

HISTORY



OF THE



CROXTON

YOUTH

CLUB



CROXTON YOUTH CLUB

IN THE BEGINNING

1958

Formally known as the **WEST CROXTON SPORTS CLUB**, the club was formed by FIVE Boys and 1 Girl of Gladstone Ave, Beavers Road and surrounding streets, NORTHCOTE, in the late 1950's. They were:- Gary Payne, Norm Mathews, Kevin Gray, Graeme Fellows, Robert Hamer & Diane Targrass. The suburb was actually called Croxton and at the end of Gladstone Av, vacant land owned by the Government, was used by the youths to play football in the Winter and a Cricket pitch was made to play Cricket in the summer. It is rumoured that because of broken windows in Gladstone Ave. playing cricket, they moved to the land at the end of Gladstone Ave and made a cricket pitch. It wasn't long before many of the Youths of the District became involved and many a good test match was played out on the roughest of pitches you could imagine.

That Land today is the Special School built by the Government for Handicap Children.

1959

After several social matches, it was decided by the youths to form a Sports Club and in 1959 a meeting was convened at the home of Mr & Mrs Hamer 143 Gladstone Ave Northcote. The main topic on the agenda was whether Girls would be allowed into the Sports Club and this was passed with everybody voting that girls be allowed into the Sports Club. Bottle drives were held to raise money for equipment and after the initial meeting, all other meeting were held at the home of Mr & Mrs Stan Payne.

The club was called the **WEST CROXTON SPORTS CLUB** and ran with that name for about six months, before it was decided to change the name to the **CROXTON SPORTS CLUB**.

Many parents became involved with the foundation members being Bob Hamer, Stan Payne, Pat Mathews Len Fellows, Les Gray, Bill Fisher, Stan Hoppner & Ted Seivers.

Meetings were held in members homes, garages and with a surge in membership, the **CROXTON SPORTS CLUB** was up and running. At one of our meetings at the Mathew's

Home, foundation member Norm set up a TV Studio mimicking the New Electronic Age, and the meeting was conducted as if a TV Studio. Quite a clever & funny night was had by all. The Studio was called BRV-9; TV Studio. The BRV stood for Beavers Road Victoria, year ending in 9. LOL



CROXTON SPORTS CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM



Back Row:- Ken Bannon, John Lowenstein, Robert Sutherland, Edward Taylor, & Unknown

Centre Row:- David Hughes, Gary Watson, Kevin Gray, Eric Gray, Mick Kenny, Unknown & Alan Hoppner.

Front Row:- Graeme Fellows, Robert Wiley, Norm Mathews, Mr Pat Mathews, Mr Stan Payne, Gary Payne, John Draper & Wayne Keily

CROXTON SPORTS CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM



Back Row:- Peter Watson, Billy O'Brien, Warren O'Brien, Graeme Fellows

Centre Row:- Robert Dale, Keith Gilbert, Ken Riddler, Ken Bannon, John Draper, & Unknown

Front Row:- Robert Hamer, Chris Connor, Young Connor, Mr Pat Mathews, Peter Mensch, Mr Stan Payne, Pat Connor & Wayne Keily

1960

The Club's first Official Social Match was played against a team called South Melbourne Districts. The match was played on Number 20 Oval, Albert Park the site where the Grand Prix race track stands today, and we wore Green Jumpers.

This year saw the preparation for the Football teams to enter competitive competition.

1961

Two football teams, Under 17 Coached by Len Brockenshire Capt. Wyn Sheehan V.C Jeff Crosier and Under 15 Coached by Gary Payne, Capt. Richard Schneider & V.Capt John Snowden were accepted by the Preston District Junior Football Association the Under 17's played at McDonnell Park Northcote whilst the Under 15 side played at Mayer Park on a Sunday Afternoon.

At a Special Committee Meeting Stan Payne & Ray Moody advised the committee that after further investigation there was no under 19 Competition and as the players passed the under 17 level there was nowhere for them to play football. It was decided that the Club enter a team of Open Age Players in the Metropolitan Football League at the "B" grade level.

The Club entered a Cricket team into the Jika Cricket Association "D" grade, with our first game being against West Preston at Donath Reserve Thomastown, losing by only 4 runs. Our home ground was Henderson Park, Watt Street Thornbury, with Mick Kenny Captain and Gary Payne Vice Captain.

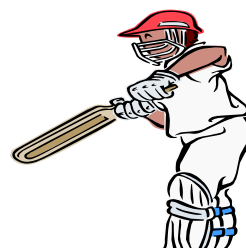
CROXTON CRICKET CLUB



BACK ROW:- Stan Hoppner, Colin Harvey, Norm Mathews, Ken Atkinson, Edward Taylor, Trevor Mitchell & Edward Fisher

CENTRE ROW:- Wayne Sheehan, Alan Hoppner Gary Payne, Ken Isaac & Robert Sutherland.

FRONT ROW:- Graeme Fellows & Chris Connor
☐ Absent Micheal Kenny (Captain)



CROXTON SPORTS CLUB UNDER 15'S FOOTBALL TEAM – P.D.J.F.A. 1961



Back Row:- Unknown, Phillip Mayne, Unknown, Peter Capp, John Draper, unknown, David Tucker, unknown

Centre Row:- Robert Dale, unknown, John Jolley, John Snowden, unknown, Gavin Williamson, Peter Watson.

Front Row:- Graeme Fellows (Manager), Wayne Keily, Ron Seivers, Peter Mensch, Gary Payne (Coach), Rod Nathan, Ray Snowden, Harold Martin and unknown

1962

In February 1962 at the Annual Meeting Northcote, Councillor Arthur Spain was elected **PRESIDENT**, with Mr Perc Mitchell his **VICE PRESIDENT**. Perc had strong ties with the Fitzroy Football Club. Both men held prominate positions in the community and were well respected. Mr Les Gray was elected **SECRETARY** with Mr Stan Payne **TREASURER**.

At a committee meeting in March 1962 it was decided that the Club's name should change to the **CROXTON YOUTH CLUB**, with the slogan being ;" **FOR THE YOUTH OF THE DISTRICT.**" Club colors of **BLUE & GOLD** were chosen and it was all systems go.



Football teams Under 17 and 15 Coached by George McLay once again played in the P.D.J.F.A. and the Open Age team under the Coaching of Ray Moody was formed to play in the Metropolitan Football League.

Two Cricket team participated in the Jika Cricket Association in 'C' where the Captain was Edward Fisher Vice Captain Colin Harvey whilst 'D' grade's Captain was Colin Hooper with Vice Captain Keith Polmear.

We had a new home ground for the cricket that being John Cain Memorial Park Darebin Rd Thornbury.

Both Girls & Boys Basketball teams were formed with the Girls team playing in the Northern International Womens Basketball Association playing at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds.

A Miss Dorothy Swarts was appointed Manager & Chaparone of the team whilst Mr George Howard was selected as the Coach. Unfortunately before the season got underway Dorothy Swarts was called up into the Royal Australian Airforce and had to resign her position. The position of Manager went to Carol Seivers and delegates to the Association were Miss Jill Swain & Captain Joy Dryburgh.

The Boys started in the Victorian Basketball Association playing at Albert Park.

Under 15 player Tom Paxton won the Best & Fairest in the P.D.J.F.A. for season 1962, and was presented with his medal by the Mayor of Preston at a Gala Function.

Cricket Club wicket keeper Gary Payne became the first wicket keeper to take out the award for the best fielder in the Jika Cricket Association, season 1961-62, voted by the Umpires. Congratulations to both members.

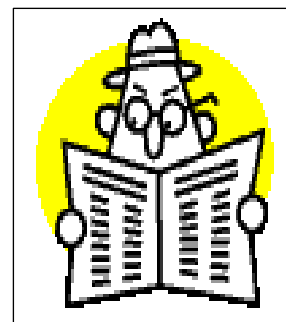
CROXTON CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES SEASON 1961-62

GROUCH CROCKET CLUB AVERAGES GROUND 1897-98											
BATTING AVERAGES						BOWLING AVERAGES					
Batsman	Inn.	N.O.	H.Sc	Total	AV.	Bowler	O	M	W	R	AV.
E.Fisher	17	1	53	364	22.75	C.Connor	24.7	4	15	109	7.26
G.Payne	10	1	55	157	17.44	E.Taylor	31.1	3	16	155	9.62
N.Mathews	8	1	31	112	16.00	E.Fisher	70.4	3	33	318	9.63
C.Connor	17	3	54	206	14.72	G.Fellows	100.5	12	37	459	12.37
Wyn Sheehan	13	2	33	149	13.55	M.Kenny	53	7	12	194	16.16
K.Isaac	16	1	65 ret.	198	13.20	N.Mathews	38	1	7	205	29.28
E.Taylor	10	1	29 n.o.	113	12.55	K.Isaac	15	2	1	62	62.00

Catches:- 11 – E.Fisher; 9 – G.Payne & K.Isaac; 7 – S.Hoppner; 6 – G.Fellows & C.Connor; 5 - E.Taylor; 4 – T.Mitchell & R.Sutherland; 3 – N.Mathews; 2 – Wyn Sheehan & M.Kenny; 1 – C.Harvey & A.Hoppner.

