

THE SOUTH SAGA

THE OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE
SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

1897 - 1976

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Twenty years of these newspaper copies were accidentally destroyed in a factory fire some years ago. Fortunately, however, I was able to trace all but two of these (1929 and 1936) with the co - operation of the Western Australian State Library in Perth, and substantially complete the record of the Club's achievements.

In the early days, records were not kept, or have since been lost. Some newspaper reports did not mention final scores - this explains the blanks in the statistical section.

I also wish to record my appreciation of assistance given by the Victorian Football League which has been most helpful with the venture, the Melbourne and North Melbourne Football Clubs for making available copies of their own Club's History, and to the many fellow members of the South Bunbury Football Club who have given me encouragement and help. Finally - wish to thank Mr. Derrick Flynn, who readily agreed to edit my work to enhance its readability.

ALAN CARTER
1976.

FOREWORD

What an honour for a Victorian to be asked to write this foreword.

My personal contact with the South Bunbury Football Club has only brought pleasure and friends. One cannot ask for anything more in football.

For senior league clubs to be celebrating their Eightieth Anniversary is one thing, but for a country club to achieve this milestone is fantastic.

Football, being a sport involving nearly everyone in the community, depends not just on the superstars, television and 100,000 grand final crowds. It is equally important to have the junior and country clubs well administered and strongly involved in great competitive instinct that is the hallmark of our - game.

Without clubs like South Bunbury no champions can be produced and we have a nothing situation.

The Annual Legacy Match has been the means of most Australians knowing of your club, not just because it is played but because it is superbly organised.

I know the same applies throughout a season and my congratulations go to you and I sincerely hope the next 80 years are even better.

RON BARASSI

(NOTE - Ronald Dale Barassi is one of Victoria's great sporting personalities, and has earned the reputation of being a Grand Final Specialist'.

Ron represented Melbourne in 8 Grand Finals from 1954 - 1964 including 6 premierships, and captained the "Demons" from 1960 - 1964. After playing 203 games for Melbourne he transferred to Carlton and played a further 50 games for the "Blues" from 1965. He coached Carlton to 3 Grand Finals from 1965 - 1971 winning 2. He also represented Victoria on 18 occasions during his illustrious career.

After taking a rest from football in 1972, he transferred to North Melbourne in 1973 and coached that Club to its first ever V.F.L. premiership in 1975 and to a losing Grand Final in 1974 and 1976 - A.C.).

THE ORIGIN OF FOOTBALL

Long ago in England, football used to be played in village streets, with hundreds of men competing in the one game at the same time.

Usually, the bladder of an animal was inflated to serve as a ball. The "ball" was kicked, punched, thrown or carried through the streets with the object of forcing it between the opposing team's goal.

The goals were placed at each end of the village and the game was played with reckless abandon. Injuries such as broken arms and legs were often sustained.

At first, "football" was only played on holidays and Feast days.

The sport, however, did not receive the support of several English monarchs, and Edward III, Richard II, Henry IV, and Elizabeth I all passed laws prohibiting the playing of football - the penalty for so doing being a very substantial monetary fine, and in some cases imprisonment.

The reason behind this legislation was that Archery was encouraged as the most popular form of sport, and ruling monarchs rightly considered that an accurate Archer was more important to the defence of the land than a subject capable of kicking a pig's bladder. This restriction, however, did nothing to suppress the popularity of football.

By the year 1800, the English football game was a little more like the game now played with each side comprising an equal number of players. The first goal scored in a match decided the winner as well as the conclusion of the Game.

Also, by 1800, the game was being played in Boys' Schools, with each individual school adopting its own rules, but, all agreed that the ball must not be carried.

One such school was the famous Rugby School.

In 1823, a lad named William Ellis, who was playing for the School, picked up the ball and ran with it. This action aroused the ire of his fellow school mates, but later it was agreed that if a boy made a fair catch, he could run with the ball.

Later still, it was agreed that if a player caught the ball or, the first bounce he could run with it' and finally, it was agreed that a player could run with the ball at any time.

Thus, from 1823, there were two types of football being played - one called Rugby after the school, and the other, as yet un - named, played by schools whose rules did not permit the ball to be carried.

Inter - school matches could not be played because each school still played to its own rules.

Later, boys who had completed their schooling but retained the desire to play football, banded together, and the Football Club was born.

By 1850, there were several Football Clubs in England. but again, each Club adopted its own set of rules.

In 1863, the first set of rules for all Football Clubs were published. One such rule limited each team to eleven players, another barred the ball from being carried, while yet another provided for the off - side rule. Of course, this resulted in the emergence of Soccer.

Thus in England, by 1863, Rugby and Soccer had been established, but what was transpiring in Australia at that time????? Thanks to the Victorian Football League, we are about to find out

THE ORIGIN OF "AUSTRALIAN RULES" FOOTBALL

The game that has attracted the attention of most States of Australia had a humble beginning back in 1858. It has grown from an undisciplined paddock romp, to a highly organised business, which, without doubt, is now the largest sporting organisation in Australia.

Yearly attendances in the millions are a far cry from the small crowds who watched the first matches in Melbourne in the 1860's.

It is believed that hard - bitten diggers on the Victorian Goldfields played football as early as 1853. They took a few rules from Rugby, and one or two from Irish Football, and blended them loosely to produce a game that was both fierce and chaotic.

In 1857, a young Australian (Thomas Wentworth Wills) returned home from a spell of schooling in Rugby, England, and thought up the first refined version of the Goldfields rough and tumble.

Getting together with his cousin - H. C. A. Harrison (now known as the "father" of Australian Football) - Wills formed the Melbourne Football Club in 1858 - the first and oldest in Australia.

In 1866, the first set of rules were laid down.

In its infancy, the game was so humble that it earned no revenue in the first 20 years of its existence. The game's economics were simple. Players received no fee but had to throw in sixpence a week towards the cost of the ball. Clubs received no gate money because there were no fenced grounds. Grounds were merely roped off areas, dotted with pot - holes and patches of gravel. Cricket fields were sacred. No cricket club in Melbourne in the 1860's would allow its ground to be scarred by the boots of footballers.

Team members played in long trousers and brought their own coloured caps, these being the only pointer as to 'who was who'. Nobody thought of uniforms or grouping of colours until 1873.

Probably the most historic match ever played was between Scotch College (Victoria) and Melbourne Grammar School in 1858, with two sides each of 40 players. The game was played at Yarra Park with goals more than a mile apart - one set on Jolimont Hill and the other at Punt Road, Richmond. Nobody defined the boundary and play swung over the broad acres of the Park and around the gum trees. It went on from noon till dusk, and, after 15 hours play on three separate Saturdays, the score stood at one goal all. No decision was reached that year.

A year later, with Tom Wills as umpire, and in the third hour of the fourth afternoon, Scotch scored their second goal, and the contest was resolved.

There was no organised body or competition in the 1860's. Clubs played each other according to an unwritten agreement, but their loosely organised games led eventually to the most popular winter sport in Australia.

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INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The advent of Australian Rules, or the "Victorian Game" as it was then known, to Western Australia, had its origin in the Fremantle area in 1883. On March 30 of that year, at a meeting at Flindells Hotel, Fremantle, the first Club, "Swans", was formed.

This Club arranged and played games amongst its own members until April 27, 1885, when a meeting of the Fremantle Rugby Football Club was held at the Cleopatra Hotel. After an animated discussion it was decided "to play under the Association Rules, the same as the adjoining colonies".

This second Club was named Fremantle, and adopted blue and white as its colours.

On May 2, 1885, a third Western Australian Club was formed and named "Victorian Club" following a meeting at the Criterion Hotel. On May 6, 1885, a further meeting was held at the Criterion Hotel which resulted in the formation of the Western Australian Football Association - comprised of delegates of the three Clubs then in existence, Victorian, Fremantle and Rovers - the latter apparently having changed its name from "Swans".

In 1886, another Fremantle Club was admitted to the W.A.F.A. This Club, Unions, was regarded as a junior club, and was permitted to play 23 players as against the other Clubs' 20. Consequently, it came as no surprise when Unions comfortably won the 1886 premiership.

The "Unions" Club did not last very long, and other Clubs - Metropolitans, Imperials, East Perth and Centrals - had short lived periods as members of the Association between 1887 and 1895. Only "Imperials" survived, but they changed their name to East Fremantle in 1898.

In 1896, the four Clubs completed the year in the following order:

Club	Colours	Position	Remarks
Fremantle	Red and White	1	Became South Fremantle in 1900
Imperials	Blue and White	2	Became East Fremantle in 1898
Victorian	Cardinal and Blue	3	Became West Perth in 1896
Rovers	Yellow and Black	4	Became Perth in 1899.

By winning the 1896 Premiership, Fremantle completed a run of ten successive premierships (1887 - 1896) but in 1897, West Perth broke the Fremantle stranglehold when they won their first premiership.

(It is interesting to note, that the South Bunbury Football Club was formed in 1897. The Club in the same year adopted Red and White as its official colours. This makes West Perth the only Western Australian Club senior to South Bunbury, so far as continuity of name and colours are concerned. West Perth 1896 - South Bunbury 1897.)

1898 saw Fremantle once again win the Premiership, and the formation of the East Fremantle Football Club (following change of name from Imperials.)

In 1899, Rovers came up from the junior ranks and changed their name to Perth.

In 1901, Subiaco and North Fremantle were admitted to the Association. This year, Perth, after winning its first five matches, was forced to retire from the competition due to excessive injuries incurred by its players.

In 1905, Midland Junction was admitted, while Subiaco had a bad year and after losing ten matches in succession, retired from the competition.

In 1906, East Perth (which originated from the junior club "Unions") joined the Association.

Another interesting event in that year was an abortive attempt to expel Subiaco and South Fremantle from the Association. The voting was equal, but as a three - quarter majority was necessary, the motion was resolved in the negative.

Thus, in 1906, the Association comprised the following teams:

Club	First admitted
West Perth	1896
East Fremantle	1898
Perth	1899
South Fremantle	1900
Subiaco	1901
North Fremantle	1901
Midland Junction	1905
East Perth	1906

In 1908, the W.A. Football Association changed its name to Western Australian Football League.

1909 saw the opening of Subiaco Oval by Lady Forrest.

1910, Loton Park (now Perth Oval) was used for the first time for league matches.

In 1912, Phil Matson (recruited from South Bunbury) played for Subiaco and that Club won its first premiership.

In 1919, East Perth won its first premiership. (It is interesting to note that the mighty Phil Matson had by this year joined East Perth and was instrumental in the Club's premiership success). East Perth won the premiership for the next four years - making its record five premierships in a row. During the period 1919 - 1923, East Perth had no peers in Australian football.

In 1921, Western Australia won its first Interstate Carnival by defeating Victoria in the Wednesday match 6.16 to 6.11 (W.A.'s first defeat of Victoria). The triumph was repeated the following Saturday when Western Australia beat South Australia 12.3 to 9.11. In this latter game, W.A. kicked 11 goals before registering its first behind. This carnival victory gave the game in Western Australia a great boost. It proved that W.A. football had come of age, and could now produce players equal, or better, to footballers in the Eastern States.

East Perth again won the premiership in 1926 and 1927. Phil Matson, who had accomplished so much for that team, met an untimely death as a result of a motor accident on June 13, 1928. It is significant that in the 1928 final round, East Perth failed, and premiership honours went to East Fremantle. One wonders what the result might have been had Phil Matson been available for that final round?

Claremont - Cottesloe was admitted to the W.A.N.F.L. in 1926 and later (in 1933) "Cottesloe" was dropped from the name and it became the Claremont Football Club.

Finally, in 1934, Swan Districts was admitted to the League.

Thus, the W.A.N.F.L. of eight clubs was constituted. Their date of admission is as follows:

WEST PERTH	1896
EAST FREMANTLE	1898
PERTH	1899
SOUTH FREMANTLE	1900
SUBIACO	1901
EAST PERTH	1906
CLAREMONT	1926
SWAN DISTRICTS	1934

SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB – Affiliated with Bunbury Football Association

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CAPTAIN	COACH	FINAL POSITION	NUMBER OF CLUBS	REMARKS
1897	J W Hackett	A J Ewart	M Smith	M Smith	2	3	
1898	W M Brown	A F Spencer	T Fry	T Fry	1	4	
1899	W M Brown	A F Spencer	T Fry	T Fry	1	4	
1900	W M Brown	A F Spencer	-	-	-	-	No other teams therefore no competition social matches played
1901	W M Brown	A F Spencer	-	-	-	-	
1902	C E Spencer	M J McInerney	S Stevens	S Stevens	2	2	
1903	C E Spencer	J J Barrett	L Spencer	L Spencer	2	4	
1904	C E Spencer	C Smith	L Spencer	L Spencer	1	3	
1905	C E Spencer	J J Barrett	J Monkhouse	J Monkhouse	1	3	
1906	C E Spencer	J J Barrett	L Spencer	L Spencer	1	4	
1907	C E Spencer	J J Barrett	L Spencer	L Spencer	1	3	
1908	C E Spencer	H Stokes	H C Nankervis	H C Nankervis	1	3	
1909	A F Spencer	C S Kruger	H C Nankervis	H C Nankervis	3	5	
1910	A F Spencer	C S Kruger	C S Kruger	C S Kruger	2	4	
1911	J E Hands	P Davidson	F Cridland	F Cridland	2	3	
1912	E Monger	P Davidson	F Cridland	F Cridland	1	4	
1913	E Monger	C H Bray	F Cridland	F Cridland	1	5	
1914	E Monger	C H Bray	F Cridland	F Cridland	1	6	
1915	E Monger	C H Bray	-	-	-	-	
1916	E Monger	C H Bray	-	-	-	-	No competition World War 1
1917	E Monger	C H Bray	-	-	-	-	
1918	J C Scott	C R Sharpe	W Pickersgill	W Pickersgill	1	4	
1919	J C Scott	C R Sharpe	W Pickersgill	W Pickersgill	1	5	
1920	J C Scott	A J Buswell	T Easton	T Easton	1	5	
1921	J C Scott	A J Buswell	G Cridland	G Cridland	1	4	
1922	J C Scott	A J Buswell	G Cridland	G Cridland	1	6	
1923	J C Scott	A J Buswell	G Cridland	G Cridland	2	3	
1924	J C Scott	A J Buswell	G Cridland	G Cridland	2	3	
1925	J C Scott	G Owens	A J Buswell	A J Buswell	2	3	
1926	H C Adams	G Pickersgill	A Smart	A Smart	1	4	
1927	H C Adams	G Pickersgill	G Owen	G Owen	2	4	
1928	H C Adams	G Pickersgill	G Owen	G Owen	2	3	
1929	D Higgon	G Pickersgill	D Kelly	D Kelly	1	3	
1930	D Higgon	G Pickersgill	L Heatley	L Heatley	2	3	
1931	J C Scott	D Kelly	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1932	J C Scott	T Taylor	C Parker	C Parker	-	3	
1933	J C Scott	C H Rodwell	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1934	J C Scott	C H Rodwell	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1935	J C Scott	J Flynn	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1936	J C Scott	G Beer	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1937	J C Scott	G Beer	C Parker	C Parker	1	3	
1938	J C Scott	R E Davies	C Parker	C Parker	2	3	
1939	J C Scott	D Kelly	C Parker	C Parker	2	4	
1940	J C Scott	H G Dean	C Parker	C Parker	2	4	
1941	J C Scott	H G Dean	-	-	-	-)
1942	J C Scott	H G Dean	-	-	-	-)
1943	J C Scott	H G Dean	-	-	-	-) World War 2
1944	J C Scott	H G Dean	-	-	-	-)
1945	J C Scott	H G Dean	-	-	-	-)
1946	J C Scott	P Murray	C Parker	C Parker	2	3	
1947	G Beer	H G Dean	I Robertson	I Robertson	2	3	
1948	J A Thompson	H G Dean	I Robertson	I Robertson	1	3	
1949	R E Davies	H G Dean	R Treasure	G Shepherd	1	3	
1950	A G Upson	H G Dean	R Treasure	J Anderson	2	3	
1951	R E Davies	F Hastie	E Hosking	M Ryan	1	3	
1952	R E Davies	F Hastie	E Hosking	L Ganfield	1	3	

SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB – Affiliated with S.W.N.F.L

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CAPTAIN	COACH	FAIREST AND BEST	TEAM COMPE
1953	R E Davies	F Hastie	A G Upson	J Hosking	I Robertson	Ron Buswell	7
1954	R E Davies	F Hastie	A G Upson	R Buswell	I Robertson	Lance Hislop	9
1955	J F Milligan	A E Carter	J E Bourke	R Farquhar	I Robertson	Brian Buswell	8
1956	J F Milligan	A E Carter / D J Gibson	J E Bourke	R Farquhar	I Robertson	Harry Regan	9
1957	J A Thompson	A E Carter	J E Bourke	W Colgan	W Colgan	Ted Hosking	9
1958	W J Gibson	A E Carter	J E Bourke	W Colgan	W Colgan	Max Wulff	9
1959	W J Gibson	A E Carter	J E Bourke	W Colgan	W Colgan	Ted Thompson	10
1960	N L Payton	A E Carter	J E Bourke	R W Buswell	R W Buswell	Ted Thompson	10
1961	E C Manea	R E Davies	J E Bourke	W Mose	W Mose	Syd Jackson	9
1962	E C Manea	R E Davies	J E Bourke	P Woolhead	P Woolhead	Ron Mumme	9
1963	A Pickersgill	R E Davies	R Smith	R Mumme	R Mumme	John Depiazzi	9
1964	E C Manea	A Pickersgill	R Smith	N Gibson	I Robertson	Lauire Hastie	9
1965	E C Manea	A Pickersgill	R Smith	B Rayment	I Robertson	Allan Prosser	9
1966	B A Buswell	S Armstrong	R Bashem	H Vidulich	H Vidulich	Allan Prosser	10
1967	R E Davies	S Armstrong	R Bashem	D Peake	D Peake	John Depiazzi	10
1968	N W Gibson	S Armstrong	R Bashem	D Peake	D Peake	George Campbell	10
1969	N W Gibson	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	P Farrell	P Farrell	David Hollins	10
1970	N W Gibson	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	D Peake	D Peake	Bruce Crabb	10
1971	L Pass	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	M Kennedy	M Kennedy	Michael Brennan	10
1972	L Pass	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	J Depiazzi	J Depiazzi	Terry House	10
1973	L Pass	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	T House	T House	Terry House	10
1974	D Peake	S Armstrong	R N C Eastman	M Kennedy	M Kennedy	Bruce Crabb	10
1975	D Peake	R Hannah	R N C Eastman	G Buswell	G Buswell	Bruce Crabb	10
1976	P Crabb	R Hannah	R N C Eastman	A Prosser	D Peake	Leigh Wright	10

** No football matches played in Bunbury due to ground rental dispute. All "home" games played away.

*** Final five introduced.

SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB INC. - LIFE MEMBERS

J. J. Barrett	1908	K. Hancock	1957
F. Cridland	1926	J. E. Bourke	1958
J. C. Scott	1927	E. J. Scott (Mrs)	1958
G. Pickersgill	1928	R. S. Millar	1959
A. J. C. Buswell	1929	S. G. Rodwell	1959
J. F. Milligan	1933	W. J. Gibson	1960
C. H. Rodwell	1934	I. M. Gibson (Mrs)	1960
W. J. Beer	1936	F. L. Hastie	1961
G. G. Beer	1937	E. C. Manea	1961
C. W. Parker	1946	R. W. Buswell	1962
R. E. Davies	1947	S. W. Hislop	1962
C. J. Buswell	1948	B. M. Constantine(Mrs)	1963
J. A. Thompson	1950	A. W. Buswell	1964
H. G. Dean	1951	F. G. Buswell	1965
S. F. Buswell	1952	L. P. Hislop	1969
A. G. Upson	1953	A. L. Constantine (Bill)	1970
G. W. Green (Mrs)	1954	N. W. Gibson	1971
I. M. Robertson	1955	S. Armstrong	1971
R. Hancock	1956	R. V. Buswell	1973

SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

1897 - Forever

CLUB SONG

Good old South Bunbury for ever,
We know how to play the game.
Side by side we stick together,
for the good old "Tiger's" name.

Hear the barrackers a - shouting,
as they stand on left and right.
Oh, the Premiership's a cake - walk
For the good old Red and White.

THE FIRST QUARTER

1897 to 1914

FORMATION OF THE SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

Although the Australian game of football originated in Melbourne in 1858, and was introduced to Western Australia in 1883, it is believed the game was not played in Bunbury until about 1895.

At that time, there existed the Bunbury Football Club, which played the occasional social game against a team from the Donnybrook area. The Club's other games were on an "intra - club" basis, wherein two teams from the club played social scratch matches.

Stirling Street, as it is now known, was then known as "White Road" because of its construction from limestone. The Municipality of Bunbury ended one mile from the Bunbury Post Office (approximately where the Highway Hotel now stands) at which point the Bunbury Road Board's district began.

Access to the South Bunbury area was via Vasse Road (now Spencer Street).

Finances in the young settlement were such that Vasse Road was not constructed from limestone, but was a mere dirt track. In the winter it became a quagmire. The local population soon gave it the name of "Mud Road".

Teams playing scratch matches under the auspices of the Bunbury Football Club had to have some form of differentiation, and it naturally followed that the "suburban" team became known as the "Mud Roaders".

(In those days, the "Mud Roaders" were often referred to as the team from "Tiger Town" - a nickname applied to the South Bunbury district because of its sparse development.

"Tiger Town" remained South Bunbury's name tag for many years, and even today it is not uncommon for the area to be so designated. It does not require a lot of imagination to trace the nickname "The Tigers" by which the South Bunbury Football Club has been long known.)

Social scratch matches were the order of the day for a year or two, but, it was ultimately realised that a better form of competition was desirable. An advertisement which appeared in the News and Notes column of the "Southern Times" on Saturday, May 8, 1897, read as follows:

"Our attention has been directed by an enthusiastic local footballer to the necessity of infusing a little life into this popular amusement, by the establishment of a second football club in Bunbury. At present, the Bunbury Football Club have the field entirely to themselves. It is self - evident that to throw any interest into the game a rival club is necessary and we hope to see steps taken to establish such an organisation purely from an athletic and sporting point of view."

The publication of this article was not long in producing results because the "Southern Times" of Thursday, May 20, 1897, featured the following item:

"A meeting was held in the Prince of Wales Hotel yesterday evening for the purpose of forming a football club as a rival to the Bunbury Football Club. There was a large attendance and Mr Stafford, who was voted to the chair, in opening the meeting, impressed upon them the necessity of having a rival club to the Bunbury Football Club in order to sustain interest in the game during the forthcoming season.

It was decided to form a football club to be called the SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The following appointments were made:

Patron	Mr. William Spencer, M.L.C.
President	Mr. J. W. Hackett, M.L.C.
Vice - Presidents	Mr. H. W. Venn, M.L.A. and Messrs F. S. Stafford, A. F. Spencer, E. M. Clarke, Crossley, J. Hislop, W. Brown, Copplestone, J. Illingworth, Gordon, Marsh, King, Pugh, G. Roberts, E. Scott, J. Dorance, G. R. Teede, E. Woodrow, and others.

Captain	Mr. M. Smith was appointed Captain (pro tem), the permanent appointment being left until a team is organised.
Delegates	Messrs A. F. Spencer, Crossley and Dorance were appointed delegates to the Association.
Treasurer	F. E. Stafford.
Secretary	A. J. Ewart.
Club Colours	RED AND WHITE and dark knickerbockers.

25 playing members were enrolled in the room including some well - known and tried men in the field.

It was decided to hold a trial match with the Bunbury team on Saturday next, 22nd May, 1897."

This extract confirms that the South Bunbury Football Club was formed at a meeting on May 19, 1897, and that it played its first match as the South Bunbury Football Club on Saturday, May 22, 1897.

In its first year - the 1897 season - South Bunbury did not fare too well against the established Bunbury Football Club.

Records for 1897 are very limited, and with the pending Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Queen Victoria's reign being uppermost in the thoughts of the colony, little publicity was given to the now "popular amusement" of Australian Football.

A perusal of the football fixtures and venues for 1897 is interesting. "Mud Road" was still a mud road, and cart and carriage tracks were still very much in existence between Bunbury and outlying centres, such as Donnybrook.

Transport to Donnybrook was undertaken by means of horse drawn drays. In order to ease the burden of the long and tedious journeys, supplies of "BOGUES ALES AND STOUTS" - (advertised as "a splendid tonic - absolutely pure - superior to any other produced in the Colony") - formed a regular part of the Property Manager's responsibility.

SOUTH WEST DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FIXTURES 1897

Jun	5	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
	12	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Donnybrook
	19	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
	26	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
Jul	3	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
	10	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
	17	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Donnybrook
	24	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Donnybrook
	31	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
Aug	7	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
	14	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
	21	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
	28	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Donnybrook
Sep	4	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
	11	Bunbury v South Bunbury at Bunbury
	18	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
	25	Bunbury v Donnybrook at Bunbury
Oct	2	South Bunbury v Donnybrook at Donnybrook

South Bunbury travelled to Donnybrook three times in the 1897 season, but the Club's itinerary was not as arduous as that set down for the Donnybrook Club which had to play in Bunbury on seven occasions.

Hotels at Picton Junction, Dardanup and Boyanup became popular stopping places.

At this stage, it is possible to establish without doubt that South Bunbury's first official match was against the established Bunbury Football Club on June 5, 1897. The following report of that match from the "Southern Times" of June 8, 1897, highlights the fighting qualities for which the Club has become famous:

"On Saturday afternoon, the first football match of the season was played on the Bunbury Recreation Ground between the Bunbury and South Bunbury Football Clubs.

The match, which had been looked forward to with much interest, was witnessed by a large number of spectators.

The weather was fine and there was a pleasant breeze blowing, which however, did not interfere with the progress of the game.

The play opened with Bunbury kicking from the North, and South Bunbury at the other end of the field.

Soon after the bounce, it was apparent that the older team was, at any rate on that day, determined to hold its own, and the ball was soon travelling down towards the South Bunbury goal. Several of the Bunbury men showed up conspicuously in this quarter and soon the ball was obtained by Dick in a favourable position and a goal was registered by the Bunbury team. This was soon followed by another goal kicked by Powell, and again Clifton shortly afterwards put up a third goal for the Bunbury team, who were having things very much their own way.

During the second quarter Bunbury scored another goal the fourth which was kicked by Dick.

At half time the game stood at 4 goals for Bunbury to South Bunbury's nil.

When a start was made again, the Bunbury team found matters somewhat more equal, and there was no scoring during this part of the game.

But the real excitement of the afternoon was reserved for the fourth quarter, when South Bunbury appeared to suddenly arrive at the determination to retrieve their fortunes and played a greatly improved game. The Bunbury team also played up, and in consequence the game became very interesting - a fact which was speedily realised by the supporters of the rival teams who had remained somewhat subdued during the preceding portion of the play owing to the one - sided nature of the game, but who suddenly developed a penchant for enthusiastic barracking. The South's succeeded in putting a very different complexion on the game in a remarkably short time and scored three goals in rapid succession while play became general all over the ground and the speed greatly increased.

There can be no doubt that the Bunbury team displayed by far the better form, and played with more perfect combination, and to this fact, the result of the match - Bunbury 5, South Bunbury 3 - is due.

In future matches, however, the play may confidently expect to be more equal. Both teams are bound to make a strong effort to maintain their efficiency, in addition to improving the form of the players, and there is no doubt that the forthcoming season will see some very pleasant contests fought out, it is to be hoped, in a generous and sportsmanlike manner.

The play on the whole compared very favourably with the standard maintained last year, although of course, it is too early in the day to form any decided opinion regarding the form likely to be shown by the various players this season.

The central umpire, Mr. Henderson, was very fair and impartial in his decisions.

The goal umpires were Mr Hill (Bunbury) and Mr. Hislop (South Bunbury)".

In this era of Australian Football, protests were apparently the order of the day, as each of the three Clubs are recorded as having lodged protests. Most were the results of disputed goals, as in those days, there were no behinds (or points) for near misses.

The same situation existed in Melbourne and other centres where the game was played, and is probably the main reason for the later introduction of behind posts, and the "kick out" rule - nevertheless, at this stage a score of one point was not given for a "behind". It did not take long for South Bunbury to become involved in such a protest, and the following report on the Club's first protest is taken from the "Southern Times" of September 28, 1897:

"At a meeting of the South West Football Association held at the Prince of Wales Hotel on Saturday evening, a protest entered by the South Bunbury Football Club on the 30th August, concerning the fixture on 28th August, 1897, against the decision of the Donnybrook goal umpire, on the grounds that in the case of the disputed goal kicked by Hands, the goal umpire raised two flags, and when barracked by the spectators, he lowered the flags, and raised one flag, was considered. Mr. Dorance, the central umpire, and Mr. Duffy, the goal umpire whose award was in dispute, were examined and gave conflicting evidence as to the goal in question, Mr. Dorance stating that it was a fair goal, and Mr. Duffy stating that the ball went over the goal post, and the reason it was thought he raised two flags was that the signals were being made with pocket

handkerchiefs and they were rolled around each other in his hand. Mr Vaughan, after considerable discussion, proposed that the match be scored to Donnybrook. This was seconded by Mr. Hunt."

Mr. A. F. Spencer proposed, as an amendment, that the match be declared a draw. This was seconded by Mr. Crossley, and the proposition was carried.

Mr. A. F. Spencer gave notice of his intention to protest against the last match of the Donnybrook team on the grounds that the Umpire's fee in connection with the match played on August 28th had not been paid by the Donnybrook Club.

The protest from the Donnybrook Football Club on the match played at Bunbury on 18th September (against South Bunbury) was then considered. The protest was under three headings - and the first two sections protested against Messrs A. Davies and J. Fife on the grounds that they had not been residents of the district for three weeks before playing, and therefore were not eligible to play.

The Donnybrook delegates were not prepared with any evidence in support of their contention and the protests fell through.

The protest also included an appeal against the Umpire's decision in the last quarter of the match. Umpire Trott was not present, and the central umpire Mr. Henderson, in his report on the match, stated that he considered the result of the match should have been different, thus differing from Umpire Trott's decision. This protest was upheld. It was decided that the money deposited by the South Bunbury Football Club with the protest be refunded."

The interesting point about protests in these years was that the Association delegates formed the Tribunal which heard them. Also, it was necessary to make a cash deposit when submitting a protest - intended no doubt as a deterrent against frivolous protests.

It is also interesting to note the frequency of the protests lodged at this time. This can probably be explained by the fact that there were no final round matches to decide the premiership team. Therefore the points gained for each victory were all important in a team's bid to end the season at the head of the premiership ladder, and thus be adjudged Premiers.

There does not appear to have been any animosity between clubs at this time when protests were lodged against rival Clubs. For example in the final game of the 1897 season, South Bunbury were scheduled to meet Donnybrook at Donnybrook. The report of that game in the "Southern Times" of October 4, 1897, shows that a good time was had by all despite the protests between the Clubs of a month or so earlier. The report also reveals that a scoring system of goals and points had come into use, although only the goals counted towards a team's score.

"On Saturday last the South Bunbury Football Club journeyed to Donnybrook to try conclusions with the local men. They were only able to secure half their proper strength and so had no hope of success. Donnybrook placed a very strong combination on the ground. A very friendly match ensued and resulted in a victory for the home side 7.13 to 1.10 scored by South Bunbury.

For the winners Messrs Ward (2) and Fraser played well, and for the losers, Messrs Thompson, Davies, Kelly and Ewart played the best games.

At the conclusion of play, the ladies of the district provided an excellent spread in the Donnybrook Agricultural Hall which was much appreciated and done full justice to.

Mr. A. J. Ewart, the Hon. Secretary of the South Bunbury Football Club, proposed the toast to "the Ladies" and thanked them for their great kindness to the visiting team, and it was enthusiastically drunk."

Thus ended 1897, South Bunbury's first year as a Football Club, but by no means their last. The Club built up a most impressive record in the year that followed.

1898

The Club's first Annual General Meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel on April 15, 1898, and while the "Southern Times" of 16/4/98 carried a small reference of the meeting, no mention was made of election of officers for the 1898 season.

Subsequent newspaper reports however, mentioned Mr. W. Brown as President and Mr. A. F. Spencer as Secretary. An interesting item from this first A.G.M. was the fact that the

"Annual Subscription was fixed at Five Shillings, and all playing members who did not pay their subscription before June 1, will be debarred from competing for trophies."

This appears to be a remarkably high subscription considering the wages structure and cost of living in 1898.

Trophies were offered by A. F. Spencer, Messrs Marshall and Dorance, and the Secretary was instructed to write and thank Mr. Pugh for the handsome trophies offered for the combined teams this season.

As previously mentioned, football records for the year 1897 are very obscure. Therefore it is not known how the Club fared on the field in their inaugural year. It is thought, however, that following their exciting finish in their first encounter, they would have improved sufficiently to record some victories during 1897. Be that as it may, the first fully recorded win by the team was the opening game of the 1898 season and reported in the "Southern Times" of May 31, 1898:

"The football match on Saturday last between South Bunbury and Vasse did not prove so attractive from a spectators point of view, as lovers of the game would have liked.

This was doubtless owing to the fact that the players had not settled down to the game, and we hope that in the future, the matches will prove more interesting. The match resulted in a decided win for South Bunbury by 5 goals to nil. The goals were secured as follows:

First Quarter - Forster (1)
 Second Quarter - Hands (2) Wright (1)
 Last Quarter - Hands (1)

Hands, thus kicking three goals out of the five obtained.

Although the game was generally uninteresting, one or two smart pieces of play were noticed, particularly one in which the ball was taken the full length of the ground in five kicks, but unfortunately it was touched in passing through the posts.

As far as could be seen from the play, both players and umpire need "brushing up" before the games will be worth watching, and as a good programme of fixtures have been arranged, it will be well for all teams to practice continually."

Hands, referred to in the above article, was John Edward (Jack) Hands. Apart from being a member of South Bunbury's original team of 1897, he has been identified as the "enthusiastic local player" who inserted the notice calling for the formation of a second local football club, from which the South Bunbury Club emerged.

It is clear, therefore, that Jack Hands was at least one of the founders of the South Bunbury Football Club. It is fitting that the Club's home ground is now named "Hands Memorial Oval".

The late Jack Hands later became Mayor of Bunbury, and served the town in that capacity from 1928 to 1933 inclusive, and again in 1937. It was in recognition of his services to the town in general, and football in particular, that the Town Council saw fit to re - name the Show - grounds (later Forrest Memorial Oval) as "Hands Memorial Oval" to preserve the memory of his name.

The inclusion of a side from Vasse (Busselton) in the 1898 season was agreed to at a meeting of the S.W.F.A. on 21/5/1898. It is interesting to see that the South West Football Association now comprised teams from South Bunbury. Bunbury, Donnybrook and Vasse - a miniature South West National Football League.

Up till this time matches were played only on Saturdays. This did not suit everybody, particularly the administrators of the South West Football Association and its affiliated Clubs. The Southern Times of 28/6/1898 carried the following article:

"In connection with the proposal that was brought forward at the last meeting of the Bunbury Municipal Council, to the effect that the practice of playing football on the Bunbury Recreation Ground on Sundays should be suppressed, we understand that those who are opposed to this course do not base their opposition on reasonable attention to this popular amusement, but on the practice of playing from early in the morning to late in the evening. They also object to the amount of bad language which is used on the ground, and the practice of settling disputed points by a recourse to brute force.

Whether there are any grounds for these complaints we are unable to say, but if unseemly conduct of this nature does prevail on the Recreation Ground on Sundays, the game should undoubtedly be suppressed."

The discussion at the Municipal Council meeting was obviously the result of attempts by the S.W.F.A. to play their fixtures on Sundays instead of Saturdays. Workers at this time were working a full six days per week, and players and supporters needed to take time off to play or watch the sport. This had a detrimental effect on the ability of Clubs to put a full side on the field, and an adverse effect on spectator attendance.

In 1898, the Spanish - American War erupted, and the trial began in Paris of Lieutenant Dreyfus. Both these events were given wide coverage in the local newspaper. Also well reported were the football games being played under the auspices of the S.W. Football Association.

1898 was to be the year of South Bunbury's first premiership - incidentally, the team was undefeated.

(When one looks closely at the "blown up" photograph of this side now displayed in the R. E. "Sav" Davies lounge, it is easy to imagine it would take a very fit and robust side to bring about their defeat).

This was to be the first of many premierships and set the foundation for South Bunbury's outstanding record.

The following are the complete details of matches played by South Bunbury during the 1898 season.

Note that while "behinds" were recorded, only goals counted towards the scores of the games. Often, only the actual goal tallies were reported in the press.

1898 Match Results

Date	Versus	South Bunbury	Opposition	Goal Scorers
May 28	Vasse	5	0	Hands (3) Forster Wright
June 4	Bunbury	3	2	B. Teede Ellis J. Hands
June 11	Donnybrook	6	4	Hands (4) Edwards Caulfield
June 18	Bunbury	4.8	1.3	???
June 25	Vasse	1	1	???
July 2	Bunbury	7	1	???
July 9	Donnybrook	8.13	0.2	Hands (2) Moyle (2) H. Buck Monkhouse Edwards Forster
July 16	Vasse	10	0	???
July 23	Bunbury	2	2	Hands Ellis
July 30	Donnybrook	5	2	???
Aug 6	Vasse	1	0	(See Story)
Aug 13	Bunbury	3.7	3.2	Hands Ellis Forster
Aug 20	Donnybrook	4	2	???
Aug 27	Vasse	3	1	???
Sept 3	Bunbury	2.4	2.3	Hands (2)

Due to the special efforts of sharp - shooter Jack Hands, South Bunbury ended the season with 11 wins and 4 draws to complete the season as undefeated Premiers.

A sidelight of the 1898 season was the fixture for August 6 as recorded in the "Southern Times" of August 9, 1898:

"On Saturday last, the South Bunbury team visited Busselton. The team was a strong one. The visitors had to kick against a strong wind in the first quarter but notwithstanding this disadvantage, they kicked a goal.

Unfortunately, when the game had been in progress about 15 minutes, a disagreement arose between a player of the Vasse team named Nannup, and one of the South Bunbury players named Greaves, with the result that both players resorted to blows.

Kelly, the captain of the Vasse team, then called his men off the ground, stating that he had come to play football - not to see men fight.

The South Bunbury team remained on the ground and claimed the match.

There was no disagreement between the two teams, the South Bunbury team only regretting that they had practically a useless journey to Vasse, since they were deprived of their expected game."

So ended the 1898 season following which a meeting of the Club was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel with Mr. J. Dorance occupying the chair. The President, Mr. W. M. Brown, wrote regretting that he was unable to attend and also congratulated the Club upon winning the premiership. He said also that he had ordered a photograph of the team to be taken, to be presented to the individual players. (It is this photograph which occupies pride of place in the R. E. "Sav" Davies Lounge).

At the meeting, the Secretary was not present but his report and balance sheet were read, showing a credit balance of £4. A discussion took place as to whom the Premiership Cup should be presented and Messrs A. F. Spencer, W. M. Brown and F. E. Stafford were proposed. It was finally decided that on receipt of the cup from the Association, it should be presented to Mr. A. F. Spencer.

It was also decided that a Social should be held on the following Wednesday evening, and a Committee consisting of Messrs A. F. Spencer, L. Spencer, F. Monkhouse, J. Forster and J. Dorance were appointed to make the arrangements.

At this social, each player received a medal, and reference was made to these medals in the "Southern Times" of September 15, 1898, viz:

"We have been shown the 26 medals which will be presented to the South Bunbury Football Club and which are at the time to be seen at Mr. Catlett's. The medals are very handsome, and their recipients will doubtless appreciate the trophies when handed to them."

Unfortunately, with the passage of time, it has not been possible to locate any of the medals, however the 1898 team comprised:

T. Fry (Capt), H. Back, J. Hands, A. Back, F. O'Meara, C. Sharpe, A. F. Spencer, E. Gibson, B. Greaves, A. Delaporte, L. Spencer, P. Corfield, H. Wright, J. Leahy, J. Foster, W. Edwards, W. Cattanach, F. Monkhouse, A. Corfield, T. Delaporte

1899

Newspapers for 1899 were available for perusal, but unfortunately, little commentary appeared in the local press concerning games played in this area.

At a general meeting of the South West Football Association on April 28, 1899, a letter was read from Mr. F. E. Stafford tendering his resignation as President of the Association owing "to the indignity which had been placed on him as President, owing to Mr. Brown having been Chairman at the Smoke Social when the prizes were distributed".

The resignation was accepted.

This was doubtless a reference to the wind - up function of 1898 following South Bunbury's premiership win. Apparently the South Bunbury President (Mr. W. M. Brown) chaired this Social, and thereby unsettled the President of the Association (Mr. Stafford).

All the same, Mr. Stafford must have been highly regarded by the South Bunbury Football Club because he was one of the nominees to receive the Premiership Cup of 1898 from the South Bunbury Football Club.

As stated, newspapers contained little reference to football during 1899, in fact, no records of matches could be found. The season commenced with the same 4 clubs as 1898 - South Bunbury, Bunbury, Donnybrook, and Vasse - and ended with South Bunbury Football Club heading the Premiership List with 52 points, from Bunbury, Donnybrook and Vasse. Competition prizes were won by the following:

Goal Kicking - Mr. Clifford (Donnybrook) 21 goals; Mr. Hands (South Bunbury) 20 goals.

Best All Round Man - Mr. F. Monkhouse (South Bunbury) 1; Mr. J. Forster (South Bunbury) 2.

Best Rover - Mr. J. Forster (South Bunbury).

The following South Bunbury players were also awarded prizes: T. Ellis, H. Wright, A. Corfield, L. Spencer, L. Corfield, and T. Fry (captain of the winning team).

1900 and 1901

For some reason, which could not be ascertained, football in Bunbury went into recess during the 1900 and 1901 seasons, although the Bunbury Association team played against the Collie and Nelson Association teams in South West Premiership Matches.

The Bunbury Association, which included South Bunbury players, won the South West Premiership in 1900.

1902

The Bunbury Football Association was revived in 1902, when the first game of the season was recorded as follows:

SOUTHERN TIMES 29th APRIL, 1902.

"The 1902 Football Season opened very dramatically on Saturday when teams from the Bunbury and South Bunbury clubs met to try conclusions on the Recreation Ground. During the past fortnight a great deal of enthusiasm has been thrown into this popular sport, and with care and proper management it would seem as if the good old football matches of three years ago were about to be revived.

Shortly after 2 o'clock on Saturday the Bunbury boys were conveyed to the convincing ground in a four - in - hand drag - the horses in the lead being robed in the club colours of red and black, while flags fluttered from all the corners of the vehicle or were unfurled to the breeze by the confident supporters of the Club. The South Bunbury boys, more modestly disposed, walked quietly to the ground. After half an hour's delay getting their photographs taken the two teams marched onto the ground amidst the cheers of their supporters, the town players in red and black captained by Mr. Roxburgh, and the suburban team in red and white captained by Mr. "Sammy" Stevens. Bunbury, at the start, played one man short but the vacancy was soon filled. The South's were, at first, three men short but the Secretary, Mr. Mcinerney, peeled off and took the position of goalkeeper, and the other two vacancies were not filled until half time. The Eastern goals had been moved several yards farther South, thus making the play straight across the ground. A slight wind was blowing from the West but it did not interfere much with the game.

The ball, a present from Mr. H. M. Beigel and bearing the motto "Drink Beigel's Beer" - which by the way was soon knocked off the leather - was kicked into play at 3.30 p.m. with Bunbury defending the West goal and kicking with the wind, the South Bunbury boys doing battle from the East goal. It may be mentioned that the two Presidents tossed for the honour and Mr. George Hayward, winning from Mr. C. E. Spencer, bounced the ball at the knock off, and thus gave a fresh impetus to football in the South West.

The following were the teams:

Bunbury: Roxburgh (Captain), L. Buck (Vice - Capt.), H. North, J. McKay, W. Norrie, F. Watt, J. E. Hands, A. Loveridge, J. Clarke, Rockliffe, M. Griffiths, Sept. Shaw, O. Moyle, M. Smith, H. Woods, A. Bradley, L. Braund and A. Sinclair.

South Bunbury: S. Stevens (Captain), M. J. Mcinerney, W. Caporn, L. Caporn, C. Bray, E. Payne, A. White, C. Howard, W. Stott, J. J. Kelly, M. Tyler, C. Shaw, H. Stokes, W. Williams, J. Harrington, F. Cridland, F. D. Smith and A. Banting.

The ball had not been long in play when a free kick was given to Bradley from which he attempted a goal only scoring a behind - the first to Bunbury - The leather being again sent roaming some good play followed and Roxburgh in the centre of the field took a good mark and passed it to one of his teammates on the pavilion wing, and it was passed to Hands, who made a bold bid for a goal, scoring Bunbury's second behind. The South's then rallied and after a smart piece of play on the wing by Stevens, who had a snapshot for goal out of the ruck, Sinclair got the ball and sent it flying East again. Good play on the pavilion wing followed, the red and whites showing up to great advantage. At this stage "Buzzy" Williams for South Bunbury got a chance in front of goal but sent it out of bounds instead. The oval then peregrinated across the ground and some play took place on the centre of the South wing, where White, getting a mark, passed the ball onto Stokes, who had a try for goal but only secured a minor point - the first behind for South Bunbury.

The centre of attraction had hardly got into play again when one of the South's had a flying shot for goal but the ball hit the post before bouncing through and a behind only was counted - the second for the suburb. Exceedingly pretty play followed in the North - West corner and Stevens got a "free" for a foul and passed it on nicely to Stokes, who had another shot for goal, sending the oval out of bounds. The Town team then rushed the ball right to the East end where Hands was waiting, and getting hold of the leather in front of the post sent it home amidst cheers - the first goal of the season and that was secured by Bunbury. The ball had not been more than a few seconds in play before Stokes made a beautiful run along the South wing, where Stevens was again waiting and a brilliant attempt was only frustrated by the good play of the Bunbury backs.

In the centre and along the pavilion wing, the leather kept seesawing until Bradley for Bunbury scored another behind. Buck for the Bunbury and Stokes for the South had just distinguished themselves when the bell rang for the end of the first quarter, when the score stood Bunbury 1.3 (9 points), South Bunbury 0.2 (2 points).

After ends had been changed and play resumed, the ball being a long time in the centre of the field from which Tyler put some excellent work in and got a try but mulled his kick, scoring only a behind for the South's. From a free kick one of the suburban players sent the ball to Stevens, who made a wild attempt to score but failed. Away went the leather straight for the sea, Norrie, Roxburgh and Loveridge being hard at it and Bunbury scored two more behinds followed by Williams for the South's having a flying shot at goal which he missed. Stevens and Stokes helped by Harrington brought the ball near the Bunbury goal where Micky Smith got it away well out of danger by a good run along the pavilion wing. Back went the leather and the Red and Whites got another behind. Not many seconds after E. Payne got a free kick out of the ruck for some foul play, and secured the South's first goal. Hands then missed a nice chance for Bunbury, securing nothing - Mcinerney getting the ball and sending it back. The South vigorously attacked the Bunbury goal, Stevens and Shaw putting in good work. Bray made a splendid mark and had a shot at goal but made a mix - kick. The oval was then passed by Stevens to Shaw and on to Williams, who tried to send the ball through the posts but made a bad miss. This was followed by another bad miss by C. A. Shaw. Williams again got the leather right in front of the Bunbury goal and tried to punt it through but missed badly. When half time was called the scores were Bunbury 1.5 (11 points), South Bunbury 1.5 (11 points).

After the teams had had a breather and consumed half an orchard of lemons, play was resumed, both teams putting in good work. A good piece of work on behalf of the red and blacks was then witnessed and Hands got the leather and kicked a very pretty goal amidst loud cheers. Bradley next secured a free kick and had a shot but failed. Mcinerney put the ball into play and Stevens and White took it around the pavilion wing. Norrie for the Bunbury side played well and White showed great form for the other side. Then a strange thing happened. Mcinerney, who had been keeping goal for South Bunbury, had a hard struggle with some players and in endeavouring to send the ball along the south wing from the north side of the posts, kicked it between the uprights. This the umpire gave as a behind for Bunbury. Then the bell rang three - quarter - time. The score then was Bunbury 2.6 (18 points), South Bunbury 1.5 (11 points).

During the last quarter the play was faster and more interesting. The South gradually added to their score. Stokes, W. Smith and Williams each securing a behind, though two at least should have been goals. At six minutes to time W. Caporn got a very nice goal for the South which put them two points in the lead. Despite hard work on both sides the score was unaltered, and when the players left the field was: South Bunbury 2.8 (20 points), Bunbury 2.6 (18 points). South Bunbury thus won by two points.

Being the first game of the season the play was naturally slow but it gave promise of better things in the future. Mr. A. L. Tait acted as umpire and gave all - round satisfaction. His was a difficult position and especially at the first match of the season, his decision looked sometimes a trifle strained, but he was wise not to be lenient as if he had been the players would have expected the same treatment next time.

Messrs Mainstone and C. Smith acted as goal umpires and Messrs W. Catlett and C. E. Spencer as timekeepers.

The result of the game was received most enthusiastically by the "Red and Whites" but the Bunbury players took their defeat like men and said "Our turn next".

The players who showed up best were:

SOUTH BUNBURY: S. Stevens, M. Mcinerney, A. White, H. Stokes, J. Harrington, W. Caporn, F. Cridland.

BUNBURY: Roxburgh, W. Norrie, J. Hands, Rockliffe, Sep Shaw, H. North, M. Smith.

On May 10, South Bunbury had a runaway win over Bunbury, scoring 11.5 to 3.9.

The next game, May 24, resulted in another victory for "The South" - this time, the scores being South Bunbury 3.10 to Bunbury 4.3 - a one point victory to South Bunbury.

Following this game, a protest was lodged by Bunbury on the grounds that two points had been scored by them, but had not been recorded.

The "Southern Times" reported "the weight of evidence presented went to show that one behind had been scored but not recorded, after which Mr. J. J. Barrett, for South Bunbury, raised the point that the protest of the Bunbury Club was to the effect that they had won the match, having kicked two behinds which were not

recorded. If they had proved that, it would be alright, said Mr. Barrett, but they had proved that only one had been kicked and not recorded, and therefore the protest must fall through".

The delegates were equally divided, and the Chairman, Mr Paisley, said he would give his decision the following evening.

This decision said: "Central Umpire's report gave South Bunbury 3.10 (28 points) and Bunbury 4.3 (27 points) - a win for South Bunbury by one point.

The Bunbury Club entered a protest against this and claim 4.5 or 29 points - in other words they claim an absolute win by one point.

Voluminous evidence was taken and, after carefully reviewing this, I am of the opinion that the Bunbury Club failed to prove an absolute win, and my decision is that the protest be thrown out."

On June 5, 1902, a joint meeting of the delegates of South Bunbury and Bunbury was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel to elect a third delegate to the South West Football Association. Mr. Mcinerney was elected. A motion was also agreed to that the combined team which was to be entered in the South West Football Association be named Bunbury United, and that the colours be Red and White.

On June 7, the combined team met Collie Association at Collie, and lost to the home side 5.8 to 8.11.

The remaining games played in 1902 were:

Bunbury Association: June 21, Bunbury 3.7, South Bunbury 3.6, July 19, Bunbury 8.4, South Bunbury 0.9; Aug 16, Bunbury 3.8, South Bunbury 4.1.

(South Bunbury's score of 0.4 on July 19, remains to this day as the lowest score ever made by South Bunbury).

South West Football Association: June 28, Collie forfeited to Nelson; July 12, Bunbury United 3.7, Nelson 1.3, at Bunbury; July 26, Bunbury United 6.7, Collie 1.4, at Bunbury; August 9, Collie 5.9, Nelson 2.8, at Collie; August 23, Nelson 3.10, Bunbury United 3.8, at Greenbushes.

A point of special interest was that Collie, when forfeiting the June 28 game to Nelson, complained that when the S.W.F.A. was established, it had been agreed all Nelson - Collie matches would be played in Bunbury, as it was too much to expect men to miss three days work just to play football.

Transport those days was by train, and it was considered better to play the games in Bunbury as this report from the "Southern Times" of June 14, 1902, shows:

"The South West Football Association this season will consist of Bunbury, Collie and Nelson teams. As it would be inconvenient for Collie players to go to Bridgetown to play Nelson and also for Nelson to come to a Collie, a compromise has been effected in which matches between these two districts will be played in Bunbury. There is no doubt, therefore, that Bunbury will be the centre of football this season, and the scene of many a keenly fought contest."

Interest was divided between local matches between Bunbury and South Bunbury and inter - district matches sponsored by the South West Football Association. In an extremely close contest, Bunbury inched South Bunbury off the top of the Premiership List to take the 1902 honours.

1903

Although no mention was made in the "Southern Times" of local football matches during the 1903 season, from the report of the South Bunbury Football Club's annual general meeting held in April, 1904 (see below), South Bunbury completed the 1903 season as runners - up to the Bunbury Football Club.

Apparently, more interest was being generated in the Association competition for the South West Premiership. The Bunbury team partly consisted of prominent players of the South Bunbury Club.

Of these South West premiership matches, three were played against Collie, with Collie winning the first match, Bunbury the second, and the final was won by Bunbury 7.4 to 4.6.

The Bunbury team comprised: Loveridge (Captain), L. Spencer, Weymss, Flynn, Naylor, Livingstone, Anderson, Leeder, Shenton, Hands, Dowling, Reid, Shaw, Monkhouse, Stokes, Caporn, Stevens and White.

During 1903, Bunbury and Districts also played and defeated Subiaco at Bunbury on Saturday, September 12, when: "Enthusiasts in this popular sport are promised an enjoyable afternoon on Saturday when the Subiaco team will play a team representative of Bunbury and Districts on the Bunbury Recreation Ground. Subiaco team will be picked from the following: Thompson (Captain), Austin, Bowen, Bolt, Gillies, Griffin, Jones (2), Melbourne, Outrim, Porrit, Randall, Rann, Swan, Smith, Tillotson, Wilson, Wildy, Ward and Wallish.

The Bunbury representatives had not been selected when we went to press but they will be picked this evening and will be placed on view in the Tobacconist's window early tomorrow."

The match was subsequently reported by the "Southern Times" as follows:

"SUBIACO v BUNBURY

Football, which in the past few weeks had practically become a dead letter in Bunbury, was thoroughly revived on Saturday when the Subiaco team paid Bunbury a visit and played a match on the Recreation Ground. The visit, which had been looked forward to with a considerable amount of local interest, attracted a good crowd of spectators, and a well contested game combined with splendid weather provided an enjoyable afternoon's outing. The visitors had much the heavier team, and at the start appearances were much against the Bunbury men, who were at the disadvantage of being unable to put their best team on the ground - Reid, Sammy Stephens, Livingstone and Loveridge, who during the season have been amongst the strongest local players, were unable to take part.

The following were the teams:

BUNBURY: White, Shenton, Lockhart. Hands, Naylor, Corfield, Spencer, Shaw, Monkhouse, Rockcliffe, H. North, H. Stokes, E. Stokes, Weymss, John, Broknan and O'Brien.

SUBIACO: Austin, Bowen, Bolt, Gillis, Griffin, L. Jones, Melbourne, Jackson, Outrim, Porrit, Randall, Rann, Smith, Thompson, Tillotson, Wilson, Wildy, Ward

Scores	First ¼	Second ¼	Third ¼	Final
BUNBURY	1.4	1.9	1.10	3.11 (29)
SUBIACO	0.3	0.5	2.5	2.6 (18)

For the visitors, Bolt undoubtedly played the best game while Griffin did some good high marking, and Melbourne in the centre put in some very good play.

For the home team, special mention should be made of J. Hands, who made some capital runs."

1904

"The annual meeting of the S.B.F.C. was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel on 11/4/1904. Mr. A. F. Spencer presided and there was a good representative gathering of members.

The Secretary (Mr. J. J. Barrett) submitted the following report:

Gentlemen, In submitting to you my third annual report and balance sheet I have to congratulate your Club on the success of the 1903 season. Although our Club was not as successful on the football field as we would all wish they nevertheless put up some sterling fights with their old opponents, the Bunbury Club, and finished the season as runners up in the local competition. In the South West Competition where the whole of the Clubs combine as one team, I think that I can truthfully assert that those members of the South Bunbury team who took part in those competitions fully justified their inclusion and very materially assisted in bringing the Parliamentary Trophy to Bunbury once more.

From a financial point of view the season was even more prosperous than your committee anticipated, having at the end of the season the fine credit balance of £5/10/6d (\$11.05). The receipts from all sources amounted to £22/5/0 (\$44.50) and the expenditure to £16/14/6d (\$33.45). Your treasurer (Mr. G. Teede) and myself paid cash for all material as we received it, thus avoiding the bother of tradesmen's accounts, and we found that it worked well for all concerned.

I would like to thank those supporters of the Club who so ably assisted us during the season and particularly would I thank our worthy President (Mr. C. E. Spencer) for the very deep interest he has at all times taken in the welfare of the club.

As my residence in Bunbury depends wholly on circumstances I am unfortunately unable to again offer myself for re - election as your Secretary and I take this opportunity of heartily thanking the members and

supporters for their generosity and loyalty to me in the past and can assure them that their kindness is very much appreciated by Mrs. Barrett and myself. In severing my connection with the South Bunbury Club I would appeal to the old players who have been associated with me so long to rally around the red and white once more and to give to my successor that loyalty which they have never failed to extend to me.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Patron Mr Newton J. Moore, President Mr. C. E. Spencer, Secretary Mr. J. J. Barrett, Treasurer Mr. G. Teede, General Committee B. T. Mainstone, C. Smith and A. F. Spencer.

On the motion of Mr. Barrett seconded by Mr. Mainstone the subscription fee was fixed at 2/6d (25 cents).

Last year's colours, red and white, were again fixed upon.

The meeting was then adjourned to next Monday evening when the election of a Secretary will be considered, Mr. Barrett having declined to continue the office during the season. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Barrett for his past services, he having held the post of Secretary during the past three years."

The adjourned meeting was held on April 16, at which Mr. Charlie Smith was elected Secretary in J. J. Barrett's stead. At this meeting, Mr. Barrett, who was continuing as Club delegate to the Association for the time being, asked if the Club had any instructions for the Association Meeting to be held the following night.

Mr. A. F. Spencer stated that there was a trophy of one guinea donated by Mr. Paisley for the runners - up for last season which was due to the Club, and which had been appropriated by the Association for other purposes. He thought that the matter should be mentioned by the delegates. Mr. Barrett stated that the Association had no right to use it for any other purpose than that for which it had been donated.

Mr. L. Spencer was of the opinion that now that it had gone so long it might be as well to let it rest rather than raise any friction.

The opinion of the meeting was, however, in favour of the delegates enquiring as to what had become of the money.

No mention of this matter was made in subsequent reports on Association Meetings, and therefore, it is not known whether the Club received its guinea (\$2.10) or not.

Three teams were admitted to the Association for 1904 - South Bunbury, Bunbury, and Railways.

The first match of the season saw South Bunbury outclass Bunbury to the tune of 14.8 to 0.3, the next game a fortnight later resulted in another win for "the South" 6.6 to Railways 4.7.

The South Bunbury team for this second game comprised L. Spencer, J. Smith, M. Smith, J. Desmond, S. Fisher, C. Cass, S. Stevens, A. Boundy, S. Thompson, J. Dowie, G. Gibson, F. Monkhouse, W. Thomas, N. Carter, Cridland Bros., Smith, Downing and C. Bray, and the great Phil Matson.

Following the game against Bunbury on August 6, 1904, South Bunbury gave notice of its intention to protest on the grounds that McGrath (Bunbury) illegally took part in the game, having on the previous Saturday, played in the Collie Association.

On the other hand, Bunbury lodged a protest against South Bunbury on the score that Dowling, who played on Saturday, "is resident outside the radius of 15 miles allowed by the rules".

During 1904 South Bunbury were having a good season but Railways had the measure of Bunbury.

The premiership was a two - team race between South Bunbury and Railways, and perhaps this was responsible for Bunbury and Railways allegedly "ganging up" on South Bunbury, as in accordance with the following report of the South West Association Meeting at which the above protests were heard, and published in the "Southern Times" of August 11, 1904.

THE BUNBURY - SOUTH BUNBURY MATCH
A PECULIAR POSITION - BOTH TEAMS DISQUALIFIED
SOUTH BUNBURY PROTEST AGAINST BUNBURY

Mr. Spencer (South Bunbury) produced a copy of the "Southern Times" containing a report that McGrath played for Worsley against Collie.

Mr. Williams (Railway) stated that it had been stated outside that Bunbury and Railway were working together against South Bunbury. If he voted with the Bunbury Club, it would be said that The Railway had adopted this means of putting down South Bunbury and gaining the premiership.

After much discussion the meeting decided that Bunbury forfeit the match.

BUNBURY PROTEST AGAINST SOUTH BUNBURY

The protest lodged against South Bunbury was then considered. The grounds of the protest was that Dowling, who had been allowed to play, was a resident of Wellington Mills and was therefore outside the 15 mile radius.

The Association Secretary said that the matter had been brought up at an Association meeting previously but there was no record in the minutes. One of the delegates had said that there could be no objection to Dowling playing.

Mr. Williams (Railways) said he was the delegate referred to. What he had said was that he would not be the one to take a tape line and measure the distance from Bunbury to Wellington Mills.

Mr. Wallis (Bunbury) moved that the protest be upheld.

Mr. Bergen (South Bunbury) said that if this was carried it might mean that they would have to forfeit the whole of their matches.

Mr. Maley (Railways) seconded the motion.

Mr. Spencer (South Bunbury) moved an amendment that the match be awarded to South Bunbury and that Dowling was not ineligible to play. Mr. Bergin (South Bunbury) seconded the motion.

Mr. Williams (Railways) said he stated at the time that he would not personally be opposed to Dowling playing, but if he voted now as a delegate from the Railway Club, it would have to be in favour of Mr. Wallis' motion.

Mr. Bergin (South Bunbury) said he considered that the Bunbury Club had condoned the offence by not protesting earlier. The amendment was put and lost and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr. Wallis (Bunbury) it was decided that the deposits lodged by the two clubs concerning the protests be refunded."

In the next match for 1904 Railways again defeated Bunbury 6.7 to 2.1. However, in the final match for the year, South Bunbury inflicted their third defeat on Railways 5.9 to 4.9:

SOUTHERN TIMES 23/8/1904

"With the exception of the unfortunate match Bunbury v South Bunbury, which was upset through protests and which is to be played over again, the game on Saturday Railways v South Bunbury concluded the fourth round of the Stephenson Trophy competition. Both teams standing pretty nearly equal both in regard to strength and position, a great deal of interest was taken in the game, and the large crowd of spectators who attended were treated to a really good exhibition.

Both teams had evidently been in full training for the match, and the play was about the fastest that has been seen on the ground for a long time.

The weather was warm and genial making the game enjoyable for the spectators but so far as the players were concerned the temperature was a little too high.

Finals results: South Bunbury 5.9; Railways 4.5.

No mention is made of any replay of the match following protests by both South Bunbury and Bunbury, and it appears from the above result that a replay was not necessary, as South Bunbury had already annexed the 1904 premiership with Railways runners - up.

It is interesting to note that the mighty Phil Matson commenced his football career with South Bunbury in 1904 (and again in 1905 was a member of the team).

Further details of his remarkable record are:

PHILLIP HENRY MATSON

Commenced football career with the South Bunbury Football Club in 1904 and played again with South Bunbury in 1905.

Transferred to Boulder City, and played for that Club in 1906, 1907, 1908, in which latter years he represented Western Australia against Victoria in an interstate match.

Transferred to Sturt in South Australia for the 1909 and 1910 seasons, and during those two years represented South Australia in interstate matches on four occasions.

In 1911 he returned to Western Australia and played with the North Fremantle Club.

From 1912 to 1915 he was a player with the Subiaco Football Club.

Following service in the Great War - he returned to Western Australia and joined East Perth as coach in 1919.

He coached East Perth to five consecutive Premierships from 1919 to 1923, and again in 1924 when East Perth were runners - up. Further premiership successes came East Perth's way under Phil's guidance in 1926 and 1927.

In June of 1928 Phil Matson was accidentally killed in a motor accident and East Perth completed that season as runners - up. One wonders what the result may have been had Phil been their mentor in that final round. The "South Western Times" of June 16, 1928, paid the following tribute to this great competitor:

"The passing of Phil Matson as a result of a motor smash removes an outstanding figure from the football world.

It was 23 years ago that Phil figured in the ranks of the South Bunbury Football Club, and while with them, showed such form that inducements were held out to him to travel to the goldfields.

Before long he was recognised as a leading player of a band of stalwarts. The critics of those days described him as "Marvellous Matson". His fame spread to the East, and South Australia called him, but he returned to Western Australia and was chiefly known for his coaching of Subiaco and East Perth to premiership form.

Matson was also State Coach and was recognised as one of the best tacticians in the game.

His death will mean a big loss to football in this State."

1905

This was to be a relatively quiet year for South Bunbury (perhaps they were conserving their energies for what was to come the next year).

A quiet year, that is, with the exception of one glaring occurrence. On July 15, South Bunbury met and completely annihilated Bunbury - the final scores: South Bunbury 32.28; Bunbury 0.3.

This huge score by South is even more amazing, when it is considered that in the following seventy one years, no South Bunbury team has been able to amass an equivalent or greater score in a match.

While the Club was enjoying a good competitive season, the social life of the Club was also brisk, and Euchre parties were most popular as the following report of one such evening shows:

"Euchre Party - The South Bunbury Football Club funds will be all the better in consequence of the successful euchre party which was held last night in the Masonic Hall, Bunbury.

The prize winners were: LADIES', Miss Blythe 1, Miss A. Woodrow 2, Miss Banting 3 and Mrs. E. H. Stokes (booby). GENT'S: Mr. Campbell 1, Mr. J. Hislop 2, Mr. Ward (booby).

About 150 attended and of this number 124 took part in the games.

The ladies' committee made themselves responsible for the refreshments. Afterwards the social took the usual terpsichorean form."

The season ended with South Bunbury adding another premiership to their record.

(When this history was being compiled in 1976, a medal presented to Mr. Les Atkins - a member of the 1905 premiership team - was donated back to the Club by his daughter. Les was still alive at this time being aged 91. He was blind and nearly deaf, and during the celebration of our 79th anniversary during our 80th season in May, 1976, the Club saw fit to pamper Les's major attraction in life (a can of "Swan" at 4.00 p.m. daily) by sending him a greeting card and a carton of the brew that cheers)

1906

The start of the 1906 season was a peaceful affair, with teams representing South Bunbury, Bunbury - Railways, Worsley and Wellington Mills forming the Association.

However, 1906 was to become one of the most controversial years in football in the South West since the game had been organised, as the following extracts from the "Southern Times" of that year indicate: - (It should be noted that prior to the commencement of the season, Bunbury and Railway Football Clubs had combined under the name of Bunbury Railway).

