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EDITORIAL

With the playing of the Grand Final today, the 1968 Football Season in the South West will be completed.

Today's souvenir issue of "The Aussie Ruler" has a new look appearance and is the biggest edition yet published as the official organ of the South Western District Football League. In previous years, the League has made available a complimentary programme of four or eight pages but the new "Aussie Ruler" will more than compensate for the complimentary issue.

1968 has seen a most successful season in the SWDFL and while it is readily conceded that many facets must be improved it can be claimed that 1968 has seen improvements in many ways.

On behalf of the League, thanks are extended to everyone who helped in the promotion of the code during 1968 both within the Clubs and also at League level. Without the voluntary support of its keen supporters and officials, the game could not possibly continue.

To the Players who have played for the various Clubs, we express the thanks of the Club supporters and spectator for the entertainment which they have provided.

To the teams which will contest today's Grand Final games, we say congratulations, and may the best teams win, but above all, that true sportsmanship be displayed and that the presentation of the Australian Code, which we all consider to be the greatest in the world, is presented in a manner in which we may all be proud.

Finally, on behalf of the League, may we express our thanks to you supporters who have faithfully followed the teams throughout the Season as without you no Club or League would be able to survive.



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R. Smith, Ard.	2	R. Craze, N.	2	J. Smith, G.G.M.	1
L. Johnson, W.	2	B. Pattens, L.	2	L. Francis, T.P.	1
W. Belford, L.	2	R. Inglis, Ard.	2	J. Crouch, L.	1
J. Higgin, Gr.	2	K. Buchanan, Gan.	2	N. Johnson, W.	1
G. Smith, L.	2	T. O'Connor, N.	2	J. Williams, Gan.	1
I. Day, Ard.	2	P. Craig, C.	2	J. Parr, C.	1
G. Woolnough, Gan.	2	B. Watson, N.	2	R. Matherson, N.	1
B. Carroll, Ard.	2	G. Lewis, L.	2	R. Carroll, Gr.	1
B. Whyte, Ard.	2	D. Henderson, G.G.M.	1	K. Richards, G.G.M.	1
M. Sullivan, G.G.M.	2	D. Dryden, C.	1	B. Allen, Gan.	1
B. Royal, N.	2	C. Noack, T.P.	1	J. Darcey, L.	1
G. Kelly, W.	2	V. Bourke, W.	1	M. Tuckett, W.	1
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D. Painter, L.	2	R. Osmond, N.	1	R. Murphy, T.P.	1
J. Fitzpatrick, W.	2	D. Dreyer, Gr.	1	R. Holgate, Gan.	1
T. Noack, A.P.M.	2	B. Crozier, Gan.	1	G. Hyland, N.	1
R. Lewis, A.P.M.	2	R. Peacock, A.P.M.	1	R. Harper, A.P.M.	1
B. Preston W.	2	T. Bourke, C.	1	D. Smith, T.P.	1
D. Wooden, T.P.	2	N. Bates, T.P.	1	K. Hoskinson, L.	1
A. Dudley, L.	2	R. Hatty, Gan.	1	B. Robertson, C.	1

3rd XVIII (Petts Trophy)

A. Crouch, Gan.	17	J. Jackson, N.	3	D. Patterson, N.	2
S. Margosis, N.	13	B. Roy, Gan.	3	N. Fairman, A.P.	2
G. Woolnough, Gan.	11	Drysdale, Ard.	3	P. Carroll, Gan.	1
G. Allen, T.P.	10	M. O'Mara, L.	3	P. L. Smith, Ard.	1
L. McCallum, N.	10	D. Heath	2	R. Ingram, N.	1
M. Brill, Gr.	5	C. Heath, Gan.	2	P. Reed, Gr.	1
G. Traynor, Gan.	5	R. Hunt, N.	2	W. Belford, L.	1
D. Tyndall, Gr.	5	B. Meek, Gan.	2	J. Brown, Ard.	1
I. Riggs, Gr.	4	T. Reed, Gr.	2	G. Harrison, T.P.	1
W. Mathieson, Ard.	4	A. P. Schultz, L.	2	J. Killgower, Ard.	1
G. Skeers, T.P.	4	G. Hyland, N.	2	P. Southwell, A.P.	1
G. Rennie,	3	P. Sheather, N.	2	D. O'Conner, Gan.	1
P. Hocking,	3	D. Meagher, T.P.	2	R. Hogan, L.	1
J. O'Brien, Ard.	3	G. Strong, T.P.	2	W. Smyth	1
R. Harper, A.P.M.	3	R. Ford, Gr.	2	G. Wells	1
		P. Smith, Ard.	2	M. Kelly, Gan.	1
		R. Wilson, Gr.	2	P. Crouch, Gan.	1
				I. Wade, Gr.	1

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G. Buchanan, Gan.	2	B. Lucas, C.	2	J. McCaig, Gan.	1
J. Winnel, Gan.	2	F. Conlan, Gr.	2	G. Noack	1
Dan Carroll, Gan.	2	R. Higgins, Gr.	1	C. Pilgram, L.	1
Des Carroll, Gan.	2	E. White, T.P.	1	K. Ceely, G.G.M.	1
B. Waters, N.	2	V. Maloney, C.	1	K. Wall, Ard.	1
B. Waller, N.	2	J. Kidman, L.	1	N. Brooks, A.P.M.	1
K. Forbes, N.	2	L. Alchin, L.	1	B. Preston, W.	1
J. DeManiel, W.	2			R. Thompson, W.	1

2nd XVIII (Lanham Trophy)

B. Logan Gan.	20	B. D. Stewart, Ard.	5	A. Maloni, Gr.	3
J. Stout Ard.	19	P. McLean, N.	5	B. Robertson, T.P.	3
R. Ryan, G.G.M.	17	P. Brill, Gan.	5	R. Cameron, C.	3
J. Ryan, Ard.	12	R. Crocker, C.	5	J. Peters, Gr.	3
E. Slater, T.P.	10	B. Pitt, W.	5	T. Smith, T.P.	3
R. Wise, T.P.	9	C. Phillis, Gr.	5	D. DeMamiel, W.	3
G. Button N.	8	M. Newman, Gr.	5	B. Evans, G.G.M.	3
I. Dixon, N.	8	J. Quade, A.P.M.	5	A. Jones, G.G.M.	3
Peter Carroll, Gan.	7	D. Hall, Gr.	5	R. Burgess, T.P.	3
G. Boots, W.	7	R. Lloyd, W.	5	M. Eldridge, Gr.	3
A. McKenzie, A.P.M.	7	G. Luhrs, Gr.	5	J. Brown, A.P.M.	3
F. Aliendi, N.	7	K. Guthrie, Gan.	5	F. O'Dwyer, A.P.M.	3
R. Iverach, T.P.	7	Tony Carroll, Gan.	5	P. Meale, Ard.	3
P. Smith, Ard.	7	P. Lott, Ard.	4	J. Harrison, T.P.	3
G. Powell, N.	6	V. Guthrie, Ard.	4	N. McLennan, T.P.	3
K. Stuart, G.G.M.	6	A. O'Rielly, Ard.	4	R. Tonicia, Gan.	3
P. Jack, T.P.	6	P. Sheather, N.	4	K. O'Dwyer, A.P.M.	3
B. Yandell, A.P.M.	6	C. Lyons, N.	4	J. Gumbleton, Gan.	3
R. Smith, G.G.M.	6	K. Edyvean, C.	4	R. Furner, C.	3
G. Craze, N.	6	M. O'Mera, L.	4	M. J. Kelly, Ard.	3
R. Harper, A.P.M.	6	B. Newmark, Ard.	4	J. Winnel, Gan.	3
G. Owen, Gr.	5	K. Cedelland, Gan.	4	T. Budge, N.	3
I. Osmond, N.	5	D. Pike, C.	4	R. Schodde, Gr.	3
C. O'Reilly, W.	5	L. Hodson, Gr.	4	V. Quade, A.P.M.	3
R. Smith, Gr.	5	R. Hogan, L.	3	C. Pitt, L.	3
J. Cedelland, Gan.	5	P. Bartholomew, L.	3	W. Hughes, C.	3
		B. Lewis, A.P.M.	3	L. Dunbar, W.	3
		P. Manglesdorf, Gan.	3	W. Clarke, G.G.M.	3
		H. Moses, Gr.	3	B. Blake, Gan.	3
				M. Willis, Ard.	3

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LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MR. J. A. QUINN

At approximately 5.00 p.m. today the curtain will be drawn on the S.W.D.F.L. for the 1968 season, but first:-

To you the public, particularly those of you who have travelled far to see the final act of our seasons performance, I extend a most cordial welcome and sincerely trust that you will thoroughly enjoy the spectacle about to be presented.

The season so rapidly drawing to a close has not been without problems, and I would be a foolish man if I said that this has been our most successful year, particularly when considering the League finances, which have taken a considerable jolt in the last couple of seasons. I appeal to Club delegates to give this matter their serious consideration.

The return of the Neville Nesbitt trophy to the S.W.D.F.L. from our friendly rivals, the Farrer Leagues territory has recommended our return to the status enjoyed several seasons ago. Within the League too, clubs lower down have worked hard to lift their standing, and to these I offer my congratulations, but much remains to be done. In particular some clubs are not promoting junior football in the desired manner and this is a continual source of concern to the people genuinely interested in the promotion of the code. From here on lets all resolve to give this matter our most urgent attention.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to thank all those people who have helped our League in so many ways, our trophy donors, the players, Club officials, match officials, Press and Radio comments and last but not least the supporters who with your intense interest help to make our Australian code the greatest in the world. Finally may I wish the teams taking part in to-days games every success, but above all else that all matches be played in a manner befitting true Australian sportsmen.

