



1975

The 'Pensioners'. It was Roger Smith, the then soccer correspondent for the *Central Coast Express* (and many years later a highly successful Wyoming coach) who first coined the nickname. Whether it was intended as a compliment or an insult is open to conjecture but, whatever the reason, the name stuck and for the remainder of the 1970s and the early part of the 1980s Wyoming's First Grade team was known as the 'Pensioners'. Although there was a certain element of exaggeration in the name, it has to be conceded that most players were beyond the first bloom of youth.

By way of example, of the thirteen regular members of the 1980 First Grade squad, eight were on the wrong side of 30, with the average age being 29.6 years. Age of course has its benefits and, although there were younger, fitter and faster teams on the Coast, none could match the 'Pensioners' when it came down to tough, hard match experience. Between them the 1980 squad had played an accumulated total of 237 seasons of competitive soccer - probably something in excess of 5,000 matches!

However it is not receding hairlines and creaking joints for which the 'Pensioners' are most remembered, but rather for their remarkable success. Between 1975 and 1981 they won five out of seven First Grade premierships, were runners-up in the other two and were league champions for four straight years (1975 to 1978). They also won the Northern NSW Amateur Cup in 1976 and 1981, and were beaten finalists in the same competition in 1977 and '78. They dominated senior soccer on the Central Coast throughout the latter half of the 1970s and it was the much-maligned 'Pensioners' more than anyone else that pushed the Wyoming Soccer Club into the limelight.



Action from a 1975 First Grade match between Wyoming and Wyong at Alan Davidson Park. Wyoming's Ian Memhet (left) leaping high to head a ball together with Wyoming's Kevin Best and Ross Sanders (centre) and Wyoming's Alan Beecroft (right). Terry Jones looks on from afar.



Kevin Best's 35-year commitment to Wyoming and Central Coast football began in 1975 when he first played for the club.

All this was in the future in 1975 when the senior team began their second season.

That year, for the first –and to date only – time the competition was to be decided on a first-past-the-post basis. Going into the second last round Wyoming and Budgewoi shared the competition lead and with both teams drawn against weaker opponents in the final round, it was this penultimate round which would effectively decide the 1975 premiership.

Budgewoi were hot favourites to take the title, having defeated Wyoming 9-0 early in the season, and were drawn to play fourth-placed Southern United. Wyoming were up against third-placed Wyong, and with Budgewoi having a clear advantage in goal averages, had to win and then hope that Budgewoi either drew or lost.

Those were the days when local radio station 2GO concentrated heavily on sport during the weekend, even to the extent of broadcasting half-time soccer scores. With Wyoming ahead 2-0 at the break coach Wilkinson dutifully arranged for someone to contact the station and let them know the score.

Unfortunately there must have been a bit of interference on the phone line between Wyoming and Gosford on that particular Sunday because when the eager listeners at the Budgewoi camp tuned in they were delighted to hear the news that Wyoming were 2-0 down

and consequently would wrap up the premiership for their club. As it turned out they were held to a 1-1 draw by Southern; Wyoming hung on to down Wyong 2-1 and with the final round results going as expected, Wyoming annexed their first senior premiership at only their second attempt.

Ray Hildridge, the team trainer in those early years, is another who can attest to the Wilkinson guile. In the return match against Budgewoi, in atrocious weather conditions, Wyoming were hanging on grimly to a one goal lead with only a few minutes remaining, when Wilkinson went down injured.

The referee tried to play on, however after a minute or so Wilkinson hadn't moved, and he halted play, signalling the trainer onto the field. Ray, who to date had managed to remain snug and dry in his car, grudgingly left his haven and waded through the mud to the opposite end of the field. By the time he reached the prone body of the Wyoming skipper, Ray was spattered with mud and absolutely saturated. He bent down to find out the extent of the injury only to be met with a wink and "How long to go, Ray?"

But Wilkinson's greatest contribution to the Wyoming Soccer Club wasn't made on the field. It was he who was responsible for bringing to the club a man whose name has since become synonymous with Wyoming and Central Coast soccer – Kevin Best. Dan and Kevin had played together since their junior days with the Sydney Hurlstone Park club and when Kevin moved to the Central Coast early in the 1975 season, Wilkinson persuaded him to join him at Wyoming.

Meanwhile, in the junior competition the North/South divisional system operated for the U6 to U9 age groups with the A and B grade format returning for all age groups from U10 upwards. Wyoming had another great year, with every 'A' grade team from U6 to U13 reaching the semi-finals and four premierships capping off what was the club's most successful season to date.

The outstanding performance was that of Terry Norton's U7A1 team who came from fourth place to win the Northern Division premiership. They defeated Doyalson 1-0 in the minor semi-final and Budgewoi 2-1 in the final, to reach the grand final.



Their opponents, the Killarney No 1 team, had finished the competition proper as undefeated minor premiers and, to make Wyoming's task all that much harder, had not conceded a goal all season. Ironically, the only goal in the match came from a Killarney defender who put the ball into his own net midway through the first half. In the second half Killarney attacked constantly but their young keeper, Kurt Jones, making some brilliant saves, Wyoming were able to preserve their lead.

The following morning the team backed up against Woy Woy, winners of the Southern Division grand final. Again the only goal came midway through the first half, however on this occasion it was Woy Woy who took the lead, and although Wyoming came back strongly they were unable to equalise.

The amazing run of Laurie Godfrey's team came to an end when, after taking out their third successive minor premiership and defeating The Entrance 1-0 in the major semi-final, they were downed 1-0 by that team in the grand final.

