

Playing For ‘The Big V’

Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club has been well represented at State amateur level. Most of our VAFA representatives have donned the Big V in comparatively recent times. For the first twenty years after Nick Walsh led the reformation of OBGFC in 1957, the opportunity for our players to represent the Association was limited. Selection for the Victorian Amateurs was largely a privilege offered to the best players in A and B sections. Comparatively few players competing below that level were afforded an opportunity. There were some notable exceptions! Imagine the pride-swelling OBG hearts, when in 1978 both **John Priestley** and **David Shepherd** were selected to play against Tasmania. Very few C Grade players were given such recognition. David thinks that John might have kicked five goals and he is pretty sure that at least a couple resulted from passes delivered ‘lace-up’ in the manner to which John was accustomed!

In 1981, having just been promoted to B Grade for the first time in our history, the Tonners again saw brilliant full-forward John Priestley selected in the square for the VAFA. Giant ruckman **Tony Gedye** and rover **Gary Jones** were also selected against South Australia and Western Australia. John, who is Old Brighton’s most prolific goal-kicker, booted ten goals against the Sandgropers in the VAFA’s smashing win. Tony thoroughly enjoyed his VAFA Rep. games, yet although he well remembers Priestley’s goal feast, other memories are blurred. He attributes that partial loss of focus to **Ross Perrett**, University Blacks champion rover, who was Tony’s roommate in Adelaide! Tony reminds us that **Steve Dobbie**, a fourth Old Brighton Grammarian, was also in the side representing University Blues. In retrospect, could we also claim Roscoe as a fifth, given that he has produced our current champion, Johnny?

During the 1980s, the VAFA provided representative opportunities for players from clubs competing in Sections C — F. Matches were played against sides from South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia, as well as fixtures being contested in the ACT and against NSW AFL teams. There were also hotly contested games within Victoria, against the VCFL and the Southern Football League. During this period, several of our champion players raised their profiles and became celebrated VAFA players. Captain **Peter Grant** played against Tasmania in 1983–4, kicking three goals from the centre in the VAFA’s huge win in the Apple Isle. Peter also represented the VAFA in 1986 and he was followed in 1988 by another fine OBG skipper, **Cameron Lade**, who dominated in defence against South Australia in Adelaide, with fellow Tonner, **Paul Woff**, who controlled the ruck and marked everything around the ground. Whilst we all know that ‘what happens on tour, stays on tour’, the ebullient Woff is happy to share his memories of those games with anyone who will listen. He was apparently clearly best on ground,

but his abiding memory is of Cam Lade flying in the face of manager **Andrew Langford-Jones'** instruction to treat the hotel's buffet breakfast on the morning of the clash with restraint. Woffy vividly remembers Marma piling his plate with mountains of eggs, sausages and pancakes, much to the chagrin of his manager. When reminded that he had been ordered to treat his morning preparation like a 'normal game', the Tonner's chastened leader retorted that he "didn't usually start on the bench"!

State representation is clearly an honour for any player, and lasting friendships are forged. Another Old Brighton player to be selected for the VAFA in this period of the club's increasing prosperity was a teammate of Peter Grant's, the debonair and dashing **John Clarkson**. Also a good friend of Paul Woff, John remembers his selection with a little more humility than the great ruckman. Clarkson's selection in 1984 came at a time when OBG had won ten games in a row. He recalls a brutal state training session at Power House that slashed the squad of ninety in half when many failed to front up for another dose the following week! The VAFA squad, expecting arctic conditions in Tassie, trained in the Melbourne slop for weeks, only to be greeted by glorious sunshine on game day. John reckons they could have been playing at Noosa! He recalls 'the great life experience' being slightly soured by news of a Tonner's defeat while he and Granty were playing for the VAFA. There were times when more parochial Old Brighton supporters hated losing key players to the State side, fearing exactly that consequence. **Matthew Allen**, who still serves the club staunchly as Registration Secretary, was another Tonner fortunate to represent the Association in 1988.

More recently, the VAFA has selected U23 teams to compete against the WAAFL and the SAAFL, and a number of Old Brighton players have heightened their reputations with strong performances in these matches. In 2007, **Marcel Bruin, Nicholas Marston, Luke Mann and Andrew McGuinness** played in Adelaide. In the return game at the Junction Oval in 2008, Old Brighton was again represented by Marston and McGuinness. Our 2010 Best and Fairest winner, **Scott Olliver** joined them, as did **Tom Mentiplay** who kicked three goals. Both Marston and Olliver were outstanding. Andrew McGuinness was chosen by the VAFA for a four-match AAFC U23 tour to Ireland. McGuinness chose to pursue his football in the Eastern suburbs after a short stint at Box Hill when he returned. One of the Tonners most popular players, the dashing **Ed McCowan**, played against the WAAFL in 2004. His opportunities to fly off the half-back line were limited because "the ball was permanently fixed in our forward fifty". Ed finished seventh in the 2004 VAFA Best and Fairest count, but sadly for OBG supporters who loved his superb rebounding dashes and spirited tackling, Ed accepted a posting to Tonga in 2005 as an AFL Development Officer. We saw him briefly for a few games in 2007 and then again when he returned to Australia as Manager of the victorious Tongan team competing in the inaugural U16 Oceania Championships.

Old Brighton Grammarians have always made a significant contribution to VAFA Under 19 representative football. VAFA youngsters are being given increasing opportunities to play for their State against both interstate teams and other Victorian competitions. **Adam Gillon, Andrew Wittey, Sam O'Connor and Mark Fisher** all played in the 1980s as the Tonners began to consolidate the club's standing in the competition. Some of our most highly decorated

players first represented the VAFA as youngsters. OBG's 1997 premiership captain, **Nick Perry**, who played in 1991, developed into an outstanding player, whether forward or back or in the ruck. **Matthew Gadsden** played for the VAFA in 1999 – 2000 before finishing his career as a Sandringham VFA premiership player and an outstanding OBG mid-fielder. The glorious skills of **Andrew MacGillivray** were on display for a regrettably brief time. First selected in the VAFA U19 side in 2000, Andrew broke his arm in that match and it seemed to condemn his career to a succession of unrelenting injuries. He had some spectacular moments as a wonderful Old Brighton forward, once kicking five goals in one quarter in a final against Old Essendon. No-one worked more determinedly than 'Gilla' to prepare himself to play, but he is one player whose representative career seemed to cast him into shadow. In more recent years, quite a number of other OBG players have been given the opportunity to play in the Big V at both U19 and U23 level. Current players include **Matt Browning, Andrew Dewar, Jim Davis, James North, Daniel Sargeant, Tom Jakobi, Blair Mason and Brock Rawlinson** have all represented the State, and at the time of writing, **Ben Jarick** has been invited to train with the 2012 U19 VAFA squad.

We have seen many Tonners selected in the VAFA's senior side as our own status within the competition has grown. In particular, **Andrew Pryor, Matthew Jackson and Simon Lennox** became regulars in VAFA teams, building fine reputations as elite players. The exquisite skills of Andrew Pryor first entertained us in 1986 and he was still being selected in senior VAFA sides up until 1998. Andrew played 229 games for the Tonners, captained the club and won four Best and Fairest awards. Rivalled only by **Matt Jackson**, Pryor has surely the finest record of all Old Brighton Grammarian VAFA State representatives. A gifted player, blessed with pace and skills on both sides of his body, Pryor was equally at home roving, in the centre, or dashing off half-back to set up play. He was also a spectacular mark for his size, and is very proud of the photo capturing his 'screamer' for the Vics, which adorns the staircase wall at South Road. Andrew regularly attends Old Brighton matches with his young son who appears to have inherited his dad's talents, judging by his displays at half-time.

Matt Jackson was a wonderful rover for Victoria and an automatic selection from 1997 – 2001. Blessed with brilliant speed, Jacko could cut a defence to ribbons. He loved to kick goals and his ability to swoop on a loose ball and finish clinically, delighted South Road supporters and quickly became equally valued by State selectors. In his Victorian debut, Matt kicked five goals in a high-scoring, seven point triumph against South Australia, and was selected in the VAFA's top three by VAFA Chief, Phil Stevens. Matt was the architect behind the VAFA's three point win the following year against South Australia. He continued to haunt the Crow-eaters with a hat-trick of goals in the VAFA's eleven goal win in 1999. By the time he had run rings around them with another four goals in the 2000 fixture, South Australia must have been sick of the sight of the Tonner dynamo as they crashed by nine goals! They fared little better in 2001, when Jacko, according to reporter, Bradley Beitzel, "ate up the midfield" against the hapless visitors.

Simon Lennox played 177 outstanding games for OBGFC. He was a Best and Fairest winner and three times Runner-Up in a career that saw him represent the VAFA in three consecutive victories over South Australia in 1999, 2000 and 2002. Simon was nominated in the best players

in each match. He would have been the best prepared and fittest member of the sides and no doubt covered more ground than anyone. Simon played in numerous positions for the Tonners. He was an excellent running half-back and wingman and a tireless centre-man and rover, who never stopped working. These days he would be an on-baller who would have to be dragged through the interchange. Why would you ever have such an indefatigable and potent player off the ground? Every time Lennox won the ball, and it was always more than thirty times a game, Old Brighton had the next possession. And Simon was courageous, never more so than when he was pole-axed just before three-quarter time in a final against Mazenod. He bounced up instantly, an inspiration to his team-mates steeling themselves for the final term.

Leigh Hendra has been our most decorated player in recent times. A captain of our club, Leigh has represented the VAFA several times since 2005 and he became the first Old Brighton player to lead Victoria, when he captained the VAFA to a two point victory against a Sydney AFL side in 2008, a game in which our champion forward of the last decade, **Adam Pirrie** and centre-man for a brief time, **Andrew McGuinness**, also played. Leigh is a dynamic left-footer and an inspiration to team-mates. He is certainly the most ferocious and skilled tackler to ever wear our colours, and his closing speed to bring down an unsuspecting opponent is a regular highlight of contemporary matches. Leigh recalls losing a VAFA game by a point after enduring snowy conditions in Ballarat against Vic Country and not surprisingly has clearer memories of the bus trip home! At the time of writing, Leigh has played 186 games for the Tonners, and will no doubt drag his reluctant hamstrings to the double century next season. Once an unbeatable mid-fielder, Leigh now spends most games sweeping across half-back, a mentor to promising youngsters like **Ben Austen and Riley Cummin**.

Numerous other Old Brighton players have pulled on a VAFA jumper on at least one occasion. It has no doubt been a highlight of their careers and we congratulate them, even if it has been painful for the rest of us if we dropped a match when they were missing from the Tonners' team.

—**By Andrew Mullett**

—**Researched by Peter Grant and Bob McLellan**

In the chapter on OBGFC Records and Statistics, thanks to Drew Bellmaine's earlier work, you will find that he has included the **Pre-War State Representatives**.

Contributed by David Cochrane
Written by Stuart Murray

This article which we will title 'These are Your Careers' was written and presented on a Thursday night in 2002 by Stuart Murray, and was sent in by David Cochrane.



Matthew McLennan



David Cochrane



Chris 'Sid' James

Matthew McLennan joins the 300 Club:

Saturday, May 9th 1998 was a day of celebration for OBGFC. Matthew McLennan became the third player to compete in 300 games of football for us, a momentous achievement in a career that began at Old Brighton in 1979 in the U19s. His friends and long-time teammates in many of these games, David Cochrane and Chris 'Sid' James, also celebrated. David played his 250th game and Sid ran out for the 266th time.



Andrew Mullett



Stewart Murray

Andrew Mullett who had coached all three players in 1982, (Matthew's second, David and Sid's first senior season), spoke before the game of their loyalty and commitment, and the contribution that Matthew, David and Chris have made to the club's history and tradition.

On the Thursday night before the game, stalwart Stewart Murray, who has also played plenty of footy with all three men, entertained a gathering with the following 'These are your Careers' presentation, 1979 – 1998.

Matthew 'Boots' McLennan, 20 seasons, age 37, 300 games, 51 goals.

Christopher 'Sid' James, 18 seasons, age 35, 266 games, 62 goals.

David 'Cocky' Cochrane, 18 seasons, age 35, 250 games, 235 goals.

Between them 107 years, 56 seasons old, 816 games, 348 goals.

Over the last 20 years Boots, Sid and Cocky have managed to play themselves indelibly into Old Brighton Football Club's proud history both on and off the field.

Most people will not be aware of their individual achievements over the years, nor their huge contribution to getting OBGFC to where it is today. As a result I have prepared a brief history outlining both the club's history and their individual feats over the last 20 years or so.



Nick Perry



Peter Latzer



Graeme Templeton



John Priestley

The year is 1979:

OBGFC new clubroom extensions are unveiled.

Nick Perry is 6 years old; most of the U19s of 1998 aren't born yet.

Peter Latzer has just played in his 100th game.

The club is back up to C grade and the Under 19s compete in their first season since 1973.

No player has played more than 251 games — Graeme Templeton is the current record holder.

A young skinny 17 year old named Matt McLennan comes to OBGFC via the then Brighton High School and the now disbanded Brighton United. Matt plays in the centre all year, doesn't miss a game and the team finishes fourth.

John Priestley (to become club record goal kicker with 515) kicks 117 goals to be the only centurion in OBGFC history.

1980:

The Seniors in C Grade win the flag and the club goes to B Grade for the first time.

Matthew again plays in the U19s and leads from the centre.

The side finishes fifth but 'Boots' celebrates with a Best and Fairest.

1981:

Enter Sid and Cocky to join Matthew.

The high flying Cocky plays centre-half-forward for the U19s and kicks 5 goals in the Grand Final.

Sid controls the centre all season, kicks 3 goals in the Grand Final and the U19s win the first Under 19 Flag.

Sid also wins the Best and Fairest this year.

Matthew begins his senior career on the wing. **He is nicknamed 'Boots' after kicking one of the Fawkner boys accidentally, and plays against the now disbanded Fawkner, Geelong Amateurs, St Pius, Alphington and CBC St Kilda. Plays for Victoria and kicks 10 goals vs W A – a record.**



Bruce McBriar



Paul Woff



Greg Tootell

1982:

Andrew 'Fish' Mullett now club timekeeper and coaches the Seniors in B grade.

Sid, Cocky and Boots play together for the first time.

They only win four games for the season but play with one of OBGFC's tough men, Bruce McBriar.

His son Cameron at the time was two, but is now playing U19s.

1983:

The club is back in C grade.

Sid starts his reign as the 'smiling assassin' on the half-back-flank. Cocky and Boots control the wings at the Beach Road oval.

Paul Woff is still at school, Nick Perry is in Grade 6 and Peter Latzer still hasn't played 200 games.

1984:

The team is granted a late reprieve from D Grade when Alphington drops out of the VAFA. OBGFC goes from rags-to-riches and with an influx of champion BGS recruits, dominates C grade being runners-up in the Seniors and Reserves. Sid and Boots play in the Grand Final in the Seniors against CBC, with Sid being dealt some of his own medicine and being knocked out by the bad man of C grade, Matty Driscoll. Cocky is dropped for the Grand Final for the first time and dominates the Seconds who lose by two points.



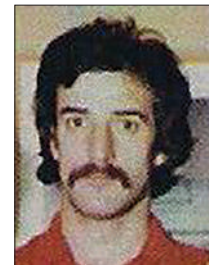
Andrew,



Tony and



Peter Grant



Owen Millis

1985:

The club is back in B grade and finish 8th under ex Caulfield Grammar champion Greg Tootell.

Cocky is shifted to full-forward.

Boots still graces the wing.

Sid calmly and quietly does the job at half-back.

The Grant family dominate Presentation Night with Andrew, Tony and Peter filling the first three places in Best and Fairest.

Owen Millis who will eventually play 340 games, wins the Reserves Best and Fairest. Peter Latzer who will overtake him, fails to poll a vote.



Mark Sarau



'Gut' Bennett



Cameron Lade

1986:

OBGFC finishes second-last under new coach Mark Sarau.

The Ressies come in last and the U19s second-last.

Boots, Sid and Cocky play every game in the Seniors that year.

A young player called Pryor begins his career at OBGFC.

1987:

The club just misses the finals of C grade.

The Reserves finish last.

The Under 19s finish last.

Peter Latzer wins the first of two Reserves Best and Fairests at the age of 35. Cocky triumphs by leading the goal kicking (43).

Boots ponders his future after being dropped for the first time for one game and coming second in the Seniors Best and Fairest by a vote.

Sid goes about his business teaching Gut Bennett the ropes.

1988:

Still in C grade and OBGFC starts its revival.

Seniors lose the Grand Final to Old Melburnians by a goal, U19s second, Ressies last.

Cocky has a great year and makes the State squad. Other players include Peter Grant, Cameron Lade and Paul Woff.

Boots is still on the wing at 30 and plays in the Grand Final on Andrew Witts who goes on to play with Collingwood.

Sid misses the Grand Final — suspended for elbowing.



Carl Anderson



Marcus Barber



Matthew Talbot



Alex Rickarby

1989:

OBGFC has left C grade for good.

Finished third to De La Salle, the eventual premiers.

Best on ground for De La Salle is Carl Anderson who crosses to OBGFC in 1991 and goes on to play over 50 games and become chairman of selectors in 1995 and 1996.

Sid is rewarded on Presentation Night with Best Finals trophy. Cocky is shunted from full-forward to full-back.

Boots is dropped for the last six games to the Ressies and wins their Best and Fairest!

Note: Boots gets married this year; sits on the bench after cutting short his honeymoon and doesn't get back in the Seniors for 4 years!

1990:

The 90s begin.

Brighton remains in B grade.

The Best and Fairest winners were Marcus Barber, that man Latzer and the U19s have the first ever tie in the club's history — Matthew Talbot and Alex Rickarby.

Sid again plays every game after fulfilling his previous year's tribunal commitments.

Boots spends the year in the two's.

Cocky wakes up in the goal square at Pitcher Park Parkside with a broken jaw, courtesy of the legendary Franky Sansonetti.

Malcolm Shippen kicks a record 13 goals in the round six game against Monash.



Andrew Pryor



Steve Barnes



Richard Oakley



Mike Perry

1991:

B grade again.

The club finishes 8th after a resounding 10 goal win to stay in B grade in the last game against Banyule, a match shifted to Latrobe University and featuring for one of the very few times Malcolm Shippen and Nick Perry and Tom Hayden on the one forward line.

This is also the last time a Brighton player uses a drop kick in a proper home and away game. Stuart Murray was subsequently dragged by coach Parker!

Sid visits the tribunal again — 2 weeks for striking.

Cocky becomes only the seventh OBG player to kick 200 goals.

Boots is still in the two's winning the Best and Fairest by a record margin. Andrew Pryor wins his first of three Best and Fairests, and Nick Perry is named Best First Year player.

B grade and the Ressies start their golden years 17 – 3 – 1 draw after winning only 19 in 7 years.

1992:

Old Brighton gains promotion to A grade for first time after finishing second.

Sid is still in the Seniors and hasn't been dropped in 11 years.

Cocky is up and down all season and plays in the Seniors Grand Final, whilst Boots has a golden year playing his 200th game, winning a flag with the Ressies, and winning the Best and Fairest.

1993:

A grade. Mark Parker is the coach.

Peter Grant is President.

Andrew Pryor is the captain.

Peter Latzer has retired, but comes back to help the Ressies for the last two games.

Sid is still on the half-back flank and has his best year finishing third in the Best and Fairest, vice-captain of the Firsts and becomes a Life Member with 200 games.

Cocky joins Boots and Sid in the 200 Club, and is also on the committee as Treasurer.

Boots is back in the Seniors for a while and is also skipper of the two's who win an amazing 7 games. He is also club secretary – all at 32 years old.

1994:

Back in B grade with **a bloke called Steve Barnes coaching the Ressies** who finish a creditable third.

Sid refuses to get dropped.

Cocky retires for 1994.

Boots continues on in the Ressies.

A player by the name of Richard Oakley kicks 10 goals for the U19s against Hampton Rovers, polls 3 votes and goes on to win the comp Best and Fairest.

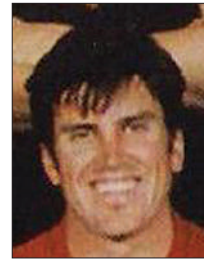
Mike Perry begins his reign as President.



James Murch



Shane Young



D Tapping

1995:

B grade again and we make the finals for the second time.

The Warriors are back in action under Roger Brown and are led by Brissy Bear on the field.

Nick Perry takes over as Seniors captain.

Leigh Bowes is in his second year as U19s coach.

James Murch is on the scene kicking 101 goals including 11 against Ormond.

The U19s kick a club record 45 – 26 – 296 against Old Mentone — Murch 9, Saunders 8, Sherman 7.

Sid plays his last game in the Seniors and is yet to play in the Ressies He is 32 years old.

Cocky is back in the Warriors.

Boots still in the Ressies and can still cut it at 34, coming second in the Best and Fairest.

Latzer plays his 348th game but his last possession was recorded 2 years earlier in 1993!

1996:

In B grade still. **OBGFC goes one better and finishes third under Shane Young.**

The Ressies do the unthinkable and win the flag, with 11 blokes over 30 in the Grand Final under Roger Brown.

The Warriors make the finals.

The U19s win the flag after five finals appearances in a row.

Best and Fairest winners: Firsts S Lennox, 2nds A Grant, U19s R Kent, S Alderson.

(See chapter on *Best and Fairest*.)

Cocky defies the laws of drinking and plays every game in the Warriors.

Sid misses the Seconds' flag after again being forced out by the judiciary for helping his old mate Gut.

Boots just keeps going — captain of a Reserves premiership team, runner-up in the Best and Fairest.

1997:

B grade again — **enter D Tapping, welcome back S Barnes.**

The club's most successful year so far.

Seniors premiership and promotion to A grade.

Reserves — Premiers.

Warriors — Runners-up.

Under 19s — Sixth in Division 1.

Simon Alderson becomes the first player to win two U19 Best and Fairests.

Andrew Grant becomes the fourth highest goal kicker (275).

Old Brighton appoints Kate McPherson to the Committee.

Sid James again proves his theory on 'no training no stretching' and plays every game for the Warriors.

Cocky lets the Friday lunches get him and racks up 10 games with Stuey Kay's marvels.

Boots saddles up for three games in the Ressies and 14 in the Warriors to come runner-up in the Best and Fairest again.

1998:

A grade again — who knows what will happen.

Seniors and Ressies are both finding their feet. Under 19s and Warriors are yet to drop a game, and Boots, Sid and Cocky — good luck in your lives.

Have a great day on Saturday and THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES.

—**Stuart Murray**

Our Grand Finals

Since 1921, our senior players by the commencement of season 2014 our 57th year in the VAFA post-war, have played in thirteen Grand Finals — 1959, 1964, 1972, 1977, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1997, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2013. We have been Premiers in four of those — 1977, 1980, 1997, 2013.

Winning Senior Grand Finals

Seniors — Premiers 1977



STANDING: John Priestley, Ian Mullett, Steven Priestley, Tony Gedye, David Warnock, John Shepherd, Mark Johnston, John Berry, Andrew Cameron,
MIDDLE ROW: Rick Thomas, John Levvey, Ian Paroissien [Capt], Bill McGrory [Snr Coach], John Forster [Pres], Graeme Templeton [Res.Coach] Gary Jones [V.C], Mark Epstein, Barry Hamilton.
FRONT ROW: Bruce McClure, Andrew Mullett, Jim Kemp, Tim Shepherd, Robert Draper, Martin Castle, Peter Simon.
O.B.G.F.C 24 - 13 - 157 def Alphington F.C 14 - 11 - 95
["D" Top Goalkicker; John Priestly - 71 Goals.]

The first met Alphington in the grand final who, during the season had beaten Brighton convincingly well on the two occasions they had met. The game began evenly with both sides trying to obtain a break and it was Brighton who gained the ascendancy to be 4 goals in front at quarter time. It was during the second quarter that the side played its best football for the year and despite kicking into a slight wind finished the first half 8 goals in front. During the second half the side continued to play well and at the final siren had won the premiership 24.13 -157 to 14.11 -95. The success of the side was due to the excellent team play and backing up but there were also some brilliant individual performances. Brighton vicecaptain Gary Jones kicked 6 goals in a fine display of roving and Jon Shepherd (8 goals,) John Priestley (5 goals) and Mark Epstein were also among Brighton's best. David Warnock also played well throughout the final series and capped off a fine season by winning the club's best and fairest award.

This season was a year of firsts for the club, with Brighton winning the D Grade goal kicking in both seniors and reserves. John Priestley kicked 71 goals and the reserves captain Drewe Bellmaine headed the reser list with 64 goals. The club's award winners for season '77' were:

	<u>Seniors</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
Best and Fairest	David Warnock	Barry Gartner
Runner-up	Mark Epstein	Ian Mullett
Best player in the Finals	Mark Epstein	Bruce Beddoe
Best player in Grant Final	Gary Jones	John Smak
Best first year player	Bruce Beddoe	
Clubman	Robert Draper	
Players who played 100 games	John Levvey	
	Jim Kemp	
	Rod Cowling	
	Mark Dobbie	
	Ian Paroissien	

The success of the club this season has in no small way been due to the efforts of coaches Bill McGrory and Graeme Templeton.

