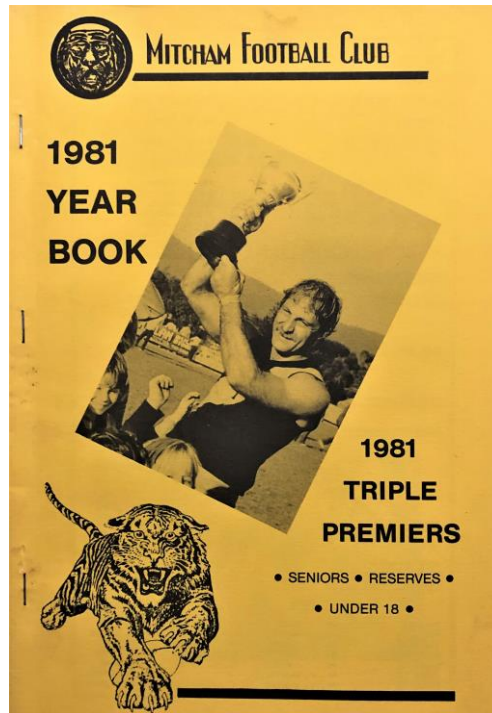


# Mitcham Football Club

Established 1888

## 1981 Senior Premiership, Plus Reserves & U18s.



## ***40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary*** ***1981-2021***

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January 2021

# Mitcham Football Club

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### 40th Year Anniversary: 1981-2021

This year we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1981 Senior Premiership, along with the Reserves and U18s Premierships: all achieved on the same day, on the same ground. What a magnificent achievement this was and what a wonderful year for the Mitcham Football Club. Despite the COVID19 Pandemic Year (and the cancelled 2020 footy season), and the ongoing impacts in 2021, as a Club and as a community, we have so much to be thankful for.

*Enjoy this 'anniversary report' and re-live those fabulous days!*

#### 1. The 1981 Senior Grand Final Match Details:

#### Mitcham Football Club

Eastern District Football League Premier Division

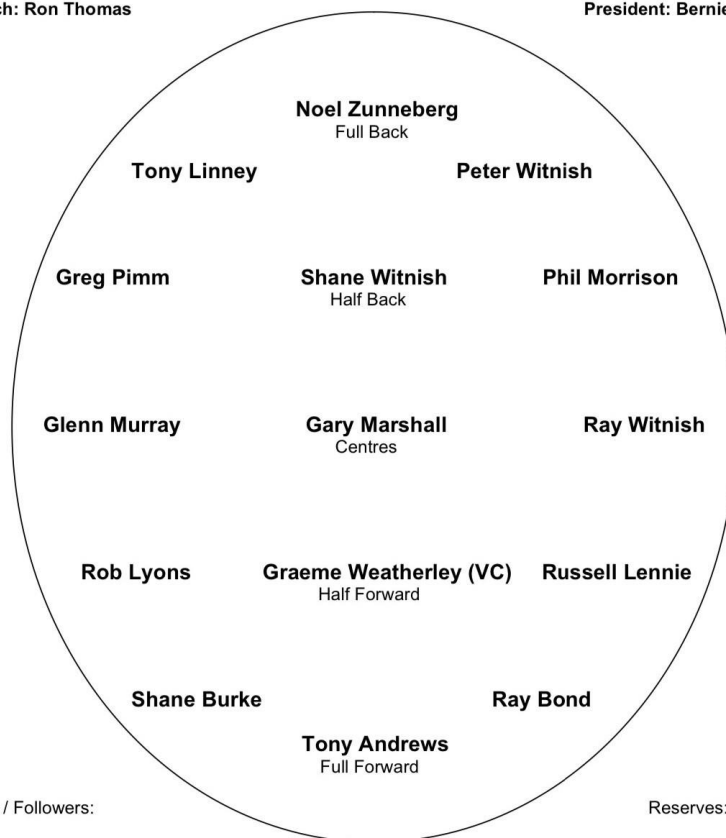
### SENIOR PREMIERS 1981

Mitcham 16.19 (115) def. East Burwood 9.12 (66)

Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia.

Captain / Coach: Ron Thomas

President: Bernie Coleman



First Ruck / Followers:

**Keith Rout**  
**Ron Thomas (CC)**  
**Michael Roberts**

Reserves:

**David White**  
**Paul Temminghoff**

Runner: Warren Nelson

Team Manager: Arthur Saker  
Secretary: Kevin Smith

*Team line-up sourced from 'Place Kicks to Drop Punts'.*

## 2. The Official 1981 Senior Premiership Story:

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

Mitcham made it a hat-trick of premierships by winning the 1981 flag. Even the Eastern District Football League was becoming concerned about one club dominating the competition. Again, the team showed great consistency throughout the season although it had to win by a huge margin in the last game, at Bayswater, to take second place from East Burwood on percentage. A 19.13 to 3.4 win enabled Mitcham to achieve this and meet Vermont in the second semi-final. Vermont had won two more games than Mitcham and was widely favoured to win the flag. Mitcham made light of the situation and won the semi-final by 45 points. East Burwood, a one-point winner against Scoresby in the first semi-final, comfortably beat Vermont in the preliminary final to earn the right to challenge Mitcham in the grand final. The match played at Boronia, was similar to the previous two grand finals in that Mitcham proved its superiority beyond doubt. The final score of 16.19 to 9.12 represented a winning margin of 49 points, which followed similar wins in each of the finals in which the Tigers played in 1979-80-81. The smallest margin in these six games was 33 points in the 1980 grand final.

Among the newcomers in 1981 were Noel Zunneberg, a veteran full-back who had turned 35 by the time the season ended but won the best and fairest award\* and was its best player in the finals; the club's rover Michael Roberts (Richmond), wingman Glenn Murray (East Ringwood), ruckman Shane Burke (Richmond), and Andrew Roberts (Fitzroy). In addition, Keith Rout rejoined the club from Ferntree Gully and former Russell Lennie returned from the Richmond Under 19s. Mitcham was even stronger. Andrews (81), Lyons (64) and Roberts (48) kicked more than half the team's yield of goals for the season, in which the EDFL increased the number of clubs in first division from 10 to 12\*\*.

*\* Zunneberg had played with Croydon before joining Fitzroy in 1967. After 73 games there, he switched to Preston in 1972. Zunneberg, who played 67 games with the Bullants, captained them in 1975. The following season he joined East Ringwood and was captain-coach of Montrose before transferring to Mitcham. Zunneberg polled a massive 57 votes in Mitcham's 1981 best and fairest award, more than double the 28 votes earned by runner-up Shane Witnish.*

*\*\* EDFL first division had comprised 12 teams from 1963-72.*

The ladder at the end of 1981 was:

	W	L	D	PC
Vermont	16	2		131
Mitcham	14	4		146
East Burwood	14	4		143
Scoresby	10	8		119
Surrey Hills	10	8		90
Blackburn	9	8	1	97
East Ringwood	9	9		107
Croydon	8	10		98
Mulgrave	7	10	1	91
North Ringwood	4	14		83
Ringwood	4	14		72
Baywater	2	16		48

Mitcham again was the league champion. On the same day and at the same ground, Mitcham walked away with the Firsts, Reserves and Under 18 premierships. The 1981 grand final was the end of the Thomas era. Appointed Sydney Swans Reserves coach for the following season he (Thomas) also became full-time Swans development officer in New South Wales. Thomas, who progressed to become the Swans general manager from 1986-88, believes his opportunity with the Swans was certainly enhanced by his success at Mitcham.

Reflecting on Thomas's contribution, Lee Gale said: "Thomas didn't get a lot of kicks, but he would drift across the half-back line as a loose man and marshall the troops from there. When he did get the ball he'd kick it 100 yards. Thomas could be one of the boys one minute and be a disciplinarian the next. He had the knack of being able to do both, yet achieve the desired results."

### 3. Seniors Premiership Team Photo:



- Top Row: Arthur Saker (Team Manager), Phillip Morrison, Ray Witnish, Glenn Murray, Gary Marshall, Peter Witnish, Tony Andrews, Ray Bond, Shane Witnish, Steve Lundberg, Leo Wishart, Ray Bourke (Treasurer).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Peter O'Connell, Lee Gale, Peter Dungan, Bob Bentley, Alex Allan (Timekeeper), David White, Rob Lyons, Paul Temminghoff, Shane Burke, Graeme Weatherley (VC), Greg Pimm, Roy Hands (Head Trainer), Gary Lalor, Steve Wilson, Warren Nelson (Runner).
- Front Row: Tony Linney, Michael Roberts, Kevin Smith (Secretary), Ron Thomas (Captain Coach), Bernie Coleman (President), Russell Lennie, Noel Zunneberg.
- Absent: Keith Rout.

### 1981 Finals Senior Matches & Scores

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Final

East Burwood 6.4 (40) vs Scoresby 5.9 (39). East Burwood won by 1 pt.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi Final

Vermont 9.11 (65) vs Mitcham 16.14 (110). Mitcham won by 45 pts.

#### Preliminary Final

Vermont 9.10 (64) vs East Burwood 13.15 (93). East Burwood won by 29 pts.

#### Grand Final

Mitcham 16.19 (115) vs East Burwood 9.12 (66). Mitcham won by 49 pts.

4. The 1981 Season:

# A Tigers' treble?

THE Eastern Districts Football League kicks off on Saturday (April 11) and the main question to be answered during the 1981 season is, can Mitcham Football Club pull off its third successive premiership in First Division?

Nearest threat comes from the rising East Ringwood club, which has performed creditably recently, bumping off two Victorian Football Association clubs with ease during practice matches.

East has recruited well and should provide strong competition for the Tigers, ensuring spirited clashes for league supporters.

The EDFL generally has undergone some changes, affiliating with the newly-formed Victorian Metropolitan Football League.

The EDFL was for many years unaffiliated because of dissatisfaction with the now defunct Victorian Football Union, but agreed to enter the VMFL in an endeavor to unite all metropolitan football leagues.

With 36 clubs each fielding at least four teams, the EDFL is the largest league affiliated with the VMFL.

The EDFL has revamped its administration to give the league a new look, with Mr Frank Bibby assuming the role of chief administrator, assisted by a staff of two.

The league is operating both from its old office in Croydon, and from its new headquarters at 258 Scoresby Rd., Ferntree Gully, phone 762 5766.



● Prominent Mitcham Firsts Warren Nielson and Danny Dungan.

Nunawading Gazette 28/1/81

# Tigers pick a strong crew

**Mitcham, the triumphant tigers of last year's eastern Districts Football League this week announced their 1981 season club coaching appointments.**

Successful senior coach Ron Thomas has again been reappointed captain coach.

Graeme Weatherley, 1980 vice-captain has been appointed senior assistant coach and vice-captain.

Peter Dungan has been reappointed deputy vice-captain.

Neil Watson, former captain and senior player of 71 games, has been appointed captain-coach of our reserves.

Club secretary Kevin Smith said that pre-season training for senior and reserved players would begin on every Monday and Wednesday night at 6 p.m. sharp from February 2. All new and old players were requested to attend and to bring gym shoes only.

Junior teams appointments are: Ken Henderson, successful U.17 coach 1974-77 and reserves coach to grand finals 1979-80, has been appointed under 18 coach this season.


Ray Walton, a new coach to the club, is with the RAAF and formerly coached RAAF cadets U.16 and U.18 teams in Western Australia with some success. He will have charge of the U.16 lads.

Gary Dunkinson has been reappointed under 14 coach.

Junior pre-season training will begin on March 2 at 4.30 p.m.

Junior players' parents are asked to attend a social evening at Walker Park pavilion on February 23 at 8 p.m. to organise the season.


For any further information ring 874-4302.



EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1981

FOOTBALL FIXTURES



Schweppervescence lasts the whole game through.



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11 April 1981

**INTRODUCTION**

The Mitcham Football Club preparation for the 1981 season started in September 1980, and is still continuing. As we have now approached the 1st game efforts and plans will take greater shape and importance.

**1981 COMMITTEE**

Bernie Coleman 'The Working General' commands the administrative forces once again as President. The full committee structure is as follows.  
 President B. Coleman  
 V. President J. Clark  
 Secretary K. Smith  
 Treasurer R. Bourke  
 A. Secretary G. Dunkinson  
 General Committee A. Marshall, N. Watson, C. Marshall  
 Players Representative P. Dungan  
 Junior Representative E. Clark

**1981 COACHES**

Seniors R. Thomas  
 Assistant G. Weatherley  
 Reserves N. Watson  
 U/18 K. Henderson  
 U/16 R. Walton  
 U/14 J. Burgess  
 U/12 Vacant  
 U/10 B. Newport

**GENERAL**

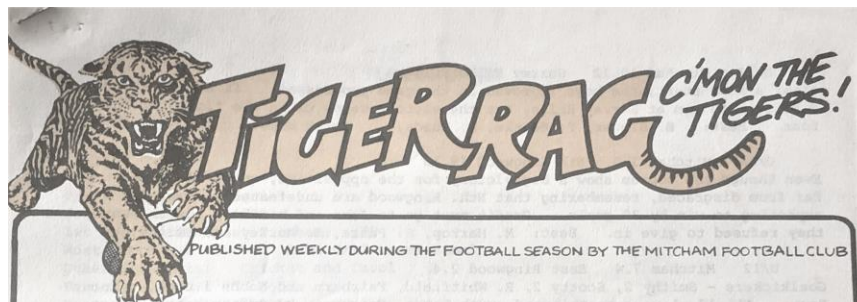
- \* Membership Tickets are now available \$16.00 See K. Smith.
- \* Social Member Tickets also available \$30.00 See A. Marshall.

**SOCIAL GOSSIP**

- \* Congratulations to John and Judy Dugdale on the recent birth of their daughter, Emily.
- \* In case people don't know, congratulations once again to Brian and Jan Ritchie on the birth of their son, Nathan.
- \* Carin and Wayne have followed Judy and Wayne's lead by announcing their engagement. Congratulations!
- \* Congratulations to Wendy and Tony Linney who recently married.
- \* What a great last weekend they had - Wendy was seen running naked around Nth Croydon one night.
- \* Tony put on a thrilling display of throwing up rarely seen before.
- \* Others to get into the act at Tony's Buck Night included;
  - + Wazza - collapsing in agony at the pub.
  - + Teddy Bear - the amiable host.
  - + Rob Dunk - and his card trick.
  - + Barry Watson - operating a shuttle service from the pub.
- \* Many people around Mitcham at the moment are all wondering which side of the wardrobe will 'Weathers' shirts be hanging next!!!
- \* Donny Dungan was seen recently taking on no less than 12 blokes in Carlton!!!
- \* Great to hear Alan Witherow is recovering well after his recent illness. Hope to see you soon Alan.
- \* Best wishes to Grant Robinson and a quick recovery following the injury he received against Waverley.
- \* WELCOME to all the new players this season, Glen Murray, Steven Nelson, Andrew Roberts, Frank Damas,  
 Gordan Gregory, Bill Mitchell, Keith Rout (back again), Noel Zonnenberg, Bill Wilson, Chris Flynn, Michael Roberts
- \* Ray Bourke would like all outstanding quadrilla tickets to be handed in as soon as possible.
- \* Peter Dungan will be hobbling around for a few weeks yet. "One operation down, one to go".  
 'Good Luck Dungo'
- \* HAPPY BIRTHDAY - Penny Marshall, Soapy, Saddo and Lynda Bond.
- \* Congratulations Ron "Hugo" Thomas on the recent announcement of Sports Star of the Year 1981
- \* Congratulations to Garry and Anne on the announcement of their engagement.

**OFFICE BEARERS & COMMITTEE - 1981**

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MR. B. COLEMAN
<u>SECRETARY</u>	MR. K. SMITH
<u>ASSISTANT SECRETARY</u>	MR. G. DUNKINSON
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. R. BOURKE
<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</u>	MR. B. COLEMAN MR. K. SMITH MR. R. BOURKE
<u>GENERAL COMMITTEE</u>	MR. A. MARSHALL MR. C. MARSHALL MR. C. TURNER MR. G. DUNKINSON MR. P. DUNGAN MR. G. WEATHERLEY MR. E. CLARK MR. J. CLARK
<u>PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE</u>	MR. P. DUNGAN
<u>LADIES COMMITTEE</u>	PRESIDENT - MRS. C. DUNKINSON VICE PRES. - MRS. P. MARSHALL SECRETARY - MRS. J. WEATHERLEY TREASURER - MRS. M. WITNISH
<u>MENS SOCIAL COMMITTEE</u>	PRESIDENT - MR. P. DUNGAN VICE PRES. - MR. J. CLARK SECRETARY - MR. G. DUNKINSON TREASURER - MR. A. MARSHALL
<u>CLUB DELEGATES</u>	MR. K. SMITH MR. B. COLEMAN
<u>SELECTION COMMITTEE</u>	MR. L. GALE MR. S. LUNDBERG MR. L. WISHART MR. R. THOMAS MR. N. WATSON MR. G. WEATHERLEY MR. G. MUNRO MR. W. DUNKINSON
<u>TIMEKEEPER</u>	MR. A. ALLAN
<u>GATEKEEPER</u>	MR. C. WILSON
<u>HEAD TRAINER</u>	MR. R. HANDS
<u>CANTEEN MANAGER</u>	MRS. J. COLEMAN
	<b>COACH                      CAPTAIN                      TEAM MANAGER</b>
<u>SENIORS</u>	MR. R. THOMAS                      MR. R. THOMAS                      MR. A. SAKER
<u>RESERVES</u>	MR. N. WATSON                      MR. N. WATSON                      MR. N. BOURNE
<u>UNDER 18</u>	MR. K. HENDERSON                      MR. M. JOSEPH                      MR. D. LONG
<u>UNDER 16</u>	MR. P. SCANLON                      MR. P. CLARK                      MR. E. CLARK
<u>UNDER 14</u>	MR. J. BURGESS                      MR. M. HARROP                      MR. K. JOHN
<u>UNDER 12</u>	MR. E. WHITFIELD                                                                MR. M. BENTLEY
<u>UNDER 10</u>	MR. B. NEWPORT                                                                MR. M. REID



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**\*OUR SOCIAL ROOM\***

The President Mr. Bernie Coleman is pleased to announce the Mitcham Football Club has received the permit to build our social room. Once the Nunawading Council (after several years) finally approved our plans it was up to the Town Planning Authority to give the all clear, which they have now done.

The social room will be a modest but valuable extension to the existing pavillion, covering the current canteen area. Facilities will include a bar, permanent room for tables and chairs, a canteen/kitchen and new ladies toilets. Movable partition doors will allow access to the pavillion space when desired. Due to the huge task of running the club and the valuable income of the canteen it is planned to organise building after the season finishes. If you can assist in any way contact the committee.

# EDFL considers Federal League merger



Mitcham High student, Mandy Cockram, 16, with the logo which won her first prize in a state-wide contest organized by the Career Education Association of Victoria. She was presented with her \$50 award by the Minister for Employment and Training, Mr Brian Dixon, at a dinner arranged by the association.

## MAN CHARGED

Police last week charged a 27-year-old man on a number of counts of armed robbery at several Nunawading and district pharmacies.

