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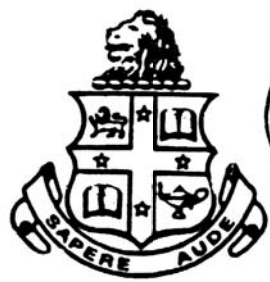


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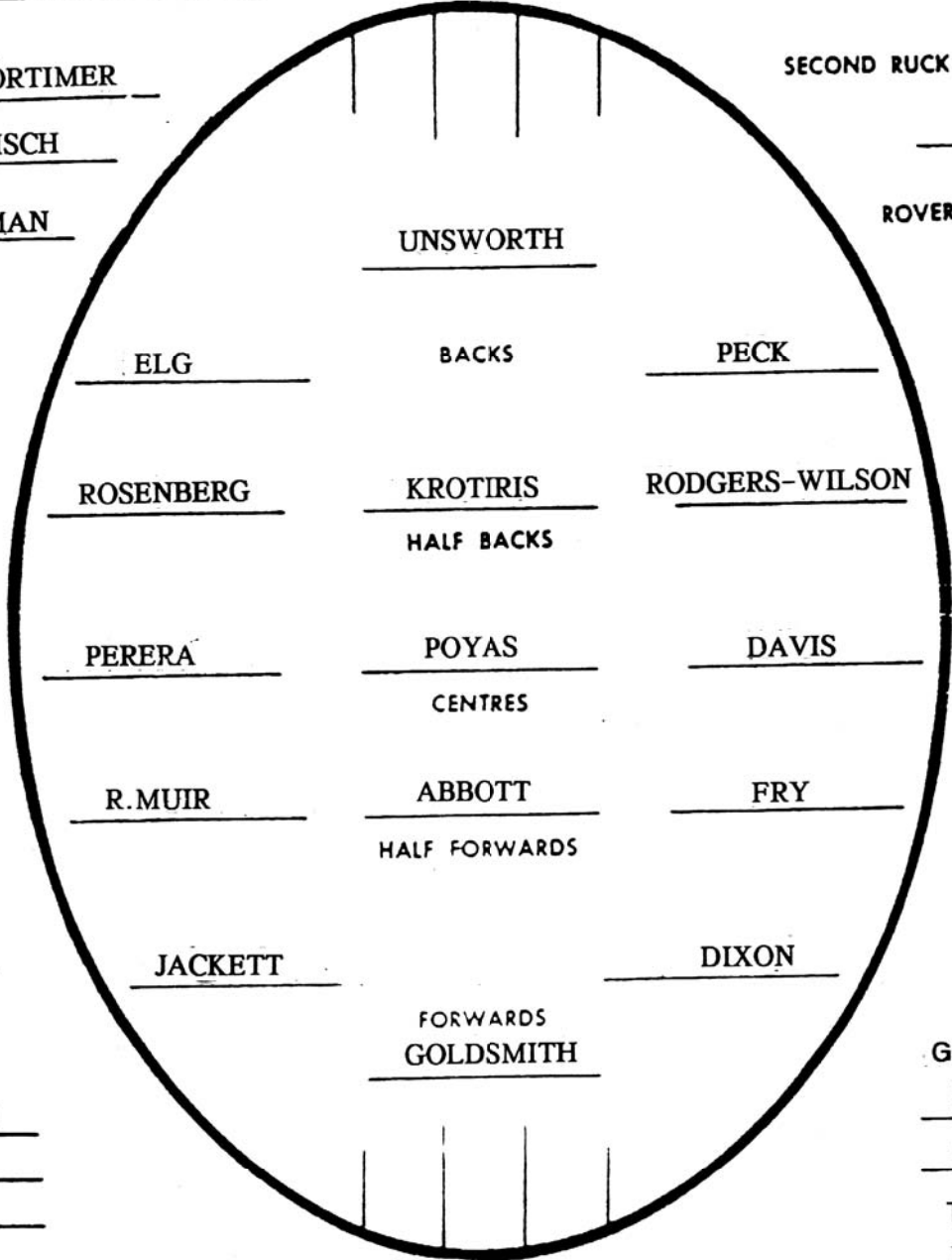


WESLEY COLLEGE  
**LIONS**  
**8As**  
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FIRST RUCK MORTIMER  
WALVISCH  
 ROVER SALLMAN

SECOND RUCK ABBOTT  
KROTIRIS  
 ROVER ELG



INTERCHANGE  
GOLDENFEIN  
JOHNSON  
COOKES  
HICKEY  
RANASINGHE  
SZTAR  
SCHER

COACH  
MR.STONE  
 ASSISTANT COACH  
MR.PARK

**MATCH RECORD**  
 Played: 10  
 Won: 3  
 Lost: 6  
 Drawn: 1

GOAL UMPIRES  
MR.FRY  
MARKS  
 TIMEKEEPERS  
MR.MUIR  
MR.JOHNSON  
 CHEERLEADERS  
MRS.ABBOTT  
MRS.UNSWORTH  
MRS.PECK  
MRS.KROTIRIS

MEDIA  
C.MUIR  
BEN WALVISCH  
MR.UNSWORTH



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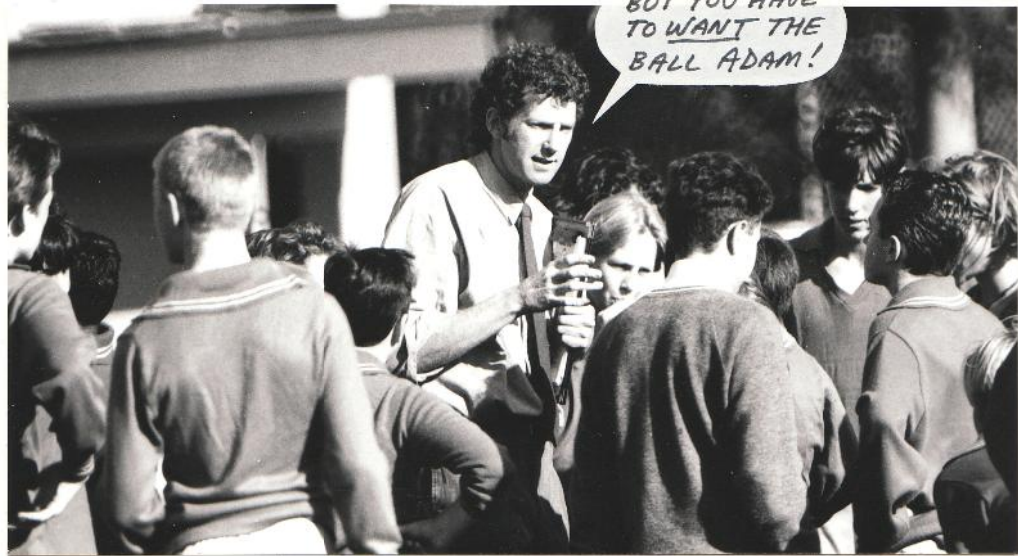
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THOROUGHLY  
RECOMMEND  
THIS BOOK!





# LIONS HIT THE BIG TIME

WESLEY                    3. 4. 22  
HAILEYBURY            11. 9. 75

GOALS: Davis, Abbott, Fry

BEST: Krotiris, Unsworth, Sallman, Davis, Elg, Muir, Fry etc.

B.O.G. Krotiris

INJURIES: Poyas (achilles), Abbott (leg), Sallman (hand)

Following a very successful 1993 season during which the Lions established a new standard of quality football, it was inevitable that an invitation to participate in the elite 'A' division of the APS would be extended to them. So it was that the Lions found themselves out at Keysborough on Saturday morning lining up against the pick of Haileybury's five Year 8 football sides. With the Lions' 1994 team list already weakened by the salary cap and some underhand off season poaching by the NBL and the Australian Athletics Institute, it was a major blow to lose the on ball strength of Paul Walvisch who had turned his ankle during last weekend's intra-club practice match. Nevertheless the Lions' lineup still looked formidable on paper - it was now a matter of measuring up the opposition.

Well, a quick glance on Saturday morning was enough to tell us that they use a different standard of measurement out in the sticks. The ruckmen would not have looked out of place shooting baskets with Shaq O'Neal, and even the rovers were able to look Timmy Krotiris in the eye! Not surprisingly the Lions looked overawed for much of the first quarter as they struggled to come to terms with the extra pressure applied by their humungous opponents. Quarter time was think time, as the Lions refocused and adjusted their game plan.

The team that took the field for the second term was determined not to play into their opponents hands, and to their credit, the Lions took the game right up to Haileybury. All around the ground players lifted their performance and it showed on the scoreboard as each Haileybury goal was answered by a Wesley major. Led by 'Krackers' Krotiris who was playing a bottler at CHB, and Cam Unsworth's inspirational efforts on the last line of defence, the Lions soon saw the advantage of attacking the ball and making the play! With our newly elected skipper, Hadyn, in fine form and with Ezra doing a good job in the centre, the Lion's opportunities were increasing by the minute. Some

magnificent running on the wing by 'Demon' Davis produced our first goal, and another inspired effort by Adam set up our second as Nick Abbott marked in front of the big sticks. Courageous and skilful play by 'Reds' Prerara provided a great example to his team mates and helped keep the ball moving forward. The backline was keeping the screws on the opposition forwards and the home team were not finding it so easy now! Cookesy, Rosey and 'Teaser' Goldenfein were hassling and harassing their opponents while 'Dasher' Nash was impressing with his strong running from the back pocket. Big Bill Mortimer was competing tirelessly in the ruck and Fryza was firing up, but it was 'Krackers' who was leading the charge with his strong marking and direct play as he continually turned the ball back towards our forward line. Chucky was just cruising around half forward while Muiry, 'Jacka' Jackett, and the Peckster were boldly throwing their bodies into death defying situations. Jonno Dixon was moving well at full forward, but inconsiderate Haileyburians kept smothering his snapshots! At the long break we trailed by 23 points, and the coach was a much happier man!

Although unable to score themselves during the third quarter, the Lions maintained the pressure on the locals and held them to just three more majors. Injuries to Poyas and Abbott suggested that a Lions' victory was now an improbability, but the boys refused to lie down and geared themselves for a real dip in the last quarter. Strong play by Unsa and Nash kept the Haileybury forwards on their toes, and strong marking by the skipper helped lock the ball in our forward line. A pass to Tim, who in turn passed to Fryza produced another Lions' major and Abbo almost secured our fourth. Muiry turned on a great run, tackle and hassle against several steroid affected opponents and Chucky delighted the crowd with his amazing Tai-Kwon-Do torpedo, but the Lions were unable to narrow the margin on the scoreboard, and when the final siren sounded it showed the home team to be comfortable winners. But winning isn't every-thing, and the Lions could walk from the field with their heads high. A gutsy effort and a valuable learning experience.





## Rd 2

## LIONS IN FIGHT BACK!

WESLEY 5. 2. 32  
ST.KEVINS 14. 13. 97

GOALS: Abbott 2, Poyas, Muir, Goldenfein

BEST: Krotiris, Unsworth, Poyas, Sallman, Fry, Rodgers-Wilson, Abbott, etc.

B.O.G. Krotiris

INJURIES: Dixon (gashed leg), Jackett (stomach), Peck (shoulder)

NOW READ ON.....Having proved to themselves the previous week that they could be competitive against bigger and stronger opposition, the Lions were eager to take on another A Division team to see if they could move closer to their first victory of the new season. A training scare during the week threatened to rob us of last week's B.O.G. Krackers Krotiris, but in true Lion spirit he shrugged off his cut lip and declared himself available for the big match. Tim Rodgers-Wilson returned to the team following his late withdrawal in the opening round, and Peter Johnson was promoted following a strong performance in the Reserves. Poyas also had made a quick recovery from his achilles injury and was able to reclaim his place in the pivot, so the selectors were able to name a strong team for the season's first home match.

It was a still, overcast morning at Albert Park as the match got under way, and very soon it became clear that the Lions would again have a job on their hands! Kicking to the Northern end of the oval, St.Kevins gave our backline plenty to think about during the opening minutes, and the first goals were soon on the board. Once again the Lions seemed overawed by the size of their opponents and were constantly finding themselves second to the ball. With few scoring opportunities for the quarter, our best chance came when Ezra ran the ball into the forward line and Jonno Dixon rushed it towards the goalmouth. Offloaded as he kicked, Jonno could only watch as the ball slewed into the goalpost. Jonno followed the ball and was immediately the centre of attention as the medical staff rushed to his aid. A severe gash to his calf would require stitches and Jonno was rushed to hospital. Chuck took his place at full forward, but had little to do for the remainder of the quarter as Skevvys continued to control the game. Trailing by 32 points at the break, the Lions needed to have a good hard look at themselves. They did just that, and came out a much more determined outfit for the second quarter.

With Poyas working hard in the centre, Fryza and Sallman combining well around the ground, and Abbo finding space at half forward, the Lions suddenly looked a chance. Goals to Abbo and Poyas were followed by an opportunists goal as Muiry crumbed a kick from Chuck. Krackers was

in control at CHB, marking and working the ball forward at every opportunity. Unsa was clearing the ball strongly from the last line and was being given great support by Rosey and "Call me Timmy" Rodgers-Wilson who were paying their opponents close attention. Nim was displaying great agility and ball skills on one wing whilst Davo was running from pocket to pocket on the other. It was three goals all for the quarter at the fifteen minute mark, but a couple of strong bursts and flukey kicks by Skevvys pushed them further ahead during the dying stages of the first half. At the long interval the Lions were down by 53 points, but they were not down in spirit, and after a fair suck of their oranges and a few encouraging words from the ump they were ready to give it another shot!

