

AUFC 1970-1979 – DECADE EIGHT

“A CHALLENGING ERA”

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Overview

After the heady successes of the 1960s, when the Club competed in all ten Grand Finals, expectations of Club performance had risen to new levels. Whatever followed in the ensuing years would be compared with the 'good old days', and anything short of dominance of the A1 competition and successful competition in the lower grades was likely to fall short of those standards.

However, the 'seventies started in good fashion with the A1 side carrying all before it prior to the May vacation in 1970. With the Inter-Varsity team in Melbourne for the Carnival and hence missing a full round of matches, it was decided to play Flinders University at University Oval in the week before Inter-Varsity in A1 and A1 Reserves. One player who was a reserve for the A1 side in this mid-week game also played against SPOC in A2 on the following Saturday, thus effectively playing for the A1s and A2s at the same time.

In a decision of incredible severity, the Club lost all Premiership points in all grades up to that point of the season. This, of course, left all sides in the bottom position after eight games. The effect on the Club was very marked, as can be expected, and certainly had repercussions that season and in 1971. It was a credit to the character of the Club, the A1 coach and A1 team that the performances for the 1970 season were even better than the high standards set by the Club in the previous few seasons. The side was undefeated at the time of the Inter-Varsity, lost the next game and then remained undefeated until the second last minor round game when a loss to Postal Institute cost the team a place in the Finals.

The next three years, 1971-1973, the A1 side performed solidly but not spectacularly, but the prime goal of Premierships eluded the side. Indeed, the side missed the four in 1972 for the first time since World War II (1970 being discounted) despite a fine finish to the season. The only Premiership in the Club during these years was a 1972 victory in the A4 Reserves, led by G.C. Harcourt and R. Hunter. Thus, four years had passed without a Premiership when K.R. Griffiths was appointed coach in 1974. The District Clubs of the Amateur League were making their presence felt more strongly, and the domination of student sides, which was evident in the 'sixties was waning.

This year (1974) corresponded with an influx of experienced players from League clubs, other Amateur clubs and interstate. Indeed, four players new to the Club won All Australian selection in 1974 (K.R. Griffiths, S. Johnson, B. Ferris and S.T.P. Trumble) and a further two players who also joined in this year became All-Australian players after the 1976 Carnival (M. Schwartz and M. Kerr-Grant).

The three years that K.R. Griffiths coached the Club saw the A1 side take out two Premierships (1974 and 1975) and finish runners-up in 1976. This was a return to the dominance of the A1 competition that the Club had enjoyed in the fifties and sixties.

The Club had rationalised the number of teams back to six following several years in the late fifties and early sixties when eight were fielded. At this stage, Old Scholars' Clubs were gaining in strength, and the trend affected the Club's recruiting for the lower grades. It was also at this time

that a decision was made to stabilise the movement of players through the Club by incorporating "core players" in each side. This concept involved the placing of ten to twelve players in each of the lower sides, who remained the backbone of that side. Any promotions or demotions took place with the other members of the team (there were exceptions to this rule).

This stabilised the lower sides (A3 Reserves and below) and helped the coaches and captains develop a team spirit and identity which had been lacking before. Generally, the idea was successful, as team performances improved and everyone in the Club had a side with which he could identify. In past seasons, up to one hundred players could pass through the sides in A3 and below.

Teams led by T. Nagel (comprising University baseballers and cricketers) and R. Forbes, played off in the 1975 preliminary Final in A8. This was to be the beginning of a strong lower grade contingent comprising players like R. Neil, G. Bellchamber, J. Green, A. Nurk and G. de Boer who enjoyed considerable success in A8. They won Premierships in 1978 and 1980, and two of their players, J. Green and W. Sarre, won Amateur League medals.

G.C. Harcourt and N.C. Beagley also had similar groups of players who played over a period and identified strongly with the A3 Reserves.

The late seventies saw an increased professionalism come into the game and the problems of a truly amateur club competing for players had become difficult. Players no longer play for University and then try their hand at League Football as has happened in the past. Country players return home on weekends on the promise of 'expenses', District clubs and SAFA clubs boast about facilities and incentives to lure the young away from 'the Blacks'.

The Club has reacted to these changes by very active recruiting campaigns on campus and amongst the schools, and by playing a higher percentage of graduate players than has been the case in the past. With the absence of Inter-Varsities from the football programme, the Club has initiated pre-season trips to Melbourne (1980) and Loxton (1981) to in some way replace these games. It is hoped to re-establish games against Melbourne University. However, after games in 1979 and 1980, suitable arrangements could not be finalised for 1981.

Club spirit was high and the forward-looking committee endeavoured to provide facilities and an atmosphere where football can be enjoyed to its fullest. These committee men included the likes of R.L. Whittle, R.G. Gask, P.D. Clark, G.C. Harcourt and F.A. Bloch.

A summary, season by season, of the playing activities of the Club follows.

1970 Season

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY INTER-VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM MONASH, 1970



BACK ROW: R. Forbes, K. Junken, D. Middleton, M. Pascoe, C. Nicholls, J. Katsaros, T. Daniell, M. Croucher, G. Baker.
CENTRE ROW: J. Joseph, G. Anderson, P. Thompson, A. Sangster, C. Loch Mitchell, J. Kiely, I. Haines, M. Kym Mayes, B. Hunt,
S. Conlon (Trainer).
FRONT ROW: Owen M. Keen (Manager), M. Thorpe, B. Jenkins, G. DeBelle (Vice-Capt.), P. Vivian (Coach), Paul Rafe (Capt.),
G. Both, P. Bruce.
INSET: Jack McFarlane, A. C. C. Wood, R. Dougherty.

the side had won eight games, including the Challenge Cup match against Flinders University, which was held in mid-week during the vacation so that the Inter-Varsity team did not have to return home for the Saturday round of matches. RB. Howlett, B. Hunt, R Fenwick, and G.R. Illman had been prominent in the best players during these later games.

The events leading up to the loss of all points in all grades after the eighth series are well documented in the overview of this decade. Suffice it to say that the A1 team dropped from top position (undefeated) to bottom position in the space of one week. The effect on Club morale was devastating initially, and combined with the sluggishness after a hard week's football in Melbourne, the following game was lost to Postals. The Club was then faced with a long, hard season if it was to recover from this seemingly hopeless position.

To win the next nine games and be faced with a nine-win, nine-loss situation with two matches left, spoke highly of the character of the Club, Committee, coaching staff and players. P.J.L. Rofe, B. Hunt, J.D. McFarlane, M. Thorpe, J. Katsaros and G.R. Illman were the most prominent players in a very determined team performance during this period.

Unfortunately, the effort of sustaining this winning run proved too much and with a loss to Postals in the second last minor round game went the chance of participating in the finals. A further loss to Payneham in the last game of the season saw the team finish in seventh position with only three defeats for the year and the best percentage of all teams in A1. But for the loss of all points for the first eight games, the side would have been minor premiers, four games clear of eventual minor premiers Semaphore Central.

The Club had a good representation in the State team which won the Amateur Championship in Perth. P.J.L. Rofe, B. Hunt, J.D. McFarlane, G. De Belle, L. Mitchell and B.R Simmons all played and P.J.L. Rofe and L. Mitchell were named in the All-Australian team after the Carnival.

A1 Premiership Table 1970 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Semaphore Central	20	13	7	0	26
Rosewater	20	13	7	0	26
Payneham	20	12	7	1	25
Teachers College	20	12	8	0	24
Postal Institute	20	11	8	1	23
Adelaide University	20	17	3	0	18
Flinders University	20	9	11	0	18
Exeter	20	9	11	0	18
Riverside	20	8	12	0	16
Glenunga	20	7	13	0	14
Walkerville	20	5	15	0	10
Western Teachers	20	3	17	0	6

The **A2 side** under F.A. Bloch as coach and J.M. McMurtrie as captain, started the season well with three wins in the first four games. The team had played well to defeat St Dominics, Mitcham and Kilburn and looked set for an even hotter season than 1969 when they finished fifth. P.C. Munt, G. Coward, A. Mele, A. Schultz and G. Both had been the most consistent players in these games.

With five wins and three losses at the time all points were lost, the team was in a good position to challenge for a finals berth. However, after a fine win over Flinders Park on June 6, the side suffered a slump due to injuries and unavailability of several players and lost five games in a row. The team really never regained its momentum, but wins over Mitcham, Flinders Park and Henley

showed glimpses of the form the side was capable of.

The outstanding player for the season was A. Mele with J.P. Jackson, I. Lewis, M. Beckoff, K. Juncken, A. Schultz and R. Fenwick all having good seasons.

A2 Premiership Table 1970 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Seaton Ramblers	20	17	3	34
St.Dominics	20	15	5	30
St.Peters O.C.	20	14	6	28
Gaza	20	14	6	28
Goodwood	20	13	7	26
Kilburn	20	9	11	18
Mitcham	20	9	11	18
Christian Brothers OC	20	7	13	14
Henley	20	6	14	12
Prince Alfred O.C.	20	5	15	10
Adelaide University B	20	8	12	8
Flinders Park	20	3	17	6

N.C. Beagley was captain-coach of **the A3 team**, and they had started the season in reasonably good form with wins over Kenilworth and Hindmarsh CYMS in the first four games. R.K. Penhall, F. Morgan, R Stuart, T. Daniell, I. Bowden and J.P. Jackson had all been in good early season form. By the end of May, the team had won four of the eight games played and were sitting in the middle of the table. However, the form for the remainder of the season was patchy and the team did not ever settle down due to the demand for players made from the teams above. Rarely was the team beaten by more than a few goals and five wins were recorded against the lower ranked clubs. D. Moore was best and fairest for the season with the most consistent performers being J. Murphy, C.K. Nicholls, G. Baker, D.M. Harrison, D. Lever, and R. Aistrope.

A3 Premiership Table 1970 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Broadview	20	17	3	34
Alberton United	20	15	5	30
Ferryden Park	20	15	5	30
Kings O.C.	20	12	8	24
Hindmarsh CYMS	20	12	8	24
Scotch O.C.	20	11	9	22
Semaphore Park	20	10	10	20
Teachers College B	20	10	10	20
Wattle Park T.C.	20	9	11	18
Adelaide University C	20	8	12	8
Flinders University B	20	1	19	2
Kenilworth	20	0	20	0

The A1 Reserves have traditionally had difficulty in competing effectively in that grade. However, there were signs in the first four games that it may be a different story in 1970. Under A.C. Wilson's leadership they had two wins, a draw, and a one goal defeat in the first four games and the side was looking very good. R. Hunter, C. Izzills, D. Lever and J. Ravenfeldt, had all been playing well. After eight games the team had won five games and drawn one to be in the four and be reasonably confident of success at the end of the year. Following the mid-season debacle, the team lost seven

games straight before recovering with fine wins over Rosewater, Western Teachers and Riverside. M. Hazelgrove was the best for the season with good support coming from E. Sullivan, R Richards, I. MacGillivray, C. Allen and P. Sidey.

A1 Reserve Table 1970:

Payneham (36), Semaphore Central (32), Postal Institute (31), Exeter (27), Flinders Uni (26), Teachers College (20), Rosewater (18), Walkerville (14), Riverside (12), Glenunga (9), Adelaide Uni (6), Western Teachers (0).

1st S.	Postal Inst.	8.4	Exeter	7.9
2nd S.	Payneham	6.11	Semaph Cent	3.8
Prelim.	Postal Inst.	9.11	Semaph Cent	5.8
G.Fin.	Payneham	5.11	Postal Inst.	5.9

The A2 Reserves, led by H. Sabine and J. Bartlett, won two of the first four games against St Dominics and Kilburn in convincing style. C. Stagg, T. Morgan, D.M. Harrison, D.N. Bartlett and P. Sidey were prominent in the best player list.. With five wins and three losses at the eight game mark, the side was not far from a Finals berth. The three solid wins over Flinders Park, Henley and Gaza in the next three rounds would have cemented a berth in the four; instead the team languished near the bottom. Eleven wins for the season was a commendable effort considering the problems faced by the side, which had four sides above it demanding players.

C. Stagg played very good football until promoted, whilst J. Gratton, D.P. Cox, T. Morgan, D.M. Harrison, A.M. Rofo, G. Pitcher, C.J. Brideson and P. Egan were consistent players.

A2 Reserve Table 1970

Goodwood (36), S.P.O.C. (34), Flinders Park (29), Mitcham (26), St.Dominics (22), Kilburn (20), C.B.O.C. (19), Seaton (18), Adelaide Uni (12), Henley (8), Gaza (4), P.A.O.C. (2).

1st S.	Mitcham	7.4	Flinders Park	6.6
2nd S.	Goodwood d		S.P.O.C.	
Prelim.	S.P.O.C.	8.13	Mitcham	5.10
G.Fin.	Goodwood	5.15	S.P.O.C.	5.4

Prof. G.C. Harcourt was playing coach of **the A3 Reserves** and they started the season in excellent form with only one loss after four games. R. Mableson, P. Walsh, I. MacGillivray and J. Gratton were the most effective players in these games.

After eight games the team had won four games and lost four and was hovering in the middle of the table. They won six of their remaining twelve games for a fifty percent record for the season. A fine win over eventual premiers Old Scotch on June 20 was a particularly fine effort.

The team was best served by P. Walsh, G. Pitts, W. Heddle, M. Gregerson, G. Kunze and D.B. Cox.

A3 Reserve Table 1970

Scotch OC (36), Broadview (34), Alberton United (28), Wattle Park TC (26), Ferryden Park (22), Teachers College (20), Semaphore Park (20), Adelaide Uni (20), Kenilworth (10), Kings OC (8), Hindmarsh CYMS (6), Flinders Uni (2).

1st S.	Wattle Park TC	7.9	Alberton Utd	6.10
2nd S.	Scotch OC	7.11	Broadview	4.9
Prelim.	Broadview	12.7	Wattle Park TC	6.7
G.Fin.	Scotch OC	10.9	Broadview	3.2

The A5s were under the control of G. Gerlach and were finding the competition a little keen early in the season. Being the Club's seventh side and playing against some other clubs' top sides was very difficult. Unfortunately, the situation did not improve as the season progressed although in many games the difference in scores was only a few goals. Late in the season, calls from sides above and the fact that the A5 Reserves had a chance of making the four meant that the team was very unsettled. There were several heavy defeats in this period.

Best players for the season were J. Tonkin, J. Williams, M. Healey and P. Lazic.

A5 Table 1970

B.H.O.S. (36), Postal Institute B (28), Salisbury West (28), Payneham B (26), Salisbury Teachers (24), S.A. Institute Technology (24), Mitcham B (16), Flinders University E (14), Adelaide University G (2), C.B.O.C. B (2). Brighton High, premier in A6 in 1969, found the jump to A5 to its liking, especially when it kicked 37 goals against Adelaide Uni of which future Sturt star Ken Whelan kicked 18.

1st S.	Payneham	10.9	Salisbury West	9.13
2nd S.	B.H.O.S.	13.18	Postal Inst.	7.9
Prelim.	Payneham	16.16	Postal Inst.	9.16
G.Fin.	B.H.O.S.	15.6	Payneham	9.16

The A5 Reserves won their first four games under G. Kirkpatrick's leadership and were playing very good football. This form continued up to the eighth game, where they had won five games, lost two and forfeited one during the holidays.

The team won one of the three games after this point, leaving them bottom with effectively one win after eleven rounds. They then won seven of the next eight games (five in a row) to challenge for a place in the four with one series left. SAIT, who had no chance of making the four in AS or AS Reserves, played most of their AS players in this game and soundly defeated 'the Blacks' 11.10 to 3.5 to deny the team a place in the Finals. The side had beaten SAIT 13.16 to 3.6 in an earlier minor round encounter.

Best players for the season were M. Lohe, D. Hart, R. Crowley, R.G. Stanley and K. Lindsay.

A5 Reserve Table 1970

Payneham (32), Postal Institute (30), B.H.O.S. (27), Flinders Uni (19), Adelaide Uni (16), S.A.I.T. (16), Salisbury West (8), Mitcham (6). Salisbury Teachers & C.B.O.C. withdrew after round 5.

1st S.	B.H.O.S.	10.9	Flinders Uni	3.8
2nd S.	Payneham	7.11	Postal Inst.	3.3
Prelim.	B.H.O.S.	6.11	Postal Inst.	6.7
G.Fin.	Payneham	9.13	B.H.O.S.	4.4

Thus a difficult year ended with no side participating in the Finals for the first time in many years. The A1 's and A5 Reserves made tremendous efforts to pick up lost ground but were frustrate dying moments of the season. Fine performances were recorded by P.J.L. Rofe (eighteen votes) in A1 and G. Pitts (twelve votes) in A3 Reserves as they came third in their respective Amateur League medals.

