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FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
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Front Cover: Daniel Gooch
 92 League Games including 59 AFL Games
 1993, 1994 WAFL Grand Finals
 1996 AFL Centenary Grand Final
 (Photo courtesy of the Gooch Family)

WANFL Umpires Association Management Committee



Back L to R: Aaron Capes, Brett Wallington, Sam Kronja, Dan Gooch, Neil Morfitt

Front L to R: Tim Priest, Darren Starceвич, Greg Scroop, Peter Frusher, John Marrapodi

Absent: John Hauswirth

Management Committee Meeting Attendances

	Meetings Attended	Apologies	Possible
Greg Scroop	11	-	11
Sam Kronja	10	1	11
Darren Starceвич	11	-	11
Aaron Capes	9	1	11
John Hauswirth	11	-	11
Tim Priest	11	-	11
Brett Wallington	10	1	11
Dan Gooch	10	-	11
John Marrapodi	11	-	11
Peter Frusher	11	-	11
Neil Morfitt	9	1	11

Association Office Bearers

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Assistant/Social Secretary
1953	J. Ferguson	C. McMahon	C. McMahon	
1954	L. Hurley	A. Glendinning	A. Glendinning	
1955	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1956	H. Clair	L. Nathan	L. Nathan	
1957	H. Clair	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1958	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1959	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1960	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	W. Carter	
1961	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1962	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	D. Kemp	
1963	E. Crisp	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1964	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1965	B. Rigg	L. Nathan	B. Moore	
1966	B. Rigg	G. McComish	B. Moore	W. Brown
1967	B. Rigg	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1968	C. Hills	G. McComish	E. Martino	W. Brown
1969	J. Dolling	G. McComish	P. Pustkuchen	K. Cox
1970	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Bidstrup	K. Cox
1971	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1972	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1973	R. Whitfield	P. Pustkuchen	B. Williams	R. Stubberfield
1974	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1975	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	R. Stubberfield
1976	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	B. Collett	D. Wakenshaw
1977	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	D. Wakenshaw
1978	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	T. Cant
1979	R. Capes	P. Pustkuchen	D. Aslett	T. Cant
1980	J. Devine	P. Pustkuchen	K. Holland	A. Mirabella
1981	J. Devine	D. McComish	K. Holland	A. Mirabella
1982	J. Devine	D. McComish	K. O'Driscoll	A. Mirabella
1983	J. Morris	D. McComish	R. Hendrie	K. O'Driscoll
1984	J. Morris	B. Appleby	R. Hendrie	D. Green
1985	R. Buckey	R. Graffin	R. Hendrie	B. Grimmond
1986	R. Buckey	R. Graffin	R. Hendrie	G. Palmer
1987	R. Buckey	L. Cooper	M. Power	C. Shimmer
1988	R. Buckey	L. Cooper	P. Smith	L. Putland
1989	M. Ball	R. Poole	P. Smith	Mrs. E. Ball
1990	M. Ball	D. White	P. Smith	B. Hadjimihalakis
1991	D. Johnson	D. White	P. Smith	M. Ball
1992	D. Johnson	P. Frusher	P. Smith	J. Hauswirth
1993	G. Vernon	P. Frusher	P. Smith	J. Hauswirth
1994	T. Garrett	D. Starceвич	P. Smith	N. Tilley
1995	G. Scroop	D. Starceвич	G. Gilbee	D. Cole
1996	G. Scroop	D. Starceвич	S. Kronja	J. Hauswirth
1997				

Active Members 1996

Field Umpires

BINKS Adam
BURTON Vance
BUTLER Rob
CAPES Aaron
COLE Duane
DAWE Cameron
EDWICK Dale
FRENCH Wayne
FUSSELL Mark
GARRETT Trevor
GILL Simon
HAYES Matt
HENDRIE Craig
HOWIE Glen
KRONJA Sam
LEVITZKE Gavin
LONG Jamie
MARSH Brendan
McIVOR Glen
McQUEEN Gregor
NEALE Andrew
NICHOLSON Nathan
O'DEA Murray
PANAGOPOLOUS David
PATERSON Chris
PETRIE Jeff
PRIEST Tim
REPPER Peter
REWEGA Luke
ROSSI Christian
SCROOP Greg
SHEPHERDSON Andrew
SLOCOMBE Chris
SMITH Ian
STARCEVICH Darren
STATHAM Gavin
VERNON Grant
WALLINGTON Brett

Boundary Umpires

ARBUCKLE Todd
BEALE Damien
BERGERSEN Tig
BRADFORD Damien
BOSCARIN Michael
BROWN Ben
FRUSHER Peter
GILES Jamie
GILL Andrew
GOOCH Daniel
GOOCH Tony
GOOCH Tim
HARTNETT Craig
JESSUP Nathan
JONES Matt
LAMPARD Raymond
LAPIERRE Alain
MASON David
MORFITT Neil
NOLAN Phil
OSWALD Andrew
PAMPACOS George
POOLEY Peter
PORTEOUS John
ROBERTS Bernard
ROBERTS Damien
SCHWARTZ Fred
SHENTON Scott
SMITH Greg
STARCEVICH Troy
TEMPEST Stewart
THORNETT Craig
WALLINGTON Dean
WALLIS Anthony

Goal Umpires

ARBUARY Gary
BANNISTER Danny
BINKS Chris
COCKS Grant
CURTIS Andrew
DAVIS Graeme
*DAVIS Bob
DE-FRANCESCH Glen
EVANS Malcolm
FRANULOVICH Perry
FUENTES Richard
GRZINIC Dorry
HART Ray
HAUSWIRTH John
*HENDRIE Rob
HENDRIE Wayne
HOULIS James
JEFFERS Peter
LEE Jeffrey
LOGAN Craig
MARRAPODI John
MARTINO Cos
QUIGLEY Peter
RENDELL Gary
SHAWCROSS Colin
SHAWCROSS David
*SMITH Paul
THOMAS Garry
ZIMARINO Angelo

* Denotes Life Member

League Games by Members

The following are the number of official Senior games at which our members have officiated (includes AFL games which are shown in brackets).

	Year of entry	No. of seasons	League games in 1996	Total league games	
Field Umpires					
BINKS Adam	1987	8	16	62	
BUTLER Rob	1988	9	17	43	
CAPES Aaron	1991	6	13	31	
COLE Duane	1988	8	14	30	
DAWE Cameron	1989	8	19	89	
FRENCH Wayne	1989	8	22	86	
FUSSELL Mark	1994	3	13	13	
GARRETT Trevor	1983	14	21	222	(50)
GILL Simon	1989	7	19	78	
HENDRIE Craig	1995	2	12	12	
KRONJA Sam	1988	9	21	160	(3)
O'DEA Murray	1992	5	14	25	
REPPER Peter	1987	10	22	153	(2)
SCROOP Greg	1987	10	23	188	(73)
SLOCOMBE Chris	1993	4	12	12	
STARCEVICH Darren	1989	8	19	66	
VERNON Grant	1985	10	24	267	(168)
WALLINGTON Brett	1989	8	13	42	
Boundary Umpires					
ARBUCKLE Todd	1996	1	1	1	
BERGERSEN Tig	1987	10	21	180	(16)
BROWN Ben	1995	2	18	19	
FRUSHER Peter	1986	11	13	200	(24)
GILES Jamie	1995	2	1	1	
GILL Andrew	1989	8	1	1	
GOOCH Anthony	1995	2	5	5	
GOOCH Daniel	1992	5	23	92	(59)
GOOCH Tim	1992	5	21	69	(39)
JESSUP Nathan	1992	5	22	71	(39)
MASON Dave	1993	4	19	30	
MORFITT Neil	1994	3	8	35	
PAMPACOS George	1994	3	22	32	
POOLEY Peter	1993	4	22	65	
ROBERTS Bernard	1986	10	23	111	(13)
SMITH Greg	1994	3	24	61	(8)
STARCEVICH Troy	1995	2	5	5	
Goal Umpires					
BINKS Chris	1995	2	3	3	
COCKS Grant	1995	2	6	6	
CURTIS Andrew	1994	3	24	43	(4)
DAVIS Bob	1974	21	5	68	
DAVIS Graeme	1995	2	2	2	
EVANS Mal	1993	4	11	14	
HAUSWIRTH John	1979	12	20	130	
HENDRIE Rob	1979	18	21	177	(68)
JEFFERS Peter	1989	8	20	106	(28)
MARRAPODI John	1992	5	22	26	
MARTINO Cos	1993	4	24	46	
RENDALL Gary	1994	3	1	1	
SHAWCROSS Colin	1978	14	13	35	
SHAWCROSS David	1993	4	13	29	
SMITH Paul	1976	20	21	251	(74)
THOMAS Garry	1991	6	19	54	

President's Report

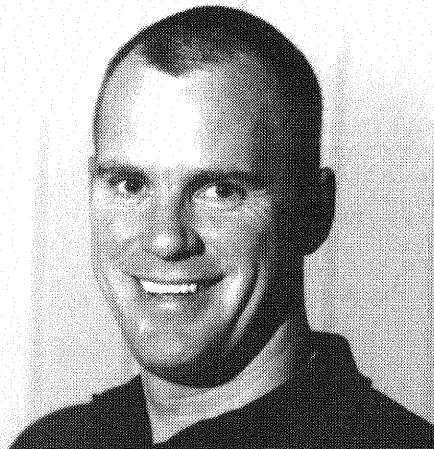
With the 1996 season completed and having taken the opportunity to reflect I must admit that my second year as President proved to be extremely tough. Time and again issues raised their head that proved very difficult to handle and at times during 1996 it would have been easy to just walk away and leave the job to someone else. But every time this thought entered my head it quickly disappeared when I realised the positive effect this Management Committee has had on the overall well being of this Association. Clearly the Management Committee in 1996 wished to follow on from the foundations laid by the 1995 Committee and with this raised level of commitment comes naturally a higher level of expectation from the members we serve.

