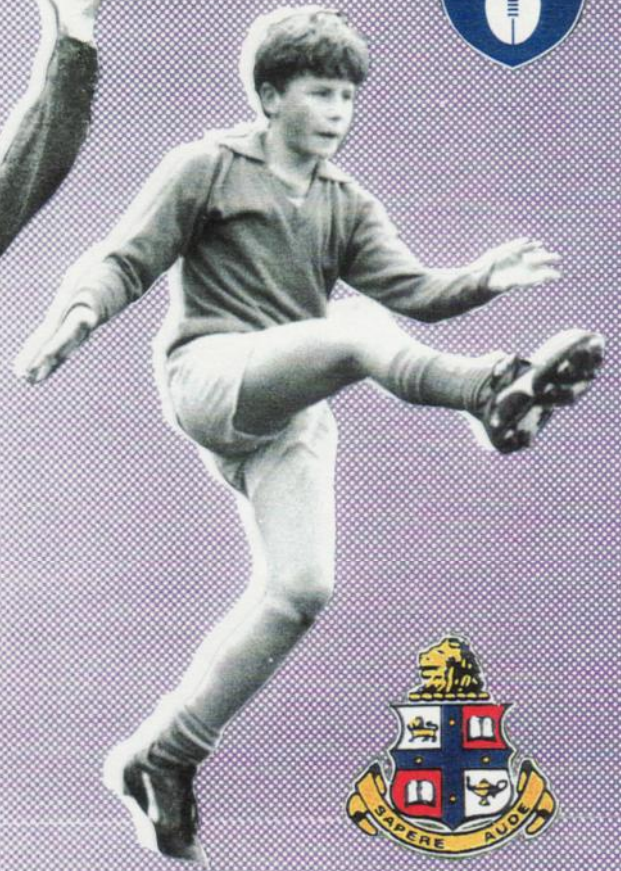
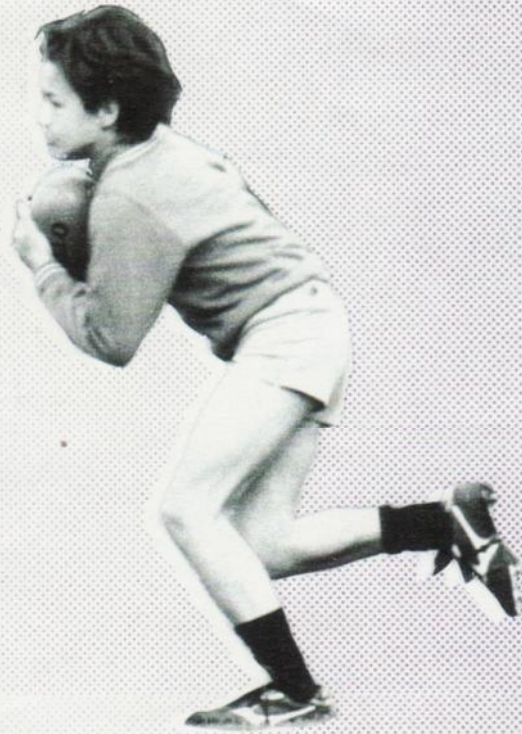
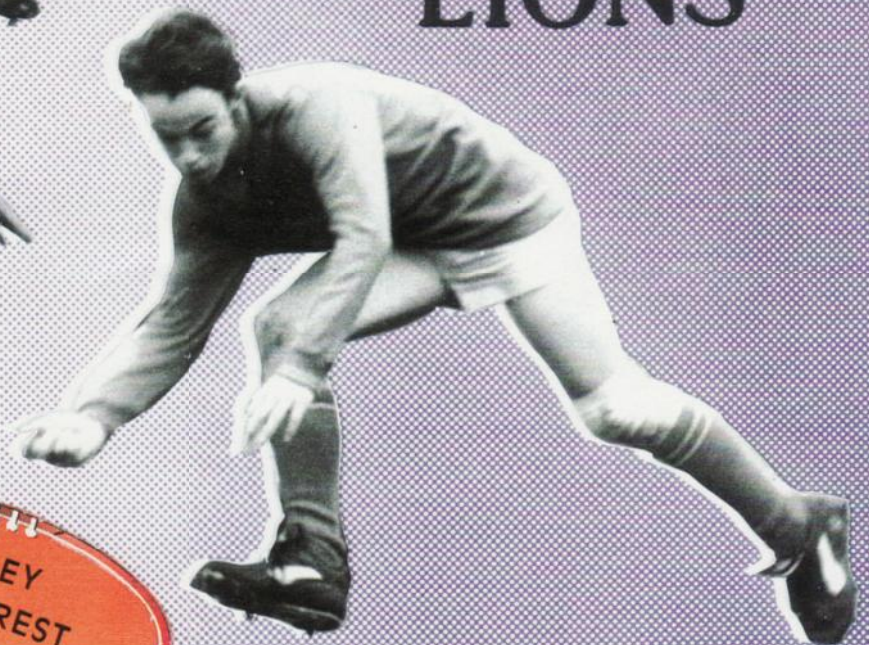


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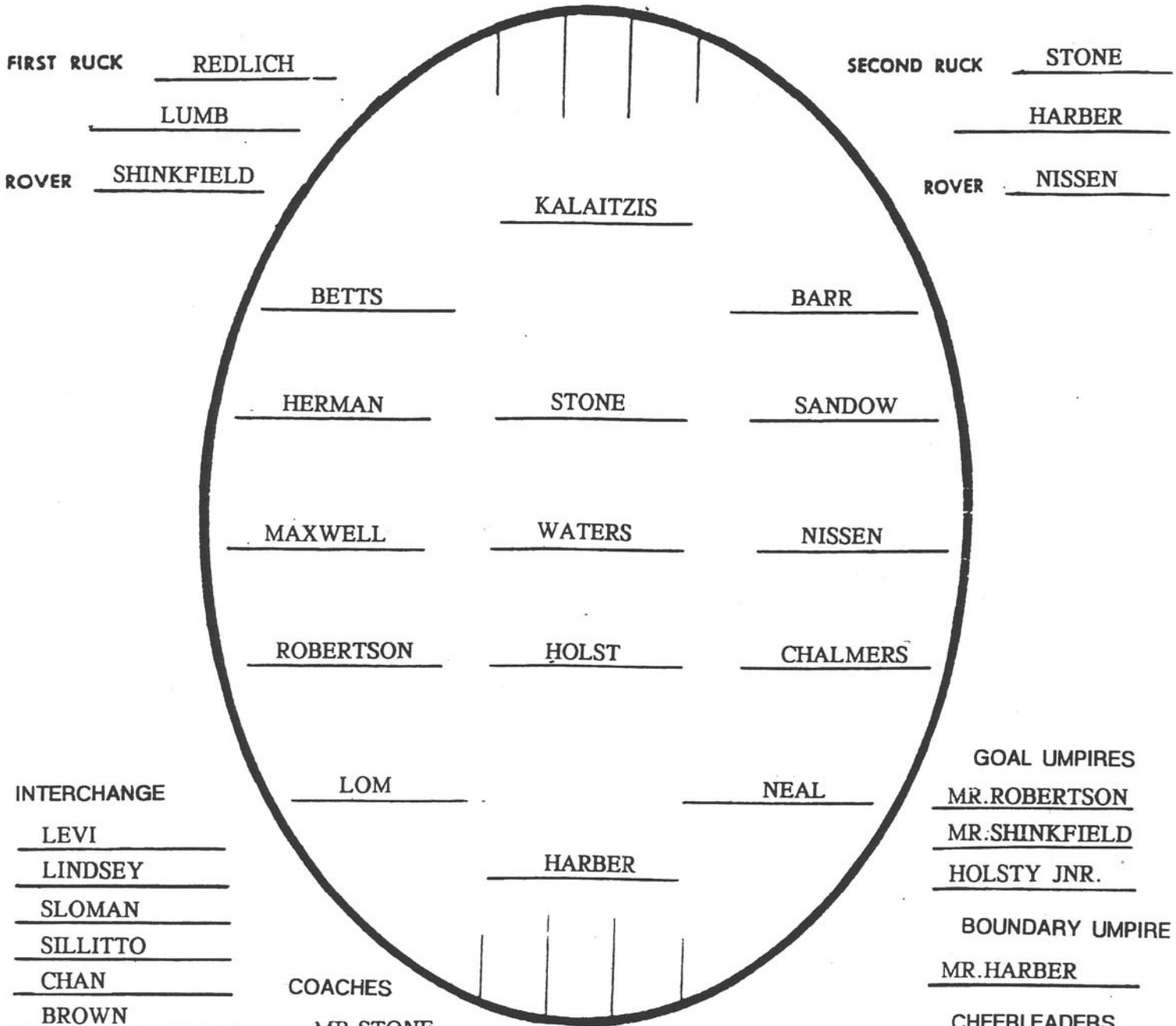


8A
LIONS



WESLEY
VS THE REST
1995

LIONS 8As TEAM of 95



- INTERCHANGE
- LEVI
 - LINDSEY
 - SLOMAN
 - SILLITTO
 - CHAN
 - BROWN
 - WILLIAMS
 - KENNETT
 - COOPER-BROWN
 - ROBERTS

- MEDIA
- KENNETT
 - STONEY JNR.

- COACHES
- MR. STONE
 - MR. JENKIN
- SKILLS COACH
- MR. BLACKMAN
- COACH'S ASSISTANT
- DOUG
- BALL INFLATORS
- SAM & DAVE

MATCH RECORD	
Played:	10
Won:	4
Lost:	6
Drawn:	-

- GOAL UMPIRES
- MR. ROBERTSON
 - MR. SHINKFIELD
 - HOLSTY JNR.
- BOUNDARY UMPIRE
- MR. HARBER
- CHEERLEADERS
- MRS. SANDOW
 - MRS. SHINKFIELD
 - MRS. STONE
- & ALL THE OTHER MUMS AND DADS
- & NOT FORGETTING SHINKA'S GRANDAD

Rd 1

LIONS GO DOWN FIGHTING!

WESLEY 10. 3. 63
KOSTKA 10. 14. 74

GOALS: Holst 4, Shinkfield 2, Maxwell 2, Chalmers, Harber.

BEST: Stone, Holst, Harber, Shinkfield, Redlich, Nissen, Kalaitzis, Betts etc.

MARK of the DAY: Harber

GOAL of the DAY: Chalmers

INJURIES: Lumb (head), Stone (from the waist down)

The Lions embarked on their quest for the 1995 Premiership flag on Saturday with an encouraging performance against a skilful and enthusiastic Kostka team. The advantage was shared throughout the match, with neither side being able to break clear, and the final quarter was a see-sawing affair which had the capacity crowd on the edge of their seats.

The Lions went into the game with virtually their best side, but with injury clouds hanging over ruckman, Nick Stone and CHB "Slamming" Sammy Redlich. Preparations for the big match had been hampered by the absence from training of a number of Lions stars believed to have been abducted by Mr. Lee in his ruthless quest for musical excellence. Fortunately Harbs had lead a successful escape bid on Friday night, and the boys arrived at Kostka well tuned and in good time.

