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National Football Club

14TH ANNUAL REPORT

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The Annual Meeting

held in the

Club Rooms - Bassendean Oval

Friday. January 16th, 1948

at 8 p.m.

■
Voting for Election of Office Bearers will take place from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Only Members for 1947 Season will be allowed to Vote.

■
E. J. REILLY,
President

L. G. LOWRY
Hon. Sec.

Swan Districts National Football Club
Inc. W.A.N.F.L.

Office Bearers, Season 1947

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E. J. REILLY, Esq.

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Messrs. T. NIELSEN and D. A. ANDERSON

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Messrs. T. NIELSEN and L. LOWRY

Proxy Delegates:

Messrs. C. CARTER and F. HATTON

Players' Representatives:

Messrs. L. McCOMISH (Coach) and H. ANDREWS

Match Committee:

Messrs. L. McCOMISH (Coach), C. ROSEWARNE (Captain, retired)
H. ANDREWS (Capt.) and S. ANDERSON

Trophy Committee:

Messrs. T. NIELSEN, L. McCOMISH, F. HATTON and R. BRYANT (League)
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Swan Districts National Football Club

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To the Members of the Swan Districts National Football Club

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I hereby submit this the Fourteenth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for Season 1947. The season again commenced with plenty of enthusiasm, approximately 100 members attending the annual meeting in January. Messrs. A. Tippet (Vice-President), E. Holdsworth (Committee) did not seek re-election, and Messrs. D. A. Anderson (V.P.) and L. G. Hummerston were elected to their positions, the remaining officers all being re-elected. The Committee decided to co-opt Mr. G. Osborn, of Guildford, and Mr. J. McManus, of the Thistle Aerated Water Co., who has been a donor and supporter for years, and I am pleased to say both have been of great assistance. Mr. H. Andrews (Players Rep.) and Mr. L. McComish (Coach) made up the full Committee.

Despite the fact that the League decided to dispense with the age limit regarding the colts, and making it an open competition the Committee decided to confine this Club to the 1946 age limit as near as possible and make it, as was intended, a training ground for Juniors, the wisdom of this policy will be proved at subsequent seasons.

The coach was given the super task of coaching both teams which was too much, and will, in my opinion, need some readjustment next season.

1947 commenced with thrills, the team being unfortunate to lose to Souths in the opening match by one point, then in succession to East Perth, West Perth and Perth, but our turn then came, defeated Subiaco (6 pts.), Claremont (13 pts.), East Fremantle (3 points), lost to Souths by 3 goals, then won from East Perth by 2 points. But after a devastating defeat by West Perth, a series of injuries occurred which seemed to have a detrimental effect on the team, and losing all confidence, gradually faded out to seventh position on the list, a very disappointing conclusion to such a bright beginning.

The public were again "football minded," record gates in the initial round being reported everywhere, despite inclement weather. The defeat of Victoria by W.A. at Hobart, a visit of the Essendon F.C., and the success of our Schoolboys in the Carnival, improved all supporters' interest. J. Murray was our only representative in the Carnival team while H. Andrew (Captain), D. Aitken and R. Latham represented the State against Essendon, the latter winning both matches.

This Club's move for professionalising football was not accepted by the League, a provident fund controlled by them being inaugurated, and although not quite what we desired nevertheless does in a similar manner show some recompense for a player's services.

Our Captain, Clem Rosewarne, decided to retire after the 10th game and H. Andrews was elected Captain and I am sorry to say did not have the pleasure of skipping a winning side.

We offer our congratulations to South Fremantle on winning the premiership.

Permission has been granted for this Club to tour the Eastern States in 1949 and should the members endorse this a united and sustained effort will be necessary especially by the players to raise the necessary amount of approximately £2,000.

PLAYERS FOR SEASON 1947 — LEAGUE SIDE

Matches Played, 19.

No. of Players, 37.

