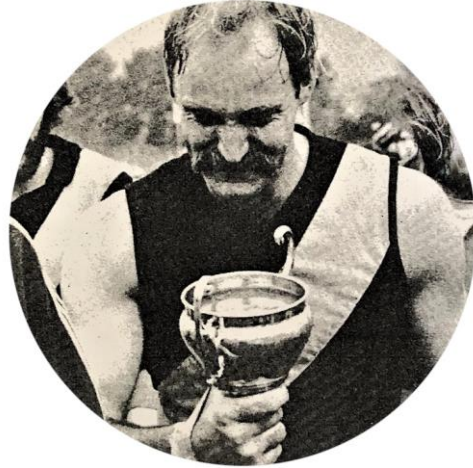
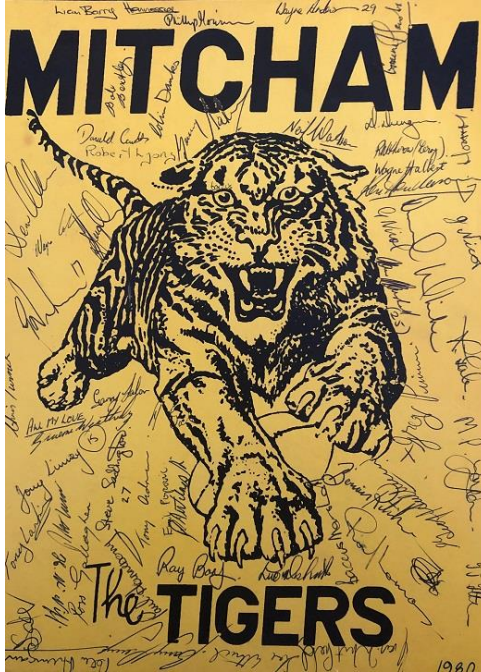


Mitcham Football Club

Established 1888

1980 Senior Premiership



40th Year Anniversary 1980-2020

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Mitcham Football Club

1980 Senior Premiership 40th Year Anniversary, 1980-2020

Due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Eastern Football League 2020 season has had to be cancelled. This means a Mitcham FC 1980 Premiership 40th Anniversary Reunion cannot take place. However, this should not stop the MFC community, including the Past Players and Officials, remembering and celebrating this wonderful premiership success.

1. **The 1980 Grand Final Match Details:**

Mitcham Football Club

Eastern District Football League Premier Division

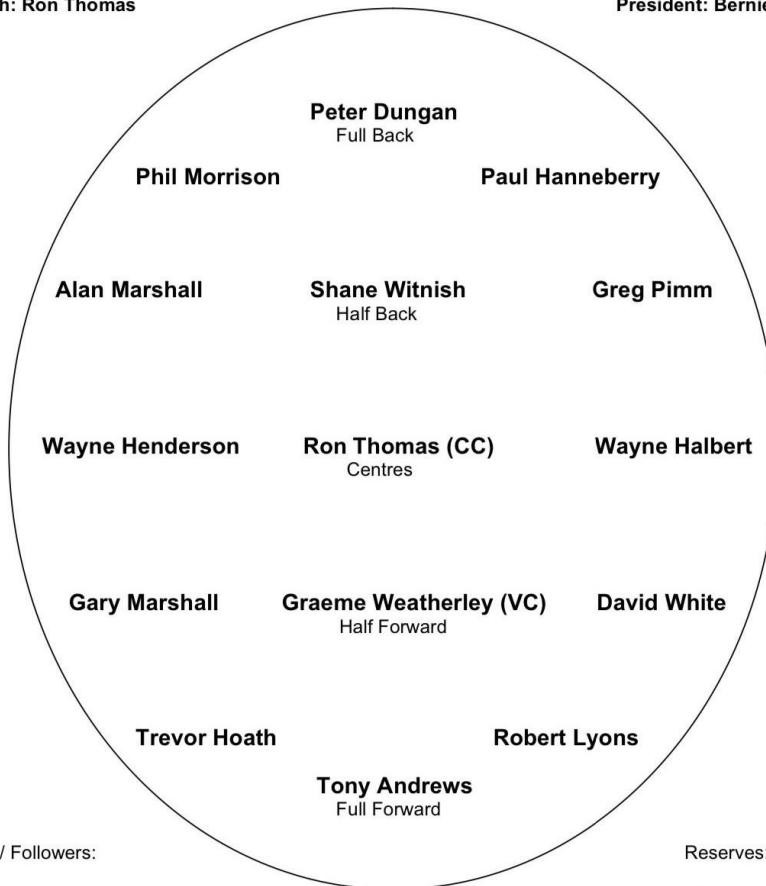
SENIOR PREMIERS 1980

Mitcham 13.16 (94) def. Vermont 8.15 (63)

Ground: Kilsyth Recreation Reserve

Captain / Coach: Ron Thomas

President: Bernie Coleman



First Ruck / Followers:

Peter Laurie
Ray Bond
Ross Gallagher

Reserves:

Neil Watson
Mick Taylor

Team Manager: Harry Willaton
Secretary: Kevin Smith

Team starting line-up as per the Nunawading Gazette, 17 September 1980

2. The Official 1980 Premiership Story:

Extract from the Club history book ‘Place Kicks to Drop Punts’ (by Garry Wathen / Marc Fiddian)

Under a new president, Bernie Coleman, Mitcham made a slashing start to the 1980 season, winning the opening 7 games, and eventually won 15 of the 18 home and away games. Yet there were times when coach Thomas felt some of his players struggled. After losing to Scoresby midway through the season he asked each player to give him a written report as to why the player was beaten. Before the finals Thomas gave the reports back to the players to refresh their memories.

Among the newcomers to the club were ruckman Peter Laurie (East Burwood), wingman Wayne Halbert (Heathmont), defenders Greg Pimm (Highett) and Paul Hanneberry (Sandringham), ruck-rover Barry Denny (Melbourne) and rover Trevor Hoath (Hastings). Apart from some very sound recruiting, Mitcham officials also made it a practice to send representatives to watch the team Mitcham was due to play the next week. While Thomas appreciated the information from such an exercise he also believed that the traditional game of crown and anchor after training was an important factor in fostering club spirit and raising funds.

The ladder at the end of 1980 was:

	W	L	D	PC
Mitcham	15	3		153
East Ringwood	14	4		153
Mulgrave	12	6		120
Vermont	11	7		104
Scoresby	9	9		110
North Ringwood	7	10	1	91
East Burwood	6	12		81
Croydon	5	12	1	81
Surrey Hills	5	13		76
Ringwood	5	13		60

A 10-point loss to East Ringwood on the eve of the finals took the gloss off Mitcham’s advance to the finals, but if anything it served to bring out the best in the players. Mitcham beat East Ringwood by 34 points in the second semi-final and Vermont by 31 points in the grand final at Kilsyth. Trailing Vermont by three points at half-time and leading by three at three-quarter time, Mitcham clinched the premiership with a five-goal burst 10 minutes into the last quarter. A strong defence, led by Peter Dungan, the roving of Gallagher and Hoath, and Thomas’ leadership, were key factors in Mitcham’s success. Andrews finished the season with 102 goals and the elusive Robbie Lyons 70.

1980 Finals Matches & Scores

1st Semi Final

Mulgrave 9.13 (67) vs Vermont 15.15 (105). Vermont won by 38 pts.

2nd Semi Final

Mitcham 22.15 (147) vs East Ringwood 17.11 (113). Mitcham won by 34 pts.

Preliminary Final

East Ringwood 16.14 (110) vs Vermont 19.24 (138). Vermont won by 28 pts.

Grand Final

Mitcham 13.16 (94) vs Vermont 8.15 (63). Mitcham won by 31 pts.

3. The 1980 Premiership Team Photo:



- Top Row: Peter Laurie, Peter Dungan, Shane Witnish, Tony Andrews, Ray Bond, Paul Hanneberry, Emil Popovic (injured), Herb Larkin, Hugh McNiff
- 2nd Row: Harry Willaton (Team Manager), Steve Lundberg, Graeme Jacobs (Chairman of Selectors), Roy Hands (Head Trainer), Mick Taylor, Alan Marshall, David White, Gary Marshall, Greg Pimm, Graeme Weatherley (VC), Barry Denny (injured), Rob Lyons, Gary Lalor, Bob Bentley, Ray Bourke (Treasurer)
- 3rd Row: Tony Linney (injured), Kevin Smith (Secretary), Ron Thomas (Capt. Coach: with son Kane), Ross Gallagher, Bernie Coleman (President), Peter Witnish (suspended), Phil Morrison,
- Front Row: Wayne Henderson, Trevor Hoath, Neil Watson, Steve Saddington
- Absent: Wayne Halbert

4. The 1980 Season Scores:

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS — 1980

Round 1 — April 19

Mitcham 19.11, Scoresby 13.12.
 *East Ringwood 32.26, Ringwood 6.12.
 Croydon 13.10, East Burwood 11.8.
 North Ringwood 10.14, Vermont 15.13.
 Mulgrave 17.24, Surrey Hills 11.7.