The Club became **BIG** very quickly, and that two members Chris Connor & Graeme Fellows decided that information in the form of a Club newsletter was needed and so began the club newspaper called "**The Journal**" and with the backing of many local business through advertising, an eight page newspaper was published once a month. The initial process was printed on a Jelly substance using Green & Purple inks. Very Interesting, but then we moved into high tech a huge upgrade to a Gestetner Printing Press commonly known as a Duplicator.

The Club made application to the Northcote Council for a block of land in which the Club would build Clubrooms. Northcote Councillor Ron Inman told the Council Meeting he was delighted at the splendid work the Youth Club was doing in training the Young People of today to become good citizens of the future. In the early stages of planning, the Council came up with a block of land on Mayer Park Thornbury, adjacent to our playing oval, but this was too prove unsatisfactory as the land was needed for a Scout Hall. Unfortunately that section of land would have been perfect as it was adjacent to the football oval.



CROXTON FOOTBALL CLUB OPEN AGE FOOTBALL TEAM 1962



Back Row:- Edward Fisher, Alex Slack, Colin Hooper, Alan Hoppner, Jeff Crompton, Unknown, Alan Greenhill, Graeme York, Laurie Bowen, Bob Sutherland, Stan Hoppner, Ted Seivers.

Centre Row:- Graham Crowe, Alan Sanders, Fred Stone, COACH Ray Moody, (Capt.) Ken Isaac, Ron Seivers, W.Hedgecock, Frank Stahl, Ken Dryburgh

Front Row:- Ken Atkinson, Wayne Sheehan, Neil Greenhill, Joe Ormando, Neville Jinnette, Wayne Tyler, Edward Taylor

CROXTON YOUTH CLUB UNDER 15's FOOTBALL TEAM - P.D.J.F.A. 1962



Back Row:- Graeme Fellows (assist.)
Noel Gardiner, Peter Watson, B.Wills, unknown,
unknown, Ray Snowden, unknown, unknown.

Centre Row:- Len Fellows (Manager), Neil Allen,
John Williams, John Snowden, unknown,
Rod Schobels, Alan Radford, Stan Payne (Manager)

Front Row:- Harold Locklier, Alex Gardiner,
Tom Paxton, Rod Schnieder, Umpire Alan Thomson,
George McLay (Coach), Tom Martin, Gary McGinty,
Kelvin Trickey and Wayne Marmo.

1963

Membership of the Club had increased rapidly topping 150 members at the start of the year. This prompted the club to form an Under 13 Football team which meant that the club was now fielding teams in the Open Age Metropolitan League whilst Junior teams in the P.D.J.F.A. were U.17's Coached by Harry Hobbs, U 15 Coached by George McLay, & U.13's Coached by Fred Stone.

The Under 15's had a very good year losing only one game, played in the the Grand Final where we lost to Sacred Heart by 21 points, very disappointing. SCORE:- Croxton 3.7.25 lost to Kingsbury 7.3.45

Best:- Ray Snowden, Wal Sheehan, Peter Watson, Neil Allen, Des White, Wayne Marmo & Paul Kearney

Goals:- 1 to Ray Snowden, Wal Sheehan and Neil Allen.

CROXTON YOUTH CLUB UNDER 15's FOOTBALL TEAM – P.D.J.F.A. 1963



Back Row:- Graeme Fellows (Assist. Manager), Peter Harris, Peter Watson, Des.White, Ray Snowden, Jeff Cornwall, Wal Sheehan,
Gary McGinty, Peter Cleaver, Len Fellows (Manager)

Centre Row:- Ron Seivers, unknown, Wayne Marmo, George McLay (Coach), Neil Allen, B.Wills, V.Vecchi

Front Row:- unknown, Paul Kearney, unknown, Philip Targrass, unknown, Wayne Kelly, F.Mallias.

Mens Basketball team, Coached by Phil D'Atri were again entered, the Cricket Club kept rolling along, with the Club instigating a Trophy for the most Catches called the George Sanders Trophy. This year was a Tie between Ken Isaac & Edward Fisher. (7 catches). Captains were 1st XI Gary Payne, V.Capt. Edward Fisher. 2nd XI Capt. Colin Hooper, V.Capt. Robert Sutherland.

CROXTON SPORTS CLUB CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES 62-63

Batting Averages 1st & 2nd XI						Bowling Averages 1st & 2nd XI					
Batsman	Inn.	N.O.	H.Sc	Total	AV.	Bowling	O	M	W	R	AV
G.Sanders	14	2	78	364	30.33	G.Sanders	80.1	6	32	355	11.09
A.Sanders	15	4	76	283	25.72	K.Dryburgh	67	5	17	384	14.52
E.Fisher	16	1	53	222	14.80	L.Bowen	40.4	0	15	266	17.73
F.Stone	8	1	29	82	11.71	G.Fellows	96.2	11	21	384	18.28
C.Connor	14	1	44	149	11.46	E.Fisher	77.2	4	15	352	23.33
C.Harvey	16	0	25	178	11.12	A.Sanders	68	3	14	357	25.55
G.Fellows	13	5	24no	87	10.87	K.Polmear	37.5	2	3	192	64.00
Wal Sheehan	8	2	15no	53	8.83	C.Harvey	34.3	1	1	217	217.00

Catches:- 7 – K.Isaac & E.Fisher; 6 – C.Connor; 5 – C.Harvey, A.Slack, G.Sanders & Wyn Sheehan;

4 – E.Taylor, A.Sanders,K.Dryburgh & G.Payne; 3 – N.Mathews, L.Bowen, K.Atkinson, R.Schobels, & K.Polmear;

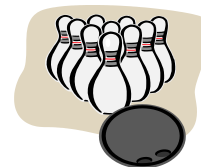
2 – F.Colgan, G.McGinty, & C.Hooper,

1 – R.Sutherland, C.Pepper, G.York, G.Fellows & Wal Sheehan

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A new venture by the club was to enter TEN PIN BOWLING teams up at the Preston Bowling Alley.

Mother's of the players were very active so it was decided that a Mother's Club form a committee and at the election the following were selected;- President Mrs Dot Fellows; Vice Pres. Mrs Phyllis Fisher; Secretary Mrs Laura Gilbert; Treasurer Mrs J.Hall with Assist. Treas. Mrs Win Targrass. The Mother's organized Picnics to the RAAF base at Laverton for a Social Cricket match, Picnics to Warrandyte, Lancefield, Yarra Junction, Seaford, Pt Lonsdale as well as many cake stalls. Bingo nights or Housy Housy as it was called were held as fund raisers and Towards the end of the year they presented the Youth Club with cash totalling 100 Pounds (\$200), which in 1963 was a lot of cash.



PICTURES ON THE LEFT ARE THE ADULTS ENJOYING THE DAY AT THE SEAFORD PICNIC.



PICTURED (left) AT THE PICNIC HELD AT POINT LONSDALE ARE;-

(Back Row)

Bill Fisher, Alice Bruce, Dot Fellows, Norma Seivers, Len Fellows, Stan Payne, Ted Seivers

(Front Row)

Young Seivers, Phyllis Fisher, Phyllis Payne

Here is the photo of our Girls basketball team with Manageress Mrs Phyllis Fisher & Coach Colin Harvey.



BACK ROW: Mrs Phyllis Fisher, Val Teague, Kay Sanders, Joy Dryburgh (Captain) Norma Gardiner, Pat Hooper & Coach Colin Harvey.

CENTRE ROW:- Gail Pepper, Denise Pepper, Lesley Warren & Diane Targrass

FRONT ROW: Jill Swain & Betty Coutie

Best;- N.Gardiner, D.Targrass & L.Warren. Points;- 8 N.Gardiner; 6 G.Pepper; 4 J.Dryburgh; 2 D.Pepper & D.Targrass

Open Age player Wal Sheehan thought he would try his luck at VFL level and completed the Pre-season training at Fitzroy Football Club, but unfortunately failed to make the final training list, but enjoyed the experience. Captain Ken Isaac won the B. & F. 1964 was a year to forget for as far as the Sporting side of the club, we did not have much success.

1965

The Cricket Club keeps improving with 1st XI Captain Wyn Sheehan, V.Capt. C.Hooper and 2nd XI Captain Robert Sutherland, V.Capt. Gary Watson.



CROXTON SPORTS CLUB AVERAGES 1st & 2nd XI's 1964-65

Batting Averages 1st & 2nd XI						Bowling Averages 1st & 2nd XI					
Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	AV	Bowling	O	M	W	R	AV
E.Fisher	19	2	119	421	24.70	A.Sanders	78	11	30	282	9.40
A.Sanders	15	1	122n.o	298	21.20	E.Fisher	114.4	14	38	381	10.00
G.Payne	10	1	61	161	17.80	G.Fellows	134.3	24	44	470	10.60
E.Taylor	13	2	78	175	15.90	K.Isaac	43.3	2	17	188	11.10
Wyn Sheehan	13	0	46	182	14.00	L.Waddell	48.5	4	16	240	15.00
J.Lillis	17	1	56	176	11.00	J.Crompton	44.6	5	12	216	18.00
G.Crowe	16	2	34	151	10.70	Wyn Sheehan	55	6	13	278	21.30
J.Crompton	13	0	28	130	10.00	R.Sutherland	51	1	12	368	30.60
W.Trowsdale	16	0	22	145	9.00	G.Crowe	38	1	5	179	35.80

Catches;- 16 – G.Payne; 9 – C.Hooper; 8 – K.Isaac; 7 – Wal Sheehan & A.Sanders; 6 – L.Waddle & R.Seivers; 5 – L.Ormond & R.Sutherland; 4 – K.Atkinson, Wyn Sheehan, G.Crowe, D.Garrett, G.Fellows & I.Bott; 3 – E.Fisher, C.Davis, J.Jolley, & J.Lillis; 2 – G.Marriot, B.Leslie, G.Bott & E.Taylor; 1 – B.Scott, W.Trowsdale, J.Crompton & G.Watson

Interesting one player in Ken Atkinson had 19 innings for the season and did not have one duck got a start in each Innings.

