

**THE
SWAN DISTRICTS
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB**



Voting for election
of Office-Bearers
will take place from
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Only members for
1953 will be eligible
to vote.

20th ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1953

CLUB ROOMS, BASSENDEAN OVAL

SWAN DISTRICTS NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB
INC., W.A.N.F.L.

Office Bearers, Season, 1953

Joint Patrons

Mrs. N. O. Innes, E. P. Byrne, R. A. McDonald, J.P.

President:

R. A. Newbey

Vice Presidents:

L. G. Lowry and Councillor P. J. Bright.

Delegates to W.A.N.F.L.

Messrs. L. G. Lowry and A. T. Moiler

Proxy Delegates:

R. A. Newbey and P. J. Bright

Players' Representatives:

F. Sparrow (coach) and P. Mountain

Coach:

F. Sparrow

Assistant Coach:

J. Murray

Trophy Committee.

R. Lowry, A. Calnon, P. Bright.

Hon. Auditors:

Messrs. E. A. Vaughan and E. Byers.

Solicitors:

Messrs. Dwyer, Durack and Dunphy.

Hon. Trustees:

Messrs. S. Faithful and G. Goodridge.

Hon. Timekeepers:

Messrs. R. Lowry and G. Baynes.

Hon. Secretary:

A. T. Moiler

Treasurer

J. H. Hollis

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

R. Bryant

President's Report

In presenting my Report for the Season, 1952-53, I do so with a certain amount of jubilation, as I am able to state quite definitely that our Committee has successfully carried out certain promises made to its members last year.

Firstly, I told you that we were facing the 1953 season with much more confidence and that we would leave no stone unturned to obtain a first rate Playing Coach.

Our negotiations in this respect were achieved and without doubt Frank Sparrow's presence has been an inspiration to our Club and he has led our Team through a very satisfactory season.

I also said that we had every confidence in the ability of our younger players coming out of Junior Council and that they backed by the experience of our older players would assist in building up a sound team.

Our Club and Supporters are very elated at the amount of success we have enjoyed, but your Committee considers the progress made is only a start in our three year programme. Plans we have for even greater improvement during the next two seasons should ensure a place in the Four for the "Black and Whites."

I would like to record the exceptional co-operation that I, as your President, have enjoyed during the season. I feel that no Club President has ever been afforded more valuable support for the following reasons:—

1. Your Committee have worked to their utmost in a very amiable manner.
2. Your Secretary has carried out his duties with enthusiasm and energy.
3. Your Training Staff have had a happy season, working well together and performing their duties in a very capable manner.
4. The Players have more than justified the confidence we had in them and they backed their Coach to a man, hence the excellent results obtained.
5. The courtesy and co-operation shown me, as your President, by all Players has been very creditable.

Before finalizing this Report, I want to especially record the work of our Social Committee. Their efforts have been of great value to our Club, both socially and financially, and they and other many supporters have played a big part in our rise from the bottom of the ladder.

The 1953 Season has passed and we now look with confidence towards 1954. Gentlemen, we have started the ball rolling, let us be assured of your 100% co-operation next year to keep it rolling towards our desired goal.

R. A. NEWBEY.

Secretary's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen,

After reviewing the season's progress, I submit this, my third Annual Report, and it is the Club's 20th, with a certain amount of satisfaction. We advanced from the last position on the ladder, to the sixth, a step in the right direction. With the experience our young players have gained in the competition this year, we should go further ahead in the next two seasons.

To Frank Sparrow and Geoff Rakich we offer our congratulations on making the Carnival Team, and to Frank again, for being selected in the "All Australian Side." To Tim Barker our congratulations on being selected to play against North Melbourne in the State 2nd Eighteen.

The following players were injured throughout the Season:

League: Pat Mountain, Bob Lowry, Doug Anderson, Tilly Limana, Ron Hoy, Ron Payne, Greg Cox.

Seconds: Jack Thorne, Alan Montgomery, Bill Montgomery, Ted Peach, F. Jackson.

I wish to thank the Committee for their co-operation throughout the year, especially my assistant Bob Bryant; he has done a sterling job. Also special thanks to Dixie Sue, on the way he has worked with me in his first year as Social Secretary.

