

Barassi a Rugby League goal kicker?

GOOD MORNING . . . I can disclose that a syndicate of Gold Coast businessmen, who are firm Rugby League supporters, have made an approach to Carlton's Australian Rules Champion, Ron Barassi, to switch to Rugby League and live here on the Gold Coast.



DICK ("All-rounder") WILSON

Now, see here, sport!



Their idea is that with the four-tackle rule, now bringing openings for field goal into the game, a kicker of Barassi's ability could be worth six or seven goals a match from play the balls, anywhere around the 50-yard mark.

A long pass back anywhere inside 40 yards would almost always result in a goal.

I was present this week when the idea was put to Barassi, and, although no figure was mentioned at these preliminary talks, it won't be money that will stop the syndicate from getting the Carlton coach.

While Barassi showed enough interest to listen courteously to the proposal he was non-committal about it at the end.

At this stage I feel that no switch will come about, but I do know that further pressure will be brought to bear on the Rules star before he returns to Melbourne today.

Several Sydney Rugby League clubs have had the same idea about Rules kickers and it wouldn't surprise to see some Melbourne names in the Sydney Rugby League line-up next season.

On the surface the idea sounds good . . . but will take a few dollars to find out if it is as good as it sounds.

Footnote: I don't for a minute think that the syndicate has Hockley's chance of snaring Barassi.

But, why not? go for one of the lesser lights or for one of the local Rules big kickers and see how it works out? It would be a lot cheaper and would give an indication of whether it would be worth while going after the big fish in earnest.

Has 'em all

You can blame Alan Radcliffe of the Main Beach early morning swimmers for this one . . . which he told me under the shower this morning at 6.30.

The fence dividing Heaven and Hell falls down see? And the Good

Lord had it put up again and sent the Devil a bill for half the cost.

Running true to form, Old Nick says "no dice, I ain't gonna pay".

"Oh, no?" says the Lord. "Well I'll sue you". "Big joke," says the Devil, "where would you get a legal eagle?"

Aircraft beware

Up at the picturesque mountain-top Terranora golf course t'other day Southern visitors, Alan Frith, Mal Meredith, Kenny Lock, and Ben Ross went out to give Colonel Bogey a bit of razzamatazz.

First cab off the rank angaria Airport are now Frithie who teed up trying

to look a deep breath of the beautiful Terranora Mountain air and proceeded to hit an out of sight screamer.

Frithie slammed into the pill so hard that all the lost sight of which way the projectile went and while they were arguing about it the ball returned from straight above their heads . . . it had almost been to outer space and back and Rose reckons it had re-entry burns on it.

Caused a bit of a stir I can tell you.

Department of Civil Aviation officers at Coolangubla Airport are now amongst the gentry when he held in one.

barred from golf for the rest of his holiday.

Drive you wild

Local motor magsiac, Dave Leckhart, went like a souped-up Menzies when he toured around the Southport links to take out the big dish with a nett 63 last Sunday.

The General Motors' gent has been knocking on the door for a win and there was no "Holden" him when he hit the front.

Life member, Pat Doyle, also caused a mild ripple of excitement amongst the gentry when he held in one.

future prospects of the local Lilywhites coming good next season looked a bit too far into the future, because the Gold Coast Rugby Union team covered themselves with glory in a great 17-all draw with Brisbane Easts last Sunday.

Everyone of the team, my union mates tell me, played blinders, but none better than the five reserve graders pulled into the team, after playing a hard game in reserves.

A shot in the arm is just what Coast wanted at this stage, and it will fire them to greater things, I am sure.

And . . . I still say they will be a force next year, thanks to what they have learned the hard way this year in the tough Brisbane Comp.

Good show, chaps

Well, maybe my little dissertation on the

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