

## Ted Mewton

..... was the top point scorer for the Bowral Rugby League Club in 1932. He was soon recognised as an up and coming player and in June 1933 was offered a paid player position with the Barraba Rugby league Club. Barraba is located in the north western district of NSW. Ted Mewton played with Barraba Club in 1933 and 1934.

**Cups presented by Mr. C. Wallis for the first and second-grade players scoring the greatest number of points last season were won by E. Mewton and W. Tomley. R. Daw-**

Southern Mail (Bowral) 12 May 1933

Stan. Atkinson, erstwhile of Picton Football Club, will hear all the news when Ted ("Joker") Mewton, of Moss Vale, arrives at Barraba, where he has been engaged as paid player. Atkinson is coach at the northern town. Mewton in train will be an acquisition to Barraba.

28 June 1933 The Picton Post

It is not clear what Ted Mewton's playing arrangements were in 1935. He was recorded playing with Moss vale and in a Group 6 trial selection in 1935, but there is no indication that he played for Barraba that year. Nevertheless, the Labor Daily reported in April 1936 that a clearance had been granted to "F" Mewton (Barraba to Wests).

**Country League clearances reported were: F. Mewton (Barraba to Wests),**

The Labor Daily 16 April 1936

Ted Mewton was graded with Wests in 1936, playing thirteen games, four of which were in First Grade. He played two First Grade games early in 1937, before taking up an offer as a Player/Coach with the Wagga Kangaroos. The Kangaroos won the Blake Cup under the coaching of Ted. He returned to Sydney in mid-1937, married and played the remainder of the 1937 season for Wests in the City Cup competition. Ted Mewton was one of the try scorers that secured the Reserve Grade City Cup Final for Wests in 1937.

that match. Interest will be added by the initial appearance of the Kangaroos' new coach. Mewton who will be playing in the five-eighth position. Mewton looks every inch a footballer. and comes to Wagga with very flattering credentials both as a player and a coach. Mr. A. Morse will referee.

14 May 1937 Daily Advertiser Wagga Wagga

By 1941, Ted Mewton's career was winding down. In April he announced his retirement after he was displaced by Ken Lock as Wests First Grade Hooker. However, it was evident that he still had something left after it was reported in the Daily Telegraph, that in a trial game against Central Newcastle he had broken a rib shortly after the game started but carried on and beat the visiting hooker practically pointless.

Ted only played three Reserve Grade games in 1941 but turned out again in 1942 and played another eight games, two of which were in First Grade. Ted Mewton hung up the boots for good at the end of the 1942 season.

The Mewton name was carried on through Ted's son's, Warren and Robert Mewton who played rugby league with Arncliffe Scots in the 1960's. Ted Mewton's heritage medal was presented to his family in 2019 by Wests Archive. The story of the medal presentation can be found by clicking on the link to [Pratten Park Magpies](#).



Ted Mewton's Blazer Pocket 1937



Warren and Katy Mewton with Ted's Heritage Medal

Ted Mewton lived most of his later life in the Sydney suburb of Riverwood, NSW. His death was recorded at Ashfield and his memorial is located at Greenway Chapel and Memorial Gardens, Kincumber, NSW, Rose Garden 2, #050.

