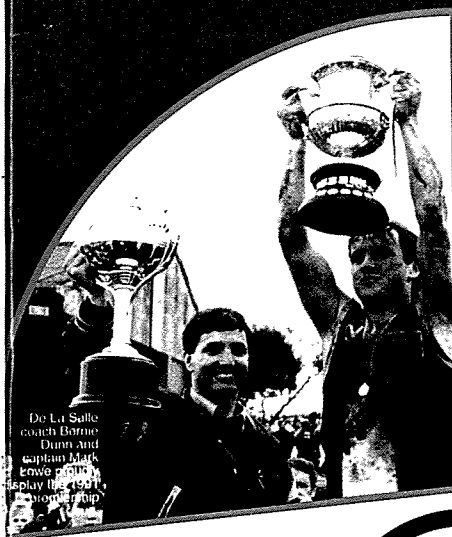


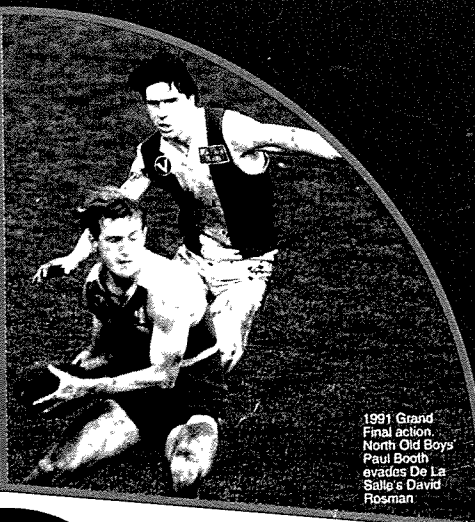
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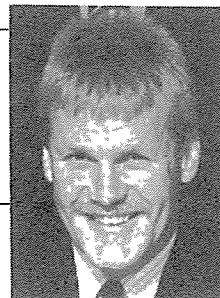
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EDITORIAL by Phil Stevens



od afternoon football followers and welcome back.

Our weather experts tell us that we've just experienced the summer we didn't have and in terms of summer season, the VFA Executive and Administration did not have one either as we prepared for season 1992 – the Centenary Year of the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

What a magnificent launch to the season it was last Friday week at the Long Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. With the sporting new Great Southern Standard providing the perfect backdrop. Dr Don Cordner and ss Oakley combined to launch "For the Love of the Game" written by Joseph Johnson which beautifully traces a 100 year history of the VFA. This book is available upon application and receipt of a \$40 cheque c/- Elsternwick rk. Congratulations are due not only to Joseph Johnson but to Noel Rundle, Jim Hawkins, John Dillan and Peter ench who had the vision five years ago to commence this magnificent project.

It was an honour for me to be asked to join Allan Jeans and Ken Gannon (AFL/VSFL) to join the Premiers' Cup ard to plan and organise the knockout competition which ended last Saturday when the VFA's Werribee defeated s VDFL's North Ballarat. The VMFL and the VFA were best served by Vermont and De La Salle respectively d the Premier Mrs Kirner is to be congratulated on her government's idea which was to inject funds into football grassroots level. Hopefully this concept will continue in the future.

What of the changes that are in place for the season ahead:

A new revamped and more colourful "Amateur Footballer".

Adjustments to some of our rules – the introduction of a 25 metre penalty to replace the 50 metre penalty perhaps being the highlight.

A change in the structure of some of our sections. Sections A to E being of 10 teams each, with a 16 team F Section to lay a final 6 system, and a three section Under 19 competition a premier Section One (10 teams) and two other sections (12 teams each) grouped geographically, and not according to ability.

Three new representative coaches: Barry Richardson (senior coach); Ken Bremner (C-G section coach) and John Simpson (U19 coach).

Apart from the quest for all teams to become a Centenary Premiership team a real opportunity for the VFA put itself on show before the football public of Victoria will be on Monday, June 8th at Waverley Park when our prior state team will play the South Australian Amateur team for the Diadora Cup in a curtain raiser to the AFL ame Hawthorn versus Adelaide.

So we are in for an exciting year ahead and I have much pleasure in wishing all teams well and I hope that each am achieves the success it deserves.

Phil Stevens
General Manager



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A SECTION by Adam Kenyon



The torturous pre-season campaign is over and the 1992 season begins today as the A Section clubs prepare for the first round of the season.

The '92 season sees the return of former A Section clubs **St Bernards** and **Old Xaverians** at the expense of **Uni Blues** and the **OMs**.

The newcomers will have their work cut out for them in their opening games as they are both pitted against 31 finalists.

The **St Bernards** and **Old Scotch** game should be the most interesting as **Scotch** attempt to re-group after the loss of **Tom Keipert** and **Richard Hume**. **St Bernards** with their enormous home ground advantage will be keen to impress in this opening fixture. The focal point of the **St Bernards** game is ruckman **Wayne Furey** who is able to give his runners first use of the ball. **Scotch** coach **Russell Greene** may be forced to take **Duncan McCall** from his forward line to curb **Furey's** dominance, thus leaving **Andrew Millor** with the responsibility of kicking the majority of a winning score. At the other end of the ground **St Bernards** are blessed with forwards galore! The **Gollant** brothers supplied with **Gavin Keane** could potentially prove to be a major headache for **Scotch's** **Hart** brothers — or could I say "The Hart Foundation". The steadiness of **Scotch** may prove to be the telling factor in this game as **Scotch** to win by 3 goals.

Collegians are at home to **Marcellin** and no doubt will want to thrill the big crowd that is expected to see them begin their Centenary. The return of **Stuart Meehan** and **David Hoyle** along with newcomer **Mark Green** will greatly strengthen **Collegians**. On the other side **Matt Galbraith** and **Jeff Lemon** could well have a field day at the Harry Trott Oval as it is difficult to see **Marcellin** minus **Chris Slattery** being competitive around the packs. The loss of **Rob Gross** is also a huge blow to the **Marcellin** defense, especially when **Rick Chober** and **Stephen Mount** are roaming around on the **Collegian** forward line. **Luke** and **Matt Getson** along with **Tony Gaffry** will very much have to lead by example if the **Eagles** are to have any chance in this game. For mine, **Collegians** look far too strong and will win easily — **Collegians** by 8 goals.

The teams with great promise — **Old Haileyburians** and **Therry** — do battle at the McKinnon Reserve. On paper nothing separates the two. **Haileybury** have lost **Ian Tanner** and **Simon Meehan** but have regained **Nick Kidgell**, who will be the ruckman to beat in '92. **Therry** have lost captain **Scott Ramsay** but are expecting huge improvement via the injury free **Tim Taylor**, **Jason Reddick** and **Simon Eastmaire**. **Chris McKenzie** will give **Andrew Waldon** and **David Connell** many opportunities up forward for **Haileybury** but these forwards would want to take advantage of this if they don't slip away from the

season to settle into the top grade and now know what is required to be successful. The home ground advantage may prove to be the telling factor in this game. **Old Haileybury** to win by 10 points.

The match of the day is undoubtedly the 1991 Grand Final replay between **De La Salle** and **North Old Boys** at the Alec Gillon Reserve. **De La** have had an impressive pre-season in the Premiers Cup competition finally bowing out by a mere 4 points behind Dandenong. **De La's** goal kicking whiz **Pat Mannix** will be trying desperately to break the **Peter O'Farrell** tag and kick his normal bag, courtesy of on-ballers such as **Brett Mahoney**, **Chris Campbell** and **Damien Kinsella**. With the departure of **Steve Moloney**, **North** has lost a great deal of its venom. **Tony Furey** is his replacement but will he be a dynamic? **Tim Jones** and **Bruno Conti** will lead from the front line and forwards **Tony Egan** and **Steve Brazil** will be keen to take full advantage of their opportunities. Despite the home ground advantage **North's** pre-season form has been inconsistent and who would tip against **De La** after their 1991 performance — **De La** by 2 goals.

The final A Section game is to be played at Elsternwick Park on Sunday between **Old Xaverians** and **Ormond**. **Xavs** have decided to have a lash at A Section without recruiting — or so I'm told! The juniors at the club are expected to take that big step in 1992.

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NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES — A

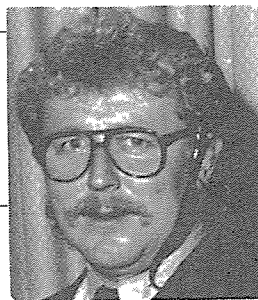
OLD SCOTCH vs COLLEGIANS
MARCELLIN vs NORTH OLD BOYS
ORMOND vs ST BERNARD'S
THERRY vs OLD XAVERIANS
DE LA SALLE vs OLD HAILEYBURIANS

A SECTION UMPIRES

COLLEGIANS vs MARCELLIN
Field: Richard Simon, Justin Toohey
Goal: Mike Lentini, Rob Liddle
ST BERNARD'S vs OLD SCOTCH
Field: Mark Bushfield, Darren Dalgleish
Goal: Mike Richardson, Wayne Binch
OLD XAVERIANS vs ORMOND (EP-Sunday)
Field: Andrew Kilner, Steve McCarthy
Goal: Bernie Hoare, Ken Pitcher
Reserves Goal: Nancy McTaggart, Graham Simpson
OLD HAILEYBURY vs THERRY CCOB
Field: Steve Clinch, Robert Bell
Goal: D. Webster, William Fowler
NORTH OLD BOYS vs DE LA SALLE
Field: R. Francis, Geoff Ridd



B SECTION by Tom Johnston



So another football season is upon us. The Villian welcomes all on the eve of another great season. Good luck to all the sides in B Grade – let the contest begin.