1971 Season

Following the events of 1970, the Club was particularly anxious to have a successful season in 1971 and re-establish 'the Blacks' as the top Amateur League club in South Australia. The senior administrative and coaching positions were unchanged so the Club was in a stable state to begin the new season.

The Club had entered sides in A1, A2, A3, A5 and Reserves teams making eight teams in all.

These were the same gradings that had been entered in 1970. P.J.L. Rofo was elected captain of the A1 team for the third consecutive year.

The A1 team began the season very well with a twelve goal defeat of Postals, who had beaten the side twice in 1970, and thus caused their demise from the four. Other good wins followed against Seaton Ramblers (two goals), St Dominics (fourteen goals) and Glenunga (seventeen goals), although Payneham accounted for the side on May 1 in a closely contested game. In these games J. Katsaros, P.J.L. Rofo, I. Bowden, F. Morgan, D. Menz and N. Worthley had been playing well.

This form, however, gave no indication of what was to follow in the ensuing weeks. On May 21, Flinders University was too good for the side and the following week Semaphore Central thrashed the team by ten goals. The next three games were won, but only after one quarter bursts sank the opposition. In the Rosewater game, 'the Blacks' were down 7.10 to 12.3 at three-quarter time but a 10.7 to 0.1 last quarter saw them to a comfortable victory.

In a topsy-turvy season, four of the next five games were lost to place the side under severe pressure to make the Finals. The side rallied in the last five matches to win four and draw one game to end the minor round in fourth position.

The semifinal was played at Hawthorn Oval against Seaton Ramblers on September 3. 'The Blacks' opened well, but poor kicking for goal stopped them setting up a commanding lead. Seaton recovered to the level at half-time and drew away in the second half to win 16.8 to 10.18. Best players for University were M. Cain, R. Oswald, G. Both (three goals), N. Worthley, S. Chapman and J.D. McFarlane.

Dependable half-back flanker F. Morgan won the Gunning Medal, with strong performances during the season being put in by P.J.L. Rofo, B. Emmett, M. Cain, J. Katsaros, J.D. McFarlane, M. Croucher, B. Lange and R. Oswald.

A1 Premiership Table 1971 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Semaphore Central	20	15	5	0	30
Teachers College	20	14	5	1	29
Seaton Ramblers	20	14	6	0	28
Adelaide University	20	12	7	1	25
Payneham	20	12	8	0	24
Flinders University	20	10	9	1	21
Postal Institute	20	9	11	0	18
Glenunga	20	9	11	0	18
St.Dominics	20	8	12	0	16
Exeter	20	7	13	0	14
Riverside	20	4	15	1	9
Rosewater	20	4	16	0	8

The A2s, under the leadership of F.A. Bloch and P.F. Crossing, began the season well with wins over Henley, Kilburn and Western Teachers. This form was not sustained and a series of defeats saw the side slip down the ladder. By the end of the minor round the team had won six games and drawn one to be placed well down the Premiership table.

The outstanding players for the season were A. Mele, J.M. McMurtrie and T. Daniell with consistent performances coming from P.F. Crossing, R. Aistrophe and R. Stuart.

A2 Premiership Table 1971 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Walkerville	20	15	5	0	30
Goodwood	20	15	5	0	30
St.Peters O.C.	20	13	7	0	26
Henley	20	13	7	0	26
Broadview	20	13	7	0	26
Gaza	20	11	8	1	23
Christian Brothers O.C.	20	10	10	0	20
Mitcham	20	9	11	0	18
Ferryden Park	20	9	11	0	18
Adelaide University B	20	7	12	1	15
Kilburn	20	4	16	0	8
Western Teachers	20	0	20	0	0

J. Scollin was captain-coach of **the A3s** and they experienced difficulties all season in winning games consistently. The side rarely played four good quarters of football and the strength of the opposition was such that any less effort than this would not give results. Four games were won for the season and this was not enough to avoid relegation to A4 for 1972.

Best players for the season were A.C.C. Wood, M. Kemp, D.N. Bartlett, P. Sidey, D. Cameron, A. Rofe and I. McGillivray.

A3 Premiership Table 1971 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Flinders Park	20	16	4	0	32
Alberton United	20	16	4	0	32
Prince Alfred O.C.	20	15	5	0	30
Westminster O.S.	20	14	6	0	28
Teachers College B	20	13	7	0	26
Scotch O.C.	20	12	8	0	24
Allenby Gardens	20	10	9	1	21
Semaphore Park	20	7	12	1	15
Kings O.C.	20	7	13	0	14
Hindmarsh CYMS	20	5	15	0	10
Adelaide University C20	3	17	0	0	6
Wattle Park T.C.	20	1	19	0	2

The A5s had a successful season, winning nine games and drawing one to finish just out of the four in fifth position. This was a good effort by this side as the team was not really settled at any stage of the season. Best players were M. Armitage, P. Egan, P. Sidey, J. Dawes, J. Russell and E. Sullivan

A5 Table 1971

Salisbury Teachers (34), S.A. Institute of Technology (32), Plympton High OS (30), Seaton Ramblers B (26), Adelaide Uni G (18), Salisbury West (10), Mitcham B (10), Flinders Uni E (0).

1st S. P.H.O.S.	16.11	Seaton	9.16
2nd S. Salisbury Tch	11.11	S.A.I.T.	11.6
Prelim.S.A.I.T.	16.13	P.H.O.S.	12.6
G.Fin. S.A.I.T.	d	Salisbury Tch	

The A1 Reserves struggled as was the custom when they were ranked fifth in the Club's hierarchy of teams. They broke through for some occasional wins, but more importantly they often pressed

teams to within a few goals and were rarely humiliated.

The best players during the season were H. Paterson, H.A.J. Harley, P.J. Clements, R.G. Stanley and D. Steele.

A1 Reserve Table 1971

Flinders University (32), Glenunga (30), Postal Institute (29), Payneham (28), Semaphore Central (28), Teachers College (28), Exeter (15), Seaton (14), Riverside (12), St.Dominics (10), Adelaide Uni (8), Rosewater (6).

1st S.	Payneham	10.4	Postal Inst.	8.5
2nd S.	Flinders Uni	8.2	Glenunga	5.6
Prelim.	Glenunga	6.3	Payneham	5.7
G.Fin.	Flinders Uni	7.5	Glenunga	3.9

The A2 Reserves did not enjoy a successful season, winning only three games. Quite often they were outclassed, and while the structure of the Club was as it existed at this time, this was to be expected. Consistent performances came from J. Pitcher, D. Ross, M. Healey, W. Heddle, J. Kikkert, and J. Travis.

A2 Reserve Table 1971

Walkerville (34), Broadview (34), Ferryden Park (32), Mitcham (28), Kilburn (26), Goodwood (24), S.P.O.C. (20), Henley (16), Gaza (10), C.B.O.C. (8), Adelaide Uni (8), Western Teachers (0).

1st S.	Mitcham	9.7	Ferryden Park	8.3
2nd S.	Broadview	8.10	Walkerville	5.5
Prelim.	Walkerville	d	Mitcham	
G.Fin.	Walkerville	8.12	Broadview	7.6

The A3 Reserves, led by Prof. G.C. Harcourt, won four games, drew one and lost three others by less than two goals during the season. This was a reasonably good performance considering the shortage of players during certain periods of the year. The best players for the year were P. White, D. Simmons, K. Saville, P. Ryan, K. Bannister and P. Walkley.



1971 A3 Reserves (This picture hung in the first aid room for a few years)

Back Row; Rex Matthews, Kym Bannister, Rob Forbes, ??, ??, David Moore, John Kikkert, ??, John Scollin, David Bartlett, ???

Front Row; ?X, Healey, Bob Howlett, Ryan, Neil Beagley, Geoff Harcourt (coach), ? Walsh, Bill Heddle

A3 Reserve Table 1971

Flinders Park (40), Scotch OC (34), Teachers Coll (34), Alberton United (30), P.A.O.C. (22), Allenby Gardens (22), Westminster OS (16), Semaphore Park (16), Adelaide Uni (10), Kings OC (8), Wattle Park TC (6), Hindmarsh CYMS (4).

1st S. Teachers Coll 9.9 Alberton Utd 4.3

2nd S. Flinders Park 12.5 Scotch OC 4.8

Prelim. Scotch OC d Teachers Coll

G.Fin. Scotch OC 9.8 Flinders Park 2.6

The A5 Reserves, led by D.J. Hunt the Club's Assistant Secretary, began the season very well winning four of the first eight games. Being the Club's eighth side, they were understandably hardest hit by injuries and unavailability and consequently the performances of the team suffered. Late in the season, games had to be forfeited, so their final position of sixth was a good effort. During the year J. Porter, J. Hannon and D. Wilson were the outstanding players with P. Gregg, W. Boucaut and P. Walsh playing consistently well.

A5 Reserve Table 1971

S.A. Institute of Technology (36), Seaton (30), Salisbury Teachers (28), Plympton High OS (24), Mitcham (14), Adelaide Uni (12), Salisbury West (10), Flinders Uni (6).

1st S. P.H.O.S.	11.10	Salisbury Teach	8.10
2nd S. S.A.I.T.	8.3	Seaton	4.7
Prelim. Seaton	7.13	P.H.O.S.	6.2
G.Fin. Seaton	9.10	S.A.I.T.	7.8

The Club did not have a very successful season and the effects of the traumas of 1970 were perhaps lingering. However, there were signs that improvement was near. Highlights of the year included the strong representation in the State Amateur team (P.J.L. Rofe, B. Emmett, R. Tardif, J.D. McFarlane and J. Katsaros) and two Clubmen being named in the All-Australian Amateur team - J. Katsaros and R Tardif.

1972 Season



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BACK ROW: C. Hunter, C. Delaney, J. McFarlane, W. Gould, H. Chaplain, G. Roache, I. Post.
 THIRD ROW: J. Donaldson, D. Brand, R. Harley, S. Cockburn (Trainer), B. Forby, B. Emmett, J. Tilley.
 SECOND ROW: P. Barnes, N. Harris, J. Katsaros, P. Smith, S. Jolly, R. Harwood, T. Rodgers, G. Finney.
 FRONT ROW: D. Cranwell, H. Mutton (Coach), T. Tierney (Capt.), K. Sims (President), C. Moore (Vice-Capt. Vic.), N. Dansie (Manager), P. Rolfe (Vice-Capt. W.A.)
 ABSENT: B. Holmes, P. McCann.

1972 SA Team.

There was one change in the senior coaching positions at the beginning of 1972. B. Wells, a former Norwood player, had taken over from P. Vivian but F.A. Bloch was still assistant coach for a record-breaking fifth term, and P.J.L. Rofe was captain for his fourth year. Only C.B. Sangster had captained the Club for as many seasons as this when he held the position between 1928 and 1931.

The senior administrative posts remained unchanged with Prof. G.M. Badger, R.L. Whittle and R.G. Gask continuing as a trio for the third consecutive year.

The Club had teams in A1, A2, and A4, along with Reserve teams, as well as A6 and A7. There were over 240 registered players early in the season, so it was hoped that some improvement would be evident in the performances of the lower grades.

The A1s started the season badly with losses to old rivals, Semaphore Central, Teachers College, and Seaton Ramblers, but then recovered to defeat Payneham (eleven goals), Flinders University (fifteen goals) and SPOC (fourteen goals). These games gave an indication of the type of football the team was capable of playing. Players in good early-season form included A. Schultz, J. Katsaros, A. McFarlane, D. Menz, M. Thorpe, M. Cain, B. Emmett and F. Morgan.

The team's form was never really consistent enough to 'beat the top teams although at times the play was brilliant. Towards the end of the season the side had to rely on upsets occurring to snatch fourth position and, unfortunately, this did not occur. The last four games against Flinders University, SPOC, Exeter and Glenunga were won in very convincing fashion but the side had to be content with fourth place, one game behind Exeter but well ahead on percentage. To miss the four was a major disappointment to the Club as this had not occurred since before World War II (1947 and 1970 being exceptional cases).

The Club had unearthed a new star in a fresher, P. Holbrook, who, after starting the season at centre, proved a match winner on the half-forward flank. To kick sixty-nine goals and finish second on the goal-kicking list in his first A1 season was a tribute to his ability as a footballer. He also won the Gunning Medal for the A1's Best and Fairest player. Other players to have good seasons were J. Katsaros, M. Thorpe, P.J.L. Rofe, A. and J.D. McFarlane, B. Emmett, M. Cain, F. Morgan and G. Both.

Rovers J. Katsaros (43 goals) and G. Both (51 goals) had excellent seasons around the goals and were both high up in the goal kicking list.

A1 Premiership Table 1972 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Semaphore Central	20	17	3	0	34
Seaton Ramblers	20	15	5	0	30
Adelaide Teachers Coll.	20	14	6	0	28
Exeter	20	13	7	0	26
Adelaide University	20	12	8	0	24
Postal Institute	20	10	10	0	20
Flinders University	20	9	11	0	18
Payneham	20	8	12	0	16
St.Dominics	20	8	12	0	16
Goodwood	20	6	14	0	12
Glenunga	20	4	16	0	8
St.Peters O.C.	20	4	16	0	8

The A2s, coached by F.A. Bloch and captained by B.R. Jenkins, began the season well although early results gave players a fright. Three of the first four games included a loss to Flinders Park by three points, a defeat of Broadview by three points and a draw with Walkerville. Further wins followed against Mitcham, Gaza and CBOC to place the side near the four after eight games with five wins and a draw.

The inevitable call on players by the A1s and disruption to the team due to injuries and vacations then unsettled the side. In the remaining games they could not put four quarters of good football together often enough and they dropped back to eighth position at the end of the minor round.

Best players during the season were M. Byrt, M. Kemp, J.P. Jackson, D.N. Bartlett, M. Fanning, RB. Howlett and E.P. Olekalns.

A2 Premiership Table 1972 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Rosewater	20	18	2	0	36
Walkerville	20	15	4	1	31
Riverside	20	15	5	0	30
Ferryden Park	20	14	6	0	28
Broadview	20	12	8	0	24
Gaza	20	11	9	0	22
Flinders Park	20	10	10	0	20
Adelaide University B	20	7	12	1	15
Henley	20	7	13	0	14
Mitcham	20	6	14	0	12
Christian Brothers O.C.	20	3	17	0	6
Alberton United	20	1	19	0	2

T. Daniell was captain-coach of **the A4s** and he had his charges in good form early, when they won four of the first five games. This form could not be sustained, however, as the effects of being the Club's third side began to drain players away from the team. The side was rarely outclassed but lacked key players to force victory in tight games. C. Arnold, M. Hazelgrove, T. Daniell and D. Moore were the outstanding players in the team with R.K. Penhall, R. Bennett, P. Sidey, R John and K. Cameron playing consistently well.

A4 Premiership Table 1972

Payneham B (35), Ethelton (34), Kenilworth (28), S.A. Institute of Technology (24), Sacred Heart OC (24), Western Teachers (22), Salisbury Teachers (18), Flinders Uni B (15), Royal Park (14), Adelaide Uni C (12), Colonel Light Gardens (12), Wattle Park TC (2).

1st S. Kenilworth 17.11 S.A.I.T. 12.9
 2nd S. Ethelton 11.12 Payneham 6.11
 Prelim. Payneham 14.13 Kenilworth 4.5
 G.Fin. Payneham 10.17 Ethelton 6.10

The A1 Reserves struggled for consistent wins although often the difference in the scores was only a few goals. Strong wins over Flinders University, SPOC and Goodwood in the middle of the season when the team was at its best, were highlights. In all, six games were won and the team finished ninth on the table. Best players for the season were P. Nankivell, A.J. Bennett, J. Wells, P. Staunton, J. Dawes, P. Paschke, H. Paterson, P. Steele and P. Egan.

A1 Reserve Table 1972

Semaphore Central (40), Adelaide TC (34), Postals (28), St.Doms (28), Glenunga (24), Exeter (24), Goodwood (16), Payneham (14), Adelaide Uni (12), S.P.O.C. (8), Seaton (6), Flinders Uni (6).

1st S. Postal Inst. 10.13 St.Dominics 6.7
 2nd S. Semaph Cent 6.9 Adelaide Teach 5.6
 Prelim. Postal Inst. 10.11 Adelaide Teach 5.5
 G.Fin. Semaph Cent 7.7 Postal Inst. 4.7

Generally, the **A2 Reserves** had difficulties in competing in this grade. However they won five games and lost several by small margins. C. Hall was captain-coach of this team and he was best supported by R Tucker, B. Haddy, P. Richmond, J. Fahey, D. Simmons, W. Lees, and D. Schultz.