A determined effort by the home team to cut off St.Kevins' supply proved effective and the added pressure combined with drizzly rain checked our opponents free running game. Strong tackling and serious hassling by Cookesy, Nash and Unsa allowed Skevvys few scoring opportunities and with Big Bill nullifying the ruckman there were more chances for Jacko, Fryza and Davo who was having a run on the ball. Skevvys were held to just the solitary major and as we entered the final stanza of play the Lions were beginning to roar. Krackers continued his dominance across half back and we had busy players in Pete Johnson, Jacka, Sally and the Peckster crumbing around the packs. Nick Abbott was marking strongly and soon produced a hard earned major. Even Teaser Goldenfein got in on the act with his first ever goal! When Chuck's watch finally beeped it was a two all draw for the final quarter and once again the Lions were able to leave the ground satisfied that they had mixed it with the best and held their own! Now look out Grammar!



Lions skipper Hadyn Sallman is held without the ball.



Sallman lets fly towards goal during the last quarter.



## Rd 3

## LIONS BREAK THE ICE!

WESLEY 8. 13. 61  
MELBOURNE G.S. 6. 2. 38

GOALS: Goldsmith 2, Walvisch 2, Abbott, Fry, Poyas, Muir

BEST: Sallman, Krotiris, Walvisch, Unsworth, Poyas, Elg, Fry, Abbott, Jackett, Davis, Mortimer, Muir, Peck, Rosenberg, Johnson, Cookes, Perera, Goldenfein, Rodgers-Wilson, and not forgetting Goldsmith

INJURIES: Elg (bruised ribs), Perera (sore head), Goldsmith (bruised hand)

MARK of the DAY: Jackett

GOAL of the DAY: Walvisch

NOW READ ON.....In a thrilling, hard fought encounter on Saturday morning at the Wadhurst Oval, the Lions shrugged off the disappointments of previous weeks and emerged triumphant over a disciplined Melbourne Grammar combination.

The lead up to the game had been promising, as Paul "I wanna play ruck" Walvisch passed a fitness test on Friday, and Chuck once again managed to resist the bribes offered him by the 'Bs' supporters group. The other good news had come when it was announced that Nimesh had gained another weekend release from his homework contract. The Lions had virtually a full list to choose from, and the rumours going around suggested that Melbourne Grammar had reduced the daily steroid dosage at Year 8 level. This was particularly good news to the Lions, and their pre-match preparation was encouragingly optimistic.

Early morning drizzle and a threatening sky did little to dampen the Lions' enthusiasm as they arrived at the ground, but a minor scare spread through their camp when Chuck appeared sporting a badly swollen ~~head~~ hand. Fortunately the diagnosis was not serious, and much to the coach's relief, Chuck said he would grin and bear it! Despite a serious warm up routine, the Lions were slow to start again, and the home team jumped us in the opening minutes. Kicking down the hill to the St.Kilda Road end, Grammar had rushed to a three goal advantage before the Lions were able to come to terms with the peculiar shape of the oval? and the strange texture of the synthetic footy. Finally the ball was forced far enough forward for Muiry to crumb our first major while Chuck held out the opposition defenders. The small pockets and narrow flanks made for a crowded forward zone and several attempts to build our score resulted in rushed behinds, but the signs were good as Hadyn and Ezra were beginning to set things up across the centre and Krackers was rebounding.

Fryza was looking dangerous around half forward and Abbo's sticky fingers were being put to good use, but our second goal came when Big Bill produced a perfect palm to Ezra who snapped truly from the pocket. At the break the Lions were only a few points down, but it had not been a convincing quarter, and much to Adam's delight the coach almost got angry!

The second term was a pretty even affair, but the Lions appeared to be gradually gaining the upper hand as Walvisch began to make his presence felt around the packs, and Bill was negating his opponent in the air. Unsa was displaying his now familiar combination of strength and straight-down-the-guts defence, and Davo was managing to find plenty of space despite the narrow wings. A goal to Abbo after a pass by Wally, and a welcome sausage to Chuck following a pinpoint disposal by Pete Johnno took us to within a solitary point at the long interval. As the Lions extracted the juice from their citrus segments positive thoughts filled their heads, and a vision of victory appeared before them. No way would we be beaten again! No way would the Lion join the endangered species list!

The backline was inspired, and with Krackers leading from the front, Timmy R-W, Cookesy and Rosey were able to hold out the Grammar offence for the entire quarter. Nash "GET OUT OF MY WAY" Elg was in dashing form, and Nim was desperately diving on anything dangerous. Ezra was being creative with his disposal and Jacka was showing courage and skill around the flanks. Krackers bombed one to Abbo at full stretch and Wally capped off with a major. He soon dobed another from the left pocket, and the Lions were looking good. Even Bill took a mark! A fourteen point advantage at the the last change was pleasing, but nothing to get excited about, as the fat lady had yet to sing a note!

The final stanza was a real crowd pleaser, as the Lions really turned it on for the football public. Sally was magnificent in defence - his marking superb and his long bombs penetrating! Nash's G&D had to be seen to be believed, and Krackers' skills were awesome! (Except when he kicked it out on the full). Several exciting passages of play brought the crowd to its feet as Davo, Abbo, Jacka, and "Teaser" Goldenfein one-twoed the ball along the members' wing with flair and finesse, while Fryza and Wally kept them there with dashing displays downfield. A goal to Fryza off hands, and a second to Chuck following a Jacka pass, put the Lions further ahead, and with the Peckster and Unsa impassable on the last line of defence, Melbourne had few opportunities to close the gap. The sound of the final bell was indeed welcome, and there was much rejoicing in the Lions' camp. The ice had been broken! The Lions by 23 points!



## Rd 4

# LIONS BLOWN OFF COURSE!

WESLEY 3. 2. 20  
BRIGHTON G.S. 4. 9. 33

GOALS: Abbott, Fry, Walvisch

BEST: Unsworth, Krotiris, Perera, Sallman, Mortimer, Davis, Walvisch, Abbott etc.

INJURIES: Goldenfein (thigh), Elg (thigh), Walvisch (bum), Krotiris (tummy)

GOAL of the DAY: Fry

CROW THROW of the DAY: Muir

NOW READ ON.....Word had spread fast about the Lions' impressive victory over Melbourne Grammar last weekend, and even as far south as sunny bayside Brighton the Lions' newfound form was hot gossip. Especially in sunny bayside Brighton, as the Lions were due to travel beachwards this weekend to tussle with the local lads. Uncertain of their chances in a legitimate struggle with the Lions, the Brighton Grammar Football Directorate arranged a clandestine meeting during the week at the local yacht club. The sole agenda of the meeting was to formulate ways and means of preventing the Lions from continuing on their winning way, and a master plan was devised that would be sure to disadvantage the visiting team sufficiently to ensure a Brighton victory.

The first stage of the plan involved the bribing of two highly respected medical specialists who were each offered free membership rights at the prestigious Royal Rosebud Pitch'n'Putt Golf Club, if they would issue false diagnoses to Lion stars Poyas and Goldsmith. Chuck sought advice about his bruised hand and was warned that if he played in the "A's" against Brighton gangrene would be sure to set in and amputation would be inevitable. Ezra visited his specialist in good faith for another check on his troublesome knee and was informed that there was inter-cruciate-sub-medial ligamental damage and a total reconstruction would be on the cards if he fronted up for the game against Brighton. Naturally the boys accepted their doctors' advice and declared themselves unavailable. This caused some concern for the Lions' selectors, and they were forced to find replacements at short notice. The recent good form in the "B's" of Ranasinghe earned him a promotion and a temporary release from his NBL contract allowed David Coombes to make a guest appearance on the interchange bench. Despite the loss of their two star players, the Lions were still feeling confident as the day of the match drew near - but their devious opponents had not finished yet!

In an attempt to disrupt the Lions' preparation for the game, the B.G.F.D. issued revised match details late in the week, shifting the fixture to the

notoriously windy Beach Oval. On arriving at the ground on Saturday morning the Lions' coach was stunned to be told that the game had to commence at 10am - 30 minutes before the appointed starting time! This desperate strategy was clearly devised to provide the home team with an unfair advantage, and as the Lions were making their way to the ground, the Tonners were undergoing a thorough pre-match preparation. The sea breeze was a gale force wind and in such conditions local knowledge would be crucial. With an early start the Lions would have no time to acclimatise themselves, and home ground advantage could become a major factor in the outcome of the game.

The Lions found the visitors change rooms locked and bolted, and were forced to prepare themselves in the open. The Tonners were eagerly circling the centre square, the umpires were rehearsing the opening bounce, and the Lions' coach was a worried man! He could barely muster 15 players! Changing the fixture had obviously worked to Brighton's advantage. Stalling as long as he could, the Lions' coach was desperately trying to shuffle his troops into a workable combination. His entire on ball division had yet to appear - had they been kidnapped on their way to the ground? To make matters worse, Adam couldn't find his yellow shorts! Krackers assumed the captaincy and as the ball was bounced Haydn could be seen on the far wing busily tying his bootlaces. Wally was slipping out of his tracksuit in front of the grandstand, and Bill was trying to wedge his big feet into his boots on the railway side of the ground. Desperate defence by the Lions held the



Lion defender Anthony Jackett shapes to centre the ball during the last quarter. Nimesh Perera runs in support.





*Lion centre half back Tim Krotiris dives on his opponent in a desperate attempt to gain possession. Adam Davis looks on.*

enemy at bay until we could field a full contingent, but our lack of preparation was showing as we struggled to find the scoring flank and the ball was being bottled up in the dead pocket. A nil all draw seemed likely until Brighton registered a minor score, and that was it for the quarter.

The Lions knew that they had a job on their hands, and during the second term they knuckled down to the task of working the ball upfield towards the scoring zone. Strong marking by Krackers and hard work by Timmy R-W, Rosey and the Peckster prevented the locals from capitalising on their forward line, whilst Davo and Bill were doing desperate things at the bottom of packs. Wally used his body strength to advantage, gained possession, passed to Fryza who passed it to Abbo and a goal resulted, but the Tonners answered and our advantage was negated. Tush led well into the grandstand pocket, marked close to the boundary and played on - only to have his goal disallowed by the umpire. His second kick was dragged by the wind to the wrong side of the goal post, and at the long break it was level pegging.

The Lions came out fighting in the third quarter knowing that they would have to make good use of the wind if they were to stay in the match. Their opponents were equally desperate, and it took all of Unsa's strength and skill to turn back their forays forward. Krackers was attacking the ball at every opportunity, and Hellman Elg and Cookesy were throwing themselves into anything that looked like a pack. Nim had followed his man deep into enemy territory and was marking strongly under enormous pressure. Haydn was leading our charges along the outer wing with intelligent running and accurate passing, whilst Teaser and Jonno were working hard around the packs at half forward. Our second major came from a dashing Wally and was followed by another soon after when an Abbo pass into the pocket was snaffled by Fryza who snapped truly through the proverbial eye of the needle! At the final change the Lions held a narrow

6 point advantage, but the Tonners would have last use of the gale, and it was not going to be easy!

Despite the tireless efforts of Krackers, Sally, Bill and Jacka, the home team were able to bottle up the play in their scoring zone for much of the quarter, and they gradually whittled away at the Lions' lead until it no longer existed. The wind machine was on full now, and there was little the Lion defence could do other than play kick to kick with the Brighton half forwards. The Tonners had edged their way to a 13 point lead, but they had one more trick up their sleeve. Just when the Lions looked set to kick three quick goals and snatch back the match, the timekeeper rang the bell to end a very short quarter indeed! A gallant effort by the Lions, and on a day that really tested their G&D, they were not found wanting!



*Bill Mortimer contests a ball up during the last quarter.*



*Lion skipper Hadyn Sallman attempts to mark in front of a Brighton opponent.*



*Adam Davis can still manage a smile despite his team's defeat at the hands of Brighton on Saturday morning. His smile would disappear later in the day when his beloved Demons would be toppled by the lowly Sydney Swans! With Adam are from left, Pete Johnson, Nash Elg and Lion powerhouse, Paul Walvisch.*



# FOOTBALL

# LIONS PA

## Innacurate

It is crunch time for the Lions. Wesley captain, Hadyn Sallman admitted that yesterday's disappointing loss to Xavier had placed his team behind the eight ball. "We needed to win this one to stay in the finals race" he said. "It's going to be tough from here. We had our chances today, but we blew it."

The Lions looked the goods early in the game but Xavier made better use of the wind during the second quarter, and as their big men came into the game the Lions slipped out of it.

The home team opened well and seemed intent on running Xavier off their legs. Poyas, Sallman and Davis were firing the Lions into attack and Abbott was making himself a target at half forward. Muir was finding plenty of space and a pass to Poyas set up Abbott for the opening goal. Chuck Goldsmith looked hungry for more, and a clever side step produced another, but the Lions' chances were limited by indirect play and a crowded scoring zone.

Unsworth and Krotiris were their usual reliable selves on the back line and they were receiving good support from Peck and Rodgers-Wilson, but Xavier made good use of the breeze during the second term and had moved to a handy lead at the long break.

The Lions worked hard to regain their hold on the game, but the Xavier big guns were starting to fire, and it was proving difficult. Fry and Perera were showing their class, and Jackett and Abbott were finding space on the half forward line. Chuck's second goal came courtesy of an Abbott pass, and a third soon followed as clever play from Ranasinghe rebounded a kick in. Mortimer and Krotiris were working tirelessly to neutralise their opponents' impact on the game, but Xavier's confidence was high, and despite the efforts of Elg, Unsworth and Rosenberg, they had moved further ahead by the final change.

Walvisch and Sallman were shifted into defence and Krotiris and Elg moved onto the ball for the Lions' last ditch effort, and although Davis continued his good form on the wing and Walvisch provided plenty of drive, the situation looked grim. Goldenfein and Johnson were using handball to advantage on the forward line, and strong shepherding by Tush enabled Abbott to register his second, and the Lions' final goal, but not even the presence of a Channel 7 camera crew could lift them to victory. Xavier replied and maintained their hold on the game.

