

Clyde Cant

..... was a naturally talented sportsman and excelled at both cricket and rugby union before ultimately turning his interest to rugby league. He attended Fort St Boys High School and it was there that Clyde worked his way through the grades, taking on leadership roles and becoming one of the School's celebrated products.

Fort St Boys High School has produced bi-annual reports over the decades and a significant amount of information has been recorded in its publication, The Fortian. The school has had a proud sporting record and its efforts on the sporting field has been documented in some detail. At Fort St, Clyde Cant was first recognised as a player of promise when he was playing in the Third Grade rugby union team in 1922.

Cant.—The full-back. Is a good player in this position. He is a deadly tackler, but does not run to take the ball. He is also a good kick.

The Fortian September 1922

Clyde was elevated from the Third Grade team to First Grade in 1923. He excelled over the next four seasons, becoming the Fort St First Grade Rugby Union captain in 1925 and 1926 and representing Combined High Schools in 1924, 1925, and 1926. He captained Combined High Schools in 1925 and 1926.

By 1925 Clyde Cant was described as the best schoolboy footballer seen in Sydney for many years. He was recognised as one of the best leaders, and had no competitor for the captaincy of the Combined High Schools Representative team.



Cant.—To place on record once more the high standard of Cant's play is unnecessary. It seems sufficient to say that capable judges of school football, both from his own and other schools, hail him as the best schoolboy footballer seen in Sydney for many years: he is recognised, too, as one of the best leaders, and had no competitor for the captaincy of the Combined High School Representative Team.

Much of the good tone of the team is directly due to the influence of the Captain and Vice-Captain. Both players excelled in their game, and gave a fine lead to the rest of the team, both on and off the field. Not often has the School been so fortunate in having such capable leaders.

Clyde Cant (C) and C Blessing (VC) - Fort St High First XV 1925 (The Fortian November 1925)

While Clyde was receiving due accolades for his playing ability in rugby union at Fort St, he was drawing equal praise for his cricketing exploits as well. He was described as a useful bowler, energetic and brilliant in the field and an aggressive bat.

more years in Second or First Grade. A pleasing feature of the Second Grade play to date is the success of young players like Watts and Cant, who are new to competition cricket.

made a couple of very useful scores. Cant is a player of great promise, active and energetic in the field, a useful bowler, and an aggressive bat. He should be a star performer in a few years. Godfrey can break a ball from

The Fortian June 1923

Cant (Capt.)—A brilliant field and brilliant bat. To him is due our signal success so far. He handles his team well, and we hope to see him captaining the winning team of the competition. He put up an excellent score of 75 against Sydney.

The Fortian May 1925

Clyde's family moved from Gerringong to the northern Sydney suburb of Manly by 1926. Clyde was in his final year at Fort St High School, but it was a much easier commute from Manly to Petersham to attend school.

The family lived at the Empire Mansions apartment building located directly across the road from Manly Oval. Clyde trialled with the Manly Rugby Union Club and won a place in the First Grade team at the start of 1926. He

played mainly in the five-eighth position that year.

Manly selectors, for instance, were at their wits' end for backs. A new division had to be found. A Fort-street schoolboy, Cant, and two North Steyne juniors, Conn and Ryan, seized their opportunity with both hands, and have won places in the Manly first grade side. Cant seems to be a genuine find, and if he is able to continue his dashing play in the competition fixtures he will be the shining star of the Manly backs. Johnston.

The Sun 27 April 1926

An article written in the Arrow newspaper in June 1930 noted that, in 1926, A. C. "Pud" Cant played for Manly on Saturdays, while training two afternoons a week with his school, and playing a school match on Wednesdays.

In June 1926, and while still at school, Clyde Cant was selected for the Metropolis Rugby Union team that played Combined Country. The match was a prelude to a NSW Possibles v NSW Probables match and gave Clyde his first opportunity to play in a senior representative team. He was then selected a few weeks later to play in a NSW Fourth team against NSW Thirds in a series of trials that would lead to selection of a NSW team to play the New Zealand All Blacks. Queensland did not have a rugby union team at the time, so NSW was effectively the Australian Rugby Union team.

Clyde was not selected in the NSW team but in his match scored a try, and kicked three conversions and a penalty goal to impress the selectors. It was reported that; "In the early game Cant, of Manly was truly magnificent, and revealed himself as a player of exceptional promise."