A big part in our success was also played by the Ladies Auxiliary and Nick Walsh and his Supporters Group whose physical and financial support have been substantial. It is with support such as this that we are confident of continuing success in C Grade. However it is only by recruiting that the club's future can be assured and a very warm welcome is extended to all Old Brighton Grammarians and friends to join the club as players, officials or supporters. Despite this year's success the club needs the continued support of Old Brighton Grammarians.



CELEBRATIONS COMMENCE AFTER THE GAME

O. B. G. F. C.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Season 1977 may go down as the great recovery for the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club. Who, early in the season, had thoughts of a Grand Final victory. Myself perhaps, but I'm somewhat of an optimist. Our first ever premiership flag last year, won by our reserve side, and now, our first ever senior flag, with our reserves playing in the Grand Final, a great effort by all.

It may be remembered that early in the season when we had won a few, lost a few, that the sides were a bit unsettled. We had injuries to a lot of players, others coming and going, and I think it is fair to say that it wasn't that promising. But maybe we were lucky having our injuries early; and all clubs have them; and that towards the end of the home and home games we were starting to take some sort of shape as a final side. The game against State Bank when we consolidated finally our position in the four. Our great win over Power House, always a tough and rugged opponent, and a bad loss against St. Kevins, and Alphington, the two sides, that put them-selves as the 'sides to beat'.

The final series were at the time, a week to week affair. Against Old Camberwell when everything went right for us and wrong for Camberwell. The brilliant football by our boys against St. Kevins, and the big question, could we win three in a row playing in such a fashion that was nearly too good to be true. It's all history now as we know. The excitement, heart rendering tension, and the cheers and thrill at the end. Season 77 will long be remembered by many, most especially by Bill, Graeme and myself.

The hard work and efforts put in by everybody make it all worth while when the results are there. It was most important to this club to get into "C" grade again, and now with a new flag to fly, we all hope that success will breed success, and next season will see us go closer to the final goal "A" grade. It is without doubt that the sides that played in that great Grand Final day will be able to do the job next year. But it is most important that the Club recruits as well, to make sure that the ranks are full, and that we do not let ourselves get complacent, for we still have a long way to go.

It is impossible to thank everyone who contributed to the year. The players must receive most of the triumph naturally, but Bill McGrory is a coach without peer.

His efforts and time can only be rewarded by what he has achieved, and although Bill has had premiership success before, the joy that he felt that Grand Final day, was, in nearly every way, his repayment. And Graeme Templeton, who steered his reserve team into their successive Grand Fianla, must, without doubt, feel as great a thrill as Bill.

Seasons 1976 and 77 will go down as "Red Letter" years in our history. We have been able to secure the Club, not only financially but have spelt out in no mean way, that we are a force to be reckoned with. Improvements have been made and are still being made to the clubrooms. We are able to give a little back to the boys who put in so much time, effort and have. We are, without question, on the way to becoming a major club in the Victorian amateur ranks.

To everybody, players, supporters, officials, one big "A job well done" and congratulations. Its been a pleasure and a privilege to be your president.

Nobby.

1977 VAFA D Section Premiership Ladder

D SECTION						
Alphington	13	5	1881	1531	122.9	52
†St. Kevin's O.B.	12	5	1684	1377	122.3	50
†Old Brighton Gr.	12	5	1700	1454	116.9	50
Old Cam'well Gr.	12	6	1540	1391	110.7	48
Power House	11	7	1728	1597	108.2	44
State Bank	8	10	1554	1551	100.2	32
Elsternwick	7	11	1650	1744	94.6	28
Assumption O.C.	7	11	1487	1698	87.6	28
LaTrobe Blacks	4	14	1149	1557	73.8	16
Old Geelong	3	15	1392	1953	71.3	12

D SECTION			
D SECTION — GRAND FINAL			
Old Brighton Gr	8.4	15.5	19.8 24.13-157
Alphington	3.1	8.3	11.5 14.11- 95
OLD BRIGHTON: J. Shepherd 8, Jones 6, J. Priestley 5, Epstein 2, Gedye, T. Shepherd, Warnock. BEST: Jones, Epstein, J. Shepherd, Warnock, J. Priestley, Kemp.			
ALPHINGTON: K. Candy 5, Whitfield 2, G. Candy, Roberts, Williams, Gale, Adams, Shaw, Shearer. BEST: K. Candy, Chilcott, Shaw, Shearer, Gale, G. Candy.			

1977 VAFA Leading Goalkickers

D SECTION		
J. Priestley, O. B'ton	(5)	71
Whitfield, Alph'ton	(2)	57

Hannon, St. Kevin's		54
O'Donnell, Assum.		51
J. Steven, Old Camb.		46
Holmes, Elsternwick		45
Williams, Alphington	(1)	40
Dent, State Bank		37
Blythman, Elst'wick		34
Bartlett, Pow. Hse.		29

Premiers 1980

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB
PREMIERS 1980
VAFA "C" SECTION.



STANDING: Andrew Mullett [Asst. Coach], Ian Paroissien [C.O.S], Mark Leske, Owen Millis, Phil Sheppard,
Peter King, Tony Gedye, David Warnock.
Ian Mullett, Peter Grant, Bryan Templeton [Runner], Sue Farrow [Physio], David Robinson [Mgr],
MIDDLE ROW: Barry Hamilton, Rob Draper, Jim Kemp, John Priestley [V.C], Bill Browne [Capt/Coach],
Graeme Templeton [Pres], Stephen Priestley, David Shepherd, Mark Epstein, David Nicholson.
FRONT ROW: Graeme Tate, Andrew Wilson, Bruce McClure, Bruce Beddoe, Doug Dick, Martin Campi, John Hill,
Michael Plush. [Insert ; Gary Jones.]

O.B.G.F.C 20 - 6 - 126 def Geelong A.F.C 15 - 15 - 105

	C SECTION						
Old Brighton Gr.	16	2	—	2173	1480	146.8	64
Geelong	16	2	—	2029	1425	142.4	64
Bulleen-T'stowe	11	7	—	1917	1542	124.3	44
Hampton Rovers	10	8	—	1828	1794	101.9	40
Old Haileyburians	9	9	—	1472	1770	83.2	36
St. Kevin's O.B.	7	11	—	1660	1764	94.1	28
M.H.S. Old Boys	7	11	—	1447	1688	85.7	28
Old Cam'well Gr.	6	12	—	1551	1754	88.4	24
Coburg	4	14	—	1420	1815	78.2	16
Old Trinity Gr.	4	14	—	1338	1916	69.8	16

**OLD BRIGHTON IS PREMIER
— NEWS AD 10-9-1980**

By Barry Gartner

OLD Brighton Grammar put up a magnificent performance to defeat Geelong by 21 points and win the Amateur Football C Grade Premiership at Elsternwick Park on Saturday.

Under the leadership of first season captain/coach Bill Browne, Brighton took over the game from the side that soundly defeated it in the semi-final.

Winning the flag was the highest achievement in the club's history.

The game opened with century goal kicker, John Priestley marking and goaling for Brighton. Geelong fought back with goals against the strong wind.

Two goals to veteran Owen Millis and another to Priestley allowed Brighton to struggle to a one point lead, at first change, although they were being beaten to the ball and had wasted the use of the wind.

Brighton, showing far more determination, attacked and immediately goaled against the wind in the second quarter.

The rest of the term it was goal for goal, with Brighton replying to each goal scored by Geelong.

Big Tony Gedye was controlling the rucks for Brighton while rovers Shepherd and Nicholson finished off his work with inspiring goals.

Priestley took two more great marks and goals resulted. Geelong held a four point advantage at half time.

The vital third quarter saw Brighton take control of the game, outrunning their opponents and scoring nine goals to Geelong's two.

McClure had the large crowd roaring with a miraculous mark and subsequent goal.

Priestly yet again kicked two goals for the quarter, making it 117 for the season.

With the wind now gaining strength it was a question of whether the six goal lead held by Brighton would be sufficient for them to hold out Geelong in the final term.

The backmen allowed Geelong two goals in a most disciplined performance.

The victory was a just reward for the team that had headed the competition for most of the season.

Great expectations are held for their first year in B Grade, season 1981.

Old Brighton 5.3, 11.3, 20.6, 20.6 (126)

Geelong 5.2, 11.7, 13.10, 15.15 (105)

Best: Gedye, Millis, Epstein, D.Shepherd, Draper, Hill, Kemp, J.Priestley.

Goals: J.Priestley 6, Millis 4, Nicholson 2, Shepherd 2, Jones 2, Epslein, Gedye, McClure, King.

FOOTBALL

TONY GEDYE won the Seniors Best and Fairest and his excellent play in the Finals earned him the award of Best in Finals series. Tony had a great year performing very consistently week after week with his high marking and strong ruckwork the highlights of his play. Tony was also rewarded during the year by his selection in the Victorian Team that played in South Australia.

JOHN PRIESTLEY wins the Runner-Up in the Seniors Best and Fairest and he also had a magnificent year. John was the first player in the Club's history to kick more than 100 goals in a season, his final tally being 117 goals. His tally of goals was the highest in the whole Amateur Competition. He was also Runner-Up in the 'C' Grade section Best and Fairest and represented the State in the two games during the year against Western Australia and South Australia.

All the other players performed admirably throughout the year and there were many fine performances. A feature of the year was the depth of players that we were able to call on when hit by injuries mid-season, and it was a credit to these players that the side kept winning.

BILL BROWNE, our first year Captain/Coach must receive a great deal of credit for our success this year. He played strong football himself and was able to direct and lead the team as well. He was ably backed up by ANDREW MULLETT as Assistant Coach and IAN PAROISSIEN as Chairman of Selectors.

Note below that in 1980 John Priestley was not only second in the VAFA Best and Fairest Awards for C Section, but also was the VAFA leading goal kicker in C Section with a superb record-breaking tally of 117 goals.

It is also worth mentioning here that Stevens and Goetz in the Under 19s booted 112 goals between them.

C SECTION		
J. Priestley, O. Bright.	(6)	117
Linke, Geelong	(1)	55
G. Green, Coburg		54
Quaife, B-T'stowe		53
Stevens, Geelong	(2)	46
Pattison, St. Kevin's		43
Chard, B-T'stowe		41

Best and Fairest
"C" SECTION

	TOTAL	3	2	1
J. Houghton (Old Haileyburians)	23	7	1	—
J. Priestley (Old Brighton)	16	5	—	1
R. Woodham (Coburg)	16	4	2	—
R. Stevens (Geelong)	14	2	4	—
G. Linke (Geelong)	14	2	2	4
G. Fowler (Old Trinity)	12	2	2	2
M. Malone (Hampton Rovers)	11	1	4	—

Premiers 1997

VAFA "B" Section



BACK ROW: Kim Farrell, Mathew Talbot, Adam McLachlan, Brian Patterson, Jarrod Bradley, James Murch, Ricky Hartman, Adam Brown,
STANDING: Alex Rickarby, Robbie Kent, Matty Dennis, Brad Pollock [DVC], Andrew Kryzwiniack [DVC], Simon Williams,
Jamie Howden, Spiro Nikas, Ross Patterson [Treas], John Trotter [V.Pres]
SEATED: Andrew Hancock [Sec], Luke Fildes [VC], Adam Fitzgerald [VC], Steve Barnes [Asst Coach], Dale Tapping [Coach],
Mike Perry [Pres], Nick Perry [Capt], Mathew Reid [DVC]
FRONT ROW: Hayden Bickett, Mathew Jackson, Richard Oakley, Andrew Pryor, David Patterson.
(Absent: Darren Tymms, Alan Munkitrick [Mgr]).
O.B.G.F.C 16 - 20 - 116 def St.Kevins A.F.C 11 - 17 - 83.

The 1997 Grand Final: a Premiership at Last!

by Andrew Mullett

Old Brighton Grammarians' victory over St Kevin's to claim the 1997 VAFA B Grade premiership was long overdue. Having lost our three previous Grand Final appearances since the 1980 C grade triumph, the club, as new coach Dale Tapping stated simply, "needed to win a flag". Not only did our boys fulfil our dreams, the Reserves also won their premiership over Ormond. The double celebration remains arguably the finest day in Old Brighton's history. (Note also that in this same year the Club XVIII also made the Grand Final, losing to Xavier.)

We had a magnificent side led by Nick Perry and the players had set high standards during the season. Their 14 wins had featured a 15 goal demolition of St Kevin's in Round 2, a 113 point triumph over Mazenod in wet conditions that restricted the Noddies to a single goal, a 100 point winning margin at Chelsworth Park over the Browns and a massive 99 point annihilation of St Kilda-South Caulfield. All of this was achieved by Round 6. Tapping's main challenge appeared to rest on his ability to keep his side fit and focussed and not allow them to lapse into complacency.

The competition had strengthened by September and although we were hot favourites, St Kevin's had improved considerably and would take some beating. This is how *The Benchwarmer* reported the victory in the days when a little emotion and friendly banter didn't send authorities to their law books.

"It was a nasty start for supporters as St Kevin's goaled within 27 seconds and then kicked a second soon after. In fact, St Kevin's settled very quickly and besieged our defence which held up very well. Fildes, Dennis and Williams were prominent in the early stages. Darryn Timms had come into the side for Adam Brown, whose consolation prize would soon be hanging around his neck, and Alex Rickarby had the job of contesting centre bounces against Popeye's girlfriend!

At 23 points to zip, we weren't especially comfortable, particularly as the Bumble Bees' tall forwards looked dangerous, but when Jackson's flick to Pryor provided our first and Reid dashed in for a second, supporters began to breathe more easily. St Kev's attacking relentlessly kicked a fourth, but Rickars marked strongly and replied and Pryor crumbed a spill brilliantly to dash in and add a fourth. Despite being outplayed early, we were only seven points down at the break and the opposition would rue wasted opportunities. Matt Dennis had begun superbly, his evasive skills wrong-footing opponents and his ability to switch the direction of play from defence, opened chances for thirsty forwards. Matt Jackson and Andrew Pryor had begun to expose fat elements of the opposition defence, and the smell of obliteration lingered in the Elsternwick air.

However the second quarter was disappointing. Unable to use the wind advantage, we showed little imagination in attack, and our long bombs were punched away from The Big Red Bus; Kent's fellow forwards not offering sufficient alternatives in enough space. Bad misses from Bradley, Murch and Rickarby and a penalty against our medical officer were compounded by an injury to Luke Fildes, who had been doing well at the back. Kent went back, and I worried for the consequences up forward. Bradley eventually snapped truly, but we went to the break trailing by 10 points.

Our ‘championship’ quarters had been strong all year and we averaged 5 goals for our third term efforts. We needed a good one here and it began promisingly when Bradley marked and goaled from the opening bounce. The Tonners steeled themselves for an onslaught into the wind that would set up victory. Nick Perry took over at centre-half-forward. We always looked better it seemed to me, with the formidable Bradley in the goal square. McLachlan, who had been quiet, suddenly exploded and seemed to appreciate the extra space that the mobile Perry had created. Perry kicked a long goal and ‘Hooker’ marked strongly for a third. Astonishingly both Pryor and Bradley missed sitters, but the signs were ominous for the boys from Righetti, as the Tonners were running in numbers. Ricky Hartman’s brilliant handpass allowed Matt Reid to fire at a Bradley lead and McLachlan, scouting superbly, ran in for our fourth for the quarter, and the boys swept to the lead. Jacko and Pryor were cutting them up, Hartmann and Kim Farrell had started to win plenty of the balls in mid-field, and our defence, with Adam Fitzgerald enjoying himself, held firm. Just before they brought out the oranges, St Kev’s gave a couple of yelps. Their champion Dolman snapped truly, and Garvey was awarded a charity by the ump ... who of course, had murdered us all day! Big Alex however, marked and booted our fifth goal for the quarter that the statistics predicted and at the final break, we led by 8 points and had the breeze at our backs. Surely, all was right with the world!

The final term was a lilting, pulsating affair. Three times we extended our lead, and three times St Kev’s answered. It was a magnificent contest. Big Patto had been the first to goal after he marked strongly. Rick Hartmann kicked a lovely goal with a classy steal off a pack and a weaving run, and Big Jarrod suffered cranial interference which for once was spotted by the ump, and he added a third. But St Kev’s wouldn’t die. Olive, shifted to full-forward, turned his attention from Robbie Kent’s ankles, to kick two quick goals before Big Rickers went down to negotiate with this strange fellow, who took to Rickarby with relish and ripped his jumper from his back! The opposition’s focus had blurred. Obliteration football, so often a feature of the season, finally arrived with this odd distraction, and Jackson, Oakley and Bradley slammed on goals amongst a flurry of behinds, before McLachlan sat on a bloke’s head in the square to bring the house down. His inexplicable poster from two metres out was of little consequence, but it would later earn him a screening on the Footy Show’s ‘Almost Football Legends’ segment.

It had been a magnificent victory in a memorable game. The Tonners had been the best side all year and they played their best footy on the day; a big thing in football for them! The result was a fitting reward for our inventive and incisive coach Dale Tapping and his assistant Stephen Barnes, who etched themselves into Old Brighton folklore. The players were deserving winners of our first senior flag for seventeen years!

Old Brighton Grammarians	4, 0	5, 4	10, 8	16, 20	116
St Kevin’s Old Boys	4, 7	6, 8	8, 12	11, 17	83

Goals: Bradley 4, McLachlan 2, Rickarby 2, Pryor 2, Reid, Perry, Patterson, Hartmann, Oakley, Jackson.

Best: Pryor, Fitzgerald, Perry, Dennis, Rickarby, Hartmann, McLachlan, Williams.

1997 B Section Grand Final team List

Senior Coach: Dale Tapping	
1. A. Kryzwniak (DVC)	23. A. Pryor
2. J. Murch	24. R. Carter
3. R. Oakley	25. S. Nikas
4. M. Talbot	27. S. Douglas
5. N. Perry (C)	28. N. Winter
6. S. Antonis	29. P. Woff
7. L. Fildes (VC)	30. K. Teschendorf ..
8. S. Lennox	31. S. Murray (RC) ..
9. M. Fisher	32. B. Williams
10. R. Hartman	33. M. Toll
11. A. Fitzgerald	34. M. Reid (DVC) ..
12. H. Bickett	35. S. Mercer
13. M. Gamble	36. B. Pollock (DVC)
14. M. Dennis	36. A. Corke
15. D. Tymms	37. A. Hain
16. J. Bradley	38. A. Lomas
17. A. Rickerby	39. A. Fischer
18. M. Jackson	40. B. Patterson
19. A. Mandylaris	45. T. McNamara
20. D. Kolmorgan	57. A. McLachlan
21. C. Jackson	61. A. White
22. K. Farrell	63. B. Wilson
	65. R. Kent
	67. A. Alderton
	71. B. Alderson
	80. A. Palfrey
	84. P. McMahan

1997 VAFA Premiership List — B Section

	B RESERVE							
ST KEVINS	18	14	0	4	1787	969	184.42	56
ORMOND	18	13	1	4	1646	941	174.92	54
OLD BRIGHTON	18	13	0	5	1668	931	179.16	52
THERRY PENOLA OB	18	12	0	6	1356	1241	109.27	48
MHSOB	18	11	0	7	1387	1100	126.09	44
MAZENOD O C	18	10	1	7	1337	1161	115.16	42
BANYULE	18	6	0	12	823	1722	47.79	24
IVANHOE	18	5	0	13	1225	1388	88.26	20
OLD IVANHOE	18	4	0	14	886	1585	55.90	16
ST KILDA SOUTH CAULFIELD	18	0	0	18	532	1965	27.07	0

Player Profiles

<p>1. Andrew Kryzwniak – very fit, versatile player who has had a consistent year (DVC)</p> <p>2. James Murch – elusive forward with great skills who loves the goals</p> <p>3. Richard Oakley – injury riddled season but is coming good at the right time. Very clever player.</p> <p>4. Matthew Talbot – seasoned campaigner who knows where the goals are.</p> <p>5. Nick Perry – has had his best season. Has led the team superbly, is a good mark and kick and is a key player for the team. (C)</p> <p>6. Luke Fildes – has had a good season. Very committed to the club and will give everything he has got (VC).</p> <p>10. Rick Hartman – has fitted in very well. Ex-Prahran player, very good second half of the season.</p>	<p>18. Matthew Jackson – ex-St.Kilda player who works hard all day. Is one of the classiest players around.</p> <p>22. Kim Farrell – had a great season to date. Is a player who does not take any short steps and possesses great skills.</p> <p>23. Andrew Pryor – is a most talented player who possesses good skills and works hard all day. Will give everything today.</p> <p>25. Spiro Nikkas – key player. Damaged his knee late in the season and will be sadly missed. Most respected amongst his teammates.</p> <p>27. Dave Patterson – clever player with good speed. Will be a player of the future.</p> <p>34. Matthew Reid – class player who continues to get the ball. Is a good leader (DVC)</p>
<p>11. Adam Fitzgerald – big game performer. Had a very solid season and will give his all (VC).</p> <p>13. Matthew Gamble – improved player who will play senior football on a regular basis</p> <p>14. Matthew Dennis – a class player who has had a great season. Has certainly got a future ahead of him, and is also a great mark.</p> <p>15. Darren Tymms – returned from Sandringham this season. A smart player who uses the ball well.</p> <p>16. Jarrod Bradley – returned this year and has matured into a good player. Kicks the ball a long way.</p> <p>17. Andrew Rickerby – key ruckman who gives his all every week.</p>	<p>36. Brad Pollock – most underrated player who gives a contest every week (DVC)</p> <p>40. Brian Patterson – handy player who is very aggressive at the ball and popular among his teammates.</p> <p>44. Adam Brown – Handy player with good anticipation. Is very quick</p> <p>50. Simon Williams – terrific player who has not been beaten all year. A key player</p> <p>57. Andrew McLachlan – had a very good year. Is a very explosive player who is very tough.</p> <p>65. Robert Kent – highly promising forward, with great courage and marking skills</p> <p>79. Hayden Bickett – honest and tough player who gives his all in every contest.</p>
<hr/> <p>Coach: Dale Tapping – First year coaching after a distinguished playing career with Prahran (VFA), Old Xaverians (Vafa Rep. player and Premiership player) and in the VCFL. Has harnessed the brilliance and exuberance of the Old Brighton club and gained the most from all of his players. Is well respected by all players at the club and would dearly love to cap off a fine season by taking Old Brighton to A Section in 1998 as Premiers.</p>	

1997 Vafa Leading Goal kickers – B Section

SHARPSHOOTERS – B			
SENIORS			
NAME	CLUB	LAST WK	TOTAL
MCLEAN	OLD IVANHOE		78
WOODLEY	MHSOB		74
BRADLEY	OLD BRIGHTON		70
POLA	THERRY PENOLA		66
RESERVES			
BROWN	ORMOND		60
MCGRATH	MHSOB		51
GRANT	OLD BRIGHTON		46
*indicates goals kicked during finals			



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OLD BRIGHTON WIN TWO PREMIERSHIPS

All Club members and followers of its fortunes in 1997 will be aware of the unprecedented success achieved by the Club this season with the U19's finishing a most creditable 7th with eight wins and only three games out of the four at the completion of their first season in the premier division of the competition.

The Club XV111 finished runners up in their Grand Final to the powerful Old Xavarians combination despite being in front for much of the game and having the chance to win it right up to the death knock in the last quarter. The physical strength of the opposition got them over the line in the end, Xavs winning by 8 points.

"B Grade" Grand Final day & what a day it was !!

Saturday the 20th of September goes down as the greatest in Club history with firstly the "Magoos" and then the Seniors taking out their respective pennant's for 1997. All Club members and supporters were bursting with emotion and pride as "our boys" stepped onto the victory dais to accept their Premiership medallions.

And then the celebrations began - with the Club taking over Khyats Hotel for the evenings festivities. The following day at the Social Club the B & F Vote count for the four teams was conducted amidst continuing celebrations. **The results were as follows:-**

B & F Senior Grade

Winner: Matthew Reid
Runner Up: Adam Fitzgerald
3rd B & F: Matthew Dennis & Spiro Nikas

B & F Reserve Grade

Winner: Paul Woff
Runner Up: Paul McMahon
3rd B & F: David Paterson

B & F Junior Grade

Winner: Simon Alderson
Runner Up: Brett Pamham

B & F Club XV111

Winner: Gerard Bennett
Runner Up: Matthew McLennan

Coaches Award (Presented to the most improved or dedicated player over the season)

Seniors: Simon Williams

Reserves: Matthew Gamble

Juniors: Nick Bulfin

Seniors: Simon Williams

Reserves: Matthew Gamble

Juniors: Nick Bulfin

Leading Goal Scorers

Seniors: Jarrod Bradley Reserves: Andrew Grant Juniors: Liam O'Neill Club XV111: Richard Wraith

Best Finals Players

Seniors: Andrew Pryor Reserves: Adam Brown Club XV111: Marcus Barber

Best Club Man (For service to the Club beyond the call off duty) - John Leary

Congratulations and thanks to all players, officials, sponsors and supporters for a fantastic 1997 season. Planning is already underway for "A Grade" in 1998 and the Club hopes that you will all be a part of our plans for success in the toughest competition of all. We hope to see as many as possible at the AGM on the 27th.

