

West's Football Songs

“The Wearing of the Red and Green” – by Slim Hunter

They play football every weekend, and rarely do we lose
But when we do, it's to the Club, to drink away our blues
We talk about the tries we scored, and all the goals we've kicked
We talk about the other side, especially those we've licked

Chorus

Oh! We have the finest football team, that you have ever seen
The call them West Rosellas, and they play in Red and Green

Come and see our football heroes, the boys who bring us fame
We see them get together, and we know them all by name
So come along next weekend, see football at its best
And you'll agree, you'll never see, a better team than West!

Slim Hunter 14 April 1968

To the Tune – “Down in the Caribbean” – by Slim Hunter

Oh, have you ever seen a better football team
Than the one that plays for West
They come from miles away, just to see them play
For they say that “West is Best”
The Western Suburbs boys fill the crowd with joy
They're the best you've ever seen
You'd better come along, when e'er you hear this song
And see the boys in Red and Green

Oh, watch the forwards play, they're out to win today
Like so many times before
They're searching for those cracks, to feed the speedy backs
It's grand to see the wingers score
They more than do their share, the half and five eight pair
And the centres are supreme
You'd better come along, when e'er you hear this song
And see the boys in Red and Green.....UP WEST!!

Slim Hunter 10 June 1966



Tribute to Brian Carlin – by Slim Hunter

(Brian Carlin – 97 games – 1964 to 1971)

Every now and then a player, will appear upon the scene
With the utmost dedication, he'll join the local team
And when the odds are greatest, when your team is sorely pressed
He will rise to the occasion, and give you of his best

All the talents he possesses, he will give you till he drops
And it goes without saying, that he'll always be the tops
Brian Carlin's football history, has proved this to be so
He's represented every district, he ever chanced to go

Right from his very early football days, he's always made the top
And at the time of writing, there's no telling when he'll stop
For age has not diminished, his Rugby League ambition
To represent his district and play in top condition

As a leader he inspires his mates to strive....to win
And likewise give the effort, that they expect from him
We are mighty proud of Brian, and rightly it would seem
He always seems to play his best, when he wears the "Red and Green"!

Slim Hunter May 1970

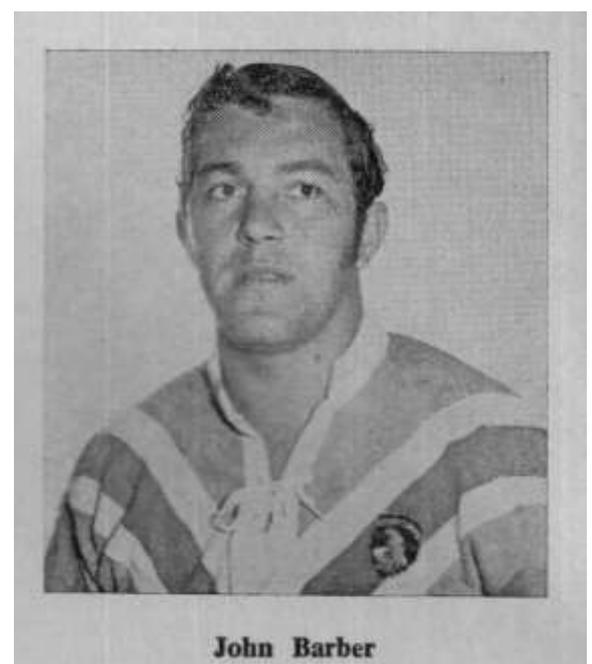


"Big Barb" – John Barber – by Slim Hunter

(John Barber – 70 games – 1969 to 1971)