"SOUTHERN TIMES", JUNE 9, 1906:
BUN BURY - RAILWAYS v SOUTH BUNBURY PROTEST
UPHELD BY W.A.F.A.

On May 26, the two local rival teams met on the Recreation Ground and after a hard struggle South Bunbury defeated Bunbury - Railway by one point. A player named Thomas played for the winners and owing to an irregularity with his clearance Bunbury - Railway protested. The Association dismissed the protest and forfeited the deposit of One Guinea lodged with it. The Bunbury - Railway Club however, were not satisfied and lodged an appeal to the West Australian Football Association and a second guinea with the Bunbury Association Secretary Mr. C. J. Worth. That gentleman forwarded the appeal to Perth together with a long letter giving the details. He was apparently not aware that the matter should have first come before the local Association and when he reported what he had done at the Association meeting on Wednesday, Mr. J. Barrett (South Bunbury delegate) took strong exception to the action of the Association Secretary. He moved a motion that a minute be placed on the books to the effect that the action of the Secretary was out of order. It was tantamount to a vote of censure and the Secretary stated that if the motion was carried his resignation would follow as a result. However the motion was not seconded and lapsed. There was no remedy at such a late hour (the W.A.F.A. were meeting in Perth the same night) and matters had to be allowed to run their course.

At the usual meeting of the W.A.F.A. Perth on Wednesday night a letter was received from the South Bunbury and Bunbury - Railway Clubs in regard to the protest from the Bunbury - Railway owing to the winners (South Bunbury) playing Thomas, whose clearance, other than a telegram from the President and secretary of the New South Wales Football League, had not come to hand. The Bunbury Association had approved of Thomas being allowed to play and two of the three members of the Permit Committee were also favourable to it. The Bunbury - Railway Club asked that the decision of the Bunbury Association in dismissing the protest, and upsetting the protest be upset, since the clearance had not come to hand.

Mr. Boas moved, and Mr. J. E. Barrett seconded a motion that, as Thomas had been granted a conditional clearance, he was entitled to play in the match.

Messrs Jamieson (Midland Junction), Webb (West Perth), Cookson (North Fremantle), Ryan (Midland Junction) opposed the motion - Mr. McLeod (Perth) supported the motion and Mr. Moffatt (Perth) opposed it.

Mr. Moffatt moved as an amendment that the protest be upheld and that it be a recommendation to the Bunbury Association in view of the circumstances that the game be played again. There was a seconder.

Mr. Ude asked Mr. Moffatt to delete the latter portion of his amendment. The amendment was carried.

Mr. Ude moved to delete the latter portion of the motion. If a Club violated a rule, he said, it should pay the penalty. Mr. Moffatt replied that if anyone had violated the rule it was the Bunbury Association, which had given the permit committee an instruction in favour of Thomas being permitted to play. The Association agreed to Mr. Ude's amendment and upheld the protest. It is quite on the cards that South Bunbury intend to have the case re - opened considering that they have a grievance in the matter not coming before the Bunbury Association before being sent to Perth. The question arises, where will a start be made in the matter - at the first of the trouble, or where?"

On June 9, South Bunbury defeated Worsley 8.18 to 3.2 and if the Club thought it was fully occupied with the unresolved Bunbury - Railway protest concerning the May 26 Match, they soon found another protest on their hands when the delegates attended the next Bunbury Football Association meeting:

"SOUTHERN TIMES", JUNE 14 - BUNBURY FOOTBALL
ASSOCIATION MEETING

Delegates, Simmons and J. J. Barrett (South Bunbury), Yardley and T. Smith (Worsley), and Hannan (Bunbury - Railways).

1. The Secretary of the Worsley Club wrote protesting against last Saturday's match being awarded to South Bunbury on the grounds that they had played P. Champion, who was ineligible to play, he having accepted a position of profit under the Association viz having acted as boundary umpire in the match Worsley v Wellington for which he received the sum of five shillings (50 cents).

Mr. J. J. Barrett said that in asking the chairman to rule the protest out of order he would like if the Secretary would look up the minutes of the meeting at which it was agreed to have Boundary Umpires. The President said that he thought the Secretary was granted the power to appoint two boundary umpires.

The Secretary said that the minutes showed that the Secretary was authorised to appoint two boundary umpires.

Mr. Barrett took it that the Secretary could engage whom he liked from Saturday to Saturday. At the time Champion was engaged he was not a playing member of the South Bunbury Club as he had been disqualified and had not been granted his permit. They had no names of any boundary umpires on their books. Another point was that the rules stated that boundary umpires should receive 10.6d per match (\$1.05) not 5/- (50c). Again, the boundary umpires should be appointed by an umpires committee but Champion was not appointed by the umpire's committee. In regard to Champion being appointed a boundary umpire he would say that the Association Secretary went to the Captain of South Bunbury, Mr. L. Spencer, asking him to find a man who could act as boundary umpire. He suggested Champion and accordingly, when spoken to by the Association Secretary, he agreed to act as boundary umpire.

Mr. Simmonds upheld the contention put forward by Mr. Barrett. He would state further that Champion did not receive any permit to play till last Friday night for Saturday's game. They knew that before that he could not play for South Bunbury as he was disqualified. By the Permit Committee granting Champion a permit, he took it that they had dispensed with his services. No notice had been taken of the same thing last year. He moved that the protest be dismissed on the grounds stated by Mr. Barrett. Mr. Barrett seconded.

Mr. Smith remarked that the Worsley Secretary went to the South Bunbury captain and told him he would be protested if he played Champion. The President said that the question arose as to whether Champion had been appointed boundary umpire for the season. If he were, he would have to have his services dispensed with before he could play with a club. The only thing that could guide them on the matter was the minute of his appointment. The minutes only stated that the Secretary was given power to appoint two boundary umpires every Saturday. He was not compelled to appoint the same two every Saturday. As Champion had not a permanent appointment, there was, he ruled, no necessity for them to dispense with his services. He would also state that it was rather a fine point when it was all boiled down. Champion took on the job innocently and he was appointed innocently and he thought the protest was hardly on good grounds as it stood and if the games were to be won, they should be won on the football field and not at the Association meeting. Should any appeal against the decision go forward he hoped that the minute on the books would go forward with it.

Mr. Smith stated that Worsley intended to appeal although he did not give notice of appeal. No discussion ensued on the matter and the motion was carried.

2. A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Simon, Secretary of the Western Australian Football Association in Perth, stating that the appeal sent through by the Bunbury - Railway Football Club against the decision of the Bunbury Association who dismissed a protest against South Bunbury for playing Thomas without a clearance was upheld by the W.A.F.A. on the ground that the permit was not applied for on the proper form. The President (Mr. T. Griffiths) said he thought it was just about time that something was done in connection with the way the game was played in Bunbury.

The public were now about heartily sick of the way in which the game was played. The association was for the purpose of keeping the game clean and to act between the players and the public, but they found that the association was made use of for the purpose of winning or losing matches.

It was just possible that the poorest team in the association might go out and play the strongest and the latter would lose on a technicality. They had it from the Secretary of the W.A.F.A. who stated that the proper form must be used in applying for permits. He would ask how many permits had been granted or applied for on the proper form. All of the reports in the papers in Perth made some sort of reflection on the Association

and as such they fell back upon the chairman. He would say that the thing had gone as far as he intended to let it go and he would put it before the public. He would have to make an implication against the Secretary of the Bunbury - Railway Club and he had told him in the street of what he intended doing so that he could be present. He also sent him a letter under yesterday's date as follows:

Mr. G. Brigatti, Dear Sir,

As you are aware the meeting of the Association will be held at the Federal tonight. It is my intention to deal fully with matters concerning the recent protest and your connection with same. Trusting you will be present. Yours etc. Signed: Tom Griffith.

Continuing, the President said that he would say that the whole of the protest trouble was through Mr. Brigatti. During the week he had drafted a letter and had sent it to the W.A.F.A. It would explain the position to a great extent. He then read the following copy of the letter he had sent:

Bunbury, 11th June, 1906
J. J. Simon, Esq.,
Secretary W.A.F.A.
17 Josephson St., Fremantle.

Sir,

Bunbury Railway Club's protest vice daily press; I was very much surprised to read your rulings in the above case on matters that had not come before our Association, which puts a wrong impression on the matter. The press implies that there is a difference between the above Club and the local Association. I know of no such difference.

Thomas, a South Bunbury player, appeared before the Association for a permit, produced a wire from the Secretary and President of the New South Wales League, also report of a meeting of the same in "Sydney Sportsman" showing that a clearance had been granted to a man named Thomas in Bunbury, W.A., but owing to unforeseen circumstances the same had not reached him. He stated he was willing to make an affidavit he was the man, and the Association were also evidently satisfied on that point.

The Bunbury - Railway Secretary Brigatti, who was acting as one of their delegates, together with Mr. Hannan, the other delegate, were present, and I asked the meeting whether they desired to deal with this permit on a sportsmanlike basis, seeing Thomas played for South Bunbury two years ago and had been back from the East for eight months, or strictly according to the rules. I distinctly stated that if all were not unanimous I would judge the case according to the strict reading of the rules.

Brigatti, the Bunbury delegate, then moved that the Association recommend the Permit Committee to grant Thomas a permit which was duly seconded and carried unanimously. Subsequently the Permit Committee met with Mr. Hannan, the Bunbury - Railway delegate in the chair (who as pointed out above was also present and voted at the Association meeting). He first of all applied for a permit for Drew but was outvoted by the other two delegates (Worsley and South Bunbury) because they neither had Drew's clearance, neither had it been before the Perth Association up to that time. Hannan then informed the other delegates that if they did not grant Drew a clearance he would block Thomas, but they still maintained their stand.

The South Bunbury delegate then applied for Thomas's permit and was supported by the Worsley delegate but Hannan refused to put the motion, stating that the Permit Committee must be unanimous. The members then adjourned the meeting to the ground for the president's decision on the majority rule and this is distinctly stated on the minutes. Unfortunately the delegates could not see me on account of business and when the other two delegates on the ground endeavoured to get Mr. Hannan to reopen the meeting in accordance with the minute, he refused, contending that the meeting was illegal; But the Secretary of the Association (Mr. Worth) who was present, then put a motion to the other two delegates, Hannan being alongside, that Thomas should be permitted to play which was carried by them, and on the strength of this decision and the recommendation of the Association, South Bunbury decided to play Thomas, especially as the Bunbury - Railway delegates had voted in favour of this at the Association meeting, and had only gone against it now in view of Drew not being permitted to play, although the South Bunbury delegate informed Hannan he would be in favour of this course if they could produce a wire from Drew's Club that he had withdrawn from them. I may mention that at the Association meeting referred to, where Thomas stated his case, the Secretary of the local association was instructed to write enquiring of the Sydney League why Thomas' clearance had not been forwarded as per the wires received.

Thomas accordingly stripped but had to retire at the beginning of the second quarter as his elbow was put out by a fall, and South Bunbury therefore played a man short the rest of the game.

Bunbury - Railway, however, protested on the ground that Thomas materially affected the game by playing and on the strict reading of the rule Thomas ought to have had a clearance. At the next Association meeting I asked the Bunbury delegates, when the protest came forward, if they had any reason for altering their opinion expressed at the previous meeting when one of their delegates moved that the permit be granted, and the other voted in favour of the resolution, but they remained absolutely silent.

On the motion that the protest be dismissed, they were the only two who voted against it. The next thing that happened, to my surprise, was our Secretary at our next meeting reading a copy of an appeal sent to your Association and our Secretary has therefore committed an error in forwarding it to you.

Further, I am surprised at your Association dealing with the matter in view of Rule 34 sub - section E.

I consider from the reports in the papers that a very serious reflection has been cast upon me and the Local Association, and I think it only fair that your Association, now that the true facts are before them, should clear me of any blame and advise me at the same time if your former decision still holds good.

I know the rules thoroughly and would have judged the case according to them, but our Association, at which all Permit Committee were present, being so unanimous in their desire to allow Thomas to play, I fell in with their views.

I have done my best to keep the sport clean at this place and assist in an equitable judgement of all cases brought forward and shall have some very strong remarks to make at our next meeting respecting the action of certain parties in this matter, in which I expect your co - operation as I would never be a party to such practices as abovementioned.

I shall read this letter to our Association at our next meeting that they may know how I feel upon the subject."

The President said he would challenge the Bunbury - Railway delegates to say that they had gone to their club and stated what happened at the meeting. If they did, then the Club would have to take the responsibility of the action. He would be surprised if the supporters of the club were cognisant of the true facts and then wished the protest to go forward. They were, he thought, better sportsmen than that. He had asked Mr. Hannan to put the matter clearly before the members of the club before the appeal went up to see if they would take any action. If the members of the Club upheld the protest then the delegates were clear but if the delegates with the Secretary and a meeting of one or two decided on the protest, then they would have to take the responsibility of their action. At the meeting he referred to in his letter the delegates were agreed to let Thomas play. He had heard it stated that the reason they changed was "well, they would not allow us a permit for Drew".

At the subsequent meeting he had asked Mr. Brigatti why he did not give his views for protesting against Thomas and why he did not state them and he replied that it was all cut and dried. He took it that they came there to discuss every case on its proper basis. With regard to the statement that it was all cut and dried that implied that they had held caucus meetings and if the delegates to the Association had held caucus meetings and arranged matters beforehand they had

done one of the most corrupt things he knew of. Now that the matter had gone before the public it should be gone through. The sport was for the public and if the public did not support them they would have no clubs but the public were sick of hearing so many protests. The rules should be followed so far as keeping the sport clean, and he thought that they did right in recommending that Thomas be granted a permit especially as he had played in Bunbury before. Why the matter should have been fetched up later he did not know and he did not know where it was going to end but if it kept on football would end just like cycling in Bunbury and it would be ended by a certain person. If Mr. Brigatti kept going at the rate he was he would land football, and more especially, his own club, in the same position as he had landed cycling in Bunbury. He put it plainly and he hoped that the public would take a broad view of it. It was not personal hostility on his part. He did not want to see the game of football wrecked. The way matters were coming before the Association was as near to wrecking it as possible. If what he had written was not true, let those present say so and not go away from the meeting and then start to find misstatements. If the letter was not true, they could say all they liked on the subjects. (Applause).

Mr. Barrett (South Bunbury) said there was one thing he would like to mention. There was no copy of any letter having been sent to Sydney for Thomas's clearance. It was on the minutes that the Secretary should write to Sydney. That was three weeks or a month ago.

Mr. C. E. Spencer (Association Vice - President) had heard the President's letter read and he could bear out the major portion of the facts. He was present at the meeting and remembers the case and they were

unanimous that Thomas should be recommended for a permit. He remembered the Chairman asking them if they would deal with the matter in a sporting light or otherwise. It seemed to him unsportsmanlike in regard to the action taken after the way the delegates had voted. Later they had turned right round and voted another way. At the last meeting the President had asked the delegates if they had any evidence which would cause them to alter their minds, but they were silent.

Mr. Simmonds (South Bunbury) remarked that the nearest approach to a caucus was made by someone approaching a delegate to get him to vote on some matter.

The President said, if anyone was approached to vote for anything, if he would only mention it to him he would use his endeavours to make it public so that the person who approached anyone would never do the same thing afterwards.

Mr. Hannan (Bunbury - Railway) said that Mr. Griffith, had not stated in his letter that at the meeting he (the speaker) explained that the Permit Committee had finished business and then started again. He thought he could do his work as a Permit Committeeman, and he did not want any recommendation from the association meeting.

The President said that if Mr. Hannan could clear himself or Mr. Brigatti by saying that they went before their club and told the club all, they would put the blame on the club. They were members of the Association and had turned dog on the Association and they were like blacklegs who turned dog on a Trades Union. As far as Mr Counsel, he had nothing to say about him. He was not present at the meeting. Mr. Brigatti, having his proxy, consequently Mr. Counsel was not to blame. He would ask if they were satisfied the letter was a true representation of facts. Was there anything in it which was not a fact?

Mr. Hannan could not say off - hand.

The President asked him if he saw anything in it he would take up.

Mr. Simmons had been present at all the meetings and he thought the letter a true one.

Mr. Barrett moved that "the delegates of this Association believe what is in the letter to be a true record of facts".

Mr. Smith (Worsley) seconded.

Mr. Hannan objected. It did not state that the Permit Committee had finished the meeting and then started again. He admitted it represents the facts as explained in the minutes.

The motion was carried. Mr. Hannan alone objecting."

At a meeting of the Bunbury Football Association on 1/8/1906, the following letter from J. J. Simons W.A.F.A. was read:

"After hearing your letter the members of my Association have decided that their decision communicated to your late Secretary on 6th ult, is null and void and the ruling is hereby revoked.

I may state, that as the case was submitted to us by the then Secretary of your Association, we naturally assumed that all the conditions laid down in the rules had been observed.

The case now stands as if it had never been before us."

So ended a remarkable series of protests with South Bunbury sticking to their convictions throughout, to finally emerge with the protests against them dismissed.

The 1906 season continued with South Bunbury continuing in their winning vein, including the match of August 11, against Wellington:

"Exceptionally fine football weather prevailed on Saturday and it was thought that a large number of spectators would attend to see South Bunbury play Wellington. Owing to the latter team not turning up however, the match fell through.

South Bunbury had the ball bounced, and after kicking a behind, claimed the match."

On August 18th, South Bunbury defeated Worsley 11.10 to 11.8 and this was recorded in the "Collie Miner" newspaper of August 25, 1906:

"A more evenly contested tussle than that witnessed on the Worsley Ground on Saturday last between South Bunbury and Worsley teams it would be difficult to imagine.

From the start the South Bunbury men quickly forced the ball down to their end where the first point in the game was scored.

Some pretty passing among the local men then found the leather at the other end where "Roper" Rowe made a bad shot and equalised the score.

Two pretty goals were notched up by Cridland for South Bunbury. Shaking things up, Worsley forced the play up hill where Spice, who was awarded a free kick, recorded the first goal for the local men. Then Percy Champion and Minnie Palmer distinguished themselves for South Bunbury - the barrackers urging Worsley not to be afraid of Palmer, who was showing some of his old time dash. At half time, the local men, through the kindness and thoughtfulness of Mr. J. C. Braidwood, were relieved with a drop of the 'best scotch', the supporters of the South Bunbury team looking after their men in a similar manner."

The final match of the season was played on Sept. 9, 1906, between South Bunbury and Bunbury - Railway. This resulted in an overwhelming victory for South Bunbury 11.12 to 0.4.

The "Southern Times" reports:

"During the first quarter a most unpleasant incident occurred. Naylor shot for goal for Souths and Sep Shaw, who was keeping goal, marked. The goal umpire was sure that Shaw marked the ball behind the posts while the latter was equally sure that he took it from in front.

A goal was signalled and Bunbury - Railway thereupon stated that unless the goal umpire was changed they would go off the field. After some consideration the Association Secretary, Mr. George Doak, decided that as Bunbury - Railway appeared determined to leave the field if a second umpire was not appointed, to appoint one."

Thus ended the 1906 season with South Bunbury again winning the Premiership.

At a Smoke Social on October 31, 1906, the following were presented with premiership medals:

L. Spencer, J. Gordon, J. E. Hands, W. Dowling, W. Hawks, J. Naylor, H. Stokes, P. Michael, F. E. Palmer, P. Champion, S. Stevens, G. Cridland, A. Thomas, F. Webber, W. J. Norrie, W. Thomas, H. Naylor, T. Graham, Johnston and Alf White.

A special medal was presented to the Secretary, J. J. Barrett, and another special medal for 'the most gentlemanly and unselfish' player was presented to Percy Champion.

1907

1907. It was generally believed that Donnybrook would join the Bunbury Football Association, but as no letter of application had been received by the time of the first Association meeting, the fixtures were drawn up and Donnybrook was excluded.

The first game was on May 11, and resulted in a defeat for South Bunbury at the hands of Lumpers - 11.10 to 5.12. The "Southern Times" had this to say about the match:

"Football was ushered in at Bunbury on Saturday, in a bright and cheerful manner on a splendid day and in the presence of a good number of spectators - the ladies being well represented. South Bunbury donned the old Red and White and their new opponents appeared in Blue and White and when the two teams lined up prior to the start, the colours contrasted strongly with each other.

By their victory over South Bunbury, Lumpers have demonstrated the fact that a trained team has a marvellous pull over an untrained one. Ever since the formation of the Lumpers Club the members of the team have practiced most assiduously while the South team have turned up in comparatively small numbers."

On June 8, South Bunbury met and defeated Lumpers 9.14 to 2.8 and the "Southern Times" reported as follows:

"South Bunbury completely reversed matters with the Lumpers on Saturday and subjected that team to a very severe beating. It was plain that when the team walked onto the field J.J.B. had mobilised them for something more than show. Supporters of the Red and White felt fairly confident of success and they had good reason to do so. If South Bunbury put such a team into the field next Saturday, Railway will have to put in some good work to win, and I don't think they can.

Champion, Palmer, Hands, Stokes, Dowling, and Stevens are men who as footballers are already sufficiently well known to South West football enthusiasts and it is doubtful whether another team in the South West can boast of such a sextet."

Apparently, South Bunbury did put such a team into the field the following Saturday (June 15) and defeated Railway - the final scores being South Bunbury 10.17, Railway 5.8.

The matter did not end there, however, as, on June 19, at the meeting of the Bunbury Football Association, Mr. T. Kennedy (a delegate from the Railway Club) tabled a letter reporting South Bunbury Captain, Lou Spencer, for wilfully charging Railway player- J Naylor.

It is rather surprising that in those days a delegate had the power to report a player for action on the field of play. The "Southern Times" of June 20, 1907, carried the following report:

"A CHARGE OF ROUGH PLAY - L. SPENCER DISQUALIFIED FOR SEASON

At the regular meeting of the BFA held at the Pier Hotel last night there were present Mr. T. Griffiths (President) and delegates A. F. Spencer and Bolden (South Bunbury), Membrey and Kennedy (Railways), Yardley and Faulkner (Lumpers) and Doak (Secretary).

T. Kennedy wrote reporting L. Spencer of the South Bunbury team for having in last Saturday's match against Railway wilfully charged J. Naylor.

Mr. Kennedy said he had not laid the charge as a result of last Saturday's incident but he had watched Mr. Spencer's play for some time. He did not blame the man as he thought it was through circumstances over which he had no control. He was prepared to go to any extent rather than be beaten and witness made up his mind last Saturday to watch him. Naylor, Spencer and Stevens were running on the grandstand wing. Naylor was playing Stevens for the ball which was on the ground. Naylor and Stevens struck their hips and collided and Spencer came from the outside on Naylor's left hand and struck him in the stomach with his elbow and, raising his knee, struck him again. Previous to that Spencer had caught Willey, a Railway player, and had thrown him and he was surprised at the central umpire not reporting the matter. There were more juniors in the three teams this year and if men were to be allowed to frighten them then it was for them as an Association to do something.

Mr. F. S. Membrey said, in his opinion the three men were going for the ball, when Stevens and Naylor hit each other and Naylor was turned slightly around. Spencer then charged Naylor and brought him down. He brought his knee up and hit Naylor with it. He was sure Spencer charged Naylor first.

Mr. F. Yardley said he was in a good position at the match. He saw Naylor collide with Stevens and as Naylor twisted around Spencer came on him with the knee. Naylor was sandwiched between Spencer and Stevens.

J. Naylor said he was playing in the match. He was after the ball on the grandstand side when he collided with Stevens, which turned him round. and then Spencer came onto him and he fell. He had the wind knocked out of him. He thought Spencer's elbow took his wind while he was hurt by his knee. He did not know whether it was a deliberate charge. Before he could recover from the collision with Stevens Spencer was onto him. They were all close together. He did not see Mr. Spencer till he hit him.

That concluded the evidence for the charge. Mr. Spencer said that in reference to Mr. Kennedy's remarks he thought he could keep his temper on the football field. He had played for 14 years and had only given an ordinary number of free kicks. On Saturday last Naylor and he were chasing the ball side by side and when he got near Naylor he shouldered him. Stevens, another South Bunbury player, was on the left and Naylor fell across his hip and he considered that was how Naylor got hurt. He contended that it was not a charge as he was not far enough away from Naylor to charge him.

T. Richardson, central umpire in the match, said Naylor and Spencer were going in one direction for the ball and Stevens was coming the other way. As the men got close together Spencer got between him and Naylor and from what he saw he thought Spencer pushed Naylor in the back. Naylor fell and was hurt. He gave Naylor a free kick because, he thought, Spencer had pushed him in the back. It seemed to him that Naylor was pushed onto Stevens' hip. If he thought it was an intentional charge, he would have given Naylor a free kick and reported the matter as well. If Stevens had not been there the man would not have been hurt.

F. E. Palmer said he was playing in the match last Saturday and he saw the incident. He was standing in a position about 15 yards away. He thought the matter was purely accidental. He did not think anyone was to

blame but if there was it was Stevens. He saw Spencer shoulder Naylor and Stevens coming the other way collided with them. He thought Stevens hip winded Naylor. He had played football long enough to know there was no charge. He could see all that took place.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Association should decide the matter and open to the public.

The chairman pointed out, and ruled accordingly, that as Mr. Kennedy had laid the charge and had given evidence he could not in fairness sit in judgement on the case. Mr. Kennedy contended that he had only brought the matter before the Association as his duty. He could not be called the prosecutor.

A deadlock followed, and eventually Mr. Membrey moved that the Chairman's ruling be disagreed with. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion was carried by four votes to two.

Mr. Griffith said he was pleased he had struck someone who had backbone enough to express their opinion. For years and years he had given such decisions and yet some who disagreed with him had not the courage to tell him so. He had given a decision which he thought was right. They thought him wrong, and if he was wrong he should not hold his position, and he had the greatest pleasure in the world to retire. He would stake his reputation on the fact that no one in the world would accept evidence from a person who was going to sit in judgement and he was therefore going to have absolutely nothing to do with the matter. Mr. Griffith retired from the chair.

Mr. Spencer said that as he was interested in the case he would not take part in the decision and he withdrew.

Mr. Membrey did not see that Mr. Griffith should take up the stand he had taken.

Mr. Griffith replied that if he left his hat in the chair it could apparently do as much good as they would disagree with it even. They were right and he was wrong.

Mr. Bolden did not see why the delegate who reported the matter should give his decision at all. It would be like giving the Combine power to settle the present timber dispute - and they would soon settle it.

Mr. Griffith said he would not sit on the case but he would give them the alternative of referring the matter to the Resident Magistrate (Mr. W. L. Owen) who was disinterested in the matter and he would stand or fall by Mr. Owen's decision as to whether his ruling was right or wrong. He gave them credit for holding their opinion and he hoped they would also give him credit for holding his. He would not have given the decision if he did not think it was right.

Mr. Membrey said he would agree to the Chairman's ruling being sent to the W.A.F. League. He moved to that effect. Mr. Yardley seconded. Carried.

Mr. Membrey (Vice - President) then took the chair in Mr. Griffith's place. Mr Membrey said that he thought by the evidence the charge laid by Mr. Kennedy was justified. He thought Spencer was guilty of charging the man.

Mr. Bolden disagreed with the chairman. The central umpire was the man to bring such a matter forward.

Mr. Yardley said that the statements had been corroborated and it was up to the Association to do something. The sport was for the public who did not go to the ground to see a display of brutality. It was hardly fair to have young players knocked about. They should administer a caution to others in this case. He moved that Mr. Spencer should stand down for the season.

Mr. Kennedy said he could not do anything else but second the motion. If an example was made in the case rough play would be checked. He hoped that any man who stooped to such low tactics would be severely dealt with.

Mr. Bolden contended that the umpire had given a decision and it was against the speakers.

The motion on being put was carried by three votes to one. Mr. C. E. Spencer on behalf of the South Bunbury Club gave notice of appeal."

"SOUTHERN TIMES", JUNE 22, 1907
"LOU SPENCER DISQUALIFIED

On Thursday and yesterday the local topic of conversation was the disqualification passed on Mr. L. H. Spencer, of the South Bunbury Football Club, on Wednesday night. Various were the opinions expressed in the matters, the majority of which were not by any means of a nature which could be classed as complimentary to the delegates of the Association who decided the matter. There is apparently a screw loose somewhere and the matter needs setting right.

On Thursday night a meeting of members and supporters of the South Bunbury Football Club was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel. Mr. C. E. Spencer, President, occupied the chair and there were a large gathering present. The question of the disqualification was gone into and it was decided to appeal to the local Appeal Board on the matter."

"SOUTHERN TIMES", JUNE 27, 1907
"MEETING OF BFA

Mr. L. H. Spencer wrote forwarding an appeal against his disqualification and stating his ground of appeal.

C. E. Spencer stated that as President of South Bunbury, which had been robbed of its captain by the disqualification, he had done his best to urge the matter on as it was a matter of vital importance to the South Bunbury Club. Their captain had been stood down for six months and as they were playing on Saturday they wanted the matter settled before then.

Mr. Membrey moved that the matter be referred to the Appeal Board. Mr. Bolden (SB) seconded - carried.

The Secretary stated that he had seen the members of the Appeal Board and they thought to be able to sit on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Membrey (Railway) took exception to the Secretary of the Association finding out when the appeal board would sit before the appeal had come before the association.

Mr. C. E. Spencer pointed out that at the previous meeting of the Association he had given notice of appeal.

The Secretary made an explanation of his action in the matter. He said the way the delegates were talking was enough to make one feel disgusted with the whole thing."

"SOUTHERN TIMES", JUNE 29, 1907
"SITTING OF APPEALS BOARD

Yesterday afternoon the Appeal Board appointed by the B.F.A. consisting of Messrs. W. L. Owen (Resident Magistrate), R. W. Lowe and T. W. Paisley met to consider the appeal of Mr. L. H. Spencer, captain of the S.B. team, against the disqualification for the rest of the season passed on him recently by the Bunbury Association. The case was fully gone into, and in justice to Mr. Spencer we have great pleasure in publishing the finding of the Appeal Board, which is as follows:

KENNEDY v L. H. SPENCER

After carefully considering the evidence taken before the Association, and in this inquiry, admitted by both parties as substantially correct, and addresses by both the prosecutor's and defendant's representatives, we have come to the conclusion that L. H. Spencer is not guilty of the charge laid against him.

Signed: W. Lambden Owen (Chairman)
 R. Wm. Lowe.
 Thos. William Paisley."

On Saturday, June 29, South Bunbury again defeated Lumpers 4.8 to 3.7 and in this match the Cridland Brothers showed up well for Souths, as did "Nana" Hislop. Alfie White showed splendid form and Algy Thomas had bad luck with his shooting.

At the match the case of L. H. Spencer was fully discussed by players and spectators. It is said the Railway delegates intend resigning.

The 1907 season ended with South Bunbury again winning the Premiership by defeating Railway - the final scores being South Bunbury 6.10, Railway 4.4.

For this match, the South Bunbury team comprised: L. Spencer (Captain), Palmer, Champion, Stevens, Stokes, J. Hands, Dowling, Yates, Sharp, Cridland (2), White, Webber, Dare, Thompson, Johnson, Norrie and Algy Thomas.

1908

The season began with three teams joining the Association - South Bunbury, Railway and Lumpers.

South Bunbury won three of their first four games. Players of that time who represented the Club were:

A. Nankervis (Capt.), C. Kruger (V/Capt.), P. Champ7On, S. Stevens, B. Whitty, F. Cridland, G. Cridland, W. Pickersgill, E. Sharpe, F. Webber, A. White, J. Roberts, A. Thomas, H. Johnston, W. Martin, J. Blythe, T. Mitchell, H. Stokes, S. Fisher, C. Howard, and Ticher.

The match of June 20, 1908, was reported by the "Southern Times" as follows:

"On Saturday last, the first game of the third round was played between teams representing South Bunbury and Railway. South Bunbury only put a moderate team in the field, and played throughout with 16 men, but despite this fact they altogether outclassed their opponents.

In the first quarter South kicked 2 goals 8 behinds to Railway 3 behinds, and at half - time were leading by 24 points.

Railway rallied somewhat in the third quarter, but were unable to wipe out the deficit, and as the game progressed South added to their already big score, the final result being South Bunbury 8.14, Railway 4.6."

This game was to cause a considerable furore in local football circles in the next few weeks, when the "Southern Times" published an Editorial attacking the Bunbury Football Association for "Its allegation that the newspaper was not giving the game the publicity it deserved". That newspaper editorial of July 25, 1908, said:

"SOUTHERN TIMES" EDITORIAL - SATURDAY,
JULY 25, 1908

"The Bunbury Football Association, at its last public meeting, complained that the association had not been fairly treated by the press, and the trouble seemed to be that the press had insinuated that certain players were not "triers" and naturally diminished gate receipts were the result. So far as this paper is concerned we must repudiate any assertion of unfairness. As a matter of fact, in order that the "gate" receipts may not be affected, we avoided comment on the game and merely reported it as it appeared to the onlookers to be played. We paid no heed to what was common talk to "the man in the street" and perhaps in that we were guilty of a dereliction of duty so far as the public was concerned. The "man in the street" wondered why on one occasion when a man who was supposed to be on his way to Perth suddenly appeared at the last moment much to the surprise of the supporters of the other club; the "man in the street" found it added a spice and zest to the sport by wagering on the game; he had no time to waste a Saturday afternoon - looking at a football match unless there was "something hanging on it". And there were many other things which the "man in the street" talked out loud about and which would probably cause the "gate" to be a negative quantity if the public knew, but we were not lending ourselves to an expensive libel action just for the sake of the "sport". And in that we perhaps again failed in our duty to the public and we confined ourselves to merely reporting the game of football as it appeared to the onlooker.

In case we should inadvertently hurt the feelings of those true sportsmen who are playing the game merely for the love of it, we may remark that no - one regrets the money making element which has crept in and is wrecking the game more than we do. These are the men who deny themselves many things in order that they may be fit and well to play the game in every sense of the word, for the sheer love of the quickening of the pulses and the eye and the [audible ambition of "beating the other fellow" fairly and squarely. But their efforts are frequently negated by the unwholesome leaven which "plays" when it "pays". And in face of this, to have it publicly stated by the President of the Bunbury Football Association that we are injuring the Association by running the game down!! Some people are inclined to think that the Clubs "run" the Association instead of the Association controlling the Clubs, and colour is lent to this by the strange conduct of the Chairman at a recent meeting when only four delegates were present, two from each Club, and he, being one of them, in his capacity as Chairman used his privilege of a casting vote and thus reduced it to a one man meeting."

The reference concerning "the player on his way to Perth" suddenly appearing at the last moment, refers to the occasion when South Bunbury played Railway on Saturday, June 20, 1908.

Several "wagering gentlemen" from the opposition club were alleged to have attempted to "buy off" South Bunbury player Percy Champion, by giving him a sum of money in return for the undertaking he would catch the train to Perth, which departed Bunbury just prior to the commencing time of the match.

Following the finalisation of this arrangement, some supporters of the opposing team were allegedly readily prepared to wager against South Bunbury's chances of winning the match.

Champion, however, after accepting the money, made known the plan to his South Bunbury teammates. It is believed the South Bunbury betting fraternity accepted any wager they could obtain - including the placing of the money given to Percy Champion.

Both sides were reported to having been exceedingly satisfied with the placing of their wagers, as one side thought Champion would not be playing - while the other knew that he would.

Reports suggest that it had been arranged for Champion to catch the train at Bunbury and meet his South Bunbury mates at Picton Junction. From there, Champion was returned to the Recreation Ground in time to play.

With Champion, and only 15 other players, South Bunbury won the game - and of course, the money.

The meeting referred to where the President used his casting vote was one at which South Bunbury was not represented by delegates. An argument ensued between the Lumpers and Railway Clubs concerning a clearance for a player from Midland Junction. Railway had played him against Lumpers without a clearance and Lumpers had protested. The protest was dismissed by the meeting on the casting vote of the Chairman.

1908 was to conclude on another successful note for South Bunbury, as again, Premiership honours came their way.

The "Southern Times" of October 27, 1908, reported the wind - up social held by the Club, as follows:

"SOUTHERN TIMES", TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1908

"The South Bunbury Football Club, premiers for the 1908 season, held a social at the Wellington Hotel on Friday evening last which was well attended, the president of the Club, Mr. C. E. Spencer, being in the chair. A lengthy toast list was supplied.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the Bunbury Football Association and commenced upon a statement made at the Railway Football Club social recently that the latter had morally won the premiership.

Mr. A. F. Spencer, Chairman of the Association, said he knew the President of the Club felt these remarks, but he reminded them that as an Association they must expect criticism and he felt that so long as they carried out the rules they would have the support of the public, and remarks like those could pass unnoticed.

Other toasts honoured were: The President - proposed by Mr. F. W. Steere and responded to by Mr. C. E. Spencer; The donors of trophies - proposed by Mr. H. C. Nankervis and responded to by Mr. Alex Smith and Mr. Jules Robin; Captain of the premier team - proposed by Mr. A. F. Spencer and responded to by Mr. H. C. Nankervis, captain, who referred to the assistance given to him by the vice - captain, Mr. C. S. Kruger, and the Secretary, Mr. Harry Stokes, and also announced that he (Mr. Nankervis) would not be playing next season; The Umpires - responded to by Mr. Minnie Palmer, who stated he did not intend to umpire next season, but if he played, promised to play with South Bunbury; The S.B.F.C. - proposed by Mr J. J. Barrett and responded to by Mr. H. Dowling; The Ladies, The Press, and "Mine Host" were also toasted.

During the evening a splendid photograph of the team, executed by Mr. W. J. Ford of Wellington Street, was presented to the President, Mr. C. E. Spencer. It contained a large portrait of the recipient in the centre surmounted by photographs of individual members of the team, while beneath was a group of the team in playing costume.

At the foot of the photograph, which was handsomely framed, was an inscription "Presented to C. E. Spencer, Esq., as a token of esteem by the members of the South Bunbury Football Club, Premiers 1908 season."

The honour caps were also presented to the following players: Nankervis, Stokes, "Bricky" Cridland, Orr, Johnston, Thomas, White, Hough, Kruger, "Pud" Cridland, Pickersgill (2), Dowling, Norrie, Mitchell, Stevens, Webber, Martin and Curran."

The photograph presented to Mr. C. E. Spencer has since been returned to the Club, and may be viewed in the present Club premises.

Reports do not substantiate the Railway Club's contention, that it had morally won the Premiership, South Bunbury beat Railway on three occasions and only lost once. South's victories included the final match of the season, and, of course, the controversial match of June 20.

The first member to be honoured with Life Membership of South Bunbury received this recognition in 1908. J. J. Barrett (or J.J. as he was known) had been instrumental with Jack Hands and others in originally forming the Club in 1897 and had served as secretary for four seasons. He was a tireless worker for the club as secretary and association delegate.

1909

At a meeting of the Bunbury Football Association on April 31, delegates attended from South Bunbury, Railway, Lumpers, Yarloop and Wellington.

The Yarloop delegates said they would be pleased to join the Association provided arrangements could be made for them to get back to Yarloop on Saturday night. They contended that they would leave Bunbury by train at 8.00 p.m. which would take them as far as Brunswick Junction. A goods train left Brunswick at 7.15 p.m. on Saturday nights and if this could be put back a couple of hours it would enable them to get home. The Association promised that they would do all they could to arrange this. The delegates also asked for one home game each round, and when this was promised, Yarloop joined the Association.

The Wellington delegates also stipulated that there should be one home ground match in each round at Dardanup, and as this was agreed to, Wellington also joined the Association.

On May 4, the Fixture Committee drew up the fixtures for the first two rounds. In confining their attention to the two rounds only, the Committee adopted the system of the Perth League which decided that after the first two rounds, the last team drops out. The first team then plays the third, and the second team plays the fourth. The winners play off in a final with the leading team being given the right to challenge.

This was evidently the first attempt to organise a final round. The team finishing first on the ladder were known as the minor premiers, and if they lost the final, retained the right of challenge. If successful in the second or challenge match, the club became the official premiers.

"The "Southern Times" of May 15 carried the following rather humorous article:

A FLURRIED GATEKEEPER

"At Thursday night's meeting of the Bunbury Football Association one of the delegates reported that at last Saturday's match, one of the gatekeepers had not given him his check ticket when he paid his sixpence. Three others went into the ground at the same time and he noticed none of them received tickets.

He went back and asked for his check ticket when, it was pointed out, the man seemed flurried and nervous. The Association Secretary, who seemed much concerned over the matter, said that he had appointed the man on the grounds that he was a poor man and had a family, and the five shillings every Saturday would be of use to him.

The President stated "Very well, we'll say he was careless and employ another man next time".

The selection of another gatekeeper was left in the hands of the Secretary."

On the football side of 1909, South Bunbury were toppled from their pedestal by Railway, after the team had won four matches, lost two and surprisingly, drew two against Wellington Mills. The first draw on May 15 resulted in 4.9 being scored by both sides. However, in the second draw, on July 18, South Bunbury, due to inaccurate kicking for goals, drew the match 2.16 to 4.4.

1910

Prior to the start of the 1910 season, the talk of the town and country was centred on the appearance of Haley's Comet as good sightings had been obtained for several evenings.

Football got under way on May 21 with South Bunbury notching a victory against Wellington 10.16 to 2.8.

On June 4, all fixtures were cancelled as the colony had gone into mourning over the death of King Edward VII.

By July 23 the ladder was:

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
LUMPERS	6	5	1	20
SOUTH BUNBURY	6	4	2	16
RAILWAY	6	3	3	12
WELLINGTON	6	0	6	0

The main contentious event during the season so far centred around one J. "Digger" Smith - a player for the Lumpers team. Digger Smith had applied for a clearance to South Bunbury which was refused and Smith appealed to the BFA Appeal Board.

BFA meetings and Appeal Board meetings were open to the press in those days and were reported in Hansard - like fashion.

At the Appeal Board, Smith asked the reason for the refusal of his clearance, and the Lumpers delegate (obviously hedging) stated that his last two games had not been played to his usual standard. Smith asked the delegate who kicked the goals on his last game, and what position he (Smith) played in. The delegate could not answer. The discussion then centred around payment to Smith, for playing for Lumpers, however this was denied by all parties.

Prior to the game on July 9, the South Bunbury Captain (Kruger) advised the Lumpers' Club that win, lose, or draw, South Bunbury would be protesting should the Lumpers play Smith, who South Bunbury considered to be a "professional", Lumpers played Smith, and duly won the game, and South Bunbury in turn, duly lodged a protest.

Many meetings of the BFA and Appeal Board followed, which were fully reported in the "Southern Times" of that year, and finally, on 28/7/1910, the following decision was given.

"That having carefully reviewed the evidence, we are of the opinion that the charge of professionalism laid against James Smith has been proved, and we order that James Smith shall be disqualified for a term extending up to and including the 31st December, 1912, also, that the protest lodged by the South Bunbury Football Club against Lumpers Football Club for playing the aforesaid James Smith be upheld, and the match awarded to the protesting team."

Following this article which appeared in the "Southern Times" of 30/7/1910, the writer of the article appended in large letters.

VALE DIGGER

The charge of professionalism levelled against "Digger" arose from the fact that he was receiving One Pound (\$2.00) per game, and the severity of the sentence imposed (two and one half seasons) reflected the attitude of the administrators of the game in those days. If the game was not worth playing for the love of the game, it should not be played at all.

AMENDED LADDER AT THIS STAGE

	P	W	L	Points
SOUTH BUNBURY	6	5	1	20
LUMPERS	6	4	2	16
RAILWAY	6	3	3	12
WELLINGTON	6	0	6	0

This was not to help South Bunbury in their 1910 premiership bid however, for, after qualifying to play in the final as minor premiers, South lost that match to Railway 8.9 to 6.10.

Exercising their right to challenge, South Bunbury were given a taste of their own medicine by being convincingly beaten in the Challenge Final - the final scores being: Railway 13.10, South Bunbury 4.8.

1911

This was to be another quiet year for South Bunbury, as nothing exceptional was reported in the local press.

South Bunbury won the final against Lumpers 9.11 to 5.11, but when that team exercised their right as Minor Premiers to challenge, South were well and truly beaten 13.11 to 6.4 for premiership honours.

Only three teams in the Association this year - South Bunbury, Railway and Lumpers.

1912

Another quiet year. The Railway Football Club disbanded prior to the commencement of the season, but Bunbury reformed. A team from Yarloop also entered the Association. Teams comprising South Bunbury, Lumpers, Bunbury and Yarloop therefore formed the Association.

South Bunbury again won the final against Lumpers 10.4 to 4.12, and when that team again exercised its right of challenge as minor premiers, this time it was South Bunbury's turn, and the club won the premiership with a score of 9.8 to Lumpers 7.10.

1913

The Lumpers team this year was replaced by a team called Wanderers and the Association comprised South Bunbury, Railways, Yarloop, Wanderers, and Wellington Mills was readmitted.

Railways defeated South Bunbury in the final 8.9 to 7.13 by two points, but, after exercising the right to challenge as minor premiers, South Bunbury won the premiership by defeating Railways 6.18 to 6.3.

The South Bunbury team consisted of F. Cridland (Capt.), G. Cridland, W. Pickersgill, C. Brockman, W. H. Pickersgill, A. J. C. Buswell, W. Beer, H. Patteff, L. Smeeth, G. Hough, J. Kenyon, W. Martin, H. Donaldson, C. H. Buswell, F. Bostock, J. Christensen, A. W. Buswell, F. Beer, F. Blythe and M. White.

A Ladies Committee had been formed by this year, and in 1913 comprised Mesdames C. H. Bray, F. Yardley, A. Buswell, E. Stokes, Watson, and Misses A. Delaporte, M. Williams, Amy McLernon and Hilda Foss.

At the wind - up South Bunbury was presented with the Illingsworth Cup which, having been won for two consecutive seasons, became the property of the Club.

The C. W. Snowden Cup, also won outright by the club this season, was also presented.

1914

The Bunbury Football Association expanded again in 1914 and included teams from South Bunbury, Railways, Wanderers, Wellington Mills, the reformed Lumpers, and the newly admitted Donnybrook Club. Yarloop did not affiliate in 1914. A late application from Boyanup was rejected because it had been received too late in the season.

During May and June, there was a smallpox scare in Bunbury, and the town was quarantined. More than 3000 people received vaccinations. The fixtures for May 23, and June 6, were abandoned because of this scare. Later it was decided to put all fixtures back two weeks.

On August 1, South Bunbury defeated Wanderers 8.8 to 6.9 and following this victory, the press reported that South Bunbury had thus completed the 1914 season as undefeated champions.

No final round matches were played, and South Bunbury was declared premiers for the year.

Very little publicity was given to the game in 1914, no doubt because of the impending crisis in Europe which resulted in the 1914 - 18 war, occupying the attention of the local press.

THE SECOND QUARTER

1915 to 1940

During the 1914-1918 World War many members of the South Bunbury football teams - "A" Grade, "B" Grade and Junior Grade enlisted in the fighting services.

The following members who did not return, and now rest in Australian War Cemeteries overseas, are remembered with pride:

BEER, F.	HOLLYWELL, W. T.
BLYTHE, D. J.	LOCKHART, G.
BLYTHE, F. A.	NISBETT, E. J.
BLYTHE, P.	PLATT, J.
DONALDSON, H.	SMEETH, L. R.
HISLOP, M.	STOKES, T. W.
HISLOP, P.	WHITE, M. H.

1918

With the 1914 - 18 war still being fought, and there being no football in Bunbury during the past three years, the old South Bunbury stalwart, J. J. Barrett, apparently had had enough, as this Public Notice which appeared in the "South Western Times" of June 15, shows:

"FOOTBALL

A meeting of footballers and those interested in once again getting the good old game going in Bunbury will be held in the Lumpers Union Rooms on Thursday evening next at 8.00 p.m.

J. J. Barrett, Convenor"

By July 13 football had been revived to the extent that South Bunbury met Bunbury at the Recreation Ground and were defeated 7.11 to 4.7.

Best for South: Cridland, Bostock, Pickersgill (3), Keddie and Prosser.

The "South Western Times" reported:

"Both teams can afford to put in a little practice in passing and handling as these appear to be weak spots in the play. When next these teams meet, it is hoped that there will be a good open game, but a little more 'dash' will be appreciated by the spectators."

On July 28, a South Bunbury team comprising Pickersgill (3), Buswell (3), Prosser (2), F. Bostock, G. Cridland, H. A. Hislop, L. Johnston, V. Freeman, R. Gibson, R. Keddie, S. Stevens, R. Beer, G. Taylor, J. Caddy, A. Wenn, F. Hill, E. Dillon and W. Price turned the tables on Bunbury by winning 10.11 to 4.4. On September 1, South Bunbury defeated Wellington 12.15 to 5.3.

The semi - finals were organised with the team with the highest points to meet the third team, while the second team would meet the fourth team. The winners would then play for the premiership with the minor premiers reserving the right of challenge.

At the conclusion of the qualifying round the ladder was:

	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against
South Bunbury	3	2	1	178	114
Bunbury	3	2	1	195	128
Harvey	3	2	1	151	167
Wellington Mills	3	0	3	113	228

At the Association meeting on September 2, Mr. J. Vick moved that a committee consisting of Messrs Parham, Sharpe, Gannaway and Fattorini extract the averages and prepare a statement for the meeting. This was done and the position was as follows:

South Bunbury	1.561
Bunbury	1.523
Harvey	0.904
Wellington	0.495

The results of the semi - finals were as follows:

Sept. 7	South Bunbury	19.22	Harvey	3.2
Sept 14	Bunbury	12.21	Wellington	3.8

The final:

Sept 21	South Bunbury	7.22	Bunbury	3.7.
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And so, with the resumption of the competition in Bunbury, South Bunbury once again led the way with another premiership to the club's credit.

1919

Two more teams entered the Association in 1910 Railways and Boyanup. Harvey withdraw from the competition.

An application was made to the Town Council to play football on Sundays on the Recreation Ground (it was permitted at Forrest Park). However, after considerable debate, the application was rejected and only Saturday football was permitted on the Recreation Ground.

On April 16 South Bunbury had a general meeting, to discuss this rejection, and decided to organise a further deputation to the Council. However this move was also rejected. Another deputation in August met with a similar fate although the grounds on which this was requested was that Railway could only get their side together on a Sunday, and Forrest Park was water - logged. Again the Council's response was NO.

On May 19, Mr. Lee, as delegate for Railway Club, said at an Association meeting that Railway had decided to form a football club and that their colours would be yellow and black. Mr. Lee said his club would only be able to play on Sundays as this was the only day they could get the team together.

At a meeting of the Bunbury Football Association, on July 9, the question of playing matches during unsatisfactory weather was discussed and it was decided that a Weather Committee be appointed consisting of: President, Vice - President and Secretary of the Association.

"In future it will rest with this committee as to whether a match takes place or not."

South Bunbury recorded another premiership victory in 1919, finally defeating Bunbury, after exercising their right of challenge as Minor Premiers. The challenge final resulted South Bunbury 4.8, Bunbury 4.5.

Best players for South Bunbury in that Challenge Final were: Tom Easton, "Tood" Buswell, W. Pickersgill, Cridland and S. Sinclair.

Note: - The responsibility given to the "Weather Committee" to decide when matches should or should not be played, because of weather conditions, probably accounts for some of the blanks in the statistical section of this publication.

1920

This year saw the formation of the Bunbury Football Association with affiliation to the W.A.F.L. in Perth, and the disbandment of the previous autonomous Association.

At an association meeting the balance of £5/1/3d. was distributed between the clubs playing in the competition last year - presumably a massive £1/0/3d each.

The newly - formed Association comprised teams from South Bunbury, Bunbury, Railways, and the reformed Lumpers. Donnybrook also entered the competition.

South Bunbury again emerged minor premiers and in a low scoring grand final against Lumpers (3.10 to 1.7) won yet another premiership.

1921

This year saw the disbandment of the Bunbury Football Club and the entrance to the competition of another Bunbury team - Pastimes Football Club. Other teams were South Bunbury, Railways and Lumpers.

The numbering of players was mooted for the first time and the Association left the matter in the hands of the individual clubs. For some unknown reason, South Bunbury opposed the introduction of numbered players.

1921 was to prove a breakthrough in efforts to play Sunday football on the Recreation Ground. Actually during 1920 the Association defied the Town Council and played some games on the Recreation Ground on Sundays. Even though the Council obtained legal opinion that this was against the law the clubs still decided to play. In May, 1921, the Bunbury Council agreed to permit football being played on the recreation Ground on Sundays - but not during the periods when divine services were being held in the town.

During the season South Bunbury lost only one match and finished on top of the ladder to be minor premiers. In the semifinal Railways defeated South Bunbury to go on and play Lumpers in the final. Having defeated Lumpers, Railways then had to face the Challenge Final against South Bunbury, and the "South Western Times" of October 8 had this to say:

"Tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 3.00 p.m. sharp, the Premiership Challenge Match between Railways (Premiers) and South Bunbury (Minor Premiers) will take place.

In view of Railways' meteoric flight into prominence in the last two weeks, and South Bunbury's good record for splendid play during the season, the public may look forward to an exciting match of a high standard of football.

Both teams are sure to strip their best men and offer up every ounce of effort on the altar of sport - Sunday's match being the last of the Association fixtures of the season."

South Bunbury went on to defeat Railways in this grand final match, to record their eighth successive premiership.

The South Bunbury team in this match consisted of: A. J., A., and C. Buswell, A. McKenna, Monaghan, Mawdesley, H. A. Hislop, J. Milligan, R. Prosser, Hanson, K. Houston, "Bitey" Hislop, Syd Norman, L. Johnston, G. Pickersgill, F. and G. Cridland and V. Freeman.

1922

This was to be the year that South Bunbury embarked upon its building programme which has led to the present Club premises at Hands Memorial Oval.

After the World War, and the resumption of football in Bunbury, South Bunbury was penniless.

Mr. Tom Campbell came to the club's rescue by giving the club a donation which helped it to purchase the required items to conduct its activities. Committee meetings were held in the storeroom of the Federal Hotel (now the Highway Hotel) and later at the home of the Secretary - A J. (Tood) Buswell. The club had training benches made and these were placed in the stables at the rear of a butchers shop owned by Fouracre and Wass opposite the hotel.

Players trained from here and runs around Garvey Place, and to the beach, were the order of the day. Players had to return with a cuttlefish or some other evidence that they had reached their objective.

Then came the turning point. Secretary Tood Buswell urged the club to buy a block of land. Finance had improved and the club had a credit balance of £65. With great foresight the club agreed to purchase the land on which the Southway Ballroom now stands for the sum of £50.

The club then decided to borrow enough money to purchase the timber and iron and arranged a loan of £275 (At the time the club's credit balance was down to a mere 12/6d). A tremendous amount of materials were donated, and the total cost of the hall, which was erected by volunteer labour, was £350.

On the night the hall was to be officially opened the club raised sufficient money to buy a piano - and the club never looked back.

The £275 loan was repaid in two years.

The following articles extracted from the "South Western Times" of the period illustrate the enthusiasm with which the members of 1922 applied themselves to their endeavours:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", MAY 30, 1922

"At a meeting of the Bunbury Council last night the plans for the building of the South Bunbury Football Club training room were passed. This building, it is learned, will be erected in proximity to the house occupied by Mr. F. Yardley."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JUNE 6, 1922

"Where there's a will there's a way" runs the old adage, and so it would appear at South Bunbury, where some months ago it was mooted that the South Bunbury Football Club should erect their own training quarters, for today, two - thirds of the work of erection have been completed, and by next Sunday it is anticipated that the structure will be completed.

A "working bee" which recognised neither day labour nor the contract system, applied itself to the erection of this building on Saturday afternoon and Monday, with the result that when their labours were completed yesterday the floor and four walls were erected. It will take next Saturday afternoon to complete the roof, and the official opening, it is understood, will take place about a week later.

This effort should stimulate other Football Clubs into thinking that if they want to get on they must help themselves."

This is a good effort, as the plans were approved by the Council on 29/5/1922, and erection had been completed by voluntary labour by 11/6/1922. In fact, the working period covered only two Saturday afternoons and the June Monday 'Foundation Day' holiday.

The official opening of the hall took place on October 9 when Mr. W. H. Kaeshagen, vice - president of the Bunbury Football Association, performed the ceremony.

The "South Western Times" had this to say concerning this event:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", OCTOBER 12, 1922
SOUTH BUNBURY HALL - OPENING CEREMONY

"On Monday evening, October 9, 1922, the new hall of the South Bunbury Football Club was opened.

Mr. J. J. Barrett, a life member of the club, introduced Mr. W. H. Kaeshagen, the vice - president, who officially declared the hall opened. In a very breezy speech he explained the objects of the Club in erecting the hall and on behalf of the committee thanked all the willing workers who so ably assisted in ensuring the satisfactory completion of the hall. Some of the early history of the club which was originally formed in 1896 (???? should be 1897) by Mr. A. F. Spencer, who still takes a keen interest in football affairs, was mentioned, and the speaker congratulated the club on having such an energetic secretary in Mr. "Tood" Buswell through those energy, hard work and organisation the hall had become an accomplished fact. Only those who had been secretary to this kind of organisation knew the hard work involved. Mr. Kaeshagen gave timely advice in suggesting that the South Bunbury Football Club should form a cricket club. He felt sure that such good footballers should make good cricketers and keep them fit for the coming football season.

Mr. Monaghan, the treasurer, and Mr. "Tood" Buswell, the secretary, responded explaining the disabilities the Club were labouring under, and which they were hopeful of being able to overcome. When this was accomplished they anticipated enlarging and improving the present structure to such an extent that the residents and club members would be highly proud of the edifice.

At this stage, numerous cheques, cash and promises were handed in to the president, Mr. J. Scott, and the Vice - President, Mr. R. Beer, sen., which looks extremely promising for the future.

A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing and singing, among those who contributed to the evening's amusement being the Misses Lucey and Haddock, and Messrs Shepherd, B. Hastie and Nisbett.

A dainty supper was provided by the ladies, who are to be commended for their foresight in preparing for such a large number of guests of the club, who must have numbered quite 400.

On behalf of the club, Mr. D. Higgon presented Mr. Bostock with a gold medal, given by Mr. V. Freeman, for the best player in the premiership match. In a brief speech Mr. Bostock suitably replied.

Mr. J. J. Barrett presented Mr. E. White, of the junior club, with a gold medal provided by Mr. Grif Owen for the player who kicked the most goals during the season.

The hall was very tastefully decorated with flags, streamers, greenery, and numerous Japanese lanterns which gave it a most gay and festive appearance.

The Misses M. and J. Buswell, M. Padden, O. Walker, and C. Lucy presided at the piano occasionally assisted by Messrs Gibson and Howard (violins) and Nisbett (cornet). Much credit and thanks are due to these musicians for their generosity in doing so much to ensure the great success and enjoyment of the evening. Much credit is also due to Mr. Ted Walker, for bringing his band along and enlivening the evening with much appreciated selections.

Dancing was indulged in till the small hours of the morning when everyone went home tired, but happy, and satisfied that the opening of the South Bunbury Football Club's hall would mark another epoch in the history of South Bunbury."

Note: - Despite exhaustive enquiries, it was regrettably impossible to obtain a photograph of this original hall for inclusion in this publication.

But what of the fortunes of the club on the field in 1922?

Undeterred by the work involved in erecting the hall, the club continued through the season, and did not lower their colours until July 23 when Lumpers won 5.16 to 5.4. However, South Bunbury concluded the qualifying round as minor premiers and this was the position at the end of that round:

HOW THE TEAMS FINISHED

	P	W	L	Pts	For	Agst
South Bunbury	10	8	2	32	597	336
Railways(*)	10	8	2	32	468	382
Lumpers	10	6	4	24	494	493
Donnybrook	10	5	5	20	508	530
Pastimes	10	2	8	8	507	596
Brunswick (*)	10	1	9	4	437	674

(* includes forfeited match 30/7/22)

A draw was then made from the top four to see who would play in the semifinals, with South Bunbury as minor premiers, retaining the right of challenge in the event of a defeat in the final round. The draw resulted in the following semifinals being played. (It is interesting to note that at this time the venue for final round matches was raised, with the result that Donnybrook was afforded one semifinal). This is somewhat surprising as in those days all travel was by train, and special trains were necessary on Sunday. The match at Donnybrook between that team and South Bunbury required a special train - the return fare for which being 5 shillings.

The final round matches played resulted as follows:

Semi - Finals					
Sept 3	Lumpers 3.10	defeated	Railway 3.8	at Bunbury.	
Sept 10	South Bunbury 10.6	defeated	Donnybrook 7.16	at Donnybrook.	

Final

Sept 17 Lumpers 5.9 defeated South Bunbury 4.6.

Premiership (Challenge match from South Bunbury as minor premiers) -

Oct 1 South Bunbury 4.7 defeated Lumpers 3.9.

Premiership Team -

G. Cridland (Capt), Johnston, C. Buswell, McDonald, F. Bostock, A. J. (Tood) Buswell, V. Hansen, S. Norman, R. Buswell, McKenna, F. Cridland, V. Freeman, R. Prosser, K. Houston, G. Pickersgill, J. Milligan, R. Hayes and S. Sinclair.

Following this premiership win, an article appeared in the local press, and because it is considered to be just as relevant today as it was in 1922, it is included in this history:

"SOUTH'S LONG RECORD"

By gaining the premiership on Sunday, even though it demanded the exercise of the right of challenge to do so, South Bunbury achieved the notable record of being premiers of the Bunbury Association for thirteen years. Not only is it their thirteenth premiership, but the thirteen years have been in succession, starting with the premiership won in 1910. During this time many players have drifted in and out of the ranks of the team, but still there are some who can remember the early tussles. Asked for the reason for South's continued success, an old supporter and one time leading player, put the position in a nutshell when he replied "We grow our own players". There is a lot of truth in the statement. The youths of South Bunbury are banded together in the junior team (which on Sunday also won their premiership after some hard fighting) and this junior club is made the recruiting ground for the seniors.

Now that the team has a hall of its own in the suburb of South Bunbury, where euchre parties, dances, and other amusements may be held, it is anticipated that the team will be considerably consolidated both in the matter of players attracted to it, and by way of support from the womenfolk.

It was indeed a happy thought which gave the South Bunbury team the idea of building a hall. It is understood that this edifice is to be officially opened next week, when no doubt, the health of the Premier Team will be honoured in bumpers. As the juniors gave South Bunbury the double, no doubt they will be coupled with the seniors in the happy toast."

There appears to be some inconsistencies with fact in the article. The statistical section indicates that South Bunbury were runners up in 1910 and 1911. However, with the annexation of the 1912 premiership, the club commenced a record breaking run of 8 successive premierships. This run was interrupted by three years during World War 1 when football was abandoned in Bunbury. The article should have stated that South Bunbury had been the Premiers of the Bunbury Football Association for the past 11 years.

Finally, at the wind - up "Smoke Social" in November, 1922, Mr. J. J. Barrett, in proposing the toast of the Bunbury Football Association, had this to say:

Many years ago he and Jack Hands had met together and formed two clubs in the town, and from this was created the Association. He had been the Secretary of the South Bunbury team and the Association at the one time but didn't think the Association would stand that now. One of the finest players in Australia had received his early coaching with South Bunbury. He referred to Phil Matson. They had some of the finest footballers possible go through the Association - he referred to "Minnie" Palmer, Matson, Gibson and several others.

In responding Mr. Muir congratulated the South Bunbury team on winning the premiership. They deserved it for they had been consistent right through the season. Phil Matson made the East Perth team what it is today, and if South Bunbury made Phil Matson, then they were responsible for making the best team in the Commonwealth.

All in all - a very successful season. A new hall and another premiership to add to the club's imposing record.

1923

The season commenced with four teams - South Bunbury, Railways, Pastimes and Donnybrook.

Lumpers could not continue as a club, and Brunswick did not apply for affiliation.

South Bunbury again qualified to play in the final, but had to lower their colours to Pastimes. This was not too bitter a pill for the club to swallow as it was Pastimes' first premiership success.

South Bunbury's team for the final comprised: Milligan, Johnson, Hayes, Pickersgill, Houston, McDonald, Buswell (2), Walker, Bostock, Owen, Norman, Freeman, Parker, Moffatt, Hanson, Prosser, McKenna.

"Here's a football story worth repeating" - so began an article in the "South Western Times" of 26/6/1923.

"A group of Bunbury footballers, on Sunday evening, were discussing the reported finding of wreckage off the coast, and of the search made by the Harbour Master in the launch "Petrel".

"Is the launch back yet?" asked one player.

"Yes" replied another. "They found a boat with one survivor - he was lying in the bottom of the boat completely exhausted and at death's door. The rescuers forced brandy between his parched lips and the poor fellow slowly recovered. More brandy was given and at last the sole survivor opened his eyes and spoke - In broken tones he asked "Did South's win?"

1924

In 1924, the Association comprised only the three Bunbury Clubs - South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes.

Despite losing only one qualifying match, and finishing the season as minor premiers - and defeating Pastimes on the five occasions in which the two sides met - South Bunbury appeared in the final after Pastimes had defeated Railways in a semifinal.

In the final, Pastimes were victorious 10.7 to 7.7 and when South Bunbury challenged as minor premiers, they were again defeated 8.10 to 7.12.

After the final in which Pastimes allegedly played several men without clearances, South Bunbury warned that a protest would be lodged if these players were permitted to play in the Challenge Final. The uncleared players were reported to have played and after the challenge final South Bunbury lodged a protest on the grounds that one of them, C. Mayer, had played in both finals without having been cleared from Busselton.

Evidence produced included a letter from the secretary of the Ellis Creek Football Club, signed before a Justice of the Peace, that Mayer was a registered player of that club and had not been cleared even to the Busselton Club, Wanderers. After deliberating for 2 ½ hours, the Appeal Board dismissed the protest on the grounds that Ellis Creek was not affiliated with the W.A. Football League, and therefore it had no jurisdiction over Mayer.

1925

The operation of the Bunbury Football Association over the past few years had done nothing to earn the plaudits of the South Bunbury Football Club. Requests for matches on a "home and home" basis had been turned down by other member clubs of the association, and several other matters had caused displeasure to the South Bunbury Camp.

This was to come to a sudden climax shortly after the start of the 1925 season.

The season commenced with the three clubs - South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes. In the first two matches in which South Bunbury played, the club recorded easy victories against the other two teams - May 10, 12.15 to 11.4 against Railways; May 17, 11.15 to 5.6 against Pastimes.

On May 31, South Bunbury was scheduled to meet Railways but at a general meeting of the South Bunbury Club on May 26, it was decided, by the players and supporters, that it was time South Bunbury "jacked up". This they did.

The incident is recorded in the following excerpts from articles in the "South Western Times".

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1925

"For a long time past dissatisfaction has been simmering in South Bunbury with the manner in which football in Bunbury has been conducted by the Bunbury Football Association, and this culminated on Tuesday night at a general meeting of the club and its supporters, which was called primarily to receive the report of the delegates to the Association, and the discussion centred on this."

