

DECADE 9

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB - 1980 to 1989

RESURGENCE OF THE LOWER GRADES

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The 1980s commenced with the Adelaide University Football Club not having won an A1 Grand Final since 1975. 'The Blacks' had made appearances in every major round since that time except for 1977. To rectify this situation, the 1980 pre-season saw a continuation of the vigorous recruiting policy on campus, and extended to Uni students not playing for 'the Blacks'. This pro-active approach had been started in the late 1970s and was essential in the competition for talented players.

The results of this policy slowly manifested itself in the overall performances of the Club. In 1980 all six sides had a chance to reach the four with one minor round game remaining. Four sides ended up in the Finals and two Premierships resulted - A1 Reserves and A8.

The enthusiasm generated in the last few seasons of the previous decade had been very high. This led to the formation of a 'G' grade or seventh side. Registrations were now approaching the levels of the late 1960s and the early 1970s, when eight teams were fielded at the height of the Club's strength. This improvement in numbers and atmosphere at the Club was attributed to many factors. The Club now had a larger pool of willing administrators than had been the case for quite some time, the policy of pre-season trips to replace the Inter-Varsity competitions had proved very popular and the upgrading of facilities at University Oval, despite a cutback in financial support from the Sports Association, were some of these factors.

The return to the Club in 1980 of Dr F.A. (Fred) Bloch as senior coach and P.J.L. (Paul) Rofe as Football Director, along with the increased support of past players, was also important aspects of this revival.

It can confidently be stated that Fred's return was pivotal in ensuring the successes that 'the Blacks' were to achieve in the next 25 years.

From 1982, the teaming of 'Chocka' Bloch and Michael Weatherald influenced the Club significantly. More structured recognition of team and player performances through milestone photographs, team photographs, 'The Weathers' Keg' and the 'Long'un' Wilson Trophy, ensured more stability in the lower grades' coaching staff and players.

Many initiatives such as these, the advent of 'Hold Your Bowlies' and increased sponsorship and involvement of past players established sound foundations that have been built on and are in evidence in 2006.

Success was not instantaneous - it took some time for these positive initiatives to manifest themselves on the scoreboard. The 1985 season saw no side finish above fourth. A second place finish in the Norwich Life Cup was an indication of improvement in both depth of talent and performances across the Club.

But the performances in the next three seasons should be best compared against all the other clubs. Adelaide University Football Club won a hat-trick of Norwich Life Cups for the best-performing club in the Amateur League.

Player strength was bolstered in 1986 by the arrival of talented players from Adelaide College, which had folded as a club that year. John Griffen's influence in 1986 and 1987 was significant, with the 1986 A1 Premiership providing the fill-up that the Management Committee and Club players and supporters were seeking.

At least five sides competed in the Finals for the rest of the decade – a great achievement which restored 'the Blacks' to a position of strength in the Amateur League.

In 1988, the top four sides had to move to Park 10 whilst a new cricket pitch was reconstituted on the beautiful University Oval. This 'hip-and-shouldered' the remaining lower grade sides, an archers' range north to Park 9 – the former Teachers College Oval.

The decade saw the resurgence of the lower grades with 11 lower grade Premierships and 14 Medallists. Indeed, the 1988 season saw 'Blacks' players awarded five Amateur League medals.

More importantly, the ten-year drought in A1 grade Premierships was broken in 1986.

A brief summary of each of the years during this period follows.

1980 Season

The 1980 season opened with the announcement that Club great, P.J.L. (Paul) Rofo, one of the most decorated players in the history of amateur football, was to return to the Club as coach. Two stalwarts of many seasons, R.K. (Bob) Penhall and R.A. (Arch) Cameron, long serving members of the Club, had been appointed to coach the A1 Reserves and A3 teams.

Paul's appointment was to be short lived, with Fred ('Chocka') Bloch assuming the A1 coaching role at short notice.

The major administrative positions were unaltered with Professor Don Stranks taking on the Patron's position for the fourth year, Dr Peter Clark the President's position for a third term and I.A. (Ian) Dinnison the Secretary's job for a second year (almost unheard of). D.N. (David) Bartlett continued to handle the financial affairs of the Club for an eighth season. Former Club Captain, Mark Schwartz, was elected Chairman in the absence of Professor Geoff Harcourt, who was abroad on study leave.

Egils Olekalns had been elected Captain of the A1's, with Steve Skov his deputy.

There was a significant change in the Club policy regarding the grading of teams for this season. The A1 Reserves had, except for several seasons in the 1960s, had great difficulty in competing effectively in this grade. The Management Committee resolved to play the Club's second team in this grade to put the University on an equal footing with all other clubs. This move would also allow the A1 coach to watch potential A1 players at first hand. Other sides had been nominated in A3, A3 Reserves, A8 and A9, a recently formed grade.

The A1s won the first three games against Old Scotch, St. Dominics and Kilburn, although in the first two matches the side was well behind at half time – a real concern for new coach Bloch. In the third game, 'the Blacks' played superbly to defeat their highly rated opponents. In these games David Bartlett, Malcolm Kerr Grant, Steve Baker, Egils Olekalns, Richard Hearn, Peter Milte and David Bradshaw, had been in good form. Steve Skov, in an unaccustomed role as rover, kicked ten goals in the Kilburn game. Hadyn Baillie, with tallies of five, four and five goals, had also been playing well at full forward.

Despite this good start, the form of the side was inconsistent in the first round, and defeats occurred against Broadview, Riverside and Henley. The highlight of this part of the season was the defeat of Adelaide College on 7 June 1980 for the inaugural Alan Hickinbotham Trophy.

The second round saw Riverside and Broadview again prove to be too good for 'the Blacks'. Shock defeats also occurred against Old Scotch, 8.13 to 15.11, and Pulteney Old Scholars, 10.3 to 11.9. The latter side only won one other game for the season. This defeat was a bad lapse by 'the Blacks' and placed a Finals position in jeopardy. The side had to beat second placed Adelaide College in the last minor round game to gain fourth position.

The team responded to the challenge magnificently to defeat the Club's great rivals, 24.13 to 10.9. In this game, Captain Egils Olekalns roved magnificently to kick five goals, Malcolm Kerr Grant kicked nine goals from full forward, and Richard Smith, Mark Wellington, Mark Schwartz and Steve Baker were the best players in a very good team effort.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1980

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Broadview	18	15	3	30
Adelaide College	18	13	5	26
Riverside	18	12	6	24
University	18	11	7	22
Henley Dist. & O.S.	18	11	7	22
Scotch O.C.	18	10	8	20
St. Dominics	18	8	10	16
Kilburn	18	7	11	14
Pulteney O.S.	18	2	16	4
Glenunga	18	1	17	2

In the First Semi-final at Unley Oval, the side again played very well to defeat Riverside, a team the A1s could not beat during the minor round. 'The Blacks' benefited from poor goal shooting by Riverside to win, 11.11 to 7.19. David Bradshaw at full back played a fine game, with best support coming from Mark Wellington, Peter Milte, Egils Olekalns, Malcolm Kerr Grant (five goals) and Michael Kenny.

The Second Semi Final was an exciting tussle between Broadview and Adelaide College, played at Kilburn Oval. College won by a solitary point, 12.18 to 12.17.

In the Preliminary Final on Adelaide Oval, Adelaide College atoned for their two minor round defeats by 'the Blacks' and ran out winners, 9.12 to 14.27. The best players on this day were Kerr Grant (five goals), Olekalns, Jeremy Duffy, Richard Hearn, Mark Wellington and Kenny.

This was a disappointing end to a season for the A1 side that at times had promised to bring a Flag to the Club. Malcolm Kerr Grant, one of the most experienced players in the A1s, was justly rewarded with the Gunning Medal for his outstanding season.

After the first two games of the year it was apparent that the experiment of playing the second side in **A1 Reserves** was not working satisfactorily. **The A3s** had lost by margins of six goals and 19 goals, whilst the A1 Reserves had won by 17 goals and 21 goals.

Thus a swap was made and Bob Penhall became the A3 coach and Neil Page, the A1 Reserves coach. Robert ('Arch') Cameron remained as Captain of the A3 team. The A3s then lost the next three games (one by 16 goals and one by ten goals) to sit in bottom place after five rounds. 'The Blacks' then showed great character, rallying to win the next five games to put the side out of the relegation zone.

The A3s could not sustain this form and a loss to bottom team National Bank in the fifteenth round saw the side drop out of contention for the Finals. At the end of the minor round, the side was only one game away from fourth position which was a good effort considering the problems at the start of the season.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1980

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
St. Michaels OS&H	18	16	2	32
Prince Alfred O.C.	18	15	3	30
Plympton High O.S.	18	14	4	28
Murray Park CAE	18	8	10	16
Brighton High O.S.	18	8	10	16
Kenilworth	18	8	10	16
University 'B'	18	7	11	14
Post-Tel Institute	18	5	13	10
Old Ignatians	18	5	13	10
National Bank	18	4	14	8

Best players for the season were Peter Spain at full back, Peter Franklyn, David Whiting, Rob Parkinson, Randall Faull, David Proudman, Steven Stranks, Paul Davis and Lenny Johns.

The **A1 Reserves**, under the leadership of Neil Page after the change-over, enjoyed a very successful first round, only losing two games to Henley and Adelaide College. The team's form slipped away in the second round, but strong wins over Henley and Adelaide College in the last four minor round games ensured 'the Blacks' of the double chance.

The side beat College 10.14 to 6.5 in the last minor round game. This was a particularly good performance since College had only lost one other game for the season. This win contributed to a great day for the Club against the archrivals.

The A1 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Adelaide College (32), **University (26)**, Henley D&OS (24), Kilburn (24), Riverside (22), Broadview (16), St. Dominics (14), Glenunga (12), Scotch O.C. (8), Pulteney O.S. (2).

In the Second Semi-final, a young and enthusiastic University team pressured the Adelaide College side into errors and 'the Blacks' ran out comfortable winners, 9.6 to 4.7. In this game Mark Puddy, Andrew. Puddy and Greg Mead were impassable across half back and young

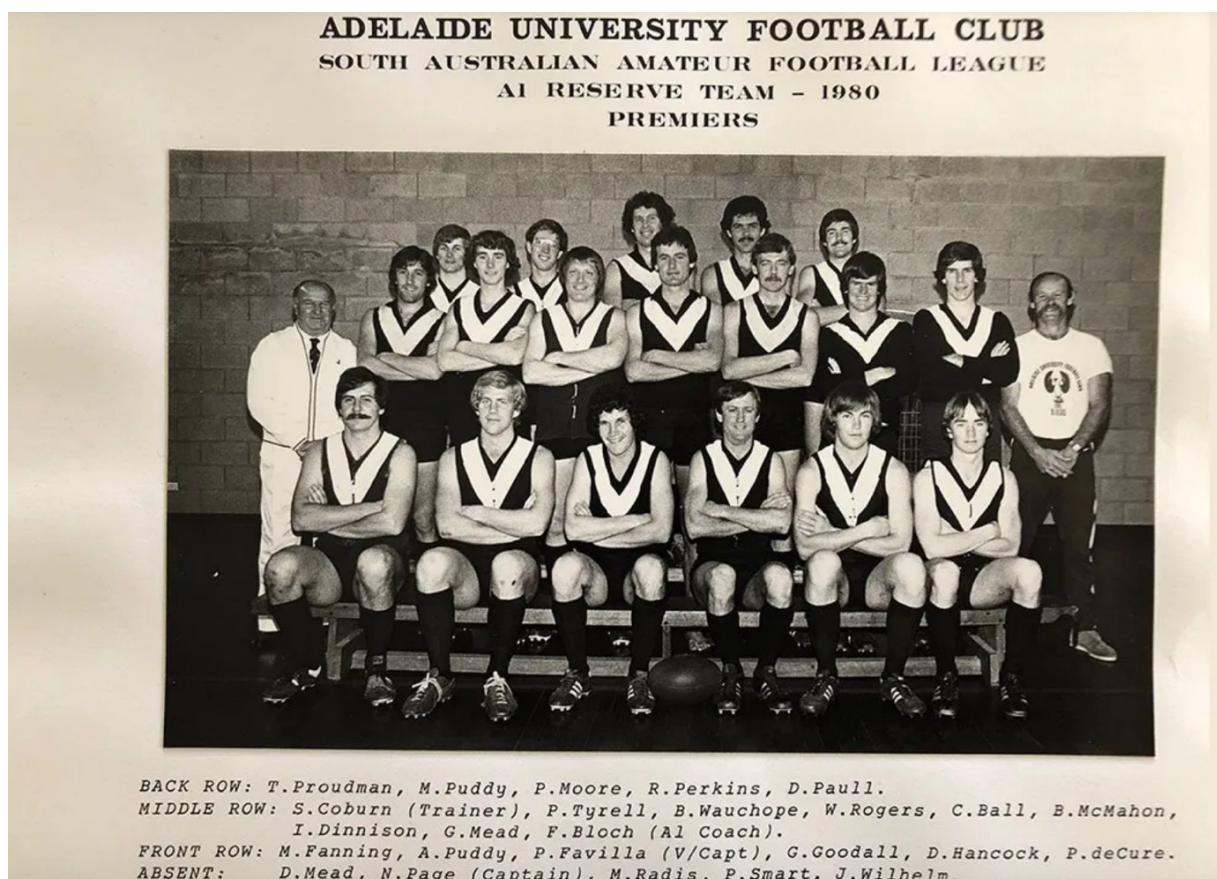
players Peter deCure and Pat Smart provided the run in the forward lines. Digby Hancock kicked five goals and Paul Favilla three goals.

The Grand Final was a very tight affair with 'the Blacks' not goaling until mid-way through the third term, when experienced Captain-Coach Neil Page kicked truly. Up until this stage experienced players Mark Fanning, Neil Page, Greg Goodall and 'Windy' Rogers had all played magnificently.

In the last quarter, 'the Blacks' skills shone through and the side eventually ran out winners, 5.14 to 3.7. Other players who contributed significantly to the victory were Jim Wilhelm, Bruce Wauchope, Mark Puddy and Paul Ball. Paul Favilla deservedly won the Best and Fairest Trophy for the season.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Henley	8.10	Kilburn	8.5
2nd Semi	Uni.	9.6	College	4.7
Prelim F.	Henley	9.13	College	8.3
Grand F.	Uni.	5.14	Henley	3.7



W.V. ('Tiger Bill') Connelly was in charge of **the A3 Reserves**. After a slow start, the team strung together five straight wins to challenge for a place in the four after the first round. The team continued to play good football and were extremely unlucky not to gain a Finals berth. A draw in the second last minor round game and a loss in the last game, when 'the Blacks' fielded a depleted side due to the University vacations saw the team miss out by one game. Best players during the season were Richard Perkins, Digby Hancock, Peter Moore, Tony Simmons, Peter Parry and Bruce Wauchope.

The A3 **Reserves Premiership table** at the end of the minor round was as follows.

SMOSH (34), PAOC (29), PHOS (23), Old Ignatians (22), **University (21)**, BHOS (19), Post-Tel Inst. (14), National Bank (8), Kenilworth (6), Murray Park CAE (4).

The A8s were under the guidance of 'hot gosseller', Ron Carey, and he moulded the side into a very competitive outfit. Many of this team had played together for several seasons in A7 and A8. The spirit of the side was unquestionable. The team opened the season with a 30.22 to 0.3 defeat of Post-Tel and never really looked back. 'The Blacks' lost two games in the first round (to Greek and West Croydon) and one in the second round (to West Croydon) to finish Minor Premier.

The A8 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University 'E' (30), West Croydon 'C' (30), Greek 'C' (28), PHOS 'C' (24), BHOS 'C' (22), Para Hills 'C' (14), Old Ignatians 'C' (12), Pulteney O.S. 'C' (10), Post-Tel Inst. 'C' (8), Kenilworth 'C' (2).

The Second Semi-final saw 'the Blacks' reverse the minor round results over West Croydon when the side ran out winners, 17.13 to 6.2. In this game Rick Sarre (who won the medal for this grade) played magnificently. He was well supported by John Kemp, Paul Thompson. Wayne Hocking, Ants ('Joe') Nurk and Roger Martin. Consistent forward, Paul Smith, kicked four goals.

The Grand Final was a tight game, with Plympton High Old Scholars three goals up after three minutes, but the side drew level at three quarter time. 'The Blacks' played well in the last quarter to win, 14.8 to 12.8. Geoff Davies on a wing was best, followed closely by Roger Martin, John Kemp, Paul Thompson, Bob Neil and Sam Schluter. Paul Smith again kicked four goals from full forward.

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1st Semi	PHOS	9.11	Greek	8.6
2nd Semi	Uni.	17.13	W. Croy.	6.2
Prelim.	PHOS	16.9	W. Croy.	11.4
Grand	Uni.	14.8	PHOS	12.8

Best players during the year were Rick Sarre, John Kemp, Ants ('Joe') Nurk, Paul Thompson, Roger Martin, Ron Carey, Geoff Davies, Graham Blue, Bob Neil and David Butler.

Paul Smith kicked 74 goals to win the Club's Goalkicking Trophy.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE
A8 TEAM - 1980
PREMIERS



BACK ROW: A.Hesketh, I.Grundy, G.Blue, P.Smith, J.Kemp, A.Brewer, D.Butler, P.Thompson, G.DeBoer.
MIDDLE ROW: S.Coburn (Trainer), S.Schluter, G.Davies, R.Corso, J.Carey, R.Sarre, W.Hocking, R.Bremert, R.Neil, F.Bloch (Al Coach).
FRONT ROW: R.Frears, G.Moody, J.Green, R.Carey (Coach), J.Nurk (Asst.Coach), P.Golding, T.Weeks, R.Martin.
ABSENT: M. Balcomb, G.Nicholson, M.Schapel.

New recruit and coach, John Homburg, had the unenviable task of looking after **the A9s**. John started the side off in good style, with three wins in the first five games. Coming into the Finals, the team won five of their last six games to lie in fourth place with one game to go.

The Club was lacking players due to vacations and injuries for this last game, and the A9s were the hardest hit. 'The Blacks' played well under the circumstances, but ended up drawing with Broadview, 11.9 to 10.15, when a win was needed. The team thus finished in fifth position. Best players for the year were Terry Carter, Ray Carpenter, Michael Higgs, Rob Hoile, Robbie Bremert, Michael Taylor and Tracy Sandow.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Ethelton 'C' (34), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (23), Alberton United 'C' (22), Scotch O.C. 'C' (22), **University 'F' (21)**, Broadview 'D' (20), Murray Park CAE 'C' (20), Pembroke O.S. 'C' (8), Gaza 'C' (6), SAIT 'C' (4).

It is interesting to note that Broadview had two draws, including the last minor round match that knocked Adelaide University out of the Finals. This draw allowed Scotch O.C. (coached by future 'Blacks' coach Ross Bourne) into the four – they then progressed to win the Premiership.

The 1980 season had seen the rejuvenation in the performances of the lower grade teams and a general uplift in atmosphere at the Club. Two Premierships were won and the feats of Neil Page and Rick Sarre in winning medals were first class. In the A8 Reserves competition Ron Carey was runner-up in the medal and John Kemp finished fourth - a very good performance by the team.

1981 Season

The 1981 season was the 75th year in the history of the Club, and in recognition of this momentous occasion David Bartlett and David Bradshaw organised a Celebration Dinner at the Olympic Sports Field clubrooms.

The Management Committee had decided to draft a book outlining the history of 'the Blacks'. Bartlett and Bradshaw agreed to edit and co-ordinate the research required to complete this task. After hundreds of hours of research by many people, the end result was a publication containing 172 pages and 50 photographs that had been meticulously collected from past players' and Sports Association records.

The book was ready in time for the Dinner on the 18 July 1981 and nearly 200 past and present players were in attendance. Speakers at the Dinner were Dr J.B. Day, Dr C.B. Sangster, P.J.L. Rofe, E.P. Olekalns, Dr N.C. Beagley and Professor G.C. Harcourt.

Administrative changes during 1981 saw Dr Neil Beagley replace Dr Peter Clark as President, John Homburg replace Mark Schwartz as Chairman, and Richard Smith replace Ian Dinnison as Secretary. Geoff Harcourt and Paul Rofe were awarded Life Memberships.