A2 Reserve Table 1972

Flinders Park (36), Rosewater (32), Walkerville (32), Broadview (30), Ferryden Park (24), Riverside (24), Mitcham (17), Gaza (15), Alberton United (10), Adelaide Uni (10), Henley (8), C.B.O.C. (2).

1st S. Walkerville 8.10 Broadview 6.7

2nd S. Rosewater 4.7 Flinders Park 4.4

Prelim. Flinders Park 7.9 Walkerville 2.7

G.Fin. Flinders Park 10.6 Rosewater 7.9

The glamour side of the Club in 1972 was the **A4 Reserves**, coached by Prof. G.C. Harcourt until study commitments at Cambridge prevented him from leading the team into the Finals. Another Club stalwart in R. Hunter then took over the team. During the minor round the side only lost three games to finish second to Ethelton whom they had beaten easily early in the season.

Best players during the season were A. Davis (he won the O'Gorman Medal for this grade), J. Kikkert, R.L. Richards, C.J. Sumner, R. Hunter, T. Schultz, R Whitford and G.C. Harcourt.

In the semifinal, they defeated Ethelton 8.8 to 6.6. in a closely fought game to advance straight into the Grand Final. In this game R. Hunter, G. O'Leary, D.B. Cox, R.A. Cameron and A. Davis played well.

The Grand Final was played at the Meyer Oval at Outer Harbour against SHOC. The team began slowly and, despite the assistance of a two goal breeze, failed to score a goal in the first quarter. In a very determined effort, the team recovered to be level at half time and three goals up at three quarter time. C.J. Sumner (half-forward) and R. Middleton (ruck) were instrumental in this fightback. The defence bottled up the game in the last quarter and 'the Blacks' ran out victors, 7.5 to 5.8. Best players were C.J. Sumner, R. Middleton, A. Davis, R.L. Richards, B. Peters, R. Edward and R. Hunter.

This was an extremely good performance by this team and was the first Premiership by a lower grade side since the A2 Reserves won in 1967.

A4 RESERVES PREMIERS 1972



BACK ROW: J. Kikkert, R. Middleton, R. Edwards.
 FOURTH ROW: B. Peters, J. Russell, P. Johns, R. Burford.
 THIRD ROW: G. Noakes, D. Hart, R. White, P. Kiley.
 SECOND ROW: R. Richards, A. Davis, J. Packer, A. Cameron.
 FRONT ROW: T. Daniell (A4 Coach), D. Bebee, R. Hunter (Captain), R. Whitford, D. Cox, F.A. Bloch.

A4 Reserve Table 1972

Ethelton (36), Adelaide Uni (34), S.H.O.C. (32), S.A.I.T. (30), Salisbury T.C. (26), Wattle Park TC (22), Flinders Uni (14), Colonel Light Gardens (13), Western Teachers (10), Royal Park (10), Kenilworth (7), Payneham (6).

1st S.	S.H.O.C.	11.7	S.A.I.T.	5.4
2nd S.	Adelaide Uni	8.8	Ethelton	6.6
Prelim 1.	Ethelton	7.3	S.H.O.C.	7.3
Prelim 2.	S.H.O.C.	8.4	Ethelton	5.6
G.Final	Adelaide Uni	7.5	S.H.O.C.	5.8

The A6 side under R. Sears and the **A7 side** under R. Forbes both experienced difficult seasons due to lack of numbers from which to choose teams. More than forty percent of the games these two sides were involved in had to be forfeited, thus creating a very unsatisfactory situation. The A6 side won one game and drew one while the A7 side only won one game.

Most consistent performers in these teams were I. Hooper, K. Saville, D. Han and M. Lohe in A6 and T. Newberry, J. Smith, J. Warda and R. Forbes in A7.

A6 Table 1972

Broadview C (30), Taperoo (30), Flinders Park C (30), Ferryden Park C (28), Walkerville C (28), P.A.O.C. C (25), Unley High OS (22), Rosewater C (20), St.Dominics C (16), S.P.O.C. C (8), Adelaide Uni G (3), B.H.O.S. C (0).

1st S.	Flinders Park	17.16	Ferryden Park	6.8
2nd S.	Broadview	11.9	Taperoo	10.13
Prelim.	Taperoo	11.7	Flinders Park	7.14
G.Fin.	Broadview	16.9	Taperoo	11.4

A7 Table 1972

Old Ignatians (39), Goodwood C (30), Henley C (30), S.A.I.T. C (27), Adelaide Teachers College E (22), Kilburn C (18), Alberton United C (18), Walkerville D (8), Taperoo B (6), Adelaide Uni H (2).

1st S.	Henley	d	S.A.I.T.
2nd S.	Old Ignatians	16.5	Goodwood 9.4
Prelim.	Goodwood	16.15	Henley 5.6
G.Fin.	Goodwood	15.8	Old Ignatians 7.11

The Club was deeply saddened by a serious neck injury sustained by A. Brown in the last minor round game against Glenunga at University Oval. Tony, the A1 full-back, was paralysed below the neck as a result of this injury and died some days later. See the chapter on the Sports Association for the words on the Tony Brown Memorial Room

1973 Season

After missing out on the four for the first time since before World War II (the disqualification in 1947 and the stripping of points in 1970 excepted), the Club was determined to make amends. To make its task more difficult F.A. Bloch, the dynamic assistant coach since 1968, had resigned after the end of the 1972 season and B. Wells was forced to resign just prior to the start of the season due to external pressures. The Club explored possibilities of a new coach and D. Panizza, a stalwart of South Adelaide League sides for many years, was appointed. The Club had unearthed some promising talent in 1972 and an improvement in general performances was expected. P.J.L. Rofe was elected captain of the A1 team for a record breaking fifth season.

The Club had cut back the number of teams to seven and thus had sides in A1, A2, A4 plus Reserve teams, as well as A7, which had been started by the League in 1970. There were still over

210 registered players with the Club, so competition for places was expected to be keen.

The A1 team began the season very poorly with losses to Teachers College, Seaton Ramblers and Postal Institute in the first four games. This is a disappointing start to the season considering the performances late in 1972 and the quality of the recruits who had joined the club. Best players in these games had been G.I. Lawrence, R.J.F. Harley, J. Katsaros, M.D. Croucher, D.N. Bartlett and P. Holbrook (a consistent goal kicker),

A twenty-two goal drubbing of Goodwood in the fifth round (R.J.F. Harley eight goals, P. Holbrook seven goals) began a winning run (eight in a row) which was highlighted by an excellent victory over the previously undefeated Rosewater on May 19. Rover J. Katsaros and half-forward P. Holbrook were kicking goals regularly, and P.J.L. Rofo, P.G. White, B. Emmett, M.D. Teubner, E.P. Olekalns, D.N. Bartlett and M. Kemp had all been prominent in best player lists.

This win was followed by a loss to Seaton Ramblers by one point, followed by wins over lower ranked sides, Postals (three points) and Goodwood (nine points), which was not a good sign for success in the Finals.

The side recovered its momentum in the last three games, however, and finished in fourth position, with a good chance to take the Flag if the team performed at its best.

The side played quite well in the semifinal against Rosewater at Kilburn Oval and held a commanding lead at three quarter time. However, Rosewater kicked home strongly in the last fifteen minutes to give 'the Blacks' a fright. Final scores were University 16.12 to Rosewater 13.19. Best players in this game were B. Emmett, M.D. Teubner, E.P. Olekalns, P.J.L. Rofo, A. J Fielke and J.D. McFarlane. M.D. Teubner kicked five goals and J.D. McFarlane three goals.

The preliminary Final was held at Alberton against Payneham and the side was confident of success, having beaten them during the minor round. The team started well to be two goals clear at quarter time (4.6 to 3.1) but Payneham's half-forward flanker, B. Woodcock, was proving very elusive and had five goals in the first half seeing Payneham nudge in front at the long break. 'The Blacks', despite a three goal lead at three quarter time, were run down in the last quarter and lost 15.14 to 18.8. The unavailability of key forward P. Holbrook had robbed the side of its main goal scoring avenue and it was left to M.D. Teubner (five goals) to provide the spearhead. Best players in what was a disappointing end of the season were E.P. Olekalns, J.D. McFarlane, D.N. Bartlett, M.D. Teubner and A. Fielke.

A1 Premiership Table 1973 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Seaton Ramblers	20	15	5	0	30
Payneham	20	15	5	0	30
Rosewater	20	15	5	0	30
Adelaide University	20	14	6	0	28
Semaphore Central	20	12	8	0	24
Adelaide Teachers Coll.	20	12	8	0	24
Exeter	20	7	13	0	14
Postal Institute	20	7	13	0	14
Walkerville	20	7	13	0	14
Flinders University	20	6	14	0	12
St. Dominics	20	6	14	0	12
Goodwood	20	4	16	0	8

The A2s were led by R.B. Howlett, an experienced player with the Club over many seasons. The team began the season badly, losing the first six matches before defeating Glenunga on May 26. E.P. Olekalns, R.B. Howlett, A. Davis, D.M. Bradshaw, and H. Patterson were playing well but the side was not combining well for an entire game.

Unfortunately, their form did not improve, as the season progressed and with demands on players due to injuries and unavailability, the team struggled to win many games. The side finished well down the table at the end of the minor round and was relegated to A3 for the next season. This move had been foreseen to some degree, as the strength of the A2 grade had improved during the past few seasons and the Club's depth of reserves had fallen.

Most consistent players during the season were A. Davis, G. Nicholson, R.B. Howlett, V. Nicolas, B. Lange, B. Jenkins and M. Byrt.

A2 Premiership Table 1973 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Riverside	20	17	3	0	34
Henley	20	16	4	0	32
Flinders Park	20	14	5	1	29
Ferryden Park	20	13	7	0	26
Gaza	20	12	8	0	24
St.Peters O.C.	20	12	8	0	24
Prince Alfred O.C.	20	9	11	0	18
Scotch O.C.	20	8	12	0	16
Broadview	20	7	13	0	14
Mitcham	20	6	14	0	12
Glenunga	20	4	15	1	9
Adelaide University	20	1	19	0	2

R.K. Penhall, a long serving Club member, was captain coach of the **A4s**, and the start they made to the season was also disappointing. This side had struggled in 1972 to win games consistently and the same was the case in 1973. Several smaller tertiary institutions and old scholars clubs had their A grade teams in this grade and this made things difficult for the Club's third team. At the conclusion of the minor round the side was well down the ladder and subsequently was relegated to A5.

During the season M. Coghlan, H.A.J. Harley and R.K. Penhall were the outstanding players with good support from D. Ash, D. Bebee, J. Wilkins, T. Newberry and I. Tiggerman.

A4 Table 1973

Royal Park (36), S.A.Institute of Technology (36), Hindmarsh CYMS (28), Flinders Uni B (26), Salisbury CAE (23), Plympton High OS (22), Colonel Light Gardens (22), Sacred Heart OC (16), Kenilworth (12), Torrens CAE (9), Adelaide Uni C (6), Seaton Ramblers B (4).

1st S. Flinders Uni 14.8 Hindmsh CYMS 10.18

2nd S. Royal Park 17.8 S.A.I.T. 9.11

Prelim.S.A.I.T. 11.16 Flinders Uni 12.8

G.Fin. Royal Park 10.12 S.A.I.T. 10.11

The **A1 Reserves**, the Club's fourth side, really struggled to compete effectively against other clubs' second sides. It was only in a few games that a good, hard match was experienced and there was often a large difference in the scores. For the past five seasons this had been the case, and considerable thought had been given to placing the Club's third team in this grade.

Best players for the season were G. Goodall, G. Earl, A. Field, I. McGillivray, J. Kikkert, P. Day and J. Wills.

A1 Reserve Table 1973

Rosewater (36), Walkerville (32), Postal Institute (30), Seaton (26), Semaphore Central (26), Adelaide Teachers (25), Exeter (23), St.Dominics (14), Payneham (13), Goodwood (11), Flinders Uni (4), Adelaide Uni (0).

1st S.	Seaton	9.8	Postal Inst.	6.10
2nd S.	Walkerville	7.14	Rosewater	6.8
Prelim	Rosewater	7.10	Seaton	5.4
Replay.*	Rosewater	8.12	Seaton	2.2
G.Fin.	Rosewater d		Walkerville	

* The prelim. final was replayed following a protest over the eligibility of a Rosewater player.

The **A2 Reserves** were led by Prof. G.C. Harcourt and experienced a modestly successful season. Most games were decided by a few goals, with the side winning games regularly, yet not quite enough to make the Finals. Best performers were L. Edge, M. Penglase and B. Haddy while C. Byrt, J. Fahey, P. Moore, W. Bailey, P. Richmond and M. Huntington played consistently well.

A2 Reserve Table 1973

Flinders Park (38), Henley (34), Riverside (30), P.A.O.C. (26), Ferryden Park (26), Adel Uni (20), S.P.O.C (18), Broadview (16), Gaza (14), Glenunga (11), Scotch OC (6), Mitcham (1).

1st S.	P.A.O.C.	9.11	Riverside	4.8
2nd S.	Henley	6.16	Flinders Park	5.12
Prelim.	Flinders Parkd		P.A.O.C.	
G.Fin.	Flinders Park	9.7	Henley	5.2

An experienced band of 'social footballers' formed the basis of the **A4 Reserves** team in 1973. The side began the season in grand style, winning the first five games by large margins, until shortages of players forced them to forfeit the sixth series. After this setback the team continued to play good football, losing only an occasional game.

The team made the Finals but was eliminated in the first semifinal by Plympton High Old Scholars (6.5 to 9.9). A. Menz, A.J. Potter and A.J. Bennett were the side's stars with solid support coming from Peter Rofe, W. Rogers, R.G. Stanley, K. Saville and R. Richards.

A4 Reserve Table 1973

S.H.O.C. (32), Colonel Light Gardens (32), P.H.O.S. (30), Adelaide Uni (29), Kenilworth (25), Salisbury CAE (24), S.A.I.T. (20), Hindmarsh CYMS (16), Flinders Uni (12), Royal Park (12), Seaton (6), Torrens CAE (2).

1st S.	P.H.O.S.	9.9	Adelaide Uni	6.5
2nd S.	S.H.O.C.	17.8	Col Lt Gdns	9.5
Prelim.	Col Lt Gdns	11.3	P.H.O.S.	5.13
G.Fin.	S.H.O.C.	14.2	Col Lt Gdns	1.2

The **A7s**, under R. Forbes, had a disappointing season due to the lack of numbers in the Club to adequately man seven sides each week. Indeed four of the first seven games had to be forfeited and on May 19 even the A4 Reserves were forfeited as well.

Towards the end of the season numbers built up and the team played good football in defeating Semaphore Park (eight goals), Kenilworth (nine goals) and Flinders University (nine goals). If a side could have been fielded regularly, a position in the four was a certainty. Best players for the season were J. Smith, J.P. Day, R. Bell, R. Forbes, G. Lovell, R. Frears and T. Forrest.

A7 Table 1973

Henley C (40), Kilburn C (34), Adelaide Teachers E (29), P.A.O.C. D (27), Alberton United C (24), Ethelton C (20), Brighton High OS C (20), Greek C (16), Flinders Uni E (14), Semaphore Park C (8), Adelaide Uni G (6), Kenilworth C (2).

1st S. Teachers Coll	12.13	P.A.O.C.	4.8
2nd S. Henley	9.18	Kilburn	7.8
Prelim. Teachers Coll	18.9	Kilburn	7.5
G.Fin. Henley	11.14	Teachers Coll	5.9

In many ways this had been a disappointing season with the lower grades struggling to win games and the number of forfeited games being high. Some rationalisation of team gradings was essential if the morale of the lower sides was to be kept high.

1974 Season

Despite the relatively disappointing conclusion of the 1973 season, an air of optimism prevailed as the Club prepared for the 1974 season. Former Adelaide Teachers College and State Amateur ruckman, Kevin Griffiths, was appointed Club coach and playing captain-coach of the A1 side. He brought a wealth of experience to the Club, and this, together with the number of new players, seemed to assure the Club of a successful year.

Again Prof. G.M. Badger was elected Patron and R.L. Whittle and R.G. Gask were elected President and Chairman of the General Committee respectively. The continuity of administration ensured the successful operation of the Club's affairs in general.

The Club recruited well and was fortunate to gain the service of a number of experienced and outstanding players in S.T.P. Trumble, M. Schwartz, B. Dare, B.L. Ferris, and S.M. Johnson. In addition, this was the year that freshman M. Kerr-Grant, P.D. Favilla and G. Mead began with the Blacks and each was to make his mark with the Club in subsequent years.

The season began with University fielding sides in A1, A1 Reserves, A3, A3 Reserves, A5, A5 Reserves and A7 grades. At the time, the number of registered players justified the fielding of seven teams. However, early in the season, it was obvious that the Club could not field a seventh team and it was withdrawn from the competition.

