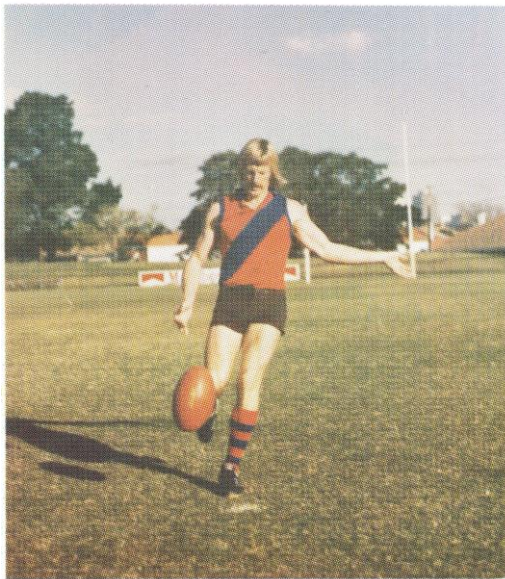


HEARTBEAT



A newsletter for past players and officials
of the West Perth Football Club

The first Heartbeat of 2018



Welcome to the first edition of HeartBeat for 2018.

The summer has been one of mixed fortunes, both on and off the field, and has been tinged with sadness at the passing of club legend Ray Schofield.

In this edition, we'll look back at Ray's stellar

career, and recognise other past players who have passed away more recently.

We will also check in with Bill Duckworth and Peter Steward, walk down memory lane with Brian Adamson and bring you up to date with the latest club news from our new headquarters.

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Does your heart beat true?

My first game – Bill Duckworth remembers 1980

I went to Narrogin High School and I have been an avid West Perth supporter practically since I was born. Our farm in Dudinin is about 260km from Perth, and I played for Cuballing Football Club in the Upper Great Southern League, which was in the Claremont zone. My brother Rod coached Kondinin in the Eastern Districts Football League and, at a later stage, I went and played with them and we won two flags in my time there. Cuballing offered me \$50 a game, so I used to travel from Perth and played in a premiership with them.

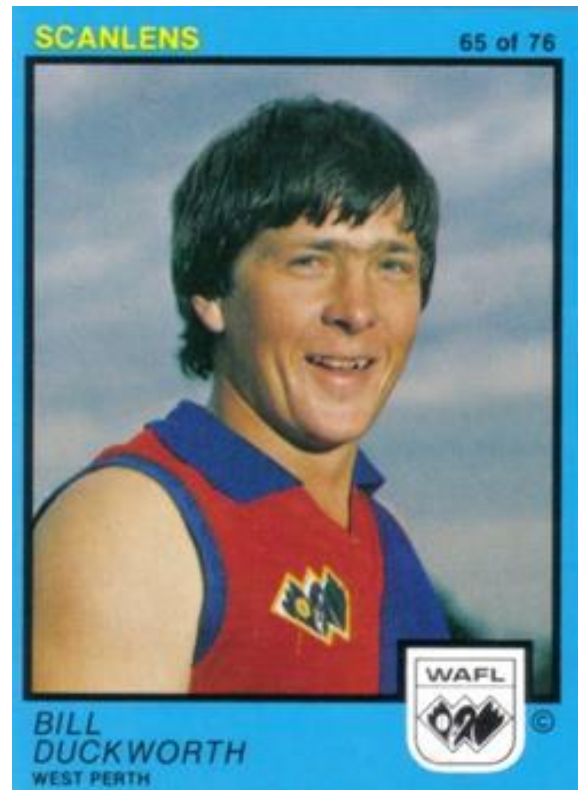
I admired big brother John when he played at Fitzroy and, being ten years older than me, I looked on him with a great sense of pride. From playing in the country league, I got to know other players that went to West Perth, including Geoff Taylor, Keith Miller and Greg Astbury. But I was tied to Claremont. Then, in 1980, negotiations were initiated for a trade, and Ian Kent went to Claremont and I came to West Perth.

Graham Campbell was the coach, and at pre-season training he divided us up into forwards and backs. There were about 40 blokes in the forwards mob, but only about 10 or so in the backs. Having played as a forward in the country I thought, 'bugger it, I'll join in with the backs because I'm more likely to crack a game', and so it came about that I was slotted in as a defender.

