

Their First Match

KINCHELA BOYS SHOCK SOCCER WIN

Lads from the Kinchela Aboriginal Boys' Training Home added to their already impressive sporting record when they recently trounced a visiting team from Kotara (Newcastle) at soccer.

Although soccer has not been played at Kempsey for seven years, the visitors were shocked by the prowess of the locals.

The Kinchela team, coached by Mr. John Purvis, soundly defeated the older Kotara boys 5 goals to 1.

Playing in bare feet, the Kinchela team displayed greater stamina and overwhelmed their more experienced opponents in the closing stages of the game.

D. Bates, for the winners, scored three goals, and Michael Welsh made some brilliant saves as goal keeper.

In a return match the following day the ground was wet, and bare feet proved an impossible handicap. The visitors won 3-1 to even the series.

However, considering it was Kinchela's first attempt at soccer, the result was a remarkable one.

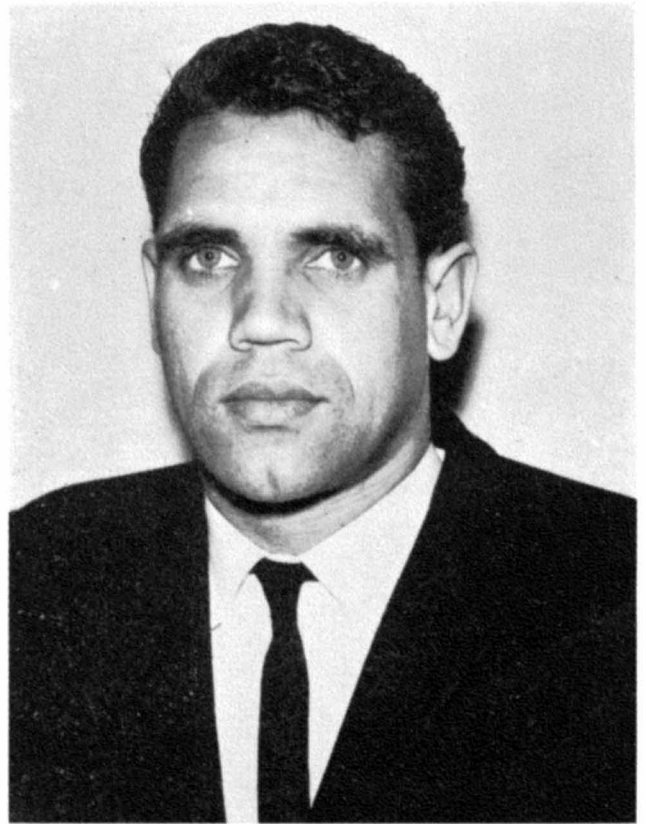
Two teams were sent from Kotara, and were billeted by boys from West Kempsey Primary School. Kempsey held the visitors to a 2-all draw in their first match, but were defeated 3-0 in the return match.

The games were organised by Kempsey National Fitness with a view to starting soccer as a sport for children in the district.

The *Macleay Argus* commented: "Judging by the enthusiasm shown by the children and the many on-lookers, the job should not be hard, and a return match with Kotara has already been suggested to open the 1965 season."

Before returning to Newcastle, the Kotara players and their parents were shown through Kinchela Boy's Home by the Manager, Mr. A. Henricksen, and Mr. Purvis.

The visitors presented Kempsey National Fitness with a large pennant to commemorate the re-commencement of soccer in Kempsey.



FAREWELL TO OLYMPIC STAR

Francis Roberts, the first Aboriginal to obtain Australian selection for the Olympic Games, was farewelled by friends at a function in the Newton Town Hall prior to his departure for Tokyo.

Roberts, a former Cubawee boy, is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Frank Roberts, of Gundurimba Road, Lismore.

He has been living in Sydney for the past year, but intends to live in Lismore after his return from the Games.

Mrs. Roberts travelled from Lismore to Sydney to attend the farewell function, and afterwards she and friends went to Mascot airport for the boxing star's departure.

Francis Roberts has had a rapid rise to fame in the boxing ring. He won the State and National welter-weight amateur titles at his first attempt.

He comes from a long line of well-known professional fighters, Alby, Aub., Cyril, Steve, Harold and Tommy Roberts are all relatives of his.