PREVIEW OF TODAY'S GAMES

On paper the match of the Round is between **Old Trinity** and **University Blues** at Timber Ridge Oval. **Trinity's** non-playing coach **Alan Johnson** must get more from his charges than they produced in the finals last year. **Blue's** coach **Alan Jarrott**, ex Melbourne/Nth Melbourne player, has impressed one and all at the **University**. Alan has got a big job in front of him. **Blues** relegated from A Grade last season must re-group and get back to what they are best at, winning. **Trinity** will miss **Lex Taylor** and **Ed Borgeshi** who have retired. I hear **Blues** have got **Yandell** back and the big fellow certainly can play football along with state players, **Richard Fruphy** and **Justin Jamieson**, will give the **Blues** much needed experience. Both sides should have a successful season, however only one side can win this match in what should be a great match. **University Blues** by 11 points.

Whitefriars, who won the Premiership in C Grade last year, have appointed **Geoff Reiley** as their coach after a long successful stint at **Ormond**. Their opponents, **Old Mentonians**, have re-appointed **Bert Calvert** who is a very underated coach. **Whitefriars** on their home ground will be very hard to beat, however I believe **Whitefriars** will find their lack of height a big problem. In B Grade for the first time **Old Mentonians** did very well last season only narrowly missing the four. **Solley, Barrett, Bournon** are gun players and will cause big problems for **Whitefriars** coach **Geoff Riley**. In what should be a hard physical match, **Old Mentonians** to win a cliff hanger by 5 points.

Banyule, coached by **John "the Fat Man" Simpson**, clash with **Parkside**, coached by **Bruce "Foghorn" Ferguson**, at Elsternwick Park. **Banyule** have lost last year's captain **Peter Adams** who is thinking about retiring. Injuries to gun players **Sutterby, Turnbull** and **Weston** are a major concern to **Simmo**. **Parkside** have lost many of their good players, **Williams** to **Marcellin**, **Sedgwick** to **Preston**, **Vincitorio**, **Freeman**, **Sturgess** and **Cowell** to Diamond Valley Clubs. The good news is **Yoksich** and **Pappas** have returned. Both sides had away wins over each other last season. The big ground suits both sides so picking the winner is difficult, however with the loss of the experienced players **Parkside** might struggle. **Banyule** by 17 points.

Old Paradians have re-appointed **Mike Mulvahall**, their opponents **Monash Blues** promoted from C Grade are to be coached by the legendary **Brian Ford**. **Parade** had some pretty good practise games against **Marcellin** and **Parkside** which should hold them in

good stead for today's opening games. **Monash** have a reputation of poor away performances, so with this in mind I'm going to pick **Parade** to win by 23 points.

Old Brighton, coached by **Mark Parker** are at home on the Beach oval, clash with **Old Melburnians** who have appointed playing coach **Paul O'Brien** (ex **De La Salle**). **Woff** will be a big loss for the **Tonnors**. **Brighton** can be a very good side then next week you reckon you will be watching a different side, the **Tonnors** must be more consistent. Relegated from A Grade after a bad season **Old Melburnians** have talked the **Witts** boys into playing one more season. **Zani** will be a big loss, however playing coach **Paul O'Brien** will give **Old Melburnians** a big lift in experience. **Old Melburnians** to win a good match. **Old Melburnians** by 11 points.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS:

University Blues
Old Mentonians
Banyule

Old Paradians
Old Melburnians

N.B. Will Club Correspondents fax me every Monday morning after 10am or ring me or Isabel with all your club's details and results. Fax 489 9051, Phone 489 9511.

To start our readers off on the right foot please, for this week, fax last year's Best & Fairest winner, 2nd Best & Fairest, 3rd Best & Fairest. I will endeavour to feature them in an article for all Ammo supporters.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES – B

OLD MENTONIANS vs OLD TRINITY
UNIVERSITY BLUES vs OLD BRIGHTON
PARKSIDE vs WHITEFRIARS
MONASH BLUES vs BANYULE
OLD MELBURNIANS vs OLD PARADIANS

B SECTION UMPIRES

OLD TRINITY vs UNIVERSITY BLUES
Field: Mark Gibson, Tony Hales
Goal: J. Wright, Mike Murray
WHITEFRIARS vs OLD MENTONIANS
Field: M. Jackson, Mark Jenkin
Goal: Daryl Jobling, Adam Harris
BANYULE vs PARKSIDE (EP-Saturday)
Field: Geoff Curran, L. Harrison
Goal: John Kelly, D. Humphries
Reserves Goal: Nancy McJaggart, Leo Wilson
OLD PARADIANS vs MONASH BLUES
Field: David Harford, Graeme Thwaites
Goal: R. Dunstan, Bob Seymour
OLD BRIGHTON vs OLD MENTONIANS
Field: Paul Lavale, Peter Wiseman
Goal: Geoff Grinn, Gary Clancy

Welcome to what promises to be a ripper season. particular 'C' Section. Due to my late selection as columnist it has left me little if any time to do the rounds and get about the traps to glean info from the clubs meetings and goings of players, officials and resident gends.

As the season unfolds I trust that you'll find the 'C' sites reported in a bright, breezy and interesting manner, however much will depend upon the input of club personnel designated with the task of keeping you truly informed with the BOG's, worthy mentions, pal scorers etc., etc., along with brief dispatches of their respective games.

So, on with the show and in alphabetical order so as not to display any bias or prejudice the **Squirrel's** prognostications for season '92 are as follows:

AJAX - Promoted 2 years on the trot and will be keen to make it 3. Will be very competitive and will finish, knocking on the door of the 4.

Bulleen-Temp. - My local snout reports a few departures from the ranks over to the local EDFL team, however gains remain a mystery. A very proud club that it'll fight hard, but they might just have to.

Comm. Bank - Promotion and not consolidation is what '92 is all about for the **Bankers**. A finals prospect injuries and unexplained unavailabilities can be kept to a minimum.

Fawkner - Always a tough nut to crack, be it at home or away, wet or dry. I'm tipping the northerners to be nals participants.

Ivanhoe - Will be interesting to see if they can bounce back from their '91 disappointments, finals and ther. Will win more than they lose.

Kew - Down for the count at the end of last season. **Lombur Burden** back in the fold will certainly make things happen, but I've got my doubts as to whether or not it will be enough.

MHSOB - Top dogs up from 'D'. Plenty of talent and depth at the club. Put a big watch on the Sth Yarra boys as they will certainly make their mark this year.

St Kilda-Sth Caul. - '91 was a difficult year with the merger. Having now consolidated and having a very sound base from which to work I'm sure they'll be round come finals time.

Thomastown - A gritty, proud and never say die team. Will need to have recruited to bolster their ranks to make in-roads on the competition.

Uni. Blacks - Last time they were relegated ('89?) they immediately bounced back. Can and will history repeat itself? A matter of having to wait and see, however think they'll be in the thick of things at the business end of the season.

THIS WEEK ROUND 1 MATCHES (4 April '92).

Comm. Bank vs AJAX ... Local derby at Albert Park with the **Bankers** favoured to win by a mere 15 pts based on the strength of their known running game and acute home ground advantage.

be a terrific spectacle with key players matched up in both teams. **Fawkner** by 26 pts.

Ivanhoe vs MHSOB ... I'm jumping on the bandwagon of the Sth Yarra boys in this one and suspect that they can overcome any of the obstacles put up by **Ivanhoe** to salute by 21 pts.

Uni. Blacks vs St Kilda-Sth Caul. ... I consider this one to be the match of the round and whilst I have no real inside oil on either, gut feeling is that the **Sainters** will go one up by virtue of a slender winning margin of 6 pts.

Thomastown vs Bulleen-Temp. ... I'll use the old excuse of home ground again in this one to tip a **Thomastown** victory. No surprises if this game goes right down to the wire with little separating the teams at siren time. **Bears** by 14 pts.

Good luck to all teams.

Club reporters please contact me by 12 noon on the Mondays following the game via: Phone 850 6964 (home), 810 3370 (work) or Fax 810 3100 (work) and do your best to keep it clean.

See ya, "The Squirrel".

