

Swan Districts National Football Club
(INC.) W.A.N.F.L.

Sixth Annual Report
and Balance Sheet

Season 1939

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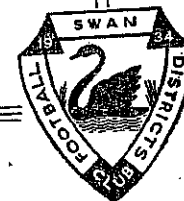
The Annual Meeting

Held in the

Club Rooms, Bassendean Oval.

Thursday, Dec. 7th, 1939

at 8 p.m.



Voting for the Election of Office Bearers will take place from
7.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Only Members for 1939 Season will be allowed to Vote.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET, SEASON 1939

To the Members of the Swan Districts National Football Club

Ladies and Gentlemen—

It gives me great pleasure to present to you on behalf of the Management Committee your club's Sixth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for season 1939.

Unfortunately your League team missed the Four, but this is offset by the fact that we have discovered several juniors who will be an asset to the club next season.

Right from the opening match we were handicapped with injuries and having to make so many changes every week did not give your Coach any chance to mould together a class eighteen. At the conclusion of the season Mr. Ditchburn visited a Country Carnival, and as the result, several very promising juniors may be tried out next season.

This season your Committee experienced much difficulty in placing country players in employment, the result being that several promising juniors returned to their hometown. In fact, one of our leading players in George Krepp, has just left us for the goldfields, owing to our inability to place him in a position in the metropolitan area.

We congratulate Jack Murray, Spec Sinclair and Harold Andrews, who represented your club in Interstate Football in Perth, and also congratulate both Jack Murray and Spec Sinclair who finished equal second in the Sandover Medal. We sympathise with George Krepp who was unable to represent his State after being chosen, owing to an illness.

A word of praise is due to those "evergreen favourites," H. Mosey (119), S. Sinclair (102), G. Krepp (100), and A. Zilko (100) who have all reached the century mark in games played.

At the conclusion of the season your Coach announced his retirement from League Football. Jim Ditchburn's sporting achievements are something to be proud of—he has represented his State in both football and cricket. Now that Jim has made this decision, we wish him good health and trust that he will continue to pass on his football knowledge to those who seek his advice.

Since the declaration of war several of our promising players have been called up for service. They include Harold Andrews, Max Chester, George Oakley, Fred Lambert and Alf Shepherd; and Dick McDonald from the Seconds.

We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Lange who entertained the players and officials at Picture Evenings and Socials during the season. These functions were enjoyed by all who attended.

PREMIERSHIP

Once again we extend to Claremont our heartiest congratulations on winning the 1939 Premiership. This young club has battled hard for supremacy and we wish them all the best.

PREMIERSHIP LIST

Position of Clubs at end of 1939 Season (not including Finals)

Club	Played	Won	Lost	For	Against	per cent	Points
Claremont	20	16	4	2198	1625	135	64
East Fremantle	20	15	5	1990	1569	126	60
East Perth	20	14	6	1953	1509	129	56
South Fremantle	20	12	8	2038	1787	114	48
Perth	20	12	8	1750	1537	113	48
Swan Districts	20	7	13	1577	1886	83	28
Subiaco	20	3	17	1573	2149	73	12
West Perth	20	1	19	1474	2489	59	4

CLUB'S POSITION RECORD (not including Finals)

Year	Position	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1934	7th	21	7	14		28
1935	5th	18	6	12		24
1936	7th	20	9	11		36
1937	3rd	21	14	7		56
1938	3rd	20	11	0		44
1939	6th	20	7	13		28

PLAYERS FOR 1939 SEASON

Matches Played 20 Goals Kicked 221 Players 41

Name	Games Played	Goals Kicked	Name	Games Played	Goals Kicked
J. Murray	20	3	F. Lambert	7	1
A. Zilko	20		W. Wicks	6	5
S. Sinclair	20	2	G. Oakley	6	5
R. Maynard	20	3	A. Todd	5	3
J. Ditchburn	19	41	J. Park	5	8
H. Mosey	19		H. White	4	4
C. Rosewarne	18	51	R. Annesley	4	2
F. Sweetapple	18	33	J. O'Niell	3	
J. Pearce	17	6	H. Hilton	2	
M. Chester	17	5	C. Avery	2	
J. Clark	16	11	L. Holmes	2	
T. Moiler	15	9	G. Mercer	2	
C. Bastow	15		R. Holmes	2	3
J. Jones	15	1	A. Randall	1	
J. Williams	14		R. Arkley	1	
H. Andrews	14	4	A. Morgan	1	
T. Darmody	11	9	L. Symonds	1	
G. Krepp	11	6	R. Switch	1	
W. Mose	9		W. Baker	1	
E. Gray	8		A. Slater	1	
J. Greene	8	6	The 19th man played on 15 occasions.		