The Croxton Open Age Football team had a very good year making the finals and causing a few headaches along the way.

In the 1st Semi they beat Brunswick District by 27 points. SCORE;- Croxton 11.12.78 d. Brunswick Districts 8.15.63

Best;- Wal Sheehan, Ken Shepherd, Bruce Cotterell, Frank Stahl, Edward Taylor, Ken Isaac, Colin Hooper & Alan Sanders.

Goals;- 4 Alan Sanders; 3 Edward Taylor; 1 to Ken Isaac, Colin Hooper, Tony Trovarelli & Laurie Waddle

In a rugged affair knocked over arch rivals Merlynston, Croxton won by 8 points to advance to the GRAND FINAL.

SCORE;- Croxton 8.8.56 d. Merlynston 7.6.48

Best;- Wal Sheehan, Graham Jarvis, Bruce Cotterell, Ken Isaac, Frank Stahl, Neil Greenhill, Edward Taylor & Tony Trovarelli

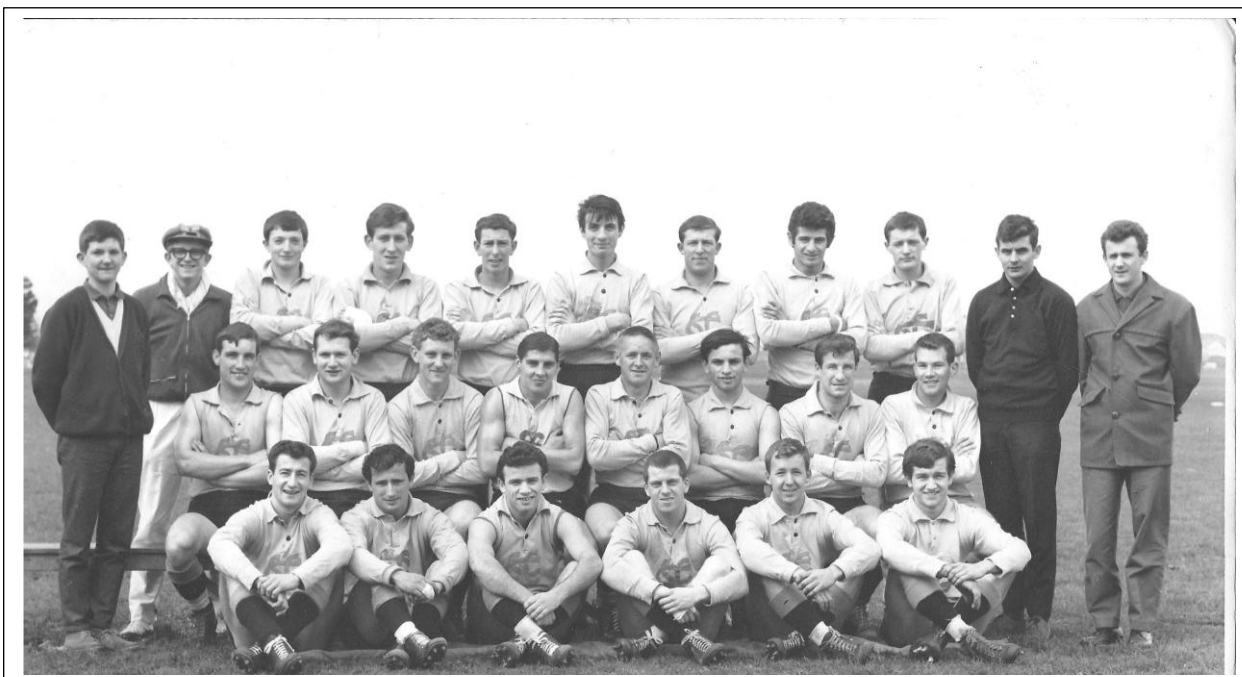
Goals;- 3 Edward Taylor; 2 Graham Jarvis & Tony Trovarelli; 1 to Ken Isaac

Unfortunately in the Grand Final Croxton were no match for Richmond District who won by 21 points in the end, but did not have it all their own way for most of the day. SCORE;- Croxton 9.4.58 lost to Richmond Districts 13.7.85

Best;- Edward Taylor, Wal Sheehan, Philip Abela, Ken Isaac, Graham Jarvis, A.Sanders, F.Stahl, B.Cotterell & Ken.Atkinson

Goals;- 3 Graham Jarvis; 2 Laurie Waddle & Neil Greenhill; 1 to Philip Abela & Tony Trovarelli

CROXTON FOOTBALL CLUB – RUNNERS UP 'B' Grade METROPOLITAN Football League, 1965



BACK ROW;- Keith Douglas (Timekeeper), Graeme Fellows (Assist. Manager- Trainer), Neil Greenhill, Graeme Jarvis, Laurie Waddle, Tony Trovarelli, Alan Sanders, Philip Abela, Alan Greenhill, Robert Sutherland (Head Trainer) & Wayne Tyler (Manager)

CENTRE ROW;- Don McNarmara, Frank Stahl, Wal Sheehan, Ken Atkinson (V.Capt.), Colin Hooper (Capt. & Coach), Joe Ormando, Edward Taylor & Ken Isaac.

FRONT ROW;- Bruce Cotterell, Ken Shepherd, Lou Ormond, Edward Fisher, Neville Jinnette, Gavin Williamson .
(ABSENT :- Graham Crowe & Laurie Payton)

The Girls Basketball team made the Preliminary Final only to lose to Collingwood by 2 points.

PRELIMINARY FINAL:- Croxton (2) 17 lost to Collingwood 19

Best:- J.Herbstreit, J.Patterson & C.White. Points:- 7 J.Herbstreit; 6 J.Patterson; 4 C.White

At the Annual Picnic held at Yarra Junction a large crowd attended and thoroughly enjoyed the days entertainment. Results of the races were:- Junior 50 yds Vicki McLay; Womens 50 yds Pat Mclay; Mens 100 yds Ray Garrett; 2nd Heat 100 yds George Mclay; Three Legged Race Ken Atkinson & Joan Snelson; Wheel Barrow Race Don & Ray Garrett; Junior 3 legged race Gail Targarss and Frank Stahl. Cricket ball throwing Comp. John Lillis 81 yds 2 ft – 2nd Robert Lemay 80 yds.

Seats were purchased for the Hall from Albert Park Basketball Stadium and the club thanked the following for their good work in bringing the seats from Albert Park. They were Mr Ely, Mr & Mrs Payne, Mr & Mrs Seivers, Mr & Mrs Fellows and club members Ted Fisher, Graeme Fellows, Peter Anderson and Noel Gardiner.

The Youth Club Hall was progressing in leaps & bounds with the club acquiring Furniture from the Northcote City Council to fit out the hall. "Progress made at the Centre will surprise the most Critical" President and Cr Arthur Spain said. The Hall was nearing completion with members attending the hall to help erect the ceiling of the Kitchen and to assist in the General Cleaning up of the building site. It was very pleasing that the progress is so well in advance that it should not be long before the Hall is open for Sporting Activities. An indication of the large amount of Voluntary work that has gone into the building and raising of funds since the hall was first contemplated three years ago. Unfortunately the cost of the structure had risen but donations were coming in thick and fast. Donations to the tune of were:- 800 pound (\$1600) from the Youth Advisory Committee; 750 pound (\$1500) from the Lions Club of Northcote; 706 pounds (\$1412) from the Preston & Northcote Police money raised at a charity football match; 100 pound (\$200) from the Rotary club of Northcote. 1700 pounds (\$3400) raised by George Sanders in a Special Effort

It was also pleasing that our Club President and Northcote Councillor Cr Arthur Spain was elected to become The Lord Mayor of Northcote for the second time in the 13 years that he has served on the council. CONGRATULATIONS to the Lord Mayor.

The First Annual Meeting was held in the Clubrooms this being the 8th Annual Meeting since the club was formed.

Cleaning up of the building site of the Club Hall was now in progress.

FINISHED-THE CROXTON YOUTH CLUB HALL, WATT STREET THORNBURY



Under 16's player Gary McGinty was Runner-up Best & Fairest in the P.D.J.F.A. Under 16 Competition, he was also selected as Captain of the Combine P.D.J.F.A. Side, who were beaten by 10 points. Gary McGinty was voted best afield in the game. Gary is now the Senior Pastor at Cairns Baptist Church. Gary has held the position of Senior Pastor at Cairns Baptist Church since March, 2003. Prior to that time, he was the founding pastor of Mill Park Baptist in Melbourne for 16 years. Gary trained as a motor mechanic and built his own successful business for 19 years before taking up the call to become a pastor. He is committed to Bible-based preaching and seeing the Church reach out into the community to share the love of Christ through good works and speaking the gospel. Gary brought with him to Cairns Baptist a strong commitment to Home Groups as the place where Christians are able to grow and help each other grow as Christians. His desire is to see everyone in the Church ministered to in this way. He also believes it is important for every Christian to discover their spiritual gifts and use them in ministry. Gary also holds the role of FNQ Area Co-ordinator for Queensland Baptists from Tully to Cooktown. Gary has been married to Sue for more than 45 years. They have four sons and 11 grandchildren.



