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## Coach: Fred Mundy



Griffith coach Fred Mundy leads his team back on to the field at half time at Gissing Oval yesterday. Len Sexton, who is following his captain, and Mundy were the outstanding players in the match although their team was well beaten.

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## MARTIN BOURKE HURT IN ROUGH MATCH

By TED RYDER

Turvey Park coach Martin Bourke was taken to hospital and Griffith coach Fred Mundy was reported for striking after a sometimes heated South-West League match at Gissing Oval yesterday.

Bourke was knocked to the ground from a pack in the centre of the ground during the third quarter and immediately several players on both sides began fighting. Mundy left the field through an avenue of Turvey Park and Griffith supporters but there was no outburst. The final score in the match was 20/23/143 to 4/11/35 and that was a pretty fair indication of the play.

Within seconds, 27 of the 36 players on the field were in a milling bunch but few of them seemed interested in fighting and umpire Brooks soon restored order. Bourke lay on the ground for nearly 10 minutes while trainers attended to him.

He walked off the field without assistance but later collapsed in the rooms and was taken to hospital with concussion and an injured nose. He was kept at the hospital under observation for several hours.

### Reported

Mundy was the target for plenty of niggling from Turvey Park players after Bourke was injured and eventually he was reported for striking winger Fred Arrowsmith.

The incident happened in semi-darkness right in front of the crowded mound when Turvey Park defender Gray crashed through as Mundy was after the ball.

Mundy and Arrowsmith became involved as Gray moved past and the umpire

later charged Mundy with striking Arrowsmith a "vicious blow." Arrowsmith was immediately on his feet and took the kick.

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### Best players

But, remarkably because of the wide difference in the scores, the two best players on the ground were in the Griffith team.

They were Mundy, who was unbeatable in the ruck and in the air all day until he stopped to a tired walk in the final minutes, and centreman Len Sexton.

Sexton beat Morrow as he has rarely been beaten. It was the first time I have seen Morrow the underdog in a club match this year but Sexton beat him for sheer speed and in every other department.

But that was the extent of Griffith's football. The rest of the team, with the possible exception of fullback Eley,

who also played right through the reserve game and Smith, may as well have been watching the match at Whitton for all the good they did.

On the other hand, Turvey Park were a solid team combination who backed up well, outran their opponents, and most importantly, outstayed them.

### Exercise gallop

As far as the football was concerned it was purely an exercise gallop for the home side.

The only interest in the game was in who was going to win the fight and your opinion of that depended on which side you supported.

Stars of the winners were full forward Rex Burge, who kicked seven goals, centre half forward Alan Grentell, who got five, ruckman Barry Conway, and centre half back Bill Barnett.

It was a procession and about the only consolation for the crowd which paid £143 was that they did not have to stand in the rain.

Best: Turvey Park: Burge, Conway, Baker, Barnett, P. Harrison, Nolan, Baker, Griffith, Mundy (best on ground), Sexton, Smith, Eley.



ABOVE Griffith ruckman Bill Biron outmarks a Narrandera player at the Ex-Servicemen's Oval. Other Griffith players ruckman John Langlands (15) and back pocket Gordon Browne (right) are standing by. Photo by Cardal Studios.

ABOVE LEFT Griffith First team **Back Row:** Bob Firth (strapper), Mick Newman, Mal Brauman, Sid Robins, John Cramp, Fred Stevenson, Jack Mitchell (strapper). **Middle Row:** Allan Smith, Paul Brown, Bob Tyndall, Ray Davies, Bob Carroll, John Bortolazzo, John Walsh. **Front Row:** Les Collis, Ron Pattison, Len Sexton, Fred Mundy, Jim Eley, Gordon Browne

LEFT Griffith Reserves team **Back Row:** John Kirkwood, Kevin Foley, Ken Stevenson. **Middle Row:** Harry Moses, Ron Dreyer, John Diggelman, Mick Campbell, Terry Blair, Dennis Dreyer, Frank Knox, Tony O'Brien, Peter Hawkins. **Front Row:** Gordon Brennan, Robert Woolnough, Ralph Savage, Kevin Phillis, John Forbes, Jim Fielder, Allan Anderson, Bill Tyndall. **Mascot:** James Fielder

