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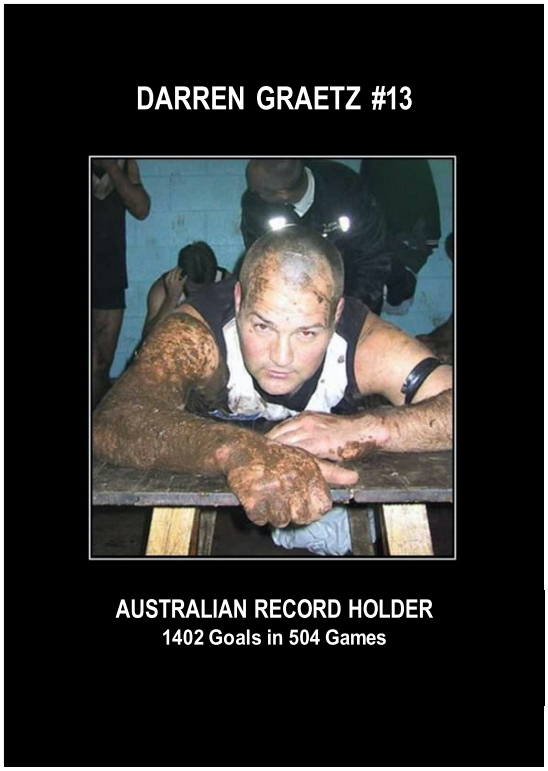
AUFC GOALKICKERS 1906-2024

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"The goalkickers" – perhaps at times seen as the glamour players of the team, who often have the personalities to match their status as the focal point for their team's efforts.

Adelaide University Football Club has been blessed over its history to have had a strong contingent of goalkickers who have finished off its attacks and set up winning games and seasons. There is a strong correlation between a very good full forward and team success.

Our world record holder at the world's greatest football club is Darren "The Jerk" Graetz #13. He sits at the top of our list of all time goalkickers.



D.K. "The Jerk" Graetz #13

GOALKICKERS IN A1/DIVISION 1

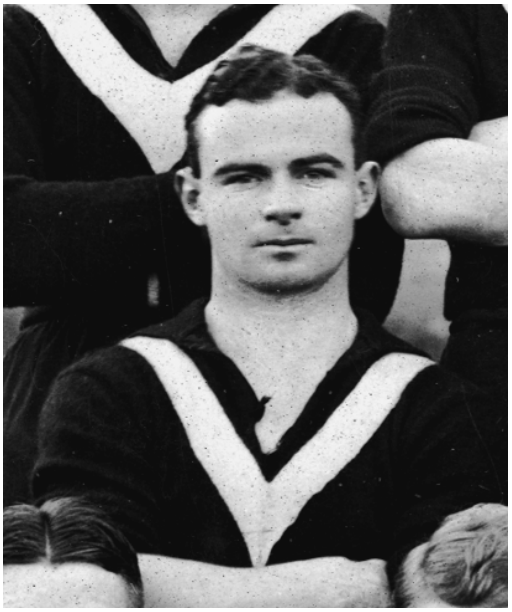
Throughout the first 100 years, 'Blacks' players have often led the A1/Division 1 goalkicking list. Many players in the lower grades have also created their niche as sharp-shooters, although records are rather sparse from the earlier eras.

Right back to its formative years, 'the Blacks' can boast some of the most prolific goalkickers in the history of the Amateur League. In the second year of the League's existence (1912), A.C. Wilton topped the list with 41 goals, and J.W. Blacket followed this up the next season (1913).

The efforts of W.R. (Jogger) James in the mid-1920s were sensational. He set a season high of 124 goals for A1 Division in 1927 – still the Amateur League record for the top grade. This total included 16 goals against Marryatville. 'Jogger' topped the A1 list in 1926 and 1928 as well. The Club was well served in this era, as F.H. (Frank) Finlayson won the goalkicking award in 1929 with 53 goals.

D.G. (Doug) McKay enjoyed a great career with 'the Blacks', with few games better than the 1926 Semi-final. The Advertiser reported that *"He practically carried the team on his shoulders…….kicking the winning goal right on time. His total for the match was eight".*

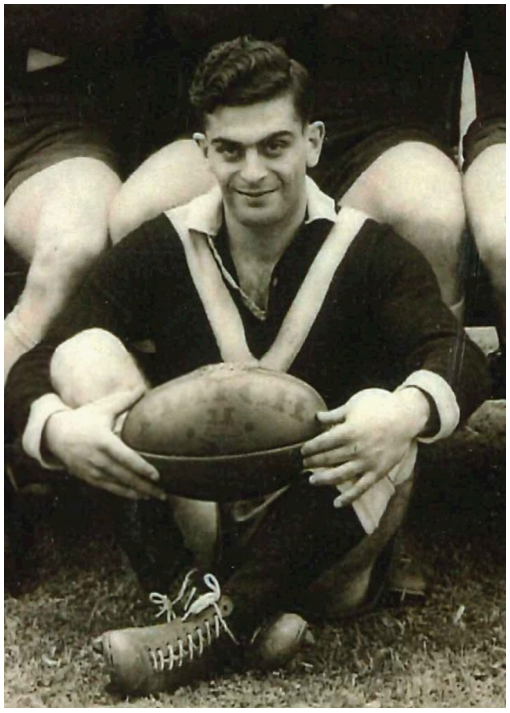
W.L. (Bill) Hann topped the A1 list in 1933 and 1934 with 66 and 69 goals. Bill significantly improved upon these efforts when he kicked 119 goals when playing for SPOC in A1 in 1936.



Pictured; W. L. (Bill) Hann 1934

Although the regular SAAFL competition was suspended during World War II, University played games against the Forces teams. Ian Disher, 'the Blacks' full forward, enjoyed considerable success in these games. In 1942 he kicked ten goals against the Army at University Oval and 18 goals against the RAAF at Mortlock Park. The next season, he kicked eight goals against the Navy in a curtain-raiser to a SANFL game.

M.R. (Max) Basheer performed well to win the Amateur League's A1 award in 1949 with 59 goals – a great effort for a player who did not command a key forward role. The Club's Leading Goalkicking Trophy has been donated by Max for many years in recognition of his association with the goalkickers in his playing days.



