

RICHARD ROBERTS SHINES IN WOODBURN LEAGUE

Richard Roberts, captain-coach of the Woodburn rugby league football team, had a field day recently when his team beat Lower Clarence 43-9 in the Richmond-Clarence league. He scored 26 points from four tries and seven goals.

Richard could have made his tally look even more impressive but elected to give team-mates kicks at goal. This is just one example of his good sportsmanship.

His father, Richard Roberts senior, was one of the best centres in the Richmond league 20 years ago, and many people believe that Roberts junior is following in his father's footballing steps.

Richard is one of three players in the Richmond-Clarence league who have topped the points-scoring century in the minor premiership this year. He has played representative football for the league on several occasions, and it was only an oversight that he was not selected to play against the visiting English team at Kempsey recently.

Dawn in June carried an item in the Smoke Signals column about an incident involving a referee and a boomerang-wielding spectator at a match at Woodenbong. A letter (unsigned) to the editor of *Dawn* from "one of the spectators" at this match claims that there was no such incident, and that the story was put around by the beaten team.

But one fact seems clear; the Woodburn team has had one of its best years yet, and team members and supporters *do* take their football seriously. As the letter writer pointed out—"why not? It's our sport".

With lads like Richard Roberts to cheer for it's little wonder that feelings run high at times. MEANWHILE, FARTHER NORTH AT WOODENBONG the All-Blacks rugby league team has been making quite a name for itself. The All-Blacks played in a curtain-raiser to the second rugby league Test at Lang Park, in Brisbane recently. The team soon became favourites with the big crowd and drew loud applause with their unorthodox play. They scored a 10-6 win over Fassifern—a team picked from four clubs.

There seems to be football fever on the north coast as well as in Sydney.

PEN - FRIEND WANTED

Pretty Beverley Nolan, of 54 Macquarie Street, Dubbo, would like a boy pen-friend between 17 to 18 years old. Beverley is 16, but for more particulars you boys will have to write to her.

