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## Paul Shaw makes a mark on Sydney

On a recent trip back to his hometown of Wellington potential league superstar, Paul Shaw expressed his disappointment in recent newspaper articles naming him as a young half-back from Dubbo.

Paul, son of Vic Shaw of Arthur Street, Wellington, has been making his mark in the Sydney league books with his top game in First Grade for the Sea Eagles against Souths last month and his well known displays with the Manly-Warringah Club's Reserves. His nippy bursts have earned him several runs in the top grade this season and his form has been outstanding.

Local ardent League supporter Bryan Johnson said that he felt the record should be put straight as to the young stars background.

Bryan writes:

Paul began at Wellington High in 1978. In 1983 he was elected School Captain, after previously being elected as House Captain.

Paul represented the school in rugby league, basketball and athletics. In fact Paul still holds the school open 200m record (23.12), set by him in 1983.

Paul Shaw was fortunate in being coached in his early career by the late Johnny George. In fact this team, under the guidance of Johnny, won a number of competitions in the Dubbo Junior League.

In 1983 Wellington won the 18's Grand Final in Group IX. The strange part about this being that at the time of the Grand Final Paul was on tour with the Western Region Combined High Schools team in New Zealand. That team was also coached by Johnny George and indeed many fine players such as Paul and Michael Ackerman, Michael George and Paul Kennedy. Paul Kennedy is another fine player who has gone on to play first grade for Cronulla. During the 1983 season Paul Shaw was named as a reserve in the NSW Combined High Schools team. He played so well in the Australian Carnival that he was named in the Australian Merit side. There was no tour and no games arranged for that year.

These credentials got Paul a trail with Manly-Warringah, where he has been ever since.

Paul has continued to play with the Wellington players in the State wide Aboriginal Knock Out.

A talented player he is - from Dubbo he is NOT.

Paul has three brothers in First Grade Rugby League who are showing their own talent. Luke is with Orange Cymys, Steven has made his mark with Wests and Willie has found good form with Cymys. Young Caleb is also certainly showing signs of being a top player.



• Vic Shaw tries to avoid a tackle from Balmain's Kevin Hardwick.