RECORD OF MATCHES PLAYED 1939

Date	Versus	Ground	Umpire	Winners	Scores	Others
April 22	South Fremantle	Fremantle	Sparrow	South Fremantle	12 12	15 19
April 29	Claremont	Bassendean	Chapman	Claremont	7 14	18 13
May 6	East Fremantle	Fremantle	Sparrow	East Fremantle	12 6	18 20
May 13	East Perth	Bassendean	Black	East Perth	8 12	18 13
May 20	Perth	W.A.C.A.	Collins	Perth	12 12	18 10
May 27	Subiaco	Bassendean	Donoghue	Swan Districts	10 10	8 14
June 3	South Fremantle	Bassendean	Owens	Swan Districts	13 23	15 10
June 10	West Perth	Leederville	Collins	Swan Districts	15 12	14 14
June 17	Claremont	Claremont	Black	Claremont	12 17	16 13
July 1	East Perth	Lotons	Owens	East Perth	4 11	9 12
July 8	East Fremantle	Bassendean	Collins	East Fremantle	3 9	7 17
July 15	Perth	Bassendean	Sparrow	Swan Districts	9 13	7 8
July 22	Subiaco	Subiaco	Chapman	Subiaco	9 17	15 10
July 29	West Perth	Bassendean	Black	Swan Districts	23 20	10 9
August 5	Claremont	Bassendean	Owens	Claremont	13 12	18 8
August 12	South Fremantle	Bassendean	Donoghue	Swan Districts	14 14	12 14
August 19	East Fremantle	Fremantle	Collins	East Fremantle	8 17	12 6
August 26	East Perth	Lotons	Sparrow	East Perth	6 3	9 15
September 2	Perth	Bassendean	Black	Perth	10 7	15 6
September 9	Subiaco	Bassendean	Black	Swan Districts	21 10	20 11

Games played away 9, at home 11

Swan Districts G 221 B 251 Others G 274 B 242
Points For 1577 Against 1886

TOTAL SCORES

	Goals	Behinds	For Points	Goals	Behinds	Against Points
1934	255	252	1782	308	320	2163
1935	212	233	1505	249	237	1731
1936	246	226	1702	273	278	1916
1937*	287	258	1980	276	281	1937
1938*	262	294	1866	266	261	1857
1939	221	251	1577	274	242	1886

* Includes First Semi-Final Games

AVERAGE POINTS PER MATCH

Year	For	Against
1934	85	103
1935	84	96
1936	85	96
1937	90	97
1938	89	88
1939	79	94

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Previous holders of the above, which is presented to every player who has played in 50 games, are as follows:

Name	Games Played	Name	Games Played
H. Mosey	119	J. Murray	84
S. Sinclair	102	J. Pemberthy	76
G. Krepp	100	A. Randall	74
A. Zilko	100	T. Darmody	61
F. Sweetapple	93	E. Holdsworth	61
K. McInerney	91	C. Avery	56
J. Park	87		

NOTE—The possible is 122 exactly and the above totals include 1939, also semi-finals 1937-38.

Players entitled to the certificate this year are as follows:

T. Moiler	55	J. Ditchburn	52
H. Andrews	53	C. Bastow	51

List of all players since the inception of the Club showing games played and goals kicked, is as follows:

		Games	Goals			Games	Goals
H. Mosey	119			R. Sweet	10	6	
S. Sinclair	102	49		B. Burchell	10		
G. Krepp	100	10		E. Grey	9		
A. Zilco	100			G. Broomhall .. .	9	6	
J. Murray	94	28		C. Hellmrich .. .	8	12	
F. Sweetapple .. .	93	100		J. Greene	8	6	
K. McInnerney .. .	91	39		M. Parnham	7		
J. Park	87	113		A. Thornton	7	2	
J. Penberthy .. .	76	37		S. Dawes	7	12	
A. Randall	74	25		H. Taylor	7	12	
T. Darmody	61	20		S. McMahon	6	1	
E. Holdsworth .. .	61	314		R. Kemp	6	1	
N. Gorn	58	144		W. Wicks	6	5	
C. Avery	56	19		G. Oakley	6	5	
T. Moiler	55	29		A. Daley	5	1	
N. Hunt	55	17		J. McMamara .. .	5	4	
H. Andrews	53	10		R. Ross	5	1	
J. Ditchburn .. .	52	65		J. Darmody	5	2	
C. Bastow	51	8		A. Todd	5	3	
E. Ford	41	2		I. Burge	4	2	
H. Forbes	41	37		C. Penham	4		
R. Grieve	34	12		J. Smith	4	2	
C. Rosewarne .. .	34	67		J. Jones	4		
M. Chester	32	18		R. Annesley	4	2	
G. Easton	32			G. McRae	3		
W. Hunter	30	4		C. Buckley	3		
F. Hall	28	8		P. O'Keefe	3		
R. Forward	28	25		J. Drummond .. .	3		
G. Clarke	26			G. Fountain	3	3	
G. Bee	21	46		G. Mercer	3		
R. Millwood .. .	20			J. O'Neil	3		
F. Lambert	20	1		K. Kneebone .. .	2	1	
R. Maynard	20	3		W. Smith	2		
B. Chandler	19	17		B. Hackett	2	1	
A. Jamieson	18	5		R. Holmes	2	3	
J. Pearce	17	6		F. Woolcock .. .	1		
A. Jones	16	3		J. Lewis	1		
L. Symonds	16	12		G. Fitzgerald .. .	1		
J. Clark	16	11		A. Richards	1	1	
L. Holmes	15	2		J. Angove	1	1	
R. Forden	15	1		J. Dickson	1		
J. Jones	15	1		L. Dowling	1		
J. Rielly	14			J. Seebeck	1	1	
J. Zilko	14			T. Wyatt	1	1	
J. Williams	14			R. Arkley	1		
H. Hilton	13			A. Morgan	1		
S. Bravo	12	2		R. Switch	1		
H. White	12	15		A. Slater	1		
B. Cook	11	29		W. Baker	1		
W. Mose	11						

Total Number Players 99

Total Number Goals 1483

Total Number Certificates Issued 19

MATCHES PLAYED BY WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1930

Date	Versus	Played at	Winner	For	Agst.
June 24	Victoria	Subiaco	Victoria	7.13	11.9
June 26	Victoria	Subiaco	W.A.	11.21	10.15
July 26	Port Adelaide	Subiaco	W.A.	25.17	10.4

In the matches played against Victoria, Sinclair, Andrews and Murray represented your club, and Sinclair was also chosen for the match against Port Adelaide. Krepp, Andrews and Murray being unavailable. Krepp was also chosen for the Victorian matches, but contracted influenza on the eve of the first match.

PORT ADELAIDE CLUB'S VISIT

We had the pleasure of a visit from the very popular Port Adelaide Club, but unfortunately, through having only a few hours between a long train journey and their match the Magpies were unable to do themselves justice. Your Mr. Nielson and the writer had the pleasure of showing three of the Ports officials over the Bassendean Oval and appointments.

SANDOVER MEDAL

For the second successive year we have to congratulate Hadyn Bunton on winning the Sandover Medal. This year Bunton secured 20 votes, five ahead of Jack Murray and Spec Sinclair, who tied for second place with 15 votes each. It is interesting to note that Bunton received three first votes, Murray four and Sinclair two.

Players from your club received votes as follows:

J. Murray and S. Sinclair (equal for 2nd), 15; G. Krepp, 7; A. Zilko, 6; H. Andrews, 6; F. Sweetapple, 3; J. Ditchburn, 3; J. Pearce, 1.

The first five being: H. Bunton (Subiaco), 20; J. Murray (Swan Districts), 15; S. Sinclair (Swan Districts), 15; R. Hutchinson (East Fremantle), 14; F. Puddey (Perth), 13.