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES - C

KEW vs COMMONWEALTH BANK

AJAX vs THOMASTOWN

MHSOB vs FAWKNER

ST KILDA/STH CAULFIELD vs IVANHOE

BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE vs UNIVERSITY BLACKS

C SECTION UMPIRES

COMMONWEALTH BANK vs AJAX

Field: Jason Moore, Chris Keeton

Goal: Lou Mirachi, Sam Kahn

FAWKNER vs KEW

Field: Anthony Damen, P. Gersch

Goal: Bill Ross, Roy Tucknott

IVANHOE vs MHSOB

Field: Wayne Hinton, Paul Cherry

Goal: Alan Hogan, D. Murray

UNIVERSITY BLACKS vs ST KILDA CBCOB

Field: S. McDonald, Gary Lowe

Goal: Jason Tyrell, Nick Edwards

THOMASTOWN vs BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE

Field: Brian Lowe, Michael Forde

Goal: G. Phillips, J. Pickett

MELEES - BEWARE

A melee is "Where an incident takes place involving players, pushing, scrapping, jumping into packs, throwing each other to the ground or other similar such conduct".



D SECTION by Peter Lemon



It was not until the third bottle of mineral water at last December's Tipsters Lunch that I finally succumbed and agreed to write this column again in 1992. Perhaps it was the fact that I did not come last in 1991 (that honour, not surprisingly, went to the mysterious Mr Argent who might be better sticking to cricket); perhaps it was the fact that the Under 19s Tipster forgot to collect his cheque from our 1991 wager; or maybe it was the fact that I was overwhelmed sitting next to the world's two greatest umpires (as they told me), but whatever the cause, I relented and now have the contract for another year.

Last year's D Section was close and erratic; tipping was a major challenge, and I expect this year to even harder. **Williamstown** are at home to **St Bedes** in the Match of the Day. The **Bedas** came home like a steam train last season; they have a new coach, former A Grade identity and 200 game player with **Uni Blues**, **Mark Tyquin**; they have lost no-one of consequence, and have a number of players up from the Under 19s. (They also invested a lot of time, money and hard work in improving their ground surface, visiting sides please note.) However, it will be a hard ask to defeat **Willy** at home – a Club whose home and away record has been close to faultless over the past two seasons.

The last few years have not been kind to **Caulfield Grammarians**, and today, just when they would be hoping to start stabilising, they have the misfortune to meet E Section Premiers, **Mazenod**, head-on. **Caulfield** are enthused by the return of **David Mathews** from foreign fields: his appointment as coach has already caused a big lift, and a good win over **Uni Blacks** was an early practice match pay-off. However, their opponents have great ability, and a depth which would be the envy of most other clubs in the Association. I expect both teams promoted from E Section to go straight to the top of the section, and in the **Noddies'** case it will be at the expense of the **Fields**.

Preston are the other Club to have come down after a disappointing 1991, which was marked, however, by a couple of good wins towards the finish. They've worked hard over the summer (the only way to go after relegation) and have a new coach – who hasn't? – in the form of **Craig Lawson** from Preston VFA. They've had practice match wins over **Ivanhoe** – what happened, **Qualfie**? – and **Bulleen United**. I am almost undecided as to whether this improvement will be quite a sufficient basis for the Club to have re-organised enough to defeat **Old Geelong**. The **OGs** have a new coach from **Old Scotch** in **Stuart Glascott**, but seem to have lost a number of players through injury and retirement and work. In addition, their recruiting base continues to look inadequate, and that could spell trouble for the season as a whole. However, this game has been re-scheduled to Como Park (the **MBOBs'** ground has had new drainage put in and will be ready after Easter): on the basis of the home ground

Hampton Rovers were a Club to come good in the second half of last year; they will be keen to build on this improvement, especially as practice matches (although not basketball matches) – have been far kinder, injury wise, in 1992. Former **Sandy** (VFA) player **Garry Hetherington** has taken the coaching reins, and with the team at close to full strength and keyed up for a Past Players' Day, I expect them to just account for **Old Ivanhoe** who must still be wondering what they must do to ever get out of D Section after making the pace for most of last season. However, **Ivanhoe** will far from easy: **Alan Salter** is a rarity in the Section (he coached the same side last year!), and **Wells** and **Dyson** are back as Captain and Vice-Captain. They've picked up good players from the School, and from other clubs, and are expecting a good season.

St Kevins start the year against their old rivals, **Old Camberwell**. Both Clubs had erratic seasons last year but the **Wells** seemed to finish on slightly the better. I have spied on the **SKOBs** training sessions whilst speeding past on the train: not that many there – or was it their cricket team? They have a new coach in former **Marcellin** coach **Michael Petrie**, and probably a couple of **Marcellin** players as well. Twelve new faces are expected in the Firsts. **Camberwell** are pleased with two practice match efforts against C Section clubs. They too have a new coach: **Mark Bloodworth** from **Thomastown**, and they have had a good input from the Under 19 side. It's all a bit of a toss-up at this stage of the season, but I'm going for the visitors.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS:

Williamstown	Mazenod	Old Geelong
Hampton Rovers	Old Camberwell	

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NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES – D

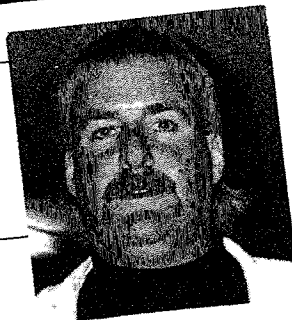
OLD IVANHOE vs WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS
ST BEDE'S vs PRESTON
OLD CAMBERWELL vs HAMPTON ROVERS
MAZENOD vs ST KEVIN'S
OLD GEELONG vs CAULFIELD

D SECTION UMPIRES

WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS vs ST BEDE'S
Field: Wayne Henry, Tony McKenzie
HAMPTON ROVERS vs OLD IVANHOE
Field: Tim Keating
ST KEVIN'S vs OLD CAMBERWELL
Field: Geoff Moore, N. McDonald
CAULFIELD GRAMMAR vs MAZENOD OC
Field: Rob Mayston
OLD GEELONG vs PRESTON
Field: Heath Little, G. Turbom

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E STREET by Tom Brain



Welcome to the 1992 season of **E-Street** and what season it promises to be in this the VAFA's big centenary Year, a great achievement by a great competition. Four new sides join the competition this year and we turn to a more streamlined 10 team section with everybody playing each other twice, which makes things more even and interesting. Good luck to the Coaches, Players, Administrators, all clubs as we embark upon this most important year, may you all achieve and accomplish what you have already worked 3 months towards.

PREVIEW

The newly demoted **Latrobe** travel to **Albert Park** where the newly promoted **ANZedders** await them with great trepidation. The **Trobbers** coming off a disappointing '91 season have worked very hard over the summer, but the **Zeds** have not slackened off in their efforts either as they aim to consolidate themselves in the higher grade. This should be an interesting game as two old adversaries test each other out, local knowledge plus the **Zedder's** fine array of talented winning players should be enough to see them through to win the important first game of the season. The **Hunters** get use of their oval for the first time this season and meet last season's finalists, **Aquinas**, who will be looking forward to going that one step further this season. I saw the **Hunters** in action last week and was very impressed with their commitment at the ball and their fast running game, although perhaps lacking a little bit of height, they do not lack in experience with vergreens **Dave Gregory** and **Bernie Rafferty** again adding up. Rumours have it that **Blood's** pre-season form has not been all that consistent so I'll take the punt and stick with **Glenhuntly**.

It is never easy to travel to **Bulleen** and today last season's **F Section** premiers must make the long trek, at least at this stage of the season the ground should be reasonably dry thus making for a fine spectacle. The **Bulls** did not really have a good year last season and will be looking for plenty of improvement, while the **Wicks** will be aiming to maintain the momentum that they finished with in '91. This will not be an easy game, do not wish to reveal my sources but believe the **Wicks** will be missing a few premiership players for varying seasons, so with this in mind I fancy the **Bulls** will just sneak home.

From all reports both **Doveton** and **North Brunswick** have received well and have been hard at it since November, so there should not be a problem

things pretty close to their chests but have recruited extensively and so should be very competitive. It is, perhaps a cruel irony of the draw that they must face each other first up but there must be a winner, last year they finished 5th and 4th respectively and because of this and even though the **Doves** have the home ground advantage I feel the sting of their disappointing finals finish will be enough to give them the impetus to win a very close game.

The final game of Round 1 sees **Powerhouse** await the red and whites from **Brunswick**. The **Wicks** although missing the finals last year made steady improvement and apart from a crippling run of injuries could quite easily have participated in the final series, while at the other end of the scale the boys from the **House** just avoided relegation with a nail-biting last gasp victory over eventual premiers **Mazenod**. Another interesting game should just see the boys from **Dunstan Street** nudge through for a first up victory.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS:

ANZ Bank
Glenhuntly
Bulleen

North Brunswick
Brunswick

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS: Due to the revamped record this year time is at a premium, so I need your utmost co-operation to have all Match Reports in on time. Last year was a pretty good year for exposure for all clubs so let's keep up the good work in 1992.

