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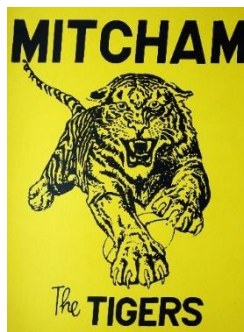
1979 Senior Premiership

45th Anniversary Report 2024



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2. Introduction / Overview:

Some Background to the 1979 Story*

* From 'Place Kicks to Drop Punts', the MFC History Book by Garry Wathen and Marc Fiddian, 1989. Selective text has been taken from 'The Thomas Era', pages 73-79.

Mitcham went into decline after winning the 1975 premiership ... (In 1977) life member and former player Leo Wishart (was approached) to take on the senior coaching job.

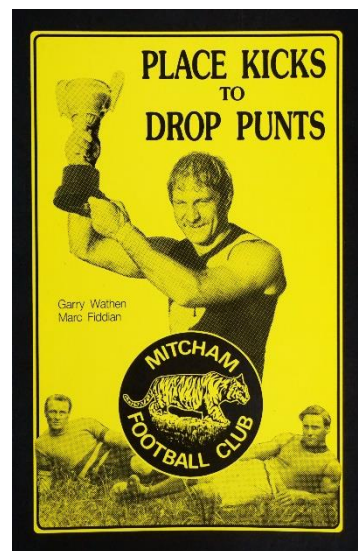
Wishart remained as coach in 1978 and the form shown in the latter half of 1977 was maintained. After soundly beating Ringwood 20.12 to 11.8 in the second semi-final, Mitcham lost the 1978 grand final to the same club by four goals. In view of the difficulties experienced and the danger of relegation little more than a year earlier the result was very satisfying for Mitcham. With the solid team foundation now in place, Wishart believed it would be in the best interests of the club if he stepped aside as coach to allow a playing-coach to take charge of the team.

(Lee) Gale believed the man for this role was Ron Thomas, who had just completed three years as captain-coach of opposing club East Ringwood. Gale and Wishart contacted him with the offer to return to Mitcham, but Thomas was reluctant ... the coaching job was his if he wanted to accept. Thomas did so ...

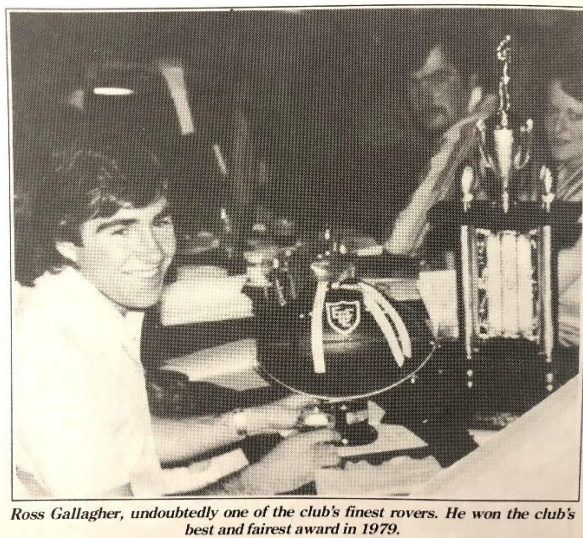
One of the first things Thomas did was to arrange a trip to Wagga Wagga, where (Greg) Leech was coaching East Wagga, for a pre-season practice match. The object of the exercise for Thomas was to get close to the players and instil a united team spirit into the club.

The Mitcham team of 1979 didn't alter greatly from the previous season although several newcomers, such as former Box Hill ruckman John Baker, Wayne Henderson (Vermont) and Gary Marshall (Carrum) were handy contributors on the field. Injuries restricted Thomas to six games although by the start of the season he had become the dominant personality at the club.

Mitcham made a fine start to the season, winning the opening 10 games, but four substantial losses in the remaining fixtures meant the Tigers had to improve in the finals. Mitcham was a decisive winner in both the second semi-final and grand final beating East Ringwood by 35 points and Scoresby by 43 points, respectively.



League presentation night and president Lee Gale accepts the 1979 premiership flag while secretary Kevin Smith safeguards the trophy.



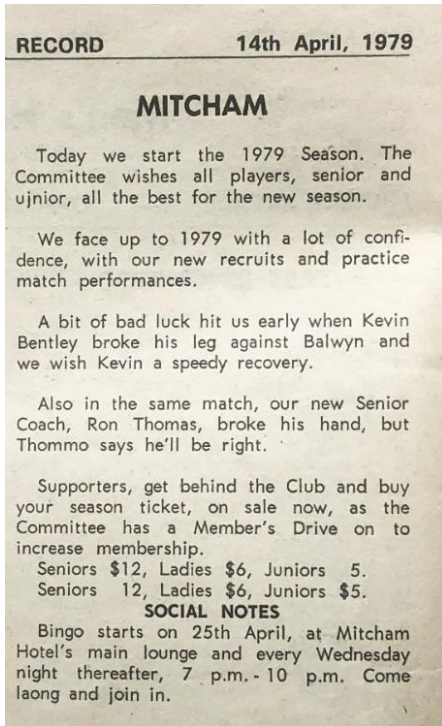
Ross Gallagher, undoubtedly one of the club's finest rovers. He won the club's best and fairest award in 1979.

MFC 1979 New Senior Players

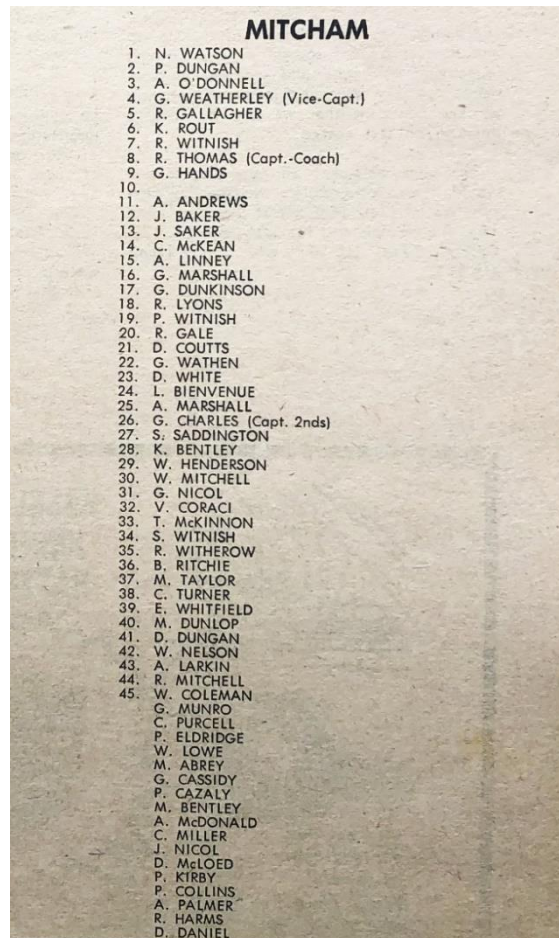
John Baker	Forest Hill
Dan Dungan	Torquay
Wayne Henderson	Vermont
Rob Lyons	1977 List
Gary Marshall	Carrum
Bob Mitchell	U17s
Warren Nelson	East Ringwood
Jeff Nicol	1977 List
Adam Pearson	Essex Heights
Mick Taylor	1975 List
Ron Thomas	East Ringwood
Evan Whitfield	U17s

3. The 1979 Season:

The 1979 footy season started well for the Mitcham Seniors, after a few injury-setbacks pre-season, in particular Ron Thomas (broken hand) and Kevin Bentley (broken leg). The Tigers won their first 10 games and were on top of the ladder, 3 games clear. Yes, it was a good start to the season.



The EDFL Footy Record 14/4/79: Mitcham club notes for the first game



Mitcham's 1979 Senior Team List

Round 2 Mitcham vs East Ringwood:



The Ox charged and Mitcham romped home ...

By Jay Dee

In a high-standard game, played in excellent conditions, 1978 grand finalists, Mitcham, had little trouble dispensing with East Ringwood.

Mitcham were bolstered by their new key ruckman John 'The Ox' Baker ... He gained plenty of support from ... Gary Marshall and (former) U17 players Bob Mitchell and Evan Whitfield. Also new to the Tigers and sitting on interchange with Whitfield was Wayne Henderson ...

And coming home to Mitcham, after a four-year coaching absence, was Ron Thomas, last season's East Ringwood coach but forcibly sidelined against his old side by a broken hand. (See more in the pic alongside).

Final scores: Mitcham 25.24 (174) def. East Ringwood 13.14 (92)

Main difference between the sides in the first half was Tiger full forward, Tony Andrews, who kicked six goals in a superb exhibition.

Andrews then withdrew from the match at the half time interval to attend a wedding. His place was taken by Whitfield, who went on to kick two goals in his first full game.

Bob Mitchell, also playing his first senior game, scored a memorable first-up goal.

Mitcham Goals (included): Andrew 6, Gallagher 5, Weatherley 5, Whitfield 2, McKean 2, 1 each to Watson, White, Mitchell.
Mitcham Best Players: Gallagher, Witnish, Baker, Weatherley, Mitchell.

Of special note, was Tony Andrew's domination up to half-time, and his departure to attend a wedding.

"It was Gallagher's all-day performance which won him man-of-the-match."

Highlights in those first ten games would include the great wins in the first 3 rounds: the 8-goal win against Surrey Hills (R.1), the 13-goal win against East Ringwood (R.2), the 10-goal win against Blackburn (R.3). Scoresby had also won their first 3 games. Perhaps of special interest was the R.4 clash and win against Ringwood by 1-goal, a pleasing reversal of the 1978 Grand Final result.

Jay Dee did a good report on the match. A brief summary is produced here (see the full article in the picture alongside):

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Manufacturing Gazette, Wednesday, May 9, 1979

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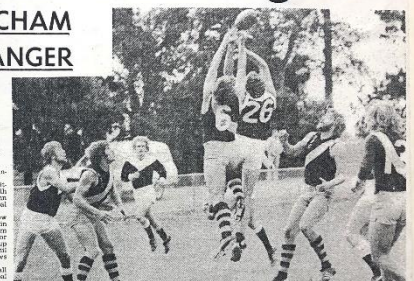
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Clash of the champions and the EDFL grand final replay all in one. Ringwood and Mitcham players gather round as the big men start to fly last Saturday.

Although Mitcham kept winning over the next few rounds, the margins reflected more even games as the season unfolded. In Round 7, Mitcham played Scoresby at Scoresby. Below is Jay Dee's match report:

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For the second successive week, Scoresby amassed a hefty lead, only to see their opponents come right back at them and, in the Tigers' case, steal the game.

An elated Ben Thomas told his jubilant players after the game they had "demonstrated the right spirit in never giving up against any odds."

Lost players

Mitcham had not only gone into the contest without key members, Baker and Dungan, but lost a further two players as the game progressed. It certainly was not a day for full forwards, as Scoresby's King, fresh from his eight goals the previous week, was contained to two and Mitcham's Andrews, after kicking one goal for his side did not take the field in the second half because of injury.

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Concentration lapses

As for Scoresby, they had one of their famed lapses in concentration . . . a trait which let Surrey Hills snatch a win on the same ground earlier in the season.

Scoresby also had no counter for the superb ruck play of Keith Rout, now relishing the number one spot with the absence of Baker. Although he had little assistance from the heavy going, Rout, with a lot of spring, dominated the centre bounces, and the mobile player was always where the action was.

Central umpire Phil Webb, was also well into this category, and gave yet another good exhibition. Players need to know where they stand with his decisions, and be his their confidence.

FINAL SCORES

Mitcham 10.11 (71) def. Scoresby 8.11 (59).

BEST PLAYERS

Mitcham — Rout, G. Marshall, McKean, Gallagher, Linney, A. Marshall.
Scoresby — Costello, Clements, Arnott, Goldsmith, Moore.

GOAL KICKERS

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RIGHT: Scoresby utility Graeme Bourke (striped guernsey) leads Mitcham's Shane Witnish in a chase for the ball.

Action is Saturday's game at the Scoresby oval.

BELOW: Surrounded by players all getting in each others way, Mitcham defender Tony Linney stretches high to take a good mark.

Linney was one of the key backline players throughout the match and contributed well to his side's 12 points win.



FIRST DIVISION

FIRSTS

Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%
Mitcham	10	0	0	40	135
Surrey Hills	7	3	0	28	137
East Ringwood	7	3	0	28	118
Scoresby	6	4	0	24	129
North Ringwood	6	4	0	24	98
East Burwood	5	5	0	20	92
Ringwood	4	6	0	16	121
Vermont	2	8	0	8	89
Croydon	2	8	0	8	64
Blackburn	0	10	0	0	52

The Ladder after R. 10

As mentioned earlier, after Round 10, Mitcham was undefeated, clear on top of the ladder. And then in R.11, Mitcham 'hit the wall' with a 7-goal loss to rivals East Ringwood (Thommo's past team as Capt-Coach 1976-78), who moved into 2nd spot on the ladder with 8 wins. Mitcham would 'bounce-back' in R.12 with a 26-goal win against bottom side Blackburn. (Sadly, for Blackburn they were soundly beaten most weeks and would not win a game in 1979).

R.13 was our 2nd loss for the season, a 6-goal loss against Ringwood (at Ringwood). No club welcomes a growing Injury List, and the Tigers were dealing with more than their fair-share, with recent injuries (not all at the same time) to Dungan (Peter), Weatherley, Gallagher, Witnish (Ray), Thomas, Andrews, Linney, Marshall (Gary), Baker, Dunkinson, White, Witnish (Shane), Witherow, Saddington and Dungan (Dan).

Round 13 Ringwood vs Mitcham:

Final Scores: Ringwood 11.19 (85) def. Mitcham 7.9 (51)

Mitcham Goals: G. Weatherley 2, R. Lyons 2, plus 1 each to T. Andrews, A. Palmer, G. Marshall

While some players were back from injury, several players were still unavailable. The next game (R.14) saw Mitcham improve with a 10-goal win against East Burwood (3rd bottom side), but this would be followed by two more losses: R.15 an 8-goal loss to 2nd bottom side Croydon, and R.16 a 5-goal loss to Scoresby (eventual Grand Finalist) at Walker Park.

Round 16 Mitcham vs Scoresby:

Final Scores: Scoresby 24.16 (160) def. Mitcham 18.13 (121)

Mitcham Goals: T. Andrews 11, R. Lyons 3, plus 1 each to J. Baker, D. White, T. McKinnon, J. Saker.
Mitcham Best Players: T. Andrews, N. Watson, G. Weatherley.

Some extracts from Jay Dee's match report:

"Tiger supporters are anxiously awaiting the reappearance of their brilliant rover Ross Gallagher to give his side the missing drive around the field.

"One bright light on the horizon for the Tigers, was the welcome return to form of spearhead Tony Andrews whose 11 goals in a losing score of 18 goals was a great personal effort."

Scoright!

During the week, Ringwood coach Ken Greenwood suggested that the Ringwood - Mitcham game was the match to cover since it was the 78 grand final replay.
Added to the suggestion was the fact that we had not seen much of Ringwood of late anyway, and although the EDFL ladder states otherwise, Ken points out that his cager Maggies have actually only been defeated twice by other sides this season.
They lost the opening round match to Scoresby by a goal, and later in the season went down at home to Buray Hills by another narrow margin — four points.

It's history now that Ringwood, which has not lost a match since that Surrey Hills encounter on May 28, was penalised 12 premiership points, due to a registration matter — what one of the junior wingers was not registered from the senior to senior ranks.

A costly and ridiculous penalty which caused the 1978 premiership to take a severe tumble down the ladder, and to add further insult to injury, this practice has now been removed from the EDFL statutes in a coach of history.

However, the penalty still stands as far as the 1978 ladder is concerned.

Greenwood cleverly drifted across the centre of the Jubilee Park oval, turning defence into attack, and when he set the ball forward, each was up there to do the rest.

With their little men firing and true to coach's word, the five goal lead was wadded in time on, with Carter taking the handpass and setting it off.

Greenwood made the switch from non-playing coach back on June 1 when his side met East Ringwood for the Norday match and has been effectively guiding the Magpies on field ever since.

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The trend is to Suburban Newspapers

Head Lice Infestation
More than 300 Knox children have been found to have head lice this year.
Child health services, health visitors, and Knox Council are offering free treatment to all school children who have been found to have head lice.
The infestation rate this year is 3.7 per cent compared with 2.7 per cent in 1977.



Surrey Hills, Scoresby set for first semi

The EDFL final four took a step closer to becoming absolute when Surrey Hills thwarted Ringwood's challenge and appears determined to meet another form side, Scoresby, in the first semi-final.