Having said that, 1996 provided many highlights.

The Amateurs got on board at Ernest Johnston and this was in my view a step in the right direction for umpiring in general. It provided it's own set of problems. Member dissatisfaction was at an all time high for many months as problems surfaced with two large groups attempting to co-exist in premises that did not have the capacity to deliver. Much of that blame can be thrown at myself. Some very poor preparation and a lack of real direction as to how the two groups could work together in the end caused many rifts between the two groups, many of them unnecessary. Given a better plan and greater more effective consultation with the respective Management Committees it could have worked.

Many lessons were learnt from this episode and in the future if another opportunity arises like this one we won't make the same mistakes. My personal view is that for an Association like ours to expand it's growth and understand that membership continues to fall for various reasons, some type of affiliation is inevitable. Whoever is in the drivers seat the next time an opportunity arises should work harder for a positive result.

Renovations to the social rooms continued in earnest in 1996 starting with a fresh paint job on the inside of the rooms kindly donated by Don Wakenshaw from Eric Hood. An alarm system and Kresta blinds were fitted to aid security and Cameron Dawe helped to provide new lighting more of which is being installed as I write. To Don and Cameron many thanks.



The Management Committee decided this year to start a black and white photo collection of umpires in action. All umpires were asked to submit photos they thought would suit the social rooms and many provided some outstanding snaps. Those selected were copied, enlarged and now adorn the walls of our social rooms. It's fair to say that these photos have really added to the club atmosphere we have attempted to generate.

Other highlights included the induction of three new umpires to the Hall of Fame. Recognised now as a prestigious award the three inductees all proved to be very worthy recipients. To Mike Ball, Dave Aslett, and Roy Becker congratulations.

The formation of the Grand Final Umpires Club in 1996 was in my view our most significant new contribution to the umpiring group. With an amazing amount of leg work by a few committee members we managed to contact all 103 Grand Final Umpires since our incorporation in 1953. Of those 52 accepted the invitation to attend the inaugural dinner held at the Barry Cable Room, Subiaco. Judging from the response we received from all those who attended and the many who could not it will quickly entrench itself as one of the best functions in years to come. Hosted by Brad Hardie it was a fantastic opportunity for many old friends to reacquaint. Each member of the new club received a Grand Final Umpires Club badge and five new members were inducted, capping off a big night.

To top the year off nicely we had our first representative participate in an AFL Grand Final. Dan Gooch proved during 1996 that he was clearly the best boundary umpire going around and was rewarded with a Grand Final appointment.

Finally may I pass on some thank yous to my management committee. Peter Frusher came back after a absence from committee work and proved to be a tower of strength. His work around the social rooms was second to none and I thank him very much for his support in 1996. After a number of years serving on the Management Committee two senior members have elected to stand down. To Sam Kronja and John Hauswirth I pass on my best wishes and thank you both for some outstanding work and it will be extremely difficult to replace these quality people in the years to come. Darren Starceovich again carried out his duty as Secretary with the utmost professionalism and I look forward to working with Darren again next year. John Marapodi, Dan Gooch, Brett Wallington. Aaron Capes,

Neil Morfitt and Tim Priest all proved to be valuable assets to the Committee and I pass on my thanks to all of them.

To David Johnson, I pass on a special thanks. David has a very clear view on what the Association is trying to achieve and it has been with his support and encouragement a lot easier for the Association to achieve it's objectives. The Management Committee look forward to continuing it's solid relationship with David in the future.

1997 will no doubt continue to throw up new challenges for the Association and I look forward to leading the group again in what promises to be a very exiting era for the WAFL competition. Enjoy the break and may we all come back in the pre season ready to move onto bigger and better things in 1997.

GREG SCROOP
PRESIDENT

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Secretary's Report

It's the oldest cliché in the book - 'On behalf of the President and the Management Committee it gives me great pleasure in presenting to you the Secretary's Report for the 1996 season.' But that is where the clichés finish.

We bandy the phrase 'Club Atmosphere' around almost as often as we call 'play on' but what does it really mean. And more importantly does the WANFLUA represent a club or are we just kidding ourselves with an idea and ideal that can't exist because of the sport we are in.

Let's look at the first issue here. The WANFLUA as a club. What does it mean - is it just a bunch of blokes who see each other 3 times a week?

All Associations need strong leaders and hard workers. Greg Scroop, in his second year as President, is directing the ship like never before. The social rooms are a place of umpiring history and people want to see what we have. Once again Greg has mixed the role of President with on field performance and is the leader of the 'club'. The summer will see many changes - possible affiliation with the Peel Football League Umpires Association, extension of buildings and renovations at Ernest Johnson and Greg will be working as hard as anyone to ensure that we move forward in giant steps.

Peter Frusher is a 'club' man. He has performed an outstanding job as Vice President in assisting Greg and has single handedly coordinated, and in many instances done himself, the improvements to the buildings at Ernest Johnson. Add to this Peter's work on the Life Pass for past members of the club. This is what it means to be a 'club' person.

In 1996 we enjoyed ourselves at the Movie Night, waxed lyrical over new 90's style Association ties, stood tall when we saw ourselves on honour boards, read about ourselves in the Football Budget and extolled the virtues of the Hall of Fame and dreamed one day of being presented with a caricature at a packed Ernest Johnson. All these roles were filled by one person in 1996 - your Life Members Trophy winner Tim Priest. Tim captures the essence of what it means to belong to the 'club'. That no matter what the situation or the personal feeling, the club comes first. Yes we might just have a 'club' here.

Before reading further, ask yourself this question - 'How many years has John Hauswirth served on the committee of this Association?' The answer is 7, by the way 3 of these as Social



Secretary. It was a pleasure to work with John. He will not take a role on the committee in 1997 - I couldn't understand why until I saw the work he put in this year. Attendance's at social functions are ever increasing. The move to merge the Presentation Night and Grand Final Dinner was a master stroke. Yes, we are a 'club'.

Sam Kronja took a shoe box full of scraps of paper this time last year and now provides up to the minute financial accounts of the Association. His organisational qualities mean that whilst Sam Kronja can't serve on the committee in 1997 he leaves it in a better shape than when he arrived.

One specific secretarial role that I undertook in 1996 was to capture a piece of our history by compiling the WANFLUA League Games List. A couple of days later what I had was as complete a list as possible of the 500 or so umpires who had umpired a WAFL and/or AFL game in our history that began in 1953. We could then compare ourselves to the greats - 'How long before Vernon gets to Montgomery?' 'How many Grand Finals did Carter and Rose do?' and 'Terry Neilson's a Life Member and he only umpired 1 League Game!'. It was the most satisfying and enlightening tasks I have ever done - and that's not a joke!

In 1996 the Association instigated a peer system to Tribunal Advocacy. Twenty of your fellow members volunteered to give one Monday night of their time to assist as tribunal advocates - some were needed for several cases on their and some found that they were not required on the night. But these men gave their time

unconditionally to this club and I thank them for that. They also agreed to implement the same system in 1997. This is what it means to be a 'club'.

The honorary medical staff of our Association also deserve some of the spotlight. In a world where the goal posts are constantly changing they are unwavering in their support of umpires and umpiring. Medical benefit funds are putting pressure on our staff to not supply the service they do - but to do that would be 'unclub-like'. To Tony Chamberlain, Richard McMinn, Dr Colin Hughes, Dr Rod Moore and Fabio Egito - the club thanks you for 1996.

And there are others, too, who work to maintain and enhance our image. Sponsors like Taylor Woodings, AMPOL, John McKay and Don Wakenshaw. Look at the other sponsors in this publication and the gold bricks on the wall and use them - they deserve your support.

Duane Cole left the committee in 1995 but produced the Grand Final lunch at Subiaco Oval. In September the inaugural 'Grand Final Umpires Club Dinner' was held. This was the culmination of many months searching yearbooks, WAFL records and phone listings to track down 101 former members of our club. This is an integral part of our history that can't be lost - someone had to ensure that those men who performed great deeds on Grand Final Day belonged. I met 'Smokey' Woods - 1953 and 1954 Grand Final Umpire and it was all worthwhile. Yes, we are a 'club'.

But be warned - are we a club or are these just half a dozen warm fuzzy stories?

