

Ron Knight

.... was first recorded playing rugby league for the Enfield Federals C Grade team in 1931. In 1933 he was the captain of Western Suburbs President's Cup team. He lead a team that included future Wests First Grade players Lew Fisher, Ron Ackling, Don Murray, and Bill Wheeler.

Western Suburbs President's Cup team to play at St. George at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m., is:—
H. Stone; R. Atkins, L. Fisher, R. Gray, P. Kenane, K. Bush (one to be omitted); F. Gauvin, T. Knight (capt.); R. Ackling, F. Brighton, S. O. Norman, D. Murray, E. Barnier, W. Wheeler. Reserves: J. Adams, D. Harris.

Daily Telegraph 1 June 1933

R. Knight, who has been graded with Wests' firsts, also started his career as a ball boy. A son of Wests' first grade team secretary, W. Knight, he graduated to the Western Suburbs Juniors when he became too big for the position of ball boy. Then he rose to grade ranking, toured New Zealand with Wests last year, and is now linked with Tancred and Brady in Wests' firsts.

Daily Telegraph 15 April 1935

Ron Knight was graded with Wests in 1933 and made his way through the grades until he made his First Grade debut in 1935. He played twenty one First Grade games for Wests between 1935 and 1938. He also played twenty nine Reserve Grade and nine Third Grade games for the Club.


In 1938, Ron Knight started the season in First Grade, but Wests lost its first five games. Cec Fifield, who was the Coach of Wests, pulled on the boots and played from round five, turning Wests season around somewhat in the later part of the season.

Wests 1938 Annual Report noted that Ron Knight was unemployed and therefore in June 1938, he took up an opportunity as player/coach with the Quirindi Rugby League Club on the Northern Tablelands. He was soon selected as vice-captain of the Group 4 team that played New Zealand. Group 4 were beaten 15-26 with Ron Knight scoring a try for the home team.

Ron spent the one season at Quirindi before moving on to the northern NSW town of Casino where he was able to obtain permanent employment with the NSW Railways. He played for the Old Students Rugby League Club based in Casino.

Ron had two good seasons on the NSW north coast as the Northern Star newspaper noted in June 1939. He was selected for North Coast representative teams that played NSW Firsts and Combined City in 1940. Interestingly he was referred to as T. Knight which reflected his registered birth name.

REVOLVING better scoring ability than their opponents in the second half, Old Students, leaders in the All-Rivers' league competition, scored an impressive 18 points to 15 victory, over Colts at Lismore on Saturday. Their second half revival was a repetition of the team's performance last month against Wardell.



T. Knight.

The match was a triumph for the former southern five-eighth, T. Knight, who scored eight of the team's points and controlled the destinies of the game. His brilliant individual efforts meant the difference between victory and defeat to the competition leaders.

Northern Star 12 June 1939

In 1941, Ron Knight returned to Sydney and joined the Canterbury Bankstown Rugby League Club. He played eight First Grade games and a State championship match with Canterbury in 1941. He played a further two First Grade games in 1942 and again in 1943 before retiring from Grade football.

Canterbury-Bankstown's new winger to replace M. Denton, now at Young, will be Ron Knight.
Knight, who has just returned from the country, had been bidding for a place in Canterbury's firsts as five-eighth, but E. Anderson retained that position.

Daily Telegraph 16 April 1941

A news item appeared in the Daily Telegraph on 3 December 1946, with the sad news that Ron Knight had been critically ill for several months and was in the Home of Peace at Marrickville. A fund had been established to support Ron Knight's young family.

Ron Knight spent his remaining days at the Home of Peace, Marrickville, NSW and died there in January 1947. He is buried at Rookwood Cemetery, Rookwood, NSW, Anglican Section 8, Row 9, Grave 982.

Canterbury and Western Suburbs Rugby League supporters have raised £150 to support the wife and family of former player, Ron Knight.
Knight, who has been critically ill for several months, is now in the Home of Peace, Marrickville.
The secretary of the fund (Mr. S. Hunter) will receive donations at his home address, 37 Augusta Street, Punchbowl.
Knight, who played as a centre-three-quarter for both Canterbury and Western Suburbs, retired from football in 1943. He is 31 years old.

Daily Telegraph 3 December 1946

FOOTBALLER DIES
Ron Knight, former Western Suburbs and Canterbury-Bankstown Rugby League player, died on Tuesday after a long illness. He was 31 and is survived by a widow and two young sons.

The Sun 23 January 1947

In Loving Memory Of
MY DEAR HUSBAND AND OUR SON,
THOMAS WILLIAM
(RON) KNIGHT
WHO PASSED AWAY 21ST JAN. 1947,
AGED 31 YEARS.