It really was a great thrill to be running out in a red-and-blue guernsey on the 5th of April 1980 for my first league game in what was the premier competition in WA, as the AFL hadn't yet been formed. We played Subiaco and won by 61 points. I played at centre half back on Ken Marshall and he kicked a few on me, but it was just a terrific feeling to be out there.

I played 35 games for West Perth during 1980 and 1981 but had been approached by Fitzroy, St Kilda, Essendon and Richmond. The Saints rang me first and offered to have me as their guest at the VFL Grand Final, as did Essendon. I didn't hear from the Saints for quite a while, but Essendon kept calling so I accepted their offer. The Saints did call later but I told them that as I hadn't heard from them I felt duty-bound to accept the Essendon offer.

The emotion of Essendon's 1984 and 1985 premierships, and the surprise at winning the Norm Smith Medal in 1984, was overwhelming and impossible to describe. After my last game for Essendon in 1990, I received offers from Norwood and East Fremantle and was also approached to coach in country Victoria. I declined these because I just wanted to be with my family. I headed back to WA and decided to have a crack at West Perth, but played only 16 games during 1991 and 1992. I did a hamstring at pre-season and played only seven games in 1991. It was a disappointing season for everyone and we won only five games and finished last. Hindsight is a great thing but, looking back, it probably would have been better if I had stayed in Victoria where I had lived for nine years and forged a bond with many people.



I then thoroughly enjoyed playing and coaching at North Beach Amateurs, where I spent 16 years as a coach. This resulted in 10 flags, which included seven-straight premierships. In 2002, I put in a bid to coach West Perth, but after submitting my application I realised how much time was needed to be able to do justice to the club and players. I thought about my three kids and family commitments and just lost interest, and the club appointed Darren Harris. I was also approached to take up the position of assistant coach at Claremont, where Ashley Prescott was head coach at the time.

I've always had a bit of larrikin in me and approached my football with some aggression, which has occasionally landed me before the tribunal. I copped four weeks suspension for hitting Jim Sewell in a game against East Fremantle at East Fremantle Oval, but it was really Ken Judge I was chasing.

At Essendon I was reported for tripping a Hawthorn player and during the tribunal, the person convening it went to sleep and I got off. Much has been made of the game where Dermott and I had a tussle and then he kissed me, and afterwards ran through our three-quarter-time huddle. It was so unexpected, we just didn't see him coming, otherwise we would have sorted him out. The rivalry between the two clubs was intense and we hated the Hawks. I've caught up with Dermoy at functions and we have a chat and a chuckle. He's a good bloke and a good footballer who just has a rush of blood and does things on the spur of the moment.

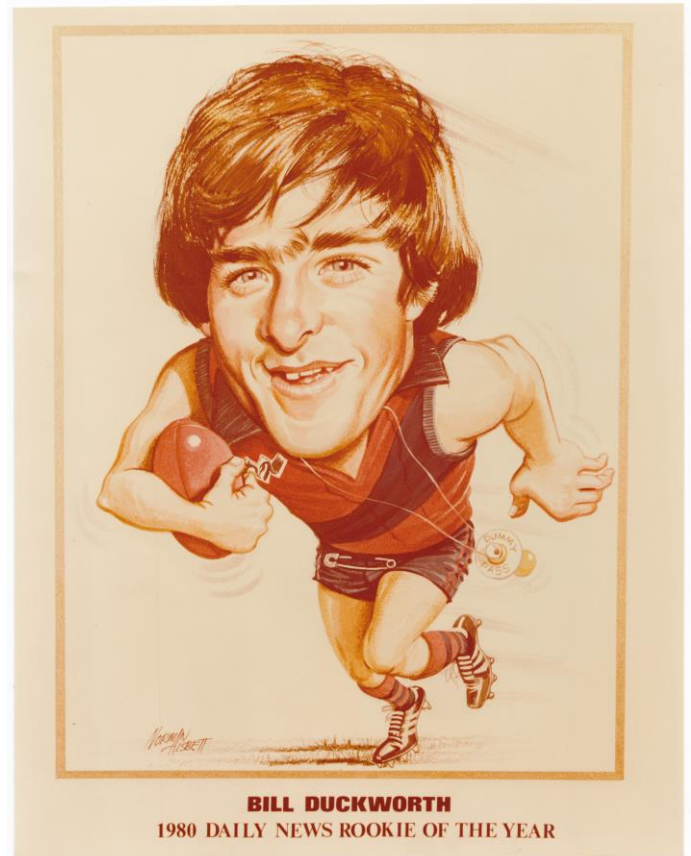
My lifestyle at the moment is that I play golf on Friday with some mates. I'm still working and my two young blokes are playing at North Beach, so I go and watch them play. I will watch some AFL games at the new stadium, which is so much better than Subiaco Oval, and I will be coming up to see some West Perth games and hope to renew old acquaintances.