WESLEY	2.4	2.8	4.10	5.13	(43)
XAVIER	1.1	4.7	7.9	9.10	(64)

Goals - WESLEY: Goldsmith 3, Abbott 2

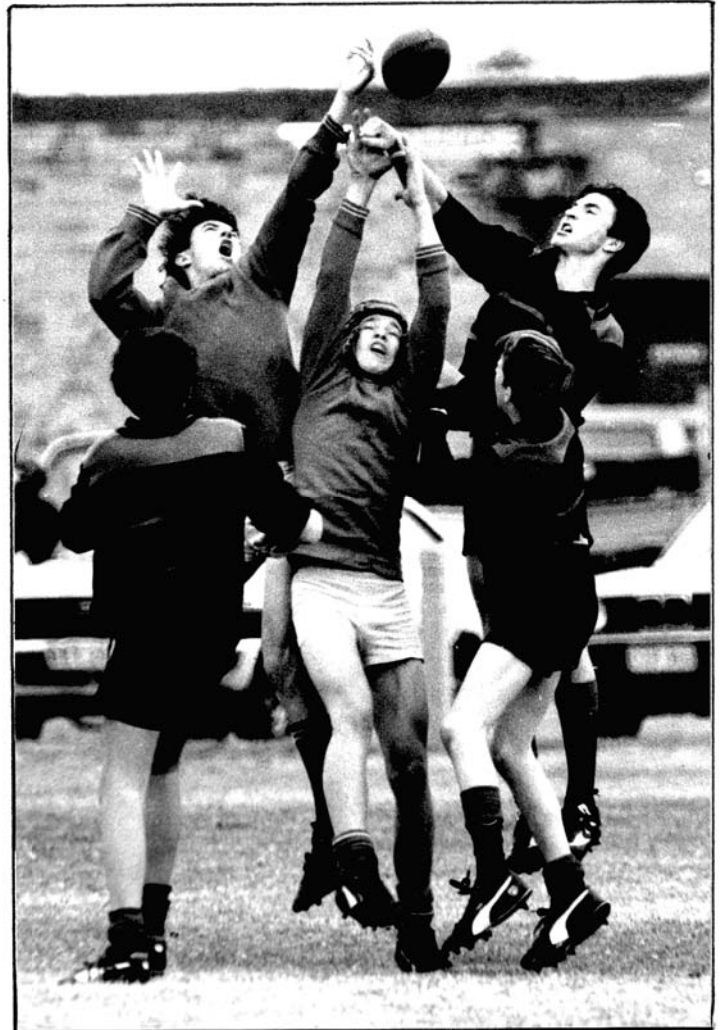
XAVIER: Who cares?

Best - WESLEY: Abbott, Davis, Krotiris, Mortimer, Unsworth, Peck, Sallman, Goldsmith, Walvisch.

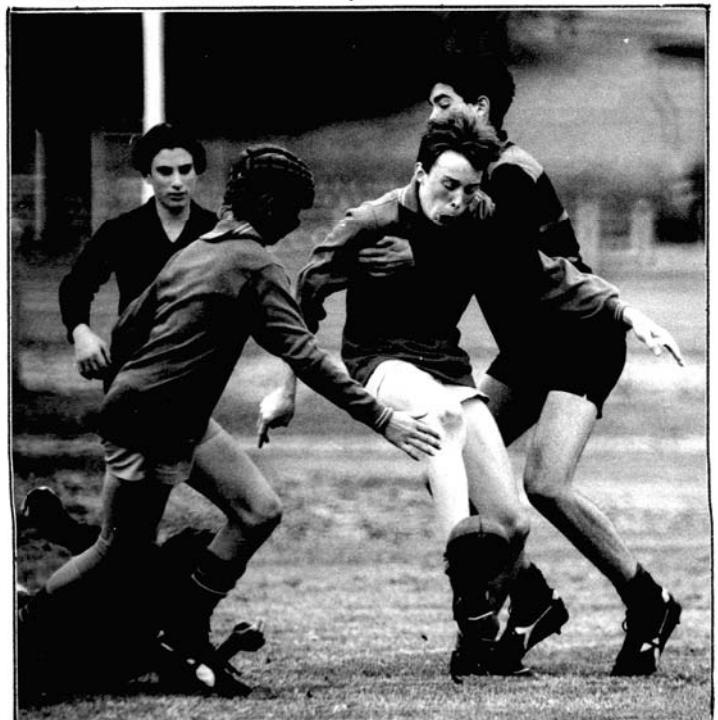
XAVIER: The big fella.

INJURIES: Nil. UMPIRE: Jenkin.

CROWD: 37 GATE: Not much.



The big men fly! Lion stars Tim Krotiris and Chuck Goldsmith compete for a mark.



Lions ruckman Bill Mortimer gets boot to ball despite some serious pressure. James Fry in support.



# Y THE PRICE

kicking costly



Lions full back Campbell Unsworth gets his kick in despite opposition from two Xaverians. Paul Walvisch and Charlie Peck assist.



"My ball!" calls umpire Jenkin as Lion skipper Hadyn Sallman pins the ball to his Xavier opponent.



The bigger they are the harder they fall! Hadyn delivers a hammer blow as Nash Elg runs in to finish the job with a karate chop to the neck.

## MATCH POINTS

### THE HIGHLIGHT

The Lions' ability to run the ball along the wings during the second quarter was a highlight. Good anticipation, fast thinking and accurate disposal was the key.

### THE LOWLIGHT

The Lions' inability to capitalise on the wind and convert scoring opportunities was disappointing - and ultimately costly! Direct play on an open forward line is the way to go!

### BEST DEFENDER

Unsa was once again a leader in defence with his ability to hit the ball hard and run it up the field. His disposal strike rate was as high as usual.

### BEST MID-FIELDER

Adam Davis produced one of his better games on the wing, running far and wide in his quest for kicks. What a pity he can't stand up under pressure!

### BEST FORWARD

The return to form of Chuck was a bonus on the forward line, but Nick Abbott's ability to read the game and find space was invaluable. His overhead marking was superb.

### BEST MATCH-UP

Krackers Krotiris had the toughest task of the day picking up a gorilla, but for most of the day he held the upper hand.

### THE UMPIRE

Did a good job, but seemed to have swallowed his whistle on occasions!



## Rd 6

**STEROID SHOCK!**

WESLEY            2. 5. 17  
ST.KEVINS        9. 9. 63

GOALS: Abbott, Poyas

BEST: Abbott, Sallman, Poyas, Krotiris, Muir,  
Unsworth, Perera, Mortimer, Davis etc.

INJURIES: Dixon (gashed leg - the other one!)  
Rodgers-Wilson (eye)

MARKS of the DAY: Rodgers-Wilson (gutsy!)  
Muir (the juggle)

KICK of the DAY: Unsworth (the big torp)

MISS of the DAY: Ranasinghe (the little tap)

NOW READ ON.....Having spent the past two weeks building themselves up for a game against the very beatable Scotch, the Lions were shocked when it was announced during the week that the fixture had been changed. Once again they would be facing St.Kevins - and the Lions knew it would be tough! The selectors had no hesitation including Jonno Dixon in the team this week as a replacement for Pete Johnson who had flown to the States to try out as a kicker with the Disneyland Ducks. In an attempt to counter Skevvy's legend Dynamic Dion, Wally Walvisch was named at CHB, and Krackers was given a ruck roving commission. The Lions knew if they could jump Skevvy's early in the game they would be in with a chance.

It was cold and windy as the Lions burst on to the Spaghetti Oval amidst the cheers of Mr.Muir, Mr.Fry, Mrs.Krotiris and someone on the other end of Mr.Rodgers-Wilson's mobile. Kicking to the pavilion end the Lions were quickly into the action and they looked a real chance with Krackers enjoying a bit of a run and Sally and Ezra obviously in good touch. Abbo registered our first as he cleverly collected the ball from the hands of the pack, but Skevvy's steadied and were able to reply moments later. Unsa was going to have his work cut out for him against a humungous opponent, but he soon demonstrated that you don't have to be six foot tall to roost a torpa 60 metres! Despite desperate play from the Lions defence the steroids were starting to take effect and the size factor was becoming an issue. At the first break the Lions trailed by just 7 points - but the signs were ominous!

The Lions took a good hard look at themselves during the interval and came out determined not to be pushed around by their bigger opponents! The ball see-sawed from one end to the other with neither team able to get on top, as the Lions fought hard in the clinches and ran hard in the chases. Krackers was all over the place and Ez and Fryza were providing running targets across half forward, but basic errors limited the Lions' conversion rate. Meanwhile, Wally, Nasher and Timbo were providing strong support for Unsa, and Skevvy's



Lion star Nick Abbott attempts a smother on his St.Kevins opponent during Saturday's match at Spaghetti Oval.

were restricted to just four single flaggers for the quarter. Bill was continuing to work hard in the ruck and Muiry was leading his oversized opponent a merry dance, but at half time the home team still held the advantage. As the citrus segments were dejuiced, the coach almost got angry. He could see the Lions good work being undone by some fundamental mistakes - and he was not happy! But the Lions had put their bodies on the line and for that he was pleased.

There wasn't much for Lions fans to cheer about during the third quarter, as all the breaks seemed to go Skevvy's way and they rattled on the goals. The highlights for Lions watchers were Ezra's goal from a Nick Abbott pass, Timbo's gutsy mark, Big Bills big bump, Davo really wanting the ball, Nim's desperate diving and Schery's drink waiting.

The last quarter required a last ditch effort by the Lions and a realignment of the team saw Abbo go to CHB, Krackers to CHF and Wally onto the ball. Sally moved to a back flank and Basher Nasher went for a run on the ball. Muiry showed plenty of dash and Ez tried hard to dob another goal - but he didn't have his kicking boots on! The Peckster continued to play his close checking game and the skipper's sticky fingers were coming in handy at half back. Goldy was trying to be creative on the forward line, but there weren't many opportunities! Jacka was kept busy on the last line as Skevvy's tried to bomb it in, but the pressure was constant and they had little success. Jonno replaced Rosey and then Rosey replaced Jonno as a cruel twist of fate saw him carried from the ground for the second time this season with a gaping wound to his leg. Chucky meanwhile was getting cold and praying for the siren to end his miserable morning! His prayers were answered and very soon it was all over - another frustrating loss to Booger and the Bullies!



# LION STAR NABBED BY VIDEO SPY

Nuggety Lion defender, Nash "Basher" Elg is expected to be asked for a "please explain" over an incident during yesterday's match against Scopus. It is believed that APS commissioners are investigating a pirate video of the third quarter tussle which resulted in Elg being sent to the Sin-Bin for five minutes by umpire "Teddy" Beadle. The rugged Lion enforcer was unavailable for comment, but a Wesley spokesperson, Mr. Glenn Baker, said there was nothing in it. When asked for his opinion, the Scopus player involved in the incident could only squeal in a high pitched voice.

## SCOREBOARD

WESLEY 8. 4. 52  
 MT.SCOPUS 3. 4. 22  
 GOALS: Goldsmith 2, Abbott 2, Fry, Krotiris, Rodgers-Wilson, Sztar  
 BEST: Fry, Unsworth, Krotiris, Davis, Muir, Goldsmith, Sallman, Abbott, Perera, Rodgers-Wilson.  
 INJURIES: Krotiris (ribs), Sallman (leg)



### SUTTON'S SIDESWIPES

Good to see "Moishe" Kestenberg make his debut for the Lions this season. "Moishe" is a good mate of mine and I know he's found it hard watching from the sidelines this year.

*Exciting to see James Fry back to his creative best this week. I know I've been one of his critics recently, but he certainly added a spark to the Lions forward line. Well done mate!*

Sorry to see a very good friend of mine, Jonno Dixon on crutches again. Jonno had his leg stitched up early in the season after a run in with a Skevvys boot and returned to the team on Saturday. It was bad for footy when Jonno had his other leg split open by another Skevvys boot! Well, as they say - truth is stranger than fiction! Hang in there mate!

*The new electronic scoreboard is a bit of an eye opener! Did you notice young Cam Muir operating it this week? Cam donated three weeks of his pocket money to pay for one of the light globes in the Wesley sign! Good for footy mate!*

As part of their youth policy the Lions blooded three new boys against Scopus - Danny Scher, Robbie Sztar, and Leigh Roberts. Each of the boys performed creditably so I generously rewarded each of them with an autographed photo of yours truly. This should inspire them to greater heights! *I dropped in to the Cato room yesterday afternoon for the big launch of the new yuppie holiday resorts. It was hard to believe that the suave, sophisticated fellow making his mark in the dinner suit was the same Chucky Goldsmith who only hours earlier was marking the football so impressively on the front turf! Way to go maaate!*

# LIONS FIRE UP!



"Basher" Elg may have to answer to the tribunal later this week.

The Lions threw off the shackles yesterday and turned on an awesome display of football before a capacity crowd at the home of football. Relishing the opportunity to play on the hallowed H.J.Kroger Front Turf, the Lions had pumped themselves up for the invitation match against Mt.Scopus. In cool but sunny conditions the Lions overcame a strong cross wind and a slippery footy to display what was arguably the best team performance seen on the Front Turf this season. First XVIII coach David Ackerley was thrilled by the Lions' performance. "It was truly awesome" he told Truth Sport. "Its gotta be good for footy!" Head of Prahnan, Mr.A.B.Conabere described it as a "brilliant" display "full of many beautiful and magical moments that will live forever in the memories of Wesleyans. It's a great thing for football!"

### WHAT THE COACHES SAID

Richard Stone WESLEY  
 "The boys can be very proud of themselves today. I was delighted to see them playing the game the way it should be played. They made the ball their object, played from the front, put their bodies in, read the game and showed tremendous teamwork all around the ground. What more can a coach ask for? Not only was it a great morale booster, it was good for football!"

Raymond Keane SCOPUS  
 "The boys were a bit over-awed by the size of the ground and they were obviously nervous playing in front of such a big crowd. But all credit to the Wesley lads - they outplayed us in all departments. It was certainly good for football!"



### with ADAM DAVIS

G'day fans! I've played in some big games before but nothing like this one. I was so nervous this morning I nearly choked on my weet-bix! I've been hassling Stoney for weeks about this game - and it was all worth it. Klinger will never be able to look me in the eye again! It has to be good for footy!



