

The kid who came in from the cold

By JOHN DYER

SYDNEY: It was only a few weeks ago that Kevin Allen looked on with hero worship as his brother Ian played in the first grade with North Shore.

Sixteen-year-old Kevin was running around in the junior grades and wondering if he would ever get as far as his brother, one of the stars in this year's interstate series.

Now things are quite different.

Three weeks ago Kevin ran out with the under-19 side against St. George and came off the player of the match.

It impressed selectors so much that last week he was on the reserves bench for the firsts.

He got his chance in the second half, joining Ian in the back-pocket.

And they formed such a formidable combination that the brothers Allen look like being an obstacle for all top division sides to surmount next season.

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NSW LEAGUE officials have long had the pipe dream of a Victoria-South Australia match on the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Now they are hopeful it will become a reality in 1974.

A proposal has been put before both Southern Leagues and NSW are confi-

dent of its acceptance.

They believe a game of this magnitude, given fine weather, would draw a bigger crowd in this predominantly Rugby League-minded city than the corresponding games do in either Melbourne or Adelaide.

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THREE Sydney youngsters, Geoff Nock, David Sharp and Brian Richards, had the privilege of playing in the history-making first interstate schoolboys' carnival in Brisbane.

The remainder of the squad come from country areas, giving the team an air of true State representation.

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ZITCH Woinarski transferred in his job from Melbourne to Sydney this year and it certainly was the gain of the code here.

A former player with Melbourne seconds, he started here as a boundary runner and soon graduated to field umpire.

Don't know whether it's the usual thing in Melbourne or not, but Zitch runs three to five miles a day to keep in trim.