Jason Salecic chosen as 2018 ball legend

The Heritage Committee's nomination of Jason Salecic to be the ball legend for the 2018 season has been accepted by West Perth Football Club board.

Jason represented the club in 213 games between 2002 and 2013, and in his final game led West Perth to a premiership. He was the only 2003 premiership player to play in the 2013 flag.

Jason also won the 2009 Breckler medal, represented Western Australia on seven occasions and is a life member of the club.



This year, he has been welcomed back to Joondalup as an assistant coach to Bill Monaghan.

Jason's playing record and achievements are worthy of recognition as West Perth's ball legend for 2018.

Past ball legends were: Mel Whinnen, Bill Dempsey, Les Fong, Stan "Pops" Heal, Wally Price, Paul Mifka, Alan Watling, John Duckworth, Brian France, Peter Menaglio, Ray Schofield, Steve Trewhella, Harold Boyd, Don Marinko Senior, Bill Valli, Ted Tyson and Graham "Polly" Farmer.

Where are they now? – Brian Adamson

When did you start barracking for West Perth?

I started barracking for West Perth when I was in Grade 5 at school, which was in 1958. I was living in South Perth, which was in the Perth zone, and my father was a mad West Perth supporter who went to every game and was a member of the Westerners.

How were you recruited to West Perth? When did you start playing?

A West Perth committeeman came out to talk to my family and asked if I would like to play for the club “if we can pull a few strings”. They did, I signed a Form 4 and West Perth submitted it to the league. Jim Davies was the president of the league at the time, and they gave me a clearance to West Perth because of my family interest in the club. I began playing at the age of 22 in 1975. I was a late starter. I was probably no more than five stone dripping wet and had to run around in the shower to get wet. I was that skinny, I didn’t even cast a shadow.

What are your memories of 1975?

I was just happy to get a game in 1975. When I looked around and saw the great players of Bill Valli, Alan Watling, Shane

Sheridan, Mel Whinnen, Bill Dempsey, I just felt privileged to get a chance to play. My first game, I remember, was on the half forward flank, and I was picked at centre half forward the next week. Things went okay. We went from strength to strength during the year. We had a very good side and we had a very good year. We won the flag with a record crowd and a record winning margin.

Why did you leave West Perth?

I played the next two years at West Perth and was approached by SANFL club, Norwood in 1978. I was influenced by John Wynne, who incidentally wore number 14. Norwood said it would be difficult to get a clearance but, “if you are interested we will give it a try”. Norwood were keen for me to play but had to take my case to the High Court. They appealed against a “restraint of trade” as they defined that football was my income and profession. The High Court Judge, Sir Garfield Barwick, deemed I was a Norwood footballer, but for two years only. This was a landmark case - the first time any player had won a case in court declaring their profession was a footballer. After the decision in the High Court, West Perth did not receive any



money. I was like a chattel of trade, just like bricks and mortar, sheep and cattle. I loved West Perth, though, and I was nervous about moving to a new state and new club. The club’s management (Kevin Bradley, Len Roper, Les Day, Brian Hesse, Ern Cooley, Ron Bewick and legal counsel of Rob Meadows) did not want me to go and fought the case all the way to the High Court. I settled into Norwood. It was a nervous time and it was just like learning how to drive a car again. The Norwood supporters were great and helped me settle in.

We beat Sturt by a solitary point in the 1978 grand final, under Bob Hammond. In 1979, we were beaten in the semi-final by Port Adelaide.

Why did you return to West Perth?

Returning was a difficult decision to make. I required a job and an income. Once my restraint of trade agreement expired, I had a good talk to Dennis Cometti and decided I wanted to go back to Leederville. I was homesick, I was just married and needed to settle somewhere. I played in 1980, loved the red and blue, and the garlic munchers had a great group of players and supporters around the club.

How many games did you play and what were your highlights and memories?