On the playing side, an extra team was entered, so the A8 team, Premier in 1980, became the A6 side with an A6 Reserves side. This brought the number of teams to seven – the number fielded in 1978.

A pre-season Mini-Olympics was held at Park 9, where the stars were Andy Nicholson, Tony Stanley and Egils Olekalns. This was followed by a pre-season trip to play Loxton North where Craig ('Clone') Ball, David Price, Peter Davie, Brian Austin, Michael Taylor, Rob Rorrison and Mark Wellington dominated off the field.

New recruits for the season included Craig Schulz (Best Freshman), Michael Eaton, Richard Anderson, Andy Fahey, Martin Altmann, Tony Fulwood, Richard Kimber, Damien McColl, David McDonough, John Read, Peter Slattery, Tim Suter, David Taylor, Simon Thomson and Paul Twiss.

Fred Bloch again was coach of the A1 side. In the first match the side beat Henley by 18 goals, with David Whiting kicking seven. After an initial three wins the team lost to Adelaide College and Kilburn. Then, with Keynes dominating in ruck and Olekalns and Franklyn roving brilliantly, 'the Blacks' won their next six games to be top after round 11.

However, the side suffered a form reversal (not untypical of 'Blacks' sides of this era), losing three games in a row. A recovery led to three wins on the trot and, with one round to go, was scheduled to meet Broadview at University Oval. A win in this game would have given 'the Blacks' the double chance, but unfortunately the side lost by four goals.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1981

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pt s
Kilburn	18	15	2	1	31
Riverside	18	12	5	1	25
University	18	12	6	0	24
Adelaide College	18	12	6	0	24
Broadview	18	12	6	0	24
Scotch O.C.	18	7	11	0	14
West Croydon	18	7	11	0	14
St. Dominics	18	5	13	0	10
Henley D&OS	18	5	13	0	10
Greek	18	2	16	0	4

In the First Semi-final against Adelaide College at Alberton Oval, the A1s were in the match against the eventual Premier until the last quarter. Steve Baker had cut John Griffen out of the game and Ashley Georgeson and Michael Eaton both kicked five goals.

College duly won 18.15 to 15.7 – another Finals defeat by the Club's arch rivals. The best players were Georgeson, Wellington, Eaton and Clements.

Peter Clements had a very good season at centre half back to win the Most Improved Trophy. Egils Olekals won the Best and Fairest for the third time, and Steve Stranks had a great season on the wing. The main goalkickers were Malcolm Kerr Grant (32), Ashley Georgeson (30), Michael Eaton (27) and Egils Olekals (26).

Players to represent the State Amateur team were Olekals, Rick Hearn, Malcolm Kerr Grant and Trainer 'Sandy' Cockburn.

The A3 side was coached by Neil Page and had a difficult season, winning the last two minor round games to avoid relegation. Best players during the year were Andy Fahey, John Agnew, Greg Goodall, Mark Miller, and brothers David and Tim Proudman.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1981

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pt s
Kenilworth	18	15	2	1	31
Pembroke O.S.	18	14	4	0	28
Rostrevor O.C.	18	11	7	0	22
Alberton United	18	10	7	1	21
Plympton HOS	18	10	8	0	20
Post-Tel Inst.	18	9	9	0	18
University 'B'	18	7	11	0	14
Ethelton	18	6	12	0	12
Murray Pk CAE	18	5	13	0	10
Brighton HOS	18	2	16	0	4

The A1 Reserves under Mark Fanning just missed the Finals, despite winning their last four games. There were several outstanding performances from the coach and from emerging

superstar Richard Anderson. Other good players were Hadyn Baillie, Jim Boynton, stalwart Paul Favilla, Lenny Johns, Nick Pyne and Paul Twiss.

The A1 Res Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Kilburn (31), Henley D&OS (30), Adelaide College (25), Riverside (24), **University (22)**, West Croydon (16), Broadview (14), Greek (12), Scotch O.C. (4), St. Dominics (2).

The A3 Reserves 'Mosquito Fleet' under 'Tiger Bill' Connelly started the season well, but fell from top mid-year to sixth at the end of the season. The highlight of their year was winning the team talent contest at the VP's BBQ where their renditions of 'Devo and the Village People' left the judges aghast.

Greg Bain had an outstanding season to finish third in the League medal, and other consistent players were Andy Abell, Mark Clisby, Steve Lomax, and David Peake-Jones.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Ethelton (26), Rostrevor O.C. (25), Post-Tel (23), PHOS (20), Pembroke O.S. (18), **University (17)**, BHOS (16)*, Murray Park CAE (15), Alberton United (12), Kenilworth (8). * included 2 draws.

After jumping two grades, **A6 coach** Roger Martin had the job in front of him, but five wins in a row in mid-season saw the team qualify for the Finals. Unfortunately star players John Kemp and Rick Sarre were unavailable for the First Semi-final. This cost the team any chance, but it was still a magnificent effort to get as far as they did.

Star players throughout the year were John Kemp, Brian McMahon, Roger Martin, Dave Butler, Ian Chapman, and Mike Chittleborough. Paul Smith at full forward kicked 58 goals to win the Club's Goalkicking Trophy for the second year in a row and Terry Weeks kicked 31 goals.

Australian National Railways Institute had been a continuing member of the Amateur League since 1937 and in all that time had never won a Premiership. The 1981 season was to be a big year for their club.

The A6 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Aust. Nat. Railways Institute (30), Greenacres 'C' (24), Ovingham (23), **University 'E' (20)**, Port Adelaide United (19), Broadview 'C' (16), The Parks (8), St. Paul's O.S. (4).

'Rocky's Rat Pack', **the A9 team** under Brian ('Rocky') Austin, won their first four games and won six in a row mid-season, but still missed the four by one position.

Best players for the season were Tracy Sandow (24 goals and third in the medal), David McDonough, Glenn O'Hara, Richard Branford, Rob Hoile, Richard Karutz, Gerry O'Halloran (33 goals) and Darryl Watson.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (Rostrevor 'Black') (28), Post-Tel 'D' (28), Gaza 'C' (26), Pulteney O.S. 'C' (26), **University 'G' (24)**, Kenilworth 'C' (20), SAIT 'C' (8), Rostrevor O.C. 'D' (Rostrevor 'Red') (8), Murray Park CAE 'C' (6), Pembroke O.S. 'C' (6).

The A6 Reserves ('Gazza's Greats') blossomed under the dynamic and charismatic leadership of Gary Martin. The side also missed the Finals by just one position. Gary Martin and David Taylor tied for third in the medal. Other fine players were Tony Fulwood, Peter Richardson, Paul Pattison, and Mike Blackel.

The A6 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Greenacres (34), Aust. Nat. Railways Institute (32), Broadview (26), Ovingham (16), **University (14)**, St. Paul's O.S. (14), Port Adelaide United (6), The Parks (2).

There had been an enthusiastic start to the decade, however a season which promised much delivered only two Final's appearances and no Finals wins.

Club spirit was high, and an end-of-season trip to Port Lincoln was organised. Memories are many, but 'Milky' Franklyn domination at the disco and Rob Rorrison and 'Chocka' Bloch performances at the racetrack are amongst the highlights.

1982 Season

The 1982 season saw an upturn in the Club's fortunes, with six of the seven teams in the Finals (the largest number in the history of the Club) and two teams winning Premierships.

This success was due in no small part to the appointment of Michael Weatherald as Club coach, a former Sturt and West Adelaide player who had been successful coaching Scotch O.C. and teams in the Hills Association. Michael conducted training three nights a week, including Wednesdays, when he coached the younger players in the Club. Mick's interest in every team and the enthusiastic administrative support of 'Chocka' Bloch, paid dividends. A stable Management Committee provided the necessary leadership and direction for 'the Blacks' to prosper.

The senior administrative officers from 1981 were all re-elected unopposed, with Fred Bloch and Paul Rofe were appointed Football Co-ordinator and Football Director respectively.

A new floodlight was installed near the scoreboard at University Oval and the Tony Brown Memorial Medical Room was opened in the south-west corner of the change rooms.

Highlights of the year included the Life Membership bestowed on David Bartlett, who was in his tenth year as Club Treasurer and about to play his 250th game for the Club.

Tony Ravesi's success in framing photographs of former teams; the dinner held in the Upper Refectory in honour of Professor Geoff Harcourt, who took up an appointment at Cambridge University; Ron Carey's A3 Reserves Medal; Michael Eaton's Full Blue were also cause for great celebration.

The A3 Reserves and A9 teams were Premiers in their grades, the A6 Reserves were runner-up and the A1s, A3s, and A3 Reserves all finished fourth. The A6 team finished sixth.

New players to the Club included Alexander ('Sandy') Hancock (Best Freshman), Mark Crosby, Peter Sharley, Richard Cooke, Simon Mestrov, David Gordon, Tim Willson, Tony Donnelly, David Goode, Graham Stanway, Richard Brown, Nigel Brophy, Tony Burke, Mark

Schwerdt, John Goodwin, Simon Ball, Peter Coleman, Michael Franklin, Andrew Culley and Dion Stendt.

Notable milestone game achievers during the season were David Bartlett (250), Egils Olekalns (200), Bob Neil and Mark Fanning (150), and Hadyn Baillie, Brenton Eckert, Peter Franklyn and Ants ('Joe') Nurk (100).

The end-of-season Presentation Night was held at the Sportsmen's Association and featured '*The Blacks' Blues Band* (Bloch, Homburg and Mark Puddy), spirited singing by Cockburn, Favilla and Weatherald, and the 'Monkey Face Strut' by Paul Pattison.

The A1 team lost the first match against Kilburn, but bounced back with six consecutive wins. In the match against West Croydon, 'Sandy' Hancock kicked 15 goals. He followed this up with nine against Scotch and several bags of seven goals. At the end of the first round, 'the Blacks' were in third position.

After round 8, the composition of the four was Riverside, Broadview, University and College, and it did not change for the rest of the minor round.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below, with 'the Blacks' just missing the double chance on percentage.

A1 Premiership Table 1982

Club	PI	W	L	D	Pts
Riverside	18	15	3	0	30
Broadview	18	12	5	1	25
University	18	12	5	1	25
Adelaide Coll.	18	12	6	0	24
PAOC	18	9	9	0	18
Kilburn	18	9	9	0	18
Seaton Ramb.	18	8	10	0	16
St. Dominics	18	6	12	0	12
Scotch O.C.	18	4	14	0	8
W. Croydon	18	2	16	0	4

The First Semi-final at Thebarton Oval saw the team well beaten by College. The final score line was 16.13 to 8.12, with College over-running 'the Blacks' to kick nine goals to two in a strong second half. For University Hugh Abbott, David Proudman, Peter Goode and Andy Fahey played good games. This was an abrupt end to a season which had promised more.

'Sandy' Hancock won the Club goal kicking with 91 goals – an excellent effort for a Freshman. The Club's representatives at the Perth Carnival were Egils Olekalns, Michael Eaton, Michael Kenny and 'Sandy' Cockburn.

The best performed A1 players for the year were Egils Olekalns (Best and Fairest for the fourth time), Hugh Abbott, 'Sandy' Hancock, Michael Kenny, Michael Eaton, David Proudman, Andy Fahey, Peter Goode, Steven Stranks and Mark Crosby (52 goals).

A1 Team, 1982
S.A.A.F.L.
Fourth Position



Back Row: A. C. Hancock, J. G. Agnew, D. M. Bradshaw, R. T. Cooke, B. W. Eckert, P. A. Goode, A. G. Fahey.
Third Row: R. J. Douglas (Manager), T. R. Hastings (Fitness Coach), J. K. Wellington, R. S. Smith, M. C. Eaton, S. J. Mestrov, S. N. Stranks, J. A. Homburg (Chairman), T. Harcourt (Statistician).
Second Row: N. C. Beagley (President), F. Cockburn (Head Trainer), T. W. Proudman, H. A. Abbott, G. R. Wheaton, D. N. Bartlett, D. H. Proudman, R. J. Parkinson, R. M. Rogers (Trainer), D. C. Eaton (Timekeeper).
Front Row: R. K. Penhall, (Club Doctor), C. W. Schulz, M. D. Kenny (Vice-Captain), M. A. Weatherald (Coach), E. P. Olekalns (Captain), M. A. Crosby, Professor D. R. Stranks (Patron).
In Front: J. Penhall (Mascot).
Absent: L. A. Cawley, L. H. Duffy, A. R. Georgeson, R. J. Hearn, P. H. Sharley, M. B. Wellington.

The A3 team, under Mark Schwartz, made the Finals for the first time in many years winning 11 matches. Tom Birchall and Damien McColl were effective forwards, both getting bags of 8 goals.

For most of the season the team was fourth, but in round 16 the A3s dropped out of the Final four, only to win its last two matches to finish one point ahead of Rostrevor O.C.. In round 18, 'the Blacks' defeated Alberton United in a game where Mark Favilla and Jack Richards starred.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1982

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Ethelton	18	16	2	0	32
Alberton United	18	15	3	0	30
Murray Park	18	12	6	0	24
University 'B'	18	11	7	0	22
Rostrevor O.C.	18	10	7	1	21
Woodville Sth	18	10	8	0	20
Old Ignatians	18	6	11	1	13
Pulteney O.S.	18	6	12	0	12
Plympton HOS	18	3	15	0	6
Post-Tel	18	0	18	0	0

The First Semi-final at Wingfield against Murray Park was lost, 17.18 to 13.10. Richard Anderson was best on the day, playing as a rover, a position he was to play with honour later for Norwood and the State.

The outstanding players for the year were Tony Stanley (Best and Fairest), Jack Richards, Mark Favilla, Richard Anderson, Richard Kimber, Rob Parkinson and Tony Donnelly.

The A1 Reserves, coached for the second successive season by Mark Fanning, improved one place to finish fourth. The side was third at the end of the minor round, after winning seven of the first eight games, losing three in a row and then winning their last five. This is indicative of the problems faced by University's third side.

The A1 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

PAOC (30), Riverside (26), **University (26)**, Adelaide College (26), Broadview (20), Kilburn (17), St. Dominics (12), West Croydon (11), Seaton (6), Scotch O.C. (6).

Despite a fine game by Jeff Voigt at centre, the A1 Reserves were defeated in the First Semi-final by Adelaide College. The side was demoralised by the sight of Bill Mihalopoulos on the interchange bench pulling a hamstring while warming up to go on. Best players for the year were Graham Stanway, Michael Franklin (37 goals), Andrew Puddy, Jeff Voigt and Craig Ball.

Remarkably, this was the eighth successive Grand Final in which the PAOC 'B' team had appeared.

The A3 Reserves, under Ron Carey again, started the season badly with two losses in a row, but won their next four games. The side won the last 11 minor round matches on the trot to earn the double chance. Peter Golding kicking ten goals against Pulteney in round 17 was a highlight.

A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Ethelton (32), **University (30)**, Rostrevor O.C. (28), Old Ignatians (24), Murray Park CAE (18), Alberton United (16), Woodville South (14), Post-Tel (14), PHOS (2), Pulteney O.S. (2).

The Second Semi-final saw a seven-goal victory over Minor Premier Ethelton, with Kemp, Willson and Kelso starring. Then the first A3 Reserves Premiership in 18 years came the Blacks' way when Rostrevor was defeated by 13 points in the Grand Final.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	ROC	12.5	Old Ign.	8.6
2nd Semi	Uni.	13.8	Ethelton	6.6
Prelim F.	ROC	12.8	Ethelton	7.7
Grand F.	Uni.	8.7	ROC	6.6

Ron Carey was in outstanding form in the centre and well deserved his medal win. Other good players over the season were John Kemp (Best & Fairest), Brian McMahon, Peter Golding, David Peake-Jones, Marcus Kelso and Dale Beck.



The A6 team was again coached by Roger Martin, and despite a good full forward in Paul Smith, who kicked 59 goals for the season, including eight against Port Adelaide United, finished the season in sixth position. Their best players were Justin Taylor (Best and Fairest), Ian Chapman, John Green, Richard Brown, Mike Chittleborough, Bob Neil, Santi Ruiz, Mick Schapel and Steve Summers.

The A6 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Edwardstown Baptist (36), The Parks (32), Albert Sports (22), Greenacres 'C' (16), Broadview 'C' (12), **University 'E' (12)**, Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (12), Port Adelaide United (2).

A6 Team, 1982
S.A.A.F.L.
Sixth Position



Back Row: R. G. Brown, H. R. Hancock, J. M. Taylor, A. B. Fulwood, M. N. Lucas, L. D. Keipert.
Second Row: R. H. Neil, A. J. Culley, M. C. Schapel, S. Thomson, J. G. Carey, P. K. Ashman.
Front Row: R. S. Smith (Secretary), R. J. Branford, R. C. Bremert, M. A. Weatherald (Club Coach), R. R. Martin (Captain-Coach),
T. G. Weeks, J. A. Homburg (Chairman).
Absent: G. M. Blue, A. M. Brewer, I. Mc. Chapman, M. C. Chittleborough, G. W. Davies, J. W. Green, D. J. Loftus, J. R. Miles, S. Ruiz,
P. A. Smith, R. N. Smith, S. C. Summers.

The A9 team coached by Brian Austin was a team of personalities. One escapade included stealing the Ligertwood Cup from the Sports Association to give Flinders University a glimpse, before thrashing them by 30 goals.

The side suffered their first loss in round 10 against Riverside and were surprisingly thrashed by 15 goals in the last minor round game against Burnside Kensington. The team's only other loss being to Scotch in round 14. Along the way Peter Maddern kicked 88 goals, including 13 against Flinders, and two bags of eight, all from a half forward flank.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Riverside 'C' (30), **University 'G' (30)**, Burnside Kensington 'C' (26), St. Dominics 'C' (26), ANZ Bank 'C' (24), Scotch O.C. 'C' (18), Old Ignatians 'C' (10), Murray Park CAE 'C' (10), SAIT 'C' (4), Flinders Uni 'C' (2).

The Second Semi-final saw the side go down to Riverside by three points, however, the team earned 'another crack' by defeating St. Dominics in the Preliminary Final, with Greg Moody starring in a back pocket.

The Grand Final at Weigall Oval was a heart stopper all day. The brilliant defence of Richard Karutz and Bob Hailer and the penetrating offence of Mark Wood, Peter Maddern, Bill Griggs and Mark Schwerdt saw 'the Blacks' come out winners by one goal.

1st Semi	St. Doms	11.9	Burnside	9.16
2nd Semi	Riv'side	8.20	Uni.	9.11
Prelim F.	Uni.	11.11	St. Doms	5.15
Grand F.	Uni.	14.15	Riv'side	12.11

Richard Karutz won the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for his game at centre half back, after receiving pain-killing injections before the game. Mark Schwerdt kicked three unbelievable snaps from the forward pocket, two in the last quarter. Other good players for the season were Mike Hughes, Danny Hyams, Ian Pedler, Craig Siviour, Peter Watherston and Darryl Watson.

1982 A9 Premiership Team



Back Row: P. H. Maddern, D. P. Watson, R. J. Karutz, J. B. Richardson, M. J. Higgs, J. R. Bessell, T. D. Suter.
 Second Row: M. A. Schwerdt, P. J. Golding, R. D. Hoile, N. Brophy, W. G. Natt, G. I. Gough, D. S. Hyams, P. J. Watherston.
 Front Row: R. S. Smith (Secretary), M. L. Taylor, J. F. Goodwin, C. K. Siviour, M. A. Weatherald (Club Coach), B. F. Austin (Captain-Coach), G. P. Moody, S. R. Paltridge, D. A. Brummitt (Manager).

The A6 Reserves, under Gary Martin, fell into the four by one game. Many gave the side little chance of progressing further. During the season the side was inconsistent, finishing with just ten wins.

The A6 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (28), The Parks (26), Greenacres (24), **University (20)**, Albert Sports (18), Edwardstown Baptist (18), Port Adelaide United (5), Rostrevor O.C. (5).

In the First Semi-final, 'the Blacks' shocked Greenacres to win by nine goals, with ruckmen Bruce Bishop and Tony Fulwood starring, along with centre half forward Bryan Crosby.