Included in the report were the facts that their requests for home and home matches had been turned down by the delegates of the other clubs' and also that an umpire had been appointed by the other delegates, from the ranks of the Pastimes Club, in spite of the fact that no dissatisfaction had been expressed relative to the other applicants, and that the new appointee had not applied for the position when applications were called for. It was apparent, to the delegates, that it was absolutely useless to attend meetings of the

Association as at present constituted as it was simply farcical to waste time when everything had apparently been cut and dried prior to the meetings. The report concluded by both delegates tendering their resignations. A long discussion ensued and concluded by Mr. H. C. Adams moving:

"That in view of the fact that delegates of the Railways and Pastimes Clubs to the Bunbury Football Association have apparently determined that the Association exists for the sake of finances only, have quite apparently lost sight of the matter of the sport involved and have also apparently combined to vote against every proposition, suggestion or wish of the South Bunbury Football Club, the said South Bunbury Football Club secede from the Association as at present constituted."

In speaking to the motion Mr. Adams regretted that the necessity had arisen for such drastic steps but it was apparent to him that the unanimous feelings of the players and their supporters was that they were most certainly not getting a fair sporting deal. He had been a keen supporter of sport of all kinds from his youth, but had never before come into contact with a sport in which so much dissatisfaction and pettiness existed as it did in connection with football in Bunbury. As far as he was a judge it was his opinion that, with perhaps one or two exceptions, the young men were playing the game simply for the love of it, they took all the hard knocks incidental to the play and did it all for the purpose of providing amusement and possibly a little pleasure to the spectators. Personal gain did not enter into the case, and it was very patent that some very strong move should be made to alter the position.

Mr. C. Buswell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously with acclamation.

Mr. Pickersgill then moved:

"That the Secretary write to the Association informing them that the South Bunbury Football Club had disbanded, and now it was their intention to withdraw from the Association.

This was seconded by Mr. Prosser and carried unanimously also.

Also included in the business of the evening was a discussion on the manner in which clearances were being granted or refused, the specific invidious comparisons being Moffatt of South Bunbury to Railways, granted on appeal, and Page of Pastimes to South Bunbury, refused on appeal, although precisely similar reasons were advanced for and against.

This all took place on the Tuesday night and, as the Association meeting was to take place on the Thursday, no time was wasted in having the necessary letter delivered to the Association Secretary so that it could be dealt with at that meeting.

The "South Western Times" of Saturday, May 30, 1925, continues to comment on the matter:

"The most important business before the weekly meeting of the Bunbury Football Association, in the Rose Hotel on Thursday night, was the consideration of a letter from Mr. G. Owen, Secretary of the South Bunbury Football Club, the following of which is an extract: -

"That in view of the fact that the delegates of the Railway and Pastimes Football Clubs, to the Bunbury Football Association, have apparently determined that the Association exists for the sake of finances only, have quite apparently lost sight of the matter of sport involved, and have also apparently combined to vote against every proposition, suggestion or wish of the South Bunbury Club, the said South Bunbury Club secede from the Association as at present constituted."

Mr. R. Properjohn moved that the letter be received, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Don Wallis, who stated that in his opinion the Association could not see its way clear to allow the South Bunbury Club to withdraw from the Association until such time as the deficit facing the Association in connection with last year's season was made up. Each club was bound to contribute its share towards financing the deficit and on those grounds a club was unable to withdraw from the Association until the money was forthcoming. He would suggest that a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Club to that effect.

Mr. Dewar said that he was entirely in accord with Mr. Wallis' remarks regarding each club's responsibility towards meeting their proportion of the deficit. The clubs had guaranteed that they would honour their share of the deficit and the delegates had offered to make it up if the occasion arose. As far as he knew the club had no power to withdraw from the Association until they had paid up.

Mr. Don Wallis: According to the reading of the rule book they must contribute their share.

The President: What is the position if the club has disbanded ?

Mr. Wallis: They will still be compelled to pay their share. A club cannot disband without first receiving the permission of the league council. If South Bunbury don't play they will have to forfeit the match. They will then be obliged to face the disputes board and will have to make up the financial losses incurred by their not playing.

Rule 128 says that if any club is not ready to play when the gong is sounded to start the match the club shall be fined £2/2/ (\$4.20) and if they are not prepared to start by 3.20 p.m. they shall forfeit the match, unless the League Council is satisfied that the delay was unavoidable. Any club that is not ready to resume 15 minutes after the conclusion of the second quarter shall be liable to a fine of £1/1/ (\$2.10). It seemed that South Bunbury had pulled out of the association in a very unfair manner, and should have to foot the bill. It would be the same thing if this Association disbanded from the League and refused to honour its obligations.

Mr. Dewar: The South Bunbury Club, in common with other clubs in the Association, decided that they would stand by the Association in paying their share of the deficit.

Mr. Don Wallis: If a player cannot get a clearance from any one club to another, without being financial, a club should not be able to disband from an Association unless it is financial.

Mr. Doug Wallis: There was a case in point at Geraldton some time ago. A club disbanded owing to "petty squabbles" and was stood down for three years.

After further discussion, on the motion of Mr. Don Wallis, a resolution was passed to the effect that the Association refuse the South Bunbury Club permission to disband until they paid their share of the deficit.

The Secretary: How do we stand as an Association?

The President: There is no Association, as there must be three clubs to form an Association.

Discussion also arose as to the legality of the meeting. Mr. Don Wallis contended that the meeting was legal on the ground that there was a quorum.

The President: Yes, we have a quorum, but we must also have three clubs represented.

No ruling was given on the matter.

Mr. Don Wallis moved that the fixtures be proceeded with next Sunday. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dewar and carried.

Mr. Dewar: What will be the position if South Bunbury don't make an appearance?

Mr. Don Wallis: They will have to go before the Disputes Board."

It certainly appeared from the report that South Bunbury did not have many friends at the Association Meeting.

Several letters from individuals were written to the newspaper at that time. The two extracts shed some light on the feelings which were current at the time:

LETTER TO THE EDITOR "SOUTH WESTERN TIMES",
MAY 30, 1925

"The sensational development in Bunbury through the disbandment of the South Bunbury Club has brought a long drawn out issue to a crisis. That the sudden decision of the South Bunbury Club has taken the Association by surprise seems more than probable. Ever since the Showground was thrown open for football, Souths threatened to disband if home for home matches were refused by the Association. Despite this determination throughout the greater portion of last season, and the opening of the present one, they have decided to swallow their pride and eat humble pie on the Recreation Ground.

At the weekly meeting of the Association last Thursday night week, Mr. W. Walker, one of the South Bunbury delegates, submitted a motion in favour of home for home matches and upon this being defeated by four votes to two he prophesied that in future there would be no South Bunbury Club, and accordingly left the room.

There is no doubt that there is, and has been for a long time, a bone of contention between the delegates of the South Bunbury Club and the two other clubs which has been ventilated from time to time in petty spite and childish prejudice. It is not too much to say that this unfortunate attention to paltry trivial matters has kept Bunbury football in the rut that it is in today.

The determination not to give an inch of ground, on both sides, has brought the conduct of Association Football Meetings to a species of cat and dog existence with very few remnants of the becoming dignity of an Association. A better all round spirit of cooperation and sportsmanship is badly needed to give football a fighting chance in Bunbury. As far as the grounds question is concerned the position is most unsatisfactory. With Pastimes and Railways each supplying two delegates as against two representatives of the South Bunbury Club, places the latter in the unfortunate position of almost invariably being defeated in all matters of voting strength by two to one majority.

South Bunbury may or may not be entitled to home for home matches, but the fact remains that in previous years the Association club visited Donnybrook and other centres at considerable travelling and other expenses, and in addition, played to something in the vicinity of £6 (\$12) gates. Still, in the case of one of their own clubs requesting home for home matches the proposition is turned down on the ground that the gate takings fall a pound or two short of the gate receipts at the Recreation Ground. At the same time, it is admitted by the delegates of the Clubs that the South Bunbury ground is a better playing arena than the town ground. As regards the financial position, the difference in gate takings could be easily made up from the club's dividend, to say nothing for a small subsidy from financial enthusiasts of the game, while the matter of renovations to the ground could easily be carried out if the club were guaranteed a reasonable number of matches on the ground."

Signed: "Onlooker" 27/5/25

LETTER TO THE EDITOR "SOUTH WESTERN TIMES",
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1925

"I have read with much interest your correspondent "Onlooker's" very sane and impartial letter regarding the present impasse in football association matters. He has condensed the matter into half a column and hit the nail fairly and squarely. The third paragraph needs a little amplification except the fact that South Bunbury's grievances date from many years back - probably before most of the present exponents of the game knew a football from their bath soap. This is the only club that really has its traditions handed down from at least three generations of players and doubtless they are responsible for a great deal of the present jealousy which seems to exist and induces much of the present apparent desire on the part of some other clubs to try and lower the Souths colours and damn the means adopted to do this. One only needs to read the report of the last meeting of the Association (save the mark !) when the financial aspect only was stressed, not one of the speakers found anything to say beyond this; sport being quite relegated to the dim and distant past.

I am confident that those of the public (after all they are the financial aspect) who know anything of the players and supporters of South Bunbury in connection with the present serious disagreement are perfectly satisfied that the idea of evading their financial obligations did not even enter into the reasons for disbandment; the suggestion is unworthy of the delegates present at the meeting.

There appears to me to be only one solution of the present difficulties in the interests of the clubs and the public. I am satisfied that the latter will readily respond, provided the menu presented differs from what has been offered in the past.

1. The Association as at present constituted to dissolve.
2. The meeting to be called of all the players, their supporters and the public, and a management committee consisting of three independent men with a chairman elected at the meeting.

I am confident that this committee could be found, but it would be absolutely necessary that they all be selected on account of their absence of bias with or against any of the clubs forming the new Association (probably under the suggested arrangement, more than three clubs would come to light.)

3. Each club registering with the Association to elect one representative to represent his club if the management committee call upon it for any reason in connection with the management.

Of course I am perfectly aware that there may be many objections offered to my suggestion, but I think there never was a quarrel which could not be settled, if everyone works together with the idea of compromise and sportsmanship, and I would appeal to the Association to seriously consider the above suggestions and do the right thing in the interests of the grand old national game, the public, and the players.

The public pays the piper, the players give them their money's worth, and it is up to Bunbury to see that both have a fair deal. All the present players of all the clubs are perfectly satisfied with the present Association Secretary and with his knowledge of the game, his sportsmanlike qualities, and his ability - his services to any committee would, I am certain, prove invaluable."

Signed: "SPORT" 1/6/25

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JUNE 6, 1925

"Lovers of sport in Bunbury experienced a football famine last Sunday, when in accordance with a resolution passed at a recent club meeting, South Bunbury refused to take the field in a match against Railways. A small crowd of football fans wended their way to the Recreation Ground, but were entertained with nothing more important than a junior match, and a scratch match between Railways seniors and Pastimes juniors of about nine men a side.

That the Association is alive to the seriousness of the position may be judged by the decision arrived at, at a meeting of the Disputes Committee in the Rose Hotel on Thursday night, when it was decided to call a general meeting of all persons interested to take place in the Rose Hotel on Monday night. Considerable evidence was taken regarding the position of the South Bunbury club in view of its disbandment and refusal to play last Sunday, but it was finally decided to let this matter stand over in favour of a public meeting, which it is thought, might prove the means of bringing the game back to normal. (There will be no match tomorrow, Sunday)".

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1925

"Last night marked a new era in Bunbury football affairs, when the Disputes Committee met and presided over a full attendance of delegates to the Bunbury Football Association. Mr. F. W. Roberts and R. G. O'Neill were present on behalf of the Disputes Committee, Mr. J. E. Hands being out of town.

Mr. Roberts, who occupied the chair, explained that the meeting was called primarily to settle the dispute between South Bunbury and the Association and delegates were asked to agree to the formation of a Board consisting of independent gentlemen whose decisions would be loyally abided by all concerned. It was suggested that if the tribunal function to the satisfaction of all concerned, it was open for the Association to approach them further. Mr. Wallis said that at the last meeting they had talked over the position of the South Bunbury Club and decided to again put the position before their club. He referred the matter to his club and it was recommended that a number of independent men be secured to run the Association. His Club were satisfied provided South Bunbury were asked to make up the deficit to the Association, which was lost as a result of their failure to play in the fixtures as set down by the Association.

Mr. Doran expressed his opinion that the Association should be carried on and along the same lines as in the past with two delegates from each club. Mr. Roberts said that he regretted to have to inform the meeting that there was some misapprehension with regard to the whole question. The Disputes Committee first understood that they had to deal with the charge against South Bunbury. They thought that there was an impasse in football and it was the wish of the Committee to bring about the harmony which certainly did not exist in football circles in Bunbury at the present time. With that object in view, they recommended that a tribunal of six gentlemen conversant with sport, whose integrity was undoubted, adjudicate of the position brought about by the action of the South Bunbury Club. If South Bunbury were disqualified it would do considerable harm to football, and therefore they desired to have six competent and independent gentlemen to hear the arguments of the South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes delegates, and give an impartial decision. It was then suggested, and they particularly emphasised the point, that if they were then not satisfied with the present Association, they could get the same body of men to take charge of the Association affairs. As a Disputes Committee they had nothing to do with the point. They did not have the effrontery to tell the delegates that they did not know how to carry on the Association. He took it that if the proposed tribunal said that South Bunbury was to have home for home matches the delegates of the Railways and Pastimes Clubs would abide by the decision and if on the other hand it was decided that all

matches be played on the Recreation Ground the delegates of the South Bunbury Club would agree to the finding. He knew the Association and delegates well, and did not say or suggest they were not good men, but he would say that the delegates represented their clubs instead of football, and hence the present impasse in the game. The only reason for the present meeting was for the Disputes Committee to speak to them on the present dispute, and the question of a new Association could come later; the whole committee, Messrs Hands O'Neill, and he, were agreed on the point. If the proposed board said that South Bunbury was to get home for home matches, would they all agree to it? It was not for the Disputes Committee to decide such a matter. What was required was someone to get hold of the Association and pull it together.

Mr. Adams contended that sufficient bitterness existed between the Club delegates to prevent a spirit of harmony in football.

Mr. Dewar: I understood that the six men referred to were to run the Association.

Mr. Roberts: That was not said; there was some misapprehension on the part of the delegates. We understand that the problem confronting us is a serious one, and the way things are going there is going to be football, but not representative football, this year.

Mr. Dewar: The South Bunbury Club brought the trouble on themselves.

Mr. Roberts: Yes, I know that, but you can fix the matter up. There have been worse things in football than what South Bunbury have done.

Mr. O'Neill: I take it that the matter is that South Bunbury want home for home matches, and if they don't get them they won't play at all?

Mr. Adams: They are out for a fair deal - that's all.

Mr. Roberts: I take it that Mr. Adams means that if South Bunbury don't get home for home matches, they are not getting a fair deal?

Mr. Adams: Well home for home matches amongst other things.

Mr. Wallis: Speaking for the Pastimes Club, I wish to say that subsequent to our meeting with the Disputes Committee, I did not put this matter before them again. At the last Club meeting we only dealt with South Bunbury's refusal to play. The Pastimes Club don't want South Bunbury wiped out. They only wish to see them disciplined for their action.

Mr. O'Neill: We are not here legally to consider the matter until the Association has disqualified the South Bunbury Club.

Mr. Roberts: The different delegates can't agree as an Association, and as matters stand they are going to continue disagreeing. This meeting was called for the purpose of reconciling all interests.

Mr. Dewar: Speaking on behalf of the Railway Club, if four matches on the Show Ground is the only thing wanted by South Bunbury, I am prepared to agree to that.

Mr. Doran: Speaking for my club, I think that South Bunbury should be penalised, not too heavily, but they should be punished for their breach of the rules.

Mr. Roberts: The Board is going to consist of perfectly fair and broad - minded men.

Mr. O'Neill: I think my suggestion a fair thing. Railways agree to four matches, and they now have a majority. Why could they not get these independent gentlemen to run matters?

Mr. Roberts: That has been the cause of all the bother in the past; it's the arranged majority that has been the crux of the whole trouble. We don't want the thing decided in that manner.

Mr. O'Neill: Why don't South Bunbury put the whole of their troubles in the melting pot, and state their case now?

Mr. Wallis said that on behalf of the Pastimes Club he was prepared to give in to four matches on the Showground provided that the South Bunbury Club paid the £2/2/ fine and made up the deficit brought about by their refusal to play.

Mr. Walker: I think that the suggestion of the Railways delegates will meet with the approval of my club, but I certainly don't think they will like having to pay the piper over last Sunday's match.

Mr. Dewar: We applied for affiliation under the League and work under the League rules, and don't need rule 106.

Mr. Adams: This is the most extraordinary Association that I have even been associated with.

Mr. Roberts: You all want to forget all past troubles regarding rules etc.

Mr. Walker moved to the effect that the South Bunbury Club's troubles be left to the adjudication of a board of six independent gentlemen.

Mr. Dewar: I think we have got past that stage. Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Mr. Dewar then moved as an amendment that the matter of penalties be left to the Disputes Committee, and in this he was seconded by Mr. Wallis.

Mr. Adams: What is the financial loss incurred by South Bunbury not playing.

The Secretary: £3/2/ (\$6.20).

Mr. Walker: When does Mr. Wallis expect the penalties to be paid? At once or at the end of the season?

The Secretary: According to the rule book they should be paid within 7 days.

Mr. Buswell: I am not a delegate but I am in accord with what Mr. Roberts said. There is many a guinea that South Bunbury has paid for other clubs in past years. They have helped to pay up deficits for such clubs as Donnybrook, Brunswick, Lumpers, and other Clubs which were not successful. South's have always helped, and I now hear you quibbling over a paltry £1/10/ (\$3.00) or thereabouts. It is not good sportsmanship. None of the matches played in South Bunbury last year turned out failures. As far as the South Bunbury Club is concerned it is prepared to stand by the finding of the Board. It is my desire to see the game go ahead.

Upon the amendment being put to the meeting, it was seen that the South Bunbury delegates were amongst those in favour of it. It was therefore decided to withdraw Mr. Walker's motion, and the amendment was carried without dissent.

Mr. Roberts: I take it that you bury all your troubles and resume football next Sunday.

On behalf of the Association, the President (Mr. Jack Scott) moved a vote of thanks to the Disputes Committee for the able manner in which they had conducted the meeting, and this was enthusiastically seconded by Mr. Walker.

A meeting of the Disputes Committee will be held on Friday night to consider the matter of penalties.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Roberts brought the various delegates together and asked them to "shake hands" and sink their past differences. This they did in a hearty manner and it is hoped that the hand shake will be the forerunner to a better, cleaner, and more congenial atmosphere in Bunbury football for many a long day to come."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1925

"A meeting of the Disputes Committee was held in the Rose Hotel last night to consider the matter of penalties in connection with the South Bunbury Club. After considerable discussion the Club was found guilty of a breach of No. 129 of the League Rules which stipulate that "no team shall forfeit a match or refuse to field a team without the sanction of the Association".

In inflicting a fine of £1/1/ (\$2.10) the Chairman of the Committee stated that it was not desirable to encumber the Club with a harsh penalty at the present time, but hoped that lenient treatment accorded them

would serve as a deterrent and prevent such a position ever coming before the Disputes Committee at a future date."

Football matches were resumed on June 14, 1925, and when the qualifying rounds were concluded on August 30, Pastimes had established themselves as Minor Premiers.

South Bunbury qualified to meet Pastimes in the final by beating Railways 7.13 to 6.12, and in the final on September 20, South Bunbury defeated Pastimes 7.12 to 6.7.

Exercising their right to challenge, Pastimes met South Bunbury in the challenge final on September 27, and South Bunbury and Pastimes played a 7.9 all draw. This is the only time a draw occurred in a final round match. However, in the Challenge Final replay on October 4, Pastimes exerted their superiority and defeated South Bunbury 15.9 to 9.10 to take out the 1925 honours.

1926

This year the Bunbury Football Association engaged W.A.F.L. umpires for the first time - the fee being £3/3/ with a maximum of £2/2/ for expenses.

Lumpers reformed this year after being granted clearances for 5 men from Pastimes and 3 men from Railways by the Appeal Board, despite objections by both Pastimes and Railways Club.

Apparently the players recruited from South Bunbury were cleared by the Club as South Bunbury do not figure in the Appeal Board hearings, and "Bowie" Bostock was appointed coach of Lumpers.

A team from Brunswick also entered the Association, in 1926, to make 5 teams - South Bunbury, Railways, Pastimes, Lumpers, and Brunswick. However, after failing to record a victory, Brunswick withdrew from the Association after playing Lumpers (9.13 to 8.7) on July 4.

After winning the final against Pastimes, South Bunbury survived Pastimes' challenge as minor premiers, to win the Challenge Final 8.10 to 7.5, thereby adding yet another premiership to their already impressive tally. A gold medal was presented to Jim Donovan in 1926 for winning the goal kicking aggregate.

At the conclusion of the year, Mr. Fred Cridland was elected a life member of the club. Fred had been a great player for South Bunbury including four years as captain from 1911 to 1914.

1927

Lumpers again reformed to make the Association a four team affair by joining South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes.

In 1927, the Bunbury Football Association decided to dispense with the two - delegate per club system and substitute in its stead, a Board of Control, comprising prominent local businessmen who had been nominated by the individual clubs. The Board of Control was: Mr. F. W. Roberts (Chairman); Messrs Bradshaw, Hannah, Hands and Kell.

The Board of Control at their first meeting wisely decided that each club be invited to send a delegate to Board of Control Meetings, where the delegates could speak on any subject but would not have a vote. All decisions on any subject were to remain the province of the Board of Control.

Amongst its other functions the Board of Control would, arrange inter - district matches, decide all disputes involving any player or club in the Association, administer the finances, inflict any penalty deemed necessary on any club or player, and in general, the Board was to have full control of all matters connected with the game.

(It is interesting to note the all embracing power bestowed on the Board of Control - The Board would be the Tribunal for any reports by umpires (and stewards - see below) and would also constitute the Board of Appeal.)

Stewards were also appointed in 1927 to attend matches and their role was to report on both the behaviour of players on the field of play, and the competency of the umpires. It was also required that when an umpire furnished a report, the steward was also to furnish a report. Stewards were also given the power to furnish reports independent of any report originating from an umpire.

Apparently the standard of umpire sent from the Perth League in 1926 left much to be desired as the "South West Times" reported on 5/5/27.

"In future, the stewards will have the opportunity of saying just what they think of the whistle - holder's capabilities, and if we don't get some better exhibitions than some of last season's, then those reports should make some very very interesting reading."

The stewards were also made responsible for the allotment of votes for Association Fairest and Best trophies. This caused some dissension later in the season as initially 4 stewards were appointed to each match. When the 4 stewards attended 4 votes were cast, but later only 2 sometimes attended and therefore only 2 votes were cast - this was considered rightly to be grossly unfair to a player who turned in a good game before two stewards compared to one who turned in a good performance before four stewards.

At their second meeting the Board of Control discussed the composition of the final round fixtures. There being only four teams - South Bunbury, Railways, Pastimes and Lumpers, every team finished in the final four irrespective of their qualifying round performances. It was possible for the fourth team to lose every match, before the finals, and ultimately win the final round matches and the premiership. The team heading the ladder after the qualifying round were known as "Minor Premiers" and had the right of challenge if defeated in the finals. It was proposed that the fourth team drop out, the second and third team play a semifinal for the right to meet the top team (minor premiers) in the grand final for the premiership, with the right of challenge remaining with the minor premiers. However, this proposal was referred back to the clubs for their opinion, which resulted in the retention of the "Final Four" system.

C. J. (Recna) Buswell was involved in an incident in the match against Pastimes on July 31, when, according to the "South West Times", he "laid out" a player called Denney. Some confusion arose concerning the reporting of "Recna" by the umpire, as the umpire reported to Milligan that he was going to report Buswell, the umpire believing Milligan to be captain in the absence of Griff Owen (permanent captain 1927). However, Milligan was not the captain on this day (he was vice-captain) and because of this technicality, the Board of Control considered that they were not in a position to hear the report from the umpire.

Railways went on to finish the qualifying round as Minor Premiers and ultimately to defeat South Bunbury in the final 15.9 to 7.11 thereby taking out the 1927 premiership.

As recognition for his great service to the club, life membership was bestowed on Jack C. Scott at the conclusion of the 1927 season. Jack had given many years service to the club and was to serve South Bunbury as president for more years than any other. Jack Scott presided over the affairs of the club from 1918 to 1925 inclusive, and was to return for a further stint from 1931 to 1946 inclusive, and tended the affairs of the club throughout the second World War.

1928

The Board of Control established in 1927 continued through the 1928 season, and apparently performed creditably as the 1927 and 1928 seasons seem to have been completed without incident.

Railways again qualified as minor premiers and again met South Bunbury in the final. South Bunbury won the final 6.10 to 6.4, but following their challenge as minor premiers, Railways recorded what appears to be a rather lucky premiership win by defeating South Bunbury 9.6 to 7.15.

Lumpers again failed to field a team in 1928 and, in fact, the 1927 Lumpers side was to prove to be the last to play under that name.

George Pickersgill received the highest honour the club could bestow in 1928, when he was made a life - member in recognition of his services to South Bunbury.

1929

Unfortunately, no newspapers printed in Bunbury during 1929 could be located either in Bunbury or at the State Library in Perth. However, the "South Western Tribune" of April 12, 1930, carried a report on the Bunbury Football Association's first meeting of the 1930 season. At this meeting, the Secretary of the Association presented his annual report on the previous year, and this was fully reported in the newspaper. This report, in part, read as follows:

"The local premiership (1929) was deservedly won by South Bunbury whose form throughout the whole season was more impressive than displayed by the other teams, who, however, put up some great struggles.

The final match between Railways and South Bunbury was very keenly fought out indeed, the final scores being: South Bunbury 15.9, Railways 13.10.

At the conclusion, spectators seemed to regret that there was not a challenge match in order that they might see these teams in action again.

A trophy awarded for the fairest and best player during the season was won by Brendon Evans of the South Bunbury Club."

So, although no results other than these could be located, it is apparent that South Bunbury completed the season as minor premiers, and went on to win another premiership.

In 1929, the club saw fit to recognise one of its most tireless and dedicated workers in A. J. C. "Tood" Buswell, by conferring life membership of the club on him.

"Tood", as he was and always will be known in South Bunbury circles, played in South Bunbury's senior team from 1911 to 1930 inclusive, during which period he also undertook the duties of secretary from 1920 to 1924, was captain and coach in 1925, and as long as he was able, never missed a training night - let alone a match.

Following his retirement from football, "Tood" continued to serve the club as an administrator and served for many years on the committee. As in his football playing days, "Tood" hardly missed a training night, where in later years his many football friends would join him on the sidelines and recall some of the many pleasant memories he held of the South Bunbury Football Club.

1930

Although South Bunbury lost the first two games played, after the third round of fixtures, South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes were equal on points - each having won 3 and lost 3 games.

South Bunbury had several fine tussles against Railways this year, and on July 6 South Bunbury defeated Railways by one point (6.15 to 6.14). In this game, Mirrie Parker played for South Bunbury having returned from a sojourn with Subiaco. On July 27, South Bunbury and Railways played a drawn game with the scores being South Bunbury 11.9 and Railways 10.15. This was not to be the last of the close matches between these clubs because on August 17, Railways turned the tables on South Bunbury by one point 14.12 to 14.11. In three successive games between the two clubs there was not a point between them.

Railways however eventually gained the upper hand by finishing the season as minor premiers and went on to premiership honours by defeating South Bunbury 9.13 to 8.9.

1930 also saw the introduction of a 19th man, or reserve, who was permitted to replace an injured player.

1931

South Bunbury completed another incident - free year in 1931 as Minor Premiers but lost the final to Railways 8.17 to 8.10.

After exercising the challenge right, South Bunbury went on to win the premiership by defeating Railways 14.18 to 8.12.

South Bunbury team for these matches consisted of:

Backs:	Vaughan, V. Freeman, K. Gibson
Half Backs:	D. Kelly, C. Parker, Pickersgill
Centre:	L. Sauer, S. Norman, P. Crabb
Half Forwards:	A. Ausden, L. Ganfield, G. Owen
Forwards:	C. Gibson, Forrester, T. Taylor
Rucks:	E. Parker, Woods
Rover:	Miller

"SOUTH WESTERN TRIBUNE", SEPTEMBER 30, 1931

"On Friday, October 9, the South Bunbury Football Club Hall Committee will celebrate the anniversary of their hall with an Anniversary Ball and to provide extra accommodation a spacious temporary supper room has been built at the rear of the hall.

The sit down supper will be something of a special nature, and the hall will be specially decorated for the event. Paddy Doyle's band has been engaged to supply the music and they have promised to make the occasion a special hit with some new numbers.

The committee will cater for both old time and jazz dancers, as they always have done in the past.

Admission charges will be 1/9d for ladies and 2/9d for gents.

To make the ball a red letter day in the dancing history of Bunbury is the object of the committee, and preparations indicate that they will succeed.

1932

The year began with three teams representing South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes forming the Association.

The Board of Control, apparently determined to eliminate rough play, soon commenced suspending South Bunbury players for varying periods following their appearance on umpires' reports.

Reports suggest that perhaps only South Bunbury players indulged in rough play (???) as the South Bunbury "offender" on each occasion appeared to have been dealt with more harshly than his counterpart from the other two clubs.

These continual suspensions naturally had a detrimental effect on the side's performances, and after four rounds of fixtures, the team's record was 3 wins against 5 losses.

The match of July 31, 1932, in which Railways defeated South Bunbury 7.16 to 6.8, was the straw that broke the camel's back. Following this match, charges were made against Les Sauer (South Bunbury) and Frank Page (Railways) concerning an incident during the match.

The matter was fully covered in the "South Western Times":

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", AUGUST 10, 1932

"On Sunday morning the Football Board of Control met to consider charges made by the central umpire (Mr. H. Mcintosh) against F. Page (Railways) and L. J. Sauer (South Bunbury) for an incident which occurred on the field on July 31. Page was charged with using bad language and Sauer was charged for striking Page.

After evidence had been heard the Board decided to stand Page down for two playing Sundays and Sauer for six playing Sundays."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", AUGUST 27, 1932

"A peculiar position has arisen in the Bunbury Football Association. At a meeting of the Board of Control on Thursday night the South Bunbury delegate, Mr. G. Pickersgill, announced that only ten out of the 18 players could see their way clear to play on Sunday. He seemed surprised that no letter had been received from the club to this effect and said that the secretary had been instructed to write one.

Mr. Gates (member of the Board) asked what stopped the other 8 men from playing and Mr. Pickersgill said that most of them had resigned from the club.

Mr. Anderson (Secretary of the Board) pointed out that the rules laid down that no club could withdraw from a match without the permission of the Board. Mr. Thomas (Board president) asked what about the B grade, and Mr. Pickersgill replied that the B grade would not stand half of their men being taken.

Mr. Benson (Board member) asked what the legal position was in view of the fact that there was no official intimation of the club's decision.

Mr. Thomas said that they could do nothing but carry on with the arrangements.

Mr. Coe (Board member) said from what they heard outside there was more in the matter than met the eye. From what he heard the club held a meeting and decided to pull out.

Mr. Pickersgill in reply to further questions said a number of the players had sent in their resignations. It was contended that they had not had a fair chance from the Board.

Mr. Thomas said he would want to see the resignation from the players before he expressed an opinion on it.

Mr. Pickersgill said it was contended by some that most of the players wanted to go on playing but they did not turn up at the club meeting on Monday to say so.

Mr. Gates: That means that only a minority of the players don't want to play.

Mr. Pickersgill: The motion went through the meeting. Mr. Pickersgill after admitted however that only seven players attended the meeting.

Mr. Gates said that the position was that they had on good authority that most of the players wanted to play. They didn't turn up at the meeting on Monday so a minority of players and the club supporters decided that the club would not play. They based their withdrawal on the fact that some of the players had resigned but if a minority of the players didn't want to play it meant that not many had resigned. He appealed to the sportsmanship of the players and urged that the team turn out to fulfil the Board's obligations to the public.

As there was no official notice from the South Bunbury Club the match arrangements for Sunday were allowed to stand as fixed.

The Board decided to abandon the sixth round of the fixtures to allow co - operation for a suggested sporting carnival in Bunbury. Sunday's match completes the fifth round and the semifinals and finals will then be played."

SAME PAPER (S.W.T. 27/8/32)

"A football match between South Bunbury and Railways is due to be played on the Recreation Ground tomorrow, Sunday. An advertisement appears in another column, over the signature of the president of the South Bunbury Football Club, stating the South Bunbury team will not play.

The advertisement was shown the chairman (Mr. M. Thomas) and the secretary (Mr. H. M. Anderson) of the Board of Control. Both stated that so far as the Board was concerned the match would be played, irrespective of the officials of the South Bunbury Club.

The rules do not permit a club to withdraw from a fixture without the permission of the Board of Control. Club officials have no authority to prevent players from turning out if they so desire, and if a team defaults in a fixture it can be dealt with accordingly."

The Advertisement:

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB WISH TO NOTIFY
THE PUBLIC THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PLAYING A GRADE
FOOTBALL ON SUNDAY NEXT, AUGUST 28.

J. SCOTT,
PRESIDENT.

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"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", AUGUST 31, 1932
"RAILWAYS WALKOVER A PECULIAR POSITION"

No information was received by the Board of Control to substantiate the notice in the Press to say that the South Bunbury A grade would not be fielding a team to contest a match against Railways at the Recreation Ground on Sunday.

At the conclusion of the B grade match, four South Bunbury players signified their intention of playing in the A grade match. The ultimate result was that the ball was bounced and Railways took command of the game by kicking a goal and the match was abandoned.

Followers of football in Bunbury will be anxiously awaiting the Board of Control's decision in the matter.

At a meeting of the Bunbury Football Board of Control last Thursday the South Bunbury delegate stated that owing to a number of the members of the team having resigned, the club would not be fielding a team on Sunday, but as no official notification had been received from the club, it was decided to proceed with the fixture."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 3, 1932

"It was not a default but a forfeit" stated the delegate of the South Bunbury Football Club (Mr. Pickersgill) when introducing a deputation from the South Bunbury Football Club at a meeting of the Board of Control on Thursday night. It was impossible to field more than ten players, he said "as the remainder had resigned".

After a brief discussion it was moved by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Coe that the South Bunbury Football Club be under suspension till brought before the Board on Thursday next at 7.30 p.m., when every player and official of the club will be requested to attend as the matter will be fully gone into."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, SEPTEMBER 7, 1932

"Having waited in vain for some public expression of the local football situation to have appeared, I hope the hour is not too late for an opinion to be presented, which will possibly pave the way to an amicable settlement of the dispute, and one which would cause neither side to "lose face". As everyone knows the crux of the trouble is the Sauer - Page incident of a few weeks ago, but a fact which is a decided stumbling block to a settlement is a letter written by the South Bunbury executive - writhing under a sense of injustice owing to the unequal penalties inflicted - to the Board of Control. To an unbiased supporter of the code of football the penalties appear just, but when one remembers that under the penal laws of this country a plea of provocation, which is proved, places the accused in a most favourable position, it is apparent, from the evidence submitted and proved in subsequent proceedings arising from the case, that Sauer was labouring under a sense of extreme provocation. Such being the case I submit that were South Bunbury to withdraw their letter to the Board and the latter to show a magnanimous spirit and agree to cancel any suspensions outstanding against Sauer, it would be the loophole which each side appears to be seeking to be able to withdraw from an awkward predicament. That would not be sufficient however. For years a tension has been prevalent which should not be. To help to remove it, set penalties for all breaches should be allotted at the beginning of the season so that no cry of bias could be made against the Board.

It is no more right that South Bunbury should have defiance, than it is for the Board of Control to say in effect we will smash the South Bunbury Club if they do not submit, because the game is above individuals and if those concerned in the present dispute persist in their attitudes I am afraid it will wreck football in Bunbury."

Signed: TOLERANCE.

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 10, 1932
SOUTH BUNBURY SUSPENDED
THREE YEARS SUSPENSION
ELEVEN PLAYERS AFFECTED

"The disputes board of the Bunbury Football Board of Control sitting on Thursday evening to hear reasons why the South Bunbury team did not fulfil an Association fixture on Sunday, August 28, 1932, decided to disqualify the Club, officials and eleven players for three years. The club representative, Mr. A. J. Buswell, gave formal notice of appeal. The South Bunbury club claimed that they were unable to field a team but it was admitted that the trouble arose over the penalty imposed upon L. Sauer, who was recently stood down for six playing Sundays for striking F. Page of Railways. Page who allegedly swore at Sauer and provoked the assault, was stood down for two playing Sundays.

Mr. M. Thomas presided over Messrs H. E. Miller, R. Coe, W. Benson, F. C. Gates, and the secretary, Mr. H. M. Anderson, at a meeting of the Bunbury Football Board of Control Disputes Board on Thursday evening. The officials of the South Bunbury Club were first summoned to appear and Messrs A. J. Buswell, G. Pickersgill and T. Taylor responded.

The officials of the club, and all registered players, were summoned to meet the Disputes Board to show cause why they should not be dealt with for an infringement of the rule that no club can refrain from playing a match without the permission of the controlling body.

Mr. A. J. Buswell, replying to the charge, said: "I am still of the opinion that we forfeited the match and that there was no infringement. We sent a delegate to the board meeting and told you we would be unable to field a team on that particular Sunday. I don't consider that there is anything we can say other than that we could not field a team."

Mr. Thomas: We have your assurance that there was no other reason?

Mr. Buswell: I will not say there is no other reason - I will be candid about it.

Mr. Cowe: Is it your usual custom to hold a public meeting to see if you have enough players to play a match?

Mr. Buswell: The club often holds meetings.

Mr. Benson: Who authorised the president to put a notice in the paper?

Mr. Buswell: That they could not field a team?

Mr. Benson: No - that they would not be playing.

Mr. Buswell: The football club.

Mr. Thomas: It has been alleged that certain members of the club handed in their resignations - can you supply me with their names?

Mr. Pickersgill: Keddie, C. Gibson, L. Heatley, G. Owen, J. Donovan, L. Buck, R. Davies, J. Buswell, C. Parker, E. Parker, A. Paynter, P. Rogers, T. Taylor, K. Lester and K. Gibson.

Mr. Thomas: Were these resignations handed in individually or collectively?

Mr. Pickersgill: Collectively. You are aware of the letter which said that if something was not done they would resign.

Mr. Thomas read the letter from the chairman of the selection committee of the club (Mr. J. Scott) dated August 11, as follows:

"With reference to the penalty imposed on L. Sauer and the feeling that is now existing among players and supporters of our club, against the attitude of the Board re the above player, we find that it will now be impossible for us to field a team in the future, as the biggest majority of our players have signified their intention of resigning from our club. We consider that Sauer has been harshly dealt with in view of the fact that Page had been the cause of the whole trouble in the first place, and that Sauer had previously been dealt with in the Police Court, and expected that both players should receive at least a similar sentence. We may also state that owing to the fact that we have been unfortunate in losing several of our prominent players, leaving the district, and also through injuries and disqualifications, you will no doubt agree that our desire to withdraw is quite genuine.

Trusting you will give this matter your earnest attention and hoping you may see your way clear to perhaps reviewing Sauer's case which in our opinion is the whole seat of the trouble."

Mr. Thomas: If the Board called on your club to field a full team on Sunday - could you do so?

Mr. Buswell: I don't think so.

Mr. Thomas: Could you supply us with the dates of the resignations?

Mr. Pickersgill: On the Sunday of the South Bunbury - Pastimes match - August 7.

Mr. Thomas: Are resignations in your club accepted or rejected by the whole club or by the committee?

Mr. Buswell: By the committee.

Mr. Thomas: Can you inform us the date these resignations were accepted by the committee?

Mr. Buswell: On August the 8th.

Mr. Thomas: Was it moved, seconded and carried by a majority of the committee that the resignations be accepted?

Mr. Buswell: The committee accepted them.

Mr. Thomas: It was a legitimate meeting of the committee?

Mr. Buswell: Yes.

Mr. Thomas: Can you produce the minutes to verify the statement?

Mr. Buswell: No - we do not consider we should bring the minutes along.

Mr. Thomas: Were these players informed in any way that their resignations had been accepted?

Mr. Buswell: When they asked for their resignations we accepted them.

Mr. Thomas: Were they all financial members?

Mr. Buswell: I cannot tell you from memory - candidly, I don't think they would be.

Mr. T. Taylor (Secretary SBFC): There were no financial members at the time.

Mr. H. Anderson: There was apparently a public meeting held but sometime subsequent to this I forwarded a letter from the Board inviting consideration of the matter. A resolution was passed at the club meeting that the Board be notified that the club would be unable to field a team. That resolution has never been communicated to the Board of Control in writing. I would like to know why. Apparently it was supposed to be done.

Mr. Pickersgill: The secretary, being new to the game, thought it was sufficient if the Board had verbal intimation from the club delegate.

Mr. Taylor: I thought it should be moved, seconded and carried before I wrote to the Board. The president only mentioned it.

Mr. Pickersgill: A motion was carried but was never put on the books.

Mr. Buswell: He is a new secretary. I was under the impression at the meeting that he was to notify the Board.

Mr. Anderson: What was the motion?

Mr. Buswell: This was an unfortunate happening - other clubs have had the same thing happen with correspondence.

Mr. Anderson: What was the actual wording of the resolution?

Mr. Pickersgill: The players handed in their resignations and they were accepted. Then some of the players talked between themselves, and some were in favour of playing, and they spoke with the club members. They eventually decided they would stick to their resolution.

Mr. Anderson: That being so it simply places the South Bunbury Club in a worse position than previously. The rules state that there must definitely be an application made to the controlling body before a fixture can be abandoned and apparently no motion for an application to the Board was carried. There was no application made.

Mr. Thomas: The resignations were handed in on August 7 and accepted on August 8. Was the committee meeting held prior to the general meeting and did the players, who had resigned, enter into the discussion at the general meeting?

Mr. Pickersgill: Yes.

Mr. Buswell: There were no more than 8 players at the general meeting. We had no power to empty them out there was no chance of getting them back if we emptied them out. No one has said that these men voted on anything.

Mr. Thomas: Yet Mr. Pickersgill said, just now, that they decided whether they would adhere to their resignations or not.

Mr. Pickersgill: They wanted to withdraw the resignations and they went to the meeting with the idea of withdrawing. A vote was taken and it was decided against withdrawing.

Mr. Gates: If these players wanted to withdraw and seven or eight were present who voted in favour of them adhering to their resignations?

Mr. Buswell: The members and officials of the club.

Mr. Pickersgill: The chairman did not know whether to confine the vote to the players or extend it to the members.

Mr. Coe: Keddie signed a paper to say he was prepared to play - how do you account for that?

Mr. Pickersgill: He went back on his word. He didn't attend the meeting. If more players had, everything might have been fixed up.

Mr. Thomas, after reading the paragraph from the South Bunbury letter which stated the reasons for the resignations, said that it was apparent that the resignations were due, not to dissatisfaction in the club, but with the Board.

Mr. Pickersgill: Yes - I take it so.

Mr. Thomas: Has there ever been a resolution expressing dissatisfaction with the Board?

Mr. Pickersgill: What is the use we complained about the Steward last year and what did we get?

Mr. Thomas: You have not at any meeting moved a vote of no confidence in the Board yet that seems to be the root of the trouble.

Mr. Buswell: The day you gave the decision (August 7), I heard remarks among players to try and get the delegates stopped from attending the Board because the club was not getting justice. I will not say I was in agreement with the remarks. I consider our delegate was doing his best and that is all we can expect from him. If he is not getting everything the club expects him to get, you cannot blame the delegate.

Mr. Thomas: The steps taken must be admitted as action taken in objection to the attitude of the Board.

Mr. Buswell: From the discussion I have heard makes me believe that the members of the club have no confidence in the delegate or the board. I take it in the Board.

Mr. Thomas: There is only one way to take it - the attitude adopted is an indication of no confidence in the Board, but instead of being shown in a proper manner it has been shown in an improper manner.

Mr. Buswell: That might be due to ignorance on our part.

Mr. Thomas: Can you recall to mind any time your secretary has been instructed to write and make application to the Board for withdrawal from the association?

Mr. Pickersgill: There has been nothing to that effect at any meeting.

Mr. Thomas: There has been no application for the club to be released from its obligations.

Mr. Pickersgill: We thought the least the Board could do was to reopen the case to us.

Mr. Thomas: When this letter from the club was read at the meeting, I asked you if it was a threat or not - what was your reply?

Mr. Pickersgill: You didn't mention the word threat - I said the position was there in black and white.

Mr. Thomas: That is - If the Board doesn't do something the players would not play?

Mr. Buswell: I don't think we are getting any further. Had the Board used a little discretion and given the club an appeal which I think it is justly entitled to - I think the whole of the difficulty would have been overcome. I don't say take anything off Sauer's sentence because that could only be done if fresh evidence were produced but an opportunity should have been given for them to bring fresh evidence. Had the Board allowed an appeal there would probably have been no trouble.

Mr. Anderson: No appeal was made the letter received was more a threat than anything else.

Mr. Buswell: If it was not worded as it should have been it was probably due to ignorance on our part. I still claim that we are entitled to an appeal.

Mr. Anderson: An appeal was never put in.

Mr. Buswell: You know the seat of the trouble as well as we know it. The way we are going on we will not get to the seat of the trouble and I still maintain that, even now, if the Board submits to an appeal in the Sauer case, the difficulty would be overcome and the Board would not lower its dignity.

Mr. Anderson: The Board has no dignity to lower.

Mr. Buswell: The board inflicted penalty - perhaps it was warranted - but they might have suffered further evidence. The way it is a player comes before the Board, is dealt with by the Board, penalised by it, and if he wants an appeal he appeals to the same Board again.

Mr. Thomas: He has the League.

Mr. Buswell: We have to get through here first.

Mr. Thomas: I want you to clearly understand that this Board is entirely independent. You know the way in which members are elected. Personally I think that if there has been any indiscretion it was shown in the letter received from the South Bunbury Club, in which it was stated, that if the Board did not reopen the case they would not play. If that is not a threat tell me what is.

Mr. Miller: I think the letter is the whole seat of the trouble.

Mr. Anderson: In the case of Doran, Mr. Milligan simply wrote and asked for a rehearing.

Mr. Anderson then read the letter despatched to the club by the Board which, he said, gave an opportunity for further discussion if it had been desired. The letter, which follows, has not been answered:

"With reference to your letter, of the 11th inst, which was considered at the meeting of the Board of Control, last night, I have to confirm the verbal intimation given to your club delegate, Mr. Pickersgill. The Board's decision is to the effect that they cannot see their way to reducing the penalty imposed on Sauer, as sentence was delivered only after all available evidence had been taken, and after serious consideration of that evidence. The Board's first duty is to the game of football, not to any individual or club, but they regret that the necessity arises at times that some of the players have to be penalised for breaking the laws of the game. You must recognise that the work of the Board is ever so much easier when such cases do not occur and it should be the duty of the clubs to back up the Board's efforts to keep the game free from

unsportsmanlike actions on the part of individual players, because the game itself is more important than any individual. With regard to that portion of your letter which states that your club will be unable to field a team in the future, my Board urge that full consideration be given to the matter before such a serious step is taken, as you have a number of the younger players to consider and such action may seriously prejudice their future progress in the game. With reference to losses sustained by your club through injuries, the Board recognises that you have been unfortunate in this respect recently, and they extend their sympathy and the hope that most of the injured players will soon be able to take their places in the team again; these misfortunes never seem to come singly and your club has perhaps had more than their share of bad luck lately, but one never knows when it will visit other teams, and they will have to get over the same difficulties. In the meantime it is hoped that on calm reflection your club will realise that the Board of Control is endeavouring to uphold the prestige of the game to the best of their ability (they do not claim to be infallible) and that you will do your part by fulfilling your obligations to them, as well as to the game, the public, and your own supporters."

Mr. Buswell: Are there any qualifications for members of the Board? If a man holds a position with another club is there any rule to prevent him being on the Board?

Mr. Anderson: No playing member of any club can be on the Board.

Mr. Buswell: I am under the impression that when the Board was first elected they objected to anyone holding position in a club being a member.

Mr. Anderson: That has always been the aim of delegates and officials to get members who are not connected with any club at all but it is not always possible to get such members.

Mr. Buswell: I am going to mention a man who has carried football on his back for years. Personally I am not going to object to him because it is said he is a life member of a certain club - I refer to Mr. Benson. I don't object to him myself, as I have a great respect for him, so far as football is concerned.

Mr. Benson: I am not even a financial member of the Railways Club. I am a life member of the Association but not of the club.

Mr. Buswell then mentioned remarks which had been made to the effect that even the chairman was a life member of a certain club.

Mr. Thomas: I am a life member of a club and I am proud to say so, and if any member has any objection to me as a member of the Board well then they can take football and go to hell. If a club sees fit to honour me for services they have every right to do so. If this sort of thing is going on - if the man who has been asked by a club to be a member of the Board is challenged, in this manner, across the floor by a representative of the club that elected him - then football has come to a bad pass.

Mr. Buswell: If there is not a bylaw against it everything is in order.

Mr. Benson: We come here and give our time in the interests of football. I don't believe in these slurs being thrown up.

Mr. Buswell protested that he meant no slur upon anyone.

Mr. Miller: He has heard these things said outside and he is trying to convey to the Board what he has heard.

Mr. Buswell: I am very sorry you have seen fit to take it this way.

Mr. Thomas: I don't think there was any need for the question to have arisen. Each club has an opportunity at the beginning of the season to ask the qualifications of the candidates for the Board.

Six members of the club, Messrs A. Paynter, C. Parker, L. Sauer, L. Heatley, T. Taylor, and Forrester then appeared before the Board. Parker was in hospital on the day of the match but he admitted resigning from the club. Sauer was disqualified at the time and Forrester has not played this season. The others admitted they had resigned from the club.

Officials and players withdrew and after considering the matter the Board announced their decision to disqualify South Bunbury, its officials, and eleven players for three years. The disqualified players were:

Messrs K. Gibson, L. Heatley, A. Paynter, T. Taylor, R. Davies, L. Nesbitt, L. Buck, C. Gibson, G. Owen, J. Donovan and E. Parker."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 21, 1932

"Seating accommodation was taxed in the South Bunbury hall last night when members and supporters gathered at a special meeting. The main business was to discuss the action of the Board of Control who took rather drastic action by suspending the South Bunbury Football Club, officials and members for a period of three years.

Mr. E. A. Davies occupied the chair and called on the secretary, Mr. T. Taylor) to read the letter received from the secretary, of the Association, to the effect that members of the club had been suspended.

To those present a very clear and concise report of what actually took place concerning the suspension of players was given by Mr. A. J. Buswell. The speaker said that two junior members of the South Bunbury Club had been suspended for six matches by the Board. The players had appealed and were retried on the day the two "A" grade players were tried. The Board of Control reduced the penalty of one player for using bad language. This decision was given one hour prior to the commencement of the match, and to members concerned, such a late verdict was very unfair. The Board of Control it is stated, were desirous of obtaining information from a Perth umpire, hence the delay. On this decision, the "A" grade players were very dubious as to whether they would play the match scheduled (South Bunbury v Pastimes) to be played that day. As the position was so involved, the players were addressed and appealed to think for themselves; to think alike; and to be prepared to stand by their decision. This resulted in a number of players signing a document to the effect that they would stand by the club and the delegate for a rehearing and reduction in the penalty meted out to Sauer, by the Board of Control.

General discussion on the matter was then permitted, included amongst which was the South Bunbury delegate's visit to the Board of Control meeting. The delegate went to this meeting and on behalf of his club said it would be impossible for his club to field a team on the following Sunday, against Railways. This verbal notice, it was said, was the first intimation the Board of Control had received concerning this action although a letter confirming this had been sent some days prior to this, and had not been received by the Board of Control.

The fixture between South Bunbury and Railways resulted in the former being unable to field a team.

This resulted in a letter being received from the Board of Control summoning officials to a special meeting to try the case of defaulting members; although, it was stated previously they were not in default. The argument of the Board of Control was to the effect that the letter had never been received to confirm the delegate's contention, therefore the club had defaulted. The outcome of the meeting was the suspension of the players named, and to this penalty the meeting took a very strong objection, as also the reception received by the club's delegate, who, it was stated, had not received a fair hearing from the Board. Summing up the chairman considered that the delegate had fulfilled his obligation to the Association and his verbal indication was sufficient to forfeit the match.

Further discussion took place as to the requirements of qualifications of a Board of Control, and those present did not consider the men constituting the Board as being thoroughly competent, by being men who were in no way connected with any club. "The Board of Control today is not what it should be," declared a member, "and is not constitutional, as two members are believed to have been elected life members of various clubs, and it was very doubtful whether a Board such as this could give a fair and unbiased opinion, although they may."

The Board of Control had been asked that a body of three independent men retry Sauer, but they would not comply with this request.

As an alternative to this, a member with practically a lifetime association with the club suggested that the South Bunbury Club break away from the Association and show their independence. It could be done. The South Bunbury people consisted of enthusiasts as was evidenced by the cricket, tennis and cycle clubs - all displayed success, and it was his belief that they could form up on their own, and play football as it should be played, as South Bunbury had all the facilities at their back door to help an enterprise of this nature.

This suggestion was considered a very solid argument, as if South Bunbury took their supporters from the game, it would be a poor following that would attend the fixtures.

After further discussion the following resolution was passed:

"That the South Bunbury Football Club appeal against the decision of the Board of Control in the disqualification of club officials and members for a period of three years."

Mr. A. J. Buswell was elected delegate to the appeal.

A motion of confidence in the club's officials was unanimously carried."

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"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 24, 1932

"The Board of Control cannot see any advantage in rehearing the case as it stands at present, but they recommend South Bunbury to act under rule 19 and make an appeal in a constitutional manner to the W.A.N.F.L."

This was the motion moved by Mr. M. Thomas at the BFA Board of Control meeting on Thursday evening, when an appeal was received from the South Bunbury Club in connection with a three - years suspension against the club, and certain players, for a failure to fulfil an association fixture on August 28.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. C. Gates and carried unanimously. It was decided to hold over an appeal from G. Owen, one of the players concerned, until after the league decision. He contended that he had not been an active member of the club this season, only playing when convenient, and on the date of the offence he would not have been able to play.

The Board of Control has handed the following statement to us (South Western Times) for publication in reply to certain statements made at the meeting of the South Bunbury Club on Tuesday night:

"It is not the policy of the Board of Control to enter into newspaper arguments, nor is it necessary to defend their action in the recent controversy, but members feel that there are certain misrepresentations and untruths uttered at Tuesday night's meeting of supporters of the South Bunbury Club, which in fairness to the sporting public should not be allowed to pass unchallenged.

In connection with the charge against Sauer, the Board sat on a Sunday morning, at great inconvenience to members, as the central umpire's evidence was necessary and in order to allow the players charged to cross - examine him. If any outside body had adjudicated the same position would have arisen under these circumstances. The decision was given at 1.00 p.m. and the match started at 3.00 p.m.

Any player who commits an offence and is reported knows he must put up with the consequences if found guilty, and the club must do likewise (vide Cashman's case) and it is totally wrong for threats of non - playing to be made because a verdict may seem harsh to club members.

The letter conveying the resolution at a meeting of players and supporters that the South Bunbury Club had decided not to play any further unless Sauer's sentence was reduced (which was apparently the gist of the resolution though not perhaps the exact wording) was never written or forwarded, and the statement that such a letter was sent and not received by the Board is simply a lie.

No application whatever was made by the South Bunbury Club for the match against Railways on the 28th August to be forfeited, simply a bold verbal statement by their delegate that a team couldn't or wouldn't turn out to play, in spite of the fact that the rules laid down distinctly that no match can be forfeited or abandoned except by permission of the controlling body.

The South Bunbury Club delegate has always been given the same opportunity to express his views as any other delegate, and anyone who has served as a delegate or member of the Board of Control will support the statement that no delegate has ever had the gag applied.

The chairman of the meeting, held on Tuesday last, must be ignorant of the rules if he considers that verbal intimation by a club delegate is sufficient to forfeit a match. This would place individual clubs over the controlling body and at any time a club did not feel disposed to play, they could simply send word along and forfeit a match.

"The Board of Control is constitutionally elected in accordance with the rules, which are lodged with and have the approval of the W.A.N.F.L. and no statement of any club or person can make it otherwise.

As for personal reflections on the integrity and impartiality of members of the Board, they are disregarded, as the members are well known to the public, and it is no part of their policy to indulge in, or reply to, petty personalities.

The Board of Control is perfectly willing to submit the case of the South Bunbury Club to the W.A.N.F.L. if the club wish, but they are not to be intimidated or swayed by any threats made by that club or its adherents.

In conclusion, it must be obvious to all thinking persons that the South Bunbury officials had decided that the club would not play unless Sauer's sentence was reduced, or Page's increased, in spite of anything the Board of Control might direct, and no attempt was made by the officials to field a team on the 28th August (vide notice appearing in the South Western Times of the 27th August).

If South Bunbury can now form an Association on their own, it must be apparent that they could have fielded a team on the date on which they defaulted."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", OCTOBER 15, 1932

"The National Football League of Western Australia has endorsed the Bunbury Football Association's decision to disqualify South Bunbury Club officials and eleven players.

It is understood that the South Bunbury Club has not yet appealed to the League against the decision."

Due to the suspension of the South Bunbury Football Club, its officials, and 11 of its players by the Board of Control, only Railways and Pastimes remained as contenders for the 1932 premiership.

In addition, there was no need for a semifinal match to ascertain who should play the minor premiers. However, the final was eventually played and Pastimes were victorious defeating Railways 7.12 to 3.12.

1933

Facing a three - year suspension, South Bunbury embarked upon the 1933 season with some concern - but probably not as much as the Association and the two teams comprising it. Football would have been a very dreary affair with the same two teams opposing each other every week.

Some behind the scenes lobbying evidently took place, and obviously all parties faced reality, for prior to the commencement of the 1933 season, the following was reported by the "South Western Times" on April 26, 1933:

"The South Bunbury Football Club has been readmitted into the Bunbury Football Association.

Owing to failure to field a team for an Association fixture last season, following a dispute with the Board of Control in connection with the disqualification of a player, the South Bunbury Club and a number of players were disqualified for three years.

Early this season, the Board of Control received a letter asking for a reconsideration of the case, and the Board met in the secretary's office on Sunday morning. Mr. M. Thomas presided over Messrs F. C. Gates and W. Benson (Board members), J. Scott, E. A. Davies (South Bunbury), Duckworth (Railways) and H. M. Anderson (secretary).

The South Bunbury representative spoke in support of the letter and stated the club was prepared to continue to play in the Association.

Board members were satisfied with the genuineness of the application, and recognised that the club realised a mistake was made by acting as it had last year. It was decided to lift the disqualification on the club and players subject to the approval of the League. The club applied for affiliation and paid the necessary fee.

A meeting of the Board of Control will be held on Wednesday."

The actual period of the Club's suspension was the one match remaining in the fifth qualifying round against Pastimes, and probably a place in the final.

This was a very short "secession" from the BFA but much longer than Western Australia's secession from the rest of Australia - a topic which occupied considerable newspaper space in 1933.

On May 9, 1933, the following were appointed to the Board of Control: H. A. Swinbourne (3 years), H. C. Adams (2 years), F. Merryfield (1 year) these gentlemen joining F. C. Gates and H. E. Miller to form the Board.

On May 11, the Board of Control remitted the remainder of Les Sauer's suspension which made him eligible to play from the beginning of the season on May 14.

It is interesting to note that Les Sauer went on to win the 1933 Fairest and Best award in the Bunbury Association. South Bunbury concluded the season as minor premiers and in the final defeated Railways 14.17 to 7.9 to once again take out the premiership.

1933 South Bunbury Team (Premiership Match) statistics:

Name	Age	Height	Weight
C. Parker (Capt)	25	6.2	14.1
J. Saunders	28	5.7	13.8
M. Giles	23	6.0	13.7
E. Parker	28	5.11	13.0
L. Ganfield	23	6.0	13.0
N. Butcher	21	6.1	13.0
A. Ausden	27	5.11	13.0
A. Paynter	22	5.9	12.0
L. Sauer (V - Capt.)	26	5.6	11.12
I. Keddie	19	5.7	11.8
F. Wimbridge	28	5.1	11.7
J. Buswell	19	5.8	11.7
F. Howson	22	6.0	11.6
L. Heatley	20	5.1	11.4
J. Flynn	17	5.6	11.0
N. Gibson	22	5.7	10.12
K. Gibson	25	5.7	10.10
G. Owen	31	5.7	10.7
T. Taylor	24	5.6	10.0
C. Hough	19	5.5	9.10
W. King	26	5.0	8.3

In the South Bunbury Club Notes, published in the "South Western Times" of August 12, 1933, the following appeared:

"Our heartiest congratulations to the three girls who participated in the Popular Girl competition on the splendid effort they put up to raise finance for the Football Clubs.

Especially do we congratulate Miss Gwen Sharpe on her popular win. Gwen and her committee worked hard all through the competition and we feel sure that everyone will join us in these congratulations.

We take this opportunity of thanking everyone for their loyal support they gave and hope, in the near future, to show in a small way, our appreciation."

Gwen was later to become the wife of well known South Bunbury stalwart - Ron "Sav" Davies.

At the Bunbury Association's wind - up on December 7, 1933, one of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presentation of a replica of the Premiership Cup to Mr. E. A. Davies of the South Bunbury Football Club. At this function, Les Sauer received a gold medal for the Fairest and Best in the Association during the past season, and Mr. T. Taylor, a gold medal for the best placed man in the Association.

(Mr. E. A. Davies was the father of Ron "Sav" Davies and Eric Davies. "Sav" was to play a major role in the Club's activities following World War 2.)

Years of devoted service to the club, firstly as a player and as an administrator, were rewarded for James Forbes Milligan at the end of the 1933 season.

At the wind - up Premiership Celebration, members saw fit to bestow life membership on him.

James Forbes Milligan was later to serve for many years as Secretary of the Bunbury Football Association where he competently administered the affairs of the Association with no favours to any of the three teams. At times this must have proved a burden to Mr. Milligan as South Bunbury was his first and last love in the football world.

Mr. Milligan later returned to the executive of South Bunbury including a term as president in the 1955 and 1956 seasons.

1934

Again the Bunbury Association operated unchanged with the three clubs representing South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes.

Sunday afternoon, August 5, was obviously a very wet day, as the "South Western Times" reports on August 8:

"On Sunday afternoon, August 5, the wet conditions were not apparently to the liking of the "A" grade members of Railways and South Bunbury clubs. Only a few members of each team attended the show ground and it was decided to abandon the match and to divide the premiership points.

In the "B" grade, owing to the non - attendance of the Railway Club all that was required was the bouncing of the ball and the registration of a goal by South Bunbury to register a win and four premiership points."

After the fourth qualifying round, because of an approaching inter - town carnival, and the visit of HMAS "Australia" to Bunbury, it was decided to abandon the fifth qualifying round and Pastimes were declared minor premiers.

The Bunbury Association went on to win the SW Carnival and also defeated a team from the visiting HMAS "Australia". South Bunbury met Pastimes in the final and won this match 21.14 to 5.11.

Pastimes, as minor premiers, had the right of challenge but for some reason did not exercise that right. It was generally believed that lack of interest in football during 1934 may have been the paramount reason.

During 1934, the first rumblings of the rising of the Nazi movement in Germany took place, and practically every issue of the local paper carried articles on the German situation.

After many years of service, including the past two years as secretary of the club, Mr. Clarence H. Rodwell accepted life membership of the club. The past two years as secretary had been very onerous, as following the club's suspension in 1932, the image of the club in the eyes of their local opponents had deteriorated, and it was Clarry's tactful secretary - ship, which assisted greatly to overcome this.

1935

The lack of interest in football, evident in 1934, continued into the 1935 season, so much so that at one stage there was consideration given to Railways and Pastimes amalgamating so as to produce a team worthy to contest matches against the last year's premiers - South Bunbury.

On the other hand, South Bunbury were eager to commence activities for the new season, and apparently, also was Capel, who had made an application to Join the Association.

On Saturday, May 6, with no fixtures yet arranged, South Bunbury journeyed to Capel to try conclusions with that side in an attempt to foster interest in the game and so get the Bunbury Association moving. Capel managed to defeat South Bunbury to the tune of 11.10 to 8.9. In this game Ron "Sav" Davies played his first game after being out for two years with an injured knee. The "South West Times" of May 8 records that he found playing very difficult and painful, but put up quite a creditable performance.

The "South West Times" of May 18, records that the South Bunbury Football Club held their weekly meeting and there was a good attendance of old and new members. The members were disappointed at the position of their fellow clubs, and rather than go into recess for 12 months, decided to play inter - town matches with various country clubs. The Capel club had signified their intention of playing a return match on Sunday, May 19, and "in order to atone for their crushing defeat at Capel, the players have started training hard."

The "South Western Times", of May 25, 1935, reported the following: "The position regarding football for the season is still obscure, the only thing definitely known being that the South Bunbury Club has decided to play a series of inter - town matches for the season instead of disbanding.

This club started off by taking a team to Capel, and a return match was to have been played last Sunday, but did not eventuate. This Sunday South Bunbury will play Brunswick.

It is stated that Capel have made an offer to split its team and join up with Railways and Pastimes in Bunbury to build those teams up to normal strength. This statement is not official and at present there is no official indication of how the proposal might be viewed.

The secretary of the Railways Football Club, Mr. Shaw, took steps during the week to convene a meeting of football supporters at the Burlington Hotel for last night, but although it seemed that something would at last be done as sufficient interest seemed to have at last been manifested in the matter, the proposed meeting for some obscure reason again lapsed, and the position now is more obscure than ever. The secretary of the Association, Mr. A. R. Reid, said that he knew nothing of the meeting and had no idea what the present position was. As far as he knew the position was just the same as hitherto and no progress had been made with starting association games."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JUNE 26, 1935

"The national winter game as far as Bunbury is concerned seems to be a thing of the past, although South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes "B" grades, have had matches away and expect return games in the near future.

The Board of Control has ceased to function although no statement has been forthcoming to the public as to whether they have resigned in a body and left the way open for the formation of another controlling body or whether they are just awaiting developments. The cause of the slump in the game appears to be mainly due to finance and a lack of interest on the part of our younger men. In other parts, players travel long distances in the eagerness to have a game and derive great enjoyment and exercise from such, although in a number of centres there is not even a collection taken up, the players themselves paying for their sport.

Last season in Bunbury the Board made numerous appeals to the three clubs in the competition to try and lighten the load of expenditure on the matches, and as is well known, created quite a stormy attitude and therefore received little assistance from them. To date this season Pastimes have journeyed to Donnybrook, Railways have visited Collie, whilst South Bunbury have journeyed to Capel, Brunswick, Collie and Harvey, but still last season when a suggestion of 10/ (\$1.00) per club per match was proposed it was considered too heavy a load.

The "Red and Whites" have not let the game drop. Far from it, and they are as strong as ever, and as they hold the Swan Brewery Cup whichever team comes here will find it hard to take it away. Mines Rovers of Collie and the strongest team in the district are to be the first visitors but whether this game will involve the cup is not known.