Michael Perry
President OBGFC

PS: The Club is providing the opportunity for all players & supporters to purchase their own permanent record of our most successful season ever. The enclosed form is self explanatory

2013 Premiership



Back Row: Tom Clarke, Nick Maston, Michael Dewar, Ben Austen, James North, Riley Cummin, Ollie Cavallaro, Tom Jakobi

Middle Row: Greg Healey (Assistant Coach), David Fallon, Tom Mariani, Andrew Dewar, Daniel Anthony, Tom Mentiplay, Tom Skews, Josh Dickerson, Lachie Nicholls, Brett Rose (Assistant Coach), Corey Lovell (Team Manager)

Front Row: Leigh Hendra, Michael Karayannis, Andrew Edge (Co-Captain), Simon Williams (Coach), Rob Jakobi (President), Jon Perrett (Co-Captain), Ben Gadsden, Marcel Bruin

Old Brighton Wins The Premier B Flag

Old Brighton Grammarians defeated Old Trinity by 8 points on Sunday, to claim the 2013 Premier B title, It is the Club's fourth senior premiership and the first since 1997, when the Tonners triumphed over St. Kevins, Many of the 1997 champions were at Elsternwick to witness an epic battle between two evenly matched sides, The game was desperately fought, with only a point separating the teams at half-time, Old Brighton led by 7 points at the final break, but Old Trinity seemed to still have plenty to offer, Supporters' nerves jangled all day, particularly in the tense final term in which all players threw themselves into the action in last ditch attempts to seize the critical moment, The Tonners were inspired by heroic co-captain, Jonny Perrett, who simply willed himself to run to contest after contest, Leigh Hendra, playing under considerable duress, made light of his pain and similarly inspired his team-mates, who delivered yet another outstanding performance, Simon Williams, fullback in 1997 and coach of this year's side, had challenged his players all season to simply improve every time they ran out, and he was mightily pleased after the match that they now had "their own reward, "

The Tonners had beaten the visiting Old Trinity by 27 points earlier in the season, but had been

trounced at the Playing Fields by eight goals in Round 16, Trinity had dominated the mid-field in the second quarter and seized a match-winning lead, giving the Brighton coaching staff something to think about, To everyone's credit, the Tonners had identified a way to hit back when we gained a last round chance to play Old Trinity in the Second Semi-Final, and we reversed the hammering a fortnight ago, It counted for little yesterday, as the teams faced each other for the fourth time, The Green and Gold boys have their own champion, Premier B Best & Fairest winner, Brendan Iezzi, and he loomed as our main threat, The legendary Andrew Ramsden is still their most dangerous forward, and Josh Dickerson's attempts to contain him would be a key part of any success we might have in the match,

We were quietly confident that our boys might finish over the top of Trinity, This was their fourth consecutive game against a top four side, whilst we had enjoyed the benefit of a week off, It perhaps worked out that way, though it was a subtle shift in the final term, We certainly didn't race away, but I think their run faded in the last ten minutes, Iezzi and his mid-fielders played well, The Tonner mid-fielders played superbly, David Fallon looked in trouble at the break but was courageous and smart at the finish, Tom Mariani was outstanding all day and booted three goals, Marcel Bruin capped off his best season with another beauty, Perrett, of course, was outstanding, Ramsden kicked two for the Greens, and was named in their best, but I thought Dicko had the better of him, Our big veteran spoiled without interfering, then out-marked and ran off Rambo in the final term, playing a vital role in Trinity's demise,

Mercifully, the day dawned without the traditional howling northerly that can ruin a match in twenty minutes, The McKinnon streets were calm when I headed down North Road, but a zephyr was building at HQ, and we had first use to the scoreboard end, Old Trinity, outplayed in the mid-field contests in the Second Semi, hurled themselves at the opening bounce, no doubt believing that a rapid start might catch us napping after a week off, That possibility



nagged at those of us who still choke on the memory of Mazenod's first quarter in 2000, I noted with a wry grin, that on Saturday, the 'Hoers had pinched the Premier C flag from the Noddies, who had been happy in a February practice match, to announce that they would be joining us in Premier B in 2014 with a flag in the bag! We held our collective breath as the siren launched proceedings, Neither side was able to gain an immediate advantage yesterday, and the first five or six goalless minutes set the tone for a classic struggle, Leigh Hendra hurtled at the mob of players grasping at the first fallen bounce, He skittled a few, including himself, and it was "game on", Dan Anthony marked strongly to open our account, and at the other end, Rambo kick-started Old Trinity, We had outscored Trinity into a strong wind in the previous match, the general consensus nominating that first quarter effort as the critical phase of a resounding victory, Now they attacked us, but Andrew Edge, Nick Marston and Riley Cummin turned them back, Lachie Nicholls, now at centre-half-back, kicks the ball long, and several times turned defence into attack on a ground that punishes fiddlers, With ten minutes to play in the first term, I wondered whether we were going to waste the breeze, The ball whipped up and back for ten minutes before Andy Dewar found The Minstrel, who converted his second chance and Tom Mariani drove his set shot home convincingly, When the Pocket Rocket, Michael Karayannis, dashed in to slam through our fourth, I relaxed a little, then cursed quietly when Michael Dewar's quick snap just missed, We led by 23, but another one would have been lovely,

Trinity crashed in like men possessed as soon as the second term began, and they goaled twice

within minutes, I'm sure they thought they were about to sweep us aside on the breeze, but this Tonner side is made of sterner stuff, The backline tightened, all six working together to force it wide and the Trinity advance was quelled for a while, Marcel Bruin and Ben Austen combined to switch wide to Hendra, who had spotted the chance to dash into open space, The delivery was fine, the champ gathered, bounced, steadied, and gave the erections a fierce thrusting, The roar confirmed for those of us in no position to tell, that Hendra had won a goal back against the breeze, When Trinity started rolling, Iezzi able to pinpoint passes fifty metres to a man who had run in behind our defence, we were severely challenged, Scores were level when the inventive Ben Austen dashed down from half-back and risked a long cross to Tom Mentiplay on a long lead, Erection work would be critical in a game of inches, Tommy drove it through from a fair distance, Trinity answered and went to the sheds a point in front,

It's often difficult to gauge the mood of a half-time dressing room, Ours was silent but for occasional urgings from Edgy, James North was stretched on the floor and I caught his eye but couldn't read it, Leigh looked a hell of a lot better than he would in an hour or so, David Fallon was the worry, In the trainers' hands, he looked in trouble, I reported to mates on the grassy verge, that we might be a man down in the stoppages, The irony of that false statement would be obvious in the last ten minutes of the match, when it was Fallon's feel for the situation and massive courage that controlled much of what happened as the clock edged us to victory, What did the silence mean? Were they worried, fighting off self-doubt, or merely soaking up the chance to briefly rest and recharge?

The wind seemed to have eased when they resumed, Tom Jakobi, one of our season's greatest warriors, whipped a hand pass out to Tom Mariani, and the shepherding Minstrel made sure it crept through, Tom Skewes had dominated their rucks in the semi and he was contesting strongly around the ground, but Trinity had won the clearances in the second quarter and again they were looking dangerous, Dan Anthony produced a brilliant goal when he gathered a ball on the lead, turned onto his left foot and speared it through, all in one motion finishing with a backward roll that found him springing to his feet surveying his handiwork, Trinity immediately replied and cut the margin, Ollie Cavallaro's smart thinking had given Jon Perrett a chance to goal in the first term but his shot had gone astray, Now Cavallaro calmly picked out Ben Gadsden who had slipped down the corridor behind the Burners' defence, Ben missed, On the counter attack, Trinity twice missed set shots from the side and then Rambo's shot went wide, It was a cracking game that forced mistakes from even the better players, Michael Dewar finally shook off Hunt to win a shot from the boundary, but the wind tugged it left, Trinity seemed to be gaining a little momentum into orange time and the Tonners' meagre seven point lead kept things wide open as the season edged to a close, Two things were clear when the final term began, Skewesy had to give us something at the bounce and we had to convert any chances we could create from the centre clearances, If we could score quickly, we might be able to instil doubt into Trinity players who would surely soon begin to feel the strain of their campaign, We won the first clearance and shortly after, the precocious Cavallaro burst through a pack, won a free in the process, then calmly went back and nailed it from the arc, It is doubtful that one so young realised the significance of what he had done, My spirits soared and at that moment, I felt we had won a huge mental advantage, Skewes seemed to sense it and won the ball again, We pushed it hard and held it in for several minutes before Jonny Perrett grabbed it from a stoppage and snapped another, As he pumped his fist and players ran to him, Trinity visibly dropped a few heads, It would only take one more,

But the Trinity boys weren't done with, They hadn't topped the ladder for nothing, They hit us on the rebound and scored a massive goal from half-forward, then repeated the dose shortly after, The tension was palpable, but Perrett, Fallon and Bruin exhorted their mates to push the ball forward,

Tom Mentiplay, despite having no influence in the air, hadn't stopped working, and he proved his class by snapping a beauty to restore a 13 point lead which we had maintained for most of the quarter, A dubious, infuriating free kick to Ramsden pulled the Trinity boys back to within 7 points, after several other attacks had been turned back by Marston, Fallon and twice by Dickerson, With a minute and seventeen seconds to play, Tom Skewes just had to win or neutralise one final centre clearance, We were a couple of desperate plays away from a premiership, My Trinity colleague conceded, I held my breath and tried not to shake, Jon Perrett had spent twenty minutes charging from one contest to another, David Fallon had scrapped and smothered and ground things to a halt repeatedly, Skewesy won it and we fell on this last contest like starving men and forced it to the wing under my nose, "Thirty-six seconds to play, " I called to Max Williams, who had been sent to the box by the Tonner men outside who were willing the siren to go, We had them ... surely! I counted down the last ten seconds to Phil Hope and looked up as he blew the siren to see Tom Clarke scooting off with the ball,

Relief, numbing relief, as I shook hands with Craig and gathered my folder, I had sat in this box and seen us lose in 2000, 2006 and 2007, Now, at last, we had won one, I couldn't get to Jonny Perrett quickly enough!

Old Brighton:	4, 5	6, 5	9, 9	12, 11, 83
Old Trinity:	1, 0	6, 6	8, 8	11, 09, 75

Goals: Anthony 3, Mariani 3, Mentiplay 2, Karayannis, Hendra, Cavallaro, Perrett,

Best: Perrett, Mariani, Fallon, Cavallaro, Bruin, Austen, Skewes, Hendra, Dickerson, Anthony, Jakobi, Mentiplay, North, Nicholls, Edge, Gadsden, Karayannis, Marston, Cummin, Clarke, A Dewar, M Dewar... the new champions!



President Rob Jakobi sits with Nick Walsh as they wait for the presentation of the 2013 Premiership Cup to be made to our club. Nick was our first post-war President in 1957. (See chapter Post-War Beginnings.)



Some of our players on the 2013 Senior List



Josh Homann



James North



Jack Cannon



Andrew Edge



James Davis



Michael Dewar



Jon Priestley



Andrew Dewar



Jonathan Edge



Blair Mason



Matthew McEvoy



Nick Coroneous



Thomas Clarke



Ben Gadsden



Brock Rawlinson



Matthew Browning



Jordan Portelli



Tom Mentiplay



Jack Beaton



Tim Fogarty



Ben Jarick



Jonathan Perett



Riley Cummin



Ben Austin



Jarrod Sargent



John Nockles



Josh Dickerson



Tom Skewes



Nick Graham-Bowman



David Jennings



Tom Mariani



Jack Davis



Scott Cramey



Jordan Pascoe



Harry Cannon



Chris Mizzi



Stuart Macleod-Smith



Marcel Bruin



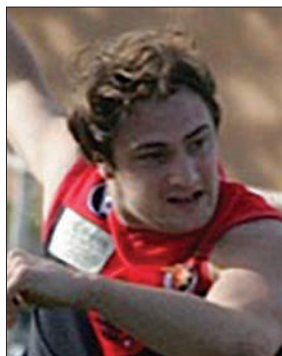
Leigh Hendra



David Fallon



Daniel Anthony



Lachie Anthony



Tim Cooney



Andrew Ogilvie



Daniel Sargent



Zac Allcott



Will Bardoel



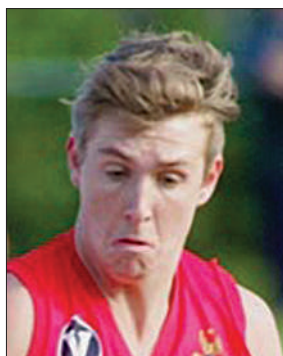
Callum Nicholls



Stuart Hooy



Brendan Blatt



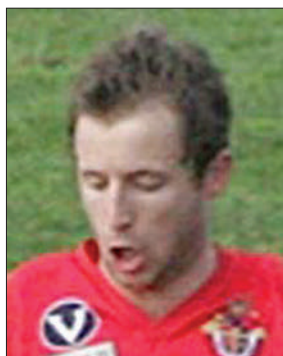
Kieran Rawlinson



Sam Roney



Alistair Taylor



Tom Gunning

Losing Senior Grand Finals

Runners Up 1959

After World War 2 this was our Club's third year with the VAFA and 1959 was our first experience of a Grand Final; we were then in E Grade.

No photo of the Grand Final team photo is available but the two following photos would almost certainly have included those who played in our first Grand Final.



Standing from left: *Horrie Berry (Coach 1959 – 60), George Thomson, Blake Jewell, Brian Mulligan, Arthur Reuss, Graeme Tozer, Bob McLellan, David Sedgwick, Doug Ridley, Barry Morris, Peter McKinnon, Peter Kellaway, Ken Kendall, Mike Wortley, Nick Walsh (President), Graeme Scoullar, Keith Robinson.*

Front row: *Bruce Robinson, John Boucher, Darryl Lane, John Hindle, Lyle Nottingham, Keith Peachey, Alan Hart, Barry Prior, Tom Cullinan, Bob Leone ('permanent' goal umpire).*



Back Row: Greg Kelly (head injury), Brian Mulligan, John Hindle, Ken Kendall, Keith Peachey, Alan Hart,
Middle Row: John Haslem, John Tempany, Graeme Tozer, Peter Kellaway, Bob McLellan, David Sedgwick, Horrie Berry (Coach 1959 – 60), Peter Bryant, Doug Ridley, Barry Morris, Peter Cooper
Front Row: Barry Prior, Rennie Ellis, John Edwards, John Boucher, Darryl Lane.

6 SEDGWICK (OB) ✓	18 LAWRENCE (P)	14 KELLAWAY (OB) ✓
17 PEACHEY (OB) ✓	7 BEST (P)	13 HALL (P)
16 HASLEM (OB) ✓	20 MORRIS (OB) ✓	31 RENDALL (OB)
25 MEADOWS (P)	4 KEENE (P)	17 PARKINSON (P)
16 McLELLAN (OB) ✓	2 TEMPANY (OB)	Reserves:
Rover: 8 EDWARDS (OB)	15 ROBINSON (OB) ✓	15 SCHWARZ (OB) #
23 HART (OB) ✓	23 REUSS (OB)	7 HINDLE (OB)
3 WATT (P)	1 PAARMAN (P)	14 M. MILLS (P)
10 CHAMBERLAIN (P)	Reserves:	8 N. MILLS (P)
12 STEWART (P)	Reserve: 10 VERDON (P)	6 W. DUNN (P)
10 PRIOR (OB) ✓	3 RIDLEY (OB) ✓	4 LANE (OB) ✓
16 GRANT (P)	2 PETERSON (P)	21 SCOTT (P)
20 BRYANT (OB) ✓	12 WORTLEY (OB) ✓	11 SEWELL (P)
13 GILL (P)	1 MULLIGAN (OB)	14 RYCROFT (P)

Above is an extract from *Amateur Footballer* showing teams from Old Brighton and Preston to play in the Grand Final.

A photo of Denny Schwarz will be found in the chapter *Post-War Beginnings* in the 1958 team coached by Horrie Webber.

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS (Dark Blue, Red V)				PRESTON (Grey and Red)					
	Age	Hgt.	Wght.		Age	Hgt.	Wght.		
1	MULLIGAN, B.	22	6. 0	11.10	1	PAARMAN, D. S.	26	5. 7	11. 0
2	TEMPANY, J.	23	5.10	12. 4	2	PETERSON, J. F.	23	5.11	12. 0
3	RIDLEY, D. (vc)	10	5.10	11.10	3	WATT, R. J.	24	5. 9	11. 7
4	LANE, D.	18	5. 6 1/2	9. 5	4	KEENE, R. W.	26	6. 0	12.10
5	BOUCHER, J.	20	5. 7	11. 8	5	CRONE, N. J.	25	5. 8	14. 0
6	SEDGWICK, D.	19	5. 8 1/2	12. 2	6	DUNN, W. A.	24	5. 7	10. 7
7	HINDLE, J.	18	5. 8 1/2	11.10	7	BEST, H. R. (vc)	28	5. 6	10. 7
8	EDWARDS, J.	19	5. 8 1/2	11. 0	9	MILLS, N. A.	27	5.10	15.10
10	COOPER, P.	19	5.10	11. 2	10	CHAMBERLAIN, R.	21	6. 2	12. 9
12	WORTLEY, M.	19	5.10 1/2	11.11	11	SEWELL, R. M.	24	5.10	12. 0
13	ROBINSON, B.	27	5. 8	10. 6	12	STEWART, R. C.	17	5. 9	12.12
14	KELLAWAY, P.	20	6. 0 1/2	13. 0	13	HALL, M. G.	26	5.10	10.12
15	SCHWARZ, D.	20	5.11	12. 0	14	MILLS, M. A.	21	5. 5	11. 3
16	McLELLAN, R. (c)	23	6. 0 1/2	12. 3	15	GRANT, F. L.	29	5.10	13. 0
17	TOZER, G.	18	5. 7 1/2	9. 7	17	PARKINSON, T. A.	26	5. 8	11. 0
18	KNIGHT, J.	21	5.10	14. 7	18	LAWRENCE, R. E.	23	5.10	10. 5
20	MORRIS, B.	18	5.10	12. 0	19	VERDON, J. E.	24	5. 6	13. 2
25	HART, A.	19	5. 8 1/2	11. 0	20	ROOS, D. H.	22	6. 2	12. 0
26	HASLEM, J.	20	5.10	10. 8	21	SCOTT, L. D.	28	5. 9	11. 4
27	BEACHEY, K.	18	5.10	12. 0	22	GILL, T. J.	24	5.10	12. 0
29	BRYANT, P.	19	5. 8 1/2	11. 0	24	RYCROFT, G. F. (c)	25	6. 0	13. 0
30	PRYOR, B.	19	5. 7	9. 5	25	MEADOWS, R. W.	22	6. 9	11. 0
31	KENDALL, G.	20	5. 8 1/2	10. 7					
32	MILLS, R.	24	5. 7	9.12					
34	WILSON, A.	29	5.10	11. 0					

Extract from *Amateur Footballer* on Grand Final day, showing team lists. A photo of John Knight will be found in the chapter *Post-War Beginnings* in the 1958 team photo with Coach Horrie Webb.

Runners Up 1964



Team photo including Barry Pryor who was Captain in 1964 and 1965.

Graeme Jeffery was into his fourth or fifth year of coaching as 1966 was to be his final and sixth year of coaching, but in 1968 he then became President for another 6 years (1968 – 73).

Back Row: Rob McKinnon, Dave Sedgwick, Leigh Myers, Barry Morris, Doug Wood, Bryan Crutchfield, Alan Hart, John Code

Middle Row: Peter Sedgwick, John Berry, Barry Jarvis, Roger Wilson, Chris Larcombe, Graeme Templeton, Peter McKinnon, Dick Fraser, Brian Mulligan, Ossie Spence, Lance Westerman, Victor Stewart

Sitting: Bob McLellan, David Pullman, Keith Robinson (President), Graeme Jeffery (Coach), Barry Pryor (Captain), Rick Grant.

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS (Dark Blue and Red)

1 Mulligan B. R.	18 McKenna B. H.	35 Wood D. T.	52 Larcombe R. J.
2 Thomas J. G.	19 Pullman J. D. (vc)	36 Paynter K. W.	53 Stewart P. K.
3 Cope J. D.	20 Morris B. N. S.	37 Gutteridge G. A.	54 Arnott G. H.
4 Paynter R. G.	21 Bunning P.	38 Cooper R. S.	55 Grover M. J.
5 Ellis P. H.	22 Westerman L. A.	39 Myers L.	56 Todd D. A.
6 Sedgwick D. J.	23 McKinnon P. C.	40 Morse R. W.	57 Bruce R. L.
7 Columb, N.	24 Ewin P.	41 Easton B. A.	58 Wilson R. R.
8 Grant R. A.	25 Hart A. C. J.	42 Taylor C. G. N.	59 Zantuck, N.
9 McKinnon R. W.	26 Haslem J. W.	43 Forster J.	60 Kelly R. E.
10 Cooper P. D.	27 Brice D. J.	44 Stewart V. A.	61 Pearce R. S.
11 Sedgwick P. N.	28 Berry J. P.	45 Gordon R. E.	62 Thornhill A. E.
12 Hosie G. F.	29 Harvey R. W.	46 Fraser R. A.	63 Lane D. J.
13 Jarvis B. H.	30 Pryor B. A. (c)	47 Bryant P. J.	64 Spence J. D.
14 Larcombe C. R.	31 Kendall K. W.	48 Templeton G. R.	65 Smith N. P.
15 Thornhill G. A.	32 Wells D.	49 Harvey, M. J.	66 Hannan G. A.
16 McLellan R.	33 Wilson R. B.	50 Siggins G. M.	67 Anderson, J. E.
17 Tozer G. E.	34 Ellerton J. R.	51 Scoullar B. B.	68 Evans, G. C.
Coach — G. Jeffery	Reserves Coach — B. Robinson		69 Little, R.



Bev Walsh (our President's wife) with some of our loyal supporters.

D SECTION — GRAND FINAL

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMM. (Dark Blue and Red)

COACH — G. C. JEFFERY

No.	Name	Age	Ht.	Wt.
1	Mulligan, B. R.	27	6-0	12-11
3	Code, J. D.	18	5-8	10-8
6	Sedgwick, D. J.	24	5-11	12-7
8	Grant, R.	21	5-9	13-9
9	McKinnon, R. W.	20	5-10	12-11
11	Sedgwick, P. N.	19	6-0	12-3
13	Jarvis, B. H.	22	5-8	11-4
14	Larcumbe, C. R.	22	6-0	12-7
16	McLellan, R.	28	6-1	13-7
19	Pullman, J. D. (VC)	22	6-0	12-0
20	Morris, N. S. B.	23	5-10	12-4
22	Westerman, L. A.	20	5-11	11-4
23	McKinnon, P. C.	22	6-1	11-7
25	Hart, A. C. J.	24	5-9	12-2
27	Brice, D. J.	21	6-0	12-6
28	Berry, J. P.	17	6-0	11-8
30	Pryor, B. A. (C)	24	5-8	10-7
31	Kendall, K. W.	25	5-9	11-10
33	Wilson, R. B.	20	6-3	14-8
35	Wood, D. T.	20	5-9	10-10
39	Myers, L.	21	5-10	12-0
44	Stewart, V. A.	20	5-9	11-10
46	Fraser, R. A.	21	6-0	12-7
48	Templeton, G. R.	20	6-1	15-0
64	Spence, J. O.	19	5-8	10-2
77	Peachey, K.	23	5-10	12-7

ST. BERNARD'S OLD COLLEGIANS (Black, Gold and Blue)

COACH — J KENT

No.	Name	Age	Ht.	Wt.
1	Tobin, G. T.	22	5-9	11-0
2	Hampson, R. J.	20	5-11	11-7
3	Kelly, F. D.	21	5-9	11-7
4	Sharkey, J. J.	19	5-11	11-7
5	Taylor, J. R.	24	5-8½	12-4
6	McCartney, F. A.	21	6-2	13-4
7	Perrett, M. J.	21	5-9	11-8
8	Overman, B. J.	25	5-11	11-5
9	Overman, C. E.	19	5-11½	11-5
10	Mitchell, G. F.	20	6-0	13-7
11	Atkinson, P. J.	22	5-10	11-13
13	Perrett, J. W.	19	5-9	10-10
14	Kearney, D. J.	21	5-11	13-0
15	Ryan, M. J.	23	5-7	11-12
16	Anderson, M. B.	21	5-8	11-6
19	Mahoney, B. W.	22	6-0	13-0
20	Mitchell, M. J.	23	6-0	11-10
21	McCarthy, L. F.	20	6-0	13-0
24	Hannebery, P. A.	17	5-8	11-10
25	Tyrrell, P. J.	20	5-8	10-10
26	Denahy, J. G.	25	6-0	11-5
29	Amott, B. G.	20	6-2	13-3
30	Crennan, J. A.	18	6-6	13-7
31	Cusack, B. J.	20	5-8	10-2
34	Buckley, G. J.	21	5-8	10-2
36	Collison, C. W.	20	5-7	11-10
38	Marshall, D. L.	19	5-9	11-6
41	Overman, J. G.	21	5-10	12-0
42	Natoli, A. G.	21	6-0	12-2
43	Ryan, J. E.	20	6-2	13-0
44	Lynch, J. W.	21	5-10	11-6
56	Walsh, G. J.	25	5-9	11-7

D SECTION

1st Semi-final — St. Bernard's O.C.	1st Se
12-11-83 d Preston 10-16-76	Coll
2nd Semi-final — Old Brighton Gr.	2nd Se
11-14-80 d Fairfield 5-8-38	d O
Final — St. Bernard's O.C.	Final —
9-11-65 d Fairfield 8-10-58	4-4
Grand Final — St. Bernard's O.C.	Grand
15-2-92 d Old Brighton Gramm.	d O
7-18-60	

THE AMATEUR FOOTBALLER — April 24, 1965

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1964 we were pleased to be able to announce the commencement of the Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club Scholarship and look forward to a lad attending our School next year under our sponsorship. The School has our assurance that this scholarship will be operating for many years to come.