Round 2 — April 26

Mitcham 24.18, Ringwood 3.13.
 East Ringwood 19.9, East Burwood 13.14.
 Vermont 14.25, Croydon 15.10.
 Mulgrave 13.10, North Ringwood 12.11.
 Scoresby 13.22, Surrey Hills 11.7.

Round 3 — May 3

Mitcham 28.15, East Burwood 14.8.
 Vermont 20.19, East Ringwood 13.15.
 Mulgrave 25.14, Croydon 17.14.
 North Ringwood 24.12, Surrey Hills 13.13.
 Ringwood 20.11, Scoresby 13.19.

Round 4 — May 10

Mitcham 23.11, Vermont 16.23.
 East Ringwood 23.25, Mulgrave 17.14.
 Surrey Hills 13.14, Croydon 8.18.
 Scoresby 24.9, North Ringwood 13.17.
 Ringwood 19.15, East Burwood 13.21.

Round 5 — May 17

Mitcham 17.7, Mulgrave 10.15.
 East Ringwood 19.14, Surrey Hills 4.13.
 North Ringwood 17.19, Croydon 16.15.
 Vermont 12.12, Ringwood 6.15.
 Scoresby 15.9, East Burwood 6.15.

Round 6 — May 24

Mitcham 12.11, Surrey Hills 11.14.
 East Ringwood 11.16, North Ringwood 10.10.
 Scoresby 13.14, Croydon 9.12.
 Mulgrave 11.23, Ringwood 9.11.
 Vermont 22.13, East Burwood 13.16.

Round 7 — May 31

Mitcham 22.22, North Ringwood 8.10.
 East Ringwood 25.17, Croydon 8.16.
 Ringwood 15.14, Surrey Hills 11.11.
 Mulgrave 15.17, East Burwood 13.15.
 Vermont 14.12, Scoresby 13.14.

Round 8 — June 7

Croydon 16.8, Mitcham 14.12.
 East Ringwood 12.14, Scoresby 9.5.
 North Ringwood 16.10, Ringwood 10.14.
 East Burwood 15.10, Surrey Hills 13.13.
 Mulgrave 22.15, Vermont 6.12.

Round 9 — June 14

Croydon 16.12, Ringwood 6.6.
 East Burwood 18.16, North Ringwood 16.15.
 Vermont 17.23, Surrey Hills 12.9.
 †Mitcham 15.9, East Ringwood 10.15.
 *Scoresby 11.11, Mulgrave 12.9.

Round 10 — June 21

Scoresby 14.11, Mitcham 11.18.
 *Ringwood 2.6, East Ringwood 13.11.
 East Burwood 13.22, Croydon 7.9.
 Vermont 16.11, North Ringwood 11.14.
 Mulgrave 17.12, Surrey Hills 7.8.

Round 11 — June 28

Mitcham 15.11, Ringwood 8.3.
 East Ringwood 12.14, East Burwood 7.9.
 Vermont 7.13, Croydon 6.11.
 Mulgrave 4.5, North Ringwood 2.5.
 Scoresby 9.6, Surrey Hills 4.16.

Round 12 — July 5

Mitcham 12.7, East Burwood 7.6.
 East Ringwood 17.7, Vermont 14.11.
 Mulgrave 16.9, Croydon 7.3.
 Surrey Hills 11.21, North Ringwood 12.12.
 Scoresby 15.19, Ringwood 4.6.

Round 13 — July 12

Mitcham 15.17, Vermont 12.12.
 East Ringwood 10.8, Mulgrave 8.7.
 Croydon 13.9, Surrey Hills 5.7.
 North Ringwood 15.9, Scoresby 12.6.
 East Burwood 6.13, Ringwood 4.8.

Round 14 — July 19

Mitcham 6.9, Mulgrave 4.8.
 East Ringwood 17.22, Surrey Hills 6.13.
 †North Ringwood 9.5, Croydon 8.11.
 Vermont 17.16, Ringwood 8.12.
 East Burwood 8.13, Scoresby 6.8.

Round 15 — July 26

Mitcham 21.15, Surrey Hills 13.14.
 North Ringwood 12.16, East Ringwood 13.9.
 Scoresby 18.5, Croydon 12.9.
 Ringwood 10.7, Mulgrave 3.7.
 East Burwood 18.11, Vermont 15.13.

Round 16 — August 2

Mitcham 16.11, North Ringwood 5.9.
 East Ringwood 10.13, Croydon 6.11.
 Surrey Hills 17.11, Ringwood 6.8.
 Mulgrave 9.7, East Burwood 3.12.
 Vermont 7.19, Scoresby 7.16.

Round 17 — August 9

†Mitcham 20.17, Croydon 11.12.
 Scoresby 13.16, East Ringwood 14.8.
 Ringwood 6.12, North Ringwood 4.5.
 Surrey Hills 17.13, East Burwood 11.11.
 Vermont 16.18, Mulgrave 15.20.

Round 18 — August 16

East Ringwood 13.17, Mitcham 12.13.
 Croydon 5.7, Ringwood 3.5.
 North Ringwood 13.15, East Burwood 14.7.
 Surrey Hills 16.22, Vermont 12.16.
 *Mulgrave 15.18, Scoresby 14.9.

FINALS: 1st XVIII, 2nd XVIII and U.17

1st Semi-Final: August 23.
 2nd Semi-Final: August 30
 Preliminary Final: September 6.
 Grand Final: September 13.

U.15 FINALS:

1st Semi-Final: 10 a.m., August 23.
 2nd Semi-Final: 12 noon, August 23.
 Preliminary Final: 10 a.m., September 6.
 Grand Final: 10 a.m., September 6.

5. The Second Semi-Final:

Ringwood-Croydon Mail. Wednesday September 3, 1980. (By Jay Dee)

Bounceback!

Mitcham bounced their way into the 1980 EDFL grand final in a torrid display against East Ringwood on Saturday. In a sensational second semi-final, no less than eight reports were made and anxious club officials will await the outcome of Wednesday's tribunal hearing. Players reported in Saturday's encounter of the closest kind were Mitcham's Neil Watson (two counts), Peter Witnish and Peter Laurie and their East Ringwood counterparts, Gary Maidment (three counts) and Eddie Melai.

The match was a different affair than when the two sides met in last year's second semi-final. From the opening bounce by central umpire, Steve Mason, the Bluebirds attacked and Gary Maidment popped the ball through the goals within seconds, however Mason had spotted an infringement and awarded the free to Mitcham defender, Peter Witnish, who cleared for the Tigers. At the other end of the oval, rover Ross Gallagher screwed one through for Mitcham and 'danger man' Robbie Lyons followed suit and the Tigers had two on the board. Moments later, Gallagher and Lyons accidentally collided heavily, but it did not deter the little champ 'Gags' Gallagher from kicking his second. Things were hotting up a little as East constantly in attack, finally broke through the ice against the strong breeze for full forward Bartling to goal. Not to be deterred, opposing full forward, Tony Andrews kicked his first for the quarter and his ninety sixth for the season. East were right out of luck up forward as Steve Plain's long shot hit the post and he followed up the attempt with another field shot which bounced on the goal line and back into play for Mitcham defenders to clear. Tiger rover, Trevor Hoath kicked accurately and Andrews kicked his second, as did Bartling for East. Some passages of close checking play were displayed in the hectic opening as Jones was freed for east and goaled to put his side three goals down. However, the overworked Mitcham forwards were on target again for Laurie and Lyons to goal and put the defending premiers five in front at the first change.

With the heavy clashes behind them, both sides settled down to play their own brand of football in the second term with Andrews kicking his second and 'Lefty' Maidment notching his first of his four for the term. His former Caulfield team mate, Ross Goodman also kicked two valuable goals, and Renwick, Turner and Hanna followed up to show that the Bluebirds were after full wind benefit for the quarter as the Bluebirds raced to a fourteen point lead at half-time. Resident Kilsyth captain coach Gary Ireland was invited to address the Mitcham team on tactics and how to play the difficult and unfamiliar ground, and the move paid dividends immediately the third term commenced. The Tigers began to take a better avenue to goal, as Thomas, Gallagher and Weatherley kicked truly to regain the lead for their side. With play stopped, awaiting for the ball to be retrieved from out of bounds, Maidment was felled behind play and a report followed this incident. Gallagher kicked his second for the quarter, as did Weatherley and then centremen Watson shot a kick across the face of goal to find Andrews for his number 99. At this stage, an incident occurred which changed the outcome of the match as far as East were concerned. The Bluebirds were still very much in the race and were in attack, with full use of the breeze yet to come when Mitcham sharked a well directed hand-pass, cleared the ball downfield for Lyons to goal. He quickly demoralised the Bluebirds by goaling again, minutes later and the nonplussed Easterners were 39 points down as the quarter closed.

Renwick after some gallant play, missed a vital shot in front but atoned a little later. Marshall answered for Mitcham and East were still chasing a 39 point deficit, Hanna, after some fine play, broke through the solid Mitcham defence to goal. Plain and Goodman brought up some chewers with two goals for East and the margin lowered. And then it happened Andrews scooped up a low trajectory pass and notched his 'ton' for the season and sealed the issue once and for all.