CROXTON SPORTS CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES 1st & 2nd XI's 1965-66

Batting Averages 1st & 2nd XI

Bowling Averages 1st & 2nd XI

Batsman	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Total	AV	Bowling	O	M	W	R	AV.
E.Taylor	10	0	118	310	31.00	K.Isaac	41.3	2	19	227	11.60
K.Isaac	14	2	91	227	18.80	G.Fellows	117.7	10	32	494	15.30
J.Lillis	13	1	35	218	18.10	G.Jones	39	3	11	174	15.80
C.Davis	9	2	43n.o	117	16.70	R.Sutherland	89	4	29	478	16.40
Wal Sheehan	10	2	25n.o	127	15.80	R.Lemay	43	5	12	200	16.60
E.Fisher	12	1	30	166	15.00	Wyn Sheehan	68.2	2	18	301	16.60
J.Crompton	13	1	60	175	14.50	E.Fisher	105	13	22	439	19.90

AVERAGES AFTER FINALS;

Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	AV	Bowling	O	M	W	R	AV.
K.Isaac	18	2	91	300	18.70	G.Fellows	158.2	12	45	643	14.20
J.Lillis	17	1	41	282	18.10	J.Lillis	61.3	8	19	282	14.80
Wal Sheehan	14	4	27n.o	165	16.50	K.Isaac	56.3	2	21	315	15.00
E.Fisher	16	1	30	206	13.70	C.Davis	30.2	1	10	158	15.80
J.Crompton	17	1	60	201	12.50	E.Fisher	144	19	30	570	19.00
B.Leslie	18	1	46	203	11.90	Wyn Sheehan	82	4	20	399	19.90

Catches;- 8 - Ron Seivers; 7 - Wal Sheehan, John Lillis, Graeme Fellows; 5 - Gavin Williamson, Gary Payne, Jeff Crompton;
 4 - Ken Atkinson, Gary Tuchin, Ted Fisher; 3 - Graham Jones, Robert Sutherland, Colin Hooper
 2 - Lou Ormond, Colin Davis, Gary Watson, Graham Bott, Terry Keenan, Robert Lemay, Ted Taylor, Wayne Sheehan
 1 - L.Bowen, Barry Leslie, Don Garrett, Philip Abela, Alan Sanders, Ken Isaac.

AFTER FINALS:-

10 - J.Lillis & G.Payne; 9 - G.Fellows; 8 - R.Seivers, E.Fisher, Wal Sheehan; 5 - G.Williamson, J.Crompton;
 4 - K. Atkinson, G.Tuchin, C.Davis, B.Leslie; 3 - G.Jones, R.Sutherland, C.Hooper, K.Isaac
 2 - L.Ormond, G.Watson, G.Bott, T.Keenan, R.Lemay, E.Taylor, Wyn Sheehan; 1 - L.Bowen, D.Garrett, P.Abela, A.Sanders

The many grounds that the club has played on as our home ground are:-

Henderson Park (Thornbury), 1st Home Ground (Below)



John Cain Memorial Park (Northcote) , Hayes Park Thornbury



McDonnell Park (Northcote),



Mayer Park (Thornbury)

1967

On the 5/08/1967 Open Age Football Club stalwart Ken Isaac became the first player for the club to reach 100 games – CONGRATLATIONS Ken a Fine Effort. The Open Age team were shaping up well with the Appointment of a new Coach in Former Essendon Star Murray Exelby. Former Coach Colin Hooper was mainly responsible for obtaining the services of Exelby as Hooper was more than pleased to stand aside for a more experienced football coach. The club was disappointed to lose the services of Wal Sheehan who left the club to try out with Fitzroy Football Club. He left with the Club's blessing. Already training with Exelby had stepped up a notch with over 25 players attending each training session.



KEN ISAAC

The enthusiasm at training flowed onto match day with the club successfully making the finals. The First Semi saw Croxton defeat East Hawthorn by 25 pts.

SCORES:- Croxton 10.7.67 d. East Hawthorn 6.6.42

Best;- Jeff Crompton, Ken Atkinson, Alan Sanders, Gary Payne, Ken Dryburgh, Ken Isaac, Wyn Sheehan and Bill Hedgecock.
Goals;- 4 Alan Sanders; 2 Wyn Sheehan; 1 to Philip Abela, Bill Hedgecock, Gary Payne & Ken Atkinson.

The Preliminary Final saw Croxton account for Brunswick Districts by 9 points. Croxton 11.13.79 d. Bruns Dist. 10.10.70

Best;- Bill Hedgecock, Wyn Sheehan, Neville Jinnette, Gary Payne, Dennis Owens, Alan Sanders, Jeff Crompton, Frank Stahl & Graham Jarvis

Goals;- 3 Dennis Owens; 2 Ken Isaac, Wyn Sheehan & Laurie Waddle; 1 Neville Jinnette & Graham Jarvis.

The **GRAND FINAL** saw Croxton leading for most of the day but during the last quarter Preston Wanderers rallied and with the last kick of the day defeated Croxton by 1 point. Disappointing but a fine effort by the boys for the season.

SCORES;- Croxton 9.12.66 lost to Preston Wanderers 9.13.67

Best;- Graham Crowe, Frank Stahl, Jeff Crompton & Bill Hedgecock

Goals;- 3 Dennis Owens; 2 Edward Taylor; 1 to Alan Sanders, Gary Payne, Graham Crowe & Graham Jarvis.

CROXTON SPORTS CLUB FOOTBALL TEAM – 'B' Grade Metropolitan League 1967



Back Row: Colin Hooper, Len Fellows, Denis Owens, Phillip Abela, Graeme Crowe, Noel Daly, Jeff Crompton, Graham Jarvis, Wayne Paul, Ray Stahl, Frank Crompton, Robert Sutherland.

Centre Row: Bruce Cotterell, Edward Taylor, Bill Hedgecock, Ken Atkinson, Ken Isaac, Murray Exelby (Coach), Wayne Sheehan, Don McNarmara, Frank Stahl, Laurie Waddle, Bill Fisher.

Front Row: Neil Greenhill, Gary Payne, Ken Dryburgh, Mascot ??, Neville Jinnette, Gavin Williamson, Neil Driscoll

1967 Cont.

In the Junior side Batting Star Gary Tuchin won the Batting Av. For the Jika Cricket Association with an Av of 53.8. His bowling Av. was very good at 13.5 but the winner of the bowling Av. had 5.9. Gary was invited to play with Preston in the Sub District level where he made it to the Clubs second eleven, but after a couple of years returned to play back at Croxton.

Here are Garys' batting averages during his time at Croxton;- 67/68 - 53.8; 68/69 – 43.2; 69/70 – 29.0; 70/71 – 33.07 and in this year had the highest score for the Jika 162; 71/72 – 24.5.

Captain of 'B' Grade was Gary Payne with Ken Isaac the V.Captain.

CROXTON SPORTS CLUB CRICKET AVERAGES 1966 / 1967

AVERAGES ARE FROM FIGURES IN THE BOOKS, SOME GAMES MAY BE MISSING

Batting Averages 1st & 2nd XI						Bowling Averages 1st & 2nd XI					
Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Av.	Bowler	O	M	W	R	Av.
Wal Sheehan	10	4	100n.o	221	36.80	K.Isaac	73.6	2	31	343	11.00
J.Lillis	16	0	49	317	19.80	G.Jones	34.7	4	8	107	13.30
G.Payne	12	2	42	185	18.50	R.Sutherland	63.4	8	19	319	16.70
K.Isaac	15	0	66	244	16.20	R.Lemay	41.4	4	15	269	17.90
G.Williamson	13	3	39	149	14.90	J.Lillis	104	9	23	440	19.10
J.Cornwall	8	1	39	96	13.70	G.Fellows	106	8	22	454	20.60
J.Crompton	7	1	22	81	13.50	Wyn Sheehan	34	3	8	188	23.50

Catches;- 7 - B.Leslie; 6 - J.Lillis & G.Williamson; 5 - K.Isaac & G.Payne; 4 - G.Fellows; 3 - R.Sutherland, J.Crompton, C.Hooper & Wal Sheehan

2 - G.Watson, J.Cornwall and R.Seivers; 1 - P.D'Atri, W.Tyler, E.Fisher, E.Taylor, L.Ormond, Wyn Sheehan, R.Lemay & L.Parkhurst

CROXTON CRICKET CLUB – SOCIAL MATCH

A Social Cricket match was played against the RAAF at Laverton.

SCORES:-

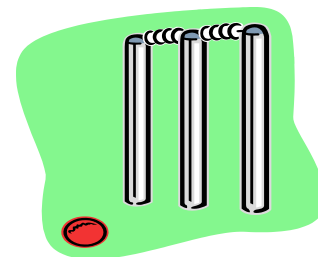
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K.Isaac 1; K. Atkinson 4; A.Sanders 9;
C.Connor 38; N.Mathews 1; R.Sutherland 7;
G.Payne 13; C.Harvey 19; C.Hooper 7;
L.Bowen 0; E.Taylor 23; Wyn Sheehan 9;
G.Fellows 11; Sundries 7

R.A.A.F.69

Bowling;

G.Fellows 4/17; E.Taylor 2/8; L.Bowen 2/10;
E.Fisher 1/9; A.Sanders 1/5; C.Hooper 1/0;
Wyn Sheehan 1/0; C.Harvey 0/3; C.Connor 0/2



Back Row:- Unknown, Robert Sutherland, Alan Sanders, Laurie Bowen, Edward Taylor,
Norm Mathews, Ken Isaac & Unknown.