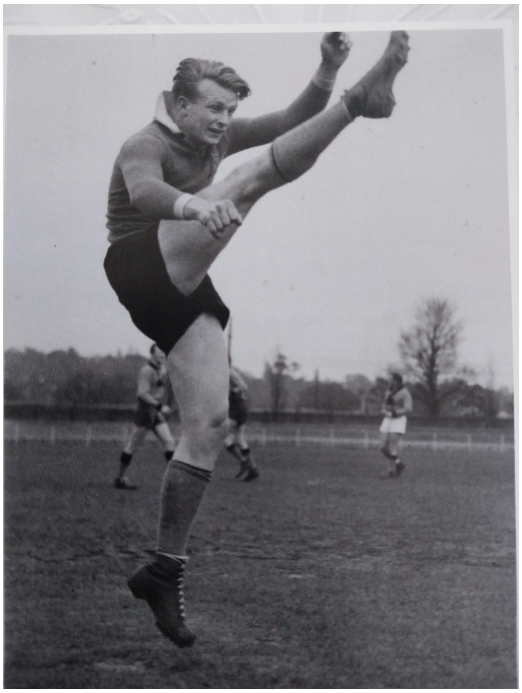
Pictured; Max Basheer 1948 IV Team

From 1949 to 1965 (17 seasons), 'Blacks' players won the A1 goalkicking award on ten occasions, reflecting its strong performances on the field (and in front of goals). JKA 'Wimpy' McLeod won consecutive goalkicking titles in 1952 and 1953. He also won the A1 Hone Medal in 1953.



Pictured; J.K.A. "Wimpy" Mcleod 1953

These feats followed on from good friend, Richard Hancock's 69 goals in 1951. Richard (player #11) started the goalkicking tradition in his family and his 11 goals against Walkerville in 1950 was a superb, match-winning effort. This was especially the case since the Inter-Varsity side was away this week and Walkerville was the top side – victory was vital.



Pictured; Richard Hancock #11. 1951

The Hancocks are among the great families to donned 'Blacks' jumpers. Three of the four sons had a penchant for kicking goals – Henry (player #147), the oldest of the four sons of Richard was a determined defender who kicked a mere seven goals in his career. The black sheep of the family.

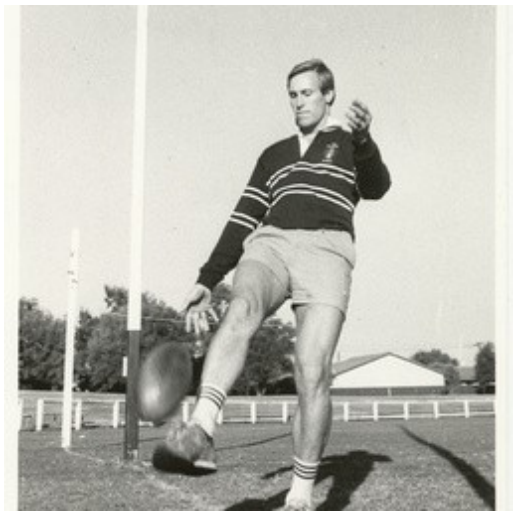
Third son Alexander ('Sandy') Hancock (player #41) won the A1 goalkicker award in both 1982 (with 91 goals as a Freshman) and in 1988 with 73 goals. 'Sandy' kicked 443 in his 127 matches. 'Sandy' was so focused on his role in front of goals that his nickname in his early days was lengthy, 'Get out of my goal square'.

'Sandy' kicked 15 goals against West Croydon in the third round of 1982. Club goalkicking legend, Tony Ravesi, was on hand to congratulate him. Sandy also kicked ten goals against Greenacres in 1985 and 12 goals against Woodville South in 1988 to be awarded the Tony Brown

Trophy for the Club's Most Outstanding Individual Performance for that season.



Pictured; A.C. (Sandy) Hancock
vs Glenunga in 1987



Pictured: A.C. "Sandy" Hancock.

Sandy sits fifth on our all-time goalkicker list. He kicked marvellous long goals and could bend the ball both ways. A great mark who could walk back into packs to take marks regularly.

Two other sons, Tom #19 (later #11) and Digby Hancock #11 (and #87), were prolific goalkickers in the lower grades. Digby played 259 games kicking 765 goals and Tom, who also played across the half back line during his career, kicked 321 goals in 179 appearances.

Digby sits second on our all-time goalkicker list. He could also drop kick.



Pictured; Digby Hancock running out for his 250th game with Sandy Hancock on the left of the picture and Tom Hancock between them. 1992.



Pictured L to R; Legend Bob Neil #130, Jeff DeBoer, Digby Hancock #11 (and #87) and Joe Nurk at the "Digby Farewell Roasting" in 1992.

The four Hancock brothers kicked a massive combined total of 1,536 goals for the Blacks.



Pictured; Tom Hancock in 1993 receiving the A4 Reserve O'Gorman Medal from SAAFL Alan Statton on the left and SAAFL President Keith Sims on the right.

C.H. (Charlie) Akkermans was a legend in the late 1950's with his goalkicking feats, topping the league list in 1955, 1957 (with an outstanding 106 goals – the only century between 1940 and 1977) and 1958. The SAAFL had decided to name the goalkicking award the Charlie Irvine Trophy in 1957 in honour of the 1954 leading goalkicker from Semaphore Centrals, Charles Irvine, who was sadly killed in an accident. The two 'Charles' were the outstanding full forwards of this era.

Charlie Akkermans was also a leading goalkicker in State Amateur Football and at Inter-Varsities in the 1950s.

The seasons 1961, 1963 and 1965 saw 'Blacks' players Peter Morton, Ian Milne and Rob Warhurst top the A1 list with returns of 64, 72 and 61 goals respectively. Warhurst had been the State high jumping champion, a skill he put to good effect at the goal front.

Tony Ravesi had a big day out against Teachers' College in 1960. His 16 goals and one point (that one hit the post with his last kick) equalled the record kicked by any individual for 'the Blacks' at that time. The feat is all the more meritorious as Tony achieved it in the A1 side – this remains the equal A1 goalkicking record with 'Jogger' James.

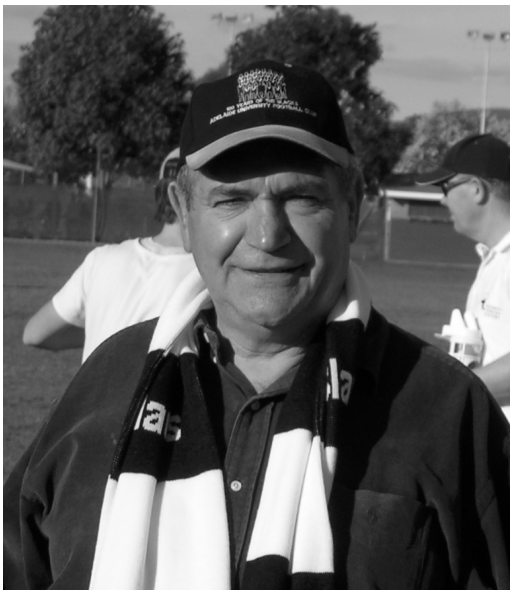
Kicks 16 Goals

By MERV AGARS

University full forward Tony Ravesi had a field day against Teachers College in grade A1 amateur league football on Saturday when he kicked 16 goals from 17 scoring shots.