## THE HEROES OF THE ROUND



Hayden Sallman led with an inspirational performance. His tackling had to be seen to be believed!



Paul Walvisch's performance was magnificent! His strong running game demoralised the opposition.



Ezra Poyas kept the statisticians busy with his skilful, Diesel Williams like performance in the centre.



Big Bill Mortimer rucked tirelessly all day contesting every issue and giving his team mates first use of the ball.



Adam Davis led his opponent a merry dance this week running far and wide in his quest for kicks. A top effort!



Tim Krotiris had to work hard to get into the game this week but his clearing play from half back was invaluable.

## ALL ABOUT Round 8

The Lions' recent victory in the mid-week encounter with Scopus provided a much needed boost in confidence for a team that had struggled through the early part of the 1994 season. The sweet taste of victory had lingered through the extended mid-season holiday and the Lions trained enthusiastically during the week in preparation for their return match against traditional rivals, Melbourne Grammar. Cam Unsworth created a stir on Friday when he failed to appear for training, but club officials were quick to point out that he was simply resting a hamstring as a precautionary measure. Supporters were relieved to hear this but were shocked later in the day when it was announced that injury prone forward, Chuck Goldsmith, had suffered a mishap during a private training session and would be forced to withdraw from the team with a broken hand. Nevertheless, the Lions went into the game favourites and most experts agreed that they would have an edge in class.

It was a chill, frosty morning as the Lions took to the field at Wadhurst - but all was not well in the visitors' camp. Jacka and new recruit Leigh Roberts had gone AWOL. This left a gap on the Lions' forward line, but it made little difference during the opening term as we made the most of the downhill advantage and took control of the game. Led by the skipper and Wally Walvisch the

Lions moved quickly into top gear, and it was only indirect play on the forward line that prevented us from sewing up the game there and then. Early goals to Abbo and Sally were followed later in the quarter by another as Wally charged downfield to dob a long bomb. Morts was already on top in the ruck, and Ez was clearly going to be in for a big day. Fryza was showing glimpses of brilliance and Davo was finding plenty of space - despite the pocket size ground!

Held scoreless during the opening term, Grammar tried desperately to gain the initiative in the second quarter - but the Lions stood firm! Unsa once again was proving impassable and he found willing assistants in the Peckster and Rosey. Timmy R.W.'s tough new haircut was paying dividends and nobody was game to go near him. Basher Elg was hurling himself into the fray and Krackers was working hard at half back. Another goal to Abbo and a welcome snap from Jonno Dixon in his comeback game put the Lions a comfortable 29 points up at the long break, but Grammar came out fighting in the second half, and as the Lions momentarily dropped their guard, the home team added three majors. Suddenly we had a game on our hands! But the Lions were not going to take this lying down, and finding that extra something they gradually regained the initiative during the final quarter. With Ez, Davo and Nim giving us drive

across the centre, goals came to Krackers and Fryza, and the ball rarely entered enemy territory as Muiry, Goldy and Jonno refused to let it go! When the final siren sounded the Lions had moved convincingly to a 26 point victory!

### Time in

#### WESLEY COLLEGE

3.0 5.1 5.3 7.7 (49)

#### MELBOURNE GRAMMAR

0.0 0.2 3.1 3.5 (23)

**GOALS:** Abbott 2, Dixon, Krotiris, Fry, Walvisch, Sallman.

**BEST:** Sallman, Poyas, Walvisch, Davis, Mortimer, Krotiris, Fry, Abbott, Unsworth.

**CHANGES:** Scher replaced Goldsmith in selected side.

**INJURED:** Sallman (nothing serious)

**BOMB OF THE DAY:** Unsworth

**PLAY OF THE DAY:** During the second quarter the Lions brought the crowd to its feet with a superb passage of play along the outer wing. Gathering the ball at half back, Walvisch fed the ball to Rosey whose quick hands returned it as Wally moved forward. Under pressure he gave it off to Elg who sold the dummy and passed it back. Wally's kick found Fryza who moved it quickly to Abbo in the corridor. Jonno screamed for it, pounced and snapped truly from the members pocket. Good for football!



# KIDNAP DRAMA!

## TERRORISTS ABDUCT LION STARS....

A despicable act of terrorism has shocked the sporting world and robbed the Lions of certain victory in their match against Scotch. It is believed that two Lion stars were kidnapped on Friday by members of the feared terrorist group known as the Tartan Brigade. It has long been suspected that this highly trained squad - sometimes known as Killers in Kilts - is the secret commando arm of the Scotch College Cadet Corp. There has also been speculation that the group has received financial support from the College's Sports Directorate, but the APS investigations committee has yet to present its findings, and the College continues to deny any knowledge of the group. The events of the past few days demands immediate action from the APS.

Lions skipper, Hayden Sallman spoke exclusively to the Sunday Age last night and provided a vivid picture of the shocking events. "Mr. Stone received a phone message on Friday afternoon from a woman identifying herself as Mrs. Abbott. The message was brief and to the point - Nick

Abbott was ill and would not be available to play in Saturday's game. Mr. Stone was suspicious of the woman's strong Scottish accent, but she hung up before he could question her." Later that evening Lion wingman, Nimesh Perera was also withdrawn from the team under suspicious circumstances. Tim Krotiris takes up the story, "I was sittin' in front of the telly watchin' the Northerners do a



INNOCENT VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACK  
Lion stars, Nim Perera and Nick Abbott

Lions recruit, Joe Hickey made a memorable debut on Saturday, finding himself on the receiving end of a Dixon pass early in the second term, and goaling with his first kick in 8As footy!

# "Pssst."



Popular Lion team members, Adam Davis and Paul "Wally" Walvisch spotted recently at a well known inner city night club. "Pssst" thinks they might be taking team spirit a bit far!



Lions sex symbol, Simon Cookes supposedly missing from the lineup this weekend with an injured back, was snapped at a Falls Creek lodge on Saturday night. "Pssst" wants to know the identity of the friendly young snow bunny at his side!

job on the Scraggers when me mobile buzzes. It's some bird who reckons she's Nim's old girl. She sez Nim's gotta go to his grannys and he won't be playin' footy in the mornin'. Then she hangs up. I 'ad me doubts, coz I've seen his mum, and she's got a real good suntan and wears one of those sari things - this bird on the phone sounded like the bloke on the Johnny Walker ad!"

Sunday Age reporter, Mip Grant was at Saturday's match and he was alerted to the situation by Lion forward James Fry who narrowly escaped being kidnapped on his way to the ground when his tram was hijacked by a rowdy gang of boys wearing kilts and red blazers. Our reporter made some enquiries during half time which led him to the Scotch boarding house, and after repeated questioning and a nice cup of tea, Matron Mc.Taggart broke down and admitted impersonating both Mrs. Abbott and Mrs. Perera. "They were such nice young jocks" she said, "and they promised me a carton of Scotch Fingers! A lass could hardly refuse!"

The Lions clearly missed their two star players during the match, breaking down across half forward, and lacking that touch of Perera class on the wing. Despite an excellent second quarter, the Lions struggled to come to terms with the height of their opponents and were forced to play catch up footy after half time. A tragedy for football!

WESLEY COLLEGE 3. 4. 22  
SCOTCH FINGERS 7. 6. 48

GOALS: Hickey, Walvisch, Poyas.  
BEST: Poyas, Walvisch, Krotiris, Sallman, Davis, Unsworth.  
INJURIES: Nil

LOWLIGHT: The Lions lethargic scoreless first quarter was disappointing. Fumbling, poor field kicking and a failure to pick up opponents let us down badly.

HIGHLIGHT: The turn around in the second quarter when the Lions had a real go and did everything with commitment.



# THRILLING END TO SEASON!

## LIONS ASSAULT LEAVES HAILEYBURY SHELL SHOCKED

WESLEY	2. 2	3. 2	4. 6	5. 9 (39)
HAILEYBURY	1. 0	5. 3	5. 3	6. 3 (39)

GOALS: Krotiris, Muir, Fry, Sztar, Poyas  
 BEST: Poyas, Sallman, Krotiris, Walvisch,  
 Unsworth, Davis, Fry, Goldsmith, Peck,  
 Rodgers-Wilson, Abbott, Elg, Perera,  
 Muir, Sztar, Jackett, Rosenberg, Hickey,  
 Johnson, Scher.

INJURIES: Goldsmith (head), Muir (abdomen)

GOAL of the DAY: Krotiris

MARK of the DAY: Walvisch

RUN of the DAY: Unsworth

TACKLE of the DAY: Goldsmith and Walvisch  
 (Tag Team Champions)

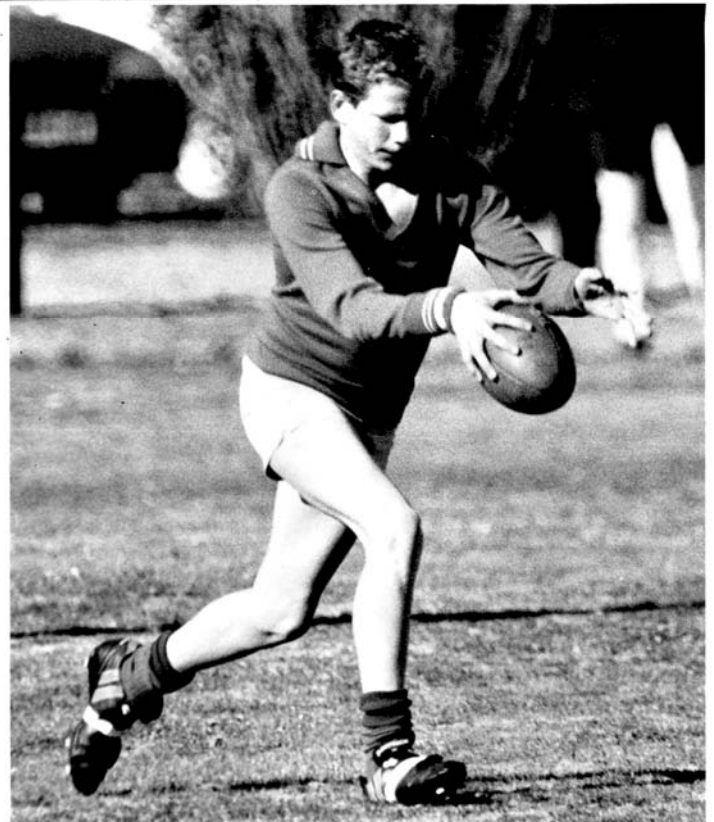
MISSES of the DAY: No Names - but  
 THEY KNOW WHO THEY ARE!

NOW READ ON.....Following their shock loss to Scotch last weekend, the Lions were desperate to finish the season on a winning note, and they eagerly awaited the publication of the fixture for the final round. Would we play Brighton again, or would it be Caulfield? How about Geelong, or even Xavier for a return match. As long as it's not Haileybury! Anybody but Haileybury! Well, to cut a long story short, we drew the short straw and it was Haileybury. Having been beaten convincingly out at Keysborough in the opening game of the season, the Lions were not overly optimistic as the weekend loomed. We would need all our big guns firing against the Humungous Haileyburians - and Big Bill Mortimer had already declared himself unavailable for the contest. The Lions would be forced to run Krackers Krotiris in the ruck, shift Abbott to the back line and patch up the forward line as best they could. The selectors were banking on Chucky to do the overhead work in the scoring zone - despite his broken thumb, but in typical Goldsmith fashion, Chucky went for a speccy in front of the girls on Friday, fell to the ground and landed heavily on his shoulder. There was no guarantee he would pass a fitness test on Saturday morning, and it looked as though St.Kilda Little League legend Robbie Sztar would be asked to take Chucky's place at CHF. Mark Goldenfein appeared unlikely to reappear this week, as the doctors were continuing to monitor his slow recovery from an overdose of Maltesers. Danny Scher was promoted to join Pete Johnson on the bench, and Nim returned to his rightful place on the wing following his kidnapping ordeal last weekend. The selectors had done the best they could - now it was up to the Lions.

Just for a change it was cold and windy as the boys rocked up to Albert Park on Saturday morning. Having established base camp on the outer wing adjacent to the sandpit, it was soon discovered that Jonno Dixon was still in bed and wasn't getting out for anybody! The team was

shuffled again as Sally won the toss and very wisely chose to take advantage of the prevailing breeze. The motivation music blaring from the coach's Rangy was clearly a big success and the Lions were fired up and rarin' to go at the opening bounce. Wally was in a mean mood and it wasn't long before he was leading the Lions' charge. Poyas was performing with poise and Hayden was already showing his opponent a clean pair of heels as the Lions moved into scoring mode. Krackers was first to find the major target as he snapped truly from deep in the forward pocket. The Haileyburians answered swiftly but they were unable to add to their tally during the quarter as the Lions defence tightened up and refused to give an inch. Unsa stole the show with a SENSATIONAL run along the members wing that would have warmed Dikko's dad's heart! The Lions were showing no fear, and when Chucky and Wally sandwiched a Haileybury half back it was obvious that they meant business! A centering kick from Wally found Fryza who backed himself from 35 metres and sizzled the sausage. At quarter time it was the Lions by 8 points, but the hard work was yet to be done!

Kicking with the breeze, Haileybury began to take control of the game during the second stanza, and the Lions struggled to keep their cool as some imaginative umpiring led to confusion and frustration. Davo spat the dummy and Ez found himself again on the wrong end of several bewildering decisions. The opposition capitalised on their opportunities and piled on four more majors.



Lion defender, Timmy Rodgers-Wilson, prepares to launch a long bomb into the scoring zone during the final quarter.

Meanwhile, the Lions were finding it difficult to open an avenue for goal and our only score for the quarter came from the boot of Muiry who made the most of his free kick directly in front of the big sticks. As the Lions sucked their citrus segments they were asked to consider two possible scenarios. 1. Lions become frustrated, lose their focus and lose the match or 2. Lions concentrate on the ball, have a dip and win. It was agreed that the second option was more attractive, so with their mind set on the task at hand they took the field for the second half.