As the Lions readied themselves for the opening bounce in the Kostka caretaker's backyard, it was noticed that Nissen, Kalaitzis and Billy Brown were nowhere to be seen. Minor adjustments to the team were made and the season had begun! Wesley opened well, and it wasn't long before Holsty found new full forward Nick Maxwell, and a goal was on the board. Kostka meanwhile were bombing away at the other end, but were being thwarted by Bettsy, Nick Barr and Will on the last line. Then disaster struck! Ben Lumb was taken out by Big Rocky and had to be carried from the field with severe headspins. Meanwhile, the Lions answered the best possible way with another major. Kostka replied, and there was little in it, until Ed "Brownlow" Waters set up Holsty for another conversion.

The second quarter was as close as they can be with each side boosting their tally by three goals.

Gutsy play by Stoney at CHB and good support from Robbo and "Killer" Kalaitzis kept the pressure on the Kostka forwards, but one cheeky little Kostkan slipped through the net a couple of times to goal. Fortunately, Holsty was firing up our end, and with Sammy and Harbs rebounding the ball our CHF was not short of opportunities. A snap off the hands of a pack produced our fourth, and another came soon after as Lozza passed accurately. A big bomb from Sammy found Holsty right in front for our sixth sausage, and at half time it was the Lions by five points.

Kostka came out firing after the break, and although we were determined to work harder on our defensive game, they were able to capitalise on their opportunities to better effect. Lozza set Shinkas up for our seventh goal, but despite the efforts of Nisso, Benny Sloman and Neil "Charma" Chalmers around (and under) the packs, Kostka edged their way forward. At orange time they held a narrow advantage and the scene was set for a titanic finish.

In an effort to lift our midfield performance, Max was shifted up the field and in an effort to lift the performance of the cheer squad, Jules and Robin were given extra responsibilities on the boundary. Charmas set the Lions alight with a brilliant snap from the pocket, but the little kid with the crewcut answered for the home team to maintain their advantage. The ball was see-sawing between half forward and half back, as the Lions made desperate attempts to convert, when suddenly Shinkas crumbed brilliantly and snapped long and true to register the Lions ninth. Not to be outdone, Kostka responded and the Lions found themselves frustratingly out of reach again! Moments later the crowd was on its feet, delirious with excitement as Harbs twisted himself inside out to complete an extraordinary mark just thirty metres out directly in front! The kick was true, but the Lions still trailed. Back in the centre, the home team thumped the ball forward, determined not to let the game slip. Stoney let out a blood curdling scream, and his opponent spilled the mark, but Kostka recovered possession from the throw in and snuck home their tenth and final goal. Time had beaten the gallant Lions, and the bell sounded with the home team 11 point winners. A courageous performance by the Lions who showed great character in fighting it out for a full four quarters.



Rd 2

LIONS FAIL TO CONVERT

WESLEY 2. 7. 19

CAREY 5. 4. 34

GOALS: Lumb, Lom

BEST: Waters, Holst, Stone, Maxwell, Harber,
Lumb, Shinkfield, Kalaitzis, Nissen

GOAL of the DAY: Lomma's Daicos grubber

MARK of the DAY: Holsty

MOST CONFUSED RUNNER AWARD: Jules

INJURIES: Charmas (air supply)

Following their disappointing loss to Kostka in the opening round, the Lions were determined to open their account on Saturday against Carey. They had worked hard on the track during the week and the return of "Plugga" Herman to the full forward position freed up Nick Maxwell for a running role. Alan Lom and Tom Sandow were also included at the expense of Julian Kennett and the injured Robin Williams.

Hoping for a firm track the boys were disappointed to find that heavy overnight rain had softened the surface of the Spicer Oval. It would be a hard slog in these conditions! As the Lions tightened their stops and stretched their hammys Harbs noticed that "Killer" Kalaitzis was missing. "Don't worry, he's always late!" said Bettsy. "I'll go full back!"

The coin was tossed and Stoney elected to kick to the scoreboard end. Carey was first out of the blocks and soon had a goal on the board thanks to their snappily dressed CHF. "Mmm.." thought the coach, "he could be a handful!" But by now the Lions had settled down and soon they were well in control of the situation. With Harbs sweeping across the half back line, "Slamming Sammy" contesting hard in the ruck and Max and Holsty providing targets around half forward, Wesley appeared to have the edge. But the big sticks were proving hard to find. Forced deep into the pockets Charmas, Lozza and the other Lion sharpshooters were struggling to convert, and at the first interval we had only managed three measly behinds.

By now "Killer" had arrived, but Brownny and Sloma were still home in bed, so Nisso agreed to have a run on the ball. The second quarter opened like the first, with a quick goal to the home team. This seemed to galvanise the Lions into action, and "Brownlow" Waters moved up a gear in the centre. Roaming far and wide he was finding the space that was in such short supply at Kostka the previous week. Lumma too was proving a handful for his Carey opponent, and was giving us plenty of drive around the packs. With Nisso following the ball,

Shinkas could enjoy the relative freedom of the wing, and he was able to set up numerous opportunities for the half forwards - but still the goals were hard to find! Not so for Carey, and the skinner with the gloves broke free again and suddenly it was three goals to none! Something had to be done - and quick! "Jules! Jules!" screamed the coach. "Tell Stoney to get on the ball and Killer to pick up the skinner. Sammy can go to full back! Have you got that?"

"Yeah Stoney...Stoney on the ball, Skinny to kill Sammy and...I'll pick up the full back"

"No Jules! Get it straight! Killer to pick up...." Suddenly the crowd roared and the coach turned to see an excited Lumma punching the air. A goal at last! Stoney finally got the message and immediately took control in the ruck. A few minutes later a bomb from Holsty slipped off Plugga's fingertips and Lomma sunk the slipper into the sherrin. The ball skidded and scudded its way goalward past the desperately lunging defenders. The Lions were back in business!

As we sucked our citrus segments we knew that the premiership quarter lay ahead. Could we grab the initiative and with it the lead? Could we hold Carey out?

The third term was a dour struggle. The ball was thumped, punched, handballed, and soccered from one half forward line to the other with neither side able to gain an advantage. Gritty defence by Bettsy, Sanda, Barza and Sammy held Carey to just one behind, whilst Harbs, Lindsa and Robbo worked hard to nudge the ball further down the field. But despite the efforts of Holsty, Max and Eddy to set up the forwards, the pressure was too great and we could only manage minors. As we moved into a huddle for the last time, we knew it wouldn't be easy! Two points down, fifteen minutes to go. Stoney and Holsty revved up the troops. Battle stations!

Carey came out fighting and Harbs had his work cut out marshalling the backline. Killer was wearing the skinner like a glove, but a lucky break saw him surge free and dob Carey's fourth. The Lions knew what was required and Lumma and Shinkas were psyched. The ball was nudged forward, as Lozza led from the square. A desperate lunge but the ball spilled free. A Carey rebound hits a Wesley wall and this time Plugga has a chance. He dodges, he slips, he puts ball to boot...it's through! It's a goal...NO! It's touched! Impossible! It couldn't be! The Lions stop...stunned.... Carey pounce and suddenly the ball has gone, up through the centre and deep into enemy territory. It's the skinner...he's got a break...oh no! It's all over. It's time!

Rd 3

LIONS STRIKE A SOUR NOTE

WESLEY 2. 2. 14

GEELONG C. 8. 8. 56

GOALS: Herman, Levi

BEST: Stone, Shinkfield, Holst, Barr, Sandow,
Redlick, Betts, Kalaitzis, Nissen, LindseyINJURIES: Holst (rearranged finger)
Waters (a big corky)

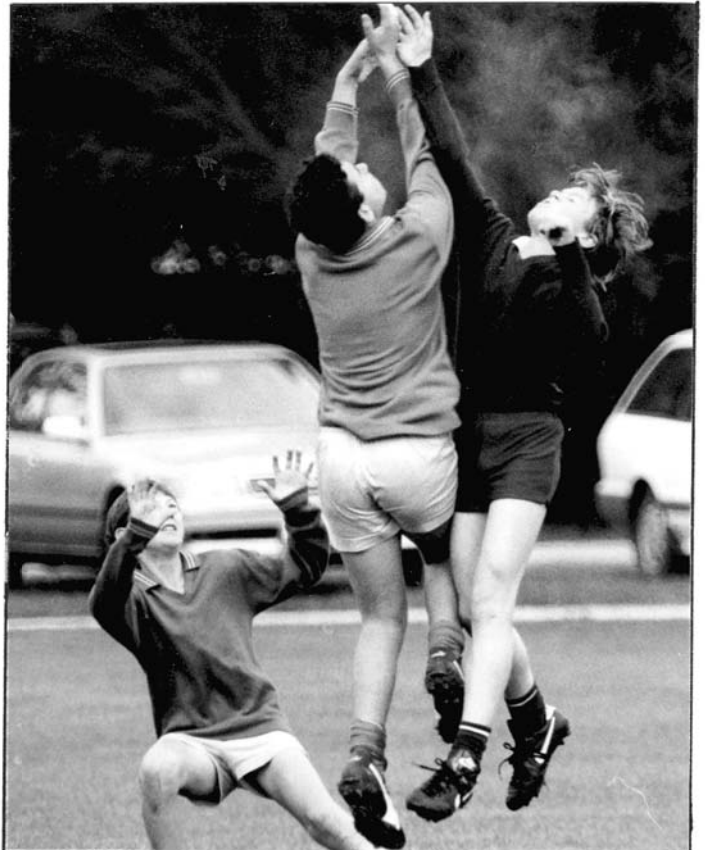
Not since the notorious kidnapping by Scotch College terrorists of Lion stars, Nim Perera and Nick Abbott, has the APS been hit by a scandal as shocking as that which marred Saturday's round of matches. Reliable sources report that Wesley's weekend loss to Geelong College was the result of a dastardly scheme devised by the Cat's Sports Directorate. A scheme so devious and underhand that it makes Jeff Kennett's urban destruction plans appear innocent and inoffensive!

The Geelong scheme was a skilfully planned strategy which ruthlessly exploited the Wesley College philosophy of a complete education, and took unfair advantage of its students' pride in the good name of the College and its traditions of excellence.

The intention was clear. Having heard reports of the Lions' strong performances in the opening rounds of the APS season, and fearing that they were being targeted as the Lions' first victims, the Geelong brains trust devised a scheme that would remove three of Wesley's prime movers from Saturday's contest. A recent article in *The Geelong Advertiser* featuring the achievements of the Wesley College Middle School Concert Band, highlighted the phenomenal musical talents of Tom Harber, Ben Lumb and Nick Maxwell, and it didn't take too long for the G.C. Sports Directorate to realise that coincidentally these three were also talented performers in the football arena. The plan was simple. A School Band competition was hastily contrived and organised for Saturday morning, a letter was sent to *The Age* complaining of the falling standards of musical performance in some of the better known APS schools and the trap was set!

Wesley's Director of Music almost choked on his breakfast when he read the provocative comments in the morning newspaper, and his response was immediate! A challenge such as this could not be ignored! Wesley's reputation was at stake. Harbs, Lumma and Max would have to make the ultimate personal sacrifice to uphold their College's artistic traditions! So as the Lions boarded the bus for Geelong at some ungodly hour on Saturday morning, their three team mates were boarding another bus heading in the opposite direction!