I played 125 games with West Perth and a further 22 at Norwood. I enjoyed every game. I loved John Wynne as a coach and a mate and enjoyed every minute of my football career. I left West Perth at the end of 1984 and coached South Perth - the club I'd played for as a junior during my school years - and was fortunate to coach them to a Sunday League premiership.



Back Row: Geoff Taylor, Terry Taylor, Peter Steward, Len Halley, Brian Adamson, Norm Knell, Ron K Wilson, Tom Lawler.

Middle Row: Leon O'Dwyer, Lindsay McGuinness, Barry Day, Ron Wilson, Laurie Heal, Russell Aitken, Geoff Hendriks, Stephen Smeath, Trevor Heath.

Front Row: Ross Prunster, Ian Logan, Les Fong, Bill Dempsey, Graham Campbell, Mel Whinnen, Shane Sheridan, Stuart Hillier, Alan Watling.

Team photo flashback – 1963



Back row: L-R: Peter Medhurst, Eddie Wylde, Ray Marinko, Roy Porter, Ross Kelly, Brian France, Ray Lucev, Mannix Heal
Middle: Bob Emmett, Ian Darragh, Brian Pozzi, David Dyson, Geoff Hamel, Bob Ptolomey, Murray Leeder, Bill Dempsey, Ron Bewick, Mal McRae, Ron McBride, Ron Evans, Norm Smith, Joe Fanchi.
Front: Richie Haddow, John Vukman, Frank Margaria, Brian Foley (Dan Foley in front), Mel Whinnen, John O'Donnell, Colin Hebbard.
Squatting at front right: Neville Hebbard.

The team above boasts some of the most famous names in West Perth Football Club history, yet season 1963 was a disappointing one for the Cardinals despite some very promising performances.

Just three years earlier, West Perth were premiers and expectant supporters were looking forward to another successful era like they had seen in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

But things didn't quite click under coach Arthur Olliver in the early 60s and the Cardies seemed to fall short against the likes of East Perth, East Fremantle and the emerging Swan Districts side too often.

The team finished 1963 in fifth spot, with 11 wins – two shy of eventual premiers Swans.

The highlight was a clean sweep of three victories against third-placed East Perth, but the Cardies couldn't cope with either Swans or Perth that season and Olliver would be replaced by South Fremantle legend Clive Lewington in time for the 1964 season.

Upcoming Events

7 April: Away game v East Perth at Leederville. 2.15pm.

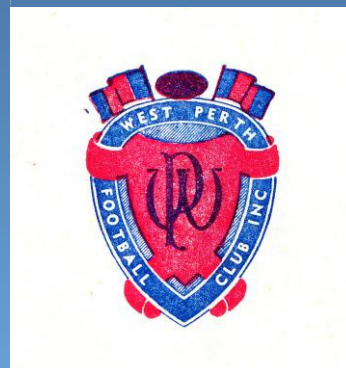
12 April: Dinner with the playing squad at Joondalup. 5.30pm.

14 April: Home game v South Fremantle. 12.45pm.

21 April: Away game v Swan Districts at Bassendean. 2.15pm.

24 April: Dinner with the playing squad at Joondalup. 5.30pm.

28 April: Away game v Perth at Lathlain Park. 2.15pm.



Have you joined up?

If you're yet to purchase your club membership for 2018, please go to:

<https://membership.westperthfc.com.au/> or call the club on 9300 3611.

The team has had a solid pre-season under Bill Monaghan and new strength and conditioning coach Corey Green, and would be grateful for your support in season 2018.

Heading West: Peter Steward 1971-1975

Can you tell us a little about your career with North Melbourne?

I was 20-years-old when I commenced playing with North Melbourne in 1962, after playing three years of country football in northern Victoria. My preferred team was Geelong, which had approached me, but a £200 offer by North Melbourne was too good to refuse. I initially played at centre half forward, but halfway through my first season moved to centre half back and there I stayed until 1970, when I had some stints at full back. In late 1963, I ruptured cruciate ligaments in my right knee and missed the 1964 and 1965 seasons. I was fortunate our club doctor, John Grant, was an orthopaedic surgeon and suggested I take advantage of a radically new method of surgery to repair my knee. I was the first guinea pig to have this form of surgery and it was successful. I recommenced my career in 1965 and, after a tentative start, my confidence grew. I succeeded in playing my best football, which included selection in the Victorian team on five occasions, and I was named in the All-Australian team at the 1969 national carnival in Adelaide.