In recent weeks police had been conducting an intensive search and investigation following the hold-ups, latest of which occurred in Blackburn.

## SPACESAVER PUT HOME EXTENSIONS IN PERSPECTIVE

The Eastern District Football League is considering a merger with the Federal League.

The plans have been in the pipeline for some weeks although no firm decision has yet been made.

Last Wednesday night an official delegates meeting was held at the Croydon Leisure Centre between EDFL club representatives and the executive to discuss the move.

One of the proposals strongly favored if the merger is given the go-ahead would be the formation of two first divisions and two second divisions for season 1982.

This would avoid any immediate relegation problems.

In 1983, the League would then develop four divisions.

The EDFL has been looking to increase its competition for some time and has held several meetings with Federal League officials over the past few weeks.

It is believed the Federal League is also negotiating a possible merger with the South Eastern Suburban Football League.

The Federal League covers such areas as Oakleigh, Mentone, Parkdale, Clayton and Moorabbin and has been in operation since 1909.



Two months ago they lost one of their strongest sides, Springvale, to the VFA.


## Woman's purse, cash found

A woman's silver-colored purse containing cash found at the bus stop near Croydon railway station was among lost property handed in to Nunawading police station last week.

A racing bike found near Nunawading swimming pool was among the other items handed in.

Nunawading police urged owners of lost property, including the large number of bikes stored at the police station, to collect their property at the police station as soon as possible.





# VICTORIAN METROPOLITAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## SENIOR GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**EASTERN DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE vs. PRESTON DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSN.**  
at SPRINGVALE on TUESDAY, 12th MAY, 1981

Sponsored by the Victorian Football League

### Metro Senior Grade Championships kick off in May

The month of May is an historic occasion for the newly formed Victorian Metropolitan Football League. For the first time ever, a Championship will be played between the Senior Grades in the Metropolitan area. Interest is high as to which League will emerge as the Champion Metropolitan Competition. The Championships, sponsored by the Victorian Football League, will be played over two years with two qualifying rounds in 1981. Matches in the first qualifying round will be played over two weeks, with the Second Round being played in June and July. Championships of this kind have been played for several years in the country. The "Winter" Country Football Championships are well known and highly regarded by all of the Major Country Leagues and already discussions have been held between the VFL and VMFL for a "Champions of Victoria" match being held at the end of 1982 between the winners of the respective Championships. Several of the Metropolitan Leagues regard their chances as very high. In recent years there have been isolated matches played between various Competitions but with the strong previously unaffiliated Leagues such as Eastern District, Eastern Suburbs Churches and Federal League back in the fold, these will represent a strong challenge. The Victorian Football League has made available \$27,000 for the Championships with the winning League receiving \$7,500. The runners-up will receive \$5,900 and semi-finalists \$3,200. Any League which is defeated in its qualifying rounds will receive a total of \$800 so the prizemoney makes it well worthwhile for all of the affiliated Leagues in the Victorian Metropolitan Football League to participate. Everyone involved in metropolitan football sincerely hopes that these Championships prove most successful. It will be a great fillip for metropolitan football and will bring all Leagues even closer together. Footballs for the Championship matches have been kindly donated by Ross Faulkner.

### PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

The programme of matches for the conduct of the VFL Senior Grade Metropolitan Football Championship are as follows:

**SEASON 1981 - FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND**  
FEDERAL LEAGUE vs. EASTERN SUBURBS CHURCHES  
SOUTH-EAST SUBURBAN vs. DIAMOND VALLEY  
FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT vs. ESSENDON DISTRICT  
WESTERN SUBURBS vs. Y.C.W.  
EASTERN DISTRICT vs. PRESTON DISTRICT

**SEASON 1981 - SECOND QUALIFYING ROUND**  
EASTERN SUBURBS CHURCHES vs. FOOTSCRAY DISTRICT  
SOUTH-EAST SUBURBAN vs. WESTERN SUBURBAN  
FEDERAL LEAGUE vs. PRESTON DISTRICT  
DIAMOND VALLEY vs. Y.C.W.  
EASTERN DISTRICT vs. ESSENDON DISTRICT

**In 1982 the programme will be as follows:**  
Competing Leagues will be placed in the order from first to eighth of matches won taking into account percentages from the two qualifying rounds of matches in Season 1981.  
The draw for the quarter-final matches will then be as follows:  
First on Premiership ladder vs. eighth on Premiership ladder.  
Second on Premiership ladder vs. seventh on Premiership ladder.  
Third on Premiership ladder vs. sixth on Premiership ladder.  
Fourth on Premiership ladder vs. fifth on Premiership ladder.

**Semi-Final Matches:**  
Winner of quarter-final 1st vs. 8th to play winner 3rd vs. 6th.  
Winner of quarter-final 2nd vs. 7th to play winner 4th vs. 5th.  
The winners of the above semi-finals will then meet in the Grand Final match.

**Venues and dates for the matches in Season 1982 will be determined by the VMFL Board of Management.**  
The matches are to be played in accordance with the NFL Laws of the Game. In addition to the \$27,000 made available by the Victorian Football League over the two year period, a Premiership Cup will also be presented by that League. The prize monies will be distributed as follows:

<b>First Round:</b>	Five winners at \$800	\$4,000
	Five losers at \$400	\$2,000
<b>Second Round:</b>	Five winners at \$800	\$4,000
	Five losers at \$400	\$2,000
<b>Quarter-Finals:</b>	Four winners at \$850	\$3,400
	Four losers at \$400	\$1,600
<b>Semi-Finals:</b>	Two winners at \$1,750	\$3,500
	Two losers at \$750	\$1,500
<b>Grand Final:</b>	Winner at \$3,300	\$3,300
	Loser at \$1,700	\$1,700
		\$27,000

#### EASTERN DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

GUERNSEY: White, with red collar and red E.D.F.L. logo on chest  
Coach: KEN HERBERT

No.	Name	Goals	Shds.
1	BURNS, D.		
2	BRETON, W.		
3	REEVE, D.		
4	FRESIZE, J.		
5	THOMAS, R.		
6	WITTHIS, S.		
7	COLL, B.		
8	ANDREWS, R.		
9	BOURKE, S.		
10	GALVIN, G.		
11	WILLIAMS, D.		
12	WRIGHT, P.		
13	EASY, A.		
14	MARSHALL, G.		
15	BURKE, S.		
16	GOODMAN, R.		
17	VAN KOLL, M.		
18	VAN DE BECK, W.		
19	FIELDING, S.		
20	TYFEE, G.		
21	CLEMENTS, R.		
22	POLLOCK, G.		
23	BARR, G.		
24	WEATHERLEY, G.		
25	FISHER, G.		
26	COOK, R.		
27	ROBERTS, N.		
28	ANDREWS, A.		
29	BENWICK, G.		
30	HEYWOOD, K.		
31	SONES, P.		
32	JANSEN, G.		
33	LOUVER, P.		
34	LINNEY, A.		

#### PRESTON DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GUERNSEY: Red, white sash  
Coach: M. DUCKWORTH  
Manager: L. SCOTT

No.	Name	Goals	Shds.
1	MYER, B.		
2	DIMORE, A.		
3	POTTER, M.		
4	DEACON, W.		
5	DEACON, P.		
6	MADAFFERI, F.		
7	PALMER, D.		
8	CURTIS, M.		
9	SUNDERSON, G.		
10	MAY, B.		
11	DICKWORTH, M. (capt.)		
12	MCDONALD, S. (v.c.)		
13	AUSTIN, D.		
14	FACE, R.		
15	THORPE, R.		
16	MCGOWAN, G.		
17	KRITIKOS, T.		
18	BORRADO, T.		
19	FIELDING, S.		
20	MCMAHON, J.		
21	COWAN, S.		
22	FERGUSON, P.		
23	POTTER, C.		
24	FARRANT, T.		
25	WHITE, P.		

### QUARTER-by-QUARTER

	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	FINAL
EDFL	8 6	15 11	22 14	28 26
Preston	2 2	3 7	6 9	7 10

MFC Calcutta Day:

# MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB CALCUTTA 1981

<p><b>RACE 1</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BACCUS Comes to hand quickly, Top Chance.</li> <li>TEMMA Place chance looks best.</li> <li>HENDO Respect.</li> <li>SLUG Hasn't Won for sometime, hard to have.</li> <li>WEATHERS This looks to rich.</li> <li>TROLLY Honest type who could surprise.</li> </ol> <p><b>RACE 2</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ROOTER Has the form to show up, but likes it a little longer.</li> <li>LERDY Temperamental galloper, but good on his day.</li> <li>DIRT BOX Heavily backed last start, but had no luck in running. Keep safe.</li> <li>REG Passing.</li> <li>BIG EV Will need the run.</li> <li>LARKS Speedy type. Top chance with his light weight.</li> </ol> <p><b>RACE 3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BONDY Has ability and warrants respect.</li> <li>P. WITO From top stable, watch market.</li> <li>HATCH Youngster of the field, Watch.</li> <li>ZUNNA Always gives bold showing.</li> <li>PIMMY Will be thereabouts for a long way.</li> <li>NELSO Consistent type but finds it hard to win.</li> </ol>	<p><b>RACE 4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOAPY Goes well here. Rate highly.</li> <li>TABLET Tends to mix his form.</li> <li>LETHAL Most consistent and always a chance.</li> <li>DOOBER Not the roughest.</li> <li>SADDO Goes well fresh. Give plenty of thought.</li> <li>MUZZA Has come over with a big reputation.</li> </ol> <p><b>RACE 5</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THOMMO Starting to get a bit dizzy.</li> <li>ROCKET Could be just one run short.</li> <li>DAVO Cannot disregard the class of this galloper.</li> <li>COUTTA Likes this distance and racing well.</li> <li>DONGER Likely to need a couple of runs.</li> <li>MICKEY ROB Very smart and looks the one to beat.</li> </ol> <p><b>RACE 6</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GREENDOG Coming back after a long spell.</li> <li>S. WITO Bred in the purple. Class galloper who will test this lot.</li> <li>SAMMY Will lead this field for a long way.</li> <li>BURKEY Has won past four starts. Take beating.</li> <li>WATTO Specialist over this course &amp; journey. The one to beat.</li> <li>ANDY Promising type, eachway.</li> </ol>
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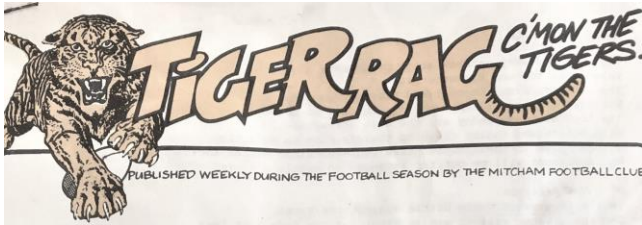


MATCH RESULTS

MITCHAM V.	SENIORS	RESERVES	UNDER 18
MULGRAVE	(W) 18.20 - 16.06	(W) 21.24 - 07.14	(W) 15.04 - 09.05
SURREY HILLS	(L) 14.17 - 20.13	(W) 23.14 - 11.08	NO PLAY
RINGWOOD	(W) 26.12 - 16.15	(W) 15.20 - 10.12	(W) 16.14 - 07.08
BLACKBURN	(W) 12.22 - 11.10	(W) 15.23 - 06.09	(W) 13.17 - 04.07
N RINGWOOD	(W) 28.17 - 14.16	(W) 28.27 - 14.06	(W) 17.25 - 05.03
VERMONT	(L) 23.19 - 24.19	(W) 16.21 - 13.11	(W) 11.12 - 05.12
BAYSWATER	(W) 24.13 - 08.10	(W) 26.27 - 03.04	(W) 14.15 - 01.09
E RINGWOOD	(W) 24.19 - 13.13	(W) 11.11 - 06.13	(W) WIN/DRAW
E BURWOOD	(L) 16.11 - 24.14	(W) 21.09 - 15.12	(W) 20.14 - 06.03
CROYDON	(W) 11.16 - 03.09	(L) 06.11 - 13.06	(W) 10.17 - 05.04
SCORESBY	(W) 08.10 - 07.10	(W) 08.17 - 06.09	(W) 07.12 - 04.13
MULGRAVE	(W) 08.17 - 02.04	(W) 16.11 - 05.07	(W) 28.22 - 01.01
SURRY HILLS	(W) 14.17 - 05.09	(W) 19.12 - 04.05	(W) 17.16 - 11.08
RINGWOOD	(L) 11.10 - 15.10	(W) 11.11 - 03.06	(L) 07.07 - 07.11
BLACKBURN	(W) 20.15 - 09.08	(W) 18.11 - 10.07	(W) WIN/DRAW
N RINGWOOD	(W) 06.09 - 05.13	(W) 12.24 - 03.04	(W) 30.22 - 03.02
VERMONT	(W) 08.10 - 06.07	(W) 09.15 - 03.01	(W) 07.09 - 05.03
BAYSWATER	(W) 19.13 - 03.04	(W) 17.18 - 01.02	(W) 14.10 - 03.02
2ND SEMI	(W) 16.14 - 09.11	(W) 11.09 - 11.06	(W) 12.06 - 08.08
GRAND FINAL	(W) 16.19 - 09.12 (E BURWOOD)	(W) 14.06 - 10.16 (CROYDON)	(W) 18.11 - 09.13 (SURREY HILLS)
UNDER 16		UNDER 14	
MULGRAVE	(W) 13.18 - 07.02	E BURWOOD	(L) 04.06 - 07.11
SURREY HILLS	NO PLAY	WARRANTYTE	(W) 10.05 - 05.08
RINGWOOD	(W) 20.11 - 06.08	NTH RINGWOOD	NO PLAY
BLACKBURN	(W) 13.16 - 03.07	RINGWOOD	(L) 00.03 - 29.16
N RINGWOOD	(L) 07.13 - 14.08	CROYDON	(L) 00.01 - 16.18
VERMONT	(W) 12.04 - 08.13	VERMONT	(L) 01.02 - 20.19
BAYSWATER	(L) 06.17 - 09.06	S CROYDON	(L) 00.01 - 27.21
E RINGWOOD	(W) 16.09 - 04.08	MOOROOLBARK	(L) 04.03 - 09.10
E BURWOOD	(L) 08.05 - 11.12	HEATHMONT	(L) 02.00 - 11.16
CROYDON	(L) 07.11 - 07.17	NORWOOD	(L) 02.03 - 05.06
SCORESBY	(L) 05.09 - 11.07	E RINGWOOD	(L) 00.04 - 15.06
MULGRAVE	(W) 04.12 - 03.12	E BURWOOD	(L) 01.03 - 05.08
SURREY HILLS	(W) 10.12 - 03.11	WARRANTYTE	(L) 02.03 - 15.16
RINGWOOD	(W) 14.12 - 03.09	N RINGWOOD	(L) 01.00 - 19.16
BLACKBURN	(W) 16.14 - 02.05	RINGWOOD	(L) 00.00 - 19.17
N RINGWOOD	(W) 05.07 - 05.04	CROYDON	(L) 04.02 - 08.08
VERMONT	(W) 06.08 - 04.04	VERMONT	(L) 00.03 - 20.14
BAYSWATER	(W) 12.21 - 03.00	S CROYDON	(L) 00.00 - 30.13
1ST SEMI	(L) 06.09 - 07.06 (CROYDON)		

5. Second Semi Final:

Tiger Rag 5 September 1981, Second Semi Final Day.



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Today three Mitcham sides begin the battle for their respective flags. The club wishes Ron Thomas, Neil Watson, Ken Henderson, the players and team officials all the best. "A champion team will always beat a team of champions" is an old adage with a message worth remembering, as the Tigers face the finals pressure.

**JUNIORS**

**U/16's 1st Semi Final Report**  
Last Saturday the U/16's played Croxdon at Walker Park in the 1st Semi Final. The Tigers began slowly in the difficult, muddy conditions. Croxdon teamed well, attacked continually and were in front. The Tigers appeared to be outclassed but to their credit they persevered. As the game continued Mitcham showed they would not give in without a fight. Through a courageous team effort, led by P. Bourke, Mitcham fought to within 3 points in the last term. Up to that stage goals were hard to come by and the umpiring was of a poor standard in that the flow of the game was hindered, apart from several critical decisions made against Mitcham. The Tigers had fought back from a seemingly impossible position but time ran out. Congratulations to Peter Scanlon and the boys who showed great courage in defeat.

Scores: Mitcham 0.1 3.4 4.7 6.9  
Croxdon 3.3 5.4 6.6 7.6

Goalkeepers: B. Slater 2, P. Clarke 2, R. Davidson 1, C. Fraser 1.  
Best: P. Bourke, R. Davidson, A. McKerral, B. Slater in an overall even team effort.

**Under 18 Team List and Statistics**

Coach: Ken Henderson

Name	Age	No.	Height	Weight	Position
P. Allen (Paul)	17	15	5'9"	11 St.	Back Pocket
P. Arrowsmith (Phillip)	17	4	6'0"	12 1/2 St.	Centre Half Back
M. Blake (MML)	17	3	6'1 1/2"	12 St.	Ruckman/Backman
J. Bonnyman (John)	17	1	6'1"	12 St.	Ruckman
W. Gommers (Bill)	17	12	5'8"	9 St.	Forward Pocket/Rover
K. Howell (Kevin)	17	28	5'8"	9 1/2 St.	Half Forward
A. Hubber (Alan)	17	32	5'11"	10 1/2 St.	Half Back
M. Joseph (Mark) (Capt)	18	8	5'11"	11 St.	Ruck Rover/Forward
G. Joseph (Greg)	18	7	5'10"	12 1/2 St.	Ruck Rover/Forward
G. Long (Geoff)	18	16	5'9"	9 1/2 St.	Wing
M. Lowe (Michael)	18	18	5'10"	11 1/2 St.	Centre Half Forward
A. McCormack (Anthony)	17	14	5'9"	10 St.	Half Back Flank
C. McDougall (Craig)	17	56	5'9"	11 St.	Half Back
M. Olsen (Michael)	17	20	6'1"	12 St.	Back Pocket
M. Reynolds (Matt)	17	54	5'10"	11 St.	Half Forward
D. Scanlon (Danny)	17	9	5'8"	10 St.	Rover/Half Forward
C. Silva (Craig)	17	55	6'0"	9 St.	Forward Flank
E. Stackpole (Eugene)	18	19	5'10"	10 St.	Wing
D. Sullivan (Dean)	18	36	6'1"	12 St.	Forward
C. Theissenberger (Craig)	17	6	5'9"	11 St.	Rover
P. Tilley (Peter)	18	10	5'11"	11 St.	Half Forward
M. Wallington (Mark)	17	11	6'2"	11 St.	Ruckman
M. Winstanley (Mark)	17	17	6'0"	11 St.	Full Back
D. Witnish (Darren)	17	13	5'9"	10 St.	Centreman
B. Wood (Brett)	18	5	5'8"	9 1/2 St.	Half Back
S. Jackson (Stephen)	18	30	6'2"	12 St.	Full Forward

**RHYME AND REASON**

The Seniors:  
The home and away matches are in the past, Vermont on top and Bayswater last. The 1st Semi-Final is over and Scoresby is out. But East Burwood are in fighting, there's no doubt. The top two teams today are the main attraction, With Tigers and Eagles clashing there's sure to be action. Mitcham play in their consecutive 2nd Semi Final number four, While Vermont will be out for revenge 'to settle a score'

The Reserves:  
In the Reserves Mitcham battle against the Blues, And the greater will to win is vital for one side must lose, To the victor, there's a berth in the Grand Final, Who it will be, no one can tell, only time will.