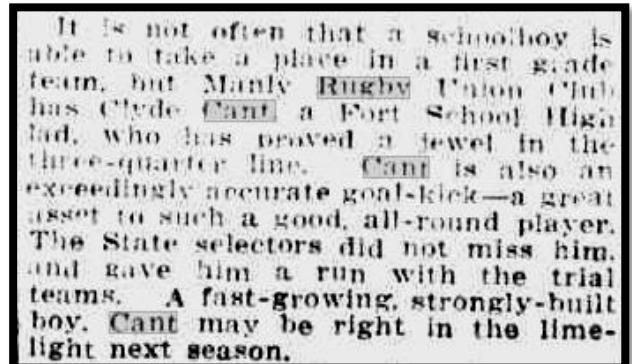
On 12 July 1926, Clyde was called up to train with the NSW squad that was to play the All Blacks in the Second Test on 14 July. Clyde was selected as a reserve for the NSW team but appears not to have had the opportunity to play. He was not selected for the Third Test but was selected to represent Combined High Schools against the Sydney Teachers College as a curtain raiser to the Third Test.

The early fixture to-day is the contest between Combined High School representatives and the Sydney Teachers' College team. There are some fine players in these sides, notably the Fort Street captain, Clyde Cant. This youngster was a reserve for the second New South Wales team last Wednesday against the "All Blacks" at Varsity Oval. The State selectors, who have a high regard for his all-round play, anticipate representative honors for this clever five-eighth, who plays for the Manly Club.

Daily Telegraph 20 July 1926

Clyde again missed selection for the Fourth Test but was selected in a Sydney Colts team to play against Coogee as a curtain raiser for the Fourth Test. Coogee were the undefeated leaders of the Second Division competition.

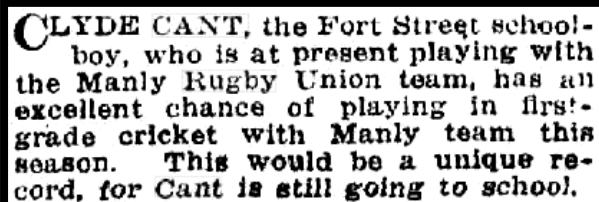
Clyde made a significant impression in his first year of senior football. He was an important member of the Manly Rugby Union First Grade team, while at the same time captaining his school team, and making representative teams ranging from Combined High Schools to the NSW team. His goal kicking was very accurate and often gave his team the edge over the opposition. The Manly Club supporters gave him the nick name of "Sure Foot."



It is not often that a schoolboy is able to take a place in a first grade team, but Manly Rugby Union Club has Clyde Cant, a Fort School High lad, who has proved a jewel in the three-quarter line. Cant is also an exceedingly accurate goal-kick—a great asset to such a good, all-round player. The State selectors did not miss him, and gave him a run with the trial teams. A fast-growing, strongly-built boy, Cant may be right in the limelight next season.

The Sun 20 August 1926

At the end of the football season, it was anticipated that Clyde would make the rare double of playing First Grade in Club Rugby and Cricket. It was announced in September 1926 that Clyde had been selected for the Manly First Grade Cricket team thereby achieve a rare milestone.



CLYDE CANT, the Fort Street school-boy, who is at present playing with the Manly Rugby Union team, has an excellent chance of playing in first-grade cricket with Manly team this season. This would be a unique record, for Cant is still going to school.

Daily Telegraph 26 August 1926

The 1927 season was a disrupted one for Clyde. He suffered a couple of injuries including a dislocated shoulder and an injured knee. However he came back strong towards the end of the season and in early August was selected for the NSW Rugby Union team that played Victoria, and then a few weeks later he was selected for a Metropolitan Rugby Union team to play a touring team from the Japanese Waseda University. The Manly Rugby Union team made it to the knockout final against Randwick in 1927, but were beaten notwithstanding that Clyde kicked four penalty goals in the match.

In 1928 Clyde was once again selected for the NSW Rugby Union team to play Victoria. Clyde's goal kicking resulted in a close win for NSW. He also played in a Metropolitan team against Victoria later in the year. While the Manly First Grade Rugby Union team finished towards the bottom of the competition table, it was a good year for Clyde Cant who was the competition's equal top point scorer with 87 points. A report in the Newcastle Sun in June 1928 described him as the "star" of the Manly team, good in every department, fast and a great goal kicker.