They tell us of 20 or 30 individuals who are club people. But our Association has 95

members. The law of averages suggests your turn will come up 1 in 3 years. Let's hope you're ready and willing when your time comes. I hope, then, that we are a 'club'.

At the Annual General Meeting of 1995 the members voted unanimously to remove honorary payments to its hardest workers. It was easy(soft) to raise a hand but ask yourselves whether you are willing to do the job for nothing. We will be looking at you in the future and you can't just be a hand in the crowd. When Greg Scroop wants an answer you must give him one - face to face. I hope, then, that we are a 'club'.

The Taylor Woodings deal is fantastic - they give us shirts, rugby tops, even cash. But they expect a return. And they are good people so they don't openly ask for one. We don't just belong to a club when we put a rugby top on, we are supposed to belong all the time. If we all take a little bit of responsibility we can ensure that company's like this stay on and want to be associated with clubs like ours.

If people like the Greg Scroops, John McKays and John Hauswirths of this club come to visit it in the year 2003 are they going to see 50 years of history, 10 years of Hall of Fame and vibrant Thursday nights - or are they going to see some 'bloody good ideas at the time' floundering because the 'club atmosphere' died? I'll let you in on a little secret - club atmosphere only dies when the members want it to.

We are a 'club' or are we a 'club'? Think about it the next time there's something that looks like it needs doing.

DARREN STARCEVICH
SECRETARY

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Treasurer's Report

In 1995 the Management Committee released a Strategic Plan document which outlined the direction and policies that would be followed in the running of the Association. One of the goals was to create a 'Club Atmosphere'. 1995 saw us run a programme to raise funds so we could spend money on the club facilities in 1996.

On a comparative basis our cash reserves are \$6,440 lower than this time last year at \$14,455. A more interesting way of looking at things is that last year there was a cash surplus of \$7,487, therefore there is a turnaround of \$13,927 in spending. This is reflected in payment for the photograph gallery, the pool table, new honour boards and the security system to name a few items. The feedback received has been very positive to date and we have impressed the many non-members who have visited the social rooms.

As always there are many questions that members have on the way their money is raised and spent. The current policy of the Management Committee is that we do not want to run any functions at a loss. Making a profit is not always the motivating factor, however we are determined not to waste funds on funding one night drinking and eating binges to the detriment of spending money to improve facilities. Therefore most functions that are held are self funding and are user pays.

This alone is not understood by many members who think that the Association owes them so many functions a year. This mentality is effectively saying that each member contributes \$50 of their \$120 subscription towards running the Association. Based on the subscriptions received this year that leaves \$4,217 to run the Association. Given the bar makes on average a 30% profit, leaving approximately \$3,200, this totals \$7,417. Without self funding functions and events this \$7,417 doesn't go very far.

The effect of self funding functions can be seen in the training camp running a surplus of \$1,229. This was due to a smaller contingent of people attending the camp which significantly influenced the costing. There are grounds to say an across the board refund was in order, however members do get their pound of flesh back in the form of happy hours at the camp and during the year. So don't feel like you are being taken for a ride.



Other self funding functions are the movie night, Grand Final Day Lunch, Grand Final Umpires' Club Dinner, Golf Day and the Umpires' Night. All of these functions were self funding and in general terms brought a surplus. You will find that by matching the income and the expense items that this is not the case for the Umpires' Night and the Grand Final Lunch, however the income figures do not include bar sales which in the final analysis makes the day a success.

Some of our functions cannot be self funding ie: Panel Night, which is largely a subscription funded evening, as well as the Presentation Dinner, however the level of subscription funding will continue to drop in future years.

How will these functions be funded? Good question. I believe we should run a function or two that are designed to specifically raise money for the Presentation Dinner, so for instance members are free. Or maybe some fund raising projects. Too many members whinge that they have to put their hand in their pockets 'again', instead of either offering suggestions or doing something about it. Putting away two dollars a week for the year will go a long way to funding the Presentation Dinner. You are only limited by your own limitations.

Bar trading gave us a gross profit of \$3,217 which represents a gross profit of 30.63%. This return is better than previous years. The profit is a little understated in that the bar is stocked at present and the expense is recorded but as the

stock has not been sold it is future income. However because a fridge has to be stocked before you can sell anything, we must be content in the knowledge that we do have future income to consider. I would like to take this opportunity to thank initially Trevor Cant for his time before his retirement and to John Starcevic for his invaluable time helping us out. Not a bad effort by someone who has never been a member of the Association. Food for thought.

Next year will probably see two movie nights which are cheaper and less time consuming than Quiz Nights, a Gentleman's Evening and some other yet to be disclosed ideas. Once again I call on all members to contribute any ideas they have. This alone is important as in general terms attendance was very poor at functions that were held during the year. This will need to be improved. One very pleasing aspect was the attendance at the social rooms after training, especially Thursday nights. There was a fantastic blend of youth and experience, many young blokes learnt many things about umpiring from the older guys, not to mention Greg and myself handing out some lessons and some hidings to the young blokes on the pool table. Don't worry guys your day will come.

The expenses themselves are pretty self explanatory. Committee entertainment is usually a common question as the Executive should not enjoy themselves too much. The total expense represented sponsors lunches with AMPOL and Taylor Woodings, lunch with Grand Final Umpires' Club Master of Ceremonies, Brad Hardie and attendance by the Executive at the Life Members' Dinner. I will be happy to field any further questions that members may have.

Those members with a eye for detail will notice a significant change in the presentation of the accounts from last year. In short I proposed

to the Management Committee, which they accepted, that the basis of accounting be changed from an accruals basis to a cash basis. This is common for many small organisations as the only things that is important is the cash coming in and the cash going out. This eliminates the need for a balance sheet as all items of plant and equipment and stock are expensed immediately. For 1996 all items in the cash flow statement represent cash actually paid and cash received.

1995 comparatives are the same as last year and have not been adjusted because the net effect of any adjustments is only \$207, which represent non-cash entries in any case. The 1996 figures represent cash received and cash paid for the period 16 October 1995 to 15 October 1996. These adjustments have been discussed and agreed with the auditor.

I have enjoyed my time as Treasurer in 1996 and my time on the Management Committee for the last five years, the last two on the Executive. I have some rather pressing out-of-umpiring commitments that do not allow me the same amount of flexibility to commit time to the Association like I have in recent times. Therefore I am not seeking any positions on the Management Committee in 1997 but I have made it clear that my commitment to the Association and the Management Committee has not diminished.

I wish everyone the very best wishes for 1997. Keep happy and healthy and remember that the Association is great only because it is full of great people.

Unfortunately we cannot maintain the current level of spending as it is obvious that our surplus funds would not be sufficient.

SAM KRONJA
TREASURER

Auditor's Report

I have examined the records and vouchers of the Western Australian National Football League Umpires Association (Inc.). The records are in order and any explanations that have been required were provided by the Association Treasurer.

In my opinion the financial accounts are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the Associations affairs for the period 16 October 1995 and 15 October 1996.

DENIS HEANEY
Registered Company Auditor
31 October 1996

Funds Position at 15 October 1996

	1995	1996
Cheque Account		
Opening balance	6 853	802
Cash receipts	59 264	62 389
Sub total	66 117	63 191
Less cash payments	65 315	59 566
Closing balance	802	3 625
Investment Account		
Opening balance	9 900	20 093
Deposits	9 388	—
Interest	805	737
Sub total	20 093	20 830
Less transfers to Cheque a/c	—	10 000
Closing balance	20 093	10 830
Total Funds at 15 October	20 895	14 455

Cash Flow Statement Year ended 15 October

	1995	1996
Revenue		
Subscriptions	12 845	10 120
Interest	805	737
Training Camp	4 724	5 530
Panel Night	630	840
Movie Night	2 719	2 256
Quiz Night	3 102	—
Presentation Night	715	—
Grand Final Day	8 634	8 540
Grand Final Club	—	1 530
Trophies	3 167	1 882
Merchandise	1 568	2 691
Reimbursements	—	1 465
Yearbook Advertising	530	150
Sponsorship	1 500	1 250
Raffles	1 197	—
Photograph sales	—	725
Bar Trading	16 728	13 720
Umpires Night	—	740
Beach Party	808	—
Sandover Medal Night	600	—
Golf Day	227	400
Buy-a-Brick	950	550
Furniture	500	—
Total revenue	62 176	53 126

	1995	1996
Expenditure		
Bank Charges	137	255
Training Camp	5 036	4 301
Panel Night	4 222	4 178
Movie Night	1 926	1 285
Presentation Night	3 801	—
Grand Final Day	6 736	10 931
Harry's Night	119	—
Bar Trading	14 195	10 503
Postage and Telephone	613	487
Printing and Stationery	1 920	1 046
Insurance	411	222
Social Room expenditure	—	5 845
Cleaning Costs	450	1 493
Bereavements	44	179
Donations	1 167	160
Honoraria	1 550	—
Committee Entertainment	380	796
Film Processing	85	—
AFLUA Subscriptions	2 450	—
Trophies	2 287	3 155
Merchandise	1 431	4 329
Subscriptions expense	120	120
Sandover Medal Night	600	—
Repairs	296	50
Quiz Night	250	—
Plants	195	—
Media Award	500	—
Beach Party	378	—
Buy-a-Brick	246	—
Coolroom Repairs	1 452	—
Golf Day	60	400
Honour Boards	484	253
Celtic Club Subscription	—	340
Security System	—	1 251
Gifts	—	239
Grand Final Umpires Club	—	1 178
Hall of Fame	—	770
Photograph expenses	—	934
Pool Table	—	1 537
Training Equipment	—	47
Umpires Night Expense	—	1 500
Yearbook expense	—	1 678
Sundry	196	103
Total expenditure	54 482	59 566
Surplus/(Deficit)	7 694	(6 440)

Social Secretary's Report

Well the season has come to an end and so to has my 1 year term as Social Secretary. Firstly I would like to thank the President Greg Scroop and the rest of the committee of the Association for their help and support during the year. Also to all the umpires and friends for supporting the functions which were held - obviously without your support the functions would not exist.