The U/18's:  
The U/18's face rivals Surrey, to start the day, All their hard work will now start to pay, To be in with a chance in a fortnight, The side must give, showing their true right.

To each Mitcham side to date there's no greater challenge to be faced, For a win today is the chance too great to waste, Each team's ultimate goal is to be this year's Premier, To become a part of history, winners, remembered forever, Start the success today, the winning way, We want a triple celebration, Grand Final day.

**SOCIAL NEWS**

- \* 6/9/81 Beer and Prawn Day Sunday \$8 all inclusive (\$6 to Social Drinking members). A great day is assured with entertainer Laurie Levy.
- \* 13/9/81 Junior Vote Day. 12 noon BBQ, all welcome.
- \* 20/9/81 Grand Final Celebration Luncheon Sunday Karinya Lodge.
- \* 26/9/81 Football Trip see Peter Dungan, Ray Bond.
- \* 9/10/81 Annual Ball/Presentation Night.
- \* 28/10/81 EDFL Presentation Night at Rambrants.
- \* 7/11/81 Trots Night Mooney Valley \$21 all inclusive (meal, drinks and bus).
- \* Manilotto 3, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, No Winner, \$710.

**SOCIAL GOSSIP**

- \* Is it true 'Sam' Dunkinson is buying Shirley Long a new handbag? Catch 'Sam' or Shirley for the story about what happened at the U/16's BBQ.
- \* Also Evan Whitfield 'pruned' Ted Clark's trees at the BBQ.
- \* The Ladies Committee and helpers must be congratulated for the wonderful condition the clubrooms were in for last week's Vote Night. It was an unbelievable sight which started the night off well, and ensured a great time for all.
- \* Congratulations to award winners last Saturday night. A brief summary of votes includes: Seniors: N. Zunneberg 57, S. Witnish 28, M. Roberts 27, G. Weatherley 26, R. Bond 21. Reserves: D. Coutts 33, P. Temminoff 29, S. Nelson 26, S. Saddington 22, T. Larkin 21, G. Dunkinson 20.

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**E.D.F.L.**

Clash of the heavyweights

IT'S September at last and the EDFL is turning on a tremendous footy finals series.

First division's East Burwood won last week's first semi-final from Scoresby by only one point, 6-4 to 5-9, and this week the two heavyweights of the league clash in the second semi.

Top of the ladder Vermont meets Mitcham, which won the last game of the season to finish in second spot.

Their score against each other stands at one each for the season after both sides won at home by less than a goal.

The game will be played in heavy conditions at Boronia on Saturday, and unfortunately for Vermont, that will suit

Mitcham right down to the ground.

While the muddy conditions will help Mitcham, the Second division second semi will be played on the drier Fernree Gully ground on Sunday.

The small and fast Doncaster side should come out on top of Rowville if the ground is firm, but either way it will be an even game.

Rowville beat Doncaster during the season and this game is shaping as the best of the weekend's finals.

In third division Montrose lost the second semi to Norwood by five goals after leading by two goals at half time.

Montrose has to face up to Warrandyte at Coldstream on Saturday and must win to earn another crack at Norwood in the Grand Final.

It won't be easy but Montrose should be able to do just that.

**SCORES:**

Div. 1: First semi, Res. Vermont 7-9 d. East Burw. 2-9; U-18, Ringwood 8-12 d. Scoresby 4-8.

Div. 2: First semi, Onda 16-8 d. Bennetta, 9-10; Res. Boronia 11-11 d. Sth. Croydon 6-14; U-18 Doncaster 13-9 d. Maroub. 6-4.

Div. 3: Second semi, Norwood 8-11 d. Montrose 3-2; Res. Norwood 6-12 d. Forest Hills 1-10; U-18, Basin 5-15 d. Fair Park 2-6.

**THIS WEEK:**

Div. 1: Second semi, Vermont v. Mitcham; Res. Croydon v. Mitcham; U-18 Surrey Hills v. Mitcham.

Div. 2: Second semi, Rowville v. Doncaster; Res. Rowville v. Lilydale; U-18 Bennetta v. Boronia.

Div. 3: Warrandyte v. Montrose; Res. Coldstream v. Forest Hills; U-18, Fair Park v. Montrose.

EDFL news item

# Mitcham now final favorite

Defending title holder, Mitcham, blitzed the league leaders, Vermont in Saturday's second semi-final and enters the EDFL grand final as secure favorite.

**FOOTY WITH JAY DEE**

It was a convincing 45-point victory effected by a purposeful Mitcham combination and the shock result completely demoralised the Eagles who now have to front up to East Burwood, the only other EDFL side that has defeated them this season.

Vermont scored the first goal of the match, staged in fine conditions, and Mitcham could only manage a minor score.

However, from the five minute mark the Vermont team were never in it. They had no answer to Mitcham's dominance over the field.

The rare times the Eagles looked threatening, they were held up by the superb defence of Tiger full back, Noel Zunaberg, who marked everything in sight.

Vermont coach Graeme Jacobs was in a mean mood at half time, and indeed he had a right to be.

He likened his side's poor performance to another division one side who had a habit of making the finals and being tumbled out with little effort.

"There is no creation, and no running," roared Jacobs, "and if you don't start running now, you'll know all about it at training next week."

In contrast, Mitcham coach Ron Thomas was quiet and direct in ad-

ressing his confident charges.

"Don't waste this quarter," Thomas warned realising that the time to press home their advantage was coming up in the all-important third quarter.

In reply to Thomas, the Tigers slammed on the vital first goal of the term opening up a substantial lead over the Eagles.

Main highlight in the third term was the solid clash between Mitcham's leader, Ron Thomas, and Vermont's Dennis Wilkie, with Wilkie remaining in the hands of the trainers for several minutes.

A little spite crept into the game with players out for the eveners. However even these slight altercations failed to spark Vermont back into life, as the side fell further behind.

In fact, 20 minutes into the third quarter, Mitcham actually doubled Vermont's score kicking 12-12 to 6-6.

The dominance of

Mitcham's small men, Glen Murray and Michael Roberts, on the ball continued as they constantly sent the ball forward.

They received strong support from high marking players, Burke and Lennie.

Ray Witnish and Ray Bond came in for some close attention. However they both just bounced back completely unruffled, as their vigor was engaged.

Mitcham centremen, Gary Marshall, tackled ferociously and vigorously shepherd for his teammates on every occasion and was the generator of the Tiger's supply all round the field.

About the only consistent Eagle on the field was Bruce Brunton who kicked three of his side's five goals in the first half, and went on with the job under close pressure in the third term kicking a 'gutsy' goal.

The further the match progressed, the more assertive was the command that the Tigers held.

Final score: Mitcham 16-14-110 d Vermont 9-11-65.

Mitcham Reserves defeated Croydon by three points in the curtain raiser and now join the seniors and the under 18 sides in the grand final in two weeks' time.

16/9/81 NUNAWADING GAZETTE, Wednesday, Se

# Mitcham go for three in a row!

Mitcham, the Tigers of EDFL first division, will field three sides in next Saturday's grand final at Boronia.

The senior side will be going all out to win its third flag in succession and they will be well supported by their reserves and under 18 combinations who will also be all out to make it a clean sweep for Tiger Town.

The last time that Mitcham fielded three sides in a grand final was in 1975, and perhaps a good omen was that the seniors won the flag that year.

Brotherly love or otherwise could be one of the highlights of the grand final.

The Tigers will be fielding the Witnish boys, twins Peter and Shane and just for good measure, big brother, Ray will be around, not that the younger pair need any looking after. Darren Witnish will be playing with the under 18 side on grand final day.

There will also be two brothers opposing each other on the big day, Russell Lennie will take his place on the Mitcham forward line, while brother, Andrew will line up for East Burwood. Another Lennie brother, Stephen is also at East and could appear on the bench. Both Andrew and Steve were former Mitcham players and had stints together with Russell at Richmond.

The credentials of Mitcham captain-coach Ron Thomas do not need any elaboration. The twice winner of the EDFL Best and Fairest award (1974 and 1977), is a much travelled footballer. Ron commenced with the Mitcham juniors in 1958 in under 16 ranks. He left Mitcham to go to Richmond and played reserves and senior football until cleared to Melbourne. Ron crossed to VFA club Prahran and returned to coach Mitcham in 1973 and 1974.

**Can the Tigers do it again?**

sports  
**Mitcham**  
**no**  
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**Defending league leader final and ent favorite.**

It was a convincing point victory effected by a purposeful Mitcham combination and the shock result completely demoralised the Eagles who now have to front up to East Burwood, the only other EDFL side that has defeated them this season.

**SPORT** *Eastern Standard 15/9/81*

# Rams tackle Tiger 'trio'

Grand final is set to sizzle

**EDFL**



**EDFL** (Eastern Districts Football League) grand final is set to sizzle as Mitcham, the defending champions, take on Vermont in Saturday's preliminary final at Boronia. Mitcham, coached by Ron Thomas, will field three sides in the grand final, while Vermont, coached by Graeme Jacobs, will field two sides. Mitcham's senior side is the favorite to win the title.

Veteran Vermont ruckman John Cunningham leaps to mark over East Burwood's Steve Davis, as teammate Dave Scudlark looks below in Saturday's preliminary final.

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6. Grand Final:

Tiger Rag 19 September 1981, Grand Final Day.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY DURING THE FOOTBALL SEASON BY THE MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

19 September, 1981.  
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Today is Grand Final day and the club has three sides in there fighting to bring home a triple premiership. President Bernie Coleman and his committee wish to thank all the players, coaches and officials for their work to date. Everyone is right behind the three sides and we hope the work and effort is rewarded with success. As a top club we will stick together in the thick and the thin of things but nothing beats winning Grand Finals.

**SENIORS**  
2nd Semi Final Report.  
Mitcham began in the first quarter kicking to the northern pavillion end. In an even, fast game the Tigers were slightly in front with Vermont looking dangerous. Mitcham were off target but had 8 scoring shots to the Eagles 6. As the game progressed the Tigers were showing their supremacy. By half time the team had kicked another 6 goals 6 behinds to Vermont's 3 goals only for the quarter. Vermont, the EDFL top dog for the season were not showing the power that was expected, apart from flashes of team work. Mitcham were more prepared to give everything to win and in the second half went to a 10 goal lead demoralising their opponents. Only in the dying minutes were Vermont able to salvage some respect to eventually go down by over 7 goals. While satisfaction can be felt from the crushing win, it merely means Mitcham are in the Grand Final and must now begin the battle to fight 'tooth and nail' to win the flag.

Scores: Mitcham 3.5 9.11 13.12 16.14  
Vermont 2.4 5.4 6.7 9.11  
Brian Robert Datsun Awards: G. Marshall, R. Witnish, M. Roberts, R. Thomas, S. Bourke  
MFC Pewter donated to Ron Thomas by Better Brakes.  
Goalkeepers: T. Andrews 4, R. Lyons 3, M. Roberts 3, R. Lennie 3, R. Witnish 1, R. Thomas 1, S. Bourke 1.

**RESERVES**  
2nd Semi Final Report.  
Mitcham played Croydon in the curtain raiser to the main game. Croydon began well. Despite some good work by Dungan, Nelson and Roberts, Croydon seemed destined to control the game reminiscent of their previous clash. The Tigers didn't help themselves with several early shots at goal off line. Mitcham slowly regained their composure and worked in the determined manner they have normally shown throughout the year under Coach Neil Watson. With Stephen Nelson marking everything that came in sight, Andy Roberts winning the ruck clearly, and a better team effort, the Tigers put their game together to go to the lead. In the vital last quarter Mitcham staved off Croydon's challenge to win by 4 points in a nerve testing finish.

Scores: Mitcham 3.2 6.4 11.5 11.9  
Croydon 6.3 8.3 9.4 11.5  
Brian Robert Motors Awards: A. Roberts, E. Whitfield, S. Nelson, G. Dunkinson, W. Halbert.  
Goalkeepers: S. Nelson 5, E. Whitfield 3, D. Courts, C. Davis, R. Hatcher 1 each.  
MFC Pewter donated by Mr and Mrs C. Marshall and Mr and Mrs A. Marshall to Leigh Bienvenu.

The side now has the opportunity to complete what several Reserve sides have tried in recent years, to win the flag to prove they're the best side, further to enable a senior double premiership.

JUNIORS

U/18's 2nd Semi Final Report.  
Mitcham played against Surrey Hills last week in the first match of the day. The team started well with their small men able to move the ball fast from the centre into attack. Surrey were let back in the game for a while until Mitcham steadied and improved their efforts. By half time Mitcham held a 4 goal break. On the big ground in the heavy conditions the pace of the game slowed in the second half. The Tigers were in front and Surrey could not bridge the gap. Both sides managed only 1 goal per quarter in the second half but Mitcham held on well. The team had worked hard to set the game up and went on to win by 22 points.

Scores: Mitcham 4.2 10.4 11.5 12.6  
Surrey Hills 3.1 6.2 7.7 8.8

Best Players: D. Scanlon, S. Jackson, A. Hubber, B. Gommers.  
Goalkeepers: D. Scanlon 5, S. Jackson 3, M. Lowe 2, M. Wallington, B. Gommers 1 each.

SOCIAL NEWS

- \* 19/9/81 Back to the Clubrooms for Celebrations. B-B-Q Tea available.
- \* 20/9/81 Grand Final Luncheon Karinya Lodge Blackburn, followed by a MFC Celebrity Calcutta at the rooms at 3 pm.
- \* 21/9/81 Mitcham Hotel.
- \* 22/9/81 Premiersip team photos Tuesday night at the club.
- \* 24/9/81 Football Trip Away. Departure 9 am Mitcham Hotel. \$20 Bond, \$10 extra likely. Return 9.00 Sunday.
- \* 9/10/81 Annual Ball/Presentation night. See the Ladies.
- \* 28/10/81 EDFL Presentation night at Rembrandts. See Kevin Smith.
- \* 3/11/81 Melbourne Cup Day B-B-Q.
- \* 7/11/81 Trots night at Moonee Valley.
- \* Tiger Bonanza: 1st No.122 \$50 Garry Wathen (3rd time this year) 2nd No. 37 \$25 Paul Temminoff.
- \* Minilotto Nos. 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14. No winner. \$840 plus.
- \* Finals fever raffle winners: 1st Keith Allan (Rooster), 2nd Chris Roy, 3rd Tassi Lay.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

- \* Garry Wathen and his fiancée Anne were married at East Melbourne last Saturday. Congratulations to a fine couple. Garry made a very warm and thoughtful speech followed by David 'Donga' White (as best man) who made a sincere but witty response.
- \* At the wedding in the church there was some rather tense moments. Not for Garry, Geelong were well behind. The pressure was on 'Donga' who barracks for Fitzroy and Russell 'Leroy' Witherow (the groomsman) who barracks for Collingwood. Picture the scene: the bride Anne, walked down the aisle at the 31 minute mark in the last quarter and no-one knew the result until well into the service, while 'Donga' and 'Leroy' sweated it out.
- \* While on the subject of Garry Wathen, on the eve of the EDFL 1st Semi, the boys had a Buck's Turn with the usual drinking etc. Garry put in some fine efforts of sculling while 'Leroy' and 'Donga' threw beer and broke raw eggs all over Garry (and it was Grant 'Teddy Bear' Munro's turn to clean up the flat).
- \* Those gentlemen who turned up to the recent P.S.M. on father's day were given a treat to remember. The beer was good (isn't it always), the food was great, and the entertainment was fantastic. Best P.S.M. we've had for years.
- \* The two Ronnies got the action going at the P.S.M. - Ron Thomas requested "I still call Mitcham home" which brought the crowd to its feet and tears to our eyes, - Ron Cousins got himself and the crowd tapping, clapping and jumping to some good music.
- \* Before leaving the P.S.M. scene, we must mention Cam 'give me a microphone' Marshall who, after working hard on the raffle, relaxed and stole some limelight with his booming singing voice.
- \* Everyone wishes Robby Lyons' 'missus', Jean, good health after her recent sickness.
- \* Most people have noticed the support the Past Players Officials Association has given to the club recently. It is just great to see their faces about. We must thank them for the sponsorship of a beer can each for the Reserves and Seniors on the 2nd Semi Final day. I'm sure it was appreciated by the players.

Junior B & F Vote Counting Day

Last week on Sunday, a fine day was had by all those parents, players and supporters who attended. Congratulations to award winners in each team.

U/18's	First	Phil Arrowsmith
	Second	Darren Witnish
	Third	Mel Blake
U/16's	First	Peter Clark
	Second	Brad Slater
	Third	Peter Bourke
U/14's	First	Chris Morley
	Second	Mick Harrop
	Third	Silvana Panza

MFC Bingo

The Committee wish to make 1. An announcement and 2. A plea to members and supporters regarding our Bingo:

Vermont has withdrawn as a partner in our Bingo programme and we are to continue on our own. The Bingo performance as a fund raiser has been poor. However, the club is in a disappointing situation where we are forced to work every avenue to raise funds. The club committees work very hard to run the club for your benefit. Accordingly we desperately seek your help in Bingo patronage and in a work roster. Your help in either way is needed.

\* Tiger Support : Be in it \*

SENIOR LIST PLAYER PROFILES		
1. Neil Watson Joined 1977 and won B & F. Current Reserve Capt. Coach relishing the task. Missed several games through injury.	1. Shane Burke Joined this year from Richmond. Well performed. Utility/Ruckman, settling in nicely.	2. Michael Roberts First year player from Richmond. Speedy half forward, dangerous near goals.
3. Phil Morrison Joined 1980 - reliable backman, resumed playing mid season and doing well - strong.	4. Graeme Weatherley Vice Capt. Joined 1977 - 1980 B & F. The best CHF in the business, battling a knee injury. EDFL representative.	5. Noel Dunneberry Joined this year from Montrose. Quickly established himself as top full back. Runner up EDFL B & F this year. You can't buy experience. 1981 B & F.
6. Keith Rout 1978 B & F rejoined this year from Ferrisville. Doing his best work, with responsibility.	7. Wayne Halbert Joined 1980, Wingman/half back flanker. Versatile player always keen to do his best.	8. Ron Thomas Ex Junior now Capt. Coach, rejoined 1979. Dual EDFL B & F and Premiership Coach. Has plenty to contribute on the field. Capt./Coach EDFL representative side.
9. Greg Finn Joined 1980. Half back flanker having a consistent year. Great judgement and balance.	10. Glen Murray Utility/Rover who joined this year from East Kingswood. Despite injury setback has been a valuable acquisition.	11. Tony Andrews Joined 1978. League's top full forward. Brilliant at his best. EDFL representative.
12. Andrew Roberts Ex Junior rejoined this year to bolster the ruck strength. Giving his best.	13. Jeff Baker Joined 1971. Running skillful ball handler on the wing or in defence. Experienced player recuperating from injury.	14. Ray Wintish Joined 1970. B & F in 1976. Missed many games since then through injury. At his best in the centre, although has the talent to play anywhere.
15. Tony Tinney Joined 1969. Top league back pocket. Skillful with a wealth of ability. EDFL representative.	16. Gary Marshall Joined 1979. Brilliant, explosive footballer. Kicks either foot deep into attack. EDFL representative.	17. Gary Dunkinson Joined 1968. Experienced rover who puts himself in. Kickgetter with a ton of courage. No greater clubman.
18. Robert Lyons Joined 1969. Cagey opportunist. Beautiful mark and kick for goal. Brilliant reader of the play. EDFL representative.	19. Peter Wintish Joined 1970. Halfback who has turned his talents to forward/ruck work and performed in every opportunity. Desperate.	20. Ray Gale Joined 1971. Backman at his best under pressure. Safe mark and kick with 'ball sense'.
21. Donald Couzza Ex Junior who rejoined in 1980 and hasn't looked back. Accomplished centremen with creative skills having a great year. Reserve B & F 1981.	22. Ray Bond Joined 1980 from Vermont to prove his worth and did just that. Strong forward/ruck rover.	23. David White Joined 1968. Intelligent player who keeps the ball on a string. Overcame injury and getting back to his best.
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24. Leigh Binstens Joined 1978. Rugged bustling defender with experience to match. Has gained total respect.	25. Alan Marshall Joined 1968. Reliable half back, left foot kick. Disappointing season through injury, virtually playing only one game.	27. Steven Saddington Joined 1968. Desperately fierce half back now ruck roving and enjoying the role. No stronger player around.