Many respected football judges are of the opinion you left Victoria at the peak of your powers. What was behind your decision to join West Perth?

After the 1970 season, I received offers from some Adelaide clubs, and from the West Perth Football Club. My allegiance to North Melbourne was very strong, but

after my wife agreed that "change was as good as a holiday", we accepted West Perth's offer. I was 29 in 1971 and I thought I could offer something to the club for a few years.

How different was the game in WA by comparison with Victoria?

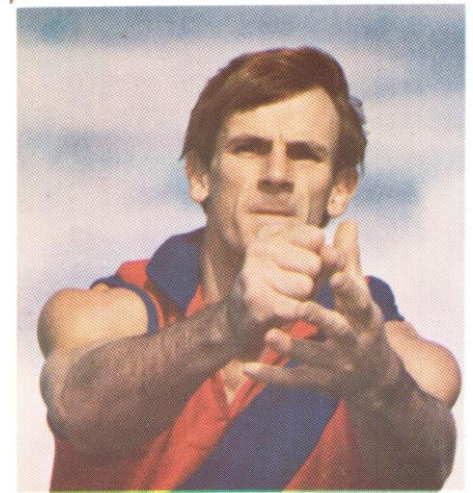
It was a wonderful football environment in Perth. There were great football grounds and clubs enjoyed a very strong supporter base. By comparison, the VFL and WAFL were very similar in standard. I would say playing VFL was more intense than WAFL given most of the Victorian grounds were smaller than those in the WAFL and so players were generally placed under more pressure.

In 1972 you captain-coached the club. What are your memories of that season?

In 1972, as a player coach, I found it very demanding, particularly after the side had won the 1971 premiership. My wife, Fiona, had our second child and we had bought a liquor business in Bayswater, which required long hours. It was a patchy season. We had our ups and downs in form, but managed to make it through to the finals.

You retired after the 1975 season. What are your memories of that season's premiership?

The appointment of Graham Campbell as coach in 1975 was a master stroke. Graham knew the club had a nucleus of very good players. He introduced a



demanding training regime, demanded high ideals, didn't suffer fools and his enthusiasm rubbed off. Graham also had excellent knowledge of the game. He moulded a great team from what was a wreck in 1974 and that side became a premiership side.

Can you share with us some of your best memories of your time with West Perth?

There were many highlights in my five years at West Perth. Playing in a premiership under Polly Farmer, coming runner-up to Subiaco in 1973 because performances against Subiaco (other than in the grand final) were fantastic battles, and the 1975 premiership win after finishing last the previous year are all great memories. But the comradeship I've made with so many players has been my greatest highlight.

What have you been doing since the end of your playing days?

I stayed in the liquor business for

23 years, buying and selling when appropriate, and then undertook a radical change when we bought a stock food business at Wangara, which we operated for ten years and thoroughly enjoyed.

Do you manage to get to see West Perth play very often?