After an uneventful journey the Lions arrived at their destination. The Geelong coach could be seen smirking to himself as the depleted visiting team emerged from the bus. But the Lions had never been known to avoid an issue, and with twenty fit, enthusiastic players they were ready to take up the challenge.



Lions ruckman, Slammin Sammy Redlick contests a ballup on Saturday. Will Lindsey anxiously awaits the outcome.

Led by their skipper, Ed "Brownlow" Waters, the Lions opened strongly, but despite having a good share of the play, they were struggling to convert. Shinkers was in everything and must have had ten possessions in the first five minutes! Lindsa was adjusting quickly to his new role as ruck rover, and Sammy was already making his presence felt in the ruck, but we were dealt a sad blow when Ed suffered a nasty corker. Holsty was a focal point at CHF but he was under enormous pressure, and he had to rely on the crumbing of Charmas and Lomma to work the ball further forward. Good shepherding by newcomer, Mark "Jeans" Levi and the reliable Nisso cleared a path for Holsty who was able to shoot a handball to Plugga Herman in the goal square and our first major was on the board. Geelong meanwhile had been busy at the other end and they had notched two of their own. At the break they held a slender lead, but during the second term they were able to stretch their advantage as the Lions once again failed to turn half chances into full pointers. Despite the desperate efforts of a tight, disciplined Lions'

backline led by the indefatigable Stoney, the home team snuck another couple through. Barza and Bettsy were fantastic, running off their opponents and hitting the ball hard. Killer was hassling and harrassing, and Sanda was burrowing fearlessly into scrimmages, but Ed's injury was restricting his work in the centre, and we were struggling to set up advantage plays.

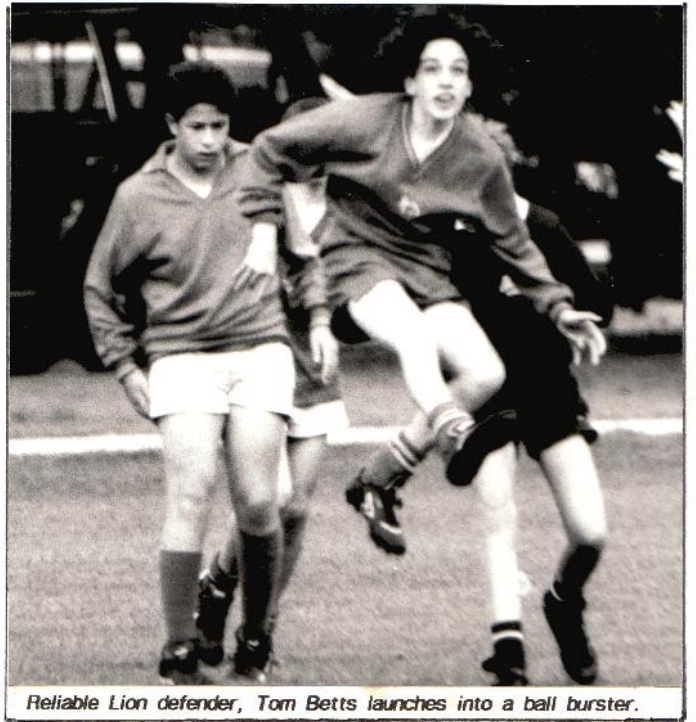


Newcomer, Ming Neal marks strongly during the final quarter. Ming was instrumental in setting up the Lions' only goal in the second half.

The Lions had their work cut out for them now, and they knew it! Holsty was moved onto the ball in an effort to provide more drive, and Nisso was shifted into the centre, but the third quarter proved also to be a goal scoring wasteland for the Lions. The hard work by Stoney, Sammy and Robbo to push the ball forward was being negated, and before the Sherrin could get within reach of the by now frustrated Plugga and his assistant Lozza, it was being rebounded. Shinkers was still battling hard, and Sloma was finding empty spaces on the visitors' wing, but the Lions had little to show for their efforts as they huddled together to plan their final fifteen minutes. No, we haven't been scoring enough goals, said the coach, but yes, we are doing the right things! It seems as though we are about three players short! "Make that four!" added the injured Ed. "Come on guys! We owe it to the backline!"

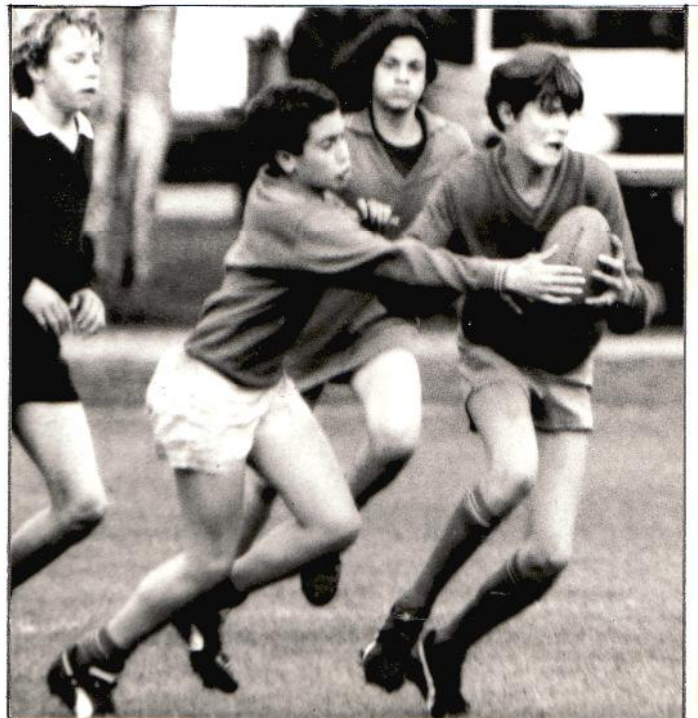


Stammin Sammy punches the ball clear of the Geelong midfielders.



Reliable Lion defender, Tom Betts launches into a ball buster.

The Lions finished full of running and played out the game with admirable determination! Putting into practice all the moves that will set them up for a win NEXT WEEK! Although Geelong added another two majors to their tally, Wesley persisted until the siren, and stuck to their task. The small, but vocal cheer squad were delighted by the form of Robin "Mork" Williams as he fed off handballs to running team mates, and their hearts were warmed when young Minger Neal marked and passed well to Levi to register the Lions' final goal. Only Holsty had trouble applauding the good play - the bones in his hand having been rearranged by a stray boot! Musing over their soup after the game, the Lions began to think about next Saturday, and the convincing victory that they will register on the Front Turf!



Lion legend, Nick Stone, is shepherded strongly by Nick Barr.

Rd 4

PUSSY CATS MAULED BY RAMPANT LIONS!

WESLEY PRAHRAN 9. 11. 65

WESLEY G.W. 2. 4. 16

GOALS: Lumb 3, Harber 2, Holst 2, Maxwell, Brown

BEST: Waters, Lumb, Harber, Stone, Shinkfield, Holst, Maxwell, Redlick, Barr, Kalaitzis, Betts, Herman, Sandow, Nissen,, Levi, Chalmers, Robertson, Brown, Lindsey.

INJURIES: Waters (upper body), Herman (thumb) Sandow (ankle)

MARK of the DAY: Holsty

GOAL of the DAY: Browny

MISS of the DAY: Lumma

PADDLE of the DAY: Harbs

NOW READ ON.....In a scintillating display of our great Australian game, the Lions blitzed their opposition on Saturday to record their first victory of the 1995 season. Relishing the opportunity to perform on the wide open spaces of the hallowed Front Turf, the Lions emerged triumphant from the annual battle for the King of the Jungle Cup. In true big cat style, they measured their opponents in the opening quarter, went for the kill in the second, then played with the corpse for the remainder of the game.

Stung into action by the disappointment of last weekend's cruel loss at Geelong, the Lions hit the track hard this week and on Saturday morning they were primed for battle. Bolstered by the return of the roving minstrels, Harbs, Max and Lumma, the boys were barely able to contain their enthusiasm as they gathered in the shadow of the "S.A.Jenkin Memorial Doggy Box" for the pre-match address.

An impressive display by Harbs during Tuesday's "House of Origin" match had convinced the coach that Harbs at full forward could be the answer to the Lion's conversion problem, while it was hoped that the inclusion of goal sneak "Will-o-the-Wisp" Brown, would add a bit of spark when the ball hit the deck.

Harbs lost the toss and the Lions found themselves kicking to the St.Kilda Road end for the opening stanza. The Lions bench had been reduced by the late withdrawal of Lomma who was still suffering the after effects of a training mishap, but Lindsa indicated to the coach that he could play anywhere on the field if required. As Umpire Dicky Hartnett held the ball aloft, Lindsa shrewdly observed that Nisso was nowhere to be seen and should he perhaps take his place on the wing? The



High flying Lion, Ben Lumb takes another screamer

ball was bounced as Lindsa made up the eighteen, but wasn't that Nisso taking a kick over on the Moubray Wing? "How many have we got Doug?" "Nineteen Mr.Stone!" "Quick, get Lindsa off!"

Meanwhile, the Lions had started confidently, and it wasn't long before Harbs found Holsty in front and our first was on the board, but the Pussy Cats were showing plenty of enthusiasm too, and the defence was being tested. A gutsy mark by Stoney and strong pressure play by Bettsy returned the ball into our territory where "Brownlow" Waters was already dictating the terms of play. Harbs was leading with confidence and quick thinking by Max created an option in the goal square that was too good for the full forward to refuse. At the break it was Lions two, Pussys one, and the commentary box was already predicting a big win!

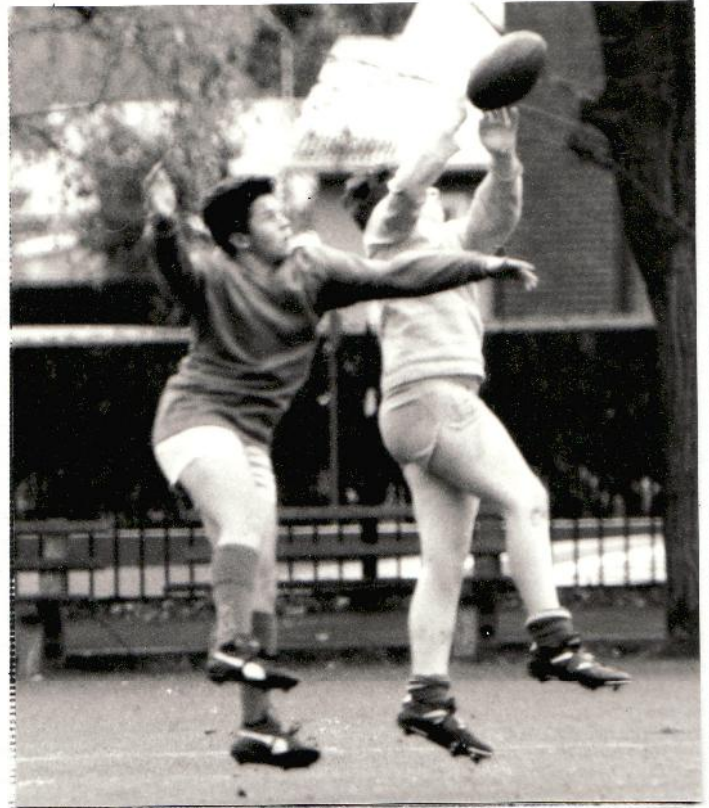
The second quarter was a coach's dream! Released from the confines of pocket size grounds, the Lions found spaces, made spaces and used spaces to their advantage. Shinkas, Lumma and Max were relentless in their efforts to seek team mates further down the field, and they weren't being let down! Clever play by Lev set the ball up in the square for Holsty, but it was Harbs crumbing at the back who converted off hands. Moments later Lumma was in on the act with a long bomb for his first sausage, and it wasn't long before he had 'crumbed another. "Brownlow" was unstoppable and the opposition had no answer in midfield. The

backline was impenetrable, and with "Plugga" Herman running straight at the ball, Barza leaving his opponent for dead and Sanda as miserly as ever, there was little the visitors could do except stand back and applaud! Lumma was running riot, and our sixth major came as Brownny snaffled a Lumma pass and snuck it through the big sticks (just!). Charmas replaced Shinkas on the ball and was immediately in the action combining superbly with Slammin Sammy at a centre bounce to push the ball forward again. The oranges were indeed juicy as the Lions sucked their citrus segments during the long break. "If only the Blues can play as well as us this afternoon" thought Ed. "If only the Saints can play as well as this today" thought the coach! Well we know who got their way...but that's another story!