The Club have made a step this year that we hope will stand them in good stead in future years. A Members' Club has been formed with the purpose of obtaining a Club Licence and giving Club amenities to the members. The Committee, for the first year, is President R. A. Newbey; Vice-President, R. Hamilton, Committeemen L. G. Lowry, P. Bright, D. Anderson and E. Barker.

In concluding my report I take this opportunity of offering my congratulations to South Fremantle on winning the Premiership double honour for 1953. Also to West Perth for having the honour of place, in playing off the Grand Final.

To Steve Marsh congratulations for his magnificent game in the Grand Final and on winning the "Simpson Medal."

CLUB POSITION RECORD (not including finals)

Year	Position	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1934	7th	21	7	14	—	2 ⁰
1935	5th	18	6	12	—	2
1936	7th	20	9	11	—	3 ⁴
1937	3rd	21	14	7	—	56
1938	3rd	20	11	9	—	44
1939	6th	20	7	13	—	28
1940	8th	20	2	18	—	8
1941	8th	20	3	17	—	12
1942		Did not field a side				
1943	4th	17	9	8	—	36
1944	6th	19	7	12	—	28
1945	4th	20	10	10	—	40
1946	7th	19	4	14	1	18
1947	7th	19	4	15	—	16
1948	8th	19	2	17	—	8
1949	7th	18	4	14	—	16
1950	7th	21	5	16	—	20
1951	8th	21	1	20	—	4
1952	8th	20	2	18	—	8
1953	6th	21	7	14	—	28

PREMIERSHIP TABLE — 1953

LEAGUE							
	P	W	L	For	Ag.	%	Pts
SF	21	19	2	2591	1390	186.40	76
WP	21	18	3	2309	1526	151.36	72
P	21	14	7	1956	1880	104.06	56
EF	21	9	12	1647	1832	89.90	36
EP	21	8	13	1588	1906	83.31	32
SD	21	7	14	1589	1845	86.23	28
C	21	7	14	1474	1747	84.37	28
S	21	2	19	1276	2304	55.38	8

SECONDS							
	W	D	L	For	Ag.	%	Pts
SF	18	1	2	1313	746	176.00	74
P	16	—	5	1143	826	138.37	64
EF	11	2	8	994	968	102.68	48
C	12	—	9	1001	983	101.81	48
EP	10	—	11	1083	956	113.28	40
SD	6	2	13	850	1177	72.21	28
WP	5	1	15	989	1060	93.30	22
S	3	—	18	707	1364	51.83	12

PLAYERS FOR SEASON 1953

LEAGUE				
	Games Played	Goals	Total Goals	Total Games
B. Gray	21	40	43	42
J. O'Connell	21	25	61	86
D. Carrick	21	1	12	42
A. Lockyer	21	1	25	142 83?
E. Barker	21	0	19	121
C. Patton	21	6	18	49

	Games Played	Goals	Total Goals	Total Games
D. Anderson	20	0	22	171
J. Cooper	20	3	4	48
G. Cox	20	4	14	37
G. Rakich	20	6	28	82
W. Sidebottom	20	12	18	38
F. Sparrow	20	2	2	20
R. Stewart	19	0	0	28
R. Hoy	18	19	54	70
R. Lowry	18	37	114	90
C. Cartledge	17	0	0	36
M. Hellmrich	13	13	13	13
A. Morton	10	1	1	27
F. Guerinoni	9	1	16	61
G. Bruce	9	0	0	12
A. Montgomery	9	7	7	16
E. Aide	9	1	1	9
A. Limana	9	17	18	11
K. Gale	7	2	29	22
N. Stewart	7	10	11	12
R. Payne	7	12	12	7
N. Smith	7	0	0	7
P. Mountain	5	0	2	71
W. Keeley	1	0	0	1

Reserves Used 13 Times.