J. A. QUINN,
Pres., S.W.D.F.L.

TODAYS PRESENTATIONS

(Times given below are approximate only)

12 noon — McPherson-Mathieson Trophy to Captain of Premier team.

2.15 p.m.: Theo Apoustoulos Trophy to Barry Logan — Captain Ganmain Seconds, Minor Premiers.

Criterian Cup to Captain of Premier Team.

5.00 p.m.: Dale Williams Memorial Trophy to Ron O'Neil, Captain of Griffith Club Firsts minor Premiers.

The Argus Cup to Captain of Premier team.

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TODAY'S GAMES

At approximately 5.00 p.m. this afternoon we will know the winners of the three Grades in the SWDFL.

The first match of the day, to commence at 10.00 a.m. will be between the two outstanding Under 18 sides for 1968, namely Narrandera and Griffith. Narrandera have not lost a match in the last two seasons, and look the more accomplished side in their clash with Ganmain. Ganmain have shown wonderful improvement during this season which speaks volumes for the work which has been done in this Club in the junior ranks. Narrandera, with a slight edge in experience, should be able to win their second successive Thirds Grand Final pennant.

In the second match of the day, Ganmain have earned the right to challenge their victors of the second semi final, Griffith, to decide the winner of this pennant. Ganmain have been the outstanding second side during the season having suffered only two losses, one by Narrandera during minor rounds, and the other by Griffith in the second semi final by a narrow margin of one point.

The standard of football shown in the Second's competition during the season and in the finals, has been most pleasing and a very definite improvement on previous seasons. This game should provide a top class spectacle with the winner being well concealed until late in the game.

Both sides have many players with "A" Grade experience and at this stage it would appear that the side which is able to make the most use of its opportunities, should be the winner.

It would be a game man indeed who would confidently select a winner, but in view of Ganmain's more consistent form during the season and the strength of their older players in Hatty, Holgate, Logan, B. Cedelland and B. Dillon they are selected as likely winners.

To complete the 1968 season, Griffith, the minor premiers, will be opposed to Arian Park-Mirrool. We all remember the one point victory by Griffith over to Arian Park-Mirrool in the second semi final, and if this is to be taken as a guide then today's crowd should not be disappointed in the football they will see.

Griffith have had the benefit of the week's rest, while their opponents had to show their worth by defeating Ganmain to earn the right for another "go" at Griffith for the pennant.

This preview is written well before the selection of teams, and one can only anticipate that the two Clubs Selectors will rely very much on the same line-up, as that which contested the second semi final at Ardlethan.

Griffith must start as favourites as they have defeated Arian Park in their three encounters this season by 17, 5 and 1 point respectively, and this must give them added confidence. The "Swans" will look to their Captain Coach, Ron O'Neill for a bag full of goals and for big games from their other name players in Kevin Kirkpatrick, Sid Robins, John Foley, Roger Thom, John Scott and Bill Biron to name but a few. If Ron O'Neill is able to kick a reasonable number of goals then this should almost ensure Griffith of victory.

On the other side, Arian Park Mirrool will be looking for a repeat performance of last week's game by their Captain Coach Vernon Drake, while Graham Kavanagh's encounter with Griffith's Captain Coach, Ron O'Neill, could well be a deciding factor in the game.

They will be looking for a return to form by their champion full forward, Ricky Quade, who has had two quiet finals matches, for continued good form from Jim Prentice, and all other players to lift their games.

Because of the youth of the Arian Park-Mirrool side, I am going to select the mas the likely winners, but it will need a remendous effort from this young side to win the pennant.

As well, everyone will be wishing the "Swans" every good fortune to take their second S.W.D.F.L. first grade premiership, and 'no-one will begrudge their victory if they succeed.

In the ultimate, may the better team win. Farewell for 1968.

1968 AWARD WINNERS RECEIVING TROPHIES



The presentation of awards took place at Gissing Oval last Sunday. Pictured above are award winners with the League President Mr. J. A. Quinn.

LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Crouch, (Ganmain) Best and Fairest 3rd XVIII; B. Logan, (Ganmain), Best and Fairest 2nd XVIII; I. Crewes, (Ardlethan), Best and Fairest 1st XVIII; League President; R. O'Neill (Griffith), Winner Goalkicking 1st XVIII; P. Carroll, (Ganmain), Winner Goalkicking 2nd XVIII; Absent: D. Meagher, (Narrandera), Winner Goalkicking 3rd XVIII.

VOTING — LEAGUE BEST AND FAIREST

1st XVIII (Gamage Medal)		J.L. Pilkington, W.		T. Lennon, Gan.	
I. Crewes, Ard.	27	R. Turner, Gan.	5	W. Kember, Gan.	3
R. Little, W.	24	W. Thrupp, Ard.	5	J. Curry, T.P.	3
J. Bloomfield, N.	18	M. Sellars, G.G.M.	5	R. Burge, T.P.	3
T. Carroll, G.G.M.	16	R. Collier, G.G.M.	4	W. Connors, Ard.	3
R. Nolan, T.P.	14	P. Box, G.G.M.	4	A. Bounds, Ard.	3
J. Kew, C.	14	M. Kruse, L.	4	G. Tuckett, W.	3
P. Gehrig, Gan.	13	D. Allen, L.	4	R. Elwin, L.	3
S. Robins, Gr.	13	J. Lyons, L.	4	P. Walsh, G.G.M.	3
G. Sharpe, N.	12	F. Thompson,	4	L. McPherson,	3
R. Quade, A.P.	12	B. Rist, Ard.	4	G.G.M.	3
G. Bradley, C.	11	B. Conway, T.P.	4	D. Heathcote,	3
R. O'Neill, Gr.	10	F. Gumbleton, Gan.	4	G.G.M.	3
G. Sheather, G.G.M.	10	B. Irvine, Gan.	4	V. Drake, A.P.M.	3
R. Stevens, N.	9	C. Male, N.	4	N. Walker, A.P.M.	3
J. Shearer, T.P.	8	P. Curtis, C.	4	K. Evans, G.G.M.	3
N. Anderson, A.P.M.	8	A. Biron, Gr.	3	J. Prentice, A.P.M.	3
K. Kirkpatrick, Gr.	8	R. Thom, Gr.	3	B. Baker, A.P.M.	2
B. McKellar, C.	7	D. Best, Gr.	3	G. Seymour, A.P.M.	2
L. Crocker, C.	7	J. Scott, Gr.	3	T. Walsh, G.G.M.	2
K. Coleman, G.G.M.	7	B. Bradley, C.	3	B. Bryon, G.G.M.	2
K. McGowan, L.	6	R. Milne, W.	3	I. Ferguson, G.G.M.	2
R. Inglis, Ard.	6	J. Fitzpatrick, W.	3	A. Dudley, L.	2
G. Carroll, Gan.	6	C. Lyons, N.	3	W. Waters, L.	2
B. Lang, W.	6	N. Anderson, N.	3	P. Dunn, L.	2
G. Martin, Gr.	6	R. Wilson, N.	3	L. Clarke, L.	2
J. Foley, Gr.	6	W. McCaig, Gan.	3	B. Reid, L.	2
D. Collis, Gr.	5	R. Reiher, Gan.	3	A. Waters, L.	2
		A. Tipping, Gan.	3	N. White, Ard.	2
		T. Carroll, Gan.	3	I. Bogan, Ard.	2

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Although attendances at the finals were disappointing the 1968 season concluded with an entertaining high standard of football in all final games. In the under 12's Marist Brothers maintained their unbeaten record for the season to run out comfortable winners from Narrandera. Umpires votes for the season in this grade went to T. Dale of Leeton.

The under 14's game between Griffith and Narrandera had the crowd on their toes.

Griffith led until half time but Narrandera applied pressure to lead by almost 4 goals at three quarter time; Griffith came back strongly in the final quarter to snatch victory in the last minutes.

Best and Fairest for the season was R. Butcher, Marist Brothers.

Narrandera and Griffith contested the under 16 Grand Final; Narrandera undefeated for the season held the upper hand throughout this game in spite of strong resistance from Griffith and added another premiership to their good record of the last few years in this division.

Umpires vote in this grade went to S. Margosis, Narrandera. S.W.D. Umpires officiated in all the final games.

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1st XVIII (Gammage Medal)

1961 V. Hathaway (Griffith)	24
1962 M. Kruse, (Leeton)	18
1963 D. Lyons, (Leeton)	18
1964 L. Sexton, (Griffith)	38
1965 P. Weideman (Coolamon)	28
1966 F. Hodgkin (Ganmain)	16
1967 R. Nolan (T. Park)	17
1968 I. Crewes (Ardlethan)	27

2nd XVIII (Lanham Trophy)

1961 J. Pursehouse (Ardlethan)	29
1962 G. Dunn, (Whitton)	17
1963 G. Hughes (Ardlethan)	22
1964 G. Johnson (Narrandera)	15
1965 K. Sheather (Coolamon)	15
1966 J. Nolan (T. Park)	14
1967 R. Smith (Griffith)	18
1968 B. Logan (Ganmain)	20

HALF TIME ANTICS

At half time — main fixture: Dave Rees, of Arian Park, will do a circuit of the oval either "on" or "off" one of his prize Clydesdales.

Dave, a great supporter and official will be finalising a wager on APM's grand final appearance. Last report from the Rees stable — the mare is a bit saddle proud.

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GLEANINGS FROM 1968 FINALS

The following are observations from the three finals and are offered as constructive criticism.

PRESENTATION OF FINALS

As we stated last week, the outmoded method of rotating the finals must surely be reviewed as the football public has clearly shown that they are no longer interested in travelling long distances to see finals played.

It can be fairly claimed that the three Clubs which have been hosts for this season's semi finals and preliminary final, have done their best to present the game in a manner pleasing to the public.