Scores:

Mitcham: 22.15 (147) def East Ringwood: 17.11 (113)

Goalkickers:

Mitcham: Lyons 6, Andrews 5, Gallagher 3, Hoath 2, Weatherley 2, Thomas, Laurie, Watson, G. Marshall

East Ringwood: Maidment 4, Goodman 3, Renwick 3, Hanna 2, Turner 2, Bartling 2, Plain.

Best Players:

Mitcham: Lyons, G. Marshall, P. Witnish, Weatherley, Gallagher, Hoath, Taylor (2nd half)

East Ringwood: Melai, Parker, Stewart, Goodman, Renwick, Hanna.

SENIORS

6.9.80

In the 2nd Semi Final against East Ringwood last Saturday the Tigers were out to atone their defeat in their previous clash. With a strong line-up the team began well, attacking with the wind. In gusty conditions judging the ball was difficult but in a top class standard game the Tigers established a handy break at 11 time. Against the wind in the 2nd quarter the Tigers started well scoring their first goal. However, with the aid of the strong wind, East Ringwood began to get their game together. In the latter half of the quarter especially, the Bluebirds were on top continually attacking and goaling to grab a lead of 14 points at 34 time. At half time Ron Thomas summoned all his strength and guide to lift his sides will to win with assistance of Kilsyth's coach Gary Ireland's comments. In the third quarter the Mitcham side unleashed themselves to regain the initiative and out play the opposition. From the precipice of defeat the team powered ahead to hold a 6 goal lead at 3/4 time. The last quarter saw a determined Mitcham battle on to hold out East Ringwood to outscore them and win by 6 goals to secure the Grand Final berth.

SCORES: Mitcham 22-17 D East Ringwood 17-10
BEST: G. Marshall, R. Lyons, R. Gallagher, P. Witnish, P. Morrison

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS;

- Tony Andrew's 100th goal.
- Shane Witnish's courageous individual run.
- Robby Lyons's cagey, opportunistic talent.
- Peter Witnish's brilliant marking.
- Peter Laurie's goal and Eddie Melai's "congratulations".

RESERVES

Playing the top side Scoresby in the 2nd Semi Final as the curtain raiser to the seniors match the Tigers were out matched on the day. Effected by injuries the team was able to field only the bare 20 players. Despite being undermanned the team did a good job against a talented running Scoresby team at top strength. After a fair last quarter as they used the wind well. However, in the 3rd quarter the Tigers overcame a 6 goal deficit to be within striking distance at 3/4 time. The last quarter showed the strength of Scoresby and throughout their key players were able to break away to score a comfortable win. On the day the Tigers were beaten but clearly showed they have the ability to reverse the result. However we must beat East Ringwood in the Preliminary Final.

SCORES: Scoresby 18-14 D Mitcham 11-13
BEST: D. Dungan, J. Dugdale, D. Williams, D. Coutts, D. Davis

MITCHAM HOTEL BEST TEAM PLAYER AWARD - P. WITNISH

U/16 PRELIMINARY FINAL

A gutsy performance by Mitcham U/16's all year guided by John Oohen and Peter Scanlon saw the team lift from seventh in 1979 to 3rd in 1980. Last Saturday they were not disgraced and found Ringwood too strong on the day.

SCORES: Ringwood 9-10 D Mitcham 4-12
BEST: P. Allen, S. Pearce, S. Curran.

SOCIAL NOTE

- Don't forget the SEAFOOD BANQUET tomorrow, starting at 10.30 a.m. Everybody Welcome - \$10.00 all incl.
- Grand Final Luncheon - Sunday, September 14th - Karinya Lodge
- Annual Ball - October 10th - \$20.00 per head all incl.

NON-MAIL Wednesday, September 3, 1980

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BOUNCEBACK!

by JAY DEE

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The match was a different affair than when the two sides met last year's second semi-final.

From the opening bounce by central referee, Steve Mason, the Bluebirds attacked and Gary Malcolm topped the ball through the goals within seconds, however Mason had spotted an infringement and awarded the free to Mitcham defender, Peter Witnish, who cleared for the Tigers.

All the other end of the Kilsyth oval, rover Ross Gallagher screwed one through for Mitcham and "dogger man", Robbie Lyons followed suit and the Tigers had two on the board.

Shortly after, Gallagher and Lyons accidentally collided narrowly, but it did not alter the basic change. Gary Gallagher from kicking his second. They were kicking up a brace at East constantly in attack, finally broke the ice against the strong barrier for full forward backing to goal.

Not to be deterred, opposing full forward, Tony Andrew kicked the first for the quarter and his ninety sixth for the season.

Five were shot at the post and Steve Pearson's long shot at the post did not follow up on the attempt but the ball did which bounced on the top bar and back into play for Mitcham defenders to clear.

Tiger rover, Trevor Heath kicked accurately and Andrew kicked his second, as did Harding for East.

Some passages of close attacking play were apparent as Mitcham opening as James was found for set and missed to go in and save goals done.

However, the overworked Mitcham forwards were on the target again for Laurie and Lyons to punt and put the defending premises five in front at the first change.

With the heavy clashes behind them, both sides settled down to play their own brand of football in the second term with Andrew kicking his second and Laurie Malcolm securing the first of his four for the term.

His former Caulfield team mate, Ross Goodman also kicked two valuable goals, and Rossie, Turner and Hanna followed up to show that the Bluebirds were after full wind benefit for the quarter as the Bluebirds roared to a fourteen point lead at half time.

President Kilsyth chairman-coach, Gary Ireland was invited to address the Mitcham team on tactics and how to play the difficult and unfamiliar ground, and the more staff divided immediately the third term commenced.

Just one of the many "hot-ops" during Saturday's second semi between Mitcham and East Ringwood.

The Tigers began to take a better batter to goal, as Thomson, Gallagher and Wetherby lashed today to regain the lead for their side.

With play stopped, waiting for the ball to be returned from out of bounds, Malcolm was down behind the play and a report followed the incident. Gallagher kicked his second for the quarter, as did Wetherby and their counterpart Watson shot a kick across the face of goal to find Andrew for his number 99 goal.

All the time, an incident occurred which changed the outcome of the match as far as East were concerned.

The Bluebirds were still very much in the race and were in attack, with full use of the forward pack, when Mitcham started a well directed hand-pass, cleared the ball downfield for Lyons to punt. He quickly descended to the Bluesbirds by going again, minutes later and the simplified B Easters were 29 points down as the quarter closed.

Kewick after some palling play, missed a vital shot from in front but saved a little later.

Malcolm answered for Mitcham and East were still chasing a 39 point deficit, Hanna, after some four play, broke through the solid Mitcham defensive goal.

Faye and Goodman brought up great cheers with two goals for East and the margin lowered.

And then it happened. Andrew scooped up a low trajectory pass, and notched his 'six' for the region and notched the score once and for all.

Goalkeepers, Mitcham - Lyons, G. Andrews, S. Gallagher, J. Haugh, J. Wetherby. E. Thomas.

APPLEBY'S RESULTS

Football

Results from Saturday's round of EDFL

Finals matches: 1st DIVISION

Prize - Mitcham 22-17 @ East Ringwood 17-11
 Reserves - Scoresby 18-21 @ Mitcham 11-16
 Under 18 - Vermont 13-14 @ Midgway 14-11

DIVISION 2

Prize - Blenheim 14-12 @ Oroua 9-20
 Reserves - South Otago 17 @ Otago 8-8
 Under 18 - Otago 10-10 @ Otago 8-8

July 4-19

Under 18 - Hawkes Bay 13-12 @ Upper Peninsula 8-17

2nd DIVISION

Prize - Muraumbidgee 12-11 @ Norwood 13-16
 Reserves - Warracootan 12-20 @ Forest Hill 5-4

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MITCHAM

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PETER DUNGAN



NEIL WATSON



GRAEME WETHERBY



SHANE WITNISH

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HOW FOR THE BIG ONE!

IT'S an all-Nunawading grand final in the Eastern Districts Football League First Division top grade next Saturday.

The city's two teams in the Finals, Mitcham and Vermont, clash at Kilsyth for the 1980 premiership flag.

The Mitcham Tigers — last year's premiers — must start favorites, as they finished top of the ladder at the end of the home and away matches, and have beaten the Vermont Eagles on the two occasions that the sides have met this season.

But the Eagles — their last premiership was in 1971 — have been running hot in the finals.

Their fast, play-on style of game will be matched against the physically stronger Mitcham, whose key forwards, Graeme Weatherly and century-scoring spearhead Tony "Rocket" Andrews, can be match-winners on their day.

Another danger for Vermont is half-forward flanker Rob Lyons, ever the opportunist.

Tiger rover Ross "Gags" Gallagher has the potential to wreak havoc around the parks and up forward, although he can expect plenty of opposition from Vermont rover Chris Williams and Gary Adams.