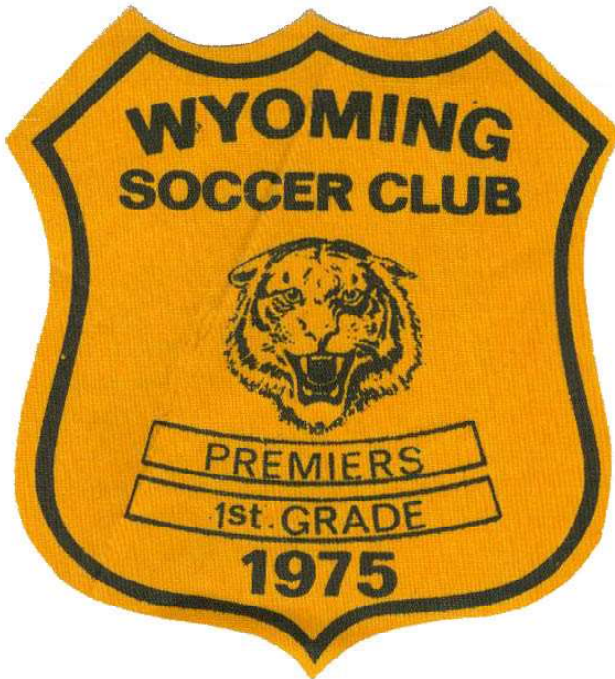
The U9s restored the club's fortunes when they defeated The Entrance 4-2, with goals from Stephen Van Dorp (2), Garry Marshall and Graham Taylor. Coached in 1975 by Leonie Van Dorp, the win meant that they had emulated the feat of the Laurie Godfrey team by winning back-to-back undefeated premierships, and three successive premierships. Unfortunately they came down to earth rather abruptly the following day - beaten 4-1 by Southern Division premiers Umina in the Association Cup.

In the U10A competition the Jorg Breitkopf team proved beyond doubt that they were the best on the Coast in their age group by taking out the 'A' grade premiership. Although it was their third premiership in four years it was their first in a combined, non-divisional competition. The grand final against East Gosford at Baker Park, Wyong was a tight, competitive match and was decided six minutes from full time when a corner from Michael Breitkopf led to the winning goal from Brian Davies.

Next up came the U11 grand final, and yet another Wyoming victory as Ray Presdee's team avenged their loss in the previous year with a convincing 5-2 win over East Gosford.



More action from the 1975 Wyoming vs Wyong match at Alan Davidson Park. Wyoming goalkeeper Chris Connor punches the ball clear from Wyong's Angus Payne. Col Sinclair and Mal Tarring.



The cloth badges presented to all members of Wyoming's premiership-winning First Grade team of 1975. It was only the second season that the club had participated in the senior competition. For the first, and only, time the title was decided on the first-past-the-post method.

Two new major club awards were introduced at the end of the 1975 season. The first award, the Clubman of the Year (later changed to Clubperson of the Year), was decided by secret ballot by the outgoing Club Committee and given to the individual who had made the greatest contribution to the general administration and success of the club throughout the preceding year. Although not restricted to members of the Committee, all winners to date have been. The honour of being the first winner went to Don Paterson, later the CCSA fixtures officer for many years, and a life member of that body.

The second award, and indeed the ultimate award which any sporting club can grant to its members, was Life Membership. At the 1975 Annual General Meeting three were awarded, to Clive Wennerbom, Kevin Watson and Jorg Breitkopf.



The 1975 Wyoming Soccer Club AGM saw the awarding of the Club's first Life Memberships to Clive Wennerbom (left), Kevin Watson (centre) and Jorg Breitkopf (right).



1975 UNDER 10As - MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Peter Burgess, Jorg Breitkopf (Coach), Michael Lockhart, Paul Presdee, Bryan Bulley, Brad Tawyer, David Cleary, Phil Robson, Paula Robson (Manager). Front (l to r): Brian Healey, Michael Breitkopf, Barry Davies, Michael Carroll, Glen Butcher.

1975 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Coach(es)</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>LPos</u>	<u>SF</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>FPos</u>	<u>Award POTY</u>
Sen 1st	Dan Wilkinson	21	17	2	3	64	30	36	1st				LC/Pr	Kevin Best
Sen Res	Michael Comber	21	11	3	7	52	31	25	4 th					
17	Ray Hildridge	21	5	2	14	16	101	12	6th					
14A	Ron Borthwick	15	3	2	10	10	61	8	5th					
13A	Eric Marshall	20	7	4	9	48	52	18	4th	1-6			SF	
12A	Clive Wennerbom	18	10	4	4	25	24	24	3rd	2-1	0-2		F	
12B	John Brewer	18	8	5	5	29	27	21	5th					
11A	Ray Presdee	18	11	5	2	44	15	27	2nd	2-0		5-2	Pr	
11B	Mick Talbot	22	10	5	7	40	20	25	6th					
10A	Jorg Breitkopf	18	11	4	3	48	12	26	1st	2-1		1-0	LC/Pr	
09A1	Leonie Best (Van Dorp)	18	16	2	0	74	1	34	1st	1-0		4-2	LC/Pr	PT
09A2	Harry Williams & Steve Senior	18	6	2	10	17	46	14	8th					
08A1	Laurie Godfrey	20	13	5	2	42	4	31	1st	1-0		0-1	LC/RU	
08A2	Unknown	20	3	5	12	36	11	11	Last					
07A1	Terry Norton	18	7	9	2	34	5	23	4th	1-0	2-1	1-0	Pr	PT
07A2	Unknown	18	0	4	14	1	67	4	9th					
06A1	Kevin Watson & Pat Ryan	18	10	4	4	10	24	24	3rd	1-0	1-2		F	
06A2	Miss J. Short	18	0	2	16	0	77	2	Last					

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

FIRST GRADE

Coach: Dan Wilkinson

Players: Allan Beecroft, Kevin Best, Chris Connor, Mal Grant, Terry Jones, Eric Marshall, Colin Ormisher, Mick Pearson, Bruce Phillips, Col Sinclair, Mal Tarring, Dan Wilkinson.

10A

Coach: Jorg Bretkopf

Players: Michael Bretkopf, Bryan Bulley, Peter Burgess, Glenn Butcher, Michael Carroll, Phillip Chapman, David Cleary, Barry Davies, J Graham, Michael Lockhart, M Parsons, Paul Presdee, Phil Robson, Brad Tawyer, Russell Wade.

9A1

Coach: Leonie Best (Van Dorp)

Players: Brett Andrew, Garry Borthwick, Matthew Humphries, Garry Marshall, David Meyers, Peter Paterson, Bradley Ross, David Tawyer, Graham Taylor, Stephen Van Dorp, Malcolm Ward.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

8A1

Coach: Laurie Godfrey

Players: Craig Bennett, Jonathon Blaik, Robert Godfrey, Brett Hutchings, Anthony Jones, Col Matthews, Martin McLoon, Scott Neilson, Darren Neilson, David Shaw, C Steadman, Michael Turner, Graham Williams.