The A1 side opened the season strongly with a fifteen goal win over 1973 Premiers, Seaton Ramblers. Rover J. Katsaros starred with nine goals and he continued his good form in the next game when he kicked seven goals against Semaphore Central. The A1s continued their good form and were undefeated after ten rounds, winning nearly all of their games by comfortable margins. All players were combining well and big men K.R. Griffiths, S.T.P. Trumble, B.L. Ferris, J.D. McFarlane and B. Dare were particularly prominent, bringing the smaller players such as J. Katsaros, P. Holbrook, D.N. Bartlett, S.M. Johnson, E.P. Olekalns and M.D. Croucher into the game.

The side's first loss came in the final game of the first round when the A1s played Teachers College at University Oval and went down by nineteen points. Two rounds later, the A1s suffered another loss, on this occasion to traditional rivals, Semaphore Central. Apart from one further blemish against Postal Institute in the final round, the A1s won the remainder of their games in comfortable fashion finishing Minor Premiers and looked set for a successful Finals round.

The second semifinal was played against Flinders Park at Richmond Oval. Winning rucks and

rovers and a dominant half-forward line of A. Fielke (four goals), B. Dare and P. Holbrook (four goals) resulted in a comfortable win to 'the Blacks'. Final scores were 10.22 to 7.15. Best players were B. Dare, M.D. Croucher, A. Fielke, P.J.L. Rofe, E.P. Olekalns and D.M. Bradshaw.

Payneham defeated Flinders Park in the preliminary Final and the Grand Final was played between Payneham and University at Adelaide Oval in wet and slippery conditions. 'The Blacks' were away to a good start and although kicking into a fairly strong breeze in the first quarter, were a goal ahead at quarter time. University was winning the rucks and J. Katsaros was a damaging player in the first half kicking two goals. A series of strong attacks early in the third quarter saw the game swing in 'the Blacks' favour. Ruckman J.D. McFarlane marked strongly in the forward pocket and goaled twice, whilst half-forward flanker P. Holbrook, running strongly, chipped in with two more goals. After that, the result was never in doubt and 'the Blacks' ran out comfortable winners by sixty points. Final scores were 16.11 to 7.5. Best players were B.L. Ferris, J. Katsaros, K.R. Griffiths, B. Dare, M.D. Croucher and P.J.L. Rofe. The main goal scorers were P. Holbrook (five goals), J. Katsaros (four goals) and J.D. McFarlane (three goals).

D.N. Bartlett won the Gunning Medal and E.P. Olekalns the J.B. Day Trophy as Most Consistent in the A1 team.

A1 Premiership Table 1974 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Adelaide University	20	17	3	0	34
Flinders Park	20	15	5	0	30
Postal Institute	20	13	6	1	27
Payneham	20	13	7	0	26
Semaphore Central	20	12	7	1	25
Seaton Ramblers	20	10	9	1	21
Adelaide Teachers Coll	20	9	11	0	18
Exeter	20	8	11	1	17
Rosewater	20	7	12	1	15
Walkerville	20	6	13	1	13
Henley	20	6	14	0	12
Flinders University	20	1	19	0	2



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BACK ROW: D. Bradshaw, J. McFarlane, S. Trumble.
 FOURTH ROW: M. Kemp, B. Dare, R. Harley, B. Ferris, D. Bartlett, A. Fielke.
 THIRD ROW: J. Katsaros, B. Phillips, M. Kerr Grant, B. Lange, R. Oswald, P. White, K. Wickstein.
 SECOND ROW: E. Olekalns, R. Cameron, M. Schwartz, A. Davis, H. Harley, R. Bennett, M. Croucher, P. Holbrook.
 FRONT ROW: P. Rofe, Prof. G. Badger (Patron), K. Griffiths (Captain-Coach), R. Whittle (President), M. Teubner (Vice-Captain), Dr. J. Harley (Medical Officer), S. Johnson.

1974 A1 Premiership Team

The A3 side was coached by former 'A' grade player R.G. Gask. Having been relegated from A2 the previous year, this team was particularly keen to do well and in fact finished the season in third position.

The A3s started well with convincing wins over Glenunga (fifteen goals), Brighton High Old Scholars (eight goals) and Pulteney Old Scholars (four goals). They consolidated this good start with wins over Greek Football Club, Royal Park, Payneham and Alberton United. Team morale was high and the A3s were confident of taking out a Premiership. The side was an experienced side blended with a number of promising young players. Playing well at the time were captain R.B. Howlett, W. Rogers, G.I. Lawrence, J. Leske, J.P. Jackson and V. Nicolas.

A slight mid-season slump in which the side lost to Glenunga, SAIT and Greek Football Club in five weeks, was followed by a confident build up to the Finals. The A3s finished the minor round in second position.

Unfortunately the A3s were unable to reproduce the good form shown earlier in the season and lost to Pulteney in the second semifinal 10.10 to 9.7. They then played eventual Premiers, King's Old Collegians, in the preliminary final at Richmond Oval and were defeated 12.14 to 9.7. Best players in that game were J.P. Jackson, V. Nicolas, A. Davis, M. Fanning, P.G. White and P. Lyster.



1974 A3 Team

A3 Premiership Table 1974 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	Lost	Pts
Adelaide University B	20	17	3	34
Pulteney O.S.	20	16	4	32
Brighton High O.S.	20	14	6	28
Kings O.C.	20	13	7	26
S.A.Instit. of Technology	20	13	7	26
Greek	20	11	9	22
Glenunga	20	10	10	20
Ethelton	20	9	11	18
Payneham B	20	8	12	16
Alberton United	20	7	13	14
Royal Park	20	2	18	4
Adel Teachers College B*20	0	20	0	

* Adelaide Teachers withdrew after round 9.

Former A1 player and State Amateur, W. Gould, was appointed playing coach of **the A5 team**. They had a promising start to the season with good wins over National Bank and Mitcham. However, without a solid core of consistent players, the A5s had a difficult time for the remainder of the season and won only one further game. Their difficulties were compounded early in the season when coach W. Gould transferred to the A1 Reserves. R.A. Forbes (already captain-coach of the A5 Reserves) stepped in to take control of the A5s as well. To their credit, the A5s always fielded a

team although on occasions they played with less than the full complement. Their best players were P. Sidey, W. Connelly, I. Hill, J. Beard, R. Neil and the versatile R.A. Forbes who played mainly as a ruckman when the side had no recognised ruckman and at centre half-back when the side did.

The A1 Reserves experienced the perennial problem of University A1 Reserves teams. They, more often than not, were playing against other clubs' second selected sides. The A1 Reserves side was the third selected side and often found it difficult to compete in these circumstances. R. Aistroke was appointed captain-coach of the side until W. Gould took control early in the season. It was the seventh round of the season before the side recorded its first win by the narrowest of margins against Payneham. Other good wins were against Postal Institute and Seaton Ramblers at University Oval. The side finished on a good note with wins in three of the last four games. Players who played consistently well throughout the season were N.W. Page, T. Daniell and R.K. Penhall.

A1 Reserve Table 1974

Henley (36), Flinders Park (28), Walkerville (28), Rosewater (26), Seaton (25), Exeter (22), Adelaide Teachers (21), Semaphore Central (18), Adelaide Uni (12), Postal Institute (10), Payneham (8), Flinders Uni (6).

1st S.	Walkerville	4.8	Rosewater	3.5
2nd S.	Flinders Park	10.3	Henley	8.10
Prelim.	Henley	7.5	Walkerville	3.7
G.Fin.	Henley	3.9	Flinders Park	3.7

The A3 Reserves after a slow start to the season in which they lost two of their first three games (the other one being drawn against Brighton Old Scholars), then struck form to win seven out of their next nine games. Unfortunately their form in the latter part of the season was not quite good enough to win them a place in the Finals. They were ably led and coached by G.C. Harcourt and throughout the season their best players were G. Pearce, M. McCabe and S. Schluter.

A3 Reserve Table 1974

Pulteney OS (40), Brighton High OS (32), Alberton United (28), Ethelton (26), Greek (26), S.A.I.T. (24), Kings OC (18), Adelaide Uni (18), Glenunga (16), Payneham (6), Royal Park (6), Adelaide Teachers College (0). Adelaide Teachers College withdrew after round 9.

1st S.	Ethelton	7.5	Alberton Utd	1.4
2nd S.	Pulteney OS	8.18	B.H.O.S.	2.4
Prelim.	B.H.O.S.	6.11	Ethelton	3.7
G.Fin.	Pulteney OS	11.3	B.H.O.S.	5.6

A5 Table 1974

Postal Inst C (38), Henley High (36), Greenacres (30), West Croydon (28), Murray Park CAE (26), Sturt CAE (26), Taperoo (22), Salisbury West (20), S.A.I.T. C (18), Railways (14), National Bank (10), Adelaide Uni E (6), Henley C (6), Mitcham C (0).

1st S.	West Croydon	10.6	Greenacres	3.7
2nd S.	Postal Inst.	12.12	Henley H. OS	11.12
Prelim.	Henley Hgh OS	10.17	West Croydon	9.9
G.Fin.	Henley Hgh OS	7.13	Postal Inst.	6.10

R.A. Forbes was also appointed captain-coach of the **A5 Reserves**. Unfortunately, due to a lack of player numbers, they were forced to forfeit almost half of their matches. However, when able, they did field a side. Their best players during the season were J. Dawes, J. Kikkert and J. Combe.

A5 Reserve 1974

Salisbury West (34), Henley High OS (30), Sturt CAE (28), Greenacres (26), S.A. Railways (24), National Bank (24), Murray Park CAE (22), Taperoo (20), West Croydon (20), Henley (14), Postal Institute (12), S.A.I.T. (10), Adelaide Uni (8), Pulteney OS (8). Pulteney OS replaced Mitcham after round 6.

1st S. Greenacres	3.10	Sturt CAE	3.1
2nd S. Henley High OS	8.10	Salisbury West	5.5
Prelim. Salisbury West	14.8	Greenacres	8.9
G.Fin. Henley High OS		Salisbury West	

A7: Pulteney OS C (38), Kilburn C (34), Alberton United C (26), P.A.O.C. D (22), Brighton High OS C (22), Colonel Light Gardens C (20), Ethelton C (18), Kenilworth C (18), S.H.O.C. C (14), Adelaide Teachers College C (8)*, Semaphore Park C (8), Greek C (6). * Adelaide Uni withdrew after round 5 and was replaced by Adelaide Teachers who had come out of A5/A5 Reserve.

This was an excellent year for the Club with its first A1 Premiership since 1969 and a strong group of new players who would make 'the Blacks' a side to be reckoned with. An outstanding feature of this season was the fact that the Club had six players chosen in the All-Australian team - P.J.L. Rofe (captain), K.R. Griffiths, B.L. Ferris, S.M. Johnson, S.T.P. Trumble and J. Katsaros. This was a record that is likely to remain for a long time. The performance of S.T.P. Trumble to be runner-up in the Hone Medal was also outstanding.

1975 Season

After the successes of 1974 following an influx of new players, much was expected of the Club in 1975. The A1 side was the pacesetter of the Amateur League and much effort was required to keep this position. The Club again had an influx of new talent with experienced half-backs B. Webber and J. Parker, talented rover P. Franklyn and utility player A. Elliot being the most promising.

K.R. Griffiths was again captain-coach of the A1 team and J. Franklyn was coaching the A3s, with R.B. Howlett as captain. The long standing trio of Prof. G.M. Badger, R.L. Whittle and R.G. Gask were leading the Club's administration for the sixth consecutive year. The Club had sides in A1 and A3 with Reserve teams, and the unusual step of two A8 sides following the relegation of the A5 and A5 Reserves. The A1 team started the season in brilliant fashion with wins over Payneham (twelve goals), Postals (eight goals), Rosewater (nineteen goals) and Exeter (nineteen goals) to lead the competition comfortably. M. Fanning had been in spectacular form in front of goals with bags of eight, two, nine and nine, while other players in form had been E.P. Olekalns, D.M. Bradshaw, J. Parker, M. Schwartz, J.D. McFarlane and new rover P. Franklyn who had kicked two, four and five goals in his first three A1 games.

Old rivals Teachers College, however, lowered the Club colours in a game marked by very poor kicking for goal. In a game which should have been wrapped up in the first half, 'the Blacks' went down 7.17 to 8.14. As a measure of the strength of the Club at this stage, fourteen of the A1 side were in the State practice squad.

The team recovered from this loss to notch another six wins (including an eight goal win over second placed Broadview) to remain a clear leader. M. Fanning, with seven, three and eight goals, was the leading goal kicker in A1 at this stage.

Payneham stopped this run on July 5 with a three-goal win over 'the Blacks' at Payneham Oval.

The road into the Grand Final then looked a formality with wins in the next four games but losses to Flinders Park by eight goals on August 9 and Seaton Ramblers by nine goals on August 23 put a scare into the camp. Nevertheless, the side finished the minor round in top place with sixteen wins and four losses. Best players during the season were M. Schwartz (Gunning Medal winner), M. Fanning, D.N. Bartlett, E.P. Olekalns, K.R. Griffiths, B. Webber, S.T.P. Trumble and J.D. McFarlane. M.D. Teubner kicked eleven goals in the last minor round game when the team thrashed Walkerville 35.12 to 8.9.

In the second semifinal against Flinders Park, the side played good football to win by ten goals (18.12 to 8.10). In this game B. Ferris and M.D. Teubner each kicked five goals and M.D. Croucher three goals. Best players were B. Ferris, S.T.P. Trumble, J.D. McFarlane, M. Kerr-Grant, D.N. Bartlett and M.D Croucher.

In the Grand Final at Prospect Oval, Flinders Park was again the opponent. The team played extremely well to outclass their opponents. After a slow start, the side led narrowly at quarter time and by eight points at half time. The game in the second half developed into a one-sided affair with 'the Blacks' showing their best form. Flinders Park only kicked four points in this half and University ran out winners 14.15 to 4.9. The side was superbly led by captain-coach K.R. Griffiths with J.D. McFarlane, B. Webber, B.L. Ferris, A.J. Hinchcliff, D.N. Bartlett, ST.P. Trumble and M. Schwartz being the best of a very consistent team.

A1 Premiership Table 1975 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	Lost	Pts
Adelaide University	20	16	4	32
Flinders Park	20	16	4	32
Payneham	20	15	5	30
Adelaide Teachers College	20	12	8	24
Riverside	20	11	9	22
Broadview	20	11	9	22
Postal Institute	20	9	11	18
Semaphore Central	20	9	11	18
Seaton Ramblers	20	9	11	18
Rosewater	20	6	14	12
Exeter	20	4	16	8
Walkerville	20	2	18	4



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BACK ROW: J. McFarlane, D. Bradshaw, P. Lyster.
 FOURTH ROW: M. Fanning, M. Kerr-Grant, D. Lovell (Manager), S. Trumble, P. Rofe.
 THIRD ROW: S. Cockburn (Head Trainer), O. Lehmann, B. Webber, J. Parker, R. Howlett, P. Flynn (Trainer).
 SECOND ROW: A. Fielke, M. Croucher, D. Bartlett, H. Harley, M. Harbord, A. Hinchcliff, G. Scales.
 FRONT ROW: P. Franklyn, E. Olekalns, R. Whittle (President), K. Griffiths (Captain-Coach), M. Teubner (Vice-Captain), Prof. G. Badger (Patron), M. Schwartz, N. Page.

1975 A1 Premiership Team

The A3s under J. Franklyn began the season quietly with good wins over Payneham (seven goals) and Ethelton (four goals) in the first four weeks of the season. Captain R.B. Howlett had been in good form and he had been well supported by A. Davis (medal winner in A4 Reserves in 1974), P. Hill, G. Goodall, A.J. Hinchcliff and G. Kemp.

Three narrow losses in the next four games placed the side under considerable pressure. However, 'the Blacks' responded to the challenge by defeating Mitcham (thirteen goals), SALT (nine goals), Payneham (one goal) and Brighton High Old Scholars (one point). Unfortunately, this run could not be sustained and their form dropped off badly to lose six of the last seven games. The side finished seventh for the season which was a disappointment in light of the form shown in some games. Best players for the season were P. Lyster, R.B. Howlett, J.P. Jackson, N. Page, H.A.J. Harley, A. Davis and A.J. Potter.