Results:—

Grade A1—Exeter 17.19 d. Brighton 10.6; Semaphore Central 17.17 d. PAOC 8.14; Riverside 14.12 d. Payneham 9.13; Walkerville 12.12 d. Kenilworth 10.10; University 27.13 d. Teachers College 4.4.



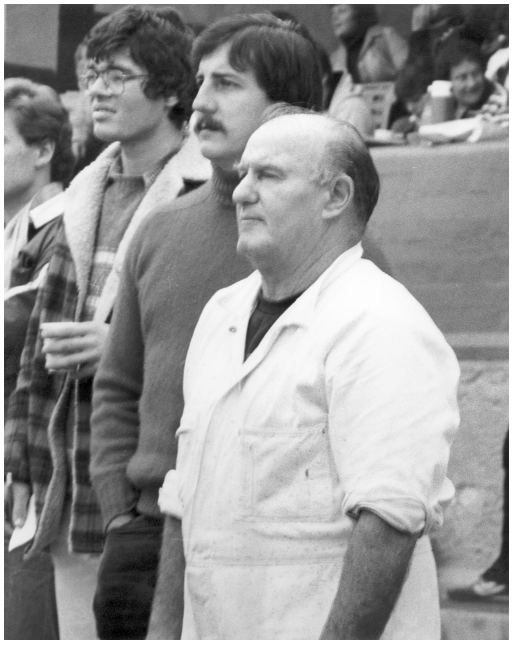
Pictured; Tony Ravesi remained a loud loyal supporter for decades. Circa 2006.

P.H. (Phil) Holbrook possessed one of the best kicks for goal ever seen at 'the Blacks' and his ability to find the goals was uncanny. His combination with Jim Katsaros during the 1974 season was most effective, with Holbrook kicking 94 goals from a flank and Katsaros 60, whilst roving. Phil was just pipped for the SAAFL award, but would have been very satisfied with his five goals in the 1974 Grand Final win.

C.M. (Mark) Fanning was a strong marking forward who provided a reliable spearhead for the A1 side for many seasons. His career commenced in 1971 and Mark

kicked 200 goals up until 1980, with many games spent on the ball in later years.

When Mark retired in 1987, after 210 games, he had kicked 245 goals (and quite a few more behinds!).



Pictured; C.M. (Mark) Fanning 1981 (centre with Head Trainer Sandy Cockburn on the right and Mark Wellington on the left)

M.J. (Michael) Harrison was a character on and off the field and utilised his considerable high jumping skills to great effect at the goal front (Michael was amongst the best high jumpers in the State at the time). Michael's 11 goals against Teachers College in 1977 lives in the memory of those who witnessed it. Michael Harrison was awarded the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Individual Performance for his effort.

Two long serving players from the 1970's and early 1980's in D.N. (David) Bartlett and E.P. (Egils) Olekalns are also amongst the top 25 goalkickers. Both started their careers as wingmen, Egils graduating to a classy rover, David to a back pocket.

Egils kicked over 230 goals in A1, with a best return of 38 in 1980, and a career total of 247 in 275 games. David kicked 112 goals in A1, with a career total of 272 in 343 games. Both players later represented the A1 Reserves with distinction, adding to their goal hauls.

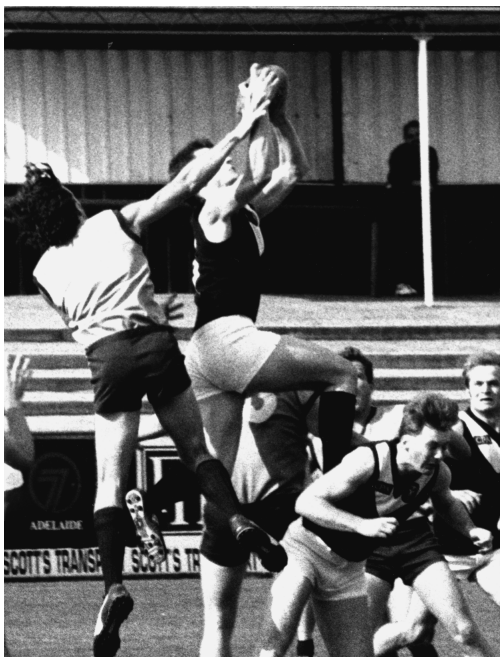
Another character around this era was John.K. ('Rox') Wellington who was a goalkicking half forward with considerable flair. No more so than in the 1977 game against Postal Institute when he kicked 12 goals and handed off several others in a masterful display. 'Rox' kicked 277 goals in his 177 games.

Mercurical and enigmatic rover, M.A. (Mark) Crosby, was a player who had a penchant for kicking goals – the more difficult the better. He was not the typical rover, as spectacular high marks were his trademark. In 1985 Mark kicked 60 goals for the season, including ten against Seaton Ramblers.

One of the stories from the 1996 Premier 1 Flag was the goalkicking feat of Todd Ferguson, son of 1960's stalwart John ('Keg') Ferguson. Todd came into the Finals series with 82 goals, having kicked ten in the last minor round game. Todd added one in the Second Semi-final, saving two great efforts for the Preliminary Final and Grand Final.

The tallies of eight and ten goals in these games were instrumental in ensuring the Premiership was back with 'the Blacks' after a ten-year absence. To set up the victory with a long goal for his 100th of the season was a feat that young boys dream about.

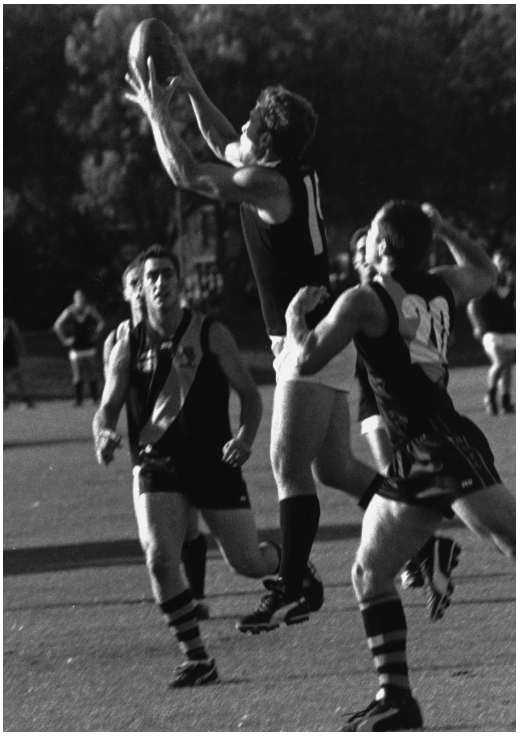
Todd was rewarded with the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Individual Performance for that season.



