by Mr Ian Gleeson, the senior Rugby writer for Australia's only national daily newspaper, The Australian. Ian, who is a brother of Australian cricketer, Johnny Gleeson, is the only Australian journalist travelling with the 1972 Wallaby team.

Even before Don Bradman — now Sir Donald — picked up his first cricket bat and belted his first cricket ball at Bowral, N.S.W., Australians living outside the major metropolitan areas had established themselves as capable sportsmen.

'The boy from Bowral', as Sir Donald became known, continued this saga which has become just as much a part of Australian history as the bushrangers and the gold fields.

Bradman included, all sportsmen from provincial areas receive the tag — 'the boy from the bush' — and through the efforts of many hard working Rugby people, Rugby Union is now filling a void and is literally 'going bush'.

Country areas of Australia are always included in the itinerary of touring teams and, as is the case in most rural areas, the country visit allows team members to relax in an atmosphere far removed from the hustle and bustle of a big city.

All Australian States are taking part in the Rugby expansion which is giving the code an unprecedented following throughout the length and breadth of the vast Australian Continent.

Because of its amateur approach, which is like a breath of fresh air in this modern finance-biased society in which we live, and its 'sport for sport sake' attitude, some of the Rugby revolution stories almost have a romantic ring to them.

It is not my intention here to give a detailed account of the Rugby revolution but a brief mention of two areas in which the game is progressing, will, I hope, give you an indication of the nation-wide happening.

PROGRESS

I often feel that mentioning clothes to a nudist is a parallel of mentioning Rugby in Victoria, but the Rugby progress in that Australian-rules stronghold is nothing short of remarkable.

Four new clubs were formed in Melbourne during the 1971-72 summer and are now fielding teams in the city's competition. Since then two other clubs have formed and are preparing for the 1973 season.

Bendigo, which was part of the scene of the mid-19th century gold rush, now has a club in its first competitive season.

The day before the first test match in Wellington the N.Z.R.U. approved a tour of New Zealand by a Victorian team in 1973.

Since 1965 Melbourne team numbers, including junior, has trebled and with new clubs forming this trend is certain to continue.

Queensland Country is the other area where a mention here is most certainly warranted.

SURGING AHEAD

With principal centres at Toowoomba, Rockhampton and Townsville, Rugby in the country is surging ahead.

Rugby administrators in Queensland have a positive approach to the game they love and early this season the Queensland Country team made its first inter-State tour which included games in Sydney, Newcastle and Inverell.

Apart from matches in Melbourne and Sydney the Junior All Black tour of Australia early this year was centred on Queensland and with similar tours in the offing the Rugby progress is assured.

The 1972 Wallaby team playing on McLean Park, Napier, this afternoon has its fair share of country or former country-based players.

Although never likely to attain the depth which New Zealand Rugby enjoys, the Australian 'Boys from the Bush' are playing a big part in steering Australia towards a deeper depth of talent for the selection of future Wallaby teams.

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11 J. McLean
 12 D. Rathie
 5 R. Smith
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Robert Thompson, age 25, 5ft 10in, 14st, hooker. Originally from New Zealand, he is now living in Western Australia. Thompson played against South Africa in 1971 for Australia and his State. Toured to France in 1971. Played against France in 1972 for his State.

Robert Wood, age 24, 6ft 4in, 14st 12lb, lock. Captained Australian Colts in Japan. A speedy forward with experience against visiting overseas teams.



Peter Sullivan

Robert Ian Templeton, assistant manager, age 39. Mr Templeton is presently the coach for the Australian Rugby Football Union and is a member of the selection panel. He was the assistant manager for the Wallabies tour of France last year and coached the Wallabies against France this year. Has been a selector for Queensland from 1961 to 1971 and a coach for that State from 1962-1971. Mr Templeton has been assistant manager for Queensland touring teams to Fiji and New Zealand in 1963 and 1970. He has also coached an Australian XV against Fiji in 1969. Coached a Queensland team from 1959-1961.

Joseph Philip French, manager, age 56. Started Rugby with St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, and from 1934 to 1939 played with Christian Brothers Old Boys Club. He represented Queensland in 1935 and 1936. From 1946-1953 he coached Brothers O.B. Club 1st grade and was coach for Queensland in 1951-52. He managed the 1963 Queensland team to New Zealand and in 1964 managed the Wallabies to New Zealand. Mr French was Queensland selector from 1959 to 1967 and Australian selector from 1961 to 1969. He is a life member of the Queensland Rugby Union and a Vice-President of the Australian Rugby Football Union. Mr French managed the Australian team to France in 1971, and also against France this season.

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Match Record

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The team's match record was:—

v. Wanganui	won	14-0
v. Auckland	lost	6-11
v. East Coast	won	28-3
v. New Zealand	lost	9-14
v. Mid-Canterbury	lost	10-16
v. New Zealand	lost	3-18
v. Bush	won	19-13
v. New Zealand	won	20-5

Remaining games to be played by the Australian team during its New Zealand tour are:—

Aug. 29—v. Nelson Bays, Nelson.