The 'word' around the place, is that most contenders have a more than healthy respect for Surrey, but, at Mitcham, on Saturday, Scoresby issued a solid warning.

The home side's colors were lowered for the second successive week and its mortgage on the 70 feet looks valueless unless coach Ron Thomas can lift the Tigers from this slump.
At Walker Park, it was a motivation exercise for rival coaches, Thomas, and Scoresby's John Eagles, but the latter had more going for him.

For a start, Scoresby virtually could not afford to suffer a loss at this stage of the season.
In Mitcham's case, there was the double chance and top position in jeopardy and a heavy loss to score, but nonetheless, the Tigers set about it with an air of confidence to prove who was on top of the tree.

That air of confidence was still prevalent at the close of the opening term when Mitcham held a commanding seven-goal lead with the Tigers stung into a replay of the previous week's stumbling by Croydon.

The reaction was short-lived though, as the undaunted, never-say-die Maggies set about to answer Mitcham's early ascendancy.

The nonplussed Tigers needed to establish control of the centre position and the air as they stormed down the ground with a magnifi-

cent nine-goal burst for which the home side had no answer.
It was back to the drawing board in the Mitcham rooms as Thomas reintroduced the pre-match tactics and gave visual demonstrations of the Tigers' second term mistakes.
Tiger supporters are anxiously awaiting the reappearance of their brilliant rover, Ross Gallagher, to give his side the missing drive around the field.
Well, 'Gags' you will need to have big shoulders — you will have to carry a few passengers when you get back into the thick of things.
Many players in the side are living on the laurels of past endeavors, and if God is to be the catalyst, he will have to go in and win the ball to bring others into the game.
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Scoresby	...	10	5	—	123	40
Surrey Hills	...	10	6	—	123	40
North Ringwood	...	10	6	—	104	40
Ringwood	...	9	7	—	105	25
Vermont	...	7	9	—	77	24
East Burwood	...	6	10	—	86	24
Croydon	...	4	11	1	77	18
Blackburn	...	—	16	—	47	—

RESERVES		W	L	D	%	Pts.
Scoresby	...	13	3	—	207	25
Vermont	...	12	4	—	141	46
East Ringwood	...	10	6	—	120	40
Mitcham	...	8	7	1	94	34
Ringwood	...	8	8	—	90	24

UNDER 17		W	L	D	%	Pts.
Croydon	...	7	9	—	104	25
East Burwood	...	6	9	1	84	25
Surrey Hills	...	6	10	—	86	24
North Ringwood	...	6	10	—	74	24
Blackburn	...	3	13	—	56	12

UNDER 15		W	L	D	%	Pts.
Croydon	...	16	3	—	258	54
Vermont	...	15	3	—	223	25
North Ringwood	...	12	4	—	123	46
Ringwood	...	10	6	—	135	40
Mitcham	...	3	7	—	87	25
East Burwood	...	7	9	—	87	25
Surrey Hills	...	5	11	—	87	25
Scoresby	...	3	11	—	82	24
East Ringwood	...	2	14	—	47	8
Blackburn	...	1	15	—	27	4

Results FIRST DIVISION

FIRSTS
Surrey Hills 18-9 d Ringwood 14-12; East Ringwood 31-13 d Blackburn 8-7; Vermont 24-14 d East Burwood 10-15; North Ringwood 21-15 d Croydon 16-16; Scoresby 24-16 d Mitcham 18-13.
RESERVES
Ringwood 20-23 d Surrey Hills 11-4; East Ringwood 26-12 d Blackburn 6-10; Vermont 10-23 d East Burwood 8-10; Croydon 14-12 d North Ringwood 11-14; Scoresby 31-12 d Mitcham 3-6.
UNDER 17
Ringwood 16-4 d Surrey Hills 6-7; Blackburn 8-8 d East Ringwood 6-9; Vermont 10-4 d East Burwood 8-10; Croydon 14-12 d North Ringwood 8-7; Mitcham 9-15 d Scoresby 10-4.
UNDER 15
Ringwood 13-4 d Surrey Hills 0-1; Blackburn 14-4 d East Burwood 7-7; Croydon 10-7 d North Ringwood 4-8; Scoresby 17-4 d Mitcham 5-7.

Tiger flies to mark



Mitcham would get their on-field mojo back somewhat, to record good wins in the final two Home/Away matches: R.17 a strong 18-goal win against North Ringwood and R.18 an 8-goal win against Vermont, although neither opponent would play in the Finals. This left Mitcham holding on to top spot on the ladder (14 wins and 4 losses), one game ahead of East Ringwood (13 wins) in 2nd spot, followed by Scoresby in 3rd spot, and Surrey Hills 4th spot (12 wins each).

Mitcham had won only three of their last six games. Tiger fans may have been asking: Do we have a full-strength side? And is our form good enough to go on to win the flag?

FIRST DIVISION

FIRSTS

Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%
Mitcham	14	4	0	56	133
East Ringwood	13	5	0	52	133
Scoresby	12	5	1	50	134
Surrey Hills	12	6	0	48	126
North Ringwood	10	8	0	40	95
Ringwood	9	9	0	36	125
Vermont	8	10	0	32	106
East Burwood	6	12	0	24	75
Croydon	4	13	1	18	72
Blackburn	0	18	0	0	48

RESERVES

Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%
Scoresby	15	3	0	60	221
Vermont	13	4	0	52	143
East Ringwood	12	6	0	48	128
Mitcham	9	7	1	38	100
Ringwood	9	9	0	36	100
Croydon	8	10	0	32	102
Surrey Hills	7	11	0	28	90
East Burwood	6	11	1	26	79
North Ringwood	6	12	0	24	69
Blackburn	3	15	0	12	51

Finals fever rising for four teams

The 1979 football year ended last Saturday for six EDFL teams, and players' thoughts are turning to cricket or other pre-summer activities.

The four remaining sides are yet to face a battle supreme to decide this year's premiers.

In direct contrast to the conclusion of last season, no last minute changes took place within the structure of the final four and the last round of 'home and away' matches proved an anti-climax.

This provides an opportunity to look at what the 1979 season meant to all sides. We commence with Mitcham. They also finished on top of the ladder at the conclusion of the final round last year, demonstrating that the Tigers have not slipped any, and, of course, they then went on to runners-up to Ringwood.

Second-positioned side, East Ringwood, were in a similar place, fronting up to the second semi, with one round to go last year, but were bundled out from first to fifth in the final round.

Improvement

The fact that they are securely in this time shows an improvement, but just how much will be soon found out.

Scoresby, third, are the model of consistency. They finished in that position last year and went on to play in the preliminary...



Much work

I doubt if the Rams had the right type of material in the first place, and much work will have to go on between seasons if they are to rise again.

Croydon took practically all season to get their act together, then proceeded to earn the respect of the upper teams when they gained the scalps of top sides.

Blackburn have earned themselves relegation by failing to win a game for the season, and the most that the Burners will be hoping for at this stage is a repeat of their last appearance in second division when they mastered all other sides and quickly re-entered the top bracket.

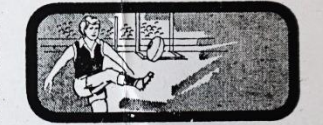
Unfortunately for Blackburn, this stint in second division will not be the breeze it was before, unless they recruit dramatically, on and off the field.

First semi

Having said that, all that remains is a preview of next week's affair between Surrey Hills and Scoresby at Boronia.

This semi and indeed the other, are close-matched either-way contests, and it will be the team which...

FIRST CLASH AT BORONIA ON SATURDAY



Surrey have the high-marking forwards in Greg Boxall and Peter "Squeaker" Stevenson who can kick a winning score and the solid defence to hang on to one. Scoresby will need a dominance in the following division and across the centre line to stage a repeat performance of the Mitcham win recently. The result of individual duels will have a strong bearing on the outcome...

Tennis finals

Five Doncaster women's tennis teams will play off in the mid-week competition grand finals this week. Results of last week's preliminary finals: Sec. 1 - d. Heatherdale 42 games to 32 games; A3 37; A7 - lost to Scoresby 44-20; B6 - lost to North...

Some EDFL Record Mitcham Club Notes:

MITCHAM

In what was regarded as our hardest game so far this season, our Senior side once again proved their fitness and strength to come from behind and win by 8 points over Surrey Hills.

Our next big test is East Ringwood today, so let us keep the ball rolling.

The Reserves were well beaten by a better side on the day by Surrey Hills.

Best were: —

Our Juniors had a mixed day with our U. 17s and U. 13s teams winning.

Award winners last week were:

D. Dobyn Awards: R. Gale, M. Taylor.

Nookies Award: J. Baker.

J. Driver Award: A. Marshall.

Lance Motors Award: N. Watson.

Petrol Award: G. Weatherley.

\$2 Special Award: Warren McKeane.

Gary Augustini Award: Jeff Nicol.

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MITCHAM

Last week against North Ringwood we returned to our best form with the return of several injured players.

Our Reserve team also proved too strong and ran out winners by four goals.

Showing their best performance for the season, our U. 17s scored a real upset win against a top North Ringwood side. Well done, lads.

Last week's Awards:
Mitcham Heights Petrol Award: N. Watson.
Barry Dobyn Awards: K. Rout, W. Nelson.
Gary Augustini Awards: A. Andrews, A. Palmer.
John Driver Award: L. Bienvenue.
Special \$2 Awards: A. Palmer, N. Watson, K. Rout, A. Andrews, E. Popovic, G. Marshall.

SOCIAL NOTES

"This is Your Life" — Tomorrow, 12th August, commencing 12 noon. B.B.Q. Venue: Graeme Weatherley's 36 Boronia Road, Vermont. Guest of Honour: Who will it be? Everyone welcome.

"Vote Count Night" — next Saturday, 18th August, Mitcham R.S.L., commencing 7.30 p.m. Program: Dinner, Vote Count, with a Players' Review at the count interval.

MITCHAM

In the worst and wettest conditions of the season at Vermont last Saturday, we once again proved too strong for Vermont, to win by 8 goals.

Unfortunately, our Reserves were beaten by a better side on the day, but still able to hang on to a finals berth.

For the first time in many years, it is said that Mitcham will not have a Junior side in the finals. However, the Club would like to thank the three Junior coaches, G. Dunkinson, G. Jackson and H. Larkin for their coaching efforts during the season, and also to team managers, other staff and players, a big thank you.

Our Reserves play the First Semi today, and the Committee wishes Ken Henderson and his boys all the best.

SOCIAL NOTES

Tonight, "Vote Count Night", 18th August, Mitcham R.S.L., commencing 7.30 p.m.

Program: Dinner, Vote Count, Players' Review at the Count interval. Supporters are reminded that tickets can be purchased at the door tonight.

"Junior Vote Count Day", Sunday, 26th August, commencing 11.30 a.m. B.B.Q. lunch. Vote Count, Presentations. Officials and Parents v. Juniors (Exhibition Match, we hope).

"Annual Ball", Friday, 5th October, Park Orchards Chalet. Please see any official or Ladies' Committee member to ensure your seats or table, as there will be a limit of 250 people this year. \$35 per Double, \$18 Single. Five-Course Dinner and Drinks, all inclusive.

31/5/79

Rule 'kisses' side goodbye

By NEIL REED

RINGWOOD Football Club is suffering from symptoms something worse than the kiss of death.

It is called the ineligible rule, which the Eastern Districts Football League found against them and penalised the club 12 points, or three victories, last week.

Ringwood was not the only club to suffer, according to the EDFL secretary, Eric Wright.

Other clubs caught in their footy shorts down were Vermont and Scoresby.

The rule is applied annually to ensure fair play among other things. Ringwood fell to eighth on the ladder, after being penalised.

Vermont dropped to ninth, but was penalised only four points.

And Scoresby, who also copped a four-point loss, slid to fourth on the ladder.

It was Scoresby who nearly toppled ladder leader Mitcham last Saturday, losing by only two goals.

It was a kick-for-kick match at the sticks — final scores 10.11 to 8.11.

Mitcham is so far undefeated with seven wins.

They'll be contested for the top seat in three weeks time by East Ringwood, after North Ringwood, Vermont and Barry Hills throw their hats in the ring.

SECOND DIVISION: The division's four at the moment, Mulgrave, Baywater, Kilgirth and South

Croydon, all play each other this Saturday.

Mulgrave, undefeated with seven wins, plays Kilgirth at Mulgrave and South Croydon plays Baywater.

There can be only two winners, which suits Heathmont very nicely, which has a chance to make the fourth on percentage.

THIRD DIVISION Norwood has been knocked off the top of the ladder by two of its most unglamorous competitors, South Wantirna and Nunawading.

Nunawading, seemingly under-rated this season, produced the second win against Norwood by 50 points.

And Coldstream will try for a hat-trick this week.

It was believed Upper Ferntree Gully could be the only club to down Norwood.

Ringwood loses 12 match-points



Presenting the inaugural Drake and Co. perpetual shield to be competed for by Blackburn and Mitcham teams is Ian Armstrong, centre, of Drake and Co. with, left, Blackburn captain-coach, Darren Watts and Mitcham's playing coach, Ron Thomas.

The shield was won on Saturday by Mitcham which will retain it until the sides meet again.

The Drake Perpetual Shield Presentation

SOCIAL NOTES

Tonight "DISCO" in the Clubrooms. Supper and refreshments available throughout the night.

Tomorrow "P.S.M.", Sunday, 24th June, commencing 10.30 a.m., showtime 11.30 a.m. Featuring comedian, singer—Malcolm

MITCHAM

After our East Ringwood debacle, our Seniors came back well to defeat Blackburn by 161 points.

We also welcome a young lad into the Club, Adam Pearson, who played his first game last Saturday.

Our Reserves got back on a winning note by defeating Blackburn by 6 goals.

In our Juniors last week, our U. 13s Tiger Cubs let us down by losing to East Burwood; but, however, our U. 15s and U. 17s teams had good wins.

Award Winners last week were:

Petrol Award: A. Andrews.
 Barry Dobyn Awards: W. Mitchell, G. Wathen
 John Driver Award: P. Witnish.
 Lance Motor Award: A. Linney.
 Gary Augustini Award: G. Marshall.

SOCIAL NOTES

Next Saturday, 14th July, "Games Night". Plenty of games to try.

Saturday, 28th July, "Dinner Dance", Mitcham R.S.L. \$10 per head, B.Y.O.

All tickets must be paid for before Dinner Dance night. See any member of Ladies' Committee for tickets.

As this is a very popular night, please book tickets early.

Bingo at Mitcham Hotel every Wednesday night.

Adam Pearson plays his first game against Blackburn on 30th June

Arthur and others. All welcome, especially opposing E.D.F.L. players. Good company and laughs assured.

Saturday, 30th June, "Johnny Shilo", appearing in the Clubrooms in person. Supper provided. John brings back special memories from last year's players' trip.