PREMIERS

11A

Coach: Ray Presdee

Players: Mark Porter, David Taylor ...

7A1

Coach: Terry Norton

Players: Anthony Atkinson, Chris Burgess, Warren Cox, Colin Cox, Brendon Cullen, Russell Gibbs, Kurt Jones, Ian Tagg.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Allan Beecroft, Kevin Best, Chris Connor, Mal Grant, Terry Jones, Eric Marshall, Colin Ormisher, Mick Pearson, Bruce Phillips, Col Sinclair, Mal Tarring, Dan Wilkinson.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Don Paterson

Senior Player of the Year: Kevin Best

COMMITTEE

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Dennis Brady

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Leonie Best (Van Dorp)

Ann Brady

Joyce Bulley

Val Marshall

Elaine McLoon

Margaret Neilson

Paula Robson

Ann Short

Judy Wennerbom

Publicity Officer

Ray Osling

Ray Taylor

Registrar

Leonie Best (Van Dorp)

Social Secretary

Clive Wennerbom



1976

The 1975 success resulted in a significant influx of new senior players to the club, to such an extent that five senior teams took the field that season - First and Reserve Grade in First Division, one team each in Second and Third Division, and an U15 team, which in that season was classed as a senior competition.

The year also saw the 'Pensioners' at their peak. First Grade finished the competition proper as undefeated minor premiers with 15 wins and three draws from their 18 matches. In the process they scored 82 goals and conceded only five, three of which came in one drawn match against Southern United. Thus in their 17 other matches they let in only two goals!

The competition reverted to the semi-final/final/grand final format, and a 3-0 victory over Southern United in the major semi-final saw Wyoming through to their first ever senior grand final. Coach Eric Marshall named the following 13-man squad for the match: Kevin Best (Captain), Alan Beecroft, Chris Connor, Joe Dalforno, Mal Tarring, Frank O'Toole, Bruce Phillips, Mel White, Ken Butt, Dan Wilkinson, Jim Reed, Col Sinclair and Mike Pearson.

The match, once more against the old enemy, Southern, was played at Adcock Park and proved to be a thrilling encounter. After holding off an early onslaught by Southern the Wyoming attacking line of Butt, O'Toole, White and Wilkinson began to mount pressure and just minutes before half-time a Wilkinson corner found Mel White who somehow managed to drive a low ball through the packed Southern defence into the corner of the net.

With their team in front, the Wyoming defence came to the fore in the second half and, despite great solo runs from Butt and Reed, there was no further scoring in the match. Man of the Match was Ken Butt, a new recruit to the club who came to the Coast after four seasons with the leading Sydney first division club Prague. Equally at home in the midfield (he was, despite his small stature, a tenacious marker) or on the left wing, Butt was to establish himself as one of Wyoming's best ever players.

In Reserve Grade the competition had been a two horse race, once again between Wyoming and Southern United. Predictably the two teams met in the grand final. Southern were effectively undefeated, their only loss being to their own First Grade team in the Association Cup Final - some indication of the club's strength.

After losing 3-2 in the major semi-final Wyoming cruised into the grand final with a comfortable 4-0 win over Wyong, but in a fast and fiery match, the grand final went to Southern United by four goals to two.

In order to maintain the squad's match fitness for the upcoming State Amateur Cup final, coach Marshall entered the team in the Bloomfield Cup, a two-day invitational knockout competition held in Orange, open to all reigning premiers from throughout NSW.

Wyoming won each of its five Saturday matches, scoring a total of 11 goals to nil, and so progressed to the semi-finals on the following day. After a struggle they downed Wilkinson and Best's old team, Hurlstone Park, by 3-2 and then toppled the ACT professional team Canberra North 2-0 in the Final. Star of the competition was Dan Wilkinson who scored ten of Wyoming's 16 goals.

And so it was back home to contest the Amateur Cup Final. This is a knockout competition run by the Northern NSW Amateur Federation open to all teams playing within that body's boundaries, effectively everywhere in NSW north of Sydney. Until this time no Central Coast team had ever won the Cup, a record sure to be broken - Wyoming's opponents once again were their great local rivals of that year, Southern United, fresh from winning the CCSA Association Cup on the previous Sunday.



Wyoming entered the match, played at the Davistown RSL sports field, as hot favourites following their grand final victory and fielded the same 13-man squad. Once again, however, Southern proved to be worthy opponents in what was to be a hard, fast and physical encounter. Wyoming were in trouble early when they conceded a penalty but gained a reprieve when Southern's Thomsen put his shot wide of the posts.

Both sides had several further chances but when the full-time whistle sounded the match was still scoreless. Two 10-minute periods of extra time failed to break the deadlock and, for the first time in the history of the Cup, the game was decided by a penalty shootout. Wyoming won the shootout by five goals to three to cap off a great season for the club.

Capping a great season Dan Wilkinson was later named the CCSA Player of the Year (surprisingly enough Wyoming's only winner of this award until Greg Pryor's 1987 success) whilst Frank O'Toole took out the Club's Senior Player of the Year Award.

The sudden ascendancy of the club's senior teams was matched by an equally sharp decline in the fortunes of the junior teams. Although six teams in the U8 to U13 age groups reached the semi-finals, for the first time since 1971, Wyoming failed to collect either a premiership or a minor premiership. Only one team, Ron Borthwick's U12As managed to reach the grand final (from fourth place) only to be narrowly beaten 1-0 by East Gosford.

To avoid the end of season marathons which were occurring every season, the U6 and U7 competitions were now decided on a first-past-the-post system and each of the number one Wyoming teams finished in fourth place.

When first selected the U6A1 team was without a coach, and as is so often the case, one parent eventually agreed to take on the job. His name was Graham Smith, and he was destined to coach what was to virtually remain the same team for the next ten years and turn them into one of the club's outstanding junior teams.

The end of season presentations saw club secretary Ray Taylor become the second winner of the Clubman of the Year award whilst Frank O'Toole, in his first season with the club, won the first of his two Senior Player of the Year trophies.