Centre Row:- Colin Hooper, Edward Fisher, & Graeme Fellows

Front Row:- Colin Harvey, Wayne Sheehan, Ken Atkinson, Gary Payne & Chris Connor.

In the Queens Birthday Holiday weekend the Girls Basketball team travelled to Albury for their annual weekend trip away. Whilst there they played Wodonga in a challenge match, unfortunately lost by 24 points but a very successful weekend was enjoyed by all.

CROXTON YOUTH CLUB GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM - 1967



Back row:- Edward Fisher (Coach), June Fisher, Joan Kinnon, Joan Kay, Judy Rodda,
Carol White, Mrs Dot Fellows Manageress

Front Row : Josephine Herbstreit, Irene Daly, Francee Dunne and June Dunne.

TRIP AWAY TO WODONGA

Combined Team.

Croxton 17 lost to Wodonga 41

Best:- C.White & J.Kinnon

Points:- 14 C.White; 2 J.Kinnon, 1 to J.Kay





JIKA CRICKET ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TEAM 1967-68

UNDER 21 TEAM



Only one player has ever represented the Croxton Youth Cricket Club in the Jika Cricket Association representative team, that player was Fast Bowler Graeme Fellows 2nd from right back row.

Under the managership of Mr Robert Herman the team was very successful playing 5 matches, finishing equal top position only to miss the championship by percentage.



1968

The Open Age Football Teams had elected as their Captain Ken Atkinson with Vice Captain Jeff Crompton and Deputy Vice Graham Jarvis.

At the Open Age Football team presentation night Gary Payne a nuggety rover won the Best & Fairest with 39 votes whilst Ruckman Noel Daly was the Runner Up with 35 votes. Best Clubman went to Ken Dryburgh, the most Determined was Wayne Sheehan and the Most Improved Graeme Hawksford. The Best Utility was Phil D'Atri. Leading Goalkicker D.Owen 62 goals. The Open Age team had a good year making the Grand Final only to lose to East Hawthorn by 23 points.

2nd Semi – Final Croxton 7.6.48 lost to East Hawthorn 8.8.56 – Goals;- 2 N.Greenhill,N.Conycbear & L.Waddle; 1 to N.Daly

PRELIMINARY FINAL: Croxton 11.7.73 defeated Brunswick Districts 7.16.58
Best;- Noel Daly, Graham Crowe, Jeff Crompton, Graham Hawksford and Wal Sheehan
Goals;- 4 Dennis Owens, 2 Neil Greenhill, 1 to Gary Payne, Graham Jarvis, Neil Conycbear & Jeff Crompton

GRAND FINAL: Croxton 9.9.63 lost to East Hawthorn 13.8.86.
Best;- Graham Crowe, Terry Keenan & Neil Conycbear. Goals;- 4 Phil D'Atri;; 3 Dennis Owens; 1 to Neil Greenhill & Neil Conycbear.

MEMBERS WHO REPRESENTED THE FOOTBALL TEAM DURING THE SEASON WERE:-

COACH; M.Exelby; CAPTAIN; K. Atkinson, Vice Capt. J.Crompton, - G.Jarvis, J.Orlando, D.Owen, Wyn Sheehan, L.Waddle, N.Conycbear, E.Taylor, P.Abel, K.Dryburgh, G.Payne, K.Isaac, N.Greenhill, Wal Sheehan, P.D'Atri, T.Keenan, N.Daly, A.Greenhill, G.Crowe, L.Parkhurst, L.Ormond, C.Hooper, G.Hawksford, L.Payton, N.Jinnette & B.Sutherland.

Leading Goalkickers for the season were;-

62 – D.Owens; 27 - P.D'Atri; 23 - G.Payne; 21 - Wayne Sheehan; 13 - G.Jarvis; 12 - L.Waddle; 11 N.Greenhill; 9 N.Conycbear & P.Abel; 7 – E.Taylor; 6 – G.Crowe; 4 – K.Isaac; 3 – L.Ormond, L.Payton & K.Atkinson; 2 – G.Williamson & T.Keenan; 1 – Wal Sheehan, J.Crompton, G.Hawksford & N.Daly

The Open Age Football Team had concerns at the end of their season as it was rumoured that the Metropolitan Football League was going to disband. At a Special Meeting of all clubs, the Rumour was well & Truly squashed and that preparations were well in place for the 1969 season.

Cricket Club Members who reached 50 games during the year were;- Gary Payne, John Lillis & Barry Leslie.

A medal was presented to Opening Fast Bowler Graeme Fellows on his achievement of 50 wickets for the 1967-68 season.

At the Cricket Club Meeting it was decided that Dave Hedgecock would be Captain & Coach for the coming 68-69 season.

Dave brought to the club a wealth of experience having played with many clubs's throughout the Preston and surrounding districts.

Wayne Sheehan was appointed his vice Captain



CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1967 - 68

GRAEME FELLOWS

Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	AV	Bowler	O	M	W	R	AV.
G.Payne	9	1	36	165	20.60	Wyn Sheehan		50.6	5	23	256
K.Isaac	16	2	53 n.o	247	17.60	G.Fellows		150.7	16	50	603
L.Gordon	11	0	62	168	15.27	K.Isaac		46.2	2	18	250
Wyn Sheehan	12	0	34	183	15.25	L.Gordon		88.1	7	22	430
											11.13
											12.06
											13.88
											19.54

CATCHING TROPHY

10 - G.Payne; 7 - G.Fellows; 5 - R.Seivers, K.Isaac & G.Williamson; 4 - E.Fisher & S.Staff

3 - Wyn Sheehan, B.Cotterell, Wal Sheehan,B.Leslie; 2 - P.D'Atri, R.Lemay, J.Crompton;; 1 - A.Sanders, R.Sutherland,

Once again Croxton with three Mens Basketball teams in the Grand Final lost the three of them, and even though we lost, congratulations must go to Coach Wayne Sheehan for achieving such a feat to get three teams in the Grand Final.

LEADING POINT-THROWERS

Croxton (1) - 98 Wyn Sheehan; Croxton (2) - 96 E.Taylor; Croxton (3) -78 G.Fellows; Croxton (4) - 70 R.Crompton

The Winter Season saw Croxton enter 5 mens basketball teams this was because of the popularity with over 80 members playing Mens Basketball The Summer Season 6 teams were entered without success.

Under age teams in U.12, U.14, U.16 & U.18 were once again entered into the P.D.J.F.A.

Under 16's star Gary Tuchin had a brilliant year finishing Runner-up for the Best & Fairest in the Competition of the P.D.J.F.A. missing out on the award by one vote. Gary was voted Best Affield in eight matches. Congratulations GARY on a great year.

Former Croxton Youth Club Under 16 player Harold Martin played One game with the Fitzroy Football Club in the V.F.L.(Round 19). Harold came on at ¾ time to play the last quarter.

On the 1st June 1968 Harold represented the Victorian Football League second 18 in a game against New South Wales in Sydney.



HAROLD MARTIN

1969

With the unfortunate resignation of Open Age Coach Murray Exelby due to Health reason, a huge list of applicants with Interviews that kept the Committee very busy, and finally Bill Hedgecock was appointed for the 1969 season. Bill a Former player with Preston in the VFA, the club was hopeful of a successful season. The club missed the finals and in one match the game was abandoned when our President was struck off the field and this caused an all-in-brawl that went on for several minutes. The Umpires completely lost control ending the match with Croxton well in front. Bruce Cotterell was appointed to Coach the Under 18 team.

Junior teams U.12, U.14.U.16 & U.18's were once again entered in the P.D.J.F.A.

Club Presentation Night saw the highlights being;- Cricket Club – 1968-69 season went to Batting Gary Payne Av 43.0 and Bowling to Ken Isaac Av. 10.50. The Under 18 Football Best & Fairest went to Alan Radford with the Runner Up Warren Paul. The Open Age Football Best & Fairest again went to Gary Payne for the second year running, with Bob Ellis the Runner Up. Most Consistant Graham Crowe, Most Determined Graeme Hawksford whilst the Best Clubman went to Len Parkhurst. Two women in Mrs Dot Fellows & Mrs Phyllis Fisher received awards for washing the football jumpers.