A3 Premiership Table 1975 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Gaza	20	19	1	0	38
Glenunga	20	17	3	0	34
Sacred Heart O.C.	20	17	3	0	34
Greek	20	15	5	0	30
S.A.Institute Technology	20	9	10	1	19
Alberton United	20	9	11	0	18
Adelaide University B20	8	12	0	16	
Rostrevor O.C.	20	7	13	0	14
Brighton High O.S.	20	6	14	0	12
Ethelton	20	6	14	0	12
Mitcham	20	4	15	1	9
Payneham B	20	2	18	0	4

The A1 Reserves were led by a stalwart of the Club in P.F. Crossing, who had captained the A2 team in 1971. This was a side that had always had difficulty in competing effectively in this grade and it was hoped that with the dropping of the A5 and A5 Reserves to A8, far more games could be won.

The first four games certainly looked promising as wins were recorded against Payneham (three goals), Postals (fourteen goals) and Ethelton (four goals), whilst Rosewater beat the side by one goal in the other game. Prominent in the best players had been A. McFarlane, P. Hill, D. Lyster, S. Skov and W. Reintals.

For the remainder of the season wins were hard to come by and the only games where the side played consistently well were against Walkerville and Payneham. The side finished in eighth position which was far lower than had been promised early in the season. Players to perform consistently well were 1. Hill, D. Lovell, W. Reintals, G. Baker, G. Mead, D. Lyster and R. Corr.

A1 Reserve 1975

Seaton (36), Broadview (34), Riverside (30), Adelaide Teachers (30), Rosewater (27), Flinders Park (25), Semaphore Central (20), Adelaide Uni (10), Walkerville (10), Exeter (8), Payneham (8), Postals (2).

1st S. Riverside 5.10 Adel Teach 5.9
2nd S. Broadview 8.5 Seaton 7.9
Prelim. Seaton 14.10 Riverside 5.2
G.Fin. Seaton 11.4 Broadview 7.6

The A3 Reserves were under the care of ageless Club stalwart Prof. G.C. Harcourt and they started the season in fine form, winning the first two games against Payneham and Brighton High Old Scholars. R. Hunter assisted with the coaching duties during these games due to the absence of the appointed coach for the first four weeks of the season.

Difficulties were experienced due to vacations and injuries and the A3 Reserves were left to carry the burden of much of it. The two sides in A8 were both having successful seasons and hence their sides were left relatively intact. Only two more A3 Reserve games were won during the season - over SAIT on June 2 (ten goals) and Brighton High Old Scholars on July 12 (two goals). Most consistent players for the year were W. Gould, R. Whitford, T. Newberry, J. Lyster, J. Kikkert and R. Hunter.

A3 Reserve 1975

Gaza (36), S.H.O.C. (34), Glenunga (31), Rostrevor OC (29), Ethelton (26), Mitcham (22), Greek (20), Alberton United (14), Payneham (14), Adelaide Uni (8), B.H.O.S. (6), S.A.I.T. (0).

1st S. Glenunga	9.8	Rostrevor OC	8.9
2nd S. Gaza	10.8	S.H.O.C.	5.2
Prelim. Glenunga	d	S.H.O.C.	
G.Fin. Gaza	12.11	Glenunga	7.7

The **two sides in the A8** competition developed a keen sense of rivalry during the season and this seemed to reflect in their performances on Saturdays. R. Forbes, a long-serving Club man, was in charge of 'the Blacks' while T.N. Nagel led 'the Whites'.

'The White Blacks' started the year very well with four wins in the first five games to stand out, along with Mitcham, as the team to beat. Mitcham beat them by one point on May 17 and the next team to defeat them was 'the Blacks' on June 28. The remainder of the season the team played consistently well. However, lack of numbers caused a forfeit on August 2, and Mitcham and 'the Black Blacks' again proved too strong. Nevertheless, to finish second was a good performance and hopes were high that it would be a 'Blacks' and 'Whites' Grand Final. Best player for the season had been W. Sarre, R. Neil, G. Moran, M. Slatter, N. Brewer and D. Gobbett.

'The Black Blacks' started the season poorly with three convincing defeats before they opened their account against Semaphore Park on May 3 with a twelve goal win. Their form did not improve dramatically although wins began to accumulate. After a loss to 'the Whites' on May 24, the side recovered to defeat them on their two other encounters on June 28 and August 16. By the end of the minor round the team had climbed up w third position with seven losses.

Best players were C. De Ridder (runner-up in Amateur League Medal), S. McLean, P. Rivers, G. De Boer, N. Myers and R.J. Gilfillan.

Unfortunately, 'the Whites' lost the second semifinal against Mitcham while 'the Blacks' won their semifinal against Henley High Old Scholars. This had the two sides matched in the preliminary Final at Walkerville Oval. 'The Blacks' ran out victors, consistent with their clashes during the season. Mitcham won the Grand Final by seven points to leave the Club's two A8 teams second and third.

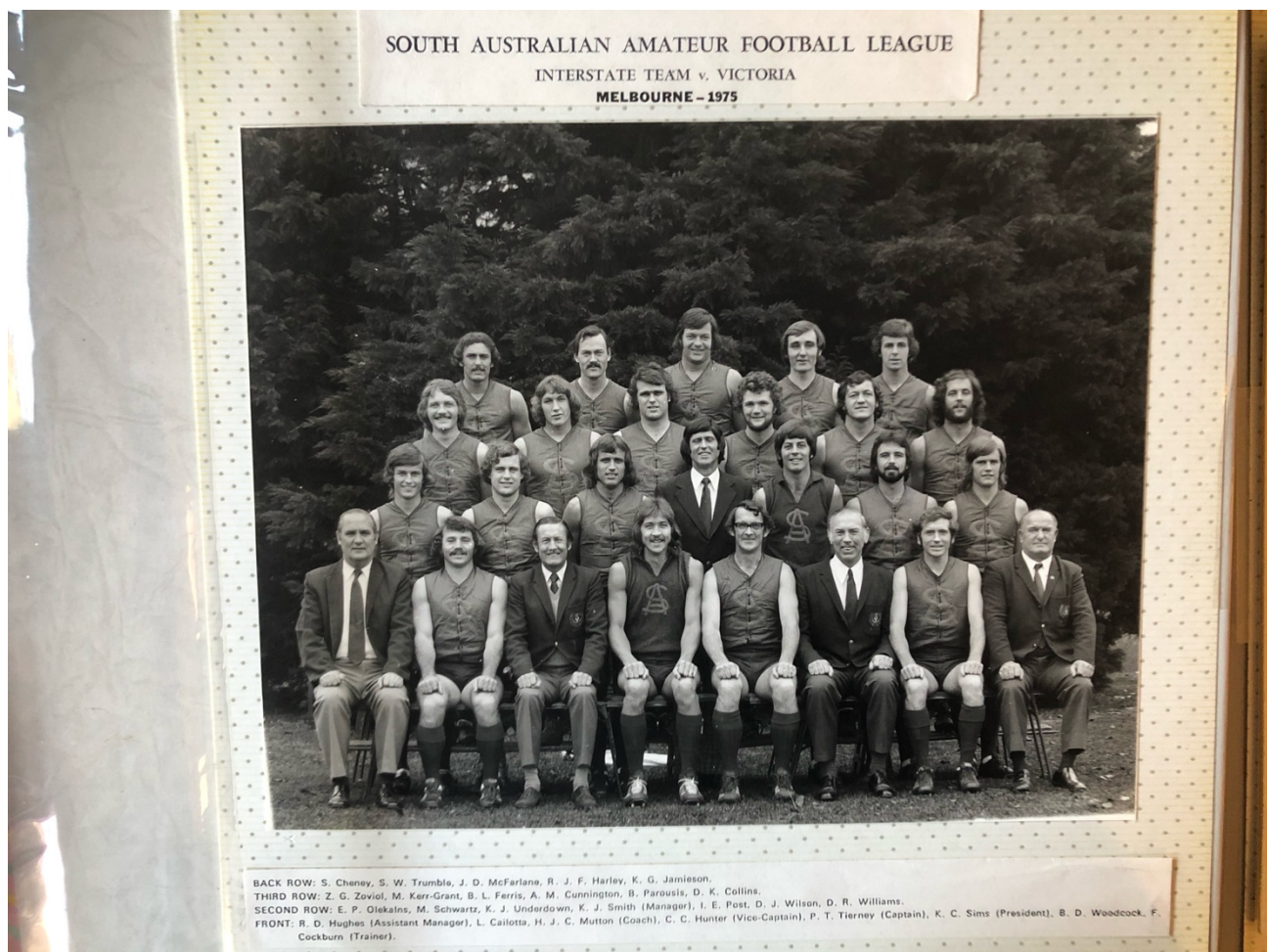
This exercise of two teams in the one grade had proved very interesting and had developed much team spirit amongst members of the lower sides.

A8 Table 1975:

Mitcham C (36), Adelaide Uni E (26), Adelaide Uni F (26), Henley High OS C (26), Old Ignatians C (24), Pulteney OS C (22), Flinders University C (18), Kenilworth C (10), Salisbury West C (4), Semaphore Park C (0). Salisbury West C replaced Greek C in round 12, the latter team having been suspended for misbehaviour. For the first and only time two teams from the same club met in combat in the finals when Adelaide Uni E ('Adelaide University Black') played Adelaide Uni F ('Adelaide University White') in the Preliminary Final.

1st S. Adel. Uni F	16.10	Henley H. OS	10.9
2nd S. Mitcham	10.13	Adel. Uni E	9.8
Prelim. Adel. Uni E	18.17	Adel. Uni F	7.12
G.Fin. Mitcham	10.11	Adel. Uni E	9.9

M. Fanning was runner-up in the Charles Irvine Memorial Trophy for the leading goal kicker in A1. This was an extremely good performance since he had been transferred to ruck-roving half way through the season.



1975 SA State Team

1976 Season

Club spirit was high prior to the start of the 1976 season with the A1 side on the track of three Premierships in a row and a depth of Reserves in the Club that should ensure that the improvement of the lower grades continued. The administration of the Club was stable and the appointment of E.P. Olekalns as Secretary after two years as Assistant Secretary gave the Club some very experienced people at the top.

On the playing side, K.R. Griffiths was again captain-coach of the A1 side and the Club was fortunate to have the services of an experienced A3 coach in L.I. Hoskins. The other sides were manned by experienced Club stalwarts in R.K. Penhall, Prof. G.C. Harcourt, R. Forbes and L. Rivers. The six sides fielded by 'the Blacks' were in A1 and A3 with Reserve sides as well as A7 and A5.

The A1 side lost the first game to traditional rivals Teachers College but then recovered to defeat all other sides in the first round. This was an improvement on the high standards set in the previous two years under K.R Griffiths' coaching. Players who appeared regularly in best player lists at this stage included S.T.P. Trumble, J. Parker, E.P. Olekalns, J. Wellington, D.M. Bradshaw and B. Webber. Some highlights of this period were the goals kicked by M.D. Teubner - six against Postal, six against Riverside and nine against King's Old Collegians - and P.J.L. Rofe with five goals against Broadview.

The second round game against Teachers College again saw 'the Blacks' colours lowered. However, this was a temporary setback and a loss by two goals to Riverside on August 14 was the only other defeat for the season. The team thus finished Minor Premiers with three losses for the year.

The Gunning Medal was deservedly won by wingman E.P. Olekalns with D.N. Bartlett and J. Parker in second and third places. Other consistent performers were B. Webber, M. Schwartz, M. Teubner, A. Holmes, M. Croucher, H.A.J. Harley, K.R. Griffiths and B. Ferris.

In the second semifinal against Flinders Park at Richmond Oval 'the Blacks' set up a large lead at three-quarter time and withstood a last-quarter challenge from the opposition to win 19.14 to 18.14. Best players in this game were J.D. McFarlane, M. Kerr-Grant, K.R. Griffiths, R.B. Howlett, J. Parker and M. Fanning. Leading goal kickers were M. Fanning with four goals and D.N. Bartlett with three goals (while resting in a forward pocket having broken his nose early in the second half).

This game had been very physical and several players were still carrying injuries when 'the Blacks' met Flinders Park in the Grand Final. Although starting the game well, the side did not ever get into stride after A. Holmes was carried off with serious internal injuries. Flinders Park ran out comfortable winners to avenge their defeat in the 1975 Grand Final. Final scores were 10.12 to 19.20 with best players being G. Mead, K.R. Griffiths, M. Schwartz, M. Kerr-Grant, M. Fanning and E.P. Olekalns.

A1 Premiership Table 1976 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Adelaide University	18	15	3	0	30
Flinders Park	18	15	3	0	30
Adelaide Teachers Coll.	18	13	5	0	26
Semaphore Central	18	11	7	0	22
Riverside	18	10	7	1	21
Payneham	18	10	8	0	20
Henley	18	9	9	0	18
Seaton Ramblers	18	9	9	0	18
Rosewater	18	7	11	0	14
Post-Tel Institute	18	4	14	0	8
Kings O.C.	18	3	15	0	6
Broadview	18	1	16	1	3



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MACK ROW: B. Webber, P. Rofe, G. Mead, S. Trumble, J. McFarlane, P. Lyster, B. Ferris, A. Holmes.
 THIRD ROW: M. Fanning, J. Parker, F. Morgan, P. Favilla, G. Betros (Trainer), A. Hinchcliff, P. White, R. Howlett, M. Teubner.
 SECOND ROW: G. Scales, P. Franklyn, M. Kenny, D. Bradshaw, R. Roberts, J. Wellington, E. Olekains, P. Walmsley.
 FRONT ROW: D. Bartlett, Prof. G. Badger (Patron), K. Griffiths (Captain-Coach), R. Whittle (President), M. Schwartz (Vice-Captain), Dr. J. Harley (Medical Officer), A. Pfeiffer.
 SITTING: N. Killeen (Timekeeper).
 ABSENT: M. Kerr-Grant, M. Croucher, H. Harley, S. Skov.

1976 A1 Team Runners up

The Club had a greater depth of reserves this season than in the past season due to an influx of reasonably experienced players (A.J. Hinchcliff, M. Paech, J. Wellington, A. Pfeiffer, F. Morgan, R. Roberts, A. Holmes, M. Kenny, H. Baillie and D. Lovell) and it was hoped that this would ensure a **strong A3 side**. The opening three games showed that the team was potentially strong as they defeated Alberton United (six goals), Ethelton (one goal) and ROC (thirteen goals). After the first round of matches, 'the Blacks' were high up on the Premiership table after seven wins and four losses. All these defeats were by narrow margins - so a position in the Finals was a definite possibility. Players to stand out at the half-way mark of the season were G. Mead, F. Morgan, N.W. Page, M. Paech, P. Favilla and G. Goodall.

In the second round, the side maintained its form and reversed the result against Henley High Old Scholars but still went down to SHOC by eleven points. They clinched a place in the four which was a big improvement on the results of 1975. Best players for the season were N.W. Page, M. Paech, G. Mead, P.D. Favilla, C. Eldridge, M. Kenny, A. Davis and H.K. Baillie.

In the semifinal the side was easily defeated by Henley High Old Scholars 9.18 to 18.12. C. Eldridge played extremely well in this game.

A3 Premiership Table 1976 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Old Ignatians	18	14	4	0	28
Brighton High O.S.	18	13	5	0	26
Adelaide University B	18	12	5	1	25
Henley High O.S.	18	12	6	0	24
Sacred Heart O.C.	18	11	7	0	22
Greek	18	11	7	0	22
Alberton United	18	10	8	0	20
Ethelton	18	8	10	0	16
Prince Alfred O.C.	18	7	10	1	15
Kilburn	18	6	12	0	12
S.A.Instit.of Technology	18	2	16	0	4
Rostrevor O.C.	18	1	17	0	2

The **A1 Reserves** were led by R.K. Penhall, a long standing Club member, and with the increased depth of reserves it was hoped that improved performances would be seen. The team won two of their early games against Broadview and King's Old Collegians. However, they could not sustain their game for a full four quarters. The team struggled to win any further games and finished well down the table.

Most consistent performers for 'the Blacks' were P. Coffey, G. Hendrick, A. McDermid, I. Hill, A. Watson, K. Hockley, M. Kildea, S. Somers and A. Georgeson.

A1 Reserve 1976:

Seaton (32), Semaphore Central (30), Adelaide Teachers (28), Flinders Park (26), Riverside (24), Payneham (20), Henley* (16), Rosewater (14), Post-Tel (11), Broadview (7), Adelaide Uni (6), Kings OC (2). * Includes 2 draws.

1st S. Flinders Park 7.7 Adelaide Teach 4.7
 2nd S. Seaton Rams 9.6 Semaph Central 6.14
 Prelim. Flinders Park 9.7 Semaph Central 4.10
 G.Fin. Flinders Park 11.7 Seaton Rams 5.9

Prof. G.C. Harcourt was again in command of the **A3 Reserves** and he was fortunate to have the services of N.C. Beagley and V.J. Bondar, two experienced ex-A1 players, in his team. This side, however lacked a stable nucleus of players and suffered more than most teams from the calls from higher sides. During the season 'the Blacks' only won three games but in several more the difference in scores was only a few goals. The best players were V.J. Bondar, I. Tiggerman, A. Nicholson, P. Moore, M. Canney, I. Dinnison, N. Beagley, M. Spain, J. Lyster and R Whitford.