Pictured: Todd Ferguson 1996

Fellow Sturt cricket team mate, E.A. (Evan) Arnold, joined 'the Blacks' in 1997 from Sturt and immediately stamped himself as a talented and prolific goalkicker. That season he won the A1 goalkicking award with 78 goals. Subsequently Evan won the two further Amateur League awards – in 2000 with 95 goals and in 2002 with 80 goals. Evan is one of very few players to win this prestigious trophy three times.

In a career spanning eight seasons and 138 games, Evan kicked 531 goals at a very commendable average of 3.8 per game. This is the best return for those 'Blacks' players who have kicked over 200 goals since 1970.



Pictured: Evan Arnold 2002

LOWER GRADE GOALKICKERS

Few records have been found regarding goalkickers in the lower grades in the earlier eras of the Club. It is known that players such as I.R (Ian) Milne, J.P. (Julian) Pfitzner and J. Naffin all won or were very highly placed in lower grade goalkicking lists in the 1960's.

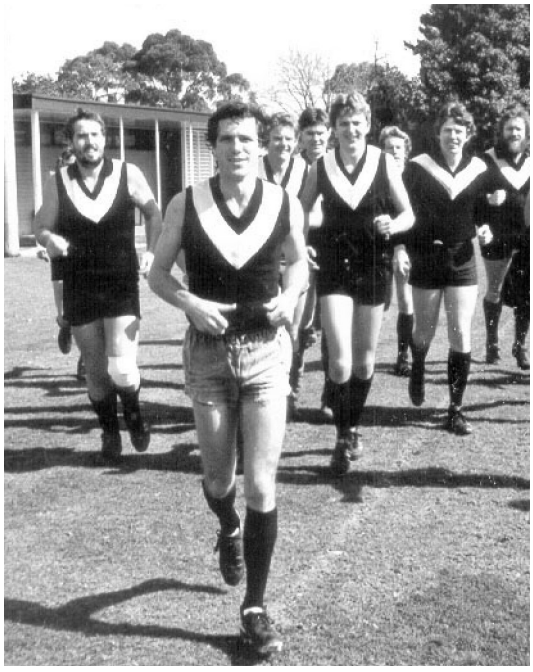
However, since the late 1970s, improved goalkicking records have been kept by the Club. Some highlights of individual performances are highlighted below.

P.A. (Paul) Smith played 130 games between 1977 and 1985 and was a prolific goalkicker throughout his career. In total Paul kicked 335 goals for 'the Blacks' at an impressive average of 2.7 per game. Consistency was his hallmark, with returns of 74, 58, 59, 59 and 62 in the consecutive seasons between 1980 and 1985, with the exception of 1983 where he only played a few games.

Paul won the Max Basheer Trophy for the Club's leading goalkicker three times, in 1980, 1981 and 1984. He would have been the Club's highest goalkicker when he retired.

J.T.W. (Tom) Birchall was a talented all round sportsman who also played State cricket as a wicketkeeper. Tom played 51 games for 'the Blacks' between 1981 and 1986. Although only playing complete seasons in 1983 and 1986, Tom was a very consistent goalkicker, totalling 146 goals at an average of nearly three goals per game. His return of 50 goals in 1983 and his efforts in the A3 side of 1986, including one bag on nine goals, indicated his talent as a key forward.

Martin F. ('Dart') Altmann (son of Frank Altmann, who was a Blacks champion and State Player in the 1950s) was a dedicated Club member between 1981 and 1989, contributing much to the team spirit and success of the lower grades. 'Dart' amassed 141 games in his career and kicked a very impressive 205 goals, regularly kicking about 30 goals in a season.



Pictured: Martin "Dart" Altmann is pictured here behind and on the right of Bob Neil #130 on the occasion of Bob Neil's 200th game. Note the famous grey shorts worn by the legend for both his home and away games.

Long-serving Club President (16 years), Peter 'Young" Maddern, was also talented in front of goals (and wide out on the flank). With 343 career goals between 1980 and 1990 at an average of over two per game, Peter ranks ninth on the all-time list. Peter's 13 goals against Flinders University in 1982 in A9 (albeit standing later to be a 'Blacks' player Matt Warren) was a high point. Peter's 88 goal total for that season was an outstanding achievement.

Peter won the Max Basheer Trophy in 1986 with 71 goals, following a good return of 57 goals in 1985.

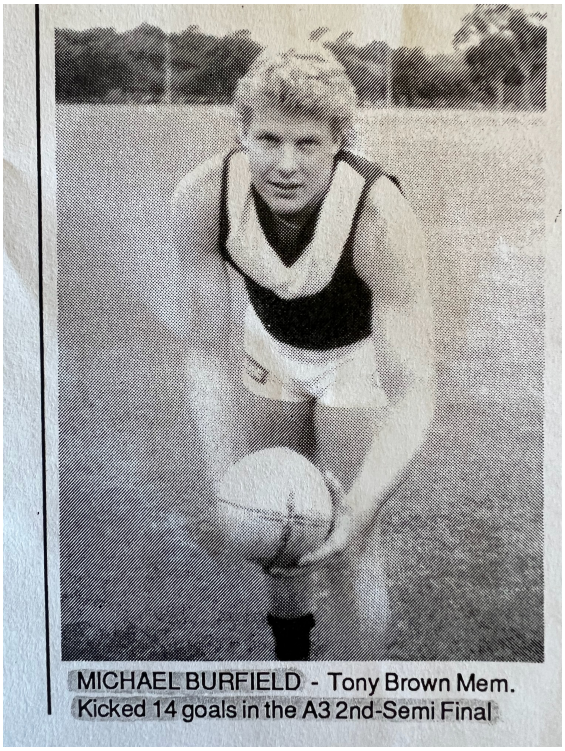


Pictured: Peter "Young" Maddern #7 and Darren Graetz #13

T.P. (Tim) Burfield was a stalwart of the lower grades between 1984 and 1993. Tim played 162 games and kicked 326 goals at an average of two per game. His two best seasons resulted in Grand Final appearances. Tim kicked 67 goals for the A8 Reserves Premiership side in 1990 and 66 goals for the A7 Reserves side in 1992.