Eagles ruckmen John Cunningham and Laurie Hippon have been giving Vermont drive, whereas Mitcham ruckman Peter Laurie was down in form in the second semi-final and

was replaced by Mick Taylor in the ruck duties against East Ringwood's Eddie Melan.

Vermont veteran centre half-back Dick Culpin leads a tenacious backline in his duel with Weatherly should he be a highlight.

Up forward, the danger man in the Eagles' attack has been Richmond Reserves player Bruce Brunton, who has been in great form, even after playing a full game in the Victorian Football League competition.

Both teams have versatile leaders in captain-coaches Ron Thomas (Mitcham) and Denis Wilkie (Vermont), who tend to switch positions as the occasion demands. Each has the ability to hit his side with inspired play.



EDFL football

TIGER RAG logo with a tiger illustration. Text: 'PUBLISHED WEEKLY DURING THE FOOTBALL SEASON BY THE MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB' and 'C'MON THE TIGERS!'

SENIORS 13.9.80

Today the Seniors play in their 3rd consecutive Grand Final. They have the opportunity to be the first side since East Burwood in the 1960's to win two premierships in a row. Since 1970 Mitcham have figured in 4 Grand Finals winning in 1970, 1975 and 1979 and today have the chance to make it 5 times for 4 flags.

In the Preliminary Final last Saturday Mitcham played East Ringwood. In the 1st quarter the Tigers kicked downhill, with the aid of a slight breeze. After a tight, torrid quarter the team had only managed to stay just ahead of the opposition by the break.

The second quarter saw East Ringwood combine well as a team, with the loose man game, to kick 9 goals with the kicking end. Everything seemed to go wrong for the Tigers with bad bounces and bad kicking while East Ringwood surged ahead. At 1/2 time Coach Henderson faced a near impossible task to revive the talented team dazed by and 8 goal deficit.

In the 3rd quarter Mitcham began well with the kicking end to score several goals. They continued to improve getting the ball out of the centre and quickly into attack. However after almost bridging the gap the Tigers allowed East back into the quarter. The Bluebirds scored a couple of goals to hold a narrow lead of 8 points at 3/4 time.

The Tigers faced a difficult task kicking against the now seizable breeze and still trailing. Through some good play the team attacked quickly and consistently for the first 10 minutes with scoring shots off line. Gradually they took an 8 point lead and the game settled down to a battle of the defences. Using the short game the Tigers seemed to be doing well but then East broke through to score in the latter part of the quarter to win by 26 points.

SCORES: Mitcham 0 Vermont 26
BEST: W. Henderson, M. Taylor, D. White, D. Davis, J. Duggdale.

* Congratulations to Ken Henderson and the team who on the day were unable to play their best football, although putting up a solid effort. Lets all get behind the Seniors in the Grand Final to spur them on even more to win.

'MITCHAM HOTEL BEST TEAM PLAYER AWARD' W. HENDERSON

SOCIAL GOSSIP

- * Congratulations to Wayne Henderson and Judy who announced their engagement on Saturday night. (Thanks to Chris Turner who overheard their conversation.)
- * We wish Warren (Cheque Book) Nelson and Chris (Trolly) Turner a quick recovery from their injuries.
- * Michelle Turner must be a heavy footed dancer! On Saturday night at Ken and Doreen Henderson's Chris was dancing and "hopping" and "bopping" with Michelle. But Sunday morning had a broken ankle??? He says it was from Saturday's game but we are not sure!
- * Christine Dunkinson entertained guests at Henderson's Saturday night as she danced and rolled and floated around after consuming numerous wines. (Not to mention kicking beer cans about the football club with Penny earlier at close up time!!!)
- * The Seafood Banquet was a top success thanks to Ray Bourkes organisation and the overall support.

Let's Remember: earlier in the year:

- 1. Mitcham defeated Vermont both times during the home and away season:
R.4: Mitcham 23.11 def Vermont 16.23 (home).
R.13: Mitcham 15.17 def Vermont 12.12 (away).
- 2. MFC revived the Tiger Rag from 31st May 1980.

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LYONS LETS RIP AND KICKS EIGHT

Top EDFL side, Mitcham, had their first taste of real pressure and survived on Saturday when they played Vermont at Vermont.

It was a game in which the well-drilled stated the story, as Mitcham slipped out a quick 3 goals in the opening quarter.

The quarter finally ended with the highly expected 3-0 lead.

EDFL

BY JAY DEE
 goal to lead 3 goals 1 but was given great support by Mitcham's strong defensive effort.

Final siren scores

Table listing EDFL siren scores for various teams including Mitcham, Vermont, and others.



The fencing Zebras swamp advertisement with a logo featuring a zebra.


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MITCHAM FIRSTS

1. N. WATSON
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3. T. HOATH
4. G. WEATHERLEY (Vice-Capt.)
5. R. GALLAGHER
6. B. DENNY
7. W. HALBERT
8. R. THOMAS (Capt.-Coach)
9. G. PIMM
10. A. PEARSON
11. A. ANDREWS
12. P. HANNERBERRY
15. A. LINNEY
16. G. MARSHALL
18. R. LYONS
19. P. WITNISH
22. R. BOND
23. D. WHITE
26. P. LAURIE
30. E. POPOVIC
34. S. WITNISH
48. P. MORRISON
54. K. HOULT
25. A. MARSHALL
27. S. SADDINGTON
37. M. TAYLOR

VERMONT FIRSTS

1. D. SCHNEIDER
3. J. GUNN
5. M. EASY
6. J. CUNNINGHAM (Vice-Capt.)
7. L. RIPPON
10. D. WILKIE (Capt.-Coach)
12. N. GARRETT
14. G. ADAMS
15. D. WILLIAMS
21. P. DACK
22. P. KENNEDY
23. S. CRICK
24. J. MARINELLO
25. R. CULPIN
29. J. TRESIZE
31. R. STREETER
33. B. EASTMAN
37. C. WILLIAMS
38. C. MILLER
44. T. MORRIS
45. B. BRUNTON
47. M. ADAMS
50. P. BEAVEN
51. K. HAMMERSTEIN
53. S. BENNETT
56. S. COONEY

Quarter	Mitcham	Vermont
1st Quarter	3 5 23	1 5 11
2nd Quarter	4 9 33	5 6 36
3rd Quarter	7 13 55	7 10 50
4th Quarter	13 16 94	8 15 63

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MITCHAM

Grand Final Day. Today our Seniors meet Vermont. We wish every player the best of luck to bring home another flag to Mitcham.

Last week our Reserves bowed out of the finals race. After having 37 shots to 30. Scores: East Ringwood 22.8, Mitcham 16.21.

Best players: C. Davis, J. Dugdale, M. Taylor, W. Henderson.

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Presentation Ball, 10th October, "Golden Sands", Burwood. \$20 Single, all inclusive. Bookings Open.

SOCIAL NOTES

- * Don't forget the 'Seafood Banquet' Sunday 7th September \$10.00 per head all incl. 10.30 till 2.00
- * Grand Final Luncheon Sunday 14th September. 11.30 - 3.00
- * Junior Presentation Day Sunday 21st September. 12.00 - 3.00
- * Annual Ball 10th October \$20 per head all incl.

FINAL'S PLAYER PROFILES

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|---|--|---|
| 1. <u>Neil Watson</u>
Joined 1977 and won B & F. Top kick-getter, at home in the centre though often utilised as a half forward/rover. | 2. <u>Peter Dungan</u>
Joined 1977 as a ruckman. Found his position as the most feared full back in the league. | 3. <u>Trevor Hoath</u>
Joined 1980 as experienced rover with skill and top disposal. |
| 4. <u>Graeme Weatherley</u>
Joined 1977 Vice Captain and 1980 B & F. Always a great mark at centre half forward. Has improved each year, like good wine. | 5. <u>Ross Gallagher</u>
Joined 1978 B & F in 1979. One of the best rovers in the League, back with us. His skill and courage are an inspiration. | 6. <u>Barry Denny</u>
Joined 1980 shows strong marking and ground play whether ruckroving or at centre half back. |
| 7. <u>Wayne Halbert</u>
Joined 1980. Running marking wingman/half back flanker. Model of consistency. | 8. <u>Ron Thomas</u>
Ex-junior now Capt. Coach. Rejoined 1979 to lead us to a flag. Dual EDFL B & F. Renowned player and coach. | 9. <u>Greg Pimm</u>
Joined 1980 as winger though capable half back flanker. More than holding his position, with his talent. |
| 10. <u>Donald Coutts</u>
Played 11 years before rejoining 1980. Accomplished forward or centre man with creative, accurate kick. | 11. <u>Tony Andrews</u>
Joined 1978. League's top full forward and goal kicker since. Strong mark and deadly kick for goal. | 12. <u>Paul Hanerberry</u>
Joined 1980. Player with strength and talent, either on forward line or in ruck work. |
| 13. <u>Jeff Saker</u>
Joined 1971. Running skillful ball handler on the wing or in defence. | 14. <u>Craig McKean</u>
Joined 1971. Half forward with a good pair of hands and long left foot kick for goal. | 15. <u>Tony Linney</u>
Joined 1969. Skillful reliable back-pocket with a wealth of ability. |
| 16. <u>Gary Marshall</u>
Joined 1979. Brilliant centreman. Kicks either foot deep into attack. Explodes with ability. | 17. <u>Gary Dunkinson</u>
Joined 1968. Experienced rover turned wingman. Kick getter with a ton of courage. | 18. <u>Robert Lyons</u>
Joined 1968. Cagey opportunist. Beautiful mark and remarkable kick for goal. |
| 19. <u>Peter Witnish</u>
Joined 1970. Half back with experience to match his ability. Desperate defender with penetrating kick. | 20. <u>Warren Nelson</u>
Joined 1979. Courageous utility player. Safe mark and long kick. Has a heart as big as his desire. | 21. <u>John Dugdale</u>
Joined 1980. Key forward with the ability to be a match winner. |