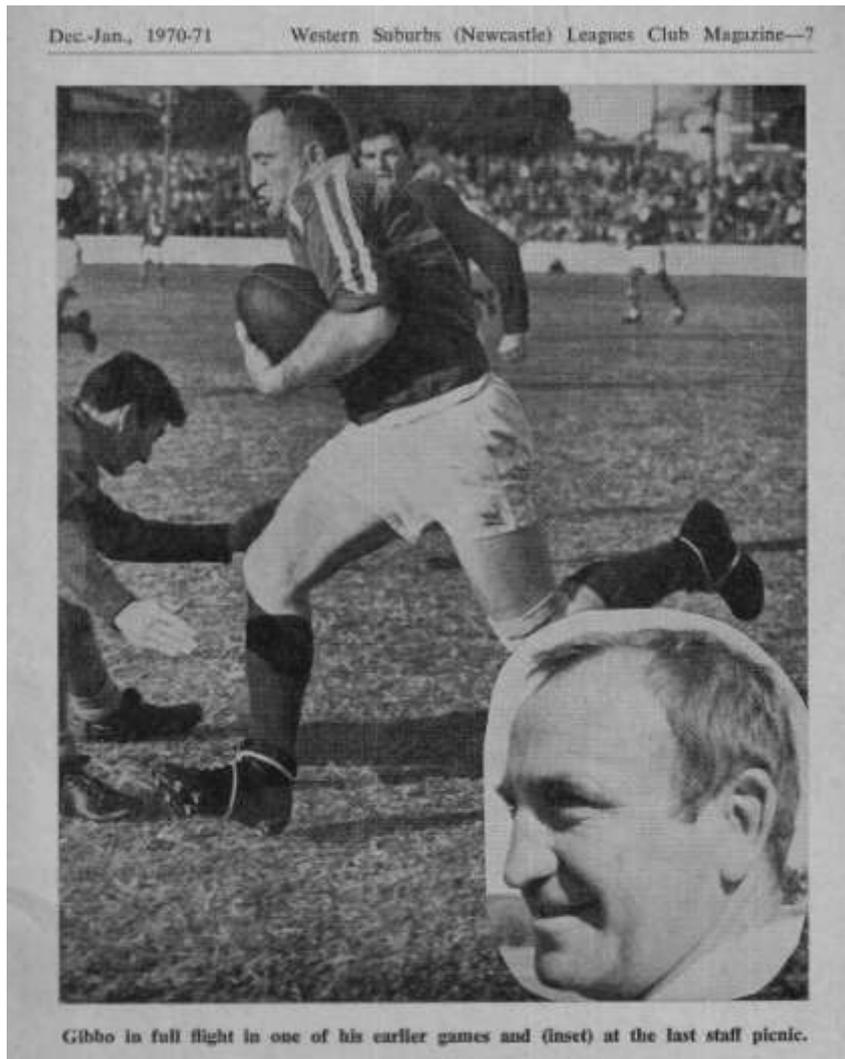
You can't miss "Barb" if you watch him play
His game is "as big as himself", I hear you say
In the front row is where his talents show
They throw him the ball, then "off he go"
It takes two or three, to steady his stride
Then he gets his pass to the man inside
He'll reach the top in this football game
Predicted a player of Wallaby fame
But the Union code is not to see
Just how good John is destined to be
He repped for his club, the very first year
Loud was the praise, and very sincere
We have a wish, for a very good reason
That this is John Barber's finest season!

Slim Hunter 14 April 1971



“Mr Durable” – Neil Gibson – by Slim Hunter

(Neil Gibson – 203 games – 1951 to 1971)



Ask anyone that follows, the football game today
How many games of football, can one man play?
The answer can't be written, for none of us can say
We've got to wait 'til "Gibbo", gives the game away
As tough as teak and durable, with a record hard to beat
He's played two generations, a most fantastic feat
Just stop and talk to Neil, it surely is a treat
The tales he tells of football, are too many to repeat
For he's played for club and district, throughout the years gone past
No one can say for certain, which game will be his last
For he'll don the West club jersey, whenever he is asked
And plays in backs or forwards, wherever he is cast
Surely the most versatile, of all the men from West
At just 18 a senior, he always gives his best
Whether we are battling, or up upon the crest
He's just the type that makes it possible.....to say that "West is Best"
So, Neil we dip our lid to you, you always play it tough
You were always in the front line, if the play is somewhat rough
You fulfilled all obligations, you never had to bluff
And we'll all be proud to know you, when you say..... "I've had enough"