However, by their consistent absence, the public has shown that they want to be sure of seeing the game in the best conditions possible, on as good a football surface as possible, with some comfort to themselves as spectators.

GRIFFITH: Ex-Servicemen's Oval.

Ground: While the surface was good, the grass could certainly have been mown within the two or three days preceding the match.

Score Board: Unfortunately, the score board was wrong on many occasions and clearly indicated that this is something which should be attended by senior officials of the Club. A wrong score in the minds of the players in this game could have been vital.

Other than this, the efforts of the Club in providing amenities for the players were excellent.

ARDLETHAN:

Ground: Everyone admits the vast amount of work which has been done to this ground in the last two or three years, but the uneven nature of the surface was disappointing to the players and spectators alike. Ardlethan is not alone in having a surface which needs improvement in the South West.

Loud Speakers: One of the motions on the books of the League was that

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PREMIERS — 1st XVIII

1910 Ganmain.
1911 Matong.
1912 Matong.
1913 Narrandera.
1914 Narrandera.
1915-17 No Competition
1918 Marrar.
1919 Marrar.
1920 Coolamon.
1921 Junee.
1922 Coolamon.
1923 Marrar.
1924 Narrandera.
1925 Ganmain.
1926 Matong.
1927 Leeton.
1928 Narrandera.
1929 Leeton.
1930 No Competition.
1931 Matong.
1932 Narrandera.
1933 Narrandera.
1934 No award—disputed.
1935 Ganmain.
1936 Leeton.
1937-38 No Competition.
1939 Leeton.
1940 Ganmain.
1941-45 No Competition.
1946 Ganmain.
1947 Narrandera.
1948 Narrandera.
1949 Ganmain.
1950 Ganmain.
1951 Ganmain.
1952 Griffith.
1953 Ganmain.
1954 Arian Park-Mirrool.
1955 Arian Park Mirrool.
1956 Ganmain.
1957 Ganmain.
1958 Leeton.
1959 Coolamon.
1960 Narrandera.
1961 Turvey Park.
1962 Arian Park-Mirrool.
1963 Turvey Park.
1964 Ganmain.
1965 Gapmain.
1966 Narrandera.
1967 Narrandera.

BEST AND FAIREST WINNERS 1st XVIII (Gammage Medal)

1948 G. Willis, Griffith.

1949 L. Foley, Narrandera.
1950 D. Mattingly, Matong.
B. Pattison, Marrar.
1951 P. Curtis, Coolamon.
1952 L. Pedler, Narrandera.
J. Pattison, Coolamon.
1953 K. Fleming, Arian Park-Mirrool.
1954 J. Mickleson, Arian Park-Mirrool.
1955 D. Weldon, Leeton.
1956 J. Stockton, Narrandera.
1957 V. Hathaway, Griffith.
1958 B. Sculley, Arian Park-Mirrool.
F. Thompson, Ardlethan.
D. Lyons, Leeton.
1959 P. Box, Grong Grong-Matong.
1960 K. Murphy, Turvey Park.
1961 V. Hathaway, Griffith.
1962 M. Krause, Leeton.
1963 D. Lyons, Leeton.
1964 L. Sexton, Griffith.
1965 P. Weideman, Coolamon.
1966 F. Hodgkin, Ganmain.
1967 R. Nolan, Turvey Park.
1968 I. Crewes, Ardlethan.

2nd XVIII (Lanham Trophy.

1958 J. Dunn, Arian Park Mirrool.
1959 R. Guthrie, Coolamon.
1960 J. Pursehouse, Ardlethan.
1961 J. Pursehouse, Ardlethan.
1962 G. Dunn, Whitton (posthumous).
1963 G. Hughes, Ardlethan.
1964 G. Johnson, Narrandera.
1965 K. Sheather, Coolamon.
1966 J. Nolan, Turvey Park.
1967 R. Smith, Griffith.
1968 B. Logan, Ganmain.

3rd XVIII (Petts Trophy)

1967 C. Pitt, Leeton.
1968 T. Crouch, Ganmain.

PREVIOUS GATE RECEIPTS

Grand Finals — 1st XVIII Teams

1961 Turvey Park v Leeton \$3440
1962 A.P.-M. v Coolamon \$3636
1963 Turvey Park v Leeton ... \$3434
1964 Ganmain v Griffith \$2070
1965 Ganmain v Griffith \$3077
1966 Narrandera v Griffith \$3057
1967 Narrandera v Leeton \$3623

TEAM SPIRIT — AS IT USED TO BE

In 1966 this publication printed an article about the team spirit of a player, who in the early '20's rode a horse fifty miles to play a game of football.

Following on the death, in October last year, of Mr. Moiler the main figure in this epic ride, his family have now made available the following poem describing that ride and written at that time by a former great player, George "Geordie" Anderson.

For his contribution we sincerely thank the family of the late Mr. W. A. "Bill" Moiler. —Ed.

BILLY MOILERS GREAT FIFTY MILE RIDE

By George Anderson about 1921

You have heard so many great stories
Of Battles

Where brave men fought side by
side.

But I'd like you to hear the story
Of Billy's great fifty mile ride.

Now Billy played football with the
Federals

A team well favourably known
To many great players and more
But for gameness Bill stands on his
own.

His team had to journey on Saturday
To Culcairn fifty miles by the rail,
So the Captain just wired — "You're
wanted.

Leaving Wagga nine thirty by rail".

Billy's Father rushed home with the
wire

That message from the old Red and
Blues.

And said "If you're going by rail Bill,
You haven't a minute to lose."

So Bill grabbed his togs — caught his
pony

And started for the train,

But he found that his hurry was useless
To catch it had all been in vain.

For the train had gone just three
minutes,

They could see the smoke over the
rise

And he felt like a man in a raffle
Who had just missed getting a prize.

But he made up his mind in a minute
With disappointment poor Bill could
have cried

So he turned his horse straight for
Culcairn

And set off for that fifty mile ride

Though the roads in some places were
flooded

And heavy going told its toll on the
nag

But Bill ground his teeth and kept going
For the sake of the Red and Blue flag.

At Henty his pony was fallen in,
He was done to the turn you could
see

But he showed he was game like his
master

And arrived at Culcairn just on three.

The Band didn't turn up to meet him
And the flag wasn't flown on the hall
But the Spirit Bill showed that Saturday
Is good for the game of football.

Let us hope that each young budding
Federal

When he's trying to win a football
game

Will show he's bred like Bill Moiler
And do what he can for the game.

So here's luck to Bill and his pony
We will remember you always with
pride

And take off our hats to our comrade
Who did that fifty mile ride.

—To Billy Moiler.

each Club must supply a loud speaker system at finals. This was not available.

The general presentation, amenities, etc., car parking, were the best that one could expect.

TURVEY PARK: Gissing Oval.

Trophy Presentations: The presentation of Trophies should be an important factor in SWDFL affairs and the fact that the presentations took place in a confined space in front of the dressing sheds rather than on the oval, robbed this important occasion of much of the glamour which one could rightly associate with the presentation of League Trophies. Instead of all spectators being able to see the presentations only a small portion of the crowd were afforded this privilege.

Boundary Umpires: While it is recognised that the host Club provide Boundary umpires for the thirds and seconds matches, it seems little enough to ask that the boundary umpires wear black socks rather than their club socks to add to the presentation of the game.

Although car parking on this ground is limited, it is an improvement on other years. The kind thought of the ladies auxiliary in providing lunch for some visiting officials was much appreciated.

WHAT'S WITH SOUTH WEST UMPIRES

During one of the hottest topics of conversation in football circles has been umpires — and in particular, LOCAL UMPIRES.

Despite what has been said and written, the thing that comes out of it all is that the local umpire could be here to stay. It is with this in mind that the following FACTS are put before you the paying public, who as much as anyone is entitled to know, WHAT'S WITH LOCAL UMPIRES.

The South West Umpires' League was formed in 1962 at a meeting convened by the D.W.D.F.L. The Umpires' League took over the control of S.W.D.F.L. 2nd XVIII matches and without setting the football world on fire began a steady climb to the important role it now plays in presenting our national code in this area. In 1968 the South West Umpires' League provided umpires for two 1st XVIII and all 2nd XVIII S.W.D.F.L. matches, all Barellan League and all Northern Riverina League matches each week during the home-and-away series as well as for several inter-League fixtures arranged by those Leagues. Couple these matches with 2nd and 3rd XVIII finals in the Central Riverina League and the Northern Riverina League, the Barellan League Schoolboys and 2nd XVIII finals and Leeton Zone Schoolboys finals, Letona Cup matches at Ganmain and the Riverina Schoolboys' Carnival at

Leeton and you have a pretty busy organisation.

Umpires from the South West Umpires' League have officiated in most football Leagues in the district but there is no doubt that the most attention has been focused on the S.W.D.F.L. 1st XVIII where two South West Umpires are appointed each week. So let's ask the question, how do they compare?

Each Club makes a report on the officiating umpire at each match during the season and below is a summary of all reports received for S.W.D.F.L. 1st XVIII matches for 1968.

	Good	Fair	Bad	Total
V.F.L. Umpires	34	52	17	103
	33%	50%	17%	100%
S.W.D.F.L. Umpires	17	39	15	71
	24%	55%	21%	100%

It has cost the S.W.D.F.L. this season at least \$65.00 to put each V.F.L. umpire on the ground. The cost of a S.W.D.F.L. umpire is \$25.00.

So we leave it with you — 9% difference in GOOD reports, 4% difference in BAD reports and \$40.00 difference in price — THAT'S WHAT'S WITH LOCAL UMPIRES!

