

Mick Rankine

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Mick Rankine was back in Sydney at the start of 1935, and once again he appeared in the Wests trial matches at the beginning of the season. Mick didn't stay in Sydney as he was appointed as the player/coach of the Wellington (NSW) Rugby League Club in 1935 and remained there for the 1936 season.

There was some controversy when Mick first arrived at his new Club as the opposition Dubbo Club, protested against Wellington for playing Rankine without meeting the necessary residential qualification. The game that Dubbo lost, had to be replayed.

Mick was selected to play for Western Division which played against the touring Great Britain team in 1936. It was the only time that Mick played in a representative match.

By 1937, rugby league was facing financial difficulties in the NSW central west, with some of the more prominent rugby league clubs not entering teams in the competition. The Wellington Club was one of those and so Mick Rankine moved to the nearby town of Geurie to take up a player/coach role with the Guerie team. In 1938, Mick Rankine was again appointed as the coach of Wellington (NSW) but he and the club parted ways early in the season.

Mick had a final year of First Grade rugby league when he lined up for Eastern Suburbs in the 1939 season. He played well for Easts and was a regular member of the First Grade team making eleven appearances.

Harold "Mick" Rankine lived the later part of his life in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, with the last recording of his residential address being at Coogee, NSW. However he is recorded as being in Melbourne, Victoria when he died in 1988.