The third quarter was all Lions as each and every player knuckled down and did what he had to do. Despite giving away more than a few inches, Krackers and Abbo continued to contest vigorously in the aerial battles, whilst down on the deck Sally and Davo were ready to pounce on any stray footys. Perera was persisting on the wing and Poyas was proving a real handful for his opponent as he wove his way in and out of packs. Chucky was gradually regaining his confidence, and his overhead marking at half forward was providing a real threat to Haileybury. Our conversion rate was poor however, and a chance to take a firm grip on the game was lost as the ball wobbled first this side then that side of the big sticks. At last Ez marked a Chucky pass and kicked truly to bring us within 3 points. The margin was maintained until the final change due to a courageous display by the Lion defenders who heroically hassled, harassed and hampered their Haileybury opponents. The Peckster, Nasher, Schery, Timmy R-W and Unsa were magnificent! Rosey, meanwhile, had found a very comfortable bench thank you very much! Coming up to their final twenty minutes of footy for 1994, the Lions were within striking distance of their prey - and they could smell blood!

Haileybury had come to Albert Park expecting to walk away with the points, but the determined charge by the Lions had forced them to alter their game plan. The niggling behind the play and the odd nudge in the clinches were predictable enough, but their shifting of the interchange bench out to Centre Half Back was an unexpected ploy, and it almost caught the Lions out. If it hadn't been for the eagle eye and computer brain of Campbell Unsworth they might have got away with it! Desperate situations call for desperate measures, and as Haileybury rushed the ball forward to register their sixth major, the situation was getting desperate for the Lions! Abbo, Sally, Wally and Ez were magnificent leaders around the packs and Unsa, Krackers, Nasha, Rosey, Timmy and the Peckster settled into their bunkers to repel any last ditch enemy attacks. The Lions managed to hold the ball forward for most of the quarter, but scoring opportunities were hard to come by. The coach was struggling to find the solution, but the brilliant football brain of Pete Johnson was in overdrive. "How about moving Hickey to full forward" he suggested. Yes...that might work...and Sztary to the pocket. Great, let's do it! Moments later Jonno's stunning tactical move produced the goods as Robby "Super" Sztar pounced on the ball and snapped the Lions fifth major. Another sausage and the Lions would be home! Could they do it? With only minutes remaining the ball was driven back into range - and Muiry was crunched! That's got to be a free! As Muiry gasped for breath in the hands of the trainers, Ez lined up the sticks - but the ball drifted across the face. Only a point! Lock it in! Lock it in! A goal to win! A point to draw! Chucky's got it! Chucky's got it! Just seconds to go...take your time Chuck...steady...Oh my God!!! IT'S BEEN TOUCHED....IT'S A POINT....IT'S A DRAW! TIME UMP...IT'S TIME! IT'S A DRAW!!



Lion centreman, Ezra Poyas, makes a desperate effort to score during the dying minutes of Saturday's game at Albert Park. In his excitement however, Ezra has kicked the ball straight into the turf! Robby Muir ducks for cover.



Oh, the pain of it all!



# Underdogs prove a point

Darren Sutton was forced to eat humble pie last night after his Year 9 team was defeated on the Front Turf by the much maligned Year 8A Lions.

Sutton was devastated by the loss and refused to appear at the post match press conference. Ruck rover, Trent Knox was spitting chips and saying little about his team's performance, but it was

clear to most observers that the Year 8's success was due largely to their unselfish display of team football. Captain, Hayden Sallman was full of praise for his players, "We went into the game with a point to prove" he said, "and the boys stuck to the task for four quarters." Sallman was particularly happy with the efforts of his team's smaller brigade. "Guys like

Robby Muir and Charlie Peck showed real guts tonight. They received some pretty rough treatment from the Year 9 bullies, but they never shirked an issue!"

The game was close right from the opening bounce, and it was goal for goal for most of the evening. Going into the final quarter it was level pegging, but the 9s could only manage minor scores despite controlling the play. At the seven minute mark a goal to Sallman put his team in front, but the 9s were determined to avoid being humiliated and made several desperate attempts to regain the lead. Knox was thwarted by a desperate double barreled tackle before he could get boot to ball, and in the dying moments a long shot from Sutton was marked inches from the goal line by the ever reliable Cam Unsworth.

Umpire Cam McKenzie was impressed by the Year 8 performance, and was quick to rate several players a better than even chance to make the Wesley Firsts in the near future. "I like the look of that full back - he's a real goer. And that Wally guy has got some strength. Timmy Krotiris is already a legend in the staff room. If the Year 9s had shared the ball around a bit more they would have probably done a number on Stoney's boys, but it's a team game and the best team won!"

Year 9 coach and Ex-Richmond premiership player, Stephen Mount was unavailable for comment, but he is believed to be considering an early retirement from the coaching game. Disgruntled Fitzroy coach Robert Shaw has already been touted as a good chance for the Year 9 job should Mount walk out on the club.



Lion hit man, Darren Sutton stands guard over Robby Muir after the Year 8 winger was felled heavily behind the play.

## SNAP SHOTS

### MEDAL WINNER

Lion centreman, Ezra Poyas scooped the pool recently in his club and association Best & Fairest competitions.

Ezra stars with Glen Iris in the WJFC Under 13s where he never plays in the centre (So he tells us!) Congratulations Ez!

### NEW IMAGE

Lion Defender Timmy Rodgers-Wilson has been awarded the coveted "Silver Scissors Award" by the APS Players Association. Rodgers-Wilson, who began the season with flowing golden locks created a stir in the press box when he appeared for the Melbourne Grammar game looking like an escapee from Pentridge. Says Tim, "I don't want to look cool - I just want to look tough!"



BEFORE



AFTER

### STONEYS STARS

5. 6. 36

### MOUNTYS MONGRELS

4. 8. 32

GOALS: Krotiris, Sallman Abbott, Walvisch, Muir Rubenstein, Ritterman, Weinman, Sutton

BEST: Poyas, Unsworth, Krotiris, Sallman, Walvisch Baker, Abbott, Muir





*Robby Muir does a soft shoe shuffle*



*Quick hands!*



*Knoxy tries one too many balks*



*Unza has his work cut for him here*

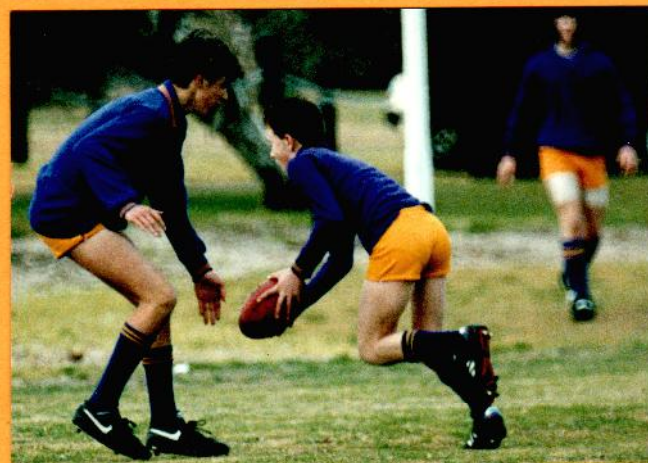
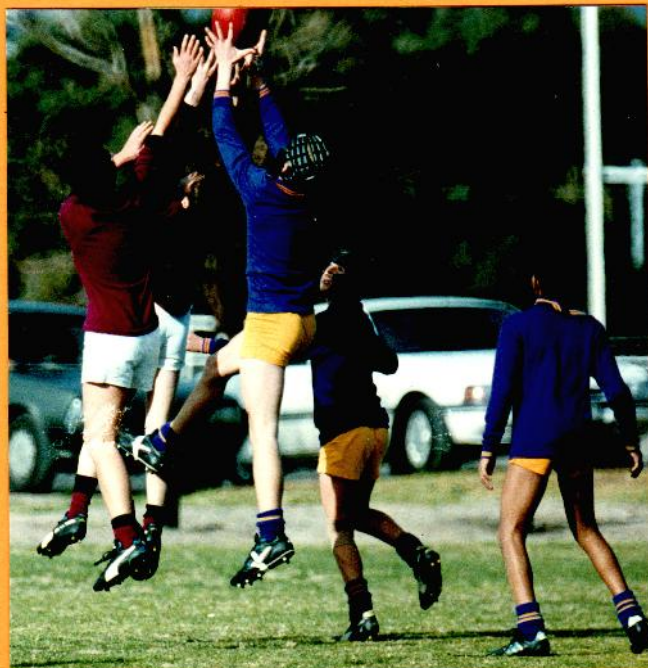


*Watertight defence!*

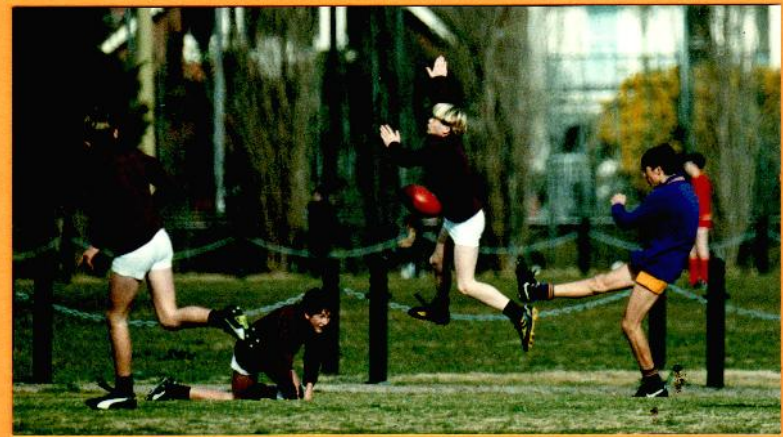
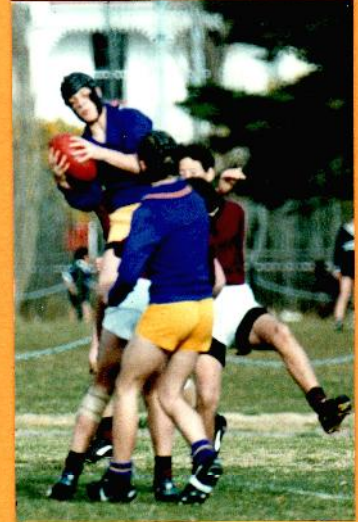
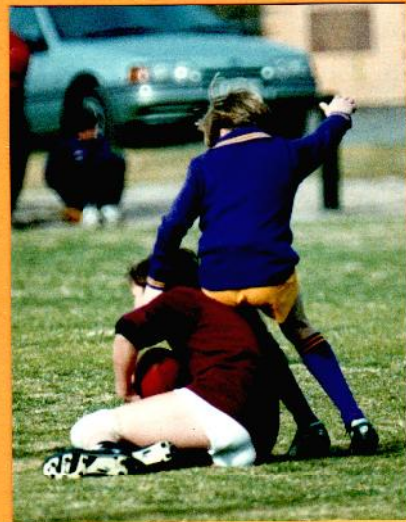
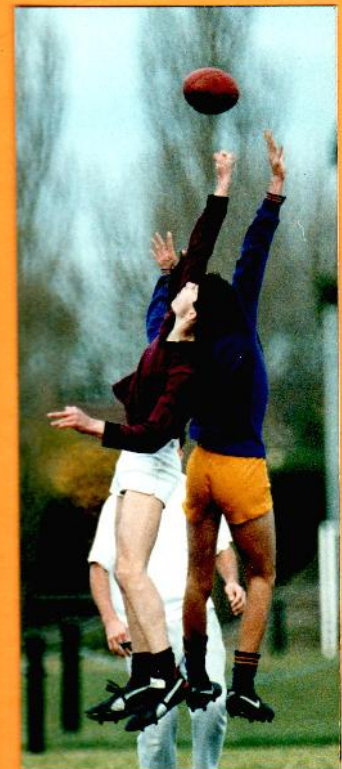
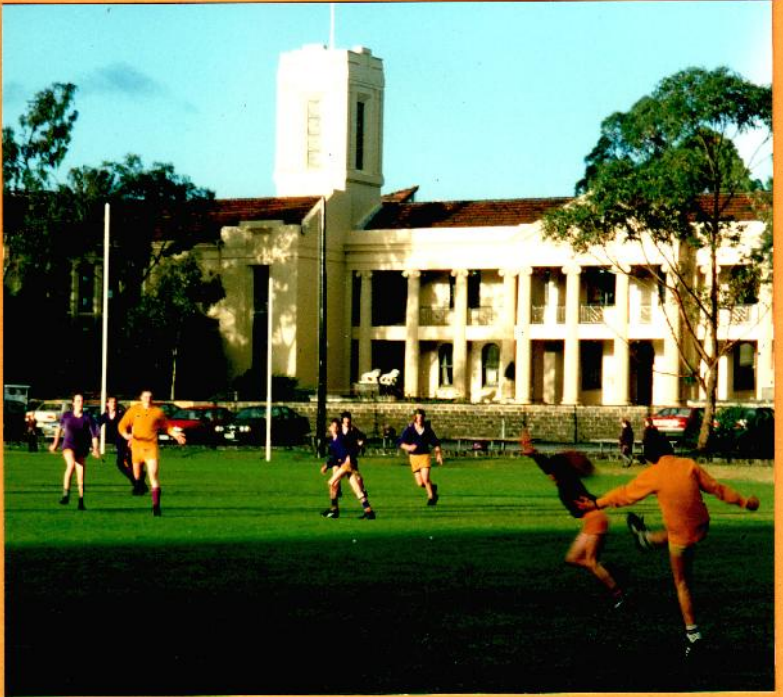
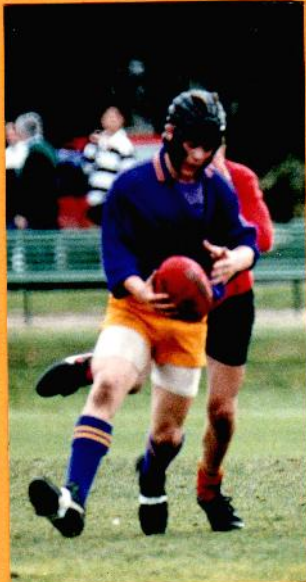
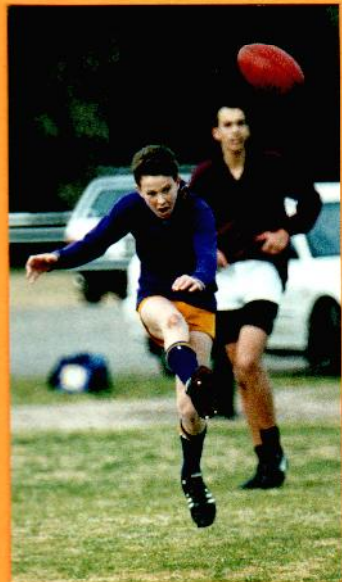


*Nasher watching for crumbs*











# LIONS 8As



H.I.A.. "Haydn" SALLMAN



Inspirational skipper who led by example week after week. A classy ball handler whose strong marking and accurate disposal served his team well. Particularly valuable resting at half back.  
*Class Act Award*

T.H. "Krackers" KROTIRIS



Tireless Centre Half Back who never gives less than 100% Strong in the air, yet as mobile as a rover when the ball hits the deck. A reliable mark and prodigious kick.  
*Golden Lion Award*

A.S. "Davo" DAVIS

Free running winger with the ability to make space on even the smallest grounds. Has plenty of pace and good ball skills, but sometimes has trouble keeping up with himself!