22. Ray Bond
Joined 1980. Half forward proving his acquisition more than useful to the team strong player.
23. David White
Joined 1968. Intelligent player who keeps the ball on a string. Beautiful disposal. Adds a new dimension to any position played.
24. Lee Bienvenu
Joined 1975. Rugged bustling defender equally useful in the ruck.
25. Alan Marshall
Joined 1968. Reliable half back with a left foot kick. Plays close.
26. Peter Laurie
Joined 1980. Big colourful ruckman. Gives the small men every chance. Gives his all.
27. Steven Saddington
Joined 1968. Desperately fierce half back who turns defence into attack. No stronger player around.
28. David Williams
Joined 1980. Rover who puts himself in to get the ball moving.
29. Wayne Henderson
Joined 1979. Pacey centreline player who moves well and thrusts the side into attack.
30. Emil Popovic
Joined 1972. Tall marking wing man or utility player with speed to match his enthusiasm.
31. Greg Nicol
Joined 1968. Hard hitting defender/ruck-rover who bursts through play with a clearing kick.
32. Trevor McKinnon
Joined 1978. Ruck rover who marks and kicks well. Playing his best football.
34. Shane Witnish
Joined 1970. Attacking running defender. Out jumps, out marks and out runs
35. Russell Witherow
Joined 1968. Desperate, experienced rover who throws himself in and always gets his kick. Running like a youngster.
36. Liam Hennessey
Joined 1980. Good half back flanker who always shows out.
37. Mick Taylor
Joined 1973. Top ruckman who performs as well on the ground as in the air. Valuable player.
38. Chris Turner
Joined 1971. Reserve Captain who is a master at fullback. Sound judgement and strength.
39. Evan Whitfield
Joined 1970. A "mountain" of ability who can take the strongest grabs.
40. Jeff Nicol
Joined 1973. Gutsy reliable back pocket who tears through. Improved out of sight.
41. Danny Dungan
Joined 1979. Great tap ruckman. Beautiful mark and useful up forward.
42. Alan Palmer
Joined 1970. Blonde "bombshell" as a ruckman or in defence.
43. Tony Larkin
Joined 1972. Running skillful winger with a beautiful kick.
45. Wayne Coleman
Joined 1974. Determined well performed half back or wingman.
46. Dean Allen
Joined 1979. Accomplished player who never puts a foot wrong.
48. Phil Morrison
Joined 1980. Reliable backpocket who hasn't looked back since joining.
49. Carl Davis
Played 4 years before returning 1980. Talented half forward/wingman who marks well and creates.
53. Colin Danks
Joined 1980. Capable player always ready to give his best.
- Ken Henderson
Reserves Coach. Past player of the 60's. Experienced coach with the club having had 5 Grand finalists out of 6 years.

Thommo's Tigers triumph



MITCHAM stormed to its second successive premiership as the rains came in the final quarter of Saturday's First Division "Warwick" grand final of the Eastern Districts Football League at Kilsyth on Saturday.

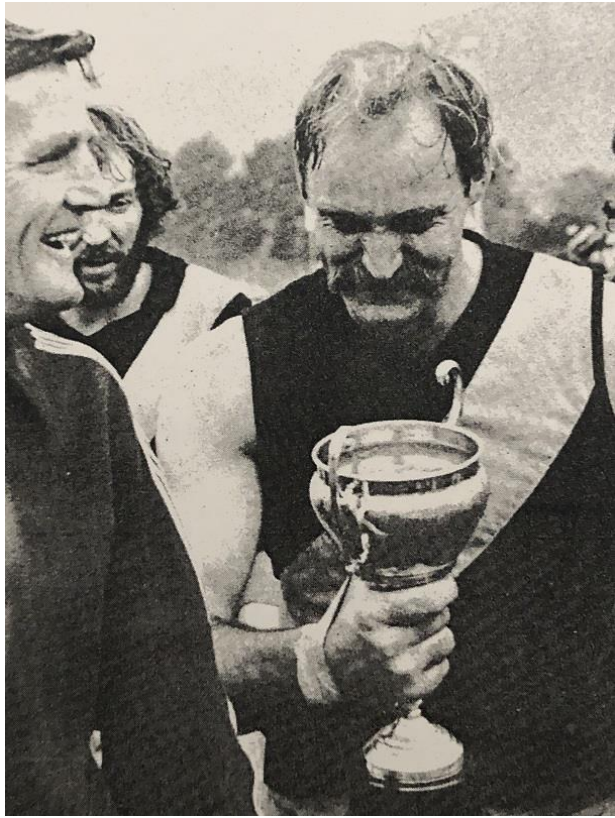


THE cup of triumph . . . Mitcham captain-coach Ron Thomas (right) and rover Ross Gallagher pause for The Standard's camera with the premiership cup shortly after the siren sounded the end of Saturday's grand final.

A gallant Vermont had looked poised to cause an upset, only three points down at three-quarter time and leading by a narrow margin. But the wind died away as rain started to fall. It had been a low-scoring battle of the defences to this

EDFL football





Up there, 'Dungers'
THE STOPPER — Mitcham full-back Peter Dungen (twice) smother Vermont forward thrust as he marks strongly. Dungen was voted best ahead for the Tigers.



EMOTION — Grand final aftermaths are full of it, and Mitcham captain-coach Ron Thomas (right) the premiership cup, is in turn clasped by a delighted Mitcham supporter.



COMRADES in arms — The men from Mitcham, arm in arm, walk over to join their teammates and cheer the joys of their second premiership in successive years.



Tigers make it 2 in a row

Mitcham have won their second successive flag with a 31 point victory over Vermont in Saturday's EDFL first division grand final. A five goal onslaught 10 minutes into the last quarter wrapped up the pennant and the game for the defending premiers. Up until that stage there had been little between the two rival and neighbouring sides. Mitcham led by 13 points at the first change, trailed by three at the half way mark, were in front by three points at the final change, and then went on to run away comfortable winners over a fast, determined Vermont combination. Three Eagles were downed in the opening minutes and Schneider, ever so briefly at full forward, was assisted from the field. Tresize got up, wanted to go on with it, chased the play, and was downed again, in a tense spiteful opening.

Iron man

Mitcham replaced the suspended Peter Witnish with another "iron" man, Phillip Morrison, who seemed to carry on where Pete left off. He soon earned the displeasure of central umpire Graham Vear who twice took the ball from him and awarded the kick the other way to Vermont forwards, in the torrid opening passage of play. The Tigers' captain coach Ron Thomas appeared to be directing traffic in the centre of the ground as his arms were swinging around like a policeman on point duty. The second term was pretty much a line ball affair with neither side really producing the brand of football to stamp them any certainty for end-of-game honours. The tense third term spelt danger for both contestants as both sides went to seven goals apiece on the scoreboard, with a 3 point lead to Mitcham at the final change.

Mitcham looked a threat when Weatherley marked right in front, but umpire Vear spotted the infringement caused by Andrews and the consistent umpire took the ball off the Tiger vice-captain and awarded the free to Vermont. Robbie Lyons screwed a great goal through for the Tigers at the eight minute mark ... an important goal that lifted the defending premiers. Vermont's Williams attempted to post the answer, but his kick narrowly missed the mark. From that moment on, Vermont were phased out of all contention with Brunton completely shut out of the match as they rarely won the ball from the centre bounce and were in defence for most of the time.

Summing up: There was really little between the sides with the difference perhaps being Mitcham's first-hand knowledge of the tight Kilsyth ground and how to play it. The Tigers arranged a "sneak preview" dry run some weeks ago and implemented their strategy at that time.

Scores:	Mitcham:	3.5	4.9	7.13	13.16 (94)
	Vermont:	1.4	5.6	7.10	8.15 (63)

Goalkickers:

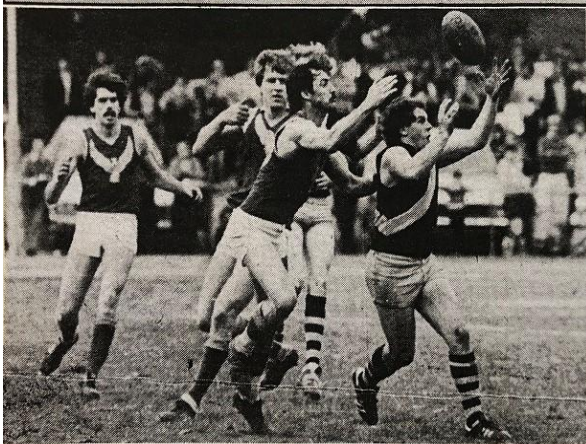
Mitcham: Lyons 3, Gallagher 3, Hoath 3, Andrews 2, Weatherley, G. Marshall
Vermont: Tresize 3, Brunton 2, Wilkie 2, D Williams.