In 1986, M.A. (Michael) Burfield (a cousin of Tim) kicked 14 goals for the A3 side in the Second Semi-final win against Woodville South. Coach Ross Bourne described the effort as *"absolutely inspirational - his kicking for goal, body positioning and team play was faultless."* This effort also won Michael the Tony Brown Memorial Trophy for the Most Outstanding Individual Performance for that season. Michael kicked 56 goals for the 1986 season.

Michael Burfield was also named as full forward in the All-Australian side at the 1985 Inter-Varsity Carnival. This followed great efforts against Sydney University (15 goals) and Monash University (10 goals).



Pictured; Michael Burfield 1986

Another long term player and lower grade coach, R.B.J. (Bob) Bradley was a consistent goalkicker in the lower grades. Between 1985 and 1998, Bob kicked 282 goals in his 172 games. His best seasons included 60 goals in 1992 and 53 in 1993.

G.P. (Gerald Patrick) Ward was well known at 'the Blacks', following his first game in 1987, but for deeds mostly off the field. Gerald Patrick came into his own as a goalkicker in the Premiership sides in A7 Reserves in 1993 and A8 Reserves in 1994. He kicked 63 and 52 goals in only 24 games in these two seasons at an average of nearly five per game.

Club character and long term lower grade coach, D.J. (Darien) O'Reilly, who began his career in 1987 and finished in 2003, loved to kick a goal. His flamboyant personality highlights the traits of many of 'the Blacks' celebrated goalkickers.

Darien's best season was 1990 when he kicked 95 goals whilst coaching the A8 side to a Premiership. He kicked a total of 401 goals from his 150 games.



Pictured; Coach of the "Chardonnays" (with flair) Darien O'Reilly

B.M. (Brenton) Rigden commenced with 'the Blacks' in 1989 and by career end had played 226 games for 207 goals. However, his goalkicking feats took some time to develop – in his first 100 games he only kicked 50 goals.

Julian Holsman emerged as a prolific goalkicker in the lower grades, playing 100 games between 1991 and 2000. After a few moderate seasons in front of goals, Julian kicked 78 goals in the A8 Reserves Premiership side in 1994, 57 in the A6 side in 1995 and 80 goals in the A4 Reserves Premiership side in 1980.

Julian's 300 goals in 100 games is a very neat return for the statistically minded.

Adrian R. ("Howie") Howard #44 first played for 'the Blacks' in 1992 and, like quite a few of the top goalkickers, took the option to move forward as he 'matured'. Handpassing was of declining use to "Howie" as the years went by. Adrian won the Division 10 South Goalkicking Trophy and the Club's award for his 75 goals in 2004.

Howie now sits third on our all-time list with 682 goals from his 428 games and still counting.



Pictured; Adrian Howard #44 on the right, centre Clinton Rule #103 (and #2) with Damien Tofan #4 on the left. Circa 2013.



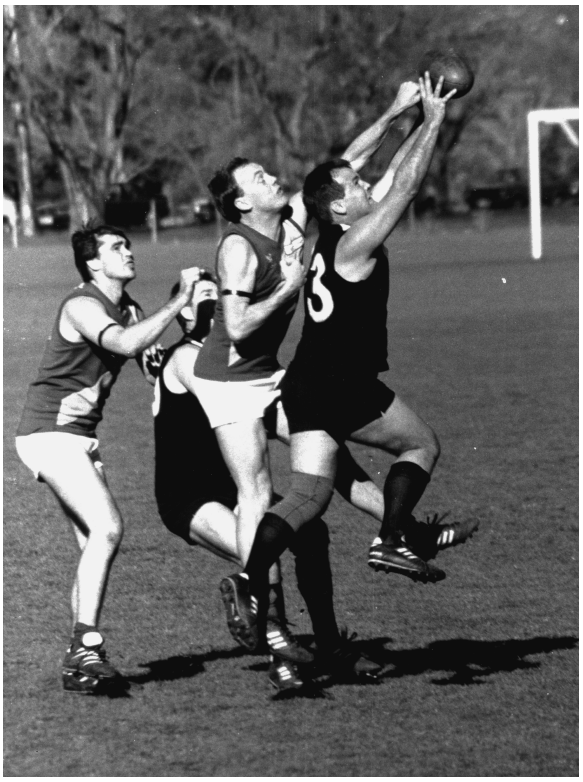
Pictured; Adrian Howard #44. Handpassing for the camera only in 2017.

In 1995 University goalkickers were to the fore right across the Club. G.M. (Greg) Davis topped the century mark with 114 in A5 and A.T. (Andrew) Lines kicked 50 in A1 Reserves, both winning awards for their grades.

Greg Davis backed up in 1996 with 71 goals, mainly in the Premier 1 Reserves. Greg's career return of 320 goals was from 136 games.

Andrew Lines commenced with 'the Blacks' in 1991 and his goalkicking grew in stature as he gained experience. Andrew won the A1 Reserves trophy in 1995 and followed this up with a further 50 goals in the Division 8 North Premiership side in 1997. Andrew is a member of the 200 goal club, with 224 goals in 149 games.

Darren K. (The Jerk) Graetz epitomises the character and approach needed to become a prolific goalkicker. With a clear acknowledgment of his shortcomings and the attributes that would be required for more mobile positions, Graetz (the 'Jerk') resolved very early in his career to base himself in the goal square. This he did very effectively to become the greatest goalkicker in the history of not only 'the Blacks', but the entire SAAFL.



Pictured; Darren K. (The Jerk) Graetz #13. Out of his goal square. Circa 2000.

In the 1992 season Darren kicked 103 goals in A7 and eight goals in other grades in a stellar year's football, where he also had the responsibility of coaching the A7 side.

Playing for the A8's against Ingle Farm in 1994 Darren kicked a career (and at that time Club) high of 17 goals in a season's tally of 97. Darren, however, regards the 9 goals 1 point in a 12.5 to 21.18 losing score-line against Glenunga in A4 in 1991 as a better personal effort. Darren still tops our list with 1402 goals in 504 games. Just amazing numbers.

By the late 1990's erstwhile defender Peter Wildy had moved his way up forward and became a goalkicking force. Peter's first seven seasons had yielded just 37 goals.

He then became a regular contributor in front of goals. Returns above 50 goals in 1999 (55) and 2000 (52) assisted the Division 8 side play in two Grand Finals for the 2000 Premiership.

Peter kicked 271 goals in his 205 games between 1989 and 2002.

J.D. (Jamahl) Waddington is a 300 goal player. Jamahl first played for 'the Blacks' in 1998 and has often played in the forward lines in tandem with legendary goalkicker Darren Graetz. He has regularly kicked in excess of 30 goals in a season, with a career high of 46 in the Division 8 Reserves Premiership side in 2002.