The year started with the Movie Night. The movie screened was a pre release Casino starring Robert de Niro, Joe Pesci and Sharon Stone and left us all a bit wide eyed. We discovered a new vocabulary and extra uses for a vice and baseball bat! The organiser of the night was Tim Priest and with attendance around 300 and the pre release attraction his work must be congratulated.

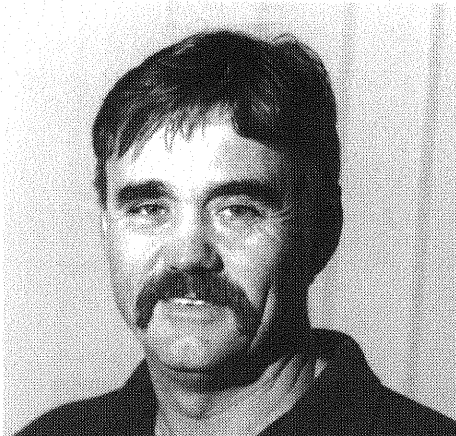
Then it was on to the Panel Night 1996 held at Subiaco Oval in the Barry Cable Room. With approximately 120 in attendance it goes to prove that the Association is on the rise in terms of popularity.

During the season we had several nights back at Ernest Johnson in-honour of Life Members such as Ray Whitfield and Ron Powell. These nights were controlled by other committee members and I would like to personally thank Aaron Capes, Brett Wallington and John Marrapodi for their work in this area.

Other functions during the year were the Golf Day in the country like surroundings of Marri Park. Dan Gooch and his helpers once again did a most professional job in the organising of the day.

The fundraising highlight of the year was the Men's Night held at the club in June. Also of strong attendance was the annual event on Preliminary Final Night - Harry's Night which attracted close to 100 people. Harry and May Jardine continue to show what this club is all about and we look forward to many more Harry's Nights in the future. As well as May and Harry there are many other ladies who helped on the night and my sincere thanks goes to them.

The biggest change that occurred on the social scene this year was the amalgamation of the Presentation Night and the Grand Final Dinner Dance into the Grand Final Dinner. This year this amalgamation and the Friday Night time slot made the night as popular as any in my knowledge with an attendance of close to 150. The venue was the Onslow Reception Centre in



Shenton Park and these inputs all helped create a fantastic night for all. Special thanks must go to Darren Starcevic for being the MC on the night, a job well done.

To conclude the season a final function that is fast becoming the most popular event of the year - The Grand Final Luncheon. Again the John Worsfold Room at Subiaco Oval was the setting and with the backdrop of a 2 point Grand Final the day was an outrageous success. Special mention must go to my predecessor Duane Cole for another excellent display of his talent as an events organiser.

But I guess a most significant change in mind set occurred during the season. With the efforts of Sam Kronja and Greg Scroop, Thursday nights at the club started to grow. Food of quality was available, the TV screened the Footy Show at 9:30 pm and many sheep stations were won and lost on the pool table. Greg gave his best Jana Novotna impersonation while trying to sink a gimme one night. Unforgettable!

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of the Association for their support during the year and once again the committee of the WANFLUA for their guidance and help. Happy Christmas to all and good luck for season 1997.

JOHN HAUSWIRTH
SOCIAL SECRETARY



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State Director's Report

Gentlemen, it is with pleasure that I report on yet another successful football season and take this opportunity to acknowledge your contribution to this ongoing success.

Structure

I have included the W.A. Umpiring structure diagram at the conclusion of this report, as it is apparent we all benefit from knowing or understanding the so-called big picture and our role within it. As you can see our umpiring needs have increased as football continues to grow. As football becomes more professional, so too must be the delivery of our service.

Recruitment

Eight new Field Umpires commenced this year as a result of the newly formed Talent Squad Summer School Program. 21 enrolled and 17 successfully completed the program. From this squad 7 were named on the WAFL list and look certain to have an impact on WAFL umpiring in years to come. It is anticipated a further 5 are required to set us in good stead in 1997. The 96/97 squad is currently being formed for a November 4 start. 9 new boundaries had a taste of WAFL umpiring although only 3 appear they will continue on and 7 goal umpires were new in 1996 and look set for bright futures. One area often neglected in terms of recognition is the recruitment of off field support staff and it may surprise that the number of trainers, observers, coaches, RUMS, medical, video and selectors etc. total 34. I personally thank each and every one of them for giving of their time and knowledge to assist in your development.

Promotion

Whilst not actually recording every piece of publicity afforded to umpiring this year, one can assume there was a noted increase in positive umpire reporting. Perhaps some type of record needs to occur in 1997 to substantiate these claims. WAFL umpiring enjoyed support from radio 6NR weekly with after match interviews and I see two benefits from this initiative. Firstly, the opportunity to put our case forward and secondly the development of individuals as they learn to manage and cope with this extra scrutiny. Westside Football was very generous in their coverage and both the West Australian and Sunday Times featured articles on WAFL umpiring. Bearing in mind WAFL does not command the coverage afforded ten years ago, so we have done particularly well. The inaugural Footy Fest held in conjunction with the W.A. V



S.A. State Match in July, saw our enthusiastic approach rewarded with clearly the best prepared and presented display on show. It is anticipated this will become an annual event. Members of your association should be congratulated on a truly magnificent effort. I thank you very much.

Retention

Four of the six Junior Region Coaches and Assistants are ex WAFL umpires which is a credit to these guys as this area is by far the hardest of all key areas to address. At the risk of repeating my '95 comments, too many umpires finish their careers with anger in their hearts at not realising their dreams and cast blame at coaching staff and observers on feedback or lack of it, yet when approached to help someone else they flee often faster than any 4km time previously set. Football umpiring needs the input of experienced umpires and I plead for assistance in this area, not criticism. Having experienced both sides of the coin, a great deal of satisfaction is felt when you witness the improvement achieved by your input and support to those willing to head your advice.

Coaching

This year saw the appointment of separate umpire coaches to all three disciplines, and whilst some senior umpires feel new coaches need time to gain acceptance, that time is theirs that they are wasting. John in his first year as Senior Coach must be very pleased with the results. He not only maintained our existing standard, but also witnessed 3 new League umpires, 2 new Grand Final umpires, 1 State Umpire and the

development of new WAFL umpires with their rapid transition from Junior umpiring to Senior football. John clearly knows the direction we are heading and will be wiser from the knowledge gained this year. Leith Putland leaves Boundary umpiring after 3 years and would be the first to admit that '96 would be a year he would rather forget. Work commitments prevented Leith from building on the success of his previous 2 years, and this should act as a reminder to all, how fragile umpiring can be and just how much work is required to maintain an acceptable service. Leith is to be congratulated for his work with WAFL Boundary umpires and we wish him well in his football retirement. Goal umpiring, whilst not facing a number shortage had to deal with a new type of scrutiny that many found made a difficult task, even more difficult. Roy and Gil worked tirelessly to ensure we built on last year's success and must be pleased with the potential that was unearthed this year. W.A. has had an AFL Finals representative in each of Roy's three years with us, indicating Goal umpiring is heading in a good direction.

Accreditation

The National Accreditation Scheme spread its tentacles even further with the inclusion of Boundary and Goal umpires at Level One. The NAS is currently being re-formatted into the competency based training concept and when complete offers umpiring the best resource of any sport in Australia. We need to acknowledge that this resource will remain for many years as our flagship in umpire development.

Facilities

Since your move to South Perth, there has developed a responsible management committee that has the best interests of this association driving it forward. The move was a decision that was not greeted all that enthusiastically in 1993 but indications are this is changing as we now host a training venue that is in our control. The photographs acknowledge and have enhanced the Honour Boards in umpire recognition and vindicate the substantial financial commitment from the West Australian Football Commission. Our 1997 objective is to address the coaching aspect and we are currently waiting for a positive response on a \$ 40,000

grant to extend the facility with an improved coaching venue. February has been indicated as the announcement date as to our success.

Sponsorship

We are fortunate to have retained the generous support of AMPOL for a further two years as a result of the three year deal struck in February this year. The prospect of losing our valuable friend and partner of eighteen years, led to frantic discussion's pre-season and if not for the efforts of Ross Benzie I can assure you W.A. umpiring would have suffered a great loss. Through discussions with your Executive, I propose during the off season to formulate a new set of strategies aimed at servicing not only AMPOL but all our sponsors at a level they so richly deserve.