Player	Games	Goals	Total Games	Total Goals
J. Murray	19	3	142	34
R. Till	19	1	56	8
G. King	19	30	38	66
V. Hardy	19	7	60	32
P. Mountain	18	—	18	—
T. Radiach	18	11	49	32
D. Aitken	18	—	34	1
A. Watkins	17	8	17	8
D. Anderson	17	1	57	6
V. Ashworth	15	—	33	13
D. Drake-Brockman	14	3	14	3
N. Baty	13	1	26	1
H. Andrews	13	4	111	24
J. Davies	12	20	58	62
N. Bamford	12	—	62	7
E. Holdsworth	11	—	143	532
R. Latham	11	16	43	84
A. Edwards	11	2	18	2
R. Lowry	10	7	10	7
A. Lockyer	10	2	10	2
E. Barker	10	12	11	12
E. Brunton	9	16	9	16
T. Graham	8	—	9	—
R. Annesley	7	5	66	64
B. Doig	6	—	24	—
C. Rosewarne	6	7	89	141
S. Roberts	5	—	36	4

W. Summerton	5	2	53	67
Allan Anderson	5	1	5	1
A. Morton	5	—	6	—
L. Bowen	4	3	40	18
L. Passmore	4	—	4	—
F. Pearce	4	6	19	11
A. G. Anderson	3	5	3	5
R. Durrant	1	—	1	—
T. Kenny	1	—	1	—
A. Bamford	1	1	15	1

19th and 20th reserves counted as a game. 19th man played 13 times, 20th man played 8 times.

SECOND TEAM

Matches played, 19.

No. of Players, 61.

Player	Games	Goals	Player	Games	Goals
R. Durrant	19	3	J. Morton	4	1
R. Pearce	18	—	R. Yaksich	3	3
J. Cusack	17	11	A. Bamford	3	1
R. Watt	17	—	K. Purton	3	—
L. Passmore	15	—	H. Bowen	2	—
D. Montgomery	15	—	A. G. Anderson	3	1
K. Sparks	15	5	W. Corti	2	—
T. Barker	14	1	W. O'Rourke	2	—
T. Kenny	14	3	R. Holmes	2	2
A. Anderson	13	3	C. Anderson	2	—
T. Harper	13	1	J. Campbell	2	—
T. Graham	12	1	C. Aide	2	—
S. Roberts	12	—	W. Summerton	2	1
A. Morton	11	2	C. Hatt	2	—
F. Pearce	11	4	J. Patterson	1	—
M. O'Neil	11	2	D. Aitken	1	—
A. Lockyer	10	3	M. Chester	1	—
N. Bamford	10	—	W. Robertson	1	—
R. Lowry	10	7	S. McDonald	1	—
J. Cooper	9	2	R. Annesley	1	1
B. Porter	8	2	R. Richmond	1	1
B. Doig	8	1	G. Royer	1	—
E. Brunton	8	13	B. Baddeley	1	—
L. Hawkins	6	—	C. Doyle	1	—
D. Drake-Brockman	5	—	T. Hammond	1	1
J. Jefferies	5	1	K. Thurley	1	—
J. Mitten	5	1	G. Robinson	1	—
W. Mullinger	4	1	W. Buck	1	—
B. Foster	4	—	G. Brown	1	—
E. Brindley	4	—	R. Baker	1	—
F. Commery	4	1			

19th man played 5 times; 20th man played 2 times.

Record of MATCHES PLAYER (Colts First)

Date	Versus	Ground
26/4/47	South Fremantle	Bassendean
3/5/47	East Perth	Perth Oval
10/5/47	West Perth	Bassendean
17/5/47	Perth	W.A.C.A.
24/5/47	Subiaco	Bassendean
31/5/47	Claremont	Subiaco
7/6/47	East Fremantle	Bassendean
14/6/47	South Fremantle	Fremantle
21/6/47	East Perth	Bassendean
28/6/47	West Perth	Leederville
5/7/47	Perth	Bassendean
12/7/47	Subiaco	Subiaco
19/7/47	Claremont	Bassendean
26/7/47	East Fremantle	Fremantle
16/8/47	East Perth	Bassendean
23/8/47	West Perth	Leederville
30/8/47	Perth	Bassendean
6/9/47	East Fremantle	Bassendean
13/9/47	Claremont	Subiaco