Cricket Club Members who reached 50 games during the year were;- Ron Seivers & Edward Taylor. The Cricket club Captain by Wayne Sheehan played in the semi final but lost on the 1st Innings – SCORES Croxton 143 Barry Leslie 51; Gary Payne 36; Stephen Staff 16; Ron Seivers 10, lost to Keon Park 176 – Ken Isaac 4/38 & 131 Ron Seivers 3/19

CROXTON CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES FOR SEASON 1968 / 1969

Batting Averages 1st XI						Bowling Averages 1st XI					
Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	AV.	Bowler	O	M	W	R	AV
G.Payne	12	4	103 n.o	344	43.00	K.Isaac	37.3	5	16	169	10.50
G.Fellows	11	2	56	196	21.70	J.Lillis	44.7	7	12	151	12.50
S.Staff	14	1	51	257	19.80	G.Fellows	115.1	16	27	389	14.40
K.Isaac	13	1	35	189	15.75	B.Flannagan	42	3	12	177	14.70
J.Lillis	12	2	32	124	12.40	E.Fisher	34	11	4	92	23.00

AFTER FINALS;

G.Payne	13	4	103 n.o	380	42.22	K.Isaac	51.3	3	21	222	10.50
G.Fellows	12	2	56	202	20.20	G.Fellows	129.1	18	29	450	15.50
S.Staff	15	1	51	273	19.50	R.Seivers	46	6	10	157	15.70
K.Isaac	14	1	35	190	14.61	B.Flannagan	50	6	12	200	16.60
B.Flannagan	7	0	20	84	12.00	Wyn Sheehan	30.2	4	9	130	14.40

Catches; 8 - D.Hedgecock; 7- G.Payne; 6 - S.Staff; 5 - L.Parkhurst & Wyn Sheehan; 4 - K.Isaac; 3 - E.Fisher & R.Seivers
2 - B.Leslie, G.Fellows; 1 - J.Lillis, & A.Sanders

Both the Mens & Girls Basketball teams all folded due to the lack of interest by the members. Shame, as every player was getting a little long in the tooth to continue at such a physical game.

1970

November 1970 saw Cricket Club stalwart Ken Isaac reach 100 games for the Cricket Club
Cricket Club Members who reached 50 games during the year were;- Ken Atkinson & Wal Sheehan.
Club Champion for the Year was Graeme Fellows.

The 1969-70 Cricket season both our 'B; and our 'D' grade teams reached the Finals.

Captain of the 'B' grade 1st XI was Wayne Sheehan.

'B' grade were undefeated throughout the year but lost the semi final to Northern Socials.

SCORES;- Croxton 1st Inn. 120 – D.Hedgecock 40; G.Payne 14; Wyn Sheehan 14; R.Ellis 12; K.Isaac 11;
Croxton 2nd Inn. – 7 for 79 – K.Isaac 29; P.Eddington 25; J.Lillis 10 lost to Northern Socials 160 & 110
Bowling;- (1st) – K.Isaac 3/19; G.Fellows 3/38; R.Ellis 2/47; (2nd) D.Hedgecock 5/22; K.Isaac 2/24
G.Fellows 2/31

'D' grade finished fourth defeating Reservoir Colts in the semi and then failed by 1 run to
topple Bell Ramblers in an exciting finish in the Grand Final.

SCORES;- Bell Ramblers 179 & 359 (Bowling) G.Tuchin 5/120; P.Williams 4/140 defeated Croxton 178 & 97.
Batting - G.Tuchin 89; G.Wilson 38 & 22; R.Peckham 31 and D.Wilson 14.



CROXTON CRICKET CLUB AVERAGES - 1969 -1970

Batting Averages						Bowling Averages					
Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Av.	Bowler	O	M	W	R	Av.
G.Fellows	11	4	88 n.o	246	35.10	K.Isaac	58.7	8	23	209	9.08
S.Staff	12	2	73	306	30.60	G.Fellows	125.3	21	38	388	10.21
G.Payne	12	3	50	211	23.40	R.Seiver	117.6	37	27	276	10.22
K.Isaac	17	1	43	270	16.80						
P.Eddington	11	2	29	138	15.30						
Wyn Sheehan	17	3	32 n.o	136	9.70						
L.Parkhurst	11	3	15	72	9.00						
R.Seivers	10	1	33	67	7.40						
B.Leslie	9	0	19	64	7.10						
D.Hedgecock	10	1	22	58	6.40						



Averages after Finals						Averages after Finals					
Batsman	Inn	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Av.	Bowler	O	M	W	R	Av.
G.Fellows	12	4	88 n.o	250	31.20	K.Isaac	71.7	10	28	252	9.00
S.Staff	14	2	73	313	26.00	G.Fellows	145.7	26	43	447	10.30
G.Payne	13	3	50	225	22.50	R.Seivers	126.6	37	28	322	11.50
R.Ellis	6	1	53 n.o	93	18.60	R.Ellis	35.5	6	17	196	11.52
K.Isaac	19	1	43	310	17.20	Wyn Sheehan	17.7	1	4	79	19.70
P.Eddington	13	2	29	163	14.80	D.Hedgecock	13.2	1	9	43	4.70
J.Lillis	6	2	12 n.o	43	10.70	J.Lillis	5.6	0	1	38	38.00
D.Hedgecock	11	1	40	98	9.80						
Wyn Sheehan	19	3	32 n.o	154	9.60						
L.Parkhurst	13	3	15	76	7.60						
R.Seivers	12	1	33	70	6.30						

Catches; Including finals - 15 - G.Payne; 8 - D.Hedgecock & K.Isaac; 7 - L.Parkhurst; 6 - R.Ellis; 4 - R.Seivers & P.Eddington
2 - G.Fellows, Wyn Sheehan, J.Lillis & K.Eddington; 1 - S.Staff, E.Taylor & B.Cotterell

With the Open Age team having an ordinary year in 1969 and the return to good health of Murray Exelby former Coach, the Committee approached Exelby to see if he was interested to continue in his role as Senior Coach. Exelby accepted and success began to flow once again for the Open Age Team.

The Open Age team made the finals but unfortunately were beaten by 10 pts in the first semi against Preston Wanderers.

SCORES: Croxton 13 -13 - 91 lost to Preston Wanderers 15 - 11- 101

DEATH OF OUR PRESIDENT

Councillor Arthur J. Spain of Gladstone Avenue Northcote, represented the Central Ward for 13 years.

He was elected Mayor of the City of Northcote twice – 1956-57 & 1965-66.

In April 1962 Cr. Spain was elected President of the CROXTON YOUTH CLUB where his Tireless efforts were responsible for the building of the Youth Club Hall. The unfortunate Death of Our President left a BIG hole in the Committee, as Councillor/ Lord Mayor and President of our Club
Cr. Arthur John Spain was a tireless worker spending many hours in his quest to have the CROXTON YOUTH CLUB Hall Built.

In 1970 Cr Spain had attended a Council Meeting that night and passed away in his sleep.

He was survived by his Wife and his two Daughters

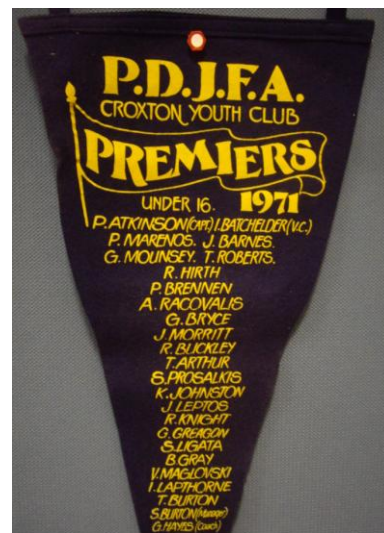


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OUR FIRST

1971 PREMIERSHIP

What a year. Our first **PREMIERSHIP** since the beginning of the Croxton Youth Club and this was after 11 years of competing in all sports. Yes the Under 16's won their way through to the Grand Final with victories like this;- First Semi after trailing all day finished strongly in the last quarter to win by 5 points over Swimmers; Preliminary Final saw the Under 16's win their way into a Preston District Junior Football Association Title game with a 1 point win over Keon Park; then the GRAND FINAL a 2 point win over Reservoir Colts, coming from behind to win with the last kick of the day. Coach Greg Hayes is to be Congratulated in the way he rallied the boys after being 5 goals down midway through the third quarter. The intructions given to the team was not to be an individual and that only team play will win this title for the club. Players took notice and in the dying stages with Croxton 4 points down, Half forward Ian Batchelder with only seconds remaining slotted through a major to give Croxton their first ever **PREMIERSHIP**.



SCORES:- 1st Semi; Croxton 6.9.45 d, Swimmers 5.10.40

Best:- G.Mounsey, R.Buckley, S.Prosalkis, I.Lapthorne, G.Bryce, P.Morrith, J.Barnes, P.Atkinson & I.Batchelder

Goals:- 3 G.Bryce; 1 to G.Mounsey, I.Batchelder & T.Roberts

Preliminary Final:- Croxton 5.15.45 d. Keon Park 6.8.44

Best:- I.Batchelder, G.Mounsey, R.Buckley, G.Bryce, P.Atkinson & J.Barnes.

Goals:- 2 G.Mounsey; 1 to B.Gray, G.Bryce & R.Buckley

GRAND FINAL Croxton 8.7.55 defeated Reservoir Colts 7.11.53

Best:- P.Atkinson, I.Batchelder, P.Barnes, V.Maglovski, & G.Mounsey

Goals:- 3 G.Mounsey & I.Batchelder; 2 G.Bryce; 1 to G.Greagon

WINNING GRAND FINAL TEAM

Backs;	A.Racovallis	P.Atkinson	J.Leptos
Half Backs;	P.Marenos	J.Barnes	V.Maglovski
Centres;	S.Prosalkis	I.Lapthorne	R.Buckley
Half For;	J.Morrith	G.Mounsey	P.Brennan
Forwards;	G.Greagon	G.Bryce	R.Hirth
Rucks;	B.Gray	S.Licata	
Rover;	I.Batchelder		
19 th Man	T.Arthur	20 th Man	T.Roberts

Emergencies; R.Knight, S.Ligata & T.Burton

Coach Greg Hayes - Captain P.Brennan



Club Secretary Jack Batchelder said his only disappointment was that it was not seen by former President, the late Cr Arthur Spain. Elected President Ken Whitechurch had some big shoes to fill in replacing the late Cr Arthur Spain.