Season Scores:

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MATCH RESULTS

<u>MITCHAM V.</u>	<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>RESERVES</u>	<u>UNDER 17</u>
SURREY HILLS	(W) 20.11 - 12.14	(F) 13.23 - 8.11	(L) 8. 6 - 12.18
EAST RINGWOOD	(W) 25.24 - 13.14	(F) 11.13 - 7.19	(W) 8.13 - 7.11
BLACKBURN	(W) 18.18 - 9. 8	(W) 13.19 - 9.12	(W) 24.11 - 4. 2
RINGWOOD	(W) 15.15 - 14.15	(L) 2. 7 - 15.11	(L) 7.10 - 13. 6
EAST BURWOOD	(W) 18.17 - 14.11	(D) 11.11 - 12. 5	(L) 8. 7 - 16.15
CROYDON	(W) 20.13 - 16.11	(W) 13. 7 - 10.17	(L) 1. 5 - 21.14
SCORESBY	(W) 10.11 - 8.11	(W) 8.20 - 6. 15	(W) 6. 5 - 5. 8
NORTH RINGWOOD	(W) 22.13 - 18.12	(w) 17.11 - 11. 7	(L) 4. 6 - 10. 6
VERMONT	(W) 12.18 - 11. 9	(W) 15. 9 - 13.11	(L) 6. 7 - 6. 9
SURREY HILLS	(W) 13.12 - 11.16	(L) 8. 7 - 17.13	(W) 6.12 - 4. 9
EAST RINGWOOD	(L) 8.11 - 14.19	(L) 19.18 - 23.17	(W) 9.11 - 7.13
BLACKBURN	(W) 28.24 - 4. 7	(W) 15.15 - 10. 6	(W) 20.19 - 1. 4
RINGWOOD	(L) 7. 9 - 12.19	(W) 16.17 - 9. 8	(W) 6. 6 - 6. 5
EAST BURWOOD	(W) 26.10 - 15.16	(L) 9. 9 - 12.10	(L) 12. 8 - 14. 7
CROYDON	(L) 8.14 - 17.13	(W) 19.10 - 16.13	(L) 11. 7 - 17. 6
SCORESBY	(L) 18.13 - 24.16	(L) 3. 6 - 31.12	(W) 9.15 - 10. 4
NORTH RINGWOOD	(W) 27.15 - 10. 8	(W) 18.16 - 6.11	(W) 13. 8 - 8. 8
VERMONT	(W) 14.10 - 6.10	(L) 5. 5 - 7. 8	(L) 5. 8 - 9.10
1st SEMI	-	(W) 16.18 - 10.10	
2nd SEMI	(W) 17.15 - 12.10		
PRELIM FINAL		(W) 9.12 - 8. 6	
GRAND FINAL	(W) 15.16 - 8.15	(L) 12. 9 - 15.18	

MATCH RESULTS (CONT)

<u>MITCHAM V.</u>	<u>UNDER 15</u>	<u>UNDER 13</u>
SURREY HILLS	(L) 10. 4 - 21.18	BLACKBURN W/O
EAST RINGWOOD	(W) 22.22 - 2. 3	NUNAWADING (W) 23.20 - 1. 0
BLACKBURN	(W) 25.15 - 1. 2	HEATHMONT (W) 13. 5 - 3. 5
RINGWOOD	(L) 5. 4 - 8.12	EAST BURWOOD (W) 7. 4 - 5.10
EAST BURWOOD	(L) 11.15 - 13. 9	SOUTH WANTIRNA (W) 22.22 - 0. 1
CROYDON	(L) 14. 2 - 14.11	VERMONT (L) 5. 7 - 7. 5
SCORESBY	(L) 8. 7 - 13.14	FERNTREE GULLY (W) 7.10 - 4. 4
NORTH RINGWOOD	(W) 11. 7 - 9.15	N'VALE/M'GRAVE (L) 2. 8 - 7. 9
VERMONT	(L) 8. 5 - 10. 5	FOREST HILL (L) 9. 6 - 9.10
SURREY HILLS	(L) 9. 6 - 10. 5	BLACKBURN (W) 25.14 - 2. 1
EAST RINGWOOD	(W) 15.15 - 6. 4	NUNAWADING (W) 10.10 - 2. 1
BLACKBURN	(W) 20.14 - 3. 1	HEATHMONT (W) 12. 5 - 6. 8
RINGWOOD	(L) 7. 7 - 14. 8	EAST BURWOOD (L) 3.13 - 9.12
EAST BURWOOD	(W) 11. 7 - 2. 4	SOUTH WANTIRNA (W) 27.13 - 0. 0
CROYDON	(L) 5.10 - 12.10	VERMONT (L) 5. 5 - 12.15
SCORESBY	(L) 5. 6 - 17. 6	FERNTREE GULLY (W) 19.14 - 0. 0
NORTH RINGWOOD	(L) 2. 4 - 19. 7	N'VALE/M'GRAVE (L) 4. 7 - 6.11
VERMONT	(L) 5. 3 - 7. 8	FOREST HILL (L) 7. 9 - 13.13

FIRST DIVISION RESULTS — 1979

Round 1 — April 14

Ringwood v Scoresby
Blackburn v East Burwood
East Ringwood v Croydon
Surrey Hills v Mitcham
Vermont v North Ringwood

Round 2 — April 21

Ringwood 11.20, E. Burwood 10.13.
Croydon 15.13, Blackburn 8.9.
Mitcham 25.24, E. Ringwood 13.14.
S. Hills 15.9, N. Ringwood 10.9.
Scoresby 14.4, Vermont 9.12.

Round 3 — April 28

Ringwood 17.19, Croydon 6.11.
Mitcham 18.18, Blackburn 9.8.
E. Ringwood 20.21, N. Ringwood 19.4.
S. Hills 25.16, Vermont 17.11.
Scoresby 21.22, E. Burwood 15.19.

Round 4 — May 5

Mitcham 15.15, Ringwood 14.15.
N. Ringwood 21.21, Blackburn 8.16.
E. Ringwood 16.12, Vermont 13.18.
S. Hills 19.24, Scoresby 12.10.
E. Burwood 15.14, Croydon 9.14.

Round 5 — May 12

Ringwood 16.5, N. Ringwood 11.9.
Blackburn 13.15, Vermont 17.13.
E. Ringwood 17.17, S. Hills 17.12.
Mitcham 18.17, E. Burwood 14.11.
Scoresby 15.12, Croydon 5.6.

Round 6 — May 19

Ringwood 17.16, Vermont 15.13.
S. Hills 29.20, Blackburn 5.9.
Scoresby 16.9, E. Ringwood 12.15.
N. Ringwood 20.15, E. Burwood 15.14.
Mitcham 20.13, Croydon 16.11.

Round 7 — May 26

S. Hills 13.8, Ringwood 11.15.
E. Ringwood 23.25, Blackburn 13.5.
E. Burwood 14.13, Vermont 10.9.
Croydon 13.14, N. Ringwood 15.14.
Mitcham 10.11, Scoresby 8.11.

Round 8 — June 2

*East Ringwood 11.14, Ringwood 15.17.
Scoresby 18.12, Blackburn 12.13.
Surrey Hills 16.15, East Burwood 15.9.
Vermont 14.26, Croydon 11.5.
Mitcham 22.13, North Ringwood 18.12.

Round 9 — June 9

Ringwood 27.18, Blackburn 10.10.
East Burwood 10.8, East Ringwood 23.14.
Mitcham 12.18, Vermont 11.9.
Scoresby 19.21, North Ringwood 12.11.
Surrey Hills 15.16, Croydon 4.12.

Round 10 — June 16

Ringwood 13.14, Scoresby 10.11.
East Burwood 11.19, Blackburn 11.15.
East Ringwood 18.15, Croydon 6.5.
Mitcham 13.12, Surrey Hills 11.16.
North Ringwood 15.11, Vermont 10.18.

Round 11 — June 23

Ringwood 20.10, East Burwood 13.10.
Croydon 19.15, Blackburn 11.17.
East Ringwood 14.19, Mitcham 8.11.
North Ringwood 22.20, Surrey Hills 18.16.
Vermont 18.16, Scoresby 13.12.

Round 12 — June 30

Ringwood 19.11, Croydon 10.7.
Mitcham 28.24, Blackburn 4.7.
East Ringwood 15.21, North Ringwood 6.6.
Vermont 18.13, Surrey Hills 16.20.
Scoresby 25.14, East Burwood 9.10.

Round 13 — July 7

Ringwood 12.19, Mitcham 7.9.
North Ringwood 22.30, Blackburn 13.10.
East Ringwood 16.19, Vermont 11.10.
Scoresby 13.13, Surrey Hills 5.16.
East Burwood 11.13, Croydon 10.16.

Round 14 — July 14

Ringwood 13.13, North Ringwood 7.12.
Vermont 25.17, Blackburn 11.14.
Surrey Hills 18.8, East Ringwood 11.15.
Mitcham 26.10, East Burwood 15.16.
Croydon 11.17, Scoresby 11.17.

Round 15 — July 21

Vermont 12.9, Ringwood 10.7.
Surrey Hills 17.18, Blackburn 8.11.
Scoresby 16.7, East Ringwood 11.17.
North Ringwood 19.19, East Burwood 10.12.
Croydon 17.13, Mitcham 8.14.

Round 16 — July 28

Surrey Hills 18.9, Ringwood 14.12.
East Ringwood 34.13, Blackburn 8.7.
Vermont 24.14, East Burwood 10.15.
North Ringwood 21.15, Croydon 16.16.
Scoresby 24.16, Mitcham 18.13.

Round 17 — August 4

*Ringwood 9.9, East Ringwood 9.20.
Scoresby 24.22, Blackburn 16.10.
Surrey Hills 19.14, East Burwood 14.11.
Vermont 22.16, Croydon 10.9.
Mitcham 27.25, North Ringwood 10.8.

Round 18 — August 11

Ringwood 18.23, Blackburn 11.6.
East Ringwood 18.13, East Burwood 8.5.
Surrey Hills 13.23, Croydon 6.7.
Mitcham 14.10, Vermont 6.10.
Scoresby 14.15, North Ringwood 9.6.

U.17 — same as Firsts

Reserves and U.15 — reverse of Firsts

FINALS:

1st Semi Final — 18th August
Second Semi Final — 25th August
Preliminary Final — 1st September
Grand Final — 8th September

U.15 FINALS

First Semi, 10 a.m. — 18th August
Second Semi, 12 noon — 18th August
Preliminary Final, 10 a.m. — 25 August
Grand Final, 10 a.m. — 1st September

1979 Final Ladder & Finals Scores:

1979 Ladder							
Team	P	W	L	D	NR	%	Pts
Mitcham	18	14	4	0	-	133	56
East Ringwood	18	13	5	0	-	133	52
Scoresby	18	12	4	1	1	134	50
Surrey Hills	18	12	6	0	-	126	48
North Ringwood	18	10	8	0	-	95	40
Ringwood	18	9	8	0	1	125	36
Vermont	18	8	10	0	-	106	32
East Burwood	18	6	12	0	-	75	24
Croydon	18	4	13	1	-	72	18
Blackburn	18	0	18	0	-	48	0

Finals							
1st Semi Final							
Scoresby	7.8	50	Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia				
Surrey Hills	6.10	46	Scoresby won by 4 pts				
2nd Semi Final							
Mitcham	17.15	117	Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia				
East Ringwood	12.10	82	Mitcham won by 35 pts				
Preliminary Final							
East Ringwood	7.12	54	Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia				
Scoresby	9.15	69	Scoresby won by 15 pts				
Grand Final							
Mitcham	15.16	106	Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia				
Scoresby	8.15	63	Mitcham won by 43 pts				

LEAGUE LADDERS — END OF HOME & AWAY GAMES											
FIRST DIVISION						SECOND DIVISION					
FIRSTS						FIRSTS					
Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%	Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%
Mitcham	14	4	0	56	133	Mulgrave	17	1	0	68	215
East Ringwood	13	5	0	52	133	Bayswater	14	4	0	56	169
Scoresby	12	5	1	50	134	Bennettswood	12	5	1	50	115
Surrey Hills	12	6	0	48	126	South Croydon	11	7	0	44	97
North Ringwood	10	8	0	40	95	Olinda	10	8	0	40	105
Ringwood	9	9	0	36	125	Boronia	9	9	0	36	111
Vermont	8	10	0	32	106	Heathmont	9	9	0	36	104
East Burwood	6	12	0	24	75	Kilsyth	8	10	0	32	98
Croydon	4	13	1	18	72	Lilydale	5	13	0	20	63
Blackburn	0	18	0	0	48	Ferntree Gully	4	13	1	18	73
						Doncaster	4	14	0	16	71
						Mt. Evelyn	4	14	0	16	62
RESERVES						RESERVES					
Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%	Club	W	L	D	Pts.	%
Scoresby	15	3	0	60	221	Bayswater	16	2	0	64	165
Vermont	13	4	0	52	143	Mulgrave	14	4	0	56	191.14
East Ringwood	12	6	0	48	128	Kilsyth	14	4	0	56	191
Mitcham	9	7	1	38	100	Heathmont	14	4	0	56	139
Ringwood	9	9	0	36	100	Boronia	13	5	0	52	131
Croydon	8	10	0	32	102	South Croydon	12	6	0	48	122
Surrey Hills	7	11	0	28	90	Bennettswood	7	11	0	28	102
East Burwood	6	11	1	26	79	Ferntree Gully	6	12	0	24	86
North Ringwood	6	12	0	24	69	Mt. Evelyn	4	14	0	16	48
Blackburn	3	15	0	12	51	Olinda	3	15	0	12	56.4
						Lilydale	3	15	0	12	56.3
						Doncaster	2	16	0	8	58

Senior Coach's Report for 1979:



SENIOR COACHE'S REPORT

I would like to thank the Mitcham Football Club for the opportunity to return as Playing/Coach for the season 1979.

The Committee and all of its players were under pressure even before the season began after such a successful season under Coach, Leo Wishart in 1978. But, to their credit, they accepted the challenge and it is now history that the efforts of all 42 players that played in the senior team during the year, resulted in us winning the 1979 Premiership.

It was unfortunate that at final's time some players were left out of the senior side when others returned from injury but to the credit of all players, both senior and reserve teams, both played in their respective Grand Finals.

I would like to thank the Senior Selection Committee consisting of Graeme Jacobs, Lee Gale, Herb Larkin and our runner, Steve Lundberg for their great efforts during the year. Also, the Reserve Grade Selection Committee of Ken Henderson and Graeme Charles for their help in giving the senior side their best players during the year even when their efforts looked lost, but to their credit, they made their Grand Final against all odds.

I wish to thank, too, our great training staff headed by Roy Hands. Thank you on behalf of all our injured players that you helped overcome their injuries during the season.

I wish to thank Graeme Weatherley for giving me his support as Vice Captain and each and every player, selector, committeeman and training staff member for making 1979 our Premier Year.

RON THOMAS, COACH

TROPHY WINNERS 1979

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SENIORS

"KEITH ALLEN TROPHY"
BEST AND FAIREST R. GALLAGHER

2nd BEST & FAIREST A. ANDREWS

3rd BEST & FAIREST J. BAKER

BEST UTILITY G. MARSHALL

MOST DETERMINED P. DUNGAN

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER A. MARSHALL

LEADING GOALKICKER A. ANDREWS

SPECIAL GOALKICKING AWARD
104 GOALS A. ANDREWS

BEST PLAYER FINALS J. BAKER

MOST CONSISTENT FINALS N. WATSON

MOST DAMAGING PLAYER FINALS R. LYONS

MEANEST PLAYER FINALS A. PEARSON

"CLEM WHITE MEMORIAL TROPHY"
BEST PLAYER - CLUBMAN A. MARSHALL

RESERVES

BEST AND FAIREST M. TAYLOR
2nd BEST & FAIREST G. WATHEN

3rd BEST & FAIREST L. BIENVENU

BEST UTILITY G. NICOL

MOST DETERMINED A. LARKIN

LEADING GOALKICKER A. PALMER

BEST PLAYER FINALS M. TAYLOR


COMMITTEE

BEST CLUBMAN 1979
H. WILLATON

JUNIORS

	<u>UNDER 17</u>	<u>UNDER 15</u>	<u>UNDER 13</u>
BEST AND FAIREST	G. JOSEPH	M. WINSTANLEY	P. HARPER
2nd BEST & FAIREST	S. McDONALD	P. ALLEN	B. GRIFFIN
3rd BEST & FAIREST	M. WALLINGTON	D. FAULKINGHAM	P. GEORGE
BEST UTILITY	G. ROBINSON	P. CLARK	R. McKEAN
MOST DETERMINED	R. LENNIE	D. SCANLON	J. HOWELL
LEADING GOALKICKER	G. ROBINSON	M. WINSTANLEY	P. GEORGE
"COACHES TROPHY" BEST TRIER	M. BURGESS	K. GEORGE	P. JOSEPH
"KEVIN MILLER TROPHY"	-	C. SILVA	M. PENNINGTON

Ross Gallagher (Senior Best & Fairest) & Harry Willaton (Best Clubman):

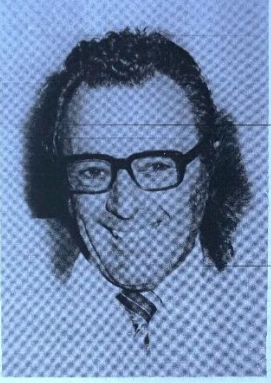


ROSS GALLAGHER

Ross joined Mitcham midway through season 1977 after playing four Senior and thirty Reserve games with V.F.L. Club, Footscray.

Ross has become the top rover in the E.D.F.L. over the last two seasons finishing fourth in the club voting in 1978, while in season 1979 showed his true form to win E.D.F.L. Bill Patterson Cheney Award, both Best & Fairest and B.R.M. Award in Club Awards, and finishing an unlucky second in the E.D.F.L. Best & Fairest Award being beaten by one vote after missing seven games through injury.