In May 1929, Clyde Cant was selected for the Sydney Metropolitan Rugby Union team which played Queensland in Sydney. Clyde was the Metropolitan goal kicker while Tom Lawton who played 44 matches for the Wallabies and was the Australian rugby union captain that year, was the goal kicker for the Queensland team. An account of the match was recorded in the Labor Daily with commentary focusing on the goal kicking dual between Clyde Cant and Tom Lawton. Clyde had a very successful game with his goal kicking being a significant part of the 42-25 Metropolitan win.

QUEENSLAND captain Tom Lawton and Manly youth Clyde Cant staged a goal-kicking duel, which was the feature of the Metropolis-Queensland match at University Oval yesterday. Metrop. won 42-25. Cant missed converting but two of the eight tries, and landed two penalties. Lawton converted one of the Maroons' touch-downs, and put over five penalties.

Labor Daily 23 May 1929

In early June Clyde was selected for the City Seconds Rugby Union Team to play Country Seconds. However there was unrest at the same time at Manly, and Clyde Cant resigned from the Club because he was not included in the Manly team from the week earlier. There appeared to be an issue with one of the Manly officials and Clyde determined that he wanted an apology before he would resume playing.

It appeared that there was a reconciliation as Clyde soon announced that he would play and resumed training. Interestingly Clyde was asked whether he was going to retire but he clearly wanted to continue playing. He did offer that he would not play League under any circumstances.

CITY II v. COUNTRY II

The teams were:—

City II.—Full-back, Stewart; three-quarters, Drummond, Cant, Thorpe, White; halves, Garvey, Snell; forwards, Abbott, Greateorex, Hyndes, Ford, Johnson, Phipps, Ruwald, Comrie-Thomson.

The Sun 3 June 1929

CLYDE CANT WANTS APOLOGY

UNTIL a certain member of Manly Club apologises to me, I will not be available," said Clyde Cant, one of the Villagers' centre-three-quarters, when asked whether it was a fact that he intended to retire.

Labor Daily 4 June 1929

"I will never play League under any circumstances," said Cant. "But it would break my heart if I couldn't get a game of football."

Labor Daily 4 June 1929

Clyde Cant, who last week resigned from the Manly Rugby Union Club on account of his non-inclusion in the team which played last Saturday, has withdrawn his resignation.

He attended training last night, and has been selected for the match against Police next Saturday.

The Sun 5 June 1929

Clyde Cant was an excellent cricketer and played First Grade with the Manly Club from the 1926-27 season. In February 1930 he was sensationally dropped for not turning up for a game and then crossing his name off the list for the following week.

There is no doubt that Clyde Cant was an excellent football player and cricketer, but a pattern was emerging regarding his discipline and reliability particularly after a similar incident during the previous football season. The Selectors thought that they would make a point by dropping him for his indiscretions, but it appeared that Clyde was not influenced by such action and simply moved on.

MANLY CAUSE A SENSATION

Cant Dropped for Not Appearing

Manly cricket club intends to discipline Clive Cant.

WHEN it rained last Saturday week Cant did not make an appearance at the ground, and crossed his name off the list for the following Saturday.

The result is that Cant, although he has been one of the villagers' most consistent performers, has been dropped for Saturday's round. Leckie has been included instead.

Cant's athletic life has been stormy of late. Last year he had trouble with officials of the Manly Rugby Union club through not attending practice. Although he was easily the side's most prolific scorer, Cant was then promptly dropped.

CANT ASKED FOR EXPLANATION

CLIVE CANT, who has been suspended by the Manly District Cricket Club for not having played last round, has been written to by the club for an explanation.

Cant stated yesterday that he left for Lithgow last Saturday morning and that he considered he had given the club sufficient notice of his inability to play. Cant has yet to prove, however, that he had notified the officials in a proper manner.

Daily Pictorial 4 February 1930

In 1930 Clyde Cant left the Manly Rugby Union Club to join the Glebe-Balmain Rugby Union Club. During his time at Manly he mainly played in the Centres but had trouble cementing a position in representative teams with Cyril Towers of Randwick and Sid King of Wests being preferred by the Selectors.