SECONDS			
	Games.	Goals.	Goals.
A. Morton	7	7	1
V. Ashworth	2	—	0
M. Marrs	8	7	0
J. Thorne	17	0	14
E. Aide	4	0	5
C. Cartledge	4	0	3
R. Finlay	21	2	11
V. Hodges	19	2	9
W. Montgomery	19	2	16
W. Keeley	5	0	2
V. Murphy	5	3	16
K. McGlew	7	0	2
B. Baker	1	0	11
C. Hill	6	2	11
K. Reynolds	3	1	7
W. Holloway	18	11	3
E. Peach	10	5	10
Bill Brown	16	3	16
S. John	9	0	9
M. Gundry	2	3	2
N. Smith	7	0	7
A. Limana	3	4	3
N. Stewart	4	2	4
W. Ammon	1	0	4
P. Mountain	3	0	4
M. Reynolds	9	4	2
T. Bird	2	0	3
K. McCaughey	2	0	0
W. Waters	1	0	1
C. Byrne	9	3	9
Bob O'Connell	1	0	1
K. Honey	4	1	4
M. Hellmrich	7	1	0
R. Stewart	1	0	0
T. Pascoe	18	0	0
K. Gale	14	14	0
D. Maund	20	5	0
F. Guerinoni	11	3	0
J. Conte	9	0	0
J. Craig	16	6	0
R. Ryan	2	0	0
W. Swanson	16	0	0
R. Payne	11	15	0
A. Ireland	11	0	0
A. Montgomery	6	5	0
G. Bruce	7	0	0
A. Waters	3	0	0
R. Till	2	0	0
W. Watters	1	0	0
R. Hunter	1	0	0
M. Summerton	1	0	0
R. Chappell	2	0	0
A. Pettit	4	0	0
L. Cox	3	0	0
B. Tully	4	0	0
L. Delevale	4	4	0
G. Percival	2	0	0
P. Brady	3	0	0
J. Winning	1	0	0
Wally Brown	2	2	2
F. Jackson	1	2	0
J. Lamb	1	0	0
J. Lawson	1	0	0
L. Bell	1	0	0

Reserves Used 13 Times.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, For Season 1953.

RECEIPTS	£	s	d
E.S.A. Bank	154	8	4
Rent	167	5	0
Trophy A/c	41	4	0
Badges and Ties	225	13	3
Re-union	14	9	6
Donations	248	10	0
Scratch Matches	93	14	8
Catering	2	13	6
Dividends	1804	4	8
Refund Jerseys	25	0	0
Refund Taxation	1	7	0
Footballs	19	9	10
£2797 19 9			

EXPENDITURE	£	s	d
Stamps	26	8	3
Bank Fees	3	0	0
Photos	18	0	0
Wreaths	6	6	0
Telephone	54	19	1
W.A.N.F.L.	2	2	0
Rent	84	10	0
Trainers	287	1	6
Printing and Stationery	61	6	11
Medical	99	11	3
Trophy A/c	67	2	6
Busselton Trip	227	12	6
Scratch Matches	30	5	0
Repairs	20	12	11
Insurance	2	9	3
Caretaker	49	12	6
Footballs	129	15	2
Watch	8	15	0
Donations	60	7	10
Coaches	177	10	0
Catering	175	12	6
Lost Time	111	10	6
Transport	111	5	0
Electric Light	72	0	8
Players' Equipment	333	7	11
Washing	32	2	9
Training Room	62	8	8
Advertising	15	17	9
Life Member's Badge	9	15	0
Scorer	8	5	0
Players' Fund	35	0	0
Badges and Ties	102	15	11
Delegates' Fees	9	0	0
E.S.A. Bank	301	10	5
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Audited and found correct.

A. S. OVERINGTON,
A. C. VAUGHAN

Hon. Auditors.

26/11/53.

SANDOVER MEDAL

We of Swan Districts Committee, heartily congratulate that great footballer Merv. McIntosh, on winning the Sandover Medal, which was a fine finish to a wonderful season. Merv also won the Tassie Medal and the Simpson Medal at the Carnival held in Adelaide, and was selected in the All-Australia side. We only hope this player can still see his way clear to take the field again next season.

The following players of our Club polled votes in the Medal voting:—
G. Rakich 9, F. Sparrow 9, C. Patton 8, B. Gray 7, D. Anderson 7, A. Lockyer 5, R. Payne 3, R. Lowry 3, A. Limana 3, E. Barker 3, R. Hoy 2.

PRENDERGAST MEDAL

This is the supreme trophy in the Seconds Competition and went to Bill McGilvray of South Fremantle. To this player we offer our congratulations on his excellent performance.

The following players of our Club polled votes:—
F. Guerinoni 9, R. Finlay 7, R. Payne 7, J. Thorne 5, W. Montgomery 4, W. Keeley 4, T. Pascoe 3, D. Maund 3, K. Gale 3, A. Limana 2, A. Morton 2, V. Murphy 2, C. Cartledge 2, M. Marrs 1, A. Montgomery 1, W. Holloway, 1.