For this week only please PHONE your reports to me on 434 4379 by **12 noon Monday**. FAX NUMBER will be advised in next week's record.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES - E

AQUINAS vs ANZ BANK
LATROBE UNI vs POWERHOUSE
ELSTERNWICK vs GLENHUNTLY
NORTH BRUNSWICK vs BULLEEN UNITED
BRUNSWICK vs DOVETON

E SECTION UMPIRES

ANZ BANK vs LATROBE UNIVERSITY
Field: Richard Eastwood, Kevin Segota
GLENHUNTLY vs AQUINAS OB
Field: Mike Gilday, John Natoli
BULLEEN UNITED vs ELSTERNWICK
Field: Peter Molloy
DOVETON SJOC vs NORTH BRUNSWICK
Field: Clarke Thuys, J. Smith
POWERHOUSE vs BRUNSWICK
Field: Justin Garrett

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F-TROOP
by Peter Hille



As the F Section season preview was not available at the time of printing the Editor's selections for the first round of this new 16 team section is as follows:

Old Essendon to defeat **Peninsula**.
St Andrew's to lose to **FIT**.
Chirnside Park to defeat **Richmond Central**.
Boronia Park to defeat **UHSOB**.
St Mary's to defeat **St Leo's/Wattle Park**.
St Pat's/Mentone to defeat **West Brunswick**.
St John's to lose to **Salesian**.
Uni Reds to lose to **Old Carey**.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES - F

FOOTSCRAY I.T. vs OLD ESSENDON
RICHMOND CENTRAL vs ST ANDREW'S
UHSOB vs UNIVERSITY REDS
WEST BRUNSWICK vs BORONIA PARK
CHIRNSIDE PARK vs ST JOHN'S
PENINSULA vs ST MARY'S
SALESIAN vs ST PAT'S-MENTONE
ST LEO'S/WATTLE PARK vs OLD CAREY

F SECTION UMPIRES

OLD ESSENDON vs PENINSULA OB
Field: Tom Zapadlo
ST ANDREW'S s FITOB
Field: Mike Wakelin, Ken Couglan
CHIRNSIDE PARK vs RICHMOND CENTRAL
Field: Damien Knott, Ted Keating
BORONIA PARK vs UHSOB
Field: Pat Maebus, Ron Martin
ST MARY'S vs ST LEO'S WATTLE PARK
Field: Barry Reichelt
ST PATRICK'S MENTONE vs WEST BRUNSWICK
Field: Peter Harris, Denis McInerney
ST JOHN'S OC vs SALESIAN OC
Field: Ralph Slimmon
UNIVERSITY REDS vs OLD CAREY
Field: Steve Harford, Geoff Kelly

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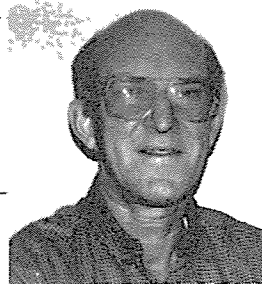
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DELIVERIES OF AMATEUR FOOTBALLERS

Deliveries of *Amateur Footballers* for this weekends round of matches have been delivered to the Melbourne Sports Depot or to Elsternwick Park as last year.
Hampton Rovers, Old Haileybury, Ajax and Caulfield Grammarians are the clubs whose *Amateur Footballers* will be delivered to the Park until Administration is otherwise advised.



The editor's revellie has awakened my pen as I gaze into my crystal ball (not my head as Peter Hille would allege) to prognosticate on the season ahead. As success in Amateur Football is often ephemeral it is difficult to accurately forecast results at this time of the season when club optimism abounds.

G NORTH

Marcellin travel out to **Williamstown** where homeground advantage can be marked. However, I favour **Marcellin** to win because of their more settled side. **North Old Boys** travel out to **Banyule** and on past experience the visitors should win well. Eastside, **Kew** will play **Bulleen Templestowe** who allegedly have a player recession. **Kew** as one of the strongest G Section sides would win well. **Old Paradians** under the coaching of **Brian Hoey** await **Camberwell**. The 'Wells who have advertised for players return to football after two season's recess and maybe short on teamwork. However, as in March **Paradian** players have been as scarce as grass on the Garvey, I select **Camberwell**. **Therry** will be at home to **Old Scotch** whose players traditionally do not like travelling north of the Yarra. Despite this inherent feeling I believe the **Cardinals** will be talented enough to win. Way out west **Old Westbourne** will be at home to **St Bernards**. The **Westbourne** side who showed improvement in their first season could extend **St Bernards**. However, based on previous season's form I must select **St Bernards**.

G SOUTH

Last year's premiers **De La Salle** should open with a good win over **Monash Gryphons** whose February and March training sessions probably had a different emphasis from those held by **De La Salle**. **Old Haileyburians**, at home, should open with a victory over **Collegians** whose previous form has not been the best in the section. **Bloods**, always hard to defeat, journey

to **Old Xaverians** whose form slipped in 1991. I favour **Bloods** in what could prove the match of the round. **St Kilda/South Caulfield** await **St Kevins**. The combine traditionally has fielded a strong side in this section and so today I favour them to take the points. **Eltham** who advertised for players over the summer, do not play as well away from home. Therefore I favour **Mazenod** to win today. **Glenhuntly** travel to **Old Geelong** and may find the wide spaces of Como Park tiring. However, on ability I favour them to defeat **Old Geelong** who may have players enjoying the Head of the River rather than playing against gentry from **Glenhuntly**. **Old Melburnians**, allegedly short of players, travel way out to Clayton to play **Monash Whites**. Traditionally University sides are not well prepared for opening games, so the **OM's** may have an advantage. However, on balance I select **Monash Whites**.

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES - G

G SOUTH

ST KEVIN'S vs DE LA SALLE
BLOODS vs MAZENOD
GLENHUNTLY vs OLD XAVERIANS
OLD MELBURNIANS vs OLD HAILEYBURY
COLLEGIANS vs MONASH WHITES
MONASH GRYPHONS vs ST KILDA/STH CAULFIELD
OLD GEELONG (BYE)

G NORTH

OLD SCOTCH vs BANYULE
MARCELLIN vs OLD WESTBOURNE
NORTH OLD BOYS vs ELTHAM
ST BERNARD'S vs KEW
CAMBERWELL vs WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS
BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE vs THERRY

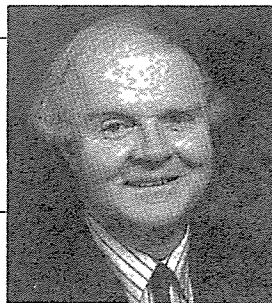
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UNDER 19 SECTIONS by Max Lyon



Firstly a welcome to the "new" clubs this season — **Kew** and **Ivanhoe** after a break of a couple of years; **Old Carey** and the **Uni** teams "split" of **Blues** and **Blacks**. Welcome also to the new coaches and a pat on the back to those who are returning to take on one of football's toughest — but most rewarding tasks. Once again we will be fielding a team in the Vic Health U19 C'ships in July and coach **John Simpson** and myself would be glad to hear from clubs with recommendations of players they feel are worthy of inclusion in our squad. Note that the qualifying birth date cut-off for this is January 1st, 1973. Finally, a request to coaches/team managers/secretaries to phone me (568 4727) on Saturday or Sunday or fax me (646 0872) on Monday mornings with their 2 or 3 best players and/or outstanding goalkicking efforts. Due to space limitations, I only require these details from the **winning** sides.

TODAY'S GAMES

DIVISION 1

Two of last year's finalists, **De La** and **Marcellin** meet at East Malvern in what should be a close tussle. **Scott Christenson** is pretty confident his "new" side will be better than last years but I'm not game enough to tip against the reigning champs on their home patch. **Ormond** are at home to last year's Division 2 runners-up, **Old Mentonians**. **Monds** will definitely be a lot stronger than last year whilst **Tones** can still field a number of guys for a second year and I think they can give **Peter Murphy** a win over his old club. Once again **Xavs** open the year with a tough one, this time it's **St Bernards**. **Xavs** have been a little slow in getting their numbers up whilst **Bernies** nearly put two teams in the field and I think their strength in numbers will enable them to overcome the class of **Xavvers**. **Old Haileybury** are at home to the Division 2 premiers **Old Melburnians** and my sources tell me that the **Bloods** have been a little slow in getting their numbers together whilst **OMs** haven't had the same problem. I expect **OMs** to get home comfortably and I expect **Mazenod** will do likewise against **Collegians** who also have been light on for training attendances.

SELECTIONS:

De La Salle
Old Mentone
St Bernards

Old Melburnians
Mazenod

DIVISION 2 CENTRAL

Uni Blues have put in a lot of work pre-season getting players and officials in place and as a result have had a lot doing pre-season whilst **Old Trinity** were very late in finalising their coaching appointment and I expect the **Blues** hard work will be rewarded with a win today. **Therry**, finalists last year, would have to start favourites at home against **Old Camberwell** but will need to improve substantially in their discipline to be sure of getting home comfortably. **Les Bilham** has worked very

systematically to get his **Kew** boys up and going again and faces a tough challenge first up against last year's unlucky team **Bulleen Templestowe** who will again be guided by **Alan Parris**. I think this should be close with the home ground advantage getting **Kew** home. **Old Parade** back from Division 1 should be too good for the **Uni Blacks** another team that has been slow gathering numbers. **Thomastown** are always many goals better at home than away and I expect them to sour **Ivanhoe's** return to the U19 competition. **Craig Jobson** has had his **Old Carey** boys working very enthusiastically and they should account for **Whitefriars**.