*Coach's Adviser Awd*

J.A. "Fryza" FRY

Talented half-forward with built in cruise control. Drifts from flank to flank picking up possessions but does not like to be too far from the goals! Likes a baulk - or two!



*Just Do It Award*

E. "Ezra" POYAS

Elusive centreman who seems to have an extra sense. Reads the play like a comic book and has the uncanny ability to elude the clutches of his opponents. Disposal can be a problem!



*Slippery Dip Award*

T.M.D. "Timmy" RODGERS-

WILSON



Rubbery limbed half back flanker who can always be relied on to do the right thing. Plays close, contests with courage and has learnt to hold the overhead marks. A pity about the haircut!

*Silver Snippers Award*

C.J. "Peckster" PECK



Intelligent defender with an attacking streak. Renowned for his perseverance in packs but not afraid to run off his man to meet the ball. Rarely caught out of position.

*Pocket Peck Star Awd*

R.J. "Muiry" MUIR



Creative forward who is expert at discovering unoccupied territory. Not daunted by bigger opponents, he is prepared to dish out as much as he is given! Smooth mover with good ball skills.

*N.A.S.A. Award*

A.M. "Jacka" JACKETT

Skilful rover/forward who produced several impressive moments of football but struggled to put a whole game together. Has potential but needs to work on his fitness!



*Homeboy Award*

P.C. "Jonno" JOHNSON

Talented flanker with an impressive sporting pedigree. Prefers the open spaces to the crowded corridor and has good disposal skills. Season was interrupted by a study tour to Disneyland.



*Jetsetters Award*

S.D. "Cookesy" COOKES

Part time footballer who squeezed a few games in between skiing commitments. Impressed with his determination but created a stir with his daredevil handballs on the backline!



*Alpine Springs Award*

D.J. "Schery" SCHER



Determined customer whose hard work on the training track finally earned him a promotion late in the season. Has the skills but needs to adjust to the pace of the As game.

*Determined Hawk Award*

R.S. "Robbie" SZTAR



Solid key position player with the Bs who made several guest appearances with the big boys. Has clearly learnt much from watching Plugga. His goal against Hailey-bury was crucial!

*Promising Plugga Awd*





# TEAM of 94



C.H. "Unza" UNSWORTH

Solid as a rock full back who only knows one way - straight ahead! Hits the ball hard and never gives his opponent an inch. A humungous kick and handy sprinter.  
*One Way Traffic Awd*



N.M. "Abba" ABBOTT

Tall, agile Centre Half Forward with elastic arms. Reads the game well and makes himself an easy target for his team mates. His strong marking and accurate goal kicking are valuable assets.  
*Elastic Arms Award*



P.D. "Wally" WALVISCH

Strongly built utility player with a low centre of gravity. Has all the skills and can be a match winner when fired up and thinking positively! Fancys himself as a ruckman.  
*Golden Pectoral Awd*



N.C. "Nim" PERERA

Classy winger who does everything with flair. A sure ball handler who rarely wastes a possession. Looks like a young Nicky Winmar - and has the skills to match!  
*Young Achiever Awd*



W.D. "Bill" MORTIMER

Fast improving ruckman who has established himself as a knockout specialist. A tireless workhorse who is prepared to mix it on the ground as well as in the air. Prefers to handball!  
*Wobbly Punt Award*



N. "Nasha" ELG

Rugged defender who shows no fear. Hits the ball hard - and anything else that happens to be in the way! May lack polish, but can always be relied upon. Yet to master the drop punt.  
*Hellman Award*



S.D. "Rosey" ROSENBERG

Gravel voiced defender who sticks close to his opponent and is not afraid to burrow into packs. Can hassle and harrass with the best of them. The kicking across goal is a worry though!  
*Golden Gluestick Awd*



C.B. "Chuck" GOLDSMITH

Tall full forward who would prefer to play in the Bs. Performance was hampered by a string of injuries (?) but remained a useful target. Takes his best marks with an audience of Yr8 girls.  
*Elastoplast Award*



J.B. "Jonno" DIXON

Hard luck story of the year. Struck by a stray St.Kevin's stop TWICE and forced to watch most of the season from the sidelines. Displayed good skills on the track but had few opportunities.  
*Stitch-in-Time Award*



M.E. "Goldy" GOLDENFEIN

Hard working, enthusiastic forward who makes good use of handball both in and out of packs. Planning an early retirement so as to concentrate on his media career.  
*Maltesers Award*



T. "Tush" RANASINGHE

Irrepressible ball of energy who made a good impression in the As with the intelligent use of his body and the ability to read the game. Had some co-ordination problems when shooting for goal  
*Rebound Ace Award*



J.R. "Joe" HICKEY

After a hesitant start to the season settled down and produced several strong performances in the Bs. Earned a promotion but nearly forgot to turn up. Booted a goal with his first As kick  
*Captain Snooze Awd*



C.I.C. "Cam" MUIR

Enthusiastic Bs player who was a dependable member of the As support crew. Showed good skills with the water bottle and provided free advice for his brother. Handy with the video camera  
*Camcam Award*





# CRUISE QUIZ

The winners will be provided with a D grade cabin and the prize (including air fares) is valued up to \$8000. The lavish meals on board will be provided free; so will the high-class entertainment and other facilities.

• **AFL Travel**, which provides the best price and service for your next holiday, has further details about the Cunard cruises or any other vacation that takes your fancy.

## QUESTIONS

1. Q: Which Lion defender produced the longest solo run of the season?  
A: .....
2. Q: Which Lion forward ran up the biggest medical bill this season?  
A: .....
3. Q: Which Lion winger almost retired twice during the season?  
A: .....

Vic. Permit No. 94/845 issued on 18.3.94. The lottery started on March 26, 1994 and the closing date is September 21, 1994. The draw will be held at midday, September 21 at the AFL's headquarters. The winner will be advised by telephone, letter and public notice.

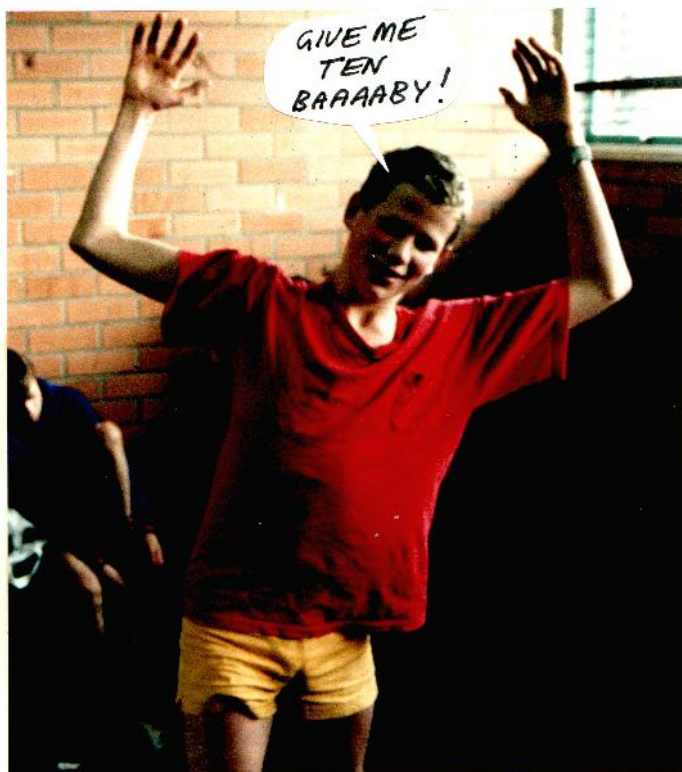
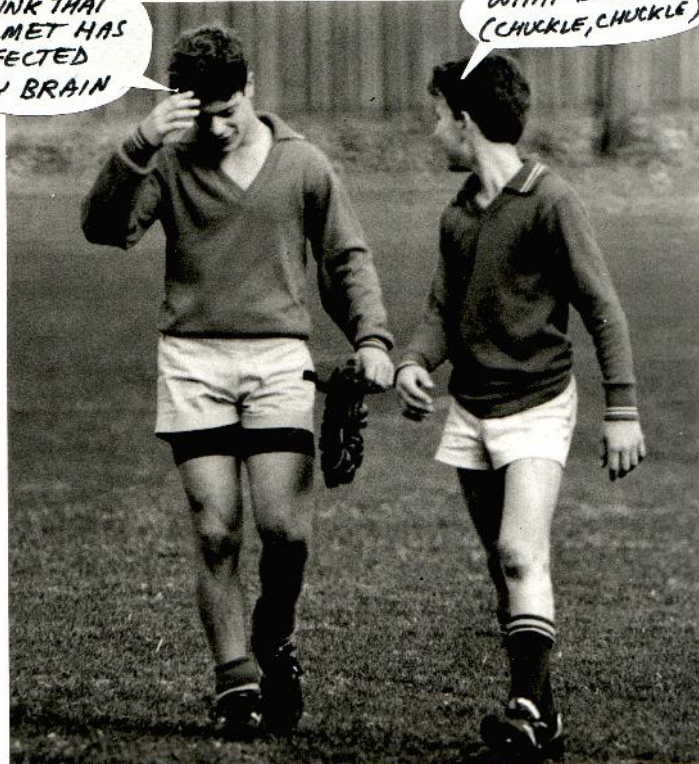
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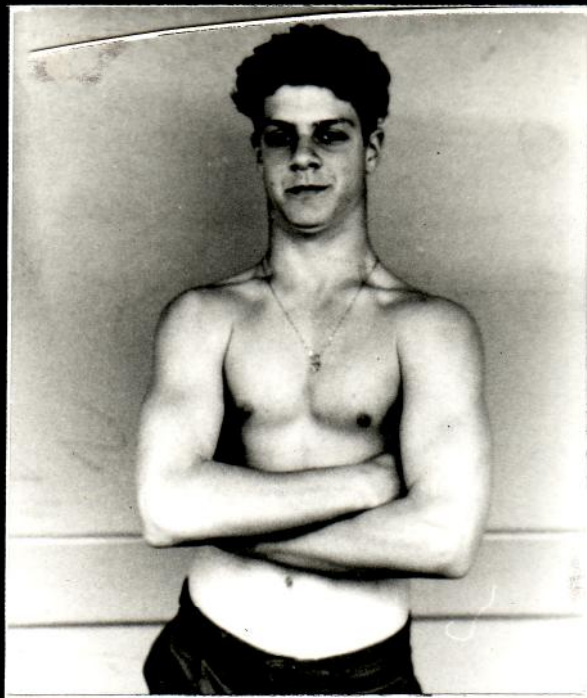
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**ROBBIE SZTAR'S  
 Keg Trivia**

Wesley 1st XVIII coach, David Ackerly won the Swans' best & fairest twice - in 1980 and 1982.

Coach of Wesley's 9As, Stephen Mount was a member of Richmond's 1980 premiership side.

Jonno Dixon's dad played 252 games for Melbourne and was a member of five premiership teams.

Wesley's First XVIII was captained this year by Andy Muir (cousin of Rob and Cam). Andy was skipper of the 8As in 1990. Will Haydn Sallman follow in Andy's footsteps?

Coach of the Wesley 8A football team, Richard Stone failed to win any awards during his brief career with the North Blackburn Methodist Football Club. He has however clocked up over 350 games supporting the Sinters.

St.Kilda had a day out against Adelaide in 1991 when they won by a record 131 points at Moorabbin. Plugger plugged 12 big ones

**QUESTION TIME**

In what year did Peter German first play for North Melbourne?

Answer: .....

Names: .....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Phone: .....

The first correct entry opened will win dinner or lunch to the value of \$50 at any Keg Restaurant and Bar. Send the answer to Keg Trivia Contest, Box 1449N, GPO, Melbourne, 3001.