Although only 24 years old, O'Toole brought a wealth of experience with him, having played for the Western Suburbs club in the Sydney First Division competition, where he was a member of their premiership-winning Third Grade side of 1969. From there he went to Broughton United in the strong Sydney Amateur League, the same club for which Wyoming teammates, Jim Bryden and Mel White both played.

An extremely skilful and creative midfielder O'Toole was very much the nucleus around which the successful First Grade teams of the late 1970s and early 1980s revolved. In 1982 he played State League for the Central Coast but continued to play whenever possible for his club until 1986. After a brief retirement returned to the soccer field, playing alongside another ex-Wyoming stalwart, Bruce Phillips, with the Terrigal Second Division team. For a number of years he was also a high grade player, captain and administrator with the Kincumber-Avoca Cricket Club.



Frank O'Toole played First Grade for Wyoming for a total of ten years between 1976 and 1986 and also coached in 1979 when injury prevented him from playing. In the eyes of many he is the finest player to ever represent the Club.



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Sen Div2	Unknown	14	3	4	7	22	10	10	7th						
Sen Div3	John Crannidge	14	4	3	7	21	40	11	6th						
15	Unknown	12	2	3	7	5	46	7	6th						
13A	Clive Wennerbom	18	6	3	9	35	33	15	6th						
13B	Pat Shaw	14	3	4	7	5	37	10	6th						
12A	Ron Borthwick	18	9	4	5	54	20	22	4th	2-1	1-0	0-1	RU		
11A	Ray Presdee	18	10	4	4	41	15	24	3rd	3-0	3-4		F		
11B	Lou D'Adam	16	6	4	6	19	22	16	4th	4-0	2-3		F		
10A	Don Paterson	18	9	7	2	43	11	25	2nd	0-4	1-2		F		
10B	Steve Senior	18	6	8	5	36	20	20	4th	0-2			SF		
9A	Stan Bennett	18	6	7	5	41	24	19	5th						
9B	John King	22	2	9	11	7	32	13	11th						
8A	Bob Morton	18	7	10	1	23	6	24	4th	0-1			SF		
8B	Pat Ryan	18	4	6	8	8	19	14	7th						
7A1	Mick Gayford	22	12	6	4	35	9	30	4th	-	-	-			
7A2	Unknown	22	3	7	12	0	73	13	11th	-	-	-			
6A1	Graham Smith	18	9	5	4	33	7	23	4th	-	-	-			
6A2	Unknown	18	3	5	10	8	47	11	8th						

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Alan Davidson Park has been the home ground of the Wyoming Soccer/Football Club from the time of its first match in March 1970 right through to the present time. The park had been cleared in the late-1950s when the original turf cricket wicket had been laid and, under the name Wyoming Oval, was the home of the Narara-Wyoming Cricket Club until 1989.

The park was renamed in January 1969 after the great Australian Test cricketer who had grown up at Lisarow. The Single-Wicket match played to celebrate the official naming of the ground (see above) attracted a host of past, present and future Test cricketers including Richie Benaud, Bob Simpson, Doug Walters and Kerry O'Keefe.

This series of aerial photographs was taken in the mid-1980s.



1977

Another outstanding season was enjoyed in 1997, at least on the senior scene, but was marred only by a series of near misses for the First Grade team. On the positive side the club won its first Senior Club Championship, both the First and Reserve Grade league championships as well as the Reserve Grade premiership.

The disappointments were the top team's narrow defeats, firstly in the Association Cup semi-final where they lost 5-4 in a penalty shootout to Southern United, then a 1-0 loss, again to Southern in the Northern NSW State Amateur Cup Final, and finally a 2-1 defeat by Wyong in the premiership grand final at Davistown Oval.

The loss in the Association Cup semi-final was just one in a series of such losses which was to mark Wyoming's participation in the Association Cup (currently the Central Coast Cup). Throughout the eight-year period in which Wyoming dominated Central Coast senior soccer, the club had consistently failed to reach the Final, let alone win the Cup, a hoodoo which has continued right through until 2010.

The Reserve Grade premiership was a well-deserved reward for the many First Grade 'fringe' players who remained with Wyoming when they could easily have made the top grade with other clubs. In many ways such players were the very reason that the club was so successful in First Grade, there being intense competition every week for first team spots. The depth of talent was such that the No.3 Wyoming team was good enough to reach the fourth round of the 1977 Association Cup.



WYOMING'S TEAM FOR THE 1977 STATE AMATEUR CUP FINAL

Rear (l to r): Eric Marshall (Coach), Bill Wilson, Kevin Best, Mel White, Dan Wilkinson, Mal Tarring, Joe DalPorno, Audi Van Meulen (Trainer). Front (l to r): Ken Butt, Chris Trimblett, Bruce Phillips, Wayne de Groochy, Jim Reed, Frank O'Toole, Geoff Arundell.



1977 11A -FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Kevin Best (Coach), David Tawyer, Stephen Van Dorp, Phillip Burgess, Garry Marshall, Malcolm Ward, Bradley Ross. Front (l to r): Wayne Rutherford, John Orr, Danny Carter, Paul Green, Graham Taylor, Peter Paterson, Brett Andrew.

The junior club, given its prior record, was going through a crisis of sorts. For the first time since the club's formation the number of registered junior players fell and Wyoming fielded only 13 teams - two less than in the previous year.

The final series was a disaster. Five of the ten eligible teams reached the semis but, in the nine matches played they were only able to win two: a 1-0 minor semi-final win by the U11As (now coached by Kevin Best but still basically the same team which Clive Wennerbom had coached as the U6As of 1972) and the U12Bs 3-0 win in the final which made them the Club's only grand finalists of 1977.

Any Wyoming 'B' team which reaches a grand final must invariably defeat the number one teams of most other smaller clubs and so the effort of Lou D'Adam's U12Bs was outstanding. Unfortunately, they were eventually defeated 2-0 by Gosford's only U12 team, their loss meaning that, for the second year in a row, Wyoming had failed to win a junior premiership.

The Senior Player of the Year trophy went to First Grade's popular 'gentle giant', Mal Tarring. A veteran of the club's first ever senior game in 1974, Mal was a skilful ball player who possessed an excellent positional sense. Although generally to be found in the defensive line he could play anywhere and in fact has the distinction of having scored Wyoming's first ever senior goal.