Clyde may have been hoping that a change of Clubs might have proved beneficial, and was immediately designated as the goal kicker for the Glebe-Balmain First Grade team. However he unfortunately broke his leg early in the season but bounced back from that setback. With a star studded Glebe-Balmain that finished second on the competition table he had a successful year being the third highest point scorer in the competition with 71, finishing a point behind Stewart of Wests. He was the top goal kicker in the competition with 33 goals.

Clyde was selected for the NSW Rugby Union "B" team in August 1930 that played the NSW "A" team. The "B" team beat the "A" team 37-3, with Clyde converting three tries and kicking two penalty goals. He was also selected for a Metropolitan XV to play Newcastle.

In August 1930, a series of articles appeared in the Daily Pictorial newspaper profiling prominent rugby union players. Clyde Cant was No. 18 in that series. The article noted that Clyde was now a "star" with the Glebe-Balmain Club and although having played First Grade football for four years, "he still has to show his best form." The article noted that the Manly Selectors had "dropped" him and that it was stated that "negligence in training" had much to do with his omission from the Manly team, but the player determined that he would make good with the Glebe-Balmain Club.

The article further noted that Clyde was immediately successful for Glebe-Balmain, where he started the year in his regular centre position alongside future Wests rugby league player Alec McDonald. However during the year Clyde transitioned to the fullback position "that has suited him admirably and in which he might make himself famous."

The fullback position is where he played his schoolboy football and where he would ultimately play when he came across to rugby league. It was noted that Clyde was an excellent kicker with both feet, and also a capable handler who was improving in positional play at fullback.

There was some speculation that Clyde would play First Grade cricket with the Petersham Club in the 1930-31 summer season as he was residentially qualified to play rugby union in the Glebe-Balmain district. However he must have changed his address as he joined up with the Western Suburbs Cricket Club which then also qualified him to play with the Wests Rugby Union Club in 1931. In December of 1930, Clyde scored a century in First Grade for his newly adopted cricket club, Western Suburbs.

Three colts, C. Cant (West), R. Nutt (Balmain), and F. Henderson (St. George) took the honors with the bat. The two first-named scored centuries, and Henderson 94.

The Labor Daily 29 December 1930

Clyde started the season at fullback in First Grade with the Wests Rugby Union Club but it wasn't long before he was back in the centres. There was a lot of experimentation in the Wests backline with players being moved around and at one stage the Club tried to draft players from the Briars Club to fill First Grade positions.

In mid July 1931 it was reported that Clyde had been dropped from the Wests Rugby Union First Grade team. There was no reason given for this move by the Wests Club, but it appeared that this action precipitated Clyde's next move.

Two prominent Rugby Union players, Viv. Thicness and Clive Cant, "cut the painter" yesterday and figured in the reserve grade of the Rugby League with Eastern Suburbs and Western Suburbs respectively. Both played admirably. Thicness's

The Sun 16 August 1931

In August 1931, at the end of the regular rugby union competition, Clyde Cant left the Wests Rugby Union Club and came across to play rugby league with Wests. Frank McMillan was injured in the later part of the season and Wests had tried a number of good back up fullbacks to fill the void, including Dick Davis and Bill "Hoot" Ryan who went on later to play with NSW and Queensland. However Clyde Cant got the call at the business end of the competition.

After playing one Reserve Grade match, in which he kicked five goals, he was promoted to play in the First Grade Semi Final against Easts, which Wests won 10-8, with Clyde contributing with two goals. He was then selected for the First Grade Semi Final against Souths, but unfortunately Wests were beaten 3-17.

The premiers will be without the services of F. McMillan at full-back. Interest is keen in the prospective display of his substitute, Clyde Cant, a recent convert from the union. Cant had a distinguished career with Manly and Glebe-Balmain before residing in his present district. He is a most reliable tackler, a fine kick, and excelled in running his three-quarters into position.

SMH 29 August 1931

C. CANT, the Rugby Union full-back and cricketer, in his first big League game, started nervously. But it gradually wore off. His goal-kicking was the best feature, though, he landed only two. On this display it would be hardly possible to form an opinion as to how Cant will shape later as full-back. Western Suburbs are more un-

Referee 2 September 1931

At the start of 1932, Clyde Cant was playing with Wests in the trial matches when he had his jaw broken. The injury setback Clyde's ambitions for 1932, however he was soon back into training and played seven Reserve Grade and two First Grade games with Wests that season. The two First Grade games that he played was as a result of Frank McMillan being unavailable.