1964 VAFA Leading Goalkickers

Collier, Fairfield (1) 59
 Sharkey, St Bern. (-) 56
 Brady, Toor-Malv. 51
 B Mulligan, O Bright 39
 M Perrett, St. Bern. 36
 G Templeton, O. Btn.

1964 Training Camp and hopes for a Junior Team

This year we were most fortunate in having a training camp at Lord Somers Camp. This was a most successful weekend and our thanks go out to Mr. John Sotheran and Bruce Robinson for their efforts in this regard. We look forward to this being a yearly event in the future.

The Club has already applied to the Amateur Football Association for our third team to be fielded next year in the Junior Grade. This team will enable us to play all those who join us and should prove a wonderful asset to the Club. Naturally we will be looking for some more workers to run this team and in this regard we will be appealing for more support.



A 1969 photo of John Sotheran at the Frankston camp
 (courtesy of Meliora Sequamur)

1. Office Bearers and Officials for 1964.
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| Patrons. | Brigadier R. Tovell. | Mr. W.A. Jack. |
| Life Member. | Mr. N. D. Walsh. | |
| President. | Mr. K. Robinson. | |
| Vice Presidents. | Mr. G. Jeffery. | Mr. B. Robinson. Mr. D. Cameron. |
| Insurance Fund Trustees. | Mr. K. Robinson. | Mr. G. Jeffery. Mr. B. Robinson. |
| Hon. Secretary. | Mr. D. Pullman. | |
| Hon. Treasurer. | Mr. R. Wilson. | |
| Hon. Secretary (Reserves) | Mr. G. Hannan. | |
| Hon. Social Secretary. | Mr. T. Cullinan. | |
| General Committee. | Messrs J. Haslam, R. Iarcombe, G. Iarcombe,
P. McKinnon, P. Cooper. | |
| Hon. Coach "D" Grade. | Mr. G. Jefferey. | |
| " " Reserves. | Mr. B. Robinson. | |
| Masseur & First Aid. | Mr. T. Cullinan. | |
| Captain "D" Grade. | Mr. B. Pryor. | |
| Vice Capt. " " | Mr. D. Pullman. | |
| Captain Reserves. | Mr. P. Cooper. | |

2. Achievements.
- The Club was well represented in both "D" Section and the Reserve Section. Under the excellent direction of Coach Graeme Jeffery the Club fielded one of the best teams ever throughout the season and finished as runners up to St. Bernards Old Boys. The Grand Final was a disappointment to all as we were looking forward to taking off the Premiership, but due to bad kicking by our side and excellent kicking by St. Bernards, the flag once again slipped from our grasp. Congratulations to St. Bernards. We look forward to next season in "C" Grade with great expectations.

Runners Up 1972



STANDING: Bruce McBriar, John Levvey, Rod Eastgate, Ian Currie, Peter Wagner, Peter Reid, Ian Mullet, Geoff Finkmeyer, Russell Flack.
 MIDDLE ROW: John McKenzie, James Agar, Rick Thomas [Capt], Rob McLellan [Coach], Graeme Jeffery [President],
 John Devine [V.C.], Barry Hamilton, Owen Millis, John Shepherd.
 FRONT ROW: Bob Evans, Peter Walsh, Ian Parioissien, Peter Devine, Peter Watkins, Jim Kemp. [ABSENT: Graeme Templeton.]
 Parkside A.F.C 15 - 12 - 10 def O.B.G.F.C 14 - 17 - 101

Parkside A.F.C 15 - 12 - 102 def O.B.G.F.C. 14 - 17 - 101

How many O.B.'s. saw the O.B.G.S. Firsts play St. Patrick's on May 27, 1972? Those who didn't, missed something very special. At the time O.B.G.S. were placed second on the ladder and St. Pat's were placed third. In an extraordinary third quarter, O.B.G.S. scored 13 goals and finally won the match by a margin of just on 17 goals. As Coach BOB McLELLAN said at the time, it was a quarter that nobody who played in it or watched it would ever forget. Incidentally, it seems quite clear that O.B.G.S. will be in the final this year, and a big attendance of Old Boys at all matches will be tremendously appreciated by all those who have worked hard to build the team into a courageous and efficient combination.

(Note: Actual winning margin was 15 goals 3 behinds)

OBG Sports Report August 1972

FOOTBALL REPORT

At the time of going to press, O.B.G.F.C. was having fine year.

The Firsts were four points clear at the top of the "D" Section ladder, with 48 points, the Reserves were in fourth place with 40 points and the Juniors were in sixth position with 36 points.

The general spirit of teams and the results achieved to date are a tribute to all those connected with the club.

Results so far this year have been as follows:

- O.B.G., 23.18, defeated Footscray, 9.14.
- O.B.G., 16.19, defeated Alphington, 11.12.
- Parkside, 22.13, defeated O.B.G., 10.13.
- O.B.G., 11.17, defeated Old Geelong, 9.17.
- O.B.G., 11.23, defeated Hampton Rovers, 8.8.
- O.B.G., 14.18, defeated Latrobe, 7.14.
- O.B.G., 26.15, defeated St. Patrick's, 11.12.
- O.B.G., 11.7, defeated St. Kevin's, 9.18.
- Brunswick, 15.15, defeated O.B.G., 12.15.
- O.B.G., 13.17, defeated Alphington, 7.20.
- O.B.G., 12.11, defeated Parkside, 9.16.
- O.B.G., 12.11, defeated Old Geelong, 7.8.
- O.B.G., 13.13, defeated Hampton Rovers, 6.11.
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By **GEORGE McTAGGART**

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After an even first quarter, Reservoir Old Boys raced away from Assumption in the second term when they added 10-4 to 1-1, and were more than 9 goals in front at the interval.

They went further ahead in the third quarter and although Assumption did better in the last, Reservoir ran out easy winners by 46 points, to go through the season undefeated.

Parkside trailed Old Brighton by 14 points at half-time but added 6-5 to 2-3 in the third quarter to have a 2 goal lead at the final change.

They were steadier in a tense last term and held on to score by a point, kicking 3-1 to Old Brighton's 4-6.

Dame Fortune smiled kindly on Parkside who beat Alphington by a point in the last home-and-home match to sneak into the four — and then they won the Grand Final by a point.

Extract from Rick Thomas' 'Great Memories'

The (1972) season was a great success. Unfortunately we lost the game that mattered most, being the Grand Final. This was against Parkside at Ross Gregory Oval. We always had very spirited battles against Parkside and the Grand Final was typical. Near to the end we were six points down and then kicked five points in a row to lose by one solitary point. It haunts me still.

Extract from John MacKenzie's Memories

The (1972) Premiership seemed a foregone conclusion and we weren't particularly concerned at three-quarter time when trailing by two goals, but coming home with a useful breeze there seemed to be 20 goal posts at the eastern end of the Ross Gregory and we kept hitting them. I think we had four posters in this last quarter...but the one that we all remember was in the dying moments when John Levvey streamed down from the back-flank and drilled what we all thought was going to be the winning goal, only to hit the point post yet again. Shortly afterwards, the siren sounded and we had lost the Grand Final by one point.

D SECTION				
GRAND FINAL				
Parkside	5.4	6.6	12.11	15.12-102
Old Brighton Gr	3.4	8.8	10.11	14.17-101
Parkside: Sammut 4, F. Findlay 4, Graham Dryden 3, B. Harvey, Eccles, Barclay, Eames. Best: Ridd, Sammut, Graham Dryden, P. Harvey, Eames, Elliot.				
Old Brighton Gram.: Agar 4, McBriar 4, Watkins 2, Kemp, Shepherd, MacKenzie, Devine. Best: Watkins, Mullett, Templeton, McBriar, Kemp, Agar.				

The D Grade VAFA Best and Fairest Awards, where unquestionably one of our Club's finest players Rick Thomas was the clear winner. Bill McGrory later made sure that Rick was part of our Club's first senior premierships side in 1977.

D SECTION				
R. Thomas (Old Brighton Gr)	7	4	1	30
G. O'Brien (LaTrobe Blk)	4	2	2	18
R. Whalley (Old Geelong Gr)	3	3	2	17
W. Nettlefold (St Kevins OB)	3	2	3	16
N. Connell (Old Geelong Gr)	4	1	1	15

V.A.F.A Leading Goalkickers

Jamie Agar, one of our Club's strongest full-forwards, kicked 66 goals, while Bud Hamilton booted 31 goals.

G. O'Brien, Ltb Blk	(1)	36
Lock, Parkside	(-)	35
Hanger, St Kevins		33
Hamilton, Old Bright	(-)	31
R. Whalley, Old Geel		31
Grace, Hampton Rovers		29

G. O'Brien, Ltb Blk	(1)	36
Lock, Parkside	(-)	35
Hanger, St Kevins		33
Hamilton, Old Bright	(-)	31
R. Whalley, Old Geel		31
Grace, Hampton Rovers		29

1984 Runners Up

The Tonners Times

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GRAND FINAL EDITION

UP TO "B" - NOW FOR TWO FLAGS

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS created Club history by having both its FIRSTS and RESERVES move into today's Grand Finals. The Club has never before had both teams in the play off for the Flag on the one day and it has been done the hard way. The RESERVES have had to win the first semi and preliminary final while the SENIORS lost the second semi and won a 4 point victory in the preliminary final over ST. KEVINS in a heart stopping last quarter. Although we were leading by 4 goals at 3/4 time, ST. KEVINS - handicapped with injuries - fought back with the wind to take the lead with only 3 minutes to play. A great mark and fine goal by ANDREW BIACSI with 90 seconds left, gave us a 4 point lead and fortunately enough we were able to hold onto that margin until the final siren:

<p>LAST week's selected team was: <u>BACKS:</u> Bennett, Cameron, Cooper <u>HALF BACKS:</u> Kay, Welsh, Clarkson <u>CENTRES:</u> Cochrane, Grant, P. McLennan <u>HALF FORWARDS:</u> Taylor, King, Biacsi <u>FORWARDS:</u> Nicholson, Tate, Wakeham <u>RUCKS:</u> McMahon, A. Grant, T. Grant <u>INTERCHANGE:</u> Wilson, Wittey</p> <p>Who could forget the inspirational play of the veteran warhorse ANDREW CAMERON who attacked the ball relentlessly</p>	<p>especially in the first half; crashed through packs; dashed upfield; held ground in packs and generally held the backline together in face of a torrid onslaught? Or the tireless display of skipper BUDDHA GRANT who totalled 35 possessions for the day? And the great games by ANDREW GRANT and GUT BENNETT? Some would say we were lucky to escape with a win: others said we would have been unlucky to lose after such a season: TODAY IS THE CHANCE TO GO FOR IT: ON CERTAIN DAYS, IN CERTAIN MOODS, ONE GROUP OF MEN WILL BE INDOMITABLE, UNCONQUERABLE: TODAY'S THE DAY: CONFIDENT IS THE MOOD: OLD BRIGHTON IS INDOMITABLE.</p>
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C SECTION GRAND FINAL

St. Kilda CBOC	4.6	9.6	16.10	22.10.142
Old Brighton	3.3	8.5	11.9	19.14.128

ST. KILDA CBOC: Jennings 5, Cummins 4, Capiron 3, Riddell 3, Darvell 2, LeFebvre 2, Gillan, Smith, Driscoll.
BEST: White, Capiron, Buzza, Jennings, Driscoll, Jones.

OLD BRIGHTON: P. Grant 3, T. Grant 3, Jones 3, King 3, Clarkson 2, Wittey 2, Kay, McMahon, A. Grant. BEST: A. Grant, McLellan, P. Grant, Clarkson, King, Welsh.

UMPIRES: Flannery, Green.

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS

COACH: GREG TOOTELL

COLOURS: Dark Blue & Red

No.	Name	Age	Ht.	W
1	Bennett, G.	20	173	76
2	McLennan, A.	23	180	70
3	Jones, G.	29	180	72
4	Burns, T.	18	178	75
6	Lade, C.	18	188	77
7	Wittey, D.	18	192	80
8	Cameron, A.	26	183	95
9	Grant, A.	19	175	76
10	Nicholson, D.	23	168	66
11	McMahon, L.	21	188	82
12	Cochran, D.	21	183	73
13	King, P.	24	188	85
14	Komp, A.	22	178	80
15	Cooper, A.	19	188	89
17	Wakeham, R.	28	189	92
20	Clarkson, J. (vc)	23	182	78
21	James, C.	22	183	79
22	Grant, T.	21	176	79
24	Wilson, C.	20	181	76
25	Grant, P. (c)	24	185	83
26	Taylor, S.	25	178	77
28	Kay, S.	20	178	70
30	Witts, D.	22	178	75
34	Tate, G.	24	180	76
37	Welsh, A.	21	190	85
39	Leske, M.	28	188	80
50	Cowling, R.	32	183	79
56	Biasci, A.	24	180	76

1984 Senior Grand Final Team

B.	BENNETT, CAMERON, KAY
HB.	JAMES, WELSH, BIACS
C.	McLENNAN, GRANT, P., CLARKSON
HF.	TAYLOR, KING, T. GRANT
FORs.	JONES, D. WITTEY, COOPER
R.	McMAHON, A. GRANT, NICHOLSON
I/C	WAKEHAM, WILSON



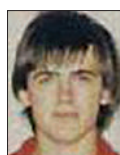
G Bennett



A Cameron



Chris James



A Welsh



A McLennan



P Grant



S Taylor



P King



T Grant



G Jones



A Cooper



L McMahon



A Grant



D Nicholson

(Missing photos: Stuart Kay, A Biasci, Clarkson, D Wittey, Wakeham, C Wilson)

Coach Andrew 'Fish' Mullett made these comments in his memories chapter *A Life at the Beach*.

“Greg Tootell took over from Billy (Browne) as 1984 Seniors Coach and the next time I saw the boys play was the 1984 C Grade Grand Final. A new wave of recruits from BGS, including future captain, Cameron Lade, had arrived to save us just in time. We lost the Grand Final narrowly, but Greg had led the Tonners back into B Grade.”

PETER "BUDDHA" GRANT finished only one vote behind the veteran KEVIN "OX" WHITE, the winner of "C" grade Best and Fairest. In third place was CHARLES CAPIRON also of ST. KILDA. Voting for our players was as follows:

P. GRANT	2-4-3	: 17
L. McMAHON	1-3-0	: 9
D. WITTEY	1-1-0	: 5
M. McLENNAN	1-1-0	: 5
A. CAMERON	0-2-0	: 4
D. NICHOLSON	1-0-0	: 3
J. CLARKSON	1-0-0	: 3
A. GRANT	0-0-2	: 2
S. TAYLOR	0-0-1	: 1
T. BURNS	0-0-1	: 1

TIM BURNS also had the distinction of scoring 9 votes in the U.19 Zone to finish 3rd on the count back.

1984 OBGFC Best and Fairest

Below is an extract from *Tonnors Times*.

OLD BRIGHTON VANQUISH HAILEYBURY

A great first up victory over OLD HAILEYBURY at Haileybury's East Bentleigh ground is a great fillip for the club and a marvellous debut for our rookie coach GREG TOOTELL. Inspired by a sensational first quarter which brought up 9 goals, our lead was never seriously challenged all day and the final scorecard showed a decisive five goal victory. Our new players recruited to the club in 1984 showed up well and contributed significantly to the four points gained. SCOTT TAYLOR, CAMERON LADE and TIM BURNS were amongst the best players. A full match report appears in other pages.

Our three other teams were not so successful with the RESSIES coached by ANDREW KOMP going down by six, the U.19's under the guidance of MARK SWAIN being eclipsed by DE LA SALLE by five goals and the Club 18 being doused by RICHMOND. But all of these teams will show better form in the next couple of weeks having met strong teams in the opening round.

THIS WEEK'S GAME
 This week we take on WEST BRUNSWICK which suffered a heavy first game loss to ST. KILDA (21/12 to 9/5).



GLEN FOWLER GIVES CHASE



Andrew Cameron and Lindsay McMahon outnumber their Hailebury opponents, while Gerard Bennett scouts below.


From *Tonnors Times*



HAMPTON ROVERS	3½	4	14
BANYULE	3½	4	14
OLD CAMBERWELL	3	5	12
OLD HAILEYBURY	2	6	8
WEST BRUNSWICK	2	6	8

The RESERVES won again but the U.19's went under by 5 points.

THE FIRSTS BEFORE THE BANYULE GAME PSYCHING THEMSELVES UP



**V.A.F.A. vs V.F.A.
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GRAEME 'MAURICE' TATE ABOUT TO THREAD THROUGH A GOAL FROM THE BOUNDARY LINE AGAINST BANYULE

TOP PRESS . . . STOP PRESS . . . STOP PRESS . . . STOP PRESS

OLD BRIGHTON continued its successful streak with another great victory over OLD CAMBERWELL last Staturday (2nd June). Despite a poor third quarter the team rallied sufficiently to wipe out the opposition and head to a 9 goal win. At the same time previously undefeated ST. KEVINS tumbled to a surprise loss to ST. KILDA CBC, leaving OLD BRIGHTON undefeated and now a clear leader on the ladder. The *C* Section table is as follows:

	WIN	LOSS	POINTS
OLD BRIGHTON *	8	0	32
ST. KILDA CBC	7	1	28
ST. KEVINS	7	1	28
FANKNER	4	4	16

JUNE 2, 1984 LOOKING BACK

5 YEARS AGO – 1979

North Old Boys' great champion, Shane M... played his 200th game for the club... a few who... state selection... 1974... captain... 1974... when he led the club to its first... (For the past few years, Shane has done a wonderful job as a State Selector – strong, fearless, firm opinions, and a great worker for V.A.F.A. football). The highlight of the round was Old Brighton's 5 point win over previously unbeaten St. Kevins (C). After trailing 3-0 at half time, Old Brighton kicked 8.13 to 5.8 in the second half. Best were Murphy, Epstein, Bamford, and Brighton and P. Campbell, Reynolds, Cross (St. Kevins). Fewer House expressed its deep sympathy and regret on the death of its former President, Don McDermott.

Graeme 'Maurice' Tate about to thread through a goal from the boundary line against Banyule (excerpt from *Tonnors Times*).

1988 Runners Up



FOOTBALL CLUB REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

The 1988 season has been financially successful with a budget surplus showing a trading profit of \$4,522.00. This has enabled the social clubrooms bank loan (\$6,300) and the light-towers (\$4,300) to be paid off.

Generating the revenue to cover the #26,605 nett running costs of the Club requires a lot of hard work, and many people deserve special thanks.

SPONSORS and DONORS

In season 1988 we again had many generous sponsors and donors. Many are small local traders interested enough in our club and local sport to assist us financially. We must support these traders whenever possible, because without their help we could not prosper.

The OBGFC would particularly like to thank our sponsors for the season. Although they contribute in different ways and to different extents, all are greatly appreciated.

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John Allen, Tom Cullinan, Keith Robinson, John "Nobby" Forster, John Lade, Wilma Draper, Peter Sedgwick, Mike Waddington, Nick Walsh, Neil Smyth, Norm Stretton, Mothers' Auxiliary.

CLUB 88

Many thanks also to the supporters of Club 88, whose contributions funded the full payment of the outstanding loan on the Social Clubrooms.

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FUN-RUN

The '88 Fun-Run was once again a huge success thanks to the superb organisation by Andrew Quinn and Phillip Rowell. Around 600 runners participated, including Mike Hillard who was untroubled in winning the event.

KIOSK

Pam Woff and her helpers have again put in an enormous effort, thanks to which a record profit of over \$1,500.00 was raised.

BAR and SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

With the policy of keeping these prices down, a lot of work goes into making a modest profit. Thanks to the many people who have assisted throughout the year.

RAFFLE

Congratulations to the raffle prize winners -

- 1st (Hamilton Island trip for two) -
S. McCarthy (C/- David Robinson)
- 2nd (Akawa exercise bike) - Robert
Pitcher
- 3rd (Miele vacuum cleaner) - John & Liz
Wilson

Many thanks to everyone for helping make this a great success.

Match Committee

When Old Melburnians thrashed us in the opening round on April 9th, it was not difficult to envisage them playing in the Grand Final. We had a long season ahead, and that defeat underlined the urgent need to blend the new and inexperienced members of the team together, and to quickly restore that early dent to the team's confidence. Thirty-two players represented the senior side during the season, but only twenty played the vast majority of games. This obvious lack of depth of quality players made the efforts of the team all the more outstanding.

The Match Committee worked hard all year to devise strategies and select teams appropriate to the changing opposition, and can be proud of its efforts. Mark Sarau deserves particular praise for his complete dedication to his players and their performance. Many hours were spent by all members of the Committee in discussing and preparing teams.

The players responded magnificently to their challenge. It is a testament to their durability and fitness - and the work of the physiotherapy staff - that so much was achieved. Players were prepared to play with injury and to work hard to recover their fitness. There was unprecedented co-operation from the players in their preparedness to play in a variety of positions, and their willingness to be shifted during games when circumstances demanded tactical changes. They became flexible and adaptable, and therefore far harder to defeat. Players down one day found support from their team-mates, and had the confidence and opportunity to lift themselves in a different position on the ground. The influences of Marcus Barber, Sam O'Connor and Tony Grant in totally revising the trend of a late season game against Old Ivanhoe was an excellent example of the kind of versatility that led to finals victories against Old Haileybury and Banyule, and went within a kick of the premiership.

By the time the finals had come around, Old Brighton Grammarians was a very tough opponent and a strong, unselfish team with wonderful leadership from captain Cameron Lade and the other experienced players. Added to these, we were fortunate indeed to welcome players of the quality and character of Marcus Barber, Sam O'Connor, Mark Fisher and Richard Smith. The spirit of the 1988 season must be held and regenerated. It was the result of hard work and unselfish co-operation, and must be a continuing basis for an enthusiastic and even more successful 1989.

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The lack of depth was previously mentioned with good reason since, to reach the highest ranks of the VAFA, increasing our playing staff and its quality is required. We must retain the loyal, and recruit with enthusiasm. The Reserves side bore the brunt of this current deficiency with the club. Wayne Marshall was too often left with only a handful of players who trained and played with the necessary commitment- B & F winner Michael Osborne deserves special credit as do new players Tony Gale, Jim Miller and Dean Hogan. However, it has been a disturbing trend to see many players arrive for a handful of games, only to disappear when a little hard work, persistence and loyalty was needed. With this in mind it seems fitting to close by thanking the club's "veteran" players for their continued support and contribution to the Reserves ranks- Owen Millis, Peter Latzer, Mark Dobbie, John McKenzie and Drew Bellmaine have now played 1134 games between them. Selecting teams would be so much more challenging with an extra twenty blokes who loved footy that much!

The Under 19 side had a tremendous season which was just reward for the indefatigable efforts of coach Rob Draper and his able helpers Neil Rumble and Phil Rowell. In the end they were a little unlucky to lose their Grand Final by just 5 points, and all the players are to be congratulated for their great year. With enormously talented players such as B & F winner Rhett Stevenson and runner-up James Styles along with many others flowing through to Senior ranks in the coming seasons, one can see a new generation of budding champions attaining future glory by achieving our goal of reaching "A" grade.

ANDREW MULLETT

1988 Seniors VAFA Premiership List

C SECTION							
OLD MELBURNIANS	15	3	0	1999	1193	167.56	60
BANYULE	15	3	0	2099	1393	150.68	60
OLD HAILEYBURY	13	5	0	1745	1226	142.33	52
OLD BRIGHTON	12	6	0	1786	1536	116.28	48
ST KILDA CBCOB	9	9	0	1839	1476	124.59	36
ST KEVINS	9	9	0	1551	1681	92.27	36
BALACLAVA	5	13	0	1758	1962	89.60	20
OLD IVANHOE	5	13	0	1452	2158	67.28	20
THOMASTOWN	4	14	0	1228	2062	59.55	16
M.H.S.O.B.	3	15	0	1225	1995	61.40	12

1988 Senior Grand Final Team

Coach:
M. Sarau

1. G. Bennett (VC).....
2. M. McLennan (DVC)..
3. A. Pryor.....
4. M. Barber.....
5. M. Waddington.....
6. M. Allen.....
7. S. O'Connor.....
8. M. Sarau.....
9. M. Fisher.....
10. C. Lade (Capt).....
11. C. Blair.....
12. D. Cochran.....
14. J. Bennett.....

15. R. Browne.....
16. P. Thompson.....
17. P. Woff.....
19. S. Gibson.....
20. T. Grant.....
21. C. James.....
22. A. Cooper.....
25. P. Grant.....
28. T. Gale.....
29. P. Latzer.....
34. J. Goderidge.....
39. R. Smith.....
43. K. Farrell.....
50. A. Grant.....