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APRIL 14

NARRANDERA 9-18-72 WHITTON 8-6-54
GAN. 16-13-109, TURVEY PK. 8-13-61.
ARDLETHAN 7-12-54, A.P.M. 11-10-76.
GRIFFITH 16-12-108, COOL. 13-10-88.
LEETON 9-10-64, G.G.M. 5-8-38.

APRIL 21

TURVEY PK. 6-11-47 NAR. 12-15-87.
A.P.M. 11-15-81, GANMAIN 9-10-64.
COOLAMON 10-15-75, ARD. 5-21-51.
G.G.M. 10-9-69, GRIFFITH 5-7-37.
WHITTON 7-7-49 LEETON 9-12-66.

APRIL 28

NAR. 20-12-132, A.P.M. 15-9-99.
GANMAIN 11-11-77, COOL. 14-18-102.
ARD. 20-24-144, G.G.M. 9-13-67.
GRIFFITH 16-12-108 LEETON 7-10-52.
T. PARK 17-11-113, WHITTON 12-18-90.

MAY 5

COOLAMON 11-10-76, NAR. 14-18-102
G.G.M. 12-9-81, GANMAIN 14-13-79.
LEETON 5-9-39 ARDLETHAN 12-8-80.
WHITTON 10-10-70 GRIFFITH 19-16-130
A.P.M. 20-16-136, T. PARK 10-10-70.

MAY 12

G.G.M. 8-22-70, NAR. 7-7-49.
GAN. 27-13-175, LEETON 11-19-85.
ARD. 15-17-107, GRIFFITH 10-6-66.
T. PARK 17-11-113, COOL. 16-14-110.
WHIT. 15-12-102, A.P.M. 16-10-106.

MAY 19

FIRSTS
SWDFL 15-19-109 ML 11-23-89.
SECONDS
SWDFL 5-6-36 ML 9-18-72.

MAY 26

LEETON 13-8-86 NARRANDERA 9-13-67.
GRIFFITH 12-7-79 GANMAIN 17-16-118.
ARD. 20-16-136, WHITTON 5-15-45.
G.G.M. 14-14-98, T. PARK 11-8-74.
COOL. 14-14-98, A.P.M. 17-10-112.

JUNE 2

NARRANDERA 8-12-60 GRIFFITH 6-7-43.
GANMAIN 8-4-52 ARDLETHAN 6-9-45.
TURVEY PARK 11-7-73 LEETON 5-16-46
A.P.M. 10-9-69, G.G.M. 14-17-101.
WHITTON 12-15-87 COOLAMON 9-10-64

JUNE 9

INTER LEAGUE
1ST FARRER 11-8-74 SWDFL 21-12-138
2ND FARRER 10-16-76 SWDFL 10-9-69.

JUNE 16

ARD. 20-16-136, NAR. 5-10-40.
GANMAIN 12-21-93 WHITTON 10-9-69.
GRIFFITH 23-10-148, T. PARK 10-7-67.
LEETON 11-9-75, A.P.M. 13-9-95.
G.G.M. 13-17-95, COOLAMON 11-5-71.

JUNE 23

NAR. 15-8-98, GANMAIN 15-10-100.
T. PARK 6-9-45, ARD. 10-15-75.
APM 13-13-91 GRIFFITH 17-6-108.
COOLAMON 10-21-81 LEETON 9-13-67.
WHITTON 6-14-50 GGM 3-21-39.

JUNE 30

NAR. 13-7-85 TURVEY PARK 16-9-105.
GANMAIN 11-9-75 APM 11-11-77.
ARDLETHAN 21-15-141 COOL 10-12-72.
GRIFFITH 16-18-114 GGM 10-7-67.
LEETON 13-6-84 WHITTON 6-12-48.

JULY 7

APM 16-9-105 NARR. 15-13-103.
COOL. 6-12-48 GAN. 17-15-117.
GGM 8-12-60 ARD. 9-9-63.
LEETON 3-9-27, GRIFFITH 16-16-112.
WHITTON 19-11-71 TURVEY PK. 7-20-62.

JULY 14

N'DERA 23-11-149 COOLAMON 11-8-74.
GANMAIN 14-10-94 GGM 9-10-64.
ARDLETHAN 17-11-113 LEETON 9-13-67.
GRIFFITH 21-19-145 WHITTON 6-5-41.
TURVEY PK. 10-12-72 APM 15-13-103.

JULY 21

G.G.M. 7-7-49 v NAR. 6-6-42.
LEETON 12-8-80 v GAN. 12-9-81.
GRIFFITH 12-12-84 v ARD. 6-10-46.
COOLAMON 8-11-59 v T. PARK 8-5-53.
A.P.M. 19-8-122 v WHITTON 9-10-64.

JULY 28

NAR. 10-14-74 LEETON 4-7-31.
GANMAIN 13-6-84 GRIFFITH 14-4-88.
WHITTON 4-14-38 ARDLETHAN 8-10-58.
TURVEY PK. 12-10-82 GGM 7-11-59.
APM 15-17-107 COOLAMON 8-11-59.

AUGUST 4

GRIFFITH 15-14-104 NARR. 6-9-45.
ARD. 15-19-109 GANMAIN 12-13-85.
LEETON 13-6-84 T. PARK 9-9-63.
GGM 16-16-112 APM 7-10-52.
COOLAMON 9-8-62 WHITTON 11-12-78.

AUGUST 11

NARRANDERA 11-9-75, ARD. 15-12-102.
WHITTON 10-7-67, GANMAIN 15-18-108.
TURVEY PK. 9-18-72, GRI. 17-11-113.
A.P.M. 19-14-128, LEETON 9-15-69.
COOLAMON 7-9-51, G.G.M. 21-15-141.

AUGUST 18

GANMAIN 11-17-83, NARRAN. 7-11-53.
ARD. 20-25-145, TURVEY PK. 8-12-60.
GRIFFITH 16-16-112, A.P.M. 17-5-107.
LEETON 9-11-65, COOLAMON 12-13-85.
G.G.M. 15-17-107, WHITTON 9-12-66.

AUGUST 25

WHITTON 17-5-107, NARRAN. 15-9-99.
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1st XVIII

(Keisling Trophy.

R. O'Neill, Gr.	114
R. Quade, A.P.	93
R. Inglis, Ar.	61
F. Gumbleton, Gm.	54
G. Sheather, Gm.	53
R. Burge T.	50
G. Sharp, N.	47
J. Prentice, A.P.	47
F. Little, W.	45
P. Gehrig, Gn.	44
G. Bradley, C.	37
A. Taylor, Ar.	35
K. Freund, C.	33
N. Anderson, N.	33
T. Carroll, Gm.	31
P. Curtis, C.	29
A. Tipping, Gn.	27

2nd XVIII

(Griggs Trophy)

Peter Carroll, Gan.	64
J. Harrison, Nar.	38
B. Crozier, Gan.	36
P. Manglesdorf, Gan.	33
F. Alendi, Gan.	28
M. Baylis, G.G.M.	26
B. Logan, Gan.	22
B. Blake, Gan.	21
I. Osmond, Ndr.	21
R. Smith, Gr.	18
J. Walsh, Gr.	17
K. Guthrie, Gan.	16
A. Jones, G.G.M.	15
P. Sheather, Ndr.	13
R. Carroll, Gr.	12
M. Eldridge Gr.	11
L. Gibson, Ndr.	10
G. Owen, Gr.	10
D. Crozier, Gan.	9

3rd XVIII

(Quinn Trophy)

D. Meagher, Ndr. ...	21
W. Mathieson, Ndr.	13
G. Gardiner, Ndr. ...	12

J. Lyons, L.	26	R. Yandell, A.P.	16
J. Scott, Gr.	24	M. Sellers, Gm.	16
V. Drake, A.P.	24	L. Pilkington, W.	15
B. Waters, N.	23	L. Pendrick, T.	14
R. Reiher, Gn.	22	K. English, N.	14
B. Connors, Ar.	22	W. Biron, Gr.	13
I. Crewes, Ar.	22	K. Cedelland, Gn.	13
T. Crawford, T.	21	B. McKellar C.	13
I. Ferguson, Gn.	21	R. Thom, Gr.	13
T. Walsh Gm.	20	K. Coleman, Gm.	12
K. Kirkpatrick, Gr.	20	G. Strong, T.	12
B. Angove, Gn.	19	J. Foley Gr.	12
B. Irvine, Gn.	19	R. Thompson, W.	11
B. Parmenter, Gn.	18	M. Bradley, Ar.	11
B. Nolan, T.	17	B. Conway, T.	10
B. Chambers, A.P.	17	J. McCaig, Gn.	10
A. Dudley, L.	17	A. Chambers, A.P.	10
G. Pedler, N.	16	B. Rist, Ar.	10
		P. Brown, W.	10
		J. Wirth, L.	10

P. Brill, Gan.	8	N. McPherson, T.P.	6
M. Newman, Gr.	8	R. Mathieson, Ndr.	5
I. Birch, T.P.	8	R. Murphy, T.P.	5
G. Craze, Ndr.	8	R. Holgate, Gan.	5
K. Cedelland, Gan.	8	T. O'Connor Ndr.	5
M. Limerich,		R. Johnstone,	
G.G.M.	7	A.P.M.	5
R. Iverach, T.P.	7	I. Manning, A.P.M.	5
E. McPherson,		R. Harper, A.P.M.	4
G.G.M.	7	T. McPherson, Gan.	4
T. Lennon, Gan.	7	K. Brown, Ndr.	4
J. Catherson, A.P.M.	7	N. Irvine, Gan.	4
G. Button, Ndr.	7	K. Stewart, G.G.M.	4
J. McCaig, Gan.	7	P. Baker, T.P.	4
S. Margosis, Ndr.	7	B. Day, Ndr.	4
D. Hall, Gr.	6	R. Hatty, Gan.	4
L. Peters, Gr.	6	D. Forrester, Gr.	3
A. McKenzie,,		V. Englebrecht, T.P.	3
AP.M.	6	J. Gumbleton, Gan.	3
B. Royal, Ndr.	6	P. Baker, T.P.	3
B. Yandell, A.P.R.	6	L. Prentice, A.P.M.	3
J. Smith, G.G.M.	6	I. Firman, Gan.	3

D. Smith, T.P.	10	G. Luhrs, Gr.	9
G. Woolnough, Gan.	10	T. McPherson, Gan.	8
A. Crouch, Gan.	10	A. Rogers, Ndr.	8
S. Margosis, Ndr.	10	Paul Carroll, Gan.	7
P. Hocking, Ndr.	9	L. McCullen, Ndr.	6
W. Aliendi, Ndr.	9	B. Roy, Gan.	6

IS IT IN THE SHORTS?