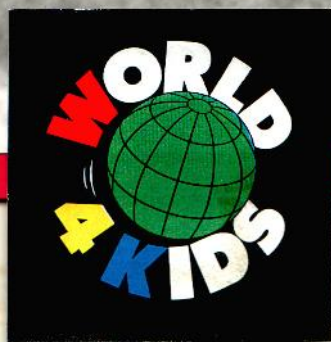
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 Now that's well done.**

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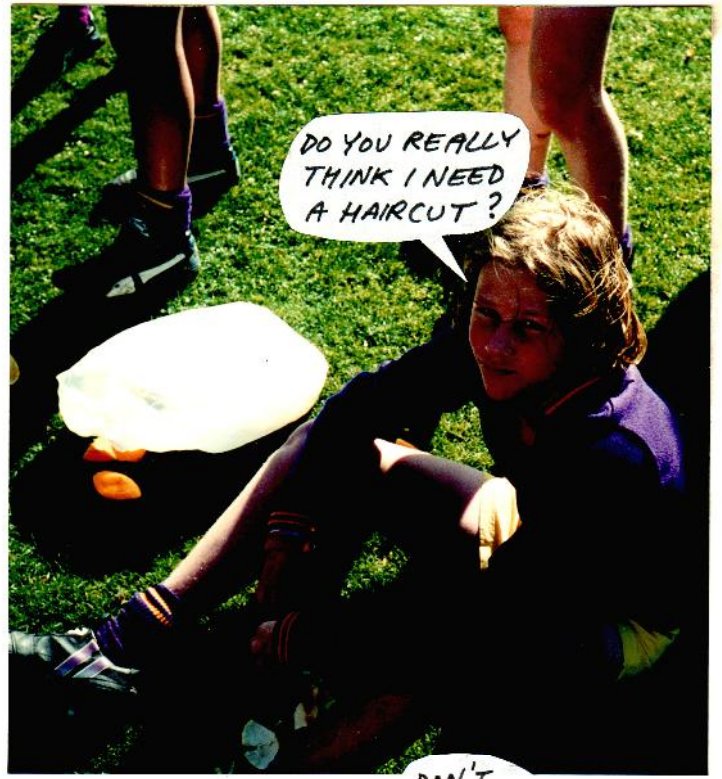


WESLEY LIONS



TIM KROTIRIS  
& CHUCK GOLDSMITH









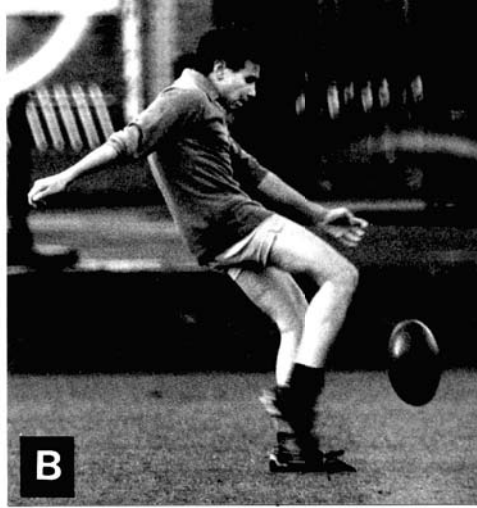
with  
LION STAR  
**ADAM DAVIS**

# Vickick The way to play Footy.

G'day footy fans! How's your form? Are you getting a few kicks? We had a pretty good season in A1 Division and I was happy to be part of a well oiled Wesley machine. Having skilful players around you can really make your job easy on the footy field, so I've asked some of my team mates to demonstrate their skills just for you. Remember, you can never know enough about footy!



**RELEASE**



**CONTACT**



**FOLLOW THROUGH**



**THE BANANA**



**THE PARTY TRICK**

**A, B & C THE DROP PUNT** Lion stars demonstrate the drop punt. Timmy Rodgers-Wilson is all balance and control as he carefully lowers the footy onto his boot. Ezra Poyas is shown by the magic eye camera just before the moment of contact, while skipper Haydn Sallman displays a perfect follow through.

**D THE BANANA** This popular goal sneaks kick is demonstrated by Pete Johnson. Known as the checkside kick in Crow country.

**E THE PARTY TRICK** Simon Rosenberg shows how he performs his famous balancing act. Rosey can also do a good seal impersonation.

**F THE HOVER** Every footballer dreams of taking a spectacular hover a la Nicky Winmar. Lion full back Cam Unsworth has made good use of Nim Perera's back as a springboard.

**G SMOTHERING THE BALL** An important part of footy is making life hard for your opponent. Nick Abbott is seen making a desperate attempt to smother his opponent's kick.

**H PINNING THE ARMS** Timmy Krotiris is caught in an awkward position by an enthusiastic Xaverian eager to prevent another Lion forward thrust.

**I & J THE BOOT IN THE BUM** Not an orthodox defensive measure, but an effective one! Rob Muir helps an opponent find the boundary line, as Tim executes a perfect kick.

**K THE KARATE CHOP** Haydn Sallman and Nash Elg display the advantages of tag-team football. Sallman has trapped an unknowing opponent presenting Elg with an easy target.

**L BEHIND THE PLAY** Innocent little Robby Muir lies in a crumpled heap following an encounter behind the play with Year 9 bully Darren Sutton. Not recommended against bigger players.

**M PINNING FOR THE COUNT** Krackers demonstrates the popular wrestling technique of taking an opponent out for the count.

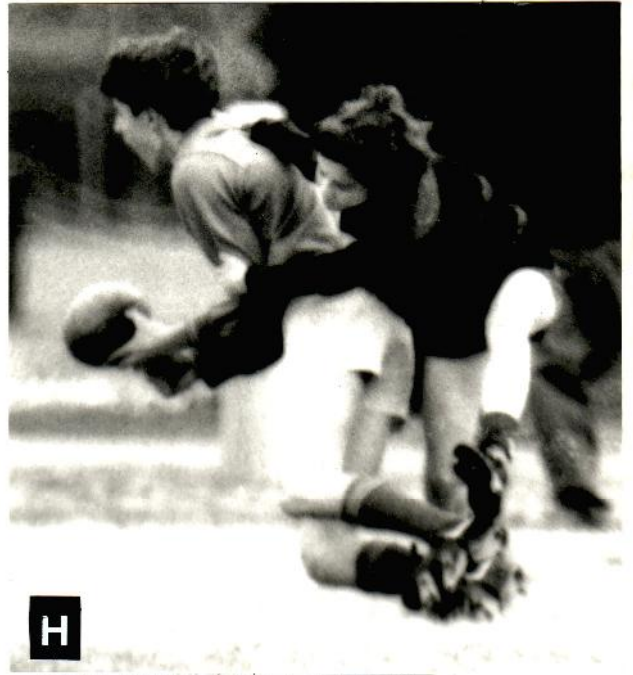


**THE HOVER**

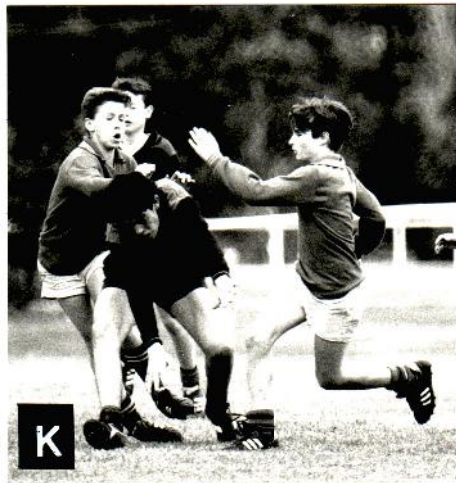
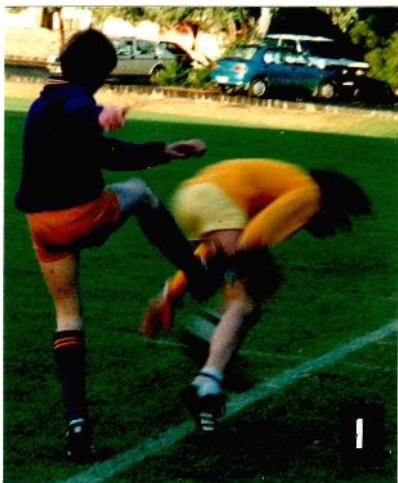




**SMOTHERING THE BALL**



**PINNING THE ARMS**



**THE KARATE CHOP**



**BEHIND THE PLAY**



**THE BOOT IN THE BUM**



**PINNING FOR THE COUNT**





# THE WORLD 4 KIDS

## REALLY REALLY FUN FOOTY PAGE.

### PICK THE FACES



1.....2.....



3.....4.....

### WHO AM I?

I played 173 games for Carlton and 28 games for Melbourne between 1969 and 1981. I was a versatile footballer who played mostly in defence. I played in three grand finals and was a member of Carlton's 1970 flag side. Since hanging up my boots I have joined the 3LO commentary team.

### PICK THE PLAYERS



"World 4 Kids" has teamed up with the *Football Record* and is giving away terrific prizes each week. Try your luck in this round with the four players above. Can you spot them? Fill in the coupon and send your entry to "World 4 Kids", PO Box 3347, North Burnley, Victoria 3121.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

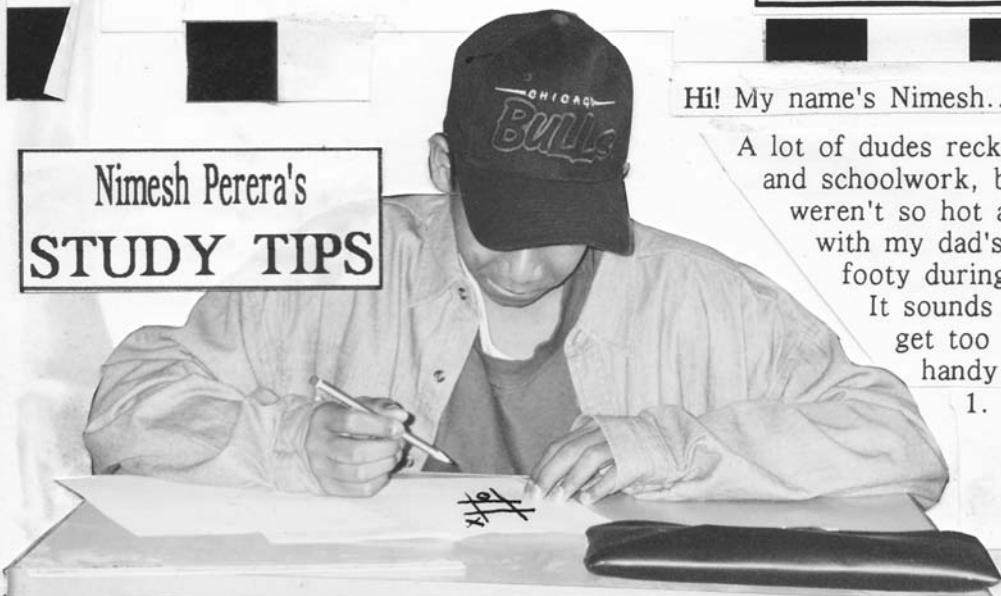
Employees and their immediate families of World 4 Kids, and its agencies and printers are ineligible to enter. The competition is weekly and closes at the end of the AFL season 1/10/94. Weekly entries for home and away, final series must be received by last mail three days after each round. Winners will be drawn by an AFL representative and notified by mail within 7 days of the draw. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. There will be weekly winners of assorted World 4 Kids stock with a season's value of \$14,000. The prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash. The promoter is World 4 Kids, 800 Toorak Road, Tooronga. A.C.N. 006 352 549. Vic. Permit No. 94/937 issued on 25/3/94.

### PICK THE PLAYERS

1..... 2.....  
3..... 4.....

Name: .....  
Address: .....

### Nimesh Perera's STUDY TIPS



Hi! My name's Nimesh....but my friends call me Nim.

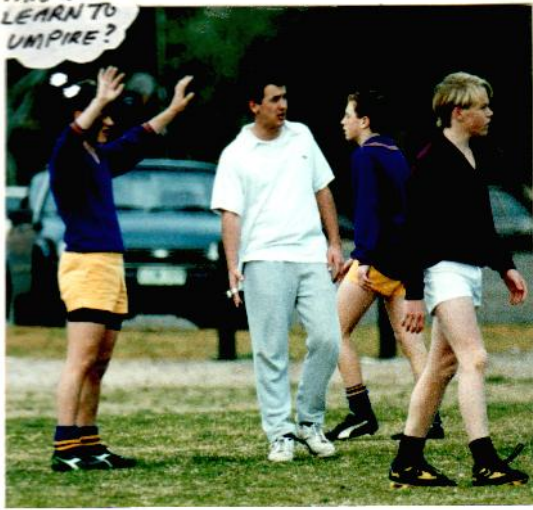
A lot of dudes reckon you can't be good at footy and schoolwork, but I say you can! My marks weren't so hot at the start of the season, but with my dad's help I've learnt how to play footy during the day and study at night!

It sounds pretty bad I know, but don't get too stressed - here are a few handy short cuts!

1. Take home a school bag full of books and pile them on your desk. Make sure your dad sees this. Then shut the door and get out the "Sports Illustrated".
2. Suck up to your teachers.



WHERE DID THIS GUY LEARN TO UMPIRE?



THIS PHOTO SHOULD BE IN A COACHING MANUAL!