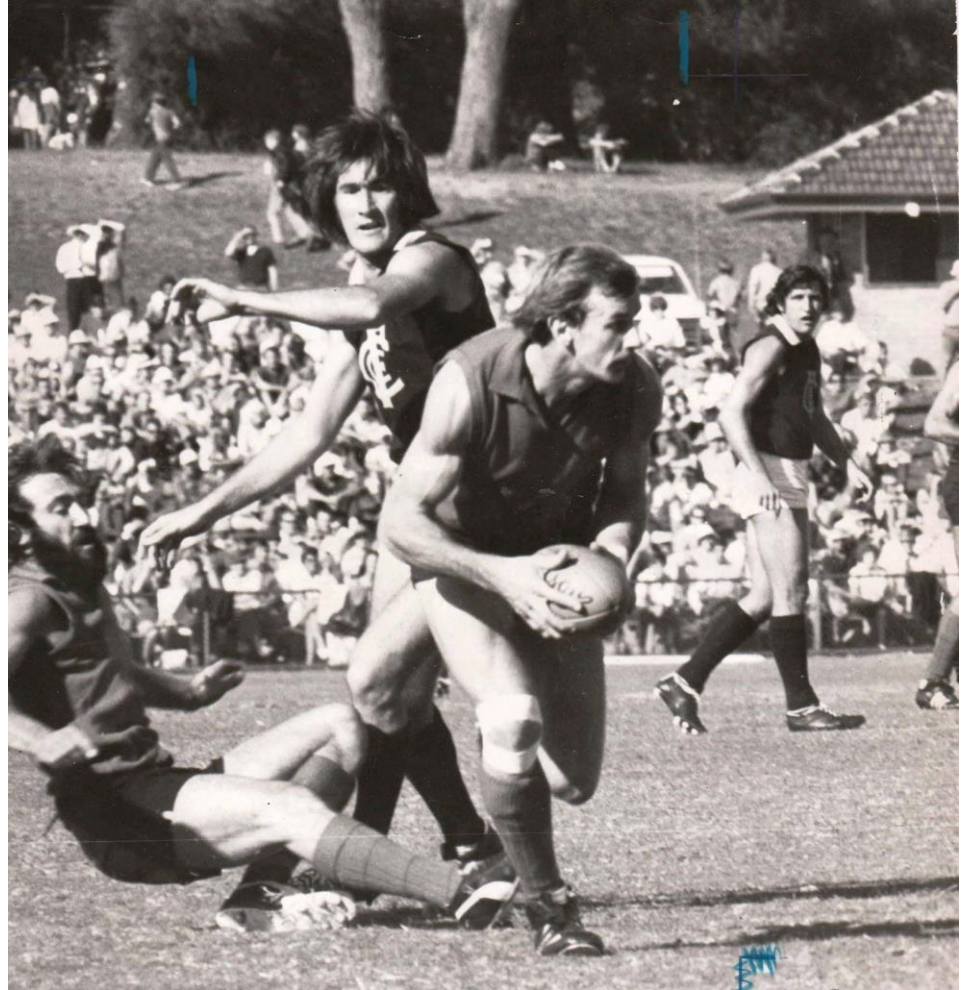
I do not get to see West Perth play very often these days, but certainly follow the team from a distance.

Online player auction 2018

Don't miss the chance to share in great weekly prizes while supporting your club in the 2018 player auction.

Online bidding will open shortly and will close on 13 April.

Further details will be sent out by the club in the coming days.



We've finally moved into our new facilities



Photo: Stan Broom, Peter Cutler and Bill Spittles.

Over the summer, the club's administration moved into our new premises and, while there have been a few teething problems and there is still plenty of work to be done, the new facility is an enormous positive for our club.

It's the first time in many years we've had somewhere to call "home" and, with this in mind, work is underway to ensure it reflects West Perth's rich and proud history.

A memorabilia cabinet has now been installed and, while not yet quite complete, it looked terrific for our first game against Claremont. Special thanks to Ros Ellen and Stan Broom for polishing trophies that had not seen the light of day for years.

There are also plans for a photographic montage and the hanging of photos depicting the club's Breckler, Sandover and Simpson medallists.

Vale Ray Schofield, West Perth legend

One of West Perth's finest, Ray Schofield, passed away in December, aged 92. Born in August 1925, Ray played 298 senior games of football, debuting for West Perth when the WAFL was an underage competition in 1943. He finished, after 277 games for the Cardinals and a further 21 for Western Australia, in 1958.

Known as "Homer" in football circles, Ray's nickname was given to him as a child, when he had a job tipping out horse manure that was to be collected by a gentleman named Homer.

Starting his career at full forward, Homer played his best football at full back. His battles with South Fremantle full forward Bernie Naylor, another WA football legend, and Fred Flanagan, a powerful Victorian forward who towered over Homer, were the stuff of legend.

Homer reserved some of his best football for finals and interstate games, with one of his finest efforts coming in the dramatic 1951 grand final. The Cardinals were 17 points in front at three-quarter time, but South Fremantle had the breeze and Bernie Naylor as a target in a tense final quarter. In the final few minutes, Homer and his great mate Wally Price held firm, continually clearing the ball out of defence.