BEST CLUBMAN
1979



H. WILLATON

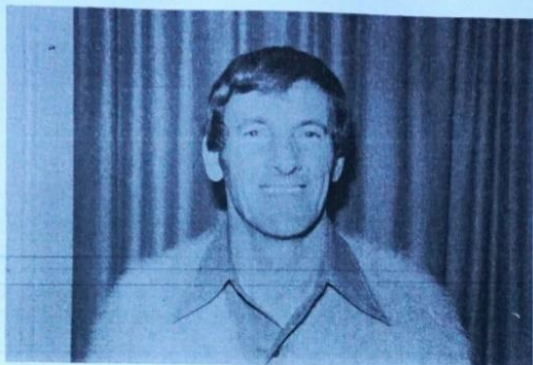
1979 "Clubman" Award winner Harry Willaton won our club's most honoured and premier club award for his great efforts over a decade of years.

Harry joined the club in 1968, coached our Reserves to a Premiership in 1969 and Runners Up in 1965; also coached U16 in 1964/5. He served on the Committee early 1970's, made a Life Member 1972, became Team Manager 1976-1979 and also raised approximately \$4,000 each year with Club Bonanza at Tocal hotel.

This impressive list of achievements certainly has made Harry a worthy winner of our club's Premier Award.

4. Reserves:

The Reserves under Coach Ken Henderson had a challenging year, and only just made the final four in 4th place, with 9 wins and 1 draw (38 points), well behind East Ringwood on 48 points, Vermont on 52 points, and top side Scoresby on 60 points. Their task was made so challenging by the year's long list of injuries which impacted both the Seniors and Reserves. By finals time, the Reserves had a near full-strength team and fought their way through the 1st Semi Final, into the Preliminary Final and eventually into the Grand Final. Sadly, the Tigers fought hard but 'lowered their colours' to Scoresby. Final Scores: Scoresby 15.8 def Mitcham 12.9.



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RESERVES COACH'S REPORT

Another season over and what a good one for the club. Premiers for 1sts, Runners Up for Reserves. What makes it so great is the fact that we had so many injuries throughout the year and we were able to cover them. Credit must be given to those players who did not get to many games but were there when we needed them.

To be beaten in a Grand Final is disappointing but to make it is an achievement. I would like to thank all players concerned for their contributions. Congratulations to Ronnie and the boys for a glorious win. A special thank you to Ronnie for his assistance throughout the year especially over the finals.

I would also like to thank our Team Manager, Arthur Saker who did a superb job. Tony Winstanley 'Trainer', Garry Saker 'Runner', Lex McGregor 'Time Keeper', Ray Harmes, Margaret Scanlen, and everybody who was involved with the Reserves. To our supporters, I would also like to say thank you.

To 'Chimy' Graham Charles who did the job on the field as Captain. Next year I hope we can go one better.

To conclude I would like to say how much I have enjoyed this year as Coach and looking forward to Season 1980.

K. HENDERSON, RESERVES COACH

8th & 9th SEPT., 1979

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1st Division Reserves - Grand Final

SCORESBY (2nds)				MITCHAM (Reserves)					
No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age	No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age
8.	H. Wessel	6.4	15.6	31	9.	G. Hands	6.1	14.0	23
11.	G. Milojevic	6.0	13.4	32	13.	J. Saker	5.11	12.0	19
13.	J. Borninkhof	5.7	11.0	22	14.	C. McKean	6.0	13.0	18
14.	N. Cain	5.6	12.7	26	17.	G. Dunkinson	5.8	10.7	24
16.	M. Castricum	6.2	15.0	35	21.	A. Palmer	6.0	12.7	22
19.	R. King	5.11	11.7	30	22.	G. Wathen	5.11	11.8	26
22.	G. Robbins	5.10	14.0	25	24.	L. Bienvenue	6.0	14.0	24
23.	J. Kerr	5.9	11.2	17	26.	G. Charles, c.	5.7	12.7	32
25.	P. Hehir	5.9	10.5	20	27.	S. Saddington	5.10	13.5	23
26.	W. Medforth	5.10	12.1	23	28.	M. Bentley	6.1	14.0	18
27.	M. Paffett	6.1	12.0	19	30.	W. Mitchell	5.10½	10.0	25
28.	B. McMaster	5.7	11.7	25	31.	G. Nicol	6.0	12.6	25
29.	D. Callow	6.0	11.5	21	32.	V. Coraci	5.7	10.2	24
34.	D. McKenzie	6.1	12.0	19	33.	T. McKinnon	5.10	11.7	25
35.	J. Cox, v.c.	5.10	14.7	23	35.	R. Witherow, v.c.	5.9	12.0	25
36.	H. Szabatura	5.8	12.0	24	36.	C. Purcell	5.10	12.2	20
37.	M. Varoy	5.8	11.7	24	37.	M. Taylor	6.4	12.0	27
38.	G. Klien, c.c.	5.10	11.10	31	38.	C. Turner	5.10	12.2	23
40.	B. Campisi	5.8	11.0	24	39.	E. Whitfield	6.2	14.0	18
41.	R. Stewart	6.0	12.0	26	40.	M. Dunlop	6.0	12.7	18
42.	M. Brady	5.9	11.0	26	41.	D. Dungan	6.2	11.7	20
44.	W. Moody	6.2	13.7	22	42.	W. Nelson	5.11	14.4	23
45.	J. McCaigh	5.10	11.6	20	43.	A. Larkin	5.7	10.0	19
46.	D. Noy	5.9	10.0	18	44.	R. Mitchell	6.0	12.0	18
49.	D. Bradbury	6.0	13.0	23	45.	W. Coleman	5.8	11.7	20
50.	P. Babanine	5.6	11.0	25	46.	M. Abrey	6.0	11.7	18
51.	K. Stephens	5.11	12.0	26	47.	D. Allen	5.10	11.0	20
	Runner: D. Garrett.				48.	Dryburgh	6.0	12.0	21
					49.	P. Cazaly	5.9	11.0	21
					50.	J. Nicol	5.7	11.7	24
					52.	J. Nicol	24	5.7	12.0
					53.	B. Ritchie	27	5.10	13.2
					56.	B. McMahon	31	5.11	12.7
					47.	G. Munro	26	5.7	11.4
					50.	G. Cassidy	19	5.11	12.3
					13.	J. Saker	18	5.10	11.7
					55.	P. Collins	18	5.6	9.8
					54.	P. Kirby	24	5.6	10.2
					51.	D. Allen	21	5.11	11.7

The Tiger Reserves are coached by Ken Henderson who is no stranger to premiership flags, as he was successful with the Mitcham under 17 side in 1974.

Some members of that combination are with Ken's Reserves today.

This is the squad of players from which the Reserves Grand Final side will be selected.

Graham Charles (Capt.), Russell Witherow (Vice-Capt.), G. Hands, J. Saker, C. McKean, G. Dunkinson, A. Palmer, L. Bienvenu, S. Saddington, W. Mitchell, G. Nicol, J. Nicol, V. Coraci, T. McKinnon, C. Purcell, M. Taylor, C. Turner, E. Whitfield, D. Dungan, W. Nelson, A. Larkin, R. Mitchell, W. Coleman, B. Ritchie, G. Munro, G. Cassidy, P. Cazaly, M. Bentley, D. Allen, W. McMahon, S. Dryburgh.

Reserves 1979 team photo:



MITCHAM

Well done, Hendo's Heroes!

Last Saturday in the First Semi. against East Ringwood, our Reserves proved too strong and ran out easy winners.

Best players: G. Charles, G. Hands, M. Taylor, L. Bienvenue, E. Whitford, and A. Larkin.

Today we play East Ringwood in the 2nd Semi-Final.

It is the second most important match of the season because the winner goes into the Grand Final.

A win is a must. So come on fellas, don't let a whole season's work go down for nothing.

SOCIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, 26th August, 11.30 a.m., Walker Park Oval, Junior Presentation Day. B.B.Q. and TV Replay of 2nd Semi-Final.

5th October, Senior Presentation Ball, at Park Orchards Chalet. Five-Course Meal and Drinks, all inclusive. Double \$35, Single \$18. Tickets on sale now. See any of Ladies' Committee.

BEST & FAIREST RESERVE XV111
1979

M. TAYLOR



MITCHAM

In a great team effort last week our Reserves beat Vermont to go into today's Grand Final.

Both Thommo's Tornados and Hendo's Heroes play Scoresby in today's Grand Finals and wish both our teams all the best.

It is unfortunate that Garry Wathen will not be available today, because he left for a four-week holiday to Europe and England.

The Mitcham Football Club would like to commend the efforts of the Vermont playing Doctor, who left the playing arena in the last quarter of the Reserve game, with the result still in doubt, to attend to a member of the public who was in very bad trouble.

SOCIAL NOTES

"Annual Presentation Ball", 5th October, at Park Orchards Chalet, Park Orchards. \$35 Double, \$18 Single (all inclusive). Only a few seats left, so if you have not booked yet, you'd better hurry!

To all players and supporters during the off-season, the meeting-place of the Mitcham Football Club is in the main lounge, Mitcham Hotel, every Wednesday night. So we hope to see you there.

Do not forget Bingo at the Mitcham Hotel every Wednesday night at 7.15 p.m.

More Season Stats & Reports:

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CLUB BEST AND FAIREST VOTES 1979

SENIOR	VOTING			TOTALS	RESERVES	VOTING			TOTALS
	1st	2nd	3rd			1st	2nd	3rd	
R. GALLAGHER	10	8	5	51	M. TAYLOR	9	4	3	38
A. ANDREWS	5	6	5	32	G. WATHEN	5	8	2	33
J. BAKER	7	3	3	30	L. BIENVENU	6	3	5	29
G. MARSHALL	5	4	5	30	G. NICOL	3	4	4	21
P. DUNGAN	6	2	3	25	A. LARKIN	3	2	3	16
R. GALE	3	5	4	23	G. CHARLES	2	3	3	15
N. WATSON	5	3	1	22	W. NELSON	3	1	2	13
G. WEATHERLEY	-	5	4	14	E. WHITFIELD	4	-	-	12
A. PEARSON	3	2	-	13	D. DUNGAN	3	1	1	12
S. WITNISH	-	5	3	13	C. PURCELL	2	3	-	12
K. ROUT	3	1	1	12	P. CAZALY	2	2	1	11
R. WITNISH	2	1	3	12	C. TURNER	1	1	5	10
D. WHITE	2	2	-	10	J. NICOL	1	2	2	9
W. HENDERSON	1	1	4	9	D. COUTTS	2	1	-	8
P. WITNISH	1	2	1	8	C. MCKEAN	2	1	-	8
A. MARSHALL	1	1	2	7	G. HANDS	1	1	3	8
E. POPOVIC	-	2	1	5	A. PALMER	1	1	3	7
C. MCKEAN	-	1	3	5	S. SADDINGTON	1	1	2	7
A. LINNEY	-	-	3	3	W. COLEMAN	-	3	-	6
R. LYONS	-	-	1	1	R. MITCHELL	-	2	2	6
T. MCKINNON	-	-	1	1	R. WITHEROW	1	1	-	5
W. MITCHELL	-	-	1	1	M. BENTLEY	-	2	1	5
					A. MARSHALL	-	1	3	5
					J. SAKER	1	-	1	4
					W. MCKEAN	-	2	-	4
					D. ALLEN	-	1	2	4
					W. HENDERSON	1	-	-	3
					G. DUNKINSON	-	1	1	3
					E. POPOVIC	-	1	1	3
					P. ELDRIDGE	-	1	-	2
					K. BENTLEY	-	-	1	1
					P. COLLINS	-	-	1	1
					G. MUNRO	-	-	1	1
					B. RITCHIE	-	-	1	1

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SENIORS	VOTES	RESERVES	VOTES		
R. GALLAGHER	49	M. TAYLOR	38		
J. BAKER	29	L. BIENVENU	36		
A. ANDREWS	26	G. WATHEN	22		
N. WATSON	25	W. NELSON	18		
G. WEATHERLEY	23	G. NICOL	18		
G. MARSHALL	22	G. CHARLES	17		
S. WITNISH	19	G. HANDS	16		
R. GALE	16	E. WHITFIELD	16		
K. ROUT	16	D. DUNGAN	13		
A. PEARSON	14	P. CAZALY	12		
P. DUNGAN	11	C. MCKEAN	12		
D. WHITE	11	A. PALMER	12		
A. LINNEY	9	G. DUNKINSON	10		
A. MARSHALL	9	J. NICOL	10		
W. HENDERSON	8	C. TURNER	7		
P. WITNISH	8	R. MITCHELL	6		
R. LYONS	4	T. MCKINNON	6		
C. MCKEAN	4	J. SAKER	6		
E. POPOVIC	4	W. MCKEAN	5		
R. WITNISH	4	D. ALLEN	4		
W. MITCHELL	3	M. BENTLEY	4		
L. BIENVENU	2	W. COLMAN	4		
T. MCKINNON	2	A. LINNEY	4		
A. PALMER	1	E. POPOVIC	4		
		C. PURSELL	4		
		R. WITHEROW	4		
		K. BENTLEY	3		
		A. MARSHALL	3		
		W. MITCHELL	3		
1st	\$140.00	R. GALLAGHER	1st	\$35.00	M. TAYLOR
2nd	40.00	J. BAKER	2nd	10.00	L. BIENVENU
3rd	20.00	A. ANDREWS	3rd	5.00	G. WATHEN

E.D.F.L. BEST & FAIREST VOTING

FIRSTS

R. GALLAGHER	13
A. ANDREWS	9
D. WHITE	8
G. MARSHALL	6
W. HENDERSON	5
J. BAKER	4
S. WITNISH	2
P. DUNGAN	2
K. ROUT	1
A. MARSHALL	1
N. WATSON	1

RESERVES

E. WHITFIELD	10
M. TAYLOR	10
G. WATHEN	6
G. CHARLES	5
E. POPOVIC	5
G. HANDS	5
A. LARKIN	4
D. DUNGAN	3
D. COUTTS	2
N. WATSON	2
W. HENDERSON	1
W. NELSON	1
T. MCKINNON	1
G. MUNRO	1

UNDER 17

G. ROBINSON	13
R. LENNIE	11
G. JOSEPH	6
J. CAIN	4
G. LONG	3
S. McDONALD	2
P. ARROWSMITH	2
M. OLSEN	1

SENIORS

A. ANDREWS	104 Goals
R. LYONS	52
R. GALLAGHER	37
G. WEATHERLEY	22
C. McKEAN	20
G. MARSHALL	13
N. WATSON	12
J. BAKER	9
D. WHITE	8
C. DUNKINSON	7
A. PEARSON	7
W. HENDERSON	6
W. MITCHELL	5
T. MCKINNON	4
K. ROUT	4
R. MITCHELL	3
E. POPOVIC	3
A. O'DONNELL	3
R. WITNISH	3
J. SAKER	2
R. THOMAS	2
E. WHITFIELD	2
S. WITNISH	2
K. BENTLEY	1
D. DUNGAN	1
R. GALE	1
G. HANDS	1
A. LARKIN	1
A. MARSHALL	1
G. NICOL	1
A. PALMER	1
G. WATHEN	1
P. WITNISH	1

RESERVES

A. PALMER	27 Goals
E. WHITFIELD	25
G. WATHEN	23
M. TAYLOR	16
M. DUNLOP	15
P. KIRBY	14
G. NICOL	13
D. DUNGAN	12
R. MITCHELL	9
D. ALLEN	7
P. ELDRIDGE	7
W. NELSON	7
C. PURCELL	7
R. WITHEROW	7
J. NICOL	6
E. POPOVIC	6
K. BENTLEY	5
M. ABREY	4
P. CAZALY	4
C. McKEAN	4
V. CORACI	3
G. DUNKINSON	3
A. LARKIN	3
J. SAKER	3
G. CASSIDY	2
G. CHARLES	2
G. HANDS	2
W. HENDERSON	2
S. SADDINGTON	2
N. WATSON	2
W. McMAHON	1
G. MUNRO	1
B. RITCHIE	1

UNDER 17

G. ROBINSON	32 Goals
R. LENNIE	30
S. McDONALD	13
D. McBRIDE	12
D. SULLIVAN	12
J. CAIN	11
S. MATLOCK	11
R. HATCHER	8
D. BATES	5
G. LONG	4
M. LOWE	4
P. TILLEY	4
P. ARROWSMITH	2
B. GALE	2
A. McCORMACK	2
M. WALLINGTON	2

UNDER 15

M. WINSTANLEY	31 Goals
D. SCANLAN	28
C. FRASER	15
K. GEORGE	14
P. CAMPBELL	13
D. WITNISH	12
A. LOWE	11
P. CLARK	10
A. WINTER	9
P. ALLEN	6
D. FAULKINGHAM	6

