

BOOK NOTES

Ian Heads, *The History of Souths: 1908-1985*. Hoffman-Smith, Crows Nest, 1985. Illus., records and results. pp.121. \$12.95 plus \$1.50 postage from South Sydney Leagues Club.

This is a lavishly-illustrated club history though some photographs do not reproduce well. Although the book is popular rather than scholarly, it has some useful information about one of the great Rugby League Clubs of Sydney and is for the most part accurate.

After Chapter I provides a potted history of the beginning of Rugby League in Australia, Chapter II focusses at South Sydney until 1985. Chapter III deals with the playing or administrative careers of the leading lights of the club but provides little information about their lives outside the club. Chapter IV includes a year-by-year chronology of major events which are supplemented by side notes which, unfortunately, are not related to the text itself. Chapter V, which covers 'who won what when', has some useful statistics including crowds from 1965-85.