In the Preliminary Final, the A6 Reserve side beat The Parks by seven points, with Crosby and John Goodwin each kicking four goals. Unfortunately 'the Blacks' were outclassed in the Grand Final by a very experienced Broadview team. Alan Richards, Mike Leyland and Gary Martin turned in good performances. Other good players for the year were Simon Ball, Jeff Milton, Dave Taylor and Mark Wray, who kicked 35 goals.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	12.8	Greens	3.9
2nd Semi	Broadv'w	12.9	Parks	3.5
Prelim F.	Uni.	10.10	Parks	9.9
Grand F.	Broadv'w	12.9	Uni.	3.13

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S.A.A.F.L.
Runners-Up



Back Row: B J. Creaby, A. B. Fulwood, J.P. Sydowski, O. W. Bishop, N. J. Grndioso, M. F. Altmann.

Third Row: M. L. Wray, P. B. Fitzgerald, M. N. Lucas, A. F. Richards, M. R. Ocnnc11, P.A. Pallison, B. W. Wray, S. P. Ball.

Second Row: M. J. Clayton, S. F. Schluter, J. G. Carey, S. Thomson, G. I. Gough, A. J. Culley, P. K. Ashman, P. J. Klaric.

Front Row: P. F. Hales (Manager), J. F. Goodwin, S. R. Paltridge, D. A. Taylor (Vice-Captain), M. A. Wcatherald (Club Coach),
G. R. Martin (Captain-Coach), J.M. Leyland, J.B. Milton, J. A. Homburg (Chairman).

Absent: K. R. Black, T. E. Davidson, J. A. deBoer, M. A. Schultz, S. V. Wachtel.

1983 Season

For the first time since 1972, the Club fielded eight teams, with the A9 Premiership side of 1982 moving into A8 and the introduction of an A10 team.

The senior administration team were again unchanged and Dr N.C. (Neil) Beagley and Dr R.K. (Bob) Penhall were awarded Life Memberships – highly appropriate since the duo started together in 1965 with the Senior Colts.

New players to the Club who were to have an impact in future years included Tom Hancock (Best Freshman), Vince Conley, Jack Conrick, Steve Crowley, Robert ('Rabs') Douglas, Brett Dutschke, Tim Harcourt, Kevin Hindle, Scott Kimber, Brian Parsons, Nick Raschella, Adrian Stokes, Matt Warren and Greg Watson. Michael Harrison returned after several years absence with Glenelg.

Milestone game players for the year were Club great, Mark Schwartz (150 games), and Hugh Abbott, Ashley Georgeson, Paul Smith and Steven Stranks (100 games).

The season was a successful one with five teams making the Finals - the A3 Reserves finished as Premier and the A1s were the runner-up.

For some, this season was a bit too successful in one respect - coach Michael Weatherald promised to donate a keg if all teams won in the same week, as this happened in round 9.

On Photo Day in August, Club Secretary Richard Smith, who was leaving for Canada to study for his PhD, was presented with an engraved watch in appreciation of his services. This was a rare tribute and acknowledged Richard as a stand-out 'Blacks' member, committed to every aspect of the Club's activities.

The A1 team, coached by Michael Weatherald for the second year, won its first six games and eight out of the first nine. 'Sandy' Hancock kicked 11 goals against Kilburn and six against Princes, while Richard Anderson, Mark Crosby, Mick Kenny and Craig Schulz were in fine form. By round 6 'the Blacks' were top and remained so until round 12. A mid-season slump saw successive losses to Kilburn, Adelaide College, Greek and Broadview in rounds 12 to 15.

The slide was halted with a fine victory in round 16 over arch-rivals Riverside at Port Reserve, where Andrew Fahey dominated in ruck and 'Sandy' Hancock kicked six goals from a half forward flank. Andrew Fahey was awarded the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for his outstanding efforts in this match.

After winning the last three matches of the minor round, the A1 team was in fourth position. The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1983

Team	Pl	W	L	Pts
Riverside	18	14	4	28
Adelaide College	18	14	4	28
Broadview	18	12	6	24
University	18	12	6	24
PAOC	18	10	8	20
Greek	18	10	8	20
Seaton Ramblers	18	9	9	18
Kilburn	18	5	13	10
St. Dominics	18	3	15	6
Rosewater	18	1	17	2

In the First Semi-final Final at Blair Athol Reserve, Adelaide University kicked seven goals to two in the third quarter to beat Broadview, 16.11 to 9.11. In this game Michael Eaton starred at centre half forward. Michael Harrison and Egils Olekalns were dominant. In the Second Semi-final at Prospect Oval, Riverside nearly blew a four goal lead against Adelaide College, whose inaccuracy was costly, as Riverside won by five points, 10.10 to 8.17.

The Preliminary Final at Adelaide Oval was expected to be close. 'The Blacks' jumped College in the first quarter and increased the lead steadily as the match progressed. Michael Eaton at half forward, Michael Kenny in the centre were outstanding and rovers Olekalns and Crosby were damaging throughout the game.

Hence the A1s progressed to their first Grand Final since 1976 against Riverside who had been runner-up in the previous two seasons. Richard Anderson was back from injury for his first Finals appearance and the team was confident. The Grand Final was also played at Adelaide Oval under umpire Geoff Creek.

However, after an even first half, Riverside's strong tackling and in-form rovers, Daryl Lowry and Ivan Coles, dominated around the packs and 'Rivvies' won by three goals, 15.7 to 11.11.

Mark Crosby was outstanding for 'the Blacks', kicking four goals, and he was ably supported by Vin Conley with four goals, Peter Sharley and David Bartlett, playing his last A1 game, in an 'A' grade career stretching back to 1972.

This was Riverside's first A1 Premiership in 25 years – when University coaching legend Allen Greer was in charge.

The best players for the season were Egils Olekalns (incredibly, winning the Gunning Medallist for the fifth time), Richard Anderson, Peter Sharley, Michael Eaton (42 goals), Mike Harrison, Craig Schulz, 'Sandy' Hancock (48 goals), Vince Conley (42 goals) and Mark Crosby (38 goals).

Full Blues were awarded to Crosby, Hancock and Sharley, and the Club's State representatives were Crosby, Hancock, Kenny, Olekalns, Sharley, with 'Sandy' Cockburn as Trainer.

**A1 Team, 1983
S.A.A.F.L.
Runners-Up**



Back Row: S. V. F. Wachtel, D. J. McColl, P. A. Goode, G. B. Burfield, B. W. Eckert, J. M. Taylor, R. H. J. Kimber, J. A. Cawley M. C. Eaton.
Third Row: R. K. Penhall (Club Doctor), A. J. Parker, J. T. W. Birchall, R. S. Smith, V. M. Conley, M. J. Harrison, P. H. Sharley, D. C. Eaton (Timekeeper).
Second Row: F. Cockburn (Trainer), T. W. Proudman, T. G. Willson, C. W. Schulz, A. C. Hancock, R. I. Anderson, D. N. Bartlett, J. A. Homburg (Chairman).
Front Row: J. L. Smith (Statistician), D. H. Proudman, E. P. Olekalns, N. C. Beagley (President), M. D. Kenny (Captain), M. A. Weatherald (Coach), H. A. L. Abbott (Vice Captain), M. A. Crosby, J. Gregory (Statistician).
Sitting: T. M. Weatherald (Mascot).
Absent: R. T. M. Cooke, A. G. Fahey, A. R. Georgeson.

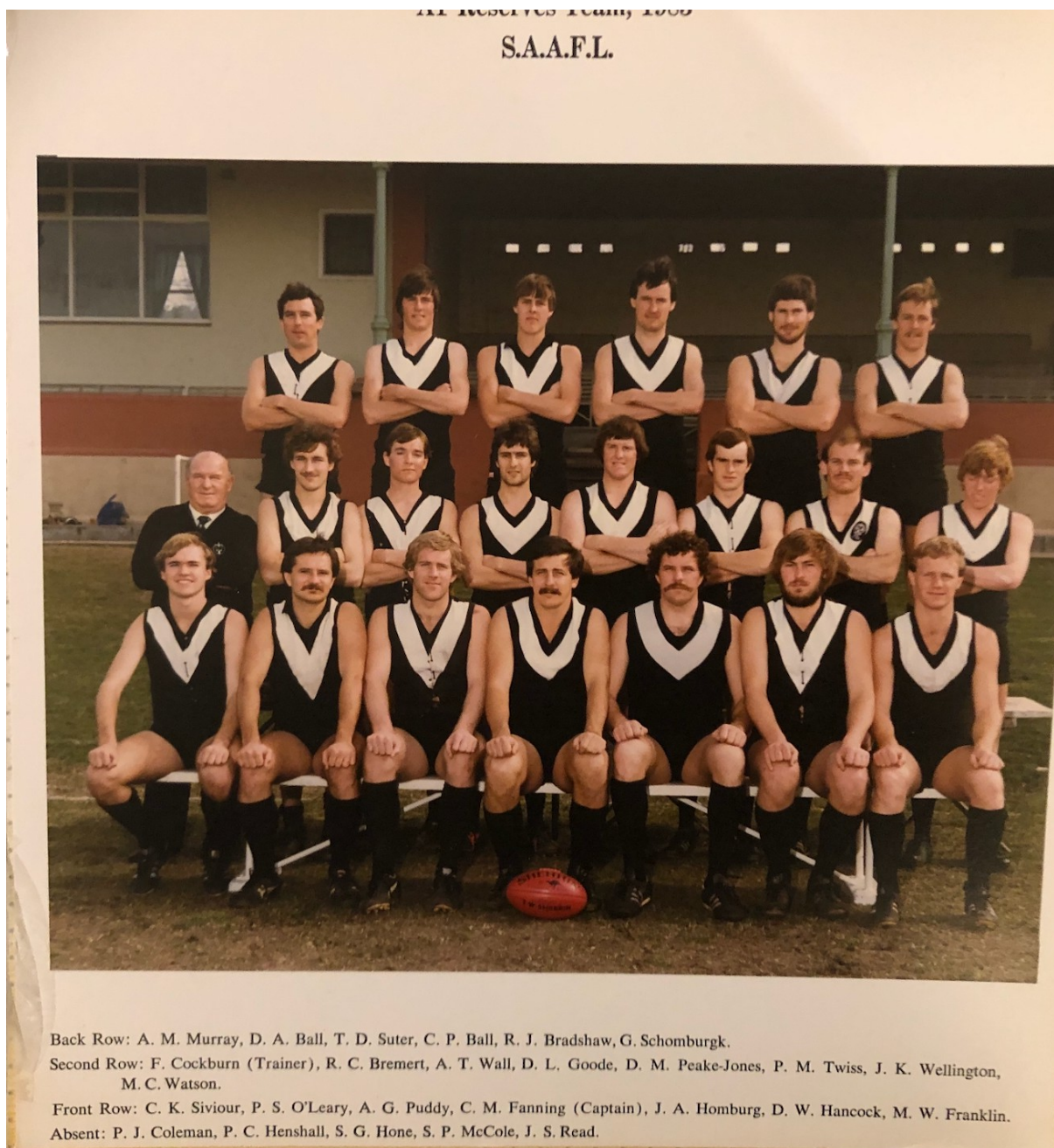
The A1 Reserves were again led by Mark Fanning and found it difficult to string consecutive wins together. Early in the season the side was aided by the good form of Greg Watson, Andy Nicholson and Mike Budini. Injuries to these three players cost the side dearly later in the season.

For most of the season the A1 Reserves had a running battle with Princes for fourth spot, but were always either a game or percentage behind. Despite winning their last two games by big margins, with Digby Hancock kicking five and eight goals, the team missed the four by percentage.

The A1 Res Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Riverside (34), Broadview 28), Seaton (28), PAOC (22), **University (22)**, Adelaide College (16), Kilburn (12), St. Dominics (8), Rosewater (6), Greek (6).

Best players for the year were Phil O'Leary (Best and Fairest), John Read, Tim Suter, Peter Coleman and Digby Hancock, with 43 goals.



A1 Reserves Team 1983

The A3 team was coached by Jim McColl, a former Essendon player and father of Damien and Shaun McColl. After one win and two losses, the side destroyed Glenunga by 20 goals, with a brilliant roving display by Andy Abell, with seven goals and six goals from full forward Tom Birchall. From round 3 onwards the team was either in third or fourth spot, helped considerably by seven strong games in a row from Andy Fahey before he was promoted to the A1s, and the fine form of David Whiting and Tim Willson.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1983

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Pulteney O.S.	18	16	2	32
Woodville South	18	12	6	24
University 'B'	18	10	8	20
Rostrevor O.C.	18	10	8	20
Alberton United	18	9	9	18
Taperoo	18	8	10	16
Pembroke O.S.	18	8	10	16
Old Ignatians	18	7	11	14
Port Adel. Pres	18	7	11	14
Glenunga	18	3	15	6

The First Semi-final was played against Rostrevor O.C. at Pedlar Reserve, Seaton and despite a good team effort, 'the Blacks' were defeated by three goals (15.15 to 13.10), with Andy Wall, David Peake-Jones and David Whiting turning in good games.

Over the season the best players were David Whiting (Best and Fairest), John Wellington, Andy Fahey, Andy Abell, Tim Willson and Tom Birchall, with 50 goals.

The A3 Reserves, coached by David Taylor, had a magnificent season losing only two games. The team had an ideal balance with tall men, Jim Boynton, and Brian McMahon, and the pace of Owen Hales, John Kemp, David Taylor and Danny Wardleworth. The attack boasted players like Bruce Swanson, Craig Siviour, Bill Mihalopoulos, Hadyn Baillie, Bill Thomson and Brian Parsons, whilst in defence there were Richard Perkins, David Henderson, Dale Beck and Mike Nesbitt.

Rostrevor O.C. also had a very strong side and both teams ended the minor round with 15 wins, two losses and a draw. University had beaten ROC's in the first round, but lost the second round encounter, so the stage was set for an interesting Finals series.

The A3 Res Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University (31), Rostrevor O.C. (31), Woodville South (25), Pulteney O.S. (23), Old Ignatians (22), Port Adelaide Presbyterian (16), Taperoo (16), Alberton United (8), Pembroke O.S. (4), Glenunga (4).

The Second Semi-final was played at Seaton, with accurate kicking saw 'the Blacks' victorious, 11.3 to 7.7. The dominant centre-line of Taylor, Hales and Wardleworth gave the forwards many opportunities resulting in Hadyn Baillie starring with five goals.

The Grand Final was played at Prospect Oval and Rostrevor were back for revenge. The game turned out to be a very close hard-fought match, with neither side able to break away. At three-quarter time the Blacks led by four points, with both sides having scored only five goals. Steve Bourne had kicked three at full forward, but goals were hard to come by - a tough last quarter loomed.

For the next 15 minutes 'the Blacks' could not score and Rostrevor hit the front and looked likely winners. Coach David Taylor pulled his match-winning move - he brought W.P. Clarke Esq. off the interchange bench. 'The Clarke factor' relished the limelight and proceeded to kick two goals in the last five minutes to win the game and his own immortality!

The outstanding players for the season were Richard Perkins (Best and Fairest), Bill Mihalopoulos, Jim Boynton, Danny Wardleworth and Bruce Swanson, with 30 goals.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	W'ville	7.8	Pulteney	5.9
2nd Semi	Uni.	11.3	ROC	7.7
Prelim F.	ROC	6.12	W'ville	7.4
Grand F.	Uni.	7.11	ROC	7.6

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A3 Reserves Team, 1983
S.A.A.F.L.
Premiers



Back Row: G. M. Flavel, D. S. L. Beck, R. D. Perkins, D. J. Sipek, J. T. Boynton, M. J. Goodman, V. B. Mihalopoulos.
 Second Row: N. C. Beagley (President), P. J. Lanthois, D. L. Goode, W. M. Thomson, B. R. Parsons, O. J. Hales, W. P. Clarke, J. Lethbridge (Boundary Umpire).
 Front Row: S. R. Paltridge, P. J. Golding, R. J. Carey, D. A. Taylor (Captain), C. K. Siviour, M. W. Franklin.

The A6 team, coached by Jeff deBoer, did not have a successful season, finishing eighth on the ladder. The side played against very strong teams such as Renown Park, Immanuel and Salisbury College. Star Victorian recruit Paul Brown was a strong and dashing centre half back, but was available for only nine games, and several more players of his calibre were needed to compete in this tough grade. Nevertheless, the team played many fine games and the spirit was good all season.

The side finished the season in good style, with a win over Rostrevor. Phil Sloane was an outstanding centre half forward and won the Best and Fairest Trophy, ably supported by Paul Brown, Steve Summers, Richard Brown and Grant Kirby.

The A6 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Renown Park (36), Immanuel O.S. (32), Salisbury College (30), PAOC 'C' (26), Broadview 'C' (22), St. Peter's YCW (16), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (13), **University 'E' (12)**, Port Adelaide United (11), Greenacres 'C' (10), Sacred Heart O.C. 'C' (8).



Gary Martin was again coach of the **A6 Reserves** who finished the season in third position. The team won the first seven games by big margins, with Simon Ball, Paul Klaric, John Goodwin and James Altmann creating havoc in the forward lines. The team came back to earth in round 8 with a nine goal loss to Broadview. Paul Klaric sought revenge the following week with a nine goal haul against Greenacres, while Bryan Crosby kicked 17 goals in the last four matches.

The A6 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (36), **University (30)**, Prince Alfred O.C. (28), Greenacres (26), Renown Park (24), Salisbury College (22), Sacred Heart O.C. (19), Immanuel O.S. (13), Rostrevor O.C. (6), St. Peter's YCW (8), Port Adelaide United (4).

Clearly the best side in the competition, apart from the very experienced and under-graded Broadview, the side had to face Broadview in the Second Semi-final.

The A6 Reserves rose to the occasion, however were a bit unlucky to lose a tough match by only 11 points. The effort took its toll, as the following week 'the Blacks' were comfortably beaten in the Preliminary Final by PAOC whom they had beaten in the minor round.

Best and Fairest for the season was wingman Mike Blacket, whilst other stars included John Goodwin (29 goals), James Altmann, Simon Ball (41 goals), Paul Pattison and Bryan Crosby (27 goals).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

2nd Semi	Broadv'w	14.6	Uni.	12.7
Prelim F.	PAOC	11.11	Uni.	4.8

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB
A6 Reserves Team, 1983
S.A.A.F.L.
Third



Back Row: M. L. Wray, M. F. Altmann, B. J. Crosby, N. J. Grandioso, B. W. Bishop, A. B. Fulwood, A. F. Richards, S. Thomson.
Second Row: P. F. Hales (Manager), J. F. Goodwin, J. G. Carey, P. B. Fitzgerald, D. M. Gordon, P. A. Pattison, B. W. Wray, D. Stendt,
N. C. Beagley (President).
Front Row: J. B. Milton, M. F. Blacket, A. J. Culley, G. R. Martin (Captain), S. P. Ball, P. J. Klaric, R. J. Douglas.
Absent: J. A. Altmann, D. F. Patching.

Pictured 1983 A6 Reserves

'Rocky's Rat Pack' found the **A8 grade** far tougher than A9 in the previous year and finished seventh. Missing from the previous year's Premiership side were Peter Maddern, Darryl Watson, Justin Bessell, Danny Hyams, Bill Griggs and Steve Murray amongst others, so the side was under-manned.

Coach 'Rocky' Austin buoyed the team up with his stirring pre-match addresses, with the one against Kenilworth in the South Parklands on a very wet day a stand-out example. Surprisingly, the side lost the game by three goals. Still, the A8s won the last two games for the season to finish on a happy note. Best and Fairest was follower Ian Pedler, and Charlie Doran, Peter Watherston (25 goals), Rob Hoile (24 goals) and Ian Press played well throughout.

The A8 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Riverside 'C' (36), St. Dominics 'C' (26), ANZ Bank 'C' (24), Banksia Park High O.S. (22), Ethelton 'C' (20), Woodville South 'C' (18), **University 'G' (12)**, Kenilworth 'C' (12), Burnside Kensington 'C' (10), Para Hills 'C' (0).



Above is the 1983 A8 Team.

The 1983 season is historically important as the foundation year of 'The Scum', the bottom side (**A10**) in the Club formed with the sole purpose of providing a haven for forgotten and unskilled footballers. The brainchild of Kevin 'Eagle-Eye' Hindle, 'The Scum' was forged into a dedicated, fearless and mostly inept football team under the astute leadership of 'Big Jim' Richards, aided by Joe Nurk.