BILL PATTERSON AWARD

17	R. GALLAGHER	23
9	G. WEATHERLEY	17
8	J. BAKER	9
3	D. WHITE	8
2	A. ANDREWS	7
2	N. WATSON	6
2	S. WITNISH	5
2	P. DUNGAN	5
2	W. HENDERSON	4
2	K. ROUT	4

JUNIOR CLINIC



G. WATHEN

A. MARSHALL

UNDER 13

P. GEORGE	38 Goals
J. HOWELL	31
T. PURCELL	18
R. McKEAN	18
C. BOURKE	18
P. HARPER	13
A. WOOD	13
B. GRIFFIN	11
C. CAY	9
T. DUNLOP	9
P. ZARRO	8

The Bill Patterson Holden Awards:

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1st Division	R. GALLAGHER, MITCHAM	23 Votes
	L. THOMPSON, CROYDON	20 Votes
	R. CULPIN, VERMONT	20 Votes
2nd Division	D. FYANDER, MT. EVELYN	27 Votes
	D. PAYNE, BENNETTSWOOD	27 Votes
3rd Division	G. OAKMAN, NUNAWADING	32 Votes
	J. HARROP, MONTROSE	26 Votes
	C. SHALDERS, COLDSTREAM	26 Votes

5. Junior Teams:

CLUB BEST & FAIREST VOTING - JUNIORS

UNDER 17	VOTES	UNDER 15	VOTES	UNDER 13	VOTES
G. JOSEPH	56	M. WINSTANLEY	56	P. HARPER	51
S. McDONALD	55	P. ALLEN	41	B. GRIFFIN	42
M. WALLINGTON	47	D. FAULKINGHAM	40	P. GEORGE	39
G. ROBINSON	35	P. CLARK	29	J. HOWELL	32
R. LENNIE	34	D. SCANLON	28	R. McKEAN (4 1st)	22
R. HATCHER	20	A. WINTER	27	C. CAY (3 1st)	22
M. BURGESS	11	S. JENKINS	15	M. HARROP	19
D. SULLIVAN	11	K. GEORGE	10	N. MORTON	18
G. LONG	10	D. GREENSILL	9	A. WOOD	17
J. CAIN	9	D. McNAULTY	9	S. PANZA	14
A. McCORMACK	8	S. PEARSE	8	M. BURGESS	7
R. BRAIN	5	P. WOOD	8	S. CLARK	6
M. JOSEPH	5	D. BATES	7	C. BOURKE	5
P. TILLEY	5	D. WITNISH	7	A. DUNLOP	5
P. ARROWSMITH	2	P. CAMPBELL	6	Z. CAPULO	2
D. BATES	2	C. FRASER	6	P. JOSEPH	2
S. MILTON	2	H. SELF	5	D. CAULFIELD	1
S. MATLOCK	1	D. BEACH	4	W. HAYES	1
D. McBRIDE	1	A. LOWE	3	T. PURCELL	1
		B. EATON	1		

THE JUNIOR CLINIC

The aim of the Mitcham Football Club Junior Clinic is to encourage boys in the local area to be involved in football at an early age.

Our club has always been proud of its juniors. We have also realised the true value of the local talent which has developed through the junior grades, finally maturing into some of the best footballers in the district.

We are glad to contribute to the community benefit by involving juniors in worthwhile sport, but in doing so, we can also help strengthen our supply of players by fostering junior football at the earliest possible age. Many Under 9 and Under 11 sides already exist so that if Mitcham wants to keep pace, we should do so now before boys are forced to go further afield to gain the competitive element they desire.

The ages of the boys in our clinic range from 6 to 11, and we hope by introducing these youngsters to our club to develop greater interest and participation in local football. With greater parental interest we could organise teams on Sundays to give these boys the matches against 'real opposition' which they always ask for. Any parents interested in helping can contact the club.

To finish we would like to thank the Mitcham Football Club for sponsoring the clinic for its tenth year and we hope that 1980 will see better opportunities for the Under 9 and Under 11 boys.

G. WATHEN & A. MARSHALL



UNDER 15		UNDER 13
A. WINTER	7	B. GRIFFIN
B. SCANLON	7	J. HOWELL
P. CLARK	6	C. CAY
D. FALKINGHAM	5	R. McKEAN
M. WINSTANLEY	4	S. PANZA
D. WITNISH	2	T. PURCELL
		P. JOSEPH
		T. WOOD
		P. GEORGE
		D. WITNISH
		S. CLARK
		N. MORTON
		C. BOURKE

EDFL Votes



UNDER 13



UNDER 15



UNDER 17

JUNIOR BEST & FAIREST 1979

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G. JOSEPH,	M. WINSTANLEY	P. HARPER



6. Second-Semi Final:

Tigers into grand final

Mammoth win makes Mitcham flag favourites

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The Tigers had been getting a lot of kilometres into their legs, around the tan in the city, then across to Punt Road oval the following night, and then two nights at Donvale, which was equal to the size of Boronia. Individual duels were again a highlight of the rival sides and pre-match strategies of both camps were soon to be put to the 'acid' test. Honours for the 'first round' went to Mitcham as the Tigers eased high-

marking Graeme Weatherley out on to a flank and his usual spot at centre half forward was taken by Gary Marshall. ... Meanwhile another duel was underway at either end of the ground as both participants prided themselves of a star spearhead. East's Gary 'Lefty' Maidment ...

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Countdown

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When Andrews notched his third, Tim Hanna was switched to full back after doing 'the job' on Tiger coach Ron Thomas. Mitcham's interchange David White, relieved Wayne Henderson and came into the play immediately. Ruckman, Keith Rout, goaled for Mitcham. ... Baker tapped the ball over to Lyons for the Tiger forward's third goal which regained Mitcham the lead. 2nd Qtr score: Mitcham 7.6 led East Ringwood 6.2

The second half saw the battle of the full forwards take on where it left off as Andrews kicked his fourth ... When Andrews chalked up his fifth, East appointed full back number three for the match, but unperturbed, Tony kicked truly for goal to put himself just three away from the century. Mitcham were most certainly making full use of the wind this time, as Thomas sent his side forward for rover Gallagher to pick up and goal. Rout kicked his second and the Tigers were running hot as East suddenly stopped running. Tiger 'Super Boot' Emil Popovic sunk in one of his long kicks and saw the long arms of Andrews reach up and pluck the ball out of the air and kick his seventh. Andrews cleverly led his opponent under the ball when Gary Marshall lobbed it in the square and the Tiger spearhead had his eighth on the board and went to 99 for the season. Mitcham had concluded a match-winning third term scoring 8.3 to East 1.1 and the scoreboard at the close of the quarter read: 3rd Qtr score: Mitcham 15.9 led East Ringwood 7.3

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The pre-match build up for both sides was of paramount importance. Andrews, on 91 goals for the season, waited for the Tigers and the wind to direct the ball to his end. ... Mitcham's 'decoy' Lyons, scored two quick goals ...

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MAMMOTH WIN MAKES MITCHAM FLAG FAVORITES

BY JAY DEE

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Two East Ringwood players competed for this mark with a Mitcham player (obscured) but the ball fell to the ground. This was part of the action in the first, first division second semi-final at Boronia Saturday, Mitcham won.

TIGERS' BIG WIN

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Not that big Noel did not carry out an effective job, on the contrary, he did just that, by keeping Andrews goalless for the remainder of the match.

However, the Bluebirds robbed themselves of the drive he was giving them around the ground, and surely the thing to do was to send off the supply that Andrews was receiving from downfield.

As any of the crowd could not do a thing right, Taylor after kicking last foot all around the

held, elected to kick right foot for goal, from dead on the full.

Even Maidment being to miss.

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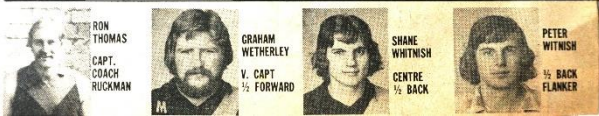
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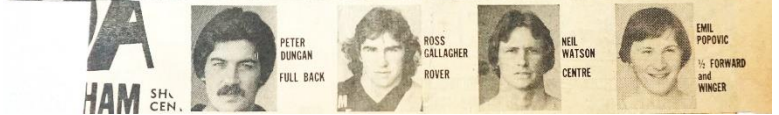
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Tigers roar!
And Andrews needs one for his ton

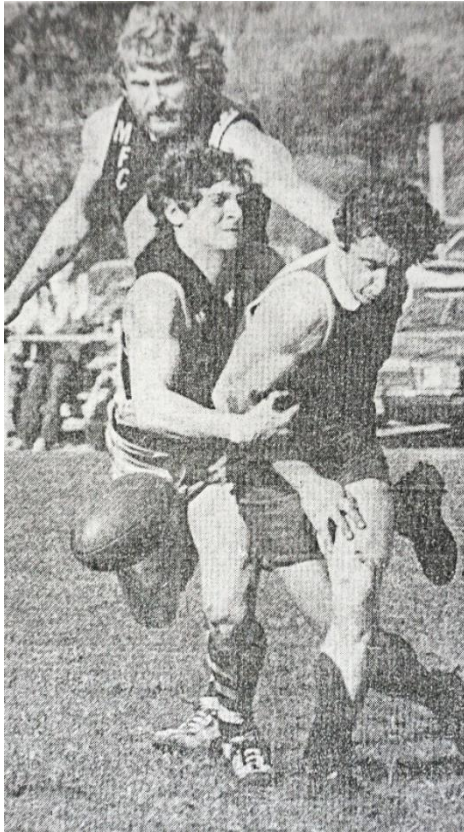
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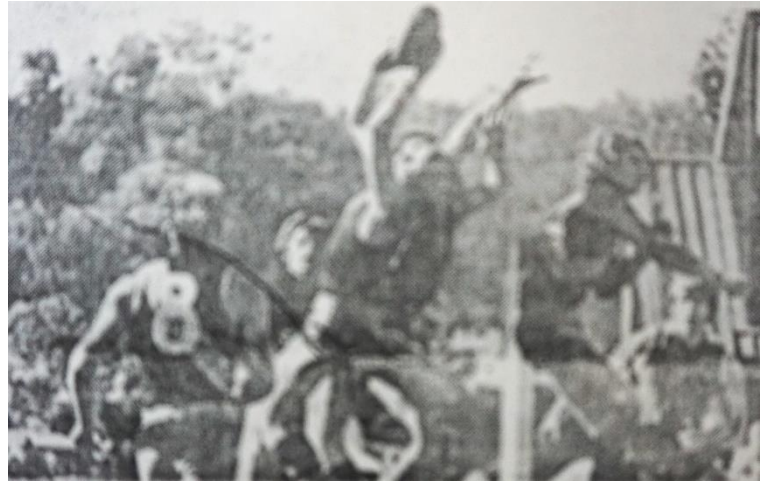
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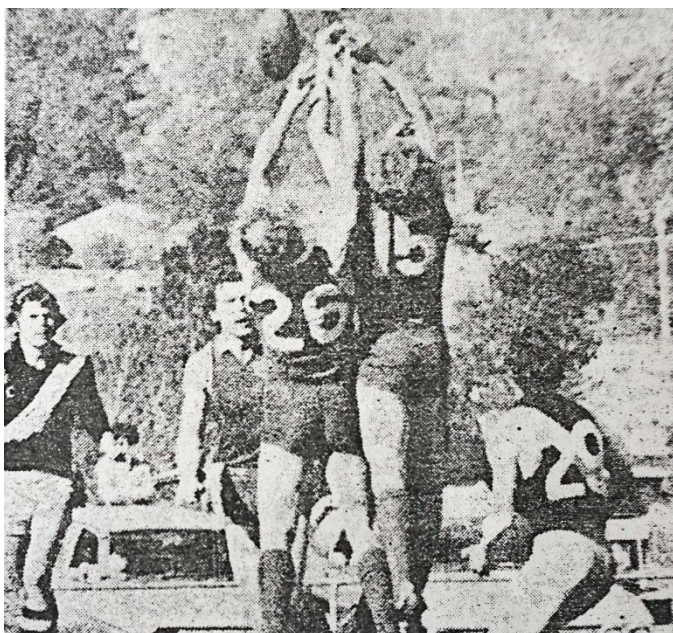
Second Semi Final Pictures:



Mitcham's Wayne Henderson executes a strong tackle, supported by Graeme Weatherley



Tony Andrews takes a 'big grab' for one of his eight goals on Saturday. He has 99 goals up for the season.



MITCHAM IN GRAND FINAL

by Jay Dee

Mitcham, the EDFL's top dog for season 1979 has entered the Grand Final for the second successive year.

However, any reference to last year's encounter brings an immediate shudder to the Mitcham camp from club president, Lee Gale, down.

Reason for this is, of course, now history that the tigers somewhat underestimated their then opponent, Ringwood, who lost to them in the second semi and bounced back successfully in the Grand.

There is now an air of grim determination and a total change of attitude around the Walker Park home of the tigers which has been instilled into the team by coach Ron Thomas, a former Chandler Medal winner (1977).

Thomas, in his second coaching stint at Mitcham, has enlisted the help of another former tiger coach in Graham Jacobs as chairman of selectors and together come up with the necessary strategies to combat eager opponents including Ron's most recent side, East Ringwood.

This was put into operation in the last two weeks when

the Mitcham reserves defeated East in the first semi and was followed by the seniors resounding 33 point victory over the Bluebirds at Boronia on Saturday.

Among the 'Tiger Trump Cards' are, rover Ross Gallagher, the club's best and fairest winner, even after missing half the season through injury, ruckman John Baker, recruited from Forest Hill this year and their sharp shooter full forward, Tony Andrews, the EDFL's top goalkicker is now poised on 99 goals, one off the magic 'ton.'

But overall, it is the entire team that gives the strength, height and back up to their star performers and set up the plays that have stamped the Tigers firm favorites for the 1979 flag.

Good luck . . . Jay Dee.

MITCHAM'S LIKELY GRAND FINAL LINE-UP

B. A. Linney, P. Dungan, R. Gale.
 ½ B. A. Marshall, S. Witnish, P. Witnish.
 C. R. Henderson, N. Watson, E. Popovic.
 ½ F. G. Marshall, G. Wetherley, A. Pearson.
 F. K. Rout, A. Andrews, R. Lyons.
 Foll. R. Thomas, J. Baker, Rov. R. Gallagher.
 Inter. D. White, J. Saker.

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OPPOSITE EASTLAND

RINGWOOD

1st Division Seniors - 2nd Semi-Final

MITCHAM (Firsts)

No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age
1.	N. Watson	5.11	11.9	26
2.	P. Dungan	6.3	14.0	25
3.	E. Popovic	6.1	13.4	22
4.	G. Weatherley, v.c.	6.3	14.10	24
5.	R. Gallagher	5.7	11.0	22
6.	K. Rout	6.2	14.5	22
8.	R. Thomas, c.c.	6.1½	13.7	30
9.	G. Hands	6.1	13.7	23
10.	A. Pearson	5.8	11.0	17
11.	A. Andrews	6.2	16.2	26
12.	J. Baker	6.3½	15.5	30
14.	C. McKean	6.0	13.0	19
15.	A. Linney	5.9½	11.10	23
16.	G. Marshall	5.11	11.6	24
18.	R. Lyons	6.1	11.7	24
19.	P. Witnish	6.2	12.7	21
20.	R. Gale	5.10	13.5	23
23.	D. White	5.9	12.0	24
25.	A. Marshall	5.10½	12.0	24
29.	W. Henderson	5.7	10.7	22
30.	W. Mitchell	5.10½	10.0	25
33.	T. McKinnon	5.10	11.7	25
34.	S. Witnish	6.2	12.7	21

EAST RINGWOOD (Firsts)

No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age
33.	P. Baker	5.9	12.0	20
22.	A. Bocquet	5.7	11.0	20
2.	S. Byrne	6.1	13.0	22
20.	N. Crosthwaite	6.0	13.0	20
8.	P. Croxford	5.10	11.0	23
39.	G. D'Arcy	6.2	13.7	29
12.	J. Denmead	6.1	13.7	27
35.	J. Dick	6.0	13.5	21
25.	J. Eddy	5.11	13.7	29
15.	G. Glendinning	6.0	12.7	21
30.	T. Hanna	6.0	11.7	20
1.	S. Jolley	6.1	13.0	23
13.	J. Kilduff	5.7	11.0	19
29.	G. Maidment	5.10	11.0	25
31.	P. Mason	5.6	10.7	20
16.	G. Murray	5.9	11.7	23
36.	J. Nicks	5.11	13.0	22
3.	A. Parker	6.0	13.0	20
32.	M. Peters	6.1	12.10	32
44.	M. Plummer	5.10	11.5	18
7.	G. Renwick	6.2	13.7	27
40.	M. Steart	5.11	11.8	19
26.	J. Taylor	6.2	14.0	31
17.	J. Tuck	6.1	13.7	23
6.	C. Watts	5.9	12.0	27
5.	N. Zunneberg	6.2	14.5	32



MITCHAM the PREMIER TOWN!!