SELECTIONS:

Uni Blues
Therry
Kew

Old Parade
Thomastown
Old Carey

DIVISION 2 SOUTH

De La Gold, finalists last year, are down on numbers and I expect them to lower their colours to **AJAX**. **Hampton** have a premiership U17 team moving up a grade and under **Johnny "Red" Harper** should be a big improver this year. **Steve Duketis' Melbourne High** boys are always hard to beat on the "postage stamp" but I think the **Rovers** can sneak home. **Caulfield** are keen to improve on their dismal year last year but have copped a tough one first up in **Chirnside Park**. If **Chirnside** can improve their discipline from last year they can have a good year and I think they will start with a big win today. The remaining 3 games all seem pretty even to me so I'll just play my hunches and go for **St Bedes** to just get home from **Monash**; **Old Scotch** to sneak in against **Old Ivanhoe** and **Old Brighton** to do likewise against **Oakleigh**.

SELECTIONS:

AJAX
Hampton Rovers
Chirnside Park
St Bedes

Old Scotch
Old Brighton

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES — U19

SECTION 1

OLD MENTONIANS vs **DE LA SALLE BLUE**
MARCELLIN vs **MAZENOD BLUES**
ST BERNARD'S BLUE vs **ORMOND**
OLD MELBURNIANS vs **OLD XAVERIANS**
COLLEGIANS vs **OLD HAILEYBURY**

SECTION 2 (CENTRAL)

IVANHOE vs **THERRY**
UNIVERSITY BLUES vs **OLD CAREY**
OLD CAMBERWELL vs **UNIVERSITY BLACKS**
WHITEFRIARS vs **KEW**
OLD PARADIANS vs **OLD TRINITY**
BULLEEN-TEMPLESTOWE vs **THOMASTOWN**

SECTION 2 (SOUTH)

OLD SCOTCH vs MHSOB
JAX vs OAKLEIGH (Oval 3 Albert Park)
HAMPTON ROVERS vs ST BEDE'S
OLD BRIGHTON vs CAULFIELD
MONASH BLUES vs DE LA SALLE GOLD
CHIRNSIDE PARK vs OLD IVANHOE
(venue to be advised)

U19 SECTION UMPIRES

UNDER 19 SECTION 1

DE LA SALLE vs MARCELLIN
Field: M. English, Norm Nugent
ARMOND vs OLD MENTONIANS
Field: Chris Box
OLD XAVERIANS vs ST BERNARD'S BLUE
Field: Paul Rapke, David Miller
OLD HAILEYBURY vs OLD MELBOURNIANS
Field: David D'Altera
HAZENOD BLUES vs COLLEGIANS
Field: Tony Murphy, Vin Vescovi

UNDER 19 SECTION 2 (CENTRAL)

OLD TRINITY vs UNIVERSITY BLUES
Field: A. Kiel, Cameron Swale

THERRY vs OLD CAMBERWELL

Field: G. Waldron, Phil Kent

KEW vs BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE

Field: Tim Sutcliffe, Alan Stubbs

UNIVERSITY BLACKS vs OLD PARADIANS

Field: Andrew Taylor

THOMASTOWN vs IVANHOE

Field: Luke Simeoni, Alan Ladd

OLD CAREY vs WHITEFRIARS (Oval 8, Albert Park)

Field: Graeme Morgan

UNDER 19 SECTION 2 (SOUTH)

DE LA SALLE GOLD vs AJAX

Field: G. Lawlor, Peter Graham

MHSOB vs HAMPTON ROVERS

Field: Ron Smith

CAULFIELD GRAMMAR vs CHIRNSIDE PARK

Field: Gary Knight, Paul Curry

ST BEDE'S vs MONASH BLUES

Field: Rob Dooley

OLD IVANHOE vs OLD SCOTCH

Field: Brad Lowe, Darren Earp

OAKLEIGH vs OLD BRIGHTON

Field: Warren Lumanovski

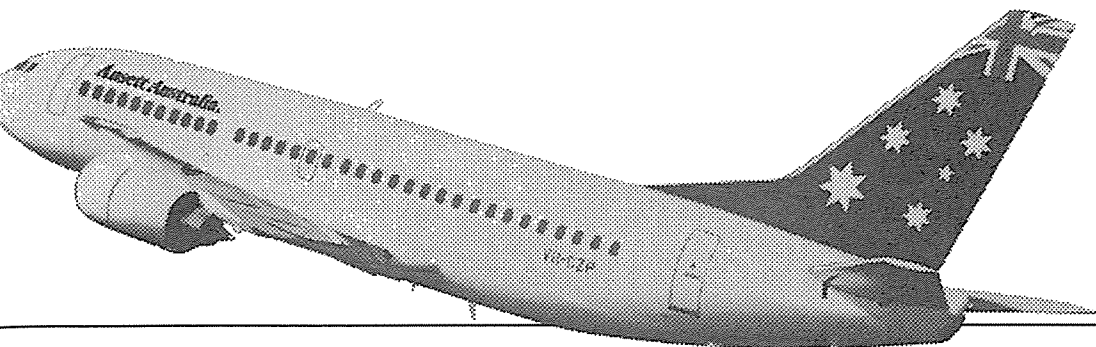
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COACHES CLIPBOARD

edited by
Mike McArthur-Allen



Welcome to the 1992 season, the Centenary Year of the VAFA and no doubt all clubs will be striving the extra bit harder to have their club name etched into the historical record books as having won a Premiership in such an important landmark year. I wish all coaches well for the season ahead and hope your efforts throughout pre-season are appropriately rewarded.

It is no easy task to take on and fulfil a coaching role whether it be a Senior, Reserve, or Under 19 team and at some stage throughout the long season ahead there will be moments when you start to really question your own sanity in placing yourself in such a precarious position. It takes perseverance and faith in yourself especially when things are not going well. The back-slappers are in abundance when you win particularly in Round 1. But next Saturday night there will be a number of very disappointed coaches who, for all their good planning and despite the sweat and energies of a solid pre-season will not taste success. A further repeat of that in Round 2 usually causes the less committed supporters and officials to start to express some negative views on the season, the players, and indeed, the ability of the coach.

That is the time that tests out coaches and match committees. REMAIN POSITIVE AT ALL TIMES. Remember, the players look to you for some reassurance. They won't get it if you are starting to express doubts yourself. Players are extremely alert to the mood and general demeanour of the coach. Their own outlook is profoundly influenced by the coach's. Look or sound despondent and they too will almost certainly begin to live up to that negative expectation. It can sweep like a cancer through the team and cause uncertainty. Players' actions on the field can quickly reflect this resulting in teams freezing up, lacking cohesion, becoming more scared of making a mistake rather than taking some risks that are so vital if the team is to operate successfully and play its natural free flowing game.

Courage on a football field is not about failing to be scared. Real courage is in accepting that fears do exist and overcoming those fears. This is very true of coaching as well. If there were no risk of losing there would be little of value in winning. What makes winning so great is the inner knowledge that you accepted the risk of the contest that by sheer definition must also carry with it the potential prospect of a loss. When losses come they must be seen as nothing more than what they are; that is, the price of engaging in a contest. If you are not willing to accept that price you should not be a coach or a contestant. It is your right to elect not to be either of these things, of course, but if that is your choice you will never know the satisfying sweet taste that honestly-earned victory can bring.

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VAFA-AFCA NEWS

The VAFA has its own sub-group of the Australian Football Coaches Association - AFCA. The Executive of the VAFA have recognised the value of having all amateur coaches better informed about coaching. They have made it mandatory for all VAFA Coaches, Seniors, Reserves, Under 19 and G Section to become members of the VAFA-AFCA and currently **Craig Jackson from C'wealth Bank** is compiling details of all coaches. A \$12 membership fee will be debited to each Club's account for each of the above specified coaches. PLEASE SEND THE MEMBERSHIP FORMS BACK TO CRAIG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE FORM SO YOU CAN BE JOINED UP AND RECEIVE THE BENEFITS ESPECIALLY THE COACHING UPDATE MAGAZINE.

Clubs with vision may see value in having any Under Age team Coaches attached to their club also become members to assist in lifting their knowledge and expertise of coaching. If so they can also join by completing the membership forms available from VAFA Headquarters. Ring 531 8333 to have forms sent out.

