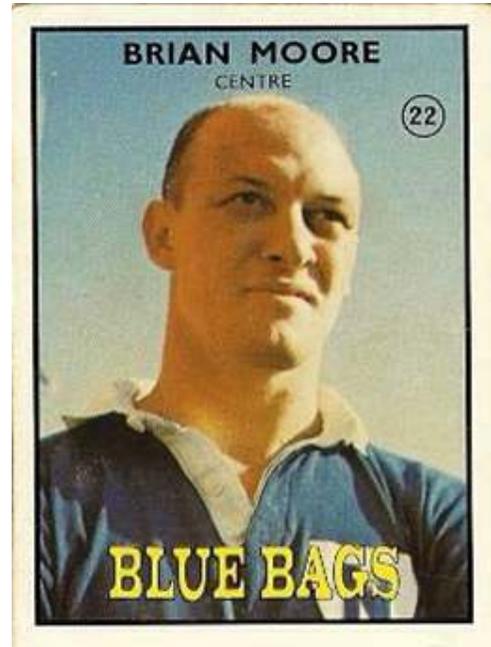


Vale Brian 'Chicka' Moore

19th April 1944 – 25th October 2014

Brian Moore was a member of 1981 Western Suburbs Senior Men's State Cup Touch team. He represented NSW Touch in the Mens 40 Team at the national Championships in 1996 and 1998. His personality and Rugby League experience and career made him an instant success at Touch and was loved and liked by all who met him. He is sadly missed.



Article from Men of League

Brian "Chicka" Moore was a great footballer and a great bloke. A personable and friendly man, Chicka easily made friends wherever he went. As a player, he was highly respected by team-mates and opponents alike, while he also enjoyed admiration from his colleagues after working more than 29 years with the NSW Police Force. In early 2011, Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione presented Sgt. Moore with a NSW Police Medal in recognition of his diligent and ethical service.

"Brian's an icon of Rugby League," said Commissioner Scipione at the time, "but he also contributed a great deal to policing in this state."

Growing up in the inner city suburb of Alexandria, Brian attended Gardiners Road Intermediate High School and played Rugby League with Mascot, then Alexandria in the South Sydney Junior League. In 1957, while just 13, he was a member of the Mascot under 15 Premiership winning side who defeated Chelsea in the Grand Final. The Alexandria Rovers club named Brian in their best ever team, along with players such as George Peponis, Russell Fairfax and 1952 Kangaroo, Greg Hawick.

Newtown were quick to sign the star centre and he began the first of his 12 seasons with the club in 1962. He made his first grade debut, when just 18, at Henson Park on 15 July 1962 against North Sydney and also collected his first top grade try in this match, which Newtown won 27-14. That season Newtown finished second on the Premiership ladder, just one point behind St. George and Chicka played in the major semi final and final. Among his team-mates for these big games were Team of the Century Coach, Jack Gibson, well known detective and NSW player, Barry Nelson, centre partner Bob Keyes and sprint star, Dudley Towers.

Chicka lost most of his hair at an early age and the sight of the big, powerful and bald headed centre making a midfield break was a common sight for fans in the 1960s and early 1970s. In his 12 seasons of first grade from 1962, Brian scored 90 tries in his 176 matches. He scored three tries in the 27-5 win over Canterbury at Belmore on 8 August 1964 and another three tries against the Sharks at Henson Park in the 29-9 win on 7 May 1967.

His combination with fellow policeman, Bobby Keyes, was regarded by many as the best centre combination in the 1960s. Like Brian, Bobby also represented NSW.

The first of Brian's three games for NSW was at the SCG on 31 August 1963. Brian was on the winning team in all games for his state and he picked up two tries. The other games were in 1965 at the SCG and 1970 at Newcastle. Brian also played three matches for City Firsts in 1966, 1967 and 1970, scoring three tries in these fixtures. His selection for the 1966/67 Kangaroos to England and France was a very popular choice and he became a cult figure on the French leg of the tour.

At Perpignan on the Mediterranean near the Spanish border, Brian starred, scoring three tries in the 37-7 win over the Catalans XIII. He instantly became a crowd favourite, who named him, "Le Chauve" – 'the bald one'. This tour was named the Bowler Hat tour and although Brian didn't play a Test, he was the leading try scorer with 10 from his 11 matches.

While Newtown did not win many trophies during Brian's time with the club, they did win the Wills pre-season competition in his last season. Coached by Jack Gibson in 1973, Newtown won the final of the Wills Cup on 17 March. St. George were leading 15-14, but with a minute to go, Brian scored an excellent individual try to give Newtown a 17-15 victory.

