



Speedy George Rose streaks down the sideline for a certain try

"They left Walgett on Friday afternoon for the journey to Tamworth, spending the night in pavilions at the Tamworth showground.

They then went on to take top honours in their four stone seven division with a brand of football that amazed spectators."

CAROONA TOOK FINAL

The Peel Schools' carnival was also notable for the success of the boys from Carooona in the 6 st. 7 lb. final. The three teams they eliminated failed to score one point against them.

The team was R. Allan, G. Porter, D. Sampson, A. Porter, J. White, B. Sampson, C. Tighe, T. Allan, J. Allan, G. Sampson, P. Allan, R. Allan, T. Ryan, T. Cohen and E. Ryan.

In their first game Carooona defeated Walcha Central School by 11 points to nil. Tries were scored by D. Sampson, P. Allan (two) and G. Sampson kicked a goal.

Carooona again won the second round, this time defeating Christian Brothers College, Tamworth, by 29 points to nil. The try scoring splurge was headed by P. Allan (five), T. Cohen and G. Sampson, while goals were kicked by D. Sampson, P. Allan and G. Sampson (two).

The boys then went into the final against Boggabri. This was a hard rugged game and after a tense struggle Carooona emerged winners by 6 points to nil. The tries were scored by A. Porter and T. Allan.

The team's play was highly praised by the visiting English Rugby League players.

The boys also looked well in the March Past, decked out in their new white shorts which parents and other donors had provided to go with the black and gold jerseys bought last year.

Darryl Sampson received the trophy on behalf of the team and the boys were happy with the new football that went with it. But, perhaps the happiest person on the day was the coach, Mr. Dunncliff, who had worked hard with the boys.

SPORTS DAY PRELUDE

The rapid rise of Carooona Aboriginal School rugby team to final winners at the Peel football carnival at Tamworth, was demonstrated a week before the carnival at a sports day.

On that day the boys met Wallabadah school team and reversed a defeat by the same team in their first clash early in the season by almost a cricket score.

Final tally was Carooona 56 points. Wallabadah 16.

The girls upheld the tradition in a softball match defeating the Wallabadah girls by 34 runs to 16. The second girls team also won by 32 runs to 21.

In athletic events, on the station's recreation ground, Sue Porter won the senior girl's championship; Barbara McClellan and Lynette Slater the junior girl's championship; Darryl Sampson the senior boy's title and Jim White the junior championship.

Altogether 120 children, including many from Carooona Public School and Wallabadah, took part in the sports and they were given soft drinks and cakes by the parents on the station.

Blind Student departs by air for England

Blind aboriginal boy, David Kerin (18), left Sydney by Qantas jet on September 22, for England, to begin a three-year course in physiotherapy at the Royal Institute for the Blind in London.

The Aborigines Welfare Board donated £1,000 towards the cost of David's training in London. In announcing this bursary last April, the Chief Secretary (Mr. C. A. Kelly) said the £1,000 would come from funds donated to or left to the Board by private individuals for aborigines' welfare. The Board considered David's higher education as a most worthy cause in which a special donation should be made.

David, who is from Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, came to Sydney at the age of four after he lost his sight following an attack of conjunctivitis.

He went to school first at St. Lucy's, Homebush, and after two years went to St. Edmund's School for the Blind, Wahroonga. His last two years of schooling in Sydney before gaining a Leaving Certificate pass were done at St. Pius X School at Chatswood.

David was educated and cared for free at St. Edmund's and at St. Pius X School. Special materials for education of the blind were provided at no cost.

In his last two years of schooling, the Aborigines Welfare Board gave a bursary and for several years paid a weekly sum towards his maintenance.