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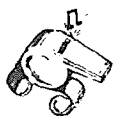
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Umpires Corner

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- **Welcome to 1992** – the **Centenary Year of Amateur Football** and **100 years of Amateur umpiring**. A special welcome and best wishes to all **new umpires** who are turning out for the first time today. Work hard but moreover – enjoy yourselves.
 - **VAFUA Office Bearers** for the coming season:
 - **President:** Mike Murray
 - **Vice President:** Peter Keogh
 - **Secretary:** Andrew Belcher
 - **Assistant Secretary:** Peter Harris
 - **Treasurer:** Steve Hopper
 - **Assistant Treasurer:** John Kelly
 - **Social Secretary:** Richard Simon
 - **VAFU Delegate:** Kevin Segota
 - **Executive Members:** Darren Dalglish, Steve Clinch.
 - **Welcome** to new Advisor, **Brian 'Bomber' Bullus** and his cohorts, **Benny 'I'm getting married in October' Goodman**, **Tim 'Ding Dong' Bell** and **Kevin 'Ronny' Barker**. Your troops are behind you all the way.
 - 1991 certainly proved to be a bumper year judging by the number of **'BUMPS' (Baby Umps)** arriving pre-season. 'All clear' to the **Damen, Swale, Moore, Ladd, McCarthy, Kilner, Woodhead, Simon** and **Mayston** families. No need to go for the pencils – for the time being anyway!
 - **Congratulations** to Riddy's Property Steward offside, **Peter 'Agate' Harris**, who has been awarded **Life Membership** of the **VAFU**. This is certainly a top result for a character who has devoted so much time for the benefit of Amateur Football.
 - **Therese 'WOK' (wife of Ken) Pitcher** and **Betty 'WOP' (wife of Peter) Wiseman** are very early contenders for this column's **'Woman of the Year'** title. Both previous winners, will they be knocked off in this year's quest for fame?
 - Pre-season training has had its moments, most notably among them being:
 1. The **'Williamstown Workout'**: Consider – a) **'Stud' Kilner's** winning team (if on – AFL umps surely helped); b) **Wayne 'Chuck' Hinton's** memory lapse re the Seagull's scoreboard and his clothing 'problems' at the **Denis Rich Swimming Pool**. Seems **Normie Nugent** was in the same category too! c) **Trish Boyd** abandoning her marshalling post; and d) **Tim Bell's** performance at the 'after match'. Thanks to **Denis Rich** and **Chris Mitchell** for organising the activities and to **P. Wiseman** and **W. Henry** for persevering.
 2. The **'Elwood Aquathon'**: Organised by **Tommy Zapadlo** and **Tony McKenzie** and won by the latter. Well done! As **Tommy** said, "This will be an annual event – like every year".
 3. **'Premiers Cup'**: Congratulations to **Richie Simon, Justin Toohey, Jim Huxson, Frank Martinez, Gary Baumgarten** and **Bernie Hoare** for their top performances in this inaugural competition.
 - Thanks to **Phil Rowell, Chairman – Umpires Committee**, for his address at our March Association meeting. The excellent relationship between the **VAFUA** and **VAFU** is duly acknowledged.
 - **Andrew 'Ex-Pres' Belcher** – What is an 'unhappy pleasure'?
 - **Peter 'Rags' Keogh** and **Sharon Alger** as Netball opponents! What's next, V-P?
 - **Les 'Hooker' Harrison** (from 'S.A.' – Australia not Africa) is looking for a set of dress rules for meeting nights, perhaps **Santo 'Enrico' Caruso**, who was seen wearing runners and socks during the 'Swim Leg' at the recent Aquathon, could assist in this matter.
 - 'White Wacker' for March – **Jim Huxson**.
 - Top marks to the **RACV** for continuing to sponsor our column. We certainly appreciate their support.
- Have a terrific Centenary season.

Mike and Macca

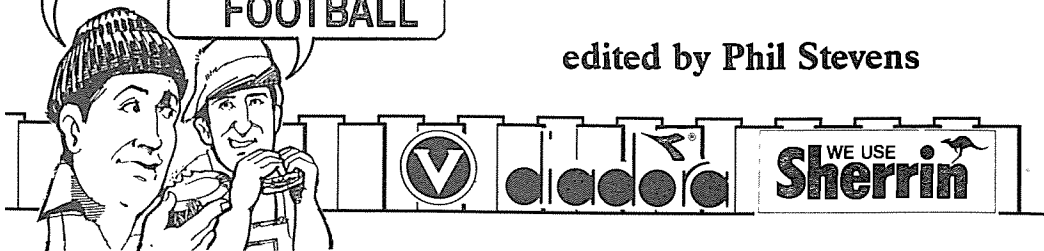
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TALKING

FOOTBALL

edited by Phil Stevens



AMATEUR FOOTY ON THE AIRWAVES

Once again for Season 1992 VAFA football results and general information can be heard on two separate FM Community Radio Stations

Southern FM 88.3 opened up the Amateur Footy Show last Sunday and this will again be hosted by Graham Byrnes, Mark "DOS" Anderson and Mike McArthur-Allen. You can catch 30 minutes of all the news about the VFA on Sunday mornings from 9.00 to 9.30am and a special feature this year will see a prize given away each week to a lucky listener who can ring in with the correct answer to a quiz question about the VAFA so tune in if you are in the south eastern metropolitan area. Last Sunday the winner was John Douglas of 6 Iluka Avenue, Aspendale and John will be receiving a great sports bag compliments of a VAFA sponsor **DIADORA**.

Another Community Radio Station **96.5 FM - 3INR** based at Warringal Plaza Shopping Centre in Heidelberg will also feature an Amateur Football show on Saturday morning 11.00 to 11.30am. Hosts Larry and Jonathon look at VAFA clubs in the local area which could include Banyule, Preston, MOB, Ivanhoe, Parkside, Marcellin, Bulleen-Emplestowe, Bulleen United, Old Paradians, Old Ivanhoe, Old Trinity, Kew, Old Camberwell, etc. Mike McArthur-Allen was interviewed last Saturday on the show to kick the 1992 season and next Saturday Banyule coach John Simpson will be Larry's guest so stay tuned if you are in the north eastern metro area.

Both stations also give score results in the sports roundups on Saturday night so tune in for the latest VAFA news reports.

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VAFA RULE CHANGES FOR 1992

The VAFA for the 1992 Season has made a few rule changes that players, coaches, umpires and officials have been duly advised about through written and verbal communications. However, the VAFA supporter who trots long to barrack for his or her beloved Club may also like to know of these important rule changes to avoid any confusion arising and hopefully to also give them a feeling of being involved.

The most significant change is that the **50 metre penalty** that has been so damaging given the dimensions of most VAFA grounds has now been reduced to **25 metres**. When applied this is still punitive and no coach will accept undisciplined players causing this penalty to disadvantage his team but at least it is a penalty that is an appropriate distance and will cut down on the extremes of seeing a penalty taking a player further downfield than the average player can kick the ball.

The other rule change sees the **abolition of the line across the centre circle** so that now both ruckmen can join in to contest the bounce from the same side of the circle if they so desire. This overcomes the disadvantage of the centre bounce of a team that does not have a very tall ruckman and, after all, it was the only ball-up on the ground where this artificial situation existed.

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After a year of inactivity last year "Amateur football" makes a comeback to the **3LO** airwaves this Saturday night when Phil Stevens will talk about today's games and the Sunday Elsternwick Park match.

3LO at this time will give all scores of all games played.

Welcome back **3LO**!!

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This year's representative team coaches have been announced.

Barry Richardson will coach the senior side against South Australia on Monday June 8th. This match will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Hawthorn/Adelaide Crows game at Waverley Park.

Both Amateur sides will be competitors for the **Diadora Cup**.

Ken Bremner will coach the C-F rep. side for its match against South Australia, to be played at Elsternwick Park on Sunday June 7th.

John Simpson has been appointed coach of the Under 19 representative side for the annual **Vic Health Championships** played between the VAFA, VMFL, VCPL and the VFA. The date for this carnival is Wednesday July 22nd.

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"Talking Football" wishes all football followers a happy and successful year and invites readers of the "Amateur Footballer" to write "Letters to the Editor" which will be answered in this column.

LAUNCH OF "FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME"

The Long Room of the Melbourne Cricket Club was a superb venue for the launch of the Association's Centenary history, "For The Love of the Game", by Joseph Johnson.

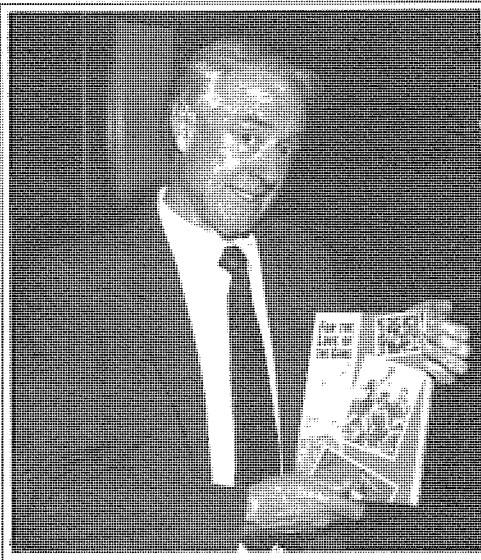
Introducing Dr Donald Cordner and Mr Ross Oakley who jointly launched the history, Noel Rundle stated that many hundreds of amateur footballers had graced the MCG as VFL footballers, and that five, including Donald Cordner had gone on to win the coveted Brownlow Medal. Noel went on to say that it was fitting for Donald Cordner and Ross Oakley to launch the book as Donald Cordner was a member of amateur football's first family and Ross Oakley, the Chairman of the Australian Football League Commission, had not only played with Collegians, the only surviving foundation club in the Association, but had also coached the Collegians and St Kevin's Old Boys clubs.

