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## RED AND BLACK/BACK TO BACK - LEAGUE+UNION DOUBLE HEADER

27 August 2008

### RED AND BLACK - BACK TO BACK NORTH SYDNEY OVAL Saturday 4th September 2010

RUGBY UNION  
SHUTE SHIELD – ROUND 20  
NORTHERN SUBURBS V WARRINGAH  
3:00 p.m.

RUGBY LEAGUE  
NSW CUP – ROUND 26  
NORTH SYDNEY BEARS V AUCKLAND VULCANS  
5:00 p.m.

The history of the Rugby codes on the North Shore has always held a special place in Australian sporting history. Nowhere in this country's sporting landscape have the two codes competed so closely for their share of the public's attention. At times the battle has been violent, fiery AND friendly. But the two common denominators have been their colours – RED AND BLACK and their home ground – NORTH SYDNEY OVAL.

There is no doubt that Union was first. Union on the lower North Shore is over 130 years old and the North Shore Football Club, as it was first known played on a paddock adjoining Holterman's Tower, what is now the Shore School. It was not until the late 1800s that they began to play out of St Leonard's Park as the Pirates, who won the First Grade Premiership in 1898. But The Pirates and the neighbouring Wallaroos soon combined in 1900 to form North Sydney. It was the first district club to affiliate with the metropolitan Rugby Union in the initial eight-club district competition. The date was April 5<sup>th</sup> 1901.

Seven years later the North Shore was rocked by the creation of the NSW Rugby League and in 1908 the North Sydney District Rugby League Football Club. Forming on 7<sup>th</sup> February and soon after receiving the No. 1 receipt from the NSW

League for payment of their registration, making them the first to affiliate with the premier Australian Rugby League competition. North Sydney Oval was then secured as the Club's home venue at a cost of one shilling per month per member. North Sydney's first big success came in 1921/22 with a Premiership winning backline that has been considered the greatest ever assembled.

And so North Sydney Rugby League and Northern Suburbs Rugby Union will celebrate their unique history as they come together on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 for a double header at North Sydney Oval from 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the North Sydney Bears go to their website at [www.northsydneybears.com.au](http://www.northsydneybears.com.au).

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