Last week we saluted the effort of the Mitcham Football Club senior side in making the EDFL Grand Final for the second successive year.

TROPHIES

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Well, in the ensuing week, there's double reason for the Tigers to celebrate, as on Saturday last, at Boronia, the Mitcham reserves side defeated Vermont in the Preliminary Final and also enter the Grand Final.

The last time that both Mitcham reserves and seniors played on the same day in a Grand Final was in 1975 when the first were victorious and the reserves runners-up.

So for the Tiger fans, there will be loads of the yellow and black at Boronia next Saturday with both their teams in action.

Their opponents, Scoresby are also fronting up to both

matches with reserves and seniors with the reserves Grand Final commencing at 11.30 a.m.

The Tiger Reserves are coached by Ken Henderson who is no stranger to premierships flags, as he was successful with the Mitcham under 17 side in 1974.

Some members of that combination are with Ken's Reserves today.

This is the squad of players from which the Reserves Grand Final side will be selected.

Graham Charles (Capt.), Russell Witherow (Vice-Capt.), G. Hands, J. Saker, C. McKean, G. Dunkenson, A. Palmer, L. Bienvenu, S. Saddington, W. Mitchell, G. Nicol, J. Nicol, V. Coraci, T. McKinnon, C. Purcell, M. Taylor, C. Turner, E. Whitfield, D. Dungan, W. Nelson, A. Larkin, R. Mitchell, W. Coleman, B. Ritchie, G. Munro, G. Cassidy, P. Cazaly, M. Bentley, D. Allen, W. McMahon, S. Drygarek.

2 PREMIERSHIP WINNERS



Steamrolling Tigers win another flag

12/19/79

7. Grand Final:

Steamrolling Tigers win another flag

By Jay Dee

Mitcham convincingly won the EDFL's top division grand final when they steamrolled a struggling Scoresby to register a 43-point victory. The Boronia track was heavy, and although skies were threatening, no rain fell.

Not so lucky was Mitcham's Ray Gale who suffered a broken hand causing the half back flanker to take the field as a trainer. Into the Tiger's side came Warren Nelson who was playing his seventh consecutive grand final.

Most experienced

The former East Ringwood player was without doubt, the most experienced man on the field. He was given the all-important role of shadowing Scoresby Captain-Coach John Eagles, a role he fulfilled to perfection. ...

Top Tiger, Ron Thomas, stationed himself across the backline as the game turned into a battle of defences. Four direct misses in front was not good football for Scoresby... Gary Marshall goaled for Mitcham followed by rover Ross Gallagher.

1st Qtr scores: Mitcham 2.2 Scoresby 3.5

Magpies second

... It became obvious during the following term that Mitcham's rover, Gallagher, was the marked-man as he cleverly avoided constant heavy tackling. He kicked his second and third goals and the spotlight went to Tony Andrews at full forward on 99 goals.

Hundred goals up

Mitcham were keeping their well-disciplined forward line open for him and centreman Watson was giving him plenty of supply. And then it happened. Goal number one for Tony and his hundred was up. Mitcham ruckman, John Baker, hauled down mark after mark, practically at the same spot ...

Both Eagles and Andrews scored their second goals for the match and then a chain of hand passes over the top saw Adam Pearson grab the ball up forward for Mitcham and goal. Mitcham were using the wind more effectively as Lyons goaled from the centre half-forward position.

2nd Qtr scores: Mitcham 8.8 Scoresby 4.7

Last year's side

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Concerned that complacency would creep into the Tiger's game, Ron Thomas stated: "It's not over yet. You'll know when it's over, the siren will scream a Mitcham flag. ..."

Scoresby trailed by seven straight goals when Baker handpassed to Gallagher for the Tigers' 12th goal. ... Mitcham's interchange David White took the field and quickly goaled. Things were obviously looking good for the Tigers as Mitcham chairman of selectors, Graeme Jacobs, had a continual grin on his face for practically the entire final quarter. Finally, it had to happen. The sure marking, match-dominating Baker marked strongly and kicked accurately to see the Tigers run out easy winners.

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Mitcham ruckman, John Baker, hauled down mark after mark, practically at the same spot, but Lyneville and Subiaco were constantly interchanging to keep the ball moving around the ground for the Magpies, but they were not contesting in the air.

When Magpie Wessell's leg suddenly gave out from under him, five trainers took the field.

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BY JAY DEE

HOW THEY LINED UP
MITCHAM
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 R. Brennan, Lonie, Casterton; H. B. Wilson, Moore, Arnott; C. Gray, Leric, C. Merritt; Bourke, Castillo, Goldsmith; F. Casamento, Graham, Eagles; P. O'Reilly, Llewellyn; Roy, Brereton; Inter: Wessell, Sutherland.

SCORES

Here are the results of all the EDFL grand finals played over the weekend:
FIRST DIVISION: Mitcham 15-16 d Scoresby 8-15; Reserves: Scoresby 11-10 d Vermont 12-10; North Ringwood 12-10 d Ringwood 7-6.
SECOND DIVISION: Mulgrave 11-4 d Rayswater 8-8; Reserves: Mulgrave 12-4, Kilsyth 8-11; D-11: Mulgrave 11-11 d Doncaster 3-8.
THIRD DIVISION: Reserves: Upper Gully 12-5 d Merwood 13-12; Under 15 east and west premiers play-off: East Burwood 12-10 d Maccolshara 6-6.

Final scores: MITCHAM 15-16 (106) d SCORESBY 8-15 (63).

Summing up

Contrary to the scoreboard, Mitcham did not win the game in the third quarter. They won it 12 months ago, immediately after their defeat in the '78 grand final. The Tigers determinedly set about a change of approach and attitude which paid handsome dividends. As far as Scoresby were concerned, the Magpies were never really in the event, but they are a great club and the mere fact they made the grand final from the first semi is proof of that.

Some wise words from Jay Dee

sportscene

Mitcham swamps Scoresby

By JAY DEE

Mitcham convincingly won the Eastern District Football League's top division when it steamrolled a struggling Scoresby to register a 43 point victory on Saturday.

The Borussia "trap" was heavy, and although skies were threatening, no rain fell to speak of.

Lonie, a casualty of the first attack, came into the Magpie's grand final line-up in place of injured Henssemann.

Not lucky with Mitchell's free kick, who suffered a broken hand, causing the half back, flanker to take the field as a tasser.

Into the Tigers side came Warren Nelson, who was playing his second consecutive grand final match.

The former East Ripon player was without doubt, the most experienced man on the field.

Nelson was given the all important role of shadowing Scoresby captain coach, John Eagles, a role he fulfilled to perfection.

A negative start saw a fumbling quarter with Scoresby missing first one of the strong breeze.

Top Taper, Ron Thomas stationed himself across the backline as the game teared into a battle of defence.

Aerial was Scoresby's best defender.

Four direct misses from in front was not good football by Scoresby as centre forward looked "upset" and not moving feet.

The quarter closed with Mitcham 22 and Scoresby 12.

GOAL: Garry Marshall goal for Mitcham followed by rover Ron Gallagher.

At the other end of the ground, Steve Graham kicked Scoresby's first, and made counting the ball well, the unmovable full back Peter Osburn to Eagles to kick another for the Magpies.

It became obvious during the following term that Mitcham's Gallagher, a rover's rover, was the "marked man" as he cleverly avoided constant heavy tackling.

He kicked his second and third goals, and then the spotlight went to Tony Andrews, at full forward — and up 30 goals for the season.

Mitcham was keeping its well disciplined forward line open for him and



—and takes home the flag

...cousin Watson was giving him plenty of support. Then it happened. Goal number one for Tony and his 100 up.

Mitcham tuckman John Baker hauled down mark after mark — practically in the same spot — but his kicking let him down.

Llewellyn and Sutherland were constantly interchanging to keep the ball moving around the ground for the Magpie, but they were not controlling in the air.

When Ng Magpie Wessell's leg suddenly gave out from under him, five tappers took the field.

He was the Magpie's only challenger to the big man power of the Tigers and they were desperate to keep him in the game.

Each Eagles and Andrews tried to get a hand on the ball, but they were not controlling in the air.

Mitcham was using the wind more effectively as Lyons goal from the centre half forward position.

Half time scores Mitcham 22 — Scoresby 12.

Thomas's selected approach to the vital game consisted with a half time determination to his players.

Producing framed pictures of last year's side and a reminder of the unenviable bid for the premiership, Thomas instilled a quiet but determined dedication to reverse the situation for season 1979.

THIRD: Mitcham's power plus, action packed football displayed in the third term was not only match winning, it was flag winning as Scoresby had no answer.

Scoresby had no counter for Mitcham's effective link players, Popovic, Marshall and Watson who took over in this quarter.

Andrews kicked three goals for the term between intermittent lights around the ground by tussling players.

Four firsts was a prolific kick getter for Scoresby and so was Castillo, but the Magpies could only manage a disastrous five behinds for the quarter.

Concerned that spectators would creep into the flag's game, Ron Thomas stated "It's not over yet."

"I don't know when it's over."

The siren will scream a Mitcham flag!

I got Scoresby's flag was so adjacent, put by John Eagles when addressing the Magpies at the final change.

"I've done nothing so far today so give me something for the next 30 minutes."

FINALLY Castillo went to a forward pocket and Eagles on to the ball in an effort to generate drive for the black and white. Bourke found Castillo in the pocket, but he slipped at the vital moment.

But you can't keep a good man down, and this most promising young player kicked accurately minutes later for the Magpie's first goal since half time.

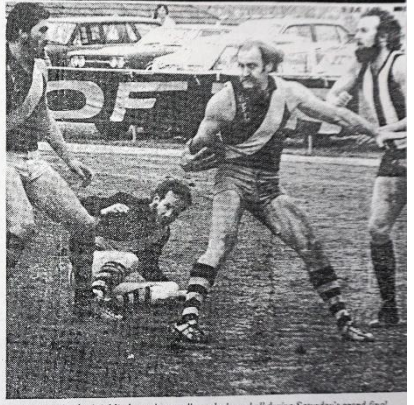
Scoresby trailed by seven straight goals when Baker handpassed to Gallagher for the Tiger's 12th.

Thomas were obviously looking good for the Tigers as Mitcham chairman of education, Graham Jacobs had a continuous grin on his face for practically the entire final quarter.

Castillo goalled again and a hand-in Scoresby's third for the term, but Mitcham's interchange, David White took the field and quickly goalled.

Finally, it had to happen. The score marking, match administering Baker marked strongly and kicked accurately, to see the Tigers run out easy winners.

Final score Mitcham 52 (16 (6)), Scoresby 15 (5 (5)).



I'll take that! A Mitcham player collects the loose ball during Saturday's grand final. This type of dominance by Mitcham led to a comfortable victory over Scoresby. The photo and those on opposite page were taken by Ian Amies — (051) 67 4306.

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EDFL FOOTBALL RECORD

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Men's Hair Stylist

Les Ferguson 870 6497 Cheap Smokes
 FULL RANGE OF IMPORTED TOBACCO AND CIGARS, LIGHTERS, PIPES
 MIDWAY ARCADE — OPPOSITE EASTLAND — RINGWOOD

1st Division Seniors — Grand Final

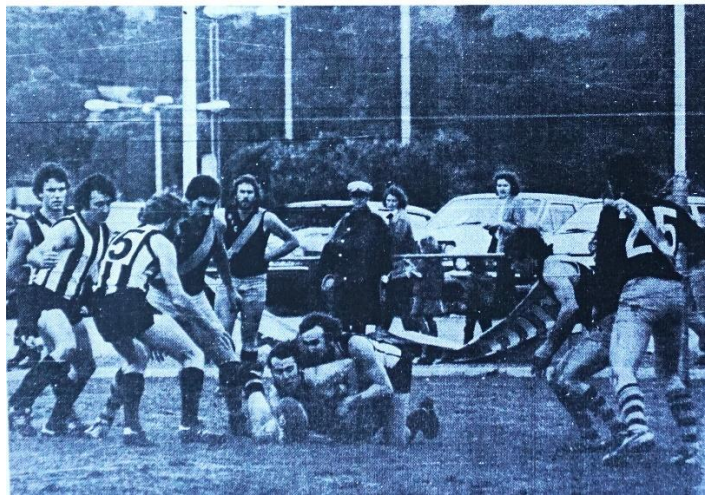
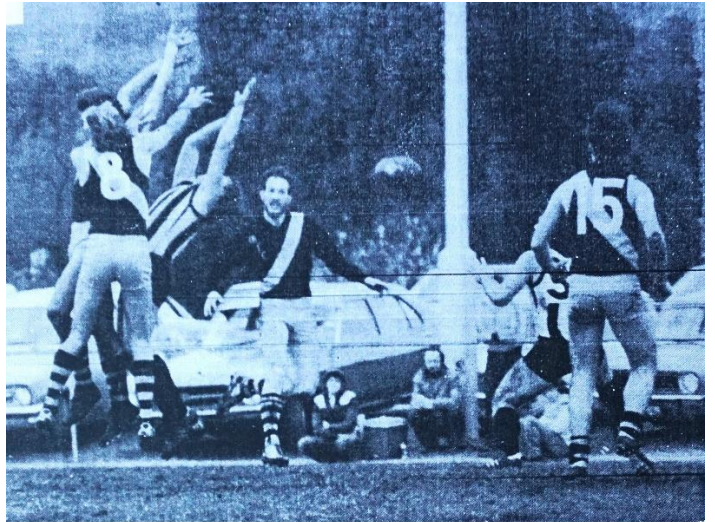
MITCHAM (Firsts)

SCORESBY (Firsts)

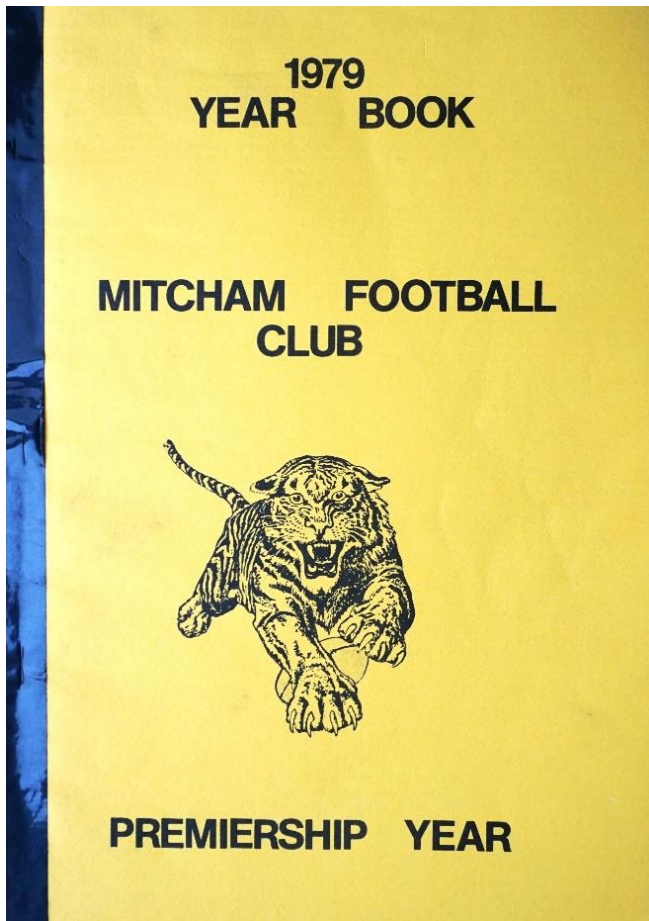
No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age	No.	Player	Height	Weight	Age
1.	N. Watson	5.11	11.9	26	1.	P. Lonie	6.0	14.7	23
2.	P. Dungan	6.3	14.0	25	2.	R. Wilson	5.8	12.0	27
3.	E. Popovic	6.1	13.4	22	3.	P. Brennan	5.8	11.0	26
4.	G. Weatherley, v.c.	6.3	14.10	24	4.	S. Graham	6.0	14.0	25
5.	R. Gallagher	5.7	11.0	22	5.	S. Bourke	5.10	12.6	19
6.	K. Rout	6.2	14.5	22	6.	W. Brereton	5.8	12.0	23
8.	R. Thomas, c.c.	6.1 1/2	13.7	30	7.	G. Arnott	6.1	12.3	23
9.	G. Hands	6.1	13.7	23	8.	H. Wessel	6.4	15.6	31
10.	A. Pearson	5.8	11.0	17	9.	P. Castillo	6.1	13.0	17
11.	A. Andrews	6.2	16.2	26	10.	J. Eagles, c.c.	6.0	13.0	28
12.	J. Baker	6.3 1/2	15.5	30	12.	R. Dempster	6.4	13.1	19
13.	J. Saker	5.11	12.0	19	15.	D. Goldsmith	5.10	12.0	29
14.	C. McKean	6.0	13.0	19	16.	M. Castricum	6.2	15.0	35
15.	A. Linney	5.9 1/2	11.10	23	17.	M. O'Reilly	6.3	13.2	23
16.	G. Marshall	5.11	11.6	24	18.	J. Moore	6.2	13.1	23
18.	R. Lyons	6.1	11.7	24	19.	R. King	5.11	11.7	30
19.	P. Witnish	6.2	12.7	21	20.	D. Lerich, v.c.	5.10	12.7	23
20.	R. Gale	5.10	13.5	23	21.	J. Henneman	6.3	13.8	24
23.	D. White	5.9	12.0	24	23.	J. Kerr	5.9	11.2	17
25.	A. Marshall	5.10 1/2	12.0	24	24.	M. Llewellyn	5.10	12.5	27
29.	W. Henderson	5.7	10.7	22	27.	M. Paffett	6.1	12.0	19
30.	W. Mitchell	5.10 1/2	10.0	25	30.	R. Gasamenio	5.9	12.0	22
33.	T. McKinnon	5.10	11.7	25	31.	R. Clemments	5.8	10.7	21
34.	S. Witnish	6.2	12.7	21	32.	P. Gray	5.6	10.6	23
42.	W. Nelson	5.11	14.4	23	33.	D. Sutherland	5.10	12.10	28
					41.	R. Stewart	6.0	12.1	27
					50.	P. Babawine	5.7	11.0	25
					51.	K. Stephens	5.11	12.0	26