28. Alistair Feehan Joined 1980. CHF with a good mark. Baset with injury, talent missed while he is out.	29. Wayne Henderson Joined 1979 from Vermont. Pacey wingman who moves well. Attacking player, strong mark and fine kick.	31. Greg Nicol Joined 1968. Hard hitting defender/ruck rover/forward who bursts through play with a clearing kick. Team inspiring.
32. Frank Damani Joined this year from Springvale. Talented, skillful wingman/rover who can kick either foot. Recovering from injury.	33. Trevor McKinnon Joined 1978. Ruck rover/half forward/half back who marks and kicks well. Always there doing his best when you need him.	34. Shane Wintish Joined 1970. Attacking, running, player. Top league CHF. Out jumps, out runs, out marks and out thinks his opponents. EDFL representative.
35. Russell Witherow Joined 1968. Desperate experienced rover, always gets his kick. Courage underrated, first into the pack.	36. Phil Popovic Joined 1972. Tall marking, running wingman. Equally capable in the forward line. Overcoming injury problems.	37. Paul Temminoff Joined this year from Montrose. Strong marking ruckman/back pocket who has matured since the early games. EDFL representative.
38. Chris Turner Joined 1971. Strong player who is cool and reliable on the backline. Sound judgement.	39. Evan Whitfield Joined 1970. A 'mountain' of ability. Takes the strongest marks. Key forward.	40. Jeff Nicol Joined 1973. Gutty reliable back pocket who tears through. Makes the most of every opportunity.
41. Danny Dungan Joined 1979. Valuable back pocket/ruckman, keen judgement and good mark.	42. Russell Lennie Joined 1970. Key player on the forward line. Can be a match winner. Dangerous around any angle for goal.	43. Tony Larkin Joined 1972. Running talented winger/rover. Beautiful kick, never stops.
44. Stephen Nelson Joined 1981 from Yarra Glen. Impressive forward, ruckman, or back pocket rises to the occasion.	45. Carl Davis Ex Junior rejoined 1980. Talented half forward/wingman. Experienced, creative player.	46. Robert Hatcher Joined 1973. Solid backman who was switched to forward line, doing great.
47. Colin Danks Joined 1980. Capable player always ready to give his best. Team player.	48. Dean Allen Joined 1979. Accomplished player who never puts a foot wrong. Recovering from injury.	49. Michael Griffin Joined 1977. Missed half the season through clearance delay. Strong player with talent. Never gives up.
50. Alan Gale Joined 1970. Talented footballer with style and judgement. Backman/forward as required.	51. Liam Hennessey Joined 1980 from Vermont. Good half back who always gives his best. Valuable and reliable.	53. Chris Flynn Joined 1981. Ruckman/forward with a big heart. Never stops giving.
54. Paul Kirby Joined 1978. Half forward. Fast player who moves well attacking, creative.	56. Wayne Coleman Joined 1974. Determined, well performed half back who has been unavailable due to work commitments.	Bill Dunkinson Came out of retirement when needed to show he still has ability.
Darren Hackney Joined mid season. Impaired by injury, unable to show true ability.		



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## I Still Call Mitcham Home

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But my heart lies waiting over the foam  
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All the sons and daughters  
Spinning around the world  
Away from their family and friends  
But as the world gets older and colder  
It's good to know where your journey ends.

Someday we'll all be together once more  
When all of the ships come back to the shore  
I realise something I've always known  
I still call **MITCHAM** home

But no matter how far or wide I roam  
I still call **MITCHAM**  
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# Pen pictures of players

THESE were the players in the Mitcham and East Burwood grand final sides that fought out the Eastern Districts Football League First Division Seniors' premiership:

## MITCHAM

**Phil Morrison:** 176 cm, 68.8 kg; reliable backman; resumed playing mid-season.

**Keith Rout:** 187 cm, 81.6 kg; ruckman; 1978 best and fairest, rejoined this year from Ferntree Gully.

**Greg Pimm:** 180 cm, 65 kg; half-back flanker, consistent year; joined 1980.

**Tony Linney:** 177 cm, 75.4 kg; joined 1969; top league back pocket, EDFL representative.

**Robby Lyons:** 175 cm, 63.3 kg; joined 1968; cagey opportunist half-forward flanker, brilliant reader of the play; EDFL representative.

**Shane Burke:** 193 cm, 79 kg; joined this year from Richmond; well performed utility/ruckman.

**Graeme Weatherley:** 193 cm, 81.6 kg; vice-captain, joined 1977; 1980 best and fairest; best centre half-forward in the business, battling a knee injury; EDFL representative.

**Glen Murray:** 172 cm, 62.4 kg; utility/rover who joined this year from East Ringwood; despite injury setback; has been valuable acquisition.

**Gary Marshall:** 180 cm, 77.4 kg; deputy vice-captain, joined 1979; brilliant, explosive footballer who kicks with either foot deep into attack; EDFL representative.

**Peter Witnish:** 185 cm, 75.4 kg; joined 1970; half-back who has turned his talents to forward/ruck work and

performed in every opportunity; desperate.

**Ray Bond:** 178 cm, 77.2 kg; joined 1980 from Vermont; strong forward/ruck rover.

**Mike Roberts:** 173 cm, 64 kg; first-year player from Richmond; speedy half-forward, dangerous near goals.

**Noel Zunneberg:** 190 cm, 72.8 cm; joined this year from Montrose and quickly established himself as top full back; runner-up EDFL best and fairest this year; club best and fairest.

**Ron Thomas:** 187 cm, 81.6 kg; ex-junior, now captain-coach, rejoined 1979, dual EDFL best and fairest and premiership coach; captain-coach EDFL representative side.

**Tony Andrews:** 190 cm, 85 kg; joined 1978, league's top full forward, brilliant at his best; EDFL representative.

**Ray Witnish:** 180 cm, 73 kg; joined 1970, best and fairest 1976; missed many games since then through injury; at his best in the centre, but has the talent to play anywhere.

**David White:** 176 cm, 74.3 kg; joined 1978; intelligent player who keeps the ball on a string.

**Russell Lennie:** 188 cm, 78.6 kg; joined 1970, key player on the forward line, can be a match-winner.

**Shane Witnish:** 181 cm, 77.2 kg; joined 1970; attacking, running player, top league centre half-back; EDFL representative.

**Paul Temminoff:** 194 cm, 73.3 kg; joined this year from Montrose; strong marking ruckman/back pocket who matured since early games.

## EAST BURWOOD

**Brad Morrison:** 20, 178 cm, 82.5 kg; physical education student at Rusden College; second year with club after coming from Murrabit in Kerang and District League; brilliant centreman

or wingman; selected in EDFL squad and showed best form in finals series.

**Stuart Cook:** 23, 183 cm, 82.5 kg; vice-captain; safe-marking full back whose clearing dashes inspire; former junior player in his second year back with club after stints at Fitzroy and Preston; great clubman who recovered brilliantly from serious knee injury in 1980.

**Paul Oswald:** 23, 173 cm, 72 kg; gutsy half-forward flanker and ruck rover; doesn't mind it tough; played 100th game during 1981.

**Bruce Armstrong:** 26, 188 cm, 95 kg; first year at club after period at Camberwell and 70 games with Collingwood Reserves; adaptable player who has starred at full forward and been solid in defence.

**Stephen Davis:** 24, 185 cm, 92 kg; has played 190 games with club; fierce competitor whose spring at centre bounces sets team going with first use of the ball; great mark around the ground and hates spelling from No. 1 ruck position; best and fairest winner 1978.

**Stephen Lennie:** 21, 188 cm, 86 kg; skilful, hard-tackling centre half-forward who came this year from Richmond Reserves.

**Peter Lourey:** 24, 191 cm, 91 kg; deputy vice-captain; 160 games with club; high-marking, adaptable player who was given job of minding resting ruckman in back pocket most of 1981; his pace allowed him to play well on half-back flank in finals series; starred in EDFL representative side this season.

**Dale Robertson:** 20, 192 cm, 82.5 kg; still learning the art of ruck play, but his games when Stephen Davis was injured were tremendous; left-foot kick and marks well around ground.

**Peter Ford:** 19, 188 cm, 78 kg; physical education student in second year with the club after coming from Willaura in Mininera League; on his day, breaks up opposition backline with his dashes from the wing; excellent mark.

**Geoff Castles:** 29, 183 cm, 82.5 kg; school teacher; first year with club after lay-off from football for two years; previously played with Ararat and University Blues; full forward.

**Brett Fleming:** 21, 183 cm, 74.5 kg;

former junior back with club this year; cemented place in side with his pace and strong tackling; handy around goals.

**Bruce Will:** 34, 185 cm, 86 kg; 180 senior games in most positions; left-footer whose strong, clearing dashes are a feature; experienced finals campaigner.

**Ian Spencer:** 34, 173 cm, 67 kg; 360 games with club; started in Firsts in 1966; ninth finals series, member of four premiership sides; club best and fairest four times; pound for pound, the best footballer seen in EDFL; prodigious kick who is a credit to the game.

**Barry Price:** 32, 178 cm, 78 kg; captain-coach in second year with club after 160 games with Collingwood and 60 games with Claremont in Western Australia; won the Copeland Trophy at Collingwood in 1969; has shown all his class in back pocket this season and delivers the ball brilliantly; club best and fairest 1981; physical education teacher.

**Ken Trollop:** 24, 173 cm, 72 kg; former junior; cheeky rover with tons of pace, dangerous around goals; school teacher who played a season with Murrayville in Pinaroo and Districts League.

**Neil Trollop:** 19, 178 cm, 78 kg; former junior who played some games with Fitzroy Under-19s; solid half-back flanker rarely beaten this season; attacks the ball and loves to run down the ground.

**Alan Wesson:** 21, 165 cm, 72.5 kg; chirpy, courageous rover who spends a lot of time on bottom of packs; first year with club after coming from Prahran.

**David Scadden:** 20, 170 cm, 72.5 kg; physical education student; best and fairest winner at Nathalia in Murray League in 1980; brilliant rover suited by big grounds; delivers the ball with either foot; his determination in regaining his place in side after serious injury lifted the club.

**Stephen Matthews:** 26, 188 cm, 84.5 kg; fourth year with club after coming from Mentone and Rapunyp; has played in key forward positions but played on wing in finals series; one of fastest players in club; strong mark, kicks either foot and deadly in front of goals.

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Year	Premiers	Runners-up	Third	Fourth	(Ground)
1980	Mitcham	Vermont	East Ringwood	Mulgrave	Kilsyth
1979	Mitcham	Scoresby	East Ringwood	Surrey Hills	Boronia
1978	Ringwood	Mitcham	Scoresby	East Burwood	Boronia
1977	Scoresby	E. Ringwood	E. Burwood	Surrey Hills	Box Hill
1976	East Burwood	Scoresby	Surrey Hills	East Ringwood	Kilsyth
1975	Mitcham	Blackburn	Croydon	Scoresby	Bayswater
1974	Bayswater	East Burwood	Vermont	Croydon	Kilsyth
1973	East Burwood	Vermont	Kilsyth	Surrey Hills	Mitcham
1972	East Hawthorn	Scoresby	Mitcham	Ringwood	Ringwood
1971	Vermont	Mitcham	E. Hawthorn	Scoresby	East Ringwood
1970	Mitcham	Scoresby	Vermont	Kilsyth	East Ringwood
1969	Vermont	Blackburn	Ringwood	Surrey Hills	Mitcham
1968	East Burwood	Blackburn	Scoresby	Ringwood	Mitcham
1967	East Burwood	Ringwood	Blackburn	Scoresby	Mitcham
1966	East Ringwood	E. Burwood	Kilsyth	Croydon	

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### MITCHAM

Here we are again, our fourth successive Grand Final for our Senior XVIII, who once again showed we are close to our top by downing Vermont in the Second Semi-Final by 47 points.

However, today we play East Burwood who were the last club to win three Premierships in a row, so let us not forget that a Premiership is hard to win. Two in a row is great, but three in a row would be marvellous. So, fellas, the ball is in your court and everybody at Mitcham wishes every player the best of luck.

Our Reserves front up to Croydon in the Reserves Grand Final, with the score during the year, one win each, which tells us this game will be a close, hard-fought game. We all wish every player the best of luck for a Premiership Flag in the Reserves.

The Mitcham Football Club is proud to announce its Best and Fairest Winners for 1981.

Seniors: N. Zunneberg.  
Reserves: D. Coufts.  
U.18s: P. Arrowsmith. U.16s: P. Clark.  
U.14s: C. Morley.

Our third team to reach the Grand Final for 1981 are our Under 18s, and as we have not won an Under 18 Flag since 1975, when your current Coach, Ken Henderson, coached the 1975 Premiership side. So, boys, all the best, and get behind Ken, because he knows what it's all about.

#### SOCIAL NOTES

Grand Final Luncheon, 20th September, Karinya Lodge, Blackburn: Sorry, all tickets are sold out.

Presentation Night, Friday, 9th October, 1981, at Camelot Receptions, cnr. North and Dandenong Roads, Clayton. Tickets, \$22 per head, all inclusive. See Pauline Dungan for tickets. You will have to be early for bookings, as we have only a limited number.

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As this is the last "Club Notes" segment for the 1981 season; a very successful year for Mitcham F.C. I would like to thank everybody for their support and efforts throughout season 1981 and hope you will be around the Club next season.

**E.D.F.L. GOAL-KICKING AWARD**

<b>1st DIVISION</b>		
T. CULLEN, Blackburn	76 GOALS	
A. ANDREWS, Mitcham	73 GOALS	
R. LYONS, Mitcham	60 GOALS	
<b>2nd DIVISION</b>		
R. MULLENGER, Bennettswood	65 GOALS	
D. DOWNING, Mooroolbark	56 GOALS	
B. FRAZER, Rowville	45 GOALS	
<b>3rd DIVISION</b>		
R. DEAN, Montrose	123 GOALS	
R. WILSON, Warrandyte	110 GOALS	
K. MORY, Forest Hill	96 GOALS	

**EDITORIAL . . .**

**FIRST DIVISION BEST AND FAIREST WINNERS, 1981**

**FIRST XVIII:**  
 G. Galvin, Bayswater, 26 Votes  
 N. Zinneberg, Mitcham, 20 Votes  
 J. Moore, Scoresby, 19 Votes

**SECOND XVIII:**  
 G. Jones, East Ringwood, 20 Votes  
 W. Bowie, East Burwood, 18 Votes  
 J. Kenny, Mulgrave, 11 Votes

**UNDER 18:**  
 D. Mulholland, Blackburn, 24 Votes  
 E. Misso, Ringwood, 23 Votes  
 R. Carlton, Ringwood, 16 Votes

**UNDER 16:**  
 G. O'Donnell, North Ringwood, 29 Votes  
 R. Watson, Croydon, 27 Votes  
 F. Dempster, Mulgrave, 20 Votes

**BILL PATTERSON BEST PLAYER:**  
 G. Galvin, Bayswater, 37 Votes  
 G. Howarth, North Ringwood, 29 Votes  
 J. Schneider, Blackburn, 26 Votes

**GOAL KICKING AWARD:**  
 T. Cullen, Blackburn, 76 Goals  
 A. Andrews, Mitcham, 73 Goals  
 R. Lyons, Mitcham, 60 Goals

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**FIRST DIVISION — FIRSTS — GRAND FINAL**

**MITCHAM (Firsts)**

**EAST BURWOOD (Firsts)**

	Height	Weight	No.	Name	Age	Height	Weight
	cm	kg					
1. S. Burke	193	79.0	2.	S. Cook (v.-c.)	23	183	82.5
2. M. Roberts	173	64.0	3.	R. Crawford	25	173	74.5
3. P. Morrison	176	68.8	4.	B. Price (c.-c.)	32	178	78.0
4. G. Weatherley, v.-c.	193	81.6	5.	S. Matthews	26	188	84.5
5. N. Zinneberg	190	72.8	6.	P. Keltie	28	170	70.0
6. K. Rout	187	81.6	7.	P. Oswald	23	173	72.0
7. W. Halbert	180	80.0	8.	K. Trollop	24	173	70.0
8. R. Thomas, c.-c.	187	76.6	9.	B. Armstrong	26	188	95.0
9. G. Pimm	180	65.0	10.	N. Trollop	19	178	78.0
10. G. Murray	172	62.4	12.	S. Lennie	21	188	86.0
11. A. Andrews	190	85.0	14.	D. Scadden	20	170	72.5
12. A. Roberts	198	72.2	40.	A. Lennie	22	188	85.0
14. R. Witnish	180	73.0	15.	J. Aiello	22	178	82.5
15. A. Linney	177	75.4	20.	S. Davis	24	185	92.0
16. G. Marshall, d. v.-c.	180	77.4	24.	P. Ford	19	188	78.0
18. R. Lyons	175	63.3	26.	W. Stafford	30	183	82.5
19. P. Witnish	185	75.4	27.	B. Will	34	185	86.0
22. R. Bond	178	77.2	35.	B. Morison	20	178	74.5
23. D. White	176	74.3	38.	G. Castles	29	183	82.5
29. W. Henderson	170	63.8	40.	A. Lennie	22	188	85.0
34. S. Witnish	181	77.2	42.	A. Wesson	21	165	72.5
37. P. Temminghoff	194	73.3	44.	P. Lourey (d. v.-c.)	24	191	91.0
42. R. Lennie	188	78.6	47.	I. Spencer	34	173	67.0
			54.	D. Robertson	20	192	82.5
			57.	B. Fleming	21	183	74.5
			60.	S. Wenker	19	178	73.0