Slim Hunter 29 October 1970

“The Rugby League Referee’s Lament” – by Slim Hunter

When the game is going badly, and the crowds are not so good
And the gates are sadly dropping, as they never really should
*When they analyse the causes, they undoubtedly will find
There is only one explanation...the referees are blind!*
They appease the fickle public, with a statement in the press
That scrums and rucks are terrible, and penalties are less
*But the very wearied public, are most contented to believe
That that the villain of the game, are those “ratbag” referees*

Now consider for a moment, all the aspects of the case
The more unpleasant features, which some folk will not face
*Who is it that commits the breaches, whether big or very small
And...surely it’s not the referees who start the violent brawls*
If players would be rational, as league players seldom are
And a little less parochial, things would improve...by far
*And our whistle blowing symphonies, would be silent..now..and..then
And referees would not have to venture back, to be abused again*

Players should read the rule book, and be “friendly” for a change
Then it would be easier, for the referee....and even for the game
*The important reason, is not all that difficult to see
It’s because referees are dedicated, to our game...Rugby League*
The ref is only human, and he surely is not made
To hold the game together, or conduct a lone crusade
*‘til we get cooperation, which the game so sorely needs
Who would care to blow a whistle....who’d be a REFEREE!*

Slim Hunter March 1971

“Records” Warby – Brian Warby – by Slim Hunter

(Brian Warby – 198 games – 1 316 points – 1958 to 1972)

Dedication is the secret, it’s the way records are made
And “Records” Warby realized this, when he learnt the football trade
*To “rep” against the Englishmen, would satisfy the best
But he planned to set a record...a challenge to the rest*

One hundred points a season, his most consistent feat
Six tries in one Grand Final, surely very hard to beat
*To create the awesome record, that reads one thousand plus
And all for Western Suburbs, that really pleases us*

“Warbs” answered every call, that this club has ever made
No matter what position....no matter what the grade
*A CLUBMAN to be proud of, always high in our esteem
“Warbs” will always be a credit, to the colours....RED and GREEN!*

Slim Hunter 1 November 1971



“Farewell Allan” – Allan Buman - by Slim Hunter

(Allan Buman – 123 games – 1961 to 1971)

It seems we are approaching, the parting of our ways
It's a time to start us thinking, of those past and happy days
*When West's fame was in the making, I have heard the critics say
That Allan's prowess as a hooker, helped us on our winning way*

He represented Australia, all credit to him too,
But the boy from New Lambton, was a West man “through and through”
*We know that in Armidale, he'll make a few new mates
Lots down here, a few up there...will know of this West great*

Although he's off to pastures new, we wish him all the best
And when he's back to visit, he'll be welcome here at West
*So now it's “So Long Freddie”, we wish you lots of luck
May fortune smile upon you, and you earn the mighty buck (\$)*

Slim Hunter 4 July 1972



Keith Hemsworth – by Slim Hunter

(Keith Hemsworth – 71 games – 578 points – 1973 to 1975)

Never envy the selectors, who have a team to choose
For supporters like their team to win, and never want to lose
*It's hard to pick the combination, of the players who will play
To defeat the opposition, and have a winning day*

So when they get together, and they have a team to pick
It must be so assuring, to select someone.. “who kicks”
*And when it comes to kickers, Keith Hemsworth comes to mind
He's a player with such ability...they're very hard to find*

He know the way to tackle, in attack he is no fool
And when he's under pressure, he is as “cool as cool”
*So I say to our selectors, as for a team you delve
I can pick you one man, you just pick the other twelve*

To use Frank Hyde's expression, as we know Keith kicks the most
“High enough...far enough...and right between the posts

Slim Hunter 24 March 1974

