

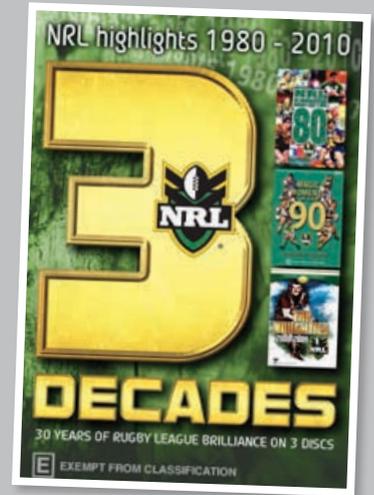


WORDS BY JAMES MATTHEY AND LYLE BEATON

3 DECADES 30 YEARS OF RUGBY

VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

If you're interested in long hair, big hits and sensational tries, then look no further than Visual Entertainment Group's NRL Highlights 1980 - 2010 for the perfect dose. Showcasing the best that rugby league has to offer, from the rough and tumble of the 1980s; to the emergence of modern-day greats in the 1990s; to the silky and sublime skills of the noughties. This DVD is a must-have for rugby league lovers of any era. For the more experienced fan, re-live those fond childhood memories spent trying to emulate the likes of Peter Sterling and Mal Meninga while, for the younger breed, be engrossed as you watch the greatest game of all evolve before your very eyes to become the spectacle you love today.



2012 NRL PREMIERS MELBOURNE STORM VICTORY PACK DVD

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So the Grand Final euphoria has evaporated, and you're thinking you'll have to wait 12 more months before getting the chance to immerse yourself in the rapture that comes with winning a premiership? Wrong. Grab a copy of the Melbourne Storm 2012 Victory Pack, and recreate that ecstasy at the click of a button. Let the likes of Billy Slater, Cameron Smith and Cooper Cronk dazzle you all over again as they push towards attaining the glory of Provan and Summons. Spoil yourself by replaying the big plays and that famous Melbourne determination, delighting in the knowledge that each tackle is bringing you one step closer to a Grand Final victory. The ultimate for any diehard Storm supporter, this pack contains the Storm's season highlights, three finals clashes and all the lead up from rugby league's biggest week.

A SHORT HISTORY OF RUGBY LEAGUE IN AUSTRALIA

WILL EVANS | THE SLATTERY MEDIA GROUP

This wonderful addition to the library of rugby league will be welcomed by many fans.

Will Evans has gone out of his way to collate a vast amount of material in one title, with chapters covering international rugby league, representative football and the premier club competition in Australia - whether under the guise of the current NRL or former NSWRL.

Of particular note are the chapters highlighting, year by year, the great players, club achievements and major events in the Australian game. Covering everything from tragic figures to cult heroes. A handy and well documented collection of summaries that bring much of the 105 year old history of Australian rugby league to life through the great identities the game has consistently thrown up.

The top 100 players list contained within, will no doubt provoke much discussion, but unlike many other such lists, it shows a more considered approach to the joyous skills exhibited by players from earlier in rugby league's long history, rightly giving due acknowledgment to the likes of the great Dave Brown and others.

Probably helped by the fact he was born in New Zealand, Evans has done well to incorporate significant international content into this book, exploring Britain [Wales and England predominantly], New Zealand, France, Papua New Guinea, the US and South Africa's contribution to the game. Perhaps future editions could incorporate summaries on the other major Pacific nations such as Tonga, Samoa and Fiji as well.

The book is well finished with some excellent and famous photographs from the game's long history, in both black and white and colour.

A great rugby league book from an up and coming writer in the field. Every fan of the game should be able to find some trivia to their liking in what is a wonderful assortment.