After losing their first game by ten goals the team shocked all and sundry by thrashing Woodville West (the eventual Premier) by six goals in round 2, aided by a magical game in the pivot by Fresher Owen Hales. Owen was immediately whisked out of 'The Scum' to play serious football in higher grades. 'The Scum' then recruited Pat McCarthy from the A6s – he kicked ten goals against Old Ignatians to bring the side up to fourth spot after round 6.

The next match against Norwood Union at Brookway Park was a beauty and with seconds to go 'the Blacks' trailed by a goal when former rugby player, Kevin Hindle, was awarded a free for a flying tackle on an unfortunate opponent. The crowd was hushed as Hindle lined up from 40 metres and his exocet missile type kick never rose above two metres, but avoided all the congestion in the goal square to score full points and draw the match. 'Eagle Eye' was chaired from the ground – his greatest moment in football.

In the second round the side won six games, with big victories over ANI and Old Ignatians (Jim Richardson with seven goals), but took a hammering from Woodville West along the way.

The A10 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Woodville District 'C' (30), Woodville West (29), Norwood Union 'C' (27), **University 'H' (23)**, Post Tel Inst. 'C' (20), Glenunga 'C' (12), Aust. National Railways Institute 'C' (12), Old Ignatians 'D' (11), Alberton United 'C' (11), Eastwood 'C' (3).

'The Scum' faced Norwood Union in the First Semi-final at Rosewater. Their previous two meetings had resulted in a draw and a one-point victory to 'the Blacks'. A very even match was predicted.

The preparation for the Final left much to be desired as half the side had just taken a Statistics 1H exam. The talk in the dugout was not of quick movement or fearless attack on the ball, but whether the histogram in question 3 was positively or negatively skewed. Such is the nature of football in the lowest grade.

Nevertheless, in a brilliant 'un-Scum-like' display, 'the Blacks' annihilated the opposition by eight goals, with Pat McCarthy kicking nine goals, Adrian Stokes nearly sinking 'a torp' from the centre square and Tony Mellen dominating in ruck.

The victory was aided by a mis-apprehension on the part of the Norwood Union team in the second half that they were in a ten-round feature at the Thebarton Town Hall - a tactic that brushed off a Statistics 1H-toughened 'Scum' team.

The Preliminary Final was played at Kingswood Oval against Woodville West. 'The Scum' played magnificently, but kicked inaccurately to go down, 11.13 to 14.8. 'Big Jim' Richardson's game was inspirational and the team was unlucky not to be in the Grand Final in its foundation year. Scum stars for the season were Chris Barton (Best and Fairest), Neil Dear (28 goals), Pat McCarthy and Owen Young. Pat McCarthy won the Club Goalkicking Trophy with 72 goals – a fine effort for the season.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	16.18	Norw'd U	9.10
Prelim F.	Wood	14.8	Uni.	11.13

A10 Team, 1983
S.A.A.F.L.
Third



Back Row: O. S. Young, R. A. Moore, M. N. Lucas, K. G. Hindle, N. J. Grandioso, A. J. Mellon, C. W. Barton.

Second Row: M. A. Weatherald (Coach), K. G. Phelan, A. M. Meaney, A. J. Napier, P. I. McCarthy, M. A. Ayliffe, T. W. Harcourt, A. L. Stokes.

Front Row: G. W. Kidd, A. J. McLeod, A. Nurk, J. B. Richardson (Captain), M. J. Warren, B. Dutschke.

Absent: S. J. Crowley, T. N. Dear, W. M. Fraser, S. A. Jongebloed, G. J. Olds, D. A. O'Neill, L. W. Schlooz, M. C. Sherry.

1983 A10. The SCUM was born and rose to the top (nearly).

1984 Season

The constitution of the Adelaide University Football Club states that it is an objective of the Club to *"foster and cultivate the spirit of sportsmanship among the University students"* and to *"choose as many football teams as is possible or practicable from among the members of the Club"*.

It can be comprehensively stated that these objectives were met successfully in the 1984, with 250 students, graduates and associates donning "the Blacks" guernsey at some time during the season. Eight teams were fielded in the Amateur League, in grades ranging from the highest to the lowest. With good management (and a bit of luck) the numbers were sufficient every Saturday, so much so that President Dr Neil Beagley was not even required to sneak out with his togs.

The Club launched an ambitious sponsorship program in 1984 that was master-minded by Kevin Hindle. Stage 1 of the scheme was successfully launched with the acquisition of 25 Vice Presidents whom it was hoped would be involved with the Club for many years to come. The scheme was designed to provide a means by which retiring players could continue their association with 'the Blacks'. The Queen's Head Hotel again was a valuable sponsor of the Club, and the Management Committee planned to attract a major business sponsor in 1985.

During the season several social events were held including the Black's Ball, bar/video nights, Relax with 'the Blacks', the VP's BBQ, the Photo Day and the walkathon. Fundraising by the Social Committee was not as successful as hoped, and the Management Committee took a hard look at this critical area. The dilemma was to put on shows which the average student could afford and at the same time make money to run the Club. The Management Committee was ever mindful of the need to cater to all Club members both on the playing and social sides.

The home game against PAOC saw many past players return to University Oval for the opening of the Honour Roll in the change rooms. David Bartlett managed this project and the pleasure it gave some of the 'old-timers' to see their names listed in honour ensured the success of improving the involvement of past players.

The 1984 season also saw a tentative move towards recovering Inter-Varsity as two teams took off in a bus to Monash for pre-season matches against Melbourne and Monash Universities. Monash were splendid hosts and they and Tasmania seem most keen to get Inter-Varsity back on the football program.

Coach Michael Weatherald, in his third season with the Club, took the A1 side into the Finals as he had done each season. Unlike 1983 when the A1 side played in the Grand Final, this year 'the Blacks' had to be satisfied with fourth.

The year began on a promising note with the influx of new players - John Gallagher from Norwood, Stephen Parker from Sturt, Darren Foster from Port Augusta - and the return of former players Richard Hearn from overseas, Bruce Keynes from the Australian rowing eight. Chris James from Morphett Vale, John Agnew from the country and Cory Williams from Tasmania completed a very good list of recruits.

'The Blacks' were on top of the ladder for the first few rounds, but then suffered a series of intermittent defeats brought on in part by injuries to a number of key players that unsettled the side. A big loss was forward Vince Conley who only played four games for the season due to a chronic knee injury and Simon Mestrov who did not play after round 8 due to a groin injury. Steven Parker missed eight games, Andy Fahey was available only infrequently due to studies, and Brenton Eckert broke two ribs. State player, Richard Hearn, broke his leg in

the last minor round game to complete an unfortunate season for injuries. This injury was to end Richard's distinguished career.

The big defeat of Adelaide College (11.17 to 2.1) in round 17 that retrieved the Hickinbotham Trophy was a moment to be savoured late in the season.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1984

Team	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Riverside	18	13	5	0	26
SHOC	18	12	5	1	25
Greek	18	12	6	0	24
University 'C'	18	11	6	1	23
Broadview	18	11	7	0	22
PAOC	18	11	7	0	22
Seaton Ramb.	18	8	10	0	16
Adel. College	18	7	11	0	14
Kilburn	18	2	16	0	4
St. Peter's O.C.	18	2	16	0	4

The First Semi-final at Prospect Oval saw Gary Richardson's Greek pitted against Michael Weatherald's Adelaide University, without most of these players and Ashley Georgeson who twanged a hamstring.

The game opened in dry conditions and 'the Blacks' looked the better side until the rain started to fall. In an exciting finish Greek hit the front for the first time at the 21-minute mark of the last quarter and held on to win by two points, 10.11 to 10.9. Richard Anderson, a future Norwood star and SANFL State player, starred for University.

There was so little between the top four teams that with an ounce more luck the team could have been in and won the Grand Final. It was hoped that the disappointing end to the A1 season (and the lack of real success in Finals in the recent past) would make the A1 side hungry for a Premiership in 1985.

The two outstanding players in the team over the year were Craig Schulz and Richard Anderson, who were first and second, respectively in the Club's voting for the Gunning Medal. Both players were awarded Blues for their performances in the State games against Western Australia and Victoria. Mike Harrison, Michael Kenny, and Richard Hearn were the other players representing the State Amateur side.

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A1 Team, 1984

S.A.A.F.L.

Fourth



Back Row: T.M. Hancock, D.J. Foster, D.J. McColl, K.B. Keynes, R.T.M. Cooke, P.D. Slattery, M.A. Burfield
 Third Row: G.B. Burfield (Manager), T.W. Proudman, E.P. Olekalns, P.H. Sharley, M.J. Harrison, D.H. Proudman, M.A. Crosby
 Second Row: F. Cockburn (Trainer), A.J. Parker, R.J. Hearn, J.H. Duffy, C.C. James, D.C. Eaton (Timekeeper), Prof. D.R. Stranks (Patron)
 Front Row: N.C. Beagley (President), C.D. Williams, M.D. Kenny (Capt.), M.A. Weatherald (Coach), B.W. Eckert (Vice-Capt.), C.W. Schulz, R.K. Penhall (Doctor)
 Sitting: T.M. Weatherald (Mascot)
 Absent: J.G. Agnew, R.I. Anderson, V.M. Conley, M.C. Eaton, A.G. Fahey, J.M. Gallagher, A.R. Georgeson, A.C. Hancock, R.H.J. Kimber, S.J. Mestrov, S.P. Parker, P.D. Slattery

The A3 side was coached by Ross Bourne, formerly of Scotch, and finished second at the end of the minor round. Unfortunately the team lost both Finals to finish the season in third position. This was the highest position the A3 side had achieved in ten years and credit must go to Ross Bourne for moulding this side into a skillful and determined combination.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1984

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Port District	18	15	2	1	31
University 'B'	18	15	3	0	30
Rostrevor O.C.	18	10	8	0	20
Alberton United	18	9	9	0	18
SMOSH	18	9	9	0	18
Murray Pk CAE	18	8	10	0	16
Plympton HOS	18	8	10	0	16
Pembroke O.S.	18	7	11	0	14
Old Ignatians	18	6	12	0	12
St. Raphaels	18	2	15	1	5

In the major round, Rostrevor defeated Alberton United in the First Semi-final at Wingfield, 16.8 to 11.8. 'The Blacks' were defeated by Port District in the Second Semi-final at Seaton, 11.20 to 6.11. Rostrevor then knocked the A3 side out in the Preliminary Final at Unley Oval, 12.13 to 9.11.

Outstanding players throughout the season were Jerry Duffy, John Cawley, Andrew Ewers, Steve Stranks, Tony Donnelly, Tony Stanley, David Peake-Jones and Cory Williams.

The A3 side won the 'Chocka' Trophy, a cup donated by Michael Weatherald for the best performed University team over the season. Normally the bridesmaid to the A1 team, the A3s came into their own this year, developing a real team identity. Signs were positive for the future and their first Premiership in 20 years was not out of the question.



The A1 Reserves were coached this year by former A1 star David Bartlett who played his 297th game for the Club in the Grand Final. The team had to win its last four matches to make the Finals and was considered only an outside chance of achieving this. In the last game of the minor round, 'the Blacks' defeated top side Broadview to cement fourth position, but only on percentage.

The A1 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (30), Riverside (26), Kilburn (22), **University (22)**, SHOC (22), Adelaide College (16), SPOC (16), PAOC (10), Seaton (10), Greek (6).

The team thrived on the pressure of Finals football. The A1 Reserves proceeded to win its three Finals matches by an average of nine goals to take out the Flag.

The Grand Final was played against a very confident Riverside, and the pace and vigour of 'the Blacks' took Riverside by surprise. Early in the game the height of the Riverside forwards caused problems but the backline eventually gained control, led by Rob Bradshaw playing his 100th game for the Club. With Bartlett dominating the pivot, Fanning and Andrew Puddy controlling the game as followers, and Rod Roberts scouting the packs, 'the Blacks' set up attack after attack to which Riverside eventually succumbed. When David Ball was

moved to centre half forward in the last quarter he drove the nail in the coffin with his strong marking and great ball control.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	18.8	Kilburn	7.8
2nd Semi	Riv'side	12.9	Broadview	9.5
Prelim F.	Uni.	10.12	Broadview	3.7
Grand F.	Uni.	13.10	Riverside	4.7

Captain-Coach David Bartlett had an outstanding season to finish second in the Tapping Medal and win the Club Best and Fairest. Other outstanding players were stalwarts Mark Fanning, Andrew Puddy, Mark Schwartz and Rob Bradshaw, newcomer Damien McQuillan and the talented youngster David Ball.



1984 A1 Reserve Premiership Team

Premier in 1982 and 1983, **the A3 Reserves** lost several experienced players resulting in a very unsettled compared with previous years. This showed up in the first Semi-final when they were soundly beaten by hot rivals Rostrevor.

The A3 Res Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

SMOSH (34), Port District (28), **University (26)**, Rostrevor O.C. (24), Old Ignatians (16), Murray Park CAE (16), Pembroke O.S. (12), Alberton United (10), PHOS (10), St. Raphaels (4).

The brightest note for the team was the outstanding performance by Captain-Coach David Taylor who won the Wilson Medal for best player in the competition. Taylor played in only 13 full games for the season, being plagued with hamstring problems, yet polled 27 votes in 11 games such was his dominance in the pivot.

The A7 team did not enjoy the best of seasons. The side was either soundly trounced by the top sides or received forfeits from the bottom sides. Captain-Coach Craig Ball led by example all year, but the team lacked experienced players necessary to compete successfully at this level. Other Clubs seemed to field strong third sides in A7 or really struggle.

The A7 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

National Australia Bank (30), Kilburn 'C' (30), Seaton 'C' (28), West Croydon 'C' (24), Riverside 'C' (22), **University 'E' (20)**, Gaza 'C' (12), Adelaide College 'C' (8), St. Dominics 'C' (6). Greek withdrew after round 5 to be replaced by Kilburn 'D' that in turn withdrew after round 14.

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Back Row: S.C. Summers, S.D. Kimber, A.B. Fulwood, S.T. McQuillan, S. Thomson
 Middle Row: R.N. Smith, R.G. Brown, N. Raschella, G.C. Wright, D.J. Bassanese
 Front Row: B. Dutschke, M.F. Blacket, C.P. Ball (Capt./Coach), M. Bowyer, W.K. Pennell
 Absent: L.W.P. Burns, M.J. Clayton, D.L. Goode, J.A. Hall, A. Haselgrove, G.T. Kirby, M.D. Rugless,
 P.G. Sloane, M.P. Sampson, M.H. Woolford O.S. Young

The A8 competition was very even, apart from Premier, Banksia Park High OS. 'The Blacks' sixth side did well to finish the minor round in second position, Captain-Coach Peter Maddern was an inspiration kicking 57 goals for the season from half forward, including five in the Preliminary Final.

The A8 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Banksia Park High O.S. (34), **University 'F' (24)**, Burnside Kensington 'C' (24), Ethelton 'C' (20), ANZ Bank 'C' (20), Old Ignatians 'C' (19), Scotch O.C. 'C' (14), Kenilworth 'C' (11), SMOSH 'C' (8), Gepps Cross 'C' (6).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi				
2nd Semi	Banksia Pk	15.11	Uni.	7.7
Prelim F.	Burnside K.	11.15	Uni.	10.7
Grand F.				

Unfortunately, the team could not put their game together during the Finals and despite several fine individual performances, had to be content with third spot.



The A9 side contained several players who had given the Club great service over an extended period. Bob Neil, coach Jeff deBoer, Paul Smith, Adrian Brewer and Roger Martin had all played together for several seasons. Understandably, the A9 team was fondly referred to as the 'Geriatrics'.

The team recovered from a poor start to the season, but were unlucky to lose star centreman and dual medallist Rick Sarre in round 17. He was sidelined for the First Semi-final which was lost to Pulteney O.S..

Full forward Paul Smith with 59 goals won the Club Goalkicking Trophy for the third time.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Wingfield 'C' (32), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (31), **University 'G' (26)**, Pulteney O.S. 'C' (24), Unley C (19), Port Adelaide Presbyterian 'C' (12)*, Woodville District 'C' (12), Norwood Union C (10), Murray Park CAE 'C' (8), Flinders Uni 'C' (6). * included two draws.



1984 A9 Team

The A10 side, fondly referred to as 'The Scum' (note that the scum always rises), suffered a real body blow before the season even began when Captain-Coach 'Big Jim' Richardson suffered a back injury playing indoor cricket. This injury kept him out for the whole football season.

Jim's skill and experience was just about the only thing the A10's could not do without and it left the side with little experience apart from Joe Nurk and Captain Tony Mellen, who both performed magnificently. Despite Jim's absence on the field, however, his spirit and enthusiasm was infectious and inspired the players. The team's altitude was worthy of an A1 side.

The A10 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

CBOC 'C' (30), Port District 'C' (27), Broadview 'E' (27), Post-Tel Inst. 'C' (22), Glenunga 'C' (20), Para Hills 'C' (16), Old Ignatians 'D' (16), **University 'H' (14)**, Rostrevor O.C. 'D' (14), SAIT 'C' (4).

Despite the Semi-final loss by the A1 side there were positives in the season. Two of these highlights were the victories over a State squad team under lights at Thebarton Oval and 'the Blacks' defeat of Melbourne University in a pre-season trial game at Monash – the only defeat of 'the Blacks' rivals in their home State.

The level of sportsmanship displayed in this season was what one has come to expect of University players, and while many were bemoaning the extended absence of an A1 Premiership, the Club spirit was as high as it has been for some time.

Six of the eight teams participated in the Finals, the bottom side had the biggest turnout on Photo Day, and the A1 Reserves won admiration all round with its 'dashing' Premiership.

There were also two Amateur League Medallists in David Taylor and Rick Sarre in A3 Reserves and A9.

Other initiatives like the A1 canteen, run by Jane Bartlett, and the introduction of (female) physiotherapists were positive steps to improving the services for players and supporters. The downside was a record number of groin injuries.

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Back Row: T.P. Burfield, K.R. Thompson, A.P. Stewart, M.K. Haese, A.J. Napier, M.S. Ashwood, P.E McLaren, P.V. Crowhurst, M.R. Schultz
Middle Row: M.J. Warren, A.J. McLeod, M.A. Ayliffe, M. Bowyer, M.N. Lucas, W.M. Fraser, A.J. Culley, M.J. Lang, A.L. Stokes
Front Row: A.S. Davies, A. Nurk, K.D. Tregenza, J.B. Richardson (Coach), A.J. Mellen (Capt.), W.K. Pennell, J.G. Grubel
Absent: D.K. Arthur, W.H. Measday

1984 A10 Team

1985 Season

The re-appointment of Michael Weatherald as A1 coach for a fourth season augured well for the Club's prospects in 1985. It provided much-needed stability at the top of the Club.

In 1985 'the Blacks' once again fielded eight teams, spread throughout the grades of the Amateur League.

Three outstanding Club members reached significant milestones. Long serving A1 players, David Bartlett and Egils Olekalns, played their 300th and 250th games respectively. Lower grades' champion and Club legend, Bob Neil, played his 200th game with 'the Blacks'.

The Club was again under the guidance of President, Mark Schwartz, and new social events were added to the calendar. These included an Auction Night where Peter Maddern eked money out of cash strapped students. The annual 'Blacks' Ball was held at Burnside Town Hall with the innovative theme 'Black and White'.

Inter-Varsity football resumed and a team of 23 players and three officials made the trip by bus to the Inter-Varsity Carnival in Canberra. The first match was held against Sydney University with 'the Blacks' winning by 32 goals. Michael Burfield kicked 15 goals in a dominant performance. Tim Proudman was selected as All-Australian Vice-captain.

'The Blacks' A1 team had significantly changed personnel in season 1985, with 17 experienced players moving on, retiring, travelling or suffering serious injury. Mike Weatherald had been appointed to the coaching position for the fourth straight year. One of the best players of this era, Michael Kenny, was elected Captain.