Early Brownlow favourite Eddy Waters launches another bomb.

The presence at the game of the Channel Seven camera crew and well known commentator and media personality "Rex" Kennett seemed to inspire the Glen Waverley team during the third term, and they fought hard to reduce the Lions' effectiveness but "Killer" Kalaitzis and his assistants thwarted any serious attempts to reduce the leeway. Despite being coathangered, Eddy continued to be the lynch pin in our attack, and with Lumma now having a run on the ball, there were plenty of opportunities for the forwards. A brilliant passage of persistent play by Harbs set up another goal for Lumma, and he picked up another one for himself soon after, courtesy of a Nisso pass. Stoney was a tower of strength at CHB, and Lindsa was working hard in the clinches. Bobbo was showing his usual flair on a flank and "Rex" Kennett was unstoppable in the commentary box. At the final change the Lions led by a very comfortable 35 points, but there was still fifteen minutes left. It was time to stop pussy footing around!



Plugga Herman attempts the spoil on his Glen Waverley opponent.

The final quarter was all Lions. The visitors barely had a sniff of the ball! Only poor kicking for goal prevented the Lions from inflicting an out and out massacre. With Sammy dominating the ruck, Shinkas hitting the ball hard, and Holsty reading the game like a veteran, the ball barely passed into enemy territory. Clever anticipation, creative running and sure ball handling made it look more like a game of keepings off. Unfortunately too many pot shots from outside the corridor reduced our conversion rate, and instead of nine goals for the term only Holsty was able to capitalise when he took a pass from Shinkas. Not to worry though - the damage had been done! A 49 point victory, a great confidence booster, and an object lesson to young footballers!



Harbs attempt another of his famous paddles.

Rd5

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

It was back to earth this week for the Lions as their long journey into the wilderness region of South Eastern Victoria ended in defeat at the hands of a bigger, stronger Haileybury combination.

Despite a strong second half by the Lions in which they reduced the home team's effectiveness through sheer guts and persistence, the damage had been done early in the game. Goals in the opening minutes threw the pressure right onto the Lions, and it was a game of catch up footy for the rest of the day.

Although the Lion's defence refused to give in, they were outmuscled and outnumbered by their opponents. Led by Tom "Nothing Will Get Past Me" Betts, Barza and Killer Kalaitzis worked hard but found the strange bounce of the yellow plastic footy difficult to come to terms with. "Brownlow" Waters was getting plenty of touches in the middle, but he was struggling to handle the slippery ball, and newly-appointed skipper, Lumma, was still getting used to his new purple shorts. Shinkas was picking up kicks but Holsty was being well held by his oversized opponent, and the Lions were finding it difficult to reach the scoring zone. Harbs was getting cold, so by the second quarter he was creeping up the ground to try and get a piece of the action. Sammy was doing his best but was finding the unexpected spring of his NBL trained opponent difficult to counter. Sanda, "Chicken Wing" Neal and Nisso were simply outsized by their Haileybury counterparts. Lindsa replaced Sanda, and Stoney Junior was earning his oranges running messages far and wide. At last a pass from Holsty put Charmas under so much pressure that he just had to get a free. He converted, and registered our first score. Unfortunately, this was to be the only time the Lions would trouble the scoreboard attendant during the first half, and at the long interval it was THEM: 8 and US: 1.

There was a lot to think about during the break, and the Lions were determined to provide their army of supporters with something to cheer about during the second half - and they did just that. By tightening their game all over the ground, by attacking the ball with confidence, and by applying more pressure to the Haileyburians, the Lions turned what could have been a one horse race into a contest.

With "Sticks" Stoney running in the ruck, Plugga Herman showing determination across half back, and Harbs picking up possessions in defence, the Lions were able to stem the flow of Newlands goals. The Lions might have been out of the game on the scoreboard, but they were still very much in the battle!

The final quarter was a real heart warmer for the Lions' cheer squad, as the boys took the game right up to the home team and made them earn every kick! Waters was busy in the centre and the on-ballers were keeping close to their opponents. Bettsy was magnificent at Full Back, and Lomma was throwing himself at Haileyburians twice his size! The forward line refused to give up the ball, and Robbo, Brownny, Lev and Holsty were determined to notch another major before the final siren. Eventually it was "Brownlow" who snatched the ball from a pack and snapped a much deserved goal. When the siren finally sounded the Lions could walk from the field with their heads high. Defeated, but not demoralized!

SCOREBOARD

WESLEY 2. 1. 13
NEWLANDS 12. 6. 78

GOALS: Chalmers, Waters
BEST: Betts, Waters, Harber,
Herman, Stone, Shinkfield.

INJURIES: Nil
GOAL of the DAY: Waters
ALMOST MARK of the DAY:
Neal
TACKLE of the DAY: Lom

STEROID SHOCK!

Haileybury College's convincing win over the Wesley College 8As on Saturday has sparked yet another row over the use of drugs in Australian Rules football.

The APS Commission has ordered an inquiry into allegations that members of the Haileybury team had been given anabolic steroids in preparation for the big match. The extraordinary size of many of the Haileybury players had raised doubts in the minds of APS observers at the match.

Wesley officials would not comment, but several players were prepared to make statements on the matter.

Lion crumber, Neil Chalmers described his opponent as "humungous" but Slammin' Sammy Redlich didn't think there was a problem. Alan Lom was unperturbed. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall" he commented.



HAILEYBURY

WESLEY

Diagram showing the comparative size of APS footballers.

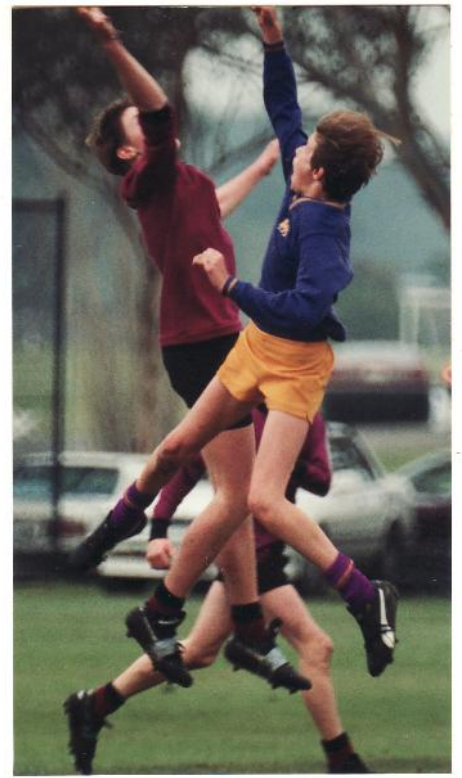
YOUR SAY

What did you think of the big game out at Keysborough?

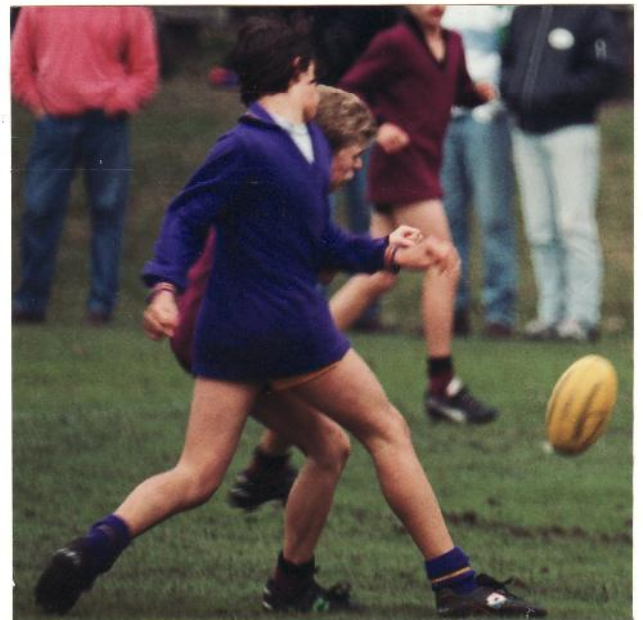
Stephen Kernahan (Carlton)

"A disappointing result really. I had my money on the Lions, but you can't do much when your opponent's a foot bigger than you. That Waters boy looked alright though - we could do with him in the centre!"





8As IN ACTION AT KEYSBOROUGH



Rd 6

LIONS STORM TO VICTORY!

WESLEY 6. 6. 42
 GEELONG GRAMMAR 1. 0. 6

GOALS: Cooper-Brown 2, Harber, Lom, Lumb, Sloman

BEST: Maxy, Eddy, Holsty, Nisso, Harbs, Barza, Plugga, Bettsy, Killer, Shinkas, Lumma, Stoney, Lomma, Sanda, Bobbo, Charmas, Lindsa, Lev, Coops, Sammy, Sloma, Loz, Chicken Wing and not forgetting Julza.

B.O.G. Maxy

G.O.D. Sloma

INJURIES: Unidentified Geelong player.

NOW READ ON...Having enjoyed a week's rest after their bruising encounter with the Haileybullies the Lions were keen to pull on the boots again for another contest. They were also keen to return to the city and to their home turf, where they had previously played their best football of the season. Their opponents would be the Corio Cats, and Bruce MacAvaney was predicting "a fantastic match" which would have to be good for footy.

The Lions selectors were stunned during the week when star defender Nick Stone indicated that he would be unavailable. Big hearted ruckman, Sammy Redlich was already under a cloud, and key forward Ben Holst was suffering from a bout of the flu, so Stoney's announcement was a major cause for concern. Thursday's training was impressive, but the likely absence of three of his big guns was a disturbing thought, and the coach did not sleep well! Worse was to come when experienced crumber, Alan Lom, announced that he was unlikely to see out a full game and Mrs. Maxwell rang through on the Lions Hot Line to inform the Match Committee that Nick was an unlikely starter.