One of the strange features in the first grade final results so far is that in each instance the winners Ganmain, Griffith and Arianh Park-Mirrool have all worn black shorts — Is this an omen for today?

The colour of shorts for finals is determined by the town being closest to the venue being treated as the home team and so wears white shorts.

Australian Football has been played in the Ardlethan area as far back as the 1890's the games were played in this era at the Old London which was situated 4 miles south from the present township at the Coolamon and Narrandera road junction. The team was known as Warri.

Ardlethan formed their first team in 1907 and their playing oval in those days was situated behind where the present London Hotel now stands and the saleyards. Mr. G. Kawelmacher who still resides in the town recalls first playing here in 1910, other members of the team he recalls playing at that time were Diggelman brothers, Guthrie, Angus Mills and Alf Sullivan. The president of the club was Mr. Ted Hyland. The club colours consisted of red black and yellow vertical stripes.

The team played in the Barellan League and the players travelled by train from Ariah Park to Griffith in down the line competition.

In 1912 the headquarters were shifted to the present oval, which also in the early days used to be the Ardllethan Showground. Throughout World War I the team played social football against teams in the area until 1919 when a competition was formed between Ardllethan, Beckom, Kamarah, Kildary, Walleroobie, Bald Hill and Mahda entered the competition later. In the year 1936 the Ardllethan team folded up and did not reform until after World War II.

Two years after world war II in 1947 several attempts were made to reform the club, this finally being successful at a meeting which was called at the London Hotel. Mr. Dib Carroll presided over the meeting and Mr. G. Kawelmacher was elected president. The club was short of finance and Mr. Carroll went around the townspeople to collect money to buy jumpers for the team and finished up with the sum of £13. This was enough money to buy the wool and Mrs. J. Loneragan knitted the jumpers which were grey with a red band around the middle.

The club played in the Arianh Park competition up until 1949 and in 1950 entered the Barellan League. In the year 1951 they employed their first coach who was Mr. Jack Thompson. In his

first year the club made the finals and were premiers in 1952 and 1953 defeating Kamarah and Beacom respectively.

The Ardlethan club made application to enter the South West League in 1954 and was accepted by the South West delegates. The Barellan League refused the club a clearance from its league. At a meeting held in the School of Arts, Ardlethan, the people decided to form a new club which became known as the Ardlethan Stars National Football Club, and players wishing to play with this club had to obtain a clearance from the old Ardlethan Club. The Barellan League refused these players a clearance to play. At a judiciary meeting held at Narrandera the players applying for clearances appealed against the decision of the Barellan League and the clearances were granted, providing Ardlethan kept their team in the Barellan League. The Ardlethan club played on Saturday and the "Stars" played on Sunday. This continued for two years and then the old Ardlethan club folded up and the players transferred to the Ardlethan Stars in the South West League.

Since their entry into the South West League Ardlethan has met with little success possibly their best year prior to 1968 was in 1955 when they played Ganmain off for fourth place at Ariah Park. Ganmain being the victors.

Previous coaches with the club since Jack Thompson who coached the club in 1951-52-53-54 and 58 have been:

Laurie Gallagher 1955-56 formerly from Northcote.

Lance Collins 1957 ex Carlton.
Jack Dean 1959-60 Sydney club,
Eastern Suburbs.

Les Romari 1961, Mansfield Vic.
Barry Connolly 1962-63-64, Sheppar-
ton club, City United.

Bill Thrupp 1965-66-67, Collingwood and Bairnsdale.

Barry Rist 1968, Arianh Park.

Some players who have starred for the club in the latter years in the South West are Neil Thompson former League representative, played against Owens and Murray at Narrandera as a back pocket; E. Mooney 1952-53-54 fullback; Eddie Willis centreman and rover, 1965; Club Best and Fairest Fred Thompson, fullback former Gammage Medal Win-

her and still playing; A. Allen rover and centre; Les Allen Half-back; F. Allen, half-forward.

Outstanding services by players to the club in recent years include Barry Carroll, Brian Carroll, Bob Henry, John Kelly, Ian Day, Fred Thompson, John Stout, all of these players have played 100 or more games with the club and must be congratulated.

The reserves have met with far more success than their first grade counter

parts in the League making the four on three occasions since 1962. winners over the years.

The Club has had considerable success with Gammage and Lanham Medal Gammage Fred Thompson and Ian Crewes, Lanham John Pursehouse twice and Gordon Hughes.

Life members of the club are G. Kawelmacher, and Dib Carroll. Honorary Member H. Dunlop. The late Pop Hillier was also a Life Member prior to his death.

1st XVIII LEAGUE LADDERS FROM 1961

1961

TURVEY PARK
LEETON
NARRANDERA
GRIFFITH
Ariah Park-Mirrool
Ganmain
Grong Grong-Matong
Ardlethan
Whitton
Coolamon

FINALS

Narrandera 12-9-81 v Griffith 9-18-72.
Leeton 23-16-154 v T. Park 15-12-102.
T. Park 10-10-70 v Narrandera 6-10-46.
T. Park 17-23-125 v Leeton 12-13-85.

1962

COOLAMON
ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL
NARRANDERA
LEETON
Turvey Park
Griffith
Grong Grong-Matong
Ardlethan
Whitton
Ganmain

FINALS

Leeton 16-12-108 v Nar. 14-11-95.
Coolamon 13-18-96 v A.P.M. 13-17-95.
A.P.M. 16-15-111 v Leeton 14-23-107.
A.P.M. 10-20-80 v Coolamon 11-12-78.

1963

LEETON
ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL
TURVEY PARK

NARRANDERA
Whitton
Griffith
Coolamon
Grong Grong Matong
Ganmain
Ardlethan

FINALS

T. Park 13-13-91 v Nar. 6-13-49.
Leeton 14-18-102 v A.P.M. 14-11-95
T. Park 16-14-110 v A.P.M. 11-17-83.
T. Park 16-12-108 v Leeton 11-19-85.

1964

GRIFFITH
GANMAIN
LEETON
COOLAMON
Narrandera
Whitton
Ariah Park-Mirrool
Turvey Park
Ardlethan
Grong Grong Matong

FINALS

Leeton 8-13-61 v Coolamon 5-13-43.
Griffith 12-12-84 v Ganmain 9-5-59.
Ganmain 14-24-108 v Leeton 8-17-65.
Ganmain 15-8-98 v Griffith 13-18-96.

1965

GRIFFITH
GANMAIN
ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL
LEETON
Coolamon
Turvey Park
Narrandera

ABOUT THE GANMAIN CLUB

By Jim Carroll

It was the year 1910 that I first saw Ganmain football team in action. We were coming into Ganmain from Coolamon in true waggon train style. They were wearing the now famous Maroon and white colours and playing on the same oval as they do at present. That was our first premiership and the captain was a local chap named Tom Kelly.

Half the team consisted of Kellys, all relatives of John Kelly who has two youngsters playing in our thirds this year. There were also a fair number of Lenons, Grand uncles and Grand father of Terry. A chap named Bob Burnes was the driving force behind the team in those days. He imported a star footballer named Pouucer Wade a second Les Meek, a champion footballer but a terrible skite. I think Ganmain would be the first Club to engage a Melbourne player as Captain; there were no coaches in those days. We engaged a player named Doherty, a rover from South Melbourne, a good player but he did not meet with any success with our team. Our next premiership did not come until 1925. The team was led by the late Paddy Carroll who was a brilliant allround footballer. The late Jack Dun and brother Alex were members of that team also Pat Naughtin who had the reputation of kicking round corners when shooting for goal.

Two more players that come to mind are Stan Cox and Harold Brill. 1935 another premiership which perhaps could be called Bill McPherson year. Our coach was a Port Melbourne player named Harold Forrest. That team had names similar to today's.

McPherson, Logan, Crozier, Carroll and Brill to name a few. Le Brun, Captain and coach in 1940 pulled off another premiership, another good team. Le Brun, Digger McPherson and that champion rover Clarrie Heath, who was perhaps the best player ever to wear a maroon guernsey (excluding the Carrolls of course).

Our main committeemen in those days were the late Bill Warran and Harry Logan, also Digger Carroll and Secretary George Stevens and our present League Secretary Jack Buchanan who was also secretary here for a num-

ber of years. Digger Carroll their President secured the services of Ron Aims of Essendon to Coach us during 1932-33-34. (Ron is still with us but in a different sport). He was a good player and Captain. After World War two was easily our best period. The waggon train that arrived in 1910 started to produce results in earnest.

From 1946 to 1967 we won ten Premierships, nine in the South West and one in the Wagga League. We were only out of the four in that period four times.

Our record 1946 1st, 47 3rd, 48 1st, 49 1st, 50 1st, 51 1st, 52 4th, 53 1st, 54 2nd, 55 4th, 56 1st, 57 1st, 58 4th, 59 5th, 60 4th, 61 6th, 62 10th, 63 9th, 64 1st, 65 1st, 66 3rd, 67 3rd.