During the year FOUR Junior Footballers reached Milestone. They were:-

Geoff Greagon 100 games; Ian Batchelder 100 games; Geoff Batchelder 100 games whilst Alan Batchelder 50 games.

In December, Cricket Club Opening Fast Bowler in Graeme Fellows made it to 100 games for the cricket Club.

Batting Averages						Bowling Averages					
Batsman	Inn	N.O	H.S	Total	AV	Bowler	O	M	W	R	AV
G.Payne	11	3	75	251	31.37	R.Seivers	85	15	28	262	9.35
R.McDonald	10	0	93	269	26.90	K.Isaac	80.7	5	31	345	11.12
K.Isaac	12	0	57	202	16.83	R.McDonald	107.6	21	20	302	15.10
Wal Sheehan	9	0	28	145	16.11	G.Fellows	131.2	19	30	470	15.66

Catches;

4 - G.Fellows, R.Seivers & K.Atkinson; 3 - Wal Sheehan & G.Jones; 2 - G.Payne, K.Isaac, P.Eddington & L.Parkhurst

1 - S.Staff, Wyn Sheehan, R.McDonald & C.Draper

The Cricket Club entering Two teams had a successful season. The 1st XI playing in 'C' grade Captain Wayne Sheehan missed out on the finals by 3 pts with the fourth side having 49 pts whilst we managed 46 pts.

The 2nd XI playing in 'C1' grade won more games than they lost but finished 6th on the ladder 14 pts out of the finals.

Unfortunately some scorebooks are missing so the averages are those of the 1st XI only.

During the year Round Seven against Keon Park, Ron Seivers Captured a HAT TRICK taking 6 for 15 in the 1st Innings and 2 for 24 in the second innings. This HAT TRICK in the only one taken by a Croxton player in the History of the Club.

1971 (Cont)

Football teams were again entered into the Preston District Junior Football Association in the Under 10's Coach L.Buckley, Capt. T.Buckley, Under 12's, Coach J.Hastings, Capt. M.Arthur, Under 14's Coach G.McApline, Capt. T.McApline and Under 18's unfortunately these teams did not enjoy the success of the Under 16 Premiership team, Coached by Greg Hayes Capt. P.Brennan.

The Open Age Football team had a very disappointing season winning only one match and towards the end of the season had to forfeit several games due to the lack of numbers.

The winning match was against Westgarth by 3 points. Croxton 8.6.54 defeated Westgarth 7.9.51

1971 saw the club struggle to field a competitive team each week winning only one game for the season and towards the end of the season failed to obtain the numbers and unfortunately walkovers were given. Players were ageing, recruiting seemed to drop off as players married and left the district.

Gary Payne was voted the Club's Best & Fairest, his third Carribean Shield win, but unfortunately due to dwindling numbers this was to be the club's final year and due to lack of interest the Open Age team disbanded - Shame.



SPECIAL THANKS YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:-

FOR THE EFFORTS IN WASHING THE FOOTBALL JUMPERS OVER THE YEARS.

Mrs P.Fisher, Mrs P.Payne, Mrs P.Hooper. Mrs J.Crompton, Mrs Crowe & Mrs D.Fellows

Here is a list of the winners of the Carribbean Shield being the Best & Fairest winner for the Open Age team.

CROXTON FOOTBALL CLUB BEST & FAIREST TROPHY 'CARRIBEAN SHIELD'



WINNERS OF THE CARRIBEAN SHIELD BEST & FAIREST PLAYER TROPHY

1966 - Jeff Crompton;	1967 - Jeff Crompton;	1968 - Gary Payne;
1969 - Gary Payne;	1970 - Warren Paul'	1971 - Gary Payne



Gary Payne was voted the Club's Best & Fairest, but unfortunately due to dwindling numbers this was to be the club's final year and due to lack of interest the Open Age team disbanded –Shame.

GARY PAYNE



1972

Mrs Howes wife of Cr Jack Howes unfurled the first ever premiership flag for the Croxton Youth Club football teams. It was won by the Under 16 team for 1971 and was unfurled at Mayer Park. Cr Jack Howes is Now the New President of the Youth Club and hopes to emulate the good work set out by the late Cr Arthur Spain.

The Club introduced Under 10's in the P.D.J.F.A. for the first time. With Club Secretary Mr Jack Batchelder managing the Under 10's as parents were reluctant to help out, things were becoming too difficult to manage due to the lack of parental support.

Because of the lack of Parents to help out with the Sporting Activities, Junior members of the Football section were ask to take their Jumpers home and have their parents wash the jumper. This turned out to be a complete failure as what was happening, the boys were wearing the jumpers to school during the winter months and one day at Hutton Street State school at least 10 pupils were seen in the Club Colors.



The wife of the Croxton Youth Club Secretary Mrs Jean Batchelder who had been washing one of the teams jumpers, took on the task of washing all of the club's jumpers, a total of over 80 jumpers. Now this may be fine in a warm climat but during the Winter months the Batchelder house hold would see the jumpers spread out all over the house.

The Club decided that a Clothes dryer was required to ease the pressure on Mrs Jean Batchelder. What a blessing! After the Jumpers were washed and dried, Jean would then set out to fold each jumper and place them in numerical order ready for the teams the following weekend.



GREAT JOB Jean CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EFFORT

1973

Unfortunately due to the lack of numbers the Under 18 football team was disbanded.

With the lack of interest shown by the parents to help out with their children at the Youth Club, it was left to too few to do all of the work, and the pressure was starting to tell on the workers.

Life Membership was awarded to Mr George McLay for his services to the club when at the Presentation Night his Medal was presented to him by the Club Secretary Mr Jack Batchelder.

Football teams were entered into the P.D.J.F.A. in the Under 16's, Under 14's, Under 12 competition and with so many boys wanting to play at the Under 10 level, the club decided to enter a second team called the Reserves into the competition.



The Cricket club had folded due to many members marrying and moving out of the district. Thirteen years and with over 100 members participating many friendships were cemented and still carry on today.

TWO GRAND FINALS without success and FIVE SEMI-FINALS not a bad effort although a Premiership would have capped Off enjoyable careers for the Youth Club.



The lack of Adult participation was causing headaches and those who were assisting with the few teams left were working overtime to keep the Club afloat.

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1974

Newly elected President was Ken Steele.

Boxing was introduced into the Club Hall with many of Victoria's best fighters attending the venue. It was stated by the best fighters in the land that this Boxing Ring was the best in Australia, far better than the ring at Festival Hall.

Judo and Callisthenics were still operating during the week and the Football teams U.16; U.14, U.12 and now U.10's were fielded in the P.D.J.F.A.

The Under 16's made the finals only to be defeated in the 1st Semi Final by Kingsbury.

SCORE:- Croxton 3.6.24 lost to Kingsbury 4.10.34

Best:- Christou, Forester, Johnson and T.McAlphine.

Terry McAlpine finished 3rd in the Comp. Best & Fairest.



A Dance was held in the hall on a Friday night once a month, but it became so popular that the club reverted to every 2nd Friday night. Many of the Top Bands in Victoria were applying to have the Gig and with the crowds peaking at over 400, it was decided that two bands play at the venue so that there was no break in the music. As with so many young people gathering in the one place security was needed and Club Secretary Jack Batchelder approached the Northcote Police to see if they could attend the venue. It was decided that members of the force who were not rostered on to work that night could attend for a small fee to help control the large crowd for the hall. This event turned out to be a HUGE money earner for the club with an admittance fee of 6/- (\$1.20) the debt of 2000 pound (\$4000) that the club had on the Hall, was diminishing fast.

By the end of the year the club became debt free and looked to becoming one of the biggest Youth Club's in the Southern Hemisphere.



Sportsman's Nights were held at the Club with many Sporting Celebrities giving freely of their time to support the Youth of the District. Unfortunately some very high profile celebrities were asking for a 25 pound (\$50) appearance fee, but the club refused to pay. This led to attendances dropping off and the Sportsman nights fell through, unfortunate as the nights brought in good revenue.



1975

UNDER 16's PREMIERSHIP

1975 saw the Croxton Youth Club win their 2nd Football Premiership with the Under 16's having an excellent year and an even better finals campaign.

Coach Barry Chenhall did a good job with the boys peaking at the right time of the year. The last two games leading into the finals Croxton had two very big wins.

The 1st Semi, Croxton easily accounted for Reservoir Old Boys winning by 61 points. SCORES:- Croxton 11.12.78 d. Reservoir Old Boys 2.5.17

Best:- Birthisel, Batchelder & Morris

The Preliminary Final saw another big win defeating East Reservoir by 62 points. SCORES:- Croxton 14.13.97 d. East Reservoir 5.5.35

Best:- TEAM EFFORT.

The Under 16's led by Captain S.Morritt and Vice Captain I. Young were going into the GRAND FINAL as favourites even though Kingsbury their opponents finished on top of the ladder. The match against Kingsbury at the Northcote Football Ground was close throughout the day, but Croxton's teamwork was excellent and systematic and the early break the club obtained they held until the final siren to win by 13 points.