The season began badly with a loss to West Croydon by 8 points, but this was countered by a strong win against 1984 Premiers Riverside and hopes for a good season lifted. However, disaster struck next week when the Blacks 'outplayed' traditional rivals Adelaide College, but conceded 8 goals in the third quarter to go down by 9 points. This loss would eventually cost the team a finals berth. The A1 side then trashed Seaton 23.21 to 7.10 with M A (Mark) Crosby kicking 10 goals. Several losses followed and the team needed to win 8 of the final 10 games to make the finals.

A courageous come from behind win from 6 goals down against West Croydon started the run for the finals. Uni then faced up to Riverside whose body strength proved too strong, resulting in a 27 points loss in a hard fought game. Strong wins against College and Seaton followed. Then in a brilliant performance led by Bruce Keynes in ruck the A1's defeated third side Broadview by 68 points to enter the four.

Unfortunately, in the next game Uni was outclassed by eventual Premiers Greek. This left the showdown at Greenacres to decide fourth spot and after a seesawing battle the Club went down by 13 points.

Strong wins against Princes and Sacred Heart followed with the A1's finishing the season in fifth spot. Standout performers throughout the year included Mick Kenny, who won the Gunning Medal and finished third in the SAA F L Pfitzner Medal. Sandy Hancock kicked 78 goals including two bags each of 10, 8 and 7 goals. The pick of the first year talent included Michael Dadds.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1985

Team	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Greek	20	17	3	0	34
Riverside	21	16	5	0	32
Broadview	20	13	7	0	26
Greenacres	19	11	8	0	22
University	18	10	8	0	20
West Croydon	18	10	8	1	20
SHOC	18	7	11	0	14
PAOC	18	6	14	0	12
Adelaide College	18	4	15	1	8
Seaton Ramblers	18	0	18	0	0

The A3 side started strongly, winning its first five games. Then the team struggled to maintain this form and ended up in sixth spot with 10 wins, amazingly three by a solitary point. The most memorable win was achieved in beating the second ranked St. Michael's O.S. by one point. Half back flanker Robbie Bremert picked up 31 possessions and 12 marks to win the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for the most outstanding individual performance during the season.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1985

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Port Pres.	18	15	3	0	30
SMOSH	18	13	5	0	26
Plympton HOS	18	12	5	1	25
Woodville Sth	18	11	7	0	22
St. Dominics	18	8	10	0	16
University 'B'	18	7	10	1	15
Norwood Union	18	7	11	0	14
Pembroke OS	18	5	13	0	10
Murray Park	18	2	16	0	4
Alberton United	18*	0	18	0	0

The A1 Res retained only six players from their Premiership team of 1984 and never reached the standards of the previous year, finishing a disappointing seventh with 8 wins. Two-point losses to top sides Broadview and Greenacres showed that the team could match it with the best. Captain coach D N Bartlett played his 300th game for the Club and excelled once again in winning the Best and Fairest Trophy.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 Reserves is shown below.

A1 Res Premiership Table 1985

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Greek	20	16	4	32
Broadview	21	17	4	34
Greenacres	20	13	7	26
PAOC	19	10	9	20
Riverside	18	10	8	20
SHOC	18	9	9	18
University	18	8	10	16
West Croydon	18	8	10	16
Adelaide Coll.	18	3	15	6
Seaton Ram.	18	1	17	2

The A3 Reserves won its first five games to make the Finals before bowing out in the First Semi-final to St. Dominics by 12 points.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

SMOSH (34), Port Adelaide Presbyterian (28), St. Dominics (28), **University (22)**, Woodville South (20), PHOS (16), Norwood Union (14), Pembroke O.S. (12), Murray Park CAE (4), Alberton United (2).

The A7s struggled for most of the year and won only four games in a disappointing season. Centreman Ricky Smith won the League's Flanagan Medal for the grade's Best and Fairest player. He polled 17 votes in nine games. Steve Crowley performed well at full back and Captain-Coach Digby Hancock was the leading goal scorer with 65 goals.

The A7 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

SAIT (30), St. Peter's YCW (28), Broadview 'C' (24), Greenacres 'C' (22), Goodwood Saints 'C' (16), PAOC 'C' (10), **University 'E' (8)**, SPOC 'C' (6).

The A9 team (the 'Silver Bullets'), coached by Peter Maddern, performed creditably to finish sixth, with ten wins and six losses. Peter Maddern once again led the goalkicking with 57 goals and polled a credible 12 votes with three B.O.G performances. Paul Pattison won the Best and Fairest Trophy while Peter Coleman, Darren Button and Steve McQuillan performed well.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Port District 'C' (34), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (26), Scotch O.C. 'C' (26), ANZ Bank 'C' (24), Ethelton 'C' (20), **University 'G' (20)**, Rosewater 'C' (14), SMOSH 'C' (6), St. Dominics 'C' (6), Wingfield 'C' (4).

The A11 team (the 'Geriatrics') finished fourth, before losing to the eventual Premier in the Finals.

The A11 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview 'E' (34), Post-Tel Institute 'C' (32), **University 'H' (28)**, Woodville South 'C' (24), Adelaide Lutheran 'C' (22), A N R I 'C' (16), Rostrevor O.C. 'D' (12), Mitcham 'C' (12), Flinders Uni 'C' (10), SAIT 'C' (6), Glenunga 'D' (0).

First year player Andrew Boucher won the Best and Fairest Trophy for the A11s, evergreen Mick Schapel was the Most Consistent and Steve Haskard, Bill McHenry and Andrew Stenhouse performed well. Paul Smith kicked 62 goals for the season, taking his career total to 335 goals in 130 games.

'The A Double Ones' won the 'Chocka' Trophy for the best performed team, polling most votes for both on and off the field performances.

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A11 Team, 1985

S.A.A.F.L.

Fourth



Back Row: M.L. Wray, W.F. McHenry, A.M. Brewer, A.J. Stenhouse, S. Haskard
 Second Row: A. Kay, A.R. Boucher, D.C. Kay, R.G. Brown, R.H. Neil
 Front Row: P.A.B. Black, W.T. Sarre, P. Ransome (Capt.), M.F. Altmann (Vice-Capt.), R.R. Martin
 Absent: G.M. Blue, A.F. Considine, J.A. deBoer (Coach), G.I. Gough, N.G. Hobbs, R.H. Howie, L.D. Keipert, A.F. Richards, M.C. Schapel, P.A. Smith

The A7 Reserves team ('The Scum') were outclassed in this grade. Coach Joe Nurk, who had played with 'the Blacks' since 1977, retired to become the Club's photographer. Tony Mellon again performed well to win the Best and Fairest Trophy, while Mario Bruno also had a good season. Goalkicking was evenly shared among the team, with Mark Schwerdt leading with 18 goals.

The A7 Res Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (34), Greenacres (26), SPOC (24), PAOC (20), SAIT (20), **University (10)**, Goodwood (6), St. Peter's YCW (4).

Premiership success eluded 'the Blacks' during 1985 with several teams just missing the Finals; the best performing teams were the A3 Reserves and the A11s, who both finished fourth. The solid performances were rewarded with a second-place finish in the Norwich Life Cup – the rules were changed this season to better reflect the efforts of clubs with multiple sides.

Michael Weatherald retired at the end of this season, leaving the legacy of a coach who knew every player in the Club by name and worked at regenerating the lower grades and playing depth of the Club.

Wins in the Norwich Life Cup in the next three seasons, followed by two second places demonstrate the efforts of 'Weathers' bore fruit.

1986 Season

The promise of previous years was finally realised in 1986, when the A1s won the A1 George Murray Premiership shield for the 21st time. New 'A' grade coach, John Griffen, moulded a side strengthened by the inclusion of talent from folded rival Adelaide College and up-and-coming youth. In a hard fought Grand Final at Adelaide Oval, Uni defeated archrivals Riverside by three points.

The rest of the Club performed strongly with A8 and A9 all winning Premierships and six out of the eight teams fielded making the Finals.

Former Club Captain and five times Gunning Medallist, Egils Olekalns, was elected a Life Member of the Club after 15 years of outstanding service, both on and off the field.

The Queen's Head Hotel continued to be the major sponsor of 'the Blacks' and the location for 'Hold Your Bowlies'. The annual 'Blacks' Ball was held at the Estonian Hall and 260 people attended.

A party of 23 Inter-Varsity players, with Michael Dadds as Captain, travelled to Melbourne the hard way, with John Homburg as the bus driver. 'The Blacks' supplied four players to the All-Australian team - Michael Dadds, Andrew Basham, Rick Gilfillan and Ian White.

The A1 team was bolstered early in the year with the addition of valuable players from the folded Adelaide College. For the first time in 11 years the A1 Premiership was won by 'the Blacks', with the victory a reward for the team effort. New coach John Griffen worked the side to new levels of fitness and commitment in the pre-season. This showed through as the team won eight of the last ten games.

The season started solidly, but successive losses to Greenacres and West Croydon slowed the momentum. The team spirit showed through when after a see-sawing game against SPOC, Paul Hammond kicked the winning goal late in the game. The season picked up from then when future AFL player Sean Tasker was moved to full forward kicking 57 goals for the season.

University reached top position after defeating Greenacres in round 14. Some late season losses saw 'the Blacks' finish the minor round in third position.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1986 at the end of the minor round.

Club	PI	W	L	Pts
Riverside	18	14	4	28
Greenacres	18	14	4	28
University	18	13	5	26
Broadview	18	10	8	20
SHOC	18	9	9	18
Greek	18	8	10	16
West Croydon	18	8	10	16
SPO C	18	7	11	14
Port District	18	4	14	8
PAOC	18	3	15	6

In the First Semi-final Final at Unley Oval University thrashed Broadview by ten goals, with Eaton kicking four goals and Steven Moy, Cory Williams and Michael Eaton performing well. In a close Preliminary Final against Greenacres, 'the Blacks' won by three points, 11.17 to 12.8, to enter the Grand Final against Riverside. Sean Tasker kicked three goals and Trevor Hall was best player. The Grand Final, held at Adelaide Oval against Riverside, was close throughout with Uni prevailing by 3 points, 10.0.68 to 9.11.65. Best players were Foster, Williams and Captain Mick Kenny. Foster kicked 3 goals in the victory that provoked celebration in the rooms and later into the night at the Queens Head.

Michael Dadds capped a magnificent season, winning the Gunning Medal, Sangster Medal for the Most Improved, the Best at Inter-Varsity Trophy and being awarded a Blue and named in the All-Australian Inter-Varsity team.

Cory Williams was voted the Most Consistent player, Trevor Hall the Best Team Man, Paul Whaley the Most Effective and Steven Moy and Chris James the Best in Finals.

Andrew Antonello, Trevor Hall and Craig Schultz made the State Amateur team, which played in the AAFC Carnival held in Adelaide.

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S.A.A.F.L.
A1 Team, 1986
Premiers



Back Row: R.J.Maloney (Manager), R.T.Cooke, T.D.Suter, P.A.Whaley,R.B.Keynes, B.W.Eckert, D.J.Foster,
J.A.Homburg (Chairman of Selectors)

Third Row: S.D.Moy, A.Antonello, D.A.Huston, M.C.Eaton, S.J.Tasker,C.D.Williams,J.M.Gailagher,
F.A. Bloch (Football Coordinator)

Second Row: F. Cockburn (Head Trainer), I.R.Miller-Smlth, A.J.Parker, C.C.James, S.P.Parker, C,J.Pavlovski,
D.C. Eaton (Timekeeper)

Front Row: T.D. HaU, M.J.Dadds, J.D. Griffen (Coach), M.D. Kenny (Capt.), M.Schwartz (President),
C.W. Schulz (Vice Capt.), S.D.Bland



J Parker B Eckert M Kenny and B Keynes



J Parker, B Eckert behind, B Keynes, M Kenny, C Williams and C James.



1986. B Keynes wins the first tap in the GF and Adelaide Oval .T Hall on the left to receive or perhaps S Moy of the right.

The A3s, coached by Ross Bourne, commenced the season in disastrous style, losing their first five games to teams ranked outside the four. A win against Kenilworth/CLG was followed by a loss to league leader Woodville South. From this low point, the A3s won the next 12 games to reach the Grand Final.

This was a great comeback and reflected the commitment from Ross Bourne and the senior players.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1986

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Woodville South	18	14	4	28
University 'B'	18	12	6	24
Kenilworth/CLG	18	11	7	22
Goodwood Sts	18	10	8	20
St. Dominics	18	9	9	18
Glenunga	18	8	10	16
Pembroke O.S.	18	8	10	16
SA C & T	18	7	11	14
Norwood Union	18	7	11	14
Plympton HOS	18	3	15	6

In the Second Semi-final against Woodville South, Michael Burfield kicked 14 goals in a faultless display earning the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy. However, the team lost momentum over the two week break and lost the Grand Final by three goals to Woodville South.

Sean Braidwood won the Best and Fairest Trophy in his second season with 'the Blacks'. Others to play well during the season were rover Paul Hammond, Scott Kimber, Damien McQuillan, Tony Stanley, Jack Knight, Shane Ryan and Phil O'Leary. Michael Burfield was the leading goalkicker with 56 goals in his 11 games for the A3s.

The 1986 season did not bring much joy to the **A1 Reserves**, with significant change to the personnel throughout the season. In all 65 players were used. The team, coached by Mark Fanning, had good wins against several higher ranked teams, but could not maintain winning momentum.

Peter Russo was the best-performed player in the side. Andrew Wallace won the Best Freshman Trophy and Chris Sangster was named the Best Team Man.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 Res is shown below.

A1 Res Premiership Table 1986

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Greenacres	18	13	5	26
Riverside	18	13	5	26
Broadview	18	13	5	26
Greek	18	12	6	24
SHOC	18	9	9	18
W. Croydon	18	8	10	16
University 'C'	18	7	11	14
Port District	18	7	11	14
SPOC	18	5	13	10
PAOC	18	3	15	6

A3 Reserves Captain-Coach, Digby Hancock, guided his group of young players through a tough start to the season. However, the team quickly gelled and after round 4 the side won nine of the next ten games to secure a double chance in the Finals.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Woodville South (30), **University (26)**, Goodwood Saints (26), Pembroke O.S. (26), Kenilworth/Colonel Light (24), St. Dominics (14), SA College & Teachers (14), Norwood Union (12), Glenunga (10), Plympton High O.S. (0)

Unfortunately, the lack of big game experience showed, with both Finals being lost by 12 points. The side thus finished the season in third position. Ruckman Marcus Anstey won the Best and Fairest Trophy and Mike Papadopolous, Geoff Stapleton, Ian Grundy, David Goode and Steve Charnock were strong contributors throughout the year. Digby Hancock was the major goal scorer with 38.

The A8 team, coached by Peter Maddern and named 'The Glamour Side', took home the Premiership - in a closely fought grade. A mid-season loss to Kilburn by nine goals was a real wake-up call.

The A8 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University (28), Kilburn (28), Salisbury Central (26), West Croydon (26), Riverside (20), Gaza (14), Old Ignations (14), Greek (10), ANZ Bank (8), Port District (6)

The team had to play their nemesis Kilburn twice in the Finals. 'The Blacks' in turned around the earlier result when the team won their two Finals by 47 points (17.8 to 9.9) and 39 points (14.15 to 9.6).

Peter Madden (the 'Silver Bullet'), was the Club's leading goal scorer with 71 goals, including five in the Grand Final. Peter Dutschke won the Best and Fairest Trophy, Danny Hansen was the Most Consistent, Peter Coleman was named the Best Team Man and Stuart Verrall was the Best in Finals.

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S.A.A.F.L.

A8 Team, 1986

Premiers



Back Row: G.M. Flavel, S.J. Verrall, M.S. Ashwood, T.J. Lange

Third Row: D.S. Egan, N. Raschella, P.J. Case, M.B. Holmes, P.V. Crowhurst, T.P. Burfield, D.J. Bassanese

Second Row: D.K. Graetz, J.D. Horne, R. Krcmarov, A.P. Stewart, B.R. Parsons, E.W. Passaris, C.H. Watson, D.A. Mackay (Manager)

Front Row: N.D. Brophy, D.V. Hansen, S.T. McQuillan, P.H. Maddern (Capt./Coach), N. Raschella, B. Dutschke

Absent: P.J. Coleman, C.A. Doran, D.W. Etherton, P.B. Kidd, A.C. Lee, D. Lelekis

The A9s capped a dominant year by winning the Premiership in a run over against St. Dominics by eight goals. This was an experienced team that gave as good as they got in physical exchanges with district teams. Andrew Fahey was the coach and John Goodwin the Best and Fairest. John Leyland was the leading goalkicker with 48 goals.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Scotch O.C. (34), **University (30)**, St. Dominics (24), Gepps Cross (20), Para Hills (20), Rosewater (18), Adelaide Lutheran (16), Burnside Kensington (14), St. Peter's YCW (4), Mitcham (2)

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A9 Team, 1986 (The Sty Council)
Premiers



Back Row: J.B. Richardson, B.W. Bishop, S.V.F. Wachtel, A.J. Mellen
Third Row: A.J. Culley, T.W. Harcourt, A.B. Fulwood, P.A. Pattison, O.S. Young, M.J. Warren
Second Row: G.P. Russell (Runner), M.A. Schwerdt, S.P. Ball, S. Thomson, T.E. Davidson, J.F. Priest,
S.P. Marinoff, K. Heath (Physio)
Front Row: R. Pattison (Ass.Coach), G.P. Pattison, J.A. Carey (Capt.), A.G. Fahey (Coach),
D. Stendt (Vice Capt.), J.F. Goodwin
Absent: W.C. Forbes, A.T. Heath, J.M.G. Leyland, J.M. Taylor

At the start of the season hopes were high for the **A10 team**, with Bill McHenry as the coach. A strong grade and several close losses combined to deny the team a berth in the Finals. The team finished fifth, with a 9-8-1 record. The season was epitomised in the tough and bloody win against Wingfield, when fights were as common as goals.

The **A10 Premiership table** at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Kenilworth/Colonel Light (34), Glenunga (26), Woodville South (26), Pulteney O.S. (24), **University (18)**, Broadview (16), Wingfield (14), PostTel Institute (12), Unley (6), Norwood Union (2)

Nick Hobbs won the Best and Fairest Trophy, Phil Ransome was the Most Consistent and 150 game veteran, Mick Schapel, was the Best Team Man. Graham Blue also played his 150th game for 'the Blacks' during the season.

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A10 TEAM 1986
FIFTH



Back Row: S.A.O'Loughlin, G.M.Blue, A.M.Leunig, J.B.Richardson, N.G.Hobbs
Middle Row: R.R. Martin, P.V.Crowhurst, J.A.deBoer, A.F.Richards, P.Ransome
Front Row: R.G.Brown (Manager), P.E.Zeitz, R.H.Neil, M.F.Altmann (Capt), G.N.Newcombe, M.J.Zeitz
Absent: G.W.Brasher, S.Haskard (V.C.), L.D.Keipert, W.F.McHenry (Coach), S.O.Reid, M.C.Schapel, A.J.Stenhouse

The bottom side (the '**A Double Ones**' or '**The Scum**'), were coached by Wennie van Lint and performed admirably to finish fourth. The team had trouble defeating higher ranked sides and was defeated in the First Semi-final by a 'slender' 16 goals. The coach won the Best and Fairest Trophy, while George Fraser won the Coach's award and Craig Munn and Craig Thomas were the best performers. Craig Thomas also led the goalkicking with 37 goals.

The A11 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Lockleys (33), Pembroke O.S. (30), **University (25)**, Plympton (24), Port Adelaide. Presbyterian (22), Renown Park (20), SA College & Teachers (19), Ferryden Park (14), Flinders Uni (13), ANI (10), SAIT (6), Glandore (2)

A sombre note to the year of celebration was the passing away of the Club Patron of ten years, Professor Donald Stranks.

The all-round strength of 'the Blacks' was recognised with the Club winning the Norwich Life Cup for the champion club in the Amateur League. This had been a magnificent season with the long awaited A1 Premiership and two other lower-grade Flags.

1987 Season

The 1987 season did not yield any Premierships, which, on the back of three Flags in the previous year, seemed disappointing. But of the nine sides (plus Inter-Varsity), two teams made the Grand Final (A3 Reserves and A7 Reserves), three others made the Finals (A7s, A9s and A11s) and two finished just outside the Finals at fifth (the A3s and A10s).

