

Police Disturb Two-up Players in House

GAMING police who entered a North Sunshine house one night last May disturbed a group of 25 men enjoying a quiet game of two-up.

Just how quiet and friendly the game was is shown by a policeman's statement in Sunshine Court on Tuesday that the men were drinking _____ tea!

The court was told that when four police entered the house they found the men seated on forms around a square of canvas.

Const. Alan Gogoll said that Norman William Donaldson, of Adelaide Street, St. Albans admitted running the game of two-up.

He said he had been running the game for a couple of months and got 2/- in the £ on winning bets.

Some of the replies given by the men when they were asked what they were doing there, were: "Just to get a few bob," "I'm just playing," "Here for pleasure."

Donaldson was charged with acting in the conduct of a common gaming house and the other men were charged with being found without lawful excuse in a common gaming house.

Mr. A. Cosgrave, who appeared for Donaldson, submitted that the offence was one of the most harmless that the man in the street could commit.

Mr. O'Connor, S.M., answered that the legislation provided heavy penalties for this type of offence.

Donaldson was fined £30 and the rest of the men fined £2 each.