Donald Cordner thanked the Association for inviting him to write the foreword to the history and expressed his admiration for the history stating that it was not only a superb presentation of the century of amateur football but also an excellent social account of Melbourne. Donald read a humorous poem about the history and then handpassed to Ross. Ross spoke of the significant role amateur football played and proudly recounted his short career with Collegians, five games in 1961 and an A Section premiership before he went on to play for St Kilda, and reflected that his family was probably the only one to have three generations represent the Collegians, his father, the distinguished all-round sportsman, Hec Oakley, and now his own son, Greg. His uncle, Alan had also represented Collegians and Victoria in the 1920s while his brother, Reverend Denis Oakley had also played for the club in the 1960s.

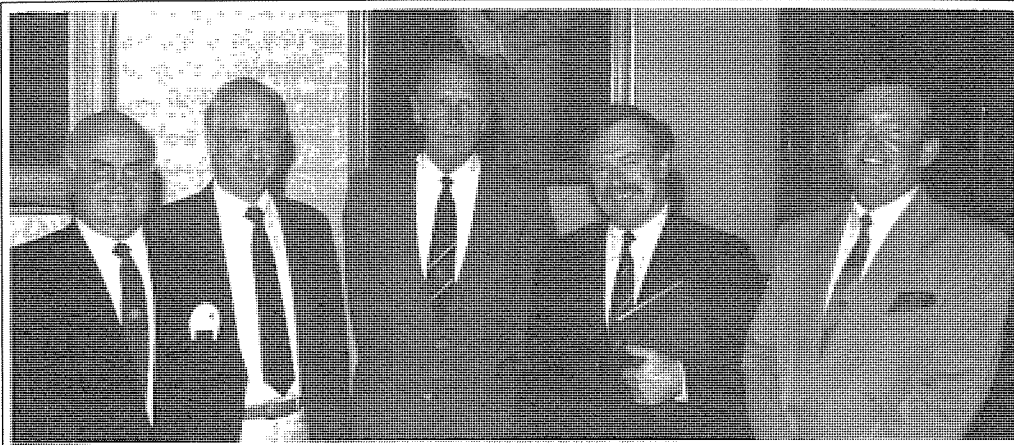
Ross proposed the toast, "For The Love Of The Game", author Joseph Johnson graciously responded to the tribute paid to the history, and expressed his deep gratitude for the help given to him by the History Committee of Noel Rundle, John Dillon, Jim Hawkins and Peter French, and also to the advice and assistance from Manson Russel, Alex Johnson, Alf Keam and Ian Munro.

Copies signed by the author were presented to former Ormond premiership player, Martin Tobin, whose article published in the Melbourne Herald in 1989 had given the history its title, "For The Love Of The Game"; to former Victorian and University Blues champion ruckman, Michael Yeo, whose outstanding mark is a feature of the dust cover; and to North Old Boys utility player, Paul Booth, whose blind turn in the 1991 A Section Grand Final is also a cover photo.

David Scott then thanked Noel Rundle for his dedication to the production of the history and on behalf of the Association presented Noel with a pair of binoculars as a mark of appreciation.



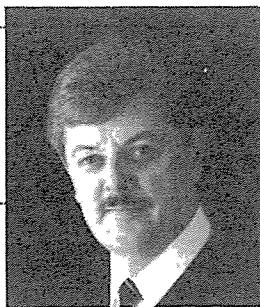
Author of "For The Love of the Game", Joe Johnson proudly displays his book.



At the launch held at the MCG Long Room from left – Noel Rundle, Joe Johnson, Dr Donald Cordner, Ross Oakley and David Scott.

MARKETING NEWS

by Mike McArthur-Allen



The VAFA conducted their Annual Sponsors' Forum on Wednesday March 18 at Elsternwick Park. The night provides a unique opportunity for Sponsors to promote their Company and explain how Club Personnel can benefit financially by utilizing Sponsors' products or services. This year we provided a Sponsors' Manual to, not only each VFA Club, but also to each Sponsor. This was very positively received by the various companies and seen as an excellent resource.

The night was attended by some 117 Club Representatives and 45 Sponsor Representatives and various members of the VAFA Executive and Administration.

We would like to express our thanks to all the Sponsors who participated in the event. A new VAFA Sponsor, Innovative Business Dynamics, was responsible for organizing the Forum by contracting Sponsors, co-ordinating the 20 displays, setting up the room itself and arranging the food and refreshments. Their work was thorough and much appreciated by all concerned giving the night a professional touch.

A further innovation this year was through the generosity of a number of sponsors we were able to provide 7 door prizes that were raffled later in the night. These were intended for Clubs to use to hopefully generate some much-needed revenue. We especially thank Southern Cross Hotel, Diadora, Foresters Friendly Society, Ansett Australia, Dilettare, Australian Wool Corporation, and Schweppes and sincerely hope the Clubs appreciated the support of the Sponsors in this initiative.

Could I again remind clubs that it is **VITAL to SUPPORT** all of our 1992 Sponsors. If you haven't combed the Sponsors' Manual yet, I urge you to do so NOW. Delay will mean it will probably be forgotten and loss of VAFA Sponsors will lead to an inevitable increase in Club Affiliation Fees.

Sponsors too, are urged to use each others' products and services. It is a means of increasing business and at the same time developing a community spirit within the VAFA Sponsors. VAFA networking has already provided some Sponsors with enhanced sales. The potential within an organization the size of the VAFA to facilitate greater networking, must be appealing to Sponsors - it is a WIN/WIN situation.

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The VAFA is indeed indebted to its sponsors for the generous support they are providing for the VAFA in 1992 and urges all VAFA Club Officials, Members, Players and Followers to recognize this and in turn support these sponsors who have shown their commitment to Amateur Football.



1992 Elsternwick Park Programme

VicHealth Matches of the Day
to be held at Elsternwick Park April-June as follows:

THIS WEEKEND:

(Saturday)

Banyule vs Parkside (B)

(Sunday)

Old Xaverians vs Ormond (A)

NEXT WEEKEND:

(Saturday)

Marcellin vs North Old Boys (A)

(Sunday)

University Blues vs O. Brighton (B)

April 18/19: No club games / Easter

April 25: St Bernard's vs Therry (A)

April 26: Whitefriars vs Monash Blues (B)

May 2: Old Haileybury vs Old Xaverians (A)

May 3: Ormond vs Marcellin (A)

May 9:

Old Trinity vs Old Melburnians (B)

May 10: Collegians vs De La Salle (A)

May 16: Monash Blues vs Old Mentonians (B)

May 17: Therry vs Old Scotch (A)

May 23: Old Brighton vs Whitefriars

May 24: North Old Boys vs St Bernard's (A)

May 30: C Section Doubleheader

(2 "Four" sides playing)

May 31: Interstate Trial - Possibles vs Probables

June 6: No Club Games

June 7: Old Mentonians vs Banyule (B)

June 14: Old Scotch vs Old Xaverians (A)



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► A SECTION continued from page 2 . . .

New coach **Grant Thomas** and his assistant "**Big Teddy**" **Jarrick** both have reputations for being "hard men" and they will be instilling that fearless attitude into their players. **Ormond** who, by their standards, had a poor season in '91, will settle for nothing less than a flag in '92. The losses of **Matthew Brown** and **Brett Burden** are huge blows to the club but the return of **Nick Sebo** will provide them with some blue sky. A Section stalwarts, **Phil Kingston**, **Steve McCooke**, **Russell Barnes** and **Paul Schukraft** have all pulled the boots on again and they will be busting to win this game, especially since they have become known as notoriously slow starters. I don't think this will be a pleasant day for **Xavs** - **Ormond** by 7 goals.

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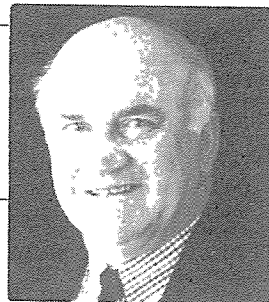
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Looking Back by Noel Rundle



5 YEARS AGO – 1987

It was a new coaches' year in "A" Section, **Don Davenport** (Old Scotch), **Danny Corcoran** (Old Xaverians), **Graeme Jacobs** (Bulleen-Temp.), **Stephen Rae** (De La Salle) and a return for former coaches, **Peter Chisnall** (Caul. Grammarians), **Alan Salter** (Uni Blues) and **Don Martin** (North Old Boys).

1986 "A" Section premiers **Collegians** and "B" Section premiers **Old Paradians** met in the opening game with **Old Paradians** powering away in a final 11 goal quarter to win 24.13 (157) to 12.8 (80).