Conclusion

Umpiring in Western Australia has achieved so much in recent years and many can feel content in their contribution to this result. It is vital you also know what our plans are for the next three years, so I will complete this report with a few thoughts that we hope with proper planning will become reality in the not too distant future.

- A nationally coordinated promotional campaign.
- A West Australian umpiring academy based at either Ernest Johnson or Subiaco Oval by the end of 1997.
- A fourth Regional Umpiring Manager to service our North West.
- A National Umpires Coaching Accreditation Scheme (Levels 1-3).
- Umpires wired up so communication can occur during the match.
- Trial by video implemented into the WAFL.

My congratulations to your committee on another fine year and I look forward to planning 1997 with your co-operation and ongoing support.

Best wishes to all umpires, coaching staff and your families during the festive season.

DAVID JOHNSON
STATE DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING 1996

Field Umpires Coach Report

It was with a great sense of challenge that I agreed in 1995 to accept the position of State League coach of field umpires. I can say now that the challenge was all that I had expected and more. My role has been made easier due to the excellent support I have received throughout the year from Max Osborn, Derrick Ernst and David Johnson.

The season began with pre-season training sessions designed to bring umpires to an acceptable state of fitness and the Rottneest Camp under the theme "Knowledge of the Laws". This was my first disappointment, and future camps will be designed around a development of umpires and not a social occasion.

Apart from this one issue I have enjoyed greatly the season and the challenges placed before me in maintaining and improving the standard of field umpiring within the WAFL.

We have continued with the Three Umpire System in league games and this has given an opportunity for younger umpires to display their talents and get a feel for umpiring at the highest level within the WAFL. I have been able to introduce three (3) new umpires to league ranks and all performed well at different times during the season. The first to show he was ready for league football was Chris Slocombe who umpired well throughout the Emu Export Cup and finished the season with twelve (12) league games. Later in the year Mark Fussell and Craig Hendrie were given an opportunity and both performed very well achieving thirteen (13) and twelve (12) games respectfully. Both also being appointed to umpire the Colts grand final. Overall seventeen (17) umpires were utilised in league games throughout the season, and a total of thirty five (35) umpires performed in all games in the WAFL.

Some of the talent identified in 1995 developed to a stage of umpiring at reserves level and performing to a very high standard while others continued at Colts level also achieving very high standards. Once again in 1996 we have identified more exciting umpires



for the future. Umpires such as Glen Howie, Jeff Petrie, David Panagopolous and Glen McIvor have all demonstrated that they have the ability to achieve at the highest levels, it will be their task to convert that potential into reality.

Some notable achievements were made throughout the season in field umpiring. Sam Kronja umpired his 150th league game and continues to show that he has the ability to umpire at the highest level on a consistent basis. He also umpired 3 games during 1996 in the AFL. Peter Repper also umpired his 150th league game. Peter continues to umpire on a very high standard and provides valuable support on the field to younger umpires. Adam Binks umpired his 50th league game and has shown in 1996 that he is capable of better things. He has been rewarded for his high work ethic in 1996 with his first league Grand Final. Darren Starcevic umpired his 50th league game and although not reaching the highs of 1995, has continued to umpire well within the WAFL.

The Umpires of the Rounds were:-

Round 1	Wayne French
Round 2	Murray O'Dea
Round 3	Trevor Garrett

All had a very good season in 1996, both Wayne and Trevor were extremely consistent

throughout, while Murray after a poor first round finished the year strongly being the Western Australian representative in the Australian Schoolboy Championships in Melbourne.

The Field Umpire of the year award was won by Sam Kronja, who has had another outstanding year, umpiring in his fourth consecutive Grand Final and umpiring three (3) AFL games during the season. The Most Improved Field Umpire Award was won by Adam Binks who in 1996 has displayed a very high level of consistent umpiring and in just over 50 games has achieved his first League Grand Final.

1996 also saw eleven (11) field umpires undertake the level 4 Accreditation Scheme which was integrated with the other formal coaching session being conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays. While this required an additional commitment from those umpires, all benefited greatly and three (3) umpires Aaron Capes, Adam Binks and Murray O'Dea were successful in achieving level 4 Accreditation. Those who did not succeed in 1995 will undergo the program again in 1996 with the addition of those level 3 umpires identified for future development. I would like to thank Wayne French, Sam Kronja, Greg Scroop, Robbie Hendrie and Darren Starcevic for their assistance in presenting units of the course. Derek Ernst also conducted a Level 3 Accreditation Scheme for umpires who had progressed to Level 2.

When we commenced the 1996 season I set some goals regarding performance standards and umpiring the decisional accuracy of league umpires in particular, but across all grades generally. While not achieving the improved decision accuracy levels planned in league

football, we have been able to maintain those levels set in 1995. Significantly, greater emphasis is being placed on the development of skills such as, control, observation, set plays and positioning. In 1996 a new rating system was developed that calculated the umpires rating on a weekly and seasonal basis, taking into account decisional accuracy, severity of minimal frees, skill errors and bouncing. While the system still requires some further refinement, it has assisted greatly in determining an overall rating for each umpire. Interestingly we also referred to the 1995 rating system to test the new scheme and with only minor discrepancies the two system ratings matched.

Overall I found the season an enjoyable one and look forward to 1997 with renewed enthusiasm to further improve the service that umpires deliver to football in Western Australia.

I would finally like to thank all of those who have assisted me throughout the season, especially Max Osborn, Derreck Ernst, David Johnson and Kevin Castensen. I would also like to thank Gail for her support and understanding during the season.

Congratulations to those umpires who have selected to participate in the Grand Finals:-

League	Sam Kronja Wayne French Adam Binks
Reserves	Cameron Dawe Trevor Garrett
Colts	Mark Fussell Craig Hendrie

JOHN NICHOLAS
FIELD UMPIRES COACH

Boundary Umpires Coach Report

Another WAFL season over and gone! It seems like yesterday we were all contemplating 'what might be in 1996'. For boundary umpires, it has been tough, with fewer numbers than in previous years and my absences in coaching due to work commitments. Once again, however, we have all managed to remain relatively focused on the job at hand and somehow we have got through without major disruption or upheaval.

This year we have seen a number of opportunities for boundary umpires to progress to the next level. In all instances these challenges have been met as a result of hard work and perseverance and no one has been more satisfied than myself.

There were a number of umpires who umpired at League level for the first time during 1996. They were Troy Starceвич, Jamie Giles, Todd Arbuckle, Tony Gooch and Andrew Gill. All these umpires are to be congratulated for their efforts in reaching this level. There will be more to add to this list in 1997 with our current crop of young umpires.

Accreditation was commenced in 1996 with tremendous success. It was important to establish accreditation as a necessary criteria for future years and this would not have been possible without the total support of all umpires, especially the senior WAFL and AFL umpires. During the course a number of sessions were conducted by our experienced panel members. These were carried out in a very professional and enthusiastic manner and everyone approached them accordingly. It was fantastic to hear the feedback from the sessions. I would like to thank all of you for your assistance towards the success of our Level One Accreditation Program.

There were a number of highlights for boundary umpires in 1996 and I would like to acknowledge the success of these. The season commenced with the traditional pre-season Emu



Export Cup matches. The umpires who umpired in all these matches did a fantastic job and a special vote of thanks to those who travelled far and wide to officiate. Congratulations to those Grand Final umpires selected on their performances during pre-season, Greg Smith and Troy Starceвич, you thoroughly deserved your selection.

State games are always a highlight in any umpires career and therefore much sought after. 1996 provided an opportunity for both AFL and WAFL umpires to gain selection in interstate games. Dan Gooch was appointed to umpire in Melbourne for the State of Origin game between Victoria and the Allies. This was a result of his number one ranking and by all reports the standard of his display was first class. This is an outstanding achievement and the first time a WA based umpire has been appointed to a State of Origin game outside WA. The WA versus SA game for State League players was held in Perth at Subiaco Oval during June. Greg Smith and Bernard Roberts were selected, and both performed very well in a one sided game. Congratulations to Dan, Greg and Bernard on your reward for State game selection.

Some very important milestones were reached by boundary umpires in season 1996. These included :

200 games	Peter Frusher
100 games	Bernard Roberts
50 games	Nathan Jessup
	Tim Gooch
	Peter Pooley
	Greg Smith
50 AFL games	Dan Gooch

Congratulations to all these umpires in achieving these milestones. They form an important part of recognition for your hard work and effort in WAFL and AFL football.

I must pay special tribute to Peter Frusher's effort in reaching 200 games. Peter has been an outstanding contributor both on and off the field for umpiring in this state. His hard work and dedication finally paid off when he reached his 200th game in the last round of 1996. Peter has been a fine example of what boundary umpiring is all about - doing the job right with no fuss. His assistance to me in my coaching role has been invaluable over the past 3 years, particularly as he set himself very high standards for all others to follow. Congratulations Frush, and I wish you well in whatever you choose to do from here on.