Negotiations with Stoney's social secretary eventually produced a compromise arrangement which would enable him to play for half a match, and some intense sucking of Fisherman's Friends and Butter Menthols helped Holsty and Sammy through fitness tests late on Friday. But would they last the distance? What if we ran out of ruckmen? Perhaps Jules could stand on Lozza's shoulders? Probably not! Perhaps well known sporting identity, Nathan Cooper-Brown could be lured back to the footy field following his surprise retirement early in the season? Negotiations began in earnest with the NBL. Finally a deal was made with the Commissioner. For two Shaque O'Neill Legend Cards and an autographed photograph of Ed Waters, the NBL would release Coops for the big match.

The storm clouds cleared long enough for Lumma to toss the coin and with the Front Turf looking like an inland sea, it soon became apparent that the

Lions were switched on and focused! Brownlow Waters and Shinkas were quick to get into the action and the ball was heading towards the Antarctic end of the ground in no time. Harbs soon found himself on the end of a pass from Robbo and the Lions first was up in lights. Our Defence was proving a headache for the visitors, and Stoney, Sanda and Plugga were at their miserly best. Holsty was sensational on the forward line, one minute leaping like a high jumper, the next scrounging around on the ground like a crumber. Despite the miserable weather, and against Mrs. Max's wishes, Max had risen from his sickbed to join his team mates, and he was playing like a man possessed! His new aerodynamically designed haircut seemed to give him even greater speed and manoeuvrability, and he was aquaplaning all over the ground in search of kicks. Nisso was busy doing all those little things that coaches like to see, and Lumma was working hard being where the ball was. A pass from Holsty found its mark as Lomma led into a space, and his kick was true. Only in the dying moments of the quarter did the opposition look threatening, as they snuck through a goal to be six points down at the first change.

Geelong took the game up to the Lions during the second term, but they were unable to penetrate our watertight backline. Barza and Bettsy were playing their usual attacking brand of defence and no sooner had the ball reached the danger zone than it was rebounded back into our half of the ground. Slammin' Sammy was controlling the ruck duels with perfect palming and the rovers were taking full advantage. "Muddy" Waters was handling the heavy conditions like a veteran, and there seemed little the opposition could do to stop him. Lev and Charmas were keeping things moving around the flanks, and Julza was getting toey on the interchange bench. A brilliant piece of opportunistic soccer brought Lumma his first, and the Lions went to the long interval two goals up.

With Stoney and Lomma making a dash for the showers, some rearranging had to be done. Coops would provide a tall option in the goal square and Plugga could plug the gap at CHB. The moves paid immediate dividends, as Minga skilfully fed a handball under pressure to Shinkas and Coops capped it off with a basket - sorry - a goal. Harbs was now back in his accustomed role of half back sweeper, and with Killer being tough and mean on the last line, the Cats were held scoreless for the second quarter in succession. Max was still blitzing around his wing, and Holsty was coughing up his guts - but it was all in a good cause!

Robbo was providing a valuable link at half forward, and he was instrumental in setting up Coops for his second to take the Lions to an unbeatable lead at the final change.

The coach was enjoying the spectacle provided by his team and he was pleased to see them doing all

the right things! The big crowd too, was excited by the prospect of another Lions victory, and as the boys broke from the huddle there was a tremendous roar from the members pavilion.

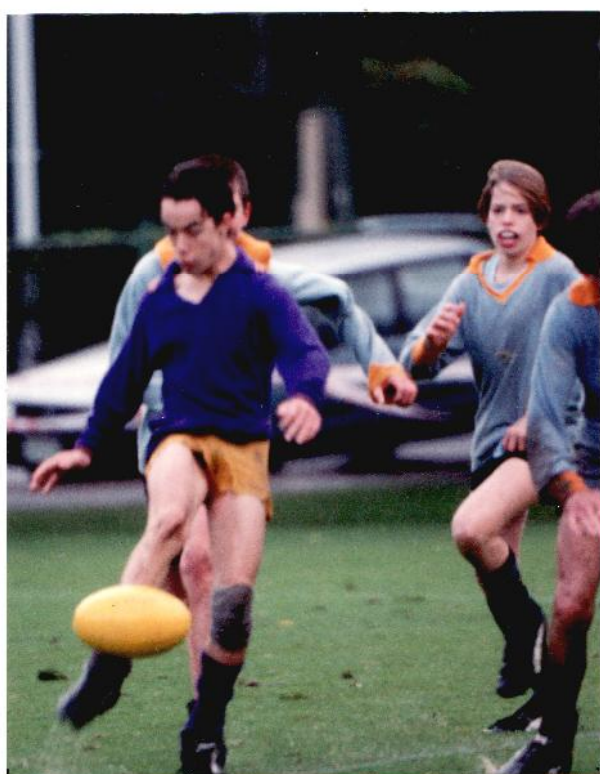
The Lions continued to control the game during the final quarter, despite the heavy conditions and the ever changing weather! Lozza had found his place in the sun on the forward line, and Lindsa was enjoying a spot of mud sliding, but the tireless work of the Lion on-ballers and the impenetrable backline was a source of continuing frustration for the Cats, who by now wished that they'd stayed home in bed. On the other hand, the Lions were as keen as ever, and despite Doug's desperate pleading Holsty refused to come off for a rest! The ball was locked in the scoring zone, but conversion was proving difficult, until Sloma pounced on the ball deep in the Middle School pocket and snapped a truly amazing goal across his body! Cameraman, Simon Coleman could not believe his eyes! Commentator Julian Kennett was for once, speechless! That is until he reminded the coach that he hadn't had a run yet. "OK Jules, this is your big chance...how about full forward!" In no time JK was in the thick of things, and when the siren rang out in the chill winter air, he was a happy man to be part of the triumphant Lion combination that marched victoriously from the Front Turf. The coach was proud, the assistant coach was delighted, and even Mr.Conabere had a lump in his throat and a tear in his eye!



Ed Waters makes light going of the heavy conditions



Lumma takes a firm grip on the slippery ball



Harbs swings the ball into the corridor



Killer Kalaitzis executes a pin point pass

Rd 7

GUTSY LIONS VICTORY IN BULLEEN MUDHEAP

WESLEY 3. 4. 22
 CAREY 1. 8. 14

GOALS: Robertson, Harber, Lumb
 BEST: Lumb, Harber, Shinkfield, Holst, Nissen, Robertson and the rest.

A return to the Spicer Oval at Carey, the scene of a loss earlier in the season, was a chance for the Lions to get their season back on track after a mid year break.

The first quarter saw Carey waste opportunities, largely due to the pressure applied by the Wesley backline. Tom Harber was collecting numerous possessions across half back, while a knee injury forced Chris Chan from the ground.

The second quarter was dominated by the Lions. Wesley opened up the game with some good running football, scoring 2.2 to Carey's no score. The home team continued to find it difficult to penetrate Wesley's miserly defence. Harber continued to gather possessions, whilst Holsty and Robbo proved good targets up forward.

In what was a tough and hard third quarter, Carey became increasingly frustrated by the pressure the Lions were applying and resorted to rough tactics to throw the Lions off their game. To their credit the Lions stayed focused and saw out the quarter.

In the final term, Carey came out and threw out the challenge to get within 3 points, but instead of crumbling, Wesley lifted and replied. Fittingly the captain goaled to seal a sweet victory in the mud at Bulleen.

The win should give the team confidence to finish the year successfully.



Rd 8

KOSTKA STEALS GAME FROM GALLANT LIONS

WESLEY 2. 1. 13
 KOSTKA 2. 5. 17

GOALS: Lom, Holst
 BEST: Harber, Lumb, Herman, Maxwell, Shinkfield, Betts

Coming off a good win the previous week, the Lions were confident of a victory against a strong Kostka outfit.

The first quarter saw Wesley adapt to the large Harry Trott Oval better than Kostka. Running the ball well, and with on ballers, Lumb, Maxwell and Shinkfield producing good drive into the forward line, the Lions went into the quarter time break with a handy 13 point lead.

The second quarter was a battle of the respective backlines, with neither team giving an inch. The Wesley defence, led well by Herman and Betts continually repelled Kostka attacks. Good support was provided by Barr who was continuing his consistent form.

The third term was a repeat of the second - a gruelling and tense battle of backlines. Harber, reading the ball to perfection was continuing his excellent form, and the Lions still held the lead at the last break.

The final quarter was when Kostka stole the game! The large ground took its toll on the Lions, and Wesley ran out of legs. A fitter Kostka took advantage of a lapse in pressure and several skill errors by the Lions allowed the visitors to thrust the ball forward and steal the lead. When the final siren sounded Kostka had won a tense battle by just four points. A gut wrenching loss for all involved.

Wesley however, were far from disgraced, showing coach and spectators they were no easybeats. The Lions' character will allow them to regroup during the week and come out next Saturday hungrier than ever for victory!



Rd 9

DEPLETED LIONS SHOW REAL CHARACTER!

WESLEY	1. 0. 6
NEWLANDS	6. 13. 49

GOALS:

BEST: Neal, Lom, Barr, Shinkfield, Lumb Harber

In shocking conditions at Glen Waverley, the Lions, depleted by illness and undisciplined absences, came up against a strong Newlands team.

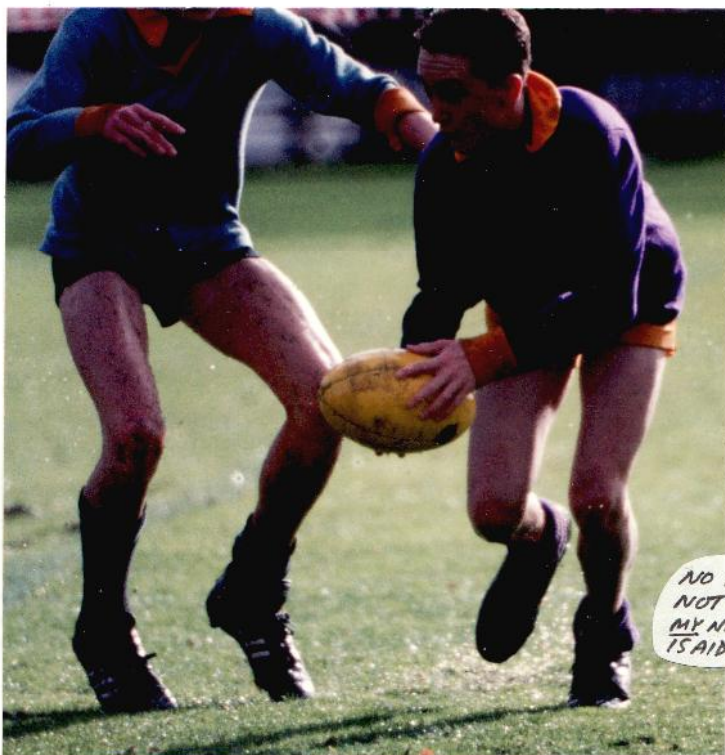
The first quarter was all Newlands as they caught Wesley napping, and raced to a 22 point lead.

After the quarter time break, the Lions came out and proved to supporters and themselves that they don't rely on certain players and proceeded to show what a committed team can do.

Wesley's continued pressure on the opposition allowed Newlands only two goals for the rest of the game.

Newlands eventually ran out comfortable winners, however Wesley made them earn every kick after quarter time.