Mal was one of six Wyoming players selected in the Central Coast representative team which won the Northern NSW championship for the second successive year, the others being Bruce Phillips, Joe Dalforno, Ken Butt, Frank O'Toole, and Dan Wilkinson. To complete the Wyoming connection the team was coached by Eric Marshall and managed by Audi Van Muelen.

The other major award winner was club secretary Val Marshall who was voted the Clubman of the Year for 1977.



HIGH ACHIEVERS



LISA POWER (nee VAN DORD) was the first player from the Wyoming Football Club to represent Australia. The daughter of club stalwart and Life Member, Leonie Van Dorp (later Leonie Best), she first played football in 1979 at the age of eight. However, because Wyoming didn't have any all-female teams, she played in the Woy Woy Under 16 Girls team.

With the formation of Wyoming's first female teams in 1981 Lisa was finally able to join her club of choice as a member of that year's Under 16B team coached by Norm Woods. She played in the club's oldest junior team until 1985 when, still only aged 15, she was chosen to play First Grade under coach Jeff Fathers.

Between 1983 and 1988 she also played junior representative football for the Central Coast, Northern NSW, Metropolitan North High Schools and NSW High Schools, while continuing to play for the senior Wyoming team through until the end of the 1989 season. Between 1985 and 1990 she was a member of the Australian National Junior squad, and in 1987 she played for Australia in the prestigious Under 19 Dallas Cup in the United States.

In 1988 she was selected in the first Central Coast senior representative team that competed in the strong Sydney Womens State League competition. Also in 1988, Lisa was one of the first eight women players in Australia nominated to train at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Unfortunately, there was only 16 spots available and they all went to male nominees. The women players were not accommodated.

Following the 1989 season the Central Coast rep. team folded and in order to maintain the standard that she had now reached Lisa was forced to play in the Sydney competition, for North Ryde in 1990 and then for Sydney Olympic in 1991. While there she also played in the NSW senior State team between 1989 and 1991.

In 1992 Lisa she moved to Melbourne where she worked for the Victorian Soccer Federation, and played for the Nunawading club in the local First Division competition as well as for the Victorian state team. In 1993 she returned to Sydney Olympic where she also regained her place in the NSW State Team that won the 1993 National Championship in Darwin. With selection in the Australian Matildas team looking certain a serious ankle injury forced her to retire in 1993 at the age of just 23.

In January 1994 she started working at Australian Soccer Federation, where she was the National Teams Administrator from May 1994 to June 1997, working alongside three Socceroo coaches, Eddie Thomson, Raul Blanco and Les Scheinflug and later with Corinne Blatter, the daughter of current FIFA President Sepp Blatter.

In 1999 Lisa resumed her playing career on the Central Coast, initially with Kincumber and then back at Wyoming for her final two playing years in 2003 (WAA1) and 2004 (Womens Premier League). She also coached the Wyoming U14A Girls team that were runners-up in the 2003 competition.





1977 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen 1st	Eric Marshall	14	11	2	1	45	8	24	1st	2-0		1-2	LC/RU		Mal Tarring
Sen Res	Bruce Phillips	14	10	2	2	66	14	22	1st	4-1		1-0	LC/Pr	PT	Dave Goy
Sen Div2	Kevin Blake	20	10	3	7	46	34	23	5th						
Sen Div3	Unknown	20	4	5	11	27	44	13	9th						
14A	Pat Ryan	14	7	3	4	30	26	17	4th	0-3			SF		
12A	Jorg Breitkopf	18	16	1	1	66	10	33	2nd	1-2	0-4		F		
12B	Lou D'Adam	12	8	2	2	18	8	18	2nd	0-2	3-0	0-2	RU		
11A	Kevin Best	14	8	2	4	36	17	18	3rd	1-0	2-4		F		
11B	Unknown	14	3	3	9	12	30	9	7th						
10A	Bill Wilson	18	9	4	5	38	33	22	5th						
09A	Bob Morton	16	5	6	5	27	18	16	4th	0-1			SF		
09B	John King	18	6	3	9	10	29	15	7th						
08A	Mick Gayford	18	6	3	9	29	27	15	6th						
08B	Unknown	18	10	5	3	24	12	25	4th						
07A1	Graham Smith	20	14	4	2	32	4	32	3rd	-	-	-			
07A2	Unknown	20	6	6	8	10	18	18	6th	-	-	-			
06A	Paul Moss	12	7	4	1	18	6	18	2nd						

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

RESERVE GRADE

Coach: Bruce Phillips

Players: Col Arnott, Kevin Blake, Wayne DeGroochy, Dave Goy, Terry Jones, Eric Marshall, Bob O'Toole, Mick Pearson, Dave Plimmer, Col Sinclair, Charlie Smith, Bill Wilson.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

FIRST GRADE

Coach: Eric Marshall

Players: Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Connor, Joe Dalforno, Frank O'Toole, Bruce Phillips, Jim Reed, Mal Tarring, Chris Trimblett, Mel White, Dan Wilkinson.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Connor, Joe Dalforno, Frank O'Toole, Bruce Phillips, Jim Reed, Mal Tarring, Chris Trimblett, Mel White, Dan Wilkinson.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Val Marshall

Senior Player of the Year: Mal Tarring

COMMITTEE

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1978

A season of mixed fortunes, with the two leading senior teams again dominant, but with the slump in form in the junior competitions continuing. Fortunately the decline in player registration numbers was halted, with numbers returning to their 1976 level.

Coaching both First and Reserve Grade was Chris Trimblett, an Englishman who many consider to be Wyoming's best ever senior coach. His success ratio certainly could not be faulted. Both teams won their respective premierships and First Grade only narrowly failed to win its second State Amateur Cup Final.

In the First Grade competition, Wyoming clinched their fourth successive minor premiership in the tightest of finishes. Southern United finished on equal points, each team having a record of 12 wins, three draws and two losses from their 16 matches, however Wyoming's superior goal difference gave them the title. The major semi-final proved to be a triumph for 17-year-old Chris Cantwell, who scored all three of Wyoming's goals in their 3-2 victory over Southern. An exciting and skilful ball player Cantwell played with Wyoming until 1984, and later returned to play First Grade for the Terrigal club.