The social side of the Club went a little flat in most events. This was also the last year at the traditional home pub - the Queen's Head Hotel.

This was the year legendary Club Trainer 'Sandy' Cockburn was awarded Life Membership of 'the Blacks' for his dedicated old-school attention to the players since joining the Club in 1979.

It was a long way down to seventh after winning the Premiership in the previous year. John Griffen experienced this sobering impact in his second and final year as A1 Coach. This was a disappointment following the memorable 1986 Premiership season. There were few excuses other than the usual provided by the coach and the side seemed to deserve the seventh spot after spending most of the season in that position.

Captain Steve ('Skittle') Parker's smooth style taught first-year players such as Andrew Muir (Gunning Medallist as a Fresher) and David ('Squirrel') Johnson the path of least resistance across the grass. Sean Braidwood was the Most Consistent, Trevor Hall the Best Team Man, Cory Williams the Most Effective and Barry Bryan booted 27 goals.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1987

Club	PI	W	L	Pts
Broadview	18	15	3	30
Greek Camden	18	13	5	26
Riverside	18	12	6	24
SHOC	18	12	6	24
St. Peter's O.C.	18	12	6	24
Greenacres	18	10	8	20
University	18	6	12	12
West Croydon	18	5	13	10
Scotch O.C.	18	3	15	6
Rostrevor O.C.	18	2	16	4

'Sandy' Cockburn was included in the State Amateur side, as were players Cory Williams, Steven Moy and Andrew Antonello. John Parker and import Iain Miller-Smith were selected to play in Whyalla for the new 'representative side' assembled from the A3 to A6 grades.



Back Row: B.W.Eckert, T.D.Suter, A.G.Stanley, S.W.Braidwood, D.J.Betro, D.M.Gordon
Third Row: J.M.Gallagher, A.J.Parker, A.D.Muir, J.H.Clapp, A.Antonello, M.A.Wallace, S.B.Ryan
Second Row: F.Cockburn (Head Trainer), G.C.O'Hara, A.P.Kimber, D.R.Johnson, R.J.Maloney (Manager),
 C.W.Schulz (Vice Capt.), D.C.Eaton (Timekeeper), P.S.O'Leary, A.B.Mosler (Physio)
Front Row: M.J.Dadds, M.Schwartz (President), S.P.Parker (Capt.), J.D.Griffen (Coach), C.D.Williams,
 P.D.Hammond, B.J.Bryan

1987 Division 1 Team



Back Row: A.D.Muir, D.J.Betro, J.H.Clapp, A.C.Hancock, R.I.Gilfillan, M.A.Wallace
Second Row: R.J.Maloney (I.V. Coordinator), P.J.Case, M.I.Label, D.W.Hancock, C.Barnett, S.J.Verrall,
 T.M.Hancock, T.G.Willson
Front Row: M.J.Dadds, A.P.Mitchell, A.M.Whittam, G.P.Stapledon, C.D.Williams (Capt.), P.D.Hammond,
 B.Dutschke, A.T.Heath

1987 IntersVarsity Team

The A1 Reserves won only three games for the year and as a result finished last. This poor result after two wins in the first four games, the first over the reigning Premier, inspired much head scratching for Captain-Coach Mark Schwartz. As the Club's third side, Mark was forced to use 75 players which did not lead to any consistency.

The A1 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (32), Greek Camden (30), Rostrevor O.C. (24), SHOC (23), SPOC (22), Riverside (16), Scotch O.C. (12), Greenacres (9), West Croydon (8), **University (6)**.

Egils Olekains pulled off a stunning double for the season winning the side's Best and Fairest Trophy, as well as the A1 Reserves Medal in his comeback season. John Kite was the Most Consistent and Scott Waterman was named the Best Team Man.

Coach Michael **Kenny's A3 job** for University's second side was half done. The team won and lost half their games, leaving 'the Blacks' in fifth position.

A shaky start, some Semi-final solid mid-season form with a strong finish left Captain Phil O'Leary (the Club's Most Dedicated Amateur) saying "*we could've been a contender*" over a few Queen's Head schooners. Chris Sangster was in good form for most of the season to be the Best and Fairest, Ben Wicks was Most Consistent, Darin Betro was a focal point in attack with 52 goals, while Iain Miller-Smith's funny foreign accent fooled everyone into thinking he was saying something vital and he was named Best Team Man.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1987

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Brighton HOS	18	13	5	0	26
Goodwood Sts	18	12	5	1	25
Pembroke OS	18	12	6	0	24
Rosewater	18	12	6	0	24
University 'B'	18	9	9	0	18
Fitzroy	18	8	10	0	16
Immanuel OS	18	7	11	0	14
SAC & T	18	7	11	0	14
Glenunga	18	5	12	1	11
Kenilworth/CLG	18	4	14	0	8

Captain-Coach Digby Hancock re-assembled his 1986 **A3 Reserves** side for another tilt at a Premiership. Solid round robin form including nine consecutive wins saw the side finish second for a Second Semi-final showdown with the loveable Rosewater.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Rosewater (30), **University (29)**, Brighton HOS (28), Pembroke O.S. (25), Goodwood (16), Fitzroy (13), SAC & T (12), Kenilworth Colonel Light (10), Immanuel O.S. (9), Glenunga (8).

A bad loss in the Second Semi-final tested the character of the side, but they bounced back to win the Preliminary Final against Brighton High Old Scholars. With injuries and player losses before and during the Grand Final, the side went down by 22 points.

Digby (79 goals) with his two brothers, Tom (29 goals, Best Team Man) and 'Sandy' (A3 Reserves Medallist) contributed most as a matching DNA set. Brian Parsons was handy when it mattered and was the Best in Finals, Nick Simmons won the Coach's Trophy and David Goode was the Most Consistent.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	BHOS	7.9	Pemb	5.7
2nd Semi	Rosewater	16.13	Uni.	8.7
Prelim F.	Uni.	6.9	BHOS	6.2
Grand F.	Rosewater	12.5	Uni.	7.13

The A7 team, led by Peter Maddern, finished third at the end of the major round with the skill efforts of Alister Lee (Most Consistent), Don Haslam (Best and Fairest), Paul Case (Best Team Man) and Tim Burfield (57 goals) carrying the burden of the socially focussed efforts of the likes of Brett Dutschke, Simon Clode, Tim Lange, Darren ('The Jerk') Graetz and Danny Hanson. Unfortunately the side went 'bang-bang' out of the Finals and that ended their season abruptly.

The A7 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview 'C' (30), **University 'E' (26)**, SAIT (24), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (22), Goodwood Saints 'C' (18), Greenacres 'C' (18), SPOC 'C' (14), SHOC 'C' (12), PAOC 'C' (8), SMOSH 'C' (8).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi				
2nd Semi	Broadview	14.7	Uni.	13.7
Prelim F.	ROC	8.10	Uni.	5.5
Grand F.				

George Fraser (Coach) and Craig Munn (Captain) led the **A7 Reserves** ('The Scum') to a solid season. With a little more training than usual, the side worked their way into the Grand Final. Bruce Griffith (36 goals), Craig Munn (Most Consistent), Tim Thompson (Best and Fairest), Dan Thompson (Best Team Man), Damian ('Ra Ra') McGrath (Coach's Trophy) and Steve Crowley (Best in Finals) deserve the credits in a season that ended in a forgettable Grand Final loss by 16 goals.

The A7 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (32), **University (28)**, PAOC (28), SPOC (26), SAIT (20), Rostrevor O.C. (18), SHOC (10), SMOSH (10), Goodwood (8), Greenacres (0).

1st Semi	SPOC	12.11	PAOC	7.5
2nd Semi	Broadview	14.12	Uni.	2.4
Prelim F.	Uni.	9.6	SPOC	4.8
Grand F.	Broadview	20.10	Uni.	5.3

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A7 Reserves Team, 1987
Runners-Up



Back Row: S.G.Henchliffe, M.J.Sweet, A.M.Leunig, S.A.Zarcinas, C.D.Jones, J.S.Coleman, C.S.Thomas
Second Row: G.G.Fairbrother, B.A.Griffiths, R.B.J.Bradley, A.J.Braggs, M.A.Pick, T.B.Thompson, P.D.Sweet
Front Row: A.R.Moulds, D.G.McGrath (Vice Capt.), G.M.Fraser (Coach), C.A.Munn (Capt.), K.D.Tregenza, S.D.Ronson
Absent: S.J.Crowley, M.P.Hawkins, S.J.Lockwood, M.G.O'Neil, D.M.Thompson, D.L.Williams

The **A9 side** was the creation of 'Blacks' 'go-to' man Fred ('Chocka') Bloch after Kenilworth/Colonel Light Gardens withdrew just prior to the start of the season. This meant that 'the Blacks' would field nine teams in the Amateur League. This reinforced the 'World's Greatest Football Club' self-labelled tag and a new idea for Club merchandise.

The 'Frankenstein' side, with core group leaders such as Bill Fraser (Coach), Matt Warren (Team Manager and player), Michael Hughes (Captain) and Tim Harcourt (Vice-Captain),

was quickly assembled in much the same way as the original Adelaide Crows were after Port Adelaide's wake-up call. Brenton Button (Best and Fairest), David Lawry (Most Consistent), Mike O'Connor (Best Team Man) and ('Dirty') Darien O'Reilly (Coach's Trophy) stood up and out.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University G (28), Pulteney O.S. 'C' (28), Rosewater 'C' (26), Glenunga 'C' (24), Burnside-Kensington 'C' (22), Gepps Cross 'C' (18), Port Adelaide Presbyterian 'C' (16), Para Hills 'C' (8), Adelaide Lutheran 'C' (8), ANZ Bank 'C' (2).

Andy Craig was the Best in Finals for his grand efforts in both Finals. By only losing by a goal in the Preliminary Final to a side that easily won the Grand Final, the A9s illustrated that this was a good side that was only a breath away from Premiership glory.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Glen'nga	23.15	Rosew.	10.5
2nd Semi	Pulteney	21.20	Uni	7.10
Prelim F.	Glen'nga	8.7	Uni	7.7
Grand F.	Glen'nga	14.19	Pult'ney	8.14

Bob Neil - here was a coach who grabbed the attention of his **A10 side**. Experience and youth, with Nick Hobbs as Captain and Rory Lane (Best and Fairest) as his deputy, took the side to a fifth place finish and therefore no Finals opportunity. With no dominating running players or gun forwards, the side never really threatened as a Finals contender. Jeff deBoer (Best Team Man) and Roger Martin (Most Consistent) also provided some backbone to the side.

The A10 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Woodville South 'C' (34), Lockleys 'C' (26), Broadview 'E' (24), Pembroke O.S. 'C' (24), **University 'H' (18)**, PHOS 'C' (10), Norwood Union 'C' (4), SHOC 'E' (2).

The A11 team (the 'A Double Ones') did well to finish third. Under Captain-Coach Alex White, with Grant ('Powerplay') Parker (Best and Fairest) as his deputy, the team enjoyed the casualness that permeates the bottom competition of the Amateur League.

Malcolm (Rulebook) Ashwood was the Most Consistent (and talkative) and Mike Wallenberg was named as Best Team Man. The Finals were preceded with a highly charged battle with Ferryden Park, which was lost.

The A11 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

BHOS 'C' (36), Ethelton 'C' (28), Ferryden Park 'C' (26), **University 'I' (24)**, Mitcham 'C' (18), Aust Nat. Railways Inst. 'C' (16), Adelaide Lutheran 'D' (14), Flinders Uni 'C' (8), SAC & T 'C' (6), SAIT 'C' (4).

In a repeat of the grudge-match with Ferryden Park in the First Semi-final, 'the Blacks' triumphed. The momentum however did not yield a victory in the Preliminary Final. The side went down by 38 points to Brighton High O.S., after an excellent game by Dion Stendt (Best in Finals).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	12.13	Ferryd. Pk	7.13
Prelim F.	BHOS	9.14	Uni.	4.6

Adelaide University hosted a successful Inter-Varsity Carnival in this year. It turned into a five team competition (Adelaide, Latrobe, Monash, Sydney and Queensland).

Winning the Norwich Life Cup for the second successive season illustrated the high consistency of results attained by the sides throughout the year.

1988 Season

The Club reinforced its overall strength with a third consecutive Norwich Life Cup for the best performed amateur club in 1988. This was underpinned by six of the nine sides (plus the Inter-Varsity team) playing in the Finals, with one winning a Premiership (the A9's). In addition, five players won Amateur League Medals and the Inter-Varsity side won the championship.

This was a magnificent season by almost all benchmarks.

Unfortunately, the A1 team did not make the Finals. However, the side held their heads a little higher than the previous year, whilst building a new home ground advantage on Park 10, due to the beautiful University Oval having a new cricket pitch constructed.

The social side of the club improved considerably as 'The Bob Neil Machine' started to gather underground notoriety, albeit without the legend himself. The Wellington Hotel in North Adelaide hosted 'the Blacks' for the first time and the A1s appointed a new coach in Paul Whaley.

Fred ('Chocka') Bloch was awarded Life Membership after 21 years of outstanding contribution to the Adelaide University Football Club.

Paul Whaley saw his first year as A1 coach as one of contrasts. The story included disappointing losses to bottom sides, come-from-behind wins and stirring victories over top four sides. Finishing a frustrating one place out of the Finals seemed to be a fitting outcome for the season.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1988

Club	Pl	W	L	Pts
Greenacres	18	14	4	28
Broadview	18	14	4	28
Greek Camden	18	13	5	26
Riverside	18	11	7	22
University	18	9	9	18
St. Peter's O.C.	18	7	11	14
SHOC	18	7	11	14
Woodville South	18	6	12	12
West Croydon	18	6	12	12
Pulteney O.S.	18	3	15	6

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Intervarsity Team, Sydney 1988
Premiers



Back Row: D.G.McGrath, S.A.Daly, J.R.Kite, C.B.Sangster, J.H.Clapp, P.J.Case
Third Row: P.D.Davies, D.W.Hancock, A.J.Wallace, A.J.Braggs, S.G.Henchcliffe, M.A.Wallace
Second Row: F.A.Bloch (Sec.), A.R.Moulds, S.R.Waterman, K.M.Murchison, P.D.Hammond, M.S.Ashwood (Runner)
Front Row: B.Dutschke, D.V.Hansen, M.J.Dadds (Coach), R.A.Alm, T.M.Hancock, R.H.Neil (Legend)
Absent: D.J.Betro, S.S.Hanson, B.M.Jackson, A.D.Muir, A.M.Ritossa, M.R.Watson, B.R.Wicks

1988 IV Champions On the back of winning the **1987 Inter-Varsity championship** in Adelaide, the Adelaide University lined up in Sydney for a repeat performance. Under Coach Michael Dadds, Adelaide University triumphed with 'recruit' Richard Alm named Carnival's Best and Fairest and All Australian.

Michael Dadds was a great Captain with experienced Chris James (Best Team Man) as his deputy. Andrew Muir won his second Best and Fairest (Gunning Medal) in a row, David Johnson the Runner-up to the Best and Fairest, Alex ('Sandy') Hancock booted the most goals for the entire A1 competition with 73, Damian McQuillan was the Most Improved and Sean Braidwood was the Most Effective.

The 'Glamour Side', coached by the humorously cynical Peter Maddern, was effectively developed from his 1987 A7 side to improve on the A1 Reserves poor showings in recent years (rock bottom in 1987). The experiment worked – the team finished third after making it through to the Preliminary Final. Remarkably the team was never beaten by a side below them.

Alister Lee (Best and Fairest), Steve Lochert (Runner-up Best and Fairest), Paul Case (Best Team Man), Darren Graetz (leading goalkicker with 34) and Jack Conrick (Best in Finals) played stand-out roles in the season.

Alister Lee also won the medal for the A1 Reserves competition.

The A1 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (36), Greek Camden (30), **University (24)**, Woodville South (24), Greenacres (20), West Croydon (13), St. Peter's OC (12), Riverside (12), Sacred Heart O.C. (7), Pulteney O.S. (2).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	5.9	Wood. Sth	5.1
Prelim F.	Greek-C	7.10	Uni.	3.3

Coach John Parker's 'Sand Baggers' finished **the A3 season** in eighth position, but were a better side than that result, having the fourth best percentage. After five wins in the first half of the season, the A3s fell victim to the mid-season University slump. 'The Blacks' only picked up two victories in the last half of the season, much to the frustration of Captain Phil O'Leary. Con Papadopoulos was awarded the Best and Fairest Trophy, Jeremy Clapp was Runner-up, Cam Watson was the Best Team Man and Darin Betro kicked 58 goals.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1988

Club	PI	W	L	D	Pts
Rosewater	18	16	2	0	32
Seaton Ram.	18	14	4	0	28
Gepps Cross	18	13	5	0	26
SMOSH	18	12	6	0	24
Plympton HOS	18	9	9	0	18
Fitzroy	18	7	10	1	15
Pembroke OS	18	7	10	1	15
University 'B'	18	7	11	0	14
Immanuel O.S.	18	4	14	0	8
SAC & T	18	0	18	0	0

Digby Hancock was again appointed Captain-Coach the **A3 Reserves** and led the side to yet another Finals' appearance. The 'Hancock's Half Hour' lost important games due to an inability to put four winning quarters together, but still finished a creditable fourth, conceding the least points in this grade.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Gepps Cross (34), Rosewater (28), **University 'B' (26)**, SMOSH (22), Seaton (22), PHOS (16), Pembroke O.S. (14), Fitzroy (12), Immanuel O.S. (6), SAC & T (0).

Digby Hancock kicked 93 goals (and 16 for another University side) and was voted the Best and Fairest, as well as winning the Amateur League Medal. Gary Ferris was Runner-up to Best and Fairest, Tim Dixon was the Best Team Man and Nick Simmons was the Best in Finals.

The first eight rounds of the **A7 side** ('Solomon and the Trouser Snakes') led by Captain-Coach John Carey and Captain Owen Hales were all losses. Not a good start. The side was

a thoroughfare for the sides above and below and the experienced core players suffered injuries.

The ninth round was a bye during which team management recruited ex-Riverside A1 Captain and superstar, Grant ('Spook') Montgomery, to bolster the midfield. This coup was supplemented by the inspirational legend Bob Neil floating on and off the field in those grey shorts. This proved to be the season's turning point as the side started racking up some wins to scramble up to eighth by the end.

Scott Kimber (Best and Fairest), John Demasi (Runner-Up to the Best and Fairest), Chris Stewart (Best Team Man) had great years and Andy Fahey kicked 24 goals.

The A7 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Para District Uniting (32), SAIT (31), Salisbury Central (26), PAOC 'C' (26), SMOSH 'C' (19), Greenacres 'C' (18), SPOC 'C' (14), **University 'E' (14)**, Goodwood 'C' (14), Rostrevor O.C. 'C' (14), SHOC 'C' (6).

George Fraser (Coach), Craig Munn (Captain) and Damian McGrath (Vice-Captain) took on the mighty reigns of 'The Scum' in the **A7 Reserves** again. In the previous year the side was runner-up, so this season the team had their eyes on a bigger prize. Damian McGrath, who won the Best and Fairest trophy as well as the A7 Medal, and Tim Thompson, who was awarded the Runner-up to the Best and Fairest, both had boom seasons. Subsequently the side spent a much of the minor round on top of the table.

The A7 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University (35), SPOC (28), SAIT (27), Greenacres (26), PAOC (24), Salisbury Central (24), Goodwood (16), Rostrevor O.C. (13), SMOSH (11), SHOC (8), Para Districts (4).