The Argus trophy is a perpetual trophy. Mr. Drover, the donor, made that statement when we won it three years in succession 1949-50-51.

Our main committee during those years were Bill Warran who did a wonderful job for the Ganmain Club as well as for Football in general.

We erected the time clock as a memorial to him.

George Stevens another great supporter. These coupled with Keith Cox, Bandie Quinn and Ray McLean.

Last but not least our present executive Colin Logan President, son Barry Secretary, and our Treasurer Les Jones who have done a grand job over a number of years. In that period we were fortunate to engage some very fine coaches, to name the most successful, Les Meek, Frank Bourke, Clinton Wines, Mick Grambeau also two locals Dooley and Tom Carroll who all won Premierships.

We owe our run of success to two things: a good solid committee and also to the fact that we have always encouraged our local players. We owe a lot to our School Boy Committee over the years. Headed by Scotty McPherson they have done a grand job coaching and looking after our up and coming players. If I have left anybody out that I should have mentioned I am sorry. I am writing most of this from memory.

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FINALS

A.P.M. 12-10-82 v Leeton 7-13-55.
Ganmain 12-20-92 v Griffith 11-20-86.
Griffith 22-22-154 v A.P.M. 18-13-121.
Ganmain 12-14-86 v Griffith 6-12-48.

1966

NARRANDERA
GRIFFITH
GANMAIN
COOLAMON
Leeton
Ariah Park-Mirrool
Turvey Park
Grong Grong-Matong
Whitton
Ardlethan

FINALS

Gan. 16-16-112 v Coolamon 11-9-75.
Griffith 15-22-112 v Nar. 8-14-62.
Nar. 12-17-89 v Ganmain 12-9-81.
Nar. 8-15-63 v Griffith 6-9-45.

1967

LEETON
NARRANDERA
GANMAIN
GRIFFITH
Turvey Park
Coolamon
Ariah Park-Mirrool
Grong Grong-Matong
Whitton
Ardlethan

FINALS

Ganmain 12-10-82 v Griffith 10-10-70.
Nar. 12-14-86 v Leeton 12-7-79.
Leeton 10-14-74 v Ganmain 8-7-55.
Nar. 17-15-117 v Leeton 10-21-81.

1968

GRIFFITH
ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL
ARDLETHAN
GANMAIN
Grong Grong-Matong
Narrandera
Coolamon
Turvey Park
Leeton
Whitton

FINALS

Gan. 14-12-96 v Ardlethan 13-14-92.
Griffith 10-15-75 v Ariah Park 11-8-74.
A.P.M. 17-9-111 v Ganmain 13-14-92.

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TURVEY TIDBITS

(by Bulldog)

In perfect weather conditions the crowd at Gissing Oval on Sunday were treated to a great exhibition of the code by Ganmain and Ariah Park-Mirrool. Apart from the last ten minutes of the last quarter when it was apparent that A.P.M.'s backs would not break down under repeated attacks from Ganmain, there was interest and excitement in the match throughout, and both teams can be proud of the fact that they gave the paying customers full value for their money.

To both clubs in the Grand Final, the Turvey Park Club extends its best wishes. There is little doubt that this should be an even and hard fought match, and may the best team win.

Good organisation by President Peter Fennessey and Secretary Norm McLennan, and hard work by players, committee and ladies resulted in the finals running smoothly. Many thanks to all who helped to make the day a success.

Although the season officially closes with the Grand Final on Sunday, there is still a great deal of work to be done by club committees in the off season. Appointment of coaches, recruitment of new players and finance raising are among the pressing problems that have to be solved. We wish all clubs in the South West a rewarding and successful off-season.

Congratulations to the players in the three grades who were awarded trophies on Sunday for the best and fairest, and leading goal scorer in each grade. There has been considerable discussion as to when and where these trophies should be presented. Personally I favour Grand Final day after the conclusion of the Reserves match. After all it is the League's biggest day, and invariably its biggest crowd so why not honour the leading players on this occasion.

A safe trip home to all at Narrandera Sportsground to-day.

1968 INTER LEAGUE COMPETITION

For the first time within seasons, the S.W.D.F.L. showed a return to consistent winning from when they were undefeated in their two inter-league matches against the Murray League at Narrandera and against our old rivals the Farrer League at Yerong Creek.

Since our triumph in the Country championships in 1964 our inter-league record has not been what we would like from our combined side. However determined effort has been made in the last couple of years to rehabilitate ourselves and with a new look selection committee this season we have achieved this win this season, but the real testing time will come in 1969 if the V.C.F.L. Country Championships are played.

After a very satisfactory performance against the Murray League at Narrandera we returned to the winning list against our annual rivals, the Farrer League to regain possession of the Neville Nesbitt Trophy. Although we hold this valued trophy until 1969, it is to be hoped that we retain it for many years to come but we must realise that this will not be achieved without a great deal of effort from our administrators and players alike.

The annual match between our two leagues has grown in interest in the last couple of years when only a short time ago some strong moves were made to discontinue the fixture.

It is to be hoped that for the benefit of football in this area this radical move will never come into effect. If victory in our annual match against the Farrer League means nothing more than the holding of the Neville Nesbitt Trophy then this in itself is a sufficient inducement for continued success of our League.

The Neville Nesbitt Trophy as pictured here does not in fact do the trophy justice. The trophy is in keeping with its donor Mr. Neville Nesbitt as a man namely that it would be difficult to find better in either field.

Both the S.W.D.F.L. and the Farrer League are fortunate to have a supporter who has seen fit to make a trophy of this standard available for annual competition. Let us all within the S.W.D.F.L. see that we retain the custody of this trophy for years to come but never lose sight of the fact that this can only be done with an ever increasing standard of football.



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Australian football in the South West is in deed fortunate to have the very wide press and radio coverage which it receives.

Words of thanks to the Press, Radio and Television were purposely omitted from the Editorial as it is felt that a special paragraph should appear expressing the League's appreciation to all of these medias.

We take the opportunity of listing the people who see fit to cover football for the South West; namely the Sportswriters of:-

"The Advocate" and "The Area News" both of Griffith,

"The Murrumbidgee Irrigator" of Leeton,

"The Narrandera Argus" of Narrandera,

"The Temora Independent" of Temora, and last but not least,

"The Daily Advertiser" at Wagga Wagga.

On Radio: Jack Luhrs and Vick Hathaway of Station 2RG, Ted Ryder, Tim Robb and Galva Nitschke of 2WG and the coverage given by GTN 9.

To all these people, the South West is in deed indebted with the contribution that these newspaper men and radio commentators make toward the promotion of South West football and even greater to the Australian code in general.

Gentlemen a sincere "Thanks" for your work during 1968.

REFER PHOTOGRAPH NARRANDERA TEAM — PAGE 5

NARRANDERA IMPERIALS: Standing: L. Paterson (team manager), B. Lipscombe, T. Irons, R. Forbes, F. Quilter, D. Ingram, G. Sharp (assistant coach), A. Jackson, S. Hutchins, B. Forbes, K. Hopwood (president), H. Stephen. Seated: P. Pledger, T. Powell, P. Wines, N. Anderson (coach), K. Lyons, J. Bloomfield. Front: R. Osmond (trainer), B. Royal, R. Wilson, B. Waters (secretary), R. Stevens, G. Botten.

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fill their teams, and eventually in 1952 the Arianh Park Association was unable to form a competition. Arianh Park was without football, and our players became scattered among various clubs.

In 1953 in an effort to provide football for such players as remained, the Arianh Park Club decided to apply for entry to the S.W.D.F. League second grade competition. In reply, the S.W.D.F.L. invited them to field teams in both first and second grade. At a meeting of the Arianh Park Club on that Thursday night, it was decided to accept this invitation if Mirrool would

join forces with them.

On Friday a meeting of the Mirrool Club agreed to this proposal. On Saturday a public meeting of supporters of both Clubs formed the Arianh Park-Mirrool Football Club, and on Sunday we played, and incidentally won, our first S.W.D.F.L. match.

Our story since then is part of the history of the League. We won the Premiership in 1954 (Coach Len Pedlar), 1955 (Bernie Sculley) and 1962 (John Hawke), and figured in final matches in several other years.

ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL (Continued from Page 19)

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|---|---------------------|-------------|
| 19...Vince Quade | 20 6'1" | 14.7 |
| Ruckman and forward who is also striking form again after missing several games through injury. | | |
| 20 John Lewis | 21 5'11" | 12.7 |
| Started the season well but form lapsed and was neglected to the seconds — has now regained his place in the side — very fast, good kick. | | |
| 21 Jim Prentice | 18 6'1" | 14.7 |
| A greatly improved ruckman and forward who has been amongst the best players every week. Handy backman, very good drop kick. | | |
| 26 Noel Walker | 26 6'1" | 14.7 |
| Strong, vigorous centre half back or ruckman who on his day can quiten most opponents. | | |
| 31 Geoff Seymour | 20 5'11" | 11.7 |
| Started the season well but after being injured has taken a while to regain form. | | |
| 36 David Bamford | 21 5'10 1/2" | 11.0 |
| Ex-Rugby player who has adapted himself to the game very well — very tigerish. | | |

GRIFFITH (Continued from Page 22)

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| 35 R. Higgins | 19 5'8" | 11.0 |
| Centre, Wing — Lively spirited player and keen ballgetter. | | |
| 37 Ray Schodde | 19 6'4" | 13.3 |
| Ruck — Uses height to advantage, good mark and kick. | | |

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The 1968 season introduced two new executives to top League positions with Jack Buchanan, of Ganmain, succeeding the former secretary of four years standing, Harvey Brett, whilst the treasurer ship was taken over by Ron Alston, from Peter Wilson, both from Narrandera.