Scores

Won by	Swans	Opponents
Swan Districts	6	5
South Fremantle	13	12
East Perth	2	4
East Perth	6	6
West Perth	13	11
Swan Districts	5	21
Perth	11	7
Swan Districts	8	9
Swan Districts	10	10
Swan Districts	6	3
Swan Districts	9	5
East Fremantle	6	1
Swan Districts	11	13
South Fremantle	3	9
South Fremantle	8	11
East Perth	4	7
Swan Districts	11	5
Swan Districts	8	12
West Perth	5	9
Swan Districts	6	6
Perth	7	2
Swan Districts	6	4
Subiaco	2	4
Claremont	6	9
Claremont	7	7
East Fremantle	1	3
East Fremantle	4	6
East Perth	5	3
East Perth	11	11
West Perth	2	5
West Perth	12	8
Perth	4	5
Perth	9	14
East Fremantle	4	1
East Fremantle	13	12
Claremont	0	1
Claremont	9	15

Umpire
J. Campbell
M. Cronin
F. Patterson
T. Pitsikas
F. Ryan
J. Campbell
S. Miller
G. Meirs
J. E. Wilson
T. Pitsikas
V. Carratti
M. Cronin
S. Miller
F. Ryan
S. Miller
J. Wilson
M. Cronin
V. Carratti
D. Cronin
F. Patterson
J. Campbell
J. Chapman
F. Ryan
S. Miller
M. Cronin
L. Robertson
V. Carratti
F. Patterson
V. Carratti
F. Patterson
G. Meirs
J. Campbell
L. Robertson
F. Ryan
S. Miller
T. Pitsikas

INJURIES

The following is a list of players who lost two or more matches through injury and illness:—

Player	Games	Cause
G. Rosewarne	4	Shoulder
T. Radiach	2	Broken Nose
L. Bowen	15	Knee Ligaments
W. Summerton	12	Knee Ligaments
A. Edwards	8	Knee Ligaments
J. Davies	7	Ankle Ligaments
N. Baty	6	Ankle Ligaments
H. Andrews	6	Knee Ligaments
R. Latham	8	Appendix
V. Ashworth	3	Ankle Ligaments
B. Doig	5	Illness
R. Annesley	10	Illness

C. Rosewarne retired after 10th game.

E. Holdsworth retired after 12th game.

SANDOVER MEDAL

The Committee extends its congratulations to C. Lewington, of South Fremantle (22 points) on gaining the coveted honour of the "Sandover Medal"; also to L. McClements, Claremont (15) and N. Gibney, East Perth (15), and J. Murray, Swan Districts (14).

The following players gained votes as follows:—J. Murray, 14; G. King, 7; D. Aitken, 6; A. Edwards, 6; J. Davies, 5; V. Hardy, 4; R. Till, 1; V. Ashworth, 1.

PRENDERGAST MEDAL

We also desire to congratulate G. Travers, of Perth, on winning the above Medal with 20 points, also J. Chandler, East Perth, 19 points.

The following players secured votes as follows:—Allan Anderson, N. Bamford (8), Lowry (6), Hawkins (5), Aitken, Sparks (3), R. Pearce, Durrant, Passmore, Cooper, F. Pearce, Montgomery, Brunton, Brindley, Graham (2), D. Brockman, Annesley (1).

PRESIDENTIAL

Mr. E. J. Reilly concludes his 5th consecutive year as President with continued enthusiasm.

