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SOME MASONIC RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYERS

Herman (Herb) NARVO.

A rugged test forward who was also a good cricketer and cyclist and also held the Australian heavyweight boxing championship while playing league. Narvo played his early football in Newcastle before joining Newtown for one year in 1937, also playing for New South Wales in 1937 & 1938. He was omitted from the 1937 Kangaroo tour but then replaced Joe Pearce when Pearce broke a leg in New Zealand.

Following that tour Narvo returned to Newcastle until rejoining Newtown from 1943 to 1945. He was then captain-coach of St. George in 1946 when the club lost the grand final 12-13 to Balmain. Narvo then played his last years in country football at Cootamundra, Camden and Newcastle. He died of cancer in 1958.

With Newtown he played 45 games for 22 tries and 6 goals a total of 78 points. With St. George 13 games, 3 tries and 8 goals, a total of 25 points.

Herb Narvo commenced boxing with a fight at Newcastle stadium winning in a first round knockout. He was then matched against an American, Alabama Kid, being knocked out in the third round. In just his thirteenth fight he won the Australian Heavyweight title against Billy Britt in 23 seconds in the first round. He lost that title to Jack Johnson in 1946 before captaining the St. George rugby league side the next day. One unofficial fight was against Ray Stehr. Narvo stopped Stehr in the fourth round.

Herb Narvo was initiated on 27th March 1946, passed on 26th April 1946 and raised on 12th August 1946 in Lodge Hamilton, No. 451. His occupation was given as a waterside worker. He called off that lodge 28th July 1954 after affiliating with Lodge Metaforan, No. 871 on 10th October 1953. and finally called off Lodge Metaforan on 13th June 1958.

Albert George Treweek

In 1926 George Treweek played in a trial game against a Mascot team in Tumut. Renowned as one of the best forwards the game has seen he played first grade for South Sydney's premiership teams in 1926-1929 and 1931-1932. Treweek also played for New South Wales in 1927 becoming a fixture in the state side. He played in the three test matches in 1928 and toured with the 1929 Kangaroos. This was a four test series and George Treweek and scored a try in Australia's first test victory. He continued playing for New South Wales until 1933, while captaining South Sydney, when he retired because of business pressure. George Treweek was a butcher.

For South Sydney he played 118 games, scoring 39 tries, a total of 117 points.

George Treweek was initiated on 22nd December 1928, passed on 8th March 1929 and raised on 11th May 1929 in Lodge Unanimity, No. 227. He was installed as Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1944 initiating 12 candidates during his year. He also had conferred Grand Rank. He called off on 10th March 1973.

Alfred Gibbs

A forward, Alfred Gibbs played 28 games for Newtown in 1949-1950 scoring 5 tries for a total of 15 points. A police constable Alf Gibbs was initiated on 28th April 1952, passed on 27th February 1953 and raised on 28th October 1953. He was struck off for non payment of dues on 14th December 1958.