C SECTION				
GRAND FINAL				
OLD MELBURNIANS	4.0	5.2	8.6	11.10.76
OLD BRIGHTON	3.3	5.5	8.7	10.10.70
OLD MELBURNIANS McMullin 2, Cordner 2, Elam 2, Johnstone 2, Webb, Crampton, T. Witts. BEST Johnstone, Pisarski, Brown, Bradshaw, Nichols, Cordner				
OLD BRIGHTON A. Grant 3, T. Grant 2, Allen, Barber, P. Grant, Cochran, Waddington. BEST Lade, O'Connor, Woff, Barber, Farrell, P. Grant				

1992 Runners Up

as it was almost exactly 100 years before (19th August 1892) that the first competition match between the two schools was played. That match was won by Caulfield, and all Brighton supporters were hoping that history would not repeat itself.

Adam Olliver, the Captain of Football, led his team onto the Crowther Oval in front of a huge crowd of Boys, parents and supporters. Adam had been an inspiring Captain throughout the season and he could be seen urging his teammates on as they came onto the field.

With so much at stake it was not surprising that Brighton started tentatively but the longer the game went the more Brighton took control - finally recording a comprehensive win by 95 points.

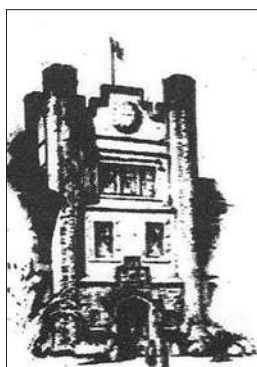
Best player was undoubtedly Darren Tymms who, as ruck-rover got possessions all over the ground. Other fine players were Matthew Jackson who showed real class in the forward line and kicked 5 goals, Abel Carr, who worked tirelessly in the ruck, Simon Mercer, George Bilonis and Rodney Rowe.

SECOND IN B GRADE, PROMOTED TO A GRADE

The OBGFC has recently completed the most successful year in the club's history. The highlight of the season was the promotion to 'A' Grade for the first time since the club has played in the amateur competition. This was achieved when we defeated Old Melburnians in the second semi-final to secure a birth in the 'B' Grade Grand Final. Unfortunately we did not win the Grand Final. However, our performance was substantially better than in 1991.

The Reserves team won the premiership in a hard-fought game over Old Trinity. This also is a substantial improvement on the 1991 form, which saw the side win only a couple of games.

The Under 19's also had a very promising year, winning 13 of their 18 games. Notwithstanding this, the competition being extremely tight, unfortunately the team missed out on the finals. However their performance on occasions



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FOOTBALL SUCCESS FOR YOUNG AND OLD BOYS!

BGS WINS APS FOOTBALL

A rare win against Xavier College created the opportunity for the School to win the APS Football Premiership. Xavier were the reigning premiers and had not been beaten by BGS since 1975. In fact this year was the first year that Xavier had lost at Brighton Grammar.

The final match of the season was against Caulfield Grammar - a win meant that BGS won the premiership, a loss meant that the premiership would be shared with Xavier.

The match against Caulfield was an historic occasion

The undoubted highlight of the Assembly was the handing over of the Premiership Cup to Adam Olliver by Adam Jones, and then the handing of the Cup, together with a commemorative plaque, to the Headmaster by Adam Olliver.

Congratulations from all Old Boys go to the Adam Olliver (Captain), Matthew Jackson (Vice-Captain), and all members of the First XVIII, to the coach and officials on a memorable season. Let's hope we don't have to wait another 17 years to again taste success!

OBG FOOTBALL CLUB

Mooney Rowe.

At the final siren, a huge crowd of boys surged onto the field to congratulate their team, and there was a rousing rendition of the School Chorus by several hundred boys from the centre of the Crowther Oval.

During the following week, a Special Assembly to honour the team was held in the Robert Sanderson Centenary Hall. The hall was packed with boys from Grade 4 to Form VI and parents of the team members. Special guests were Don Cameron, a member of the School Council, Andrew Biggin, President of the OBGS, and Maurice Brown, the Secretary of the Associated Public Schools.

A special welcome was given to Adam Jones, Captain of Football at Xavier College, and to Messrs. Zachariah and Dalziel, coaches of the premiership teams of 1951 and 1975 respectively.

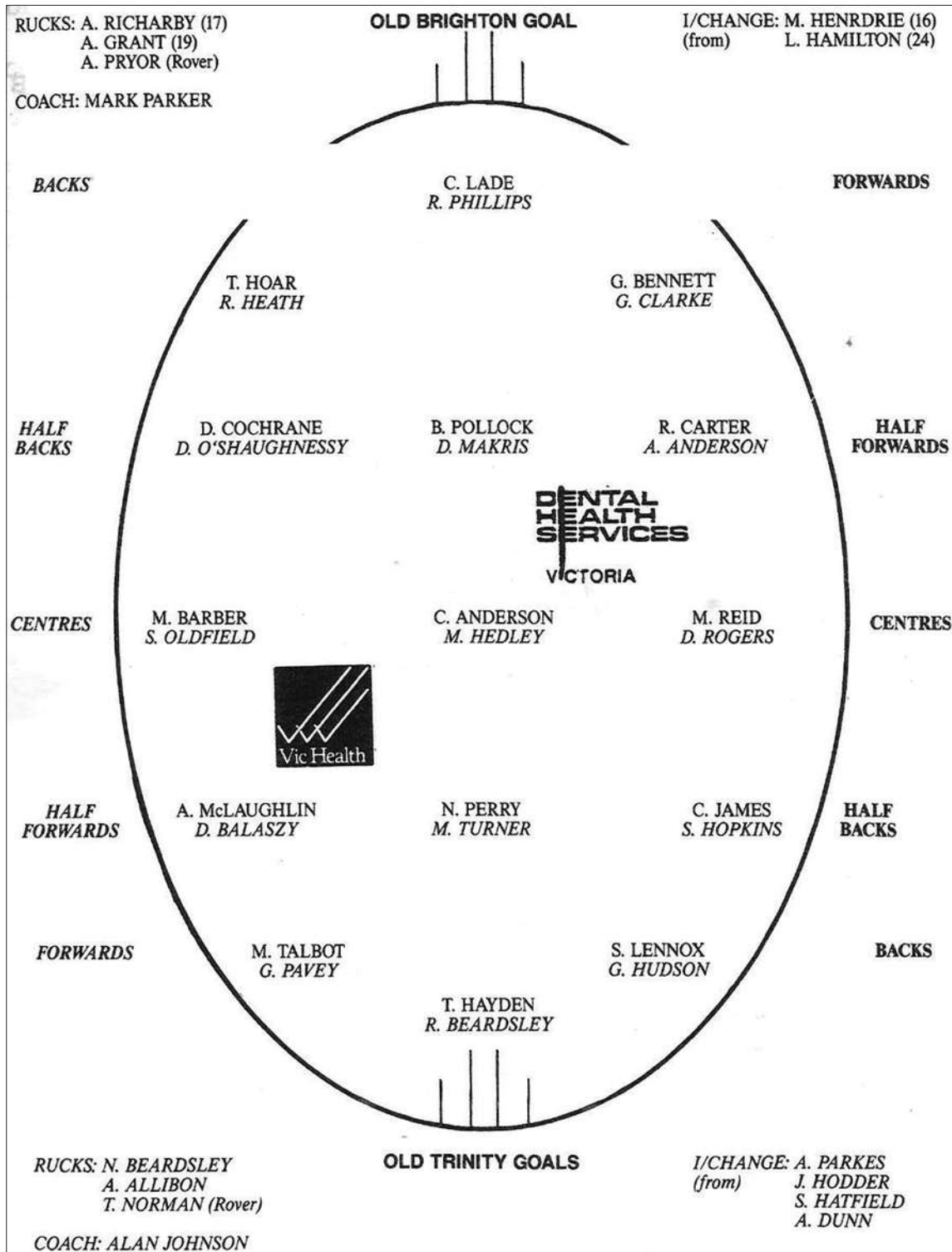
Colours, Half-Colours and Awards were presented by Don Cameron, himself a member of the 1951 premiership team and whose son Andrew was a member of the 1975 premiership team.

indicated that they were a far better team than the results indicated.

Andrew McLean was awarded Best and Fairest in the Under 19 Southern Division competition, which was a great honour for Andrew and the club. Andrew was also awarded best man on the ground in the Reserves Premiership win. The success of the club was achieved by a substantial amount of work by a lot of people. Mark Parker (Seniors) Shane Young (Reserves) and Michael Hill (Under 19's) coached their respective teams in a very diligent and professional manner. Their efforts were tireless and much appreciated.

The club also won the club championship award for the best performed club in the amateur competition for season 1992. This award is open to all clubs participating in the amateurs and we are extremely proud to have won this prestigious award as one of over 70 teams participating in the amateurs.

1992 Grand Final

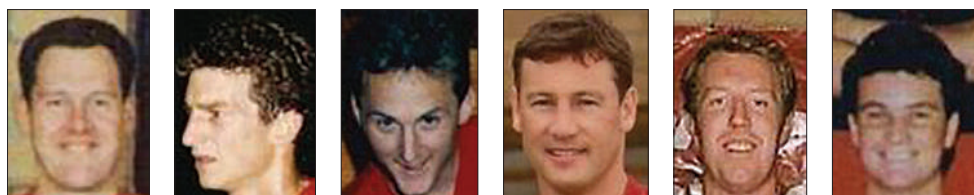


1992 Grand Final Player Profiles

OLD BRIGHTON

- G. BENNETT (1): Nuggety back pocket player.
- A. PRYOR (3): Outstanding running on-baller always creating opportunities for his team mates. State player.
- C. ANDERSON (4): Rugged and determined mid-field player.
- C. LADE (10): Known as "Marma", steady and experienced backman who forms part of their rebounding defence.
- N. PERRY (11): At either chf or chb an outstanding mark, strong, versatile big man with enormous future potential.
- D. COCHRANE (12): Experienced defender.
- M. BARBER (13): Talented running player who with Pryor and Grant form a great link to feed their forwards.
- M. HENDRIE (16): Strong and physical – versatile player.
- A. RICHARBY (17): Excellent tall marking ruckman capable of rucking all day.
- M. TALBOT (18): Elusive forward capable of kicking goals – picks up lots of kicks by filling the hole in front of Hayden.
- A. GRANT (19): Experienced and creative link player who sets up many forward moves. Dangerous when resting on half forward line.
- M. REID (20): Talented wingman with plenty of pace – in great form.

- C. JAMES (21): "Sid" – club stalwart – backman turned forward – works hard to control front position – dangerous and an alternative to Hayden.
- L. HAMILTON (24): Strong, tall, high marking forward with plenty of talent.
- B. POLLOCK (36): Outstanding young defender prepared to run, link up and penetrate.
- S. LENNOX (37): Talented on-baller who has been a key player all year, covers a lot of ground.
- T. HOAR (39): Rugged and experienced defender.
- T. HAYDEN (42): B Grades most talented forward. Exceptional lead, strong mark; outstanding kick for goal (both accurate and long). He is the key.
- A. McLAUGHLIN (44): Strong, solid, talented half forward – enormous future potential.
- R. CARTER (50): Solid defender.
- COACH – MARK PARKER: A great student of the game. His knowledge of opposition teams' strengths and weaknesses is second to none. Has O. Brighton committed and disciplined to play a running, share style from defence until the mid-field where they direct their deliveries either to the leading Hayden or to short options. Has done an outstanding job in taking O. Brighton to A Grade in his second year as coach.



*R Carter, A McLaughlin, T Hoar, S Lennox, B Pollock,
C James, M Reid, A Grant, M Talbot,
A Rickarby, M Hendrie, M Barber, D Cochrane, N Perry, C Lade,
C Anderson, A Pryor, G Bennett, L Hamilton
Missing from photo — T Hayden.*

**1992 Grand Final preview taken from
*The Amateur Footballer***

GRAND FINAL PREVIEW
Old Trinity now face **Old Brighton** in the Grand Final having finally achieved their aim of A Grade. In many ways the game will be a battle of the forward lines. Whether **Hudson** or **Richard Beardsley** can contain the exciting **Tom Hayden** will be of interest as **Hayden** in many ways is the key to this game. On the other hand **Old Brighton** must work to contain **Heath, Phillips** and **Makris**, all capable forwards and goal kickers. The battle between **Andrew Pryor** and **Trevor Norman** will be another highlight (I hope they are allowed to play their natural games!). Both are wonderfully skilled players who create and provide plenty of opportunities for their team mates. The battle between the two 'strongmen' of each side **Turner** and **Richarby** will be of interest too. **Richarby's** marking around the ground has been a real feature of his play lately and **Turner** is a real work horse.

I believe **Old Brighton** will win this game because of three factors:

1. Their tackling and the pressure they will apply will limit **Old Trinity's** ability to feed their forwards effectively.
2. They are a team that share the ball and run in numbers. On the wide expanses of Elsternwick Park this will prove telling against **Old Trinity** who after a tough campaign in hard conditions will probably tire.
3. **Old Brighton** have a better marking team with the dangerous **Nick Perry** being just one example.

Well done to both teams on making the big one – I'm sure they will give their all to win the Premiership. Congratulations to both coaches who have done a fine job. **Alan Johnson**, who has been able to re-focus his team after last year's disappointment and **Mark Parker** who has built a team from midfield performers in B Grade in 91 to the power team of B Grade in 92. I wish all concerned good luck

Just a reminder . . . r. sthing is too predictable in Aussie Rules – perhaps the weather will again have its say?

Premiership Ladder

B SECTION							
OLD BRIGHTON	14	4	0	1950	1399	139.39	56
OLD MELBURNIANS	12	5	1	1868	1390	134.39	50
OLD TRINITY	12	6	0	2161	1446	149.45	48
WHITEFRIARS	11	7	0	1595	1552	102.77	44
OLD PARADIANS	10	8	0	1848	1494	123.69	40
BANYULE	10	8	0	1914	1839	104.08	40
OLD MENTONIANS	10	8	0	1575	1719	91.62	40
UNIVERSITY BLUES	5	12	1	1554	1711	90.82	22
MONASH BLUES	5	13	0	1581	1616	97.83	20
PARKSIDE	0	18	0	1044	2924	35.70	0

SHARP SHOOTERS – B

SENIORS

Acreman, Old Mentonians	(1)	73
R. Phillips, Old Trinity	(2)	68
T. Hayden, Old Brighton	(1)	62
Heath, Old Trinity	(1)	58
Kerr, Old Paradians	(1)	52

RESERVES

P. Robison, Old Trinity	(1)	44
Smyth, Old Brighton	(1)	43
Livy, Old Paradians	(1)	36
M. Spencer, Monash Blues	(1)	32
Harrison, Old Paradians	(1)	20

1992 "4 'n' 20" CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Old Brighton has won this year's Club Championship. The Award is based on a scoring system whereby each win by a club's senior team in the home and away season earns 3 points, each reserves win 2 points and each Under 19 win 1 point. Club's who fielded 2 U19 teams received an average of both teams' wins while clubs without U19 teams received no points.

**THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE TOP 6 POSITIONS ONT THE
'FOUR 'N TWENTY' PIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER.**

CLUB	SECTION	SENIOR	RESERVE	U19	TOTAL
1. OLD BRIGHTON	(B)	42	30	13	85
2. ST LEO'S W/PARK	(F)	54	30	—	84
3. GLENHUNTLY	(E)	39	36	—	75
4. OLD CAREY	(F)	39	26	9	74
4. DOVETON	(E)	48	26	—	74
6. COLLEGIANS	(A)	42	28	3	73

A presentation will be made to **OLD BRIGHTON** at the Annual General Meeting (December).

The 1992 B Grade Grand Final Old Brighton Grammarians v Old Trinity Grammarians

After a superb season in which coach Mark Parker steered the Club into A Grade for the first time, Old Brighton squandered a chance to win the flag when shocking inaccuracy in the first quarter came back to haunt them in a hectic finish.

The match was played in fine weather, but on a very heavy Elsternwick Park. The centre was a gluepot and heavy waterlogged areas on both flanks made it vital to take chances early in the game while the ball was dry.

The Tonners lost powerful Michael Hendrie before the game, and it proved critical, as Hendrie's strong work in the semi-final had allowed Alex Rickarby to conserve energy and dominate in the ruck. Although still a fine player in the final, Rickarby lacked support, particularly when Nick Perry was forced from the ground in the second quarter. Trinity's physical strength around the ball once packs began forming gradually wore down the Tonners, whose instructions were clearly to play on at all costs.

Old Brighton started brilliantly and totally dominated the first quarter. Aided by the breeze and with Andrew Pryor and Simon Lennox setting up numerous chances, the boys only needed to convert to destroy Trinity, who simply couldn't win the ball early. But our finishing was abysmal. Regulation chances were twice missed by both Hayden and McLachlan. The normally reliable Grant, James and Talbot also kicked points and the 26 point quarter-time lead should have been seven or eight goals. Had even three of these chances been converted, it is doubtful whether Trinity could have hauled us back. Matt Talbot redeemed himself and as the only effective forward, booted five invaluable goals in a superb performance.

By contrast, when their turn came with the breeze, the Trinity forwards were collectively more effective. Phillips and Hatfield were strong in the air and kicked straight. The controversial Hatfield finished the game by flooring Cameron Lade with a right to the head, before snapping a sealer over his own scone.

The final term began with the Tonners one point down. In a desperate scrap, the exhausted players contested every issue. The margin remained less than a goal for most of the quarter before Trinity's final goal two minutes from the finish, snatched victory for the Hedgeburners, who

despite the notoriety of their nickname, had run onto the ground through a banner imploring “Let the Bonfire begin. Go Burners”. We certainly had plenty of chances to douse their flames early in the match, but the Brighton celebrations were in ashes at the finish.

Earlier, Roger Brown led the Reserves to a dogged premiership over Old Trinity. In an incredibly low-scoring game in the bog, the Brighton side, including luminaries such as Matt McLennan, Matt Allen, Jeff Bennett and David Smyth, won the first of six Dillon Trophies that would come to the Beach in the following seasons.

Seniors:

Old Brighton Grammarians 3.9 4.9 7.13 8.14 62

Old Trinity Grammarians 0.1 7.5 8.8 10.10. 70

Goals: Talbot 5, Pryor, Hayden, James

Best: Talbot, Rickarby, James, Bennett, Barber, Pryor, Lennox, Anderson, Pollock

Reserves:

Old Brighton 3.6.24 defeated Old Trinity 2.5.17

Runners up 2000 The 2000 B Grade Grand Final

Seniors:

Old Brighton Grammarians v Mazenod. Coach: Dale Tapping

Old Brighton Grammarians: 2.6 6.11 10.16 14.18. 102

Mazenod: 7.2 11.6 12.6 17.7 109

Goals: Pirrie 3, Bradley 2, McLachlan 2, Fitzgerald 2, Perry, Barrow, M Gadsden, Dennis, Tymms.

Best: Nickas, Lennox, Rickarby, Barrow, Perry, Pirrie.

Old Brighton’s outstanding season had taken the Club into another Grand Final as hot favourites over Mazenod. We had won 16 of the 18 matches, finished on top and had comfortably beaten the Noddies in the second semi-final. To supporters’ astonishment, Mazenod slammed on six goals in the first fifteen minutes, seemingly before we could touch the ball! Then began an epic struggle to work back into the match and though we created plenty of chances from that point, the half time deficit remained significant after we wasted too many chances in front of goal.

The second half was outstanding. After being destroyed in the midfield early in the game, we gained control in a superb third quarter. We threw everything at Mazenod. Alex Rickarby took over the ruck, Simon Lennox ran himself into the ground, Spiro Nickas led the fierce attacks on the footy in close, and Nick Perry was superb after switching to centre-half-forward. Adam Pirrie marked splendidly and goaled, Jarrod Bradley dobed a monster, Adam Fitzgerald added another, then Darryn Timms dashed past defences for a fourth. With a chance to break their spirit, we missed three ‘sitters’ in the final moments, so went to the final break two points down. Seconds before the bell, Simon Lennox was hammered into the turf. He bounced straight up while the rest of us were still gasping in referred pain! It was an inspirational moment which surely would fire us home!

Despite that awful start and despite unforgivable inaccuracy, we hit the front in time-on period, after both side matched each other goal for goal in a desperate final struggle. Jarrod Bradley's magnificent effort had wrested the lead for the first time in the match, but Mazenod kicked an answering goal and then added the sealer with forty seconds left on the clock.

Whenever we visited Waverley after that, Mazenod made sure the flag was flying over the grandstand to greet us. It continued an intense and sometimes bitter rivalry between the two clubs. They haven't beaten us since (as at end of season 2009), but they were certainly too good on that September Saturday in 2000, when we really let the most important one get away.

—Andrew Mullett

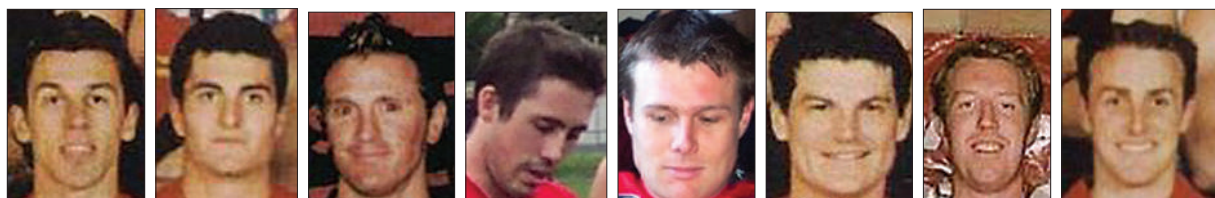
2000 B Grade Premiership List

	B SECTION							
OLD BRIGHTON	18	16	2	0	2339	1300	179.92	64
MAZENOD O C	18	14	4	0	1729	1323	130.69	56
NORTH OLD BOYS	18	13	4	1	1834	1354	135.45	54
DE LA SALLE	18	11	7	0	1584	1353	117.07	44
ORMOND	18	9	9	0	1570	1648	95.27	36
OLD PARADIANS	18	7	10	1	1494	1791	83.42	30
WHITEFRIARS	18	7	11	0	1608	1757	91.52	28
OLD HAILEYBURY	18	7	11	0	1509	1867	80.82	28
*COLLEGIANS	18	3	15	0	1231	1769	69.59	12
OLD MENTONIANS	18	2	16	0	1227	2089	58.74	8

2000 B Section Grand Final Player Profiles

OLD BRIGHTON

1. **Andrew Kryzwniak** Veteran wingman who has lost none of his dash and flair and he will be right in the action setting up moves with his creative handball.
 2. **Adam Pirrie** Classy forward, surprisingly left out of semi final, but likely to return as his regular goalkicking this year has troubled all back men. Brilliant turn of speed.
 3. **Chris Barrow** Tall, young defender who has played strongly all year. Very versatile, and ignited Brighton in the semi final when shifted up forward after halftime.
 5. **Nick Perry** Key player whether in defence or up forward. Strong in the air and makes his own pace because he reads the play so well. One of his best seasons.
 8. **Matt Gadsden** Dashing utility who played state football in the Under 19's during the year. Has great pace and will keep the opposition honest all day.
 9. **Simon Lennox** Highly respected state player who can fill roles either in defence or on the ball. A dedicated and highly skilled player who always influences the result.
 10. **Matthew Dennis** Has had a wonderful season after squeezing in two years at Hawthorn in between grand final years at Brighton. Will be a key to the sides chances and will cover plenty of territory.
 11. **Adam Fitzgerald** Has played strongly at centre half forward and will be keen to get on the scoreboard as he eyes A grade. Fast, determined and ageless.
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14. **Simon Williams** Club captain and the heart of the team's defence, his experience and discipline sets the right examples for his team. Rarely beaten and always takes the oppositions class forward.
 15. **Darren Tymms** Has been playing dashing football, running out of defence. A left footer who loves having a crack at the goals if he gets the chance.
 17. **Alex Rickardy** Veteran ruckman whose aggression and strength are matched by his spirit and sense of humour. Will be determined to keep his jumper on his back for the whole game.
 18. **Matt Jackson** Brilliant state rover who will see every inch of the arena. Is there a fitter or more durable player in competition? He might bob up around the goals too!
 19. **Simon Gadsden** Fast, strong, fullback who has enjoyed an excellent season and he will be keen to maintain the strangle hold he has kept on the opponents goalkickers during the year.
 20. **Adam McLachlan** Low profile and possibly underrated forward who can be very dangerous, very quickly. Maintains that he should be given some of the service afforded more prominent team mates. Could have a big day.
 21. **Toby Ewert** The quiet achieving ruck man who was groomed by Brad Berry last year, and has stepped up to control the airways in 2000. Will stay all day and palm the ball with class.
 22. **Liam O'Neill** Young on baller who missed the semi final, but may sneak in for the big one. Deceptively quick and uses the footy intelligently.
 25. **Spiro Nickas** Determined midfielder who will be delighted to be there after missing '97 and to overcome injuries that would have stopped most. Gets the footy, makes every possession count.



*A Kryzwiniak, M Dennis, S Lennox, M Gadsden, A Pirrie, A Fitzgerald, N Perry, S Williams
D Timms, A Rickarby, M Jackson, S Gadsden, A McLachlan, L O'Neill, S Nikas
Missing from photos: Chris Barrow, Toby Ewart, Jessie White, Brett Parnham*

Jarrold Bradley 2000 B Section VAFA Sharpshooter



David Paterson, A Bristow, Pat Phelan, Jarrold Raju, Jess Murchie

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1957 Brigadier Tovell was selected by Nick Walsh as our Patron. He had been a prominent Old Boy and a member of Council for more than 30 years. (1923 – 1957). In World War 1, he was awarded the DSO and was discharged with the rank of Brigadier Major. In World War 11, he saw service in North Africa (at the time of his death he was President of The Rats of Tobruk) was twice 'mentioned in dispatches' and was awarded both a bar to his DSO and the CBE. In 1945 he became a member for Brighton and was Minister of Education in the Holloway Government (1948 – 52). In 1946 – 7, he became President of the Old Brighton Grammarians Society and in 1945 he became chairman of the Memorial Foundation Council overseeing the extensions to the Tower Wing and eventually the completion of the War Memorial Hall.