The conditions for competition for the valuable trophy are that it be played under league rules and if taken from Bunbury the holders must be prepared to play any challenger in Bunbury.

Souths are to be commended on their efforts to revive interest and any efforts made to conduct games in Bunbury are sure to meet with the full support of all football fans.

Railways have paid a visit to Collie and although only sixteen members made the trip a pleasant outing resulted and with a little more organisation a good team will be available for future games.

Pastimes B grade have practically the same personnel that won them the B grade pennant last season. The "A" grade seems to definitely have gone out of existence, and the only course seems for the remnants to join in with the "B" grade or Railways."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JULY 6, 1935

"The S.B.F.C. held its weekly meeting and social last Tuesday night and a large number of members attended. Considerable enthusiasm was shown.

The club played Mines Rovers from Collie last Sunday and after a very disappointing game emerged easy victors.

It was pleasing to see some of the seasoned players striking form, with so little training, and the club expects great things when they settle down to serious business with the view of annexing the carnival cup.

Among those to shine in Sunday's match were the diminutive rover, Taylor, who played his usual solid game, the skipper "Mirrie" Parker, who was a tower of strength, G. Clifton, L. Sauer, who has lost none of his dash, and Nichols - a promising recruit. Of the remainder those worth mentioning are K. Gibson, Hislop, Leguir and Howson.

Mr. Des Kelly was present at the meeting and put forward the suggestion of forming an association at South Bunbury which was cordially received. It was finally decided to give Mr. Kelly and Mr. Oldfield, who was also interested in the matter, full charge to interview the town clubs with a view of making some arrangement in the future.

All players are requested to be out on Sunday morning to do some badly needed training."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JULY 13, 1935

"A meeting of football supporters was held in the South Bunbury hall on Tuesday night last for the purpose of reviving interest in football, and to discuss the proposed formation of a new football association.

Mr. F. Oldfield, who, with Mr. Des Kelly, had organised the meeting, was in the chair. The meeting decided to form a new football association and the body was duly constituted under the name of the Bunbury District Association. Mr. Oldfield, who was elected President of the new association, held the chair throughout the evening. He read a letter from the Donnybrook Football Association referring to the South West Carnival to be held at Donnybrook in October, and he also read a letter from the Secretary of the W.A. Football League (Mr. W. R. Orr) encouraging the formation of the new association and suggesting that if there was any difficulty in fielding a team, this could probably be overcome by fielding 16 players a side. The letter also mentioned that it was not too late for the new body to affiliate with the W.A.F.L. as affiliation could be affected at any time, but, the matter of clearances presented some difficulty as the time for clearances had expired. Mr. Orr suggested that all players requiring clearances should be treated as original players.

After a brief discussion in the course of which several names for the new association were suggested, it was resolved that the new association should be styled the Bunbury District Association. It was also decided that the delegate system should be adopted.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Oldfield; Secretary, Mr. P. Heatley; Treasurer, Mr. Connell.

The matter of delegates was then discussed and it was moved by Mr. Cotter that the Secretary write to the respective teams asking them to forward the names of their delegates.

The suggestion was made that any team represented at the meeting could nominate their delegates immediately.

Mr. Scott questioned whether Railways and Pastimes could field teams. Mr. Johnston said that Pastimes would definitely be able to field a team - it might not be a first rate team but it would get by, and it would enable Bunbury to be represented at the South West Carnival at Donnybrook.

Mr. Owens said that Railways would be able to field a team.

It was eventually decided that all teams be communicated with, calling for nominations for delegates.

Mr. Cotter said that he understood the new Association was starting off afresh and would have no connection with the liabilities of the old Board of Control.

Mr. Oldfield said that this was so, but he hoped the new Association would not suffer the same as the old one had. It was not fair for a sporting body to carry on for a while and then go out of existence leaving business people to suffer for its liabilities. The old Association had left a deficit of something like £40 (\$80.00). Such things as that gave the district a bad name.

Mr. Johnston asked what steps would be taken to popularise football in Bunbury.

Mr. Cotter said that this would be achieved by playing good football.

Mr. Johnston said that three teams were insufficient to maintain interest. Something would have to be done. Bunbury won the South West Carnival, last year, so the standard of football was alright. The trouble was that the public had lost interest.

Mr. Cotter expressed the view that some action should be taken to encourage the players themselves. He thought this could be accomplished by approaching business houses for trophies. He also made the suggestion that the new controlling authorities should consider the question of insuring the teams as a whole, when cheaper rates would no doubt be obtainable. They could not expect players to play for nothing and takes the risk of being knocked about, when they had to go back to work the next day. He also expressed the opinion that more press publicity of a personal nature regarding the players themselves would help. The press reports were quite good, he said, as general reports.

Mr. Rodwell suggested that the W.A. Football League be approached and asked to send two teams to Bunbury to play a match on the date it was proposed to open association football in Bunbury. The League could have the gate. This would serve to arouse public interest, the local teams would play early in the afternoon and the league teams could take the field at three o'clock. This suggestion received general approval. It was thought that the suggestion was an excellent one and it was decided to take action accordingly.

Mr. Kelly said that he had been trying to get business people generally interested in the meeting but they all seemed to throw wet blankets over it. Some had expressed the view that it was too late in the season now to do any good. In the past the Board of Control had never given the B grade players a fair go. The B grade players of today were the A grade players of tomorrow - therefore they should be given every consideration. Mr. Johnston said that three teams would not be enough as people would lose interest. There would have to be 5 or 6 teams to keep the public interested.

Mr. Oldfield: That is what we want. Are there any suggestions?

Mr. Cotter said that he understood the Lumpers were going to start a team. The chairman said that the main idea behind the formation of the new Association was to enable Bunbury to be represented at the South West Carnival at Donnybrook in October. If this was accomplished then the carnival would be held in Bunbury the following year. If Bunbury dropped out the carnival would go elsewhere. That was the most important aspect of the whole matter.

Mr. Cotter: That is all we are worrying about this year.

It was suggested that coaches be approached to coach the various teams and the chairman announced that the suggestion would be kept in mind."

After playing social matches against Capel, Brunswick, Mines Rovers, Harvey, Donnybrook, and Wembley Athletic, the Bunbury Association was revived, and two rounds of fixtures were organised, commencing July 28.

South Bunbury defeated both Pastimes and Railways twice in these two rounds. South Bunbury won the final and the premiership by defeating Railways 15.16 to 9.6.

1936

This was the second and last year in which newspapers printed in Bunbury were not available either in Bunbury or at the State Library in Perth (1929 being the other). However, despite the lack of official records it was possible to accurately determine South Bunbury's final position from other sources. In the case of 1936, a photograph of the premiership team is available, and from this it is apparent that in 1936 South Bunbury added yet another premiership title to its magnificent record.

Patron of the club for many years, and past player, Mr. W. J. (Bill) Beer, was honoured with life membership. He was a fantastic worker for the club as well as being patron.

It is believed that another Popular Girl competition was conducted in 1936, and that South Bunbury's candidate, Miss Jean Buswell, following the energetic efforts of a hard working committee and helpers, won the title.

Unfortunately Jean died soon afterwards following her transfer to Darwin.

1937

The Association again comprised the three teams and the competition got under way on May 9. Five rounds were played at the end of which Pastimes were minor premiers.

The match played between South Bunbury and Pastimes on July 4, was played in wintry conditions, and the "South Western Times" recalls :

"The match was rather interesting until, near the conclusion of the third quarter, rain fell, making the ball hard to handle and the ground exceedingly slippery. Owing to the rain, the game was continued without the customary time off prior to the commencement of the last term. Only a few minutes had elapsed in the final quarter when the rain fell in earnest and players were unable to see the man playing next to them. It was not long before they realised how impossible it was to continue playing and within a few minutes the field was cleared. Play was not again resumed and the result will have to be decided at the Association Meeting.

At the time when play was marred by the rain, Pastimes had a substantial lead over their opponents, and, if anything, had the better of the play throughout. The score up to the cessation of play was Pastimes 11.4, South Bunbury 8.4."

In the semifinals, South Bunbury defeated Railways 15.18 to 14.15 to earn the right to meet Pastimes in the final. Once again, South Bunbury was successful defeating Pastimes 15.19 to 9.14.

As minor premiers, Pastimes challenged South Bunbury for the premiership, but South Bunbury were successful (15.17 to 8.12) and the club won yet another premiership.

The "South Western Times" of October 30, 1937, reports:

"At the South Bunbury Football Club's wind - up, a farewell presentation was made to Mr. C. "Mirry" Parker, as this would be the last season he would be a playing member. He intended going to Dunsborough to recuperate from the strenuous season, and the "boys" had decided to make a presentation to him, but had been somewhat at a loss to select the most suitable gift. After the committee had been called together especially to consider the matter, it had been decided to make him a present of something that would be most useful on his fishing trip.

A large parcel was handed the recipient, and amidst good natured banter, he was requested to open it. Upon being unwrapped, it was found that the parcel contained a child's bucket and spade. Amidst roars of laughter, "Mirrie" thanked his teammates, and stated that although he knew he was getting old, he did not think he was as childish as the present seemed to imply."

After serving as secretary of the club for the past two years, George G. (Pony) Beer was elected a Life Member of South Bunbury at the 1937 Premiership celebrations.

1938

South Bunbury, Pastimes and Railways continued in the Bunbury Football Association in 1938. The first four rounds were played without incident but on August 28, when the last game of the fifth round was scheduled to be played between South Bunbury and Railways, Railways withdrew from the competition for the remainder of the year because of their inability to field a representative side. (It is interesting to note that this withdrawal did not become the controversial issue that followed a similar decision in 1932 by South Bunbury.)

It was decided that a semifinal be played between South Bunbury and Pastimes, to decide who were to be the minor premiers for 1938. This was played on September 4 and resulted in a win for Pastimes 16.14 to South Bunbury's 8.14.

The final was played one week later, and this time South Bunbury turned the tables to win 14.12 to 12.12. Exercising their right to challenge South Bunbury for the Premiership, the challenge match was played on September 18, when Pastimes defeated South Bunbury 14.10 to 9.3.

This was a fair result as during the season Pastimes and South Bunbury had met on five occasions in the qualifying rounds with Pastimes winning on three occasions.

During 1938 (and of course in previous years) South Bunbury obtained a large proportion of its finance by Community Concerts held in the hall on Tuesday night, each week. Mr. Len Nisbett was the popular conductor.

These community concerts were conducted throughout the winter months with outstanding success, and arrangements were made for the projection of the words of songs onto a screen to assist the audience with their singing. In addition, a large number of local assisting artists rendered items;

The local press reported on one such concert held on June 7, as follows:

"Another very successful community concert was held in the South Bunbury hall last Tuesday night when again the attendance was slightly larger than had been the case previously.

Mr. Len Nesbitt had charge of the conducting and led an appreciative audience through a large number of modern and old time favourites. There was also a splendid response from the assisting artists and the audience were not slow to show their appreciation.

The function marked the first appearance this year of Mr. Bert Renfree, the noted ventriloquist, and even after he had made two appearances, accompanied by his two young friends, the audience were loath to see his item finish. Mr. Renfree is always a popular favourite at these concerts, wherever he goes, and always seems to have some delightfully fresh joke to crack with his audience.

Another popular artist who seems to have come to the forefront this year is Mr. J. Holmgren with his saxophone. Since his appearance at the concerts at South Bunbury last year this player has been studying his instrument assiduously and a very marked improvement is the result. His playing would do credit to some of the professionals in the city.

Mr. Norm Platts again pleased his audience with two vocal numbers in which he proved to his audience that he had not lost any of his talent which made him so popular last year, when he was requested in practically every town in the surrounding districts to sing "Old Man River". The songs chosen for the function on Tuesday night were equally as popular as his original number and the artist received a splendid response from the audience.

Little Miss Marsh made her second appearance at the South Bunbury concerts, and again proved very popular. This young artist does very well with her singing, and her ability to conclude the number with a lively tap dance is of great value to her as an artist, and is much appreciated by the audience. A newcomer to the South Bunbury audience this year was Mr. J. Cooke, who received a splendid ovation for his renditions on the mouth organ.

The function concluded with a dance for which the music was supplied by Mrs. Platts and her rhythm boys. An innovation which was much appreciated by the dancers was the fact that no charge was made for the dance, the sixpence charged for admission to the concert covering the dance as well. A large number of dance enthusiasts stayed for the dancing and a most enjoyable time was spent."

And again on Tuesday, June 28:

"At tonight's concert at South Bunbury, the officers and men of the training vessel "Nardana" will attend as the guests of the Club. As there are about fifty cadets on board, it is hoped that items will be forthcoming from some of the men. Apart from the concert side, this should ensure a pleasant evening's dancing. Henderson's bus will convey the complement to South Bunbury."

And yet again on July 1:

"Arrangements have now been finalised for the appearance of Mr. N. (Tony) Basile, at the concert to be held on Tuesday night next. The excellent quality of Mr. Basile's voice will be long remembered in Bunbury, and patrons are looking forward to his appearance on this occasion. Since leaving Bunbury, Mr. Basile has appeared in a number of concerts in Perth and has sung in radio and is reported to be in fine form. There will be no extra charge for admission. The doors will open at 7.30 sharp and patrons are asked to attend early to obtain a seat."

"Tony" Basile commenced his singing career in public at these South Bunbury Football Club Community Concerts and retained a soft spot for the club. Following his move to Perth, he often returned to perform at these concerts, and would accept no payment for his services. He later went to Rome to further train his fine singing voice and, it is certain, went on to bigger and better things.

Trouble in Europe was the main talking point when the Bunbury Football Association commenced its 1939 season with four clubs competing - a team from Harvey Brunswick being admitted prior to the season.

The day war was declared (Sunday 3/9/1939) South Bunbury were beaten by Railways 12.11 to 9.12. With four teams in the competition, the Association was able to bring the final four into action - it mattered not that all teams qualified - and this was to be the first year in which the finals were played on that basis.

In the first semifinal South Bunbury defeated Railways 13.16 to 11.20. In the Preliminary final the Club defeated Pastimes 21.16 to 11.18. However, in the grand final they were no match for the strong Harvey Brunswick team and were vanquished 18.14 to 5.16, and completed the season as runners - up.

THE THIRD QUARTER

1940 - 1952

1940

Due mainly to the number of men who had left the area as members of the armed services, the Bunbury District Football Association, at a meeting on June 19, 1940, decided that it was impracticable to continue with the "A" grade competition.

At the meeting discussion centred on the great lack of interest in the sport. With the departure the previous Thursday of a contingent for the 7th Division A.I.F., serious inroads were made into club memberships. It was thought the position would become even more serious later on because of the number of men waiting to be called up for service in World War Two.

The circumstances and difficulties confronting the Association were of such proportions, that it would have been idealistic to endeavour to carry on.

It was decided to abandon the "A" grade competition for the duration of the war, but to retain the "B" grade. Only players who were promoted to "A" grade ranks during the past year were allowed to return to "B" grade status.

In an attempt to stimulate interest and encourage players, the Association nominated one "A" grade player from each team to play with the "B" grade. In deciding upon the players, the Association gave consideration to sportsmanship and ability to foster interest amongst the players.

The following players were nominated: South Bunbury, Mr. P. Hislop; Railways, Mr. J. Leguire; Pastimes, Mr. G. Harris.

So ran an article in the local press on June 21, 1940. Prior to this, the Association had commenced the 1940 season with the same clubs of the previous year South Bunbury, Railways, Pastimes and Harvey Brunswick. Following the match on June 16, Harvey Brunswick found it necessary to withdraw from the competition because so many of their players had joined the Armed Services.

The three Bunbury teams were obliged to withdraw from the "A" grade competition for the same reason, but were able to carry on with "B" grade teams.

South Bunbury went on to defeat Railways in the final 8.9 to 8.8, but Railways turned the tables in the challenge final after exercising their right of challenge as minor premiers, and took out the last prewar premiership, defeating South Bunbury 9.7 to 5.12.

1941

Enlistments in the three armed services had reached a peak by this stage, and the Bunbury Football Association did not meet.

It was left to individual clubs to endeavour to arrange some sort of football matches. Finally, two teams were organised TOWNS, comprising members of the three Bunbury Football Clubs South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes, and SURF comprising members of the Bunbury Surf Club and the three Bunbury Clubs.

The first Towns team comprised: T. Dillon, D. Pickersgill, L. Venables, R. Henderson, S. Rodgers, J. Flynn, R. Watson, K. Mort, W. Windsor, K. Sinclair, A. Pickersgill, G. James, C. Halkyard, K. Woods, K. Brittain, J. Leguir, T. Needle, R. Hartzer, R. Davies, S. Hislop, P. Hislop and S. Richards.

Many South Bunbury footballers were in the team.

Later, Surf and Towns were to combine to play matches against a team representing the 10th Light Horse Battalion, who were camped, during the duration of the war, at the showgrounds which later became Hands Memorial Oval.

On July 6, 1941, Towns lost to Surf 5.8 to 8.10. In this match, Towns were only able to field 13 players, while Surf could manage only 14. The same shortage of players prevailed at the time in Collie, and so, on

August 24, a match was arranged between a combined Collie and Bunbury team against Swan Districts. The locals were soundly beaten.

The combined Collie Bunbury side comprised: J. Leguire (Capt), P. Barrett, G. Harris, P. Usher, N. Dawson, A. Owens, L. Venables, I. Robertson, A. Connolly, D. Keddie (from Bunbury), and L. Blakemore, W. Smith, C. Wright, T. McGurk, P. McGurk, E. Thompson, W. Jackson and J. Graham (from Collie).

On September 7, 1941, the 10th Light Horse team combined with "Towns" and "Surf" to play Claremont at Bunbury. This team consisted of: A. Connolly (captain), S. Barboutis, I. Robertson, L. Venables, W. Rodgers, A. Owens, N. Dawson, P. Barrett, K. Wilson, N. Butcher, R. Broun, C. Bauer, Harnett, Stent, Salter, Shann, Ferguson, P. Harris and P. Usher as 1 9th man.

This makeshift side had their moment of glory in defeating Claremont 10.22 to 8.12.

On September 21, a Bunbury team with the addition of three players from Collie met West Subiaco Junior Football Club at Bunbury. Early in the second quarter the game lapsed into an awkward scramble due to the atrocious weather conditions, and after playing in pelting rain for about 20 minutes, it was decided to call the game off. The scores at that time being Bunbury 3.6, Subiaco 2.10.

After this match, because of the increasing apathy on the part of players, it was decided to abandon all future games. That was to be the last "A" grade game to be played for some years. The "B" grade competition continued.

(Because of the complex nature of researching this history same had to be restricted to "A" Grade, and later "League" sides and statistics. It is hoped that most players in the "B" grades and "Reserves" ultimately made the League side and would have their names recorded in this history. if not, apologies are offered to those concerned.)

But back to 1941, where we must call time off for the South Bunbury Football Club, as there was another battle to be won. The press certainly endeavoured to keep spirits up in those black days, as can be seen from the following extract from the "South Western Times" of 17/9/41:

ODE TO ADOLF AND OWED BY ADOLF

"I, Adolf Hitler, on this my death bed, and suffering bravely great pain. I wish to make it known to all that I'm not, as the Ancient King Herod was, a murderer of women and children. I have no sympathy for the Poles who have fought and lost a useless war For I have worked in the interests of and not against humanity. I've used my people for the welfare of the Fatherland not for my own ends. I've proven myself a true leader and found Joseph Stalin to be a madman, a thief and a liar. I am amused at the Polish nation, who underestimated their courage of brave German soldiers. I also laugh at the British and French people who endeavoured to resist the Germans who fought so valiantly and were unafraid. I feel myself slipping away slowly, I now bid you my last farewell. I am still of the opinion, the French are going to Hell where the British will go. Heaven is in sight where my people sent me".

Having read this "Ode to Adolf" through with natural emotion, now read the "Owed by Adolf" which becomes apparent by re - reading the above, omitting every alternative line.

Many fine young men failed to return home after World War 2, with names of many fine young men from the South West on the roll of honour. South Bunbury Football Club did not escape and four great players and members made the supreme sacrifice.

They were: Len Buswell (RMF); Bill Beer (AIF); Reg Gibson (AIF); Alf Nichols (AIF).

1946

Following the end of World War 2 in 1945, the Bunbury Football Association re - formed in 1946 with teams from South Bunbury, Railways and Pastimes.

South Bunbury continued as the most popular club with the men of the area, so much so, that the Bunbury Football Association, on April 15, 1946, amended Bylaw 3, and this was reported in the "South Western Times" of April 18, as follows:

"With an object of preventing a recurrence of unbalanced teams as to numbers of members available for play in each Club, and hence, strength in the competition for Premiership honours, the Bunbury Football Association decided on Monday evening to Amend Clause 3 of their bylaws to read as follows:

'Any one team cannot register more than 25 players before June 30th in each season, until such time that the remaining teams reach that strength.'

The bylaws, with the addition of a clause 'that the decision of the Disputes Board be final' were then adopted."

Pastimes completed the season as minor premiers, but lost the final to South Bunbury 20.10 to 7.13 on October 6.

One week later, however, Pastimes defeated South Bunbury in the challenge final, 13.16 to 10.7, to take out the first post war premiership.

Popular Girl competitions were reintroduced in 1946, and again the South Bunbury candidate Miss Treasure Hislop was successful in raising the most money.

The "South Western Times" of August 29, 1946, reported the crowning ceremony thus:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", AUGUST 29, 1946

"Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm Mayor of Bunbury, P. C. Payne, announced the winner of the Footballers Popular Girl Competition, and later crowned Miss Treasure Hislop, the South Bunbury candidate, at last Wednesday night's wind - up in the Bedford hall.

Miss Hislop in polling 82,913 votes (£345/9/5) narrowly defeated second placegetter, Railways Miss Pauline White, by less than three pounds. Miss White polled 82,264 votes (£342/15/4), and Pastimes girl Miss Ruby Buchanan 60,645 votes (£252/13/9). Scenes prior to the announcement were reminiscent of V.P. Day. Excitement reached fever pitch, and supporters of each club vociferously supported their candidates when it was learnt that the result was about to be made known. In announcing Miss Hislop the winner, Mr. Payne said: This will go down as one of the greatest money raising efforts in the history of Bunbury. Enthusiasm reached such a high pitch that one ardent South Bunbury supporter collapsed through sheer excitement.

Football Association president, Mr. C. Harris, calling upon the Mayor, congratulated the three contestants and their committees on their wonderful effort in subscribing a total sum of £940/18/6. Each girl after being presented with her prize, publicly expressed her thanks to supporters and committees."

The 20th man was introduced to football teams in 1946.

1946 was the year which the club chose to honour their great pre - war captain and player, Clarence W. "Mirrie" Parker, with Life membership. Under Mirrie's guidance and inspiration on the field many premierships were won.

Mirrie is considered by many good judges to be one of the greatest players to don a red and white guernsey. His name is still frequently mentioned in this regard when football conversations turn to Champions of the Past.

On the conclusion of his playing days, "Mirrie" continued to devote his efforts to the betterment of the club, and sewed for several years on the committee of management.

1947

The 1947 season was pretty much a repetition of the previous year with Pastimes again completing the year as minor premiers.

This year, however, Pastimes defeated South Bunbury in the final, 9.9 to 4.7, thereby avoiding the necessity to challenge for the premiership.

Another Popular Girl Competition was conducted, and again the South Bunbury candidate Miss Peg Cross (who was later to become the wife of 1975/76 club secretary, Bob Hannah) was successful.

The three contestants raised £1,614/7/10. This, when converted to present day values is a colossal amount, particularly when it is considered the money was raised in a six week period. However, let the "South Western Times" of September 4, 1947, tell the story:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 4, 1947

"Winning the Football Queen Competition by an overwhelming majority, Miss Peggy Cross was 'crowned' with all regal dignity at a wind - up function held in the Bedford hall on Wednesday night, August 27, 1947.

The 'crowning' ceremony was carried out by the Mayor of Bunbury (Mr. P. C. Payne), who solemnly bedecked the winner with the traditional head gear of purple velvet and ermine.

Miss Cross was becomingly gowned in a period creation of jewel red velvet, with a delicate beige lace forming a yoke and banding the skirt, which was hooped to form a crinoline.

Mr. C. Harris, President of the Bunbury Football Association, said that he was always amazed at the generosity of the public, where sporting activities were concerned, as he announced that the number of votes received in all amounted to 387,000, representing £1,614/7/10.

The Mayor, commenting on this splendid outcome, said that he was not surprised, considering the hard work which had been done by the clubs and their many supporters. He announced the number of votes received by each candidate as follows:

Miss Peg Cross 212,725 votes (South Bunbury) Miss Joan Bingham 100,933 votes (Railways) Miss Diedre Teede 73,733 votes (Pastimes)

The girls were congratulated on their fine efforts and received their prizes at the hands of the club presidents. Bouquets were also presented and they publicly thanked their committees and supporters."

An interesting anecdote concerning that grand player, coach, supporter and life member Iver Robertson occurred in 1947, and was reported in the press on September 11 that year:

"Five months ago, South Bunbury's captain and coach and this year's Hayward Medallist, Iver Robertson, stepped on a bunch of thorns, while attending to his boat in the estuary.

He received medical attention and stood down from football for two weeks, and played thereafter.

Last week, a thorn measuring two inches, was taken from the big toe of his left foot.

Iver had played 14 matches with the thorn in his toe."

Iver won the Hayward Medal for 1947, in its second year of existence, to bring further honour to the South Bunbury Football Club.

At the end of the season another club stalwart was made a life member of the Club.

Except for a period on active service during the recently concluded World War, Ronald Edwin "Sav" Davies had, by 1947, completed 15 years service on the South Bunbury Committee of Management mainly in the position of Vice - President, and including many years as South Bunbury's delegate to the Bunbury Football Association. Amid resounding applause, "Sav" was made a Life Member of the Club at the 1947 wind - up function.

1948

The same three Bunbury teams again comprised the Bunbury Football Association in 1948, and at the conclusion of five rounds of qualifying fixtures, South Bunbury headed the ladder with 26 points and were declared minor premiers. Railways had 22 points and Pastimes 12 points.

The bylaws of the Association provided that if the third team was more than 8 points behind the second team they would be eliminated from the competition. If within 8 points the third and second team played a semifinal for the right to meet the minor premiers in the final.

No semifinal was necessary this year therefore, and South Bunbury and Railways met in the final on October 3, which resulted in a ten goal premiership win for South Bunbury - the scores being South Bunbury 17.13, Railways 7.13.

At the premiership celebrations, this year, the second of the Buswell family was honoured with life membership. Brother of A. J. "Tood" Buswell, C. J. "Recna" Buswell was elected to the South Bunbury Honour Board for services rendered. This was not to be the end of his work for the club and he continued to serve on the committee for many years.

1949

This was to be a repeat of the previous season in practically every detail.

South Bunbury completed the season as minor premiers, and again, Pastimes failed to close the gap to 8 points or less behind Railways and were therefore eliminated from the competition. South Bunbury and Railways met in the final, which South Bunbury duly won 17.6 to 8.13.

Ted Hosking won the 1949 Hayward Medal to bring the club its second success in this competition for the Association's fairest and best player.

1950

Again the same three teams formed the Association, and again Pastimes were not able to finish 8 points or less behind the second team.

On this occasion, however, the second team was to be South Bunbury, with Railways as minor premiers.

In the final on September 10, Railways defeated South Bunbury to record their first premiership success since 1930.

Following the 1950 season, the Bunbury Football Association achieved the notable feat of defeating South Melbourne at Bunbury the final scores being Bunbury 7.17, South Melbourne 7.8. In this game, South Bunbury's ace rover, Ron Buswell, was judged the best man on the ground.

James A. Thompson received Life Membership honours this year for sterling services on behalf of the club over many years. Jim was responsible for organising the payment of rates during the club's financial crisis, during the pre war depression years, often out of his own pocket, without reference to the committee. It is administrators like Jim Thompson who made the club truly great.

1951

The matter of training ground allocations, had long been a contentious one amongst the clubs forming the Bunbury Football Association. Most games were played on the Recreation Ground and Railways and Pastimes shared that ground for training purposes, to the exclusion of South Bunbury who had to train at the showgrounds (now Hands Memorial Oval). All games were played on the Recreation Ground up to a few years ago, when South Bunbury won the right to play home for home matches.

With the improvements carried out to the showground by the Bunbury Town Council, this ground then became the better of the two, and it was decided that all Association games be played there.

Railways and Pastimes then found themselves in the same position South Bunbury had been, for many years, over the use of training grounds, and the two clubs made representations to the Association and the Bunbury Town Council for the allocation of training nights on the Showground. This led to the situation whereby some delegates who, for years, had denied South Bunbury the right to train at the Recreation Ground, were now vehemently demanding the right to train on the Showground. Many bitter debates took place on this subject during 1951, but the matter was finally resolved as reported in the "South Western Times" of 19/4/1951:

"The controversial matter of the allocation of training nights for the three Bunbury clubs was finalised last night when the Disputes Committee gave their final ruling on the matter. Both Pastimes and Railways had previously applied for use of the Recreation Ground on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the matter had been referred by the Association delegates to the Disputes Committee. The ruling was that both Pastimes and Railways "A" grade teams train together on the two nights. However, as this arrangement proved

unsatisfactory, both the clubs then applied for training nights at the showground, and the matter was again referred to the Disputes Committee.

After the committee had given consideration to the requests from the three clubs, Messrs Cowan, Dryden and Golding decided on the following allocation:

South Bunbury Tuesdays and Thursday at Showground.

Railways Wednesdays (Showground), Thursdays (Recreation Ground).

Pastimes Tuesdays (Recreation Ground), Fridays (Showground).

Neither Pastimes nor Railways had applied previously for use of the Showground, but as all matches are to be played at the Showground this year, they considered that they were at least entitled to train one night of the week at that oval."

"The matter of the formation of a new Football League was first mooted at a South West Districts Football Council meeting, at Donnybrook on May 13, 1951, when it was proposed that a league comprising Warren, Nelson, Donnybrook, Bunbury, Collie, Busselton, Margaret River, Harvey and Murray, be formed.

This move was inspired by dissatisfaction with W.A.N.F.L. Clubs tying up a player for life. A country player may play with a league team without a clearance, on the weekly permit system, but should the league club dispense with his services he may return only to his former country club. Moreover, the league club with which he played has the power to prevent him ever playing with another league club.

In the event of the proposed break becoming effective, a separate league similar to that in operation in the Goldfields will be formed."

So ran a "South West Times" article on May 17, 1951. Of course, this idea never got off the ground, but it was considered to be a move in the right direction as it got the clubs to thinking of alternatives especially the three Bunbury and three Collie Clubs, whose three - team competitions were proving to be dull and uninspiring.

In a letter to the Bunbury Association President of that year (Stan Turner), Mr Billie Orr, Secretary of the W.A.N.F.L. commented on the proposed amalgamation of the Bunbury and Collie Associations:

"With this amalgamation, I can visualise a really first class competition that will eventually arouse a tremendous interest in the Bunbury and Collie Districts. It will enlarge the general interest and provide greater scope in football activities. With a three team competition, people get tired of seeing the same teams week after week, and a three team competition was very limited. With a six or eight team organisation, the final four system may be introduced, which is definitely beneficial to general interest. If this proposal can be brought about the results will surprise. There will be a few difficulties to iron out - none of which will be insurmountable. Junior activities which are so essential to permanent strength will not be affected by such a competition. Bunbury is fortunate with grounds, but Collie lags behind in this respect, but this would not be forever. Transport today means nothing, and this is a really good suggestion than can be inaugurated with marked advantage."

Meanwhile, however, the football competition in Bunbury continued as did the three clubs' money making endeavours. Another popular girl competition was won by the South Bunbury candidate, and was reported in the "South Western Times" of July 19, 1951, as follows:

"South Bunbury candidate, Miss Val Farquhar, had more than doubled the amount raised by each of the Pastimes and Railways candidates, when the Bunbury Football Association 'Popular Girl' competition concluded at the Lyric Ballroom, on Wednesday, July 11.

The competition had lasted only six weeks and the three candidates had raised a total of £1,240/12/7. Miss Farquhar won the competition with a total of £632/19/9 (representing 159,151 votes). Second was Miss Lurline Gardiner (Pastimes) with £319/14/9 (76,771 votes), Railways' candidate Miss Pat Hislop raised £287/18/10 (69,106 votes).

After the winner had been announced, the president of the association, Mr. Stan Turner, congratulated the candidates on their success and expressed the hope that the money which had been raised would be spent wisely on the further development of football in Bunbury.

Miss Farquhar's victory was a popular one, and she was loudly applauded when crowned by the Mayor, Mr. P. C. Payne.

Although South Bunbury will receive a prize of 100 pounds for winning the competition, that club will not receive as much from the division as it actually raised."

On the field, the team was performing well and South Bunbury was declared minor premiers following their victory against Pastimes on August 12.

South Bunbury played in the final on September 2, 1951, and recorded another premiership success by defeating Pastimes 10.18 to 7.11.

On September 23, the Bunbury Association combined side defeated West Perth 11.14 to 7.16, and no doubt Ted Hosking's seven goals in that match contributed largely to that victory.

On October 4, delegates from the Bunbury and Collie Football Associations met and favoured the implementation of the proposed merger, but deferred the scheme until such time as the ground position at Collie could be clarified.

The Collie President stated that there were four Sundays during the year when it would be impossible to use the Collie Recreation Ground. The meeting agreed to a motion that the president and secretary of the W.A.N.F.L. be asked to discuss the matter with the Collie Coalfields Road Board, with a view to clarifying the allocations of grounds in that town, and to enable two games to be played in Bunbury and one in Collie on the one weekend, and vice versa the next. It was decided to make every effort to bring the scheme into operation for the 1952 season.

Henry G. (Harry) Dean, secretary of the club for the previous four years, was elected to life membership at the conclusion of the season. Harry proved to be a very hardworking and efficient secretary.

In 1951, Mr. W. J. (Bill) Beer, who had been patron of the club for many years, relinquished that position. It was with deep regret that the club lost the patronage of this great supporter, ex player, and donor.

As it so often happens, one door closes and another opens, and South Bunbury were most fortunate to have the brothers, Roy and Keith Hancock, accept election to the position of co - patrons of the Club. The "Hancocks", as they are affectionately known to many Bunbury residents, have continued as co - patrons continuously since 1951, and this year (1976) complete their silver anniversary in the position.

During the past 25 years, Roy and Keith have given outstanding service to the club, much of which is only known to members of the various committees. Many times their assistance and advice was given on the condition that no public recognition be given. Their efforts during the construction of the Southway Ballroom (which was to take place in 1955/6) are however well known.

Although Keith is no longer a resident of Bunbury, together with Roy, South Bunbury can still boast the greatest patrons in the South West National Football League.

1952

The formation of the Bunbury Collie League could not be brought into operation for the 1952 season. However, it was resolved by both Associations that the League would begin to operate from the beginning of the 1953 season.

At a meeting on May 15, it was stated that other Associations were waiting for Bunbury and Collie Associations to take the first step' towards amalgamation. It was also stated that if Bunbury and Collie commenced the competition, Donnybrook would be anxious to affiliate with the enlarged Association.

The 1952 season was to prove another triumph for South Bunbury. The club became minor premiers after defeating Pastimes on August 3, thereby eliminating that club from the chance of playing a semifinal against Railways.

On September 7, South Bunbury 15.11 soundly defeated Railways 8.18 and won the 1952 Premiership - the last to be held under the auspices of the Bunbury Football Association.

Following this final, a Lightning Premiership consisting of premiership teams from surrounding Associations was conducted in Bunbury, and the following are results of matches played:

Jardee	6.2				
Margaret River	3.2	South Bunbury	10.3		
South Bunbury	10.8	Jardee	2.2	South Bunbury	9.7
Waroona	3.3			Donnybrook	1.3
Donnybrook	3.2	Donnybrook - bye			
Wokalup	2.1				

NOTE - In winning this Lightning Premiership, South Bunbury scored a total of 29.18. Only 6.8 were scored against it in the three games - a percentage factor of 436.36%.

Thus ended an era in Bunbury Football. At the conclusion of the 1952 season, football under the auspices of the Bunbury Football Association came to an end. The Association however, was to continue its activities by directing its efforts to the betterment of junior football in Bunbury for many years to come.

South Bunbury's association with the two bodies - originally the South West Football Association and later, the Bunbury Football Association - in the main, had been friendly and amicable, with only a few exceptions as recorded in this publication.

South Bunbury's performances and contributions to football in the Bunbury Football Association, may perhaps, best be gauged from the fact that during the period of 1897 to 1952 inclusive, 46 seasons of football were played.

Of the 46 finals (or grand finals as they are now known) South Bunbury played off in 44. The club recorded 27 premierships and were runner - up on 17 occasions.

The only two years when the club did not appear in the finals were in 1909 when South Bunbury finished third behind Railways and Lumpers, and of course, in 1932 when the club was suspended prior to the finals.

At the end of the 1952 season, S. F. "Vesty" Buswell followed his Uncle "Tood" and Uncle "Recna" Buswell, and had his name added to the Honour Board of Life Membership.

"Vesty" Buswell, like some other members of the Buswell family, had given valuable service, both as a player and committeeman, while South Bunbury was affiliated with the Bunbury Football Association.

The 1952 Hayward Medal was won by the very amiable South Bunbury ruckman - E. (Joe) Churchman. He became the third South Bunbury player to win this prestige award.

For the purposes of this history, South Bunbury's first eighty seasons have been broken up into four parts or quarters:

Commencement to World War I
 World War I to World War II.
 World War II to SWNFL commencement.
 SWNFL 1953 to SWNFL 1976.

As there will never be a final quarter for the South Bunbury Football Club, this section is therefore termed -

THE FOURTH QUARTER

SWNFL MEMBERSHIP

1953	FOUNDATION MEMBERS	SOUTH BUNBURY BUNBURY RAILWAYS PASTIMES	
		MINES ROVERS COLLIE RAILWAYS CENTRALS	
		DONNYBROOK	(7)
1954	ADMITTED:	Eastern Districts Busselton Western Districts Busselton	(9)
1955	AMALGAMATION:	The two Busselton teams amalgamated, and changed name to BUSSELTON	(8)
1956	ADMITTED:	HARVEY BRUNSWICK	(9)
	CHANGE OF NAME:	BUNBURY RAILWAYS Changed name to BUNBURY PASTIMES changed name to CAREY PARK	
1959	ADMITTED:	BOYANUP CAPEL DARDANUP	(10)
1961	AMALGAMATION:	COLLIE RAILWAYS and CENTRALS amalgamated and changed name to COLLIE	(9)
1966	ADMITTED:	AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER	(10)

1953

The merger between the Bunbury and Collie Football Associations was agreed to at a meeting at Collie on March 9, 1953, and was described by the then Secretary of the W.A.N.F.L. Mr. W. Orr, as "the biggest thing in Western Australian football in recent years".

Teams in the new League were South Bunbury, Bunbury Railways, Pastimes, Mines Rovers, Collie Railways and Collie Centrals. Mr. R. Earl was elected president, Mr. J. Richards, secretary, and Mr. C. Owens treasurer.

On March 23, the League was expanded to seven teams with the admission of Donnybrook.

1953 was to be a triumphant year for South Bunbury both on and off the field. The season ended on a high note when South Bunbury became the Premier Club in a Lightning Carnival held at Hands Memorial Oval. Details of scores in the carnival were:

South Bunbury	9.12			
Narrogin	0.1			
		South Bunbury	6.5	
Katanning	3.8	Katanning	3.1	
Pinjarra	1.3			
				South Bunbury 7.3
Bun. Railways	3.6			Bun. Railways 4.4
Wagin	2.9	Bun. Railways	4.6	
		Jardee	4.0	
Jardee	12.11			
Dumbleyung	1.1			

Prior to this carnival on October 4, the Bunbury - Collie League's first final round was played. South Bunbury, after heading the qualifying ladder, defeated Bunbury Railways 7.10 to 6.9 in the second semifinal, and went on to defeat the same team in the grand final 14.10 to 13.7 and thus win the first premiership of the new league.

In addition to this success by the league side, South Bunbury also won the "B" grade and junior grade premierships, and the "B" and "Junior" grade's fairest and best competition.

Off the field, success in Popular Girl competitions continued, as shown from a "South Western Times" report of 1 0/9/53:

"South Bunbury Football Club retained their record in money raising competitions when their candidate, Miss Dawn Dillon, was crowned winner of the Bunbury Football Association popular queen competition at a function in the Lyric Ballroom on Tuesday night.

Miss Dillon polled 250,778 votes or the equivalent of £1,061 to score a convincing victory over the other three candidates. Pastimes' candidate, Miss Lorraine Harris, was second with 120,995 votes or £503, Donnybrook's Miss Annette Connell finished third with 114,604 votes (£477/10/4d) and Miss Hazel Moulton (Bunbury Railways) was fourth with 97,549 votes representing £406/9/1d.

After the president of the Bunbury Football Association, Mr. P. C. Payne, had crowned Miss Dillon as the Football Queen for 1953, he announced that the total announced by the four clubs constituted an all time record. In the six weeks' contest the four clubs had raised approximately £2,500. On behalf of the Association Mr. Payne presented each of the candidates with special gifts and complimented them on their efforts on behalf of the clubs and referred to the fine spirit in which the competition had been conducted.

Each of the girls responded and each paid high tribute to the support given by the respective club committees."

Dawn Dillon later became the wife of South Bunbury player Dick "Dozer" Loton. Dick played the game as it should be played and never shirked bodily contact as his nickname implies. However, following an incident in the second semifinal he was deprived of his place in the South Bunbury premiership team.

The incident, and the follow - up relaxation of the disqualification period, are dealt with in the following press reports of the time:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 17, 1953

"South Bunbury footballer Dick Loton was disqualified for 12 months when he was dealt with by the Bunbury - Collie Football League's tribunal on Thursday last.

Loton had been reported by goal umpire J. J. Flynn for having deliberately jumped on Railways player Colin Donovan while he was on the ground in the semifinal match between South Bunbury and Bunbury Railways.

Loton's disqualification will be a serious blow to South Bunbury. He will be ineligible for the grand final against Bunbury Railways on Sunday and will also be unable to play in the Bunbury team at the forthcoming South West carnival.

South Bunbury club are making endeavours to have the case reopened."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", NOVEMBER 5, 1953

"An appeal by South Bunbury Football Club against the 12 months disqualification of their player Dick Loton resulted in the disqualification being lifted to apply to the first seven matches of next season.

The grounds of appeal were that the decision of the board to stand down Loton from playing until the beginning of the 1955 season was unduly harsh, and also that the South Bunbury club had fresh evidence to bring on the case.

After the board had heard the fresh evidence and had listened to an address by Mr. J. Milligan (South Bunbury advocate) and had questioned Loton at length concerning the incident, the board deliberated for some time before reaching a decision. Subsequently, Mr. Golding announced that the board had not been influenced by the fresh evidence which had been presented that night but had been more influenced by the fact that Loton had been playing football in Bunbury for five years without any previous charge being laid against him. Further, it was also understood, that Loton had been playing in Narrogin for two years, prior to coming to Bunbury, without any charge being levelled against him for rough play.

There was also the fact that the central umpire, who from the evidence, was close up to the play, did not lay any charge against Loton. Also it had been taken into consideration that Donovan, although he showed on his body marks from the sprigs of a football boot, was not seriously hurt and did not have to receive any medical attention. After taking these points into consideration, the Board had decided that the sentence should be reduced to seven club matches, dating from the first match of next season."

At the 1953 premiership celebration, Arthur G. "Torp" Upson, who had served as treasurer of the club for many years, was made a life member. During his term as treasurer, "Torp" was charged with the collection and safekeeping of monies raised by several "Popular Girls" at the various functions they had organised.

"Torp" had a simple solution to the problem of the safekeeping of this money overnight prior to depositing same in the bank the next day. Owning a dog which would not even let a President of South Bunbury into "Torp's" premises (at least without letting "Torp" know about it) the money was placed in the rear of the dog's kennel where it was safely guarded during the night.

1954

Two teams from the Busselton area were admitted to membership of the Bunbury Collie League prior to the commencement of the 1954 season - Busselton Western Districts and Busselton Eastern Districts. This brought to nine, the number of clubs in the 1954 competition.

South Bunbury again participated in the second semifinal against their old rivals Bunbury Railways and duly won this contest 13.15 to 7.13.

Following Bunbury Railways' victory against Mines Rovers in the Preliminary Final, the two local teams again contested the grand final for premiership honours.

Once again, South Bunbury were superior, winning the pennant 15.13 to 10.28.

At the 1954 wind - up celebration, South Bunbury established another "first" in local football.

Mrs. Grace W. Green had voluntarily washed South Bunbury's guernseys following each match for several years. Her willing contribution to South Bunbury was recognised at this function when Mrs. Green became the first lady to be honoured with life membership of the club.

1955

Prior to the start of the season, Western and Eastern Districts teams from Busselton amalgamated and were granted permission by the Bunbury - Collie League to play as Busselton. This reduced the number of teams to eight, and also eliminated the necessity for one team to have a bye each week.

During the year, the South Bunbury Committee of Management spent many long hours discussing the possibility of improvements to the wooden hall in Spencer street.

South maintained their record of second semifinal appearance since the formation of the League, but this year went down to Busselton 12.16 to 10.11.

The following Sunday, September 11, South Bunbury defeated Collie Railways to qualify for a berth in the grand final against Busselton.

South won this grand final - 14.16 to 7.15 - thereby winning their third successive premiership in the league a feat which has not been accomplished again by any team up to the time of writing this history - 1976.

Following the conclusion of the qualifying round - South Bunbury's Bob Farquhar was judged the winner of the coveted Hayward Medal for 1955.

South Bunbury's long serving player and coach, Iver M~ "Robbie" Robertson, received the plaudits of the members at the club's wind - up in 1955, when president, Jim Milligan, announced he had been elected a life member. This was a fitting recognition to a club stalwart who not only spent many hours on the field as player and coach, but also served on the committee with distinction.

1956

This was perhaps to be one of South Bunbury's most memorial years as so much was achieved for the long - time betterment of the club.

The Committee of Management - unlike most other clubs in the League - did not take a summertime break from their activities. Meeting twice a week as a Committee, with some meetings often being compulsorily halted in the early hours of the following morning, the committee finalised arrangements for the construction of the Southway Ballroom. There were many mixed feelings concerning the initial planning of this proposal, as the original wooden hall standing on the site of the proposed new ballroom, had, during the 24 years of its existence, found a place in the hearts of many South Bunbury members.

With an eye to the future, the committee of 1956 wisely decided that it was in the club's best interests to redevelop the hall site.

Planning and financial arrangements were completed under the direction of our patrons, Roy and Keith Hancock, and hundreds of volunteer workers were organised. Everything was in readiness to begin demolition and to proceed with the new building.

It was with mixed feelings that the demolition of the wooden hall took place before a large gathering of South Bunbury supporters.

The "South Western Times" of February 23, 1956, records this event, and gives an insight into the ambitious project undertaken by the Club:

"Last Saturday morning the walls of the old South Bunbury Football Club Hall came crashing down - taking with them memories and traditions of 30 years standing.

In their place arises what will be the biggest and probably the best hall in Bunbury. The new hall being built by members of the club with the assistance of many qualified tradesmen who have volunteered their services, will be a credit to the club and the town.

Built of cut and struck bricks with a salmon brick frontage the hall will have an overall length of 133 feet and will be 50 ft wide. As an indication of its size, the dance floor which will be 85 ft by 50 ft will be 1250 square feet bigger than the recently completed Rowing Club hall.

An innovation will be the fact that the supper room will also serve as a stage for concerts etc. This room will be 45 x 25 feet.

The building will present a most attractive two storey frontage and this will include two lockup shops, hall entrance and stairway to the upper floor. The upper floor will be one large room to be used as the club's committee room and also as a sample room and it will be hired out for that purpose.

The interior of the hall will also be the last word in appearance. The cut and struck bricks will have a black mortar dado to a height of 6 ft 6 inches and the bricks above these will be painted in alternate pastel colours between the columns surrounding the steel girders supporting the building.

The walls of the new hall have now risen to a height of about four feet and the prefabricated steel girders are in place.

The co - patron of the club and the man in charge of building operations, Mr. Roy Hancock, said this week that although the foundations had only been laid two weeks before Christmas, it was hoped that the hall would be completed in July or August.

Mr. Hancock revealed that at least 700 voluntary man hours had already been worked on the project and that while many tradesmen had freely given their services, the majority of the labouring work had been done by club members.

'The club is deeply grateful for the wonderful assistance it has received from many residents of the town, both in direct donations, loans, and work performed,' said Mr. Hancock.

Although the club had sufficient funds in hand to meet a large share of the cost of the hall, it had needed financial assistance, and this had been obtained by way of debentures and straight out gifts. Mr. Hancock said that several prominent businessmen of the town had made loans of up to 100 pounds and that any former club members or supporters who could assist financially would be of great help by contacting the club's secretary, Mr. Alan Carter.

The estimated cost to the club of the new hall will be in the vicinity of 6000 to 8000 pounds, although the cost of building through normal channels would probably be in excess of £16,000 said Mr. Hancock, who was giving a practical demonstration of the work being done by unloading a truck of timber while being interviewed.

The South Bunbury Football Club has always been noted for its club spirit and its financial stability. The building of their new hall will be a great assistance in increasing both these enviable assets. In addition, it will be doing Bunbury a great service by providing a hall which will be second to none in the South West."

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

Nearly 400 men assisted in the hall's construction and of this number 286 actually worked on the hall itself.

The total cost of the hall will be in the vicinity of £9,000 but Mr. Roy Hancock who has been in charge of the project revealed that this amount represented a saving of approximately £6,000 on builders' quotes.

About 90 per cent of all work done was voluntary and at night - time, working bees in recent weeks, groups of 30 to 40 have been common.

The two shops at the front of the hall have been let, one as a confectionery and cool drink shop, the other to a bootmaker.

The huge stage, which doubles as a supper room, will seat 175 people or could accommodate 250 at a buffet supper. This stage, could handle the W.A. Symphony Orchestra and will allow audiences an unimpeded view of performances. It is three feet four inches above the main floor level.

For concerts and other entertainments, Mr. Hancock estimates the hall will seat 600, all of whom will have an unrestricted view.

One of the most popular features will undoubtedly be the women's cloakroom. Attractively finished in green, with cream tiles, the cloakroom boasts 24 feet of mirrors.

The dance floor should satisfy the most critical of dancers. Built of wandoo, it will need little dressing, as wandoo is an oily timber and secretes a fluid which should prevent a "dry" floor.

Total time spent on the hall was about 10 months but the demolition of the old hall accounted for a proportion of this. Actually the first brick was laid on January 16 of this year.

The new walls rose outside the old hall and this was not demolished until March.

The original hall, built in 1922, has been a big factor in reducing costs, as Mr. Hancock estimates that 90 per cent of the material from it has been put to some use in the new hall.

Ultimately the club will build a ceiling in the hall, but as this will cost another £2,000 the scheme will be shelved for the time being.

Despite this, the acoustics of the hall are still very good. The acoustic measurement of the hall, when empty, is 8.92, but with an audience of 450 this figure improves to 1.8 and as the ideal acoustic measurement is 1.3, the club is pleased to be within .5 of this figure.

Lighting has been a very big job and 36 fluorescent tubes are installed to dispense with this problem.

The foyer is one of the most attractive sections of the new building.

The floor is finished in red and white terrazzo with the letters S.B.F.C. inlaid in this. The foyer is also noteworthy for the commemorative tablet laid by the Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner. A ticket box is situated in the foyer, and attractively sand blasted doors make a pleasing entrance from the street.

The record of voluntary man - hours worked on the construction of the Southway Ballroom is a striking indication of the dedication of the Club's supporters.

286 men played some physical part in its construction and between them recorded 14,538 hours over the nine month period.

An easy "winner" in the number of man hours worked was Roy Hancock, who tallied 1,644 hours - 404 hours more than his nearest "rival" - Neville Buswell.

A great number of other volunteers tallied between 200 and 400 man hours each, and other helpers took the total number of contributors to about 350.

Due to the generosity of Eddie Littlefair, who organised and controlled the bricklaying, Eddie Hastie, who voluntarily accepted responsibility for the electrical work, and Syd Rodwell, who took over the painting work, all these major functions were performed at a high standard of efficiency, and special tributes were paid by club officials to these South Bunbury stalwarts.

Through unavoidable delays, the Ballroom was not completely ready for the scheduled official opening on June 10, 1956. It had been arranged for the Governor of Western Australia (Sir Charles Gairdner) to officially open the Ballroom on that date. However, the Governor's itinerary could not be changed, and the official opening took place on June 10 as originally scheduled.

Unfortunately, the laying of the special wandoo flooring had not been completed. However, sufficient was completed to accommodate the vice - regal party and many guests.

The official opening was recorded in the "South Western Times" on June 14, 1956, as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", JUNE 14, 1956

"The Governor, Sir Charles Gairdner, said the South Bunbury Football Club hall represented a magnificent community effort and congratulated everyone concerned with its erection.

Sir Charles was speaking at the unveiling of the commemoration stone in the new hall on Sunday afternoon.

'I understand that this hall has been provided as the result of donations, and a loan made free of interest, and that many people have given their voluntary labour to build it. This is a wonderful thing,' he said.

'From the A.B.C. I understand that the hall will also be suitable for the presentation of symphony concerts so that it will be a tremendous addition to the amenities of Bunbury.

'I was born in 1898, the same year in which the South Bunbury Football Club was formed,' Sir Charles added, 'since then they have won no less than 36 premierships. Premier ships have become a sort of habit with Bunbury, for there have been three premiers of another kind from this town.'

The Mayor of Bunbury, Mr. P. C. Payne, one of the foundation members who helped to form the Bunbury - Collie league, said that the Governor, as the Queen's representative, had made history by taking part in the function. The South Bunbury Football Club had made football history in building this hall. It had clearly demonstrated what could be done by a body of people when they had the will to carry out the work. Mr. Payne was applauded when he paid a special tribute to the work done by Mr. Roy Hancock, without whose leadership, he felt, the hall might never have been built.

'Leadership, not only pounds shillings and pence, are required if something is to be achieved. When we see a man leaving his own business day after day to come over to this side of the street and supervise the carrying out of work on this hall, we realise it is a wonderful thing for any citizen of Bunbury to do.'

His Excellency then unveiled a tablet set into the wall of the foyer and bearing the following inscription:

'This stone was laid by his excellency the Governor of W.A., Sir Charles Gairdner, KCMG, KCVO, CB, CBE, 10th June, 1956, to commemorate the re - erection of the South Bunbury Football Club Hall. Also in recognition of the services rendered by all voluntary workers under the leadership of Messrs R. & K. Hancock.'

The speakers were introduced by a member of the Club's Finance Committee, RC. F. R. Hay, President of the South Bunbury Football Club, Mr. J. Milligan, thanked His Excellency for making the afternoon available for the function and said that the stone would always be protected by his Club in recognition of Sir Charles's kindness to them.

Members of the South Bunbury Football Club, in football shorts and guernseys, formed a guard of honour for Sir Charles when he arrived at the hall accompanied by the organiser of the Hall Committee and Patron of the Club, Mr. Roy Hancock, to the accompaniment of the National Anthem played by the Bunbury City Band.

The function was attended by prominent civic dignitaries and their wives, members of sporting bodies, and a representative gathering of the general public, who were later served afternoon tea in the RSL Hall."

(The foundation stone is now set into the internal wall of the South Bunbury Football Club's premises at Hands Memorial Oval).

Following the completion of the Southway Ballroom, a celebration dinner was held at which the band of voluntary workers were feted.

At this dinner, in responding to the toast of the South Bunbury Football Club, Dr. E. C. Manea had this to say about Roy Hancock:

"Much has been said tonight about South Bunbury's spirit and will to win, and perhaps the club has these things, but this hall is a monument to one man's will to win - Roy Hancock."

Dr. Manea then read an illuminated address which was presented to Roy in confirmation of his life membership.

This address read:

"This is to certify the deep gratitude felt by the South Bunbury Football Club towards Roy Hancock, who, with great club spirit and devotion to duty, worked for so long with such magnificent results in the re - erection of the club hall.

In consequence of his great work and in appreciation of his club spirit, the club is honoured to confer on him life membership of the South Bunbury Football Club."

On the football field in 1956 - in addition to the magnificent effort put up by players in volunteering their services for the Southway Ballroom building, South Bunbury players displayed the stamina needed to qualify for the second semifinal.

In a closely fought tussle, South Bunbury lost to Donnybrook 11.14 to 11.7.

In the Preliminary Final the following week against Busselton, South Bunbury were beaten 14.9 to 7.5 and were deprived of playing in the South West National Football League Grand Final for the first time.

Note: South Bunbury's home continued to be at the Southway Ballroom until it established its own club premises at Hands Memorial Oval in 1971.

1957

The appointment of Bill Colgan as Playing Coach for South Bunbury this year, saw the advent of "professionalism" to the SWNFL

By enticing Bill from Mines Rovers in Kalgoorlie, as paid coach (for the "princely" sum of £100 per season) South Bunbury became the first club in the league to have a paid coach.

This move proved to be a very sound one as Bill proved to be one of the greatest coaches the club has ever had. It also gave a boost to the SWNFL because it heralded an era of exciting traditional "derbies" between South Bunbury and their Bunbury Club rivals. Spectator support for these "derbies" was such that the success of the League was financially assured.

Bill Colgan coached South Bunbury for three seasons (1957 - 1959), when he left the club following transfer in his employment.

The following reports from the "South Western Times" recall some of the thrilling encounters in the local "derbies".

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 12th MAY, 1957
SOUTH THE VICTORS IN GREAT DERBY
(By Ross Elliott)

Before a record crowd and under perfect conditions South Bunbury and Bunbury last Sunday produced a football derby which will rank with the greatest. South clinched a grand victory in the closing minutes to win 16.17 to 14.12.

The match produced 100 minutes of some of the toughest, roughest and most brilliant football seen in Bunbury for many a day as players spared themselves nothing in an effort to bring victory for their side.

Bunbury started brilliantly and had two goals on the board, from Scott and Sellick, before the Southerners opened their account. The South Bunbury machine, however, soon slipped into gear and the young forward Millar, in his first league game, booted two majors, and the game was really on.

With Jack Hosking for South and Bunbury's Ivor Platts both giving the beginnings of what were to be brilliant performances, the two sides produced the type of football which have made their meetings legendary.

South had the better of things with Hosking converting defence to attack, Wulff giving drive from the ruck, and goals had to come. Herring notched two, as did Goff himself, and captain Bill Colgan raced in to add another.

But Bunbury were not to be denied. The Bulldogs' skipper, Ron Trezise, three times coolly turned onto his left foot and drove the ball through for majors, and when the term ended it was South 7.4 and Bunbury a clear five goals.

Twelve goals in a quarter was an indication of the pace of the game and sheer football skill of its players.

Neither side gained much advantage in the second although South slightly increased their lead by halftime. Hosking was in superb form at half back for South and Platts completely dominated the centre. There were other stars too. The rugged Wallrodt crashed through packs like a two - legged tractor, the cool, calm, confident Sweeting, in his first game for more than 12 months, was giving a spectacular performance, young Herring revealed the poise and finesse of a veteran, while Bill Colgan and Syd Underwood drop kicked immaculately and with deadly accuracy. It was grand football.

The third produced some of the best football of the match. There were some torrid passages, and on one occasion seven players were lying on the ground - they all got up and carried on.

Scott was the first casualty and Watterson, sent to full forward for Bunbury, immediately kicked a goal and Bunbury began to fight their way back. In the midst of yet another altercation, while players milled around each other in a manner which brought stern warnings from the umpire Rigg, the brilliant Steve Reilly coolly ignored the disturbance and booted another goal.

South came back and added three majors, but Sweeting and Trezise added a brace for Bunbury and at lemons South's lead was just seven points.

Bunbury gave it everything they had and a couple of points, followed by a goal from Wallrodt, put them in front.

For 10 minutes Bunbury had the ball in their forward area, but South's great defence and Bunbury's lack of a class forward was the turning point. A good forward who could kick accurately could have won the game there and then, but Bunbury lost their chance.

Hislop and Herring both added two goals and South led by three points. Len Goff marked twice in the goal square, made no mistake, and Bunbury admitted defeat, although young Ken Colgan raced in to goal for his side. It was too late.

South were just a fraction too strong and too steady. Let it be said, however, that had it not been for Jack Hosking, Bunbury would surely have won.

The two sides will not meet again until July 14 but all who saw Sunday's match will be waiting for that date.

It was a beautiful game of football.

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 14th July, 1957
SOUTH'S DERBY WIN TAKES THEM TO TOP

South Bunbury's thrilling four - point victory in a wonderful derby with Bunbury caused even more jubilation in the Southerners' camp, with the news of the shock defeats of Busselton and Mines Rovers. As a result, the Southerners regained pride of place on the premiership table.

SOUTH AGAIN IN BEST DERBY FOR YEARS
(By Ross Elliott)

Before the greatest crowd ever to attend an ordinary league fixture in the SWNFL, South Bunbury snatched a thrilling four - point victory over Bunbury in one of the greatest football derbies in years.

Approaching 2,000 spectators thrilled to one of the roughest, toughest games of football seen on the Bunbury ground, as two great sides gave a perfect display of the Australian game at its best.

South won the match, but it could not be said that either side was the better. South were in front when the siren went for the last time They deserved their victory, for they played brilliantly, but Bunbury were just as good in defeat, and had the ball in South's goal square when the end came.

Sensation of the match was a herculean performance for the losers by 21 - year - old Ross Wallrodt, who must rank as one of the greatest footballers produced in the South - West.

South were the better side in the first term. Colgan started brilliantly at half forward. Herring, Wulff and Magripilis were supreme across the centre, but inaccuracy marred South's otherwise grand play. Goals came from Colgan and Ron Buswell, but seven minors were posted and Souths should have been a long way in front.

Bunbury were just as inaccurate when they got into attack and Sellicks's was the only goal from four scoring shots. Wallrodt was giving the beginning of a wonderful performance for Bunbury, and Scott, Cartledge and Colgan were also starring.

In the second term Bunbury improved considerably, and it was not long before they hit the front. Two goals from Sellick, playing very well at full forward, and one from Platts, saw them go to a handy lead. Wallrodt was playing everywhere for Bunbury and gave them ascendancy in the ruck, but Herring's dominance of the centre nullified much of it. Gibson goaled for South just before half time to put them back in the firing line.

It was true derby football and the huge crowd represented a fifth of the town's population, roared encouragement to two very great sides.

At half time it was Bunbury by three points.

Still neck and neck, both sides threw everything into a hectic, bruising third quarter. South snatched the lead when Rodgers goaled, and soon after he did it again to roars of approval from South supporters.

But Bunbury were not to be denied. They fought back tigerishly for goals from Trezise, Reilly and Sellick but Farquhar's major for South ensured South a one point lead at "lemons".

It was tremendous football, with every man playing superlatively, while no words can describe the performance of Wallrodt, who strode across the scene like a colossus.

The final term was possibly the most exciting in years, as Bunbury swarmed into attack. They fell into inaccuracy and three points gave them the lead, but the opportunities to raise majors were lost. Highlight of the quarter was a tremendous display of defensive football by South half back Beachem.

The Southerners fought back with all the ability which has made them great, and Farquhar goaled, to regain the lead, amid scenes of near - pandemonium, and when a hotly disputed mark to Rodgers in the goal square saw the young giant kick his third goal, it looked all over, but Bunbury came back.

Platts, now at full forward, marked beautifully and goaled and the difference was four points. With the timekeeper's hand on the button Bunbury swarmed forward again and South's defenders played magnificent football to hold them out and Smithall marked the ball in the goal square as the siren sounded.

It was a match that will be talked about for years to come.

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", OCTOBER 3, 1957
(By Ross Elliott)

More than 6,000 people at Bunbury's Municipal Oval last Sunday, saw the great South Bunbury club score a convincing victory in the 1957 grand final, to win their fourth South West National Football premiership pennant in the five years of the League. The Southerners defeated a fine Mines Rovers team 12.13 to 11.5.

A near - record crowd packed the Bunbury Oval six hours before the big game began, and when the two teams burst through archways of coloured streamers, the roar of their reception was an indication of the great match to come.

South supporters were jubilant when they saw South star Ted Hosking take the field and he was to rise to great heights during the match.

Mines opened grandly, and when Onion and Ken Mathers both goaled in the first three minutes, Mines looked as though they might race away from the Southerners, who were slow to get moving.

Already Hislop was beginning to dominate the centre, and Wulff and Magripilis were shading their opponents Bastow and Davy on the two wings - a complete reversal of Mines' centre line supremacy in the second semi - final.

Ruck duels were even, but Coverley was the best follower afield.

South slowly moved into top gear, but inaccuracy marred their forward play, and Ron Buswell broke through to kick their only goal of the term.

A strong cross - wind made judgment difficult but it did not deter Onions, who kicked his second goal, and by the end of the first term Mines led by eight points.

The second quarter was a great one with both teams playing superlative football.

With Ted Hosking showing no ill - effects of a shoulder dislocated only seven days before, he was moved into full forward where Rodgers had failed, and immediately changed the aspects of the game.

He kicked three classic drop kick goals, and South hit the front. Mines, however, came back with all the skill and spirit which had won the second semifinal. Onions, who was playing grandly at full forward, raised another two majors, and Richards gained another. Mines were accuracy itself and their six goals from seven shots had them slightly in front. Then came a magnificent 65 yard goal from Colgan, and when the siren brought half time, the game was tied up, 6.1 to 5.7.

With both sides level the crowd sensed a great second half and they were not disappointed.

South won the game in the third quarter, when Ted Hosking again played brilliantly to kick three more goals, and Lance Hislop shone brilliantly at centre. When Mines did go forward a rugged determined Jack Hosking, with good support from Johnson, who was blanketing Onions now, turned them back.

Mines threw Daniels into centre half back to combat the wily Colgan, and Martin went onto the ball for Mines. Martin promptly made his presence felt, and the former defender kicked two goals to give Mines heart, but at three - quarter time South led by two goals and it was noticeable that this was the biggest margin for either side at any stage of the game to that time.

In a battling, bruising final term South clinched victory half way through the quarter, when Ron Buswell goaled and Bob Farquhar added another. It put South 27 points in front and the writing was on the wall.

With the huge crowd roaring for both sides, Mines began a gallant fight back, a goal from Ken Mathers and another from the rugged Daniels, who had played magnificently throughout, put Mines right back in the picture, but time was running out.

A goal for South at this stage would have meant the end, and the Southerners knew it. Throwing everything into a final, match - winning effort, they drove the ball forward, A long high kick toward the goal square carried with it the prayers of South supporters, and young Len Goff showed grand judgment and strong hands to mark right on the edge of the goal - square. His kick sealed the fate of the 1957 premiership.

Mines refused to admit defeat, and again they came back courageously, once again the brilliant Ken Mathers broke into the clear and kicked accurately, but it was too late.