A3 Reserve 1976:

Sacred Heart OC (33), Prince Alfred OC (30), Henley High OS (28), Ethelton (26), Brighton High OS (22), Rostrevor OC (20), Kilburn (18), Old Ignatians (12), S.A.Institute of Technology (8), Alberton United (7), Adelaide Uni (6), Greek (6).

1st S. Henley High O.S. 9.15 Ethelton 8.10
 2nd S. Prince Alfred O.C. 11.7 Sacred Heart 9.9
 Prelim. Sacred Heart O.C. 10.8 Henley High 3.8
 G.Fin. Prince Alfred O.C. 9.7 Sacred Heart 5.10

R.A. Forbes was captain-coach of the **A7 side** and they began the season in good form with five wins in the first seven games. The team was well in line for a berth in the Finals with players such as D. Price, N. Myers, G. De Boer, B. Rivers and W. Sarre all performing well.

The team could not sustain this early form and as the year progressed slipped out of the four. Towards the end of the season players were playing in two games to enable this side to be fielded, but despite these efforts 'the Blacks' finished in fifth position. Ruckman N. Myers won the Best and Fairest closely followed by W. Sarre and A. Brewer. Other consistent performers included T. Tucker, K. Spangenburg, J. Kikkert, G. De Boer, B. Rivers and RA. Forbes.

A7 table 1976:

Adelaide Teachers C (36), Rosewater C (32), S.P.O.C. C (26), Pulteney OS C (24), Adelaide Uni E (22), S.H.O.C. C (16), Flinders Uni C (12), Alberton United C (8), Murray Park CAE C (2), Kilburn C (2).

1st S. Pulteney O.S.	18.18	St.Peters O.C.	6.6
2nd S. Rosewater	21.12	Adelaide Teach	15.5
Prelim. Adelaide Teach	13.15	Pulteney O.S.	8.10
G.Fin. Adelaide Teach	14.8	Rosewater	10.6

AUFC 1976 side A7

Adrian Brewer	Jon Kickert	Rob Horne
Graham Blue	Rick Sarre	Paul Chapman
Mike Elliott	David Price	John Green
Guy Harley	Trevor Tucker	Bob Neil
Ted Farrell	Jeff de Boer	Bob Forbes

1st ruck: Neville Myers, Mick Schapel, Ken Woods

2nd ruck: Adrian Brewer, Bob Forbes, Rob Horne

Captain Coach: Bob Forbes

Emergency: Greg Boundy, John Beard, Ron Howard, Dave Hill

L. Rivers **guided the A8s** to five wins in the first seven games and with many inexperienced players in the side improvement was expected. The team continued to win games but not as consistently as earlier in the season due to the demand for players by higher sides. Late in the season it became extremely difficult to field a full side and forfeits resulted. This caused the team's fight for the Finals berth to be halted and they ended the minor round in sixth position.

Best players for the year were G. Bellchamber, J. Noonan, J. Green, R Neil, A. McPharlin, R Barnes, S. Schluter and G. Blue.

A8 Table 1976:

Henley High OS C (34), Glenunga C (34), Salisbury West C (24), Old Ignatians C (22), Greenacres C (18), Adelaide Uni F (16), S.M.O.S.H. C (12), Kenilworth C (12), Semaphore Park C (8), S.A.Railways C (0).

1st S. Old Ignatians 10.17 Salisb West 8.13

2nd S. Henley H. O.S. 13.13 Glenunga 5.11

Prelim. Glenunga 11.17 Old Ignatians 7.7

G.Fin. Henley H. O.S. 18.8 Glenunga 14.6

The Club had improved its performance in some of the lower grades but it still appeared very difficult to field competitive sides in the Reserve grades whilst the Club remained so large. The idea of restricting movement through each team by the establishment of 'core players' seemed to be a successful move.

The Club was deeply concerned at the injury received by A. Holmes in the A1 Grand Final. He suffered serious internal injuries which eventually led to the removal of one of his kidneys and a long period of convalescence in hospital and at home. Alan recovered from his injury and continued to serve 'the Blacks' in a coaching capacity.

1977 Season

1977 was a year of change and consolidation for the Club. For personal reasons Kevin Griffiths retired from the position of Club coach following three successful years under his direction and leadership. In addition several experienced players had retired or left the Club and it was apparent that the new Club coach faced a daunting task in maintaining the Club's premier position in Amateur League football.

Fortunately the Club had a ready and enthusiastic replacement in L.I. Hoskins who had coached the A3 side the previous year and engendered an intense and dedicated team spirit within that team. The assistant coach and A3 coach was former Victorian State Amateur and A1 player A. Holmes, who had been forced, unfortunately, to retire from football following a serious kidney injury the previous season.

1977 also saw the retirement of Prof. G.M. Badger as Patron of the Club. The Vice-Chancellor of the day, Prof. D. Stranks, was nominated for the vacancy and was elected to that position at the Annual General Meeting of the Club prior to the season's commencement. In recognition of Prof. G.M. Badger's outstanding service to, and support for the Club, he was nominated and elected a Life Member of the Club. R.L. Whittle continued as President and N. Page was elected to the important Secretary's position.

Although a number of players from the previous year's A1 side had left the Club, the preparation for the approaching season was keen and enthusiastic. It was a challenge for those who had been with the Club for a number of years and to the new players in the Club. Experienced back-pocket player

M. Schwartz was elected Club captain.

Following a loss to traditional rivals Semaphore Central at Largs Oval by thirteen points in the opening round, the A1s fought back to win the next five games in succession. In the third round of the season the side recorded one of its most impressive victories over Adelaide Teachers College for a number of years when it convincingly defeated the College side by sixteen goals. The outstanding performance in that game was by full-forward M. Harrison who kicked eleven goals and took a number of spectacular marks.

In the fifth round the A1s had another overwhelming victory when they kicked a mammoth score against Post Tel Institute. The final scores ended up 40.23 to 4.4 - a massive win by 236 points. Goal kickers in this win were J. Wellington (half-forward) twelve, M. Harrison (full-forward) ten, B. Ferris (rucking) four, A.J. Hinchcliff (half-forward) four, D.N. Bartlett (wing) three, M. Kerr-Grant (centre half-forward) three, J. Carruthers (roving) two, Olekalns (wing) one, Schwartz (back pocket) one.

The best players on this day make interesting reading - S. Skov (half-back), M. Schwartz (back-pocket), J. Wellington, M. Spain (centre half-back), A.J. Hinchcliff and B. Ferris. With forty goals kicked one would have thought that the backline played a very low key role.

Despite the efforts of J. Wellington and M. Harrison, the goal kicking performance of the day went to back-pocket M. Schwartz. Having not kicked a goal in senior football, he followed up a series of handballs from the backlines and found himself inside half-forward with the ball. A well-directed drop kick found the tall uprights and his victory dance will be remembered for years.

The winning run came to an end in the seventh round when the side was soundly defeated by Payneham. Unfortunately for the remainder of the season the A1s were unable to maintain the good form displayed earlier in the season and although on occasions looked as though they might well play off in the Finals, their inconsistency proved their downfall and they finished the season in fifth position with eleven wins and seven losses.

A number of players excelled individually throughout the season. Exciting and spectacular half-back flank S. Skov won the Gunning Medal for the Best and Fairest A1 Player. M. Harrison was the Club's leading goal kicker with seventy-four goals and, had he not been dogged with injury, may well have kicked one hundred goals for the season. M. Kerr-Grant, B. Ferris and J. Parker were selected in the State Amateur team.

A1 Premiership Table 1977 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Semaphore Central	18	14	4	0	28
Payneham	18	13	5	0	26
Flinders Park	18	12	6	0	24
Adelaide Teachers Coll.	18	12	6	0	24
Adelaide University	18	11	7	0	22
Riverside	18	11	7	0	22
Ferryden Park	18	8	9	1	17
Seaton Ramblers	18	8	10	0	16
Rosewater	18	8	10	0	16
Henley	18	6	11	1	13
Walkerville	18	4	14	0	8
Post-Tel Institute	18	0	18	0	0

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
STATE TEAM 1977**



Back Row: M.Cunnington, R.Harley, F.Skorzewski, A.Clelans, B.Ferris, M.Kerr-Grant
Third Row: G.Koziol, I.Bradmore, C.Evans, R.Rogers (Trainer), K.Jamieson, G.Whittle, N.Fielke
Second Row: F.Cockburn (Head Trainer), G.Cox, T.Godrik, J.Parker, S.Cheney, D.Algate, M.Holman, D.Tothill (Ass. Mgr.)
Front Row: D.Williams, K.Smith (Mgr.), N.Annear (Capt), K.Sims (Pres), M.Vast (V Capt), R.Williams (Coach), L.Cailotto

1977 SA State Team

It was obvious from the outset that **the A3 team** would have a difficult task in 1977. The loss of players from the A1 team had its effect throughout the Club's lower sides and it took some time for the A3 side to settle into a style of consistent winning football. In the first half of the season the side won only two games. However, in the second half of the season, the side settled down and in a much improved effort won six of the last nine games.

G. Goodall, Croucher, M. Wellington, M. Paech, G. Hendrick, N. Page and R.A. Cameron were the side's better players throughout the season.

A3 Premiership Table 1977 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Kilburn	18	16	2	0	32
Sacred Heart O.C.	18	11	6	1	23
Henley High O.S.	18	11	7	0	22
Gaza	18	11	7	0	22
Greek	18	10	7	1	21
Westminster O.S.	18	10	8	0	20
Prince Alfred O.C.	18	9	9	0	18
Adelaide University	B18	8	10	0	16
Ethelton	18	7	11	0	14
Semaphore Park	18	7	11	0	14
National Bank	18	4	14	0	8

The A1 Reserves were led by G.C. Harcourt. Unfortunately, they did not have a successful season, winning only three games. As is often the case with the University A1 Reserves side, they were competing with older and more experienced players. Undoubtedly the highlight of the year was a win late in the season against the strong Adelaide Teachers College side at University Oval. The most consistent players throughout the season were R. Faull, A. Georgeson, W. Griggs, P. Dunn, P. Tyrrell and I. Hill.

A1 Reserve 1977:

Semaphore Central (32), Riverside (30), Adelaide Teachers College (28), Flinders Park (24), Ferryden Park (22), Henley (22), Rosewater (16), Payneham (16), Adelaide Uni (10), Seaton (10), Walkerville (6), Post-Tel Institute (0).

1st S. Adelaide Teach 14.11 Flinders Park 4.6
 2nd S. Semaph Cent. 6.8 Riverside 3.14
 Prelim. Riverside 12.6 Adelaide Teach 6.6
 G.Fin. Semaph Cent. 6.6 Riverside 5.6

Former A1 player and Club stalwart, N.C. Beagley, was playing coach of **the A3 Reserves**. The side performed creditably throughout the year and won nine games. Their better players throughout the season were B. Lynch, T. Semple, W. McLeay and P. Moore.

A3 Reserve 1977:

Henley High OS (34), P.A.O.C. (30), S.H.O.C. (26), Kilburn (24), Gaza (20), Adelaide Uni (18), National Bank (16), Greek (16), Alberton United (12), Ethelton (8), Semaphore Park (6), Westminster OS (6).

1st S. S.H.O.C. 8.10 Kilburn 3.8
 2nd S. P.A.O.C. 11.6 Henley High 4.9
 Prelim. Henley High 13.7 S.H.O.C. 4.4
 G.Fin. P.A.O.C. d Henley High

Although the Club had originally entered sides in grades A7 and A8, prior to the commencement of the season the A8 side was withdrawn from that grade and entered in the A7 grade. This meant that there would then be an even number of teams in the A 7 grade and no side would have a bye as had previously been scheduled. It also meant that the **A 7 grade had two University sides**, a situation that had arisen previously in 1975 and which naturally led to keen rivalry between the players in each side.

G. Bellchamher and V. Korabacz were the playing coaches of 'the Whites' and 'the Blacks' respectively. The Black Blacks' had a disappointing season, winning only two games. The 'Derby' was won by 'the Whites' on each of the two occasions that 'the Blacks' played 'the Whites'. A. Nurk, W. Hocking, R. Frears and M. Shanahan were the best players for 'the Blacks' throughout the season.

In contrast 'the Whites' had an extremely successful season, losing only one game throughout the minor round. The final game against Pulteney Old Scholars was drawn (12.12 to 12.12) and 'the Whites' looked forward to a successful Finals series. However, in a disappointing Final series 'the Whites' lost to Glenunga in the second semifinal (11.13 to 8.7) and after winning the preliminary Final against Henley High Old Scholars (11.9 to 9.5) again succumbed to Glenunga, a team they had defeated twice in the minor round, in the Grand Final. The final scores were Glenunga 10.13, University 0.9.

Throughout the season, the best players for 'the Whites' were G. Bellchamher, A. Cox, B. Eckert, R. Neil and L. Shackleford.

A7 Table 1977:

Glenunga C (30), Adelaide Uni E (30), Henley High OS C (28), Henley C (24), Sacred Heart OC C (24), Pulteney OS C (22), Broadview C (16), Flinders Uni C (14), Brighton High OS C (12), S.P.O.C. C (10), Adelaide Uni F (4), Alberton United C (2).

1st S. Henley High 11.11 Henley 7.14

2nd S. Glenunga 11.13 Adelaide Uni 8.7

Prelim. Adelaide Uni 11.9 Henley High 9.5

G.Fin. Glenunga 10.13 Adelaide Uni 6.9

1978 Season

There were some changes in the Club for the 1978 season, the most significant being the retirement of R.L Whittle as President (a position which he had held (or eight years). R.L. Whittle had been actively associated with the Club for over thirty years and his experience in Club affairs was hard to replace. The incoming President was Dr. P.D. Clark, a former Club captain, State Amateur player and Club Secretary during the 1960s. 'The Blacks' were very fortunate to have a man with this record at the Club to fill this vacancy.

On the playing side, L.I. Hoskins and A. Holmes were the senior coaches with experienced personnel in P. Franklyn, N.C. Beagley, R. Neil, G. Bellchamber and V. Korobacz filling the coaching duties in the lower grades. Sides had been entered in A1, A3 and A5 with Reserve teams, as well as A8. This was an increase of one team more on the six fielded in 1977. M. Schwartz had been elected captain of the side with M. Kerr-Grant his deputy.

The A1 side had to replace several key players from 1977 (B. Ferris and M. Harrison especially) and hence were down on experienced players in comparison to past seasons. L. Stewart (an experienced full-back), C. James, B. Keynes (a very tall ruckman), and G. David, together with a group of players from the A3 side of 1977, were expected to put pressure on the A grade side.

The team began the year badly, losing to Payneham by eight goals and Glenunga in the first two games. In the third game, 'the Blacks' were struggling against a determined Semaphore Central side when H.K. Baillie turned the game. In only three quarters, he had twenty-five kicks, took nineteen marks and swung the game University's way. The final scores saw 'the Blacks' ahead by one point - 7.17 to 8.10. The following two games were lost against Rosewater and Teachers College to place the Club in the relegation zone with one win from five games.

Much concern was expressed at this situation as the side had played together long enough to settle down into a competitive combination. Every game then became a final and a series of team meetings was held to discuss the reasons behind the inconsistent performances. The game against Broadview on May 20 saw the team break through for its second win and look a far better side than had been the case all season. From this game onwards 'the Blacks' played magnificent football to defeat all other sides in the nine-game winning streak that was ended on July 29 by Broadview.

This series of games carried the team from ninth position after five rounds to third after thirteen rounds. Particular mention should be made of the games against Payneham and Glenunga, the two top teams, on June 24 and July 1 when the application and desire by the team was first class. Payneham was beaten by ten goals (they beat the side by eight goals in an earlier game) and Glenunga by seven goals. In these games M. Kenny and J. Wills played brilliantly to ensure a

'Blacks" victory.

After the defeat by Broadview the team won the remaining three games to finish in second place which was a tremendous effort considering the very poor start to the season. Twelve of the last thirteen games had been won in a performance of great character by the coach and players alike.

Rugged half-back R. Hearn won the Gunning Medal in a close vote from consistent wingman E.P. Olekalns and half-back J. Parker. Other players to perform consistently were M. Paech, L. Stewart, M. Kerr-Grant, A. Pfeiffer, J. Duffy and J. Wills.