In early 1974, Brian moved to Toronto in the Newcastle area, where he worked as a detective. During his nine years in the area, Brian coached Macquarie United and Wests Newcastle, as well as coaching the NSW Country Police team for their match with City Police at Redfern Oval in 1983. After leaving the Police Force, Brian worked for several years as the Sergeant at Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill.

Brian is survived by his daughters Kirsten and Nerida, his brother Colin and his sisters, Brenda and Marilyn, as well as his two former wives, Wendy and Suzanne.

The funeral service for Brian is to be held at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, Botany at 10:30am on Friday 31st October 2014 and then at Henson Park Hotel, Marrickville.

Article from NSWRL News

The NSWRL today paid tribute to Newtown great Brian ‘Chicka’ Moore, who died recently after a long illness.

NSWRL CEO David Trodden said Moore, who played with Newtown from 1962 until 1973, coached the club in 1983 and in 2008 was named in their Team of the Century, will be remembered as a legendary figure in the game.

Chicka was a stalwart of the Newtown club – a player of enormous talent,” said Trodden.

“That talent saw him represent at the highest levels of the game, for both NSW and the Kangaroos.

“Chicka earned a tremendous amount of respect throughout his extensive career in the sport. “He will be sorely missed.”

Moore played junior football with St Peters, and made his first grade debut for Newtown v Souths at Henson Park in June 1962. He toured with the Kangaroos



Brian Moore

in 1967-68 and was the last coach of the Newtown Jets in the NSWRL premiership in 1983.

Newtown Jets October 27th, 2014

RIP Brian ‘Chicka’ Moore

THE Newtown Jets have lost one of the most iconic figures of their 108-year history following the passing of former player, coach and Team of the Century member, Brian ‘Chicka’ Moore.



Mr Moore passed away from a long illness yesterday aged 70. Newtown Jets director and media manager Glen Dwyer says Moore will forever be remembered by the Henson Park faithful for his significant contribution to the foundation club.

“For the baby-boomer generation, Chicka Moore was the living definition of Newtown,” Dwyer tells *RLW*.

“He never had the privilege of being in a premiership winning first-grade side or playing in a Test match, yet no one who saw him in his prime would deny that he was one of the best centres of the period.

“He was a tall, long striding, majestic running centre. In the days where men were starting to grow their hair longer Chicka with his bald head was a landmark at Henson Park.

“His combination with fellow centre Bob Keyes was marvellous and I’ve heard lots of judges say that if Reg Gasnier and Graeme Langlands weren’t around, Brian Moore and Bob Keyes would have been the Australian Test centres without doubt.”

Moore played for Newtown during a difficult period, with the Bluebags only making the finals three times during his 11-year career. However, there were a couple of highlights to savour.

Arguably the finest moment of his career came in 1973 when he almost single-handedly helped Newtown to a remarkable comeback win over St George in the final of the 1973 Wills Pre-Season Cup.

“Newtown were down 15-2 at halftime and the heat was horrendous,” says respected rugby league historian Terry Williams.

“They won 17-15 and that was largely on the back of Chicka. He basically took St George on on his own. In attack he cut the Dragons to pieces out wide and when they had the ball he became a road block.

“In that form he could match any centre in the world.”

Moore represented NSW on three occasions between 1963 and 1970 and was Australia’s top try scorer during the 1967-68 Kangaroo tour, despite not playing in any Tests.

Unfortunately, he had the misfortune of coming through in the same era as *RLW Immortals* Bob Fulton, Reg Gasnier and Graeme Langlands and probably didn’t represent Australia as much as he should have.

A Newtown man through and through, Moore also held the distinction of being the Jets’ last-ever first grade coach taking the reins for the 1983 season following Warren Ryan’s resignation.

A respected police officer, in 2008, Moore was inducted into the NSW police Team of the Century while in 2009 he was awarded the NSW Police Medal for diligent and ethical service during his 29-year career in uniform.

“For all his footballing achievements he probably affected more people’s lives in his role as a physical instruction trainer at the police academy,” Williams says.

“There’s a whole generation of young coppers for one or two decades who were put through their paces by Chicka. “He used to wipe the floor with all these young blokes who were 20 years younger than him.”

“He was just a really memorable character,” Dwyer continues.

“He was a marvellous personality and a great ambassador for the Newtown club.”

BRIAN ‘CHICKA’ MOORE (1944-2004)

173 games for Newtown (90 tries, 270 points)

4 games for NSW (2 tries, 6 points)

11 tour games for Australia (10 tries, 30 points)

-STEVEN RUSSO

Brian’s funeral will be held on Friday 31st October from 10.30am at Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, with a wake to follow at The Henson (formerly Henson Park Hotel, Illawarra Road Marrickville) thereafter.