AFL umpiring has again been in the spotlight for 1996, mainly due to the efforts of Dan Gooch in continuing where he left off in 1995. His season has been outstanding to say the least. He was ranked number 1 for the entire year, appointed to the State of Origin game in Melbourne, appointed to the finals panel and of course the highlight in any umpires career to officiate in the 1996 AFL Grand Final. These efforts would not be possible without the support and assistance of his colleagues Tim, Nathan and Greg who also worked very hard. The standard of AFL boundary umpiring is improving every year and requires a tremendous amount of work to maintain this level. I could not have asked for more from each of Dan, Tim, Nathan and Greg in this regard. Good luck to all of you for next year.

There were a number of awards made in

1996 that I wish to acknowledge. Firstly the efforts of those umpires who received the Umpire of the Round awards :

Round 1	Greg Smith
Round 2	Todd Arbuckle
Round 3	Tony Gooch

Greg, Todd and Tony were all significant contributors in their respective rounds, and are to be congratulated on their efforts. The awards are in recognition of their efforts in boundary umpiring and are also used as encouragement to all umpires to reach for, and attain, higher personal goals.

I would also like to congratulate Greg Smith - Boundary Umpire of the Year, and Tony Gooch - Most Improved Umpire. Greg has had an exceptional year and may not ever enjoy this amount of success in a single season again. He was appointed to the AFL Supplementary list in January, appointed to the Emu Export Cup Grand Final, named Umpire of the Round in round 1, appointed to the state game WA v SA in June, umpired his first of 8 AFL games in July and finally was rewarded with the WAFL League Grand Final. This will be a year for Greg to remember in years to come. He has worked very hard to achieve these results and is a worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations 'Smithy'.

Tony Gooch has also had an outstanding season in 1996. By his own admission it would be fair to say that the 1995 season was well below his own expectations and he realised at the conclusion of the season he would need to work extremely hard on both skill and fitness to umpire league football. In what can only be described as a major turnaround in all areas of his boundary umpiring skills he has managed to achieve his goal of umpiring league football. During pre-season matches it was evident he had improved his fitness and skills. He then worked very hard to further improve his speed and reading of the play. As a result he was appointed to his first league game in Round 14 and then went on to umpire a further 4 games. He was named Umpire of the Round in round 3 and finally was appointed to umpire his first Grand Final in the Colts. Congratulations 'Moose' on your efforts in 1996.

Congratulations to all finals umpires, particularly Grand Final umpires :

League : Greg Smith and Bernard Roberts
Reserves : George Pampacos and Ben Brown
Colts : Tony Gooch and Todd Arbuckle

I would like to thank all the support staff who contributed so much during 1996. In particular the efforts of the observers, Peter, David and Stewart who worked very hard each week to improve the standard of boundary umpiring. Many thanks for your efforts. I wish to thank Peter Especially for his role in selections and appointments with a very limited number of running umpires available week to week. We would not have been able to make it without your support in my absences. I hope you can see your way clear to give it another go in 1997 - your help has been invaluable. To all the trainers, many thanks for your efforts in looking after and treating the guys, I really appreciate your work.

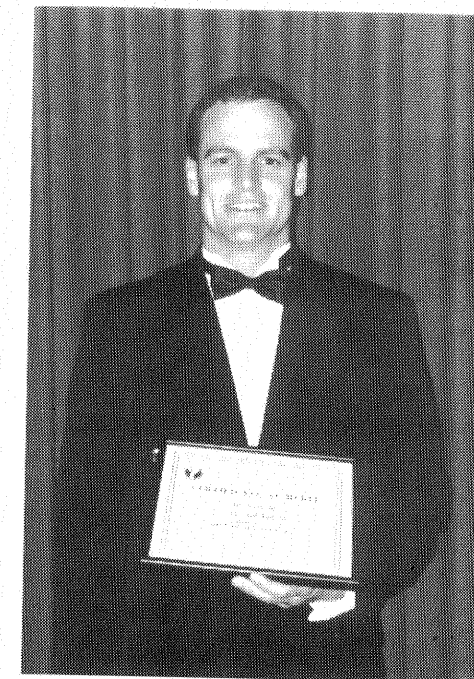
Season 1996 has been a difficult one due to work related commitments. My coaching role has not been as professional as in seasons 1994 and 1995, however we managed to get through. This would not have been possible without the total support of a great bunch of blokes. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 10 years with the Association both as an umpire and a coach. Watch-

ing umpires develop and achieve their own goals has been very rewarding and satisfying. I can only hope that I have left boundary umpiring in WA in a better position than when I started. It is important here to recognise the leadership and direction of David Johnson in his role to make umpiring a recognised professional sport in WA. David has worked tirelessly to improve the image of all umpires and whilst I may have let him down this year I am grateful for the opportunity he has afforded me in my coaching role. Roy Ferguson has also played a significant part in my understanding of the level required to maintain AFL standards. His input, experience and advice was always available and this has assisted my role significantly. Thanks Roy for everything you have done and the support you have given me during my 3 years as coach.

I will miss the close contact I have with many umpires and staff over 10 years. I can assure you that I will not be far away and would be only too pleased to offer any advice should it be required. Good luck to all umpires in 1997 and beyond.

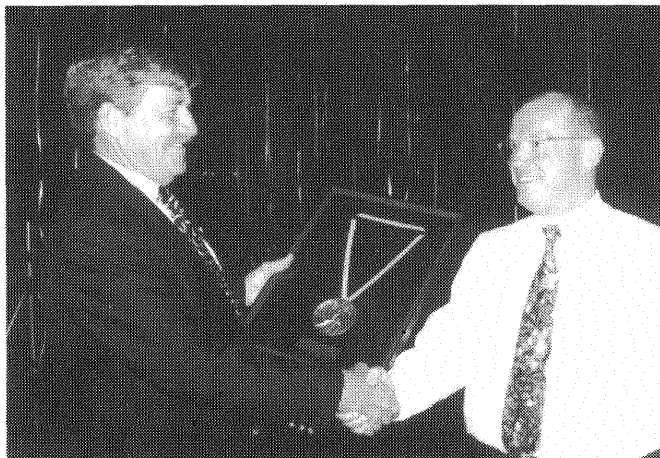
LEITH PUTLAND
BOUNDARY UMPIRES COACH

10 Years Service



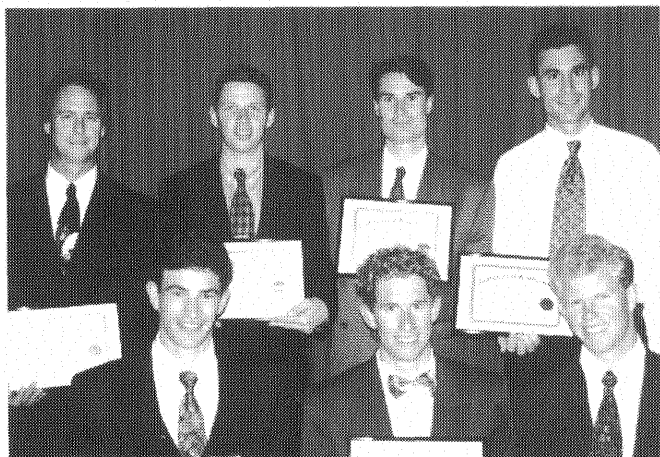
Peter Repper and Bernard Roberts with their 10 Year Certificates
(Absent: Tig Bergersen, Greg Scroop, Grant Vernon)

20 Years Service



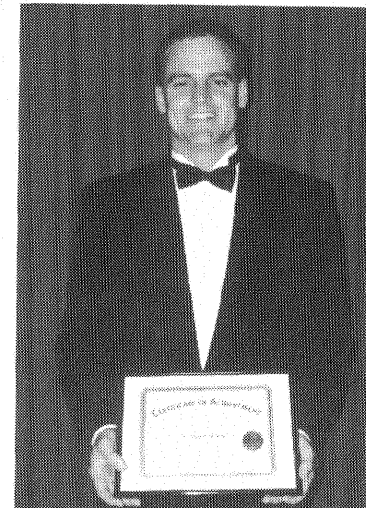
Gil Bishop presenting Paul Smith with his 20 Years Service Medallion

50 League Games



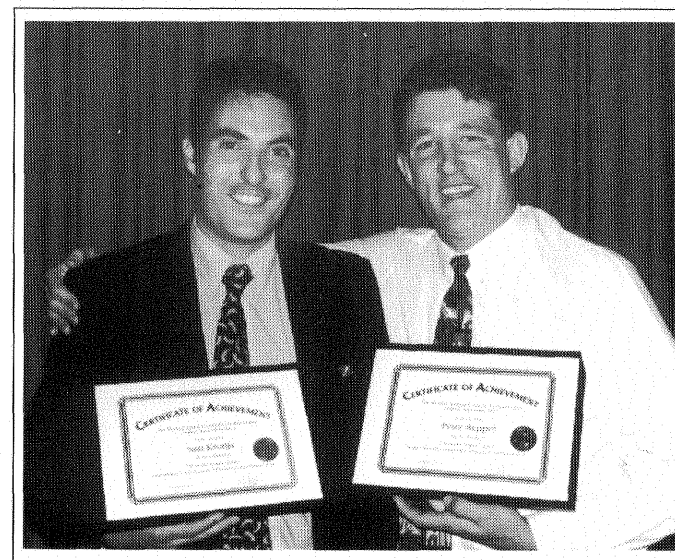
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100 League Games



