

# Walgett Wanderings

Two sports seem to be taking an important place in the young peoples lives in Walgett. The sports are basketball and football.

At the recent opening of the Walgett Basketball Club, one team of girls from the River Bank Reserve defeated a women's town team. The girls playing for the team from the River Bank Reserve called The Magpies were Judy Walford, Adrienne Fernando, Vivianne Kennedy, Violet Boney and Gloria Walford. Congratulations on your win, girls.

Other up and coming basketball players are Geoffrey Thorne, Lawrence Crawford, Winsome Walford, Heather Boney, Vincent Hall and Robert Morgan.

All the talent in basketball is not only among the youth. Among the men's teams, we have players of high standard. Eric and Keith Thorne, Bob and Oscar Beale, Len and Ken Simpson and Phillip Hall represented their sides on the opening night.



Special praise goes to Lawrence Crawford, a junior player who played in one of the men's teams on the opening night.

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A word about football. Walgett Central School played Walgett Aboriginal Station School a challenge match. The result was very close with the Central School winning 6 points to 3 points. The try for the Station school was scored by Barry Murray. George Rose played a good game for the Central School side.

A 4 st. 7 lb. football team went to Narrabri recently to play in a knock-out competition. In the team, amongst others, were George Rose, Danny Rose, Alfie Beale, Victor Simpson, Alan Simpson, Doug. Dixon, Barry Walford, Stanley Sullivan and Trevor Hall.

George Rose scored two tries for the team. Together with his brother Danny and Doug. Dixon, these boys were the best backs on the field with Alfie Beale doing some hard work in the forwards.

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We are very sorry to see Mrs. I. Clarke in hospital at Collarenebri. A very speedy recovery is the wish of her many friends.

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"Gee, they're fast", was a remark overheard at the Burren Junction Athletic Carnival earlier this year. Heather Boney, Valerie Sullivan and George Rose each received cups for winning their division. Congratulations to the three of you.

**Left: Valerie Sullivan, one of Walgett's athletic champions, holding the cup she won at Burren Junction sports**  
**Below: Victor and Ian Hippett who are staunch fans of Valerie, their neighbour at Walgett**