SCORES:- Croxton 7.9.57 defeated Kingsbury 5.8.38

Team Manager Ian Batchelder stated that this was a great team effort with not one player standing out. Ian stated that earlier in the year Kingsbury beat Croxton by 40 points so it was good to turn the tables, at the right time.

CONRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM

Coach B.Chenhall, **Manager** Ian Batchelder, **Captain** S.Morritt, **Vice Capt** I.Young
A.Batchelder, M.Chenhall, G.Wheeler, K.Kline, S.Begeman, J.DiGeorgio, W.Graham,
D.Naccarato, G.Thomas, C.Christou, S.Drummond, K.Houston, P.Price, D.Birthisil,
W.Milner, P.Morris, R.Haynes, P.Buckley, A.Traversa, G.Robinson, A.Carr, G.Carr, G.Morris.



The Under 10's made it to the 1st semi-final but lost by 10 points to Heidelberg Colts.

The Under 14's, had a very good year winning the 1st semi by 3 points over Preston United **BEST** Deblaqutere, Sleqianto, Bartram, Mimkov, Zampleri, Phillips, Stancall & Farmer. In the Preliminary Final were no match for Heidelberg Colts losing by 103 points.

The Under 12's had a fair year unfortunately not winning many games.

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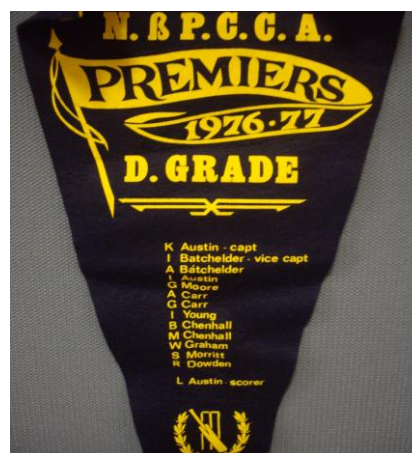
1976

In 1976 several members of the now folded Cricket Club formed their own Cricket Team and played in the Northcote & Preston Churches Cricket Association.

They had a very good year winning the Premiership in the 'D' Grade Competition.

Football teams were again entered in the P.D.J.F.A. in the Following:- Under 16's, Under 14's, Under 12's and Under 10's.

Unfortunately due to the lack of Parents helping out, the year Was a BIG struggle.



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1977

DEMISE OF THE CROXTON YOUTH CLUB

This was the year of the Club's demise, as stated before not enough helpers for the large number of members that the club had accumulated. Some who had only been at the club for weeks thought they knew better than the present committee and unfortunately a huge split occurred causing a break away group with the Under 10's.

Northcote Council got wind of the split and revoked the Club's lease on the hall which was only 5 pounds (\$10) a year, but this saw the end of the Youth Club as it was commonly known. Because of the split Committee Members were resigning and it become fasicle as nobody was left to run the Sporting Activities. Hence the demise of the CROXTON YOUTH CLUB.

A TOTAL OF 500 + HAVE PARTICIPATED IN CLUB ACTIVITIES OVER THE 18 YEARS.
Some interesting facts about members history after the demise of the Croxton Youth Club.



COLIN HOOPER;-

Colin Hooper Playing Coach for 4 years 1962,63,64,65, moved on when the club folded in 1971 to become a Boundary Umpire in the VFA and then after two years, joined the staff at Essendon Football Club where he has become a Life Member and still operates as Interchange Steward / Trainer today.

Colin also played Cricket with the Club (51 games) where he Captained 'D' grade in 1963 & 'C' grade in 1964.



KEN ISAAC;-

Ken Isaac who holds the record for the most games played for the Croxton Youth Club, in both Cricket (127 games) & Football (Approx 180 games) Ken also Captained the Football club for many years, before moving on to become a Boundary Umpire with the VFA.

A fine Spin Bowler and handy batsman for the Cricket Club, Ken also was a member of the Basketball teams.



ALAN SANDERS;-

Alan Sanders joined VFA club Oakleigh where he more than held his own in the Senior Team, dominating at Centre Half Forward.

Alan was a good contributor to the Cricket Club playing 37 games, Alan held the highest score of 122 not out against Reservoir Socials in 1964-65.



CHRIS CONNOR

Chris Connor a foundation member of the Cricket Club, after playing two season a total of 20 games left to improve his Cricket by joining Northcote Cricket Club in the District ranks.

Chris always considered himself to be a wicket keeper and joined Northcote with this in mind. He reached the ranks of playing in the Northcote Seconds.



HAROLD MARTIN

Harold Martin joined the Croxton Youth Club aged 12 and played in the Under 15's in 1963. After progressing through and Junior sides Harold was recruited by the Fitzroy Football Club and after several years was rewarded with his only Senior VFL game in round 19, 1968. Harold was 19th Man and came onto the ground for the last quarter, replacing Bennison. On the 1st June 1968 Harold represented the Victorian Football League second 18 in a game against New South Wales in Sydney.

Leaving Fitzroy he then embarked on a long career in the VFA and Captain-Coached Sunshine from 1975 to 1977. Moving on he was appointed Playing /Coach at Preston Football Club for season 1978;1979;1980;1981 winning the Best and Fairest in his first three seasons. He Coached Preston into the Grand Final only to be beaten by Prahran. He was then appointed Playing / Coach at Coburg in 1982;1983 winning the Best & Fairest in 1983. Leaving Coburg Harold did the rounds in the Diamond Valley League Coaching Reservoir to a Div. 2 Premiership in 1984. Season 1987 & 1988 saw Harold Coach the Box Hill Hawks.

In 1996, Harold Coached West Preston in the Diamond Valley to win the Div. 1 Premiership.

ROBERT SUTHERLAND



As of 2014 Bob was still playing Cricket with Essendon in the Essendon District over 70's competition.

Bob an original member of the Cricket Club was Vice Captain of the 2nd XI from 1963 to 1965 and 1966 & 1967 Captained the 2nd XI where he played 57 games with the Club and helped out with the Football Administration, when required.

GARY PAYNE



Gary Payne foundation member, also tried out at the Northcote Cricket Club but after a few games preferred to be with his mates and returned to the Youth Club as our Number One Wicket Keeper, with the Cricket Club, where Gary played 76 games for the Club.

Gary was also a member of the Football Club where as a nuggety rover won the Best & Fairest in 1968, 69, & 71. He was also a fine contributor to the Basketball side of the Youth Club

WALTER SHEEHAN



Walter Sheehan in 1964 tried out with the Fitzroy Football Club but failed to make the Gaining valuable experience from the venture.

A Member of both the Football and Cricket teams (55 games) for the Youth Club, Wal also played with the Youth Club Basketball teams.

GARY McGINTY



Gary McGinty played the 1968 season with the Fitzroy V.F.L. Under 19's where he kicked 39 goals for the season to finish third on the goalkicking ladder.

Gary had played a couple of season with the Croxton Under 15 team

LAURIE BOWEN



Laurie Bowen also played with Oakleigh in the VFA for a couple of season Before returning to play at the Youth Club

WAYNE SHEEHAN



Wayne was heavily involved with all sports with the Youth Club. He Captained and Coached 6 basketball teams, Played Football and Captained the Cricket Club from 1965 through to 1972 playing 112 games.

Wayne has become heavily involved in Lawn bowls and in March 2014 won The Australian Doubles championship representing the Mentone Bowling Club, with partner Trevor Stevens.

Congratulations Wayne a fine effort.

DIANE TARGRASS / BYRNE



Diane a foundation member played many years with the Youth Club Girls Basketball team, retired to take on the challenge of playing Women's Cricket with the Melbourne Cricket Club, Successfully I might point out. Following her marriage to Tom Byrne and a move to Frankston, Diane participated in Basketball at Frankston Stadium for several years and Coached Junior basketball from Ballam Park Technical School, in 1977 Diane was the founding member of the Frankston Womens Cricket Club which entered a Pennant Grade team and two other teams in the Victorian Womens Cricket competition. In 1984 the club was granted total use of Belvedere Oval for Womens Sport with a new pavilion being erect which was named in 1991 the Diane Byrne Pavillion.

Recently Frankston Council along with AFL decided to allocate Belvedere Park to the St Kilda Football club as their headquarters and training facility therefore booting out the Womens Cricket Club, now after 3 years St Kilda is looking to bail out and return to the Junction Oval, the council embarrassed by their blunder has allocated the Womens Cricket to Seaford and renamed their Pavillion as the Diane Byrne Pavillion.

GRAEME FELLOWS



Graeme Fellows a foundation member of the Croxton Youth Club, played Cricket (122 Games), Basketball and helped with administration of the Football teams.

In 1964 decided to give Umpiring a go and after two season in the P.D.J.F.A. thought he would try out at the VFL level.

Joining the VFL Reserve Grade in 1967 and several observations by the Board Members he progressed to be Emergency in the 1968 VFL Under 19 Grand Final to Ian Robinson, at the M.C.G.

The Following year promoted to the Senior List.

After thirteen years on the list Graeme's record is as follows:-
VFL games 56; VFL Emerg. 7; VFL Night Games 6; VFL Emerg. N/games 6;
VFL Reserve games 115; VFL Reserve Semi Final 1; VFL Res. Final Emg. 2;
Country Appointments 140 including 18 Grand Finals and 32 Finals.

After season 1981 he retired to become a Board member and helped With Umpires Development until 1996 when business reason made it Impossible to continue.

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