Wesley comprised 18 committed players, giving 100% after the first quarter and they are to be commended for their efforts. With continued commitment, and the return of key players, Wesley should finish the season on a good note.



Nick Maxwell searching for a team mate

Rd 10

LIONS FINISH SEASON WITH CONVINCING WIN

WESLEY	12. 3. 75
CASTLEFIELD	0. 0. 0

GOALS: Robertson, Redlich 3, Lom 2, Waters, Holst, Maxwell, Stone.

BEST: Holst, Redlich, Stone, Waters, Lumb, Shinkfield, and everyone else who pulled on the purple gunnsey.

The 8As finished their season strongly on Saturday with a polished performance against Castlefield. The Lions had woken up sufficiently to take the field for the dew kicking 8.30am start at the Harry Trott.

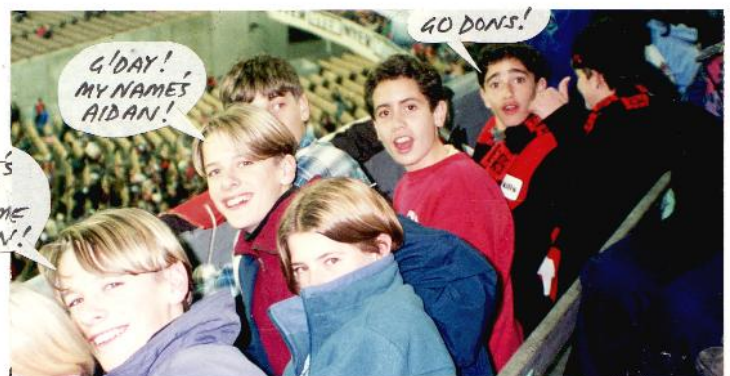
Wesley dominated from the opening bounce and raced to the lead with the three prong forward line of Holst, Redlich and Robertson working superbly to give the Lions a handy quarter time break.

The second term followed the same script, with on ballers, Waters, Lumb and Shinkfield giving the forwards unlimited access to the ball.

After the long break, a more determined effort from Castlefield saw them take the ball into the forward line on a few occasions only to find it rebounded by the Lions backline under the leadership of Kalaitzis and Harber, who doesn't know the meaning of the word "inconsistent".

The last term saw the return of the rested Maxwell and Nissen whom with the on ballers continued to run the ball into the forward line. Stone continued his tireless work both in the ruck and around the ground, whilst Holst and Redlich were playing "football magnets" up forward - the latter showing what goal kicking potential he has been hiding behind his huge grin.

In what was a fantastic team effort over four quarters, the Lions finished the year with a very convincing victory much to the delight of the coach and the parents who had been loyal supporters throughout the season. Well done boys!





LIONS 8As

B.T. "Lumma" LUMB



Talented and inspirational skipper who roamed far and wide in his on ball role but was never far from the action - or the goals! Always looked the goods - especially in those white shorts!

Prue Acton Award

B.S. "Holsty" HOLST



High flying CHF whose ability to read the play, make good position and convert made him an ideal target up forward. Long arms and strong hands in the air but also handy at ground level.

Stratospheric Stretch

A. "Lomma" LOM

Slight of build but no lightweight in the courage department! Always competitive in the packs, but has the ability to find empty spaces when required. An opportunistic goal sneak.



N.E. "Maxy" MAXWELL

Polished performer in all facets of the game who used his height and pace to advantage when playing the wing. Can be brilliant on his day, but has a tendency to go off the boil!



Citipower Award

N.C. "Charma" CHALMERS

Courageous and skilful half forward who is never daunted by bigger opponents. Reluctant to use his wrong foot in games but has often wrong footed defenders with nimble soccer tactics.



Soccer Federation Awd

T.J. "Nisso" NISSEN



Handy winger who developed into a more than useful second rover as his confidence grew. His cool attitude and cheeky grin have made him particularly popular with the female fans.

Baywatch Award

T.J. "Sanda" SANDOW



Gritty, reliable defender who always gave 100% Skills might need polishing but his work ethic is fully developed! An Expert at blocking enemy advances and trapping the ball.

Golden Mousetrap

N.J. "Barza" BARR



Intelligent back pocket who wore his opponent like a glove. Did not give an inch in the clinches and proved to be a great rebounder of enemy attacks.

Kwik-Grip Award

M.A. "Lev" LEVI

Smooth mover cast in the Wanganeen mould but with a preference for the forward line. Played with flair on the flank and displayed some pinpoint disposal skills. Born and bred a Bomber!

Hungry Jacks Mascot



B.J. "Sloma" SLOMAN

Go get 'em crumber who threw himself into everything and made a strong impression in the As with his durability and capacity to bounce back off the turf.

Hungry Crumber Awd



K.M.J. "Minga" NEAL

Gutsy ball getter with promising all round skills. Rewarded with promotion after strong performances in the Bs and made the most of his chance. Never say die attitude earned team mates' respect.

Samurai Warrior Awd



R.A. "Mork" WILLIAMS



Promising footballer who squeezed guest appearances into his busy schedule. Starred in several movies, a TV series and enough Bs matches to take out a Best & Fairest.

Academy Award

J. "Rex" KENNETT



Energetic Bs player who talked his way into the As for a game or two. Played his best footy behind the microphone when recruited by Galaxy Tv to describe the Lions home games.

Rex Hunt Award

C.H.S. "Chris" CHAN



Enthusiastic footballer who worked hard on the track and performed solidly in the Bs. Earned himself a promotion late in the season but suffered a tragic injury in his debut game!

St. Johns Award

TEAM of 95



N.J. "Sticks" STONE

Tall, mobile motivator who played a key role at CHB and as a second ruckman. A tireless contributor who never forgot the one percenters and proved to be a valuable assistant coach.
Coach's Advisor Award



T.R. "Harbs" HARBER

Reliable, unflusterable half back who also served on the ball and at full forward. Low centre of gravity and elastic joints made him a hard man to catch paddling the ball around the park.
Mr. Gumby Award



A.J. "Shinkas" SHINKFIELD

Willing rover with all the skills who never shirked an issue nor shrunk from his task. Consistent possession gatherer with an uncanny ability to shark the ball from fierce contests.
Jaws Award



E.C. "Muddy" WATERS



Centreman and early medal favourite who struggled with injury later in the season. Good value in the mud, but preferred the bigger grounds to display his Diesel like talents.
Brownlow Award

S. "Sammy" REDLICH



Big hearted ruckman who performed tirelessly all season. Gave the rovers and crumbers every chance at ball ups and throw ins. Could always find something to smile about.
Bozo the Clown Award

T.E. "Bettsy" BETTS



Ever dependable defender whose attacking approach to the footy was a valuable asset. His speed out of the blocks and long kicking out of defence made him a crowd favourite.

D.J. "Killer" KALAITZIS

Tough uncompromising defender who was not afraid to use his body as a weapon. Made life difficult for opposition forwards, coaches and umpires with his late arrivals and his late tackles!



N. "Plugga" HERMAN

Strong defender with a no-fuss approach to the game. The sound of his footsteps had opponents shaking in their boots! His ability to roost humungous torps was a great asset at kick ins!
Superboot Award



T.M. "Bobbo" ROBERTSON

Skilful ball handler who knew the moves but struggled to get into the game at times. Was an instant success when shifted up forward late in the season - in spite of his protests!



W.D. "Lindsa" LINDSEY



Adaptable, rangy footballer capable of filling a variety of positions. Played his best football in defence where his ability to bottle up the play proved a great asset.
Coca-Cola Award

L.A. "Lozza" SILLITTO



Lively forward who struggled to cement a place in the As but showed he knew how to play inside the 50 metre zone when given the chance. Can lead, can mark and can kick goals.
Teeth-of-Goal Award

W.A.A. "Browny" BROWN



Injury prone, but talented little crumber with a relaxed approach to the game. Can always find the ball around the packs, but cannot always find the right ground!
Melways Award

H.G. "Hugh" ROBERTS

Hard working, strong defender who earned a late promotion with several impressive Bs performances. His vigorous tackling left many opponents feeling sore and sorry!
Tough Tackler Award



N.J. "Coops" COOPER-BROWN

Multi talented sportsman who obtained a temporary release from his NBL contract to appear briefly for the Lions. Impressed with his ability to shoot baskets from inside the goal square.



D.H. "Doug" STEWART

Valued leader of the Lions support crew who became expert at manoeuvring witches hats, delivering coachs messages, and quenching real or imagined on-field thirsts. A quiet achiever!
Gatorade Award





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PICK THE FACES



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Can you correctly identify the football personalities?

WHO AM I?

I was one of Carlton's greatest rovers. I began my VFL career in 1973, having been recruited from Eaglehawk.

Although I missed the 1979 premiership through injury I was a member of the 1981 and 1982 premiership sides. Several knocks to the head forced me to wear a helmet late in my career. I coached Carlton Reserves from 1989 to 1994 before taking up my current position at Wesley College.

WHO AM I? →

Do you recognise the Lions centreman with the unusual method of chasing a ball?

NAME THE PLAYERS



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- Aspley Qld** Home Base, 815 Zillmere Road.
- Loganholme Qld** Hyperdome Homecentre.
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- Bankstown NSW** Bankstown Square Shopping Centre.
- Blacktown NSW** Westpoint Shopping Centre.
- Chatswood NSW** Chatswood Chase Shopping Centre.
- Hornsby NSW** Westfield Shoppingtown.
- Miranda NSW** Level 1 Grace Bros. Westfield Shopping Centre.
- Penrith NSW** Riley Street, opp. Penrith Plaza.
- Mirrabeeka WA** 15 Chesterfield Road.
- Cannington WA** 1419 Albany Highway.

HELP!



APS SQUADRON LEADER ED WATERS ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

Lately I've been having problems with umpires. They never give me a free kick and they are always picking on me. When I ask them why, they report me! How do you get on their good side? (Greg Williams, Carlton)

Well Greg, first let me say that you're not the only one! I've certainly had my share of problems with the men in white over the years. There are still days when I reckon they've got it in for me, but I can usually avoid a visit to the tribunal by outsmarting the mugs! The odd compliment early in the game always goes down well. Try "Great ball up, ump!" or "Top decision - you were in an excellent position to see that infringement!" If he penalises you, admit you were wrong (even if you weren't). "You were right to pin me ump - I was very foolish!" If this doesn't work, you can always try slipping him a Mars Bar before the game.



UMPIRES:
Try and get on their good side - being nice to them could pay dividends!

Who washes your footy gear for you? (Harry Madden, Carlton)

Well Harry, my mum's a good scout, and she picks it up off the floor and chucks it all in the washer. My old man's a genius when it comes to muddy boots, and with just a few hours work he can make them look like new!

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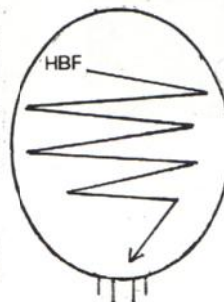
Tom Harber's TIP TOP TIPS



In this issue, I'll try and give you a few specific tips on playing the half-back line. Also, I'll share with you a couple of trade secrets!