Unfortunately the Premiership was missed, tragically by only two points to a well-drilled SPOC side in a low scoring affair.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Green.	9.2	SAIT	6.12
2nd Semi	Uni.	7.5	SPOC	5.11
Prelim F.	SPOC	9.13	Green.	9.6
Grand F.	SPOC	5.6	Uni.	5.4

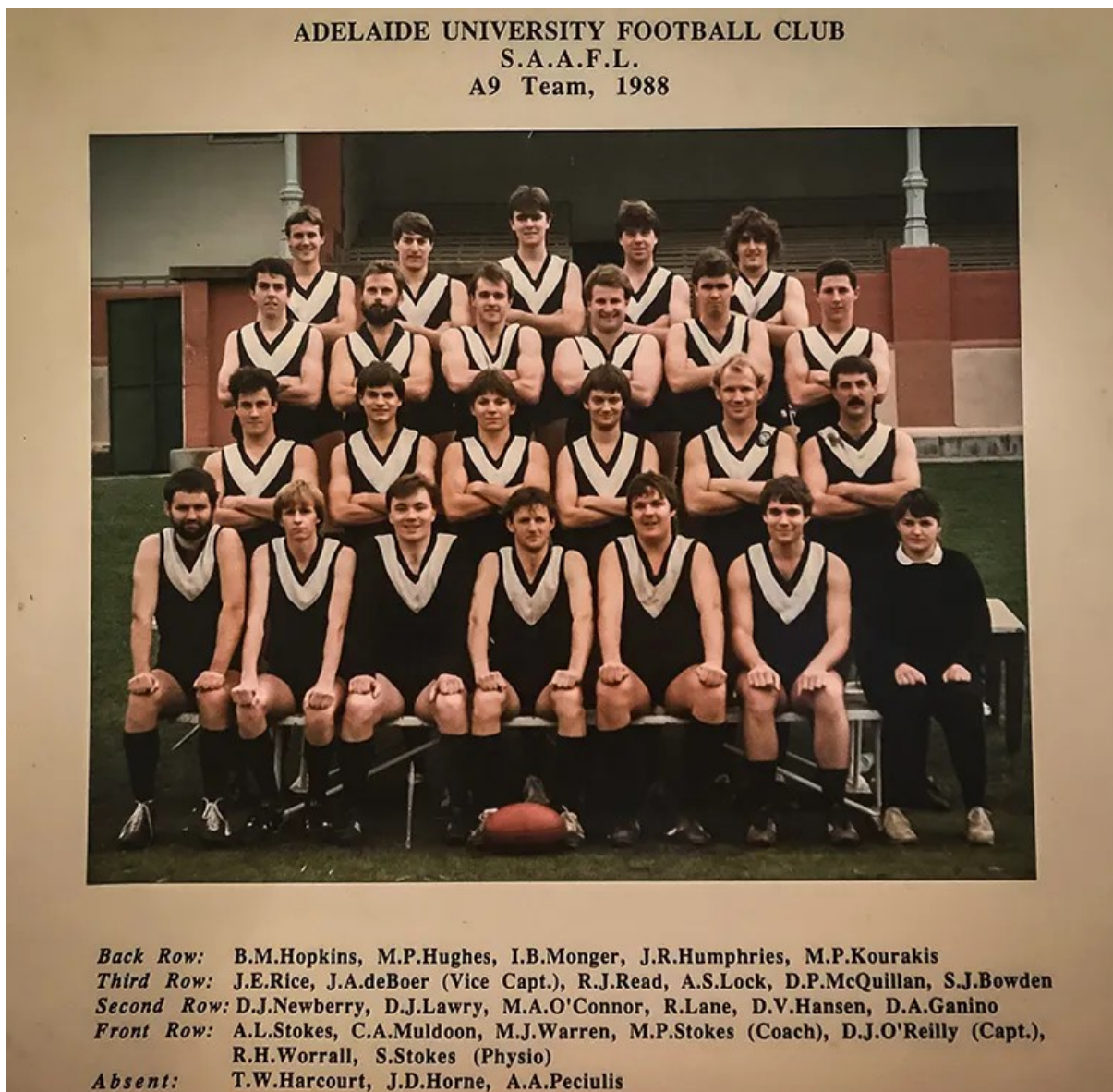
Craig Munn was the Best Team Man, David Williams was named the Best in Finals, the coach kicked 50 goals and Quentin Dorward was awarded the Coach's Trophy.

The A9 team ('Doris Stokes and the Soothsayers') put together an eclectic mix of lower grade personnel for an assault on the Flag. Martin Stokes (Coach), Darien O'Reilly (Captain), Jeff deBoer (Vice Captain), Matt Warren (Team Manager and player) orchestrated a memorable Premiership by nine points over Woodville South.

During the minor round games, the side danced around the top half of the table as team members balanced on-field performance against the social attractions. The 'nips and tucks' were made at the right end of the year to get their name engraved on the Premiership shield.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Woodville South 'C' (34), Rosewater 'C' (32), **University 'G' (26)**, Gepps Cross 'C' (26), Hope Valley 'C' (14), Fitzroy 'E' (12), Burnside Kensington 'C' (12), Old Ignatians 'C' (10), Port Pres. 'C' (8), Para Hills 'C' (6).



The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	17.10	Gepps Cr	13.14
2nd Semi	Wood	14.18	Rosew.	6.7
Prelim F.	Uni.	17.10	Rosew.	13.14
Grand F.	Uni.	10.3	Wood.	7.12

This Premiership feat was largely due to the Best and Fairest, Ben Hopkins, Runner-up, Mike O'Connor, Darien O'Reilly, with 59 goals, and the Best in Finals, Danny Hansen.

The A10s this year were coached by Alex White, who had his 'Dwarfs' register enough wins to make the Finals. An especially fine effort as the team needed to win their last three games to ensure a Finals berth.

The A10 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Brighton High O.S. 'C' (28), **University 'H' (26)**, Pembroke O.S. 'C' (24), Lockleys 'C' (24), West Lakes 'C' (24), Woodville South 'D' (16), Seaton 'C' (14), Ethelton 'C' (12), Adelaide Lutheran 'C' (10), Norwood Union 'C' (2).

In the end 'the Blacks' gained the double chance which the side used to their advantage as the team lost the Second Semi-final.

The A10s also lost the Preliminary Final. The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Pembroke	13.20	Lockley	6.16
2nd Semi	BHOS	13.8	Uni.	5.8
Prelim F.	Pembroke	18.15	Uni.	8.8
Grand F.	Pembroke	8.5	BHOS	6.5

The consolation prize was the A10 Medal, courtesy of the efforts of Grant Parker. Mike Wollenberg (Captain) was Runner-up to the Best and Fairest, Paul Baker was the Best Team Man, Martin Altmanm kicked 35 goals and Rick Sarre was the Best in Finals.

The A11s (the 'A Double Ones') were coached by Malcolm ('Rulebook') Ashwood. The side enjoyed a highly successful season, losing only the second game of the minor round.

The A11 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University 'I' (34), Modbury 'C' (30), Mitcham 'C' (28), Kenilworth Colonel Light 'C' (24), Ferryden Park 'C' (18), Campbelltown Magill 'C' (18), Glandore 'C' (16), Gaza 'D' (14), Flinders Uni 'C' (10), Adelaide Lutheran 'D' (8), Aust. Nat. Railways Inst. 'C' (8), SAC & T 'C' (8).

The team had enjoyed a great year, making it all the way to a muddy Grand Final, only to lose it to a bigger side in Modbury by eight points. Wayne Stempel had a great season, kicking 53 goals, Andrew White won the Amateur League Medal as well as the Runner-up to the Best and Fairest and Andrew Murray was the team's Best and Fairest. Best Team Man was Steve ('Ollie Ablett') O'Loughlin. The Coach's Trophy was awarded to Matt ('Kleenex') Kleeman and the Best in Finals was Peter Russo.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Kenilw.	13.11	Mitcham	5.10
2nd Semi	Uni.	8.16	Modbury	9.6
Prelim F.	Modbury	13.7	Kenilw.	9.7
Grand F.	Modbury	4.10	Uni.	3.7

The Norwich Life Cup, an A9 Premiership and five individual Amateur League Medallists was a good season's work. Despite these results, without the A1 side being a strong contender for a Flag, there would be improvement sought in the Club for the 1989 season.

1989 Season

The 'World's Greatest Football Club' consolidated on the achievements reached in 1988 with a successful year in 1989. This set the scene for an era of potentially unparalleled success. Six of the nine sides reached the Finals, finishing with two Premierships.

Jeff deBoer reached 250 games this season, while John Carey played his 150th. Inter-Varsity was held at Surfer's Paradise, with Richard Alm being named All-Australian Inter-Varsity Captain. Richard was also honoured with a Full Blue from the Sports Association.

Other All-Australian Inter-Varsity representatives were Jeremy Clapp, Tom Hancock, Adam Lienert and Andrew Muir.

The Club was saddened this year to report the passing of two of its most faithful supporters, Mrs May and Mrs Wellington.

Off the field, the 'Blacks' Ball was a huge success, along with the President's Keg and the shiny new 'Bob Neil 100'. The University Oval scoreboard was also repaired, ending more than a decade of indecipherable score lines.

This year the Club moved to its new drinking house, the Dover Castle Hotel.

The A1 side, 'Whaley's Comets' experienced a successful, yet frustrating, season with excellent performances against the top sides, but two very poor performances against the lower sides resulted in the A1s finish in sixth position.

This year witnessed some very pleasing performances from all players, but special mention should be made of some outstanding work. Cory Williams and Andrew Muir were recognised for their untiring work on and off the field, while Richard Alm's rucking and marking around the ground made him a favourite for the A1 Medal. Richard won 'the Blacks' Best and Fairest award and rover Paul Hammond was named the Best Team Man.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 is shown below.

A1 Premiership Table 1989

Club	Pl	W	L	D	Pts
Broadview	18	17	1	0	34
Greek-Camden	18	15	2	1	31
Riverside	18	14	4	0	28
Greenacres	18	10	8	0	20
St. Peter's O.C.	18	8	10	0	16
University	18	7	10	1	15
Kilburn	18	5	13	0	10
Woodville Sth	18	5	13	0	10
Rostrevor O.C.	18	5	13	0	10
SHOC	18	3	15	0	6

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL CLUB
S.A.A.F.L.
A1 Team, 1989



Back Row: S.P.Clode, J.H.Clapp, G.T.Kavanagh, R.A.Alm, S.W.Braidwood, A.J.Wallace, S.D.Smid
Third Row: P.D.Hammond, A.M.Ritossa, S.R.Cowham, D.F.Laird, S.Dinan, S.P.Roberts
Second Row: T.M.Hancock, S.P.Parker, J.S.Tucker, R.J.Maloney (Manager), A.J.Miln, S.B.Price, M.A.Wallace
Front Row: F.Cockburn (Trainer), D.R.Johnson, C.D.Williams (Captain), P.A.Whaley (Coach), A.D.Muir (Vice Captain), D.C.Eaton (Timekeeper)
Absent: T.Circelli, A.C.Hancock, R.H.J.Kimber, J.C.Porter, C.B.Sangster

The A3 team ('The Sand Baggers'), coached by the veteran John Parker, experienced only an average season. If anything can be learnt from 1989 it was the importance of having at least one or two experienced forwards and a settled consistent team from one week to the next. In all 23 players played their first senior football for 'the Blacks', demonstrating the depth of young talent. Injuries also played a part, with the loss of Con Papadopoulos before the first game with a broken arm and John Kite with a broken leg.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A3 is shown below.

A3 Premiership Table 1989

Club	PI	W	L	D	Pts
Plympton HOS	18	17	1	0	34
Gepps Cross	18	16	2	0	32
Glenunga	18	14	4	0	28
Fitzroy	18	10	8	0	20
Burnside-Kens	18	9	8	1	19
Port Adel. Pres	18	8	9	1	17
Pembroke O.S.	18	6	11	1	13
University 'B'	18	4	14	0	8
SMOSH	18	2	15	1	5
Ethelton	18	2	16	0	4

The Best and Fairest Trophy was awarded to Kevin Smith, with Tim Knill the runner up. The Best Team Man was won by great Club stalwart, Phil O'Leary.

The A1 Reserves team, the 'Glamour Side', completed a very disappointing year in 1989. It was attributed to much experience and skill from the previous year departing due to promotion or retirement. Losing six games straight early in the season called for a rethink that did not work and failed to ignite the flames of imagination and flair that has so often characterised 'Glamour' football.

The Premiership table at the end of the minor round in A1 Reserves is shown below.

A1 Res Premiership Table 1989

Club	PI	W	L	D	Pts
Broadview	18	18	0	0	36
Rostrevor O.C.	18	12	6	0	24
Greek-Camden	18	11	7	0	22
Riverside	18	11	7	0	22
Greenacres	18	11	7	0	22
Kilburn	18	10	7	1	21
University	18	6	11	1	13
Woodville Sth	18	6	12	0	12
SHOC	18	4	15	0	8
St. Peter's O.C.	18	1	17	0	2

Best and Fairest winner, Tim Lange, dominated in the pivot throughout the year, with his clever footwork and changes in direction. Don Haslam finished his first injury and exam free season, whilst Alister Lee played some splendid games. These, the trophy winners, again gave great loyal support and effort as did Darren Graetz ('The Jerk'), who had his best season up forward. He showed glimpses what was to follow for many years.

The 1989 A3 Reserves team ('Hancock's Half Hour') had everything that a University side could wish for. Casual arrogance, talent, key players and the ability to do what was required at the right time to win the Premiership. This the team achieved by 45 points against a team which had only lost three games in four seasons.

The A3 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Gepps Cross (34), **University (34)**, Fitzroy (23), SMOSH (20), Glenunga (18), Pembroke O.S. (16), Plympton High O.S. (11), Burnside-Kensington (10), Ethelton (8), Port Adelaide Pres. (6).

The Finals started disastrously when a confident A3 Reserves lost to Gepps Cross by 12 points. However, 'the Blacks' came back against SMOSH to win by 34 points, after being seven points down at half time. From then on it was 'goodnight the fox', as Tom Hancock exploded in the forward pocket, Digby Hancock shook off a succession of full backs to take some screamers and Pfeiffer dominated centre half back.

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	SMOSH	10.8	Fitzroy	5.5
2nd Semi	Gepps C.	11.6	Uni.	8.12
Prelim F.	Uni.	9.8	SMOSH	1.10
Grand F.	Uni.	11.8	Gepps C.	4.5

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A3 Reserves Team, 1989



Back Row: M.S.Ashwood, K.Kazem, S.A.Daly, D.S.Barker, A.V.Roach, T.R.Hawker, D.J.Pfeiffer
Middle Row: J.P.Thomas, J.L.Gordon, T.M.Hancock, C.S.Charnock, R.P.Pfzner, P.J.Wildy, J.K.Green, E.T.Hargrave, G.P.Ward
Front Row: B.Dutschke, T.G.Dixon, D.V.Hansen (Vice Captain), D.W.Hancock (Captain/Coach), G.T.Haydn, P.J.Russo, B.M.Jackson
Absent: A.C.Burke, B.W.Eckert, R.W.Koch, J.R.McIlvena, D.J.Ritossa, N.Raschella, P.T.R.Stirling

Stars of the season were Tim Dixon, winning the Best and Fairest Trophy, Vice-captain Danny Hansen in the centre, Ben Jackson on a half back flank and ruckman Tom Hawker.

The A9 team, 'Solomons and the Twilight Zone' were generally an inexperienced side with potential. To assist the young talent when encountering such barbarians experienced legends such as 'Quick Mick' Schapel, Dialling Doc Stendt, Dart Altmann and of course... BOB NEIL were also recruited. Despite a few hiccups throughout the season the final tally at the end of the minor round was 15 wins 3 losses. Unfortunately all the hard work was not capitalised on and the twilight zone was unable to make the Grand Final. Tea Tree Gully and Port District played an excellent Grand Final well above A9 standards and should be congratulated. Jack Lang was the best and fairest with James Edwards runner up. Paul Van De Water was best team man and Paul Baker best in finals.

The A9 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Tea Tree Gully (30), **University (30)**, Port District (30), Greek-Camden (24), Kilburn (18), Riverside (16), West Croydon (12), Glenunga (10), Pultney O.S. (6), Rosewater (4).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Port Dist	11.20	Greek	9.4
2nd Semi	TTG	10.14	Uni.	5.5
Prelim F.	Port Dist	8.14	Uni.	6.9
Grand F.	TTG	20.7	Port D.	17.15

A8 – Doris Stokes and the Sooth Sayers.

After hundreds of years of quiescence, 1988 saw the Soothsayers reach the zenith of their powers, and all mankind trembled with fear. The Soothsayers also began well in 1989 with great strength through the readings of Darien O'Reilly, but the oppressed from Woodville South inflicted an early defeat shocking them. The forces of darkness from Gaza and Rostrevor joined to combat the Soothsayers and when the Saints from Goodwood joined the Fracas the Soothsayers fate was sealed. Best and fairest was Ben Hopkins with Jeff Deboer runner up. Adrian Stokes was best team man with Ian Monger best in finals.

The A8 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Goodwood Saints (33), Woodville South (32), Gaza (24), **University (18)**, Rostrevor O.C. (15), Sacred Heart O.C. (12), Scotch O.C. (10), Adelaide Lutheran (0).

A11 – 'Rabbit Warren and the Killer Bunnies'.

Mathew Warren believed describing coaching the Killer Bunnies this year as an honour would be the height of understatement. Inspired as a breakaway team from 'the Soothsayers', the team attracted a number of star players from Paul Dilena, Best and Fairest, David Gerke, Runner up and Dean Lockett, Best Team Man. Others included the untouchable Tim Bryson and Andrew Lamb.

'The Blacks, redhead association also joined the bunnies with the likes of John Fryar and Michael Bird as its representatives. The team ate together, drank together, played Vultrex together and nearly won a Premiership together. Ali and Slim bound a collection of swell guys into a moving party, a walking barbeque, a 21st waiting to happen. In between the social functions they managed to turn out some inspired football as well as some awful stuff. The immortal words of Professor Henderson summed it up. Not only did they win in life, but most of the games as well. Runner up isn't as good as Premiers but there isn't a better group of guys to come second with.

The A11 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Modbury (32), **University (27)**, Seaton Ramblers (26), West Lakes (26), Ferryden Park (21), Ethelton (18), Kenilworth Col. Light (16), Mitcham (8), Norwood Union (4), Para Hills (2).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Seaton	12.10	West L.	6.18
2nd Semi	Modbury	20.19	Uni.	4.11
Prelim F.	Uni.	10.12	Seaton	9.8
Grand F.	Modbury	17.8	Uni	13.14

A8 Reserve – The Scum

Coming off two disappointing years finishing second, 'The Scum' tore up the A8 Res competition consisting of the 'D' grade from A1 clubs ROCS, SHOC, Woodville South and of A2 Clubs Gaza, Scotch and Goodwood and of A5 side Adelaide Lutheran.

This team of accountants, realising that their medical bill would be halved with the absence of Greenacres and Salisbury Central went on to dish out such winning margins as 14 goals to Woodville South, 220 points to Adelaide Loos and SHOC by 9 goals, although Adelaide Loos were given \$1000 in sporting gear by SAFM for their terrible loss.

Despite their dominance in the Grand Final the 3 quarter time margin was only 21 points. When WNSE&W kicked a goal in the first 20 seconds of the final quarter things looked interesting. However, the team pulled together and every player played like his life depended on it and they booted through five goals before the opponent got one and the final margin was 41 points. Thanks go to Mr Freeman who's sledging of Woodville NSE&W in the Grand Final was enjoyed immensely by all. Tim Thompson, the coach was the A8 Res Tothill Medallist, Gavin Fairbrother was Best and Fairest closely followed by Steve Crowley. Marcus Sweet was Best Team Man and Damian McGrath proved his worth in finals.

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A8 Reserves Team, 1989



Back Row: A.J.Phillips, P.H.Thomas, J.C.Richards, J.M.O'Loughlin, W.H.Measday, J.F.Priest
Middle Row: D.B.Walker, M.P.Freeman, D.W.Whyte, B.A.Griffiths, D.J.Meegan, A.P.Mitchell
Front Row: K.D.Tregenza (Manager), G.G.Fairbrother, D.G.McGrath (Capt.), T.B.Thompson (Coach),
M.J.Sweet (Vice Captain), R.M.Gogel
Absent: S.J.Crowley, G.M.Davis, T.L.Longmire, A.J.McLeod, C.A.Munn, M.E.Smith, D.L.Williams

1989 A8 Reserves Premiers.

The A8 Reserves Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

University (34), Woodville South (22), Sacred Heart O.C. (22), Rostrevor O.C. (20), Goodwood Saints (20), Gaza (14), Scotch O.C. (10), Adelaide Lutheran (0).