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**FIRST DIVISION — RESERVES — GRAND FINAL**

**MITCHAM (Reserves)**

**CROYDON (Reserves)**

	Height cm	Weight kg		
1. N. Watson (c.-c.)	180	74.4	2. W. Phillips	
3. P. Morrison	176	68.8	4. D. Barritt	
13. J. Saker	176	64.9	5. W. Lamb	
17. G. Dunkinson	175	63.3	6. S. Meyland	
20. R. Gale	177	76.4	8. D. Nelson	
21. D. Coutts	175	75.3	14. N. Wood	
23. D. White	176	74.3	15. C. Allwell	
24. L. Bienvenu	180	77.2	16. G. Rimmington	
27. S. Saddington	179	68.3	18. C. Fitzpatrick	
31. G. Nicol	180	72.2	20. G. Mate	
32. F. Damasi	180	68.3	21. M. Lynch	
33. T. McKinnon	182	68.0	23. M. Piggott	
35. R. Witherow	177	63.0	27. D. Barber	
37. P. Temminghoff	194	73.3	28. N. Fraraccio	
38. C. Turner	177	70.8	29. P. Hickey	
39. E. Whitfield	188	81.0	31. F. Fraraccio	
40. J. Nicol	172	65.8	32. P. Maher	
41. D. Dungan	188	73.0	35. E. Mehler	
43. A. Larkin	175	60.2	36. S. Heywood	
44. S. Nelson	193	74.2	37. B. Warnecke	
45. C. Davis	170	61.0	39. F. Hoeffler	
46. R. Hatcher	172	63.5	41. A. MacDonald	
47. C. Danks	170	62.4	42. G. Tolykn	
48. D. Allen	180	62.5	48. P. Prouse	
49. M. Griffin	170	61.2	49. B. Williams	
50. A. Gale	175	62.5	50. M. Phillipsen	
51. L. Hennessey	183	65.0	54. B. Isles	

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**FIRST DIVISION — U.18 — GRAND FINAL**

**MITCHAM (Under 18)**

**SURREY HILLS (Under 18)**


Coach: R. Henderson

	Height cm	Weight kg		
1. J. Bonnyman	182	72.0	1. M. Morrow	
2. W. Gommers	167	63.3	2. G. Bibby	
3. M. Blake	169	65.4	4. G. Taylor	
4. P. Arrowsmith	182	74.6	5. C. Grant	
5. B. Wood	169	70.4	6. T. Ellen (Capt.)	
6. C. Theisinger	168	62.7	7. P. Scott	
7. G. Joseph	180	70.7	8. L. Stonehouse	
8. M. Joseph (capt.)	180	69.2	9. T. Carter	
9. D. Scanlon	172	67.3	10. R. Campbell	
10. P. Tilley	175	65.4	11. K. Kirkham	
11. M. Wallington	184	71.8	12. M. James	
12. C. Silva	168	60.1	13. J. Cooper (Vice-Capt.)	
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14. A. McCormack	182	70.3	15. P. Braddock	
15. P. Allen	169	69.8	16. A. Scott	
16. G. Long	170	60.7	17. P. Dalziel	
17. M. Wnstanley	186	73.7	18. T. Darvell	
18. M. Lowe	180	74.3	19. D. Crowe	
19. E. Stackpole	174	66.3	20. M. Lord	
20. M. Olsen	172	70.7	25. R. James	
28. K. Howell	177	69.8	47. G. Falvey	
29. M. Reynolds	175	69.3	56. L. Webb	
30. C. McDougall	176	70.5	57. D. Camm	
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# HOW THE TEAMS LINE-UP

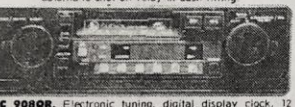
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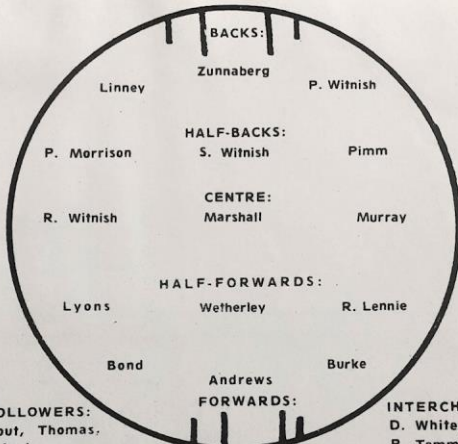


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**BACKS:**  
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P. Morrison, S. Witnish, Pimm

**CENTRE:**  
R. Witnish, Marshall, Murray

**HALF-FORWARDS:**  
Lyons, Wetherley, R. Lennie

**FORWARDS:**  
Bond, Andrews, Burke

**FOLLOWERS:**  
Rout, Thomas, Roberts

**INTERCHANGE:**  
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**MITCHAM RESERVES PROBABLE LINE-UP**

**BACKS:** J. Nicol, W. Halbert, C. Turner  
**HALF-BACKS:** T. McKinnon, D. Duncan, L. Benvenue  
**CENTRE:** A. Larkin, N. Watson, W. Henderson  
**HALF-FORWARDS:** D. Coutts, E. Whitehead, L. Hennessey

**FORWARDS:** C. Davis, S. Nelson, R. Witherow  
**FOLLOWERS:** A. Roberts, S. Saddington, G. Dunkinson  
**INTERCHANGE:** From, R. Gale, G. Nicol, R. Hatcher, P. Kirby, C. Danks  
**CAPTAIN-COACH:** Neil Watson

Mitcham under-18 side will be selected from the following squad of players:  
N. Joseph (capt.), G. Joseph, P. Arrowsmith, W. Gommers, D. Blake, S. Jackson, M. Lowe, J. Booyman, B. Wood, C. Theisinger, D. Scanlan, P. Tilley, M. Wallington, C. Silva, D. Witnish, A. McCormack, C. McDougall, A. Hubber, P. Allan, G. Long, M. Olsen, B. Stackpole, M. Winstanley, K. Howell, M. Reynolds, D. Sullivan.



## Mitcham wrote their way into the EDFL record books with a resounding 49 point win over East Burwood in last Saturday's Grand Final.

It was a brilliant wind up to the season by the Tigers who had successes in the two curtain raiser matches with pennants also going to their under 18 and reserve sides.

It also appears that Mitcham will be a force for years to come with the depth and comparative ease that all three sides showed in chalking up the three great victories.

No less than nine members were missing from last year's Tiger line-up yet they covered the positions more than adequately.

There were no surprise inclusions from the victorious second semi-final side. However East Burwood had lost centreman Aellio who had an appointment at the altar.

Staged in conditions which were nothing short of magnificent, the match opening was tense and, it was no surprise to see some heavy physical clashes shortly into the game.

Thomas and Stephen Lennie were locked in some real strong man stuff on two successive occasions. The second skirmish involved almost the entire competing sides, and took considerable time to sort out.

Central umpire, Graham Veer, retaliated with an over indulgence of 15 metre penalties, probably to show just who was in charge of proceedings.

### GRAND FINAL by Jay Dee

This 'control' was short lived however, as East Burwood coach Barry Price was 'king hit' from behind.

The rugged little defender gave the deliverer a little more than he bargained for in an exchange which would have done credit to the Sugar Ray Leonard bout.

East were challenging the Tigers in the air, but were not doing enough around the packs, or the centre bounce.

Mitcham in contrast were scouting better especially up forward where Glen Murray and Roberts were dangerous.

A brilliant snap by Murray was answered by a free to Alan Wesson for goals to each.

Andrews marked uncontested and goaled as the Tigers began to ease away from the Rams.

Stephen Lennie was fighting a one-out battle on the forward line, but there were no team mates around to lend him support.

Noel Zunnaberg, an experienced senior footballer of League and association ranks, was playing in his first ever grand final. He made the most of it, constantly holding up any rare forward thrust by East.

The further the match progressed, the less chance the Rams had of making a game of it. The tougher and more eager Tigers simply thwarted any attempts made by the desperate Rams to get back into it.

Formidable opponents of any side, let alone a grand final contender, Robbie Lyons and Tony Andrews linked forces in a third term onslaught kicking four goals between them in the first fifteen minutes which put paid to any thoughts of an East Burwood comeback.

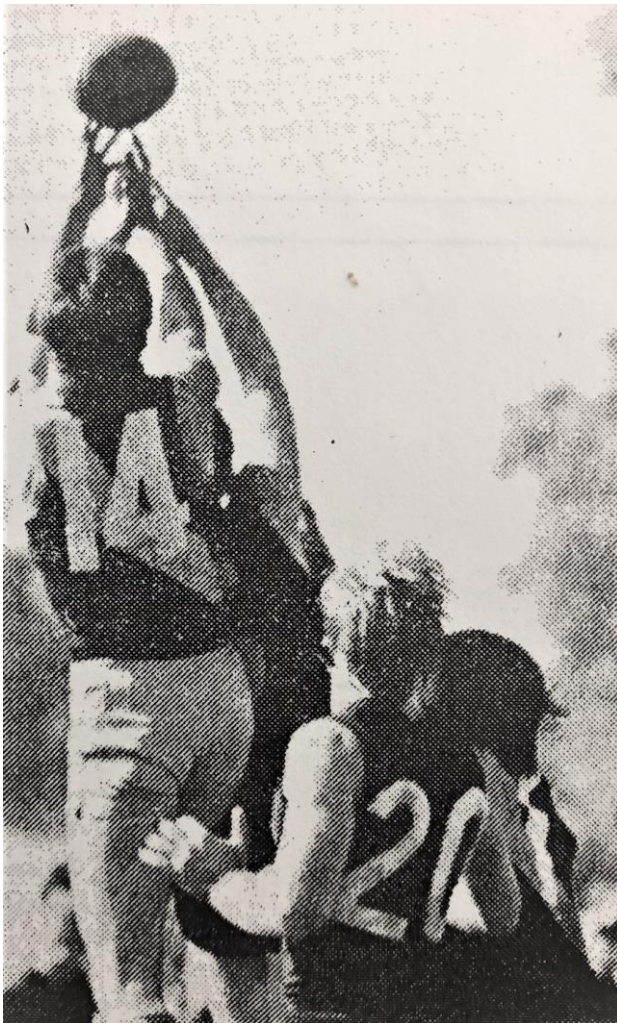
The final stanza saw the Rams swing Robertson on to the field from the bench and one wondered why the taller of the two reserves was not used earlier. However it was believed he was carrying a shoulder injury.

Momentarily, the move assisted Steven Davis in doing some of his off the ball work around the ground. However, by then, the result was a forgone conclusion.

Final score: Mitcham 16-19 (115) d. East B'wd 9-12 (66).



A skirmish between two tense sides, and suddenly things get out of control. Picture above, shows central umpire Graham Vears attempting to sort out matters while a goal umpire slips at the vital moment.





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### Hat-trick glory for Thommo's Tigers

PHOTOS: HELEN DALL

THE moment every football coach dreams of — Ron Thomas (above) is chaired from the Boreonia ground after leading Mitcham to the First Division Seniors' premiership on Saturday, against East Burwood.

And it was a premiership for the history books — Mitcham's third in successive years, and its third on the same day! The Tiger Reserves and Under-18s also won the 1981 premiership.

LEFT: And away we go. Thomas leads his team on to the ground at the start of the match.

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MATTHEW RICKETSON profiles the captain-coaches of the 1981 EDFL grand finalists . . .

# The Hafey stamp comes up trumps — with Tigers

THE playing coaches of Saturday's grand finalists in the Eastern Districts Football League, Ron Thomas (Mitcham) and Barry Price (East Burwood), played in the Victorian Football League at the same time.

Says Thomas: "He was a good player at Collingwood and I was a mediocre player at Richmond."

But on Saturday, Thomas, an experienced coach, was in pursuit of his third successive premierships, while Price, a novice coach, was seeking his first. And — shades of the Magpies — Price couldn't manage the big one.

Each was among his team's best players.

Ron Thomas played with Richmond in 1969 and 1970 and his coaching bears the stamp of Tom Hafey, then with the Tigers, now with Collingwood.

Thomas, wary of revealing tactics, is scornful of an academic approach.

"If you fill the players' heads with too much scientific stuff they can't cope with it," he says.

Instead, he leads by example and prefers to "leave them alone. If the players are good enough to get a game then they must know what they're about."

Ron Thomas began his playing days as a junior with Mitcham and is especially pleased to return to Mitcham and "be able to put something back into the club."

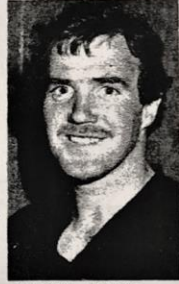
Previously, he played with Melbourne in 1971, with Prahran in 1972, and then coached Mitcham in two "rebuilding" years.

He married in 1975 and spent a year in Queensland with his wife Glenys working as a development officer for the South Queensland Football Association (roughly equivalent to the Victorian Football Association).

Now, Thomas lives in Mt. Waverley with his wife and children — Chelsea, 5, and Kane, 3 — and is a development officer for the



RON THOMAS . . . after the win.



BARRY PRICE . . . before the loss.

Victorian Football League at Richmond. Between him and the promotions officer giant ruckman, Mark Lee, they have run 240 coaching clinics in the city and country this year.

"That's about 2400 kids and that's got to be a good thing," he says.

Thomas enthuses about his work and says that his commitment to it could force him to retire. But not soon. At 32 he still feels "fit and well."

Thomas and Price have played together this year as captain-coach and vice-captain, respectively, in the Combined Eastern Districts Football League team.

Each district league in the Victorian Metropolitan Football League fields a combined team. The competition runs over two years and the winner will play the best combined team from the Country Leagues.

The combined EDFL team is on top of the ladder at present and Thomas believes that the standard of football in the EDFL is "comparable to any other competition outside the VFL and the VFA."

In the combined EDFL team, the two coaches "worked closely together" and "got on very well," according to Thomas.

Price agrees: "I've got a healthy respect for Ron."

The memory of Barry Price streaming downfield and embedding a laser-like stab pass in the chest of Peter McKenna is still strong.

But no more. Although 32 and looking 22, Barry Price no longer drop-kicks "except at training" because "the risk of failure is too high." Football is faster now and "coaches play percentages."

Price occasionally sees his old teammates and still follows the Magpies' fortunes ("They will beat Geelong because they refuse to give in," he said prophetically before Saturday's game), but says he is "just too busy" to keep close ties.

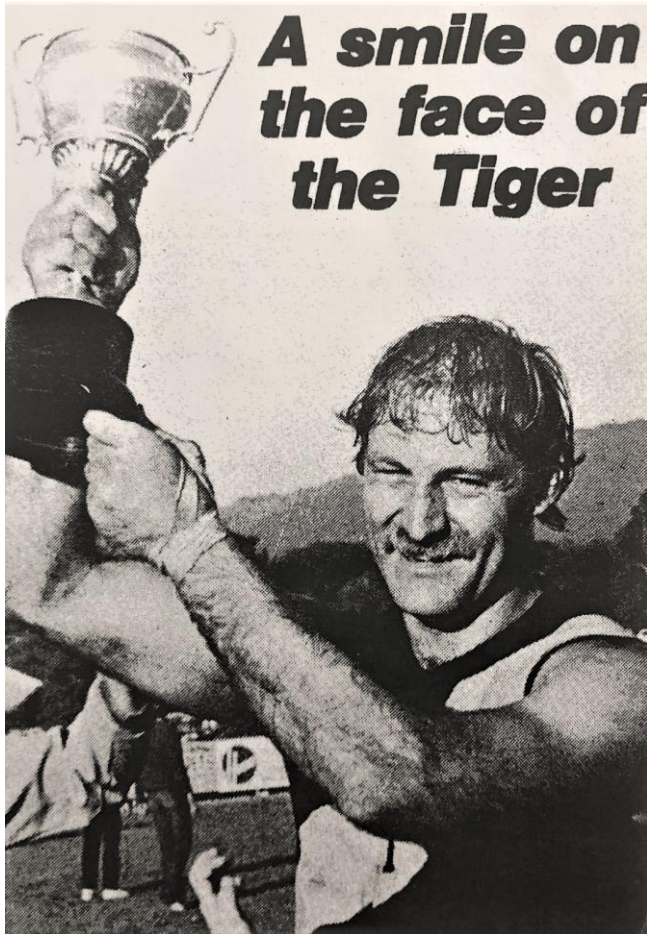
Indeed he is. He teaches physical education in the lush surroundings of Trinity Grammar in Kew and stays late to take sport on Monday and Wednesday afternoons (right now it's athletics).

The school Firsts finishes third in the Associate Grammar Schools football competition under his tutelage.

And then on Tuesday Thursdays and some Sunday mornings he has been coaching East Burwood.

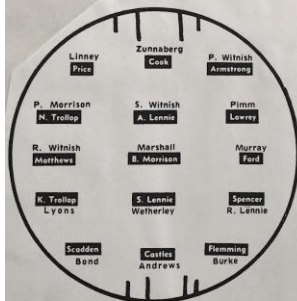
In the summer he plays cricket to keep his hand in.

