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THE *Sun-Herald* touches down with the best story — the Johns brothers and other high-flyers of the game saying they would consider joining South Sydney if the Rabbitohs win their upcoming court case.

Matthew Johns tags Souths “the people’s team” and talks of the club’s appeal to “passionate players”. “It would be a real football club, not a franchise,” says Phil Gould.

The *Sunday Telegraph*’s Adam Hawse and Cameron Bell conduct a timely inquiry into bush football — their findings captured in the headline “Country in crisis”. Some sort of “blitz” featuring leading NRL players is apparently planned as a “rescue operation”.

Meanwhile, Matthew Johns has either been offered the Knights’ first-grade coaching job for 2001 (*Tele*) or hasn’t (*Sun-Herald*). Take your pick.

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