The position may be new, but the name of Buchanan is certainly not new in Australian Football circles. Jack, a former player and administrator with the Ganmain Club has given many years of dedicated service to the code. His son Graham, this season played with the Army team and later with his home town Club.

Ron Alston, a bank officer, has divided code interests, this season he played rugby league with the Narrandera club. However, all is not lost. Mrs. Alston is a rules enthusiast, and who knows after his year of office — Ron might even join the ranks of our codes supporters, thereby adding to a more peaceful existence at home.

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With Arianh Park having the home ground advantage in both of these games, they still could not hold off a very determined G.G.M. side in the under 14's and went down 5 goals 9 39 points to 8 goals 6 behinds 54 points. This game was well controlled by umpire John Clarke.

In the under 16's Arianh Park played much more purposeful football and ran out easy winners 9-13-67 to 4-11-45.

This game was well controlled by S.W. umpire Des Royal.

League President Ron Billingham at the conclusion of these games presented the league awards. (Best and Fairest). The under 16's the winner was Wayne Harrison of Arianh Park with the runner up a draw between Brian Roy of Ganmain and Robert Evans of G.G.M.

The under 14's Best and Fairest was won by Roger Hamblin of G.G.M. with runner up Noel Fairman of Arianh Park.

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ABOUT THE ARIAH PARK-MIRROOL CLUB

By Jack Seymour

The history of Australian Football in the Arianh Park District has been influenced by the social history of our country. Early settlement fanned out from Sydney, and in the early days of sparse settlement in the district, the code was not played and not known.

After about the year 1880 the stations were being whittled down by selections. Most of the early selectors came from Victoria, and they brought the code with them.

The earliest reports of the game being played centred on the roadside inns, the social centres of the day. The scattered players and supporters rode through the bush to congregate at Broken Dam, the Junction Inn at Methul, or at the old London at Warri on the Mirrool Creek south of Ardlethan, with occasional excursions to Dougherty's at Matong and elsewhere. These games appear to have been not so much an organised competition with a Premiership at stake, but more in the nature of a regular series of challenge matches.

An incident occurred in 1898 when Jim Fisher, playing at Warri, sustained a broken leg. The nearest medical aid was at Narrandera, and they set off by horse and buggy to transport him there. Owing to difficulties with the horses en route, the journey was not completed until the next day, and it was found necessary to amputate the leg. The report of his death which appeared in the newspaper happily proved to be greatly exaggerated, and Jim stumped around on his wooden leg for many years after.

Another personality and good player of the day was Ewan Du Frere who later won the Victoria Cross in the South African War.

In the early years of this century the growth of settlement and eventually the advent of the railway line brought an increase in population and conse-

quently of players, and the Arianh Park Football Association was formed in 1909. Prior to this, Arianh Park had supplanted Broken Dam as the football centre, and games had been played firstly on a ground about a mile south of the town near the present road junction, where it was thought the town was to be sited, and finally in its present location. The original teams in the Association were Arianh Park, Methul, Tara and Mirrool, the Mirrool Club having also been formed in 1909.

The Association had some vicissitudes, and there was a period of a year or two when Arianh Park and Mirrool participated in a line competition in which teams from most of the railway sidings between Arianh Park and Binya were represented. But on the whole the Arianh Park Association flourished for many years, and at one time had ten teams in the competition. Clubs which at one time or another were affiliated included Arianh Park, Mirrool, Tara, Methul, Rannock, Dullah, Wallaroobie, Mahda, Mandamah, Temora, Pucawan, Beckom, Ardlethan and Wyalong.

During these years Arianh Park could be regarded as a strong outpost of the Code, marking the boundary between Australian Rules and the strong Rugby League centres of Group 9.

An innovation which it is claimed Arianh Park originated in the 1890s was the one-day-knock-out carnival which proved popular in the years before the last war. Teams which come to mind as winners at Arianh Park at various times are Ganmain, Leeton and Mangoplah.

The reduction in rural population caused the introduction of power farming, and the tendency for small farms to merge into larger areas, made it increasingly difficult for the small out-of-town Clubs to find the manpower to

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A.P.M. NOTES

(By HAWK)

The end of the line for '68 another successful year for the S.W.D.F.L. A season which saw the rise of teams down the ladder, to greater heights. A thing that made this years competition full of interest right through the year.

And now only the big one to go, who will win the flag. There's not much between these two teams, but I feel after our two hard games our greater physical strength and our fierce desire to be the premiers will carry us through. Sunday we made it three wins over Ganmain for the season a thing that many clubs don't do very often. A fine performance from Vernon, a great effort at fullback by Graham and Jim's six goals were great. Neville in the centre once again gave us everything.

To the editor congratulations for a fine edition each week, and we hope to see you all in 1969, bigger and brighter than ever.

GRIFFITH NOTES

(By SWAN)

Our main interest at Turvey Park last Sunday, when for once we saw Gissing Oval looking a picture, centred in the third 18 game in which Ganmain proved a little too big and strong for our cynets.

The Griffith lads however, went down giving of their best right throughout sustained enthusiasm and interest, set a splendid example for he members of our more senior teams.

After the game, coach Len Sexton announced that Dennis Tyndall had won the team's best and fairest award.

Well today is the "Big day" for our firsts and seconds when they contest their respective finals.

After their impressive wins last Sunday A.P.-Mirrool and Ganmain will provide formidable opposition but we have high hopes of winning both penants although our worthy opponents will surely have the same idea.

All our players have trained very well since their semi-finals and everyone is aiming to dispel that grand final bogey everyone associates with Griffith.

To wrap a successful season we say to the premiers in all three grades, congratulations and to the other teams — well done, better luck next year.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Narrandera Club is anxious to support a move to restrict the existing third eighteen competition to players under the age of nineteen.

The team to represent the "Imperials" in todays Grand Final, together with ages is listed hereunder, and as a basis it appears that they will be untroubled to meet these requirements if introduced.

B. Durnan 15, T. Thompson 14, D. Patterson 16, A. Rogers 16, A. Clark 17, G. Hunt 16, P. Hocking 17, D. Meagher 17, P. Hyland 14, J. Winnell 19, R. Jackson 15, B. Aliendi 17, W. Mathieson 17, S. Margosis 16, P. Wilkins 16, G. Hyland 16, S. Fisher 16, L. McCallum 16, G. Mathieson 16, B. Osmond 18, R. Hunt 17.

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NARRANDERA NOTES

(By IMP.)

Australian Rules Football, king of all winter sports, will come to an end for another season with the sounding of the final siren in the Griffith v Ariah Park-Mirrool grand final this afternoon.

Despite statements to the contrary, it has not been a good year for the code.

The standard of football has slipped appreciably, due no doubt to an equally poor standard of umpiring, and the gate-takings for the final series border on the laughable.

For his unfortunate state of affairs the blame can be laid fairly and squarely at the feet of delegates to the South West League.

One of the main causes of poor gates is the attitude of some delegates in insisting that final round games should be played under the three-year circle system, and not at the Narrandera sportsground.

As a result 1968 saw the semi-finals and preliminary finals played at the extreme ends of the League — at Griffith and Wagga — and at Ardlethan. Hence the poor crowds and mediocre returns.

Thank heavens that the grand finals to-day are to be played on the spacious Narrandera sportsground where patrons can enjoy a little comfort without having to travel nearly 250 miles in a round trip.

Ganmain seconds proved far too good for the Blue and Golds at Gissing Oval last week-end and must prove very hard to beat for the reserve grade pennant.

As a result Narrandera has only one team (the thirds) left in the competitions.

I take this opportunity of congratulating them on an unbeaten record this season and wish them luck in their bid for the "hat trick".

GANMAIN NOTES

(By LION)

Even though we lost the main game, we had our chances to pull it off and resulted in our third successive preliminary final defeat. With good wins in the reserve and thirds, winning two out of three was not a bad effort for us. The Presidents and Sergeant Major Armstrongs Awards were divided into three and were won by Graham Buchanan, Bill Kember with a tie between Frank Gumbleton and Jim Winnel for the third award. Gary Carroll and Jim McCaig were another two who never stopped trying.

A special supporters award was made available for both the reserves and thirds. Reserves award was won by Barrie Logan from Peter Carroll, Dennis Crozier, John Cedelland, Kerry and Greg Guthrie and Brian Crozier.

The thirds award was a tie between Graeme Woolnough from Brian Sear, Alan Crozier and Brian Roy.

A special night is being held at the clubrooms next Wednesday 25th September for Barry Meek, who had the misfortune to be our second player to lose a kidney this season. This is to take form of a barbecue and refreshments and the open progress counting of all best and fairest awards, as well as other trophy winners.

Coming up on the social side on Sunday, 6th October is the big football game Carrolls versus the Rest. If veteran Joe Carroll is any judge, he reckons it will be a push-over for the Carrolls, but his likely opponent Jim McCaig is backing himself to kick a bag of goals on Joe. Should be an interesting game. The early game is rumoured to be a rugby side versus Ganmain at both rules and league.

Club S.C. Results: Kev. Guthrie, J. Tierney, Frs. Roach, Wright, Stanley and Plunkett.

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VERNON DRAKE,
A.P.M.'s
COACH,
SAYS:

Congratulations to all teams who participated in this years finals series — whom without doubt have added good recognition to both their clubs and the South West League.

Our reversal of form last Sunday and the big Narrandera ground, should be the two qualities required to win this years flag for Arianh Park-Mirrool.

With the evenness of both sides spectators are assured of a high standard of football worthy of grand final day.

To those players not selected in our senior 20 today, I would like to say, thank you very much for your service and support throughout the year — as this is what has made our appearance in the '68 grand final possible.