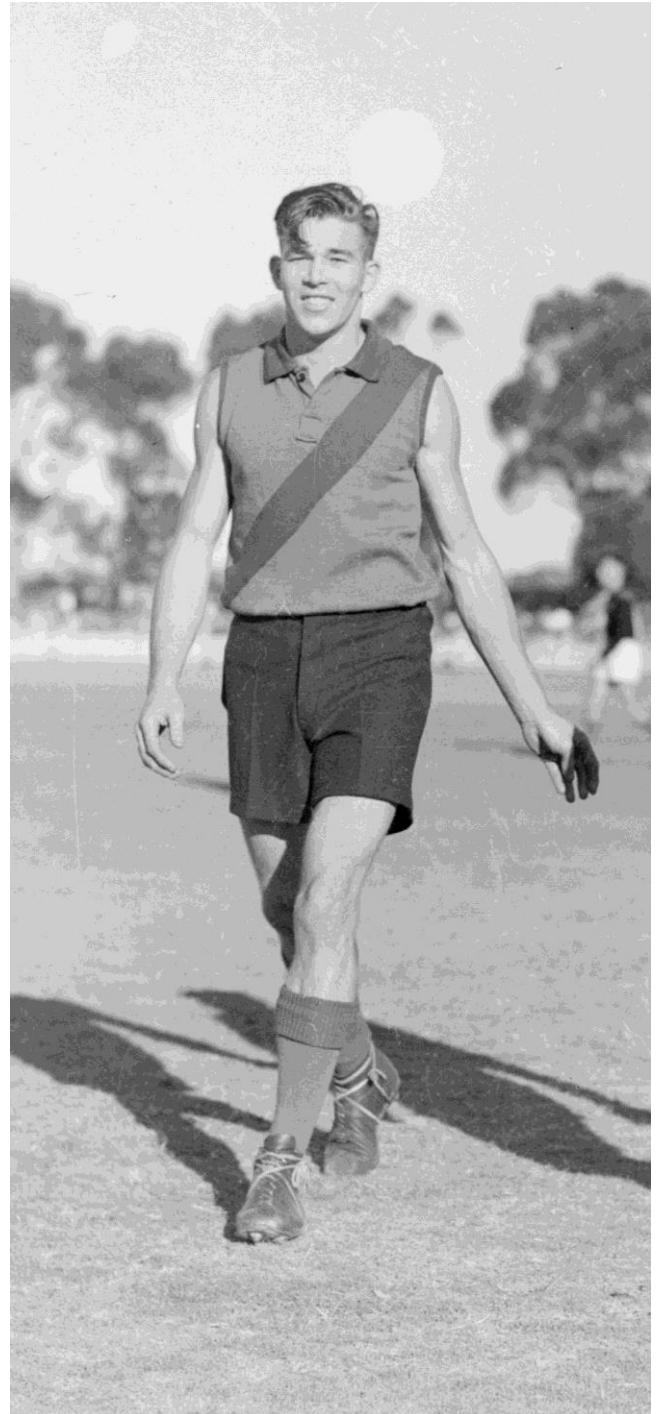
Homer later recalled: "It was like an afternoon's kick-to-kick. As soon as we cleared the ball, it came back". West Perth held on by three points to claim the flag, with Homer and Wally the two heroes.

In his final season with the club in 1958, Homer played as captain-coach. In a season he would not easily forget, he suffered a series of boils, which he'd never had before or since. Doctors told him they were caused by stress.

Homer won five club best and fairest awards (1948, 1950, 1953, 1954 and 1955), and was a premierships player in 1949 and 1951. He was named in West Perth's team of the century, and was an inaugural inductee into the Western Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

After Homer's playing and coaching days, he was a long serving club man and in recent years would often get to games, catching a train to Joondalup from his home in Mandurah.

Past players of the West Perth Football Club offer sincere condolences to Homer's family. He will be missed but will never be forgotten.



Neil Garland remembers his mate Ray Schofield

HeartBeat recently sat down with Neil Garland, who was given the honour of speaking on behalf of Homer's teammates at the funeral service. Neil recalled some of his memories of his time playing alongside Homer Schofield.

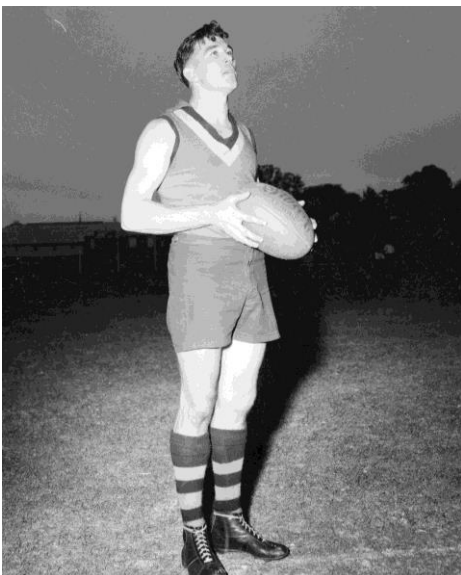
There have been many fine footballers who have pulled on the West Perth Football Club jumper since its inception. I can but speak of the era from the 1940s to the present time. In that time, there have been many good players and some really fine players. Surely, Ray Schofield will be remembered as one of the finest players that West Perth ever produced. His exceptional playing record says it all.