Best Players:

Mitcham: Gallagher, Dungan, Thomas, Hoath, Pimm, Weatherley
Vermont: Gunn, T. Morris, Easy, Tresize, Wilkie

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GAZETTE SPORT



Mitcham rover Trevor Hoath is in the lead for the ball in this incident at Saturday's EDFL grand final against Vermont. Two Vermont players, Dick Culpin and captain-coach Dennis Wilkie, rush in to contest possession.

Premiership joys



"WE'VE DONE IT!" Mitcham defender Phil Morrison, half-clad after a traditional jumper-swapping with a Vermont opponent, shakes hands with teammate Gary Marshall as supporters rush to congratulate the Tigers. Wayne Halbert can be seen drinking champagne from the premiership cup.



Mitcham's Jackson, Peter Dungan and Phil Morrison pose the ball between themselves, Steve Wisniewski as Vermont's captain, Dennis Wilkie, and the captain, John Cunningham, arrive on the scene for the start of their division grand final.

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By mid-field stage, Mitcham led by 13 points. A change in the half saw the Tigers score two more goals in the final 10 minutes of the game. The Tigers' second goal was scored in the opening 10 minutes, and a third goal was scored in the final 10 minutes of the game.

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Iron man
Phil Morrison was named the game's iron man for his outstanding performance. He scored two goals and was named the game's iron man.

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MITCHAM v VERMONT

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VERMONT1-4	5-6	7-10	8-15	(62)

GOALKEEPERS
MITCHAM: Lyons S. Gallagher S. Smith S. Andrews S. Weatherley
VERMONT: Tracie J. Brunton S. Wilkie S. D. Williams

BEST PLAYERS
MITCHAM: Dungan, Dunlop, Thomas, Heath, Pimm, Weatherley
VERMONT: Gunn, T. Morris, Easy, Trezise, White

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HOW THEY LINED UP

MITCHAM			VERMONT		
Backs: Morrison	Dungan	Hannerberry	Backs: Garrett	Wilkie	Morris
Half Backs: Pimm	S. Witnish	A. Marshall	Half Backs: Kennedy	Culpin	M. Adams
Centres: Halbert	Thomas	Heath	Centres: Easy	Dack	Tresize
Half Forwards: G. Marshall	Weatherley	White	Half Forwards: Streeter	Cunningham	C. Williams
Forwards: Lyons	Andrews	Hoath	Forwards: Schneider	Gunn	
	Followers: Rippon, Bennett, G. Adams		Followers: Rippon, Bennett, G. Adams		

Interchange: Miller, Brunton

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Mighty Mitcham!



ABOVE: Mitcham's P. Morrison poses the game's iron man during Saturday's first division grand final against Vermont.



BELOW: Heads up in the final quarter as Vermont's captain, John Cunningham, looks on as Mitcham's Phil Morrison scores a goal.

By JAY DEE
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The once third term spot danger for both contestants.

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From that moment on, Vermont was played out of all contention.

The side really won the ball from the centre house and were in defence for most of the time.

WINNING UP: There was really little between the competing sides and so any slight edge or opportunity such as eventual premiers Mitcham's first-hand knowledge of the light Killyth ground and how to play it.

The lingers arranged a 'sneak preview' dry run over the week ago and implemented their strategy at that time, with the added guidance of resident Killyth coach Gary Ireland. Good thinking Ron Thomas.

Another interesting taste on the weekend was the Crodson-Vermont Under 18 clash.

These two sides have met in the grand final for the last two years with a 1-1 result. Saturday's match was the deciding encounter to find the overall Under 18 champions.

After getting an early break, Crodson led the Eagles by three goals at quarter time and three goals at half time.

In the third quarter the Eagles fought back with the need to hit the final by nine points at three quarter time. In the final quarter, Crodson scored 13 to Vermont's 12, which gave them the game and the flag by two points.

APPLEBY'S RESULTS

EDPL grand final results from the weekend round of matches are:
1st Division
First: Mitcham 12.17 d Vermont 8.14.
Scorer: East Brunswick 10.8.4

HOW THEY LINED UP

MITCHAM

- | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Backs: Morrison | Dungan | Hannerberry |
| Half Backs: Pimm | S. Witnish | A. Marshall |
| Centres: Halbert | Thomas | Henderson |
| Half Forwards: G. Marshall | Weatherley | White |
| Forwards: Lyons | Andrews | Hoath |

Followers: Laurie, Bond, Gallagher
Interchange: Watson, Taylor.

VERMONT

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Backs: Garrett | Gunn | Wilkie |
| Half Backs: Kennedy | Culpin | Morris |
| Centres: Easy | D. Williams | M. Adams |
| Half Forwards: Streeter | Dack | Tresize |
| Forwards: Schneider | Cunningham | C. Williams. |
| Followers: Rippon, Bennett, G. Adams | | |

Interchange: Miller, Brunton

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Tonight is the climax of the celebrations of the 1980 Premiership. Congratulations to Coach Ron Thomas who has planned and led the on field success. Congratulations to the members of the Grand Final team for their performances. A Premiership's success however rests on more than 20 people and thanks must be made to many.

We must pay tribute to President Bernie Coleman, supported by Kevin Smith and Ray Bourke. They have managed the Club finances maintaining the club's success, assisted by remaining committee persons. Also thanks to the untiring work of the ladies Committee headed by Julie Coleman, and the mens' Committee of Bob Bates and Garry Mathen.

We must thank all senior list players, Ken Henderson, the trainers, the selectors, wives and girlfriends, supporters and sponsors - all have played their integral part in Mitcham's strength and success.

GRAND FINAL REPORT

In the Grand Final on Saturday 13th September, 1980 the challengers Vermont won the toss and elected to kick against the wind. In a tight 1st Quarter Mitcham tackled fiercely, hitting the opposition hard. Although kicking with the wind the Tigers did not take full advantage and were only able to grab a 2 Goal break at Quarter time.

* Scores Mitcham 3.5 - 23
Vermont 1.5 - 11

* Quarter Highlights: The ferocious tackles of Ray Bond, Paul Hannerberry and Phil Morrison; and Ross Gallagher in everything.

In the 2nd Quarter, Vermont improved their game to kick 4 Goals with the wind. The Tigers were not playing their best football and the Eagles seemed to be in control. At half-time:

* Scores Mitcham 4.9 - 33
Vermont 5.6 - 36

* Quarter Highlights: The continuing courageous play of Ross Gallagher; Trevor Hoath's skill; the strength and dominance of Peter Dungan; and the close tagging play of Greg Pimm.

At the half time interval coach Ron Thomas addressed the subdued Tigers and revived their mental approach to the game. With the 1979 Premiership team photo he emphasized the importance of the 3rd Quarter, kicking with the wind, to gain a clear and vital lead. After comments by Kilsyth's Gary Ireland the team went out to renew the battle in what is normally the make or break Quarter.

In a disappointing Quarter Mitcham began slowly with Vermont doing the best work and looking dangerous. With the wind advantage the Tigers managed to stay a bare three points in front. It was a low scoring game and the blustery conditions made goals difficult. At three quarter time:

* Scores Mitcham 7.13 - 55
Vermont 7.10 - 52

* Quarter Highlights: In a poor quarter the major highlight was Peter Dungan towering in defence.

At three Quarter time Mitcham were in a desperate position. Vermont looked set to overrun the 1979 champions with their greater teamwork. The possibility of defeat was heavy in every Mitcham heart. Ron Thomas stood tall as he spoke to the players in their darkest hour. He spoke about their failure to do the right thing, failure to use strength and teamwork and to win possession first. He spoke of Vermont as 1980 Premiers after three quarters. He said Mitcham had failed and would lose unless each player went out in the last Quarter as one determined unit and took control.

The last Quarter began fast as Mitcham attacked from the first bounce. Mitcham were improving and although not goaling were in control of the play. After 10 minutes the rain came and the wind moderated. Mitcham adapted to the conditions and put their backs to the task. The Tiger determination paid off as the team "sparked" and produced one of their most brilliant (and vital) bursts of Football to score 5 goals in 10 minutes. Amid sheer ecstatic fervour on and off the field Mitcham had succeeded in altering the apparent course of the game to kick clear of Vermont. Another goal to Mitcham later in the quarter and the tremendous Tigers took their rightful reward as 1980 Premiers.

* Final Scores Mitcham 13.16 - 94
Vermont 8.15 - 63

* Quarter Highlights: Graeme Weatherley in full flight; good play by Gallagher, Hoath, Hannerberry, Laurie, Thomas and Marshall. Also the great goal spree in order: Lyons, Weatherley, Gallagher, Lyons, Heath and Gallagher.