27	David Paterson	Pacy defender who has played every game and motivates those around him with his determination and enthusiasm. Is sure to be urging all day.
28	Jarrold Bradley	Leads the B grade goalkicking and won inaugural All Star Player of the Year Award. Bagged 8 in the semi final. Brighton will be hoping to find him often. Mazenod will hope his radar isn't plugged in.
31	Antony Bristow	Quiet in the semi final. Brighton will be hoping he is their ace in the pack. Kicks long distances but hasn't yet run rampant. Could this be the day?
33	Pat Phelan	Has enjoyed a fine debut year with the club and has done plenty of work on the ball. Durable and strong, he is sure to be at the heart of Brighton's tilt at the flag.
34	Jessie White	Young 'blonde bombshell' with pace to burn. Has played mainly up forward, but his aggression allows his coach to assign him a variety of roles.
38	Jarrold Raju	Has made a successful return in the reserves after a year off with injury. Will be a key player in 'A' grade next year, but on form he may yet claim a place at the last minute. Silky skills.
41	Jess Murchie	Fast, hard running left footer who will be hoping to work back into the side after recent good performances in the reserves.
43	Brett Parnham	Another Brad Berry protegé who has held his place since being promoted early in the season. Hard and tough and is probably the most improved player at the club.

 THE AMATEUR FOOTBALLER 2000

Runners Up 2006

Grand Final

2006 v Collegians

Old Brighton: 4.3 4.6 8.10 9.10.64

Collegians: 3.0 8.7 8.9 12.13.85

Goals: M. Gadsden 2, J. Dickerson 2, N. Perry 2, T. Ewert, A. MacGillivray, L. Hendra.

Best: T. Ewert, C. Buckley, B. Mason, J. Perrett, P. Phelan, L. Hendra.

2006 B Section Grand Final Team List

Coach: Greg McLoughlin

Asst. Coach: Adam McConnell


1.	N. Perry	23.	D. Dawes (VC) ..
2.	A. Pirrie	24.	T. Jakobi
3.	S. Olliver	25.	N. Edwards
4.	A. MacGillivray (DVC)	28.	A. Bristow
5.	A. Edge	29.	J. Dickerson
6.	R. Stewart	30.	T. March
8.	D. Jennings	31.	A. Paroissien ...
9.	P. Phelan (C)	34.	A. Morley
10.	J. Edge	36.	J. Salem
11.	B. Mason	37.	D. Hughes
12.	J. Perrett (DVC)	39.	B. Crilly
13.	R. Kent	42.	L. Hendra (VC) .
14.	C. Buckley	45.	C. McKimm
16.	M. Gadsden (DVC) .	46.	C. Tolj
17.	A. Van den Dungen .	50.	W. Leaf
19.	Ginnivan (DVC)	58.	C. Betts
21.	T. Ewert	68.	M. Dubyna



Nick Perry, Adam Pirrie, A MacGillivray, Adam Edge, Ross Stewart, Pat Phelan, John Edge, Blair Mason, John Perrett, Rob Kent, Matt Gadsden, Andrew Van den Dungen, Rob Jakobi, Antony Bristow, Josh Dickensen, Ian Paroissien, James Salem, Scott Ginnivan, Damien Hughes, B. Crilly, Leigh Hendra, Cam McKimm, William Leaf, Scott Oliver, D Dawes
 Missing from photos: D Jennings, C Buckley, T Ewart, C Tolji, C Betts, M Dubyna, N Edwards, T March, A Morley.


2006 B Section Premiership List

B SECTION	P	W	L	D	For	Ag	Pts
COLLEGIANS	18	15	3	0	1882	1019	60
OLD BRIGHTON GR	18	14	3	1	1713	1457	58
OLD ESSENDON GR	18	13	5	0	1787	1547	52
CAULFIELD GR	18	10	8	0	1583	1439	40
UNIVERSITY BLACKS	18	10	8	0	1274	1336	40
MHSOB	18	8	10	0	1439	1453	32
BEAUMARIS FC	18	7	10	1	1383	1592	30
ST KEVINS OB	18	5	13	0	1453	1675	20
WHITEFRIARS OC	18	4	14	0	1220	1666	16
MAZENOD OC	18	3	15	0	1093	1643	12



B SECTION

by Tom Brain
2006



Congratulations to Michael Dickerson, Peter Gadsden, Greg McLaughlin and all the players and officials on your win on Saturday and the promotion back to A Grade that goes with it. A great way to bounce back into form after the disappointments of the previous fortnight, to set up a huge Grand Final. Also to Sean Flaherty, Darren Handley, Lord Farquar and all at OEG commiserations.

REVIEW
PRELIMINARY FINAL

The last sign off for 2006 and what a way to go with the Bombers nosediving in spectacular fashion to prove the Jekyll and Hyde tag is perhaps well earned. The Bombers started brilliantly and had three goals on the board before the Tonners woke up and it took some brilliant work from little Tommy Jakobi and an astonishing goal from Adam Pirrie to get them back in the game. The game ebbed and flowed in the first half, with neither side being able to break clear first one ruckman then the other one took control, as both sides ran hard, hit targets and kicked some good goals. The game broke open in no uncertain terms after the

and back in good touch and have the big advantage of beating the Tonners fairly easily in their last two encounters, but this counts for nothing today as it is the team who gets rid of the nerves and becomes focussed earlier who will win.

I have admired both sides' performances throughout the year and find it really hard to pick between them on such a big day but you must favour Collegians who have beaten their opponents 3 times in 20 weeks but the law of averages certainly could favour Old Brighton. Will go with Collegians just. Good luck to all.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS

A special thanks to Chris Pollock, Andy Mullett and John Newbold for your detailed reports through the year it is much appreciated and has made my job much easier. Enjoy your summer.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

See page 14 for B Sections Team of the Year.

break with Old Brighton taking total control booting 17 goals to 6 to set their return to A section up in dramatic fashion. It all started in the ruck from Toby Ewart and Andrew Morley, and then John Perrett, Chris Tolj, Cal Buckley, and Blair Mason cut the Bombers to bits. David Dawes took over and was everywhere in this second term as the Bombers just dropped off. Scott Ginnavin and the Edges led the defence as the boys returned to the rooms with plenty of confidence and a feeling that the job was only half done. Old Essendon despite the disappointment had a pretty good year and made plenty of progress blooding some fine young players. Jordan Leask was again their best, well supported by Velardo, Flaherty and Clifton. OEG now have 6 months to return and go again.

PREVIEW
GRAND FINAL

A fitting result will see the two best sides of the year play off in the game of the year. With promotion secured for their clubs today is player's day. Enjoy it and don't get too stressed after all in the end it is just another game of football. Collegians will have enjoyed the break and watched the other two slug it out and go into the game full of spirit



NAME	CLUB	LST WK TOTAL	
B SECTION			
Sinclair, Brett	CAULFIELD GR	0	68
Pirrie, Adam*	OLD BRIGHTON GR	7	60
Chard, Ryan	ST KEVINS OB	0	51
Flaherty, Daniel*	OLD ESSENDON GR	3	47
Taft, Shura	COLLEGIANS	0	41
Dunne, Timothy	MHSOB	0	38
Dixon, Jonathon	COLLEGIANS	0	35
B SECTION RESERVE			
Martin, Nicholas	UNIVERSITY BLACKS	0	49
Irwin, Daniel*	UNIVERSITY BLACKS	2	38
Mazzarella, Mark	ST KEVINS OB	0	38
Gamble, Adam	WHITEFRIARS OC	0	33
Flaherty, Matthew	OLD ESSENDON GR	0	29
Dazkiw, Jeremy	OLD ESSENDON GR	0	28
Gale, Ben	CAULFIELD GR	0	25

* Includes finals "-" results weren't received. Any discrepancies may be due to non-submission of results by clubs.

Note above the B Section Sharpshooters' Awards where Adam Pirrie, having booted 60 goals for the season, ranked second in the Grade.

2006 VAFA B Team of the Year

Our Club is represented by T Ewart, P Phelan, B Mason, A Pirrie and Tom Jakobi.

B:	T Skurrie (OEG)	M Ensor (Beaumaris)	T Ewart (OB)
HB:	N Harrison (Coll)	S Coote (Beaumaris)	N Stone (Coll)
C:	J Leask (OEG) (C)	P. Phelan (OB)	B Mason (OB)
HF:	S Taft (Coll)	J Dixon (Coll)	M Kempton (Uni Blacks)
F:	M Roberson (Coll)	B Sinclair (Caul)	A Pirrie (OB)
R:	L McNicholas (Beaumaris)	B Carboni (Caul)	T Jakobi (OB)
Inter:	B Phan (WF) E Thompson (MHSOB)	N Meehan (Maz)	B Dowd (SKOB)
Coach:	Pat Hawkins (Coll)		

Runner Up 2007

Grand Final 2007 v Old Xaverians

Old Brighton: 1.2 3.6 3.8 10.16.76

Old Xaverians: 8.8 10.10 16.13 18.15.123

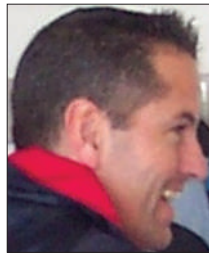
Goals: D. Clark 3, L. Mann 2, D. Dawes, D. Anthony, P. Phelan, A. Pirrie, T. Jakobi.

Best: D. Dawes, B. Gadsden, L. Hendra, D. Hughes, S. Olliver, D. Clark.

Senior List for A Section Grand Final

1 M. Ainley	29 J. Dickerson
2 A. Pirrie	31 T. Marmo
3 S. Olliver	33 N. Marston
4 A. MacGillivray ..	36 J. Salem
5 A. Edge	37 D. Hughes
7 A. McGuinness ...	38 J. Heath
9 P. Phelan (C)	39 D. Anthony
10 J. Edge	40 J. Muir
11 B. Mason	41 M. Bruin
12 L. Mann	42 L. Hendra (DVC) ...
13 D. Clark	43 L. Warren
16 M. Gadsden (DVC)	44 T. Jakobi
22 A. Bristow	46 C. Tolj
23 D. Dawes (DVC) .	49 C. Butterss
24 J. Perrett (VC) ...	50 M. Talbot
27 B. Crilly	54 E. McCowan
28 J. Homann	66 S. Gadsden
	79 T. Skewes

Coach: Greg McLoughlan
Assistant Coach: Adam McConnell



lost last year's B Section final. Nor did they walk down Beach Road high fiving one another either. They simply retained a very popular and respected coach, retained their playing list and added about half a dozen ready made senior players to the line up. As the club prepared to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary, there was a quiet confidence that they had the cattle to have a serious stab at A Section.

And They're Coming For You Adam!

Possibly their most important player on the ground today will be livewire full forward, **Adam Pirrie**. He was well held in the second semi but has had the better of the red and blacks in the two home and away matches thus far. Pirrie reminds me a little of the former De La player **Pat Mannix** – lighting quick, mercurial and the sort of player who can turn a game in a matter of five minutes. He is an absolute beauty. The **Xavs** defenders will come for him today, that's for sure, but if he steps up and withstands the pressure, anything is possible. Another who can turn a game is first-year player **David Clark**, who crossed to Beach Road after a successful career in the WAFL and in the bush. Best on ground last week, he seems right at home at Sportscover Arena and is no stranger to Grand Finals

aplomb. Unlike previous years, they haven't really had a slump thus far and always had the double chance on ice.



NAME	CLUB	LST WK	TOTAL
A SECTION			
Cultrera, Andy	OLD TRINITY	0	62
Handley, Matthew	OLD XAVERIANS	0	55
Pirrie, Adam	OLD BRIGHTON	5	55
Potter, Callan	ST BERNARDS	0	50
Doherty, Benjamin	OLD SCOTCH	0	43
Gerstman, James	OLD SCOTCH	0	43
Pearson, Tate	ST BERNARDS	0	39
A RESERVE			
March, Trevor	OLD BRIGHTON	0	34
Villani, Jarrod	UNIVERSITY BLUES	0	34
Doyle, Stephen	OLD XAVERIANS	0	33
George, Gerry	OLD IVANHOE	0	30
Rush, Daniel	OLD XAVERIANS	0	30
Dewar, Michael	OLD BRIGHTON	0	29
Silvers, Timothy	DE LA SALLE	0	29

"-" results weren't received. Any discrepancies may be due to non-submission of results by clubs.

Included in the above article you will also see the 2007 A Section Sharpshooters listed, where in the Seniors Adam Pirrie booted a very fine 55 goals. Trevor March headed the Reserves list, with great support from Michael Dewar.



Damien Hughes



Dan Anthony



Leigh Hendra



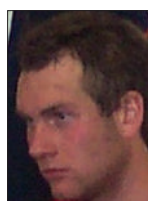
Tom Jakobi



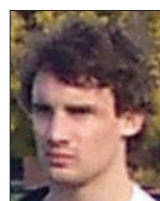
Simon Gadsden



Matt Talbot



Tom Skewes



Chris Tolji

2007 VAFA A Section Premiership List

A SECTION		P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts	PC
Round 18									
1	OLD XAVERIANS	18	14	4	0	1991	1448	56	137.50
2	OLD BRIGHTON	18	13	4	1	1881	1374	54	136.90
3	OLD IVANHOE	18	12	6	0	1484	1410	48	105.25
4	UNIVERSITY BLUES	18	10	8	0	1654	1309	40	126.36
5	COLLEGIANS	18	10	8	0	1536	1396	40	110.03
6	DE LA SALLE	18	8	9	1	1406	1463	34	96.10
7	OLD SCOTCH	18	8	10	0	1656	1790	32	92.51
8	OLD TRINITY	18	6	12	0	1538	1684	24	91.33
9	ST BERNARDS	18	6	12	0	1521	1803	24	84.36
10	OLD HAILEYBURY	18	2	16	0	1101	2091	8	52.65



A MacGillivray



Scott Olliver



Andrew Edge



Pat Phelan



Lance Mann



Tony Bristow



D Dawes



John Perrett



Marcel Bruin



Josh Homann



Nick Marston



Adam Pirrie



Mark Ainley



J Dickensen

Missing from photos: A McGuinness, J Heath, D Clark

A SECTION LIKELY LINE UPS				
OLD XAVS	B	BINGHAM	WOODRUFF	JOHNSTON
OLD BRIGHTON	F	PIRRIE	MANN	PHELAN
	HB	SERAFINI	MCCARTHY	RUYG
	HF	MCGUINNESS	DAWES	JACOBI
	C	COLBERT	FLEMING	SCANLAN
	C	HEATH	PERRETT	CLARK
	HF	OCKLESHAW	HANDLEY	BOWEN
	HB	TALBOT	MARSTON	HUGHES
	F	HOWARD	LYNCH	CLARKE
	B	GADSDEN	DICKERSON	OLIVER
	FOLL	BYE	BEARDSLEY	ARNOLD
	FOLL	HOMANN	AINLEY	HENDRA
	I/C	CHATFIELD	MERCURI LLOYD	SAPUPPO
	I/C	ANTHONY	BRISTOW EDGE	TOLJ

A SECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR 2007				
B:	A. Solly (UB)	B. Corin (DLS)	J. Morel (DLS)	
HB:	N. Stone (Coll)	S. Fragiacomio (Ivan)	M. Ainley (Brigh)	
C:	J. Scanlon (OX)	S. Curatolo (Ivan)	L. Hendra (Brigh)	
HF:	J. Arnold (OX)	D. Paton (UB)	R. Colbert (OX)	
F:	D. Dawes (Bright)	A. Pirrie (Brigh)	A. Cultrera (OT)	
Fol:	H. Heta (Ivan)	B. Iezzi (OT)	M. Patterson (UB)	
Inter:	D. Keely (DLS)	C. Blumfield (Coll)	B. McConnell (UB)	N. Bye (OX)

Congratulations to D. Dawes, A. Pirrie, M. Ainley and L. Hendrie for their selection in this Team.

ALL AUSTRALIAN AMATEURS

NAME	No.	Club	Age	Height	Weight	Position
Richard Giles - Captain	1	Rostrevor OC SAAFL	23	170	72	RUCK
Andrew Piccoli	2	Wembley WAAFL	23	174	70	FP
Kyle Riemann	3	North Beach WAAFL	22	173	75	HFF
Tom Chadwick	4	Rostrevor OC SAAFL	23	173	73	FP
Andrew McGuinness	5	Old Brighton VAFA	19	180	82	HFF
Chris Blumfield	6	Collegians VAFA	23	184	88	Centre
Kane Loxley - V/Capt	7	University WAAFL	23	173	75	Centre
Michael Gower	8	Seaton Ramblers SAAFL	21	178	68	RUCK
Josh McGinnity	9	North Beach WAAFL	23	178	75	INT
Huw Lacey	10	University Black VAFA	22	180	75	HBF
Kris Thompson	11	Whitfords WAAFL	22	174	76	HBF
Derek Clarke	12	Henley SAAFL	22	192	94	CHB
David Paton	13	University Blue VAFA	21	190	94	CHF
Dean Cutting	14	Salisbury North SAAFL	23	191	82	WING
Henry Hardy	15	Gaza SAAFL	20	185	88	FF
Corey Phipps	16	North Fremantle WAAFL	24	190	95	FB
Bradley Wedgewood	17	North Fremantle WAAFL	21	180	75	INT
Steven Evans	18	Salisbury North SAAFL	22	188	93	INT
Christopher Radetti	19	Gaza SAAFL	23	185	84	BP
Nathan Grocke	20	Broadview SAAFL	21	182	83	BP
Robert Baddeley	21	Old Essendon VAFA	21	198	102	Ruck
Michael Robinson	22	Scarborough WAAFL	23	198	96	CHF
Coach		Bob Cross	SAAFL			
Assistant Coach		Wayne Langborne	WAAFL			
Runner		Morgan Armstrong	SAAFL			
Team Managers		Ellis Burchall	SAAFL			
		John Raffle	VAFA			
Physio		Victoria Kahn	VAFA			
Trainers		Michael Garfitt	SAAFL			
		Brian Kays	VAFA			

Note: That our Andrew McGuinness has the great honour of being selected in this All Australian Team.

Our Grand Finals — Reserves Premierships

Over the years our Reserves have certainly set the pace when it comes to winning Grand Finals. Their results in this area have been outstanding. As at season 2009, our Reserves have had 13 Grand Final appearances. Of those thirteen appearances there have been 8 occasions when our boys have raised the Premiership Trophy, the J.F.X. Dillon Cup, at the end of the day — 1976, 1978, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003 & 2011, which included two back-to-back premierships.

Winning Reserves Grand Finals

Reserves Premiers 1976



As you will note from the articles that follow, this particular Premiership had special significance for our Club. It was our Club’s first ever Premiership, 19 years after the Club re-entered the VAFA in 1957.

PREMIERSHIP FLAG FOR O.B.G.S. FOOTBALL CLUB

1976 will go down as a Red Letter year for the Football Club. This is the year that we won our first ever Premiership flag, defeating Elsternwick in the "D" grade Reserves section.

The winning team was as follows:-

Steven Taylor	Rod Cowling	Peter Latzer
John Tapp	Ian Edmonson	David Williams
Owen Millis	Mark Epstein	Geoff Stretton
Rob Draper	Mark Leske	Geoff Larkin
John Trotter	Drew Bellmaine	Graeme Templeton
David Warnock	Mark Dobbie	Martin Hunt
Malcolm Titshall	Peter Dredge	

Although these 20 fellows took the glory, it was also due to the great effort of all the other players who didn't make the final side, and are equally entitled to the recognition, along with Bill McGrory, the Club coach, who really brought the boys up to final pitch with the finesse of a V.F.L. coach.

The team played AJAX in the second semi-final, and what a great game it was. Both sides playing hard and fast, but with Brighton kicking the ball longer, harder and with more accuracy. We finished well on top, and won by more than 5 goals.

Elsternwick was to prove a tougher and more experienced opponent however. It was Brighton's run on, play on, long kicking game that was to make them the victors. David Warnock was superb in the ruck, easily defeating his opponents all day, and with Mark Epstein, Robert Draper, Mark Leske and Drew Bellmaine forming a perfect centre to forward line combination, we were never in doubt. But everyone played great football, and it was completely a true team effort.

The team was well and truly supported by our very large group of parents and friends, who's wonderful encouragement throughout the season has enabled us to have had a successful year.

But the Football Club has had a good year elsewhere as well as on the field. Andrew Weight and Andrew Corns have been one of the best Social Committees we have had, and their hard work has helped unite the Club, as well as raising money, and brought it success.

Financially, we are holding our head above water, and this is because of the wonderful and keen support by our Ladies Auxiliary, to whom the Club is most grateful; to our newly formed Supporters Group, who's generous donations have helped enormously, and of course, the Social Committee.

We are looking forward to season 77 as from now, for we know it has the possibilities of being our best ever, and who is to say that in 1978, we might be unfurling two flags.

D RESERVE SECTION						
*Old Brighton Gr.	14	3	1653	863	191.5	58
AJAX	14	4	1488	880	169.1	56
Elsternwick	13	5	1547	1052	147.1	52
Assumption O.C.	12	6	1270	905	140.3	48
*Old Xaverians	11	6	1358	1033	131.5	46
Old Camberwell Gr.	9	9	1141	1024	111.4	36
State Sav. Bank	7	11	1067	1177	90.7	28
Old Geelong	5	13	1023	1290	79.3	20
National Bank	3	15	640	1832	34.9	12
Brunswick	1	17	575	1829	31.4	4

Below are the players listed in *The Amateur Footballer* at the time of the Grand Final against Elsternwick. Captain and Coach was Graeme Templeton.

3. Templeton, G.			
(c)	32	6.2	15.7
8. Bellmaine, D.	21	6.0	12.10
11. Kennedy, R.	19	6.1½	12.0
14. Cowling, R.	24	6.0	11.4
16. Trotter, J.	23	5.7½	10.2
19. Millis, O.	26	5.11	11.5
20. Draper, R.	21	5.9	11.2
21. Titshall, M.			
(vc)	27	5.11	13.7
23. Warnock, D.	18	6.4	15.7
24. Flack, R.	24	5.11	12.4
25. Smak, J.	18	6.1½	11.0
29. Latzer, P.	22	6.2	15.0
30. Wood, P.	27	5.8	10.8
32. Dobbie, M.	22	5.11	11.0
33. Epstein, M.	18	5.10	11.10
34. Larkin, G.	21	5.11	12.12
36. Tapp, J.	21	5.9	10.0
37. Williams, L.	20	6.0	10.7
39. Leske, M.	20	6.0	11.7
40. Hunt, M.	21	5.5	10.10
41. Edmondson, L.	23	6.2	15.0
42. Stretton, G.	17	5.8	10.2
43. Prescott, P.	18	6.2½	12.10
44. Dunn, R.	19	5.9	11.0
46. Kelleway, J.	21	5.9	12.7
48. Dredge, P.	19	5.8½	9.7
49. Taylor, S.	24	5.7	10.7
50. Gillham, P.	21	6.4	14.0

No 50 is Gillham. P-21 – 6.4–14.0

1976 D Reserve VAFA Leading Goalkickers

Drewe Bellmaine heads the list having booted 61 goals, ably supported by Kennedy with 40.

D RESERVE SECTION	
Bellmaine, O. Bright. (6)	61
Fraser, Old Xav.	59
Stevens, Elsternwick (2)	53
Kennedy, O. Bright. (—)	40
Gurfinkel, AJAX	37
Lisner, AJAX	35

D RESERVE SECTION				
GRAND FINAL				
Old Brighton Gr	5.5	7.7	9.8	11.12-78
Elsternwick	0.0	2.5	5.9	7.11-53
OLD BRIGHTON: Bellmaine 6, Hunt 2, Larkin, Leske, Templeton. Best: Warnock, Draper, Epstein, Bellmaine, Larkin, Tapp.				
ELSTERNWICK: O'Connell 3, Manson 2, Stevens 2. Best: T. Richards, Patey, Rigg, Mavros, Manson, P. Richards.				

Reserves Premiers 1978



STANDING: Andrew Dick, Peter Grant, Mark Dobbie, Andrew Mullett, Peter Wagner, Peter Latzer, Graeme Templeton, Russell Flack,
 MIDDLE ROW: Mark Riddell, Phil Myer [Res. Coach], Bill McGrory [Snr Coach], Barry Gartner [Capt], Ian Edmonson,
 Peter Sedgwick [Pres], Noel Richardson [Runner], Owen Millis, Barry Hamilton.
 FRONT ROW: John Ford, David Massey, Derrick Jennison, Bruce Beddoe, Martin Hunt, Doug Dick.
 ABSENT: Adrian Hall, John Tapp, Graham Finlayson.
O.B.G.F.C 11 - 12 - 78 def Geelong F.C 11 - 9 - 75
 [“C” Reserve Top Goalkicker; Peter Latzer - 39 Goals.]