Southern defeated Wyong in the final to set up yet another major clash against Wyoming. The Wyoming team of Jenson, Phillips, Best, Trimblett, Dewhurst, O'Toole, Butt, Sinclair, Reed, Cantwell and Arundell were in outstanding form and scored a decisive victory. Goal scorers were Frank O'Toole (37th minute) and Jim Reed (80th minute) giving their team a 2-0 victory. Once again Cantwell starred and was awarded the Player of the Match Award.

As good as the First Grade performance was, it was their Reserve Grade clubmates who stole the show in 1978. Injuries and suspensions left them without four top players for their major semi-final clash with the unbeaten minor premiers, Southern United. In spite of this, they played brilliantly to win the match 3-2.

Against the same opponents in the grand final two goals from Charlie Smith gave Wyoming a 2-0 lead at half-time in the grand final, before two defensive lapses allowed Southern to equalise.

The match went to extra time, and then to a replay on the following Tuesday night. A goal from Mick Pearson in the first half



Above: Southern United's Steve Richardson and Wyoming's Kevin Best challenge for the ball during the 1978 First Grade grand final played at Coburg Street, Springfield. Wyoming won the match 2-0 to win their third premiership in four years



Right: Man of the Match was 17-year-old Chris Cantwell.



of the replay again had Wyoming on top, and although they again faltered in the second half, Southern were unable to capitalise. It was the first occasion that the Club had won both the First and Reserve Grade premierships – and it would be 29 years before it happened again.

For the third year in a row Wyoming and Southern United contested the Amateur Cup Final. Following what was by now becoming a familiar pattern, Wyoming were again unable to repeat their premiership domination over Southern in knockout matches and the Cup once again returned to the Peninsula following a hard earned 2-1 win by Southern.

Best performed of the junior teams was Steve Senior's U12Bs who finished in fourth place, defeating Avoca/Davistown 1-0 in the minor semi-final, before being beaten by the same score by Berkeley Vale in the final.

The U15As, coached by Max Latty, also reached the final where, after leading 1-0 with only seven minutes left to play, they were over-run and beaten 2-1, again by Berkeley Vale.

These two losses meant not only that Wyoming had failed, for the third consecutive season, to win a junior premiership, but also that, for the first time since 1970, no Wyoming team took the field on junior grand final day.

Help was on the horizon though in the form of an U6 team which began playing together that season, and which was destined to become arguably Wyoming's best-ever junior team. Coached by Warren Anderson they played 18 matches that year, losing only one and having a goal record of 74-2, Andrew Breikopf top scored with 34 goals.

Remarkable as their record was it wasn't good enough to win the premiership. Budgewoi, unbeaten and with a 73-1 scoring record, took the honours. It was to be one of this great team's few reversals.

Like the U6As, Graham Smith's U8As were pipped at the post by Budgewoi, finishing in second place with a goal difference of 60-8 from their packed season of 22 matches.

Behind the scenes another great team was forming. At the beginning of the year Jill Smith accepted the position of Club secretary, and she was joined by Kevin Best who took over the Presidency of the club mid-season with the resignation of Jim McCann.

Jill was the brains behind the new club bulletin first issued in 1978, and subsequently named *Tiger Tales*, which was Wyoming's principal communications medium until 2004 when it became replaced by the Club website.



1978 UNDER 6A1s - RUNNERS-UP

Rear (l to r): Silas Carter, Jason Bush, Andrew Briekopff, Wayne Gregory, unknown. Front (l to r): Darryl Jones, Stephen Cottle, Paul Moriarty, Jarrod Moberley, John Bailey



1978 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen 1st	Chris Trimblett	16	12	3	1	62	11	27	1st	3-2		2-0	LC/Pr	PT	Frank O'Toole
Sen Res	Chris Trimblett	16	12	3	1	54	12	27	2nd	3-2		1-0	Pr		Barry Dummermuth
Sen Div2	Phil Westbrook	20	8	4	8	48	37	20	6 th						Dennis McCann
Sen Div3	Kevin Blake	20	5	5	10	28	36	15	8 th						G. Leech
15A1	Max Latty	16	12	1	3	53	18	25	2nd	1-2	1-2		F		Phil Cary
15A2	Unknown	16	1	0	15	11	88	2	Last						David Talbot
13A	Jorg Breikopf	18	12	3	3	56	14	27	3rd	1-2			SF		Michael Breikopf
12A	Kevin Best	18	11	1	6	75	26	23	5 th						Stephen Van Dorp
12B	Steve Senior	18	9	3	6	28	29	21	4th	1-0	0-1		F		Mark Shakespeare
11A	Bill Wilson	18	10	2	6	57	20	22	4th	1-2			SF		Craig Bradley
10A	Bob Morton	16	10	2	4	31	8	22	4th	0-3			SF		David Sanger
10B	Alan Parsons	22	6	6	10	36	39	18	8th						Andrew Austin
9A	Richard Reed	18	5	3	10	21	38	13	7th						Clinton Baglee
9B	Peter Weeks	18	5	3	10	13	23	13	7th						Dale Ross
8A1	Graham Smith	22	14	6	2	60	8	34	2nd	-	-	-	RU		Mark Burgess
8A2	David Schumaker	22	3	8	11	8	47	14	9th	-	-	-			Darren Goulding
7A1	Paul Moss	18	10	4	4	32	13	24	4th	-	-	-			Simon Andrew
7A2	Jerry Ten Heggeler	18	1	5	12	1	28	7	9th	-	-	-			Chris Larkins
6A1	Warren Anderson	18	15	2	1	74	2	32	2nd	-	-	-	RU		Jason Bush
6A2	Dennis Reynolds	16	5	2	9	10	19	12	7th	-	-	-			Unknown

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

FIRST GRADE

Coach: Chris Trimblett

Players: Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Cantwell, Chris Connor, Joe Dalforno, Peter Dewhurst, Steen Jensen, Frank O'Toole, Bruce Phillips, Jim Reed, Col Sinclair, Mal Tarring, Chris Trimblett, Mel White, Dan Wilkinson.