Barrack for your team but please give the umpire a go. Contrary to supporters' beliefs, he is a human being.



NEIL PARKER,
A.P.M.'s
TREASURER,
SAYS:

Our first Grand final since 1962. Here's hoping we're as successful on this occasion.

Congratulations to Vernon and his players on reaching the Grand Final, for this in itself is a fine achievement.

The three previous encounters with Griffith this year have been very close but Griffith always seemed to manage to hold us out. There is little difference between the two sides and spectators should once again witness a tight and thrilling finish.

Our side came through without any further injuries last week and with this in mind and with a little luck I feel that at the final siren we'll see "the Bombers", Premiers for 1968.

Please drive carefully on your way home — dead supporters are of no use to the Code.



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RON O'NEILL,
GRIFFITH'S
COACH,
SAYS:

Today is the big one — this is the one we have been aiming at all the season and I am confident, on results this year, that we can finish on top.

Thanks to all players for a tremendous effort in the semi-final. Today we must continue to play as a team and I am sure this plus a determined effort by everyone will pull us through.

Best of luck to our seconds and their keen coach Don Best in their first grand final. They are a good team and will do well.

INSIDE INFORMATION

Being a kindly gentleman, big Jack Ryan, Ardlethan, answered the cries of a small boy calling for his father at Gissing Oval last Sunday. Approaching the lad, Jack said: "What's he like?" The sobbing lad replied: "Beer and men".



BILL SIMMONS,
GRIFFITH'S
TREASURER,
SAYS:

Today our first 18 go into our 4th final in the last five years and also with the aim of winning their 13th game in a row and, at long last that elusive premiership.

Coach Ron O'Neill has timed his players preparation well and a fit eager and confident (but not "cocky") team will go out on the ground without any inhibitions of "folding up" in this big game.

Our seconds are contesting their first ever SWDFL final today and as they too have the form on the board and are well prepared we look to them to get us away to a good start.

To the players of both teams I say well done, play the game today as you have all the year, and the best of luck.

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MEET THE PLAYERS . . .

GRIFFITH — "THE SWANS"

0 Mark O'Neill	4 3'0"	2.4
Recruited from Melbourne, full of life and confidence, big future predicted.		
1 Ron O'Neill	27 5'10"	12.3
Capt.-Coach. Ex-Camberwell. Seasons leading goalkicker.		
2 Kevin Kirkpatrick	24 5'9½"	11.8
Rover. Fast and strong, good mark and kick.		
3 John Scott	23 5'9"	12.11
Rover — Strong and lively, safe mark, accurate kick.		
4 Bill Tyndall	29 5'9"	12.0
Half Forward Flank — Tenacious ballgetter, strong tackler.		
5 Angie Maloni	25 5'10"	11.8
Utility — Fast Clever handler, good mark and kick.		
6 Denny Dreyer	27 5'7"	11.10
Rover-Forward — Solid player, safe mark.		
8 John Foley	23 5'11"	12.3
Centre — Clever and tenacious, brilliant mark, good kick.		
9 John Higgins	21 6'2"	13.2
Ruck — Strong lively player, good mark.		
10 Roger Thom	28 6'2"	14.4
Centre Half Forward — Strong mark, long kick.		
11 Geoff Martin	21 6'1"	13.6
Centre Wing — Fast, good mark, strong kick.		
12 Bill Biron	30 6'1"	14.11
Ruck — Consistent ball winner, good mark and kick.		
13 Wal Clark	21 5'9"	11.12
Utility — Fast and lively, good defender, safe mark.		
14 David Hall	21 5'11"	12.2
Ruck-Rover — Strong lively player, handy forward.		
15 Frank Conlan	30 5'10"	12.12
Half Back Flank — Strong vigorous defender, safe mark.		
16 Darryl Collis	19 5'9"	10.8
Centre Wing — Fast, clever handler, good mark.		
17 Bob Spears	30 5'9"	15.9
Ruck-Defender — Very strong player, safe mark, long kick.		
18 Phillip Smith	19 6'0"	13.0
Full Back — Fast, Strong defender, good mark and kick.		
19 Sid Robins	22 6'0"	12.2
Centre Half Back — Very consistent and reliable, safe mark, good kick.		
20 John Candusso	16 5'11"	11.5
Half Back Flank — Promising first year player, fast, good mark, strong kick.		
21 Don Best	36 5'8"	12.6
Back Pocket — Great anticipation, good mark, reliable kick.		
27 Les Collis	29 5'9"	12.4
Utility — Handy in either attack or defence.		
34 Wayne Robins	17 6'0"	12.2
Ruck — Very promising, good safe mark, strong kick.		

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MEET THE PLAYERS . . .

ARIAH PARK MIRROOL — "THE HAWKS"

0 David O'Connor	6 3'8"	5.7
Recruited from Rugby — shows considerable promise — kicks both feet at the same time.		
1 Vernon Drake	22 6'0"	12.7
Ex Fitzroy and Geelong utility player who does equally as well whether on the ball or anywhere on the forward line.		
2 Bruce Chalmers	19 5'11"	13.7
Half Forward Flank and Rover — Started the season brilliantly and after a lapse is beginning to strike form again.		
3 Ray Johnson	21 5'11"	13.7
Backman and Ruckman who, after being relegated to the seconds, has regained his pace with consistent performances.		
4 Neville Anderson	23 5'9"	12.4
Transferred from The Rock-Yerong Creek mid-season and has lifted the team, firstly at centre half back and then the centre.		
5 Jim Dunn	26 5'9"	12.5
A young veteran of 150 games who could miss out through injury.		
6 Graham Kavanagh	28 5'10½"	12.7
Ex-Footscray and Sunshine utility player who has fitted in well at full back.		
7 Keith Rees	18 5'11"	11.7
Ex-Beckom player, who has shown considerable improvement during the season, plays on the wing.		
8 Terry Noack	20 5'10"	11.12
Half Forward Flanker and Rover who is striking form again at the right time after missing several games through injury.		
9 Ian Manning	27 6'0"	12.7
Handy utility player who can play in the ruck, forward line or back line.		
10 Bruce Baker	19 6'2"	14.4
Another ex-Beckom player who has held his position in the team throughout the year at full back and in the ruck.		
11 Bill Brooks	21 5'11½"	12.7
Strong, vigorous and pacy half back flanker who never gives in.		
12 Robert Murray	24 5'11"	14.0
A defender who always plays in front and backs his judgement, is playing the best football of his career at present.		
13 Robert Prentice	24 6'1"	14.7
Handy utility player who can be brilliant on his day — very strong drop kick.		
14 Allan Chalmers	26 6'½"	13.7
Strong vigorous ruckman or centre half forward who opens up play with his handball.		
15 Kevin O'Dwyer	24 5'9"	13.0
Vice-captain, wingman or rover who gets results from sheer persistence.		
16 Ricky Quade	17 6'0"	13.7
Fullforward, strong and fast and brilliant mark, should score 100 goals for the season.		
17 Eric Buerkner	24 5'9"	12.4
Handy backman, very good drop kick.		
18 Ross Yandell	19 5'11"	11.7
Mobile and elusive half-forward who could miss out through injury.		

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- 31 G. SEYMOUR
- 36 D. BAMFORD

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Boundary Umpires: W. Bell, W. Russell (Leeton)

P. Quinn, R. Walsh (GGM)

POSSIBLE FIELD PLACINGS

BACKS			
R. MURRAY (12)	G. KAVANAGH (6)	B. BAKER (10)	D. BEST (21)
HALF BACKS			
W. BROOKS (11)	N. WALKER (26)	D. BAMFORD (36)	F. CONLAN (15)
CENTRES			
K. O'DWYER (15)	N. ANDERSON (4)	K. REES (7)	D. COLLIS (16)
HALF FORWARDS			
B. CHALMERS (2)	V. DRAKE (1)	R. YANDELL (18)	G. MARTIN (11)
FORWARDS			
T. NOACK (8)	R. QUADE (16)	J. PRENTICE (21)	R. SCHODDE (37)
RUCKS AND ROVER			
A. CHALMERS (14)	R. JOHNSON (3)	J. DUNN (5)	W. BIRON (12)
RESERVES			
I. MANNING (9)	J. LEWIS (20)	R. PRENTICE (13)	W. CLARK (13)

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TOTAL			

POSSIBLE FIELD PLACINGS

BACKS		
P. SMITH (18)	R. SPEARS (17)	
HALF BACKS		
S. ROBINS (19)	J. CANDUSSO (20)	
CENTRES		
J. FOLEY (8)	A. MALONI (5)	
HALF FORWARDS		
R. THOM (10)	J. SCOTT (3)	
FORWARDS		
R. O'NEILL (1)	W. TYNDALL (4)	
RUCKS AND ROVER		
W. ROBINS (34)	K. KIRKPATRICK (2)	
RESERVES		
D. DRYER (6)	J. HIGGINS (9)	

SCORE CARD

1st Qr.			
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4th Qr.			
TOTAL			

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- 0 MARK O'NEILL
- 1 R. O'NEILL
- 2 K. KIRKPATRICK
- 3 J. SCOTT
- 4 W. TYNDALL
- 5 A. MALONI
- 6 D. DREYER
- 8 J. FOLEY
- 9 J. HIGGINS
- 10 R. THOM
- 11 G. MARTIN
- 12 W. BIRON
- 13 W. CLARK
- 14 D. HALL
- 15 F. CONLAN
- 16 D. COLLIS
- 17 R. SPEARS
- 18 P. SMITH
- 19 S. ROBINS
- 20 J. CANDUSSO
- 21 D. BEST
- 27 L. COLLIS
- 34 W. ROBINS
- 35 R. HIGGINS
- 37 R. SCHODDE

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