His 300 goals in 154 games at an average of close to two goals per game indicate a consistent goalkicker, valued by any side.

In 1998, M.L. (Martin) Baillie kicked 94 goals in Division 9 North in his first season for the Club. Amongst some impressive goal hauls was a then Club record 18 goals against Salisbury in the last minor round game. 'The Blacks' scored 44.21 in this game.

T.W. (Troy) Lorenz kicked 18 goals in Division 9 North in 1999 against Salisbury West in a 'Blacks' individual and team goal-scoring record. Troy's tally was 18.3 after kicking the first 14 without a miss. The team scored 46.16 to Salisbury West's 1.6.

His 119 goals for the season and 11 in the Grand Final were significant factors in the Division 9 North Premiership in 1999.

In 1989, 'Blacks' players topped the SAAFL lists in three grades, with D.W. (Digby) Hancock (85) in Division 3 Reserves, D.J. (Darien) O'Reilly (48) in Division 8 and J.C. (Jack) Richards (32) in Division 8 Reserves. This occurred again in 2003 with A.L. (Adam) Wilson (52) in Division 1 Reserves, D.K. (Darren) Graetz (69) in Division 7 Reserves and G.G. (Glenn) Smith (58) in Division 10 North all in fine form in front of goals.

No record of lower grade goalkickers should overlook the accumulation of goals over a long and distinguished career by M.J. (Michael) Bird. Michael played 313 games and as a rover/forward pocket kicked 242 goals.


Adelaide University footballer Darren 'The Jerk' Graetz (centre) who played his 500th game on the weekend with teamates Ben Vezis (celebrating 250 games) and Gary Krievs (200). Picture: Tom Huntley

Pictured: Ben Vezis playing his 250th game on the left, Darren Graetz playing his 500th game in the middle and Gary Krievs playing his 200th game on the right. Yes, a 950 game celebration (circa 2013).

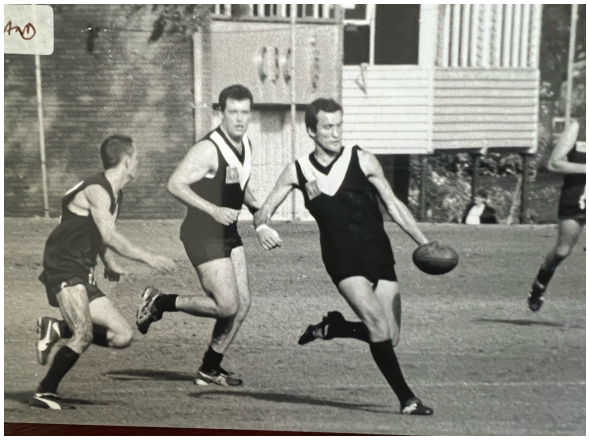
Ben Vezis #19 is seventh on our all-time list with 402 goals and a Life Member.



Pictured; Nick Vezis seen here leading the team out.

Brother Nick #17 is eighth on our all-time list with 371 goals and also a Life Member.

The Vezis brothers have the distinction of kicking the most goals by two brothers in the same game - 20 against Ovingham in 2009, the same day Ben kicked an AUFC record of 19 goals.



Pictured; Wes LeGrand #42

Wes Legrand is tenth on our all-time list with 336 goals. Wes must be the only player in the Top 10 Club Goalkickers who never played in the Full Forward line, and who has "Top 2 Positions Most Selected" as “Half Back Flank” and “Midfield” – neither being Forward. Much more to read about Wes in coming chapters. He holds a league record for other achievements other than goal kicking. He is a Life Member.

SAAFL GOALKICKING AWARDS

The AUFC winners of the goalkicking award for the Amateur League in A1, Premier 1 and Division 1 are outlined in the following table.

SAAFL A1/P/Div 1 Goalkicking Trophy Men

Year	AUFC Player	Grade	Goals
1912	A.C. Wilton	A1	41
1913	J.W. Blacket	A1	-
1926	W.R. James	A1	78
1927	W.R. James	A1	124
1928	W.R. James	A1	74
1929	F.H. Finlayson	A1	53
1933	W.L. Hann	A1	66
1934	W.L. Hann	A1	69
1949	M.R. Basheer	A1	59
1951	R.R. Hancock	A1	69
1952	J.K.A. McLeod	A1	56
1953	J.K.A. McLeod	A1	67
1955	C.H. Akkermanns	A1	80
1957	C.H. Akkermanns	A1	106
1958	C.H. Akkermanns	A1	58
1961	P.G. Morton	A1	64
1963	I.R. Milne	A1	72
1965	R.I. Warhurst	A1	61
1982	A.C. Hancock	A1	91
1988	A.C. Hancock	A1	73
1996	T.C. Ferguson	P1	101
1997	E.M. Arnold	Div 1	78
2000	E.M. Arnold	Div 1	95
2002	E.M. Arnold	Div 1	80
2020	Ben Edwards	Div 1	38

Note; Ben Edwards topped the ‘Adelaide Footy League’ goalkicking list in 2020 with 38 goals in a 9-match COVID-19 shortened season.

The winners of the Amateur League goalkicking award in the lower grades (so far as research can determine) are outlined in the following table.

SAAFL Goalkicking Top Award
AUFC Lower Grades 1984 onwards
Men and Women

Year	AUFC Player	Grade	Goals
1984	P.A. Smith	A9	59
1986	M.A. Burfield	A3	56
1987	D.W. Hancock	A3 Res	71
1988	D.W. Hancock G.M. Fraser	A3 Res A7 Res	93 50
1989	D.W. Hancock D.J. O'Reilly J.C. Richards	A3 Res A8 A8 Res	85 48 32
1990	D.W. Hancock T.P. Burfield D.J.O'Reilly	A4 Res A8 Res A8	62 67 95
1991	S.M. Fowler	A4 Res	49
1992	D.K. Graetz D.W. Hancock	A7 A5 Res	103 55
1994	D.K. Graetz	A8	92
1995	G.M. Davis A.T. Lines	A7S A1 Res	106 48
1996	G.M. Davis	P1 Res	64
1997	A.C. Brock	Div 8N R	78
1998	P.J. Wildy	Div 8 Res	54
1999	T.W. Lorenz D.K. Graetz	Div 9N Div 7 Res	119 81
2000	D.K. Graetz	Div 7 Res	84
2001	D.K. Graetz	Div 7 Res	76
2002	D.K. Graetz	Div 8 Res	69
2003	A.L. Wilson D.K. Graetz G.G. Smith	Div 1 Res Div 7 Res Div 10N	52 69 58
2004	A.R. Howard	Div 10S	75
2005	W.L. Legrand	Div 6 Res	64
2008	T. Colebatch	C4	
2009	B. Vezis	D7 Res	110
2010	B. Vezis	D7 Res	63
2010	P. Britten-Jones	C4	
2011	W. Hoey	C1	
2011	L. Cameron	D6Res	61
2012	B. Ellis	D2 Res	
2014	B. Meier	C1	
2017	R. Wallace	WD1	
2017	B. Simpson	D1Res	
2018	K. Barltrop	WD1	
2020	B. Robinson	C1	
2021	B. Robinson	C1	
2021	A. Seneca	D7Res	
2022	Z. Fahey	C6	
2023	C. Lane	C5	

AUFC GOALKICKING TROPHY

The winners of the Max Basheer Trophy for the most goals kicked for the Adelaide University Football Club in any grade during a season during the first hundred years are outlined in the following table.