Swan District Sandover Medallist, G. Krepp, tied with S. Daily.

PRESIDENTIAL

1934—R. A. McDonald, Esq.	1937—R. A. McDonald, Esq.
1935—F. C. Lange, Esq.	1938—F. C. Lange, Esq.
1936— " "	1939— " "

SECRETARIAL

1934—J. F. Jenner	1937—J. F. Jenner
1935— " "	1938— " "
1936—J. Mottram	1939—R. M. Lethbridge

TREASURER

Mr. T. H. Nielsen again carried out this difficult duty, and we tender our thanks to this official for the manner in which he discharged his duties.

Treasurers since the foundation of the Club are as follows:

1934—L. R. Latham	1937—T. H. Nielsen
1935—J. Reilly	1938— " "
1936—T. H. Nielsen	1939— " "

DELEGATES

Messrs. T. Nielsen and H. Lucas represented your Club at the W.A. National Football League Meetings and Messrs. W. Fowler and J. Jenner acted as Proxy Delegates. We thank these four gentlemen for services rendered. The following have represented your Club since 1934:

1934—Messrs. T. Nielsen & H. Walker
 1935— " " "
 1936— " " "
 1937— " " & J. Jenner
 1938— " " & F. Lange
 1939— " " & H. Lucas

Prior to the conclusion of the Season, Mr. Fowler left this State for New Zealand on a business transfer. We congratulate Mr. Fowler on his appointment and thank him very sincerely for the time and work he put into the Club.

LIFE MEMBERS

1935—Mr. C. R. Wicks
 1936—Mr. T. H. Nielsen
 1937—Mr. R. A. McDonald and Dr. E. W. Kyle
 1938—Mr. F. C. Lange

This year your Committee desires to recommend Mr. J. F. Jenner for the position of 1939 Life Member. Mr. Jenner was the original secretary of your Club and only business ties prevented him from carrying on in this capacity. Mr. Jenner has spent much time and energy in furthering the interests of your Club and I am confident that you will vote your Committee's choice as a wise one. I regret having to record that Mr. Jenner will probably be leaving us in May for Victoria.

TIMEKEEPER

We again thank Mr. Dan Begley, who carried out the responsible position of Timekeeper. Mr. Begley is a very efficient official and we hope he will be in a position to carry out this important duty for many years.

TRAINERS, PROPERTY MAN, DOORKEEPERS

Mr. R. Bryant was Head Trainer, having with him as Trainers, Messrs. L. Jamieson, A. Simmonds, A. Andrews, J. O'Connell, G. Goode, D. Manning.

Mr. N. Jones gave splendid service as Property Man.

Messrs. W. Counsel and T. McDonough acted as doorkeepers. And Mr. W. Dobson was always on the spot to attend to the players' boots. Your committee wishes me to thank all the above mentioned for services rendered and trust they will all be available for next season.

MEDICAL

During the year Drs. Buttsworth and Kyle rendered excellent service and we are very grateful for the interest these two professional men took in the welfare of our players. We also convey our thanks to the Ambulance men for their services.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Messrs. J. Ditchburn, H. Mosey and H. Tonkes, carried out the duties of selecting the team. Towards the end of the season Messrs. L. Jamieson and L. Lowry were added to the committee. The gentlemen made it their business to field the best available side at all times and they must be congratulated on their endeavours to give youth a trial.

AUDITORS

Once again we thank E. P. Wicks and P. F. Traylen for their services as Auditors, in which capacity they have acted since 1934.

SECONDS

Mr. Len Lowry coached the Seconds and whilst their season was not a very successful one, he had the pleasure of seeing some of his boys migrate to League ranks. His report reads as follows:—

10 Broadway, Bassendean, September 20, 1939.

Sec., S.D.F.C., Bassendean.

Dear Sir,

Following the finish of the football season as far as the Seconds are concerned, I am submitting this brief report.

In some respects the season can be called successful inasmuch as it supplied (apart from players who played in the team last year and who made the original training list) several promising players for the "A" team, viz., Jones, Chester, Greene, Mose, Annesley and in a lesser degree Holmes, Mercer, Baker and Slater.