1934—R. A. McDonald	1941—F. C. Lange and J. Fitzpatrick
1935—F. C. Lange	1942—F. C. Lange
1936—F. C. Lange	1943—E. J. Reilly
1937—R. A. McDonald	1944—E. J. Reilly
1938—F. C. Lange	1945—E. J. Reilly
1939—F. C. Lange	1946—E. J. Reilly
1940—F. C. Lange	1947—E. J. Reilly

SECRETARIAL

1934—J. F. Jenner	1941—R. M. Lethbridge and W. Dobson
1935—J. F. Jenner	1942—W. Dobson
1936—J. Mottram	1943—W. Dobson
1937—J. F. Jenner	1944—W. Dobson
1938—J. F. Jenner	1945—L. G. Lowry
1939—R. M. Lethbridge	1946—L. G. Lowry
1940—R. M. Lethbridge	1947—L. G. Lowry

Assistant Secretary

Once again this onerous position was carried out with efficiency by Mr. C. Carter who has been in this position for 3 years.

TREASURER

Mr. J. Hollis, also in his fifth year in this position, handled the finance in an exemplary manner his books being a credit to him.

1934—L. R. Latham	1941—A. W. H. Lucas
1935—J. Reilly	1942—A. W. H. Lucas
1936—T. H. Neilsen	1943—J. Hollis
1937—T. H. Neilsen	1944—J. Hollis
1938—T. H. Neilsen	1945—J. Hollis
1939—T. H. Neilsen	1946—J. Hollis
1940—A. W. H. Lucas	1947—J. Hollis

LEAGUE DELEGATES

Mr. T. Neilsen concluded 13 years of handling the affairs of the Club at the League table, he at all times justifying the confidence the Club has in him. Mr. L. G. Lowry assisted him again for the third year in succession. The capable duties of Proxy were filled by Mr. F. Hatton and Mr. C. Carter.

1934—Messrs. T. Neilsen and H. Walker
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1937—Messrs. T. Neilsen and J. Jenner
1938—Messrs. T. Neilsen and H. Lucas
1939—Messrs. T. Neilsen and H. Lucas
1940—Messrs. T. Neilsen and H. Lucas
1941—Messrs. T. Neilsen and H. Lucas
1942—Nil
1943—Messrs. T. Neilsen and F. Hatton
1944—Messrs. T. Neilsen and F. Hatton
1945—Messrs. T. Neilsen and L. G. Lowry
1946—Messrs. T. Neilsen and L. G. Lowry
1947—Messrs. T. Neilsen and L. G. Lowry

Mr. Neilsen attended 14 League meetings, 4 Permit meetings, 9 Finance meetings, 3 Executive meetings, 5 Umpires' meetings.

Mr. Lowry attended 14 League, 12 Permit meetings

Mr. Hatton attended 1 League, 1 Permit meeting.

Mr. Carter attended 1 League meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Committee have pleasure in recommending Mr. F. Hatton, who has been an ardent worker for football in this district for many years as Life Member for Season 1947.

1935—C. R. Wicks
1936—T. H. Neilsen
1937—R. A. McDonald
and Dr. E. Kyle
1938—F. C. Lange
1939—J. F. Jenner
1940—E. P. Byrne

1941—H. Mosey
and G. Roberts
1942—Dr. Buttsworth
1943—E. J. Reilly
1944—W. Counsel
1945—H. E. A. Holdsworth
1946—J. Hollis
1947—

TIMEKEEPERS

Messrs. R. Bryant and R. Lowry acted as joint timekeepers, being a credit to their position, at all times being very exacting, as at not one game was our Club fined for late starting. Mr. Bryant has never been out of some office since the Club's inception.

TRAINERS, PROPERTY STEWARDS, DOORKEEPERS AND SCORER

Mr. W. Mose was again head of the training staff who all had a very busy year: W. Mose, F. Woolcock, J. Hillman, C. Roberts, A. Davis (Trainers). R. Stagoll and W. Jones (Property men), R. Binks (Boot Studder), E. Holdsworth, W. Counsel and W. Sutherland (Door-keepers), E. Cole (Scorer). Thanks of the Club is expressed to Les Woolcock for the able manner he transported the gear each Saturday.

