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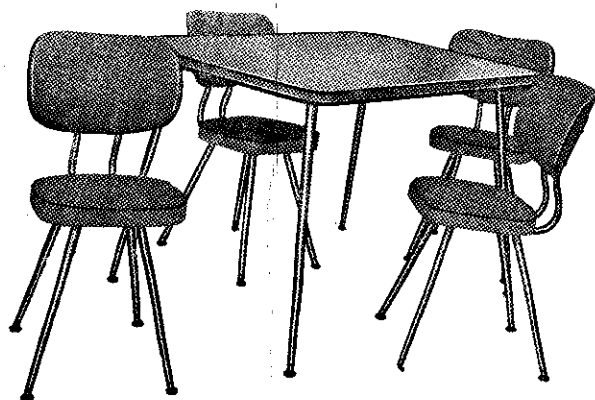
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

In submitting this, the 26th Annual Report, I do so with very mixed feelings. As far as our League team is concerned, we started off the season on the right foot, winning three out of the first five games. We then had a major upset in the club which was reflected in the play on the field. For the next ten games we were only able to finish in front on one occasion. Mr. Brian Gray was appointed coach in place of Mr. Percy Johnson for the last five games. In that period we won one more game.

Our Seconds played off in the first semi-final but were beaten by East Perth in that game.

Our Thirds played in the grand final for the third consecutive year, their opponents were Perth. The result of that game was, Perth 14.17, Swans 10.9.

Congratulations to Graham Tidy, Joe Lawson and Brian Gray on being selected to tour with the State team. Brian was injured just prior to the team's departure, but the club sent Brian on the trip just the same. Mick Cooper was appointed property man for the tour. As manager of the State team I wish to personally thank Mick Cooper for his co-operation at all times. Congratulations to Percy Johnson and Wally Brown, who were selected in the second State team to play Hawthorn. Percy was captain of that team. Your vice-president, Ted Holdsworth, was manager of this team, which won both games. Congratulations to Percy Johnson, who was our only representative against South Australia in August.

Throughout the season we were unfortunate to lose a number of players through serious injury. Craig Noble received a broken arm in two places. He was off work for approximately 16 weeks. Graham Tidy received a fractured and dislocated ankle. Brian Gray strained a leg muscle. Peter Ridley received a fractured bone in the right hand and Brian Purcell had to have a cartilage removed. Bob Ford also injured his knee. The players mentioned, except for Peter Ridley, because of injuries missed approximately half the season.

The alterations and additions to our change rooms — something we have been working for for a long time, should be completed by next season. These rooms should then be second-to-none compared with all other league clubs.

I would like to congratulate our Tour Fund Committee, headed by Ted Holdsworth, for their wonderful effort this season. This committee have already £1,300 towards the trip in 1961, which now looks assured.

To our President, Dick Retallack, who resigned just prior to the finish of the season, I say thank you for a job well done as president, and for the work you have done for the club over the past years. I will state now, the club and football in general can ill afford to lose men men such as Dick.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all officers and committeemen for the co-operation and assistance given me at all times.

To the members of Swan Districts, I appeal to you one and all, now that we have completed one of the most arduous seasons the club has come through; let us think of the future, get behind your committee 100 per cent and support them to the limit. Unless this is carried out to the fullest extent you will find out that Swans are going to have a hard row to hoe at all times.

I wish to congratulate East Perth on winning the premiership of 1959 and Subiaco on being runners-up. It was a grand game witnessed by a record crowd. Both these teams deserved the highest praise.

Congratulations to Subiaco on winning the Seconds pennant; and Perth on winning the Thirds pennant.

A. T. MOLER, Hon. Secretary.

SECONDS COACH'S REPORT

I feel my report on the Seconds for 1959 can be based safely on the success of the team.

Facts to support this are our final percentage of 129.4; second only to the premiers, Subiaco. The graduation through the season of 29 players to league ranks and that youth formed the larger proportion of our training list.

The team's failure in the first semi-final without excuse can be defined to two factors. One, that we were victims of a rule which I will not go into as it is now history; and two, the absence of such players as R. Payne, G. Bruce, C. Edwards, P. Ridley, I. Goddard, B. Wearndley, K. Cooper and R. Manning left us far from full strength.

Congratulations to Bob Sadler on winning the team's fairest and best and to all other trophy winners.

Thanks to Robin Reid as captain, for his assistance throughout the season, and to Norm Baty, Tom Moiler and Johnny Cooper for their willingness to assist at all times. Also to trainers, Rob Warnock, Wes Retallack and the property staff, who all contributed to the success of the side.

Finally, in concluding by report I would sincerely like to extend my thanks to each and every member of the Seconds training list through the season. I feel I have never coached a greater team of fighters or an unluckier group of chaps. May you all have better luck in 1960.

S. E. MOSES.

THIRDS COACH'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

Naturally it is with some feelings of disappointment that I submit this, my first report as a coach. Primarily my bitter disappointment at the internal strife that has beset our club; and then the failure of our Thirds team to annex their third consecutive premiership in that division.

I feel, however, that your Thirds team made a most worthy contribution to the club during the 1959 season. As a recruiting ground for the senior sides, and that surely is, and must be, the purpose of the Thirds. We filled our obligations admirably.

Congratulations to Clive Davis, Ron Dunne, Graeme Devitt, Bob Manning, Barry Werdndley and Andy Leckie in attaining League ranks at some time during the season. Also to Ken Cooper, Syd Kenworthy and Ron Jones for their efforts which enabled them to be promoted, with success, to the Seconds team. Max Kiernan and Jim Mitchell also had occasion to appreciate the junior team of our club for it was here that they gained valuable match practice following injuries.

My congratulations to all trophy winners in the three grades, and particularly to Wally Brown, Bob Sadler and Rod Carver on their fairest and best achievements. To those of the Thirds who missed out on some award or other I say, "Thanks for your wonderful efforts throughout the season. It may be your turn next year."

Thanks are due to the following for the support they have given us throughout: The League committee; our manager, Mr. Fitzgerald; training staff Messrs. Hadrill and McCabe; property man, Mr. O. Kelly; our skippers at various times, Ron Dunne, Ron Innes, Brian Page and Johnny Mack; Mr. Dick Retallack, who showed great interest; the League training staff and property men and boot studder; and finally all the most generous donors that assisted the Thirds during the season.

Junior Council played a terrific part in our success and we thank all those clubs who lent their support so freely. Unfortunately that support was not forthcoming in all cases.

In conclusion, I would like to sincerely thank all those lads who gave me so much pleasure, in the support they gave me, and in the football they played. If their thrilling brand of determination and "will to win" can be taken as a criterion then, surely, the Swan Districts National Football Club must and will succeed.

J. COOPER.