He is married and has two children — Rohan, 7, and Emma, 5. His wife, Roby



## A smile on the face of the Tiger

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INTERCHANGE:  
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P. Terminoff

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Robbman,  
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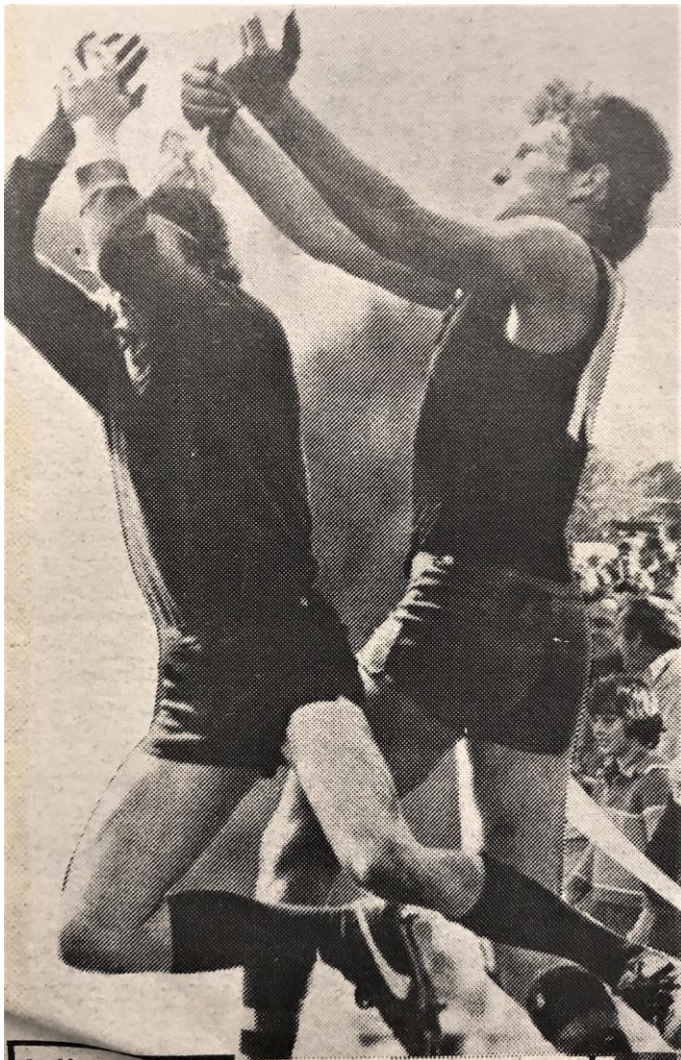
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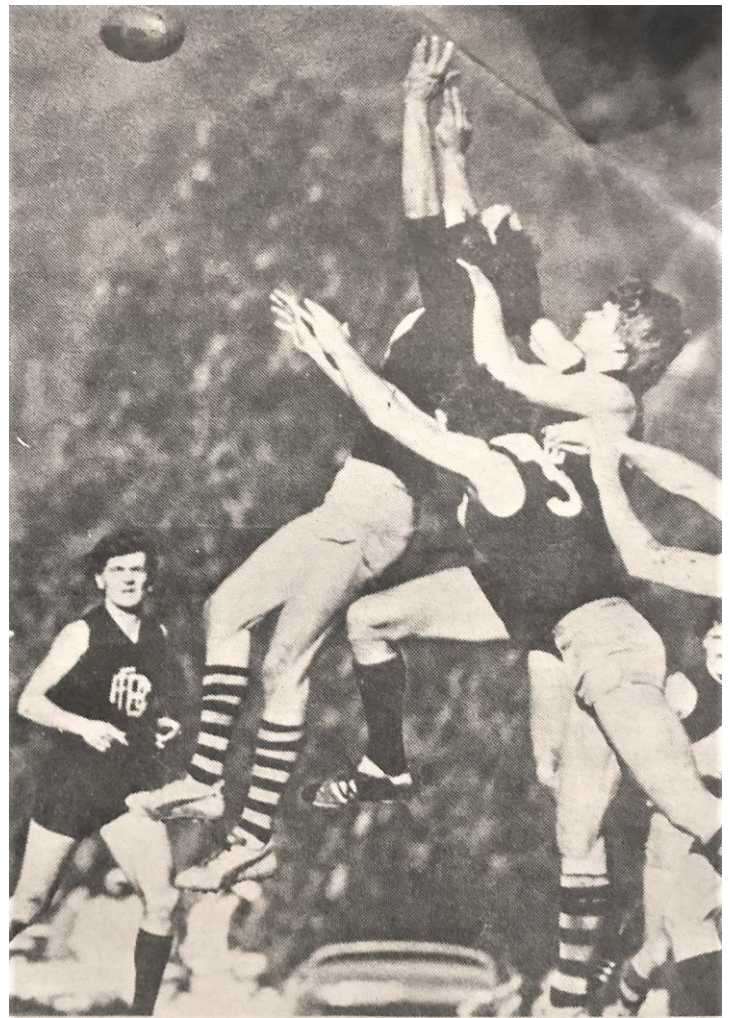
TIGERISH defence by Mitcham full back Noel Zunneberg as he battles for possession with East Burwood full forward Geoff Castles. "Zunneberg" was runner-up for the league's best and fairest this year and won Mitcham's club award.



Shane Bourke contesting with Ray Witnish scouting the pack.



Action in the under 18 grand final shows Mitcham player, Stephen Jackson, a brother of VFL star, flying over a Surrey Hill's opponent in air, flying over a won by Mitcham, early game,



●ABOVE: High fliers wanted . . . and needless to say the man in front is a Tiger. That's the way Mitcham played all day as it cruised to a 46-point win to take out the EDFL premier-



A Mitcham cheer squad in action, directed by Mrs Val Bates (amidst balloons).

# EAST BURWOOD FAILS TO HOLD THAT TIGER!



● BELOW: Tiger Shane Witnish competes for the ball between East Burwood's Andrew Lenney (left) and Steven Davis.



**GOOD GRAB . . .** An East Burwood player (face obscured) gets two hands to the ball in a tussle with his Mitcham opponent as the Rams' Peter Ford's back serves as a footrest.

# Tigers triumphant

MITCHAM Football Club last Saturday achieved the ultimate — premierships in Seniors, Reserves and Under-18s of the Eastern Districts Football League First Division.

And, for the Seniors, it was their third successive premiership, all under captain-coach Ron Thomas.

In 1978, the Tigers were runners-up to Ringwood.

Mitcham has now won five premierships since the league's formation in 1966 (its earlier wins were in 1970 and 1975) — more than any other club.

Until Saturday, it shared four premierships with one other club — East Burwood, its 1981 grand final opponent.

The Rams last won a flag



**EDFL**

in 1976.

Mitcham is the first club to achieve three successive premierships in First Division. Only one other club had managed back-to-back premierships — East Burwood, in 1967-68.

The day began well for Mitcham, with its Under-18s winning their first premiership since 1975. On both occasions the side was coached by Ken Henderson.

Then followed the Reserves' grand final, with Mitcham again taking the flag, led by captain-coach Neil Watson, against Croydon.

The ground was hard and a slight breeze favored the grandstand goal as the Seniors' sides took the field through their supporters' run-throughs.

Umpire was Graham Year, and a crowd of about 2500 people saw the match.

Mitcham opened confidently, kicking to the grandstand goal. The Rams gave away many free kicks in the opening minutes.

First goal of the match was scored by Glen Murray for Mitcham, but battling little Alan Wesson was freed to bring up the equaliser for the Rams.

A misunderstanding on the East Burwood backline allowed Tiger full forward Tony ("Rocket") Andrews to mark uncontested from close range and goal.

Rams' supporters howled when a free kick to their player was reversed and given to Mitcham captain-coach Ron Thomas, who had been scuffling on the mark as an East Burwood player tried to get the ball back to his teammate to take his kick. They were furious when Thomas' kick found Robby Lyons, who snapped for the Tigers' third goal.

Mitcham rover Mick Roberts dashed down the outer wing to sink a long goal, and the Tigers were looking good.

Tiger ruck rover Ray Bond, who had started on the interchange bench, scuffled in Mitcham's forward pocket with East Burwood captain-coach Barry Price. There was soon an angry throng as players ran to the scene. Bond was taken from the ground with blood streaming from a head wound; Price, also bloodied, played on.

Price and Bond were both reported by the goal umpire for allegedly striking each other in the first quarter.

Bond was suspended after an incident in last year's grand final against Vermont.

Players were hurting themselves into packs and from a skirmish on the Rams' half-forward line, Peter Ford was freed and goaling.

Mitcham led by 3.4 at

quarter-time, but Barry Price told the Rams they had settled better after the fights — he claimed Mitcham had started the rough stuff — and now could go on with it. He had warned his players before the game that nothing was to divert their concentration.

The early half of the second quarter was to prove the Rams' best period for the game.

Goals came from Ken Trollop, Ian Spencer and Alan Wesson (from a great mark at centre half-forward), and the Rams had drawn to within four points of Mitcham.

But for Noel Zunneberg, the Tigers' champion full back, the Rams would have hit the lead. His strong marking turned back many attacks, but East Burwood was looking good.

Mitcham made the most of its forward thrusts, however, and goals followed to Lyons and Andrews.

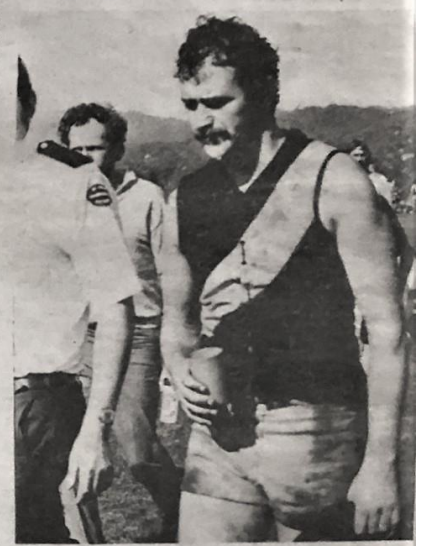
East's Bruce Armstrong, former full forward turned backman for the finals, showed how the ball should be delivered forward with a pinpoint pass to new full forward Geoff Castles. The Rams' spearhead, who had been struggling against Zunneberg, kicked confidently for his first goal.

At half-time, East trailed by 2.5 but had looked to be getting its game together.

Mitcham had other ideas as the third term opened, with Andrews marking a kick by Thomas and goaling.

Russell Lennie followed

## 'Bondy' reported



MITCHAM ruck rover Ray Bond leaves the playing arena at quarter-time, attended by a St John Ambulance Brigade officer. He was taken off, bleeding, after a skirmish with East Burwood captain-coach Barry Price, who had blood on his face as he addressed his players at quarter-time. Both were reported. It was the second successive year in which Bond had been reported in a grand final.

with the Tigers' 10th, then free kick. He was one of the Rams' few survivors. Wesson ran in to kick a goal for East. Duff was goaled from the resultant Rams' free waver. Wesson and Graem Weatherley marked as

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GOOD GRAB ... An East Burwood player (face to camera) heads to the ball in a tussle

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# A grand year for champion club Mitcham

**Mitcham powered its way to a record breaking grand final win in the Eastern Districts Football League on September 19th, defeating old rival East Burwood by 49 points.**

In winning, Mitcham created an EDFL record, winning three grand finals — first division seniors, reserves, and Under 18's, all played on the same day at Boronia Football ground.

The Mitcham seniors also became the first first division club to win three consecutive flags (1978-81), playing in the last four first division grand finals and was runner-up in 1978.

The Eastern District league claims to be the biggest outside the VFL and the VFA, having over 11,000 registered senior and junior players in three divisions of 36 clubs.

Currently, the EDFL is heading the newly-developed Victorian Metropolitan Football League inter-league championships, between all metropolitan leagues, including Diamond Valley, Federal and Essendon District leagues.

The VMFL inter-league competition is based over two seasons — 1981 and 1982.

The EDFL has already defeated Preston Districts and Essendon Districts leagues easily.

Mitcham captain-coach Ron Thomas is also captain-coach of the EDFL combined team.

Mitcham Football Club's premierships history began in the 1970s when it won senior premierships in, 1970, 75, 79, 80, 81; reserves, 1974, 81; junior premierships — under 18, 1981; under 17, 1974, 75; under 15, 1975, 78; under 13, 1972, 73.

During the years 1970-81 Mitcham holds an EDFL record by having five teams out of five

playing grand finals in 1975, winning three flags and runners-up in two.

Mitcham was first division club champions in 1975, 80, 81 and also in 1981 became the first first division club to win the "Sun Cup" as overall club champion, proving it has a sound administration, experienced coaches and talented players.

Its successful coaches in season 1981 have outstanding records.

Senior captain-coach Ron Thomas is a former player with VFL clubs Richmond and Melbourne, VFA club Prahran, and formerly captain-coach of EDFL clubs Mitcham (1973-74), East Ringwood (1976-8) returning to Mitcham in 1979-81 to win three consecutive flags.

Thomas this year was appointed by the VFL at Richmond as development officer on a full time basis, taking Kevin Sheedy's place, when he was appointed coach of Essendon.

Reserves coach Neil Watson, a former senior captain, played for West Australian club South Fremantle, captained the Hawthorn Under 19's and has now coached Mitcham Reserves to a premiership in his first year as a coach.

Results of E.D.F.L. Grand Finals 1981 —  
First Division: Mitcham 16.19-115 d East Burwood 9.12-66.

Mitcham best players: N. Zunneberg, S. Burke, G. Murray, R. Thomas.

Reserves: Mitcham 18.11-119 d Croydon 9.13-67.

Mitcham Best Players: A. Roberts, S. Nelson, D. Coutts, E. Whitfield.



# Mitcham club honored

A civic reception was tendered at Nunawading Civic Centre last Monday evening (October 5) by the Mayor, Cr Bruce Atkinson, and councillors of Nunawading to honor the committee and players of the Mitcham football club, for their footballing achievements in winning three consecutive first division Eastern District Football League pennants and three premierships in one day recently.

Mitcham have been coached for the last three years by Ron Thomas, a former Richmond player and now development officer with the Richmond Football Club.

## SPORTS

# Zunneberg best at Mitcham

MITCHAM full back Noel Zunneberg has won the Keith Allen Trophy as best and fairest player for the Tigers' Senior this year in First Division of the Eastern Districts Football League.

He also won the club award as best player in the finals, with 11 votes.

Zunneberg, who crossed to Mitcham from Montrose at the start of this year, was runner-up in the league's best and fairest award.

He won their Seniors' best and fairest award for the club with 57 votes from centre half-back Shane Witnish (28) and another newcomer, rover Mike Roberts (26 - five firsts), who joined from Richmond.

Zunneberg filled the full back post created by the retirement after injury of 1980 full back Peter Dungan

(now a selector), who was best on the ground for Mitcham in last year's grand final win.

Mike Roberts replaced Ross Gallagher, who transferred to play with Footscray Firsts in the Victorian Football League.

Other awards at Mitcham this year: Seniors, most determined, Graeme Weatherley (26 votes - four firsts); best utility, Ray Bond (21); leading goalkicker, Tony Andrews (81).

Reserves' awards: Best and fairest, Don Coutts (33 votes); second best and fairest, Paul Temminoff (29); third best and fairest Steve Nelson (26); best utility, Steve Saddington (22); most determined, Tony Larkin (21); leading goalkicker, Steve Nelson (32); best player in finals, Andy Roberts (14).



THE talk is football, naturally — and congratulations were pouring out at the Nunawading Civic Centre this week. And all for good reason after three of Mitcham's teams — the first 18, the reserves and the under 18s — won the EDFL premiership flags this season. Here, captain-coach of the first 18s, Ron Thomas, receives the EDFL trophy from Nunawading mayor, Cr Bruce Atkinson, at the civic centre function.

# sportscene

## Tigers scoop nominations

The Mitcham Football Club "Tiger" scooped the Nunawading and District Sports Star award nominations this week.

The club's spectacular premiership win the weekend before last achieved two different nominations.

The club itself gained nomination for its effort in winning three premierships in one day.

Club senior captain and coach Ron Thomas gains nomination for the senior sports star award for having coached the Tigers to their third consecutive EDFL premiership.



competition as competitive and of such high standard as Eastern Districts.

The grand final itself, with East Burwood as runners-up, was a significant tribute to Nunawading City's footballing standards this year.

Ron Thomas was last year's senior winner of the Nunawading and District Sports Star award, and on receiving that trophy early this year Ron told the presentation dinner that the club's objective in 1981 would be to make it three in a row in pennants.

7. Reserves Premiership Team Photo:



- Top Row: Terry Hitchens (Runner), Jeff Saker, Ray Gale, Colin Danks, Alan Gale, Trevor McKinnon, Liam Hennessey, Frank Dimasi, Michael Griffin, Andy Roberts, Gary Lalor.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Bob Bentley, Evan Whitfield, Danny Dungan, Paul Temminghoff, Leigh Bienvenu, Steve Nelson, Dean Allen, Gary Dunkinson, David White, Alan Marshall (injured).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Tony Larkin, Steve Saddington, Rob Hatcher, Grant Munro (Selector), Neil Watson (Captain Coach), Jeff Nicol, Chris Turner, Don Coutts, Russell Witherow.
- Front Row: Wayne Henderson, Greg Nicol, Carl Davis.
- Absent: Wayne Halbert, Emil Popovic, Neil Bourne (Team Manager).

8. U18s Premiership Team Photo:



**MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB - UNDER 18 PREMIERS 1981**

BACK ROW: M WINSTANLEY, P ARROWSMITH, M WALLINGTON, J BONNEYMAN, M BLAKE, D SULLIVAN, M JACKSON

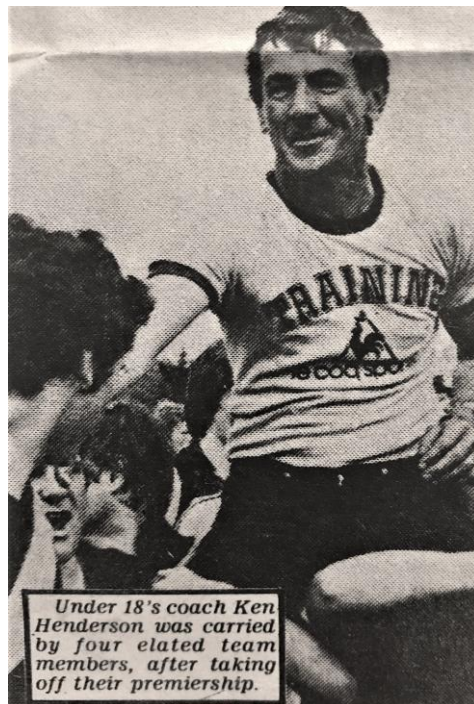
THIRD ROW: B ALLEN, C McDUGAL, D WITNISH, M WINSTANLEY, P ALLEN, G LONG, G JOSEPH, A HUBBER, A McCORMACK, D LONG, R ARROWSMITH

SECOND ROW: M REYNOLDS, D SCANLON, K HENDERSON (COACH), M JOSEPH (CAPTAIN), C THEISINGER, P TILLEY

FRONT ROW: W GOMMERS, K HOWELL, E STACKPOOLE, B WOOD, C SILVA



*Reserves captain-coach Neil Watson rides the shoulders of Ray Gale after winning the reserves premiership.*



*Under 18's coach Ken Henderson was carried by four elated team members, after taking off their premiership.*

9. Awards, Statistics and Other Highlights:

CLUB BEST AND FAIREST VOTING 1981									
SENIORS					RESERVES				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Totals		1st	2nd	3rd	Totals
N ZUNNEBERG	12	7	7	57	D COUTTS	7	5	2	33
S WITNISH	5	5	3	28	P TEMMINOFF	7	1	6	29
M ROBERTS	5	4	3	26	S NELSON	3	6	5	26
G WEATHERLEY	4	4	6	26	S SADDINGTON	2	6	4	22
R BOND	4	3	3	21	A LARKIN	4	2	5	21
R LYONS	4	2	3	19	G DUNKINSON	4	4	-	17
G PIMM	3	3	3	18	E WHITFIELD	4	2	1	17
A LINNEY	2	3	6	18	L BIENVENU	5	-	1	16
P WITNISH	-	8	2	18	T MCKINNON	1	4	4	15
G MARSHALL	4	2	-	16	R BOND	3	1	2	13
A ANDREWS	1	4	2	13	R LENNIE	4	-	-	12
K ROUT	2	1	3	11	R WITNISH	3	1	-	11
G MURRAY	2	-	1	7	P LAURIE	2	1	1	9
G DUNKINSON	1	1	1	6	W HALBERT	1	2	-	7
D WHITE	-	3	-	6	D WILLIAMS	1	2	-	7
R THOMAS	1	1	-	5	R GALE	-	3	1	7
S BOURKE	1	-	2	5	A ROBERTS	-	1	5	7
L BIENVENU	1	-	2	4	C DAVIS	1	1	1	6
J DUGDALE	-	2	-	4	A MARSHALL	1	1	1	6
R WITNISH	-	1	-	2	L HENNESSEY	1	1	-	5
D COUTTS	-	-	1	1	J SAKER	-	2	1	5
D DUNGAN	-	-	1	1	G NICOL	-	2	-	4
W HALBERT	-	-	1	1	J DUGDALE	-	1	2	4
R LENNIE	-	-	1	1	F DAMASI	-	1	1	3
					A GALE	-	1	1	3
					R HATCHER	-	1	1	3
					M LOWE	-	-	3	3
					D DUNGAN	-	1	-	2
					R WITHEROW	-	1	-	2
					J NICOL	-	-	2	2