Runner: D. Snare

Grand Final pictures:



8. Memorabilia, Club Facts & Highlights:



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	RESERVES ..	MR. A. SAKER	
	UNDER 17 ..	MR. R. ARROW-SMITH	
	UNDER 15 ..	MR. P. SCANLON	
	UNDER 13 ..	MR. K. HARPER	
<u>COACHES 1979:</u>	SENIORS	MR. R. THOMAS	MR. R. THOMAS
	RESERVES	MR. K. HENDERSON	MR. G. CHARLES
	UNDER 17	MR. H. LARKIN	MR. R. LENNIE
	UNDER 15	MR. G. JACKSON	MR. A. WINTER
	UNDER 13	MR. G. DUNKINSON	MR. B. GRIFFIN

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MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB
Invites
Mr. *A. Marshall + Friends*
to attend
GRAND FINAL LUNCHEON
at
KARINYA LODGE
Station st Blackburn
sept 9th 11.30am, , , , 2pm
strictly rsvp sept 4th

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MITCHAM FOOTBALL CLUB
INVITES YOU TO THEIR
ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT
HELD AT
PARK ORCHARDS CHALET
Park Road
Park Orchards
FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER 1979 8.PM.
DOUBLE \$ 35 5 COARSE SMORGASBOARD
SINGLE \$ 18 AND DRINKS ALL INCLUSIVE

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CLUB PERFORMANCE 1979

TEAM	GAMES			FOR		AGAINST		%	FINISHED
	W	L	D	G	B	G	B		
SENIORS	16	4	-	341	- 289	248	- 254	134.04	PREMIERS
RESERVES	10	10	1	247	- 259	248	- 233	101.06	2nd
UNDER 17	10	8	-	163	- 159	168	- 146	98.61	5th
UNDER 15	6	12	-	193	- 151	181	- 144	106.42	8th
UNDER 13	11	7	-	200	- 172	86	- 103	221.64	5th
CLUB TOTAL	53	41	1	1144	- 1030	931	- 880	122.08	

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

I wrote last year that the Mitcham Football Club had returned to its rightful position as top club in the E.D.F.L. Well, this year we went one better -

Our First XVIII were Premiers in First Division
Our Reserves were Runners Up

and for the first time in many years, our juniors did not feature in the Finals, but this is not a bad sign, as some of the young lads that are coming through the Grades are potential senior players.

Our Senior Coach, Ron Thomas in his first year of a second stint at coaching the club proved how much he has improved with experience and knowledge he has gained over the years he was away.

Ron was plagued with injuries throughout the year, and was virtually a non playing coach for most of the season, and this is when he proved what a great coach he really is. Next year he will prove what a great footballer and coach he can be.

Thanks, Ron, for a Premiership that we all worked for, and a special mention to Graeme Jacobs as Chairman of Selectors who was a great asset to the club.

Our Reserves Coach, Ken Henderson and Captain, Graham Charles made a welcome return to the club after a short absence and moulded the reserve players into a very good team at the finish - especially when the First XVIII were riddled with so many injuries and the Reserves were continually robbed of good players. Thanks, boys, for the season.

I have said before that we have the best junior coaches in the competition and my thanks go to Herb Larkin, George Jackson and Gary Dunkinson for their efforts this season.

The senior and reserve players received all the praise for their efforts on the field, and rightly so, and I thank them for a flag and a runners up but I am very proud to work with the people who run the club.

To Kevin Smith, our Secretary, I thank him very much for a lot of hard work and the long hours he puts in over a season.

To Gordon Kramer, our dispenser of soft drink at the club I thank him very much for his reliability and dedication that he has shown over the seasons. To Harry Willaton, the Men's Committee, Ladies Committee, Ray Bourke, John Hopkinson, Brian Allen, Garry Wathen, Allan Marshall, Ray Arrowsmith, Bernie Coleman, Bob Bates, Julie Coleman Alec Allan and the (Chef) Rooster Allen for the help throughout the year.

Everybody should know by now that football is a very expensive business and funds are getting harder to find every year, so we should not rest on our laurels after a Premiership year, but work even harder next year to maintain that standard.

I wish you all the best for the future.

LEE GALE, PRESIDENT

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Premiers 1979. What great satisfaction and enjoyment to be able to wipe out that picture of disappointment of last year. To remain top club throughout the season and then go on to win the Grand Final by seven goals, certainly proved that we learnt our lesson of last year well, and through strong administration, experienced coaches, and good backing up by all staff involved throughout the club, the Mitcham Football Club returned to power in the E.D.F.L. once again.

~~On a note of sadness our club lost the services of our President, Lee Gale and his wife, Bernice after the Grand Final, when they left Victoria to take on a business venture in New South Wales. I cannot, on behalf of our club, let Lee and Bernice go before we pay tribute to them, for the dedication and effort put in by both over a decade.~~

Thanks Lee and Bernice, for a job well done and we wish you well in your new business venture.

I would like to thank the following people for their efforts in 1979.

Coaches. Senior Coach, Ron Thomas for his dedication to his players, and ability to coach a premiership team, although hampered by injuries. Reserves Coach Ken Henderson for his great effort in reaching the Grand Final.

Junior Coaches, Herb Larkin, U17, George Jackson U15, and Gary Dunkinson, U13 all did a great job, but just did not have enough good players every Saturday to make the Finals. It's the first time for ten years that a Mitcham Junior Side did not make the Finals. However, I thank them for their efforts.

Staff. To our selectors, training staff, timekeepers, team managers, gatekeepers, scoreboard attendant and everyone who helped with the junior teams, thank you for a job well done.

Fund Raising. Where would our club be without these people? Ladies Committee, Men's Committee, Harry Willaton and M.F.C. Tigonians who each year raise enormous amounts of money to keep our club alive, and they receive my sincere gratitude.

To all Players, Members, Sponsors, B. R. Motors, Stan Russell Menswear and all Donors, I also thank for their generosity and efforts.

During this season, our Club once again supplied about 40 new jumpers to all teams, a new medical room set up, new carpet and tiles and extensions to the Social Room, and also commenced Bingo at the Mitcham Hotel.

~~Commenting on Season 1979, I would like to ask everybody within the club to attend functions, Bingo and other activities to achieve our aim to stay on top in the E.D.F.L.~~

I also have noticed that some players and members have no respect for club equipment - gear, jumpers, footballs, medical equipment, as they think it is open season to waste, take, or break the mentioned items. The cost of these items has become enormous and will be even greater next season, so please, people, think before you act.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everybody, especially the members of the Committee for providing me with a most enjoyable year and I look forward to an even more successful season in 1980.

KEVIN SMITH, SECRETARY

'Gags' grabs Tigers' trophy

Ross 'Gags' Gallagher, rover of the premiership-winning Mitcham Football Club "The Tigers" will receive the club's best and fairest Keith Allen Trophy at the club's premiership ball at Park Orchards Chalet on Friday night, October 5.

The club trophy winners, announced on Monday, showed that Ross had won the award, runner-up was Tony Andrews, who kicked 104 goals during the EDFL season and will also collect the leading goal-kicking trophy.

Other club awards for presentation include:

Seniors: Best utility: G. Marshall, most determined: P. Duncan, most improved: A. Marshall, best player finals: J. Baker, Clemen White Memorial Trophy: best player clubman: A. Marshall.
Reserves: Best and fairest: M. Taylor, runner-up: G. Wathen, third: L. Bienvenu, best utility: G. Wathen, most determined: A. Larkin, leading goal-

kicker: A. Palmer, best player finals: M. Taylor, R. Gallagher (senior) and M. Taylor (reserves) also won the Brian Robert Motors player of the year awards.
Juniors (under 17): best and fairest: G. Joseph, runner-up: S. McDonald, third: M. Wallington, best utility: G. Robinson, most determined: R. Lennie, leading goal kicker: G. Robinson, best trier: M. Burgess.
Under 15: best and fairest: M. Winstanley, runner-

up: P. Allen, third: D. Faulkingham, best utility: P. Clark, most determined: D. Scanlon, leading goalkicker: M. Winstanley, best trier: K. George, K. Miller trophy: C. Silva.
Under 13: best and fairest: P. Harper, runner-up: B. Griffin, third: P. George, best utility: R. McKean, most determined: J. Howell, leading goalkicker: P. George, best trier: P. Joseph, K. Miller trophy: M. Pennington.

Century kicker in second place

Award nomination for Tigers' flag

The Tigers — Mitcham Football Club's senior team — this week gained the nomination for the 1979 teams award conducted in conjunction with the annual Nunawading and District Sports Stars of the Year.

Vermont Lions Club sports chairman, Ron Bromley, said last week that the victorious Tigers deserved special congratulations for their triumph in the grand final which clinched the 1979 EDFL flag for them.

"Even more so because they made sure of the job this year having learned their lesson after a finals disappointment last season after a tremendous 1978 lead-up."
Judging of all the nominations being made this year will be finalised at the Nunawading sports dinner to be arranged by Vermont Lions Club for early next year.

Three awards

There will be three awards this year — senior, junior and teams.
Eastside Chrysler will pay \$500 cash to the clubs of the junior and senior award winner.

All the Nunawading and district nominees this year are being entered for the judging of the Sports Star of the Year awards offered in awards covering the entire eastern region through the Gazette's four sister papers — Knox News, Ringwood-Croydon Mail, Lilydale Express and Free Press.

Nominations

Further nominations for the Nunawading and District awards, Mr Bromley said, could be made by local sporting clubs.

They should submit to Nunawading Gazette brief details of the names of the performers and details of their achievements.

Nominations were made also from reports appearing in the sports pages of Nunawading Gazette.

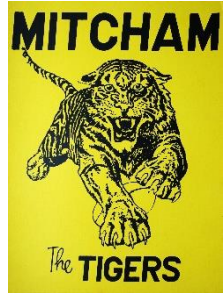
These awards carry sponsorship prizes including a new Holden Commodore from Neil Neilson Motors and a return trip to the Moscow Olympics next year donated by the courtesy of John Driver Fitness Centre of Forest Hill.

These eastern region awards are judged and announced at the big dinner night being arranged for later this year.

BALANCE SHEET 1979

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE	
	Forward 1978	389.97	Dank Fees	44.99
Membership	Adult 961.00		E.D.F.L. Admin. Fees	532.60
Ladies 34.00		Umpires	1999.50	
Junior 510.00	1550.90	Insurance	90.00	
Social Efforts		Presn. Night	462.00	
Committee 20810.03		Ground	Rental 1310.26	
Ladies Committee 3741.39		Improvements	436.79	
Ladies 4506.00	29057.42	Equipment		
Donations		Team	279.24	
Sponsorships 500.00		Footballs	588.47	
Donors 761.80		Jumpers	609.00	
Trophy Donors 50.00		Team		
Fence Advert. 550.00	1861.80	Training	257.14	
		Pre Season	119.96	
Miscellaneous		Managers	425.43	
Gate 1439.25		Social Efforts		
E.D.F.L. Finals 502.59		Committee	21072.92	
EDFL Present.Night 454.00		Ladies Canteen	2504.12	
Team Photos 52.50			23577.04	
Gear Shop 25.12	2473.46	Miscellaneous		
	35337.65	Administration	767.53	
Bank Interest 0.36		Advertising	200.68	
	35346.01	Building Fund	260.00	
Outstanding A/cs 152.00		Junior Exp.	49.40	
(Debtors: Medical First Aid 2033.68		Flowers & Condol. 54.50		
K.Rout, \$10, P. Cazaly \$18		Team Photos 30.00		
R. Lyons, \$9, G.Charles \$17		Trophies 327.33		
Hickham \$10, P.Eldridge \$12		B.R.H. Awards 250.00	4473.12	
Jason Lucas \$50)			35305.54	
		Profit	192.47	
			\$35498.01	
Building Fund A/c				
Term Deposit Nat. Bank \$1046.66				
plus Accured Interest 108.40				
Savings A/c Nat. Bank 9.98				
20th Century Building Soc.1310.00				
	\$2555.04			

We, Graeme Ioneghetti and Alfred Francis Pennington certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Mitcham Football Club and the above Statement is a true and correct record of the books that have been produced to us.
Sgd. G. Ioneghetti & A. F. Pennington



By Jay Dee

Instead of handing out the accolades for the best player tributes — most determined, most this, most that — I have decided to make my awards to the supporters who turned out in their droves to see the EDFL grand final.

So, here we go —

MOST LOYAL SUPPORTER:

Christine Dunkinson, wife of Mitcham reserves player, Garry Chris was decked out in her own Tiger jumper complete with hubby's number 17 on the back.

MOST INTERESTED SUPPORTER:

This award goes to Hugh McNiff. Reason for the extra interest in the game? Well, apart from being the father-in-law of Mitcham coach, Ron Thomas, Hughie was the last Tiger goalkicker to notch the elusive ton.

This occurred during a Mitcham final in 1946, so when Tony Andrews kicked his 100th in the second term, most elated at the Boronia ground was Hugh McNiff.

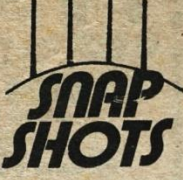
MOST DIS-

APPOINTED SUPPORTER:

Any of Scorsby's supporters who also barracked for Collingwood.

MOST THOUGHTFUL SUPPORTERS:

Winners in this category were former East Ringwood top officials Ralph Vincent and Les Ferguson who sent telegrams of good wishes to Mitcham coach Ron Thomas.



MOST TRAVELLED SUPPORTER:

Former Mitcham player, Peter O'Connell, now licensee of the Royal Hotel, Harrisfield, an outer Brisbane suburb.

PETER WHO PLAYED IN MITCHAM'S 75 PREMIERSHIP SIDE:

Peter who played in Mitcham's 75 premierships side, flew down for match and returned on Saturday night.

MOST DECORATED SUPPORTER:

This award goes to...

goes to another Mitcham fan 'Rooster' Allan. Mr Allan was all decked out in a leopard jacket and also sported a hat made out of the same fabric.

There's no let off for a runner.

Mitcham's over-worked runner, Steve Lunberg is contemplating running for something else over the summer.

Appears that Steve will be in the running when nominations for club president come about.

Current president, Lee Gale is retiring from office and leaving Mitcham for the sunshine State.

Not a bad note to go out on — a premierships flag.

On the subject of Lee Gale, it is with his 'quote of the week', that we finish this column.

"If we're up at three quarter time, we're home and hosed!"