Late in the season Clyde Cant was injured along with lower grade Wests player, Bill Knowles. At the time the NSW Rugby League provided medical support for the Clubs, however when the players attended the medical rooms at the ground, they were informed that the Doctor would not be there unless the matter was "serious." Wests saw the bigger picture and questioned the League as to why Clubs could not arrange their own medical support, even if under supervision of the head body.

The NSW Rugby League appeared to acknowledge the issue and there was an indication that the matter would be addressed during the off season. However there was no change to the existing arrangements for a long time. In the modern era, players are supported by a squad of medical staff arranged independently by their Clubs and have access to the best rehabilitation and strengthening facilities such as the recently opened Centre of Excellence at Concord Oval.

At last League meeting Western Suburbs complained that two of their players, Clyde Cant and W. Knowles, attended the medical rooms but were informed that the doctor would not be there unless the matter was serious.

Another trip next day resulted in one of the men being sent to another doctor some distance away.

Wests reckon this is most unsatisfactory and want to know why the medical officer could not be on deck to receive his League patients.

The C.M.O. is to be asked why, but it would appear that the time has arrived when more satisfactory arrangements should be made for the players' good.

Would it not be possible for each club to make their own arrangements in their own district, under supervision of the head body?

This surely would split up the work and avoid the necessity of players limping into town to get their tickets.

It is a matter that the League has in mind for the off season which promises to be very full, what with country matters and other urgent business.

Sydney Sportsman 27 August 1932

In September 1932 Clyde Cant was once again playing cricket. He had been a regular for the Western Suburbs District Club but on this occasion he was selected to open the batting for Bardsley's XI v Charlie McCartney's XI. Bardsley's team included the Bardsley brothers as well as Arthur Chipperfield and E. L. Waddy. McCartney was supported in his team by Bill O'Reilly and Dr. A. Ross. For Bardsley's team, Waddy top scored with 27 runs, Chipperfield 25 and Cant with 24. Clyde Cant also chipped in taking one wicket for nine runs.

By the start of 1933 Clyde appeared to have had a change in direction, putting any cricket aspirations on hold while he pursued rugby league coaching and playing opportunities in Country NSW. Clyde was given a release by Wests at the start of 1933 and was appointed as a player/coach of the Canowindra Rugby League team. During his time at Canowindra, he refereed local junior rugby league games and also took up golf. He became so proficient at golf that he equalled the course record.

In April 1933, a news article appeared in the Nowra Leader noting that Clyde Cant had returned to his former home town of Gerringong for the Easter holidays. The article also noted that Clyde had recently been appointed as the coach of the Canowindra Rugby League team.

Clyde Cant, well-known cricketer-footballer, who has appeared either as full-back or in the centre with Western Suburbs Rugby League teams in recent seasons, will play in the country this winter.

Cant is going to Canowindra, which country centre is also on the look-out for a five-eighth. Any player who may wish to offer himself for the position should get in touch with Clyde Cant (phone UA2025).

Clyde Cant, who will be remembered as one of Gerringong's best, was back to the old town on holiday during Easter week. He is coach to the Canowindra team this season.

Daily Telegraph 19 April 1933

Nowra Leader 21 April 1933

In 1934 Clyde Cant took up a player coaching position at Albury in southern NSW. Clyde spent the season with the Albury Rugby League Club and took the team to the semi finals. He made an impression with the local community with the results of the 1934 season and Clyde Cant's contribution to rugby league in Albury, being commented on in regional newspapers for many years after. Clyde only had the one season at Albury.

Cyril Cant, who played first grade Rugby League with Western Suburbs for eight years, has arrived in Albury to coach the Albury team.

Daily Advertiser 4 April 1934

Albury possesses a fine team and, I think, the biggest side in the Group. When Clyde Cant puts a little more polish on his backs they will be very hard to beat. Most clubs fear Cant's boots as he is the best place kick in the group.