1 VOTE EACH TO:  
S JACKSON, P MORRISON,  
D WHITE, C MCKEAN

UNDER 18		UNDER 16		UNDER 14	
P ARROWSMITH	41	P CLARK	63	C MORLEY	74
D WITNISH	34	B SLATER	54	M HARROP	72
M BLAKE	30	P BOURKE	48	S PANZA	43
G JOSEPH	23	R DAVIDSON	35	J TOMPKINS	23
S JACKSON	22	A MCKERRAL	22	P ZARRO	22
C THIESINGER	20	D MCNALLY	17	M LEWIS	17
D SCANLON	15	C FRASER	14	R HAMILTON	13
M LOWE	14	P JOSEPH	11	M WHEELER	9
A MCCORMACK	12	M BADE	11	D EDWARDS	7
M JOSEPH	12	D GREENSILL	8	S JOHN	4
W GOMMERS	11	C CAY	7	M BURNS	3
K HOWELL	9	T MASON	5	W BOLAND	3
M WALLINGTON	8	P WOODS	5	M TIMMS	3
P TILLEY	6	T GOMMERS	2	A KEOGH	3
G LONG	4	G BLANKE	1	B SEARLE	3
P ALLEN	3	P GEORGE	1	M BYRNE	2
M REYNOLDS	3	J HOWELL	1	J NASH	2
C SILVA	2	M STEWARD	1	D WITNISH	2
J BONNYMAN	1			J TOMPKINS	2

NUMBER OF SENIOR GAMES  
PLAYED SINCE 1973

TROPHY WINNERS

NAME	1981	TOTAL	SENIORS	
ANDREWS A	19	76	BEST & FAIREST	N ZUNNEBERG
BIENVENU L	3	13	2ND BEST & FAIREST	S WITNISH
BOND R	11	21	3RD BEST & FAIREST	M ROBERTS
BOURKE S	8	8	MOST DETERMINED	G WEATHERLEY
COLEMAN W	--	3	BEST UTILITY	R BOND
COUTTS D	2	86	LEADING GOALKICKER	A ANDREWS
DAMASI F	6	6	BEST PLAYER FINALS	N ZUNNEBERG
DAVIS C	2	2		
DUGDALE J	5	7		
DUNGAN D	8	9		
DUNKINSON G	5	62		
FEEHAN A	--	1		
GALE R	1	106		
HALBERT W	14	34		
HENDERSON W	16	45		
HOATH T	3	17		
LARKIN A	7	18		
LAURIE P	3	23		
LENNIE R	12	12		
LINNEY A	20	118		
LYONS R	20	103		
MCKEAN C	--	30		
MCKINNON T	--	20		
MARSHALL A	--	94		
MARSHALL G	18	56		
MORRISON P	4	14		
MURRAY G	12	12		
NELSON S	6	6		
NELSON W	--	9		
NICOL G	--	10		
NICOL J	--	1		
PIMM G	19	38		
POPOVIC E	7	105		
ROBERTS A	10	10		
ROBERTS M	20	20		
ROUT K	20	102		
SADDINGTON S	3	64		
SAKER J	2	23		
TEMMINOFF P	10	10		
THOMAS R	18	74		
TURNER C	--	2		
WATSON N	--	71		
WEATHERLEY G	18	84		
WHITE D	9	138		
WHITFIELD E	1	6		
WITHEROW	--	11		
WITNISH P	14	92		
WITNISH R	9	84		
WITNISH S	17	103		
ZUNNEBERG N	20	20		

RESERVES

BEST & FAIREST	D COUTTS
2ND BEST & FAIREST	P TEMMINOFF
3RD BEST & FAIREST	S NELSON
MOST DETERMINED	A LARKIN
BEST UTILITY	S SADDINGTON
LEADING GOALKICKER	S NELSON

UNDER 18'S

BEST & FAIREST	P ARROWSMITH
2ND BEST & FAIREST	D WITNISH
3RD BEST & FAIREST	M BLAKE
MOST DETERMINED	S JACKSON
BEST UTILITY	G JOSEPH
LEADING GOALKICKER	S JACKSON
BEST TRIER	C THIESINGER
COACHES TROPHY (BEST CLUBMAN)	C SILVA

UNDER 16'S

BEST & FAIREST	P CLARK
2ND BEST & FAIREST	B SLATER
3RD BEST & FAIREST	P BOURKE
MOST DETERMINED	R MCKERRAL
BEST UTILITY	R DAVIDSON
LEADING GOALKICKER	B SLATER
BEST TRIER	D MCNALLEY
BEST PLAYER FINALS	P BOURKE
COACHES TROPHY (BEST CLUBMAN)	M BAADE

UNDER 14'S

BEST & FAIREST	C MORLEY
2ND BEST & FAIREST	M HARROP
3RD BEST & FAIREST	C PANZA
MOST DETERMINED	P ZARRO
BEST UTILITY	JOHN TOMPKINS
BEST TRIER	M LEWIS
MOST PROMISING	JAMES TOMPKINS
COACHES TROPHY (BEST CLUBMAN)	M HARROP

COMMITTEE BEST CLUBMAN 1981

R BOURKE

"CLEM WHITE" MEMORIAL TROPHY

BEST PLAYER CLUBMAN

G DUNKINSON

GOALKICKERS

SENIORS		RESERVES		UNDER 18	
A ANDREWS	81	S NELSON	32	S JACKSON	43
R LYONS	64	D WILLIAMS	22	M LOWE	24
M ROBERTS	48	J DUGDALE	20	C THESINGER	22
R LENNIE	31	E WHITFIELD	20	W GOMMERS	17
G WEATHERLEY	13	G DUNKINSON	19	K HOWELL	17
G MURRAY	12	D COUTTS	18	M BLAKE	15
G MARSHALL	11	R LENNIE	15	D WITNISH	15
J DUGDALE	10	N WATSON	14	D SCANLON	12
W HENDERSON	7	R WITHEROW	14	G JOSEPH	9
D WHITE	6	C DAVIS	11	P ALLEN	8
P WITNISH	6	A GALE	10	M JOSEPH	8
K ROUT	4	M LOWE	9	M WALLINGTON	6
WHITFIELD	4	S JACKSON	8	P TILLEY	4
S WITNISH	3	T MCKINNON	6	A MCCORMACK	3
N ZUNNEBERG	3	G NICOL	6	E STACKPOLE	3
R BOND	2	M SHEPHERDSON	5	P CAMPBELL	2
S SADDINGTON	2	A FEEHAN	4	G LONG	2
R THOMAS	2	A LARKIN	4	M REYNOLDS	2
P LAURIE	1	F DAMASI	3	C SILVA	2
G DUNKINSON	1	R HATCHER	3	P ARROWSMITH	1
A ROBERTS	1	G MURRAY	3	A BAKER	1
A LINNEY	1	P MORRISON	3	J BONNYMAN	1
F DAMASI	1	S SADDINGTON	3	A LOWE	1
T HOATH	1	R WITNISH	3	D SULLIVAN	1
E POPOVIC	1	P TEMMINOFF	3	A WINSTANLEY	1
S NELSON	1	C FLYNN	2	B WOOD	1
G PIMM	1	J SAKER	2		
A LARKIN	1	D WHITE	2		
W HALBERT	1	D ALLEN	1		
S BOURKE	1	R BOND	1		
		D DUNGAN	1		
		M GRIFFIN	1		
		C MCKEAN	1		
		R GALE	1		
UNDER 16		UNDER 14			
B SLATER	35	W BORLAND	5		
C FRASER	28	C MORLEY	5		
R DAVIDSON	14	D WITNISH	5		
P CLARK	11	D EDWARDS	4		
P WOODS	10	S PANZA	2		
D MCNALLY	9	J TOMPKINS	2		
A MCKERRAL	9	M BURNS	1		
D GREENSILL	8	A LINCOLN	1		
P BOURKE	7	M WHEELER	1		
J HOWELL	7	M LEWIS	1		
P GEORGE	7	C PANZA	1		
C BOURNE	5	W DOWNING	1		
B GRIFFIN	2	P CANNON	1		
T MASON	2	J TOMPKINS	1		
P MORGAN	1	S JOHN	1		
P SMITH	1	B SEARLE	1		

1981 Financial Report:

MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB		BALANCE SHEET 1981	
INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
BALANCE B/F	206.78	<u>E.D.F.L.</u>	
<u>Membership</u>		Admin	1422.50
Adult	1952	Umpires	.75
Ladies			4615.25
Junior	534	<u>GROUND</u>	
Cubs	275	Rental	1117.99
Social		Improvements	235.61
	2294		1353.60
<u>SOCIAL EFFORTS</u>		<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	
Committee	47102.15	Team	699.95
C.Marshall	2462	Footballs	982.50
Quadrellas	2190	Jumpers	961.74
Ladies Comm.	7000		2644.19
	58754.15	TEAM MANAGERS	609.39
<u>DONATIONS</u>		SOCIAL EFFORTS - C'TEE	49936.46
Sponsors	1700	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Donors	271.24	Admin	
Trophy Donors	70	Advertising	
Fence signs	50	Medical	3897.29
	2091.24	Flowers etc.	168.50
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	1682.80	Photos	280.50
Gate		Trophies	380.27
Bad Debts Recov.	65.70	B.R.M. awards	350
Phone	190.90	TV hire	153
Photos	103	Bank fees etc	55.40
Junior finals	131.70	Phone	198.82
Finals	1006.99	Junior Foot- ball Compet.	60
	3181.09	Glasses	99.78
Plus amounts owing	1900	Retnd. cheque	40
	66607.26	Medallions	
	68507.26	life	125
		past players	380
		Liquor licn.	86.50
			7060.05
			66218.94
		BALANCE AT BANK	2288.32
			\$ 68507.26
			=====
<u>BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT</u>			
Term deposit National Bank		1235.06	
Plus accrued interest		223.70	
Term deposit National Bank		1040	
Plus accrued interest		95	
Savings Bank, National Bank		397.07	
		2990.83	
		=====	

I, Alfred Francis Pennington, certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Mitcham Football Club and the above statement is a true and correct of the books that been produced to me.

(Signed) A.F. Pennington

## What about the champs?

SIR — Having been a resident of Mitcham for 23 years I am amazed at the lack of enthusiasm displayed by Nunawading Council and also most of the traders of Mitcham.

This is once again the EDFL premiership year of Mitcham Football Club.

Except for a relatively small number of traders who advertised in the Gazette prior to their great win, there has been no recognition by Nunawading Council.

Surely the local lads who have brought this honor to Mitcham, could have been rewarded by at least a prominent banner or sign on our main highway, bearing the words — "Welcome to Mitcham, the Premier City of the Eastern Suburbs."


In disgust and not quite so proud —  
C. MARSHALL,  
Milne St., Mitcham.



10. Presentation Nights:

EDFL Presentation Night:

A. Maxwell



*Eastern Districts Football League*

*Presentation Night*

REMBRANDT'S RESTAURANT  
Burwood Highway, Wantirna.

on

*Wednesday, October 28th, 1981.*

at  
7.30 p.m.

*Pennants and Trophies*

Pennants	Won by	Donated By
3rd Div U18	Basin	Fineline Printing
2nd Div U18	Boronia	Cadbury Schweppes
1st Div U18	Mitcham	Cadbury Schweppes
3rd Div 2nd XVIII	Norwood	Cadbury Schweppes
2nd Div 2nd XVIII	Rowville	Cadbury Schweppes
1st Div 2nd XVIII	Mitcham	Cadbury Schweppes
3rd Div 1st XVIII	Montrose (Trophy)	Carlton F.C. R.E. Appleby Croydon
2nd Div 1st XVIII	Rowville (Trophy)	Nth Melbourne F.C. Sherwood Knitting Mills
1st Div 1st XVIII	Mitcham (Trophy)	Richmond F.C. Wayne Richardson Sales
<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>		
3rd Div	Montrose	Ian Price, Furnishings, Lilydale
2nd Div	Boronia	Pinewood Sports Store
1st Div	Micham	Avenue Fabrics, East Ringwood.
<b>SUN EASTERLY CHAMPION CLUB</b>		
Mitcham F.C.		
<b>MOUNTED FOOTBALLS</b>		
1st Div Mitcham	2nd Div Rowville	3rd Div Montrose
		Ross Faulkner Ltd.

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**EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

*Annual Presentation Night*

at

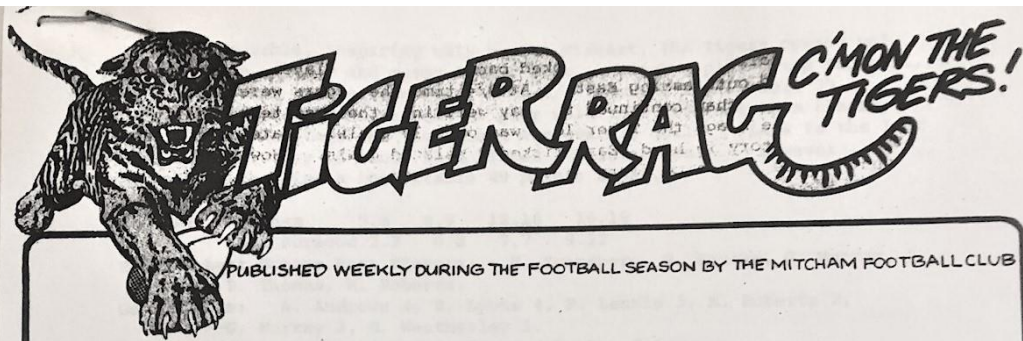
**Rembrandt's Restaurant**  
Burwood Highway, Wantirna

on

**WEDNESDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1981**  
7.30 p.m.

Admit One      No      126      \$12.50 per head  
R.S.V.P. 12-10-81





October 9, 1981.

\* WELCOME TO THE 1981 MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL PRESENTATION BALL \*

The Mitcham Football Club has achieved remarkable success. The Club has recorded EDFL history. Mitcham has now won 5 Senior Premierships since the League's formation in 1966, 3 successive Senior Premierships 1979-80-81, and 3 Premiership teams in 1981 - a proud achievement for all associated with the Club.

Tonight we can recount the great efforts which have enabled success (as the EDFL Champions) in 1981. We must give credit to both the large and small contributors. To start we must pay tribute to the leaders at Mitcham: namely President Bernie Coleman, Secretary Kevin Smith, Treasurer Ray Bourke, Assistant Secretary Gary Dunkinson, and of course Captain Coach Ron Thomas for his efforts on and off the field.

Congratulations to Neil Watson, the Selectors, and all Senior list players for their efforts in winning two flags for the Club in 1981. Further, congratulations to Ken Henderson and his young men for such a great season and their flag. Although they did not win a flag, it would be remiss not to recognise the fine efforts of Peter Scanlon and the boys, and the remaining junior teams, workers and future champion footballers.

Importantly we must highlight the massive efforts of the Ladies Committee for their role. Often taken for granted by some club members the Ladies have made a vital and powerful contribution for which we cannot praise them enough. Thanks to President Christine Dunkinson, Vice President Penny Marshall, Secretary Jan Weatherley, Pauline Dungan, Margaret Witnish, June Hands, Shirley Long, Diane Watson and Julie Coleman.

Also to the silent workers, the trainers, we say a special thankyou, to Roy Hands, Bob Bentley, Gary Lalor and crew.

#### THE FUTURE

The great respect Mitcham has earned is a credit to the quality of its leaders, club members and overall club spirit. But while it is important to acknowledge achievement we must not sit back and celebrate beyond tonight. For the new year begins tomorrow and WE MUST MOVE FORWARD OR WE WILL FALL BACK. The MFC has been successful on the field, which we must aim to continue. However success is in the balance with regard to the financial scene. Season 1981 saw disappointing support for social functions. The Club faces uncertainty as we move into further commitment with the Social Room plans. The Club needs your greater support. We ask for your pledge of financial backing for the Social Room, but further, we ask for your increased support of social functions. We need your help to make the 1982 Club operations viable.

#### SENIOR'S GRAND FINAL REPORT

In perfect football weather on a firm ground the Grand Final took place on 19 September, 1981 at Boronia. Led by Captain Coach Ron Thomas the Tigers began hard and well. Mitcham were able to convert their opportunities while East Burwood's attack was stemmed. A fiery battle of punches erupted late in the quarter but by the break Mitcham led by 22 points. In the second quarter Mitcham battled on but East were showing their best football. Although eventually outscoring the Tigers for the quarter East were still 18 points down at half time.

After a memorable, inspiring talk by Leo Wishart, the Tigers opened up' in the third term solidly and never looked back. Mitcham played top football, running, teaming and outclassing East. At 3/4 time the Tigers were 39 points in front. Mitcham continued to play well into the last term clearly in control. At one stage the Tiger lead was over 10 goals. Late in the last term with Tiger victory in hand, East kicked 2 belated goals. However Mitcham went to the line a comfortable 49 points ahead.

Scores: Mitcham 5.6 8.9 12.16 16.19  
East Burwood 2.2 6.3 7.7 9.12

Brian Robert Motors Best Players: N. Zunneberg, S. Bourke, G. Murray, R. Thomas, M. Roberts.

Goalkickers: A. Andrews 4, R. Lyons 4, R. Lennie 3, M. Roberts 2, G. Murray 2, G. Weatherley 1.

Pewter Awards: Russell Lennie donated by Lee Gale.  
Noel Zunneberg donated by Noel Ireland & Doug Soderman.

#### RESERVE'S GRAND FINAL REPORT

In beautiful conditions Capt. Coach Neil Watson got the first kick of the match to send the Tigers into attack. However Mitcham were not to have their own way with Croydon running hard. Late in the quarter Mitcham put themselves in to get the lead. In the second term the Tigers began well but both sides looked good in attack. Towards the half time interval Croydon were doing better and, although off target, were only 3 points down. At half time Coach Watson asked for more desperation, to smother, to be unselfish, to avoid seeking glory before victory, to kick long.

The vital third term began as a close battle with the Tigers still in front, and eventually getting a break of 20 points. In the last quarter the Tigers showed their experience and went on with the game to outplay their frustrated opponents. Croydon fell apart as Mitcham kicked 7 goals to 2 goals to run out easy winners by 52 points.

Scores: Mitcham 3.3 6.5 11.8 18.11  
Croydon 2.3 5.8 7.12 9.13

Brian Robert Motors Best Players: A. Roberts, S. Nelson, E. Whitfield, D. Dungan, W. Halbert.

Goalkickers: S. Nelson 7, E. Whitfield 2, W. Henderson 3, D. Coutts 3, G. Dunkinson, R. Hatcher, S. Saddington 1 each.

Pewter Award to Neil Watson donated by Steve Lundberg.