9. Team Photo:

Mitcham Football Club EDFL Division 1 Senior Premiership Team 1979



- Top Row: Rob Lyons, Peter Dungan, Peter Witnish, Tony Andrews, Shane Witnish, John Baker, Emil Popovic, Warren Nelson, Steve Lundberg (Runner)
- Middle Row: Ray Bourke (Treasurer), Harry Willaton (Team Manager), Adam Pearson, Gary Marshall, Keith Rout, Bill Mitchell, Alan Marshall, Herb Larkin (Selector), Ross Gallagher, Graeme Jacobs (Chairman of Selectors), Roy Hands (Head Trainer), Bob Bentley (Trainer).
- Front Row: Alex Allan (Timekeeper), Tony Linney, Graeme Weatherley, Kevin Smith (Secretary), Ron Thomas (Captain Coach), Lee Gale (President), Neil Watson, David White, Wayne Henderson.
Mascot: Trent Jacobs.



10. Team Line-Up:

Mitcham Football Club

Eastern District Football League Premier Division

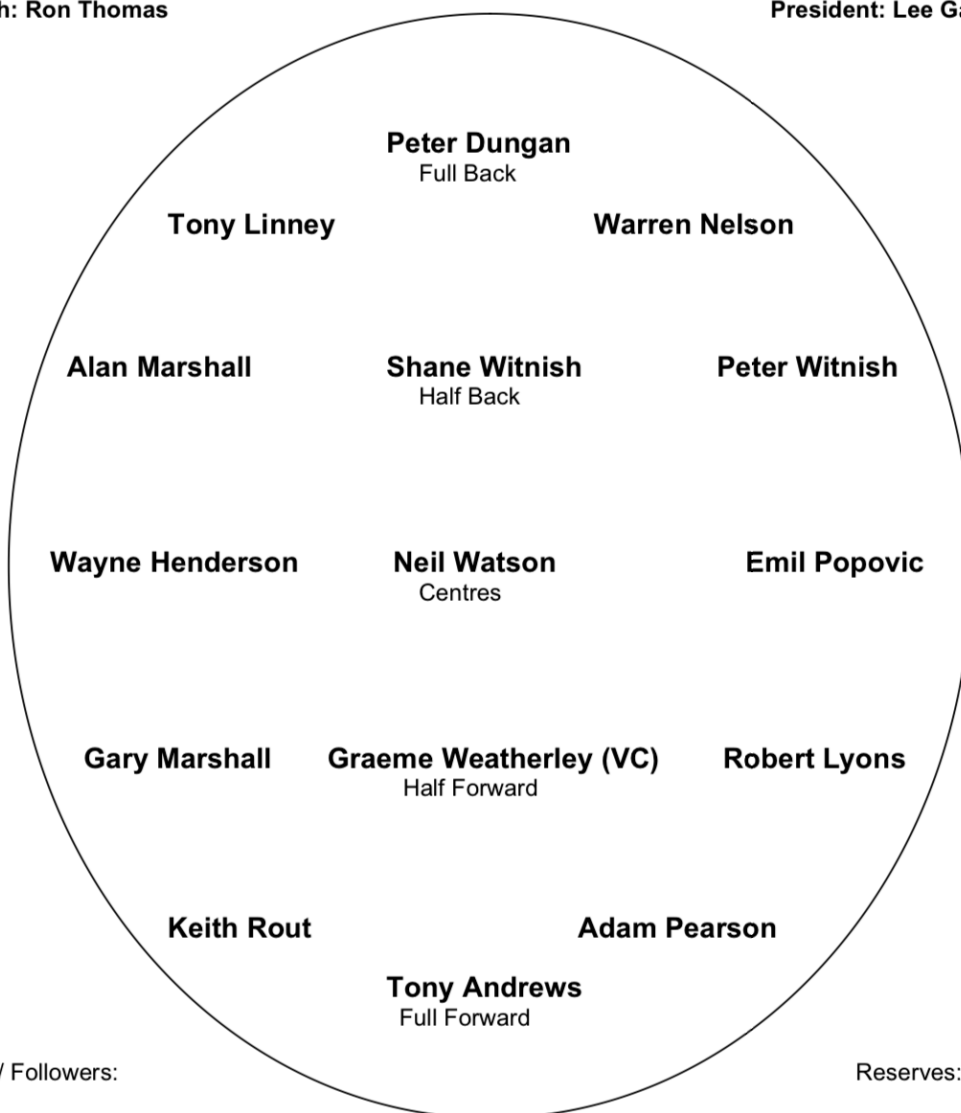
SENIOR PREMIERS 1979

Mitcham 15.16 (106) def. Scoresby 8.15 (63)

Ground: Tormore Reserve, Boronia

Captain / Coach: Ron Thomas

President: Lee Gale



First Ruck / Followers:

John Baker
Ron Thomas (CC)
Ross Gallagher

Reserves:

David White
Bill Mitchell

Team Manager: Harry Willaton
Secretary: Kevin Smith

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

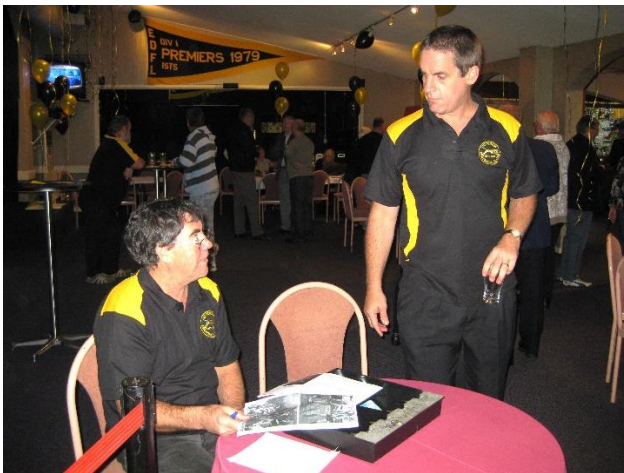
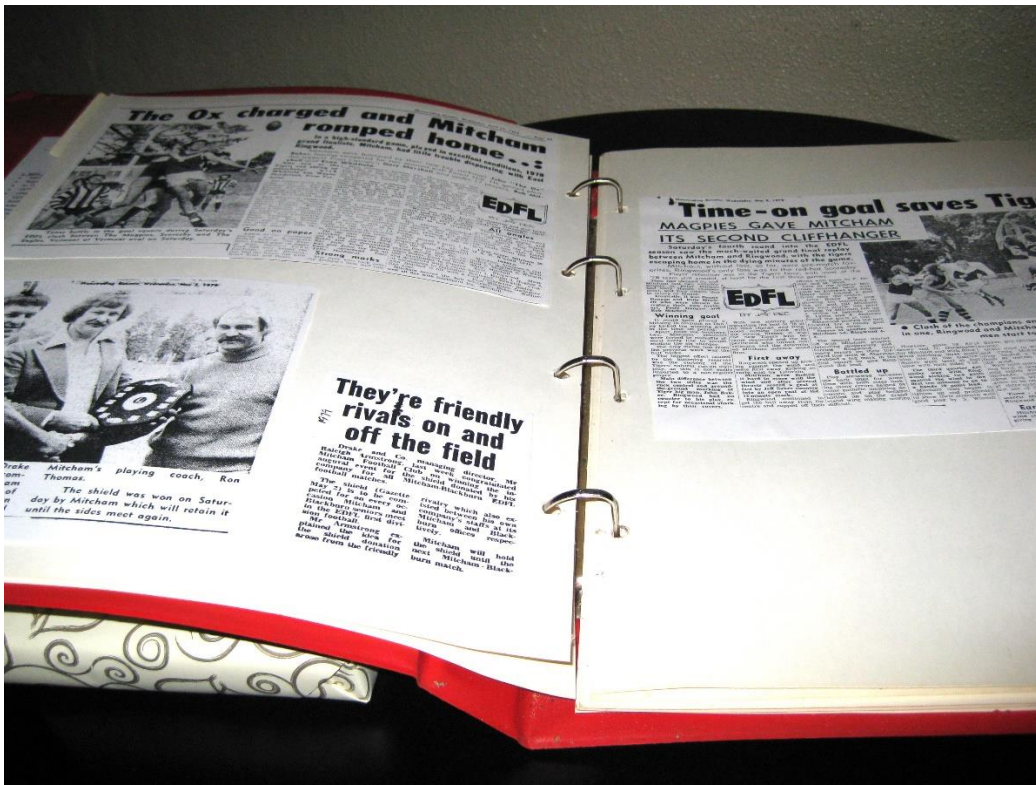
11. '30th Year Reunion' Pictures from 2009:

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MITCHAM Football Club 1979 '30 Year'
Premiership Reunion: 19 June 2009

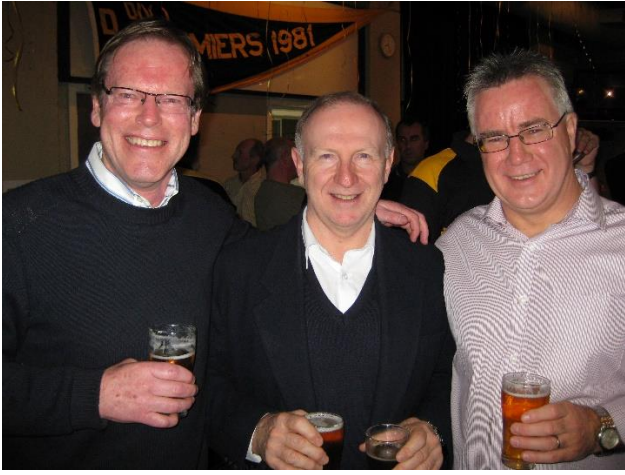
I took these photos back in 2009 at the 1979 '30th Reunion' and I thought they were too good / too much fun to not include them in this Report. I hope you enjoy them.

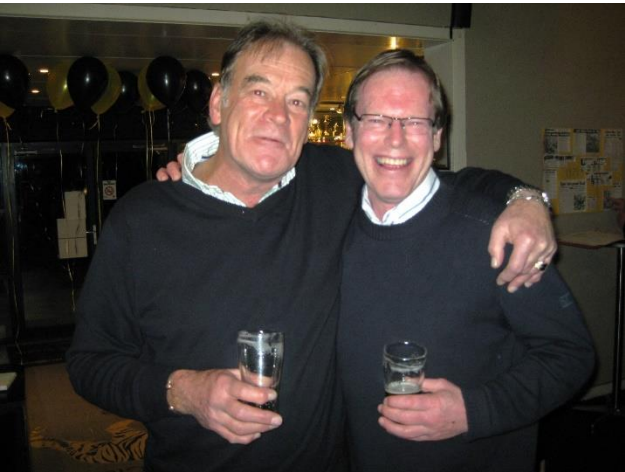
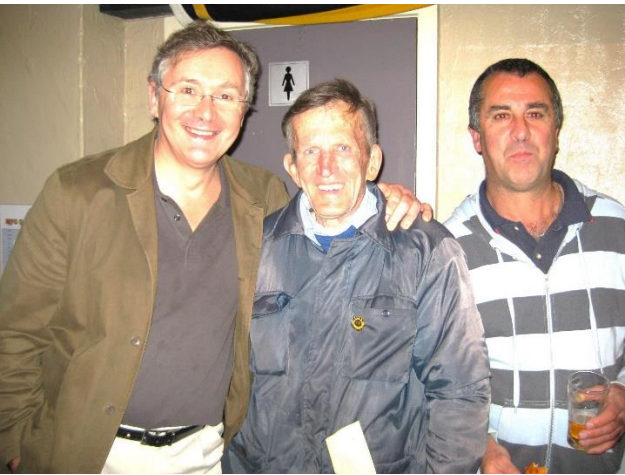
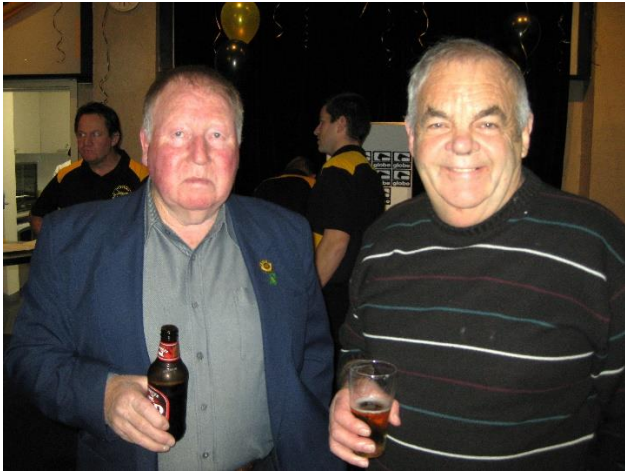
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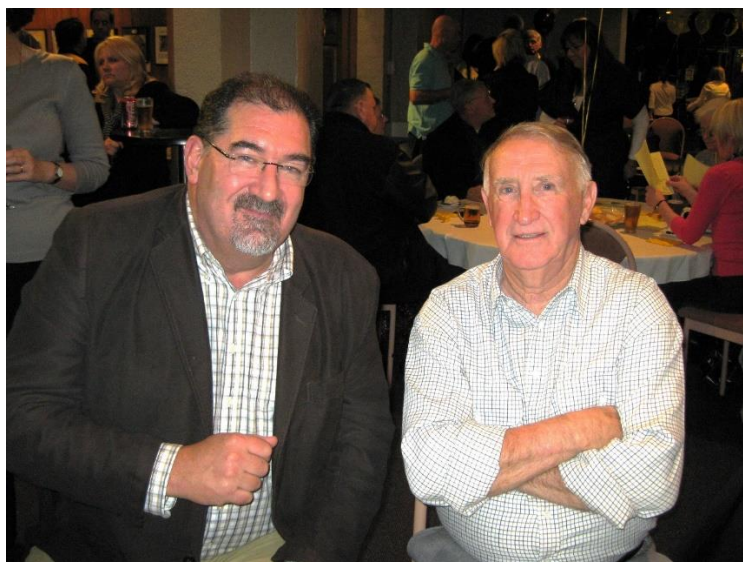
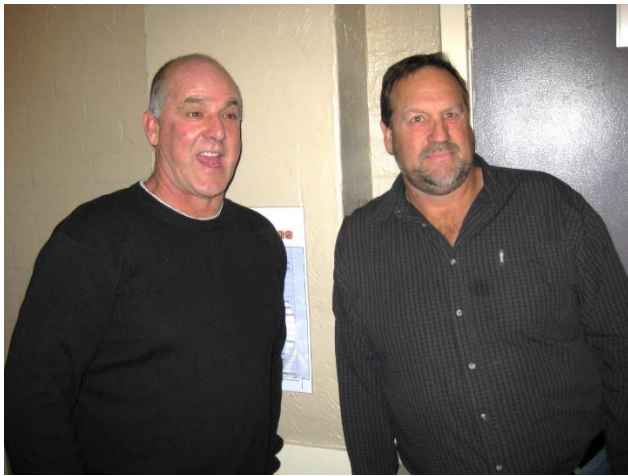
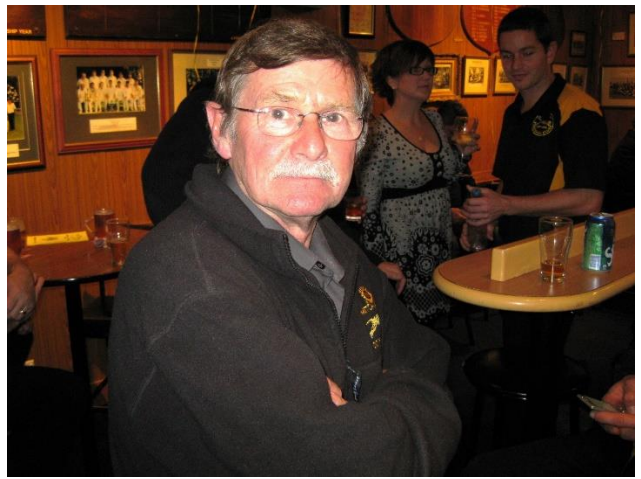




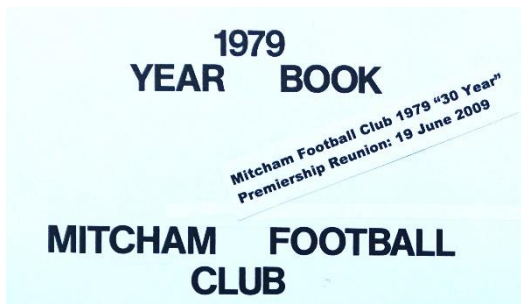
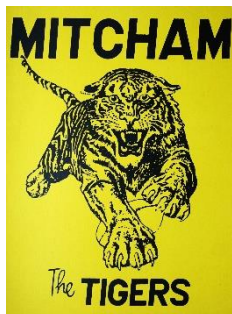












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