Ray didn't always play at full back. He began his football career as a forward in 1943 before enlisting in the RAAF that same year. During his first year, he kicked 97 goals to win the award as the WANFL's leading goal kicker. Records show that in one match he kicked 11 goals.

On returning to West Perth after the war, he was the club's leading goal kicker in 1947 and in the twilight of his career kicked 57 goals, in 1957. In 1947, Ray made the transition to full back, becoming the state's leading full back. He made the position his own over 21 games for Western Australia.

Perhaps you may think Ray would have had enough of football when he retired from West Perth in 1958, but no, he played a few more seasons in the Sunday League. In 1963, he returned to West Perth as a trainer under his old friend Roy Ennis and continued in that capacity every training night and every match day until 1990. His service to the club spanned 48 years. Many a young aspiring player received the benefit of his care and guidance. Ray's service to the West Perth Football Club is so extensive that we stand in awe at his dedication.



Ray was frequently called upon to play on taller and heavier opponents, especially champion full forwards from Victoria and South Australia, and he always acquitted himself well. His battles with South Fremantle's Bernie Naylor were looked forward to by the whole of the Western Australian football community.

We who were his teammates remember Ray as an athlete gifted with extraordinary anticipation, brilliant ball handling and a wonderful drop kick. He was capable of lobbing the ball almost to the centre, time and time again. As a teammate, Ray never boasted about his prowess. He was a man of few words, modest and self-effacing, a courageous and loyal team player.

Well played old mate, we are the richer for having known you.

The senior squad has launched a new initiative for Thursday evenings, and you're welcome to join! On Thursday the 12th and Thursday the 26th of April, join the players for a bite after training at the club.

It's a great opportunity to watch training, renew acquaintances and get to know the current group of players who represent our club.

Congratulations to new life members and welcome to new CEO

Past players of the West Perth Football Club would like to congratulate Aaron Black, Jay Van Berlo, Terry Stokesbury and Brett Raponi on being awarded life membership of our club. All four have been longstanding servants of the club and we thank them for the contributions they have made and continue to make.

We would also like to welcome Linda Hamersley to the club as our new CEO. Linda brings a wealth of experience and expertise in high performance and facilities management, earned in stints with the WA Football Commission, Hockey WA, New Zealand's Olympic Games Committee and Athletics New Zealand. We look forward to working with Linda and supporting initiatives she brings to our club.

Linda's appointment is just one of three leadership changes at the club over the summer. In November, club legend Steve Trehwella was appointed to the position of General Manager Football Operations, and it's terrific to welcome Steve back to the club. The club also appointed Roy Depczynski as General Manager Commercial Operations, ostensibly to operate the new facility. Roy has previously managed Subiaco Oval's commercial and business operations and his experience will be invaluable as the club endeavours to maximise revenue opportunities arising from the our new Joondalup facility.

Obituaries

In addition to the passing of club legend Ray Schofield, we are saddened to report the passing of two other players shortly before the deadline for HeartBeat.

Past Player

Ray Marinko 1935-2018

A member of one of West Perth's most accomplished footballing families, Ray Marinko passed away in late March at the age of 82. Ray was the youngest of the Marinko brothers to follow in their famous father's footsteps by representing the club at the highest level. Don senior played 198 games, Don junior 164 games, and Ray 160 games. Cousins Tom and Mick also

played for the club. Debuting in the opening round of the 1954 season, Ray represented West Perth between 1954 and 1956, and again from 1959 to 1965. He spent the 1957 and 1958 seasons as a Royal, playing 24 games for East Perth. Ray was a member of the premiership team that triumphed over East Perth in the 1960 grand final. Playing off a half back flank, many good football judges considered Ray best afield.

Past Player

George Moyle 1932-2018

Moyle came to the club at the back end of perhaps its most successful period, making his debut as a ruckman in 1953, alongside Kevin Clarke.

His father, Ernie, was also a star for the Cardies, playing 107 games between 1925 and 1931, and was captain in 1929.

George went on to play a total of 37 games between 1953 and 1957, kicking seven goals.

The past players wish to extend their condolences to both the Marinko and Moyle families.

Contributions

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