#### U/18'S GRAND FINAL REPORT

Fired up by Ken Henderson the team started the day running through the banner titled 'First of Three'. After beginning reasonably well the Tigers slowed as Surrey Hills played in front, and teamed well on the forward line. Surrey were showing more desire. The Tigers were unsettled and were unable to play their own fast, consistent game. At halftime Coach Henderson asked for more concentration and physical effort, and tighter defence.

The third term saw a much improved effort by Mitcham as they kept Surrey goalless and went to a 33 point lead. The players were lifting as they sensed the sights of victory. In the final quarter Mitcham kept to their guns with Surrey fighting back. After a punch up at the 10 minute mark the Tigers lost some initiative but gallantly fought on to hold on firm and win by 14 points.

Scores: Mitcham 4.0 9.1 13.4 14.6  
Surrey Hills 4.4 6.8 6.13 10.16

Best Players: S. Jackson, D. Witnish, D. Scanlon, G. Joseph, P. Tilley, A. McCormack, M. Blake.

Goalkickers: S. Jackson 7, C. Theissenger 2, M. Wallington, G. Joseph, M. Blake, D. Scanlon, M. Lowe 1 each.

\* The Mitcham Football Club Committee would like to thank Dudley Gay for his superb work in printing the Tiger Rag once again this year. The editors would also like to thank Dudley for his great printing, and on behalf of all the club members express appreciation of his support - for without Dudley's work we would not have our Tiger Rag. Many, many thanks to Dudley Gay.

\* Early in the season the editors had some trouble getting the typing of the Tiger Rag done for Dudley to print. We received an offer, via Trevor McKinnon, from his wife Ava to type the Tiger Rag every week at no cost. (Up until then we were paying top dollars to have the work done). As the Tiger Rag is the spirit of Mitcham F.C., the Club thanks Ava McKinnon for her valuable help.

The season cannot close without thanks to our sponsors who each week donated towards club awards:

BRIAN ROBERT MOTORS  
JOHN BILLSTON & SONS P/L  
MITCHAM HOTEL  
BARRY DOBBIN  
THE PLANT LADY  
NUNAWADING FITNESS CENTRE  
RUSSELL ALEXANDER

#### SOCIAL NEWS

- \* 28 October EDFL Presentation Night at Rembrandts, See Kevin Smith.
- \* 3 November Melbourne Cup Day, traditional B-B-Q at Cam & Betty Marshall's 12 noon start, 20 Milne Street, Mitcham.
- \* 7 November Trots Night at the 'Action Attraction' at Moonee Valley. \$21 all inclusive, meal, drinks, bus from Walker Park. Great night of Spring racing. See Chris Dunkinson.

#### SOCIAL GOSSIP

##### SUNDAY

- \* The Grand Final celebration luncheon on Sunday 20 September, was once again magnificent. Thanks to Kevin Smith for organising this great time.
- \* It was good to see Peter O'Connell (down for the Grand Final & celebrations) present Ron Thomas with the C.U.B. Achievement Award Silver Mug. P.O.C. was very proud to present Ron with the award on behalf of all club members in recognition of Ron's brilliant achievement of Capt. Coaching 3 successive premierships.
- \* The luncheon celebrations would have been incomplete without a few reditions of 'Tigerland' and 'I still call Mitcham Home' and so naturally they were a highlight.
- \* Thanks to Christine, Penny, Cam, Sam and Saddo for their efforts in selling raffle tickets at the luncheon.
- \* Sunday afternoon at Walker Park was a logical 'kick on' but the MPC celebrity calcutta was a huge success, through the work of Sam, Bourkey and Bondy. In lovely Spring sun it was a great little afternoon.

##### MONDAY

- \* Once again 'Monday at the Mitcham Hotel' was a day to remember (if you can). Highlights included the Grand Final replay, Ron Thomas up to his tricks, Sam and 'little Sammy', and everyone just enjoying themselves. The mood of the scene can be exemplified by the incident when Sam was nearly thrown out and Thommo spoke his mind succinctly in: "You'll have to throw me out first".
- \* The 'stage show' was quite a performance.
- \* The night was complimented by the excitement of the Brownlow Count. Good luck to those who got on the winners.

##### TUESDAY

- \* Tuesday night at the rooms involved the Premiership photos and a few convivial odes. Many stayed for several hours and got complimentary beers to boot. What gluttons for punishment.

##### WEDNESDAY

- \* Bingo at the Mitcham Hotel (not a return performance) was the highlight with the Dungan Brothers there to keep the pace up. Evan Whitfield and Russell Lennie took the girls 'out on the town' to Bingo and also kept the celebrations alive in spirit.

##### THURSDAY

- \* Well if the week hadn't been tough enough as it was, it certainly was to get worse with the football trip departing at 9.30 am Thursday. After a slow start the 40 strong group were really zolling.
- \* On the bus trip up a lunch stop was made at Wycheproof as pre-arranged by Rooster. From then on the grog was really flowing.
- \* Several people put in an early burst but none more than 'Wazza'. Late that night 'Wazza' fell or was knocked over in his drunken state at a hotel and lost a triple whisky over some innocent bystanders.
- \* Friday started early, and most were kicking the dew off the bars at one of the Mildura pubs. Highlights to mention only a couple were 'Donga' (Billy Fields) setting a top pace at the Grand while nearby 'Dungo' and 'Weathers' were causing havoc drinking hard and strong (Rusty nails and all).
- \* Late arrivals Rob Hatcher and Steve Griffin spent a lonely night outside the wrong motel.
- \* A few went nude bathing in the motel pool, including 'M. Griffo', 'Johno' and 'Yatesy' (who definitely left his impression on the manager).
- \* Michael Griffin was the caped drinker 'Super Can'. Dressed in his super hero outfit (a blanket for a cape, a six pack beer holder for goggles, Evan's pyjamasbottoms (back to front), and a peaked hat) he jumped off the motel room

to pounce on 'Kirbs'.

The boys took over a local disco, singing on the dance floor.

A B-B-Q luncheon at the motel prior to the VFL Grand Final was a highlight of Saturday at Mildura. After the match the 'team' headed for the city. The reception was a little less than expected late in the night, as Dungo could tell you. A few wild punches were thrown by a local but the Mitcham boys kept their cool.

Back at the motel a few got together for a sculling match, alternating between 'Major Puff' and 'Bottles'.

Sunday the bus headed off early towards Gunbower, entertainment provided by 'Chicken Larch' (Tony Larkin). Little did anyone realise what lay in store for us. Arriving about 1.30 pm for a 2 hour lunch the bus finally moved on at 7.00 pm. POC and Shirr organised a perfect afternoon of stubbies, meat, cans, cans, cans, and a great time. Songs were sung, speeches made and somehow we headed for home.

Highlights of the last leg were the outrageous scenes of an army of drunks, including Steve 'Nelso' at his best (worst), 'Donga' (Billy Fields) up to no good, Emil the ice thrower, Danny, Alistair, Bondy and Coutta drinking 2 bottles of Bailey's and 1 of port; Dan and Bondy crossing swords on a comfort stop, Bourkey chucking, and last but not least the great work done by the bus driver (he hid 8 dozen cans to try and ease the drink problem but we fed them in through the window causing much later laughter and mutual appreciation).

Not to be outdone some of the Ladies went away for the weekend, some to Geelong and some on the Rutherglen Red. The group in Geelong were kicked out of the motel on the first night, picked up by the Police and generally had a good time, as did the Rutherglen Red girls.

#### BEST CLUBMAN

(Ray Bourke)



The most honoured award of our Club, "Best Clubman Award", has gone for the second year in a row to our Treasurer, Ray Bourke.

"Bourkey" as we all know him by at the Club, has put in an enormous effort once again this season, maintaining our finances every week to keep our Club afloat.

"Bourkey" put in many long hours at our refreshment dispenser, plus he ran our 'Bingo Night' at the Mitcham Hotel every week. He also attended all Committee meetings, training nights, both Senior and Junior, organised many fund raising efforts during the season, particularly our 'Quadrilla' effort. We congratulate Ray for his efforts in season 1981 and therefore, he is a worthy winner for the second year in a row for the Mitcham Football Club Committee "Best Clubman Award".



# Tigers triumphant

'Bondy' reported

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1981



## Hat-trick glory for Thommo's Tigers

1981

### Tiger triumph

1981

SPORT

### Zunneberg best at Mitcham

1981

### A grand year for champion club Mitcham

1981



sportscene

### Tigers scoop nominations

1981

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK



### Pen pictures of players

1981

COACHES REQUIRED

### TORIAL SOUVENIR!

1981

CONGRATULATIONS

Mitcham Football Club

1981



# Mitcham Football Club

## 1979, 1980, 1981

### Triple Premierships Champion Team

#### BACK

Tony Linney (15)  
1979, 1981

Noel Zunneberg (5)  
1981

Peter Dungan (2)  
1979, 1980

#### HALF BACK

Phil Morrison (3)  
1980, 1981

Shane Witnish (34)  
1979, 1980, 1981

Peter Witnish (19)  
1979, 1981

#### CENTRE

Greg Pimm (9)  
1980, 1981

Gary Marshall (16)  
1979, 1980, 1981

Emil Popovic (3)  
1979

#### HALF FORWARD

Paul Hanneberry (12)  
1980

Graeme Weatherley (4)  
Vice Captain  
1979, 1980, 1981

Ray Bond (22)  
1980, 1981

#### FORWARD

Adam Pearson (10)  
1979

Tony Andrews (11)  
1979, 1980, 1981

Rob Lyons (18)  
1979, 1980, 1981

#### RUCK

Shane Burke (1)  
1981

#### RUCK/ROVER

Ron Thomas (8)  
Captain/Coach  
1979, 1980, 1981

#### ROVER

Ross Gallagher (5)  
1979, 1980

#### INTERCHANGE

David White (23)  
1979, 1980, 1981

Russell Lennie (42)  
1981

Ray Witnish (14)  
1981

John Baker (12)  
1979

Neil Watson (1)  
1979, 1980

Keith Rout (6)  
1979, 1981

#### 1979

Mitcham 15-16 D Scoresby 8-15

Keith "Rooster" Allan

Best & Fairest:

**Ross Gallagher**

Leading Goalkicker:

**Tony Andrews**  
(104)

Best Finals Player:

**John Baker**

#### 1980

Mitcham 13-17 D Vermont 8-14

Keith "Rooster" Allan

Best & Fairest:

**Graeme Weatherley**

Leading Goalkicker:

**Tony Andrews**  
(102)

Best Finals Player:

**Peter Dungan**

#### 1981

Mitcham 16-9 D East Burwood 9-12

Keith "Rooster" Allan

Best & Fairest:

**Noel Zunneberg**

Leading Goalkicker:

**Tony Andrews**  
(81)

Best Finals Player:

**Noel Zunneberg**

# TENACIOUS TIGERS



## MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

PREMIERS 1979 — 1980 — 1981

COACHED BY RON (YOU GO) THOMAS



*Come and Celebrate  
The Mitcham Football Club  
"Golden Era"  
Premierships Reunion  
Luncheon*

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Saturday July 21st, 2001  
at  
Mitcham Sporting Club  
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MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB  
*Triple Premiership Reunion*  
Seniors: ~1979, 1980, 1981.  
Reserves & U.18's: ~1981





**MITCHAM PAST PLAYERS  
& OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

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**MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB  
1981 PREMIERSHIP REUNION**

**SENIORS, RESERVES & U18'S**

**"TRIPLE PREMIERSHIP YEAR"**

**PLAYERS, COMMITTEE, MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS**

**ARE ALL INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1981  
PREMIERSHIP TRIPLE TREAT.**

**FEATURING**

**ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATIONS  
2011 HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTEES**

**DATE: SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**TIME: 11 ONWARDS**

**COST: \$20 INCLUDES FINGER FOOD LUNCHEON**

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# Mitcham Football Club 1981 '30 Year Triple Premiership Reunion'

23 July 2011

## Senior Team

Tony Linney

Back Pocket

Greg Pimm

Half Back Flank

Glen Murray

Wing

Robert Lyon

Half Forward Flank

Shane Burke

Forward Pocket

Keith Rout

Followers

David White

Bench

Ron Thomas

Coach

Noel Zunneberg

Full Back

Shane Witnish

Centre Half Back

Gary Marshall

Centre

Graeme Weatherley

Centre Half Forward

Tony Andrews

Full Forward

Ron Thomas (CC)

Paul Temminghoff

Warren Nelson

Runner

Peter Witnish

Back Pocket

Phil Morrison

Half Back Flank

Ray Witnish

Wing

Russell Lennie

Half Forward Flank

Ray Bond

Forward Pocket

Michael Roberts

Arthur Saker

Team Manager

## Reserve Team

Carl Davis

Back Pocket

Danny Dungan

Half Back Flank

Tony Larkin

Wing

Steve Saddington

Half Forward Flank

Rob Hatcher

Forward Pocket

Andy Roberts

Followers

Chris Turner

Bench

Neil Watson

Coach

Wayne Halbert

Full Back

Leigh Bienvenu

Centre Half Back

Don Coutts

Centre

Steve Nelson

Centre Half Forward

Evan Whitfield

Full Forward

Neil Watson (CC)

Liam Hennessey

Terry Hitchens

Runner

Ray Gale

Back Pocket

Trevor McKinnon

Half Back Flank

Emil Popovic

Wing

Wayne Henderson

Half Forward Flank

Russell Witherow

Forward Pocket

Gary Dunkinson

Neil Bourne

Team Manager

## U/18 Team

Paul Allen

Back Pocket

Mark Joseph (Capt)

Half Back Flank

Danny Scalon

Wing

Anthony McCormack

Half Forward Flank

Dean Sullivan

Forward Pocket

Mal Blake

Followers

Brett Wood

Bench

Ken Henderson

Coach

Peter Tilley

Full Back

Phil Arrowsmith

Centre Half Back

Darren Witnish

Centre

Mark Winstanley

Centre Half Forward

Steve Jackson

Full Forward

Mick Lowe

John Bonnyman

Len Gale

Runner

Mark Wallington

Back Pocket

Alan Hubber

Half Back Flank

Geoff Long

Wing

Greg Joseph

Half Forward Flank

Bill Gommers

Forward Pocket

Craig Thiesinger

Kevin Howell

Don Long

Team Manager



## ' EDITORIAL '

Our "Fabulous Seventies" era has transgressed to "Pacesetters in the Eighties". It has certainly started the E.D.F.L. football world talking and thinking about, "How do we go about beating Mitcham".

By winning the 1980 Premiership, and then showing our Club and administrating power, we took off the "Golden Treble" of premierships by winning Senior, Reserve and U18 flags in 1981. The added bonus of winning the "Sun Cup" as overall E.D.F.L. Club Champions, the first time ever for a first division club, has certainly made Mitcham "The pacesetters of the Eighties".

The celebrations of our last two seasons are now history. We must now gear up to a new ball game for season 1982, and not rest on our laurels or relax on the field or off the field in our club activities of fund raising, club commitments, and above all, our ability at Mitcham to have togetherness, whether you are a senior or junior player, committeeman, member of the ladies committee, member, parent, supporter, or just a member of a teams workforce. We are family at Mitcham and we must not forget that success within our club begins with our Tiger Cubs Under 10 and 12 teams, right through our junior teams of the Under 14's, 16's and 18's. Our committee appoints the right junior coaches and staff to keep pushing good and properly trained players to our senior ranks each season.

With the 'Family' atmosphere and the ability of our administration within the Club, it certainly makes Mitcham the "Pacesetters of the Eighties".

Ron Thomas leading the team onto the ground for the Grand Final.



## PAST PLAYER'S AND OFFICIAL'S ASSOCIATION

The year 1981 will go down as a golden year for the Club. Not the least of its achievements was the long overdue formation of the 'Past Player's and Official's Association' of the Mitcham Football Club.

Initiated from an encouraging response from past players/officials of a number of early gatherings, together with the generous support of the Football Club Committee, the Association was founded in the following year, 1981. Current Committee consists of:- President, Bob Shambrook, Secretary, Garry Wathen, Treasurer, Alex Allan and Committeemen, Ken Sharples, Keith Allan, Hugh McNiff, Don Long.

The Mitcham Football Club has a long and distinguished history, much of which is regrettably unrecorded. Mitcham, along with Canterbury were two of the earliest Clubs formed in the Eastern area around the turn of the century. Our oldest team photo is a magnificent shot of the 1907 team. A time when Mitcham hardly had 20 inhabitants living in the town, let alone a football team. One important objective of the Association will be to document the Club's history, which at the moment, is largely locked away in people's memories.

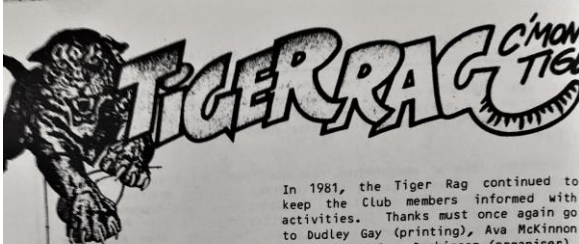
The Association extends its sincere congratulations to everyone concerned within the club in making 1981 such a successful season.

In the near future the Association expects to be much stronger, and therefore be able to work with, and for, the benefit of the Mitcham Football Club.

As the existence of the Association becomes better known, we would like to take this opportunity in welcoming in any new members in the fellowship and the Association.

Enquiries can be directed to Bob Shambrook on 874 4261.

For: Past Player's and Official's Association  
Bob Shambrook  
PRESIDENT



In 1981, the Tiger Rag continued to keep the Club members informed with activities. Thanks must once again go to Dudley Gay (printing), Ava McKinnon (typing) and Gary Dunkinson (organiser).

The Tiger Rag has now been accepted as a standard part of the Club's communication, however, its importance must not be overlooked. We should appreciate that the gap that existed in the past is now filled and supported actively.

It is hoped to continue to provide a valuable and welcomed contribution to members through our regular features as: Match Reports and Best Players, Social News and Gossip, Let's Remember, Player Profiles and Know Your Clubman.

Appreciation should be voiced for the loyal Tiger Rag sponsors: Dungan Glass, Mitcham Motor Wreckers, Swell Coats and Triad Press.

I see another function of the Tiger Rag as recording the people, activities and our successes, for our Club history.

Alan Marshall  
REPORTER/EDITOR.



L-R: Kevin Smith (Club Secretary), Neil Watson (Reserves Capt. Coach), Ron Thomas (Seniors Capt. Coach), Ken Henderson (U18s Coach), Bernie Coleman (Club President), Mark Joseph (U18s Capt.) Ray Bourke (Club Treasurer).



**Memorial:**

On behalf of all club members, we honour the 1981 Premiership Players and Officials who have since passed:

1981 Players: Ray Bond, Greg Pimm, Emil Popovic, Don Coutts.

1981 Committee/Officials:

Bernie Coleman, Kevin Smith, Steve Lundberg, Leo Wishart, Alex Allan, John Clark, Cam Marshall, Ted Clark, Jan Weatherley, Bill Dunkinson, Cyril Wilson, Keith Allen, Arthur Saker, Ron Cousins, Vic Dunkinson, Bruce Newport.

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*This Report was produced by Alan Marshall for the Mitcham Football Club and Past Players & Officials Association (2021).  
Should you have any 1981 memorabilia, newspaper cuttings or other valuable information please contact Alan Marshall.*