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	SHOC	6.11	ROC	3.10
2nd Semi	Uni.	6.10	Wood. Sth	6.8
Prelim F.	Wood.	14.11	SHOC	3.11
Grand F.	Uni.	10.9	Wood. Sth	4.4

'Blacks' players in A12 ('Qua Qua and the Crows') were venturing into uncharted territory. When people found out that they played in the A12s they either laughed or, more politely questioned, "I can't believe there are so many grades".

'The Crows' had a marvellous start to the season, with four straight wins, albeit two were from forfeits. With a 75% influx of new players, the team found a variety of talents. As with

the emergence of many 'Blacks' sides, from these humble beginnings, a nucleus of a team was formed which eventually generated an enjoyable and reasonably successful year.

The team did extremely well to finish third with 13 wins and seven losses. Congratulations to Damon Oliver for winning the Best and Fairest Trophy, Andrew Parkinson for runner-up and Will Scott-Young the Best Team Man award.

The A12 Premiership table at the end of the minor round was as follows.

Broadview (30), Wingfield (30), Woodville District (26), **University (24)**, ANZ Bank (12), Campbelltown-Magill (10), Immanuel O.S. (10), Alberton United (0)

The results in the Finals series were as follows.

1st Semi	Uni.	16.12	Wood. D.	11.15
2nd Semi				
Prelim F.	Wingf'ld	18.18	Uni.	8.5
Grand F.				

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In 1984, “Sir Chocka Bloch”, in his spare time, started the tradition of the Blacks Annual Report, which includes all teams and details for the season. These are now available online on our website. It has morphed into the Blacks Book in modern times.

<https://uniblacksfsc.com.au/written-history/annual-reports/>

Some special characters of the 1980's.....

C.C. (Chris) James



Chris James was a highly skilled player whose career at 'the Blacks' was limited by his employment and injuries. It was to Chris' credit that he persevered and achieved the highlights that he deserved.

Chris commenced with the Blacks in 1978 as an A1 half forward/on-baller. Appearances were only regular in the 1981 and 1984 seasons

A late return in 1985 saw Chris play for the A3 Reserves and win the Best in Finals Trophy. This was the springboard for a return to the 'big time', when he again played for the A1 side in 1986, 1987 and 1988.

Chris played excellent football as the full back in the 1986 A1 Premiership side. He shared the Best in Finals Trophy with S.D. (Steve) Moy that season.

To cap a great season, Chris was awarded a Full Blue and named in the Football Times Team of the Year. This result gives a clear indication of his ability.

Chris also won the Best Team Man Trophy for the A1s in 1988.

He returned in 1993 to play a further eight games for a career total of 118 games spread over 16 seasons.

R.I. (Richard) Anderson

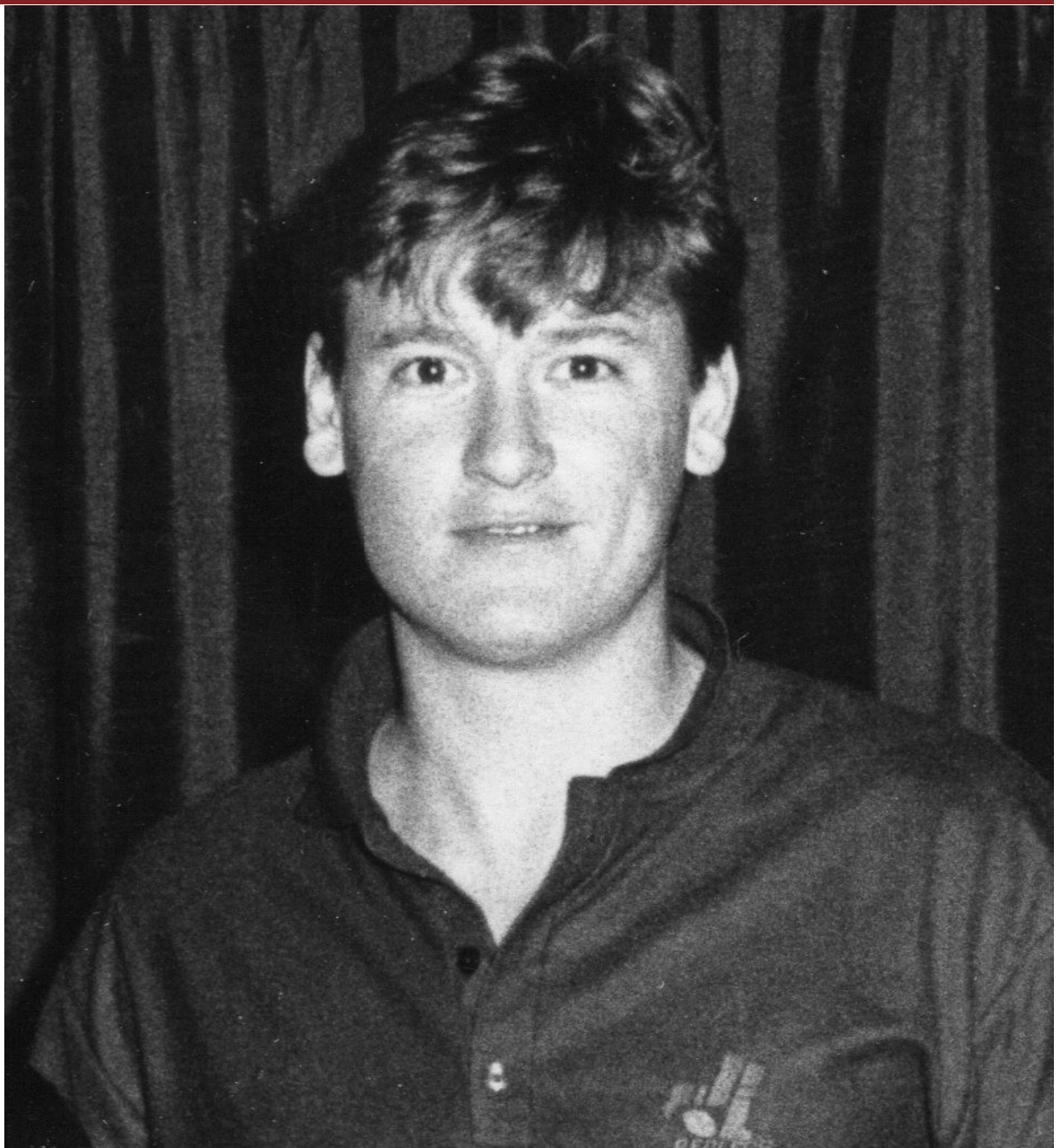
The standing of Richard Anderson at the Adelaide University Football Club was very high, however his laconic style and conflicting priorities saw him develop later than most.

Richard started with 'the Blacks' in 1981 (in the B and C grades) and it was not until 1983 that he was selected in the A1 side. He made an immediate impact with his skills and pace.

In 1984 he played with distinction in the State Amateur side against Western Australia and Victoria (third best) as a rover/half forward. He won the Dr J.B. Day Trophy as runner-up in the A1 Best and Fairest and was awarded a Blue for this stellar season.

He played 54 games from 1981 to 1984 before taking a teaching appointment in Port Pirie where he won Association Medals in 1985 and 1987 playing for Solomontown.

The Mail Medal book expressed this glowing assessment "*Richard Anderson was one of the most highly polished players to grace the football fields of Port Pirie*".



NORWOOD STATISTICS

Guernsey Number: 12

Career: 1986 to 1989

NFC Games: 52

NFC Goals: 60

Debut: v Port Adelaide (Football Park) 21st February 1986

Finale: v Woodville (Football Park) 3rd March 1989

Best & Fairest: 1988

Advertiser Team of the Year: 1988

South Australian Games: 1

Richard Anderson joined Norwood for pre-season training in 1985, having played for the Adelaide University Football Club in the South Australian Amateur Football

League over the previous three years. However, after gaining employment in Port Pirie as a teacher, he joined the Solomontown Football Club, eventually tying for the 1985 best and fairest medal in the Spencer Gulf League.

Anderson returned to Adelaide in 1986 and made his first senior appearance for the Redlegs in the Escort Cup against Port Adelaide. Initially playing as a rover, he made an immediate impact on Norwood supporters in his debut year. Possessing blistering speed and clean ball-handling skills, he finished fourth in the Club Champion award, and was generally acclaimed by the media as the best first year player in the SANFL for 1986.

At the end of the 1986 season Richmond selected Anderson at pick number 4 in the national draft. However, he chose to continue his teaching commitments and returned to play for the Solomontown in 1987. He again won the Madigan Medal as the best player in the Spencer Gulf League.

Back at Norwood in 1988, Anderson had an outstanding year. He played 28 games for the season, was named Club Champion and represented South Australia in its win over Western Australia.

Sadly, his career was cut short due to persistent back-related injuries, and he retired after managing only two more senior games in 1989.

W.T. (Rick) Sarre



W.T. (Rick) Sarre had three 'careers' with the Adelaide University Football Club and made a strong impression as a champion in the lower grades.

Rick initially played 31 games in 1975 and 1976, then returned for a further 21 games in 1980 and 1981 and finished off with 54 games from 1984 to 1988. This gave him a total of 104 games with 65 goals.

Rick was a star centreman, with an ability to find the ball (and attract the umpires' attention). In 1980 Rick won the Bert Medal in A8 and in 1984 won the Lees Medal in A9. Remarkably, in both years he polled identical figures – 23 votes with six Best on Grounds.

Rick was a vital member of Ron Carey's 1980 Premiership team in A8.

In 1984, Rick won the John Green Memorial Trophy for the Best and Fairest in A9 – a significant award for Rick as he had been a close friend and team mate of 'Greeno'.

A Best in Finals Trophy in A10 in 1988 capped off a great career at 'the Blacks' as one of the most celebrated lower grade players.

M.J. (Michael) Dadds



Michael Dadds joined 'the Blacks' in 1985 after starting his amateur career with Burnside Kensington. By the time he retired from 'A' grade football in 1991 he had played 106 games for the Club and kicked 61 goals.

Michael was a hardworking on-baller/utility who played well above his size and was always at the bottom of the pack trying to give the University runners first use of the ball.

Michael's natural leadership skills saw him appointed to the Club captaincy in 1988. His leadership also extended to being Inter-Varsity Captain in 1986 and Inter-Varsity coach in 1988. 'The Blacks' won the Inter-Varsity Trophy in 1987 in Adelaide and 1988 in Sydney. Michael was chosen in the All-Australian team in 1986 and 1987 and he was recognised as the All-Australian coach in 1988.

The 1986 year was a great one for Michael. He was an inspirational member of the A1 Premiership side, winning the Gunning Medal as the A1 Best and Fairest and the Dr C.B.

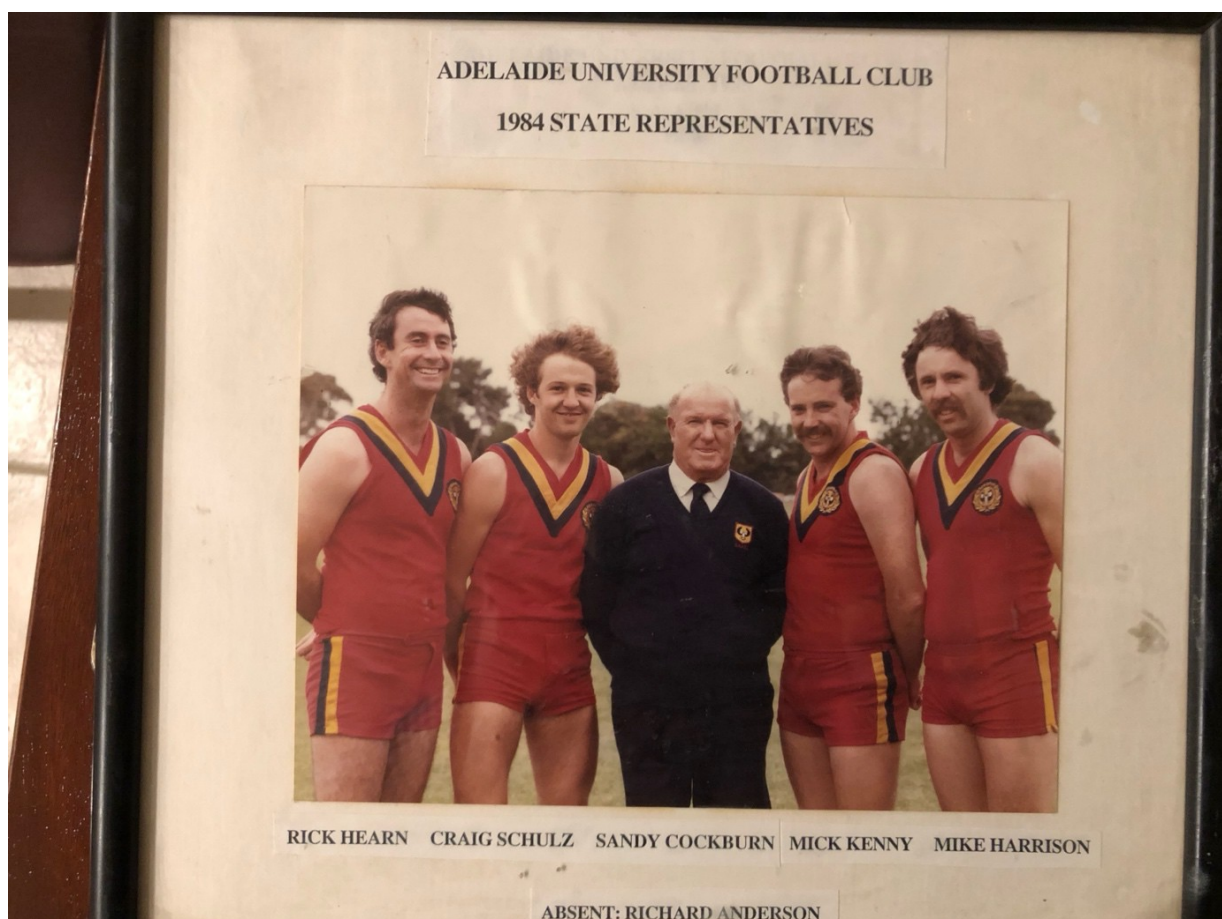
Sangster Medal as the Most Improved Player. Michael also won the Best at Inter-Varsity Trophy and he was awarded a Full Blue in this season. What a star at the Presentation Night that year!

In recognition of his all round contribution to the Club, Michael was awarded the Outstanding Service Trophy in 1988.

Michael showed his real passion for 'the Blacks' by returning to the lower grades of the Club and playing in the 1991 A1 Reserves Premiership and the 2000 A7 Reserves Premiership.

Michael Dadds has gone onto produce multiple young Men and Women who have played for the Blacks. He also has been President for the last 14 years. Outstanding contribution over a lifetime.

C.W. (Craig) Schulz



Craig ('Sergeant') Schulz proved to be a stellar performer with 'the Blacks' following his Best Freshman season in 1981.

In 1983 Craig won the Dr C.B. Sangster Medal in 1983 and followed this up with a Gunning Medal award in 1984. Craig was Vice-captain in the 1986 Premiership team, playing a key role as a follower.

Craig played from 1981 to 1988 and then resumed in 1994, giving him a total of 142 games and 84 goals.

In 1984 and 1986, Craig was rewarded with selection in the State Amateur team. Perhaps the Annual Report in 1985 explains his absence in 1985, *“he started the season slowly while adjusting to married life”*.

Craig was a highly balanced player with great skills on both sides of his body.

Sean Tasker **“The Kid”**

A1 Premiership Player 1986 and kicked 57 goals in 16 games in that year.
North Adelaide and then the Adelaide Crows in their inaugural year.



The Adelaide Crows Notes



AFC Debut Number: 32

AFC Debut Game: Round 15 v Collingwood, 1991

AFC Career Guernsey Numbers: 49 1991 9 games 4 1992-6 39 games

A premiership player with North Adelaide in 1987, Sean Tasker was recruited as an inaugural Crow, playing nine games for the Club in its first year. Capable of playing forward and back, he lined up at full-back in North Adelaide's 1991 premiership side but kicked bags for the Crows also. Tasker spent seven years on the list for 48 AFL games and then played successfully with Glenelg and Sturt in the SANFL

A couple of anecdotes from the 1980s

Wrong Way Willie

Wayne Stephens, a young A1 wingman from Kilburn, is held in high esteem by supporters of 'the Blacks' for his match winning performance in a crucial A1 game on 5 July 1980.

With five minutes of the game left, Kilburn trailed by three points in a match that University had to win to stay in the four. Stephens gathered the ball in the forward pocket, side stepped out of trouble, and ran down the ground chased by the experienced **David Bartlett** who kept a safe five metres behind him. After three bounces, and cheered on by his Kilburn supporters, he delivered a lace-out pass to a bewildered **Michael Kenny**.

Unfortunately he had run sixty metres in the wrong direction and given 'the Blacks' a relatively easy shot for goal. Michael Kenny converted to make the scores 9.11 to 8.8 and give University the match.

The Greek tragedy – it started and ended with a kiss

To play Greek at Weigall Oval in the early 1980's was an experience that was not eagerly anticipated. The A1 game in 1981 was a hard and rugged affair with Malcolm Kerr Grant, Richard Hearn and Mark Wellington (the Uni tough guys) relishing the contest more than many of their teammates.

Many scuffles broke out with 'the Blacks' generally being on the receiving end. The climax of the mayhem was reached when David Bartlett was 'dialled', bringing him down to earth.

Sub-Standard was on hand (as always) to report on this incident.

*"Editor **Brenton Eckert**, known by himself as 'the Enforcer', raced in to put this thalassemic thug in his place, chesting him and remonstrating forcefully. Suddenly he realised that this move was about as intelligent as dressing up as a woman and asking for money in a dark street in Leeds and that his own place would be six foot under if he did not move soon.*

With the enormous frame of the Greek captain poised to hit him harder than the Liberal Government hits welfare spending, 'Nose' Eckert quickly consulted his health insurance table. He decided it was not economically viable to spend a month in hospital with multiple facial fractures (despite the very generous reimbursements made by the Sports Association Insurance Scheme).

Therefore he took the only way out – he leaned forward and kissed the captain on the cheek. This was all with the mouthguard still firmly in the mouth. The Greek captain reeled back in horror, declaring "So it's true about you Uni poofers." He did not trouble Eckert again."

How was he to know?

A prophetic statement in 1981 from **Ants ('Joe') Nurk**, both experienced as a player and in life, to Club Captain and star player **Egils Olekalns** has proved accurate. 'Joe' stated *"I'll never tell you about marriage, Egils, 'cos I know you'll never get married."*

Indeed, 44 years later his prophecy is still holding up. This leads to....

The Marriage Stakes – 1983

‘Sub-Standard’ in 1983 wrote a very perceptive article entitled the “*AUFC Marriage Stakes*” in which a comprehensive form guide and latest markets were provided for well known club identities.

Comments about the form of selected entries showed interesting insights into the respective personalities and include:

Paul Rofe – Top weight in this event and has a wealth of experience. Past form has been quite difficult to follow, but seems to be settling down with age. Track form is never good, but a good performer under pressure. Certainly a stayer. Odds 500/1.

John Homburg – Would normally be top weight in a conventional field – has an erratic track record and is hard to follow from one race to the next. Perhaps worth a flutter if he engage a regular rider. Odds 250/1.

John Cawley - A runner who has been crippled by injuries during past Spring Carnivals – lesser lights would have been destroyed and connections and followers have had their patience tested. With a light weight jockey, he may get through the race. Odds 15/1.

John Wellington – Following some success on country tracks, this sometimes undisciplined runner has been brought into line with the use of blinkers. Connections are pleased with this quieter approach, but he still possesses that flair to do the unpredictable. Odds 2/1.

The ‘Weathers’ Keg 1984; 8 Black Teams wins and it’s Beer for all.

At the 1984 AGM, Coach Michael Weatherald delighted the meeting by offering to buy an 18 gallon keg if all seven sides won on the same day. He also suggested that if only one side lost, that team should buy the rest of the Club a keg.

This was agreed to very promptly and in June 1984 the A9’s responded with the first keg.

‘Weathers’ odds had improved by the commencement of the season when an eighth side was fielded. However, in Round 15, ‘the Blacks’ came through with 8 out of 8 and ‘Weathers’ was more than happy to fund a night at the Queen’s Head Hotel.