HALF BACK FLANK: The best thing about playing here is that there is plenty of room to run! I like to attack the ball and run off my opponent. In fact I gauge the success of my game on how far I have run. Never mind the usual stats - it's how many Ks you clock up that really counts. When I talk about running though, I don't mean in a straight line. That would be boring! What's the point of running direct from A to B when

you've got all those great flanks and wings to explore? Some half back flankers throw the ball onto their boot as soon as they can, but I prefer to try and run the ball as far as possible before resorting to a kick or a handball. A good way to increase your mileage, and at the same time give your opponent the slip is to run the ball in a zig-zag pattern towards the forward line. If you're worried you might get caught with the ball, try my other trick - Don't pick it up - just paddle it!



Good luck,
Tom Harber

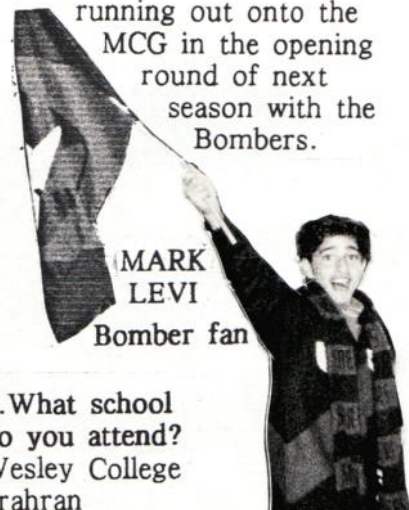
Tom Harber's
suggested plan
of attack

HUNGRY JACK'S

LITTLE LEAGUE

Hungry Jack's mascot

This year's Mascot is young Mark Levi, and he will be running out onto the MCG in the opening round of next season with the Bombers.



1. What school do you attend?
Wesley College Prahran
2. When lining up in the forward pocket for Essendon, who would you like to have in the goal square?
Big Sammy Redlich
3. You're five points behind in the 1996 Grand Final. Which player would you choose to take the kick to win the match?
Slammin' Sammy Redlich
4. It's your birthday. Which five players would you invite to your house to celebrate?
Gavin Wanganeen, Michael Long, Ben Holst, Donald Cockatoo-Collins and Elle McPherson
5. What about Sammy Redlich?
No way! He'd eat all the party pies!
6. You are coach for the day of the Bombers. Who would you play on Gary Ablett and why?
Killer Kalaitzis because Ablett would be too scared to go near the ball

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Exciting 13-year-old wingman Nick Maxwell has no doubt attracted the attention of APS talent scouts this season. Flashes of brilliance on the football field have been matched by eye catching performances on the athletics track, on the concert stage and in the theatre - and Nick is no slouch when it comes to the three R's! His polished ball skills and dashing displays in front of the doggie boxes had Lion fans cheering for more!



Nick Maxwell rehearses for the APS Latin American Dance Contest with an imaginary partner. Note his eye catching outfit.



Culture vulture, Tom Betts, pictured after a recent sell out concert with the other members of his trio, fellow Lions, Ben Sloman and Ming Neal.

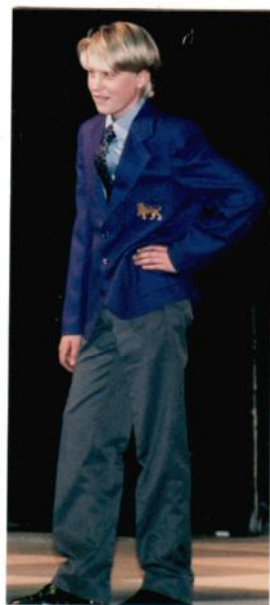
Another multi-talented member of the Lions team who has already made an impact both on and off the field, is fearless defender Tom Betts. Local boy Tom Betts, who lives just a kick away from the Back Turf, has shown

himself to be a bit of a culture vulture. When not working on his footy skills, Tom can be found assiduously refining his woodwind technique with team mates Ming Neal and Ben Sloman.



Fashion on the Field with Tom Sandow

Hi there trend-setters. In these days of intense media scrutiny, it's important that us footy stars look the goods both on and off the field! This season we've seen some innovative moves at Wesley which have placed us at the cutting edge of fashion and way ahead of the dags at all the other schools. When the photographers from the 'Sunday Age' try to catch me off my guard, I'll be ready for them. Will you?



This is me sporting the new off field outfit for Wesley footballers. It's important that you don't just 'wear' high class fashion like this. You must display it to advantage. Carry yourself with distinction and be proud to be purple!



Ben Lumb is a real stylist and knows how to look cool in any situation. Here he is displaying the new ultra trendy footy gear to great advantage. The baggy purple shorts and the ankle biting Lions are highlights.



Nick Barr's SNAP SHOTS

Sunday footy is all the rage these days, and I'm happy to report that a number of Lions' stars were members of successful Sunday teams in 1995. Out at East Camberwell, Holsty, Harbs, Lumma and Max helped the U/15s to a Premiership, whilst down at East Brighton, "Sticks" Stone and Ed Waters were part of a combination which narrowly lost a Grand Final. Well done boys!

The Lions Reserves team had a successful season under the astute guidance of Wesley sporting legend Scott "Blackers" Blackman. The Bs won their fair share of games and turned up a few promising young footballers including Robin Williams, Chris Chan and Hugh Roberts. No doubt "Blackers" will be snapped up for a Senior coaching position in 1996!

Another Wesley sporting great, Shane "Jerka" Jenkin took over the reigns of the 8As in July when their regular coach Stoney left on an international recruiting mission. "Jerka" steered the boys to a couple of great wins and almost pulled off a nail biter against Kostka. On yer Jerks!

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- 8 B.HOLST
- 6 B.LUMB
- 5 T.HARBER
- 5 A.LOM
- 4 N.MAXWELL
- 4 T.ROBERTSON
- 3 S.REDLICH
- 2 A.SHINKFIELD
- 2 E.WATERS
- 2 N.CHALMERS
- 2 N.COOPER-BROWN
- 1 W.BROWN
- 1 B.SLOMAN
- 1 N.STONE
- 1 M.LEVI
- 1 N.HERMAN



PIE NIGHT

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

LONG KICKING

INDIVIDUAL KICK:

S.Redlich 47m

AVERAGE:

N.Herman 36.9m

GOAL KICKING

INDIVIDUAL SCORE:

N.Chalmers 30 points

from a max. of 30

AGILITY RUN

T.Harber 10.44

HANDBALL

T.Robertson,

N.Barr & M.Levi



A pair of "Superboots"

Pocket Profile



NAME: Daniel Kalaitzis

DATE OF BIRTH: 28/6/81

NICKNAME: Killer

MARRIED/IN LOVE: No way!

FAVOURITE FOOD: Maccas

LAST BOOK READ: *Wild Men of Footy*

LAST MOVIE SEEN: *Blood Sucking Freaks*

TRANSPORT: Skateboard

SPORTING HERO: Tony Hawk

FAVOURITE BAND: Doors

BIGGEST BUZZ IN FOOTY: Dishing out a decent hip & shoulder



WHAT RULE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE CHANGED:
The 15 metre rule

FAVOURITE SAYING: Rad

DREAM GUESTS AT A DINNER PARTY: Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison & Tory Robertson



UNDER THE HAMMER

with **Julian Kennett**



Alan Lom



Sam Redlich



Tom Robertson

Goalsneaks

What is the best thing about playing on the forward line?

Snaffling a crumb in the pocket and doing a Daicos through the big sticks.

Not having to run and kicking goals!

There is no best thing. I hate it!

What is the key to successful goal kicking?

Kicking straight I suppose.

There's no secret - you've either got it or you haven't!

I didn't mean to kick those goals...it was just luck!

Is there one goal that you've kicked that stands out?

Yeah...the one off the pack at Carey. It just kept skidding and sliding past everybody!

No, not really. They've all been fantastic!

Not really. I'd rather be on the backline.

Have you ever missed a sitter?

Yeah...but I'd rather not talk about it.

What do you think! Goal kicking legends NEVER miss!

Heaps! I'm really a defender. I shouldn't even be near the goals!



Will Lindsey shepherds off a Glen Waverley opponent as Shinkas centres the ball from the Moubray Street wing.



Tom Sandow traps the ball at half back, but is himself trapped by team mates Killer Kalaitzis and Mark Levi.



TALKING TACTICS

with NICK STONE

Hi Kids! How's the footy going? Did you win a few games this season? The Lions had an OK year, but with an ounce of luck we could have won a couple of close ones and finished in the Final Eight! Come to think of it, there were only eight teams in our comp, so we did. Anyway that's not the point. I'm here to help you improve your game, so here goes.

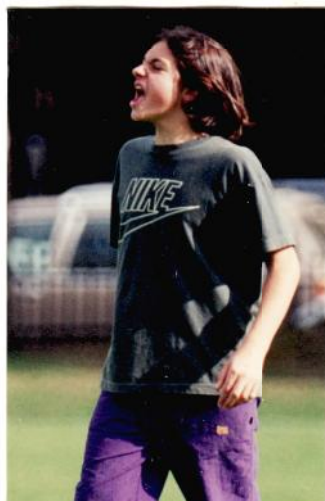
1. THE SCREAM Frequently heard, but not often discussed in the coaching manuals. A useful way of annoying and distracting an opponent when he's out of your reach. Can be a scary growling sound or a high pitched shriek.

2. THE MOZZ Has been popular for years - only the words have changed! You "Put the Mozz" on someone when you yell rude things at them while they're having a shot for goal. You can say things about their mother's shoes, or you can tell them that their fly's undone. But I prefer the old favourite "Chewy on yer boot!"

3. THE UMPIRE'S ADVISOR Umpires sometimes get confused and they are usually glad to get a bit of free advice. Here Tom Nissen is shouting the popular four letter word....BALL!



Your's truly letting out a really awesome scream



"Killer" Kalaitzis working on his mozzing at training



Well, that's it for now. Next week I'll be telling you how to make your opponent really angry in a pack and how to catch sherbet bombs outside the tuckshop.

See ya later,
Stony

KICKING THE KOVER

with "PLUGGA" HERMAN

Forget your hovers and your fancy blind turns, there is no doubt that the best way to bring the crowd to its' feet at the footy is to let go a ball bursting torpedo. As you know, I've got something of a reputation as a superbboot and with the help of my Lion team mates, I'd like to share with you some of my theories about roosting a footy.

The first thing to get right is your diet if you want to send the Sherrin soaring into the stratosphere. Lots of pizzas, potato chips and chocolate donuts will give you a head start. But all this will be wasted if you do unnecessary exercise. Keep to a light training routine during the season, and try and do as little as possible when summer comes around. Remember, the further you can kick the ball, the less you have to run - so who needs to be fit?