With a match winning margin of 14 points, South defenders threw back another desperate last - minute Mines attack, and with the time - keeper's hand on the siren switch, the Southerners forced the ball to midfield as the siren sounded to give them a great victory and return them to the top of the tree in the South West National Football League.

Mines were a great team in defeat, but they met a better side on the day.

The 6,000 who saw it, all came away convinced that South were worthy premiers and that the standard of football in the league is on a very high plane indeed.

With the South West National Football League providing each week the type of football previously seen only at annual carnivals between the South West Associations combined teams, interest in these annual carnivals, particularly in Bunbury, quickly waned.

The 1957 carnival was to be hosted by the Nelson Association, but as the Bunbury Association had disbanded with the formation of the Bunbury - Collie League, and was now the body responsible only for junior football in Bunbury, some difficulty was experienced in acknowledging Nelson's invitation to the Bunbury Association to compete in the 1957 carnival.

The secretary of the Bunbury Junior Association invited the three Bunbury clubs to combine, and form a team to represent Bunbury at the carnival. However, the only team to reply to the invitation was South Bunbury.

Ultimately, the Secretary of the B.J.F.A. told the South Bunbury president: "Well, it looks like South Bunbury will have to represent Bunbury."

To his surprise, and that of the Nelson Association officials, president Jim Thompson replied: "Okay, we will do just that."

Bunbury's (or now South Bunbury's) first draw was against the powerful Collie Association team on Friday, and after a brilliant exhibition of football by South's players - including several reserves players - they defeated Collie. This was an incredible win and probably gave the side the incentive to defeat Nelson Association the next day to qualify for the final against Augusta - Margaret River.

With two very hard games under their belt, coupled with their third journey in three days from Bunbury to Bridgetown South Bunbury, a very tired band of dedicated players, went down in the final, but received the plaudits of thousands of spectators at that game.

This was the last of these carnivals and it is worth recording that due solely to the efforts of the South Bunbury Football Club, Bunbury was represented at this final carnival.

Roy Hancock's brother Keith was made a life member of the club at the 1957 wind - up.

The award was made in recognition of the support given by him during the building of the Southway Ballroom, and because he ran the Highway Hotel almost single - handed, in order that his partner in the hotel business (his brother Roy) could devote most of his time to the Club's building project. Keith Hancock was a very worthy recipient of South Bunbury Football Club's highest award.

On the weekend of the bye for South Bunbury on June 9, the club visited Fremantle as guests of the South Fremantle Football Club.

The club played a game against South Fremantle, who played nine league and nine seconds players, with South Fremantle captain, John Colgan (a brother of Bill Colgan) and their champion, John Gerovich, being in the team.

Jack Hosking had the unenviable task of playing on the brilliant Gerovich and did well against him.

The final scores were South Fremantle 11.14 to South Bunbury 11.6. (It has been suggested that South Bunbury might have been helped a little as "Recna" Buswell was one of the goal umpires and at times might have given South Bunbury the benefit of a few doubtful scoring shots).

About 70 members made the trip. The club was congratulated on its performance by South Fremantle coach Clive Lewington.

In the curtain raiser - South Bunbury seconds played a drawn game against Fremantle ex - Scholars.

1958

This was thought to be South Bunbury's Sixtieth Anniversary. Previously it was thought that South Bunbury first became established in 1898.

Research into this history has proved otherwise and in fact, the club was one year late in celebrating its sixtieth year.

Be that as it may, a grand reunion was organised on April 17, 1958. It was held at the Southway Ballroom. About 300 ex - players, members and guests attended. Ex - players came from many parts of the State but the three guests of honour were three old "originals" of the 1898 team Jack Hands, Aubrey Delaporte and Andy Bach, together with one of the club's greatest stalwarts in A. J. "Tood" Buswell, who first joined South in 1911 and played for more than 20 years.

Guests were welcomed by club president, Jack Gibson, and secretary, Alan Carter. Telegrams and letters were read from former players who had been unable to attend and mention was made of South Bunbury's great premiership record since its formation.

The toast of the club was proposed by the SWNFL President, Mr. P. C. Payne, who said that South Bunbury was one of the best known football clubs in Western Australia, and known throughout the Commonwealth wherever Australian Rules football was played. Mr. Payne particularly mentioned the services given to the club by three families - the Buswells, Gibsons and Pickersgills - during the 60 years of the club.

Response by old players to the toast of "Players '98 to '58" brought nominations for South Bunbury's best ever player. "Tood" Buswell plumped for the great "Mirrie" Parker as the finest player to wear a red and white guernsey. But Mr. Ron Davies gave his vote to the just - retired Ted Hosking as the all time great. Both won many honours during their grand careers. At the conclusion of the dinner, wives and women friends joined in the celebration and one of the highlights of the evening was a parade of "old timers" who, to sustained applause, joined in dancing the "hokey pokey" with present day stars. Messrs Delaporte and Bach belied their years by joining in the dance with great gusto, and undoubtedly stole the show. The evening renewed old friendships for many former players and there were many enthusiastic reunions of old team mates during the night.

(The above is an excerpt from the "South Western Times" of April 24, 1958.)

1958

The era of those fabulous "derbies" continued unabated in 1958, and what better way to recall them than to continue with Ross Elliott's match reports:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", MAY 15, 1958
SOUTH ANNIHILATED LISTLESS BUNBURY

(by Ross Elliott)

In the most disappointing derby for years, South Bunbury annihilated a dispirited and disorganised Bunbury at the Municipal Oval. Playing near - perfect football South Bunbury overwhelmed any semblance of opposition to win 16.17 to 3.9.

South served notice of a great performance when they were first into attack. With their ruck establishing immediate authority, and Hislop controlling the centre, they had tons of drive, and only good defence by Cartledge kept them out.

However, the Southerners looked certain to break through and it was not long before their first major was posted. Goals came from Ron and Brian Buswell and Bob Farquhar, and Bunbury lagged badly. Finally Sweeting soccered a lucky one from the goal square and at quarter's end South had a clear two goal lead.

In the second term, the Southerners put an end to Bunbury's hopes by completely dominating the play. They kicked 5.2 to 1.1 and laid the foundation of what was to be a crushing victory.

Supreme in almost every position on the ground and with Hislop, Depiazzi, Lindon Gibson, Ron Buswell and Colgan starring, they looked the complete football team. For Bunbury only Underwood, Cartledge and Platts, who all played gallantly, and with good support from Churchman and Donovan, were ever in the picture.

The third quarter developed into a procession with South dominating play to an extent which had even South supporters quiet. Goals came effortlessly despite grand defence by Cartledge and Platts and South had stars everywhere.

By lemons all hopes of an interesting game were gone, and the final term only helped to prove South's complete dominance of a team which gave one of the most dismal performances of its history.

Although there were one or two "incidents" which have become part of derbies, the game at no stage produced the brand of football the big crowd had obviously hoped for. In the most one - sided derby since 1954, South Bunbury played superlative copy book football; Bunbury were pathetic.

Even South supporters were disappointed.

South Bunbury did not win ail the "derbies" and on July 27 it was Bunbury's turn to take out the honours. Ross Elliott had this to say:

Fighting back magnificently in the closing minutes of a great derby, Bunbury gained a thrilling two point victory over South Bunbury on Sunday. They won 7.8 to 8.0 in an amazing match which was highlighted by South's phenomenal kicking for goal on a ground which was a quagmire. It was Bunbury's first derby for four years.

The two teams played wonderful football under shocking conditions and the torrid finish had the crowd at fever pitch in the closing stages when South were 10 points in front with only seven minutes to go and Bunbury staged their sensational fight - back for Sweeting to major and then Wallrodt, two minutes from the end, goaled from a free kick to give the Bulldogs the match.

In the first term the pattern of the match was set. Bunbury were clearly winning in the ruck where Wallrodt and Teede played brilliantly, at centre where Platts was in dashing form, and on the right wing where Underwood was in rare form, but their constant attacks were halted time and again by a devastating Jack Hosking who gave one of his greatest performances for the Southerners.

The Bulldogs' constant attacks had to bring eventual results and they kicked 3.3 for the term but South were already beginning their amazing sharpshooting performance and gained three clear goals from as many scoring shots.

The big crowd thrilled to amazing football as both teams gave their all. Players went down like ninepins all over the ground and South were hard hit when Depiazzi and later Healy, left the ground.

Bunbury again had most of the play in the second quarter but kicked only 1.2 and South added another goal from their only scoring shot.

Jack Hosking and Ron Buswell were playing inspired football for the Southerners but they lacked support in several divisions. For Bunbury, Wallrodt played like a man possessed and Platts, Underwood, Cowan, Teede, Gardner and Petchell led a close - knit Bunbury combination to heights unseen from them in years.

There was still nothing in it in the third and by lemons Bunbury held a two point advantage. The final term was a remarkable one.

Throwing everything into a last ditch stand, South hammered their way forward for Farquhar to soccer a major and the Southerners were in front. Then, when Ron Buswell kicked an incredible goal over his head as he was thrown to the ground, it looked all over.

With seven minutes to go Sweeting coolly goaled from the right full forward pocket and Bunbury players swarmed all over the ground in a final desperate effort. With Dixon inspiring his team, Bunbury forced the ball forward with sheer physical strength and in a fierce goal front battle, umpire I Gardner, who had showed clearly that he is the best umpire in the State, awarded Wallrodt a free kick after the lion - hearted ruckman had fought his way through a wall of players.

He made no mistake and near - pandemonium broke out. South tried again in the last minute but Bunbury held them out to win a memorable match.

This was an incredible game by South Bunbury. The ground, as stated in the report, was an absolute quagmire following sustained rain. South Bunbury managed to kick two goals in each of the four quarters, and this is probably the only occasion the team failed to kick a behind since the implementation of the goals and behinds scoring system back in 1902.

Bunbury's fortunes continued into the grand final, but as a losing match is just as much a part of a club's history as their victories, the following report by courtesy of the "South Western Times" of October 2, 1958, of the 1958 Grand Final, is an integral part of South Bunbury's history:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", OCTOBER 2, 1958

In a bruising, torrid grand final on Sunday, about 5,000 spectators saw Bunbury play magnificently to easily defeat South Bunbury and win their first South West National Football League premiership. Playing powerhouse football, the Bulldogs swept aside all opposition in the final term and went on to win amid scenes of wild enthusiasm among their supporters who had waited eight years for a premiership. Bunbury won 17.19 to 10.17.

Several ugly scenes marred the match and umpire Len Gardner, who gave a splendid display, had to break up many brawls.

South Bunbury played superbly for three quarters but their willingness to "mix it" with the physically stronger Bulldogs took heavy toll and they had only 17 men for half the final term.

Bunbury's performance stamped them as one of the finest sides ever fielded in the SWNFL. Their victory was a triumph for their coach Don Dixon, who has been a dynamic leader, and he has brought Bunbury from sixth position last year to the premiership in 1958.

There was nothing in the first quarter, but goal front inaccuracy cost South dearly. With the ruckmen of both sides playing grandly, both teams gained an equal share of drive, but Hislop's brilliance at centre gave the Southerners many opportunities.

Bunbury's defence, which played magnificently throughout, was as steady as a rock and Cartledge took mark after mark to hold them out.

Henning, Northey, Charleston and Trezise all majored for the Bulldogs but goals by Ron Buswell and Farquhar were the only two from eight scoring shots by South.

For Bunbury, Underwood was playing superbly on a wing and Cartledge, Dixon, Cowan, Henning, Gardner and Taylor were all doing well.

In addition to Hislop, who was to again prove he is the best pivot player in the league, the veteran Ron Buswell was playing grandly, as were Jack Hosking, Ranson, Goff, Farquhar and Beachem.

The pattern was repeated in the second quarter with the Bulldogs just holding a slight edge. Each side kicked three goals and South were lucky to be awarded a goal from Herring which was kicked seconds after the half time siren but umpire Gardner was unable to hear it above the roar of a wildly - excited crowd.

There had been many torrid passages of play and Bunbury, relying on their weight, were emerging from them with less cost than the smaller South side. Peter Buswell was their first casualty and was replaced by Magripilis.

A wonderful third quarter saw the lead change on numerous occasions. Bunbury lapsed into goal front inaccuracy and although they peppered South's defence they kicked 3.10 to South's 4.4.

For Bunbury, Sellick suddenly sprang into the limelight at centre half forward. He played brilliantly to split South's half back line asunder. His pace left South back men trailing by yards and with Cowan cooperating shrewdly with him, Bunbury looked for Sellick on every occasion.

But South were fighting back tenaciously. O'Brien who was blanketed by Gardner throughout most of the match, came into prominence to kick two goals and the lion - hearted Ron Buswell and Ted Hosking, who had been kept quiet by the close checking Taylor, both added a major. With Bunbury leading by one goal at three - quarter time, the stage seemed set for a slogging, close - fought final term.

South were struck a severe blow when their star custodian Jack Hosking was taken from the field and Neville Gibson replaced him.

But Bunbury were to rise to great heights. They played football which no team could have withstood.

With Sellick playing sensationally at half forward. Underwood continuing in dynamic form on the wing and Wallrodt and Scott gaining the upper hand in the ruck, Bunbury swept all before them.

Under the sledge hammer attacks, South's defence began to falter, then to crumble. With the injured Milligan giving a courageous display in staying on the ground South fought tenaciously but they could not keep the Bulldogs out and eventually all resistance disappeared as Bunbury piled on goal after goal.

Henning again showed he is the best full forward in the league by kicking two to take his tally to four; Trezise, who played superbly all day, also majored to take his total to four; Dixon stormed through the centre to kick a beautiful 60 yard major; the elusive Northey banged home another from point blank range. Sellick, kicking over phenomenal distances, sent another soaring through the middle and Sweeting marked right in front and nonchalantly booted home yet another.

It was all Bunbury. South could do nothing to stem the tide and Bunbury supporters, who had waited eight long years, went into near hysteria.

South came back with all the spirit that has made them great and Goff, a grand player all day, goaled but there was no hope.

Bunbury players swarmed all over the ground, constantly driving the ball forward and they did as they liked in the closing stages.

It was a fine match but Bunbury outclassed a tiring South at the finish. Although the Bulldogs were goals in front, not a spectator left the ground.

When the siren sounded, their supporters raced madly all over the ground to chair Bunbury players from the field. They had proved themselves a much better side on the day and worthy premiers.

GRAND FINAL DETAILS				
Bunbury	4.1	7.4	10.14	17.19 121
South Bunbury	2.6	5.10	9.14	10.17 77
At Bunbury. Umpire L. Gardner. Weather fine.				

GOAL - KICKERS - Bunbury: Henning, Trezise 4, Sellick 3, Dixon, Northey 2, Charleston, Sweeting. South Bunbury: R. Buswell 3, O'Brien, Farquhar 2, E. Hosking, Herring, Goff.

BEST - Bunbury: Underwood, Sellick, Cartledge, Dixon, Trezise, Scott, Gardner, Cowan, Petchell, Henning. South Bunbury: Hislop, R. Buswell, Ranson, Goff, Farquhar, Beachem, J. Hosking, Healy, B. Buswell.

MARKS - Bunbury: 20, 14, 18, 27: 79. South Bunbury: 14, 24, 18, 9:65. FREE KICKS - Bunbury: 7, 10, 5, 3: 25. South Bunbury: 12, 8, 8, 7:35.

John Bourke, who had been the club's treasurer since 1955 (during which time the Southway Ballroom had been constructed and considerable sums of money were handled) was presented with Life Membership at the conclusion of the 1958 season. John Bourke was to continue as club treasurer up to and including the 1962 season.

Also at the end of the 1958 season, the club appointed its second lady Life Member - Mrs. E. J. Scott - wife of former club president, Jack Scott. Mrs. Scott always served the club willingly when asked to do so - and often without being asked.

1959

The SWNFL visited Kalgoorlie on May 31, 1958, to play the Goldfields National Football League. South Bunbury took this opportunity to also visit Kalgoorlie, and played the curtain raiser match against the G.N.F.L. Second Eighteen. South Bunbury won the match, 15.12 to 8.7.

The SWNFL won an exciting match against the G.N.F.L. when Neil Scott kicked a goal in the last minutes of the game in fading light. It has been conservatively estimated that Neil's kick travelled well in excess of 70 yards.

Again, South Bunbury qualified for the second semifinal and defeated Bunbury 13.17 to 12.11 in a grand final rehearsal.

The grand final, on September 27, between these two great sides, saw South Bunbury win their fifth premiership in seven years. The "South Western Times" report of the grand final was as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", SEPTEMBER 29, 1959

"Completely overwhelming Bunbury in the final stages of the 1959 SWNFL grand final, South Bunbury notched their fifth premiership in seven years. Final scores: South Bunbury 13.14, Bunbury 12.4.

An estimated 6000 people packed Bunbury's Hands Oval to witness what was certainly one of the most rugged and determined exhibitions of football ever seen in this part of the State. From the first bounce players from both teams played without asking or giving quarter, and during the game several ugly incidents were broken up by central umpire, D. Cowper.

South Bunbury won the toss and with a slight favouring breeze opened their attack through Ted Thompson and captain - coach, Bill Colgan, at the centre.

Bunbury's Bruce Sellick was awarded a free kick on the wing but the Tigers turned defence into attack as Jack Hosking marked well on the flank and led midfield where veteran rover Ron Buswell gathered in the ball and streaked goal - wards.

An electrifying roar was heard all over the ground as he posted the Tigers' first major.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs' captain - coach, Don Dixon, had been felled heavily in the centre of the ground, and players and umpires broke up one of the several scenes that somewhat marred the match.

From the centre South Bunbury swept forward again only to see Syd Underwood break up a promising move and send play down into the forward area, where Henning received a free for being tackled without possession. A relayed free went to Ron Tresize and the Bulldogs posted their reply.

Both teams were playing close checking football, but Neil Scott was winning in the ruck and veteran Merv Cowan was having a great tussle with Ron Buswell.

South Bunbury earned another scoring chance when Cunningham received a free in the right full forward pocket but his kick, from a bad angle, hit the post.

It was South Bunbury in command as Fred Mountford set himself for a score, but again the Tigers only registered a minor. Clarrie Cartledge at full back proved to be a great asset to the Bulldogs as he cleared to Taylor, but Laurie O'Brien waited for the rolling ball and although in position, was off target. A few minutes

later he redeemed himself with an excellent goal and Bunbury back men were trying desperately to bolster their defence.

On the wing, Stan Magripilis was worrying Syd Underwood, and Don Dixon appeared to be allowing Bill Colgan far too much room as he played wide. From a throw down, Sweeting passed to Gray and a snap shot by the Bulldogs' young rover closed the gap. From a Bob Farquhar kick - out Bruce Sellick beat both Max Wulff and Fred Mountford to pass to Ross Wallrodt - Wallrodt ran around Bill Mose, Barry Rayment and Bob Farquhar and Bunbury hit the front in a game that had the crowd on their feet until the final siren. Rayment and Jack Hosking held up several Bunbury attacks and Bill Mose was shifted off Aubrey Henning to full forward and soon after, great position play by Mountford saw South Bunbury's third goal just before the end of the quarter. South Bunbury had won in the air but had wasted many free kicks as they were slow to settle down.

In the second, Tom McNeill paved the way for Buswell, only to see Steve Reilly swoop in from the pocket and send the ball further up field where Dixon took a great mark. He found Tresize at centre half forward and the Bulldogs' champion goal kicker majored to tie the game up.

O'Brien on the half back flank was always the opportunist. His long punt kick found Colgan who passed cleverly to McNeil. A free to Mountford saw a short pass find Mose and again the Southerners had scored full points.

Tresize majored and was followed by Edwards, but when the teams left the field for the long break the Bulldogs held only a 6 point lead - 6.3 to 5.3.

In the third term sensation followed sensation. Max Wulff left the ground and in his place South fielded Hayward medallist, Ted Hosking. Henning opened Bunbury's account from a spectacular mark on an almost impossible angle. Hosking made a great debut and seemed certain to score as he raced away from Sellick, but Bunbury defenders cleared as Taylor proved too strong for Mountford and the speedy Steve Reilly backed up cleverly to put another goal on the board for Bunbury.

South Bunbury were falling into errors now, and Scott, Wallrodt and Teede were proving masters of the rucks against Thompson, Goff and Gibson. Although the Tigers persisted in attack, Bunbury defences were holding until McNeil kicked a perfect goal from well out. Again there was only a point margin. Mountford hit the post and the game was all tied up, as the clock swept through the remaining minutes of the term. Ted Hosking was proving his worth against Sellick and South. Bunbury must be indebted in their victory to the defence of Jack Hosking and Bob Farquhar. Farquhar was a treat to watch as he led out and turned in one of his best performances this season.

Len Goff was moved forward almost onto the white square as Teede ran over his mark, but his goal seemed to urge Bunbury on again, and play seesawed until Reilly raised both flags. Murray Edwards repeated the issue as Bunbury forced a passage down the right wing, and at "lemons" there was only three points favouring the Bulldogs. South Bunbury had enjoyed the majority of the play but inaccuracy, despite a favouring breeze, appeared at this stage to be the reason for a costly quarter to the Tigers, when Bunbury came out for what was the deciding term.

Sellick appeared hampered and had one leg bandaged and when Thompson rallied for a supreme effort in the ruck O'Brien received, and spun on to his left foot to goal. Tempers flared again and Dixon was floored as he took a mark at centre. Again players from both sides raced in, and several punches were thrown, before umpire Cowper decided on a throw down.

Rayment saved forward of centre and raced downfield to find Goff, another major from Goff saw Bunbury reply through Teede and tempers frayed as the pressure was on with a vengeance.

Play was at a terrific pace as Sweeting found Wallrodt to drive Bunbury forward, Mose was at centre half back now, and he found Mountford ready to switch play again in favour of the Tigers. Ron Buswell scooped the crumbs from a throwdown and his goal gave South Bunbury the lead they were desperately seeking.

Cunningham left the field and was replaced by Phil Herring. Bunbury badly needed goals as Farquhar stopped several attacks, some almost on the white square.

The Bulldogs were finding Thompson difficult again, as he rucked tirelessly, but Gray's goal narrowed the margin to four points. Lindon Gibson showed amazing speed and found Thompson in front, but a woeful kick from the star ruckman who was later named 1959 Pike Medallist, raised only one flag.

Buswell waited as Cartledge kicked out and showing great anticipation notched his third major for the day.

Steve Wallace left the ground and Johnston came on to give Teede and Gray valuable assistance and see Bunbury score twice and trail now by only five points.

Petchell kept out a sweeping attack through Colgan but Herring showed too much pace as he raced from a pack on the flank to goal. He was followed by Lyndon Gibson and it was the death knell for the Bulldogs.

Sweeting who had given his side valuable assistance throughout raised only one flag and with less than a minute left it was obvious South Bunbury had the premiership in their keeping.

As the siren sounded, to end one of the most tensely fought grand finals in SWNFL history, fans streamed across the ground to chair South Bunbury's captain, Bill Colgan, Barry Rayment and Ron Buswell, from the field.

All honours were with the Tigers who had proved themselves the better side on the day to win their most vital match of the 1959 SWNFL season."

BOB RUSHFORD.

For services rendered during the construction of the Southway Ballroom, and during many years as a member of the Committee of Management, Syd Rodwell was presented with his Life Membership certificate at the end of the 1959 season.

Another to receive this distinction, after serving years as team manager for the league side, together with several years as a member of the committee of management, was Reginald Millar (Snr.).

Another "first" recorded during the 1959 season occurred when Robert (Hungry Bob) Farquhar, who had won the Hayward Medal in 1955, became the first person ever to win the coveted Fairest and Best Award, for the second time.

1960

This was to be a critical year for football in the Bunbury district. The Bunbury Town Council, which had incurred considerable expenditure in bringing Hands Memorial Oval to first class condition, decided to increase the SWNFL ground rental from 10% to 12½% of the gate takings.

The South Bunbury Committee of Management agreed with the Town Council, but the club was not supported by delegates from the other clubs who made up the League. Despite an address to the South Bunbury committee by the president of the League, the club remained unmoved in its decision to support the Town Council.

The League then decided if the Council would not accept the 10% rental charge applying to other grounds in the League area, no football at all would be played in Bunbury.

Both the Council and the League stood firm, and this shock decision meant that all league fixtures were drawn up with the three Bunbury clubs having to play their "home" matches outside Bunbury.

In the main, these matches were played on neutral grounds and the non - Bunbury clubs therefore had a big advantage over the Bunbury Clubs. Interest in the game by the players fell to an all time low at South Bunbury, and this was quite understandable. The lack of interest was probably the reason why South Bunbury finished eighth on the Premiership Table - a big drop from the premiership of the previous year.

Club finances during the past few years had been greatly improved as a result of the efforts of a band of volunteer workers under the guidance of Life Member "Vesty" Buswell, who undertook the bar catering rights at the Bunbury Trotting Club's meetings. Many members gave sterling service to this project.

At the end of the season, the club saw fit to recognise the husband and wife team of W. J. (Jack) and his wife (Ida May) Gibson. Their Life Membership certificates recognised many years of devoted service to the club, and more especially to the club's catering undertaking at the Bunbury Trotting Club meetings.

The club is also deeply indebted to all the other ladies and gentlemen who helped the club with this big and important undertaking.

1961

The dispute between the League and the Bunbury Council was eventually settled when the League agreed to meet the Council's demand for 121/2% and football returned to Bunbury.

It is certain that if this matter had been allowed to remain unresolved for another year, football generally would have suffered to such an extent that it would have been ten years before it could attain the standard of the late 1950's. Fortunately the matter was resolved and the game, after the past year's setback, slowly started to regain lost ground.

South Bunbury was once again a force in the competition and again qualified for the second semifinal against Bunbury, but were defeated, 15.12 to 12.8, at Boyanup Oval.

The following week, in the preliminary final, the club was pitted against the 1960 premiers Harvey - Brunswick, and were again defeated 13.8 to 9.17 at Brunswick Oval. The only final round game played in Bunbury in 1961 was the grand - final which Bunbury won by defeating Harvey - Brunswick.

Former secretary, F. L. "Datey" Hastie, together with the club's energetic medico, Dr. E. C. Manea, received life membership honours at the conclusion of the 1961 season. These well - earned honours were enthusiastically endorsed by the hundreds of members in attendance at the function. Doctor Manea became the first serving president to be so honoured.

In his second year in league ranks with South Bunbury, Syd Jackson brought further honours to himself and to the South Bunbury Football Club when he became the youngest ever player to win the coveted Hayward Medal. This was a terrific effort by Syd in his first full year in league football.

1962

Football had just about returned to normal after the "non - event" of 1960, and again South Bunbury qualified as a second semi - finalist - again against old rivals, Bunbury.

Another defeat was recorded when Bunbury won 15.11 to 13.13 at the Collie Recreation Ground. South Bunbury, however, earned the right to a grand final berth when, in the preliminary final they defeated Harvey - Brunswick 12.14 to 11.7.

1962 was not to be South's year, as the grand - final saw Bunbury gain its second successive premiership by defeating South Bunbury, 11.9 to 8.8.

1962 may not have been South Bunbury's year, but it must certainly have been Syd Jackson's, as this young champion was to become the first SWNFL player to win two Hayward Medals in successive years.

This was also Syd's last year with South Bunbury. He was cleared to East Perth in time for the 1963 season to undertake a five - year contract with that club. He reached great heights in football and at the time of writing this history, was still a regular member of the strong Carlton team in Melbourne.

Two grand workers for the club in ex - players, Ron Buswell and Syd Hislop, had life membership conferred on them at the end of the 1962 season.

Ron Buswell, perhaps the best rover to don a South Bunbury guernsey, joined his brother "Vesty" in the exalted ranks of life membership.

Syd Hislop, a past player of considerable ability, continued to serve the club as a committeeman, and had been responsible in past years for raising considerable money for the club - not always in strict accordance with the laws of the land, but nevertheless, still equal to twenty shillings in the Pound.

1963

South Bunbury's fortunes again took a turn for the worst in 1963 when the league side failed to qualify for the final round. Carey Park won their first SWNFL premiership when they defeated Busselton, by one point, in a very exciting game, 11.11 to 10.16 at Hands Memorial Oval.

In the W.A.N.F.L. Sandover Medal count, Syd Jackson in his first year with East Perth polled 20 votes to tie with Ray Sorrell of East Fremantle. Syd, however, was not eligible to win the medal having been suspended during the year for two playing dates, following a difference of opinion with a West Perth player.

Sorrell would have won on a count back of the 20 votes.

Mrs. Betty Constantine, perhaps one of South Bunbury's most vociferous lady barrackers and champion worker - both at home and in the precincts of the Club - became South Bunbury's third lady life member when she received this award in 1963. She also proved herself adept at producing sons to don the red and white guernsey as a perusal of the team lists will show.

1964

South Bunbury again was a final four contender this year, having qualified to meet Mines Rovers in the first semifinal. After winning this match 14.9 to 11.11 at Hands Memorial Oval, South Bunbury gave a rather dismal performance in the Preliminary Final against Harvey - Brunswick, going down 12.16 to 6.7, to complete the year in third position.

The Buswell family kept on getting its name on the club's Honour Board, when A. W. (Snow) Buswell, past player, propertyman of many years, and possibly the best polisher of training footballs in the area, father of "Vesty" and "Ronnie", brother of "Tood" and "Recna" received life membership in 1964.

The Buswell families continue to make tremendous contributions to the South Bunbury Football Club.

1965

During 1965, the club failed to make the final four of the SWNFL for the third time since the league's inception. Finishing fifth with 36 points, one game out of the four, with the sixth team being five games back on 16 points.

The reserves team however, continued their supremacy over their rivals by recording their twelfth premiership in fifteen years.

Off the field, South Bunbury fired the initial shot in the war against W.A.N.F.L. sides by demanding payment for a player none other than the 1976 captain, Alan Prosser, who was sought by East Fremantle.

Sydney Jackson had been cleared to East Perth in 1963, but due to wise counsel, he had been cleared on a five - year contract to East Perth after which he was to be entitled to an automatic clearance to the club of his own choice. This proved to be Carlton and clearance to that club was obtained after a long struggle.

Perhaps these events set the W.A.N.F.L. on the road to considering Country Zoning which was to be implemented some years later.

1965 also saw the retirement from football of one of South Bunbury's greats in Brian Buswell. Brian began his career in South's junior ranks in 1946 (where else would a young Buswell start) and played his first league game in 1951. One of the classiest wingmen to play with South Bunbury, he tried out with East Perth in 1953, and despite tempting offers from that club, Brian elected to return to South Bunbury. (In this respect he was not alone, for other great South players in Ted and Jack Hosking, Ron Buswell and Ivor Platts also held out following good offers to play in Perth. In 1959 Brian Buswell was cleared to Harvey - Brunswick as playing coach and ultimately led that club to its first SWNFL premiership the next year against Busselton. At the beginning of the 1965 season, the attraction of the South Bunbury Club was again manifested, and Brian was cleared back to complete his football career with his original club. Brian Buswell certainly had a grand career with South's and played great football for the club.

Yet another Buswell was to be honoured with membership for life, when Fred Buswell was presented with his certificate in 1965. Fred has served the club as league trainer and property man in both league and seconds over many years, and truly merited the club's accolade.

1966

South Bunbury fired another shot in the transfer fee field concerning local players being enticed to the W.A.N.F.L. clubs and the SWNFL having no policy on such transfers. At the league meeting in July South's delegate, Ron Davies, had this to say:

"It is costing local clubs a lot of money each year to coach their players, and they should be recompensed for this. One could go through the Perth teams and pick players from the South West and form a combined South West side which would go through the Country Championships undefeated and the Perth clubs paid peanuts for these players. How is our football going to improve if the Perth clubs keep taking our best players. South Bunbury is going to do something about it by having a solicitor look into the matter with a

view to getting the right perspective on the matter and we will circularise the Perth clubs accordingly. We would expect to get what we asked for from the Perth Clubs."

Unfortunately, only Mines Rovers supported the idea with the result that no action was taken by the League.

On the field, after heading the qualifying ladder, South Bunbury met Busselton in the second semifinal at Hands Oval and went on to the grand final after winning 16.21 to 12.8.

Grand final day on September 25, saw South Bunbury and Busselton compete for premiership honours in a memorable game. Dion Bromilow's impressions of the match in the South Western Times of September 27, were as follows:

TIGERS TAKE THE HONOURS IN FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL by Dion Bromilow

A courageous South Bunbury withstood a sensational Busselton fight back to win the 1966 South West National Football League grand final by two goals at Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday.

They won 14.10 to 12.10. And what a thrill packed, heart fluttering grand final it was!

At three - quarter time Busselton looked a completely beaten side. They trailed South Bunbury by 34 points and appeared to be in their death throes. Then in a fantastic last quarter they slammed on five goals to almost snatch a thrilling victory. Had Busselton been able to press home their advantage in the closing stages of the last quarter they could have won the game.

But goals eluded them and they could only manage a couple of points.

South Bunbury - inspired by captain - coach Harry Vidulich and John Depiazzi - steadied to stem the Busselton tide and run out premiers.

Vidulich played a real captain's game in the last quarter when he made many dashing saves from the Tigers' back line.

For three - quarters the Tigers outpaced and outthought the flagging Magpies. They played with more purpose and determination and were clearly the better side.

Much of the Tigers' supremacy could be attributed to their ruck - rovers Ray Rendell and Gary Buswell and rovers Doug Cunningham and Bill Meyers.

These players dominated the bounce - downs and throw - ins to set the Tigers' machine in motion time and again.

Together with brilliant centre - man Allen Prosser they caused havoc in the Busselton back line, where they created numerous opportunities for their forwards.

Outstanding forward pocket player Don Aldersea spearheaded the Tigers' attack and was a constant danger to the opposition.

In defence Kim Cucel completely blanketed Busselton centre half forward Neville Carter out of the game in the first half.

With Carter checked the Magpies were left floundering in the forward line. They lacked a direct path to goals, apart from Brian Pross, who was playing at full - forward and on the ball.

Pross played a grand game for the Magpies and won the Pike Medal for the best and fairest player of the match.

It was the Pross of old, taking brilliant high marks and kicking the ball beautifully over great distances.

Carter was moved to centre - half - back in the second half and Pross then went to centre - half - forward.

Carter then came into his own and proved a stumbling block for many Tigers' attacks.

Ugly incidents between players when unnecessary punches were thrown, marred the match. There were numerous incidents involving a number of players.

In the early stages of the first quarter about three fights broke out. There was even a skirmish in the South Bunbury forward line before the opening bounce when the goal umpire ran some distance to quell what could have developed into an ugly incident.

The match opened sensationally when South Bunbury swept the ball away from the centre bounce - down to their forward line for Aldersea to goal after only 45 seconds of play.

Players were throwing everything they had into the game and with tension running high tempers were soon frayed.

Pross soon replied with a major and the big crowd were treated to a first class display of football.

South Bunbury had most of the play in this term and were giving Busselton a hard time both in attack and defence.

Cucel was a tower of strength at centre - half - back opposed to Carter, Prosser was leading Richie Riley a merry dance at centre, Aldersea was supreme in a forward pocket and Doug Cunningham and Ray Rendell were superb on the ball.

For Busselton centre - half - back Graham Turner, Brian Pross, winger Ben Neale and George Guthridge were giving the side good service.

In the second quarter Pross shot Busselton to the lead with two beautiful goals and the Tigers seemed rattled for a while. But the elusive Aldersea brought up two goals in quick succession to put the Tigers back in the lead.

The Tigers were leading in the race to the ball and were playing with more cohesion and teamwork than their opponents.

Carter scored a valuable goal in the closing seconds of the quarter to keep the Magpies in touch.

Prosser was playing a big part in the Tigers' supremacy at this stage. He was having a birthday and was the architect of nearly all the side's attacks.

At half time the Tigers led by 19 points.

In the third quarter they continued to dominate the game and Busselton were struggling to stay with them. But Busselton swept all before them in the last quarter to bring the big crowd to their feet as they fought back dramatically.

With big George Guthridge dominating the bounce - downs and rover John Brailey in devastating form the Magpies looked capable of winning. Goals to Pross (two), Brailey, Kelly Allsop and Vernon Brockman put them right in the firing line.

However, the Tigers were able to hold on grimly to run out winners.

1967

This year was to be a momentous one for the club when it was decided that South Bunbury's administrative and financial future lay at Hands Memorial Oval.

Following long and serious discussion by the committee it was decided to sell the Southway Ballroom to provide the necessary finance to erect club premises at the oval.

Ten years or so previously, 14,538 hours of volunteer labour went into the construction of the Southway, but on October 17, 1967, it took only a few minutes to sell the building. The local press remarked:

"This deal now make the South Bunbury Football Club probably the wealthiest country football club in Australia.

Though the Southway's future is unknown, the South Bunbury Football Club's is. It now intends to apply to the Bunbury Town Council for a portion of Hands Memorial Oval to build a luxurious two - storey clubrooms to replace the hall. It will have amenities for players and members which will include player's rooms, a gymnasium and amenities for both players and supporters. It could cost up to \$40,000.

Club president, Ron (Sav) Davies, said yesterday that the sale was effected on Tuesday night after weeks of negotiations, and he was happy to announce the result. I'm sure it will benefit all our members and football followers in general."

Later, when the Town Council received a club deputation comprising Ron Davies, N. Gibson, R. Basham, N. Bebbington and S. Armstrong the Council agreed to a long - term lease of the building site. Speaking at the council meeting, Cr. Ron Davenport said the club should be congratulated on its progressive move, but he wondered if the same chance might be given to Bunbury and Carey Park clubs to avail themselves of a self - supporting loan.

Cr. Frank Buswell said "I can't speak for the General Purposes Committee but I rather thought the feeling of the meeting was that the Council would help people who were prepared to help themselves."

South Bunbury were granted the self - supporting loan they required by the Town Council.

Football in the league during 1967 was to see some mammoth scores tallied by various clubs. Pride of place went to Mines Rovers with a colossal 36.15 against Carey Park's 3.4 at Collie on May 21. Busselton followed with 33.24 against Augusta - Margaret River's 8.12 at Busselton on August 13. Donnybrook piled on 30.18 against Carey Park's 7.5 at Donnybrook on July 2. Harvey - Brunswick amassed 28.29 against Augusta - Margaret River's 7.5 at Brunswick on July 23, and 29.26 to Carey Park's 6.11 at Harvey on June 4.

South managed 27.26 against Augusta - Margaret River's 3.6 at Hands Memorial Oval in the opening game on April 23, and a further 25.20 to Carey Park's 9.11 at Bunbury Recreation Ground on May 7. However, the record score of 32.28 kicked by South Bunbury in 1905 still remained intact in club records.

Qualifying for the first semifinal, South Bunbury met their previous year's grand final opponents in Busselton and were removed from the competition when Busselton won this match 13.15 to 8.11 on their way to the 1967 premiership honours.

John Kelly saw the first semifinal this way:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1967
MAGPIES DOWN TIGERS IN FIRST SEMIFINAL
by John Kelly

A Superior Busselton side earned the right to play in the SWNFL preliminary final when it convincingly beat South Bunbury by 34 points in the first semifinal at Hands Oval on Sunday.

Final scores were Busselton 13.15 (93) to South Bunbury 8.11 (59).

For the Magpies victory against the Tigers could not have tasted sweeter. It went down to South Bunbury by two goals in last year's grand final.

South Bunbury - favoured by most critics to win - could not match the physically stronger Busselton side in the last term, but fought on gallantly till the end. Magpies seemed the fitter side and its play around the packs and in tight spots was a pleasure to watch.

South's main trouble rested in its forward line. Star goal - getter Don Aldersea was hampered by an injured shoulder he received against Mines Rovers last week and on many occasions flew for the ball with only one arm.

South's back line was a tower of strength and kept Busselton forwards under constant pressure, especially in the first half. Tigers' evergreen full back John Depiazzi turned in his best performance of the season. He took many fighting marks right in the teeth of goals to stem the Busselton tide. Had it not been for him the Magpies would have won by an even bigger margin. He was swung into the ruck after half time in an effort to lift the side. Though he continued to play strongly he would have been of better use to the Tigers at fullback.

Busselton had pace to burn. Its small men caused havoc in the South Bunbury defence and their snappy teamwork around the packs had a lot to do with its win.

Busselton had loose men running everywhere in its forward line, which paid big dividends. Had South countered this it could have closed the gap which opened wider and wider as the third quarter progressed.

Busselton's big men George Guthridge and Mike Adams played a game of true veterans and broke up countless South Bunbury attacks, particularly in the second half.

South Bunbury refused to take defeat. It lifted its game many times but found the Magpies defence impassable. Busselton ruckman Vern Brockman played a creditable game, his rugged style creating many opportunities for the Magpies.

Doug Carter playing on a wing made many good leads and delivered the ball straight to his teammates.

Tigers captain - coach Doug Peake watched Magpies centre - half - forward Trevor Allbones closely in the first half. Both players were giving their side good service and neither had the best of his opponent. In the second half Peake went on the ball in an effort to lift his flagging teammates. He kicked three goals and was an inspiration to his teammates.

Tigers centremen Terry House and Busselton first - year player Gary Gibellini fought out an interesting tussle. They played fairly wide of each other but when they crossed paths Gibellini would have come out the best.

Tigers never really displayed a lot of teamwork. On occasions two South Bunbury players would contest a mark and leads were seldom offered to teammates in trouble. Handpassing was good but players could have made better use of it in tight spots. A slim chance of victory came to Souths in the last quarter when it managed to get within two goals of the Magpies.

But any chances the Tigers had of victory faded 12 minutes into the last quarter when Magpies half - forward flanker veteran Kelly Allsop made a terrific snap for goal which put Busselton three goals ahead. Allsop, who made a comeback to football late this season after announcing his retirement last year was one of the side's most damaging players. Though he only had about nine kicks he scored five goals. More goals followed and had the siren not gone when it did Busselton would have gone further ahead.

MATCH DETAILS LEAGUE

BUSSELTON	0.2	5.0	9.12	13.15	93
SOUTH BUNBURY	3.5	5.8	7.11	8.11	59

Goalkickers: Busselton, K. Allsop 5, V. Brockman, T. Allbones, J. Brailey 2, W. O'Byrne, R. McGregor; South Bunbury, D. Peake 3, D. Aldersea 2, B. Cunningham, T. House, G. Buswell.

Best: Busselton, K. Allsop, T. Allbones, G. Guthridge, V. Brockman, J. Brailey, G. Gibellini; South Bunbury, J. Depiazzi, D. Peake, R. Anderson, R. Lewis, N. Constantine, J. Gleeson.

1968

The election of Neville Gibson as club President at the 1967 Annual General Meeting for the 1968 season saw another record written into the pages of South's history. Neville at 29 years of age became the youngest president South Bunbury had ever had. He had played for South for six years and was captain of the 1964 team after commencing his career with the juniors.

In another sphere, the clearance of Syd Jackson to East Perth five years previously, again loomed as a major dispute between the W.A.N.F.L. and SWNFL clubs, when after completing his five year contract with East Perth, Syd sought a clearance to Carlton, which was promptly refused at the W.A.N.F.L. Permit Committee meeting. South Bunbury, with the support of Mines Rovers endeavoured to have the SWNFL help Jackson to obtain the wanted clearance. However, the following articles concerning the matter show that the SWNFL declined to become involved:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 11th APRIL, 1968

JACKSON: SWNFL ASKED TO HELP
by Robert Bennett

In an unprecedented step at Tuesday night's SWNFL meeting all clubs were asked to take action to help Sydney Jackson pry a clearance from the W.A.N.F.L. to Victoria.

In an attack on the W.A.N.F.L. clearance stand, Mines Rovers' delegate Joe Mitchell recommended that SWNFL clubs refuse all clearances to W.A.N.F.L. clubs till Jackson was cleared.

"He is coloured, and is being victimised," said Mr. Mitchell, "We should try and help him."

Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup delegate Tom Panizza felt that if clubs blocked clearances to the W.A.N.F.L. till the Jackson case was resolved it could have repercussions.

Clubs will vote on the issue at the next SWNFL meeting on Tuesday week.

Jackson's legal guardian Dr. E. C. Manea said yesterday he was pleased to hear of indications of SWNFL support. But he hoped it would not penalise young local players from trying their hand in Perth.

"We can only hope the matter will be resolved quickly," Dr. Manea said.

The W.A.N.F.L.'s action has also stirred up Eastern State football circles. The Melbourne Press claimed that Jackson was being victimised, either for racial reasons or for Dr. Manea's outspoken comments on the matter.

This week Melbourne newspapers have created a "hot line" to Dr. Manea to keep in touch with the latest developments.

Dr. Manea said he was waiting to hear from solicitor K. Hatfield QC for the next course of action.

Carlton Football Club is incensed at Jackson's treatment. Club president George Harris said that he was staggered at W.A.N.F.L. president Ken Miller's statement singling out Jackson for exclusion from any possible relaxing in the league's action.

"This is victimisation in the worse form," Mr. Harris said.

Dr. Manea has stated that under no circumstances will Jackson return to WA. "I won't let him," he said. "His social position in the community is far more important than his football. He has an opportunity to develop into a better citizen over there."

Mr. Harris stated that Jackson had a better job than in W.A. and his employers considered he had a sound future.

Jackson is determined on one point. He will stand out of football rather than uproot himself again to return to WA.

Mr. Hatfield and Dr. Manea feel that they can pry a clearance for Jackson if they go to court. But they want to avoid a protracted legal battle and unnecessary expense. This could be avoided by a more realistic attitude on the part of the W.A.N.F.L.

Ironically, the interstate football traffic is not as one sided as the W.A.N.F.L. claims. This year top South Australian footballers Brian Roberts, Haydn Bunton, and Victorian star Polly Farmer, as well as several other players, have been cleared to WA.

Unless the W.A.N.F.L. rescinds its stand on interstate clearances the Jackson case could flare into an interstate clearance battle.

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 25th APRIL, 1968

DECISION NOT TO SUPPORT JACKSON
by Robert Bennett

Because of the fear of repercussions, clubs decided at Tuesday night's SWNFL meeting not to support a recommendation to block all clearances to the W.A.N.F.L. till Sydney Jackson's clearance was resolved.

Delegates were divided over the issue in a heated debate.

Surprisingly, Jackson's old club, South Bunbury, was the first to speak out against the SWNFL supporting the issue.

Club delegate Syd Armstrong said that though his club felt Jackson was being harshly treated, South Bunbury would not like to see a blanket ban on W.A.N.F.L. clearances because it might spark repercussions.

Busselton supported South Bunbury. It felt young players wishing to play in the W.A.N.F.L. could suffer most by a blanket ban.

Mines Rovers delegate Joe Mitchell, who recommended that the SWNFL block clearances to the W.A.N.F.L., was disappointed with the other clubs' attitude.

He felt a greater issue than Jackson's clearance was at stake.

"Jackson represents a race that - rightly or wrongly could feel that he is being discriminated against," said Mr. Mitchell.

He felt the W.A.N.F.L. should be condemned for not realising this aspect. Jackson's case was a special one. Mr. Mitchell said that there were strong rumours in SWNFL circles that East Perth had taken a hypocritical stand on the matter.

SWNFL president Bob Black said that though he agreed with Mr. Mitchell he did not feel that the SWNFL should stick out its neck and be encumbered with something that could be quickly resolved.

Jackson's legal guardian Dr. E. C. Manea said yesterday that the W.A.N.F.L. was not using its power over clearances as had been originally intended.

It was supposed to protect clubs, not force an issue. The SWNFL decided at its meeting to try and solicit support from other country associations to bring the W.A.N.F.L. into line. Mr. Mitchell moved that other associations be approached at the country football championships in Perth, in August, in an endeavour to form a united body to resolve the current state of affairs.

"Something has to be done about clearances," he said, "W.A.N.F.L. clubs are approaching 15 and 16yearold country players to bolster their ranks."

Wiser counsel ultimately prevailed, and East Perth and Carlton were able to reach agreement on Jackson's clearance. On shifting to Melbourne, Syd displayed talents on behalf of his new club, which had made East Perth so loath to lose his services.

After losing the second semifinal to Donnybrook in a low scoring game (Donnybrook 7.9 to South Bunbury 6.8) South Bunbury met Harvey - Brunswick in the preliminary final on September 29, 1968. This game turned out to be a thriller, with South Bunbury running out eventual winners to gain a berth in the grand final.

Robert Bennett of the "South Western Times" saw this preliminary final in this way:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1968

A FITTER TIGERS TAKES OUT FINAL

Greater physical fitness enabled South Bunbury to snatch a narrow win over Harvey - Brunswick in a bruising preliminary final at Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday.

Final scores were 7.16 to 6.12.

The match was in doubt till the last few seconds when youngster Greg Chalk marked in the teeth of goals to seal the issue for the Tigers.

Harvey - Brunswick fell in a heap when the chips were down in the last vital five minutes. Tactics won the day.

Changes by South Bunbury coach Doug Peake had decisive results while Harvey - Brunswick coach Peter Jones virtually threw the match away.

South Bunbury paid the penalty of playing its most effective ruckman Peter Constantine at full forward early in the match. During this period the Maroons dominated the ruck duels.

However when Constantine was thrown on to the ball the Tigers had two tall ruckmen, Constantine and Greg Chalk, to match the Maroons in this department.

The switching of George Campbell on to the ball after a barren three quarters at centre half forward also paid dividends.

The Maroons fell down badly in attack. Ted King was completely out of touch and the Maroons lacked someone to take a big mark in the goal square. When it was in a commanding position in the last term Jones should have either switched Brian Grover or Peter Stone into full forward and put King on the ball.

An ineffective and costly move was Jones' switching himself on to the ball. It was during this period that Greg Chalk was able to take some timely marks and turn seeming defeat into victory for the Tigers.

However the main factor in the Tigers' win was a magnificent last half effort by centremen Geoff Crabb.

After being outpointed by Jim Monteleone, who was in sparkling form in the first half, Crabb took complete control of this position to constantly thrust the ball down the throats of his forwards.

Another deciding factor was a resolute South Bunbury defence when the pressure was on. Rodney Lewis took some towering marks in a back pocket, Ray Anderson was strong on a halfback flank and Neil Constantine was sound in the other back pocket.

Key defenders Laurie Hastie, at centre half back, and custodian John Depiazzi blanketed their marksmen for most of the match.

A feature of the match was the sterling effort of Greg Chalk. Called upon to do most of the rucking he more than held his own against the strong Maroons' following division.

For the Maroons, Ian Fisher, Joe Ross, Brian Grover, David Lofthouse and the Monteleone brothers made sound contributions.

Fisher and Rossi were the strong links in an often loose and ragged Maroons' defence. Fisher completely dominated his position with high marking while Rossi was tigerish in his endeavours to win possession.

Brian Grover and David Lofthouse knocked strongly all day. Grover polished off his game with excellent marking.

In fact if Grover had been utilised to better advantage the result may have been different.

Jim Monteleone was in devastating form in the first half while brother Steve was a constant thorn in the Tigers' side.

Following their close call in the preliminary final, South Bunbury turned the tables on Donnybrook in the grand final by comfortably defeating that team 11.17 to 6.7 to become the 1968 premiers.

A seventeen - year - old South Bunbury player in David Hollins turned in a great game on the wing in this grand final and won the 1968 Pike Medal for his efforts. David was later cleared to East Fremantle where he won the W.A.N.F.L. Fairest and Best Sandover Medal, to become the first player from South Bunbury to achieve that high honour.

1969

The Committee of Management spent many nights in planning construction of the new club premises at Hands Memorial Oval, and investigating provision of as many amenities as possible for members.

South Bunbury once again qualified for a berth in the second semi - final.

This year, their opponents were to be another great South - West Club - Mines Rovers.

A report of this memorable second semifinal by Bernie Kelly appeared in the "South Western Times" as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1969

MINES SNATCH WIN IN HEARTSTOPPING FINAL

Mines Rovers snatched a two - point win over South Bunbury in a tension - packed SWNFL league second semi - final at Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday.

It was heart - in - the - mouth football all the way as the two league giants battled it out. Final scores were 12.10 to 11.14

Mines utility player, Ron Bentley unleashed the most impressive showing of his career to virtually dominate the game. Mines thoroughly deserved to win. They had too much talent, strength, height and teamwork for South Bunbury, and had control of the game most of the time.

But their inability to get goals left the Tigers with a fighting chance at three - quarter time.

What Souths lacked in ability and height, they made up for in courage and their never - say - die approach, particularly in their final term bid. They could well have won the match in the final quarter and were in attack when the siren sounded.

Bentley's contribution to the game was tremendous. His strength in the air, kicking ability, and ball handling skill made his opponents look amateurish.

A winning ruck and a marked ascendancy in the air (Mines took 82 marks in the game while South Bunbury took 64), a cohesive system of play, and greater depth of talent were greatly responsible for the Mines Rovers win.

Mines big men dominated the following division. Kicking against a slight breeze, South Bunbury were first out of the starting blocks and first to settle down.

They moved the ball about the forward line with coach Phil Farrell featuring prominently and marshalling his players. Farrell, though not spectacular, battled manfully for his side all day and was featured in their final quarter fight - back. Within five minutes, two relayed free kicks in front of goal had resulted in majors to Brian Cunningham and Bruce Crabb.

Bentley started at centre half forward and quickly dictated terms from there. He was within range twice but only managed points.

Half way through the quarter Bentley switched with Harvey Rinder on the ball. Bentley's influence on the ball lifted Mines and goal from Rinder, Ray Merrey, Joe Hewson and John Niski gave the Miners a 1.5 lead at the change.

Mines were commanding rucking duels and winning well in the centre and on one wing Brian Banks was breaking even with David Hollins on the other.

For most of the game Souths looked jaded and had virtually no system when working the ball towards goal. But they made use of limited opportunities and goals came at regular intervals to keep them in the game.

A sterling performance from South Bunbury half back Neil Constantine and centre half back Geoff Regan coupled with a determined full back line helped to nullify the Miners.

Little separated the scores all day. Intelligent use of hand ball and systematic cohesive play made Mines look superior.

They retained an eight point advantage at half time.

Souths came out a reshuffled side at the start of the second half of play. Doug Peake was thrown on to the ball, Farrell went to centre half back and Terry House, who had been soundly beaten by wingman George Saggars, changed with Doug Cunningham in the centre.

The moves were to a certain degree successful. Both House and Cunningham improved as the game progressed. But Mines started the third term in dynamic fashion. Inside a minute centreman Jim McElroy accepted a pass from between the centre and half forward, and punted through a magnificent goal.

Farrell scored for Souths and they made an all out bid to get back into the game but could only manage one more goal for the quarter.

Mines turned on some delightful passages of play and a magnificent goal from Bentley and one from Rinder near the end of the quarter boosted their tally to four for the term, and gave them a handy three goal break at three - quarter time. The game looked to be over. Sheer determination on South Bunbury's behalf brought the Tigers back into calculations.

Tension mounted after Brian Cunningham and Ross Townsend had narrowed the leeway to four points.

Souths were pressing for a victory, and Mines were equally determined to hang on.

Cliff Graybrook sent the ball high into the square and Ron Bentley in characteristic style out - marked the pack and converted. With four minutes to go Doug Cunningham who had initiated many forward moves for South in the latter stages, gave Ray Rendell a chance to reduce the lead once again.

Bruce Crabb and Gary Buswell both had a chance to swing victory the Tigers way in the closing minutes, but only two points resulted - three too few for victory.

Now obliged to seek premiership honours by first winning the preliminary final against Harvey Brunswick, South Bunbury's hopes of winning the premiership were dashed, when they were beaten 16.12 to 12.10 and finished the 1969 season in third position.

At the Annual General Meeting later in the year, Lance Hislop joined the select band of South Bunbury's honoured members, when life membership was conferred on him for his services to the club both as a player and committeeman over many years.

Another Hayward Medal was won by a South Bunbury player this year Terry House.

He had a distinguished career with South Bunbury and as well as winning the Hayward Medal, this talented player went on to win many other well deserved awards.

1970

Following continual investigation and long hours of committee work, the club by 1970, had reached the stage concerning new club premises, where an application was made to the State Licensing Court for a Provisional Certificate. This was the first step towards erecting the proposed new premises at Hands Memorial Oval. This approach to the court proved to be a frustrating one in the initial stages, as the requirements of the Licensing Court concerning Clubs were a far cry from the past activities of football clubs particularly country football clubs where everything was done on a voluntary basis, and in some instances records kept were not retained over a period of years.

Despite considerable opposition which was forthcoming from the Australian Hotels Association, the club made its first appearance before the Court in March, 1970. The press report of this meeting gives an insight of the difficulties facing South Bunbury in pioneering licensed premises for a football club outside the metropolitan area:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", MARCH 24, 1970

The Australian Hotels Association raised strong objections to South Bunbury Football Club Inc.'s bid for a provisional certificate before the State Licensing Court on Thursday.

The full bench of the licensing court reserved its decision after the 4 ½ hour hearing. Police made no objection to the application.

Mr. E. M. Franklin for the AHA alleged that the South Bunbury Football Club Inc. was not suitable for registration as a licensed club.

He claimed that the club had habitually broken its rules by failing to keep an accurate member's register and had engaged in trade. It offered no facilities that were not already available in other clubs in Bunbury.

Mr. J. C. Martin for the South Bunbury Football Club said the club was making application for a licence as the first step in erecting new club rooms at Hands Memorial Oval.

The land had been secured under a 21 - year lease from the Bunbury Town Council at an annual rental of more than \$5000. This had the approval of the Governor and town planner.

He claimed that no clubhouse licence had been registered in Bunbury for the past 17 years. One had been issued to Capel in this period.

Mr. Martin said the South Bunbury Football Club was founded in 1898 and was one of the oldest clubs in Australia. It became an incorporate body in 1956.

The club first built premises in 1923. In 1956 it replaced these premises with an \$18,000 building in Spencer street.

He said evidence of "great tradition and spirit" in the club was shown when more than 300 members volunteered 14,500 free hours to the building. It was sold in 1967 for \$60,000.

In 1967 the club decided to build new premises and make application for these to be licensed. It began with 16 members and now had more than 300 financial members.

Mr. Martin said the club was in a sound financial position and had \$45,000 invested at eight per cent per annum and \$20,000 still to come from the contract of sale of their former premises. They had negotiated a \$50,000 loan from the Bunbury Town Council repayable in 15 years for the establishment of new premises at Hands Oval.

Ninety - seven club members had guaranteed total repayment of this amount within the loan period.

Club secretary Sydney Armstrong said application for provisional registration had been made in July 1969.

He said the club had 212 ordinary members, 35 playing members, 27 life members and two honorary members. Ordinary members paid \$4 per year, players \$3 and associates \$1. Other listed members paid no membership fee.

Under cross examination from Mr. Franklin he said he anticipated that in the future junior members would be admitted to the club.

Mr. Franklin: "How many of the 35 playing members of the club are under 21 years of age? I suggest that 50 per cent of your players are 21 years or under."

Mr. Armstrong: "I don't know the exact number. I'd say only one or two of our playing members are under 21."

Mr. Franklin: "Then you must have one of the oldest playing clubs in Australia if all your players are over 21, your knowledge of the members is a bit vague."

Mr. Armstrong: "I don't keep the member's register, the president does."

Mr. Franklin: "Has your club ever bought or sold a footballer?"

Mr. Armstrong: "We have sold but never bought a player."

Mr. Franklin: "How many players have you sold and for how much?"

Mr. Armstrong: "We have sold one player for \$3000."

Club president, Neville Gibson, corrected some statistics given by Mr Armstrong.

He said there were three playing members of the club listed as being under 21 years of age. He also said that the club had sold one player for \$2000 and another for \$200.

Mr. Franklin said there was some confusion as to the member's register. Associate members had been written off as ordinary members and there appeared to be four types of ordinary members. These included donors and South club members.

He claimed: "They have habitually been breaking the rules of the club."

Mr. Gibson said that Mr. Armstrong was not aware that the rules of the club had to be strictly adhered to and it was regrettable that the rules laid down had not been adhered to.

He said: "It is an oversight that some of the rules of the club have been breached and it will not happen again."

Licensing court member Mr. Connell: "That's a poor excuse."

Mr. Franklin: "What you're saying Mr. Gibson is that the rules don't take effect unless you get a licence. When you became an incorporated body it was the club's responsibility to see that the rules weren't broken.

"Would you say that the rules are meaningless unless you become licensed?"

Mr. Gibson: "We adhered to the previous rules. At a special meeting last year we adopted new rules."

Mr. Franklin: "This is a bit tongue in cheek - if you don't get your licence you'll carry on your old rules. Why have you got members who don't fit any known classification? Why haven't you made junior members?"

Mr. Gibson: "We have - three playing members."

Mr., Franklin (pointing - to the proposed club room plan): "All you're offering the women is a toilet and they can't get there because they'd have to go through the bar. Unless you change your building plan the women have no more rights than a visitor."

In his address, Mr. Franklin questioned the validity of the club's existing lease. He also said the club had received no security from the SWNFL that it would not move its headquarters from Hands Memorial Oval within the 21 - year period set down in the lease with the town council.

(Before State Licensing Court. J. S. Lewis (chairman), H. R. Robinson and A. R. Connell, Mr. J. C. Martin for South Bunbury Football Club Inc. and Mr. E. M. Franklin for Australian Hotels Association.)

Following the Court's decision to reserve its decision on the application, Club President, Neville Gibson, was asked by the newspaper to comment on the club's chances of gaining a favourable decision. His statement was published and **it read** as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES," APRIL 2, 1970

\$80,000 CLUBROOMS HINGE ON LICENCE

If the South Bunbury Football Club Inc. is successful in its bid for a provisional licensing certificate it hopes to complete a \$80,000 clubrooms by the end of the year.

Club president Neville Gibson said this after the State Licensing Court reserved its decision on their application last week.

Mr. Gibson said he was optimistic that the club would be granted a licence.

He said: "The liquor reform inquiry indicated a movement to update current liquor laws and this is one reason why I am optimistic.

"Also, all of the Perth football clubs, except Subiaco who have an arrangement with the W.A.N.F.L., have a club licence. What's good for the city should be good for the country.

"I feel the growth of Bunbury justifies a licensed football club. It's 17 years since a club licence was granted in Bunbury and the population has increased by about 12,000 in that time.

"I also feel that South Bunbury is the logical club to be the first licensed football club outside the metropolitan area. This is because of its record, history and very sound financial status."

Mr. Gibson said that if they were successful in getting a provisional certificate the club would immediately call tenders.

The club rooms, to be built at Hands Memorial Oval, would be on two levels and have change rooms, junior room and gymnasium facilities.

The licensed part of the club would be on the first floor, which would have a ceiling membership of 450 people.

Mr. Gibson said if the club was unsuccessful in its licensing bid it would be up to the club to decide the next step.

The president's comments did not influence the Court in South Bunbury's favour, as the feature article in the "South Western Times" reveals: -

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", APRIL 16, 1970

LICENCE REFUSED

The State Licensing Court has rejected the South Bunbury Football Club Inc.'s application for a provisional certificate. It claimed that the club was not suitable for registration.

In the unanimous decision of the court it was stated:

"Though rules filed with the application concerning the club's methods of operation have been adopted by the club in accordance with those rules, no attempt has been made to conduct the business and affairs of the club in accordance with those rules."

This proves that the rules have been habitually broken, therefore the club is not suitable for registration."

The court said that it was entirely dissatisfied with secretary Sydney Armstrong's explanation of the methods used to dispose of liquor to patrons and club members at cabarets held by South Bunbury, which appeared to be unlawful. The court also said that the club's activities in conducting the liquor booth at the Bunbury Trotting Club were "not desirable" for club members and could offend a section of the Associations Incorporation Act.

The lease of land for the proposed clubrooms at Hands Memorial Oval produced in evidence gave proof that a section of the Local Government Act had not been complied with either.

This required the consent of the Government to permit the lease to be given beyond a period of five years.

Consequently the court considered the club had not had bona fide occupation of the land. The plans of the proposed premises also failed to satisfy the court. No provision had been made for accommodation for associate members or sufficient other amenities provided for all members. The register of members presented also produced discrepancies. It included classes of members who were not provided for in the rules, said the court. Rules governing honorary and life members did not comply with certain acts of law.

On March 19 the South Bunbury Football Club Inc. presented its application for a provisional certificate before the State Licensing Court in Bunbury.

After a 4 ½ hour hearing the court reserved its decision following strong objections raised by Mr. E. M. Franklin for the Australian Hotels' Association.

The club's bid for a provisional certificate was to be the first step in a plan to erect \$80,000 clubrooms at Hands Memorial Oval by the end of the year. The plan for the building, set on two levels, embraced change - rooms, junior room and gymnasium facilities. The club anticipated a ceiling membership of 450 people.

South Bunbury Football Club president Neville Gibson said yesterday that he was unable to comment on the court's decision until the matter had been discussed at the next committee meeting.

On the football scene, South Bunbury met their coal town neighbours, Mines Rovers, in the first semi - final and advanced to the preliminary final against their local rivals Bunbury, by winning 10.11 to 6.9.

The preliminary final on September 20 was something else though. After appearing to be in an unbeatable position half - way through the last quarter of the preliminary final on September 20, Bunbury took full advantage of an apparent lapse by South Bunbury players.

John Nayton gives his impression of the match in the following article from the "South Western Times" of September 22, 1970:

TACTICAL MASTERPIECE SWEEPS BULLDOGS INTO BIG FINAL
by John Nayton

Bunbury snatched victory in the closing minutes of the SWNFL preliminary final at Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday to down favourites South Bunbury 16.11 to 14.14.

The Bulldogs kicked five goals in the last eight minutes to record one of the most incredible fight - backs in South - West football history. Half - way through the final quarter many of the 3500 - strong crowd began leaving the ground convinced that South Bunbury had the game in their keeping. But 17 minutes into the term, all of Bunbury's players spontaneously hurled themselves into the game in a final do - or - die effort.

South Bunbury defenders panicked and made several mistakes, allowing Bunbury to sweep the ball into their forward area and score goals - some of them from miraculous shots. Bulldogs' captain - coach George Spalding, who had come in for some scathing criticism against Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup in the second semi - final, pulled off a tactical masterpiece in the final quarter. He brought the two reserves, Jerry Watts and John Cooper, on to the ground to play in the forward line which had failed badly in the third quarter.

Watts and Cooper appeared to have too much recovery for the exhausted South Bunbury backs and were able to swing the game at a crucial stage. Watts had about five kicks in the last quarter - and three of them produced goals.

Up to three - quarter time fortunes had fluctuated. South Bunbury went into an early four - goal lead but lost it in the second quarter. After half time the Tigers again took charge and moved to a 13point advantage at the end of the third term.

In the last quarter they built up the lead to 3.3 before Bunbury started their final onslaught.

All players were kept under tremendous pressure from start to finish. It was spectacular football with many brilliant passages of play and had the big crowd on its toes for the full 100 minutes. Bunbury's biggest success was in the ruck where Spalding and John Rogers had almost complete control - particularly in centre bounce - downs.

The Bulldogs did not make the same mistake they made against Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup. They made good use of followers Ted Osinski and Ross Carn. Though Bunbury were winning most of the hit - outs, South Bunbury rovers Bruce Crabb and Graham Bassett appeared to be getting an equal share of the crumbs.