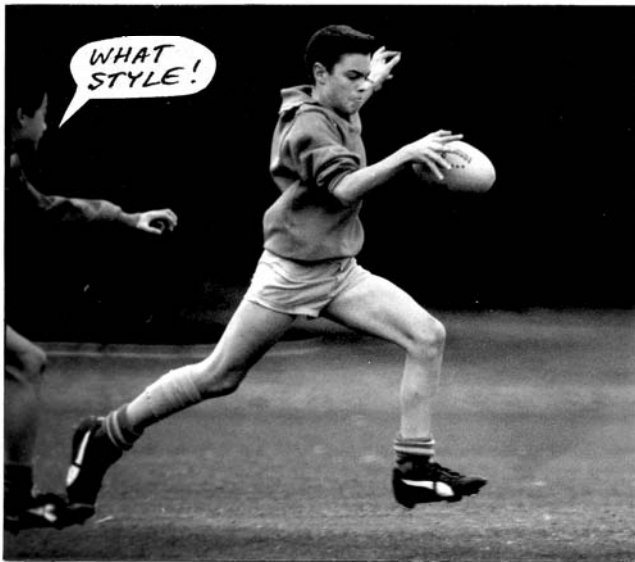
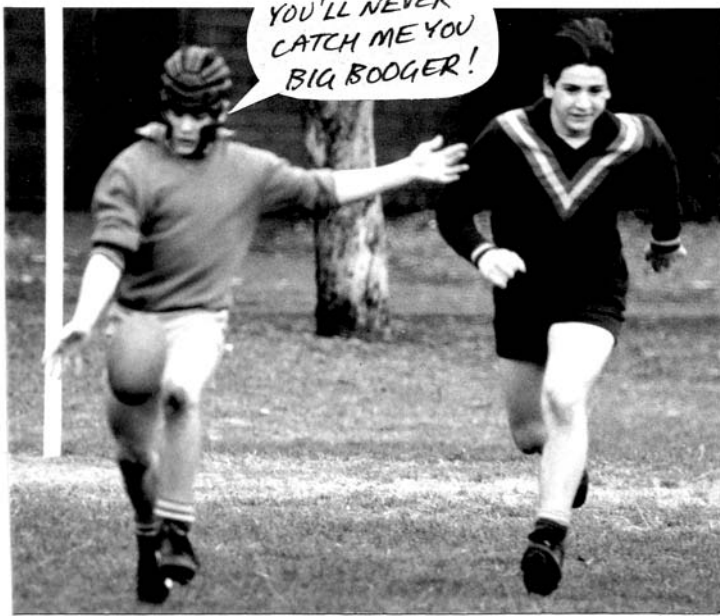


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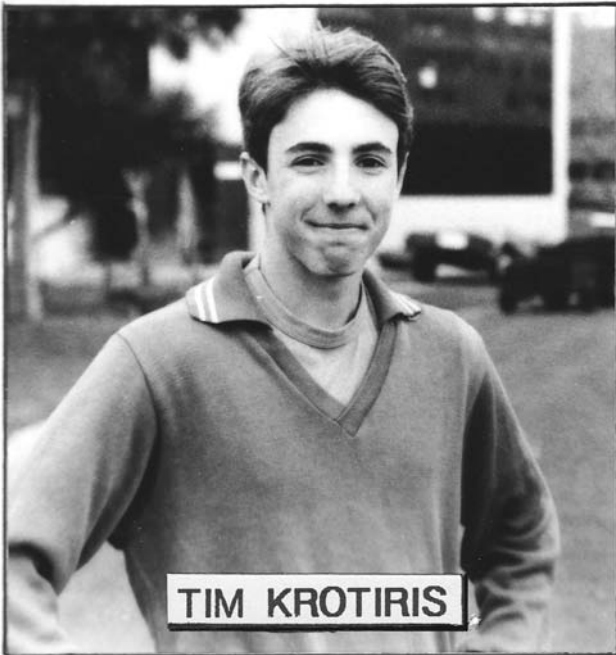
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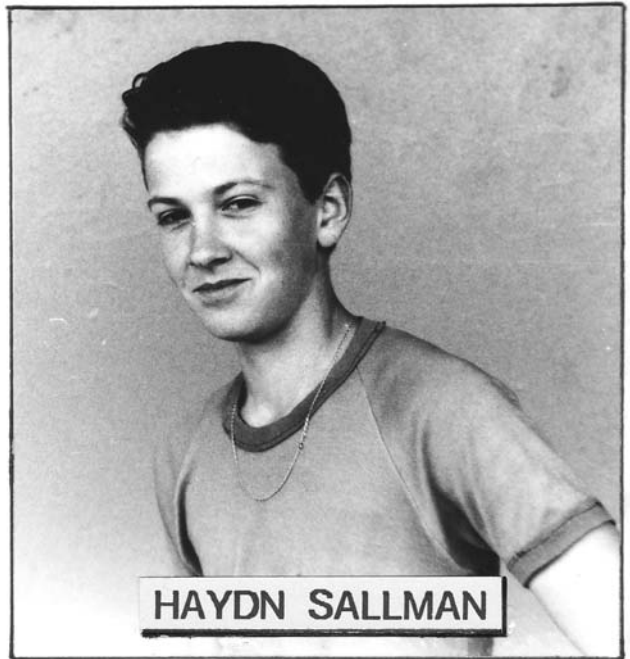


# NORWICH RISING STARS



**TIM KROTIRIS**

This versatile youngster from Albert Park has the sporting world at his feet. Already a promising rookie on the baseball scene, Krotiris burst into APS football this season after an injury plagued 1993. Five consecutive B.O.G.s quickly established his credentials and virtually ensured his winning the Lions' B&F for 1994. Filling the demanding CHB position for most of the season, "Krackers" showed that he has all the skills - plus the necessary determination for future success.



**HAYDN SALLMAN**

Talented young athlete Haydn Sallman is a class act. Captain of the Lions 8As this season, Sallman performed outstandingly in his role as first rover and was a consistent vote winner. His astute reading of the game, his confident marking, and his magical ball control qualify him as a potential champion. Sallman's leadership this season was exemplary - his commitment to the ball and his sportsmanship could never be questioned. A big future is predicted for this boy!

## SNAP SHOTS

### SUNDAY CHAMPS

Lion stars Cam Unsworth, James Fry and Tim Krotiris were all members of the South Districts Under 14 team that took out this seasons MSJPL West Division flag.

### UMPIRE TROUBLE

Rugged Lion defender Nash Elg ran foul of the umpires recently when playing for Williamstown F.C. Details are hazy, but we believe he escaped with a suspended sentence.

### SNOW WIZARD

Part time Lion footballer, Simon Cookes was successful at the recent Victorian Schools Skiing Championships winning individual honors in his age group. James Fry was also a member of the winning team.

## HOLLYWOOD BOUND

Marc "Teaser" Goldenfein is believed to have signed a six figure contract with Columbia Pictures. His first starring role will be in a remake of the childrens' classic, "Willie Wonka's Chocolate Factory"

### INJURY PRONE

We hear that Chuck Goldsmith has clocked up a record number of visits to the school hospital this year. He has averaged an amazing 3.4 visits per week!

### COMPUTER FUN

Bill Mortimer's latest computer game is about to be released for the international market. The object of the game, titled "Interceptor III", is to intercept the football during its flight through the corridor enroute to the danger zone. The level of challenge can be set variously from Easy (Drop punt) to Medium (Torp) to Difficult (Mongrel).

## PIE NIGHT

Individual winners at the Annual Pie Night Skills Competition were as follows:

### LONG KICKING

INDIVIDUAL KICK:  
P.Walvisch 41m

AVERAGE:  
N.Abbott 37m

### GOAL KICKING

INDIVIDUAL SCORE:  
P.Walvisch 27 points  
from a max. of 30

### AGILITY RUN

C.Unsworth 12.1 sec.

### HANDBALL

T.Krotiris



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**CHUCK GOLDSMITH**  
LIONS 1994



**TIM KROTIRIS**  
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PLEASE SIR...  
MAY I GO TO  
THE BATHROOM?

## TODAY'S SMILE with EZRA

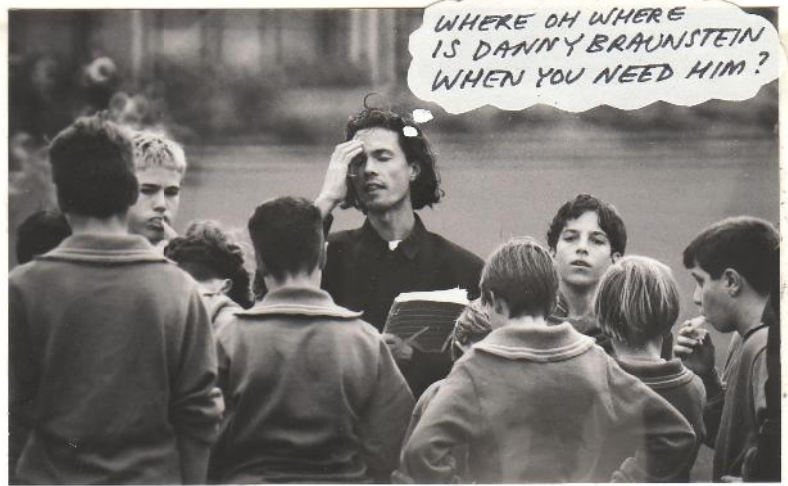
Footy is a funny game, but I never find it funny when some short sighted little twerp with a whistle pays a free kick against me! Nor do I find it funny when Mr.Stone makes me play in the centre every week. I am not a centreman! Mr.Stone says that the funniest thing in football was when St.Kilda beat Collingwood in the 1966 Grand Final by 1 point! But I don't find that particularly amusing either and I didn't laugh much when Chucky missed that goal in the last match. Like I said - footy's a funny game!







I HOPE MY LEG DOESN'T BREAK!



WHERE OH WHERE IS DANNY BRAUNSTEIN WHEN YOU NEED HIM?



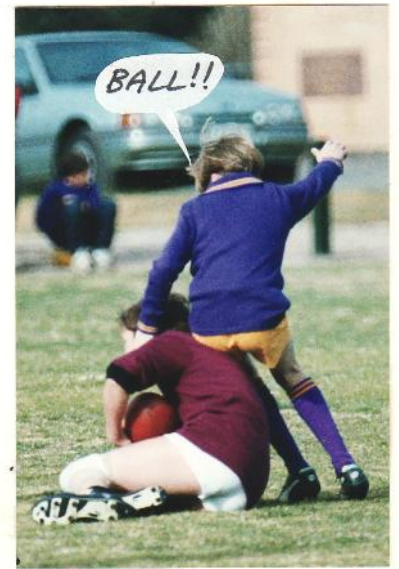
GEE... CAN YOU BALANCE IT ON YOUR NOSE TOO?



DON'T TOUCH ME THERE PAL... I'LL HAVE YOU FOR HARRASSMENT!



OXYGEN!! GIVE ME OXYGEN!!



BALL!!



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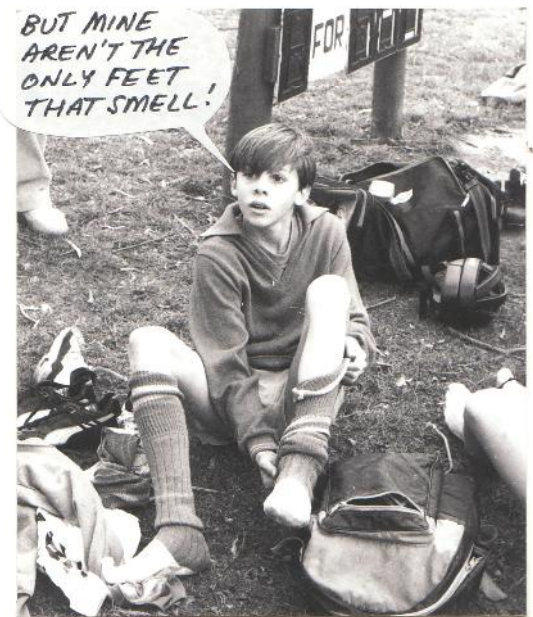
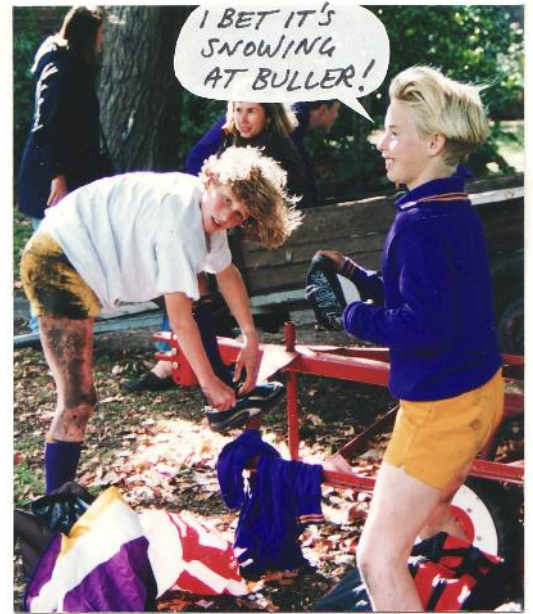
# SPORTPLUS

MAN OF THE YEAR



## CAM UNSWORTH LIONS

Lion full-back, Cam Unsworth drew high praise this season from opposition coaches for his no frills, straight ahead approach to the game. Whether marking strongly on the last line, or running the ball out of the danger zone, Cam was a vital cog in the Lion machine. "Unsa" also showed himself to be a handy on-baller when given the chance against Scopus, but he was too valuable a general on the backline to be given regular leave of duty! Cam's torpedo punts were truly AWESOME!



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- Skin tone colouring.



Hi there injury prone adolescents! As you probably heard I had a bit of bad luck this season. Both times we played Skevvs I ended up in stitches - and that doesn't mean I was laughing. The first time I had threaded (JOKE) my way through the Skevvy's defence and had just had a pot shot for goal when some mug trod on my leg. That was worth eight stitches - and what's worse the Demons lost that afternoon! (NO JOKE) The second time I had been giving my opponent a bit of needle (JOKE) and believe it or not he jumped on my other leg. This time it was a six stitch job. The tragedy of the whole story is that until I was injured I had the Best and Fairest all sewn up (JOKE) Sorry about the bad jokes, but as the old saying goes - laughter is the best medicine!

On the right you can see a really excellent leg injury. It's a pity we couldn't afford colour on this page because the blood is really grouse! The leg belongs to Nash Elg, and if he was playing in the AFL he would have been sent off to fix it up, but we're pretty tough guys in the APS. The best part about cut knees is picking the scabs off later.

**Elastoplast\***





WESLEY COLLEGE, YEAR 8A FOOTBALL, 1994



BACK: Campbell Unsworth, Robbie Sztar, Tim Krotiris, Tim Rodgers-Wilson, Nash Elg,  
Chuck Goldsmith, Paul Walvisch, Nick Abbott, Mr. Richard Stone  
CENTRE: Simon Rosenberg, Joe Hickey, James Fry, Haydn Sallman (C), Ezra Poyas,  
Peter Johnson, Adam Davis  
FRONT: Danny Scher, Anthony Jackett, Robert Muir, Nimesh Perera, Charlie Peck  
ABSENT: Jonathon Dixon, Bill Mortimer, Thusita Ranasinghe, Marc Goldenfein,  
Simon Cookes







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