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Brothers in arms

By Andrew Johnston

RUGBY LEAGUE

AS a youngster growing up in Tumut, Queanbeyan Kangaroos backrower Jed Pearce never thought he'd have the opportunity to play alongside older brother Adam.

With a seven-year age gap between them, the chances of the two brothers playing side by side always seemed remote.

This year however, has seen the siblings united on the field for the first time with Jed having followed his brother's path from the Tumut Blues to the Kangaroos backrow.

"Because of the age difference between us, I never thought I'd get the opportunity to play with Adam," Jed says. "It's a bit unreal actually."

"When I was younger though, I was always around him when he was playing footy and he did inspire me to try and fulfil

a bit of a career of my own in footy."

"Jed was one of the ball boys when I started in first grade back in Tumut," adds Adam, "so it's very different for us to be playing together."

"We have another brother whose in between us [in age] so I've played a bit of first grade with him but this is the first time I've ever had the chance to play with Jed."

Adam, 25, enjoyed a standout year at Queanbeyan in his debut season with the club last year, taking out the Kangaroos' player of the year award.

And after making his first grade debut with the Tumut Blues last season, Jed was afforded to opportunity to link up with his older brother at the Kangaroos this year.

Jed said moving up to Queanbeyan this season had always been on the cards with the 18-year-old having set his sights on forcing his way into the

Canberra Raiders under-20s program.

"Adam triggered the idea," Jed said. "We agreed it'd be a good thing to test ourselves in a stronger competition and I'd like to have a crack at maybe getting into the [Canberra] Raiders under-20s program as well."

"I had a trial with them last year and didn't go any good at all. I really didn't prepare myself for it but now I'm really focused on getting my skills and my fitness up so I can have another go next year."

Saturday meanwhile, will see Jed square off against the Kangaroos arch-rivals the Queanbeyan Blues for the first time in the first of two local derbies this season.

"Adam's explained to me it's going to be a pretty tough game but I'm really looking forward to it," Jed said. "I've heard a lot about the rivalry between the two clubs so it should be interesting."



Brothers Jed (left) and Adam Pearce have united at the Queanbeyan Kangaroos this season.

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Macey's return adds spark to Kangaroos

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AFTER missing the first three weeks of the Canberra Raiders Cup season, Queanbeyan Kangaroos five-eighth Jordan Macey hasn't wasted any effort making up for lost time.

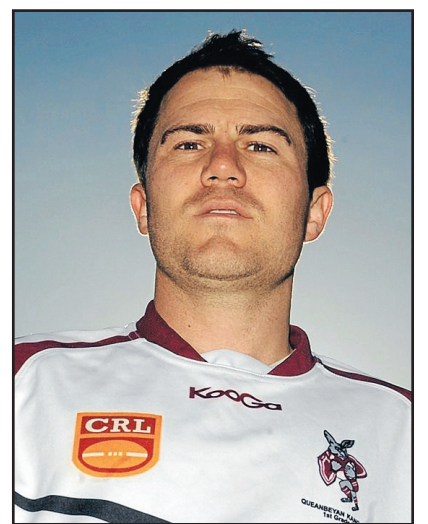
Last Saturday saw the livewire half accumulate a personal tally of 22 points from three tries and five goals in just his second appearance for the Kangaroos this year.

Macey's efforts were enough to almost single-handedly lift the Kangaroos past the third-placed Woden Valley Rams as Queanbeyan scored a 30-20 victory at Phillip Oval.

The 29-year-old's return from a stint playing rugby union in the United States is a welcome one for the Roos with halfback Aaron Gorrell still yet to find his best form as he returns from a serious knee injury.

But despite his impressive performance against Woden, Macey acknowledged he was still finding his feet back at Freebody Oval after a season with the Dallas Reds in the Texas club rugby competition.

"I've been at the club two year now and I didn't even know all the boys names out there [on



Kangaroos' Jordan Macey.

Saturday]," Macey said. "There are a few new faces around this season so I think it's going to take us a few more games to gel."

"It's a bit unorganised out there at the moment. I think we're still trying to get our best team out on the park but we can't go out against the Blues and play like we have been or we're going to get found out pretty quickly."

"Everyone's saying they're the team to beat this year and from what I've heard they've signed some pretty handy players so we'll have to be on our game."

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