OBITUARY

It was with regret that the Club learnt of the sudden departure of one of our staunchest members and supporters who was in the capacity of trainer at the time; namely, the later Arthur (Skinny) Andrews — it was indeed a sad loss. We also express our sympathy to Son Anderson and Vic Hardy, who both lost their fathers during the season.

MEDICAL

The Club is still indeed fortunate in the support given by the Medical Fraternity of the district and Dr. Buttsworth (Life Member), Dr. Kyle (Life Member), Dr. Bell and Dr. Bladen (Vice Patrons) and we sincerely thank them, also the members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who were on duty every home game.

AUDITORS

Mr. F. B. Mason and Mr. A. C. Vaughan audited the books and we thank them again for filling this important position and hope they will continue to do so

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee despite lack of support from most players, worked with a will all the season and besides games nights, assisting at players' teas, conducted what was voted one of the best Balls of the season at Midland Junction and the annual picnic to Canning Dam and Araluen was well organised and agreed by all an excellent day. The following are members of that Committee and to each we extend our thanks.

J. Hood (President)	O. Jacobs	R. Bryant
N. Bamford (Secretary)	L. Horne	J. Holdsworth
R. Pearce (Treasurer)	H. Baskerville	Miss D. Hoy
J. Baxter	G. Bowen	Mrs. Smith
W. Counsel	R. Stagoll	Mrs. Watson
		Mrs. Neilsen

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Committee wish to congratulate Midland Junction Temps. in succeeding in the Inter-Divisional final, also their Captain, Ron Hoy, on winning the C. G. Norton Medal for the fairest and best in the Association. To Bassendean Cobbers we also extend our congratulations on winning their Division final, Midland being unfortunate in losing their only match for the season.

Bassendean Metropolitan Juniors in the inaugural season under Mr. J. Greene as coach did well to finish in second place being unlucky to lose both semi-final and final games. Midland Met's. were a steadily improving side and were a force to be reckoned with at the end of the season.

A comprehensive scheme of coaching which will cost the League a considerable amount of money should be introduced next season for if this Club is to reach the top, or ever reach the top, we must educate the players in their very early "teens."

The coaching of the High School went with a swing due to the efforts of Leo McComish, Harold Andrews and Alex Edwards, particularly the latter who, besides coaching, umpired every game and we thank him for his enthusiasm.

MIDLAND AMATEURS

This Club despite the fact it lost some 12 to 14 of last season players is still a strong body and under the able coaching of Rupe Maynard were steadily gaining ground and although did not win many games in the early rounds their form in the final games promises well for next season and we congratulate them on their efforts especially their executive who have worked hard this season.

BASSEDEAN ROAD BOARD

Overtures were made to the above Board for the lining of the training rooms but as they had installed electric bath heaters the Club was advised to apply in season 1948 and we thank them for their co-operation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD

Mr. E. J. Reilly	16	Mr. L. G. Hummerston	7
Mr. T. Neilsen	17	Mr. F. Hatton	19
Mr. D. A. Anderson	20	Mr. G. Osborn	17
Mr. L. G. Lowry	20	Mr. J. McManus	16
Mr. J. Hollis	19	Mr. L. McComish	15
Mr. C. Carter	19	Mr. H. Andrews	11

Mr. Hummerston transferred to Eastern States.

LEAGUE DIVIDENDS

Year	£	Year	£	Year	£
1934	358	1939	748	1944	246
1935	362	1940	559	1945	712
1936	566	1941	486	1946	1241
1937	686	1942	nil	1947	1209
1938	900	1943	235		

COACH'S REPORT

The Committee,
Swan Districts Football Club.
Gentlemen,—

In the first half of the past season, I was optimistic enough to consider that your team would be much more successful than the previous season. And there is no doubt that this happy state of affairs would have been so, but for an excessive number of serious injuries and accidents which, to a great extent, handicapped the team seriously both from a playing point of view as well as the morale of the side.

Owing to the injuries and retirements of the past season it will take a great deal of organisation to build a team which should be a credit to the Club.