PREMIERS

RESERVE GRADE

Coach: Chris Trimblett

Players: Col Arnott, Allan Beecroft, Kevin Blake, Wayne DeGroochy, Barry Dummermuth, Dave Goy, Terry Jones, Joe Mantaletto, Eric Marshall, Ken Morgan, Mick Pearson, John Richardson, Charlie Smith, Allan Snelson, Dennis Stillaway, Fortunate Verducci, Kelvin Waighes, Bill Wilson.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Cantwell, Chris Connor, Joe Dalforno, Peter Dewhurst, Steen Jensen, Frank O'Toole, Bruce Phillips, Jim Reed, Col Sinclair, Mal Tarring, Chris Trimblett, Mel White, Dan Wilkinson.

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HIGH ACHIEVERS



JOHN CARLAW played just one season of soccer with the Wyoming Soccer Club before embarking upon an successful rugby league career. While his soccer career was short (in the 1985 U10A team coached by Eddie Mason), his contribution was significant - he scored the extra-time match-winning goal in the team's 2-1 grand final win over The Entrance at Umina Oval.

Carlaw started playing top-level rugby league with the Hunter Mariners club in the Super League competition of 1997. Following the disbanding of that club upon the creation of the National Rugby League, he joined another new venture team, the Melbourne Storm for their first season. In 1999 he moved to the Balmain Tigers for their final year before they merged with Western Suburbs Magpies to form the Wests Tigers club, whom Carlaw continued to play with. In 2002 he moved to the New Zealand Warriors and played in their grand final loss at the end of the season. He played another season with New Zealand before moving to the St. George Illawarra Dragons for his final year in 2004. (Ref: Wikipedia)



ROBBIE ROSS was another rugby league high achiever whose first experience of team sport was on the soccer field with Wyoming. For the first three years (1981 U6A through to 1983 U8A1s) in a very talented team coached by Russ Malsem, winning the Player of the Year in the Under 8s. His final year was in the 1984 U9As, coached by Eddie Mason.

Like John Carlaw he began his rugby league career as a junior with the Ourimbah-Wyoming club then moved to Newcastle because of the greater opportunities offered from there. By 1992 he had won a spot in the Australian Schoolboy team that toured New Zealand and in 1994 made his NRL debut with the Newcastle Knights. He played 20 matches for the Kinights in two seasons before signing with the Brisbane Broncos and playing in the 1996 Super League competition. The following season he returned to Newcastle, this time with the Hunter Mariners club, also in the Super League and was selected to play in two of the Super League Tri-Series matches.

When the rugby league re-unification took place in 1998 he was snapped up by the newly-formed Melbourne Storm club and he would remain there for the remainder of his rugby league career, establishing himself as one of Australia's finest fullbacks. His career peaked in 1999 when he played for NSW in all three State of Origin matches, in the second of which he scored the fastest try in Origin history; then won a grand final with Storm before playing for Australia in the first match of that year's TriSeries competition against New Zealand.

Although he started the 2000 season in outstanding form, scoring 12 tries in 13 matches and retaining his position as New South Wales fullback, a knee injury prevented Ross from playing. Indeed the injury was the first in a spate of problems that would bring about the end of his playing career after the 2003 season at the age of only 28.



1979

Wyoming celebrated its tenth season of soccer by winning the Sterland Trophy for the first time and by picking up one senior and three junior premierships. The Sterland Trophy, awarded for the Junior Club Championship, had been won by the Ettalong Beach club between 1964 and 1966, before becoming a fixture at East Gosford, who won it for the next twelve years (1967-1978).

In many ways, the 1979 First Grade premiership victory was the 'Pensioners' best performance. They began the season without six of their regular First Graders. This, together with the loss of 21 lower grade players, left the club struggling to field competitive senior teams from week to week.

Their eventual success was a triumph for new First Grade coach, Frank O'Toole, out for the season through illness, who moulded together a patched-up senior squad from the remaining players, several newcomers and a number of U16 players such as Phil Cary, Len Donnelly, Brett Kilpatrick and Steve Frame.

The First Grade team's major rival in 1979 proved to be Wyong, who defeated them twice in the two competition rounds, finished minor premiers, relegating Wyoming to the unfamiliar role of second place. Wyong's first round victory by three goals to two broke a remarkable sequence, it being the first time that the First Grade team had been beaten at Alan Davidson Park.

In the major semi Wyong once more prevailed, winning by 1-0 and forcing Wyoming into their first premiership final. On a bitterly cold and wet afternoon at Davistown Wyoming downed Southern 2-1 in what was by now their 'normal' 110 minute match.

This time, Wyoming went into the grand final (their fourth in a row), played at Grahame Park, as slight underdogs, having now lost all three of their previous encounters with Wyong.

Wyong began strongly and only some brilliant saves from Wyoming's young goalkeeper, 22-year-old Glen Stewart, kept them in the match. They dominated the midfield throughout the first half and Wyoming attacks were few and far between. Their defence however, spearheaded by Dummermuth and Tarring, continually frustrated the Wyong attacking raids.

After 85 minutes of play the stalemate was finally broken. Wyoming striker Dave Cronk was brought down in the box and, from the resultant penalty, scored what appeared to be the winning goal. It was not be. Right on full-time, from a scrimmage in the Wyoming goal mouth, Wyong equalised to force the game into extra time. With three minutes remaining in the second stanza of extra time skipper Kevin Best broke through and scored. This time there was no comeback as the Wyoming defence held. The Thorsten Trophy once more went back to Alan Davidson Park.

In the two senior lower grades both Wyoming teams reached the semi-finals. The Second Division were knocked out in the minor semi-final whilst Reserve Grade were disappointingly beaten firstly



Wyoming captain Kevin Best raises the Thorsten Trophy following his team's 2-1 extra-time victory over Wyong at Grahame Park.



1979 SENIOR FIRST GRADE - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Frank O'Toole (Coach), Kevin Best, Barry Dummermuth, Mal Tarring, Col Sinclair, John Waghorn, Joe Dalforno, Ken Butt. Front (l to r): Stuart Copeland, Geoff Arundell, Dave Cronk, Glen Stewart, Mel White, Chris Cantwell, Steen Jenson, Audi Van Meulen (Trainer).