Sept. 2—v. New Zealand (second test), Christchurch.

Sept. 5—v. North Otago, Oamaru.

Sept. 9—Waikato, Hamilton.

Sept. 12—v. East Coast-Poverty Bay, Gisborne.

Sept 16—v. New Zealand (third test), Auckland.

Historic Moment

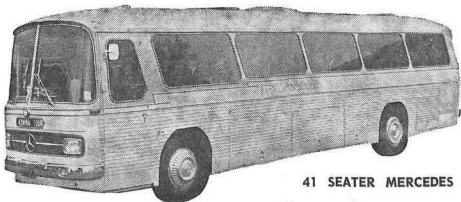
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The decision to telecast this game follows years of controversy within the union and it is somewhat appropriate that Hawke's Bay has the first honour because they were among the original few that advocated such a move.

It is to be hoped that this will be the forerunner of many more live Rugby telecasts in New Zealand, especially pre-sold test matches which the average enthusiast has practically no chance of seeing.

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Australians Unenviable Record

Australia has an unenviable record in matches against Hawke's Bay. It has played three games for three losses.

Australia first played Hawke's Bay in 1936, going down 14-20. Hawke's Bay was down 6-3 at halftime and the second spell was well under way when Australia was penalised on the halfway near touch.

Hawke's Bay's young second five-eighth, Colin Le Quesne, soon to be transferred to Wellington, came up to take the kick.

With a graceful sweep, Le Quesne sent his dropkick sailing high and clear between the uprights.

Towards the end of the game Le Quesne also scored a try. Behind the goalposts were touch judges "Wild Bill" Cerutti, of Australia, and noted Napier referee Edgar Berry.

With typical Aussie bluntness, Cerutti turned to Berry and said: "That Le Qweznee should have been transferred last week".

On the second occasion Hawke's Bay and Australia clashed at Napier's McLean Park, the tourists went down 11-14. This was an outstanding win for Hawke's Bay as they were the only provincial side in New Zealand to beat the Australians on that tour.

The last occasion on which Hawke's Bay met the Wallabies was in 1958.

THREE WINS

It was the first match of the tour and Hawke's Bay triumphed 8-6 to make it three wins in a row when G. W. Lawrence scored late in the game and M. T. Edwards converted.

Members of the Hawke's Bay team that day were:—Edwards; H. C. Maret, D. A. Scrimgeour, D. H. Alderson; B. M. Troy (captain), Lawrence; B. R. Neale; A. D. Coutts; G. Koopu, E. A. Hogge, L. W. Cooper, P. Wilkie; R. J. Sharplin, P. D. Cooper, G. J. Grooby.

Barry Neale continued to be a regular member of the Hawke's Bay team for some years and only retired from active club Rugby last season.

Incidentally, the selector of the Hawke's Bay team was Colin Le Quesne.

The halfback in the Australian team was Des Connor and it is interesting to note a comment in the 1959 New Zealand Rugby Almanack on the tour: "At halfback the side was well served by D. M. Connor, a player New Zealand would have been pleased to have"

As everybody now knows, Connor did, in fact, cross the Tasman for some years and played for the All Blacks. He returned to his home country and was coach and selector of the Australian team which nearly beat the 1968 All Blacks at Brisbane.

Other notables in the Australian team that lost to Hawke's Bay were John Thornett, one of the greatest Wallaby forwards, flying winger Eddie Stapleton, and fullback Terry Curley, who later became a Marist brother.

The team played 13 matches in New Zealand, winning six, losing six, and drawing one.

Old Rivals

One member of the Australian team is to receive a particular welcome during the team's visit to Hawke's Bay. He is the captain Greg Davis, who is an old friend and playing rival of Hawke's Bay Union chairman Tom Johnson.

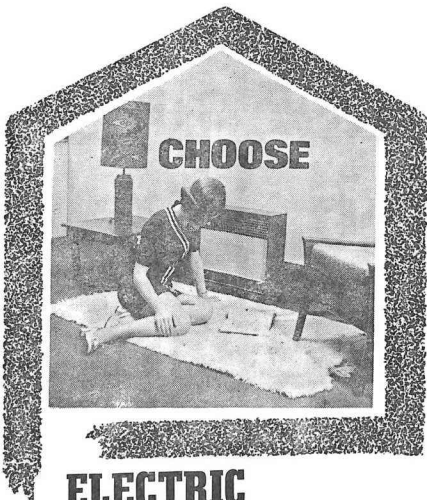
Davis, a New Zealander, first played against Johnson in 1958 when he was representing Thames Valley as a second five-eighth. Johnson was a loose forward, playing his first match for Waikato.

The same season the pair played for the Vikings against North Auckland, Davis again being in the backs.

In 1961 Davis and Johnson played in the early All Black trial at Palmerston North. On this occasion they were both loose forwards.

They next met in 1964 when Johnson was a member of the Auckland side which beat the 1964 Australians 11-6. Johnson and Davis were opposing flankers in this match.