Daily Advertiser 29 June 1934

Clyde Cant the coach of the Albury Rugby League Football Club, has left Albury. Tom Case, formerly of Junee, has been appointed coach and captain.

Daily Advertiser 18 August 1934

Clyde returned to Sydney in 1935 and joined the Canterbury Bankstown Rugby League Club which had just been admitted to the Sydney competition. He made his First grade debut with Canterbury in Round 4 and captained the team in a competitive 14-22 loss to Newtown. Clyde became Canterbury's First Grade player #19 and the Club's second ever First Grade captain after Jack Morrison.

Clyde played two more First grade games for Canterbury. The first of these was round 5 when he again captained the team. Canterbury were beaten in a record breaking 6-91 loss to St George. The following week Clyde Cant once again appeared in First Grade for Canterbury and the result was not much better than the previous week with a 7-87 loss to Easts. It was an unfortunate end to the First Grade football career of one of the games great naturally talented players.

Soon after finishing his season with Canterbury, Clyde moved to the Riverina town of Leeton. Leeton was a productive fruit growing area and Clyde found work as a Manager of the Fruit Packing Plant of Craig Mostyn. The company had diversified interests in the agricultural sector, and Clyde Cant was a good representative for the company's interest in the region. There is no record of Clyde being involved with rugby league or cricket until 1939, which was his last year at Leeton.

In 1939 Clyde was approached to coach the Leeton Rugby League team which had a few lean years in the late 1930's. However it appeared that "Snowy" Elliott took up the position instead, while Clyde became a Selector and General Committee man for the Leeton Rugby League Club. He also undertook negotiations to bring the Wests Rugby League team to Leeton at the end of the season.

However Clyde did not participate in playing in any serious way. He was appointed as Captain/Coach of a Leeton "broken down veterans team" for what appeared to be a curtain raiser event in May 1939. His cricket exploits at Leeton were in a similar vein.

The visit by Wests to Leeton in 1939 did not proceed as Wests had State Championship obligations and when these were fulfilled it was not practical on short notice to organise a tour to Leeton.

Has-Beens To Train

The local club is trying to arrange a match next Sunday for the Roxy Cup. No definite arrangements have yet been made. However, should finally be arrived at in the next few days a curtain raiser will also be arranged. The following players are requested to train under captain-coach Clyde Cant for the curtain raiser:—A. Kendall, W. Richey, A. Sprouster, R. King, B. King, Len Douglas, L. Brady, — Goringe, H. O'Brien, J. Devereaux, A. Washington, E. Freestone, H. Levien, J. Scanlan. Any other broken down veterans interested are requested to get in touch with Clyde Cant at the Hotel Leeton.—"LOCK."

Murrumbidgee Irrigator 30 May 1939

Negotiations are proceeding with Western Suburbs (Sydney) club for a match at Leeton in August. It would draw like a mustard plaster. Prime moving spirit in this enterprise is no less a light than Clyde Cant, former Manly Rugby Union fullback, and later fullback for Western Suburbs in the renowned combination which rocketed to supremacy in the metropolitan club's championship. He is now committee-man and selector of Leeton club.

Daily Advertiser 8 June 1939

There is no doubt that Clyde Cant was popular in Leeton and when he decided to return to Sydney in October 1939, he was given a grand farewell by the towns people with many of the main sporting organisations present and speaking highly of him.

A large number of friends gathered at the Trocadero on Thursday night last to farewell Mr. Clyde Cant, who during his stay in Leeton as manager of Craig Mostyn's packing shed, has been prominent in the sporting and social life of the town. Mr. T. Turton was in the chair, and many speakers, including Messrs Trethewey (Corbie Hill Cricket Club), R. Goringe, N. Ellis, P. Kearns (Australian Rules Club), R. Cook, S. Elliott (Leeton Rugby coach), P. Hines, J. Bryson, J. De-

Clyde Cant's Farewell at Leeton - The Murrumbidgee Irrigator 10 October 1939

reux and "Scotty" Campbell, referred to the friendly and sportsmanlike attributes of the guest of honor. Musical numbers were contributed by the Wilson sisters, "Scotty" Campbell, Robb, B. Williams and P. Hines, while Miss Glennan acted as accompanist. In responding "Clyde" remarked that he was glad he had made so many good friends, and that he was always only too willing to do all he could for sport.

