

# Vale: Terry REYNOLDS

## 27 Jan 1948 – 18 Oct 2007



The NSW Public service held its first competition over the summer of 1976-77 with only one division of eleven teams. Terry (better known as “Yappy”) alongside his brother Barry represented the Town Hall in its inaugural team

Town Hall, with famous brothers Barry and Terry Reynolds and Graham ‘Nigsy’ Hill played the grand finals for the first five years either winning or becoming runners up with Motor Transport their opponents each year. The three players mentioned all went on to represent New South Wales and be named in Australian merit sides of the early 80s.

He represented Newtown, Souths then Canterbury in the NSW Touch Vawdon Cup winning the Mens Open division in 1979 and 1980. At the NSW State Cup in 1979 his team was defeated in the final by Manly Warringah but in 1980 defeated South Sydney to win the title only to lose it the following year to Souths.

In 1983 he played Mens 35 division for Canterbury winning the Vawdon Cup and being runners up in the State Cup to Cronulla. He turned the tables on Cronulla the following year at the State Cup, only to lose to them again in 1985. Rest in Peace my friend you will be missed by all who came across your path.

From Wikipedia

Terry was an Australian professional rugby league footballer who played in the 1960s and 1970s. He played for the Canterbury Bulldogs, Parramatta Eels and for the New South Wales Rugby League team. A halfback or five-eighth, Reynolds played 47 first grade games for Canterbury, 46 for Parramatta and one match for New South Wales between 1968 and 1975.

A brother of Bulldogs first-grader Barry Reynolds, he joined Canterbury in 1966[1] when the Berries (as they were then known) were building up after a long period in the doldrums to become a major NSWRL force for the first time since the 1940s. It was 1968 before Terry played first grade, but by the beginning of 1970 he had permanently replaced Ross Kidd as first grade halfback and was established as one of the best in the game[2] and that season he played for New South Wales and later for a World Cup selection trial.[3]

However, Reynolds' speed and skill at halfback was already overshadowed by his flamboyant behaviour on the field – the Berries suspended him because he would not cut his long hair[4][5] but he had it partly cut and was reinstated, playing with a headband.[6] After further trouble in 1971 – during which season Reynolds had the distinction of potting the first one-point field goal in first grade[7] – it was clear Reynolds would leave the Bulldogs.

North Sydney were originally considered likely to secure him,[8] but by October it was clear he would go to Parramatta.[9] Reynolds eventually debuted for the Eels in 1973, but faced competition from John Kolc, Kevin Hogan and latterly former South Sydney star Denis Pittard. Often playing five-eighth with Kolc at halfback, Reynolds rendered valuable service to the Eels as they struggled in 1973 and 1974, but back at halfback became renowned for working many try scoring moves down the blindside with lock Quayle as the Eels began their sudden rise to prominence in 1975. Persistent injuries caused him to retire before the 1976 season began.

#### Canterbury Bulldogs History

Terry Reynolds joined Canterbury in 1966 as a half back. The brother of Barry Reynolds, Terry started the 1967 season in third grade but by the end of the season was a regular member of the reserve grade team. In 1968, Terry made his first grade debut in the opening match of the season against Cronulla and kept his spot until Ross Kidd returned from injury. He then mainly played in reserve grade for the rest of the season.

In 1969, Terry again replaced the injured Ross Kidd and became a regular first grade player for the rest of the season. In 1970, he played in the winning Pre-Season Final against St George and was selected to play one game for NSW. Terry also played in the 1970 Semi-Final against St George.

After missing the start of the 1971 season, he returned to captain the first grade team on four occasions. Terry was to lose his first grade position to Les Hutchings and spent most of the season in third grade but did not play in the finals.

Terry joined Parramatta in 1973 to play 48 first grade games between 1973 and 1975. His career was cut short when he was spear-tackled head first into the turf, breaking his neck, and putting him in a wheel chair. Through great determination he recovered and was able to play competitive touch football later on.

Terry passed away on the 18th ,October 2007.

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By David Riccio

A rebel right to the end.

TERRY Reynolds loved a fight - even when he couldn't win.

On Thursday afternoon, rugby league's 1970s rebel was there still punching away against cancer. "He was a tough bugger. I don't doubt he kept slogging away at it as long as he could," former Test forward Ray Price said. But after battling 12 months with cancer of the lower oesophagus, the former Canterbury halfback died at the age of 60 with his family by his side.

"Terry was always a fighter, this was just one battle he couldn't win. It's a shame when anything gets you before you're ready," Price said. Reynolds played 47 games for Canterbury, 46 for Parramatta and one match for NSW. He caused a major controversy in 1970 when he was sacked from first grade by the Bulldogs for refusing to cut his hair.

At the time, he was regarded as one of the game's best halfbacks and his threats to quit the club were splashed across the front pages of daily newspapers. "They can go to hell," Reynolds told The Daily Mirror at the time.

"Next they'll be telling me how to dress."

With the support of his team-mates, Reynolds was dropped for just one match by coach Kevin Ryan. He reached a compromise and had his shoulder-length hair trimmed.

In an interview with The Sunday Telegraph this year, Reynolds said: "I was born and bred in Chippendale ... you learned to look after yourself. You learned to fight when you're doing it tough."

Reynolds' funeral will be held at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Leppington at noon on Wednesday 24th.