Best Players: P. Dungan, R. Gallagher, S. Witniah, R. Thomas, T. Hoath, G. Pimm

* Thanks to Ron and Glenys Thomas for the use of their home to farewell Barry and Marie Denny. While Barry has been invaluable on the field both Barry and Marie have been great people to know. Congratulations to Ron too for his Birthday last Saturday. Thank you to the players who supplied the food and drink last Sunday.

THE FOOTBALL TRIP -- SOME HIGHLIGHTS RECALLED

* Friday's Golf game at Tasmania Golf Course was precluded by a "cheeky" Donny Dungan eyeing the view travelling in the red Commodore.

* Tony "Soapy" Linney put in a "gutsy" effort on the 2nd hole at golf.

* The final outcome was that Bondie, Couttys and Soapy were the winners with the best scores. (Golf score!)

* Donny Dungan (alias Danny Dungan) went for a walk Friday night, on the Motel ledge, three floors up! He didn't want to tear his clothes so he left them in the motel room. He must be afraid of heights because he wasn't too well Saturday morning!

* Harry Willaton stayed at the Motel Saturday night to sleep off the V.F.L. Grand Final drinks!

* Peter Dungan advocated double Rusty Nails (\$6.00 shot at the Casino) and then hammered them home all weekend.

* At the Casino "Leroy" Witherow got down on his hands and knees to see if the girl refusing to dance with him really did have broken legs!

* At a classy Chinese licensed restaurant Saturday night "Bill" Laurie sang "Everybody was Kung Fu fighting----- Coooh! Aaaaah!" He asked the waitress "Suzi Wong" how long the short soup was and added "Thanks China". He was later accompanied by "Weathers" to sing the Mitcham theme song.

* Paul Kirby gave of his "inner self" a message and left it on a lady's leg on the Casino escalator. He apologised to make amends but she didn't want to know about it - or the message!

* "Bill" Laurie walked around in the owner's fur coat at the Pizza Restaurant Sunday and looked quite stunning!

* "Sam" Dunkinson put in a late effort Sunday night when he threw a few beers down smartly. The beers came up pretty smartly too, when he left the hotel!

* Trevor Hoath gave the Juke Box a bashing with all the 20c coins he could lay his hands on at the Shamrock Hotel Sunday (playing all the sad songs of love)

* Paul Kirby didn't have a window on the return flight Sunday. He was so determined to see the view of lights he spent half the flight trying to see down "the dunnie!!"

* Ray Bond (what a surprise packet!) was very upset by the broken cigarette machine at Tullamarine Sunday night. We heard he was really spewing!

* Some unconfirmed rumours indicate a remote possibility that some damage was sustained at the Hebart Travelodge Motel, including windows, flower pots, lifts, linen, and a T.V.!!!

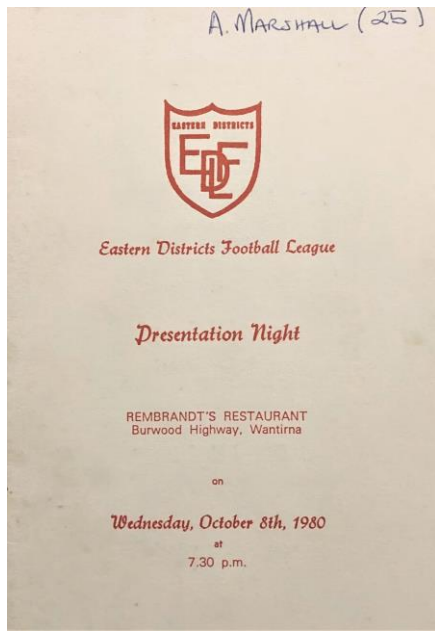
Many events have been left out because of space restrictions (and because we are still trying to remember them!)

COMING EVENTS:

* DON'T FORGET THE M.F.C. ANNUAL MELBOURNE CUP DAY B-B-Q AT PENNY AND ALAN MARSHALL'S PLACE.
11 GREAT AVILE STREET, RINGWOOD, AT NOON SHARP BE THERE!!

* Gambling facilities * Colour T.V.
* Refreshments
* Good Food

- A Great Day Promised -



Pennants and Trophies

Pennants	Won by	Donated by
3rd Div. U.18	Forest Hill	Cadbury Schweppes
2nd Div. U.18	Heathmont	Essendon F.C.
1st Div. U.18	Croydon	Carlton F.C.
3rd Div. 2nd XVIII	Warrandyte	Cadbury Schweppes
2nd Div. 2nd XVIII	South Croydon	Herbert Adams
1st Div. 2nd XVIII	East Ringwood	Herbert Adams
3rd Div. 1st XVIII	Rowville (Trophy)	North Melbourne F.C. Mooroolbark Insurance Office
2nd Div. 1st XVIII	Blackburn (Trophy)	Cadbury Schweppes The Hon. Norman Lacy, M.P.
1st Div. 1st XVIII	Mitcham (Trophy)	Richmond F.C. Sherwood Knitting Mills

FIRST XVIII RUNNERS-UP TROPHY
1st Div., Vermont; 2nd Div., Bayswater; 3rd Div., Mooroolbark (Trophy) Maroondah Credit Co-operative

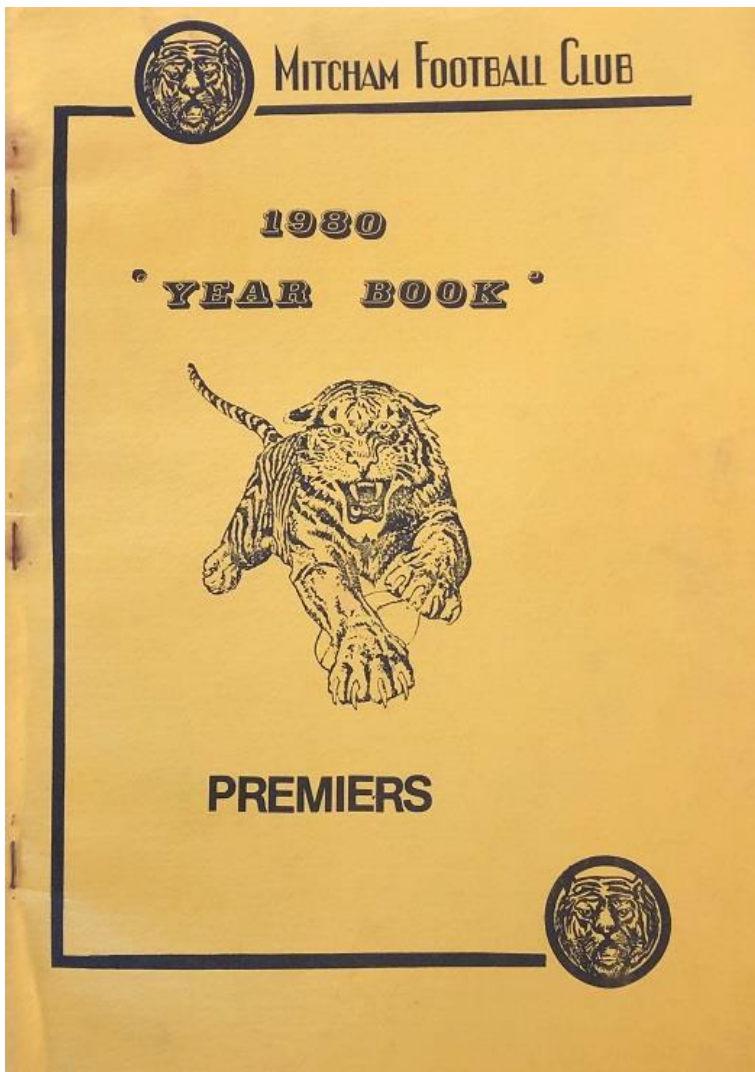
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd Div.	Rowville	Ian Price, Furnishings, Lilydale
2nd Div.	Blackburn	Avenue Fabrics
1st Div.	Mitcham	Mrs. Shella Barclay

SUN EASTERLY CHAMPION CLUB
Rowville F.C.

MOUNTED FOOTBALLS
1st Div., Mitcham; 2nd Div., Blackburn; 3rd Div., Rowville Nutting & Young

8. MFC 1980 Year Book (extracts):



OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE - 1980			
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MR. B. COLEMAN	..	..
<u>SECRETARY</u>	MR. K. SMITH	..	..
<u>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</u>	MR. G. WATHEN	..	..
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. R. BOURKE	..	..
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	MR. B. COLEMAN	MR. K. SMITH	..
	MR. G. WATHEN	MR. R. BOURKE	..
<u>GENERAL COMMITTEE</u>	MR. R. BATES	MR. S. LUNDBERG	..
	MR. P. DUNGAN	MRS. J. COLEMAN	..
<u>PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE</u>	MR. P. DUNGAN	..	..
<u>LADIES COMMITTEE</u>	PRESIDENT - MRS. J. COLEMAN	..	..
	TREASURER - MRS. M. WITNISH	..	..
	SECRETARY - MRS. S. LONG	..	..
<u>MENS SOCIAL COMMITTEE</u>	PRESIDENT - MR. R. BATES	..	..
	SECRETARY - MR. G. WATHEN	..	..
	TREASURER - MR. A. MARSHALL	..	..
<u>CLUB DELEGATES</u>	MR. K. SMITH,	MR. G. WATHEN	..
<u>SELECTION COMMITTEE</u>	MR. H. LARKIN,	MR. G. JACOBS,	MR. L. WISHART
	MR. R. THOMAS	MR. K. HENDERSON	MR. G. WEATHERLEY
<u>TIMEKEEPER</u>	MR. A. ALLAN	..	..
<u>GATEKEEPER</u>	MR. C. WILSON	..	..
<u>HEAD TRAINER</u>	MR. R. HANDS	..	..
<u>CANTEEN MANAGER</u>	MRS. S. LONG	..	..