O.B.G.S. Newsletter

The Journal of the Old Brighton Grammarian's Society
OCTOBER 1978

TWO PREMIERSHIPS FOR OLD BOYS IN WINTER SPORTS

On Saturday September 16th, Old Brighton Grammarians Football Club Reserves side, playing in their third successive Grand Final, beat Geelong Amateurs by 3 points in a thrilling finish to what has been a remarkable 3 years for the club. In 1976 the Reserves side won the club's first ever Grand Final. In 1977 the seniors won the flag (the reserves were runners-up) and again this year we have another flag to add to our growing

collection.

The reserves finished third at the end of the Home and Away games and played Hampton Rovers in the first semi final. After gaining an early lead Old Brighton were able to ride out the wintry conditions a little better than the Rovers and ran out winners.

DID YOU KNOW?

14th August 1976 at Beach Oval "D" Grade Seniors
Old Brighton 33.20.218

Def

National Bank 4.7.31

Goals

J.Priestley 10	K.Holmes 3	P.Simon 2
R.Thomas 7	B.McLure 3	A.Gedye 1
B.Hamilton 3	G.Jones 2	M.Riddell 1
		P.Walsh 1

In the Preliminary Final we played St.Kilda CBOC and squandered a 20 point lead in the middle of the last term to allow St.Kilda to come back with quick goals and level the scores. After some see-sawing football the match ended in a draw and the grim faces around the ground echoed the player's sentiments of a Grand Final appearance thrown away. The replay saw old Brighton leading narrowly until three quarter time when some determined football added 3 quick goals and we ran out winners by nearly 4 goals.

Congratulations to Coach Phil Meyer, Captain Barry Gartner, Vice Captain Butch Edmondson and all the Reserves who played during the year and particularly during the Finals. The Club is extremely proud of you and we look forward to another flag next year.

Graeme Templeton, a stalwart of Old Brighton, also played his 250th game in the Grand Final. This is the club record and all who saw his 250th game saw the experience and cunning that only many games can bring.

Congratulations from all at Old Brighton on a fine effort.

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Old Brighton	1.0	9.4	9.5	11.11
Geelong	4.5	5.5	11.8	11.8

Best Players:

Wagner, Beddoe, Hunt, Templeton, A Dick, A Mullett

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1976 our first ever Premiership was celebrated by a party at the home of captain-coach Graeme Templeton on the night of the Grand Final.

Our Annual Presentation Dinner Dance was also somewhat of a victory celebration and all who attended voted it a most enjoyable night.

President "Nobby" Forster presented the Head Master with the scholarship cheque to cover a year's fees for a boy at the school. Awards were also made to the following:-

Senior Side Best & Fairest	Rich Thomas
Senior Side Runner Up	Gary Jones
Best First Year Player	John Priestley
Reserves Best & Fairest	Marty Hunt
Reserves Runner Up	David Warnock
Clubman Trophy	Neil Richardson
Leading Goal Kicker	Drew Bellmaine
"D" Reserves	

OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS

(Dark Blue, Red V, Collar and Cuffs)

Coach — Phil Meyer

No.	Name	Age	Ht.	Wt.
1	Hamilton, B.	28	179	72
3	Templeton, G.	34	188	100
4	Berry, J.	31	183	76
8	Tapp, J.	23	178	67

9	Dick, D.	20	173	73
12	Graham, P.	22	179	86
13	Riddell, M.	24	184	75
14	Paroissien, B.	23	179	67
15	Wagner, P.	27	192	95
19	Millis, O.	28	180	73
21	Beddoe, B.	19	175	68
22	Mullett, A.	28	180	84
25	Grant, P.	18	183	80
26	Higgins, G.	21	178	76
27	Gartner, B.	29	183	75
29	Latzer, P.	24	188	89
30	Jennison, D.	21	180	70
32	Dobbie, M.	24	180	73
34	Hall, A.	18	178	67
35	Enticott, G.	31	173	70
36	Dick, A.	26	185	83
37	Edmondson, I.	25	188	102
40	Hunt, M.	23	165	67
41	Macartney, L.	27	188	76
42	Draper, P.	20	175	67
43	Featherby, M.	22	180	80
44	Taylor, S.	25	173	65
45	Templeton, B.	28	188	92
46	Fox, B.	20	180	72
47	Massey, D.	18	178	67
48	Finlayson, G.	28	180	73
49	Ford, J.	21	180	73
50	Flack, R.	26	180	81

1978 C Reserve Section Premiership List

C RESERVE							
Geelong	16	2	—	1907	896	212.8	64
St. Kilda CBOC	15	3	—	1513	772	196.0	60
Old Brighton Gr.	14	4	—	1370	864	158.6	56
Hampton Rovers	13	5	—	1328	1020	130.2	52
** Old Xaverians	9	9	—	860	1151	74.7	36
Old Carey Gram.	7	11	—	1062	1349	78.7	28
A.J.A.X.	6	12	—	1007	1454	69.3	24
*† Kew	4	14	—	897	1302	68.9	16
Old Ivanhoe	4	14	—	771	1358	56.8	16
Alphington	2	16	—	740	1601	46.2	8

1978 C Section Reserves Leading Goalkickers

C RESERVE		
Latzer, Old Bright.	(-)	38
Thynne, St. Kilda	(1)	33
T. Ludowyk, Geelong		28
Hamilton, Old Bright	(2)	27
Davis, St. Kilda	(-)	27
Scale, Geelong		26
Wenzel, Hamp. Rov.		24
C. Earle, Hamp. Rov.		22

Reserves Premiers 1992

PREMIERS 1992
VAFA "B RESERVE" SECTION.

STANDING: Billy Browne, Lindsay McMahon, Chris 'Bear' Haling, Jack Donelan, Mick Hall, Matt Allen, Richard Phillips, Andrew Hamilton, Rob Renner, Anna Caraher [Physio].
MIDDLE ROW: Andrew Augustine, Peter 'Czar' Latzer, Mathew 'Boots' McLennan [V.C], Shane 'Gonzo' Young [Coach], Roger 'Doggy' Brown [Capt], Peter 'Budha' Grant [Pres], Nic Timms, Martin 'Hooter' Hutchinson, Stuart 'Egg' Murray.
FRONT ROW: Jed Pyers, Brett 'Rowdy' Williams, Tim Desmyth, David Morton, Jeff 'Joffa' Bennett, Bruce Shelley, Paul 'Macca' McMahon, Rob 'Til' Carter.
ABSENT: G.Denson, D.'Spocka'Smyth, S.Fitchett, A.McLean, R.Morton, J.Ryan, M.Fisher, S.Duggan, N.Hillard.

O.B.G.F.C 3 - 6 - 24 def Old Trinity A.F.C 2 - 5 - 17

Andrew Mullett later made the following comments: “Earlier Roger Brown led the Reserves to a dogged Premiership over Old Trinity. In an incredibly low-scoring game in the bog, the Brighton side, including luminaries such as Matt McLennan, Matt Allen, Jeff Bennett and David Smyth, won the first of seven Dillon Trophies that would come to the Beach in the following seasons.” Shane Young was the Coach.



Future Presidents Roger Brown(Captain) and Shane Young(Coach) celebrate Premiership victory with the 1992 Reserves Cup.

Reserves Premiers 1996



STANDING: Alan Munkittrick [Man.], Daniel Pilbrow [Physio.], John Tregaskis, Nick Winter, Jess Murchie, Kim Teschendorff, Paul Roach, Derryn Wilson, Paul Woff, James Howden, Andrew Cooper, Alec Witte, Tim Farrer, Michael Billionis, Tony Brown [Runner.], Gordon Alison [Physio], Shane Young [Snr Coach], N.Gillett[Physio]
 SEATED: A.Hancock[Sec], Mark Fisher, Campbell Jackson, Stuart Murray, Roger Brown[Coach], Mathew McLennan[Capt], Mike Perry[Pres], Chris Haling[V.Pres], Andrew Grant, Chris James, Tony Grant[C.O.S]
 FRONT ROW: Paul McMahon, Gerard Bennett, David Morton, Christian Gilmour, Richard Sherman.
 PRESENT: Brett Williams, Chris Toms, Hayden Bickett, Rob Carter, Marcus Barber, Trent Lennox, Nick Truelson, Richard Smith, Barny Alderson.
 O.B.G.F.C 12 - 4 - 76 def Old Parade A.F.C 4 - 7 - 31

See below for Stuart Murray's reminiscences on this Grand Final.



1996 B Reserves Grand Final Players List

Coach: Roger Brown	33. D. Morton . . .
2. M. McLennan	37. A. Cooper . . .
5. A. Oliver	39. A. Fischer . . .
6. A. Augustine	41. J. Murchie . . .
9. M. Fisher	43. J. Howden . . .
12. G. Bennett	45. M. Billionis . . .
15. S. Magee	46. M. Barber . . .
18. P. Roach	48. A. Grant
19. A. Mandylaris	49. N. Winter
20. D. Kollmorgen	55. C. Toms
21. R. Oakley	59. T. Farrer
21. C. Jackson	61. A. Witte
24. R. Carter	63. R. Sherman . . .
27. C. Gilmour	71. B. Alderson . . .
28. P. Woff	79. H. Bickett . . .
30. K. Teschendorf	80. A. Palfrey
31. S. Murray	84. P. McMahon . . .
32. B. Williams	

B RESERVE SECTION							
OLD BRIGHTON	16	1	1	1655	635	260.63	66
OLD PARADIANS	16	2	0	1680	671	250.37	64
OLD TRINITY	12	6	0	1585	1081	146.62	48
THERRY CCOB	10	7	1	1337	975	137.13	42
NORTH OLD BOYS	10	7	1	1412	1134	124.51	42
M H S O B	8	9	1	1162	1170	99.32	34
OLD IVANHOE	5	12	1	941	1469	64.06	22
BANYULE	5	13	0	968	1462	66.21	20
IVANHOE	3	15	0	747	1520	49.14	12
BULLEEN TEMPLESTOWE	2	15	1	554	2167	25.57	10

SPORTS MEDICINE
SHARPSHOOTERS – B

***SENIORS**

		LAST WK	TOTAL
RRISON	OLD PARADIANS	7	
STICKLAND	OLD TRINITY		
MURCH	OLD BRIGHTON	2	
JAMES	BUL TEMP		
RR	OLD PARADIANS	2	
*RESERVES			
GRANT	OLD BRIGHTON		
GRATH	MHSOB		
WRIE	NORTH OLD BOYS		
ARMY, MB	OLD PARADIANS	2	
YCE	IVANHOE		
BINSON, P	OLD TRINITY		

cludes Finals

LAST ROUND'S RESULTS – B

SENIORS 14.9.96

PARADIANS	3.1	6.4	10.6	15.
BRIGHTON	2.3	5.8	10.10	10.1

Paradians Harrison 7, Boyd, Ciavola, Kerr, Harford 2. Best: Zappa, Swir

Andrew Grant finishes on top of the Grade goal kicking ladder, booting 78 goals. Note also that J Murch is third on the Seniors Grade goal kicking list.

Stuart Murray Reminisces on the 1996 B Reserves Grand Final

Stuart ‘Egg’ Murray (started playing at the Club in 1982, played 209 games and kicked a massive 222 goals) has made this outstanding contribution by reminiscing about the lead-up to this great day:

“In 1996 Roger (The Puppet) Brown was Coach, although it was widely agreed that the assistant Tony ‘Buddha’ Grant and runner Tony ‘Dingo’ Brown were actually the ones pulling the strings. (Strangely Roger doesn’t agree with this comment.)

The lead-up to the Grand Final was interesting to say the least, with about 34 players available, and on the track on the Thursday before the game. (Roger makes the comment, “Try 28 players as the other 10 had already nicked off after not being selected for semi’s and pre-lim’s.) In his wisdom, the coach had us do tackling practice and ‘rabbit burrows’ that night and became quite upset that no one was taking it seriously due to harbouring concerns over getting injured. Roger states, “It was simple grid drill to sharpen ball skills, until the old farts started stuffing around.” I recall that it was Richard ‘Dicky’ Smith who finally broke the coach, when he raced at the tackle bag and applied a Bruce-Lee-style karate kick to it in an attempt to bring a little sanity to the situation, and that’s when the rabbit burrows were introduced by ‘The Dog’. (According to Roger, “Dicky wasn’t there. I had him in the Magoos the year before (1995) then gave him Barb’s phone number at the end of that season as a Christmas present. Barbs was coaching the Clubbies. It was Granty who applied the karate kick to the tackle bag, then you came in to apply some WWF moves.”)

Well, 22 didn’t go into 36 and as history goes, there were 14 very disappointed players come 8.30 that night. On reflection, all those selected thoroughly deserved their place and 12 months later to the exact day, I experience the very same disappointment when, as Captain of the Resses, I watched from the wrong side of the fence as my boys came back from the dead to claim the flag and overhaul Ormond in a thriller.

Anyway back to 1996 and the biggest shock on that last Thursday at selection was the inclusion of one Chris ‘Sid’ James, who went on to be named on the half-back flank in the recent Team of the Century. With 4 games to go we were on top and playing on the Beach Road Oval against ‘The Hedgeburners’, who were battling away mid-table as I recall. What I do remember, as clear as my breakfast this morning, was that Old Trinity had a banner and guard of honour for one of their players who was playing his 300th game. For the life of me I can’t recall his name but I had played many years against him in the Seniors and respected him greatly as one of their hardest and toughest players in VAFA footy and who possessed a mountainous competitive spirit and passion for Old Trinity. Looking back at what happened late in the second quarter epitomised Sid’s dedication to his team and team mates. His old buddy Gerry ‘Gut’ Bennett, (Team of the Century back-pocket) had unloaded the said Trinity tough guy in front of the old scoreboard at the southern end in his typical, if slightly late, manner. The ball was then cleared out by OBGFC and moments later, Gut found himself on the end of a fairly significant ‘evener-upper’. Unfortunately for Trinity, Sid witnessed the whole thing and took it upon himself to even up on behalf of the now prostrate Gut. Well, one punch, 23 stitches, a scuffle with spectators at half-time and

a long investigation by VAFA officials, saw Syd given six weeks off. Do the maths on that and Sid was unavailable until the Grand Final.

Well history shows that Sid was selected, having not played for 6 weeks, and what history can now reveal is that Sid was devastated to be missing the opportunity of playing in a Grand Final with Paul 'Woffy' Woff, Andrew 'Noo' Grant, David 'Cocky' Cochrane, Matty 'Boots' McLennan, Paul 'Little Macca' McMahon, and Gut amongst others. Sid had convinced himself that he was no chance of playing, however the coach had other ideas. In a moment of admiration, Roger promised Sid if he trained every night over the next 6 weeks and ran water each game leading up to the big one, he would be considered. Sid agreed and did not miss a beat for the next 6 weeks and the rest is written into the history books, just as Roger had promised us in that now famous pre-match Grand Final speech.

During the season Roger had constructed a wonderful opportunity for us all. He went on to reinforce, on that crisp September Grand Final morning, that we all had the opportunity to put our names into the OBGFC history books forever. He went on to tell us clinically how he wanted us to play and how we were to overcome the green and purple, known affectionately as the Old Parade 'Machine'. With 15 players over 30 years of age, and around 2800 games between us, we already knew what had to be done, but listened intently out of respect (for fear of copping a set of rabbit burrows and tackling practice in the warm up!) The rooms were full of old and young team mates. You could smell the tears swelling in Andrew 'Fish' Mullet's eyes then see them cascading down our coaches eyes as the legendary team manager known as 'Big Al' Munkittrik wished us luck in the scramble to get out the door. At eighteen years old, I had been elevated from the Under 19s to play in the Reserves Grand Final of 1984 which we lost to Hampton Rovers by two points. I had waited until 1996 when I was 31 to play in my next Grand Final, and I realised it was not luck we needed, but instead we needed Andrew Grant to build on his already impressive goal tally of 83. I looked at Granty as we entered the vast expanses of Elsternwick Park and asked the simple question, "How do you think we'll go?" His answer, as only Andrew Grant could answer, "If they play that ugly red-haired prick on me, it's all over!" Minutes later, when we completed the warm up and coin toss, I wandered to the southern end and took up my spot on the half-forward flank. There I stood cheering Woffy on for that all important first ruck contest, totally forgetting Granty's comedic last comment. The next I heard from Granty was just before the bounce, when the call came from full-forward, "Hey Egg, I think we've got this one!" Spinning around there was the very same red-haired opponent who Granty had kicked a total of 21 goals on for the year to date, confirming his belief that luck was not going to be a factor.

Five goals to Granty and two hours later, the John Francis Xavier Dillon Cup for B grade Reserves Premiers was lifted by Boots and The Dog, signalling the start of a golden period of Ressies Premierships for OBGFC.

"Now that is history Buddy."

(Written in memory of 'Big Al' Munkittrik, whose mammoth frame, infectious laugh and unchallenged passion, was vital to our success that year, and who is still sadly missed at the Beach Road oval.)



Then in 1997, the Reserves produced back-to-back Premierships.

**OLD BRIGHTON GRAMMARIANS FOOTBALL CLUB
PREMIERS 1997
VAFA "B RESERVE" SECTION.**



BACK ROW: Mathew Gamble, Aaron Fisher, Shane Douglas, Marcus Barber, David Paterson, Andrew Corke, Brett Williams, Ben Hamilton, John Trotter [V/Pres.]
 STANDING: Andrew Hancock [Sec.], Graham Hand [Runner], Mathew McLennan, Alex Witte, Simon Gadsden, Paul Woff, Tim McNamara, Jamie Howden, Ari Mandylaris, Ross Patterson [Mgr.]
 SEATED: Andrew Grant, Stuart Murray [C], Stephen Barnes [Coach], Mike Perry [Pres.], Dale Tapping [Snr Coach], Paul Mc Mahon [C], Adam Brown.
 FRONT ROW: Gerard Bennett, Andrew Palfrey, Hayden Bickett, Chris Toms, Jarrod Raju, Brad Wilson. [Absent; Rod Carter]
O.B.G.F.C 11 - 10 - 76 def Ormond A.F.C 7 - 5 - 47

OBGFC 0.2 4.5 8.7 11.10 76

Ormond 6.2 7.4 7.5 7.5 47

Goals: A Grant 4, A Fischer 2, T McNamara 2, H Bickett 2, S Douglas

Best: G Bennett, P Woff, J Raju, McMahan, A Fischer, A Brown, S Gadsden, A Grant.

Stuart Murray on the 1997 B Reserves Grand Final

Stuart Murray reports below, as with the 1996 Grand Final, and breathes life into this magnificent victory with another superb account of the lead-up to and then the description of our boys' breathtaking performance in this memorable Grand Final.

The year started with myself appointed as Captain, Paul 'Little Macca' McMahon as Vice-captain and the legendary Steve 'Barnsey' Barnes as Coach.

Low on numbers and short on pre-season training, we had a horrific start to the year losing the first four games straight and anchoring ourselves firmly at the bottom of the ladder.

Although low on numbers and enthusiasm being drained with each loss, we still had a nucleus of players who possessed three critical elements for success — experience, talent and passion.

After that fourth loss, Barnsey ordered all players to training on Tuesday night and to bring runners only! There were to be no excuses, and Barnsey reinforced that anyone who did not attend need not return. “I’d rather play with 12 committed blokes, than 22 bludgers,” were his words.

Well Tuesday came, and with runners on, all the Ressies gathered outside our home-side change rooms whilst the Seniors were on the track.

Barnsey called us into the rooms and gave us a fearful spray. On completion of his tirade, we were ordered onto the oval to jog four laps and then return as a group into the opposition dressing sheds at the southern end of the pavilion.

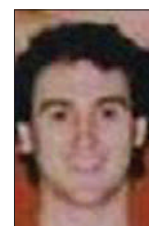
We ran our laps, walked in and sat on the benches facing a silent Barnsey. Once all seated he turned and dragged out two eskies from the showers, that were brimming with VB cans — no Coke, no juice, no light beer, no soft drink, water or Gatorade...just VB cans!

We were handed a can each, instructed to open them and he said, “Introduce yourself Egg, and tell us something about Stuart Murray.” By the time we got around all players, who were each asked to do the same, we were about a third of the way through the cans and we started again with a joke session. Every player had to recite their all-time favourite joke, and by the time we were complete it was 10.30 pm and not one player had left.

What transpired the next Saturday was one of the most amazing transformations in a group of players that I have ever witnessed. Not only did we scrape home, but we went on to win every game for the rest of the year including the ultimate where we returned our old friend, the JFX Dillon Cup, to OBGFC for the second year in a row!

Come Grand Final day, I was shattered. I had not played since round 12 due to injury and watched helplessly as Barnsey willed his charges to believe in themselves and rise up against Ormond, who had a star-studded line-up due to their Seniors not playing that day. I stood at the door with tears in my eyes, as my team mates left for the ensuing battle. I will never forget Little Macca’s eyes as he filed past me and with no words just grabbed my shoulders in an attempt to dull my pain. Nor will I forget Marcus Barber taking off his warm-up jacket on the ground to reveal my No. 31 jumper, which I had worn proudly for the previous 12 years; a gesture I was unaware of but forever grateful.

The battle commenced and OBGFC were shell-shocked. Ormond completely smothered us in the first quarter and went into the break with a commanding lead. We were yet to strike a blow on the scoreboard and ‘The Monders’ had seized any and every chance they could to smash the boys from South Road. Gut Bennett had caught several blows across the eyes and was being ordered from the ground by the umpires repeatedly to be patched up and stem the flow of blood. (It was later revealed he required 5 stitches to stem the flow of blood once and for all.) The quarter time speech from Barnsey will remain etched into my memory forever, and I have since used it throughout my own coaching career as a guiding principle. “Don’t worry about the result. Just keep doing the right things, the things you’ve done all year, and the result will take care of itself.”



The second quarter started the same as the first, with Ormond kicking the first goal and Gut being ordered from the field again for another patch up. Again they scored and we were 7 goals down.

Gut returned to the ground for the centre bounce to start play again. OBGFC rallied, for what was surely our last chance to stay in the game, at the ten minute mark of the second quarter. From here it became a steady procession of goals from OBGFC, and that was the last we saw of the Monders. Gut went on and off all day, and every time he came back he went straight into the middle of the ground to urge on his team mates and pump the ball towards our goal.

It was an amazing turn-around, which resulted in back-to-back Premierships to B Grade OBGFC Reserves. Those in attendance witnessed not only a masterful coaching display by Steve Barnes, but also a game dominated by one player Gerrard ‘Gut’ Bennett. Go Tonners!



What a life we experienced whilst playing at the Beach Road Oval.

Stuart Murray

An additional description of this wonderful 1997 Reserves Premiership win is below.

The Reserves Win Another Flag

The 1997 Final Series was a triumph for the Club. The Reserves won back to back flags, to set the scene for the Seniors’ wonderful win over St.Kevins. The Reserves would win the J.F.X.Dillon Premiership Cup six times in the twelve seasons between 1992 – 2003. The 1997 triumph over top side, Ormond, after we had defeated Therry and St.Kevins in the earlier finals, was arguably the best of them.

Ormond began superbly with the breeze, running hard at the ball and putting fierce pressure on all our players. They were too quick in the mid-field early in the match, and too aggressive and mobile across half-forward, kicking three goals before we touched it. We trailed by six goals at quarter time, and yet there was no sign of panic from either coach, Stephen Barnes or his players at the huddle.

The veteran Andrew Grant found Tim McNamara for the opening goal of the second term, and the enigmatic Aaron Fischer played on after marking, and drove home another. Clearly the wind advantage had enlivened our efforts, but when Matt Gamble was pole-axed and Gerard Bennett wore an elbow to the head and left the ground with blood streaming from the wound, the challenge was thrown down to meet the physical effort that the Monders had brought to the contest. Someone had to provide the inspiration. The indomitable Bennett returned, barely recognisable under the eye plaster, and launched one of the epic solo performances in the Club’s finals’ history. Four times he left the field under the blood rule, and four times he returned to haunt them, constantly generating attacking moves as the Tonners charged back at Ormond. At half-time, the margin had been cut to seventeen points after goals from Shane Douglas and Andrew Grant, and Ormond’s early energy seemed on the wane.

The match was over ten minutes into the third quarter when Paul Woff and Marcus Barber took over in the centre of the ground. With the wounded Bennett in everything, and Barnes' instructions to run the slower Ormond players wide paying dividends, the pace of Raju, Bickett, McMahon and Brown swung the momentum in our favour. Into the wind, Grant goaled twice, and Jared Raju's superb pass to Fischer led to a third that stole the lead. A glorious Barber / Fischer move to allow McNamara to add a fourth seemed almost academic, as Ormond hadn't looked like scoring a goal for over an hour!

Charging into the final term with a 9 point lead and the wind at our backs, Hayden Bickett wrested the match from a hapless Ormond with two quick goals, and Andrew Grant's fourth from a class snap had the Hill pumping. The tireless and crafty Barber continued to mop up everything at the back as the siren sounded on a glorious 29 point win. It was remarkable to reflect on the fact that after being outplayed in the first term, our blokes kicked 11.8 to 1.3 to take the pennant!

Old Brighton Grammarians: 0.2 4.5 8.7 11.10.76
Ormond: 6.2 7.4 7.4 7.5.47

Goals: Grant 4, Bickett 2, Fischer 2, McNamara 2, Douglas.