Kevin Best, Joe Dalforno and Dan Wilkinson celebrate First Grade's grand final win. All three would become among the seven inaugural members of the Wyoming Football Club Hall of Fame when it was formed in 2010.



in the major semi and again in the Final. The 1979 Senior Player of the Year was Joe Dalforno. A tough defender who came to Wyoming from the Earlwood club in Sydney, his strength lay in his ability to break up opponent's attacking moves, often as much with his ability to read the game as with his excellent tackling technique.

In the junior competition the disappointments of the previous three seasons were forgotten as the club picked up three premierships. Warren Anderson's U7As lost only one match and finished on top of their competition, as did the U7B side, coached by Dennis Reynolds. The latter was an outstanding performance, given that they were the No.2 Wyoming side, but were up against the No.1 sides from most of the other clubs in their competition. Not only did they win the premiership but they were undefeated, scoring 65 goals to 3.

The third junior premiership was won by Graham Smith and his U9As. They did it tough after losing their major semi-final and just scraping home in the final. In the grand final, held that year at Grahame Park, they drew 0-0 with Killarney and were forced into a Sunday replay at East Gosford where they won 2-0.

Capping off a fine season for the family, Jill Smith was later named as the 1979 Clubman of the Year.



1979 UNDER 7As - MINOR PREMIERS AND PREMIERS

Pictured as winners of the Wyoming U7 Gala Day. Rear (l to r): Anthony Eden, Warren Anderson (Coach), Silas Carter, Andrew Breitkopf, Jason Bush, Craig Dewhurst, Sean Mitchell. Front (l to r): Wayne Gregory, John Bailey, Darryl Jones, Paul Moriarty, Steven Cottle, Mark Lucas.



1979 UNDER 9As - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Kevin Bush, Darren Rutherford, Graham Smith (Coach), Richard Ings, Stephen Smith, Stephen Gregory. Centre (l to r): Anthony Baillie, Matthew Robson, Mark Burgess, Mark Gallagher, Peter Fortune. Front (l to r): David Lyons, Darren Golding, Chris Krogh.

1979 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

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Sen 1st	Frank O'Toole	22	14	5	3	74	22	33	2nd	0-1	2-1	2-1	Pr		Joe DalPorno
Sen Res	Frank O'Toole	22	14	6	2	52	17	34	2nd	0-1	0-2		F		John Waghorn
Sen Div2	Frank O'Toole	20	12	4	4	50	18	28	3rd	2-3			SF		Fortunate Verducci
16A	Max Latty	18	11	3	4	57	20	25	5th						Lance Roberts
14A1	Jorg Breitkopf	24	20	3	1	109	9	43	1st	1-0		1-2	LC/RU		Glenn Butcher
14A2	Jeff Cassar	24	4	5	15	15	73	13	11th						Brian White
13A	Kevin Best	20	14	3	3	109	14	31	4th	1-2			SF		Garry Marshall
12A	Bill Wilson	18	13	1	4	55	13	27	3rd	3-0	1-2		F		Wayne Rutherford
12B	unknown	21	11	3	7	28	18	25	4th	2-3			SF		Henrik Ruysch
11A	Alan Parsons	20	11	4	5	39	16	26	4th	3-2	1-0	0-2	RU		Chris Burgess
11B	unknown	16	5	5	6	18	22	15	5th						Timothy Hall
10A	John Brewer	22	9	6	7	50	27	24	5th						Greg Pryor
10B	Jerry Ten Heggeler	16	5	1	10	20	37	11	6th						Mark Gilligan
9A	Graham Smith	22	18	3	1	68	6	39	2nd	0-1	1-0	2-0	Pr		Mark Burgess
9B	Unknown	24	9	5	10	22	40	23	7th						Jason Fernandez
8A	Paul Moss	18	6	6	6	14	14	18	6th	-	-	-			Connel Field
8B	Peter Weeks	20	9	6	5	22	14	24	6th	-	-	-			Wayne Liubinskas
8C	Garry Joyce	18	5	6	7	16	32	16	3rd	-	-	-			Rodney Speed
7A	Warren Anderson	18	15	2	1	42	3	32	1st	-	-	-	LC/Pr	PT	Jason Bush
7B	Dennis Reynolds	22	18	4	0	65	3	40	1st	-	-	-	LC/Pr		Nathan Launt
7C	Unknown	16	3	4	9	5	20	10	7th	-	-	-			Marcus Raishley
6A	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			Ian Fraser
6B	Carol Buttsworth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			Shane McKenzie

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

7A

Coach: Warren Anderson

Players: John Bailey, Andrew Breitkopf, Jason Bush, Silas Carter, Steven Cottle, Craig Dewhurst, Anthony Eden, Wayne Gregory, Darryl Jones, Mark Lucas, Sean Mitchell, Paul Moriarty, Luke O'Neil.

7B

Coach: Dennis Reynolds

Players: Damien Barker, Kenneth Bassingthwaighte, Matthew Carey, Darren Cutrupi, Gregory Deal, Jason Fisher, Paul Harbrow, Troy Harrison, Sam Henwood, Craig Johnson, Jason Jungblut, David Montgomery, Derryn Tagg, Anthony Vos.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

14A1

Coach: Jorg Breitkopf

Players: Michael Breitkopf, Geoff Brown, Bryan Bulley, Glenn Butcher, Michael Carroll, Mark D'Adam, Wayne Johnston, Brent McNiel, Phil Robson, Bradley Strachan, Brad Tawyer.

PREMIERS

FIRST GRADE

Coach: Frank O'Toole

Players: Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Cantwell, Stephen Copeland, Dave Cronk, Joe Dalforno, Barry Dummermuth, Steen Jensen, Col Sinclair, Glen Stewart, Mal Tarring, John Waghorn, Mel White.

9A

Coach: Graham Smith

Players: Anthony Baillie, Mark Burgess, Kevin Bush, Peter Fortune, Mark Gallagher, Darren Goulding, Stephen Gregory, Richard Ings, Chris Krogh, David Lyons, Matthew Robson, Stephen Smith.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Geoff Arundell, Kevin Best, Ken Butt, Chris Cantwell, Stephen Copeland, Dave Cronk, Joe Dalforno, Barry Dummermuth, Steen Jensen, Col Sinclair, Glen Stewart, Mal Tarring, John Waghorn, Mel White.

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