	<u>COACH</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TEAM MANAGER</u>
<u>SENIORS</u>	MR. R. THOMAS	MR. R. THOMAS	MR. H. WILTON
<u>RESERVES</u>	MR. K. HENDERSON	MR. C. TURNER	MR. A. SAKER
<u>UNDER 18</u>	MR. G. OLDFIELD	MR. G. JOSEPH	MR. L. GALE
<u>UNDER 16</u>	MR. J. COHAN	MR. D. SCANLON	MR. P. SCANLON
<u>UNDER 14</u>	MR. G. DUNKINSON	MR. A. MCKERRAL	MR. K. HARPER
<u>UNDER 10, 12</u>	MR. J. BURGESS	VARIOUS	MR. M. REID

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What a great start for the 1980's. A First XVIII Premiership and the First Division-Club Champion's. Tony Andrews winning the league Goal kicking for the second year in succession 102 in 1980 and 104 in 1979. Robby Lyons our forward pocket, coming second in the League goal kicking.

Ron Thomas our great captain coach came equal third in the League Best and Fairest. The Mitcham football Club has again proved that it is a dominant force in the Eastern District Football League. I believe we have set the pace for the 80's, not only for our own opposition to follow, but, for our own club. The challenge is certainly there to improve ourselves at all levels throughout the club.

There is a lot of people that helped make 1980 such a successful year. Ron Thomas our Senior Coach must head the list, not only has he proved that he is the best captain coach in the E.D.F.L., but the work he did behind the scenes and the assistance he gave myself and the committee in the past 12 months is greatly appreciated. Thanks very much Ron, and all the best for the future.

Ray Bourke, Kevin Smith, Garry Wathen, all worked very hard this year, thanks very much for a job well done.

To our other coach's Ken Henderson, Greg Oldfield, Garry Dunkinson, John Burgesss, Bruce Newport, Thanks fellas' for your fine efforts throughout the year.

To Peter Dungan, Bob Bates, Steve Lunberg, Roy Hands, and all our team managers, trainers, Graeme Jacobs and his selection committee thanks very much. A club cannot survive without people like them.

A big thanks to Julie and all the ladies committee, they did a wonderful job again this year. Also congratulations and thanks to all our players for their endeavours and support.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to have been President of Mitcham Football Club. This year I found it gratifying to have worked with so many good people within the Club and to have helped in some way to make it a successful club.

Lets hope and ensure the same can be achieved in 1981.

Bernie Coleman
PRESIDENT



SENIOR COACH'S REPORT

As coach of the Mitcham Football Club, I am very proud of what was achieved during this year.

The Club was fortunate in retaining most of our players from the previous year, and also recruited players of a very high standard for this season.

We all set ourselves a high standard of play from the previous year and took on all our opposition with a fierce desire for success, and success we achieved.

During the year I received great support from my selection committee, consisting of Graham Jacobs, Herb Larkin, Barry Denny, Leo Wishart, and Graeme Weatherley. Also for the second year I would like to thank Ken Henderson for his support as reserves coach. I would also like to thank Roy Hands and his team of trainers for their support during the year.

Our success on the field this year won the club its second successive premiership and it is due to the tremendous dedication of Bernie Coleman as President and his committee that kept the club working so well off the field.

I thank everyone for a highly successful and enjoyable year and hope that next season will again be the year of the Mitcham Tigers.

Ron Thomas
CAPTAIN COACH - SENIOR XVIII

Tony's tops!



Footy award night popular

More than 600 guests from 36 football clubs attended last Wednesday's EDFL annual presentation night held at Rembrandt's restaurant in Wantirna.

A highlight of the night was the silver jubilee presentation by the Assistant Minister for Education, Mr Lacy to the EDFL president, Mr Kenneth Wright, marking 25 years of service to the league.

Awards for the night were Fred Geale Memorial Trophy — Tony Pallota, Forest Hill; Third division second 18 trophy — Robert Kennedy, Rowville; Second division second 18 trophy — Peter Smith, Bayswater; First division second 18 trophy — Bill Bowie, East Burwood.

Best and fairest winners: third division under 18 — Angelo Potraglia, the Basin; Second division under 18 — Jeff Lemon, Heathmont; First division under 18 — Craig Coghlan, Vermont; Third division first 18 — Anthony Cincotta, Forest Hill; Second Division first 18 — Gary Galvin, Bayswater; First division first 18 — Des Burns, Surrey Hills.

Third division

best player award — Noel Zunneberg, Montrose; Second division best player award — Graeme Ellis, Lilydale; First division best player award — Des Burns, Surrey Hills; Third division Leader Associated Newspapers and Eastern Toyota goal kicking award — Kerry Mory, Forest Hill; Second division Leader Associated Newspapers and Eastern Toyota goal kicking award — Tom Cullen, Blackburn; First division Leader Associated Newspapers and Eastern Toyota goal kicking award — Tony Andrews, Mitcham.

Malcolm Blight medal for the best under 21 player — Dale Brennan, Scoresby; Under 14

EDFL championship trophy, East Burwood.

Club championships went to Rowville from third division, Blackburn from second division and Mitcham from first division.

Pennants were also presented to all winning teams in the league for 1980.

● Above from left, Mitcham goal kicking ace, Tony Andrews, receives his Leader Associated Newspapers/Eastern Toyota goal kicking award from Eastern representative, Denis Arnel and The Gazette's Jim Dowsley.

"Jaydee" Jim is the Nunawading Gazette advertising manager and EDFL football writer.

Tigers scoop sport awards ¹⁹⁸⁰

The Mitcham Tigers scoop the pool in the Nunawading and District Sports Star awards nominations announced at the weekend.

The premiership-winning Tigers, fresh from their latest 1980 Eastern Districts Football League first division flag are involved in all three award nominations announced by Vermont Lions Club sports award chairman Ron Bromley.

"Firstly, we must say that it is more or less Mitcham week as far as sports awards are concerned," Ron Bromley said. "The Mitcham Football Club senior side is the nomination for the teams award this year.

"Last weekend's premiership win their second in a row in the top district football league — certainly earns recognition," he said.

"Then we are also nominating two Mitcham players for the senior sports award because of outstanding individual contributions to the latest Mitcham success."

These two nominees, Ron Bromley said, would be Ron Thomas, the captain and coach of the side, and also Tony Andrews, the club's prolific goal-kicker.

"Ron Thomas deserves great praise for leading the Tigers to successive premiership victories and Tony Andrews proved a winner by achieving yet another "ton" with more than 100 goals for the season."

Ron Bromley said all three nominations would now join all the others to be judged at the presentation evening early next year of the 1980 Nunawading and District Sports Stars of the Year awards.

These three main awards, arranged and conducted by Vermont Lions Club in conjunction with Nunawading Gazette contain annual awards for one senior,

one junior and one award-winning team. All nominees have to be based locally or play with a locally-based team or club to be eligible for nomination.

Vermont Lions select nominees from performances reported in the sporting pages of Nunawading Gazette.

Ron Bromley said he would soon announce the monthly award nominees who would be eligible to compete and be judged in the wider

Eastern Suburbs Sports Star Award conducted through Leader Associated Newspapers' publications throughout the outer eastern region of Melbourne.

This big award would be climaxed this year by a big sports night dinner at the Dorset Gardens Hotel, Croydon on Thursday, December 4.

Special guest speaker that night will be Australian Olympic athlete Denise Boyd.



Ron Thomas Captain-Coach with the 1980 Premiership Cup

Memorial:

On behalf of all club members we honour the 1980 Premiership Players and Officials who have since passed:

1980 Players: Ray Bond, Greg Pimm, Emil Popovic.

1980 Committee/Officials:

Bernie Coleman, Kevin Smith, Harry Willaton, Steve Lundberg, Herb Larkin, Leo Wishart, Alex Allan, John Clark, Cam Marshall, Ted Clark, Jan Weatherley, Bill Dunkinson, Cyril Wilson, Hugh McNiff, Keith Allen, Arthur Saker, Ron Cousins, Vic Dunkinson.

*This Report was produced by Alan Marshall for the Mitcham Football Club and Past Players & Officials Association (August 2020).
Should you have any 1980 memorabilia, newspaper cuttings or other valuable information please contact Alan Marshall.*