Max Basheer Trophy
AUFC Goalkicking 1906-2005
The First Hundred Years
All Grades/ All Matches
Men

Year	Player	Grade	Goals
1969	J.S. Sandland	A1	
1970	R.G. Mableson	A2	51
1971	I.C. Haines	A1	
1972	P.L. Holbrook	A1	69
1973	P.L. Holbrook	A1	
1974	P.L. Holbrook	A1	94
1975	C.M. Fanning	A1	75
1976	M.D. Teubner	A1	64
1977	M.J. Harrison	A1	
1978	M. Kerr Grant	A1	
1979	D.W. Hancock	A3 Res	45
1980	P.A. Smith	A8	74
1981	P.A. Smith	A6	58
1982	A.C. Hancock	A1	91
1983	P.I. McCarthy	A10	72
1984	P.A. Smith	A9	59
1985	A.C. Hancock	A1	78
1986	P.H. Maddern	A8	71
1987	D.W. Hancock	A3 Res	74
1988	D.W. Hancock	A3 Res	109
1989	D.W. Hancock	A3 Res	86
1990	D.J. O'Reilly	A8	95
1991	M.C. Perks	A7	74
1992	D.K. Graetz	A7	111
1993	T.M. Hancock	A4 Res	82
1994	D.K. Graetz	A8	97
1995	G.M. Davis	A7	114
1996	T.C. Ferguson	Prem 1	101
1997	E.M. Arnold A.C. Brock	Div 1 Div 8N R	78 78
1998	M.L. Baillie	Div 9N	94
1999	T.W. Lorenz	Div 9N	119
2000	E.M. Arnold	Div 1	95
2001	D.K. Graetz	Div 7 Res	76
2002	E.M. Arnold	Div 1	80
2003	J. Loechel	Div 1, IV	81
2004	A.R. Howard	Div 10S	75
2005	W.L. Legrand	Div 6 Res	65

Please note; In the second Black's century the club goalkicker award is now in honour of DK Graetz for the men (after 2015).

You will notice that in 2016 the future Premier of SA, Peter Malinauskas #260, was the club's goalkicking leader. This was special as he was not known for his long kicking. He was a good leader of course. Of additional note; he was presented with guernsey number #47 at the AUFC Long Lunch in 2023 as he was by then the 47th Premier of SA. Incidentally, his nickname at the Blacks was "the next Premier" for many years before that came to be.

Max Basheer Trophy
(DK Graetz Trophy after 2015)
AUFC Goalkicking
In the Second Century
All Grades / All matches

Year	Player	Grade	Goals
2006	T. Colebatch	D6R	70
2007			
2008			
2009	Ben Vezis	D7Res	115
2010	Ben Vezis	D7Res	63
2011	L. Cameron		61
2012	P. Mulvihill	D2Res	
2013	B. Smelt	D2	
2014	B. Meier		
2015	B. Meier		
2016	P. Malinauskas	Scum	
2017	B. Simpson	D1Res	
2018	B. Smelt/ M. Stuart		
2019	N. Langridge	D1	
2020	B. Robinson	C1	
2021	B. Robinson	C1	69
2022	D. Koop/Z. Fahey	C2/C6	44
2023	C. Lane	C5	
2024	S. Gecz	C6	

The Black's Women's teams started in 2013. They had reached stunning success by 2017, being undefeated and winning the WD1 Premiership in that year by 20 goals at Thebarton Oval.

Ruth Wallace was our top women's goalkicker in 2017 and progressed to the Adelaide Crows Women soon after. Kelly Barltrop topped our goal kicking list in 2019 in another premiership year for the women at the Blacks. Kelly went on to play many seasons for North Adelaide in the SANFLW.

AUFC Women's Top Goalkicker
AUFC Women est. 2013
All grades/ All matches

Year	Player	Grade	Goals
2013			
2014			
2015	F. Clancey	WD1	
2016	R. Wallace	WD1	
2017	R. Wallace	WD1	
2018	K. Barltrop	WD1	
2019	K. Barltrop	WD1	
2020	T. McDermott	WD1	
2021	E. Dalgarno-Fixter	WD1	15
2022	J. Power	WD1Res	12
2023	L. Berry	WD1	
2024	N. Robins	WD3	

Special AUFC Goalkicking 1970 to 2005

Player	Goals	Games	Ave	Years
Darren Graetz	1245	410	3.0	1985-06
Digby Hancock	765	259	3.1	1979-93
Evan Arnold	531	138	3.8	1997-04
Sandy Hancock	443	127	3.5	1982-93
Darien O'Reilly	401	150	2.7	1987-03
Peter Maddern	343	135	2.5	1980-90
Paul Smith	335	130	2.7	1977-85
Tim Burfield	326	162	2.0	1984-93
Tom Hancock	321	179	1.8	1983-93
Greg Davis	320	136	2.3	1988-04
Julian Holsman	300	100	3.0	1991-00
Adrian Howard	292	162	1.8	1992-06
Bob Bradley	282	172	1.6	1985-98
John Wellington	277	177	1.6	1970-94
David Bartlett	272	343	0.8	1976-91
Peter Wildy	271	205	1.3	1989-02
Cameron Mudge	250	145	1.7	1997-06
Egils Olekalns	247	275	0.9	1972-87
Mark Fanning	245	210	1.2	1971-87
Michael Bird	242	313	0.8	1986-06
Jamahl Waddington	300	154	1.9	1998-13
Andrew Lines	224	149	1.5	1991-02
James Loechel	217	112	1.9	2002-06
Brenton Rigden	207	226	0.9	1989-02
Martin Altmann	205	137	1.5	1981-89

ANECDOTES ON GOALKICKERS

The Team Goals are the BEST

As well as individuals kicking significant numbers of goals, many 'Blacks' sides have feasted on opposition defences.