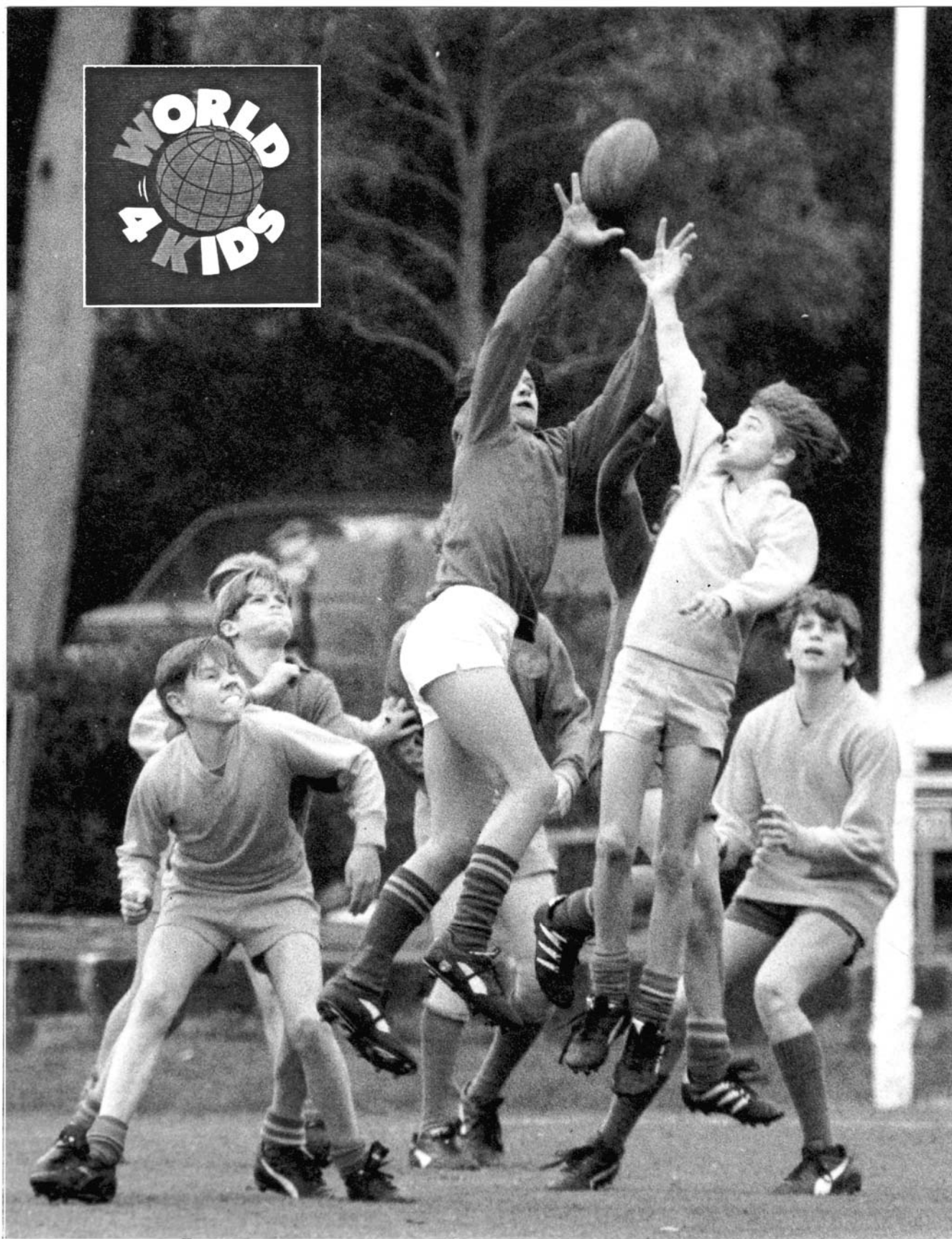
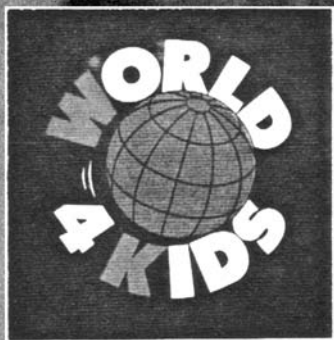
Tom Harber shows his long kicking style. Note how he leans back and releases the air from his lungs just at the moment of impact. Have a look at those leg muscles!



Ben Holst mightn't be built like Arnie Schwarzanegger, but he gets heaps of leverage from those long legs! Look at him sinking the slipper in this photo - probably another 50 metre sausage!

SUPER PIN UP

LION 
SUPERSTAR
Ben Lumb



THE FOOTY SHOW



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

High flying Holst

Lion Centre Half Forward Ben Holst has for several seasons had a big advantage over many of his opponents – long legs and an even longer reach. His ability to outrun, outmark and outkick opposition defenders has made him a valuable asset to Wesley football. This season Holst often found himself lining up against opponents who were his physical equal, but he still managed to be a mainstay of the Lions' attack pulling down screamers and bombing goals from just inside fifty. Holst's ability to read the play and position himself to his team mates' advantage made him an ideal Centre Half Forward. Intelligent body work, and a strong pair of hands enabled him to come out tops in both aerial contests and on ground tussles. A place in the First XVIII beckons!

FAST FACTS

BEN HOLST

Date of Birth: 28.5.81
Height: Tall for his age
Weight: Not a lot
Previous Club: East C'Well
APS Debut: 1994
Games: 19
1995 Goals: 8
Guernsey Number: ?
Honors: Lions Best and Fairest, 1994; Premiership with East C'Well, 1995



HOLST: An ideal target at CHF

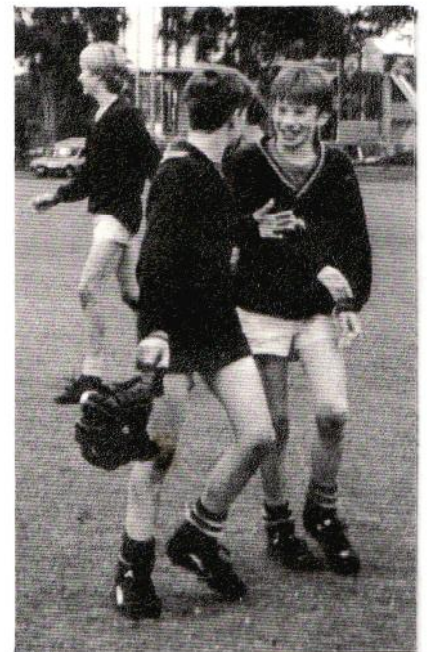


Andrew Shinkfield displays the concentration and perfect balance that makes a champion!

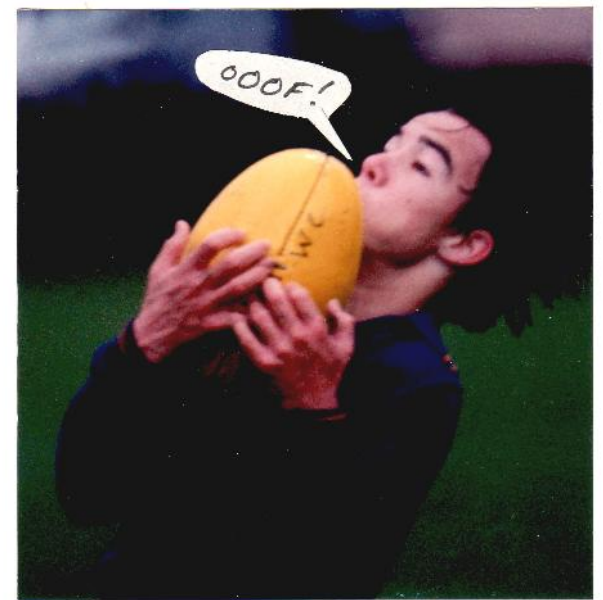
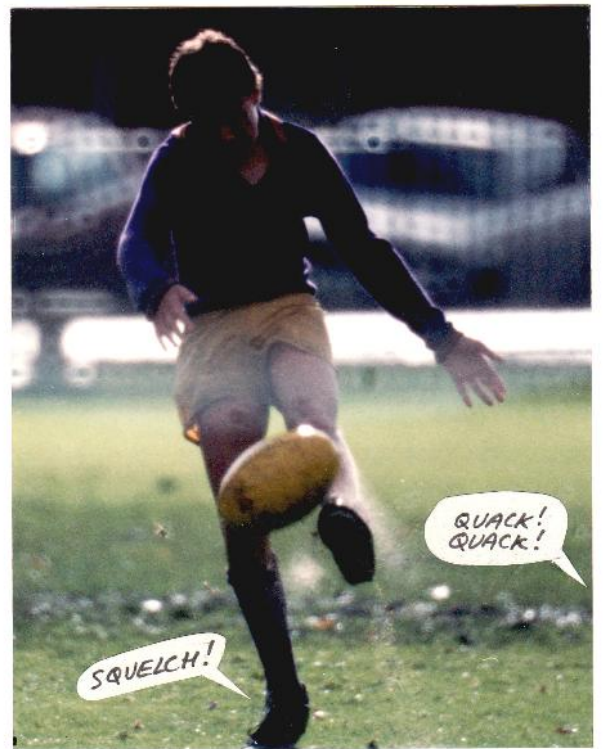
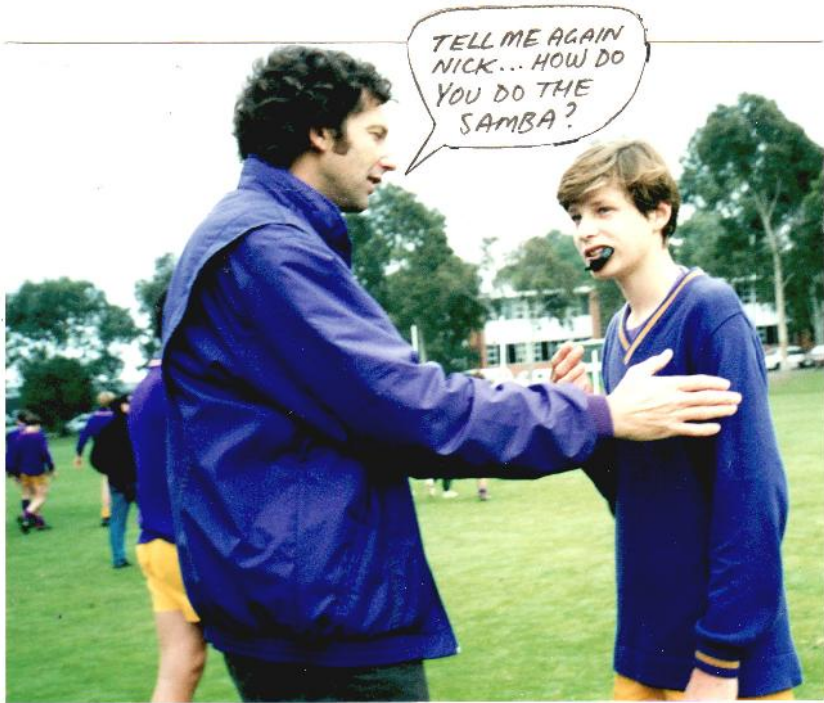
NORWICH RISING STARS

Talented young rover, Andrew Shinkfield made a big impression this season in his role as first rover for the Lions. His determination to win the ball from the fiercest of contests earned the respect of team mates and opponents alike. His consistently constructive use of the footy was a bonus! There is no doubt that the support provided by Andrew's personal cheer squad was an important element in his success!

Neil Chalmers was a vital cog in the Lions' offensive strategy this season. An elusive, slightly built half forward, Neil proved himself the ideal man to slip into an empty space and create another goal scoring option. His crumbing skills and deft soccer tactics were great assets on heavier grounds.



Young Lion star, Neil Chalmers, shares a joke with fellow crumber Alan Lom.



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