Crabb was in dynamic form around the packs and was a major problem for Bunbury defenders. The clash across the centre line was fairly evenly contested. At the pivot position, South Bunbury's Doug Peake won clearly over Noel Ward for the first two quarters but was eclipsed after half time when Ward was replaced by Max McGuire.

Bunbury used defensive tactics on one wing by putting Keith Narkle on the player they believed would be South Bunbury's main avenue of attack, Terry House. House won on the day but had limited opportunities.

Most of the play went to the other wing where there was a tremendous tussle between the two speedsters, Trevor Cross (Bunbury) and John Goodall. Honours were even and both players gave their team great drive. Neither side had any success at centre half forward.

South Bunbury's Ray Rendell was soundly beaten by Murray Edwards and at the other end of the ground McGuire and in the second half Ward, for Bunbury, were struggling to get kicks against Neil Constantine.

Bunbury's danger man in attack was Les Mills. He did not get that many kicks, but when he did have possession he pinpointed the ball to the forward area with deadly accuracy. The performance on Sunday was a great improvement over their effort in the second semi - final, but they would be wise to make a run for it a little earlier than the 17 - minute mark in the last quarter next week."

When South Bunbury were eliminated from the 1970 competition approximately 80 members and supporters participated in a club - subsidised trip to Melbourne where a great time was had by all.

It was suggested at the time, that a "can consumption" record was set on the Trans Australia train by the party on their return journey - a record which had not yet been equalled. However, in true South Bunbury style, the behaviour of the trippers (or "tipplers") was exemplary.

This year was to see a long time worker in A. L. (Bill) Constantine made a life member of the Club.

Bill Constantine had been the Club's Master of Ceremonies at most social functions for years, and his penchant for writing parodies on local football identities and Clubs were always well received - particularly those, which, by their very nature, were reserved for "Bucks" nights. It was fitting that Bill should join his wife, Betty, as life members of the Club, for which they had both worked so hard.

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Construction of the new club premises continued, and members were able to see the shape of things to come. Each Sunday a multitude of "footpath foremen" inspected progress on the building. As construction continued, the 1971 football season got under way with South having another good year.

One early game of note was between Augusta - Margaret River and South Bunbury at Hands Memorial Oval on May 30. South recorded a mammoth victory in this game, winning by 159 points. The write - up by Don Owens in the "Times" gives an indication of South Bunbury's dominance:

TIGERS MANGLE THE HAWKS by Don Owens

South Bunbury completely annihilated Augusta - Margaret River at Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday.

In what was one of the most one - sided games in the history of the SWNFL, South Bunbury scored 25.19 to the Hawks 1.4 - a winning margin of 159 points.

Rain began falling after the game had been in progress only three minutes and continued throughout. In these conditions one would think that good football was out of the question. However this was not the case, as spectators were treated to some excellent wet weather play - but it was played by only one side - South Bunbury. The Tigers set the pattern of play in the first quarter when they scored 8.10 while holding the Hawks scoreless.

South Bunbury established an early ascendancy in the ruck with John Warren and Ray Rendell giving their rovers many opportunities. In this quarter Augusta - Margaret River had no players capable of holding the South half - forwards. Doug Peake and Peter Constantine, and these two aided by Merv Kennedy completely demoralised the Hawks' defence.

The second quarter continued in the same vein with the ball being continually forced into the Tigers' forward line, where their forwards were having a field day.

The ball rarely passed over the Augusta - Margaret River half - forward line and their only score - a behind - to half - time was not registered until midway through the second term. Only in the third quarter did Augusta - Margaret River provide South Bunbury with any opposition. They had their share of midfield play, but their forward line let them down badly and it was left to their hard working rover, Jim Blain, to bring up his side's first and only goal for the match. This goal stirred South Bunbury back into action and they quickly added a further four goals before three - quarter time.

With the Tigers holding a lead of 117 points, the last quarter was only a formality. South continued on their merry way to add a further 7.1, while the Hawks' only contribution was one solitary behind. South Bunbury's display in the wet conditions was first class. They handled the conditions most intelligently and their long

kicking into their forward area was in direct contrast to their opponents whose disposal left a lot to be desired.

The Tigers had no passengers and several of their players turned in outstanding exhibitions. Among those worthy of mention were Peter Constantine both for rucking and forward play, Terry House dominant at the pivot, ruckman Ray Rendell, captain - coach Merv Kennedy, who alternated between centre - half - forward and full - forward, Doug Peake on a half - forward flank and Brian Kennedy an opportunist in the forward zone.

Wingman John Robertson and rover Jim Blain were the only two Hawks players to give a four quarter effort. Robertson was a clear winner on his wing throughout the game, while Blain played practically a lone hand in the following division.

Augusta - Margaret River's display in this game was too bad to be true, and it is doubtful if they will ever again turn in such a pathetic performance."

The Liquor Act, 1970, assented to on May 27, 1970, superseded the former Licensing Act. This new Act proclaimed a more enlightened approach to the sale, supply, and consumption of liquor, and the Club was granted an Unlicensed Club Permit in August, 1971, under Section 42 of the Liquor Act. When this permit was granted by the Court, lavish praise was heaped on the Club for the stand it had taken.

The Club recorded its special thanks to its patron and life member, Roy Hancock, who acted as Club Building Supervisor, together with Past - President, Neville Gibson, for having given up hours of their time to ensure that the Club's premises were completed.

Others singled out for special thanks by Club Administrators were Mr. Vince Nani, who provided trucks, front end loaders, and drivers, for the carting and levelling off for the embankment; Life Member Iver Robertson, who also contributed generously in this regard; and the many volunteer workers who helped in levelling the sand and planting the grass clods. By July, the Clubrooms were virtually completed and ready for occupancy.

On Saturday, July 31, 1971, the dreams of the administrators of the Club became a reality when the Club's new premises were officially opened by the Mayor of Bunbury - Dr. E. C. Manea, a life member of the South Bunbury Football Club.

Press coverage of this great event was fairly extensive and the following three articles from the "South Western Times" of August 3, 1971, are repeated in their entirety:

10 - YEAR - OLD DREAM BECOMES REALITY FOR SOUTH BUNBURY

Ten years ago South Bunbury Football Club committee decided to aim towards getting modern clubrooms at Hands Oval.

On Saturday night their dreams came to fruition when the club's \$90,000 building was officially opened by Mayor Dr. E. C. Manea, a life member.

South Bunbury, formed in 1896, is now one of the State's oldest country football clubs and the only one in WA to take on such an expensive building programme as well as applying for a full club licence as a football club. The \$90,000 consisted of \$75,000 for the actual building and \$15,000 for furniture, fittings and legal expenses. Costs were reduced with the help of members who freely gave their time and services.

Sale of the Southway Hall raised \$60,000 towards the project. Voluntary labour by members and players alike over many years raised money for the club's hall fund.

A committee of eight club officials formulated a design for the new building. They visited modern buildings owned by Perth league clubs. Then a firm of architects was engaged to draw up plans. The resultant building, which stands on a tract of land that South Bunbury leased from the town council, is most impressive.

Bunbury builder Bill Bourke, a former South Bunbury footballer, took six months to complete the project. Club life member Roy Hancock, who has supervised the venture, yesterday gave great credit to Mr. Bourke for his dedication and skill while working on the club rooms.

Members enter the upstairs bar - lounge through a foyer and have an outstanding view of the oval through extensive glass panels. Tables and chairs surround a parquet dance floor. There is seating for between 150 and 200 people. There is plenty of scope for family activity. Barbecues will be constructed around the building for the numerous social functions which are planned during the summer.

Membership now stands at about 300, but better facilities are expected to soon boost this figure toward the 500 mark.

Doors leading off the carpeted lounge go to the secretary's office, kitchen, storeroom and toilets. Spacious changerooms downstairs have showers, toilets and a bath. There is a room specially reserved for club junior players where they are able to have players' teas, table tennis, television viewing and other forms of club entertainment.

A feature of the changerooms is hundreds of photographs of South Bunbury personalities and teams displayed around the walls. Among those pictured in the 1898 premiership team are Andy Back, who still lives in Bunbury, and the late Aubrey Delaporte, grandfather of Harvey - Brunswick coach Brian Buswell. There is also the 1931 premiership team. Among them were captain Les Heatley, who is donating equipment for the changerooms, present club committeeman Syd Hislop, Picton publican Fred Wimbridge, G. Forster, F. L. Hastie, K. Gibson, Mick Banting and 1. (Sam) Keddie.

The 1952 premiership side's photo includes Bill Bourke, whose firm built the new clubrooms. In the same team was his brother, John.

The picture gallery of South Bunbury's Hayward Medallists include present deputy Mayor Iver Robertson (1947), Ted Hosking (1949), Joe Churchman (1952), Bob Farquhar (1955 and 1959) and Syd Jackson (1961 and 1962).

TRADITION - THAT'S THE KEY WORD FOR TIGERS

South Bunbury Football Club's key word has always been tradition and this is still the driving force that has lifted it above rivals both on and off the field.

It is, therefore, appropriate that the focal point in the - lounge - bar of the club's new rooms is an honour board listing all of South Bunbury's life members.

Right from when Mr. A. F. Spencer formed the club in 1896, it has appeared to be at least one step ahead of others. The original Tigers' team was called the Mud Roaders. South Bunbury actually came into existence in 1898.

Charlie Sharpe reformed the club in 1919. It did not have a penny to its name and was only able to resume activities through a generous donation from Tom Campbell.

In those days the club met in a storeroom of the Federal Hotel and later at the home of star player A. J. (Tood) Buswell, who was also club secretary.

Turning point in the club's history came when Buswell urged it to buy a block of land because its credit balance had grown to \$130. The Southway Hall site was bought for \$100 in 1920.

Little capital was available and it was not till 1922 that a loan of \$550 was obtained to buy timber and iron for a building. At that time the club had a credit balance of \$1.25.

Materials were donated and the hall cost South Bunbury less than \$700. Enough money was raised on opening night to buy a piano - and the club never looked back.

About 400 people saw club vice president W. H. Kaeshagen open the original hall on October 9, 1922. That was a great year for South Bunbury because it also won its 10th successive premiership. Club officials put their success down to the fact that "we grow our own players".

The original hall was demolished to make way for the Southway Hall, opened in September, 1956.

Roy Hancock was in charge of the building, 90 per cent of which was constructed by voluntary labour. A total of 286 men spent 14,538 hours over nine months to get the \$18,000 building finished. This effort earned Mr. Hancock club life membership.

THE LAST OF THE 1898 SOUTH BUNBURY TEAM

Mr. Andy Back (96), who played with the South Bunbury football team of 1898, was going to go to the opening of their new clubrooms on Saturday, but decided against it.

When a nurse came into his room at the Eleanora Villas in Myrtle street and told him transport was waiting and it was now or never, Mr. Back looked at her and said: "It will have to be never."

He had been talking to a Times reporter and photographer for the best part of an hour about his football team when he was young and what he thought about football these days. Now he was a bit tired.

He knows his football, and his love of the sport has not died down over the years. When photographer Joe Wheeler gave him a football, he handled it as naturally as if he had just come off the oval.

He is very critical of today's football. He says there is less science to the game now than there was when he played. "These days they don't stick to their positions," he said.

"It was a better standard when I played. The ruck would knock it down to the rover, and he'd pass it to someone else. This person would send it to the next. These days they all go after it."

He is still a South Bunbury supporter, and he wore a woollen cap coloured red and white to prove it.

He played one game with West Perth, but he has no particular favourite team in the Perth league.

When he played for South Bunbury there was only one other team in the area - Bunbury. Busselton joined soon after he began playing. He played on the left wing position in all his games.

When he left Bunbury he went to Perth and eventually went mining in the Greenbushes area, where he started two teams. He also got the Bridgetown team going. "This made it interesting," he said.

His son takes him to matches on Sunday. He doesn't think South Bunbury will win the premiership this year.

"I think Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup will win this year," he said. "They should have won it last year."

Mr. Back's main criticism of football these days was the amount of money involved in transfers.

"When we were playing money had nothing to do with it. If we went to a shop or business to get some money for equipment, they would turn us away saying that we did not benefit them at all."

Football was not as new as many people would think when Mr. Back started playing. "Every little corner in Perth had a team and it was the same down here."

- ROD EASDOWN

(Andy Back died on Boxing Day, 1971, at the age of 97.)

The Club's entry into the Licensed Premises era, brought with it yet another call for voluntary labour by club members.

A willing band of volunteers staffed the bar on a roster system, and their efforts were to result in a financial boon and to materially assist the club through its teething troubles in this new enterprise.

Many members freely offered their services so that others could enjoy the facilities from the other side of the bar.

Some of the stalwarts to the forefront of these arrangements were Lance Hislop, Kim Rodgers, Jim Thompson, Brian Cunningham, Brian Bastow, Roy Hancock, Bob Hannah, Alex Beange, Bill Cross, Phil Jones, Bill McCormick, Mick Maguire, Noel Donovan, Max McCamish, Graham Bassett, Jack Hosking, Reg Stafford and others too numerous to mention, but whose efforts were sincerely appreciated by all members.

Another voluntary chore was the cleaning of the Club premises and members who played their part in this activity were John Sloan, Forbes Milligan, Dom McGinley, Mal Pettit, Syd Hislop, Percy Hislop, Frank Green, Rex Barling, Gary Wilson, and again, many others.

It is this kind of voluntary effort which has made South Bunbury the great club it is today, and no doubt, will make the club even greater in years to come.

If there ever was any doubts that South Bunbury Football Club occupied pride of place amongst country football clubs in Western Australia, the opening of the new Club premises must certainly have dispelled them. Many pleasant re - unions made between old players and friends in the relaxed surroundings of the new premises were to be the forerunner of many more such happy occasions.

On the football scene, South Bunbury again qualified for the second semi - final, and their defeat in this match by Mines Rovers led to one of the most controversial events in the history of football in the South West.

On September 19, 1971, as losers of the second semi - final, South Bunbury met the winners of the first semi - final, Donnybrook, in an action - packed preliminary final. At three - quarter time, with a lead of over five goals, South Bunbury appeared certain of playing in next week's grand final against Mines Rovers. This certainly seemed to be all the stronger in the first few minutes of the last quarter when South added another goal.

However, a Donnybrook revival then began and within 15 minutes they added two goals, followed by four points, followed again by two more goals, and were taking everything before them. It was at this stage that a unique thing happened. In a tactical move to stop the Donnybrook onslaught, Merv Kennedy (Captain - Coach of South Bunbury) called on a "ruse" which he had seen undertaken whilst playing in the Victorian Football Association.

As Captain of South Bunbury, he used his prerogative to ask the Central Umpire to count the number of Donnybrook players on the field.

Bernie Kelly, writing in the "South Western Times" following this match, effectively summed up the outcome of this count in the following manner:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1971

TACTICAL MOVE UPSETS CROWD AND THE DONS
by Bernie Kelly

An unorthodox tactical move by South Bunbury captain - coach Merv Kennedy mid - way through the last quarter of Sunday's SWNFL preliminary final won the game for Souths and got them into the 1971 grand final.

South Bunbury managed to hold out against a fiercely determined Donnybrook to win by three points, 13.11 to 11.20.

Using his prerogative as captain - coach, Kennedy demanded a count of the opposition at a crucial stage in the final term. The directive is believed to have come from Souths' bench.

Donnybrook were in full flight, at the time, were playing well enough to win the match, and had just kicked three goals in quick succession. Whether Kennedy genuinely believed that Donnybrook had too many players on the field or not, the move had the desired effect. Many of the Donnybrook players were antagonised, flustered, and temporarily lost concentration.

When play resumed after the players had been lined up, Donnybrook gave away three free kicks in quick succession and a goal resulted for Souths.

This goal was invaluable in the dying minutes and it took Donnybrook several valuable minutes to regain their composure.

South Bunbury got away to a brilliant start when they slammed home 5.8 with the aid of the breeze in the first quarter and held the Dons scoreless. The breeze was a big factor in the first half. Kennedy employed better tactics and made better use of his resources by not going too defensive when kicking against the breeze. Donnybrook's tactics in playing two loose men in defence and packing the backline left a weakened attack. Consequently they were ineffective when they did manage to get the ball over the centreline.

On the other hand South Bunbury maintained some semblance of an attacking force against the breeze. The two goals they scored in this term proved invaluable.

Donnybrook probably outplayed Souths in the second half but shocking inaccuracy in front of goals reduced their chances of success. The Dons had twice as many scoring shots as Souths in the second half and kicked the ball out of bounds when within scoring range on numerous occasions.

Merv Kennedy, the player, was the architect behind the Tigers' brilliant first quarter. Playing at centre - half - forward he rarely squandered an opportunity when he handled the ball, and he kicked two goals himself.

Playing his 100th game, Terry House constantly directed the ball into the forward line. Centreman Doug Peake, Ray Anderson hovering around the half - forward line, full - forward Ron Kennedy and rover Bruce Crabb all made valuable contributions in this term. Donnybrook kept the Souths' forwards under plenty of pressure; they bottled up play and tackled fiercely.

Donnybrook, with the use of the breeze in the second quarter, were slow to settle into stride. They kicked four points in three minutes and looked to be in plenty of trouble when Bruce Crabb slammed home a goal at the six minute mark.

Though they were in attack most of the time the Dons looked amateurish in front of goal. Selfish play by full - forward Peter Hearman robbed Donnybrook of their elusive first major minutes before rover Barry Burgess goaled.

Two quick goals from rovers Keith Bedford and Burgess seemed to give the Dons more confidence. Both players were largely responsible for Donnybrook's revival in this quarter and they engineered most of the Dons' attacking moves all day.

A cool, countering performance by Souths' fullback, John Depiazzi, ably backed - up by Gary Buswell, and Donnybrook's ineptitude in front of goals was the main reason why Souths held a 17 point advantage at half - time.

With the use of a slackening breeze, Souths were more positive in their attacking moves and despite the fact that Donnybrook probably had more use of the ball, the Tigers turned for home with a formidable 34 point lead.

Bedford again turned in a magnificent, hardworking contribution, and the quarter was spiced with heavy physical clashes.

Things looked even more bleak for Donnybrook seven minutes into the quarter when Crabb, who had been roving in tigerish fashion, put victory 40 points out of reach of the Dons.

Souths were also getting valuable service from both Peake and House. Goals to Don Williams and Hearman was the start of Donnybrook's fight - back. They attacked relentlessly, but for the second time in the match kicked a succession of four points.

Goals to Rogers and Burgess - his fourth - pegged the Tigers back further but then South requested the count and the Donnybrook team was lined up in the centre of the ground.

The crowd generally resented what could be considered an unethical move, and voiced their strong disapproval.

After a lapse in concentration and a goal from Souths, Donnybrook regained their composure and proceeded to peg back the Tigers.

With barely 30 seconds remaining Spencer Williams had the opportunity to goal and win the match but only a point resulted.

Williams was a great player for Donnybrook at centre - half - forward but his kicking for goal let him down all day."

The ethics of this move will be debated for many years to come. It will never be known with any certainty if Donnybrook's run had come to an end at the time of the count, or whether South Bunbury could re - muster

their energies and take their turn at regaining the initiative. Be that as it may, South Bunbury won the preliminary final and the right to pit their talents against Mines Rovers in the grand final.

Some repercussions of the "count" of the previous week were evident at the 1971 grand final when, it was obvious to all but South Bunbury supporters, that the remainder of the spectators had come, not to see Mines Rovers win, but to see South Bunbury lose.

It is in situations such as this that the tradition and spirit of South Bunbury comes to the forefront, and the red and white supporters gave their team sufficient encouragement to see them take out the honours in this game. It proved to be one of the best exhibitions of Australian football in the SWNFL for some years.

Bernie Kelly's analysis of the game was as follows:

SOUTHS' STEADINESS WON GRAND FINAL
by Bernie Kelly

Presence of mind by several key South Bunbury players when tension was at an explosive level in the last quarter of Sunday's SWNFL grand final swung the game and the 1971 premiership Souths' way.

After appearing to be beaten, South kicked on to snatch victory 8.9 to 7.10.

In a high pressure, low scoring game, Mines began the last term with a one point advantage.

They immediately surged forward and within four minutes had increased their lead to 13 points. They had the run of the ball and looked to have the game sewn up with 10 minutes to play.

Souths' wingman Terry House was then given too much latitude and with 10 minutes to play he gave Gary Buswell the opportunity to goal.

Three minutes later Souths' captain - coach Merv Kennedy coolly emerged with the ball from an enormous pack in front of goals and made the leeway one point.

With barely two minutes remaining Souths went into attack again. This time Buswell marked and goaled from 30 yards out and sealed Souths' eighth premiership in 19 years.

South Bunbury's seasoned players, John Depiazzi, Terry House, Ray Rendell and Gary Buswell in particular, all remained cool and paved the way for their team's victory in the nerve shattering final term.

Souths' full back, Depiazzi, drew on all his experience in the final session and excelled himself. He repulsed countless attacks.

House was an elusive wingman who was always dangerous. Buswell finished the quarter with two goals.

The pressure was on from the first bounce. The game resembled a silent western, which promoted audience participation. The partisan crowd made Souths the baddies from the outset and captain - coach Merv Kennedy was the villain in their eyes. Kennedy was given the raspberry every time he touched the ball.

Kennedy at centre half - forward was the architect behind many of Souths' attacking moves and he combined brilliantly with Doug Peake on many occasions.

For most of the match Mines channelled the ball out of defence and into attack via Ian Saunders on a centre wing. Saunders, in my opinion, was the best man afield. He was a great ball getter and his disposal was immaculate.

His opponent, John Goodall, was also a valuable player for his side and was one of his team's best.

Mines were first to score. They were getting drive from Ian Saunders and to a lesser extent Geoff Saunders, across the centre and their fierce tackling restricted Souths' opportunities.

Ray Merrey and Greg Tyler took some desperate marks in defence for Mines and they were ably backed up all day by back pocket player Ron Annandale.

Souths defenders Depiazzi and Ray Rendell also stood their ground well. Both half back lines played well all day and Mines' half forwards in particular were outpointed for most of the game. This factor, plus Souths' ascendancy in the centre and on one wing revealed crippling chinks in Mines' armour.

Because Mines had squandered several scoring chances Souths, kicking with a slight breeze, had a seven point lead at the first change. Mines' coach David Palmer, moved George Saggars on to Terry House in place of Brian Banks. Saggars fared better than Banks for the next two quarters. Ironically the move was reversed in the last quarter and House again proved to be one of Souths' most valuable players.

In the second quarter Mines were more tenacious than Souths but their kicking for goal was appalling.

At the 16 minute mark in the second term Mines hit the front for the first time in the match when Jim Tyler goaled. Doug Peake was still dominating the centre and he and Rendell - who was a work horse round the ground - played a big hand in keeping Souths in the game.

The lead see - sawed in the third term but in the tight, hard - hitting game neither team could get the upper hand. Both teams made many mistakes. Jim Tyler tied the scores late in the term and Mines turned for home with a one point advantage.

In an attempt to infuse some life into the half - forward line Palmer switched Doug Crowe to centre half forward and Harvey Rinder to a flank. Neil Constantine followed Rinder and Ray Anderson played at centre half back. Both players continued to nullify their opponents, but Jim McElroy started to click on the other flank for Mines. He had earlier found kicks hard to get against Greg Beange - who left the ground injured just before three - quarter time.

Goals from Tyler and McElroy within four minutes put Mines in a winning position. Though they then appeared to be in control, Mines frittered away several opportunities to seal the match. Their back men gave away at least 3 foolish 15 yard penalties in Souths' forward line. Souths persisted and made the most of their opportunities.

Mines - because of several costly lapses in concentration - let the 1971 pennant slip through their fingers."

So 1971 was to be "one for the books" for South Bunbury, as, not only did the club achieve the marvellous feat of completing and occupying their own club premises (the first outside the Perth metropolitan area) but were also able to add another Premiership to their illustrious record.

At the Annual General Meeting, life membership was conferred on Neville Gibson and Syd Armstrong in recognition of the valuable contributions both had made to the betterment of the South Bunbury Football Club.

Neville Gibson was honoured as a past player and captain, committeeman, president, and member of the hardworking committee responsible for the erection of the club premises.

Syd Armstrong was honoured for his services as secretary since 1966 and was the first serving secretary to be honoured with life membership. He was also a tireless worker for the club premises project. Syd Armstrong continued as secretary until 1974.

1972

This was the year the W.A.N.F.L. unilaterally declared zoning of country clubs.

Rumblings of this scheme had been made manifest during the 1971 season, but no country club contemplated that the various country leagues and associations would not be given the opportunity to declare their thoughts on the matter.

With the compulsory introduction of zoning to the SWNFL a breach was to be created between local league clubs and their city counterparts, which would take years to be resolved.

The SWNFL considered that it was particularly badly treated with the zoning of 4 clubs to East Perth (Donnybrook, Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup, Busselton and Augusta - Margaret River) and 6 clubs to Swan Districts (South Bunbury, Bunbury, Carey Park, Harvey - Brunswick, Mines Rovers, and Collie). This, in effect, split the allegiance of the SWNFL delegates, and was to be reflected at later SWNFL meetings.

The most vehement opponents of zoning in the area were South Bunbury, and the two Collie teams, Mines Rovers and Collie. However, rightly or wrongly, there was nothing these clubs could do to resolve the problem, as zoning had become a fait accompli.

In April, 1972, Mal Brown (a well - known W.A.N.F.L. player, and at that time coach of East Perth) when discussing the introduction of zoning over local radio 6TZ - CI stirred up a hornet's nest at South Bunbury when he stated "that some South West Clubs were asking exorbitant amounts of money for their players and zoning would overcome this problem".

In his address, he named the South Bunbury club, and called the practice of asking payment for players "a selfish attitude".

This statement found no favour with South Bunbury. It could not be reconciled with the attitude of W.A.N.F.L. clubs on transfer fees for their players to Victoria, in particular. At least, the W.A.N.F.L. had the choice to barter a player with any club whereas the right of barter had been taken away from W.A. country clubs with zoning restricting a club to one W.A.N.F.L. club and the transfer fee to a level suitable to the W.A.N.F.L. clubs.

At this stage, however, South Bunbury decided not to co - operate with the Zoning Scheme, and publicly declared opposition to it.

Some fine - results were achieved on the field during 1972, perhaps one of the best being the three point victory over Carey Park on June 18, when both sides displayed a high standard of play and kicking for goal with the final score in South's favour being 17.8 to 17.5.

Don Owens reported this game for the "South Western Times" in this manner:

TIGERS - PANTHERS CLASH WAS A REAL BEAUTY
by Don Owens

Rarely do spectators have the pleasure of witnessing such good football as that produced by South Bunbury and Carey Park at the Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday.

In a match that had virtually everything, South Bunbury had their nose in front when the final siren sounded, with a score of 17.8 to Carey Park's 17.5.

A good ground and ideal weather made conditions favourable for first class football and both teams responded accordingly.

In the first term Carey Park jumped away to a four goal lead, which was to be the biggest margin during the match.

South Bunbury gradually whittled back the Panthers' lead to hit the front midway through the second term, and from then on it was a see - saw struggle.

The Tigers held an eight point advantage at half - time, but Carey Park fought back tenaciously in the third quarter and were leading by five points when the final term started.

This period turned into a real heart stopper with the lead changing several times and the result in doubt until the end. South finally triumphed in a game that could have gone either way.

The win was South Bunbury's seventh in succession and once again showed what a good team they are. At times it seemed that Carey Park might take the game away from them, but each time they raised another effort to snatch back the lead and this in itself was a sign of class.

The game was one of those rare ones, in which neither side carried any real passengers. All 36 players at various times were under notice with serviceable play.

If it was possible to pinpoint the reasons for South Bunbury's win it could be attributed to two factors - a slight physical strength advantage and greater experience, both of which showed out to the Tigers' benefit in the last hectic five minutes.

Two of the best young ruckmen in the competition were opposed. Souths' John Hodgins and Carey Park's Kevin Scanlon. Both were amongst their team's best with Scanlon probably being more effective a - midfield.

South Bunbury were well served on the wings with veteran Terry House and Olys Kowal, being clear winners; Kowal in particular was in sparkling form. Carey Park offset this by winning in the centre where John Panizza had the better of his duel with Doug Peake.

Both full forwards weighed in with good contributions. Carey Park's Brian Sarre kicked seven goals, but had to work hard against John Depiazzi. Likewise Sid Simeon's six goals were not easily earned against the much improved John Nani.

Bruce Crabb was the best rover afield, but only a shade ahead of Carey Park's Max Goldenberg.

As was to be expected in such a game the respective defences were called on to work overtime and in this area several players gave outstanding exhibitions. Apart from Nani and Depiazzi; John Whitfield and Ray Anderson for South Bunbury and Carey Park's Rob and Graeme Carlson and Jim Sharp were continually under notice.

The future of South West football looks assured, when it is considered that these teams, in common with most other teams in the competition, can boast such a fine array of talented youngsters. South Bunbury's John Hodgins, Bruce Crabb, Kim Guppy, John Whitfield, Olys Kowal and Carey Park's John Panizza, Kevin Scanlon, Steve Nelson, Mike Johnston and Peter Lange have years of football ahead of them.

This defeat for Carey Park has lessened their chances of getting back into the four, but they have a few easier games coming up which may give them enough points to re - establish themselves. "

On July 18th, the team recorded a resounding victory over Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup, which Don Owens saw this way:

CENTURY SUCCESS FOR SOUTH BUNBURY SIDE by Don Owens

South Bunbury's 100 point win over Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup at the Hands Memorial Oval on Sunday indicated that the Tigers will once again be strong contenders for a premiership pennant.

After a fairly even first half, South Bunbury drew right away to finally score 22.21 to the Cardinals' 8.5. South Bunbury started off meaning business. They quickly gained a ruck supremacy with John Hodgins and Peter Constantine constantly driving their side into attack. However goal - front inaccuracy was the one fault in the Tigers' first quarter effort and 11 scoring shots resulted in only 3.8.

The Cardinals kept the scores close with three goals in the latter half of the quarter. The second quarter was the best of the match. David Barnard began to get the better of Terry House at the centre, and with John Martinson dominating his wing, Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup did their share of attacking, but many of their forward moves broke down on the solid defence of Greg Beange, ably backed up by back pocket John Whitfield. Beange at centre - half - back was in fine form and continued throughout to give an almost faultless exhibition.

South Bunbury though dominating the third term, were still receiving spirited opposition from their tenacious opponents. House in this quarter reversed the dominance of the pivot position and was bringing half - forward flankers Mike Brennan and Doug Peake more into the game.

The co - ordination of the Tigers' half forwards and forwards was a feature of this quarter and was in contrast to that of the Cardinals whose only prominent player forward of their centre line was ruckman - forward Lindsay Edgerton.

Edgerton's six goals to three - quarter time were the result of good reading of the play and accurate kicking.

Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup fell right apart in the final quarter and failed to score. South Bunbury by contrast went on a goal scoring spree. With their centre line players and half - forwards well in control, the ball was constantly being sent forward for Sid Simeon to finish off their attacks.

Simeon played the first three quarters at centre - half - forward and for the most part had been well held in check by Neil Taylor, but when shifted to full forward in the final term, really cut loose. In a brilliant exhibition of leading, marking and kicking, Simeon scored seven goals in the quarter to finish with a tally of eight for the match.

From half - time onward South Bunbury were a first class combination. They carried a few passengers, but generally their play was based on teamwork and backing up, which has been a feature of the Tigers' play for years.

Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup have a number of good players, but lack depth. Apart from Martinson, Barnard and Edgerton, all their other good players, Murray Reid, Neil Taylor, Noel Flemming and Peter Page are playing in defence. Until their forward division plays with the same tenacity and determination as their backmen, the Cardinals will be hard pressed to win games against good teams."

Again qualifying for the second semi - final, South Bunbury met Collie at Collie Recreation Ground, and were defeated 14.10 to 12.7. South Bunbury did not settle down to their flow on style of play and 96 free kicks were awarded by the Central Umpire during the 100 minutes of this game.

In the preliminary final the following week, South Bunbury qualified for the grand final by the second narrowest of margins by defeating Carey Park 12.9 to 11.13.

In the grand final against Collie the following week, Collie went on to win the match and record their first ever SWNFL premiership.

The game was very exciting with South Bunbury five points in arrears with five minutes to go. A string of three points - one after a spectacular mark by Mike Brennan - narrowed the margin to two points. Collie then shot the ball into their forward area to score a valuable goal. However, South Bunbury returned to the attack but could only manage to kick another point, and were forced to content themselves as runners - up of 1972.

1973

This year saw the introduction of the "final five" in lieu of the "final four" in the SWNFL competition.

Finishing the season in fourth position on the League Ladder, the introduction of the final five did nothing to ensure South Bunbury a place in the final round. However, it is in keeping with the club's record of "firsts" in football, that South Bunbury played in the first - ever elimination final in the SWNFL.

Living up to the name of the game, South Bunbury did just that by eliminating Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup in this match 13.9 to 9.11.

The team, however, was not to go onto anything greater in 1973, for in the first semi - final, they were eliminated when Mines Rovers won 13.16 to 9.5.

In other spheres however, further plaudits came to South when Captain - Coach Terry House won his second Hayward Medal as fairest and best in the SWNFL This was to be a tremendously successful year for Terry, as in addition to the Hayward Medal, he also won the Hume Award and was also the winner of the 6TZ - CI/Caris Bros. Footballer of the Year.

Terry had success in another area too, as coach of the SWNFL Country Championship side. Apart from coaching the SWNFL to victory in the Mobil Country Championship, he won the John Coleman Medal for the fairest and best in the three day carnival, and the Mobil Medal for the fairest and best in the grand final. Truly a remarkable achievement and one most football enthusiasts would recognise as worthy of a great footballer.

At the Annual General Meeting at the end of the season, Life Membership was conferred on Ray (Cogger) Buswell.

Ray had given tremendous service to the club over many years as a player, coach, selector, and committeeman.

An interesting side of Ray's life membership was the fact that he became the fourth member of his family to be so honoured - brother "Vesty" was made a life member in 1952, brother Ron in 1962, his father "Snow" in 1964 and finally Ray in 1973.

A further interesting point of this amazing contribution by the one family to the betterment of the South Bunbury Football Club, is that : 'Vesty's' mother - in - law and father - in - law (Jack and Ida Gibson) were themselves made life members in 1960. Added to this, Ray Buswell's Uncle "Tood" received a similar acknowledgment in 1929, and another Uncle, "Recna", in 1948. Ray's cousin Fred Buswell was also similarly honoured in 1965.

1974

During the year South Bunbury became involved in two clearance "wrangles". Firstly, Terry House who had performed so well the previous year, was appointed playing coach by the Harvey - Brunswick club. As was to be expected, a substantial transfer fee was requested for Terry's clearance because he was required as a player for South Bunbury. The initial fee asked was \$4,000 and for a while South Bunbury remained adamant on this figure. They did so in an attempt to deter Harvey - Brunswick proceeding with his appointment.

When it became apparent that Terry House was anxious to accept the coaching position with the Harvey - Brunswick Club, negotiations between the two clubs were initiated.

Finally the matter was resolved at a fee substantially less than the original \$4,000 asked for, but satisfactory to the parties concerned, and Terry was cleared with the club's blessing. Terry House became the second playing coach South Bunbury had provided for Harvey - Brunswick - the club's ace wingman Brian Buswell being cleared to a similar position in 1959 and subsequently leading Harvey - Brunswick to a premiership in 1960.

The second clearance problem confronting the club highlighted the "benefits" to country football clubs which the recently introduced zoning scheme brought.

Under the conditions of zoning, a player cleared to a W.A.N.F.L. club for a fee, when returning to his original country club must be cleared without charge by the W.A.N.F.L. club.

Allen Prosser had been cleared by South Bunbury prior to the introduction of country zoning. When he returned to South Bunbury, East Fremantle demanded a transfer fee of \$2,000 for his clearance. This was against the constitutional provisions of country zoning and South Bunbury refused to pay.

The matter took a dramatic turn when East Fremantle had not responded to the clearance application within the specified period of 28 days, and South Bunbury promptly claimed Prosser as their player under Rule 70 of the SWNFL constitution.

South Bunbury's claim on Prosser was ratified by the SWNFL permit committee, and East Fremantle lodged a complaint with the W.A.N.F.L.

During May, the W.A.N.F.L. wrote to South Bunbury suggesting that the club refrain from playing Prosser. However at the next meeting of the SWNFL delegates agreed that the W.A.N.F.L. had no right to challenge the autonomy of the SWNFL and re - affirmed their decision and considered it final.

On May 28, 1974, the SWNFL called a special meeting to discuss the matter, which was reported by the "South Western Times" as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", MAY 30, 1974
NO FIRM DECISION ON THE PROSSER CASE

The SWNFL failed to reach a firm decision on the Alan Prosser case at a special meeting on Tuesday night.

The league's hesitancy was influenced by a letter from South Bunbury Football Club's solicitors advising that club not to play Prosser until further negotiations with East Fremantle. The solicitors also advised the SWNFL to take no further action at this stage.

Club delegates who attended the meeting spent well over an hour in heated debate over the issue.

A motion was passed at the end of the meeting that no action be taken until South Bunbury's committee decides whether or not they would play Prosser.

The motion also stipulated that another special meeting of the league would be called if South Bunbury's decision necessitated it.

One of the most outspoken delegates at the meeting was Joe Mitchell, of Mines Rovers. Mr. Mitchell said that the SWNFL had already granted Prosser a permit to play with South Bunbury and that the league had to stand by its decision.

He said that the cause of the present conflict between the SWNFL and the W.A.N.F.L. was country zoning.

"When country zoning was first introduced, I warned the league that we would sacrifice our local autonomy and this case is a perfect example of this," said Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell said that the SWNFL was weak if it let itself be manipulated by the W.A.N.F.L.

"East Fremantle demanded a \$2000 transfer fee for Prosser and we all know that this is contrary to country zoning rules. Are we just going to let them break the rules?" he asked.

The W.A.N.F.L. ruled that East Fremantle had acted within the prescribed 28 days over Prosser's clearance application, but the majority of SWNFL delegates contended that the club had not replied within 28 days.

Boyanup - Capel - Dardanup delegate, Joe Italiano, said that he thought that the S.W.N.F.L.'s. decision to grant Prosser a permit had been wrong.

"I also think that it would be ridiculous for this league to risk disaffiliation from the W.A.N.F.L. over one player," he said.

Delegates discussed the question of disaffiliation with mixed feeling. South Bunbury delegate, Syd Armstrong, said that he thought the W.A.N.F.L.'s. threat of disaffiliation was a bluff. "In any case, my club is considering a move for disaffiliation in 1975 - this league gets nothing but peanuts from the W.A.N.F.L.," said Mr. Armstrong.

Carey Park delegate, Frank Panizza, agreed with Mr. Armstrong and said the Perth clubs did what they liked.

"We must fight for our rights, even if we are wrong in this case," he said.

The meeting discussed for some time the possibility of the Prosser case being heard by the country zoning tribunal, but no decision was reached."

At this stage the W.A.N.F.L. threatened to disqualify the SWNFL; the South Bunbury Football Club; and Allen Prosser if Prosser played for South Bunbury.

Allen Prosser was selected to play for South Bunbury against Carey Park on June 26, 1974, and prior to this match, he was handed a letter from the W.A.N.F.L. informing him that he had been disqualified. However, on the advice of South Bunbury, he played in the match as the club was prepared to fight his "so called" disqualification.

It is significant that the W.A.N.F.L. did not carry out the threat to disqualify the SWNFL over this matter. The W.A.N.F.L. had no jurisdiction over the South Bunbury Football Club as South Bunbury was affiliated with the SWNFL and not the W.A.N.F.L.

Ross McGillivray reported the situation at this stage in the "South Western Times" of June 20, 1974, as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 20th JUNE, 1974
STALEMATE IN PROSSER CASE
by Ross McGillivray

The W.A.N.F.L. will not take any action to disaffiliate the SWNFL until after the SWNFL has reconsidered its decision to grant Allen Prosser a permit to play.

The W.A.N.F.L. board of directors has agreed not to take any further action, provided Prosser does not play for South Bunbury on Sunday. Prosser said yesterday that he would play for South Bunbury if he was fit. He

has been troubled by ankle injuries during the past two weeks. At the same time Prosser and South Bunbury are planning an appeal to the W.A.N.F.L. against his disqualification.

The SWNFL will have the chance to reconsider its decision at next Thursday's meeting when a notice of motion from the Bunbury Football Club is dealt with.

The motion calls for the rescission of the original motion granting Prosser a permit to play. If the SWNFL maintains its stand and continues to allow Prosser to play, it seems inevitable that the W.A.N.F.L. will disaffiliate them.

The W.A.N.F.L. appears to be showing some restraint in giving the South West league another chance before taking stern action. The man in the middle of the dispute, Allen Prosser, appears to have the most to lose. If he is unsuccessful in his appeal against his disqualification, Prosser will lose just over \$1000 in provident fund money. He said yesterday that the dispute was upsetting him and he had considered retiring from the game.

At the same time he had fitness problems and was unable to produce his best in games. "I wouldn't have played for South Bunbury if I had known that the disqualification would mean the loss of my provident fund payments," he said.

Prosser was advised by letter last Sunday before he played that he had been disqualified. He said that South Bunbury officials told him to play as they were planning to fight the disqualification. South Bunbury president, Doug Peake, said yesterday that the club would be lodging an appeal against the disqualification.

W.A.N.F.L. secretary Neil Judge said that if the SWNFL was disaffiliated, the W.A.N.F.L. would cease to provide umpires, the SWNFL would not play in the curtain raiser before next month's State game between WA and Victoria, and the SWNFL would not be eligible to take part in the country championships.

Though disaffiliation would mean that players could transfer in and out of the SWNFL without clearances, Mr. Judge would not commit himself on the issue of zoning. He said it was too hypothetical to say whether the provisions of the W.A.N.F.L.'s zoning scheme would or would not apply.

"This would depend entirely on the attitude of the directors," Mr. Judge said.

Some SWNFL club officials have expressed the view that if the league is disaffiliated from the W.A.N.F.L., zoning rules would not apply and players would not be bound to any one W.A.N.F.L. club.

SWNFL secretary Clem Owens said that the failure of the W.A.N.F.L. to supply umpires would not pose any great problems for his league. "I have 13 umpires available and this is enough to cover our own games and our obligations to the Blackwood Football Association," he said.

Mr. Owens pointed out that although the W.A.N.F.L. supplied umpires for league matches, their fees were paid by the SWNFL so there would not be any financial burden on the league.

He expressed the opinion that the SWNFL would be able to carry on even if they were disaffiliated. "Football is big money business in the South West and the clubs would not just fold up. As far as money is concerned, the only exchange of finances between the two league is the \$4.10 we pay each year in affiliation fees," Mr. Owens said.

The fight was then taken up direct by South Bunbury's legal counsel with the East Fremantle Football Club. On June 23, 1974, South Bunbury President - Doug Peake - met with the East Fremantle Committee.

The matter was resolved on the understanding that Allen Prosser would be cleared to South Bunbury that night by East Fremantle, and provided South Bunbury would induce the SWNFL delegates to rescind its permit for Prosser to play after being claimed by South Bunbury. The SWNFL would then be able to issue a new permit following receipt of the clearance from East Fremantle.

This was agreed to, and President Doug Peake telephoned the South Bunbury delegates at the SWNFL meeting advising them not to oppose the Bunbury Club's notice of motion rescinding the Permit Committee's permission to allow Allen Prosser to play.

The final episode in this rather intriguing sequence of events appeared in the "South Western Times" on June 28, 1974:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 28th JUNE, 1974
PROSSER CASE RESOLVED

Delegates at the SWNFL meeting on Thursday night voted strongly in favour of Bunbury club's notice of motion to rescind the league's earlier motion granting Allen Prosser permission to play with South Bunbury.

Before the rescinding motion was put a South Bunbury delegate said that the matter had been tidied up with the result that Prosser would be exonerated by the W.A.N.F.L. if the motion was agreed to by the SWNFL

SWNFL president Bob Black said the notice of motion had been accepted because the W.A.N.F.L. had ruled on legal advice that East Fremantle had complied with the 28 - day rule applying to clearances.

Earlier Bunbury club president H. Wade said that his club was concerned that the SWNFL would be disaffiliated by the W.A.N.F.L. if it continued to defy that body. Disaffiliation would put football in the South - West back 10 years. Mr. Wade said his club believed that the SWNFL permit committee's interpretation of the 28 - day rule was wrong and that the committee had acted hastily in giving Prosser a permit to play.

At the SWNFL meeting on Thursday night, Mines Rovers' delegates said that the adoption of Bunbury club's notice of motion would affect the autonomy of the SWNFL.

Joe Mitchell said that the SWNFL had originally voted in favour of Prosser being given permission to play with South Bunbury. This had been in accordance with the rules. Mitchell claimed that W.A.N.F.L. secretary N. Judge was to blame for Prosser's clearance not being received in time by the SWNFL He said that the SWNFL should seek legal opinion on whether Prosser's clearance was in fact received by it in accordance with the rules. South Bunbury delegate Sid Armstrong argued that the W.A.N.F.L. should have come to Bunbury to discuss the matter with South Bunbury and the SWNFL

[Between Thursday night and Sunday Prosser was officially cleared by East Fremantle to South Bunbury. He played in South's reserves team on Sunday, kicked four goals and was voted their best player.]"

In the football sphere, South Bunbury defeated Harvey - Brunswick in each of the qualifying rounds - 13.13 to 10.11 at Brunswick on June 9, and 20.11 to 12.14 at Hands Memorial Oval on August 18.

These two teams met in the qualifying final at Boyanup on August 25, and again South recorded a convincing victory which Ross McGillivray saw this way:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1974
TIGERS AGAIN ASSERT THEIR SUPERIORITY
by Ross McGillivray

South Bunbury outplayed Harvey - Brunswick for the second week in succession and won the SWNFL fourth league final by 41 points at Boyanup on Sunday. The Maroons offered little serious opposition to South Bunbury and the loss puts them on very shaky ground in terms of winning a premiership.

The Tigers sealed the match with a brilliant second quarter in which they added eight goals and held the Maroons to three. Harvey - Brunswick led by 12 points at quarter time and an early goal in the second team to Terry House increased their lead but Souths then produced a brilliant run to score four goals in 10 minutes and wrest the lead away from them. From then on, South were in complete charge and answered every challenge from the Maroons.

These came mid - way through the second term, when the margin was again reduced to 12 points, at the start of the third term when the Maroons scored two goals and in the last term when they tried hard but could not make any impression on the Tigers' lead. The Tigers produced an even team performance and had few players who did not contribute to their win.

Wingman Ian Cahill and centre - half - forward Ross Maher were both brilliant players, Merv Kennedy flashed in and out of the play and the other 15 players went about their work in a businesslike manner. However, the Maroons did manage to show up a few chinks in Souths' armour.

Peter Constantine failed for the second week in succession to curb Mark Olsen and he required assistance from the resting ruckmen to curb Olsen's high marking ability.

Allen Prosser was a slow starter in the centre opposed to Eddie Woloszek. Prosser improved in the second term but faded again in the third. Woloszek was the man behind many of his team's attacks in the first quarter and was also playing well when they issued a challenge during the third term.

Though David Waldock, Kennedy and Michael Daff all played reasonably well, they were beaten overall by the Maroons' ruck of Vince Morabito, John Brealey, David Morris and Garry Olsen.

The Maroons' ruckmen won more of the knocks and took marks around the ground whereas their counterparts won most of their kicks as loose men. Morabito's effort was full of merit as he was obviously not fully fit but was still his team's best player.

Sunday's match indicated that an injury to Bruce Crabb in the next few weeks would leave the Tigers in an embarrassing position as far as their roving strength is concerned.

Crabb was the busiest rover afield and took few breaks from running on the ball. However, his co - rover Trevor Nesbitt did not show that he would be capable of taking over as No 1 rover if need be. An injury to Peter Upson showed how versatile the Tigers are in other departments. When Upson left the field, Merv Kennedy stationed himself at full - forward and kicked three goals in the last quarter, all coming from strong marks.

For the second week in succession, Ross Maher shone at centre - half - forward easily beating his much more experienced opponent Paul Reid. Reid was eventually shifted off Maher and John Angel did a creditable job in trying to curb this talented youngster.

From Harvey - Brunswick's point of view, the disturbing feature of the match was the lack of fitness of several players.

Frank Sacca and Morabito were still carrying injuries and Terry House looked as though he was still feeling the effects of the heavy knocks he received the previous week. Several other players were noticeably tired mid - way through the third quarter.

When the Maroons started to press South Bunbury, their challenge fell away simply because they ran out of puff.

There is no way the Maroons will reach the grand final, let alone win it if they do not have the stamina to last 100 minutes of football in fine weather.

On the other hand, South Bunbury players were still running on strongly at the finish and there is no question about their fitness. The win earned South Bunbury a week's rest but the Maroons will face another tough test next Sunday when they meet the enthusiastic Bunbury side."

South Bunbury qualified for the grand final by defeating Carey Park in a thrill - packed game at Collie Recreation Ground 18.16 to 18.10 and the following week, Harvey - Brunswick became their grand final opponents by defeating Carey Park.

With three previous wins over Harvey - Brunswick during 1974 under their belt, South Bunbury went into the grand final as firm favourites, and with great confidence.

The name of the game, however, is Premiership, and Harvey - Brunswick dashed South Bunbury's hopes for the 1974 pennant in this way, as reported by Don Owens:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 24th SEPTEMBER, 1974
by Don Owens

It took Harvey - Brunswick 14 years to notch their second premiership, but their win in Sunday's grand final over South Bunbury made the long wait worthwhile, judging by the reception given the side by wildly jubilant fans.

In what can rightly be described as a great grand final, the Maroons out - bumped, out - thumped and outplayed South Bunbury to win by 21 points, the final scores being 15.16 to 13.7. The SWNFL has rarely seen a game like it.

The Maroons starting the game as the outsiders, produced desperation football. They played with such fierce determination that only on rare occasions were Souths allowed to settle into their normal flow - on style of play.

The first term set the pattern of play. It was obvious from the first bounce that nothing would be given away in this game as players threw themselves into the fray without fear. Harvey - Brunswick were getting the better of the body clashes early in the game, but South Bunbury took control midway through the quarter. Dave Waldock was winning in the ruck, Merv Kennedy was providing his usual mobility and in Olys Kowal the side had a wingman who was a steady avenue of attack.

Souths led by 10 points at quarter - time and it was a fair indication of play up to this point. But then came the Harvey - Brunswick reply. Their big men, John Brealey and Vince Morabito began to take the high marks around the ground. Terry Harris was a lightning fast rover, Terry House was getting on top at the centre and the whole side responded. The Maroons turned their first quarter deficit into a 10 point advantage at the half way mark - but it had been a hard earned lead.

South Bunbury were standing up to the battering well, but towards the half - time interval the signs were there - the Tigers might be in trouble against a physically stronger side.

The third quarter was the one which was going to be the decider, and it was here that Harvey - Brunswick slipped away to what appeared to be a match - winning lead. They took control in most positions around the ground and with Mark Olsen marking everything that came down forward they completely outplayed South Bunbury.

The Maroons were controlling the centre line, winning across the half - forward line, where Greg Little in particular was in fine touch, and when South Bunbury did go into attack they ran into a fanatically determined defence with John Angel, Graeme Bevan and Keven Warburton and their co - defenders making things too tough for Souths' forwards.

South Bunbury were kept in the game in this term mainly by the lion - hearted efforts of ruckman Dave Waldock, rover Bruce Crabb and to a lesser extent, Merv Kennedy.

Harvey - Brunswick were out in front by 32 points when the final quarter began, but as we've seen so often, South Bunbury were far from beaten. They realised the situation was desperate so they played desperation football. Waldock was the inspiration behind the fight back, and it was sheer determination that brought up three goals in the first six minutes from the youngsters Peter Upson and Ross Maher. The exchanges were fierce as the Tigers were gradually picking up the leeway.

When Merv Kennedy goaled at the 15 minute mark only seven points separated the sides and Ross Maher was unlucky to bring up a poster after a good solo effort. In the last few minutes the effort began to tell on South Bunbury, they tired slightly and Maroons took control.

It was appropriate that Harvey - Brunswick's 15th goal - the final nail in South Bunbury's coffin - was kicked by their captain - coach Terry House, bringing to a conclusion a season which brought to House the ultimate dream of all coaches - a grand final win.

The big crowd were treated to everything that final round matches are supposed to provide. The vigour and pressure applied by both sides was the highlight, but intermingled was plenty of good cohesive team - work, good marking and penetrating kicking.

Fights - well there were plenty - but most were quickly stopped by the umpires, except one. This was one that started off as a shoving match between two opponents, developed into a punching duel and ended with about 30 people wanting to get involved - players, trainers, reserves, and a few spectators who thought they might be better fighters than the players. Fortunately, no one got hurt, tempers gradually cooled down, play was resumed but the atmosphere remained electric for the remainder of the game.

Harvey - Brunswick's John Angel, playing at centre - halfback, won the Pike Medal, and he was without doubt his team's best. In the veteran class, Angel showed once again why for years he has been one of the competition's leading defenders.

There were no passengers in the Maroons' line - up and to sort out their best players, apart from Angel, is a nearly impossible task, but to mention a few who come readily to mind: Mark Olsen with superb marking, another great effort with seven goals; Terry Harris, couldn't have roved better; Terry House, the architect of

his team's success; John Brealey and Eddie Wolozcek, untiring on the ball, and Graeme Bevan, who has developed into one of the competition's best halfbacks.

For South Bunbury, most of the players did useful things, but several lacked consistency. Dave Waldock was their best four quarter player; Bruce Crabb a polished rover; Gary Buswell tried hard throughout; Neil Constantine solid at centre half - back; Merv Kennedy, valuable, but he has been more brilliant.

Mention is also due to Ross Maher. This young player was given a solid time by John Angel but every now and then broke clear and revealed his true potential."

The South Bunbury Under - 18 team created what is thought to be an all - Australian record when, on September 7 they defeated Busselton Under - 18 in the second semi - final of that grade. This victory was the Under - 18's fifty - first consecutive victory. Perhaps overconfidence affected the team at this stage because in the grand final two weeks later, Busselton ended the club's amazing run of victories.

With South Bunbury's long established policy of "breeding its own footballers" the club's future appears to be well assured "with lads of this calibre coming up from the junior ranks".

The "Times" of September 10, 1974, recognised the achievement of the young players in the following article:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 10th SEPTEMBER, 1974
51 WINS STRAIGHT FOR YOUNG TIGERS

South Bunbury Junior Football Council believes that its under 18 team may have set an Australian record by winning 50 consecutive matches, writes Ross McGillivray.

The South Bunbury under - 18s chalked up their 50th win on August 24 and made the tally 51 on Saturday when they defeated Busselton in the second semi - final of the under - 18 competition. The council have investigated sporting records and made inquiries from the Australian National Football Council. The only record available refers to a run of 49 games by North Melbourne when they were playing in the Victorian Football Association between 1914 and 1919.

Ross Maher, Peter Upson, Trevor Nisbett, John Robertson and Frank Pannucio are all eligible to play in the under - 18 team but they have been playing with the South Bunbury league and reserves teams.

Three team members, Graham Gelmi, David Dillon and Mark Harris have been members of the team over the three year period that the winning sequence has been built up.

The coaches responsible for the winning run have been Terry House (1972 season), Sid Simeon (1973) and Maurie Maher (1974). Mr. Maher said yesterday that team members were all good footballer and there were few real stars.

"Of the 23 players who have played during the season, 16 polled votes in the competition fairest and best award," he said.

The team has won most of its games easily this season but has experienced a few problems against the strong Busselton under - 18 side.

In the two qualifying round games, South Bunbury had to fight hard to win and in last Saturday's semi - final, they won by only six points.

The team's success is evidence of the keen interest that the South Bunbury club is taking in its juniors.

The juniors have enjoyed good success this season with nearly all teams taking part in the finals.

Junior council president Vince Bignell said that the council plans to submit the record claim through the Bunbury Junior Football Association and see whether it is contested."

Another honour awaited a South Bunbury player, and through him, the Club, when captain - coach of the team was to win his first, and the club's 1 0th Hayward Medal. Merv Kennedy, who had coached South Bunbury to premiership success in 1971, was voted the fairest and best in the SWNFL for 1974.

Merv has been an inspiration to South Bunbury, both on and off the field, and his dedication to the Australian game of football will surely be emulated by the club's juniors of that time who had such great admiration for Merv Kennedy.

So ended 1974 as far as clearances and football were concerned. However the club was still looking to the future and decided to proceed with extensions to the club premises which were opened in 1971.

Plans were therefore commissioned, finances were arranged, and construction was commenced on the second (who can say it will be the final) stage of the club premises at Hands Memorial Oval.

1975

Losing three of the first four matches of the qualifying round, South Bunbury then added ten consecutive victories to their credit and were shaping up as premiership contenders. Unluckily, the league team members were then hit by an influenza epidemic with seven league regulars being put out of action for some weeks. Despite this, South Bunbury finished second after the qualifying round, but had to draw on several reserves players to win two of the last four qualifying games.

The league team entered the second semi - final by defeating Collie, at the Collie Recreation Ground, 19.11 to 14.10.

This was to be their last victory in 1975 as in the second semi - final Harvey - Brunswick emerged victors, and in the ensuing preliminary final, South Bunbury were defeated by Donnybrook.

The Reserves side however, made their way into the 1975 grand final against old rivals - Bunbury.

Bunbury's league side had a bad year and finished 8th on the premiership ladder with 6 wins - all achieved in the first 14 games. It appeared at the time that Bunbury, having little chance of qualifying for the league finals concentrated on the Reserves Premiership, and set about qualifying several of the regular league players to play in the reserves final round.

This became a talking point around Bunbury, so much so that in order to clarify the situation, the "South Western Times" published the following article on August 21, 1975, just prior to the last qualifying round of fixtures:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 21st AUGUST, 1975
A QUESTION OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR RESERVES
by Guy French

What are the qualifications a player must fulfil to play in the final round matches of the SWNFL reserves competition?

This is a question some football followers in the South West are asking. The question has been prompted because a few sides have dropped some of their league players to the reserves side to make them eligible to play in the reserves finals.

The rules say that any league player who has played at least 10 games with the reserves side is immediately eligible to play in the finals. A league player is defined as one who has played a league game during the current season.

The rule on eligibility that affects clubs most directly, is that which says that no league player can play in the reserve finals unless he has played the last two reserves games before the finals plus three other reserves games during the season. League players who have played at least 10 reserves games do not have to play the last two games to be eligible.

The final regulation on players eligible to play in reserves finals is that if a player plays in a finals match for the league side he cannot play for the reserves side in that final round.

It is interesting to note that the regulations do not mention past players coming out of retirement or injured players who have not played league that year playing in reserves finals. So that any league players of recent years could also make themselves available.

This opens up various possibilities of players who have not been seen for some time making a reappearance with the clubs involved in the finals. This is yet to be seen. Whether these tactics are right or wrong is up to the clubs and their supporters to decide."

The 1975 Reserves Grand Final proved to be a spectator extravaganza, and Colin Buswell writing in the newspaper described it as follows:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 21st SEPTEMBER, 1975
TIGERS BEAT OLD RIVALS BUNBURY
by Colin Buswell

South Bunbury produced a determined team effort to beat their old rivals Bunbury, by three points in the reserves grand final.

In a game which had everything spectators could want, Souths came from behind to snatch the lead in the third quarter, only to lose it in the last and then regain it 21 minutes into the quarter.

South Bunbury won the toss and elected to kick against the strong breeze a decision they probably regretted at quarter time when they faced a 24 point deficit. Bunbury struggled in the early and middle stages of the quarter but two goals to rover Kevin Doust gave them a vital edge.

South Bunbury appeared to have wasted the wind when they had scored only one goal with 19 minutes gone in the second term. However, two late goals saw them get to within six points of Bunbury.

Steve Whitfield was the link man for the Tigers, running between the lines and using handball to good effect.

Bunbury coach John Rogers was playing well as a loose man in defence and he held up many South Bunbury attacks with timely marks across the half back line.

South Bunbury set up a winning advantage in the third term when they were able to outscore their opponents by two goals. There were a number of minor skirmishes during this period and were an indication that the Bulldogs were becoming rattled. Rogers tried to settle his players with little result. The Bunbury defence was under continual pressure and only the experience of George McLean prevented the Tigers from taking a stranglehold on the game.

At three - quarter time South held a seven point advantage and with the last use of the wind they had every right to be confident of victory. However, Bunbury struck back with goals from Mayne, Corson and Rogers to regain the lead after 19 minutes.

Souths looked lost but they fought back desperately and a free kick to Trevor Nesbitt produced a goal that put them in front again.

It was South Bunbury's first win over the Bulldogs in four games this season and their second consecutive reserves premiership win. Both teams could be happy with the way they played. "

Following the Reserves Grand Final, Bunbury protested on the grounds that South Bunbury had played an ineligible player in Lou Buswell - which in fact they had.

Lou Buswell had been a borderline player between League and Reserves during the season, but had not played the necessary ten games with the Reserves.

The SWNFL Tribunal heard this protest and the proceedings and decision were summarised in the local newspaper in the following article:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1975
LEAGUE RECORDS SHOWED PLAYER DIDN'T QUALIFY

SWNFL tribunal chairman Mr. C. A. Fisher heard Bunbury Football Club's protest against South Bunbury last week.

He upheld the claim that South Bunbury had played an ineligible player in the seconds grand final and ruled in favour of a replay.

The tribunal was told that under the rules governing the reserves competition any player who took part in either or both of the last two league matches was not eligible to play in the final round of the reserves competition unless he had played at least 10 games in the reserves competition during the current season.

Bunbury advocate Harry Wade told the tribunal he had ascertained from league records that Buswell had not played the required 10 qualifying games and played in the last league fixture on August 28 - the match between South Bunbury and Augusta - Margaret River. Therefore he was ineligible under the rules to play in the final round of the reserves competition. SWNFL secretary Clem Owens confirmed Mr. Wade's statement.

Said Mr. Wade: "On these regulations we are asking for the appeal to be upheld, for South Bunbury to be disqualified and the result reversed in Bunbury Football Club's favour."

South Bunbury's advocate Phil Crabb said his club had not knowingly played an ineligible player.

Summing up Mr. Fisher said the onus was on the club to be aware of the requirement to abide by the rules on eligibility of players. It was open to the tribunal to apply a penalty as it deemed fit. Mr. Fisher said that to him it would be unsatisfactory to allow Bunbury the premiership because of the breach. There had not been a decisive win within the rules.

"Furthermore because all sportsmen and the football club involved would prefer a conclusion with the rules being complied with I therefore direct that there will be a replay of the grand final of the reserve teams at a time and place and under the conditions set by the SWNFL

"Should the replay not eventuate as arranged by the SWNFL, then this protest be revived before this tribunal," Mr. Fisher said.

Mr. Crabb said the existing regulations made it extremely difficult for a club that fielded both league and reserves teams in the final round matches. The rules needed to be re - examined in this light and the constitution altered. Otherwise many players would be excluded and the protests would come "thick and fast".

South Bunbury had been hard hit by injuries and sickness and several reserves players had been promoted to the league side, making them ineligible for the reserves grand final.

A number of players had to be cancelled from the reserves list the moment the league side was knocked out of the competition. While both sides were still in the competition players could be transferred up and down, and that was where it became confusing.

The reserves line - up had been reviewed before last Sunday's match and five players had to be dropped because it was considered that they were ineligible or "borderline players".

"Those players had to be scrubbed. Though they had played reserves all year they were denied the opportunity to play in the reserves grand final," said Mr. Crabb. "We knew we would be challenged," he added.

In fact South Bunbury had been battling to field a team because of insufficient players. In the case of Buswell he was not promoted to the league side in the earlier finals as some other players were. He played in the reserves.

If South Bunbury's league side had still been in the finals, Buswell would have been eligible to play reserves.

"It was never the intention of the club to cheat on this issue," Mr. Crabb said.

"In this particular instance it is not a case of black and white but various shades of grey and we will leave it in the hands of the tribunal to make judgment."

Mr. Fisher said a review of the rules could arise from a tribunal hearing "such as this".

Mr. Wade said South Bunbury had ample opportunity, time and provision to look carefully into the regulations governing eligibility of players. Bunbury had borderline players it could have used under the argument Mr. Crabb put forward."

It was explained at the time that the South Bunbury Reserves coach, Syd Simeon, was well aware prior to the playing of the Reserves Grand Final that Lou Buswell was really not eligible to play, but, because he had played so many games for that side and had not played in the league side during the final round, the coach considered that Lou should have a place in the grand final.

South Bunbury won the match on grand final day only to have the title taken from them later on.

Tribunal Chairman, Mr. Fisher, ordered a replay of the match, failing which the matter would be referred back to him.

South Bunbury however, were by this time unable to field a full reserves team for a replay, and the presidents of the two clubs involved were interviewed by a local reporter and the following appeared in the "Times" on September 30, 1975:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 30th SEPTEMBER, 1975
REPLAY OF GRAND FINAL UNLIKELY

It appears to be most unlikely that the reserves grand final will be replaced as ordered by the SWNFL tribunal chairman Mr. C. A. Fisher.

South Bunbury president Doug Peake said yesterday that his club had told SWNFL secretary Clem Owens they could not field a side for a replay of the grand final.

Mr. Peake said two members of the grand final team had left the State, the team captain Ken Morgan was away on holidays and with Lou Buswell ruled to be ineligible, the grand final team would be reduced to 16. "With this situation, we would not be in a position to play the game," he said.

"Even if we were at full strength, the players are not keen to play. The coach would be in the difficult position of having to fire his players up again for a grand final. I think the league will have to make a decision whether it is our game or Bunbury's.

"I think that Mr. Fisher has tried to be fair and do the right thing by the two clubs but it is not practicable to replay the match."

Most of the South Bunbury reserves team met at Hands Oval last Friday and decided they would not play in the match. This decision was passed on to the club committee who met and discussed the matter on Sunday.

Bunbury Football Club president Harry Wade said he had discussed the matter with Mr. Peake and the Bunbury reserves players were prepared to play the match again. "They don't want to play, but we are not going to lose that flag. If South Bunbury can't put up a team, the premiership comes to us."

Mr. Wade said some of the players had mixed feelings about the replay which he predicted would be a farce. "I doubt that anyone would want to watch it anyway," he said.

Bunbury coach John Rogers said yesterday his players would play in the match if necessary. He said he had been told unofficially that the game would not be played but the Bunbury players had arranged to meet again for training on Tuesday if necessary. Rogers said he could understand the South Bunbury players' attitude. "They have had the glory of winning the grand final and a replay would be an anti - climax if they can't field a competitive team. If one team got on top in the replay, it would just develop into a bloodbath," Rogers said.

South Bunbury coach Sid Simeon said the team that played in the grand final was a scratch side including a number of under 18s to make up for other players who were ineligible to play. He said that with players away and unavailable, it would not be possible to get a team together for a replay.

