

NSW

Darryl limit!

Sydney club Newtown last week cleared 6ft 4in ruckman Darryl Dunlop to Carlton.

The Blues will swap Darryl to Essendon for another player.

Newtown club president John Armstrong told **INSIDE FOOTBALL** that Darryl and Essendon are quietly confident that the big fellow can make first grade, and he has three weeks to prove himself.

Darryl has been training with Essendon and flying to Sydney to play each week while awaiting the clearance arrangements to be finalised.

The clubs have agreed in writing to transfer Darryl back to Sydney if he does not make League football.

Originally a Carlton junior, Darryl played three seasons with Mayne in Queensland before coming to Newtown in 1976.

He represented Queensland on two occasions while with Mayne.

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Top news in NSW last week, was the shock resignation of NSWFL secretary Ken Hession.

Ken resigned for health reasons after serving as secretary for nearly two and a half years.

An expatriate South Australian, Ken served on the NSWFL board and was president of Balmain club before becoming League secretary.

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Another VFL club looks likely to get a Sydney player this week.

Melbourne have decided to "talk turkey" with the NSWFL about Michael Byrne.

Byrne, an 18 year old 6ft 7in utility player from the North Shore club, was cleared to Melbourne a fortnight ago.

But the Demons could not agree with the NSW League so a hiatus developed.

An agreement is expected to be reached this week and Michael Byrne should have his long-time dream realised.

Good Luck Michael Byrne!

By **LIONEL BEALE**

The best match of the Sydney weekend round my spies tell me was the Newtown Southern Districts clash at Trumper Oval on Sunday.

Newtown led by three goals, four goals, and three goals at quarter, half, and three-quarter time.

They were still in front half-way through the final quarter.

Districts, slightly fitter, wore Newton down to win by four points.

Not only a thriller, but by all reports top football!

North Shore burst the Pennant Hills' bubble last weekend with an impressive 40 point victory.

They had led by 27 points at half-time.

Greg Jepson and Gary Hugo, the Bears; half-forwards, were unbeatable all day, and notched five goals each.

The Volvo **MAN OF THE ROUND AWARD** went to Jepson narrowly in front of tyro-ruckman Tim Hessel.

This win puts North Shore into second spot on the ladder and they now look the logical challengers to competition leaders Western Suburbs.

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Pretty faces on the football field are pretty rare.

So a big hello to Naomi McEwan who decorated North Sydney Oval on the weekend as "Gunga Din" to the umpire.

Carrying a water bucket, towel, staminade, and a lovely smile, Naomi refreshed the boys in white at quarter and three-quarter time.

She had a special reason for doing all this, and his name is Peter Buderus.

Peter is a boundary umpire in his first season in Sydney football.

A sheet-metal worker by trade, although at the moment unemployed, Peter is very promising and so would I be if Naomi smiled at me.

As they say **LUCKY PIERRE!**