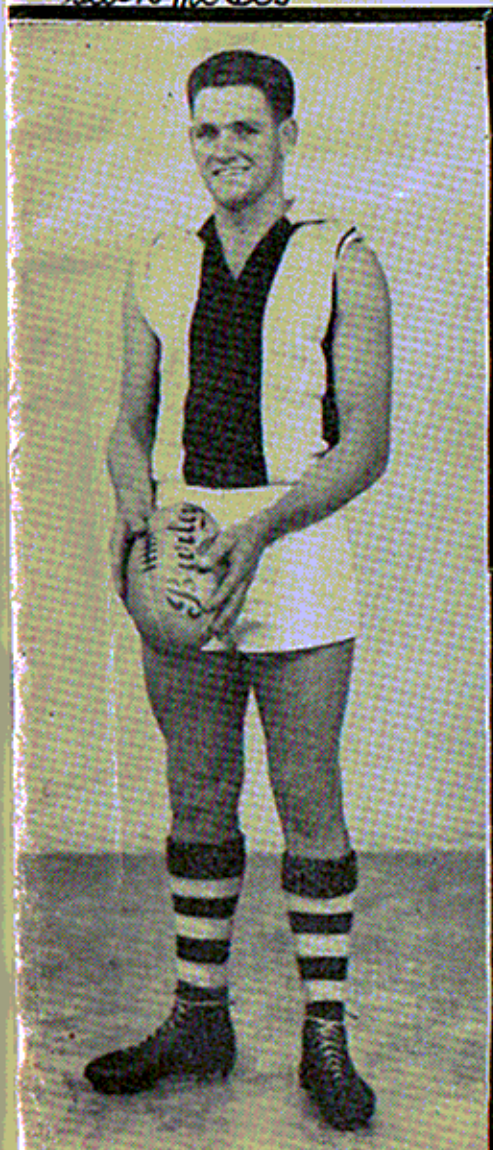


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President's Report

At the completion of this, our Silver Anniversary Year, while not being in a position to glory over an outstanding season of success, I feel there is just reason for a certain amount of jubilation in the successes gained.

Once again the form of our League side was hard to follow, but with two more victories recorded than in 1957, and the "bleeding" of nine first year players throughout the season, necessitating many experimental and successful position changes, the standard of play finished on a higher plane.

Much satisfaction can be derived from the quality of this season's first year players.

My thanks are extended to Mr. Eric Strauss for his efforts and enthusiasm shown throughout the season. His interest in Junior Council activities and assistance in the coaching of the Junior Combined side was invaluable.

With continual injury replacement required for the League side, and the composition of the Thirds side remaining fairly stable throughout the season, our Seconds side suffered, and players were recruited from every source available. While not winning many games the spirit enthused into the players by Keith Slater and Kevin Gartrell, and displayed regularly deserves honourable mention.

For the second year in succession our Thirds side was victorious, and again showed the strength in our Junior ranks. Congratulations are extended to coach Stan Moses and all members of that side.

To my mind one of the most encouraging signs of the season was the excellent form shown, and the wealth of football talent available in our Under 18 Combined side. It was our first under age victory since the inception of this competition and coach Keith Towton and his boys are also deserving of the highest praise.

While lacking in numbers our Social Committee again gave our Club excellent service throughout the season and deserve full appreciation for their contribution to the season's activities.

Our Secretary, Mr. T. Moiler, and Treasurer, Mr. J. Cooper, together with other members of the committee have proved keen workers for the Club and are asked to accept my personal thanks for assistance throughout the year.

Again the co-operation from our Members' Club left nothing to be desired and special thanks are extended to Secretary, Mr. P. Bright, and Bar Manager, Mr. E. Holdsworth.

The season 1958 saw our best ever year for Junior Council, and appreciation is extended to officials and coaches for a job well done.

I regret that I feel it necessary to record in this report that the attitude of many of our members can be described as only hypocrisy.

To join a club and openly support it is highly desirable, but to "white ant" that same club behind the scenes is deplorable. While battling to force a passage up the premiership table, a club such as ours needs every assistance and support, not the continuous undermining of coach, committee and players' prestige by a group of "supporters" (?).

To our loyal members, and we have many, may I say if you run up against one of these "pests" stamp on it. An empty house is better than a bad tenant.

I look forward to season 1959 with greater confidence than in the past two years.

—R. RETALLACK.

Secretary's Report

Gentlemen,

In submitting this the 25th Annual Report, the year of our Silver Anniversary, I do so with mixed feelings. At times our League team played brilliant football, at other times it was just the opposite. We won two more games than the previous season but have to definitely strengthen at least two positions, before we can with confidence look forward to taking our place in that coveted final four. Throughout the season we played 40 League players, of these players 25 sustained injury.

I would like to congratulate Keith Slater on his selection in the State Centenary Championship side, but was sorry to see Keith injured just prior to the team's departure. Keith was replaced in the team, but the committee saw fit to send Keith to Melbourne with the touring party.

Tim Barker has announced his retirement after playing 248 League games which is a Club record. Tim has given the Club yeoman service, for which we all sincerely thank him.

Johnnie Cooper and Greg Cox owing to their employment had to give away playing League football part way through the season. We thank them for their services and hope we have them amongst us next year.

The Committee have accepted the offer of Mr. Percy Beere, who has kindly donated a medal for the Best and Fairest League player, commencing from this season. Joe Lawson is the winner of the inaugural medal. Joe gave us a 100 minutes of football every time he went on the field and thoroughly deserved the honour.

I wish to congratulate East Perth on winning the premiership of 1958 and East Fremantle the runners-up. Both these teams put on grand displays throughout the season.

Throughout the year certain improvements were made around the oval. Dr. Bladen Memorial Gates were opened as promised. Although the appeal for financial assistance to assist in this project did not come up to expectations, the Committee as promised completed the job with the help of the Bassendean Road Board.

The official enclosure in front of the change rooms was covered to the satisfaction of all players and officials, both of Swans and the visiting teams.

Once more an approach was made to the Railway Commission requesting they give consideration to installing a platform close to the oval, but the request was refused on financial reasons.

I have pleasure in advising that there will be a new toilet block built on the oval by next season, the Road Board has consented to this building.

Owing to not enough nominations being received for Committee last election, Mr. T. Neujhar was appointed by the Committee to fill the vacancy. Throughout the year Mr. J. Syers and Mr. Max Hilton vacated their positions on the Committee through personal reasons. We wish to thank both these gentlemen for the work and time they put into the Club. Messrs. Percy Bright and Doug Anderson were co-opted to fill the vacancies for the balance of the year.

To Mr. Les Tobin who at all times when requested, made himself and the projector, available to entertain players and officials, I say thank you Les, on behalf of all members of our Club, for a job well done.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President, Dick Retallack, who with the Committee, have done a terrific amount of work throughout the season, and to all the gentlemen around the Committee table I say thank you for the support and co-operation shown me over the year.

—A. T. MOILER.