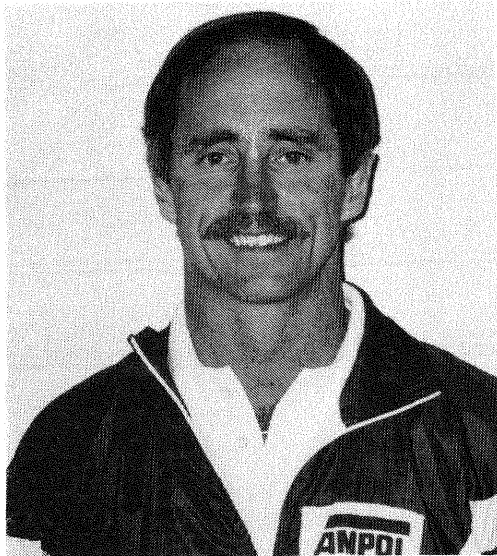
Bernard Roberts
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150 League Games



Sam Kronja and Peter Repper celebrating their achievement of 150 League Games

200 League Games



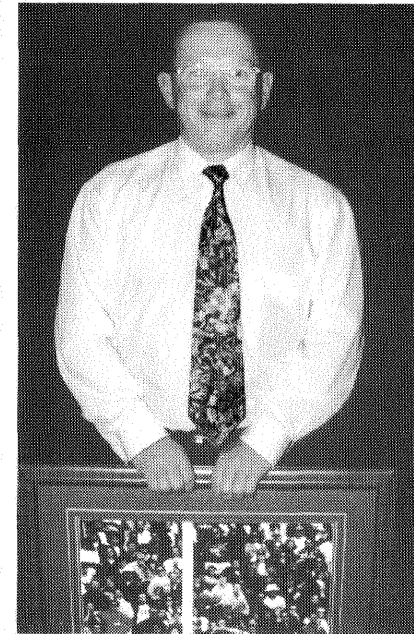
Peter Frusher



Peter Frusher celebrated his 200th League Game at Joondalup in Round 21

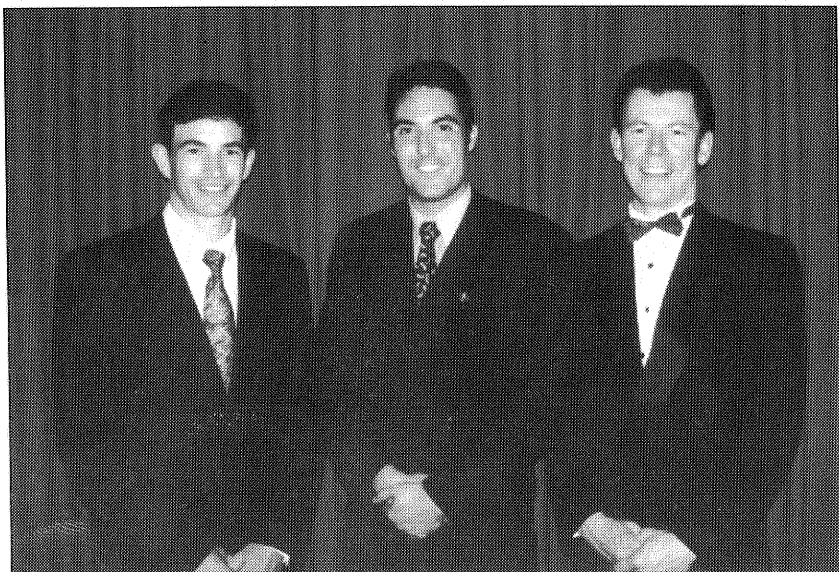
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250 League Games



Paul Smith (above) and Grant Vernon (below) with their 250 game photographs

AMPOL Umpires of the Year

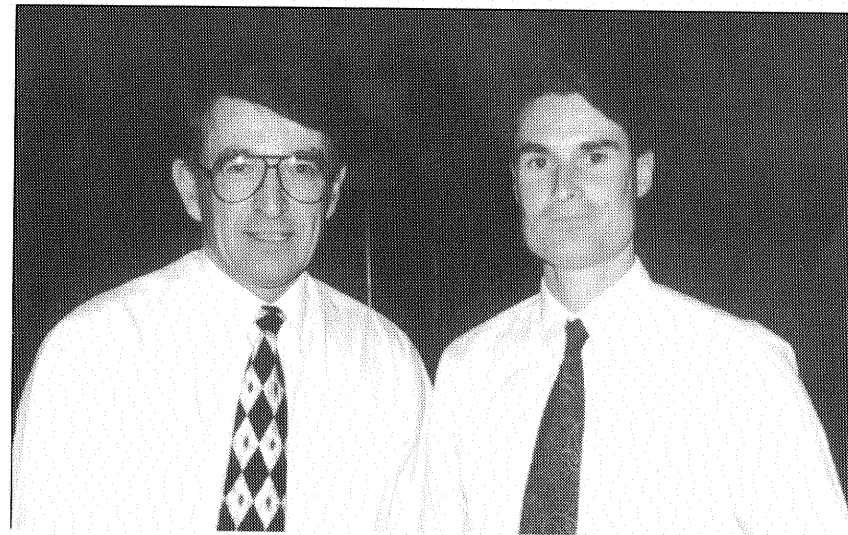


Greg Smith (Boundary), Sam Kronja (Field), Andrew Curtis (Goal)



The AMPOL Umpire of the Year pictured with Ross Benzie of AMPOL on Grand Final Day

Kevin Cox Award – Most Improved Field Umpire



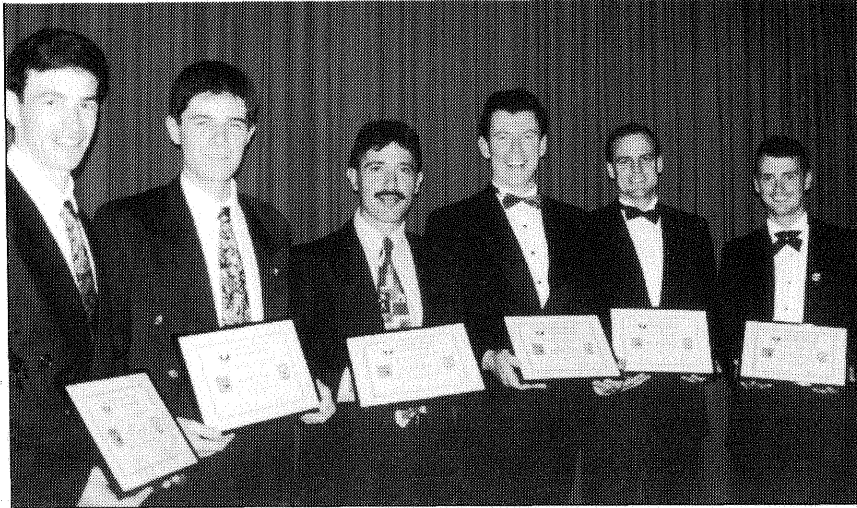
Adam Binks (R) pictured with Field Umpires Coach, John Nicholas

Exclusive Trophies Award – Most Improved Goal Umpire



John Marrapodi receiving his award from Goal Umpires Coach, Life Member, Grand Final Umpires Club Member and 200 Club Member, Gil Bishop

State Representatives
(WA v SA, Subiaco Oval, 29 June 1996)



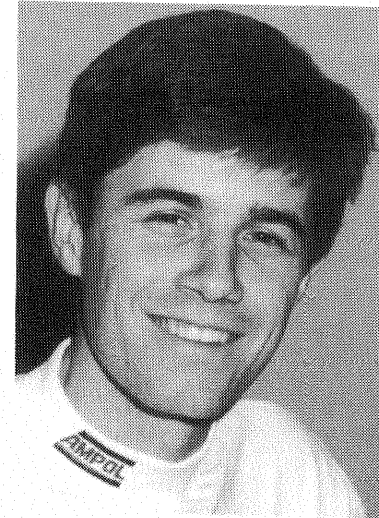
L to R: Greg Smith, Wayne French, Cos Martino, Andrew Curtis, Bernard Roberts and Trevor Garrett. The SANFL Umpire (not pictured) was Tim Pfeiffer