Mr. Owens said yesterday that Mr. Peake had told him South Bunbury could not field a side for a replay of the game. He said that he would refer the matter to a meeting of league delegates. This could not be held before Thursday."

Following South Bunbury's notification to the SWNFL that they were unwilling to replay the 1975 Reserves Grand Final, the SWNFL Tribunal decided to award the reserves premiership to Bunbury.

This is believed to be the only time (at least in the South West) that a team has forfeited a Premiership after winning the grand final.

Another first for South Bunbury!!!

By this time, South Bunbury had other things to occupy their minds. This of course was the extension to the club premises which had been commenced the previous year and were now almost complete.

Opening Day for the extensions was set for Saturday, October 16, 1975, and the opening ceremony was performed by the Mayor of Bunbury, Mr. Pat Usher.

In one of the best kept secrets for many years, there was to be a guest of honour at the official opening, his identity being known only to the committee members, and a small number of others.

Much to the surprise of Mr. Ronald Edwin 'Sav' Davies, he was to be that guest of honour, when, amidst scenes of enthusiastic applause and emotional displays, the newly completed extension was named the "R. E. 'Sav' Davies Lounge".

This was a fitting tribute to a man who had accomplished so much for the club - first as a player, and later as an administrative official for a period of 46 years, including six years as club president.

A tribute to him, following the opening of "his" lounge, appeared in the "South Western Times" on October 23, 1975, and is here repeated:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", 23rd OCTOBER, 1975
CLUB STALWART 'SAV' DAVIES HONOURED

Extensions to the South Bunbury Football Club premises at Hands Memorial Oval have been named after club stalwart and South - West football identity Ron (Sav) Davies.

The separate building, which incorporates a carpeted lounge with bar on the top storey, cost \$110,000 to build and was officially opened by Bunbury Mayor Mr P. J. Usher last weekend. Mr. Davies' association with the club spans a creditable 46 years.

President Mr. Doug Peake said that the club thought it was fitting to honour Mr. Davies in his own lifetime for his contribution. Mr. Davies started playing with South Bunbury in 1929 at the age of 14. The World War and a serious knee injury interrupted his playing career.

The injury forced him out of the game in 1933 and 1934. He resumed playing in 1935 and again shortly after the war, when football resumed, but the nagging knee injury eventually forced him to retire after half a season. Mr. Davies has also contributed to the club as a junior ranks coach.

He handled some of the club "greats" in their formative football years, including the foundation of the South Bunbury side which won a string of premierships in the 1950s. They included Lance Hislop, Brian Buswell and Jack and Ted Hosking.

Mr. Davies' involvement in the administrative side of football started in 1936. He was club delegate to the association (as it was then) and the league until about 1972. He has held office as club president on two separate occasions and has handled the jobs of secretary and treasurer at different intervals.

He was made a life member of South Bunbury in 1947 and life member of the South - West National Football League in 1966. He also holds life membership of the South Bunbury Cricket Club, conferred in 1953.

Mr. Davies' interest in South Bunbury probably began before 1929, for his father, Mr. E. A. Davies, was a president of the club, and life member of the BFA.

Now aged 60, "Sav" Davies is one of three club trustees, described as "father, confessor and adviser", and is still actively involved in organising the annual Legacy football match. He has been on the Legacy committee for about 12 years.

Mr. Davies was a SWNFL selector since before the introduction of the annual country football championships till about five or six years ago.

His hardest task in football was to select a team, along with two others, of 28 players from 23 teams from an area bordered roughly by Pinjarra, Northcliffe and Flinders to take part in the Australian football centenary year celebrations.

"We were supposed to take at least one player from each team," he said.

The new extensions to South Bunbury's premises are wider and longer than the existing building. The first floor, or undercroft, incorporates a committee room.

Mr. Peake says that there are plans to use the undercroft as a child minding centre on match days. The club also envisages developing the area for year - round barbecues and other club activities.

1976

The 1976 season saw a dramatic start for the South Bunbury Reserves side.

Drawn to play Augusta - Margaret River reserves at Hands Memorial Oval, the South Bunbury players eagerly set about amassing an incredible victory. Final scores were: -

South Bunbury	24.24
Augusta - Margaret River	0.1

There have of course, been similar resounding victories in other league competitions. However, this match was the first of the season, and apart from gaining four premiership points, the Reserves Team shot to the head of the Premiership Ladder with a percentage of 16,800%.

While this percentage remained for only one week, it is considered appropriate that it gain a place in this publication, as it must surely be a record of some kind or other.

(Despite a very strong rumour which circulated through the Club Rooms following this match, it was emphatically denied by club officials that the reserves full back was dropped from the side as a disciplinary measure, for allowing that point to be scored. In fact, he did a sterling job, as, had the point not been scored, the percentage would have been zero.)

May 23 saw the first official change in South Bunbury's colours since the inception of the club in 1897, when the team turned out in red shorts instead of black, for the match against their long time local rivals - Bunbury. The club's first match in red shorts resulted in a stylish 23.10 to 13.12 victory.

South Bunbury completed the 1976 season at the top of the league ladder, having lost only three matches - one to Donnybrook, and two to Harvey - Brunswick - during the two qualifying rounds.

After a break of one week, South Bunbury were again defeated by Harvey - Brunswick in the second semi - final, 22.11 to 15.17. (At the corresponding period of the 1974 season, South Bunbury were in a similar situation having defeated Harvey - Brunswick in the two qualifying round matches, and the qualifying final, but were forced to lower their colours to Harvey - Brunswick in the grand final.)

After defeating Carey Park in the preliminary final 18.11 to 16.6, South Bunbury earned the right to meet Harvey - Brunswick in the 1976 grand final.

Before a record crowd of some 6,000, South Bunbury turned the tables on Harvey - Brunswick, and took out the 1976 premiership 22.18 to 14.11, thereby "squaring the ledger" for 1974.

This game was perhaps one of the best ever displayed by South Bunbury in a SWNFL Grand Final. Going into the game as complete "under dogs", South Bunbury set about their task in no mean fashion, and hardly gave the strong Harvey - Brunswick combination a chance.

Writing for the "South Western Times" Brian Buswell had this to say:

"SOUTH WESTERN TIMES", TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1976
by Brian Buswell

"Good old South Bunbury forever, They know how to play the game "

That was the song ringing loud and clear from the throng of jubilant South Bunbury supporters at Hands Oval on Sunday after their win in the 1976 SWNFL grand final.

"They know how to play the game", How true it was because from the very first bounce Souths let it be known they meant business. Fierce tackling very early in the game gave Harvey - Brunswick no chance to settle down and take the advantage of what was then a three goal breeze.

But the surprise of the afternoon came even before the teams ran out on to the ground when Merv Kennedy was omitted from Souths' line - up. It is believed he was suffering from bruised ribs. In pre - match discussion this was never considered a real possibility, and when this fact became known, the critics gave Souths even less chance than they had previously.

Like last week, however, his non - participation meant nothing to the Tigers. Faced with the somewhat unusual predicament of going into a grand final as the underdog they rose to the occasion in the true tradition of the South Bunbury club.

This tradition together with the long - called - for move of Olys Kowal to the centre resulted in a completely one - sided game and yet another premiership for the South Bunbury club.

For the second week in a row Kowal was the best player afield and an indication of his versatility can be gauged from the fact that last week he earned this ranking when playing from a back pocket.

As early as 10 minutes into the first quarter things looked far from promising for the Maroons. Their usually dominant back line looked brittle, Kowal in the centre had started in good fashion, and Leroy was not dominating in the key centre half forward position.

The only promising signs were Headley's good marking form when he double banked across the centre, and rover Terry Harris, who midfield was gaining a number of kicks.

Souths soon gained control in the positions which matter most, across the centre and on the ball and at the first change it was obvious that Souths' revised positional changes had proven successful. Even players who had been on the borderline of selection had been contributing. Lou Buswell on a half back flank had tied down the resting ruck rovers while Brent Roberts at right half forward scored the Tigers' first goal and was playing well.

House, like all Harvey - Brunswick supporters, sensed trouble and positional changes came thick and fast. Lindsay Carroll went into the back line to guard the high flying Peter Old. Wolozcek went on to the ball and a general reshuffling took place in other areas.

The moves appeared to momentarily steady the Maroons and Leroy tried desperately to lift his team's performance. The expected physical strength of the Maroons had no effect on the game and they were never given the opportunity to apply it. Souths were so desperate in their desire to be first to the ball that very few packs developed and consequently very few scrimmages took place.

The method of keeping the ball moving at all costs was the recipe used and Souths' younger players threw themselves at the ball continually. This was particularly noticeable on three occasions when Harvey - Brunswick players waited for the ball to come to them only to have a late - arriving Souths player take a last - second mark.

Looking back on the second quarter it was without doubt Harvey's best and yet in that term Souths had 15 scoring shots to four, which really indicated the superiority which Souths enjoyed.

Further changes came from Harvey during the third term when Sabourne went off and was replaced by Brian Scott on a wing. Souths' Tom McGinley, who was playing another great game, was carried from the field with an ankle injury and was replaced by Kim Buswell, so in the space of two minutes both teams had fresh players opposed.

Souths, however, met every challenge and by this time had wrapped up the game. They had winners all over the field. Leigh Wright on the ball, Ray Rendell at full back and of course by now the hero of the South Bunbury crew, Olys Kowal.

Centreman Terry House was in the process of lowering his colours to Kowal and he took the full brunt of the ecstatic South Bunbury supporters from the members' pavilion.

An indication of Souths' overall superiority and attitude can be taken from Gavin Cartledge's performance in the centre when he replaced Kowal who left the field concussed. Cartledge immediately moved into the tempo of the game and carried on where Kowal left off.

In retrospect, right from the start of the game the Maroons were never a chance and it was not their over-confidence or complacent attitude. It was South Bunbury's spirit and fierce determination to succeed, and succeed they did.

Six weeks ago Souths had no second rover. Now they know the football of which Graham Cruickshank is capable. He has emerged as a top class rover, even to the extent of overshadowing Bruce Crabb in the final round matches.

The roving department was one of the main differences between the two teams. Cruickshank's five goals together with Crabb's two illustrated the vast goal scoring differences between them and their opposite numbers Harris and Jim Baggetta, who could not manage a goal between them.

Young ruck rovers Wright and Old also dominated on the ball. The determined win the ball at all costs attitude of Wright created many openings for Souths and he and Old completely shut Headley and Clarke out of the game.

Kim Chester, who was apparently on the verge of being dropped, once again proved his worth. He needs very few kicks to be good value and his high marking in the forward line together with his instinctive goal sense and accurate goal shooting netted him five well-earned goals.

Palmer and Waldock also continued their recent outstanding form, Palmer mainly while on the ball and Waldock while spelling in the backline.

Palmer's duel with John Brearley was one of the highlights of the game, with each contributing in some way. In Brearley's case it was his four goals and a lot of high flying hard work at the throw downs.

By far the best player for the Maroons was Kevin Warburton at full back where he completely frustrated the efforts of the Tigers' full forward Ken Coulson. Warburton was the only clear winner in the Harvey - Brunswick team. Rarely if out-positioned did he attempt to mark and he summed up each situation to perfection.

There was no argument as to who was the outstanding player of the 36. The flying fireman and Pike Medallist Olys Kowal. Those Souths' supporters who have been outspoken in their efforts to persuade Souths' selectors have been proven correct. Kowal's move, whether by carefully planned tactics or by pressure of opinion, was their trump card.

So the unbeatables have been beaten, and in one of the best exhibitions displayed in a grand final for many years. Players pack their boots away, the losers Harvey - Brunswick disappointed and in stunned disbelief, but thankful that all the pressures have gone.

But in South Bunbury it's different . . . champagne corks popping, laughter and another pennant to hang beside many others accumulated since 1898.

And for anybody driving past Hands Oval in the next few days, keep your ears peeled. You may just hear:

"Good old South Bunbury forever,
They know how to play the game . . ."

South Bunbury's Premiership No. 36 in 1976, and after 70 years of competitive football, is a fitting tribute to the present, and to past, South Bunbury teams, and an inspiration to the South Bunbury teams of the future.

In September, 1976, at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, members voted for the alteration of the club's constitution whereby the future affairs of the club would be controlled by a Board of Directors.

The Annual General Meeting on 16/12/76 therefore saw the end of the Committees of Management stage, which had prevailed since the inception of the club, and had achieved so very much.

The change to a Board of Directors was essential, due to the magnitude of the club's administrative and financial activities, and should result in even better management of the club's affairs.

The inaugural Board of Directors elected at the December 1976 Annual General Meeting were: P. G. (Phil) Crabb (President) S. G. (Syd) Armstrong (Director) B. P. (Brian) Cunningham (Director) R. E. (Sav) Davies (Director) M. J. (Mick) Maguire (Director) G. E. (Greg) Smith (Director)

So ends the first eighty years of the South Bunbury Football Club's activities.

It is sincerely hoped that the reader has obtained as much satisfaction in re - living those 80 fabulous years, as the "author" did in its compilation.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this history, it is appropriate to mention the following.

Since the inception of the club in 1897, South Bunbury has achieved remarkable success on the football field, matched perhaps by its innovative and prestigious activities off the field of play. To think this occurred by the actions of man alone would be a grave injustice. South Bunbury has always been blessed with ambitious and forward - thinking Committees of Management, loyal and dedicated players and supporters, and lastly, but by no means least, energetic, willing and tireless Ladies Committees.

Very little reference has been made in this publication concerning the endeavours of these wonderful women, who have so grandly helped the Club over the years, and in fact are still doing so. This lack of acknowledgment has not been an error or omission.

I have been deeply conscious during my research of the role the various Ladies' Committees have played, and it has been a source of concern to me how best to acknowledge their efforts. Four such ladies have been honoured with life membership of the Club in the persons of Grace Green, E. J. "Doll" Scott, Ida May Gibson and Betty Constantine. While in no way detracting from the honour bestowed on those wonderful ladies, it is a pity that many others could not have been likewise recognised.

I believe it would be unfair to single out any other of our grand womenfolk for special mention, as in such cases, someone is always overlooked who should not have been, and therefore, I can only pass on the grateful thanks of all South Bunbury Football Club members, both past and present, and exercise a privilege by saying "BLESS 'EM ALL".

In considering the future of the South Bunbury Football Club, I pass on this thought to future members . . . "Never forget the past, as without it there is no present - or future".

And what of the future? South Bunbury has long been aware that, in the main, its future fortunes lay in the fostering of Juniors within the District. This awareness received a great boost in the early 1960's when Mr. George Hay, practically single - handed, inaugurated the South Bunbury "Nippers" competition. Each Saturday morning, hundreds of aspiring footballers would congregate at Hands Memorial Oval to receive coaching and tuition in the basics of the Australian Game from "Uncle George" - as he soon became widely known. The success of George's "Nippers" was later emulated by other Clubs, and no doubt is responsible for the high standard of junior football in this area.

The establishment of the Marist Brothers' College in Bunbury about the same time also contributed to South Bunbury's future prospects. The Club readily agreed to give every assistance to the late Brother Valentine in his endeavours to establish football teams to represent Marist, and to this day, South Bunbury continue their sponsorship of Marist Teams. Although there has never been any obligation for Marist boys to join South Bunbury following the completion of their school years, many have done so, and have gone on to prove themselves worthy members of South Bunbury senior teams.

From the efforts of these and innumerable other stalwarts of the past and the present, it is obvious the Club will continue to flourish on the field, and it is with pleasure and pride that I include the names of all South Bunbury players, who were registered as players during the 1976 season in the statistical section. I am certain that a sizeable proportion of those listed will emerge to receive the plaudits of the Club as its stars of the future.

A.C.

STATISTICAL SECTION

Some records of the club have, unfortunately, not been located. Either they were not kept or have since been lost.

Although no effort was spared to obtain the complete club record, some statistical information concerning team lists, match results, photographs, etc, could not be found. Additionally, it was not possible to include records of "B" and "Junior" grade players and results from the Association and South West League, and generally insufficient reference has been made to these activities of the club. This omission is not due to forgetfulness, but because the compilation of the history would never have been completed if time was spent searching for these records.

It is hoped that the majority of players and officials who have been connected with these sections of the club will at some time have been mentioned in this publication.

Obviously, there will be some who receive no mention, in which case the club is sincerely sorry and hopes that those so affected will be understanding.

South Bunbury Football Club is, and always has been, deeply grateful to all who have contributed to the welfare and betterment of the club. It is hoped the several statistical blanks will not detract from the readability of this section, nor offend anyone in any way.

AC.

1976 PLAYERS - ALL GRADES**SOUTH BUNBURY UNDER 10's**

BAILEY, Neil	HOUSE, Bradley
BAIN, Warwick	HOUSE, David
BEARD, Simon	HUFF, Peter
BUCK, Glen	JACKSON, Todd
BURKE, Craig	JACKSON, Trent
BURKE, David	LAURIE, Robert
BUSWELL, Gavin	LINAKER, Mark
BUSWELL, Paul	LUCAS, Bradley
CONSTANTINE, Peter	MAIDEN, Brett
DEAKIN, Brett	MAIDEN, Shaun
EDGEWORTH, Gregory	MANNEY, Jason
FITCH, Peter	O'BRIEN, Jeffrey
GIACCI, Michael	PALMER, Justin
GODSELL, Wade	PRYER, Stewart
GREEN, Phillip	SAUNDERS, Martyn
HAYRES, Gavin	STUBBS, Mark
HAYRES, Jeffrey	TEEDE, Andrew
Hislop, Anthony	WILLIAMS, Brett
Hislop, Stephen	WOODS, Bradley

SOUTH BUNBURY WHITE UNDER 12's

AMOS, Dean	MACDONALD, Anthony
BURROWS, Bradley	NOONAN, Stephen
CLARKE, Ian	RUSH, Kim
D'AGOSTINO, Tony	RUTHERFORD, Shane
DONOVAN, Paul	SAWYER, Ian
FRASER, Darryl	SMITH, Brett
GRIFFITHS, Michael	STAGOLL, Clifford
HAYRES, Wayne	STEVENS, Mark
KELLY, Richard	THOMSON, Wayne
LANGE, Mark	

SOUTH BUNBURY WHITE UNDER 14's

BROWNING, Gary	METCALF, Bruce
BUSWELL, Kim	MILES, David
BUSWELL, Scott	PARKER, David
CLARKE, Andrew	QUICK, David
CIALLELLA, Tony	ROBINSON, Mike
CRESSWELL, Colin	SARGEANT, Les
DUNBAR, Geoffrey	SMITH, Rod
FAWCETT, Robert	STEEDEN, Gary
FRAZER, Greg	STEVENS, John
GIACCI, Tony	WALLRODT, Malcolm
HALDANE, Grant	WILLIS, Geoff
LANG, Darryl	

SOUTH BUNBURY TIGERS UNDER 12's

BASSETT, Murray	PALMER, Bradley
BELTON, Terrence	PARKER, Jeffrey
BEST, Bradley	REWELL, Barry
BLAKE, Bradley	REWELL, Brett
BOTTEGAL, Troy	REWELL, Ian
CRANSBERG, Peter	SAVAGE, Bryn
DEVENISH, Paul	THOMPSON, John
EATON, Thomas	TOOP, Anthony
ERBE, Anthony	TUCKER, Stewart
FLEAY, Mark	WILSON, Ronald
GIBSON, Craig	WOOD, Bradley

SOUTH BUNBURY TIGERS UNDER 14's

BARNES, Paul	HOUSE, Brett
BUCKNELL, Ian	JAMIESON, Craig
BURROWS, Graeme	JENNINGS, Robert
CALGARET, Leon	KEELY, Brett
CARTER, Scott	MIKLAVS, Wade
CLIFTON, Ken	PAGE, Robert
COLEMAN, Glen	PALMER, Darren
CROWHURST, John	THORNTON, Gavin
FEE, Mostyn	WHITE, Glen
GLENDENNING, Andy	WITT, Paul
HARVEY, Warren	

SOUTH BUNBURY UNDER 16's

ASHTON, Neil	MASON, Kim
BASTOW, Peter	MITCHELL, Craig
BLEWETT, Gregory	MONTEATH, Peter
BOWLES, Graeme	SEXTON, Ian
COLLETT, Paul	SIBSON, Russell
COULTAS, Geoffrey	STEVENS, Robert
DUNBAR, Donald	TAYLOR, Mark
FRANKLIN, Terry	THOMSON, Stephen
GARDINER, Paul	WAKEFIELD, Ken
GIBSON, David	WEEKS, Mark
JOHNSON, Paul	WILLIS, Peter

SOUTH BUNBURY UNDER 18's

ALLEN, Mark	MacNISH, Ross
BRADSHAW, Kim	MAGUIRE, Gerald
BUSWELL, Kevin	McGINLEY, Glen
CHESTER, Ross	MOUNTFORD, Stephen
DILLON, Bevan	O'BRIEN, Shane
GARLETT, Richard	O'BYRNE, Ralph
GIBSON, Glenn	PESCE, Claudia
GRASSO, Joe	PIPARO, Tony
HENSON, Craig	ROBERTSON, James
HUGHES, Russell	SHERRY, Colin
KOWSKI, Julian	WALLACE, Stephen
LONG, Nicholas	YOUNG, Paul

1976 RESERVES

TRANTHAM, Chris	FRANCIS, Trevor
HOLLINS, Max	TAYLOR, Robert
LUTZE, Eddie	PETERS, Mark
BUSWELL, Max	GOFF, Neil
KOWAL, Joe	LAWRENCE, Barry
HILL, Graeme	FRASER, Austin
GARDINER, Lance	HASTIE, Trevor
HOSKING, Phil	BREWER, Greg
BASTOW, Tony	HARRIS, Mark
BUSWELL, Lou	PANNUCIO, Frank
BAILEY, Gary	HANNAH, Chris

1976 LEAGUE

PROSSER, Allan (Capt.)	McGINLEY, Tom
KENNEDY, Merv	BUSWELL, Kim
KOWAL, Olys	WALDOCK, Dave
MAHER, Ross	CHESTER, Kim
HARRIS, Paul	TEEDE, Graeme
CARTLEDGE, Gavin	PALMER, Dave
CRUICKSHANK, Graeme	WRIGHT, Leigh
CRABB, Bruce	BRENNAN, Mike
UPSON, Peter	OLD, Peter
COULSON, Ken	ROBERTS, Brent
CAHILL, Ian	BUSWELL, Peter
RENDELL, Ray	

SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB'S RECORD IN SOUTH WEST AND BUNBURY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION - 1897 - 1952

YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6 th	YEAR	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1897		●					1925		●				
1898	●						1926	●					
1899	●						1927		●				
*1900							1928		●				
*1901							1929	●					
1902		●					1930		●				
1903		●					1931	●					
1904	●						(1932)						
1905	●						1933	●					
1906	●						1934	●					
1907	●						1935	●					
1908	●						1936	●					
1909			●				1937	●					
1910		●					1938		●				
1911		●					1939		●				
1912	●						1940		●				
1913	●						**1941						
1914	●						**1942						
**1915							**1943						
**1916							**1944						
**1917							**1945						
1918	●						1946		●				
1919	●						1947		●				
1920	●						1948	●					
1921	●						1949	●					
1922	●						1950		●				
1923		●					1951	●					
1924		●					1952	●					

* = No competition.

** = In recess - Wartime.

(1932) = Club suspended by Association.

**SOUTH BUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB'S RECORD IN BUNBURY
COLLIE AND SOUTH WEST NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
1953 - 1976**

YEAR	1st	2 nd	3rd	4 th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
1953	●									
1954	●									
1955	●									
1956			●							
1957	●									
1958		●								
1959	●									
***1960								●		
1961			●							
1962		●								
1963						●				
1964			●							
1965					●					
1966	●									
1967				●						
1968	●									
1969			●							
1970			●							
1971	●									
1972		●								
1973				●						
1974		●								
1975			●							
1976	●									

*** = No football played in Bunbury due to ground rental dispute.

Note - Successive premierships: 1904 - 8 1912 - 22 1933 - 37 1951 - 55.

SOUTH BUNBURY'S PERFORMANCES IN SWNFL FINAL ROUND MATCHES 1953 TO 1976

Final	Won:	Lost:
Elimination Finals: 1973	v Boyanup - Capel - Dard	
Qualifying Finals: 1974	v Harvey Brunswick	
1975	v Collie	
First Semi - Finals: 1958	v Mines Rovers	
1964	v Mines Rovers	
1967		v Busselton
1970	v Mines Rovers	
1973		v Mines Rovers
Second Semi - Finals: 1953	v Bunbury Railways	
1954	v Bunbury Railways	
1955		v Busselton
1956		v Donnybrook
1957		v Mines Rovers
1959	v Bunbury	
1961		v Bunbury
1962		v Bunbury
1966	v Busselton	
1968		v Donnybrook
1969		v Mines Rovers
1971		v Mines Rovers
1972		v Collie
1974	v Carey Park	
1975		v Harvey Brunswick
1976		v Harvey Brunswick
Preliminary Finals: 1955	v Collie Railways	
1956		v Busselton
1957	v Busselton	
1958	v Busselton	
1961		v Harvey Brunswick
1962	v Harvey Brunswick	
1964		v Harvey Brunswick
1968	v Harvey Brunswick	
1969		v Harvey Brunswick
1970		v Bunbury
1971	v Donnybrook	
1972	v Carey Park	
1975		v Donnybrook
1976	v Carey Park	
Grand Finals: 1953	v Bunbury Railways	
1954	v Bunbury Railways	
1955	v Busselton	
1957	v Mines Rovers	
1958		v Bunbury
1959	v Bunbury	
1962		v Bunbury
1966	v Busselton	
1968	v Donnybrook	
1971	v Mines Rovers	
1972		v Collie
1974		v Harvey Brunswick
1976	v Harvey Brunswick	

FINAL	PLAYED	WON	LOST
ELIMINATION FINALS	1	1	0
QUALIFYING FINALS	2	2	0
FIRST SEMI - FINALS	5	3	2
SECOND SEMI - FINALS	16	5	11
PRELIMINARY FINALS	14	8	6
GRAND FINALS	13	9	4

RECORD SCORES 1897 - 1952

Under BFA and SWFA Affiliation

Highest Winning Score:	32.28 v Bunbury 0.3 at Recreation Ground Bunbury 15.7.1905
Lowest Winning Score:	1.10 v Railways 1.9 at Recreation Ground Bunbury 26.5.1906 (Note: This match was the subject of a protest by Railways, and precipitated a furore in local football circles - see 1906 history)
Highest Losing Score:	14.18 v Bunbury Railways 16.18 at Recreation Ground Bunbury 25.5.1952
Lowest Losing Score:	0.4 v Bunbury 8.4 at Recreation Ground Bunbury 19.7.1902
Greatest Winning Margin:	32.28 (220) v Bunbury 0.3 (3) = 217 pts at Recreation Ground Bunbury 15.7.1905
Greatest Losing Margin:	10.2 (62) v Bunbury Railways 23.18 (156) = 94 pts at Recreation Ground Bunbury 8.5.1932
Most Behinds Scored:	15.33 v Bunbury Railways 10.14 at Recreation Ground Bunbury 29.7.1951

RECORD SCORES 1953 - 1976

Under SWNFL Affiliation

Highest Winning Score:	31.25 (211) v Carey Park 2.4 (16) at Hands Oval, Bunbury, on 12.7.1959
Lowest Winning Score:	4.12 (36) v Mines Rovers 4.8 (32) at Collie Recreation Ground 19.6.1966
Highest Losing Score:	17.17 (119) v Busselton 20.8 (128) at Busselton on 20.4.1975
Lowest Losing Score:	2.3 (15) v Harvey Brunswick 12.9 (81) at Brunswick Junction on 7.7.1963
Greatest Winning Margin:	31.25 v Carey Park 2.4 = 195 points at Hands Oval, Bunbury, on 12.7.1959
Greatest Losing Margin:	5.7 v Mines Rovers 24.19 = 126 pts at Collie Recreation Ground 21.8.1960 (Note: No football played in Bunbury during 1960 see history)
Most Behinds Scored:	22.33 v Boyanup Capel Dardanup 2.8 at Recreation Ground, Bunbury, 9.8.1959

MATCH RESULTS

(ASSOCIATION)

1897

June 5 Bunbury 5 goals, South Bunbury 3 goals
 August 28 South Bunbury (?) drew with Donnybrook (?) following protest by Donnybrook
 September 18 Donnybrook (?) defeated South Bunbury(?) following protest by Donnybrook
 October 7 Donnybrook 7, South Bunbury 1

The match above on June 5 was South Bunbury's initial game. No further results than those above could be found, but it is known that Bunbury won the premiership.

1898

May 28	South Bunbury	5	Vasse 0
June 4	„ „	3	Bunbury 2
June 11	„ „	6	Donnybrook 4
June 18	„ „	4	Bunbury 1
June 25	„ „	1	Vasse 1
July 2	„ „	8	Donnybrook 0
July 9	„ „	7	Bunbury 1
July 16	„ „	10	Vasse 0
July 23	„ „	2	Bunbury 2
July 30	„ „	5	Donnybrook 2
August 6	„ „	1	Vasse 0 (see story)
August 13	„ „	3	Bunbury 3
August 20	„ „	4	Donnybrook 2
August 27	„ „	3	Vasse 1
September 3	„ „	2	Bunbury 2

No final round matches were played at this time and behinds were still not part of the game. South Bunbury were undefeated in this, their first full year, and were therefore premiers.

1899

No results available but it was ascertained from press reports that South Bunbury won the premiership with a total of 52 points.

1900

No local football played in Bunbury. Only South West Association matches against Collie and Nelson.

1901

No local football played in Bunbury. Only South West Association matches against Collie and Nelson.

1902

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 26	2.8		Bunbury	2.6	Rec, Bunbury
May 10	11.5		Bunbury	3.9	Rec, Bunbury
May 24	3.10		Bunbury	4.3	Rec, Bunbury
June 21		3.6	Bunbury	3.7	Rec, Bunbury
July 19		0.4	Bunbury	8.4	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 16		4.1	Bunbury	3.8	Rec, Bunbury

RUNNERS - UP

1903

Although no write - up of matches appeared in the "Southern Times during 1903, it was ascertained from the report of the South Bunbury Club's Annual General Meeting held in April, 1904, that South Bunbury finished the year as runners - up to the Bunbury Football Club.

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	1904 Versus	Venue
May 7	14.8		Bunbury	0.3
May 21	6.6		Railways	4.7
June 4	4.11		Bunbury	1.1
July 2		3.6	Railways	7.4
July 9	5.12		Bunbury	3.1
July 23	4.8		Railways	1.7
Aug 6		4.9	Bunbury	8.6
Aug 20	5.9		Railways	4.2

SOUTH BUNBURY PREMIERS
Still no final rounds played.

1905				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 6	Bye			
May 13	6.16		Bunbury	2.5
May 20	10.9		Railways	6.9
May 27	Bye			
Jun 3	5.9		Bunbury	2.6
Jun 10		4.8	Railways	5.9
Jun 17	Bye			
Jun 24	10.7		Bunbury	2.3
Jul 1	4.10		Railways(draw)	5.4
Jul 8	Bye			
Jul 15	32.28		Bunbury (*)	0.3
Jul 22	3.10		Railways	1.5
Aug 12	Bye			
Aug 19	?		Bunbury (?)	?
Aug 26	54 pts		Railways	39 pts

(*) Highest ever score

PREMIERS

1906				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 12	10.19		Wellington Mills	1.4
May 26	1.10		Railways	1.9
Jun 9	8.18		Worsley	3.2
Jun 23	4.3		Railways	3.6
Jul 7	8.10		Worsley	2.8
Aug 11	0.1		Wellington Mills	0.0*
Aug 18	11.10		Worsley	11.8
Sept 9	11.12		Railways	0.4

SOUTH BUNBURY UNDEFEATED PREMIERS

1907				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 11		5.12	Lumpers	11.10
May 18		5.8	Railways	8.11
Jun 8	9.14		Lumpers	2.8
Jun 15	10.17		Railways	5.8
Jun 29	4.8		Lumpers	3.7
Aug 17	3.8		Railways	2.9
Final				
Sept 17	6.10		Railways	4.4

PREMIERS

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	1908 Versus	Venue
May 9	11.18		Railways	6.12
May 16		7.9	Lumpers	8.7
May 30	7.16		Railways	4.6
Jun 6	8.14		Lumpers	3.4
Jun 20	8.14		Railways	4.6
Jun 27		2.4	Lumpers	3.11
Jul 11		5.14	Railways	6.13
Jul 18	6.11		Lumpers	5.7

No further results could be found. However, it has been ascertained that South Bunbury won the 1908 premiership.

PREMIERS

1909				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 8	10.4		Railways	6.15
May 15	4.9		Wellington Mills	2.9
Jun 5		4.6	Lumpers	5.4
Jun 26	10.28		Yarloop	5.9
Jul 3	5.7		Railways	2.2
Jul 18	2.16		Wellington Mills (Draw)	4.4 (Draw)
Aug 7		4.5	Lumpers	5.8
Sept 11	6.9		Wellington	2.10
Sept 18		4.11	Railways	5.11

THIRD

1910				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 21	10.16		Wellington Mills	2.8
May 28		6.21	Lumpers	9.8
Jun 4	All fixtures cancelled due to the death of King Edward VII			
Jun 18	3.8		Railways	3.7
Jul 2	10.18		Wellington Mills	5.6
Jul 9		3.10	Lumpers*	4.10
Jul 16	9.18		Railways	4.11
Aug 27	4.19		Lumpers	0.12
Sept 3	10.14		Railways	4.8
Final				
Sept 17	6.10		Railways	8.11
Challenge Final				
Oct 1		4.8	Railways	13.10

(*) South Bunbury won on Protest.

RUNNERS - UP

1911				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 13		1.6	Lumpers	9.9
May 27		9.10	Railways	10.5
Jun 3	6.21		Lumpers	3.3
Jun 17	12.16		Railways	5.0
Jul 1		6.8	Lumpers	7.9
Jul 22		1.6	Railways	6.8
Jul 29	8.17		Lumpers	3.8
Aug 19	10 21		Railways	4.5
Final				
Aug 26	9.11		Lumpers	5.11
Challenge Final				
Sept 2		6.4	Lumpers	13.11

RUNNERS - UP

1912

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
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May 18		5.11	Lumpers	5.17
Jun 8	5.18		Bunbury	4.4
Jun 22		6.4	Lumpers	6.10
Jun 29	10.11		Bunbury	4.4
Jul 20	6.9		Yarloop	5.8
Aug 10	8.15		Lumpers	6.9
Aug 31	4.16		Bunbury	0.5
Final				
Oct 12	10.4		Lumpers	4.12
Challenge Final				
Oct 19	9.8		Lumpers	7.10

PREMIERS

1913

May 3	12.11		Yarloop	5.3	Yarloop
May 17	7.12		Wanderers	2.8	Bunbury
May 24	9.14		Railways	5.7	Bunbury
Jun 7	8.9		Wellington	3.6	Bunbury
Jul 5		2.2	Railways	4.0	Bunbury
Jul 19	10.9		Yarloop	4.11	Bunbury
Aug 9	???		Wanderers	???	Bunbury
Aug 23	???		Yarloop	???	Yarloop
Aug 30	8.6		Wanderers	8.6	Bunbury
Sept 6		5.1	Railways	5.9	Bunbury
South Bunbury Minor Premiers					
Final					
Sept 20		7.13	Railways	8.9	Bunbury
Challenge Final '					
Sept 27	6.18		Railways	6.3	Bunbury

PREMIERS

1914

May 9	11.14		Lumpers	3.2	Bunbury
May 23	10.13		Wanderers	4.8	Bunbury
Jun 20	10.6		Donnybrook	4.8	Donnybrook
Jul 4	???		Wellington	???	Wellington
Jul 11	8.14		Railways	4.6	Bunbury
Jul 18	3.11		Lumpers	2.9	Bunbury
Aug 1	8.8		Wanderers	6.9	Bunbury

Following this latter victory, press reports mentioned that South Bunbury had thus completed the 1914 season as undefeated champions, so while we are unable to trace the score of the July 4th match against Wellington, it is apparent that this resulted in a win for the Red and Whites.

PREMIERS

1915

No competition in Bunbury due to World War 1.

1916

No competition in Bunbury due to World War 1.

1917

No competition in Bunbury due to World War 1.

1918				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
July 13		4.7	Bunbury	7.11
July 28	10.11		Bunbury	4.4
Aug 17	????		Harvey	????
Sept 1	12.15		Wellington Mills	5.3
Semi - final				
Sept 7	19.22		Harvey	3:2
Final				
Sept 21	7.22		Bunbury	3.7
			PREMIERS	
1919				
May 3		6.9	Bunbury	7.11
May 18	16.14		Railways	2.9
May 24	10.11		Boyanup	1.2
			(All scored in second quarter)	
Jun 7	8.20		Wellington	0.9
June 14	11.13		Bunbury	5.7
Jun 22	9.13		Wellington	4.13
Jun 28	9.12		Boyanup	4.15
Jul 20			Railways	
			(Abandoned - weather bad)	
Jul 27	3.11		Bunbury	2.4
Aug 2	12.16		Boyanup	5.5
Aug 17			Railways	
			(Abandoned both sides hit by flu epidemic)	
Aug 23	???		Wellington	???
Sept 7	11.13		Railways	5.8
Semi - final				
Sept 21	5.9		Railways	3.6
Final				
Oct 4		2.4	Bunbury	4.7
Challenge Final				
Oct 19	4.8		Bunbury	4.5
			PREMIERS	
1920				
May 16		8.10	Lumpers	12.13
May 23	5.14		Railways	4.8
Jun 6	5.20		Donnybrook	0.5
Jun 20	10.7		Bunbury	5.6
Jul 4	4.11		Lumpers	1.4
Jul 11	Postponed to August 15 due to weather conditions			
Jul 24	???		Donnybrook	???
Aug 1	Postponed to August 22 due to weather conditions			
Aug 15	Postponed to September 11 due to weather conditions			
Aug 22	5.8		Bunbury	1.5
Sept 11	7.16		Railways	7.4
Semi - final				
Sept 26	14.23		Railways	4.11
Final				
Oct 3	3.10		Lumpers	1.7
			PREMIERS	

1921

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 8	3.21		Lumpers	4 13
May 22	12.20		Railways	7.9
Jun 12	6.16		Pastimes	2.15
Jun 19		3.7	Lumpers	4.15
Jul 17	10.11		Railways	7.9
Aug 7	7.7		Pastimes	3.7
Aug 14	5.13		Lumpers	4.10
Aug 28	6.21		Railways	3.11
Semi - final				
Sept 18	27.16		Pastimes	3.6
Final				
Sept 25		5.18	Railways	8.6
Challenge Final				
Oct 9	5.14		Railways	3.7
			PREMIERS	

1922

(Note: Matches played on Saturdays and Sundays)

May 7	10.14		Lumpers	4.8
May 21	5.13		Pastimes	3.7
May 28	4.3		Brunswick	0 3
Jun 3	12.6		Donnybrook	2.2
Jun 11	7.8		Railways	6.10
June 24	???		Donnybrook	?? ? (*)
Jul 2	8.13		Pastimes	6.3
Jul 23		5.4	Lumpers	5.16
Aug 13	18.16		Brunswick	6.4
Aug 20		2.7	Railways	6.9
Semi - final				
Sept 10	10.6		Donnybrook	7.16
Final				
Sept 17		4.6	Lumpers	5.9
Challenge Final				
Oct 1	4.7		Lumpers	3.9

(*) No score available, however South Bunbury were the victors

PREMIERS 8th successive premiership

1923

May 13	5.8		Pastimes	7.14
May 20	13.11		Donnybrook	10.7
May 27	8.10		Railways	6.10
Jun 10	12.8		Donnybrook	7.8
Jun 24		8.13	Pastimes	98
Jul 8		9.7	Railways	109
Jul 15		6.7	Pastimes	6.9
Jul 29	13.10		Donnybrook	7.10
Aug 5	15.14		Railways	12.6
Semi - final				
Aug 19	7.7		Railways	6.8
Final				
Sept 2		6.7	Pastimes	9.11
			RUNNERS - UP	

1924				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 11	8.12		Pastimes	5.10
May 25	11.14		Railways	7.11
Jun 8	7.16		Pastimes	4.10
Jun 22		5.7	Railways	8.7
Jun 29	9.9		Pastimes	6.13
Jul 13	16.22		Railways	5.8
Jul 20	7.10		Pastimes	5.7
Aug 3	16.11		Railways	6.11
Aug 10	5.12		Pastimes	3.8
Aug 24	13.11		Railways	2.12
Final				
Sept 7		7.7	Pastimes	10.7
Challenge Final				
Sept 14		7.12	Pastimes	8.10

RUNNERS UP

1925				
(Note matches played on Saturdays and Sundays)				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 10	12.15		Railways	11.4
May 17	11.15		Pastimes	5.6
May 31	Forfeit to Railways (see story)			
Jun 14		7.8	Pastimes	10.9
Jun 28		7.13	Railways	10.7
Jul 5	8.6		Pastimes	4.4
Jul 26	11.8		Railways	11.6
Aug 2		4.7	Pastimes	9.12
Aug 16	10.13		Railways	10.6
Aug 23		7.10	Pastimes	9.6
Semi - final				
Sept 13	7.13		Railways	6.12
Final				
Sept 20	7.12		Pastimes	6.6
Challenge Final				
Sept 27	7.9		Pastimes	7.9 (draw)
Replay				
Oct 4		9.10	Pastimes	15.9

RUNNERS - UP

1926				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 2	11.15		Lumpers	6.11
May 9	17.26		Brunswick	4.4
May 30	9.24		Railways	4.9
Jun 7	5.8		Pastimes	4.7
Jun 13		4.12	Lumpers	10.5
Jun 20	8.15		Brunswick	7.6
Jul 18		3.11	Railways	7.15
Jul 25	8.7		Pastimes	7.1
Aug 8	13.12		Lumpers	3.18
Sept 5	14.18		Railways	11.9
Sept 12		8.9	Pastimes	15.8
Semi - final				
Sept 19	13.13		Lumpers	6.12
Final				
Oct 3	9.5		Pastimes	6.11
Challenge Final				
Oct 10	8.10		Pastimes	7.5

PREMIERS

1927

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 8		6.5	Railways	6.14
May 22	10.17		Lumpers	9.7
Jun 19	11.16		Pastimes	5.8
Jun 26	10.16		Railways	7.9
Jul 17	10.12		Lumpers	7.10
Jul 31	10.9		Pastimes	8.8
Aug 21	17.12		Pastimes	9.15
Aug 28	21.21		Lumpers	1.2
Sep 11		7.6	Railways	8.5
Semi - final				
Sept 17	16.16		Lumpers	6.3
Final				
Oct 2		7.11	Railways	15.9

RUNNERS - UP

1928

May 13		3.6	Railways	16.11
May 27	9.10		Pastimes	8.9
Jun 3		8.6	Railways	8.9
Jun 24	8.9		Pastimes	5.3
Jul 1	9.14		Railways	7.6
Jul 15	7.8		Pastimes	2.12
Jul 22		5.15	Railways	6.12
Aug 5	8.11		Pastimes	8.10
Aug 12		8.11	Railways	9.7
Aug 26		7.11	Pastimes	8.10
Semi - final				
Sept 2	11.7		Pastimes	8.12
Final				
Sept 9	6.10		Railways	6.4
Challenge Final				
Sept 16		7.15	Railways	9.6

RUNNERS - UP

1929

Final	15.9		Railways	13.10
No other scores available				

1930

May 18		4.18	Pastimes	9.6
Jun 8		9.13	Railways	13.13
June 15	13.14		Pastimes	14.4
Jul 6	6.15		Railways	6.14
Jul 13	13.7		Pastimes	8.10
Jul 27	11.9	drew	Railways	10.15
Aug 3	9.17		Pastimes	9.7
Aug 17		14.11	Railways	14.12
Aug 24	18.14		Pastimes	10.12
Final				
Aug 31		8.9	Railways	9.13

RUNNERS - UP

1931				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 10		5.16	Railways	10.15
May 24		5.16	Pastimes	8.6
May 31	15.9		Railways	13.17
Jun 14	7.11		Pastimes	7.5
Jun 21	11.14		Railways	11.7
Jul 12		5.9	Pastimes	10.9
Jul 19		7.6	Railways	13.9
Aug 9	15.9		Pastimes	11.4
Aug 16	16.17		Railways	14.8
Aug 30	15.10		Pastimes	6.15
Sept 6	18.16		Railways	8.14
Sept 20	19.15		Pastimes	19.11
Final				
Oct 11		8.10	Railways	8.17
Challenge Final				
Oct 18	14.18		Railways	8.12
			PREMIERS	

1932				
May 8		10.2	Railways	23.18
May 15		10.4	Pastimes	10.11
May 29	7.12		Railways	7.10
Jun 5		9.3	Pastimes	11.8
Jun 19		10.5	Railways	14.11
Jun 26	9.8		Pastimes	6.12
Jul 17		6.9	Pastimes	10.12
Jul 31		6.8	Railways	7.16
Aug 7		4.11	Pastimes	7.9
Aug 28			Railways	1.0 (walkover)

This must rank as the Club's most unsuccessful year since its inception as far as winning games is concerned - only being successful on two occasions.

This was the year of the big argument.

It must be remembered that at this time the total population of Bunbury was only about 4500, and the Bunbury Football Association was comprised of three local teams.

Petty animosities and personal prejudices were often resolved on the field of play (see 1932 history).

1933				
May 14	19.20		Pastimes	5.2
May 28	12.10	.	Railways	11.8
Jun 11	16.24		Pastimes	7.9
Jun 25	13.17		Railways	9.8
Jul 2		4.10	Pastimes	6.13
Jul 16	13.10		Railways	12.8
Jul 23	12.11		Pastimes	11.12
Aug 13		10.11	Railways	14.17
Aug 20	18.5		Pastimes	9.10
Final				
Sept 10	14.17		Railways	7.9
			PREMIERS	

1934

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 6	17.20		Railways	2.2
May 13		7.10	Pastimes	12.12
Jun 3	9.5		Railways	6.19
Jun 10		8.8	Pastimes	18.24
Jul 1		11.15	Railways	11.18
Jul 8	10.16		Pastimes	8.14
Aug 5	-		Railways	- (*)
Aug 12	7.10		Pastimes	4.13
Final				
Oct 7	21.14		Pastimes	5.11
			PREMIERS	

(*) Match abandoned - see story

1935

SOCIAL MATCHES:

May 6		8.9	Capel	11.10	Capel
May 20		??	Brunswick	?? ??	(*) Brunswick
Jun 9		2.5	Mines Rovers	5.8	Collie
Jun 23		7.9	Harvey	7.13	Harvey
Jun 30	14.9		Mines Rovers	6.5	Bunbury
Jul 14	9.13		Donnybrook	8.6	Argyle
Jul 21		8.16	Wembley Athletic	9.12	Bunbury

ASSOCIATION MATCHES:

Aug 11	9.15		Pastimes	5.9
Aug 25	7.7		Railways	5.12
Sept 8	6.6		Pastimes	3.6
Sept 15	11.9		Railways	7.13
Final				
Oct 13	15.16		Railways	9.6
			PREMIERS	

(*) Score not available but Brunswick won by four goals

1936

No results could be found but South Bunbury won the premiership

1937

May 16	14.12		Railways	13.11
May 23		7.25	Pastimes	11.16
Jun 6	15.19		Railways	6.15
Jun 13	12.12		Pastimes	8.16
Jun 27		9.13	Railways	17.10
Jul 4		8.4	Pastimes	11.4 (rain story)
Aug 1		7.13	Pastimes	12.27
Aug 22	14.7		Railways	5.16
Aug 29		10.10	Pastimes	21.9
Sept 19	15.12		Railways	10.11
Sept 26		12.18	Pastimes	15.11
Semi - final				
Oct 3	15.18		Railways	14.15
Final				
Oct 10	15.19		Pastimes	9.14
Challenge Final				
Oct 17	15.17		Pastimes	8.12
			PREMIERS	

1938

Winning Losing

Date	Score	Score	Versus	Venue
May 15		10.14	Pastimes	13.8
May 23	21.20		Railways	8.14
Jun 5		7.12	Pastimes	11.20
Jun 19	15.15		Railways	12.7
Jun 26	12.9		Pastimes	9.15
Jul 10	12.16		Railways	9.15
Jul 17		9.9	Pastimes	12.11
Jul 31	13.21		Railways	10.11
Aug 7	16.10		Pastimes	13.7
Semi - final				
Sept 4	16.14		Railways	8.14
Final				
Sept 11	14.12		Pastimes	12.12
Challenge Final				
Sept 18		9.3	Pastimes	14.10
RUNNERS - UP				
1939				
May 21		8.23	Pastimes	22.13
May 28		7.18	Harvey Brunswick	8.17
Jun 4	13.11		Railways	8.9
Jun 11		8.6	Harvey Brunswick	18.16
Jun 18	18.13		Railways	11.15
Jul 2	17.12		Pastimes	17.10
Jul 9		9.5	Harvey Brunswick	1820
Jul 16		14.11	Pastimes	25.13
Aug 6	18.10		Railways	14.7
Aug 20		9.11	Harvey Brunswick	16.16
Sept 3		9.12	Railways	12.11
Sept 10	15.15		Pastimes	15.12
First Semi - final				
Sept 24	13.16		Railways	11.20
Preliminary Final				
Oct 8	21.16		Pastimes	11.18
Grand Final				
Oct 15		5.16	Harvey Brunswick	18.14
RUNNERS - UP				
1940				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 12	15.13		Pastimes	6.8
May 19		6.5	Harvey Brunswick	16.20
May 26	13.14		Railways	11.23
Jun 2		13.13	Harvey Brunswick	15.12
Jun 9	10.12		Railways	8.21
At this stage, because of enlistments in the armed services, the "A" Grade competition was abandoned, and the competition continued as a "B" Grade one, without the presence of Harvey Brunswick, who could not arrange a "B" Grade team.				
Jun 23		6.13	Pastimes	8.12
Jun 30		7.11	Railways	11.13
Jul 28		10.12	Pastimes	17.12
Aug 4		4.9	Railways	7.11
Sept 1	17.20		Pastimes	10.9
Semi - final				
Sept 8	17.14		Pastimes	10.7
Final				

Sept 15	8.9		Railways	8.8
Challenge Final				
Sept 22		5.12	Railways	9.7
			RUNNERS - UP	
			1946	
May 26		3.6	Railways	7.10
Jun 2	10.10		Pastimes	6.10
Jun 16	8.17		Railways	8.8
Jun 23		9.9	Pastimes	15.15
Jul 7		7.4	Railways	10.15
Jul 14	7.14		Pastimes	4.12
Aug 4		9.12	Railways	10.12
Aug 11		11.9	Pastimes	13.10
Sept 1	13.15		Railways	9.8
Sept 22	13.14	drew	Pastimes	13.14
Semi - final				
Sept 29	15.16		Railways	10.10
Final				
Oct 6	20.10		Pastimes	7.13
Challenge Final				
Oct 13		10.7	Pastimes	13.16

RUNNERS - UP

1947

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 27		5.10	Railways	15.28	
May 4		7.4	Pastimes	8.10	
May 18		6.9	Railways	8.12	
May 25		9.16	Pastimes	14.20	
Jun 8	13.10		Railways	9.10	
Jun 15		8.9	Pastimes	10.7	
Jul 6	11.4		Railways	7.16	
Jul 13		4.13	Pastimes	7.12	
Aug 10	18.15		Railways	12.12	
Aug 17	12.13		Pastimes	10.6	
Semi - final					
Aug 24	13.17		Railways	10.12	
Final					
Aug 31		4.7	Pastimes	9.9	

RUNNERS - UP

1948

May 2	14.15		Pastimes	9.18
May 16	12.13		Railways	13.7 (draw)
May 23	4.3		Pastimes	0.0 (*)
Jun 6	1.2		Railways	0.0 (*)
Jun 13		14.14	Pastimes	19.22
Jul 11		9.13	Railways	14.11
Jul 25	20.21		Pastimes	10.14
Aug 22	14.25		Railways	7.8
Aug 29	13.19		Pastimes	14.11
Sept 19		5.20	Railways	9.10
Final				
Oct 3	17.13		Railways	7.13

PREMIERS

(*) Score unknown winning margin only shown

1949

May 8	18.21		Railways	15.13
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May 15	19.20		Pastimes	12.8
May 29	17.17		Railways	16.11
Jun 5	16.16		Pastimes	16.11
Jun 26	???		Railways	? (*)
Jul 10	15.18		Pastimes	15.8
Jul 24	13.7		Railways	9.5
Jul 31	22.12		Pastimes	4.16
Aug 21		6.8	Railways	9.6
Aug 28	10.19		Pastimes	10.11
Final				
Sept 4	17.6		Railways	8.13

PREMIERS

(*) Score or winning margin unknown

1950				
Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus	Venue
May 7		11.15	Railways	17.18
May 21	18.19		Pastimes	8.7
May 28		7.15	Railways	14.8
Jun 11		10.10	Pastimes	11.10
Jun 18	11.11		Railways	9.13
Jul 9		2.12	Pastimes	5.5
Jul 16		11.8	Railways	12.6
Aug 13	11.16		Pastimes	8.8
Aug 20		11.16	Railways	13.11
Sept 3	11.15		Pastimes	10.12
Final				
Sept 10		11.13	Railways	13.8

RUNNERS - UP

Railways premiers first time since 1930

1951				
May 13	16.13		Railways	9.15
May 20	11.14		Pastimes	5.11
Jun 3	16.16		Railways	14.4
Jun 10		9.20	Pastimes	11.11
Jul 1	12.28		Railways	2.14
Jul 8	20.21		Pastimes	10.9
Jul 29	15.33		Railways	10.14
Aug 12	14.11		Pastimes	9.9
Aug 26		8.21	Railways	10.10
Final				
Sept 2	10.18		Pastimes	7 11

PREMIERS

1952				
Apr 27	19.19		Pastimes	4.6
May 4	5.21		Railways	4.4
May 18	15.18		Pastimes	14.15
May 25		14.18	Railways	16.18
Jun 8		5.20	Pastimes	11.9
Jul 6	15.18		Railways	9.10
Jul 20	23.11		Railways	7.17
Aug 3	15.13		Pastimes	9.12
Aug 17	12.16		Railways	11.10
Aug 31	16.11		Pastimes	7.8
Final				
Sept 7	15.11		Railways	8.18

PREMIERS

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL:

South Bunbury	10.3	d	Waroona	3.3
South Bunbury	10.8	d	Jardee	2.2
FINAL:				
South Bunbury	9.7	d	Donnybrook	1.3

(Note: In the Lightning Carnival, South Bunbury scored 29.18 and only had 6.8 scored against them In the three games played a percentage factor of 436.36).

MATCH RESULTS (SWNFL)

1953

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 26	28.23		Collie Centrals	7.6	Hands
May 3	11.10		Collie Rails	6.10	Collie
May 10	17.18		Pastimes	8.6	Rec, Bunbury
May 17	19.16		Mines Rovers	10.13	Hands
Jun 7	8.18		Bunbury Rails	8.12	Hands
Jun 14	10.11		Donnybrook	6.8	Donnybrook
Jun 28		8.15	Collie Centrals	10.8	Collie
Jul 5	16.9		Collie Rails	13.12	Hands
Jul 19	17.12		Pastimes	9.7	Hands
Jul 26	13.15		Mines Rovers	11.15	Hands
Aug 16	9.13		Bunbury Rails	7.7	Hands
Aug 23	20.21		Donnybrook	4.5	Donnybrook
Second Semi - final					
Sept 6	7.10		Bunbury Rails	6.9	Hands
Grand Final					
Sept 20	14.10		Bunbury Rails	13.7	Hands

PREMIERS - INAUGURAL YEAR SWNFL

1954

May 2		13.7	Bunbury Rails	24.20	Bunbury
May 16	17.17		Donnybrook	10.12	Donnybrook
May 23	21.16		Centrals	9.7	Bunbury
May 30	13.8		East Busselton	7.12	Busselton
June 6	17.11		Pastimes	4.9	Bunbury
Jun 13	8.20		Mines Rovers	9.13	Bunbury
Jun 20	19.15		West Busselton	13.11	Busselton
Jun 27	9.10		Collie Rails	6.16	Bunbury
Jul 4	17.15		Bunbury Rails	12.11	Bunbury
Jul 18	13.22		Donnybrook	4.11	Donnybrook
Jul 25	29.21		Collie Centrals	3.4	Bunbury
Aug 1	12.16		East Busselton	10.14	Bunbury
Aug 8		7.12	Pastimes	11.2	Bunbury
Aug 15	11.14		Mines Rovers	2.10	Bunbury
Aug 22	23.17		West Busselton	7.7	Busselton
Aug 29	8.8	drew	Collie Rails	8.8	Bunbury
Second Semi - final					
Sept 5	13.15		Bunbury Rails	7.13	Bunbury
Grand Final					
Sept 26	15.13		Bunbury Rails	10.28	Bunbury

PREMIERS

1955

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 24		8.15	Collie Rails	8.16	Bunbury
May 1	10.13		Mines Rovers	5.9	Bunbury
May 8	18.18		Bunbury Rails	13.9	Bunbury
May 15	8.22		Donnybrook	7.10	Donnybrook
May 22		11.14	Busselton	17.18	Busselton
May 29	13.15		Pastimes	10.8	Bunbury
Jun 12	7.7		Centrals	7.5	Collie
Jun 19	11.17		Collie Rails	8.5	Collie
Jul 3	12.19		Mines Rovers	9.15	Collie
Jul 10	18.23		Bunbury Rails	15.6	Bunbury
Jul 24	7.16		Donnybrook	4.1	Bunbury
Jul 31	8.11		Busselton	7.8	Bunbury
Aug 14	11.9		Pastimes	7.12	Bunbury
Aug 21	13.17		Centrals	0.10	Bunbury
Second Semi - final					
Sep 4		10.11	Busselton	12.16	Bunbury
Preliminary Final					
Sep 11	11.8		Collie Rails	8.16	Bunbury
Grand Final					
Sep 18	14.16		Busselton	7.15	Bunbury

PREMIERS

1956

Apr 22	16.18		Busselton	14.20	Hands
Apr 29	19.21		Harvey Brunswick	6.9	Harvey
May 6	13.12		Centrals	9.12	Hands
May 13	10.24		Bunbury	10.8	Hands
May 20	75 pts		Collie Rails	32 pts	Hands
May 27	19.15		Donnybrook	10.10	Donnybrook
Jun 17	16.14		Mines Rovers	13.14	Hands
Jul 1	22.19		Carey Park	5.5	Hands
Jul 15		8.13	Busselton	11.12	Busselton
Jul 22	14.18		Harvey Brunswick	7.14	Hands
Jul 29	13.11		Centrals	6.7	Collie
Aug 5	10.13		Bunbury	9.7	Hands
Aug 12		5.5	Collie Rails	9.9	Collie
Aug 19	9.13		Donnybrook	9.10	Hands
Sep 2		5.3	Mines Rovers	13.10	Collie
Sep 9	15.15		Carey Park	7.9	Hands
Second Semi - final					
Sep 16		11.7	Donnybrook	11.14	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 23		7.5	Busselton	14.9	Hands

THIRD

1957

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 28	17.23		Mines Rovers	11.14	Hands
May 5	14.21		Donnybrook	8.8	Donnybrook
May 12	16.17		Bunbury	14.12	Hands
May 19	16.19		Harvey Brunswick	8.6	Harvey
May 26		13.11	Centrals	15.13	Collie
Jun 2		7.10	Carey Park	14.11	Hands
Jun 16	20.16		Collie Rails	8.15	Hands
Jun 23	13.16		Mines Rovers	9.22	Collie
Jun 30		7.12	Busselton	14.11	Busselton
July 7	17.18		Donnybrook	11.11	Hands
Jul 14	8.18		Bunbury	8.14	Hands
Jul 28	9.9		Harvey Brunswick	8.10	Brunswick
Aug 4	20.19		Centrals	4.14	Hands
Aug 11	26.13		Carey Park	12.10	Hands
Aug 18	7.15		Busselton	7.12	Hands
Sep 1	12.11		Collie Rails	3.10	Brunswick
Second Semi - final					
Sep 15		13.12	Mines Rovers	18.18	Collie
Preliminary Final					
Sep 22	12.13		Busselton	5.9	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 29	12.13		Mines Rovers	11.5	Hands

PREMIERS

1958

Apr 20	18.18		Collie Rails	11.16	Hands
Apr 27	13.14		Donnybrook	10.5	Donnybrook
May 4		15.14	Mines Rovers	15.18	Donnybrook
May 11	16.17		Bunbury	3.9	Hands
May 18	23.15		Harvey Brunswick	12.7	Harvey
May 25	11.7		Carey Park	8.11	Hands
Jun 8	20.15		Centrals	7.11	Collie
Jun 22	8.12		Busselton	8.10	Hands
Jul 6		10.10	Collie Rails	12.14	Donnybrook
Jul 13	12.13		Donnybrook	10.20	Hands
Jul 20		6.11	Mines Rovers	10.10	Collie
Jul 27		8.0	Bunbury	7.8	Hands
Aug 3	11.21		Harvey Brunswick	7.9	Harvey
Aug 10	14.19		Carey Park	9.11	Hands
Aug 17	14.18		Centrals	9.19	Hands
Aug 24		12.21	Busselton	16.5	Busselton
First Semi - final					
Sep 7	14.16		Mines Rovers	12.15	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 21	11.15		Busselton	4.10	Collie
Grand Final					
Sep 28		10.17	Bunbury	17.19	Hands

RUNNERS - UP

1959

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 12	16.11		Mines Rovers	8.14	Collie
Apr 19	8.12	(draw)	Harvey Brunswick	9.6	Harvey
Apr 26	15.17		Carey Park	11.17	Hands
May 3	15.11		Bunbury	12.13	Hands
May 10	12.8		Donnybrook	9.12	Donnybrook
May 17	17.21		Boyanup Capel	2.3	Capel
May 24	25.30		Collie Rails	12.10	Hands
Jun 7	19.18		Busselton	11.11	Hands
Jun 14	15.15		Centrals	8.18	Rec, Bunbury
Jun 21	12.17		Mines Rovers	11.14	Hands
Jun 28	15.17		Harvey Brunswick	15.11	Rec, Bunbury
Jul 12	31.25		Carey Park	2.4	Hands
Jul 19		12.16	Bunbury	15.9	Hands
Aug 2	10.11		Donnybrook	10.8	Hands
Aug 9	22.33		Boyanup Capel	2.8	Rec. Bunbury
Aug 16	23.17		Collie Rails	4.9	Wallsend
Aug 23	16.9		Busselton	13.8	Busselton
Aug 30		10.14	Collie Centrals	12.9	Collie
Second Semi - final					
Sep 13	13.17		Bunbury	12.11	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 27	13.14		Bunbury	12.4	Hands

PREMIERS

May 31	15.12		Goldfields N.F.L. 2nd 18	8.7	Kalgoorlie
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1960

Apr 24	7.14		Collie Rails	4.5	Boyanup
May 1		8.5	Donnybrook	11.13	Boyanup
May 8		15.8	Collie Centrals	13.21	Wallsend
May 15		9.10	Harvey Brunswick	8.17	Harvey
May 22		8.10	Bunbury	10.19	Brunswick
May 29		9.16	Carey Park	13.10	Capel
Jun 12		8.13	Mines Rovers	16.10	Brunswick
Jun 19	10.10		Boyanup Capel	7.11	Capel
Jul 3		9.7	Busselton	19.15	Busselton
Jul 10	15.20		Collie Rails	9.13	Wallsend
Jul 17		9.9	Donnybrook	16.17	Donnybrook
Jul 24	16.8		Centrals	7.14	Brunswick
Jul 31	6.17		Harvey Brunswick	8.4	Brunswick
Aug 7	14.8		Bunbury	10.14	Boyanup
Aug 14		9.8	Carey Park	12.8	Brunswick
Aug 21		5.7	Mines Rovers	24.19	Collie
Aug 28		7.9	Boyanup Capel	14.16	Capel
Sep 4		9.11	Busselton	20.14	Boyanup

EIGHTH

(NOTE No football played in Bunbury due to ground dispute with Bunbury Town Council)

1961

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 21	13.18		Harvey Brunswick	8.12	Hands
Apr 28	10.8		Mines Rovers	5.1	Collie
May 5	13.19		Carey Park	7.14	Hands
May 19	17.16		Donnybrook	8.6	Hands
May 26	7.11		Collie	4.9	Collie
Jun 9	10.9		Boyanup Capel	4.13	Capel
Jun 16		6.11	Bunbury	14.25	Hands
Jun 23	12.7		Busselton	10.16	Busselton
Jun 30		10.13	Harvey Brunswick	16.12	Brunswick
Jul 7	15.10		Mines Rovers	9.17	Hands
Jul 21	14.16		Carey Park	5.6	Hands
Aug 4		9.6	Donnybrook	10.8	Donnybrook
Aug 11	12.11		Collie	4.10	Hands
Aug 18	12.18		Boyanup Capel	8.14	Hands
Aug 25		15.6	Bunbury	14.13	Rec, Bunbury
Sep 1	7.13		Busselton	6.8	Hands
Second Semi - final					
Sep 15		12.8	Bunbury	15.12	Boyanup
Preliminary Final					
Sep 22		9.17	Harvey Brunswick	13.8	Brunswick

THIRD

1962

Apr 29	16.14		Harvey Brunswick	11.6	Brunswick
May 6	13.12		Busselton	8.13	Hands
May 13		9.15	Donnybrook	11.16	Donnybrook
May 20	13.14		Carey Park	4.18	Hands
May 27	13.15		Mines Rovers	8.20	Hands
Jun 10	13.14		Boyanup Capel	9.8	Boyanup
Jun 24		11.8	Bunbury	11.10	Hands
Jul 1	10.	~	Collie	8.16	Collie
Jul 8	12.20		Harvey Brunswick	13.11	Hands
Jul 15	11.16		Busselton	7.9	Busselton
Jul 22	14.19		Donnybrook	3.7	Hands
Jul 29		4.11	Carey Park	5.7	Hands
Aug 5	14.21		Mines Rovers	5.9	Collie
Aug 19	15.20		Boyanup Capel	7.3	Hands
Sep 2		9.12	Bunbury	10.8	Hands
Sep 9	19.26		Collie	2.17	Hands
Second Semi - final					
Sep 23		13.13	Bunbury	15.11	Collie
Preliminary Final					
Sep 30	12.14		Harvey Brunswick	11.7	Hands
Grand Final					
Oct 7		8.8	Bunbury	11.9	Hands

