



**Above:**  
Matenga wins possession against strong defence during the Wellington versus Auckland rep match which decided the 1985 national provincial title. Wellington won.

**Right:**  
The Matenga family: Terry and Margaret with baby Luciana only hours old.

were the truth. "I wouldn't like to say them myself," she added. "I always try to play up to what has been described as me. But all those attributes seem to come naturally to me. Don't they? I haven't really worked on any of those things. I hate training but when any rep team gets together I enjoy the team training effort. But I do feel fitness is very important."

Margie said she gets very nervous at the start of a game. "I worry if I don't get nervous. But as soon as the game is underway I come right. Probably I have some kind of extra sense to judge where the ball is going, otherwise it is really inexplicable. I'm a pretty cheerful person and I often break into a smile even in the most tense moments. It's probably because I enjoy the drama of the game."

One of six children, Margie's parents