Halfback Des Connor, who toured with the 1958 Australian side, also played for Auckland.



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New Ticket Allocation System

(By Mr Tom Johnson, chairman of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union's management committee.)

Whenever there is an international Rugby match played in Hawke's Bay it seems to generate some criticism over what is considered the unfair allocation and distribution of seats, or tickets.

This is a hardy annual and it is probably impossible to completely solve to the satisfaction of everybody unless we had a situation where there were more seats available for sale than the demand.

This year the union has looked at the introduction of an improved system, even recognising at the outset that it would probably not satisfy everybody. Although the system is not to be introduced this year it is possible it could be a most satisfactory way of handling ticket sales next year when the Springboks will be here and the demand will be great.

Previously the tickets have been divided proportionately amongst the sub-unions who have been responsible for allocating and selling the tickets in their own areas.

FAIRER SYSTEM

The proposed system, which we consider is fairer, would benefit the clubs and the genuine Rugby supporter. This would be a system whereby the clubs are given first preference in ticket allocation and only those tickets left available would go on sale to the public.

This way the player, referee, administrator and club supporter, who are of prime importance to the game, would get the first opportunity.

Secondly, the system would help develop stronger clubs by providing incentive for Rugby enthusiasts to become genuine club supporters, for example honorary members, therefore strengthening the game.

This particular system may have some difficulties in its implementation in the sub-unions but it is a scheme which could be readily adopted in Napier and Hastings.

Had it been introduced this year for the Australian match it may have provided incentive for clubs to sell tickets as the allocation for next year's Springbok match to a degree could have been based on the performance.

CLUB FACILITIES

There have been some very worthwhile proposals made as to club facilities that need to be developed from a social point of view to attract young players.



Mr Tom Johnson, chairman of the Hawke's Bay Rugby Union.

There are proposals that would provide opportunity for the young parent of the young family to maintain his club ties.

This would help with junior Rugby and would overcome the gap between present players and former players who have not played the game for some 15 or more years.

There seems to be almost universal agreement that the grading of players should be on an age basis rather than on the present weight and age basis that many areas apply.

There is an almost universal need acknowledged for sound coaching of coaches right through from the early level up until senior football.

COACHING SCHOOL

With this in mind, and in conjunction with the national coaching school run by the NZ Rugby Union, the management committee of the Hawke's Bay Union have started to organise a coaching school.

It will be held in Hawke's Bay in March and run by the best people available in the area.

With people like our former All Blacks and Ranfurly Shield players, the former Hawke's Bay selector Mr Colin Le Quesne, some successful senior and junior coaches it is felt a very good coaching school can be developed.



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It is envisaged by the union that if a group of coaches is formed to organise and administrate our coaching then follow-up courses can be organised in all sub-unions and a pool of resourceful coaches can be drawn from to help any club, sub-union or lower grade team in the whole of the Hawke's Bay area. Further nights or day sessions, with coaching films and panel discussions, can be organised as needed.

The N.Z. union has made available a number of coaching pamphlets which have been circulated throughout the clubs in Hawke's Bay and it is hoped that this type of information will be of assistance to young coaches particularly.

PROMOTION

During the year there has been considerable discussion on the promotion of junior Rugby, both at a national level and in Hawke's Bay.

The challenges made by other sporting codes and the effect of other interests attractively presented to younger people today have stirred the administrators of Rugby into looking at ways and means of presenting the game in a more attractive manner.

I personally believe this competition is a healthy sign and it will create a situation in which we will see a resurgence of interest in our lower grades.

In Hawke's Bay a select committee has been formed by the management committee to look into the problems associated with junior Rugby in the province. Submissions have been called for from clubs, schools and anybody else genuinely interested in the promotion of the game.

I have been greatly impressed by the quality of the submissions we have received and regardless of whether or not we can resolve the conflict between clubs and schools for young players in a satisfactory manner I am certain there have been many proposals on the promotion of the game that can be adopted with overall benefit.

We certainly hope that whatever comes out of the hearings to be held in September our junior Rugby will benefit next year.

Rugby Ball

Rugby fans will have a chance to meet all the players and administrators of Rugby in Hawke's Bay on October 14 when the first-ever Rugby Ball will be staged in the Centennial Hall, Napier. The ball is replacing the normal end of season function, which in the past has been restricted to men only, and it should be one of the social highlights of the year.

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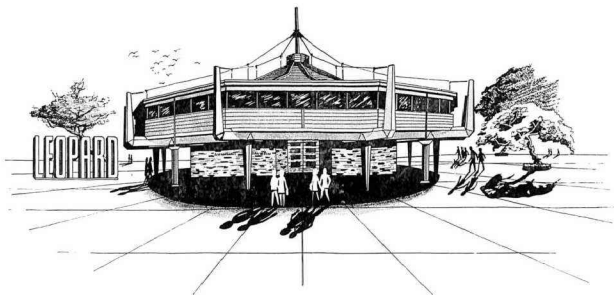
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