The following table highlights some of the mammoth scores kicked by 'the Blacks' over the years.

AUFC Team scoring feats

Year	Grade	Score	Opponent	Margin
1997	D10S	45.28	CBCOC	297
1927	A1	41.42	YMCA	288
1998	D9N	44.21	Salisbury	284
1999	D9 N	46.16	Salis. W	280
1997	10S	44.23	Hect'ville	280
1994	A8 Res	42.18	Kenilw'th	269
1995	A1 Res	41.26	Gaza	264
1994	A8	40.24	Ingle F'm	262
1977	A1	40.23	Post-Tel	235

The 1927 victory by 'the Blacks' remains the largest winning margin in the A1/Division 1 competition.

It is pleasing to note that over the long history of Adelaide University Football Club no side has been listed in the top 50 thrashings – a remarkable achievement considering the wide range of grades and impact of holidays and exams on playing numbers.

The BIGGEST day outs

As far as records can determine, the following table outlines the best goalkicking hauls by 'Blacks' players.

Year	Player	Grade	Goals
2009	B Vezis	D7Res	19
1998	M.L. Baillie	D9N	18
1999	T.W. Lorenz	D9N	18
1994	D.K. Graetz	A8	17
1927	W.R. James	A1	16
1961	A. Ravesi	A1	16
1982	A.C. Hancock	A1	15
1986	M.A. Burfield	A3	14

Triple crowns dominated by 'Blacks'

To win an A1 or Division 1 Goalkicking Trophy is an outstanding performance indeed. To achieve this honour on three occasions shows exceptional ability in front of goals.

Few players have won the award more than once, and only five have won a triple crown. Of these players, four are 'Blacks' players as listed below.

Triple SAAFL Goalkicking awards
A1 and Division 1

Years	AUFC Player
1926, 1927, 1928	W.R. James
1933, 1934, 1936 *	W.L. Hann
1955, 1957, 1958	C.H. Akkermans
1997, 2000, 2002	E.A. Arnold

* W.L. Hann played with SPOC in 1936

1961 was a HUGE year in front of goals

In 1961, Peter Morton led the A1 goalkicking list with 64 goals, Tony Clarkson was fourth with 48 goals, Juan Hooper was seventh with 43 goals and Ron Dickson eleventh with 39 goals.

In the A2 grade in 1961, Ian Milne had kicked 57 goals and finished in fourth position and Dennis Dall was sixth with 33 goals. 'Emmy' Jones and Jeff Olliver were high up in the A3 list with 33 and 26 goals respectively and Julian Pfitzner easily won the A5 trophy with 53 goals.

'Posties' did not deliver in 1977

In an A1 game against Post-Tel on 15 May 1977, 'the Blacks' kicked 40.23 in what was at the time believed to be a record score. (It was later discovered that the 1927 A1 side had kicked 41.42 against YMCA.

At this stage Post-Tel was not playing well and 'the Blacks' did nothing to restore their confidence.

The final scores ended up 40.23 to 4.4 - a massive win by 235 points. Goalkickers in this win were John Wellington at half forward, 12, Michael Harrison at full forward, 10, Brian Ferris rucking, 4, Andrew Hinchcliff at half forward, 4, David Bartlett on the wing, 3, Malcolm Kerr Grant at centre half forward, 3, Jeff Carruthers roving, 2, Egils Olekalns on the wing, 1 and Mark Schwartz *in the back pocket, 1*.

The best players on this day make interesting reading - Steve Skov (half back), Mark Schwartz (back pocket), John Wellington, Malcolm Spain (centre half back), Andrew Hinchcliff and Brian Ferris. With 40 goals kicked, one would have thought that the backline played a very low key role.

Despite the efforts of 'Rox' Wellington and Michael Harrison, the goalkicking performance of the day went to back pocket Mark Schwartz. Having not kicked a goal in senior football (Mark left school in 1969), he followed up a series of handballs from the backlines and found himself inside half forward with the ball.

A well-directed *drop kick* found the tall uprights and his victory dance has been remembered by all who were there.

These 'Blackers' had other goals

John Parker, who played for 'the Blacks' between 1975 and 1989, was a tough, uncompromising defender who represented the State Amateur team. 'JP' did not appreciate his opponents getting a kick, let alone conceding them a goal.
It took John until 1988 to kick his first goal and it was only his role as Captain-Coach of the A3 side that saw him venture in front of centre. No other coach would have taken this chance with 'JP's offensive and kicking skills. "JP" Career – 227 games, two goals.

Another rugged defender and State Amateur player Mark Wellington was always destined to play behind centre. Forwards never have the fierce desire and reckless attack on the ball that characterised 'Pebbles' game. Every coached worked this out early, resulting in Mark kicking only three goals in 104 games.

Club legend, Bob Neil #130, was also a defender, rarely allowed in front of goals. Bob played from 1974 to 1993 and in his 236 games notched up ten goals, including a career high five goals in 1985.

Future AUFC Chairman Peter Sharley #39, playing at half-back flank, never kicked a goal in his 80 matches for the Blacks 1982-88. His best work was off the field in a later era.

Our **Live AUFC Goal Kickers Leader Board** can be seen here on our website;

https://uniblacksfc.com.au/stats/

Also, you can search for individual player statistics collected from every match since 1981. No other club has this quantum of electronic data readily accessible. 44 years in the making. Thank you Fred "Chocka" Bloch for your vision and so many other things.

As of March 2025, we have the following 10 fine chaps as our top goal kickers of all time.

Evan Arnold and Sandy Hancock scored so many goals in the top division that are the standouts for the sub-editor.

Champions from earlier eras had much shorter playing careers at the Blacks due to student restrictions, and data collection was not as easy as it is now, and these factors probably prevented many of them from gaining a spot in the top 10 of all time.

AUFC GOAL KICKING LEADERBOARD
1906-2024
All Grades / All Matches
Men

	player	goals	games	average	years
1	Darren Graetz	1402	504	2.78	1985-2006
2	Digby Hancock	765	259	2.95	1979-1993
3	Adrian Howard	682	428	1.59	1992-2024
4	Evan Arnold	532	139	3.83	1997-2004
5	Sandy Hancock	447	133	3.36	1982-1993
6	Darien O'Reilly	410	159	2.58	1987-2003
7	Benjamin Vezis	402	257	1.56	1996-2017
8	Nicholas Vezis	371	269	1.38	1996-2015
9	Peter Maddern	343	135	2.54	1980-1990
10	Wes LeGrand	336	320	1.05	2000-2017