RUNNERS - UP

1963

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 21		8.13	Busselton	10.7	Busselton
Apr 28	17.13		Harvey Brunswick	9.14	Hands
May 5	19.23		Donnybrook	6.9	Hands
May 12	13.19		Boyanup Capel	1.0	Capel
May 19		7.17	Bunbury	10.16	Hands
May 26		8.10	Carey Park	9.16	Hands
Jun 16		7.12	Mines Rovers	8.14	Hands
Jun 23	10.25		Collie	11.10	Collie
Jun 30		9.9	Busselton	16.19	Hands
Ju1 7		2.5	Harvey Brunswick	12.9	Brunswick
Jul 14	18.18		Donnybrook	7.11	Donnybrook
Jul 28	7.13		Boyanup Capel	6.7	Hands
Aug 4		12.17	Bunbury	13.13	Hands
Aug 11	11.9		Carey Park	5.10	Hands
Aug 25		5.10	Mines Rovers	10.16	Collie
Sep 1		15.12	Collie	16.10	Hands

SIXTH

1964

Apr 19	23.14		Carey Park	10.5	Hands
May 3		5.10	Busselton	15.17	Busselton
May 10		6.11	Harvey Brunswick	9.2	Harvey
May 17	824		Bunbury	9.5	Hands
May 24	15.14		Donnybrook	8.5	Donnybrook
Jun 7	19.26		Collie	2.9	Hands
Jun 14	13.23		Boyanup Capel	7.15	Boyanup
Jun 21		6.9	Mines Rovers	9.13	Hands
Jun 28	13.13		Carey Park	7.12	Hands
Jul 12		10.7	Busselton	14.10	Hands
Jul 19		9.15	Harvey Brunswick	13.11	Hands
Aug 2		5.3	Bunbury	7.3	Hands
Aug 16	8.18		Donnybrook	4.13	Hands
Aug 23	11.16		Collie	9.5	Collie
Aug 30	19.27		Boyanup Capel	4.4	Rec, Bunbury
Sep 6	12.8		Mines Rovers	9.8	Collie
First Semi - final					
Sep 13	14.9		Mines Rovers	11.11	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 27		6.7	Harvey Brunswick	12.16	Hands

THIRD

1965

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
May 9		11.14	Busselton	16.13	Hands
May 16	9.11		Collie	6.8	Collie
May 23		9.17	Harvey Brunswick	12.7	Hands
May 30	12.11		Carey Park	11.10	Hands
Jun 6	13.10		Bunbury	10.10	Hands
Jun 13		8.9	Mines Rovers	9.13	Collie
Jun 20		5.17	Boyanup Capel	10.4	Hands
Jun 27	10.11		Donnybrook	4.8	Donnybrook
Jul 11		7.7	Busselton	7.13	Busselton
Jul 18	14.13		Collie	2.5	Hands
Jul 25	9.8		Harvey Brunswick	7.8	Harvey
Aug 1	11.8		Carey Park	3.11	Hands
Aug 15	22.21		Bunbury	11.7	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 22		6.11	Mines Rovers	10.19	Hands
Aug 29		5.6	Boyanup Capel	7.6	Boyanup
Sep 5	16.14		Donnybrook	6.11	Hands

FIFTH

1966

Apr 23	8.14		Boyanup Capel	6.8	Boyanup
Apr 30	20.11		Donnybrook	6.7	Donnybrook
May 7	25.15		Aug Marg River	7.6	Rec, Bunbury
May 14		10.15	Busselton	15.7	Hands
May 21	22.13		Collie	5.3	Collie
May 28	10.21		Harvey Brunswick	5.9	Hands
Jun 5	9.7		Carey Park	3.5	Hands
Jun 12	16.17		Bunbury	2.3	Hands
Jun 19	4.12		Mines Rovers	4.8	Collie
Jun 26	12.14		Boyanup Capel	6.7	Hands
Jul 3	8.3		Donnybrook	8.2	Rec, Bunbury
Jul 10	13.18		Aug Marg River	5.5	Marg River
Jul 17		7.6	Busselton	8.5	Busselton
Jul 24	22.14		Collie	6.9	Hands
Jul 31		11.3	Harvey Brunswick	13.8	Brunswick
Aug 14	19.20		Carey Park	9.12	Hands
Aug 21	17.12		Bunbury	3.10	Hands
Aug 28	11.15		Mines Rovers	9.3	Hands
Second Semi - final					
Sep 11	16.21		Busselton	12.8	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 25	14.10		Busselton	12.10	Hands

PREMIERS

1967

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 23	27.26		Aug Marg River	3.6	Hands
Apr 30		12.10	Harvey Brunswick	16.14	Harvey
May 7	25.20		Carey Park	9.11	Rec, Bunbury
May 14		11.7	Busselton	14.15	Busselton
May 21	18.22		Collie	8.9	Hands
May 28	12.13		Donnybrook	11.9	Donnybrook
Jun 4	14.13		Boyanup Capel	7.5	Boyanup
Jun 11	8.4		Bunbury	6.6	Hands
Jun 18		12.17	Mines Rovers	16.10	Collie
Jun 25	8.7		Aug Marg River	2.7	Marg River
Jul 2		6.8	Harvey Brunswick	8.14	Rec, Bunbury
Jul 9	15.27		Carey Park	5.7	Hands
Jul 16	19.12		Busselton	12.10	Hands
Jul 23	15.23		Collie	10.9	Collie
Jul 30	13.10		Donnybrook	10.18	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 13	15.16		Boyanup Capel	5.7	Hands
Aug 20	13.9		Bunbury	9.6	Hands
Aug 27	12.13		Mines Rovers	9.11	Hands
First Semi - final					
Sep 3		8.11	Busselton	13.15	Hands

FOURTH

1968

Apr 21		12.9	Boyanup Capel	12.11	Bunbury
Apr 28	15.16		Bunbury	12.9	Bunbury
May 5	20.11		Mines Rovers	12.18	Collie
May 12	11.21		Aug Marg River	11.7	Marg River
May 19		8.15	Harvey Brunswick	11.7	Bunbury
May 26	19.23		Carey Park	6.12	Bunbury
Jun 9	11.12		Busselton	5.11	Hands
Jun 16	11.15		Collie	7.8	Collie
Jun 23	15.14		Donnybrook	5.7	Hands
Jun 30		8.22	Boyanup Capel	14.10	Capel
Jul 7	7.11		Bunbury	6.11	Hands
Jul 21	14.18		Mines Rovers	10.9	Hands
Jul 28	12.11		Aug Marg River	4.15	Hands
Aug 11		7.7	Harvey Brunswick	8.5	Harvey
Aug 18	14.26		Carey Park	4.4	Rec Ground
Aug 25		5.11	Busselton	15.7	Busselton
Sep 1	25.21		Collie	8.5	Hands
Sep 8	11.12		Donnybrook	7.6	Donnybrook
Semi - final					
Sep 22		6.8	Donnybrook	7.9	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 29	7.16		Harvey Brunswick	6.12	Hands
Grand Final					
Oct 6	11.17		Donnybrook	6.7	Hands

PREMIERS

1969

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 13	15.16		Boyanup Capel	12.6	Boyanup
Apr 20	20.10		Bunbury	10.16	Hands
Apr 27		12.19	Mines Rovers	16.10	Hands
May 4	21.17		Aug Marg River	11.15	Rec, Bunbury
May 18	17.19		Harvey Brunswick	5.10	Harvey
May 25	21.15		Carey Park	5.14	Rec, Bunbury
Jun 8		7.22	Busselton	13.7	Busselton
Jun 15	17.18		Collie	5.7	Hands
Jun 22	18.9		Donnybrook	5.9	Hands
Jun 29	16.13		Boyanup Capel	4.9	Hands
Jul 6	9.12		Bunbury	4.5	Hands
Jul 13	9.8		Mines Rovers	5.11	Collie
Jul 20		8.7	Aug Marg River	7.14	Marg River
Jul 27	12.8		Harvey Brunswick	10.14	Hands
Aug 10	22.19		Carey Park	6.12	Hands
Aug 17	23.14		Busselton	11.15	Hands
Aug 24	12.13		Collie	9.14	Collie
Aug 31		10.11	Donnybrook	12.11	Donnybrook
Second Semi - final					
Sep 14		11.14	Mines Rovers	12.10	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 21		12.10	Harvey Brunswick	16.12	Hands

THIRD

1970

Apr 19		9.3	Busselton	11.16	Busselton
Apr 26	14.21		Collie	10.12	Hands
May 3	22.8		Donnybrook	15.16	Hands
May 10		9.15	Boyanup Capel	19.10	Capel
May 17	14.9		Bunbury	13.9	Hands
May 31		4.12	Mines Rovers	11.14	Collie
Jun 7		5.16	Aug Marg River	10.12	Marg River
Jun 14	16.7		Harvey Brunswick	3.10	Rec, Bunbury
Jun 21	15.16		Carey Park	11.5	Hands
Jun 28	15.19		Busselton	4.5	Hands
Jul 5		6.9	Collie	6.10	Collie
Jul 12	11.8		Donnybrook	5.5	Donnybrook
Jul 19	15.17		Boyanup Capel	12.9	Hands
Jul 26		6.5	Bunbury	20.12	Hands
Aug 9	18.18		Mines Rovers	15.11	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 16	18.24		Aug Marg River	3.6	Hands
Aug 23	7.13		Harvey Brunswick	7.9	Brunswick
Aug 30	21.9		Carey Park	20.10	Rec, Bunbury
First Semi - final					
Sep 6	10.11		Mines Rovers	6.9	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 20		14.14	Bunbury	16.11	Hands

THIRD

1971

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 18	20.14		Busselton	10.16	Hands
Apr 25	10.18		Collie	5.10	Collie
May 2		11.15	Donnybrook	13.12	Donnybrook
May 9	12.16		Boyanup Capel	9.7	Hands
May 16	15.15		Bunbury	11.9	Hands
May 23		12.14	Mines Rovers	12.16	Rec, Bunbury
May 30'	25.19		Aug Marg River	1.4	Hands
Jun 6	24.28		Harvey Brunswick	5.7	Brunswick
Jun 20	11.15		Carey Park	11.10	Rec, Bunbury
Jun 27	21.11		Busselton	10.8	Busselton
Jul 4	20.22		Collie	10.9	Hands
Jul 11	18.9		Donnybrook	9.9	Hands
Jul 18		6.10	Boyanup Capel	11.10	Capel
Jul 25	18.23		Bunbury	14.7	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 8	15.7		Mines Rovers	9.14	Collie
Aug 15	12.16		Aug Marg River	5.2	Marg River
Aug 22	27.14		Harvey Brunswick	6.11	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 29	6.18		Carey Park	7.4	Hands
Second Semi - final					
Sep 12		7.7	Mines Rovers	9.14	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 19	13.11		Donnybrook	11.20	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 26	8.9		Mines Rovers	7.10	Hands

PREMIERS

1972

Apr 16		11.7	Busselton	17.7	Busselton
Apr 23		9.11	Collie	12.12	Hands
Apr 30	20.14		Donnybrook	17.12	Hands
May 7	20.10		Boyanup Capel	13.12	Capel
May 14	16.8		Bunbury	7.13	Rec, Bunbury
May 21	11.13		Mines Rovers	9.15	Collie
May 28	13.14		Aug Marg River	6.13	Marg River
Jun 11	17.17		Harvey Brunswick	9.11	Rec, Bunbury
Jun 18	17.8		Carey Park	17.5	Hands
Jun 25	7.13		Busselton	3.2	Hands
Jul 2		5.4	Collie	11.7	Collie
Jul 9	10.11		Donnybrook	8.10	Donnybrook
Jul 16	22.21		Boyanup Capel	8.5	Hands
Jul 23	14.15		Bunbury	4.4	Hands
Jul 30		9.14	Mines Rovers	11.10	Rec, Bunbury
Aug 13	22.19		Aug Marg River	8.4	Hands
Aug 20	10.9		Harvey Brunswick	5.13	Brunswick
Aug 27		4.13	Carey Park	7.11	Rec, Bunbury
Second Semifinal					
Sep 10		12.7	Collie	14.10	Collie
Preliminary Final					
Sep 17	12.9		Carey Park	11.13	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 24		13.11	Collie	14.12	Hands

RUNNERS - UP

1973

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 15	19.16		Bunbury	12.7	Hands
Apr 22	14.14		Boyanup Capel	13.10	Hands
Apr 29		11.8	Carey Park	21.8	Hands
May 6	14.15		Aug Marg River	11.8	Marg River
May 13	14.9		Donnybrook	8.10	Hands
May 20	21.19		Busselton	3.2	Busselton
May 27		11.14	Collie	12.20	Collie
Jun 10	12.6		Mines Rovers	9.16	Collie
Jun 17		6.10	Harvey Brunswick	11.9	Harvey
Jun 24	11.19		Bunbury	11.4	Payne Park
Jul 1	17.23		Boyanup Capel	7.2	Boyanup
July 8		6.8	Carey Park	15.4	Hands
July 15	18.13		Aug Marg River	8.11	Hands
July 22	5.14		Donnybrook	4.12	Donnybrook
July 29	14.21		Busselton	2.10	Hands
Aug 22	16.13		Collie	13.9	Hands
Aug 19		9.8	Mines Rovers	10.7	Hands
Aug 26		8.11	Harvey Brunswick	17.21	Hands
Elimination Final					
Sep 2	13.9		Boyanup Capel	9.11	Brunswick
First Semi - final					
Sep 9		9.5	Mines Rovers	13.16	Hands

FOURTH

1974

Apr 7		9.11	Carey Park	20.15	Hands
Apr 14	19.16		Busselton	5.9	Busselton
Apr 21	21.8		Collie	11.8	Collie
Apr 28	18.10		Boyanup Capel	12.21	Capel
May 5	18.9		Donnybrook	10.9	Hands
May 12	15.12		Bunbury	11.13	Hands
May 19	20.13		Mines Rovers	12.22	Hands
May 26	16.12		Aug Marg River	1.5	Hands
Jun 2		8.8	Donnybrook	12.16	Donnybrook
Jun 9	13.13		Harvey Brunswick	10.11	Brunswick
Jun 16		8.9	Carey Park	9.12	Hands
Jun 23	30.18		Busselton	7.8	Hands
Jun 30	13.13		Collie	9.13	Hands
Jul 7		16.6	Boyanup Capel	17.7	Hands
Jul 21	11.23		Bunbury	6.9	Payne Park
Jul 28	11.21		Mines Rovers	7.11	Collie
Aug 11	17.20		Aug Marg River	8.10	Marg River
Aug 18	20.11		Harvey Brunswick	12.14	Hands
Qualifying Final					
Aug 25	19.18		Harvey Brunswick	13.13	Boyanup
Second Semi - final					
Sep 8	18.16		Carey Park	18.10	Collie
Grand Final					
Sep 22		13.7	Harvey Brunswick	15.16	Hands

RUNNERS - UP

1975

Date	Winning Score	Losing Score	Versus		Venue
Apr 6		9.14	Harvey Brunswick	14.15	Hands
Apr 13	15.12		Carey Park	11.7	Hands
Apr 20		17.17	Busselton	20.8	Busselton
Apr 27		15.12	Collie	23.14	Collie
May 4	18.19		Boyanup Capel	12.11	Hands
May 11	25.16		Donnybrook	12.16	Hands
May 18	16.21		Bunbury	15.6	Payne Park
May 25	26.18		Mines Rovers	15.9	Hands
Jun 8	21.22		Aug Marg River	10.5	Marg River
Jun 15	11.29		Harvey Brunswick	12.9	Brunswick
Jun 22	23.12		Carey Park	10.10	Hands
Jun 29	23.19		Busselton	6.5	Hands
Jul 6	19.12		Collie	10.17	Hands
Jul 20	10.7		Boyanup Capel	7.11	Capel
Jul 27		4.7	Donnybrook	11.13	Donnybrook
Aug 10	18.26		Bunbury	10.8	Hands
Aug 17		9.10	Mines Rovers	8.17	Collie
Aug 24	21.23		Aug Marg River	5.8	Hands
Qualifying Final					
Aug 31	19.11		Collie	14.10	Collie
Second Semi - final					
Sep 14		10.4	Harvey Brunswick	15.12	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 21		13.13	Donnybrook	25.15	Hands

THIRD

1976

Apr 11	15.12		Aug Marg River	10.16	Hands
Apr 18		15.11	Harvey Brunswick	20.19	Harvey
Apr 25	13.14		Carey Park	8.12	Hands
May 2	18.29		Collie	7.3	Hands
May 9	22.13		Boyanup Capel	14.24	Boyanup
May 16	16.14		Donnybrook	10.13	Donnybrook
May 23	23.20		Bunbury	13.12	Hands
May 30	26.19		Mines Rovers	8.7	Collie
Jun 6	30.16		Busselton	8.8	Hands
Jun 20	13.13		Aug Marg River	9.12	Marg River
Jun 27		12.20	Harvey Brunswick	17.8	Hands
Jul 4	14.17		Carey Park	14.9	Hands
Jul 11	24.19		Collie	8.12	Collie
Jul 18	15.11		Boyanup Capel	14.10	Hands
Jul 25		10.13	Donnybrook	16.9	Hands
Aug 8	23.11		Bunbury	8.11	Payne Park
Aug 15	29.10		Mines Rovers	9.5	Hands
Aug 22	24.14		Busselton	13.12	Busselton
Second Semifinal					
Sep 5		15.17	Harvey Brunswick	22.11	Hands
Preliminary Final					
Sep 12	18.11		Carey Park	16.6	Hands
Grand Final					
Sep 19	22.18		Harvey Brunswick	14.11	Hands

PREMIERS

HOW THEY FINISHED

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
1953								
South Bunbury	12	11	1	0	1241	692	180	44
Bunbury Railways	12	8	4	0	1197	845	141	32
Mines Rovers	12	8	4	0	880	777	113	32
Collie Railways	12	6	6	0	835	632	122	24
Pastimes	12	5	7	0	657	882	74	20
Collie Centrals	12	3	9	0	570	1048	54	12
Donnybrook	12	1	11	0	560	1134	49	4
1954								
South Bunbury	16	13	2	1	1691	999	169	54
Bunbury Railways	16	13	3	0	1694	1007	168	52
Mines Rovers	16	12	4	0	1106	841	132	48
Collie Railways	16	9	6	1	1154	909	127	38
Pastimes	16	9	7	0	1042	1046	100	36
East Dist. Busselton	16	7	9	0	969	1133	86	28
Donnybrook	16	3	12	1	1055	1439	73	14
West Dist. Busselton	16	3	13	0	1070	1598	67	12
Collie Centrals	16	1	14	1	790	1599	49	6
1955								
South Bunbury	14	12	2	0	1146	834	137	48
Busselton	14	11	3	0	1233	702	176	44
Collie Railways	14	9	5	0	937	852	110	36
Mines Rovers	14	8	6	0	1243	805	154	32
Bunbury Railways	14	6	8	0	969	1175	82	24
Pastimes	14	5	9	0	772	1061	73	20
Collie Centrals	14	3	11	0	691	1112	62	12
Donnybrook	14	2	12	0	716	1105	65	8
1956								
South Bunbury	16	13	3	0	1456	1016	143	52
Donnybrook	16	12	4	0	1285	923	139	48
Busselton	16	11	4	1	1297	951	136	46
Mines Rovers	16	9	6	1	1116	975	114	38
Bunbury	16	9	7	0	1181	1067	110	36
Collie Railways	16	6	9	1	956	1076	88	26
Collie Centrals	16	4	12	0	992	1240	80	16
Carey Park	16	3	12	1	869	1198	72	14
Harvey Brunswick	16	3	13	0	904	1610	56	12
1957								
South Bunbury	16	13	3	0	1580	1117	141	52
Mines Rovers	16	12	4	0	1300	1088	119	48
Busselton	16	10	5	1	1177	850	138	42
Collie Railways	16	9	5	2	1101	1126	98	40
Donnybrook	16	8	8	0	1103	1267	87	32
Bunbury	16	7	8	1	1365	1249	109	30
Collie Centrals	16	5	11	0	919	1275	72	20
Harvey Brunswick	16	4	12	0	958	1209	79	16
Carey Park	16	2	14	0	932	1260	74	8

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
1958								
Busselton	16	13	3	0	1458	1027	141	52
Bunbury	16	12	4	0	1406	969	145	48
Mines Rovers	16	12	4	0	1342	1057	126	48
South Bunbury	16	11	5	0	1485	1107	134	44
Donnybrook	16	9	7	0	1280	1160	110	36
Carey Park	16	8	8	0	1225	1387	88	32
Collie Railways	16	3	13	0	1078	1581	68	12
Harvey Brunswick	16	2	14	0	1059	1525	69	8
Collie Centrals	16	2	14	0	1037	1538	67	8
1959								
South Bunbury	18	15	2	1	2060	1185	174	62
Bunbury	18	14	3	1	1960	1308	150	58
Donnybrook	18	13	4	1	1621	1035	156	54
Mines Rovers	18	12	6	0	1667	1194	139	48
Harvey Brunswick	18	11	6	1	1739	1268	137	46
Busselton	18	9	9	0	1603	1470	109	36
Collie Centrals	18	7	11	0	1314	1356	97	28
Carey Park	18	4	14	0	1150	1806	63	16
Collie Railways	18	2	16	0	979	2030	48	8
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	1	17	0	743	2212	34	4
1960								
Busselton	18	14	4	0	1670	1214	137	56
Carey Park	18	14	4	0	1531	1157	132	56
Mines Rovers	18	13	4	1	1811	1085	167	54
Harvey Brunswick	18	13	5	0	1547	1171	132	52
Donnybrook	18	10	8	0	1514	1238	122	40
Collie Centrals	18	6	11	1	1160	1369	85	24
Bunbury	18	6	12	0	1393	1550	90	24
South Bunbury	18	6	12	0	1226	1566	78	24
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	5	13	0	1135	1553	73	20
Collie Railways	18	2	16	0	868	1956	44	8
1961								
Bunbury	16	15	1	0	1690	996	170	60
South Bunbury	16	12	4	0	1353	1046	129	48
Carey Park	16	10	6	0	1029	1163	88	10
Harvey Brunswick	16	9	7	0	1329	1046	127	36
Busselton	16	8	8	0	1281	1151	111	32
Mines Rovers	16	8	8	0	1316	1232	107	32
Collie	16	6	10	0	959	1242	77	24
Boyanup Capel Dard.	16	2	14	0	939	1309	72	8
Donnybrook	16	2	14	0	841	1536	55	8
1962								
Bunbury	16	13	3	0	1425	975	146	52
South Bunbury	16	12	4	0	1425	910	156	48
Harvey Brunswick	16	12	4	0	1382	921	150	48
Boyanup Capel Dard.	16	10	6	0	1210	1140	106	40
Carey Park	16	9	7	0	1200	1139	105	36
Busselton	16	7	9	0	1086	1098	99	2S
Collie	16	6	10	0	943	1483	64	24
Mines Rovers	16	2	14	0	1096	1305	84	12
Donnybrook	16	1	15	0	771	1567	43	4

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
1963								
Busselton	16	13	3	0	1758	827	213	52
Harvey Brunswick	16	13	3	0	1375	823	167	52
Mines Rovers	16	12	4	0	1238	1073	115	48
Carey Park	16	10	6	0	1118	1151	97	40
Bunbury	16	9	7	0	1455	1139	128	36
South Bunbury	16	7	9	0	1241	1135	109	28
Collie	16	4	12	0	1056	1639	64	16
Boyanup Capel Dard.	16	3	13	0	937	1500	62	12
Donnybrook	16	1	15	0	755	1605	47	4
1964								
Busselton	16	15	1	0	1901	798	238	60
Harvey Brunswick	16	13	3	0	1331	788	169	52
Mines Rovers	16	12	4	0	1414	877	161	48
South Bunbury	16	10	6	0	1326	845	140	40
Bunbury	16	8	8	0	1155	1141	101	32
Donnybrook	16	7	9	0	1095	1389	79	28
Carey Park	16	4	11	1	858	1391	62	18
Boyanup Capel Dard.	16	2	14	0	886	1477	59	8
Collie	16	0	15	1	787	1868	42	2
1965								
Mines Rovers	16	15	1	0	1469	757	194	60
Busselton	16	14	2	0	1512	691	219	56
Boyanup Capel Dard.	16	11	5	0	1042	867	120	44
Harvey Brunswick	16	10	6	0	1146	940	120	4Q
South Bunbury	16	9	7	0	1204	937	128	36
Carey Park	16	4	12	0	1045	1141	92	16
Donnybrook	16	4	12	0	877	1355	65	16
Bunbury	16	3	13	0	994	1432	69	12
Collie	16	2	14	0	625	1794	35	8
1966								
South Bunbury	18	15	3	0	1695	838	202	60
Busselton	18	15	3	0	1759	1032	170	60
Harvey Brunswick	18	15	3	0	1428	968	148	60
Mines Rovers	18	13	5	0	1837	995	185	52
Bunbury	18	8	10	0	1150	1693	68	32
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	6	11	1	1086	1259	86	26
Carey Park	18	5	12	1	1216	1556	78	20
Donnybrook	18	5	13	0	1049	1514	69	20
Collie	18	4	14	0	1090	1688	65	16
Augusta Marg. River	18	3	15	0	1152	1919	60	12
1967								
Harvey Brunswick	18	17	1	0	1940	1032	188	68
Mines Rovers	18	14	3	1	1919	1116	172	58
South Bunbury	18	14	4	0	1787	1134	158	56
Busselton	18	12	6	0	1918	1314	146	48
Donnybrook	18	11	7	0	1616	1211	133	44
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	7	11	0	1142	1368	83	28
Bunbury	18	6	11	1	1077	1360	79	26
Collie	18	4	14	0	1108	1779	62	16
Augusta Marg. River	18	2	16	0	991	1927	51	8
Carey Park	18	2	16	0	937	2194	43	8

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
1968								
Donnybrook	18	13	4	1	1588	1193	133	54
South Bunbury	18	13	5	0	1625	1104	147	52
Harvey Brunswick	18	13	5	0	1386	1158	120	52
Mines Rovers	18	12	6	0	1695	1384	122	48
Busselton	18	9	7	2	1640	1233	133	40
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	10	8	0	1492	1339	111	40
Bunbury	18	7	11	0	1353	1422	95	28
Augusta Marg. River	18	6	11	1	1247	1632	76	24
Collie	18	4	14	0	1223	1577	78	16
Carey Park	18	1	17	0	987	1994	45	4
1969								
Mines Rovers	18	15	3	0	1564	1164	134	60
South Bunbury	18	14	4	0	1872	1099	170	56
Harvey Brunswick	18	13	5	0	1469	1066	138	52
Donnybrook	18	10	8	0	1427	1387	103	40
Augusta Marg. River	18	8	10	0	1406	1471	96	32
Busselton	18	8	10	0	1401	1500	93	32
Bunbury	18	7	11	0	1184	1318	90	28
Collie	18	6	12	0	1255	1585	79	24
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	5	12	1	1295	1659	78	22
Carey Park	18	3	14	1	1203	1827	66	14
1970								
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	13	5	0	1521	1130	135	52
Bunbury	18	13	5	0	1552	1201	129	52
Mines Rovers	18	12	6	0	1613	1178	137	48
South Bunbury	18	12	6	0	1579	1309	121	48
Busselton	18	10	8	0	1522	1427	107	40
Carey Park	18	7	10	1	1234	1377	90	30
Harvey Brunswick	18	7	11	0	1042	1255	83	28
Collie	18	6	11	1	1125	1416	79	26
Donnybrook	18	5	13	0	1142	1500	76	20
Augusta Marg. River	18	4	14	0	958	1495	64	16
1971								
South Bunbury	18	15	3	0	1972	1113	177	60
Mines Rovers	18	15	3	0	1714	1207	142	60
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	14	3	1	1796	1233	146	58
Donnybrook	18	11	7	0	1641	1421	115	44
Collie	18	11	7	0	1498	1432	105	44
Carey Park	18	8	9	1	1556	1450	107	34
Bunbury	18	5	13	0	1432	1813	79	20
Busselton	18	5	13	0	1459	1890	77	20
Harvey Brunswick	18	3	15	0	999	1816	55	12
Augusta Marg. River	18	2	16	0	1110	1802	62	8
1972								
Collie	18	15	3	0	1631	1223	133	60
South Bunbury	18	13	5	0	1647	1208	136	52
Harvey Brunswick	18	13	5	0	1537	1222	126	52
Carey Park	18	11	7	0	1732	1333	130	44
Donnybrook	18	10	8	0	1524	1432	106	10
Mines Rovers	18	9	9	0	1380	1252	110	36
Augusta Marg. River	18	7	11	0	1224	1537	80	28
Busselton	18	6	12	0	1209	1580	77	24
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	3	15	0	1302	1653	79	12
Bunbury	18	3	15	0	1129	1875	60	12

	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
1973								
Harvey Brunswick	18	16	2	0	1995	1074	186	64
Carey Park	18	16	2	0	2001	1141	175	64
Mines Rovers	18	12	6	0	1610	1225	132	48
South Bunbury	18	12	6	0	1564	1308	120	48
Boyanup Capel Dard	18	8	10	0	1690	1459	116	32
Donnybrook	18	8	10	0	1411	1319	107	32
Collie	18	8	10	0	1634	1570	104	32
Augusta Marg River	18	7	11	0	1054	1480	71	28
Busselton	18	2	16	0	874	2140	41	8
Bunbury	18	1	17	0	910	2036	45	4
1974								
Carey Park	18	17	1	0	1828	1201	152	68
Harvey Brunswick	18	15	3	0	1829	1242	147	60
South Bunbury	18	14	4	0	1931	1287	150	56
Bunbury	18	9	8	1	1422	1312	108	38
Donnybrook	18	9	9	0	1491	1521	98	36
Busselton	18	8	10	0	1286	1695	76	32
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	6	11	1	1459	1572	93	26
Mines Rovers	18	5	12	1	1310	1542	85	22
Collie	18	3	14	1	1369	2033	67	14
Augusta Marg River	18	3	15	0	1103	1623	68	12
1975								
Harvey Brunswick	18	16	2	0	2204	1199	184	64
South Bunbury	18	13	5	0	2096	1455	144	52
Collie	18	13	5	0	2106	1478	142	52
Donnybrook	18	10	8	0	1629	1605	102	40
Carey Park	18	10	8	0	1470	1548	95	40
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	9	9	0	1591	1479	108	36
Mines Rovers	18	8	10	0	1497	1730	87	32
Bunbury	18	6	12	0	1636	1848	88	24
Busselton	18	3	15	0	1099	1959	56	12
Augusta Marg. River	18	2	16	0	1021	2047	50	8
1976								
South Bunbury	18	15	3	0	2328	1438	162	60
Harvey Brunswick	18	14	4	0	2234	1354	165	56
Carey Park	18	12	6	0	1868	1364	137	48
Donnybrook	18	12	6	0	1728	1278	135	48
Boyanup Capel Dard.	18	11	7	0	1886	1571	120	44
Augusta Marg. River	18	8	10	0	1668	1582	105	32
Bunbury	18	7	11	0	1663	1984	84	28
Mines Rovers	18	5	13	0	1228	2190	56	20
Busselton	18	4	14	0	1170	2193	53	16
Collie	18	2	16	0	1359	2181	62	8

SOUTH WEST NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1953 to 1976 HOW SOUTH BUNBURY FINISHED QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Year	No. competing	Sth By	Played	Won	Lost	Drew	For	Agnst	%	Pts
1953	7	1st	12	11	1	0	1241	692	180	44
1954	9	1st	16	13	2	1	1691	999	169	54
1955	8	1st	14	12	2	0	1146	834	137	48
1956	9	1st	16	13	3	0	1456	1016	143	52
1957	9	1st	16	13	3	0	1580	1117	141	52
1958	9	4th	16	11	5	0	1485	1107	134	44
1959	10	1st	18	15	2	1	2060	1185	174	62
1960*	10	8th	18	6	12	0	1226	1566	78	24
1961	9	2nd	16	12	4	0	1353	1046	129	48
1962	9	2nd	16	12	4	0	1425	910	156	48
1963	9	6th	16	7	9	0	1241	1135	109	28
1964	9	4th	16	10	6	0	1326	945	140	40
1965	9	5th	16	9	7	0	1204	937	128	36
1966	10	1st	18	15	3	0	1695	838	202	60
1967	10	3rd	18	14	4	0	1787	1134	158	56
1968	10	2nd	18	13	5	0	1625	1104	147	52
1969	10	2nd	18	14	4	0	1872	1099	170	56
1970	10	4th	18	12	6	0	1579	1309	121	48
1971	10	1st	18	15	3	0	1972	1113	177	60
1972	10	2nd	18	13	5	0	1647	1208	137	52
1973**	10	4th	18	12	6	0	1564	1308	120	48
1974	10	3rd	18	14	4	0	1931	1287	150	56
1975	10	2nd	18	13	5	0	2096	1455	144	52
1976	10	1st	18	15	3	0	2328	1438	162	60
1953 to 1976:			404	294	108	2	38530	26782	144	1180

(*) During 1960 there were no football matches played in Bunbury due to a dispute between the SWNFL and the Bunbury Town Council over ground rentals. All home games scheduled were played outside Bunbury.

(**) The Final Five was introduced for the 1973 season.

The above total qualifying games have been broken down to give South Bunbury's performances against its various competitors in the SWNFL between 1953 to 1976 inclusive.

The result of this breakdown is as follows:

SOUTH BUNBURY versus

Defunct Clubs:	PI	W	L	D	F	A	%	P
Bunbury Railways	6	5	1	0	592	539	110	20
Bunbury Pastimes	6	5	1	0	569	338	168	20
Collie Railways	16	12	3	1	1473	926	159	50
Collie Centrals	16	12	4	0	1760	934	188	48
East Busselton	2	2	0	0	174	128	136	8
West Busselton	2	2	0	0	284	138	206	8
Existing Clubs:								
Mines Rovers	48	31	17	0	4157	3508	119	124
Donnybrook	48	39	9	0	4421	3085	143	156
Busselton	44	24	20	0	4037	3330	121	96
Harvey Brunswick	42	25	16	1	3661	2965	123	102
Bunbury	42	31	11	0	3871	2957	131	124
Carey Park	42	32	10	0	4189	2726	154	128
Boyanup Capel Dard.	36	28	8	0	3540	2214	160	112
Collie	32	26	6	0	3321	1933	172	104
Augusta Marg. River	22	20	2	0	2481	1061	234	80
1953 to 1976 (24 years)	404	294	108	2	38530	26782	144	1180

SOUTH BUNBURY TEAM LISTS

(LAST GAME OF SEASON)

1897 RUNNERS - UP

M. Smith (Captain)
J. Hands
H Back

F O'Meara
A. Back
C. Sharpe
A. F. Spencer
E. Gibson
B. Greaves
P. Corfield
L. Spencer
J. Leahy
H. Wright
J. Forster
W. Edwards
T. Delaporte
T. Ellis

1898 PREMIERS

T. Fry (Captain)
H. Back
J. Hands
F. O'Meara
C. Sharpe
A. F. Spencer
E. Gibson
B. Greaves
L. Spencer
P. Corfield
H. Wright
J. Leahy
J. Forster
W. Edwards
F. Monkhouse
A. Corfield
W. Cattanach
F. Monkhouse
T. Ellis
T Delaporte

1899 PREMIERS

No team list available, but team should be substantially the same as 1898, as T. Fry remained the teams Captain, and most of 1898 team are likely to have remained. in Bunbury

1900 and 1901

Only South West Association matches played - South Bun bury the only club in Bunbury but, virtually in recess

1902 RUNNERS - UP

S. Stevens (Captain)
M. J. McInerney
W. Caporn
L. Caporn
C. Bray
E Payne
A White
C. Howard
W. Stott
J J Kelly
M. Tyler
C. Shaw
H Stokes
W. Williams
J. Harrington
F. Cridland
F. D. Smith
A Banting

1903 RUNNERS - UP

No team list available but most likely comprised those players listed in 1902 and 1904

1904 PREMIERS

L. Spencer (Captain)
J. Smith
M. Smith
S Fisher
S Stevens
T. Thompson
W. Gibson
F Monkhouse
G Cridland
H. Cridland
P. Matson
C. Bray
J. Shellie
W. Howson
H Buswell
H. Johnston
H. Willy
W. Caporn
J. Desmond
C. Cass
A. Boundy
J. Dowie
N. Carter
W. Thomas
W. Dowling

1905 PREMIERS

No team list available but it is known that the mighty Phil Matson continued with the Club during this season.

1906 PREMIERS

L. Spencer (Captain)
J. Gordon
J. Hands

W. Dowling
W. Hawkes
J. Naylor
H. Stokes
P. Michael
F. E. Palmer
P. Champion
S. Stevens
G. Cridland
A. Thomas
F. Webber
W. J. Norrie
W. Thomas
H. Naylor
T. Graham
A. White
H. Johnston

1907 PREMIERS

L. Spencer (Captain)
M. Palmer
P. Champion
S. Stevens
H. Stokes
J. Hands
W. Dowling
Yates
C. Sharpe
F. Cridland
G. Cridland
A. White
C. Webber
Dare
J. Thompson
H. Johnston
W. Norrie
A. Thomas

**1908
PREMIERS**

H. C. Nankervis(Captain)
H. Stokes
F. Cridland
G. Cridland
W. Orr
H. Johnston
A. Thomas
A. White
G. Hough
C. S. Kruger
W. Pickersgill
W. Pickersgill
W. Dowling
W. Norrie
J. Mitchell
S. Stevens
C. Webber
B. Martin
J. Curran

**1909
THIRD**

H. C. Nankervis(Captain)
C. S. Kruger
A. Norrie
W. Norrie
F. Cridland
G. Cridland
G. Hough
F. Blythe
J. Blythe
A. White
S. Thompson
B. Martin
J. Mitchell
C. Webber
J. Curran
S. Stevens
C. Sharpe
W. Pickersgill

**1910
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available but likely to comprise most of 1909 or 1911 team.

**1911
RUNNERS UP**

W. Pickersgill
W. Pickersgill
G. Hough
A. J. Buswell
F. Cridland
G. Cridland
G. Pryor
W. Clare
H. Donaldson
C. Brockman
W. Westrop
S. Stevens
W. Powell
Windess
R. Beer
F. Beer
H. Boan
W. Prosser

**1912
PREMIERS**

F. Cridland (Captain)
L. Smeeth
W. Prosser
B. Martin
G. Hough
H. Hislop
A. J. Buswell
G. Cridland
W. Pickersgill
C. H. Buswell
J. North
W. Westrop
C. Brockman
M. White
W. Beer
P. Ryan
G. Pryor

**1913
PREMIERS**

F. Cridland (Captain)
G. Cridland
W. H. Pickersgill
C. Brockman
W. Pickersgill
A. J. Buswell
W. Beer
H. Patten
L. Smeeth
G. Hough
J. Kenyon
W. Martin
H. Donaldson
C H. Buswell
F Bostock
J. Christensen
A. W. Buswell
F Beer
F Blythe
M. White

**1914
PREMIERS**

No team list available but would be similar to 1913 team

1915, 1916, 1917

No competition due to World War I.

**1918
PREMIERS**

W. Pickersgill (Captain)
G. Pickersgill
W. H. Pickersgill
A. J. Buswell
C. J. Buswell
A. W. Buswell
R. Prosser
W. Prosser
F. Bostock
G. Cridland
H. A. Hislop
L. Johnston
V. Freeman
R. Gibson
R. Keddie
S. Stevens
R. Beer
G. Taylor
J. Caddy
A. Wenn
F Hill
E Dillon
W. Price
K. Houston
S. Norman

**1919
PREMIERS**

W. Pickersgill (Captain)
K. Houston
A. J. Buswell
W. Pickersgill
H. Hastie
L. Banting
V. Freeman
L. Johnston
W. Beer
G. Pickersgill
M. Johnston
T. Easton
G. Cridland
F. Cridland
H. Hislop
S. Sinclair
A. W. Buswell
C Mawdesley
R Prosser

C. J. Buswell

**1920
PREMIERS**

G. Cridland (Captain)
S. Irvin
R. Beer
W. Pickersgill
J. Milligan
V. Freeman
C. Mawdesley
A. J. Buswell
W. Beer
K. Houston
G. Pickersgill
L. Freeman
A. W. Buswell
H. Hislop
W. H. Pickersgill
R. Prosser
S. Norman
C. J. Buswell
F. Cridland

**1921
PREMIERS**

W. Pickersgill (Captain)
A. J. Buswell
A. W. Buswell
C. J. Buswell
A. McKenna
C. Monaghan
C. Mawdesley
H. A. Hislop
J. Milligan
R. Prosser
V. Hanson
K. Houston
"Bitey" Hislop
S. Norman
L. Johnston
G. Pickersgill
F. Cridland
G. Cridland
V. Freeman

**1922
PREMIERS**

G. Cridland (Captain)
L. Johnston
C. J. Buswell
S. McDonald
F. Bostock
A. J. Buswell
V. Freeman
R. Prosser
K. Houston
G. Pickersgill
J. Milligan
R. Hayes
S. Sinclair
V. Hansen
S. Norman
A. J. Buswell
A. McKenna
F. Cridland
A. Moffatt
G. Owen

**1923
RUNNERS - UP**

J. Milligan
L. Johnston
R. Hayes
W. Pickersgill
K. Houston
S. McDonald
A. J. Buswell
C. J. Buswell
W. Walker
F. Bostock
G. Owen
S. Norman
V. Freeman
E. Parker
A. Moffatt
V. Hanson
R. Prosser
A. McKenna

1924

No team list available
but likely to be similar
to 1923 team.

**1925
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but likely to be similar,
to 1923 team.

**1926
PREMIERS**

A. Smart (Captain)
C. Gibson
R. Prosser
W. Woods
S. McDonald
G. Owen
V. Freeman
B. Freeman
J. Tyres
J. Milligan
E. Parker
A. J. Buswell
G. Pickersgill
K. Houston
H. Schemata
J. Donovan
C. J. Buswell
K. Gibson

**1927
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but likely to be similar
to 1926 or 1929 team

**1928
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but likely to be similar
to 1926 or 1929 team
No team list available

**1929
PREMIERS**

D. Kelly (Captain)
H. Hislop
W. Kelly
B. Freeman
C. Gibson
L. Ganfield
J. Godley
K. Gibson
A. Ausden
W. Woods
H. Cook
E. Parker
S. Suckling
A. Wimbridge
D. Bennett
B. Evans
B. Prosser
G. Owen
J. Donovan
P. Donovan
R. Prosser
N. Gibson

**1930
RUNNERS - UP**

C. Parker (Captain)
B. Freeman
K. Gibson
L. Sauer
L. Ganfield
G. Owen
W. Pickersgill
H. Cook
V. Freeman
F. Wimbridge
D. Kelly
T. Taylor
B. Evans
N. Gibson
Webb
Rodgers
J. Donovan
W. Woods
L. Ganfield
A. J. Buswell

**1931
PREMIERS**

C. Parker (Captain)
W. Vaughan
K. Gibson
V. Freeman
D. Kelly
L. Pickersgill
L. Sauer
S. Norman
P Crabb
A Ausden
L Ganfield
G. Owen
C. Gibson
L. Forrester
T. Taylor
E. Parker
W. Woods
W. Miller
W. Walker
L. Heatley
I. Keddie

**1932
(Suspended Before
Finals)**

C Parker (Captain)
I. Keddie
C Gibson
L. Heatley
G. Owen
J. Donovan
L. Buck
R. E. Davies
J Buswell
E. Parker
A. Paynter
P. Rodgers
T. Taylor
K. Lester
K. Gibson
T. Forrester
L. Nisbett
L. Sauer
N. Butcher
F. Howson
F. Wimbridge

**1933
PREMIERS**

C Parker (Captain)
J Saunders
M. Giles
E. Parker
L. Ganfield
N. Butcher
A. Ausden
A. Paynter
R. E. Davies
L Sauer
F Wimbridge
I. Keddie
J. Buswell
F. Howson
L. Heatley
J. Flynn
N. Gibson
K. Gibson
G. Owen
T. Taylor
C. Hough
W. King
S. Wallrodt
T. Fenlon
J. Conway

**1934
PREMIERS**

No team list available
but likely to be similar
to the 1933 or 1935
team

**1935
PREMIERS**

C. Parker (Captain)
T. Taylor
J. McDonald
N. Butcher
K. Gibson
R. E. Davies
P. Hislop
K. McDonald
S. Hislop
A. Nicholls
J. Flynn
L. Heatley
N. Rodgers
L. Higgon
I. Keddie
E. Parker
F. Howson
N. Gibson
J. Saunders
T. Fenlon

**1936
PREMIERS**

C. Parker (Captain)
A. Nicholls
J. Flynn
N. Gibson
K. Gibson
R. E. Davies
W. Littlefair
W. Rodgers
T Fenlon
B Rodgers
F Howson
K. McDonald
A Trott
W. Bursill
S. Hislop
L. Sauer
I. Keddie
P Hislop

**1937
PREMIERS**

C. Parker (Captain)
R. Rodgers
L. Wallrodt
S. Wallrodt
L Delaporte
J. Dillon
I. Keddie
P Hislop
W. Rodgers
S. Hislop
F. Howson
G. Beer
T. Fenlon
A. Hill
A. Nicholls
T Dillon
R E. Davies
L. Sauer
R. Gibson
K. Hislop
J. Beaglehole
R. Rundell
H Bancroft
L Heatley
S. Cherry
J Buswell
F Wimbridge

**1938
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but likely to be
similar to 1937.

**1939
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
similar to 1937.

**1940
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but, with the
exception of those
volunteers already in
the services, likely
to be similar to the
1937 team.

**1941 1942, 1943
1944 1945**

No competition due to
World War II.
South Bunbury
players killed in
action during this
conflict:
Reg Gibson, 1941
Alf Nicholls, 1942
Len Buswell, 1943
Bill Beer, 1945

**1946
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
but likely to be
similar to 1947 team.

**1947
RUNNERS - UP**

I. Robertson (Captain)
 S. Rodgers
 R. Hancock
 E. Hosking
 J. Crofts
 R. Henderson
 R. Guppy
 F Green
 R Harris
 R Rushton
 E. Davies
 R. Buswell
 D. Pickersgill
 S. Buswell
 B. Wenn
 R. Farquhar
 K. Hislop
 R. Donovan
 T. Fenlon
 T. Cornelius

**1949
PREMIERS**

R Treasure (Captain)
 R. Rushton
 I. Robertson
 E. Hosking
 R. Harris
 R. Buswell
 N. Donovan
 R Grey
 J. Hosking
 M. Thompson
 G. Castieau
 S. Buswell
 R. Loton
 D. Pickersgill
 R. Farquhar
 R. Henderson
 M. Cowdrey
 R. Prosser
 T. Colgan
 E. James

**1952
PREMIERS**

E. Hosking (Captain)
 L. Hislop
 C. Edwards
 D Upson
 E Churchman
 D. Rodwell
 Ray Harris
 N. Donovan
 Robt Harris
 I. Platts
 R. Farquhar
 R. Prosser
 T. Colgan
 R Millar
 R Loton
 J. Hosking
 R Buswell
 B. Buswell
 Gibson
 E. James

**1954
PREMIERS**

Ron Buswell (Captain)
 E Hosking
 R. Farquhar
 E. Churchman
 M. Goode
 D. Upson
 F. Mountford
 Robt Harris
 L Hislop
 B Buswell
 S. Magripilis
 W. Buchanan
 G. McLaughlin
 Ray Harris
 R. Millar
 Ray Buswell
 J. Hosking
 A. Read
 N Donovan
 R Loton
 H. Banting

**1948
PREMIERS**

I. Robertson (Captain)
 D. Treasure
 R. Buswell
 P. Jordan
 R. Harris
 R. Dyke
 E. Hosking
 G. Green
 E. James
 S. Buswell
 R. Henderson
 D. Pickersgill
 T. Fenlon
 R. Farquhar
 R. Rushton
 R. Guppy
 L Thompson

**1950
RUNNERS - UP**

No team list available
 but likely to be
 similar to 1949 or 1951.

**1951
PREMIERS**

E. Hosking (Captain)
 L. Hislop
 D. Rodwell
 D. Upson
 R Grey
 N. Donovan
 B. Buswell
 Ray Harris
 I. Platts
 W. Roberts
 E. James
 S. Buswell
 R. Loton
 W. Buchanan
 R. Buswell

**1953
PREMIERS**

J. Hosking (Captain)
 S. Magripilis
 Ray Harris
 R. Millar
 Ray Buswell
 L Hislop
 F. Mountford
 E. Churchman
 D. Upson
 R Farquhar
 A. Read
 E. Hosking
 N. Donovan
 R. Loton
 Robt Harris
 Ron Buswell
 G. McLaughlin
 B. Buswell
 W. Buchanan
 M. Goode

**1955
PREMIERS**

R. Farquhar (Captain)
 G. Rumens
 D. Upson
 Ron Buswell
 F. Mountford
 L. Hislop
 Robt Harris
 D. Loton
 E. Hosking
 L. Monger
 J. Blaxill
 B. Buswell
 J. Hosking
 E. Hastie
 P. Buswell
 W. Bourke
 R Gibson
 H Regan
 W Buchanan
 S. Magripilis
 D. Fraser
 G. McLaughlin
 Ray Buswell
 Ray Harris
 A. Read

**1956
THIRD**

R Farquhar (Captain)
 B. Buswell
 J. Depiazzi
 Ron Buswell
 F. Mountford
 L. Hislop
 Robt Harris
 D. Loton
 E. Hosking
 L. Gibson
 R. Gibson
 J. Hosking
 E. Hastie
 D. Wilson
 R. Harris
 P. Herring
 G. Alcorn
 H. Regan
 R. Bond
 D. Courtney
 S. Magripilis
 G. McLaughlin
 B. Winwood
 C. Mountford

**1957
PREMIERS**

W. Colgan (Captain)
 B. Buswell
 J. Depiazzi
 Ron Buswell
 F. Mountford
 L. Hislop
 M. Wulff
 R. Loton
 E. Hosking
 L. Gibson
 J. Blaxill
 R. Farquhar
 J. Hosking
 E. Hastie
 D. Wilson
 T. Millar
 P. Herring
 G. Alcorn
 A. Buswell
 D. Johnson
 S. Magripilis
 K. J. Buswell
 L. Smithall
 L. Goff
 R. Anderson
 J. Beacham
 K. Rodgers

**1958
RUNNERS UP**

W. Colgan (Captain)
 B. Buswell
 J. Depiazzi
 R. Buswell
 S. Keremelevich
 L. Hislop
 M. Wulff
 J. Beacham
 E. Hosking
 L. Gibson
 N. Gibson
 W. Foston
 J. Hosking
 K. J. Buswell
 R. Ranson
 F. Milligan
 P. Herring
 L. O'Brien
 R. Farquhar
 R. Healy
 S. Magripilis
 L. Goff
 F. Mountford

**1959
PREMIERS**

W. Colgan (Captain)
 L. Gibson
 F. Mountford
 R. Buswell
 R. Farquhar
 W. Mose
 M. Wulff
 E. Hastie
 E. Hosking
 J. Cunningham
 J. Depiazzi
 B. Rayment
 J. Hosking
 L. O'Brien
 R. Ranson
 S. Keremelevich
 P. Herring
 T. McNeil
 G. Wright
 L. Pass
 R. Healy
 S. Magripilis
 T. Thompson
 L. Goff
 L. Monger

**1960
EIGHTH**

F. Milligan
 L. Gibson
 J. Depiazzi
 A. Buswell
 A. Urquhart
 L. O'Brien
 M. Wulff
 S. Best
 R. Bain
 T. George
 N. Gibson
 B. Rayment
 J. Hosking
 W. Mose
 R. Ranson
 D. Rodgers
 P. Herring
 T. McNeil
 E. DeCampo
 L. Pass
 R. Healy
 K. Cook
 T. Thompson
 L. Goff
 K. Rodgers

**1961
RUNNERS - UP**

W. Mose (Captain)
 R. Healy
 L. Gibson
 L. Monger
 J. Depiazzi
 L. Goff
 N. Bebbington
 W. Hall
 E. Hastie
 L. Pass
 T. George
 R. Mumme
 T. Millar
 J. Hosking
 N. Gibson
 A. McQueen
 A. Hough
 S. Jackson
 K. Prosser
 B. Rayment

**1962
RUNNERS - UP**

P. Woolhead (Captain)
 H. Kennedy
 L. Gibson
 J. Depiazzi
 K. Rodgers
 L. Goff
 S. Best
 N. Gibson
 E. Hastie
 R. Healy
 G. Richardson
 P. Crabb
 R. Mumme
 K. Prosser
 G. Sawyer
 M. Tobleson
 E. DeCampo
 G. Taylor
 S. Jackson
 B. Colton

**1963
SIXTH**

R. Mumme (Captain)
 T. George
 J. Depiazzi
 R. Healy
 G. Parker
 B. Colton
 B. Cunningham
 W. Featherby
 G. Jones
 R. Rowles
 G. Richardson
 B. Craven
 G. McLean
 R. Lewis
 J. Patterson
 L. Hastie
 G. Buswell
 D. Bailey
 C. Grenfell
 K. Rodgers

**1964
THIRD**

N. Gibson (Captain)
L. Gibson
R. Lewis
J. McArthur
G. Buswell
W. Pilkington
K. Cucel
P. Crabb
S. Wood
W. Mould
T. Maguire
R. Mumme
G. McLean
L. Hastie
M. Crabb
R. Thompson
G. Constantine
B. Cunningham
T. George
K Rodgers
B Sullivan
A. Prosser

**1965
FIFTH**

B. Rayment (Captain)
J. McArthur
J. Depiazzi
M. Crabb
G. Buswell
P. Kennedy
K. Cucel
P Crabb
P Ginby
P. Bandy
R Butcher
R Rendell
K. Skraha
R. Mumme
A Buswell
P Constantine
A. Prosser
R. Thompson
N Gibson
B Cunningham
G. Bevan
T. Maguire
B. Sullivan
D Bailey
T Scally

**1966
PREMIERS**

H. Vidulich (Captain)
P. Clohessy
J. Depiazzi
M. Crabb
G. Buswell
P. Kennedy
K. Cucel
P. Crabb
G. McLean
P. Bandy
T. Maguire
R. Rendell
G. Constantine
R. Mumme
P. Constantine
W. Meyers
A. Prosser
B. Woods
C. Murray
B. Cunningham
D. Cunningham
K. Cook
B. Sullivan
K. Kieley
D. Aldersea

**1967
FOURTH**

D. Peake (Captain)
T. House
R. Lewis
R. Anderson
G. Constantine
N. Constantine
P. Constantine
K. Cucel
J. Depiazzi
J. Gleeson
R. Mumme
W. Meyers
M. Cribb
G. Buswell
P. Crabb
P. Kennedy
B. Cunningham
D. Etteridge
J Ingram

**1968
PREMIERS**

D. Peake (Captain)
R. Anderson
G. Ingram
J. Depiazzi
C. Hannah
G. Buswell
D. Hollins
P. Crabb
T. House
L. Hastie
G. Chalk
R. Mumme
P. Constantine
W. Meyers
N. Constantine
R. Lewis
G. Crabb
B. Cunningham
B. Loring
J. Warren
M. Crabb
G. Campbell

**1969
THIRD**

P. Farrell (Captain)
P. Chalk
J. Depiazzi
C. Hannah
G. Buswell
D. Hollins
T. Trigwell
B. Crabb
C. Davis
T. House
B. Sullivan
D. Peake
R. Rendell
R. Anderson
M. Wignell
C. Murray
N. Constantine
R. Lewis
D. Cunningham
B. Cunningham
R. Townsend
J. Warren
T. Donohoe
J. Regan

**1970
THIRD**

D. Peake (captain)
D. Allen
M. Kennedy
G. Chalk
J. Goodall
G. Buswell
P. Farrell
C. Bassett
B. Crabb
G. Beange
T. House
G. Stotter
R. Rendell
R. Anderson
P. Constantine
P. King
N. Constantine
T. Donohoe
B. Cunningham
M. Daff
J. Warren
P. Cunane
J. Regan

**1971
PREMIERS**

M. Kennedy (Captain)
J. Depiazzi
R. Hall
G. Buswell
R. Bott
G. Bassett
B. Crabb
G. Beange
T. House
R. Kennedy
D. Peake
R. Rendell
R. Anderson
P. Constantine
J. Hodgins
N. Constantine
M. Brennan
B. Kennedy
J. Whitfield
D. Roberts
J. Warren
J. Goodall
P. Hodgins

**1972
RUNNERS - UP**

J. Depiazzi (Captain)
 K Guppy
 J. Hodgins
 S. Whitfield
 G. Buswell
 R. Bott
 J. Whitfield
 B. Crabb
 T. House
 S. Simeon
 D. Peake
 R. Rendell
 R. Anderson
 P. Constantine
 K. Morgan
 N. Constantine
 M. Brennan
 J. Warren
 L. Buswell
 G. Beange
 O. Kowal
 P. Hodgins

**1973
FOURTH**

T. House (Captain)
 D. Roberts
 E. Hammond
 J. Depiazzi
 C. Hannah
 G. Buswell
 D. McGinley
 O. Kowal
 S. Whitfield
 K. Guppy
 S. Simeon
 G. Cartledge
 R. Rendell
 R. Anderson
 P. Constantine
 J. Whitfield
 N. Constantine
 M. Brennan
 J. Hodgins
 R. Harris
 G. Beange
 B. Roberts
 J. Warren
 P. Hodgins

**1974
RUNNERS - UP**

M. Kennedy (Captain)
 R. Maher
 R. Hall
 S. Whitfield
 G. Buswell
 O. Kowal
 B. Crabb
 A. Prosser
 P. Upton
 I. Cahill
 R. Rendell
 M. Patrick
 P. Constantine
 D. Waldock
 N. Constantine
 M. Daff
 S. Simeon
 B. Roberts
 P. Buswell
 T. Nisbett

**1975
THIRD**

G. Buswell (Captain)
 D. Palmer
 M. Kennedy
 R. Hall
 L. Buswell
 R. Maher
 O. Kowal
 B. Crabb
 D. McGinley
 A. Prosser
 P. Upton
 I. Cahill
 K. Wight
 T. McGinley
 P. Constantine
 D. Waldock
 K. Chester
 G. Cartledge
 M. Daff
 L. Wright
 M. Brennan
 B. Roberts
 R. Rendell
 P. Buswell
 T. Nisbett

KNOW YOUR RULES

Explanations of contentious rules in a condensed form from the book - "Follow the Game".

The fourth edition of "Follow the Game" by Bernie Hogan gives an easy to follow and comprehensive explanation of all the rules of Australian Football. This is one facet of our game that sometimes comes in for criticism - the complicated and often many - sided versions that can be placed on the Rules. However, Hogan's book explains items so they can be practically interpreted.

WHERE A PLAYER MAY BE HELD

A player who is in Possession of the ball may be held by any part of his uniform or body above the knee and below the top of the shoulder, including the hand and any part of the arm. It will be noted that a player may be held by the arm. Many football enthusiasts often Incorrectly appeal for a free kick to their team for "by the arm" or "on the arm".

The umpire's decision could be for "holding the ball" or, if the ball falls to the ground ho may call "play on", but there is no rule to provide for "by the arm" or "on the arm".

HOLDING THE MAN - HOLDING THE BALL

The law governing this aspect is clearly defined and should not be as difficult to understand as some people imagine. The law permits the player who is first to gain possession of the ball, time to dispose of it by kicking or handball.

Therefore an opponent who dwells on a player and holds him, immediately he obtains possession of the ball should not gain the benefit of a split second decision for "holding the ball". The player must be given a reasonable time to dispose of the ball.

The law actually favours the player who wins the race for the ball and the player who has the courage to go in and gain possession of the ball.

WHAT THE LAW PROVIDES

The law provides that a player who is in possession of the ball when fairly held by an opponent firmly enough to stop him or retard his Progress should be given a reasonable chance of disposal of the ball by kicking or handballing, otherwise a free kick shall be awarded to his opponent for "holding the ball".

WHERE PLAYER MAY NOT BE HELD OR TACKLED

If a player is held by an opponent below the knee or on top of the shoulder, neck, face or head, a free kick should be awarded whether or not he is in possession of the ball.

PLAYER HELD WHEN NOT IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL

A player who is held when not in possession of the ball shall be awarded a free kick. If, however, a player with the ball is tackled by an opponent and immediately before being tackled or held he bounced the ball, the opponent who is committed to the tackle should not be penalised if he releases his hold immediately. In such circumstances the field umpire would allow "play on".

DROPPING THE BALL

It will be seen in "What the law provides" that there is no reference in the law to "dropping the ball". a phrase so widely used by football enthusiasts. If a player deliberately drops the ball when firmly held by an opponent he should be penalised - not for dropping the ball but for failure to kick or handball the ball as provided for in the laws of the game. It will be noted that the "drop" must be deliberate.

Likewise if a player bounced the ball immediately' he was held by an opponent he would be penalised for failure to kick or handball the ball when held by an opponent.

PLAY ON

If a player is in the act of kicking or handballing the ball and he is bumped or swung off balance and his foot or hand does not connect with the ball, the correct decision is "play on" not "dropping the ball".

When a Player is knocked on the arm or elbow causing him to drop the ball the correct decision is "play on".

When a Player has his arms pinned to his sides causing him to drop the ball - "Play on".

When a player is pulled by one arm or swung and the ball immediately falls to the ground - "Play on".

The spirit of the law is to keep the ball in motion.

PLAYER TO BE GIVEN REASONABLE CHANCE OF DISPOSAL OF BALL

Before a player is penalised for holding the ball he must be firmly held and given a reasonable chance of disposing of the ball by kicking or handball. A player who gains possession of the ball should therefore be allowed time to gain balance to enable an attempt to be made to kick or handball the ball.

Provided the player makes a legitimate attempt to dispose of the ball when held he should not be penalised, unless when given a reasonable chance of disposal, he fails to do so.

PLAYER LYING OVER THE BALL - SCRIMMAGE

A player who lies on or over the ball is deemed to be in possession of the ball, but the law does not impose any penalty for being in possession of the ball unless the player is held fairly by an opponent. Too often opponents lie or fall on the player who is in possession of the ball. This should result in a free kick for "in the back" to the player lying on the ball.

PLAYER WITH BALL DELIBERATELY PLACES HIS HEAD UNDER OPPONENT'S ARM

A player who, after being fairly held does this and still retains possession of the ball should be penalised for "holding the ball".

FREE KICK DOWN FIELD

If a player is deliberately interfered with in any manner by an opponent immediately after he has disposed of the ball the field umpire shall award a free kick to a team mate, at the spot where the ball first touched the ground, was caught, or marked, or went out of bounds. The free kick would not be awarded to a team mate if the awarding of the kick would penalise the side. In such case the free kick would be taken by the player at the spot where the breach occurred.

WHEN A GOAL IS SCORED

In the case of a player who is interfered with immediately after he has kicked the ball, but the kick results in a goal, the field umpire would give the all clear and a goal would be registered.

WHEN A BEHIND IS SCORED

When a behind results from a kick of a player who is interfered with immediately after he has kicked the ball, the player would be given the option of another kick. If the Player exercises the option of another kick, he forfeits the original behind that was scored.

PLAYER FOULED WHILST IN THE ACT OF KICKING THE BALL

If a player is fouled while in the act of kicking the ball and a goal results from the kick, the field umpire shall give "all clear" and the goal shall be registered. In the event of a behind being scored, the player shall be given the option of another kick.

PLAYER FOULED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SCORING

This law is sometimes referred to by football enthusiasts as the "two goal law" whereby a player may score two goals without the ball being bounced in the centre of the ground after the scoring of the first goal.

The law provides that if a player is fouled immediately after the field umpire has given the all clear when a goal or behind has been scored, the field umpire shall award another kick to that player at the spot where he was fouled. If a further goal or behind results from the second kick it shall also be registered.

The important factor in respect of the above is that the infringement must have occurred after the ball has crossed the goal or behind lines and after the field umpire has given all clear.

STARTING THE GAME

Most football enthusiasts are familiar with the procedure at the commencement of a game, but not all are aware of the significance of the sequence of events.

Immediately prior to the commencement of play the field umpire holds the ball in the air to indicate to the time-keepers that he is about to commence the game.

The siren sounds, but it does not start the game or quarter: it merely indicates to the field umpire that the time-keepers are ready to commence timekeeping. To start the game or to resume play at the commencement of each quarter, the field umpire shall blow his whistle and then bounce the ball in the centre of the ground, unless in the meantime he has awarded a free kick for a breach of the laws. The sounding of the whistle by the field umpire starts the play for the game or quarter.

FREE KICK BEFORE THE BALL IS BOUNCED

A free kick shall be awarded against a player who infringes any law of the game between the time the field umpire sounds his whistle and bounces, or is about to bounce the ball. It is therefore possible that a free kick be awarded after the whistle has been blown to start play, but before the ball has been bounced by the field umpire.

HOW "TIME ON" IF INDICATED

The field umpire indicates to the time - keepers to add "time on" by sounding the whistle and raising his arm fully extended above his head. To indicate to the time - keepers to stop adding "time on" the field umpire again sounds his whistle. If the timekeepers fail to hear the second whistle or the field umpire omits to signal to the time - keepers to stop adding "time on", the timekeepers automatically stop adding "time on" when they see the ball in play.

"Time on" is automatically added by the timekeepers, without instruction, when a goal or behind is scored. When a goal is scored the time to be added is the time that elapsed between the commencement of the waving of the flags by the goal umpire and the bouncing of the ball in the centre by the umpire.

In the case of a breach of the laws being penalised after the goal has been scored and before the ball is bounced in the centre of the ground by the field umpire the timekeepers shall stop adding "time on" when the ball is in play.

FIFTEEN METRE PENALTIES

Frequently we hear football enthusiasts from outside the arena vociferously asking the field umpire why an opponent who is on a player's mark is not brought back 15 metres.

The law provides that the field umpire shall advance the spot. where the mark or free kick was awarded, not more than 15 metres nearer the goal to the player entitled to the kick if -

1 An opponent deliberately holds the player who has marked the ball or has been awarded a free kick and thereby causes undue delay. An opponent who hold an opponent immediately he marks the ball, in order to prevent him from playing on, should not be penalised provided he releases the player immediately the player stops.

2 If an opponent deliberately knocks to the ground a player after he has taken a mark and thereby deliberately causes undue delay to play.

3 If an opponent deliberately withholds the ball from the player who is to take the kick and causes undue delay by

- a Retaining possession of the ball;
- b Throwing or rolling the ball away so that the rightful player has to cover unnecessary ground to retrieve it:
- c Knocking the ball from the hands of the player who is to take the kick.

4 If an opponent deliberately deprives possession of the ball to the rightful player by handing the ball from team - mate to team - mate and thereby unduly delays the return of the ball to the rightful player.

5 If an opponent deliberately deprives, in any manner, the possession of the ball to the rightful player and thereby causes undue delay.

6 If an opponent deliberately goes over a player's mark. The field umpire should be certain that the opponent was aware of the correct spot, before the 15 metres penalty is imposed.

7 Any other deliberate attempt to waste time or deprive the rightful player of possession of the ball.

The 15 metre penalty may be imposed in the case of the player permitted to kick for goal after the siren has sounded.

However, field umpires should not impose the 15 metres penalty merely to discipline a player nor should it be used as a lever of control.