



Education activity — ‘Mud to trophies’



This photograph, taken at the end of the 1963 Rugby Football League Grand Final, shows St George’s Norm Provan and Western Suburb’s Arthur Summons leaving the field. The image inspired the design of the Winfield Cup and National Rugby League Telstra Premiership trophies.

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This iconic image is evocative on many levels. Here are some activities for your students.

- Ask your students to respond to the following questions. What is it about this photograph that inspired two rugby league trophies? What does the photograph say about the nature of the game?
- Have your students imagine they were walking near these two players as they left the field. What might they have heard them saying to each other? Ask them to write up a short dialogue of that imagined conversation.
- Students are to suggest possible captions for this photograph.
- Direct your students to the *League of Legends* website http://www.nma.gov.au/exhibitions/league_of_legends/ and look for the Winfield Cup trophy in the ‘Treasures of the game’ section. Have them compare and contrast that trophy with other trophies in the ‘Treasures of the game’ section and note the similarities and differences. Have them respond to the following questions. How does each trophy express the idea of winning? Which trophies may express victory more effectively? Have students come up with their own designs for a rugby league trophy. Compare the designs and encourage the students to discuss them.

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