Speaking generally it was a very successful season, despite the assistance rendered by the committee it was hard to instil any club spirit into the side due mainly to the never ending battle I had to endeavour to field 18 men let alone capable players all the season, and the constant coming and going of players made it impossible to develop any harmony at all.

It was due to the assistance of the local Metropolitan Juniors, who in the last three matches came to my assistance, was the unhappy lot of forfeiting those games avoided.

Of the final 18 who took the field on the last Saturday with the exception of Greene and Slater I can honestly say there is no apparent prospect of any talent, with the exception of perhaps Townsend and Lawson, two midgets, whose size will probably preclude them from ever attaining "A" Grade ranks.

In contrast to the never ending migration of players I must at this juncture say that the officials who acted in an honorary capacity all the year, did their jobs very well, stuck through thick and thin the entire season. I refer to — Benporath, secretary; S. Higgs, goal umpire; G. McGrath, timekeeper; and J. Hyde, gatekeeper; and I am sure a letter of appreciation would not be amiss.

The trainers, Sargent and Savage, also did their jobs satisfactorily, and the loss of gear through their combined efforts was practically negligible.

From my experiences this year I am firmly convinced that as the committee are prepared to go as far as they have done in the last two seasons to help the seconds, better results would be obtained for the finance expended, either by adopting the methods so successfully adopted by the East Perth Club this year, i.e., one training list, one social club and two coaches, etc., or by inviting one of the two junior clubs to elevate themselves to the second Eighteen as a body, thus ensuring their old club spirit.

Hoping this report is satisfactory to your committee.

I remain, yours sincerely,

L. G. LOWRY.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

This season was again a good one for your Swan District Temperance League representatives. The Cobbers going through the season undefeated and beat the winners of the other divisions thus earning the title of State Champions—a feat which they also performed in 1938. The under 17 and under 19 teams also got into the final round, but were defeated. We congratulate the boys and the officers of the Temperance League teams.

The Swan District Mets and the Midland Mets did not experience such successful seasons, but the Swan District Mets did have the pleasure of seeing one of their players in Geo. Oakley chosen for League Football and perform excellently. During the year several promising juniors were invited to practice with our League team and we anticipate some good service from the juniors next season.

DISTRICTS SCHOOLBOY FOOTBALLER

Master Ralph Latham of Guildford was chosen to go to Tasmania with the W.A. Schoolboy Carnival Team and an enthusiastic band of supporters raised £7, which was presented to Master Latham.

BASSENDEAN ROAD BOARD

Once again we convey our thanks to the Bassendean Road Board for the assistance rendered to the Club during the season.

PLAYERS' INJURIES

This season was without a doubt the most unfortunate experienced by your club in regard to injuries received by players. In the opening match Bert Randall broke a bone in his right leg and he did not play again during the season. Other players to receive injuries were as follows:—T. Moiler (injured shoulder), F. Sweetapple (ankle), T. Darmody (knee trouble) and broken bone in wrist which caused him to miss the remaining eight matches. In the same match George Krepp received a broken bone in his arm and he too missed the remaining eight matches. Harold Andrews was unavailable for some weeks owing to nose trouble caused by a knock. Jack Williams experienced shoulder trouble and a nasty cork leg. J. Ditchburn missed one match with a chafed heel. Rupe Maynard (ankle), Clem Rosewarne (split hip and influenza), Fred Lambert (hip), Max Chester (hip), Lal Mosey (kick on hand) were others to receive injuries whilst in the last match Billy Baker who was playing his first game in League football received a broken shin bone.

TRIP TO MANJIMUP

Your League team visited Manjimup on July 16 and had an excellent time. Unfortunately several of our leading players including Krepp, Darmody, Bastow, Zilko, Sweetapple, Mosey, Andrews, Jones Moiler, L. Holmes; could not make the trip owing to either illness or injuries and Maynard was injured on the eve of the trip and was unable to play. We are indebted to the Warren Football Association, Mr. Sykes and staff of the Manjimup Hotel, the Manager of the Tobacco Plantation and the Timber Mills, the R.S.L. Women's auxiliary who entertained us at a dance at Jardee for making our short stay an enjoyable one. A word of praise is also due to the Federal Bus Co. and Driver Giddings.