Their 1986 premiership teams were as follows:

COLLEGIANS

B: **Laussen, Pollock, Irvine**
HB: **G. Parsons, Schober, S. Hinchin (C)**
C: **Tregear, Kahn, A. Ingleton**
HF: **Hoyle, Newman, Roberts**
F: **Lemon, R. Herman, S. Bickford**
R: **S. Williams (VC), I. Herman, K. Parsons**
IC: **Baum, Wolf**
Coach: **Bruce Ferguson**

OLD PARADIANS

B: **S. Exton (C), Pritchard, Nelson**
HB: **Wood (VC), McCann, M. Considine**
C: **B. Exton, P. Fahey, Busch**
HF: **Powick, Skerritt, P. Considine**
F: **Heffernan, Way, Corcoran**
R: **Grills, Spillane, Rae**
IC: **Atta, Powell**
Coach: **Gerard Sholly**

Next week I will let readers know how many of the 1986 premiership players lined up in the first round of 1992. Just to sharpen your wits:

1. What are the 1986 coaches doing in football in 1992?
2. How many of the 40 footballers went on to play VFL football?
3. How many had previously played VFL football?

New clubs to be admitted were **Aquinas OC (F)**, **Bloods** and **Port Colts (G)** and **Richmond Central (H)**.

In the first issue of 1987 the following article appeared to describe the birth of **Richmond Central**:

RICHMOND CENTRAL FOOTBALL CLUB (How it Started)

Talk of a proposed Football Club was held at Cricketer's Arms Hotel in Richmond by **George Paras** and **Doug Egerton** on Wednesday June 25 1986.

Nothing really eventuated until a meeting with the VAFA new clubs committee was organised for Wednesday August 13 at Elsternwick Park attended by **George Paras** and **Mike Coulsell**. After discussions

players are Richmond supporters and have been attending Richmond matches for several seasons; also Richmond Central is the primary school attended by **George Paras** from 1967 to 1972. To get this side off the ground it was decided that the three main tasks were players, money and having a ground.

For the next couple of months Richmond Central recruited several players, made almost \$1,400 by delivering yellow pages and also got a ground, being Swinburne Technical Junior Campus.

On Wednesday, February 11, **George Paras** (President), **Steven Regester** (Secretary) and **Mick Alevras** and **David Jiggins** (Selectors) met with VAFA General Manager **Peter French** and new clubs committee **John Miles** and **Ray Walsh** and was admitted to the VAFA competing in "H" Section.

The first training run was on Tuesday January 13 held at Burwood Heights High School. Three practice matches held so far have been against Eltham College, GTV9 and Monash Whites.

On Friday March 27 it was decided that the **Richmond Central Football Club** will be incorporated.

Hopefully by the year 1997 you will be publishing in the 'Amateur Footballer' that the **Richmond Central Football Club Inc.** is ten years old fielding a side in "A" Section.

George Paras
President

Well, George, you're half way, with 5 years up. Good luck for the next 5. – N.R.

10 YEARS AGO – 1982

North Brunswick hosted a Lightning Premiership which was won by the host club who defeated **West Brunswick** in the final 8.4 (52) to 3.6 (24). Senior umpires **Cliff Mead** and **Brian Goodman** officiated.

Collegians signalled their return to "A" Section with a very easy victory against **Old Xaverians** 19.17 (131) to 8.16 (64). Best were **Hoyle, Williams, Hinchin (Coll.)** and **Atkinson, Thomas Callil (Old Xav.)**. **Hannah** kicked 5 goals for the winners.

Old Melburnians welcomed **Laurie Aghan** as senior and reserves coach for 1982.

Simon Williams and **Chris Warner** played their 50th games for **Collegians** and 150 games to **Dick Clarke** (Parkside).

Quoting for the **Old Ivanhoe** Press Correspondent, the club congratulated **Alan "Snapper" Haug** on playing his 250th game joining **Doug Cuttriss** as the only **Old Ivanhoe** player to have reached that magnificent milestone.

"A" Section umpires for the opening game were **J. Segota, W. Henry, C. Mead, T. Flannery, B.**

Closest game for the day was in "B" Section where **St Bernards** defeated **Alphington** 12.24 to 12.23 with the best **A. O'Brien** (5 goals), **Angel, Mulcheans** (St Bernards) and **Hockins, Pickett, Bradley** (Alphington).

15 YEARS AGO – 1977

De La Salle won the Lyon Bros. Perpetual Trophy at the Inaugural Amateur Olympics sponsored by Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club on Sunday 6 March. 13 clubs were represented. Was it age or fitness? The umpires team finished 12th.

Kevin "Dad" Drinan (St Kilda CBCOC) finally reached 150 games – spread over 9 seasons in which **Kevin** has won 3 club Best and Fairests. 200 games to **Max Johnston** at **UHSOB** – a club Best and Fairest and also "C" Section Best and Fairest when he scored 10 first votes!

Marcellin OC, having won "B" Section premiership in 1976 from fourth position, made their first appearance in "A" Section when they played "A" Section 1976 fourth team **Uni Blues** and were on top all day to win by 19 points. Best were **Dillon, Crimmins, Carrucan, Cullinan** (6 goals) for the winners while veterans **Standish, Church** and **Hager** starred for the **Blues**.

Old Xaverians celebrated their promotion to "C" Section with a 73 point win over **Hampton Rovers**.

Commonwealth Bank player **Tony Borrack** completed an unusual feat by having now played in every section of Amateur football as well as representing Victoria in Amateur football. (Can readers give me names and details of others with comparable records?).

20 YEARS AGO – 1972

Mrs Norma Fullerton was honoured with life membership of the Association.

Ormond who reversed their second semi-final defeat by **University Blues** to triumph by 4 goals in the Grand Final unfurled the "A" Section flag, their first since 1950.

"A" Section umpires were **Hargarty, D.R. Dodds, Kollmorgan, Rowe** and **Marshall**.

Executive of the Umpires' Association were **Graham Simpson, Norman Sharpe, Ken Jorgensen, Lindsay Thomas** and **Phillip Rowell**, with **Brian Nicholls** in charge of social activities.

Beverley Hills made their entry into the Association in Junior Section 2.

25 YEARS AGO – 1967

The Association moved to Elsternwick Park as its permanent home.

It was the Association's third "central" ground. The first was Olympic Park, 1957 to 1961, and St Kilda Cricket Ground, 1965.

President of the Umpires' Association was **Kevin McKay**, with **John Posetti** as secretary.

Geoff Hibbins returned to the Amateur scene as coach of **Collegians**.

Missing from the Executive was prominent identity, **Mac Tolliday**, former secretary of **Commonwealth Bank**, who had been transferred to Sydney.

Old Ivanhoe welcomed former Richmond full forward **Bob Dummett** as coach.

It was a great thrill for **AJAX** to unfurl their first premiership flag with "**Bunty**" **Davis**, wife of President **Harold Davis**, unfurling the flag.

Young **Coburg** Juniors ruckman, **Rod MacFarlane**, 16, made a spectacular debut, kicking 9 goals and was best afield.

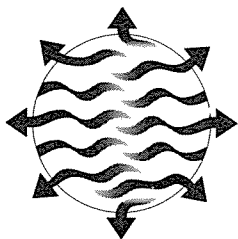
40 YEARS AGO – 1952

Hampton Rovers unfurled their first ever "A" Section pennant. Captain was **Sam Birtles** with successful coach, **Doug Arnold**.

Old Paradians reappeared in "A" Section – first time since 1933.

Present test cricket selector **Sam Loxton** had taken over as coach of **Collegians**.

"A" Section captains were: **Perc Adams** (Alphington), **Evan Macgregor** (Ormond), **Sam Birtles** (Hampton Rovers), **Jack Thomas** (Commonwealth Bank), **Keith Lewis** (Collegians), **Peter Cox** (Old Melburnians), **Phil McLaughlin** (Old Paradians), **Harry Meredith** (University Blacks), **Geoff Sinclair** (University Blues), **Jim Lillie** (Old Scotch).



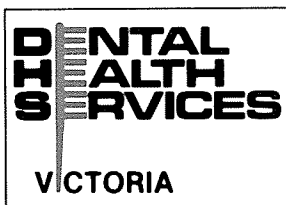
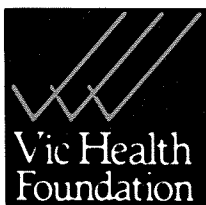
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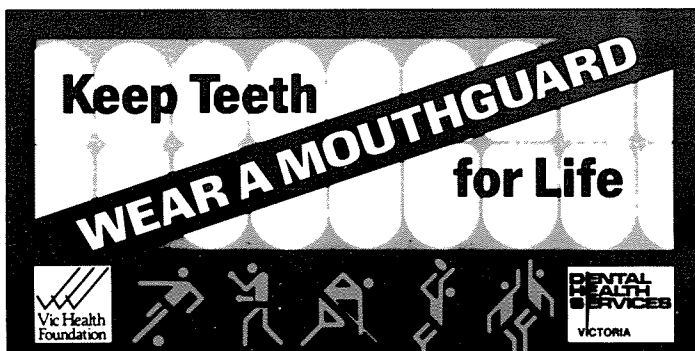
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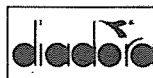
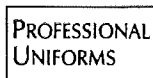
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