Unfortunately, the performance of the side in the Finals did not live up to its great minor round achievements. The team failed to make use of a five-goal wind in the first quarter against Payneham and eventually lost 5.9 to 12.11. Best players were M. Paech, M. Kenny and M. Wellington, with J. Wellington kicking three goals.

In the Preliminary Final the team started well but kicked very badly for goal in the first half to allow Glenunga to stay in the match. A strong last quarter saw 'the Blacks' come from five goals down to within five points with one minute to play. The ball was in the goal area when the siren rang with the scoreboard showing University 10.11 to Glenunga 11.10. Best players were M. Spain, E.P. Olekalns and C. James.

One highlight of the season was M. Kenny's performance in being runner-up for the Hone Medal in A1.

A1 Premiership Table 1978 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Payneham	18	13	5	0	26
Adelaide University	18	12	6	0	24
Broadview	18	12	6	0	24
Glenunga	18	11	7	0	22
Adelaide Teachers	18	11	7	0	22
Henley District & O.S.	18	8	9	1	17
Rosewater	18	8	10	0	16
Riverside	18	7	11	0	14
Semaphore Central	18	5	12	1	11
Seaton Ramblers	18	2	16	0	4

A. Holmes was coach of the **A3 team** for his second year and N.W. Page was captain for a third term. The side started the season well with an eight goal win over Goodwood. However the A1s had taken the key players of the 1977 season and this left the team short on experience and big man strength. Although playing well on occasions, the team did not play consistently well and failed to win key games that would have kept them in the Finals fight. Too many matches were lost by several goals when the game was allowed to slip in a lax quarter of football. N.W. Page again won the Best and Fairest with players such as A. Georgeson, G. Goodall, R.A. Cameron, M. McDermid, W. Griggs, D. Lyster, M.D. Croucher and P. Coffey all performing well during the season.

A3 Premiership Table 1978 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	Lost	Pts
Greek	18	16	2	32
Gaza	18	14	4	28
West Croydon	18	12	6	24
Ethelton	18	12	6	24
S.A.Institute Technology	18	11	7	22
Prince Alfred O.C.	18	10	8	20
Henley District & O.S. B	18	10	8	20
National Bank	18	9	9	18
Adelaide University B	18	7	11	14
Goodwood	18	6	12	12
Westminster O.S.	18	1	17	2
Flinders University	18	0	18	0

P. Franklyn, after a frustrating time with injury, decided to make himself available for the **A1 Reserves'** coaching position and he was duly appointed. The side started the season very well with two wins in the first three games and hopes were high for a successful season for this side. The May vacation and the inevitable loss of players through injuries, then occurred, and the team never really regained its momentum. One pleasing feature of 'the Blacks' performance in this grade was the number of close games in comparison with past seasons. Very rarely was the side thrashed, which is something that could not be said in those seasons.

The Club was gradually building up its strength in these Reserve grades and it was only the lack of some experience and body strength that prevented the side from enjoying a successful season. The best players for the season were M. Williams, J. Brown, R. Johns, P. Franklyn, P. Clements, R. Faull and P. Tyrrell.

A1 Reserve 1978:

Broadview (32), Adelaide Teachers (32), Riverside (24), Rosewater (22), Glenunga (22), Payneham (18), Semaphore Central (10), Adelaide Uni (10), Henley D&OS (6), Seaton (4).

1st S.	Riverside	3.8	Rosewater	3.6
2nd S.	Broadview	5.2	Adel Teach	3.7
Prelim.	Adel Teach	9.2	Riverside	6.7
G.Fin.	Adel Teach	8.4	Broadview	2.4

The A3 Reserves were again being led by N. C. Beagley and began the season in encouraging fashion with two good wins over Goodwood and Greeks. Despite calls on players which unsettled the team, 'the Blacks' continued to play good football and remained in a position to challenge for a place in the Finals.

With two rounds left the team played SAIT at The Levels with the winner going into fourth position. Unfortunately, 'the Blacks' began this game slowly to give SAIT a few goals lead and, when they started to combine a team in the second half, kicked badly for goals to go down 6.13 to 9.4. This was a particularly good effort by this side and further emphasised the improvement the Club had made in the lower grades. Best players for the season were W. Boehm, I. Hill, P. Moore, H. Hancock, A. McDermid, G. Le Page, B. Lynch, N.C. Beagley and G. Redford.

A3 Reserve 1978:

P.A.O.C. (32), National Bank (30), Greek (26), S.A.I.T. (26), Adelaide Uni (24), Ethelton (24), West Croydon (16), Gaza (12), Goodwood (10), Henley Dist & OS (10), Westminster OS (6), Flinders Uni (0).

1st S.	S.A.I.T.	5.12	Greek	5.10
2nd S.	P.A.O.C.	10.14	National Bank	3.4
Prelim.	S.A.I.T.	13.7	National Bank	7.10
G.Fin.	P.A.O.C.	12.11	S.A.I.T.	4.4

The A5 side under G. Bellchamber consisted of the nucleus of the A7 side of 1977 which finished runner-up in that grade. Due to the demand for football, an additional side was fielded in 1978 and this caused the A7s to be promoted to A5 and an A5 Reserves side fielded to comply with Amateur League wishes. The second A7 side of 1977 had been relegated to A8. This promotion to A5 was unfortunate since it put 'the Blacks' in a grade far too high for the Club's fifth side. Many of the opposition clubs fielded their A grade sides in this grade which made it difficult to match their standard of football and attitude which was far more dedicated than 'the Blacks' social atmosphere. The team battled all season against these odds without much success to finish the minor round in bottom position. The most consistent performers for the season were M. Sandery, A. Ladagnous, S. Schluter, S. Rix, G. Blue and G. Bellchamber.

A5 Table 1978:

St.Raphaels (30), Salisbury CAE (30), Sturt CAE (26), Unley High OS (20), Aust.Nat.Railways Inst. (12), Christian Brothers College OC (12), Para Hills (12), Adelaide Uni C (2).

1st S.	Unley H. OS	15.13	Sturt CAE	6.12
2nd S.	St.Raphaels	9.12	Salisbury CAE	5.10
Prelim.	Unley H. OS	14.20	Salisbury CAE	14.8
G.Fin.	St.Raphaels	15.12	Unley H. OS	14.8

A similar tale could be told for **the A5 Reserves** who won only a few games during the year and often had to 'borrow' A5 players to make up the numbers. They were coached by J. Green and R Neil, two long serving players in these lower sides, and their efforts to put a side into the field each week were admirable. Best players for the season were A. Hesketh, D. Ades, J. Grulich, R Neil, D. Alexander, A. Brewer and R. Churches.

A5 Reserve 1978:

Unley High OS (34), Para Hills (30), St.Raphaels (28), Sturt CAE (20), Adelaide Uni (12), C.B.C.O.C. (12), Aust. National Railways (4), Salisbury CAE (4).

1st S.	St.Raphaels	12.13	Sturt CAE	1.4
2nd S.	Para Hills	7.3	Unley High OS	2.4
Prelim.	St.Raphaels	7.16	Unley High O.S.	7.3
G.Fin.	St.Raphaels	7.8	Para Hills	7.4

The A8 side, led by V. Korobacz and T.N. Nagel, was the glamour side of the Club to some degree and much team spirit was evident amongst their ranks. They opened the season well and with a good blend of promising young players and an experienced nucleus from the Cricket Club played a good brand of football.

The side maintained its form throughout the season and was only defeated on a few occasions when weakened by vacations and injuries to sides above them. Some of the team's victories were

particularly noteworthy and victories over Postal by twenty-seven goals and twenty-one goals showed the strength of this side. In one of these games C. De Ridder kicked eleven goals in a match winning performance.

Best players for the season were J. Kemp, G. Davies, J. Shierlaw, C. De Ridder, A. Nurk, R. Frears, D. Jeanes, P. Lugg and K. Darwin. Team numbers polled very well in the Bert Medal with C. De Ridder (fifteen votes), A. Nurk(fourteen votes) and J. Kemp (fourteen votes) finishing second, third and fourth.

The side won the second semifinal comfortably and then easily accounted for Greenacres in the Grand Final. Final scores were 15.10 to 6.10 with D. Jeanes (five goals), J. Shierlaw, G. Davies, A. Nurk and J. Kemp all playing well.

A8 Table 1978:

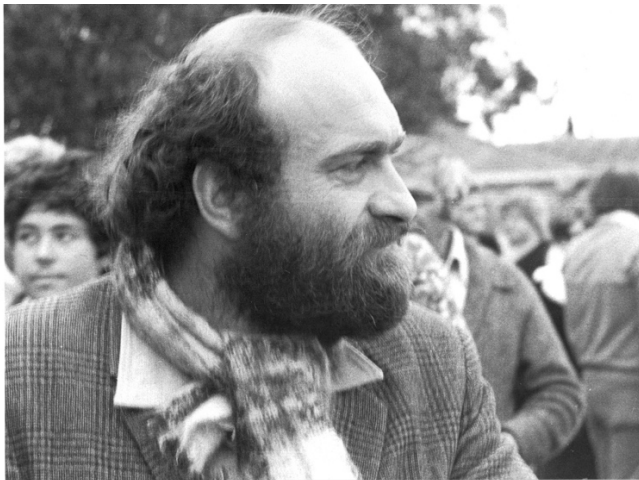
Adelaide Uni G (34), Kenilworth C (30), Greenacres C (26), P.H.O.S. C (24), Greek C (15), Scotch OC C (14), S.A.I.T. C (11), Ethelton C (10), Goodwood C (8), Post-Tel Inst. C (8).

1st S. Greenacres 10.10 P.H.O.S. 5.10

2nd S. Adelaide Uni d Kenilworth

Prelim.Greenacres 26.12 Kenilworth 13.12

G.Fin. Adelaide Uni 15.10 Greenacres 6.10



1978 A8 Premiership Coach Vic Korobacz



1978 A8 Premiership Game (above)



Best guess names below.....

1978 A8 Premiership Photo

BACK ROW..... Mid way across David Jeanes....., then 6 from the right is Trevor Nagel, to his right Peter Chester on the right are Johnny Kemp, Bobby Frears, ... Wayne Hocking at back..... and possibly Tim Garrood to the far right.

Standing at back in woollen jumper Bruce Wauchope
Sunglasses at back Tony Hall

FRONT ROW... on the far left is possibly the ONLY photo ever taken of Greg 'Jaws' Nicholson, ...3rd from left Joe Nurk, Coach Vic Korobacz, Ron Corso.....Trevor Tucker lying on the ground on elbows, and Geoff Davies on the right.

Absent; Wayne K Hocking

Absent Boundary Umpire; Richard Smith

The scene is the A8 Grand Final in 1978. 'The Blacks' are being coached by the old tactical magician from Sandy Bay, Vic Korobacz. At three quarter time 'the Blacks' led narrowly from Greenacres.

The old master addressed his young charges: 'Keith Darwin go to centre half-back. John Shierlaw go from centre half-back to centre half-forward.

In a remarkable display of team solidarity, the players unanimously chorused 'No' and ran back on to the field. In the last quarter 'Varsity ran all over Greenacres; democracy triumphant again.

The SAAFL polling of the A8 side was also indicative of their dominance of that grade.

1979 Season

The AGM of 1979 saw the retirement of one of the stalwarts of the Club from an active administrative position when R.G. Gask announced that he was not going to continue as Chairman. He had been continuously associated with 'the Blacks' since 1964 and had been a prominent player, coach and administrator. He had served as Chairman of the Committee from 1970 to 1978 and was very experienced in the workings of the Club. At this meeting he was made the fourteenth Honorary Life Member of the Adelaide University Football Club. Prof. G.C. Harcourt, himself a long-serving member of 'the Blacks' was elected to the position of Chairman.

On the playing side, L.I. Hoskins was coaching the A1 side for a third term. The captain was M. Schwartz, and L. Stewart was elected vice-captain of the team.

The Club had entered sides in A1 and A3 plus Reserve sides and A6, A7 and A8. However numbers did not allow the A8 side to be fielded during the season.

The A1s began the season well with two wins from six games. E.P. Olekalns, C. James, M. Kenny, P. Lyster, L. Stewart, J. Duffy and R Hearn had all been playing well.

The games included surprise defeats by Rosewater (seven goals) and Riverside (three goals) and saw the Club slip down the table, but a great win over Adelaide College on June 2 saw the team

regain its equilibrium. Wins over Henley District and Old Scholars and Payneham saw 'the Blacks' in the four at the end of the first round. This period saw the return to the Club of J. Katsaros, a star with the side in the early and mid-seventies. Those players prominent in best player lists included M. Kenny, S. Skov, J. Duffy, B. Keynes and M. Schwartz.

The second round saw the side lose games against Kilburn, Glenunga and Payneham but still retain fourth position. During this period, there were five wins, including ones against College (second) and Riverside (six goals down early and won by five goals). Best players had been S. Skov, E.P. Olekalns, T. Willoughby, J. Katsaros, M. Paech, M. Kerr-Grant and H. Abbott. D.N. Bartlett, a long serving wingman, played his two hundredth Club game in the second last minor round game against Henley.

The team played Kilburn at Unley Oval in the first semifinal and took quite some time to settle down. A strong fightback from five goals down at three quarter time saw the team fail by only a goal with the ball in 'the Blacks' forward line for the last three minutes.

Following his brilliant season, E.P. Olekalns deservedly won the Gunning Medal for the second time (having been runner-up on three other occasions). He also won the Hone Medal by a large margin to demonstrate his value to the side.

A1 Premiership Table 1979 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Broadview	18	15	3	0	30
Adelaide College	18	13	5	0	26
Kilburn	18	12	6	0	24
Adelaide University	18	10	8	0	20
Riverside	18	9	9	0	18
Payneham	18	8	10	0	16
Glenunga	18	7	11	0	14
Henley Dist.& O.S.	18	7	11	0	14
St.Dominics	18	6	12	0	12
Rosewater	18	3	15	0	6

The A3 team started the season well under new captain coach M.D. Croucher, with three wins in the first four games. J. Brown, S. Somers, A. Georgeson, R.A. Cameron, G. David, R Johns and State Independent Schools recruit R. Smith, had all performed well. Confidence was high and the side had settled into a good combination. The win against Ethelton was particularly noteworthy (18.6 to 14.10).

A series of defeats then followed which caused the team to drop down the list and hover precariously close to the relegation zone. Good wins over Kenilworth (23.16 to 6.13) and Henley District and Old Scholars (16.15 to 12.8) were separated by a disappointing loss to bottom side SALT. By the end of the minor round 'the Blacks' had won enough games to remain in A3. Best players for the season were N.W. Page (his third A3 Best and Fairest in four years), R.A. Cameron, G. Goodall, R Smith, S. Somers, G. David, M. Miller, D. Proudman, P. Franklyn and D. Lyster.

The side bore the brunt of one of the worst seasons the Club has experienced for serious injuries. They used fifty-seven players during the year and it is little wonder that the team had trouble settling down.

A3 Premiership Table 1979 (as at the end of the minor round)

	Played	Won	L	D	Pts
Walkerville	18	17	1	0	34
West Croydon	18	15	2	1	31
Greenacres	18	13	4	1	27
Ethelton	18	12	6	0	24
Prince Alfred O.C.	18	10	8	0	20
Murray Park CAE	18	9	9	0	18
Old Ignatians	18	7	11	0	14
National Bank	18	7	11	0	14
Kenilworth	18	6	12	0	12
Adelaide University B18	5	13	0	0	10
Henley Dist.& O.S.	18	5	13	0	10
S.A. Instit. Technology18	1	17	0	0	2

The A1 Reserves were slightly disorganised at the beginning of the season and had several coaches before R.K. Penhall stepped in and took over the job. Although getting close on several occasions (St Dominics - two points, Glenunga fourteen points) 'the Blacks' had to wait until the eighth round to register their first win when they beat Henley District and Old Scholars 11.10 to 9.7. This was immediately followed by a second win against Payneham the following week.

From this point onwards the side was far more competitive and put together a series of very good performances which could have been better but for three losses under two goals.

Best players for the season were R. Faull, J. Kemp, J. Petros, M. Williams, H. Hancock, D. Wardleworth, P.D. Favilla and I.A. Dinnison.

A1 Reserve Table 1979:

Adelaide College (32), Broadview (30), Riverside (23), Glenunga (22), Kilburn (16), Rosewater (15), St.Dominics (14), Adelaide Uni (14), Payneham (12), Henley D&OS (2).