Best: Bennett, Brown, Woff, Barber, Raju, McMahon, Grant, Desmyth, McNamara, Carter.

	B RESERVE							
ST KEVINS	18	14	0	4	1787	969	184.42	56
ORMOND	18	13	1	4	1646	941	174.92	54
OLD BRIGHTON	18	13	0	5	1668	931	179.16	52
TERRY PENOLA OB	18	12	0	6	1356	1241	109.27	48
MHSOB	18	11	0	7	1387	1100	126.09	44
MAZENOD O C	18	10	1	7	1337	1161	115.16	42
BANYULE	18	6	0	12	823	1722	47.79	24
IVANHOE	18	5	0	13	1225	1388	88.26	20
OLD IVANHOE	18	4	0	14	886	1585	55.90	16
ST KILDA SOUTH CAULFIELD	18	0	0	18	532	1965	27.07	0

Note: Andrew Mullett also gives an account of this game in his memories *Life at the Beach*.

Reserves Premiers 1999

OBGFC 1.1 3.2 5.4 9.7 61

ORMOND 0.3 1.6 2.8 3.8 26

Best: Brew, Toms, McMahon, Pollock, Morton, O'Neill

Goals: O'Neill 3, McMahon, G Earl, W Earl, Stewart, Corke, Talbot

Coach: Brad Berry

1999 B Section Reserves Grand Final players List

<p>Coach: Dale Tapping</p> <p>Res. Coach: Brad Berry</p> <p>Colors: Navy with a red V yoke</p> <p>1 W. Earl.....</p> <p>2 C. Brew.....</p> <p>3 G. Earl.....</p> <p>4 M. Talbot</p> <p>5 N. Biggin.....</p> <p>8 T. Handley</p> <p>12 H. Bickett.....</p> <p>19 C. Stewart.....</p> <p>21 T. Ewert</p> <p>22 L. O'Neill</p> <p>24 R. Carter</p> <p>25 S. Nikas</p>	<p>26 A. Cooper</p> <p>28 A. Alderton.....</p> <p>29 P. Woff.....</p> <p>33 D. Moreton.....</p> <p>34 P. McMahon (C).....</p> <p>35 R. Henderson</p> <p>36 B. Pollock.....</p> <p>37 B. Barker</p> <p>40 B. Parnham</p> <p>41 Jess Murchie</p> <p>42 A. Corke.....</p> <p>46 D. Hanson</p> <p>47 D. Wilson</p> <p>48 P. Wells</p> <p>55 C. Toms</p> <p>60 M. Billionis</p> <p>63 B. Wilson</p>
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Matt Talbot



Hayden Bickett



Cam Stewart



Liam O'Neill



Rob Carter



Spiro Nickas



Andrew Cooper



Paul Woff



Dave Moreton



Paul McMahon



Rhys Henderson



Brad Pollock

Missing photos: W & G Earl, C Brew, N Biggin, T Handley, Toby Ewart, A Alderson, B Barker, B Parnham.

SPORTS MEDICINE SHARPSHOOTERS – B			
SENIORS			
NAME	CLUB	LAST WK	TOTAL
HARRISON	OLD PARADIANS	0	79
*STICKLAND	OLD TRINITY	0	79
BECKETT	ORMOND	0	57
*WOODLEY	MHSOB	3	46
*HORBAN	MAZENOD	1	43
*BRADLEY	OLD BRIGHTON	0	41
* includes finals goals			
B RESERVE			
HEATH	OLD TRINITY	0	67
*BROWN	ORMOND	5	55
ROBINSON	NORTH OLD BOYS	0	37
TALBOT	OLD BRIGHTON	0	31
BICKETT	OLD BRIGHTON	0	27
* includes finals goals			

Bradley in the Seniors and Talbot and Bickett in the Reserves are among the top goalkickers.

**2000 Premiers B Section Reserves
Reserves Premiership Team 2000**



Back Row: Richard Boxer, Liam O'Neill, James Murch (hidden), A J Patterson (Boundary), Robert Kent, Jess Murchie.

Third Row: Adam McLaughlin, Cameron Stewart, Brad Berry (Coach)

Second Row: Alan Munkitrick (Manager), Andrew Cooper, Leigh Hendra, Matt Talbot (Capt.), Andrew Walsh, Simon Alderson, Daniel Strachan, Bryan Patterson, Jared Raju, Alan Phillips (Trainer), Ryan Hand (Runner).

Front Row: Graham Hand (Runner), Adam Brown, Darren Wilson, Brett Parnam, Paul McMahon (VC), Hayden Bickett, Adam Ginnivan.

(Thanks to Peter Grant for supplying photo and names.)

2000 Premiers B Section Reserves Grand Final Player List

Coach: Dale Tapping G	
Res. Coach: Brad Berry	
4 M. Talbot	44 A. Brown
6 S. Alderson	45 S. Fox
7 B. Logan (VC).....	46 M. Wilson
8 B. Williams.....	47 D. Wilson
12 H. Bickett.....	48 R. Boxer
13 R. Kent.....	49 A. Ginnavin...
22 L. O'Neill	50 D. Hsiau
26 A. Cooper	51 M. Fisher
29 J. Murch	52 K. Lynch
30 A. McLaughlin....	53 D. Strachan ..
34 J. White	54 A. Liptrot.....
35 C. Stewart.....	56 N. Biggin
38 J. Raju	61 A. Walsh.....
40 B. Patterson	62 A. Lynch
41 J. Murchie	63 S. Davies.....
42 P. McMahon	



Another 2000 Grand Final Photo (courtesy of Peter Grant).

Old Brighton finished the Home and Away series with 11 wins, De La Salle with 16; a super effort to take out the Grand Final.

B RESERVE								
DE LA SALLE	18	16	2	0	1554	736	211.14	64
DE LA SALLE O.C.	18	15	3	0	1541	826	186.56	60
OLD BRIGHTON	18	14	4	0	1156	920	125.65	56
OLD BRIGHTON	18	11	7	0	1296	852	152.11	44
OLD PARADIANS	18	9	8	1	1254	1109	113.07	38
ARMOND	18	7	10	1	1057	1151	91.83	30
OLD HAILEYBURY	18	7	11	0	1205	1149	104.87	28
COLLEGIANS	18	5	13	0	939	1455	64.54	20
WHITEFRIARS	18	3	15	0	722	1249	57.81	12
OLD MENTONIANS	18	2	16	0	566	1943	29.13	8

Old Brighton Reserves Win the 'Dillon' Again!

Old Brighton Grammarians Reserves: 2.1 4.2 8.3 9.4 58

De La Salle O.C. Reserves: 0.3 1.6 2.8 4.9 33

Goals: Murch 3, O'Neill 2, Stewart, Hendra, Alderson, Wilson.

Best: Kent, Alderson, Talbot, O'Neill, Hendra, McMahon.

Grand Final Day 2000 was not a complete disaster. Brad Berry's side had charged into the Grand Final on the back of Hayden Bickett's sensational last-gasp snap the week before, and the boys destroyed the unbackable De La Salle who had brought in a swag of senior players but never looked likely.

The Tonners, nick-named the 'Berry Pickers' that year, included Liam O'Neill, Brett Parnham and the precociously talented, young Leigh Hendra in the side, and all three were outstanding. The boys forced De La wide all day and pressured them into countless turnovers. Jamie Murch kicked early goals, Rob Kent was impassable at centre-half-back and Simon Alderson jumped all over the De La big men.

We led by ten points at the first break, fourteen at half time and then ripped them apart in the third quarter. The back line fought desperately with Alderson, Steve Davies, Tony McLaughlin locking their opponents down, and the Big Red Bus, Robbie Kent, marked everything. It was an outstanding victory, Brad Berry nailing his second pennant in his two years at South Road, making it four in a row after his success at St Bedes. For Paul McMahon, his fifth flag at Old Brighton was the sweetest, coming against his old club.

—**Andrew Mullett**

2003 B Reserves Premiers



BACK ROW: Liam O'Neill, Nick Milat, Nick Perry, Brook Logan, Tim Marshall, Matt Smith, Antony Bristow, Phil Adamis (Assistant Coach).
STANDING: Jarrod O'Neill (Senior Coach), Adam Goldner, Andre Salem, Jack McCowan, Damien Hughes, Scott Ginnivan, Brent Aburrow, Cam Stewart (VC), Tom Mattessi.
SEATED: David Patterson, Richard Sherman, Chris McNicol (C), Hayden Bickett (Reserves Coach), Brian Scott, Andrew Edge, Ben Williams, Roger Brown (President).
FRONT ROW: Jess Dooley, Jon Lynch, William Leaf, Warren Hebard, Andrew Walsh, Rhys Henderson (DVC).
Absent - Cam McKimm, Monty Franklin, Adam Brown (Assistant Coach).

O.B.G.F.C 11 - 3 - 69 def De La Salle A.F.C 9 - 9 - 63.

*2003 Premiers B Section Reserves
Grand Final Player List*

Coach: Hayden Bickett

7	B. Logan
8	C. McNicol (C. res) ..
11	N. Perry
12	B. Williams
18	A. Salem
19	S. Ginnivan
20	M. Smith
22	L. O'Neill
23	N. Milat
25	S. Nickas
26	A. Ginnivan
27	D. Paterson
28	A. Bristow
31	A. Paroissien
32	A. Goldner
33	L. Dale
34	J. White
35	C. Stewart (R. vc) ...
36	R. Henderson (R. dvc)
37	D. Hughes
38	J. Raju

41	M. Allen ...
43	J. Murchie ..
44	R. Sherman
45	C. McKimm
46	J. McCowan
48	B. Dever ..
49	B. Scott ...
50	W. Leaf ...
51	J. Lynch ..
52	W. Hebar ..
54	J. Dooley ..
61	A. Walsh ..
66	A. Edge ...
69	B. Aburrow
71	T. Matessi ..

<i>B RESERVE</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Pts</i>
OLD PARADIANS	18	15	2	1	1526	793	192.43	62
DE LA SALLE	18	15	3	0	1618	865	187.05	60
OLD BRIGHTON	18	13	5	0	1654	942	175.58	52
WHITEFRIARS	18	10	7	1	1172	1136	103.17	42
NORTH OLD BOYS	18	10	8	0	1348	1125	119.82	40
OLD ESSENDON GR	18	9	9	0	1087	1146	94.85	36
MAZENOD O C	18	8	10	0	1193	1174	101.62	32
MHSOB	18	5	13	0	857	1642	52.19	20
HAMPTON ROVERS	18	3	15	0	778	1680	46.31	12
ST BEDES MENT TIG	18	1	17	0	707	1532	46.15	4

Note also that our Seniors team finished third and our Club XVIII side were Runners Up in their Grand Final.

*2003 Premiers B Section Reserves Results
and Best Players*


OBGFC 3.1 5.3 7.3 11.3 69

De La Salle 0.1 1.4 4.6 9.9 63

Goals: Scott 2, Perry, Williams, A Salem, O'Neill, Milat, Bristow, McKimm, Stewart, Hebard.

2011 Premiers — Premier B Reserves Section

“THE INVINCIBLES”
VAFA 2011 B GRADE RESERVE
PREMIERS
20 WINS - 0 LOSSES
OBGFC 12 . 9 . 81 def OLD IVANHOE 10 . 13 . 73
Goals: Jennings 4, Fogarty 2, Reilly, Bristow, Leishman, Mason Kennett, Cramey
Best: Cramey, Jennings, Janssen, Fogarty, Graham-Bowman, Mariani



Back Row: Andrew Ogilvie, Jonathan Edge, Thomas Clarke, Andrew Paroscine, Charlie Kennett, Blair Mason, Stuart McKell, Chris Mizzi, Michael Stewart, Tim Cooney
Centre Row: Daniel Mann (Asst. Coach) Tim Fogarty, Johny Nockles, Tim Marshall, Michael Janssen, Max Leishman, Brendan Blatt, Antony Bristow, Tom Mariani, John McKell (Team Manager)
Front Row: Jack Davis, Spencer Timms, Nicholas Graham-Bowman (Vice Capt) Scott Cramey (Capt), Ross Stewart (Coach), David Jennings (Vice Capt) Jarrod Sargent, Alex Jackson

- Senior Coach: Paul Mc Cormack
Asst. Coach: Simon Williams
Reserves Coach: Ross Stewart
Asst. Coach: Daniel Mann
Old Brighton 1.2 5.3 7.5 12.9 (81)
Old Ivanhoe 2.5 5.6 8.11 10.13 (73)
Goals: S D Jennings 4, T Fogarty 2, S Cramey, B Mason, C Kennett, A Bristow, J Leishman, C Reilly
Best: S Cramey, D Jennings, M Jansenn, T Fogarty, T Mariani, N Graham-Bowman

*Roscoes are Champions!
Perfect Score Wins the Premiership*

Old Brighton Grammarians Reserves, coached by a very proud Ross Stewart and his assistant, Daniel Mann, today won the Premier B Reserves premiership, claiming the J.F.X Dillon Cup by 8 points, for a record seventh time, from a gallant Old Ivanhoe Grammarians. Never an attractive game in the usual swirling, September north wind that rips around Elsternwick's wasteland and makes life difficult for all, the Grand Final win nonetheless capped an astonishing season for the Roscoes. They became the first Old Brighton team to complete a premiership season undefeated. Their twentieth consecutive win was their sweetest, though in truth, it was a dour struggle and the only time all year that they had not dealt convincingly with their opponents. No-one is complaining however, and relief combined with elation at tonight's celebrations at the Beach. There was universal agreement that the umpires correctly nominated Tonner captain, Scott Cramey, as the recipient of the medal for best player on the ground. Scott played magnificently.

Events leading into the final had galvanised the Roscoes. They were without the splendid Chris Mizzi, whose suspension had not only been confirmed despite our appeal, but astonishingly increased by a tribunal, despite the fact that descriptions of his actions are known to be patently untrue. Chris was able to draw some consolation from his team-mates' victory, as they eventually swept away the Browns' challenge when the gallant Scott Cramey willed himself from tacklers' grasps and snapped the sealer late in the game. It was natural justice for the team that had won all its games, if not for one of the players who deserved to share the success he had helped shape. The Roscoes were also without The Great Tragedian, whose illness kept him out. With The Monster concussed in the first quarter, and Cal Reilly blown around in the wind like a gangly gum tree, the Roscoes' potent forward line was severely compromised. Only in the final term did they kick enough goals to win.

Yet this was a very brave win. As Ian Cover commented during the Coodabeens' preview of the match, footy is littered with teams that have reached a Grand Final unbeaten, only to fall at the final hurdle. The Hoers weren't an easy target, despite coming from fourth. They had dealt with Bernard in the Preliminary, and no doubt had also been forced to endure the invective dribbling from Fluoro Shirt as they were interchanged. The Browns themselves, boasted a number of B&F winners in their ranks. They were committed to clamping down the Roscoes' runners and forcing stoppages at every opportunity, and conditions favoured them. For the most part, they succeeded. The Roscoes have won most of their games with brilliant bursts that yielded goals in large number. Today they had to scarp for their shots at the erections, and they relied heavily on David Jennings' wonderfully timed dashes at goal to kick a winning score. The Roscoes' mid-fielders were soundly beaten save for Cramey, and several who had enjoyed superb seasons, found themselves watching on the edges for much of the day. Although beaten in the ruck, the gallant Michael Janssen played wonderfully when dropping back to help his defence. His timely marks kept the Browns out repeatedly.

However, this side, battling to find their best form on the very day they needed it, never stopped striving. They adhered to their instructions, chased hard, threw themselves at contests, and gradually, the breaks came. Tom Mariani influenced the second half around the packs. In the final quarter, Tim Fogarty's opponent took him to the ball when the Browns flooded their

defence, and Tim kicked two wonderful pressure goals that swung the match. Off the ground and condemned to the bench by the medicos, the Monster returned late, his only influential stat a deft palm into Jennings' path that produced our final goal. Nick Graham-Bowman shut down a Hoer who had run amok earlier. Blair Mason was the only player in the side who could have negotiated the impossible crosswind to nail an important goal in the third term.

It was certainly true that the captain and a select few eventually hauled us over the line, but behind them, the remaining Roscoes pushed and ran and supported, and ultimately, this very special group of Old Brighton players, won its place in Tonner folklore. In such a successful year, there were always going to be unlucky players who would miss the Grand Final team. Andrew Ogilvie, Andrew Paroissien and Sam Jewell were blokes who showed tremendous character in supporting their mates yesterday. They had played 37 games between them in a side that had seen 48 players summoned by Stewart to sustain his team. It is such an attitude that galvanises a club and those three players can be especially proud to rank among the President's Level 5 clubmen. The Tonners will hope to retain such depth and loyalty in 2012.

Grand Final Result:

ROSCOES: 1.2 5.3 7.5 12.9.81

HOERS: 2.5 5.6 8.11 10.13.73

Goals: Jennings 4, Fogarty 2, Reilly, Bristow, Leishman, Mason, Kennett, Cramey.

Best: Cramey, Jennings, Janssen, Fogarty, Graham-Bowman, Mariani.

*Losing Reserves Grand Finals
 1977 Runners Up D Reserve Section*



STANDING: Rod Cowling, Ian Mullett, Michael Rossiter, Paul Varcoe, Mark Riddell, Phil Meyer, Phil Prescott, Barry Hamilton
 MIDDLE ROW: Andrew Mullett, Bruce Paroissien, Drewe Bellmaine [Capt], Bill McGroary [Coach], John Forster [Pres.]
 Graeme Templeton [Res.Coach], Barry Gartner [V.C], Mark Dobbie,
 FRONT ROW: Martin Hunt, Geoff Stretton, Bruce Beddoe, Doug Dick, Roger Dunn, Peter Draper, Steven Jeffries.
 State Bank A.F.C 10 - 13 - 73 def O.B.G.F.C 5 - 6 - 36
 [“D” Reserve Top Goalkicker; Drewe Bellmaine - 64 Goals.]

D RESERVE SECTION						
Old Brighton Gr.	13	5	1507	744	202.6	52
State Bank	13	5	1259	876	143.7	52
St. Kevin's O.B.	13	5	1191	888	134.1	52
Old Geelong	12	6	1250	894	139.8	48
Power House	12	6	1380	1017	135.7	48
Old Cam'well Gr.	10	8	896	960	93.3	40
Elsternwick	7	11	1015	1248	81.3	28
Assumption O.C.	7	11	751	1245	60.3	28
†LatTrobe Blacks	2	15	584	1288	45.3	10
†Alphington	—	17	730	1546	47.2	2

Old Brighton finishes the season on top of the Ladder

*1977 Grand Final Scores, Best Players
and Goal Kickers*

D RESERVE SECTION				
D RESERVE SECTION — GRAND FINAL				
State Bank	3.3	4.4	7.11	10.13- 73
Old Brighton Gr	1.0	3.1	3.4	5.6 - 36
STATE BANK: Jenkins 3, Scott 2, Dumbrell 2, Lenehan 2, Holmes. BEST: Wright, Dumbrell, Murray, Jenkins, Favier, Lenehan.				
OLD BRIGHTON: Riddell, Beddoe, Varcoe, Hunt, I. Mullett. BEST: Smak, Cowling, Hunt, I. Mullett, Dunn, Williams.				

1977 VAFA Leading Goalkickers-D Reserve Section

D RESERVE SECTION	
Bellmaine, O.B'ton	(—) 64
Jenkin, State Bank	(3) 40
Dakin, Power House	36
Sarosi, Power House	24

1984 Runners Up C Section Reserves

Backs Mackenzie Komp Davies

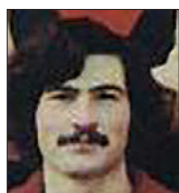
Half Back Neylan Vershuur Swan

Centre Millis Witts Huttley

Half Fwd Cochrane Leske Tate

For's Gibson Lade Murray S **Rucks** Cowling Burns Wood

I/C Smythe McDonald Handberg Creelman



John MacKenzie



C Davies



P Naylan



O Millis



D Cochrane



Mark Leske



Graeme Tate



Stewart Gibson



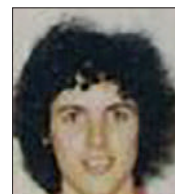
C Lade



Stuart Murray



R Cowling



G Handberg



D Smythe

Missing photos: Vershuur, Swan, D Witts, Huttley, Burns, G Wood, T McDonald, S Creelman

Hampton Rovers 4.4 8.6 12.9 1 3.9 87

Old Brighton 2.2 7.3 9.5 13.7 85

Best: Cowling, Cochrane, Witts, Leske, Burns, Komp

Goals: Leske 3, Gibson 2, Murray 2, Tate 2, Burns, Smythe, Witts, Lade.

1984 Runners Up C Section Grand Final Player List

Coach: A. Komp

Rankin, P.	Creelman, S.
Latzer, P.	McDonald, T.
Witts, D.	Davies, C.
Murray, S.	Christopher, D.
Dobbie, M. (vc)	Hall, M.
Hillard, N.	Cowling, R. (c)
Verschuur, M.	Rumble, N.
Leske, M.	Murray, R.
Donaldson, N.	Biasci, A.
Wood, G.	Smyth, D.
Handberg, G.	

1984 Reserves Coach Andrew Komp in action



ANDREW KOMP BREAKS AWAY FROM HIS BANYULE OPPONENT
SHEPHERDED BY CAMERON WILSON

The Reserves 2007 Grand Final (Runners Up)

The Benchwarmer recorded:

On Sunday morning the wind blew up at about 9:30. Coach Joe Coy had work to do. For a third consecutive week he sought to unravel the psyche of his complex side and managed to draw out their best form. They matched Old Zavs everywhere but in front of the tall erections, where they sprayed the seed around like profligate farmers. Nine goals from thirty-one shots was an agonising return.

Trevor March was a superb exception. He had hurled his side into the Final by sinking De La Salle from the boundary the previous week, and today he was the only Brighton man who mastered the gale-force winds. His four goals were brilliantly crafted and measured, and his fifth to put the flag on the pole was stolen from him by a moment of madness by a team-mate who reversed Marchy's goal square mark. To fail by two points after several

insanely undisciplined acts was devastating, the double goal given just before half-time the worst of them.

In an heroic final term, Jake Muir arose from hibernation and kicked three wonderful goals into the tempest, but it wasn't enough. Of our three beaten Grand Final teams, the 'Cowboys' came closest to victory and they deserved more than this miserable finish after a wonderful season. They will always believe they were the instruments of their own demise. It was indeed, "the flag that blew away"!

Old Brighton: 3.9 3.11 6.22 9.22 76

Old Xaverians: 0.1 6.4 8.6 11.12 78

Goals: March 4, Muir 3, Crilly, M Dewar

Best: March, McCowan, S Gadsden, Crilly, Kennedy, J Edge.

A RESERVE		P	W	L	D	For	Agst	Pts	PG
Round 18									
1	OLD BRIGHTON	18	16	2	0	1673	724	64	231.08
2	OLD XAVERIANS	18	16	2	0	1708	810	64	210.88
3	UNIVERSITY BLUES	18	14	4	0	1732	881	56	196.59
4	DE LA SALLE	18	11	7	0	1491	868	44	171.77
5	ST BERNARDS	18	11	7	0	1591	1044	44	152.39
6	OLD MANHOE	18	7	11	0	1103	1354	28	81.46
7	OLD SCOTCH	18	6	12	0	1239	1322	24	93.72
8	COLLEGIANS	18	6	13	0	850	1434	20	59.27
9	OLD TRINITY	18	3	15	0	617	1778	12	34.70
10	OLD HAILEYBURIANS	18	1	17	0	498	2267	4	21.78

2007 A Reserve Grand Final Player List



A MacGillivray



Ross Stewart



C McNicol



John Edge



A Bristow



Blair Mason



Ben Gadsden



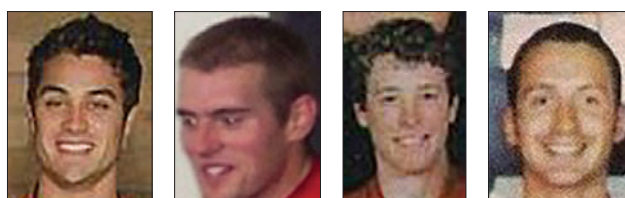
*A Van Den
Dungen*



A Salem



Ryan Joseph



M Smith B Crill Trevor Gibson Matt Talbot



James Salem Cam McKimm Ed McCowan Simon Gadsden

Missing: T March, J Muir, D Jennings, A Kennedy.

4	A. MacGillivray . . .	36	J. Salem
5	A. Edge	37	D. Hughes ..
6	R. Stewart	40	J. Muir
8	C. McNicol (C)	43	L. Warren
10	J. Edge	44	T. Jakobi
11	B. Mason	45	C. McKimm ..
15	B. Gadsden	47	D. Ellis
17	A. Van Den Dungen	48	T. Edwards ..
18	A. Salem	49	C. Butterss ..
20	R. Eastgate	50	M. Talbot
22	A. Bristow	54	E. McCowan .
23	M. Smith	58	M. May
25	N. Edwards	60	J. Maguire
26	J. Geddes	62	A. Kennedy ..
27	B. Crilly	65	J. White
29	J. Dickerson	66	S. Gadsden ..
30	T. March	71	M. Dewar
31	T. Marmo	72	A. Gunning ..
32	D. Jennings	74	K. Sheehan ..
34	T. Gibson	79	T. Skewes
35	R. Joseph	99	M. Bartlett

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