This can only be brought about by a considerable amount of enthusiasm and concentration on the part of officials and players and last but not least, supporters; it has been my experience in football to realise that supporters can and do play a very big part in the success of a Club, and some encouragement should be given them to take more interest in its activities particularly to old players whose absence has been most marked during my association with the Club.

That the Committee have been alive to the fact of recruiting players is shown by the fact that we have contacted several most promising players in the country, and several have signified their intentions of playing with the Club. I sincerely hope this is so, as I pointed out in my last report that we have not had a player, with the exception of one, who was not on our original training list at the start of the season. I consider we have many fine juniors and with more concentration (the lack of which cost us a few victories earlier in the season) and the advent of some promising players from the country, there is no reason to suggest that the next season will not be much more successful; it certainly cannot be as unlucky.

COLTS

My sincere sympathy goes out to this team, as there is no possible doubt whatever that this side would again have been playing off for the premiership but, owing to the serious injuries sustained by the League side, it meant a serious drain on players from the Colts' team, and several of these boys played well enough to suggest that with that experience behind them they will be a distinct asset to the side.

I consider this competition should be on a restricted age basis.

GENERAL

In my two seasons as coach to your Club I consider that I have been shown every courtesy and consideration by the Committee, players and training staff, and to them I give my sincere appreciation.

I also wish to thank Alec Edwards and Harold Andrews for their most capable and efficient assistance in the coaching of the Midland High School.

In my association with football I have met many capable officials, but I have not met the equal for efficiency, capability and courteousness than that shown by your Secretary, Mr. Len Lowry, and I am sure your Club is indeed fortunate in having such a man, and he should be your Club's inspiration for your future success.

Yours faithfully,

LEO McCOMISH.

DONORS

Rev. D. J. Davies, A. Watt, J. Hollis, F. Aberle, L. Latham, W. Webster, C. R. Wicks, H. Rowlands, L. Stewart, Dr. B. O. Bladen, J. A. Wilson, L. W. Hamilton (M.H.R.), J. Armstrong, S. Faithful, C. Pearce, O. Cranston, W. D. Johnson (M.L.A.), J. Harris, L. Burge, F. Gawned, W. Fornero, P. Fornero, H. M. Edwards, F. Reynolds, A. J. Thompson, H. Smith, L. C. Hawke, S. Proctor, N. W. Jones, W. Raynes, R. H. Yelland, J. Meyers, Rev. Father Cunningham, Dr. E. Kyle, Mrs. Fowler, J. Gillan, R. Latham, R. A. McDonald, L. Brennan, A. J. Purslowe, A. Tippett, Mrs. Innes, E. J. Reilly, E. McManus, J. Smallman.

TROPHIES, 1947

DESIGNATION	DONOR	WON BY
Fairest and Best	E. J. Reilly	J. Murray
Most Consistent	Mrs. Innes	V. Hardy
Most Serviceable	E. P. Byrne	D. Aitken
Most Improved	A. J. Purslowe	R. Lowry
Serviceable Play	Boans Limited	G. King
Serviceable Play	Caris Bros., Ltd.	J. Davies
Serviceable Play	Mr. Brennan	R. Till
Serviceable Play	H. Smith	H. Andrews
Serviceable Play	Betts and Betts (Mr. Rosenwax)	R. Latham
Services Rendered	Club	A. Edwards
100 Games	Club	H. Andrews

COLTS

Fairest and Best	J. Haines	N. Bamford
Most Consistent	J. Wilson	A. Anderson
Most Serviceable	Club	F. Pearce
Serviceable Play	R. McDonald	R. Durrant
Serviceable Play	J. Hollis	T. Barker
Serviceable Play	R. Latham	A. Morton
Serviceable Play	H. Rowlands	L. Passmore
Serviceable Play	A. Tippett	A. Lockyer

In conclusion I wish to thank all our supporters who have stuck well despite misfortunes, our luck must turn soon and next year we will improve our position; the inferiority complex brought about by injuries must go and success will be assured.

L. G. LOWRY, Secretary.
E. J. REILLY, President.