Clyde Cant made an unexpectedly attractive return to first grade after five years' absence in Leeton.

Daily Telegraph 17 December 1939

Clyde Cant, formerly well-known in Gerringong football circles, will this year coach the Manly Reserve Grade Rugby Union team. He has been playing first grade cricket at Manly for some time.

Kiama Independent 13 April 1940

By 1939-40, Clyde had really come to the fore, captaining the Manly District First Grade Cricket team from that season until the end of the 1942-43 season. Clyde had matured as a player and had control of team selections. He was no doubt respected by his peers, playing with and against some of the greats of the game in the Sydney competition. In September 1941 he was selected as a member of Stan McCabe's Australian XI in a "patriotic" match at Eastwood.

A. C. (Clyde) Cant, who will play with Stan McCabe's "Australian XI" against Eastwood in the patriotic cricket match at Eastwood Oval on Saturday, had the distinction of being a first-grade cricketer and first grade footballer while still attending Fort-street High School.

The Sun 10 September 1941

Cant Breaks Monotony

Clyde Cant scored 41 runs in 38 minutes for Manly against Petersham at Manly Oval. He hit four fours and a six. It was the only bright knock of the day.

Daily Telegraph 23 November 1941

In February 1942 Clyde Cant was selected in a Sydney representative cricket team to play against an Army cricket team. In that team were cricket greats including Stan McCabe, Vic Jackson, Jack Chegwyn, George Powell, Bill O'Reilly and Victor Trumper.

The Sydney team, which includes seven State representatives, is: S. McCabe, W. O'Reilly, V. Trumper, J. Chegwyn, V. Jackson, G. Powell, A. Marks, C. Cant, A. Wright, J. Engle, A. Callaway, R. Toogood.

The Sun 19 February 1942

Clyde Cant married in July 1942 and enlisted at Manly NSW for service in the Second World War. Interestingly he recorded his birth date as 23 February 1910, which would have made him three years younger than he actually was.

Clyde Cant mixed with some of the great cricketers of his time and during the war a high level of camaraderie was evident amongst the sporting fraternity. An article in the Sun newspaper in March 1944 highlighted the close relationship players had when South Australian, Tom Klose who was stationed with the Army near Sydney was invited to play with the Marrickville team but had no kit. A number of the top Sydney cricketers, including Clyde Cant, got together and put together some gear for Tom Klose so that he could play.

Gear of six cricketers will be worn by South Australian Tom Klose in the premiership final at Marrickville Oval on Saturday.

Stationed in an Army camp near Sydney, Klose, who now heads St. George batting averages, was without logs when invited to play. However, gear was soon obtained for him.

He will wear:

- Bill O'Reilly's cap;
- Neville Cush's shirt;
- Jack Fingleton's trousers;
- Lindsay Hasset's socks;
- Clyde Cant's boots;
- Ernie Green's sweater.

The Sun 28 March 1944

In June 1947 Clyde Cant's father, Martin Cant, died at Manly, NSW. His obituary gave an insight into the movements of the Cant family in the early years and provides confirmation and connections with key locations during Clyde's extensive sporting career.

The death occurred at Manly on Saturday of Mr. Martin Cant at the age of 82 years. He formerly resided at Gerringong for many years when he was employed by the Department of Railways as a member of the per-way staff. From Gerringong he

moved to Manly where he resided until his death. He was very keenly interested in sport, particularly cricket, and was well-known for his part played as an umpire in the Gerringong district. He is survived by three sons Aub, Clyde and Clem.

Kiama Independent 11 June 1947

Clyde Cant achieved a lot in a disjointed and sometimes tumultuous football career. Clyde perhaps could have achieved a lot more had he been a bit more reliable and curtailed his attitude at times, but perhaps it was these attributes that made him stand out from others around him.

There was a great deal of pressure and expectation on Clyde Cant from the time he was recognised as a "schoolboy star." To meet those expectations over an extended period at the top level is a difficult thing to achieve. As Clyde matured he appeared to enjoy his sport more and the camaraderie that went with it.

Arthur Cyril Clyde Cant died at Balwyn, Victoria in March 1957 at the age of 50. He was recorded as a Company Director at the time of his death. He is buried at the Boroondara General Cemetery, Kew, Victoria, Plot R/C E 0100.