LEAGUE DELEGATES

Messrs. L. G. Lowry and A. T. Moiler were re-appointed League Delegates, and Messrs. R. A. Newbey and P. Bright were appointed proxy delegates.

Mr. L. G. Lowry attended 16 League and no Permit Meetings. Mr. A. T. Moiler attended 16 League and 16 Permit Meetings.

1934	Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Walker.
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1937	Messrs. T. Neilson and J. Jenner.
1938	Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1939	Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1940	Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1941	Messrs. T. Neilson and H. Lucas.
1942	Nil.
1943	Messrs. T. Neilson and F. Hatton.
1944	Messrs. T. Neilson and F. Hatton.
1945	Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1946	Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1947	Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
1948	Messrs. T. Neilson and L. Lowry.
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TIMEKEEPERS

Mr. R. Lowry (8th year) again officiated as time-keeper for the League side and Mr. G. Baynes in his first year, officiated as time-keeper for the Seconds. Both these gentlemen gave excellent service and we extend to them our appreciation.

MEDICAL ADVISER

To Dr. B. O. Bladen who acted in this capacity, we offer our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful job he did with all our players when called upon.

TRAINERS, PROPERTY STEWARDS, STUDDER, DOORKEEPERS, SCORER

Mr. Phil Stephenson stepped into the shoes of Bill Mose as head-trainer and he did a real good job, ably assisted by C. Roberts, J. O'Connell, R. O'Connell, J. Mowbray, L. Addison and F. Waters. We again had Norm Jones as our Property Steward, and Norm did the usual excellent job for the Club. J. Batten as studder carried out his work ably. To C. Keen, K. Honey and other gentlemen who helped in the rooms and on the doors we owe our thanks.

To Mr. E. Cole, who braved all weather as scorer, and Mr. H. Baynes, whose tactful handling of all passes at the gate we record our appreciation. To Mr. K. McCaughey, who again had the position of physical instructor, we offer our thanks.

AUDITORS

Messrs. E. Byers and A. C. Vaughan were elected to this position, and we sincerely thank them for their services.

RETURNING OFFICERS

To Messrs. J. Bull and G. Baynes we extend our appreciation, as we of this club are well aware of the splendid way in which our ballots were conducted.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. J. Baxter took over the position of President and Mr. A. (Dixie) Sue was elected to the position of Social Secretary, a position he carried out very ably. The following were the personnel of the Committee: Mesdames Sue, Council, Scrivener, Reynolds, Manson, Batten, Cooper and Miss Hawks; Messrs. Council, Manson, Hawks, Watson, Carter, Bryant, Hyatt, Reynolds and Barry Sullivan. To these people we wish to convey the thanks of all players and General Committee for the series of wonderful "High Teas" which we put on throughout the season. Thanks also must go out to the people not named, that have given assistance to the Social Committee when called upon on lots of occasions.

To Fred Waters we forward our thanks and appreciation for the way he has put his truck at the disposal of the Club at all times, for the carting of gear, etc.

We wish to offer our thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Alec Calnon for the service she has rendered every week, in writing up the games for the local paper, the "Swan Express."

LIFE MEMBER

C. Carter, who has been with the Club for a long time, and held several positions, including Committeeman, Assistant Secretary, Social Secretary, and now Social Committee, has been recommended for this year's honour. We have no hesitation in making this recommendation to a very worthy recipient.

CLUB TRIP

The Club visited Busselton on the 18th September and returned on 21st. The party numbered 65. We played the Busselton Districts Association, 21-11 to 8-8. T. Standing won the Swan Districts trophy for the Fairest and Best Player in the Association side; Clarrie Patton and Clarrie Cartledge won trophies donated to Swan's side.

The party were the guests of the Hockey girls at their dance on Saturday night. Sunday morning we visited Yallingup and looked over the Caves; it was a very enjoyable run.

On Sunday night we were guests of the Association at a barbecue held at Ted. Lilley's mill, approximately two miles out of town. It was a huge success, enjoyed by all.

The bus left Busselton at 1.30 a.m. on Monday on the return trip, arriving at Bassendean at 6.30 p.m., the finish to a good trip.