1st S. Riverside 12.7 Glenunga 10.6
2nd S. Adelaide Coll12.9 Broadview 3.3
Prelim.Riverside 8.7 Broadview 6.12
G.Fin. Adelaide Coll11.10 Riverside 5.10

The A3 Reserves were coached by N.C. Beagley and captained by W. Connelly enjoyed a successful season, although not making the Finals. They were never thrashed as is sometimes the case with the Club's Reserve sides and even handed out a few hidings themselves (v. Kenilworth 15.13 to 3.6, v. SAIT 8.14 to 1.4). Best players for the season were N. Bain, B. Lynch, G. Le Page, D. Tucker, B. Wauchope, L Hill, P. Moore, A. McDermid and A. Puddy.

A3 Reserve Table 1979:

Walkerville (36), Greenacres (28), P.A.O.C. (26), West Croydon (26), Old Ignatians (22), Murray Park CAE (20), Ethelton (16), Adelaide Uni (14), Kenilworth (12), National Bank (10), Henley D&OS (4), S.A.I.T. (2).

1st S. P.A.O.C. 13.2 West Croydon4.12
2nd S. Walkerville 9.10 Greenacres 8.5
Prelim. P.A.O.C. d Greenacres
G.Fin. Walkerville 9.18 P.A.O.C. 5.7

R. Carey was captain-coach of **the A6 team** and they found themselves often outclassed by their opponents. Although under pressure each week they were rarely thrashed but found it difficult to beat many of the third sides of strong A1 and A2 clubs. The best players for the season were A. Nurk, R. Frears, R. Carey, G. Egar, W. Hocking, L. Shopov, W. Hutchinson, W. Higgs, M. Taylor and P. Parry.

A6 Table 1979:

Rosewater C (31), Walkerville C (26), Kilburn C (26), St.Dominics C (24), Greenacres C (24), Glenunga C (18), Payneham C (18), Adelaide College C (16), S.P.O.C. C (14), West Croydon C (12), Adelaide Uni E (7), Alberton United C (0).

1st S. St.Dominics	16.11	Kilburn	10.9
2nd S. Rosewater	17.11	Walkerville	6.13
Prelim.Walkerville	14.14	St.Dominics	13.13
G.Fin. Rosewater	13.21	Walkerville	7.12

The A7s were lead by R. Neil and J. Green and, although not making the four, had a good season. Towards the end of the year when falling numbers were a problem, they were the side to provide the players and hence forfeit their Finals chance. J. Green enjoyed a magnificent season and won the Flanagan Medal for the grade. Whilst other players to perform well were J. Blue, D. Butler, R. Neil, A. Hesketh, S. Schluter, M. Balcomb and G. De Boer.

A7 Table 1979:

S.M.O.S.H. C (30), P.A.O.C. C. (30), S.H.O.C. C (26), P.H.O.S. C (24), Greek C (18), B.H.O.S. C (16), Old Ignatians C (14), Adelaide Uni F (12), Kenilworth C (8), Pulteney OS C (2).

1st S. S.H.O.C.	10.8	P.H.O.S.	8.13
2nd S. P.A.O.C.	26.11	S.M.O.S.H.	4.8
Prelim.S.M.O.S.H.	12.10	S.H.O.C.	5.15
G.Fin. S.M.O.S.H.	16.11	P.A.O.C.	10.9

Highlights of this season included E.P. Olekalns winning the Hone Medal by nine votes and J. Green winning the Flanagan Medal. The improvement shown by the A1 side after a shocking start was also encouraging for 1980.

Beagley's Brew.



This 1977 Spatlese Riesling
has been bottled by Saltram's
Wineries of Angaston to
honour Neil Beagley - a
stalwart of the Club since
1966 and a character few will
forget.



Geoff Harcourt



D.N. Bartlett.

In 1970 D.N. Bartlett began a very long association with the Football Club. After a solid grounding in the lower sides he broke into the A1s in 1972 as a wingman or centreman and has remained there. To the start of the 1981 season he had played 216 Club games and 158 A1 games. He played in Premiership sides in 1974 and 1975 and was awarded Club Letters in 1973 and a Half Blue in 1974. He was a Selector of the A1 side between 1974 and 1977.

David won the Gunning Medal in 1974, the J.B. Day Trophy in 1975 and 1976, and the B. Rofe Memorial Trophy in 1973. He was also awarded the Semaphore Central Best Club man Trophy in 1974.

During his time with 'the Blacks' David has been actively involved in the administration of the Club, holding down the Treasurer's position 1973 to 1985. He also served on the Social Committee.



M. Schwartz

Mark joined 'the Blacks' from Sturt Seconds in 1974 and patrolled the back pocket in 128 A1 games, up to the end of the 1980 season when he temporarily retired. The hallmarks of his game were uncanny judgment, a strong approach to the ball and fierce tackling. During this period he played in two Premierships (1974 and 1975), captained the A1 side in 1977, 1978 and 1979, and won the Gunning Medal in 1975.

In a distinguished career with the Club, he played six State games in 1975, 1976 and 1978 and captained the side in the 1978 game against Western Australia at Football Park. He gained All-Australian selection after the 1976 Carnival in Adelaide, which was won by South Australia.

Mark has taken an active role in the administration of the Club, being Chairman in 1980 and Deputy Chairman in 1981.



S.T.P. Trumble

The Club was indeed fortunate to gain the services of Simon Trumble when he arrived in Adelaide from Melbourne in 1974 to gather work experience as a Solicitor. Formerly with Melbourne University Blues, he settled straight into 'the Blacks' style of play at centre halfback and became an integral part of a very successful team of the mid-seventies.

In his first season with the Club he was runner-up in the Hone Medal, played State football, played in a Premiership side and gained All-Australia selection.

His stay in Adelaide lasted only three years, but in that time he earned a high reputation for his skills and sportsmanship. His spectacular marking was a feature of his play.

In all he played sixty games for 'the Blacks', played five State games, gained All-Australian selection in 1974 and 1976 and played in Premiership sides in 1974 and 1975.

Simon returned to Melbourne in 1977 and has since played three State games for Victoria, one of the few players to represent both States.



M.D. Teubner

M.D. Teubner joined the Club from CBOC in 1973 and immediately created an impression both on and off the field. In his first season he played in the A1 side at centre half-forward and full-forward, kicking over five goals in each Final. He won the Trophy for his performances at Inter-Varsity in this year also.

Michael played in the Premiership sides in 1974 and 1975, the first as a half-back and the second as a full-forward. In 1975, he kicked eleven goals in a magnificent effort against Walkerville. He was leading goal kicker for the Club in that year.

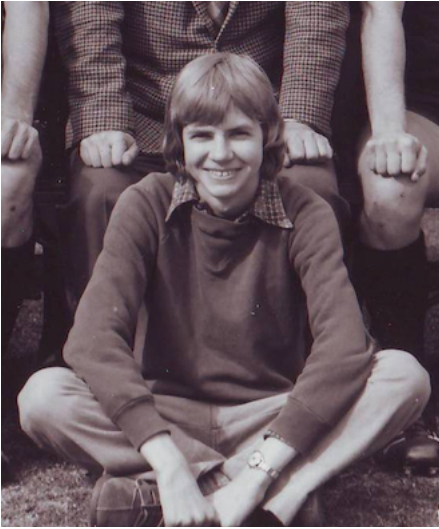
In 1976 Michael played in the State Amateur Carnival in Adelaide and gained his Blue for Football. He retired after the 1977 season after five years with the Club.

Michael was an active Club man, being on the Committee from 1974 to 1977 and being Chairman of the Social Committee in 1975 and 1976. During this period he also acted as the Registrar of players. He was awarded the Best Club man Trophy in 1975.



B.L. Ferris

Brian Ferris came to 'the Blacks' in 1974 following a distinguished career with Adelaide Teachers College from 1967 to 1971. A remarkably relaxed and versatile player, he played in a number of positions, mainly as a ruck-rover and centre half-forward. In all, he represented the State on ten occasions from 1969 until his retirement in 1977 and was named in the All-Australian Amateur team in 1970 and 1974. In nine seasons of Amateur League football, he missed only one game through injury and played in eight Grand Finals, winning four of those. He was awarded a Football Blue in 1974.



N. Killeen

Neil Killeen joined 'the Blacks' in 1974 as a schoolboy and helped the Club considerably in his capacity as Timekeeper. This position had been particularly difficult to fill in the preceding seasons and he carried out his duties in splendid fashion.

Neil remained as Timekeeper until the end of the 1979 season, giving six seasons of excellent service. In 1977 he was awarded an Outstanding Service Trophy for his contribution to the Club.

During his period at the Club, Neil grew from a quiet schoolboy to an Honours Science graduate and went on to study for a Ph.D. at ANU.



R.K. Penhall

Few players have served the Club longer or played more games for the Club than R.K. Penhall. Beginning in 1965 with the University Colts team he progressed through the grades winning the Best and Fairest Award for the A3s in 1969 and he played some A1 games the following year. In 1972, 1976, 1978 and 1979 he took over the difficult and responsible task of playing coach of the A1 Reserves and was playing coach of the A4s in 1973. He continued to play until his retirement at the end of the 1979 season and in all played 222 Club games. In 1980 he coached the A3 side which narrowly missed a place in the four. For service to the Club he was awarded the coveted Semaphore Central Best Clubman Award in 1976. He was then Club Doctor for a very long time.



N.W. Page

Neil Page began playing with 'the Blacks' in 1974 in the A1 Reserves but was promoted for several games with the A3s. From 1975 to 1979, he played with the A3s, captaining the side in 1976, 1977 and 1978. In 1979, he played a number of A1 games. Neil has actively been involved in Club

administration as a member of the General Committee of the Club from 1975 to 1977. The highlight of his career with 'the Blacks' was in 1980 when, as captain-coach of the A1 Reserves, he led the side to a thrilling Grand Final victory at Adelaide Oval, its first Grand Final win since 1965. He also won the SAAFL Tapping Medal in 1980 for the Best and Fairest Player in A1 Reserves. A versatile footballer, Neil has played in a variety of positions including back-pocket, half-back and centre.



RH. Neil

Bob Neil joined the AUFC in 1974 after playing in the New South Wales South Coast League. In his first season he played as a wingman or half-back in the A1 Reserves and A5s. Since 1975 he played in the Club's lower sides, the so-called social teams of the Club. A brilliant exponent of the nine yard pass on to an opponent's chest, he has never excelled as an elusive half-forward flank. Instead the Selectors have played him on the half-back flank and entrusted him to hand-pass whenever possible. The features of his game are his direct attack on the keg and his inspiring dashes to the bar.

In 1978 he coached the A5 Reserves and was coach of the A 7s for the first part of 1979 before going overseas.

He has always believed that opportunities should exist for players who want to enjoy Saturday football with their mates without the skills/dedication required of an 'A' grade player. He has worked hard to weld a good spirit in the lower grades and has been on the Management Committee for many years.

He won the Best Team Man Trophy in 1975 for the A5 'Whites', and was Best and Fairest in 1977 for the A7 'Blacks'.

Player Life Membership (for more than one hundred games) was awarded to him in 1981.

He is now the only AUFC legend, as specified in our constitution, for as long as he shall live for services to inclusiveness at the Blacks.



J. Green

Disappointed by his inability to make the Nottingham Forest 'A' grade side, John Green was enticed to 'the other side' in 1974 to play for G.C. Harcourt's A5 Reserve side. He spent the remainder of the season playing for the A5s. In 1977, John played in the successful A8 side that finished second in that grade. He won the Most Consistent Trophy for the team.

In 1978, he was unlucky enough to break his leg and whilst recovering helped out the A5 Reserves by acting as timekeeper.

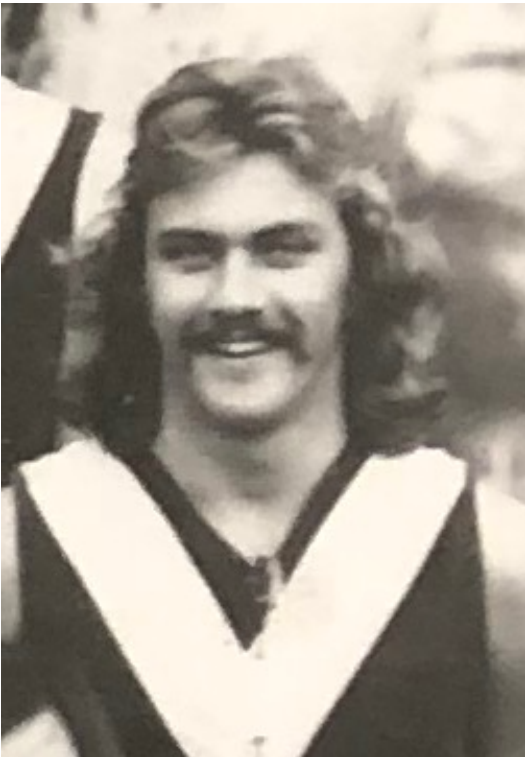
The next year was a successful one with John captaining the side and winning the Best Team Man Trophy and the A7 Flanagan Medal.

The 1980 A8 Premiership team was the most successful of those teams that he played in. Most of his football has been played on the wing or centre, and in the latter years, roving and half-forward flank.



J. Katsaros

A highly skilful and elusive rover J. Katsaros began playing in 1969. He quickly made his mark and in his second year with the Club won the prized Gunning Medal for the Best and Fairest A1 Player. A regular State representative from 1971 to 1974, he played for South Australia on eight occasions and was selected as an All-Australian Amateur in 1971 and 1974. In his first State game against Victoria in Melbourne, he won the Trophy for the Best South Australian Player. From 1975 until 1977, he played with the Sturt Football Club and in 1976 won the SANFL Second's Magarey medal. He resumed with 'the Blacks' in 1979 and played over 140 Club games. He was elected vice-captain of the A1 team from 1971 to 1974. Other highlights with 'the Blacks' included Premierships in 1969 and 1974 and the winning Inter-Varsity Carnival in Adelaide in 1969.



P.Holbrook

An exciting and at times brilliant half forward flanker, Phillip Holbrook began playing with 'the Blacks' in 1972, initially as a centreman, but later as a half-forward flanker. In his first year with the Club he won the Best Freshman Trophy, the leading goal kicker award and the Gunning Medal for the Best and Fairest 'A' grade footballer. An extremely accurate kick for goal and a consistent goal scorer, he won the A.J. Greer Trophy for the leading goal kicker in the Club in 1972, 1973 and 1974, kicking over ninety goals in 1974 from the half-forward flank. In 1972, he won the Amateur Sports Association War Memorial Medal for Amateur football and was also awarded a Half Blue for Football by the Adelaide University Sports Association.



R.A. Cameron

A dashing half-back flanker, centreman and back-pocket, R.A. ('Arch') Cameron began playing with 'the Blacks' in 1970 and in his first two seasons with the Club played in the A4 Reserves, A3 Reserves and A2 Reserves teams under coaches G.C. Harcourt and F.A. Bloch. In 1972, he was a member of the celebrated A4 Reserves 'Gentlemen's team' which won the Premiership. In 1973 and 1974 he played a number of games with the A1's, A2's and A3's before temporary retirement. In 1977 he resumed with 'the Blacks' as Fitness Coach for the Club and played with the A3s from 1977 until retirement in 1980. He won the A3 Best Team Man Award in 1977, the Most Dedicated Amateur Award in 1978 and was adjudged the Most Consistent A3 Player in 1979.



E.P. Olekalns

E.P. Olekalns began playing with 'the Blacks' in 1972 and first broke into the A1s in 1973 as a wingman.

Egils has played at an outstanding level with remarkable consistency over many years and adapted well as a rover when switched there in 1979 to cover a team weakness. From 1974 onwards, he has been in the top two in the Best and Fairest nine times, winning the Gunning Medal 5 times in 1976, 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983 and the J.B. Day Trophy in 1974, 1977, 1978 and 1980. He was rewarded with the Hone Medal in 1979.

He has represented the State in 1975, 1978, 1979 and 1980 and was awarded a Blue in 1975 having received his Club Letters in 1974.

Egils was Club captain from 1980 for 3 years and has been actively involved in the administrative affairs of the Club. He was Assistant Secretary in 1974 and 1975, Secretary in 1976 and Chairman of the Social Committee in 1977.



M. Kerr-Grant

Malcolm Kerr-Grant began playing with 'the Blacks' as a freshman in 1974 and won the coveted Whittle Brothers' Best Freshman Trophy that year. In all, he played in excess of 130 Club games in a variety of positions, principally in the key forward positions but also at centre half-back, where he represented South Australia in 1979 against Western Australia. In a distinguished career, he has represented the State on eight occasions and was named an All-Australian Amateur following the Interstate Carnival in 1976 at Adelaide. He was also named in the All-Australian Universities' team in 1977. A Gunning Medal winner in 1980 and Club vice-captain in 1978, 1980 and 1981, he has also been actively involved in the administrative affairs of the Club as a member of the General Committee for a number of years. In recognition of his achievements, he was awarded a University Blue in 1975.