PLAYERS' TEAS

Players' Teas were again a regular feature and towards the end of the season they were sponsored by the Old Players and Supporters' Association. Your committee thanks all who helped to make a success of these evenings.

SOCIAL

The Ladies' Social Committee with Mrs. N. Jones as secretary and Mrs. E. Byrne as president, and assisted by a splendid band of workers including Mesdames T. Henderson, Harman, G. Roberts, A. Andrews, T. Duke (formerly Miss "Birdie" Henderson), and Misses J. Graham and M. Woods, worked hard in the Club's interests during the season. Dances were conducted in our own headquarters and at Herne Hill, and the Annual Ball was held at Midland Junction. The Ladies' Committee were also responsible for the Afternoon Teas at the Oval at home matches at which they were assisted by Mesdames Krepp and Ditchburn. During the year the committee lost the services of Mesdames Potts and Gorn, who are now residing in the Fremantle district. Your committee wishes to thank the Ladies' Committee for the splendid efforts and also to thank Mr. Terry Duke who so ably carried out the duty of M.C. at the dances.

COACHING

We are confident that your Committee's decision in re-appointing Mr. Jim Ditchburn as Coach was a correct one. Injuries to leading players which meant altering the team and placings each Saturday did not give Mr. Ditchburn any chance whatsoever of moulding together a Premiership Team. Mr. Ditchburn attended training regularly and also attended all committee meet-

To the Committee of the Swan Districts Football Club.

Gentlemen,—In submitting to you my third annual report, I sincerely regret that the club's record of advancing achievement has this season been severely retarded. With seven wins to our credit we were unable to maintain our record of the previous two seasons of having entered the finals and of having defeated every other team in the League during the season. This year we were unsuccessful in all games against Claremont, East Fremantle and East Perth.

The reorganisation of the team necessitated by the loss of key position players through transfers, illness and injury became practically a weekly function, and gave the side very little chance to moulding into a formidable combination. The wealth of junior talent, which on the form shown in the practice matches at the commencement of the season, we confidently believed we possessed, proved unequal to the demands that were made upon it, and although a few very serviceable players were derived from this source we were unable to obtain reliable key position players to replace those stalwarts whose services we had lost. At a time when our efforts at reorganisation showed promise of bearing fruit, two of our centre line players received injuries in the one match which rendered them unavailable for the remainder of the season.

Despite these unforeseen and certainly unwelcome obstacles the morale of the team was revived and through the herculean efforts of the other players backed up by the sturdy performances of recruits drawn mainly from our second eighteen we provided stout opposition to the other clubs and finished in sixth position on the premiership list.

Our weakness during the season appeared to lie mainly in attack as the majority of our losses could be attributed to inaccurate kicking. Fortunate indeed are the clubs who possess a reliable full forward to convert the opportunities afforded by his team mates and finish off their forward drives.

The experience gained by the younger players, more of whom were given opportunities than in previous years, should serve the club in good stead in the forthcoming season and with a reasonable share of fortune's smile there is no reason why the team should not rehabilitate itself.

My thanks are due to the players, trainers, property man and doorkeepers, all of whom made every endeavour to uphold the reputation of the club; to your committee for their co-operation, to the club's honorary doctors for their specialised attention to players and to all who assisted so willingly to keep on fighting despite adversity.

I would like this opportunity, now that I have retired from the playing field, to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to my team mates of the past three seasons for their assistance and consideration both on and off the field.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. DITCHBURN.

TOUR OF THE EASTERN STATES, 1941

During the season the Tour Fund Committee worked very hard in order to raise funds for the proposed 1941 Tour, but I regret having to inform you that the tour efforts were not rewarded with much success. We decided to run a weekly sporting paper known as the "Swan Sport." This venture was not a success and we lost a considerable sum of money. At the present we are still working hard in an endeavour to raise funds for this or a shorter trip, and we are indebted to Mr. George Roberts for the time and energy he is putting into the weekly Card Parties. He also had charge of the refreshments and rendered splendid service. We endeavoured to conduct a series of dances at the Oval, but we did not receive the support anticipated and the dances showed a loss. This Committee also took over the catering rights for Home Matches, and we are indebted to Mr. Ray Trinder who took charge of this department. We also thank all those who assisted this committee during the year.