AFL Centenary Grand Final Parade

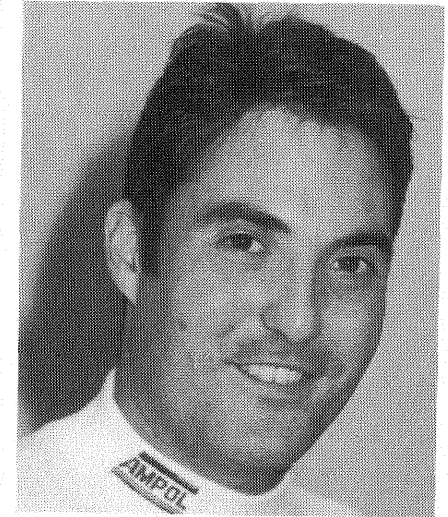


The Boundary Riders, Alan Cook, Dan Gooch and Peter McDonald

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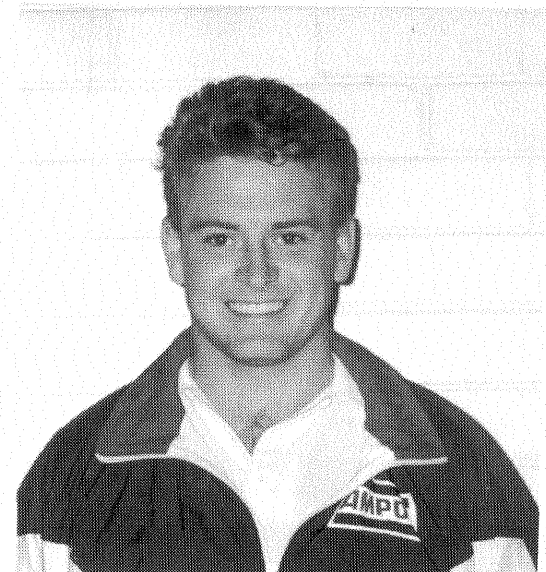


Wayne French



Sam Kronja

State Schoolboys Representative



Murray O'Dea



Back L to R: Cos Martino, Peter Repper (Emergency Field).
Front L to R: Peter Pooley (Emergency Boundary).

Sam Kronja, Wayne French, Adam Binks, Andrew Curtis
 Bernard Roberts, Greg Smith, Paul Smith (Third Scorer)

Reserves Grand Final



Back L to R: Mal Evans (Third Scorer), John Marrapodi, Cameron Dawe, Trevor Garrett, John Hauswirth

Front L to R: Robert Butler, (Emergency Field), George Pampacos, Ben Brown, Dave Mason (Emergency Boundary)

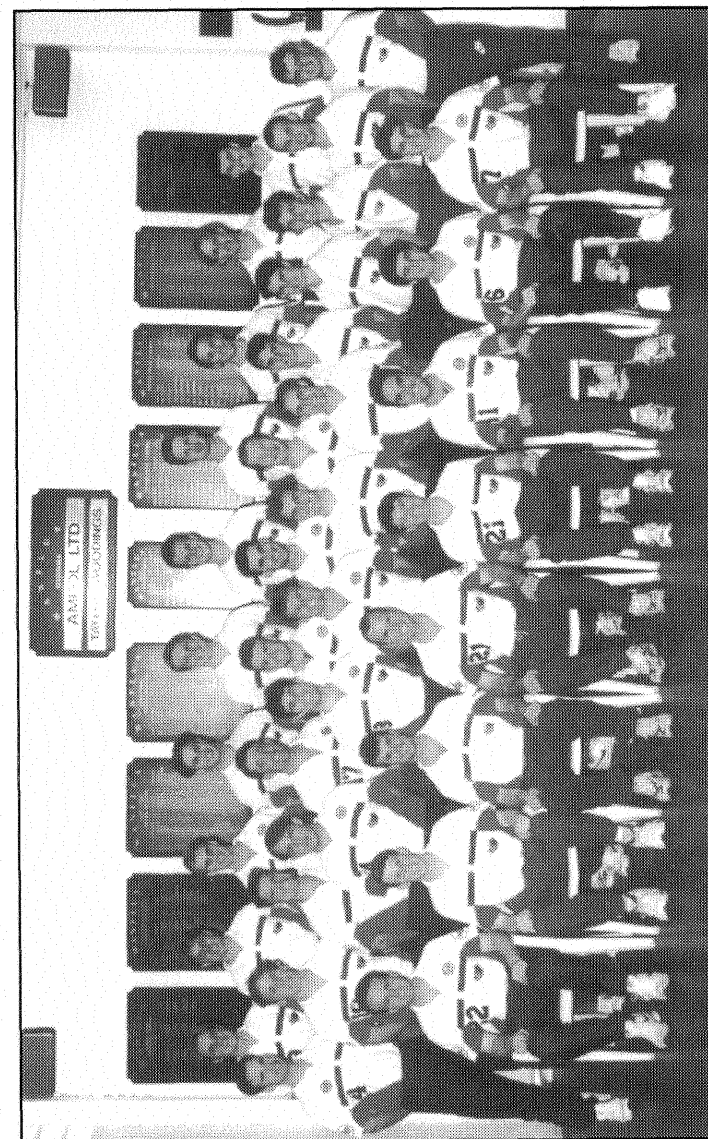
Colts Grand Final



Back L to R: Gary Arbuary, Mark Fussell, Craig Hendrie, Gary Rendell, David Shawcross (Third Scorer)

Front L to R: Todd Arbuckle (Emergency Boundary), Jamie Giles, Tony Gooch, Chris Slocombe (Emergency Field)

Field Umpire Squad 1996



Back L to R:

A. Shepherdson, N. Nicholson, C. Hendrie, C. Rossi, M. Hayes, D. Edwick, C. Howie, J. Long, G. Statham, T. Priest

Middle L to R:

D. Cole, C. Slocombe, A. Neale, G. McQueen, P. Repper, A. Capes, M. O'Dea, S. Gill, D. Starcevic, G. McIvor, C. Dawe, L. Rowega, D. Panagopolous, A. Binks, G. Levitske, R. Butler, C. Paterson

Front L to R:

B. Wallington, B. Marsh, T. Garrett, G. Seroop, G. Vernon, S. Kronja, W. French, M. Fussell

Boundary Umpire Squad 1996



Back L to R:

T. Arbuckle, D. Beale, J. Giles, T. Starcevich, D. Mason, A. Gooch, C. Hartnett, C. Thornett

Middle L to R:

P. Pooley, J. Porteous, B. Brown, M. Jones, A. Gill, S. Shenton, A. Wallis, B. Roberts, M. Boscarin, R. Lampard

Front L to R:

A. Oswald, P. Frusher, T. Gooch, D. Gooch, N. Jessup, G. Smith, G. Pampacos, T. Bergersen

Goal Umpire Squad 1996



Back L to R:

C. Binks, A. Zimarino, G. Arbuary, D. Bannister, C. Logan, G. Davis, G. Cocks, M. Evans, R. Fuentes

Middle L to R:

G. DeFrancesch, C. Shawcross, J. Houllis, R. Davis, J. Hauswirth, P. Quigley, W. Hendrie, G. Thomas, D. Grzinic

Front L to R:

R. Hart, D. Shawcross, A. Curtis, R. Hendrie, P. Jeffers, C. Martino, J. Lee, J. Marrapodi

Absent:

P. Franulovich, G. Rendall, P. Smith

Umpires Coaches 1996



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Middle L to R:
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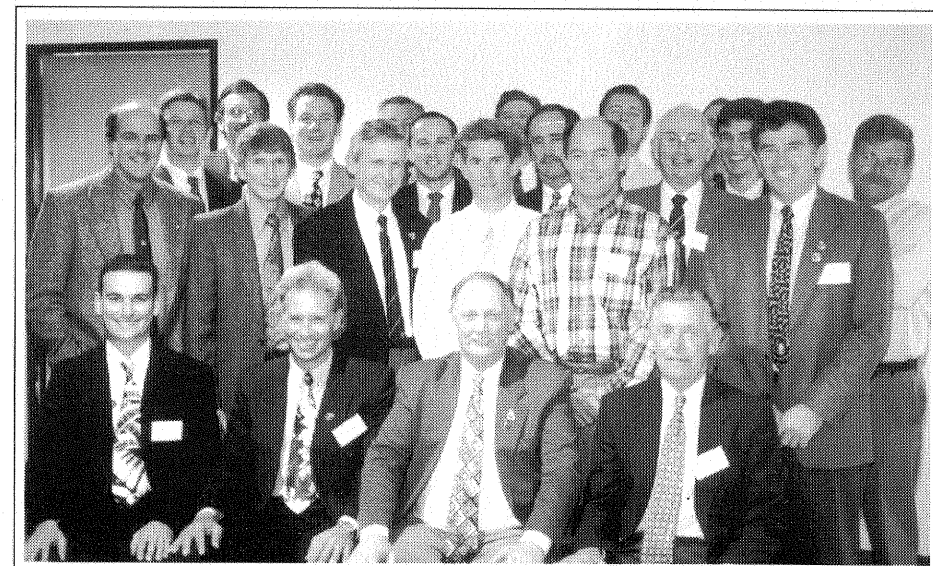
W. Jackson, G. Bishop, D. Rowe, D. Heaney
W. Cutler, M. Osborn, P. Troodle, S. Tempest, P. Neuzerling
L. Putland, J. Nicholas, D. Johnson, R. Ferguson, D. Ernst

Grand Final Umpires Club – Field



The inaugural gathering of Field Umpires

Grand Final Umpires Club – Boundary

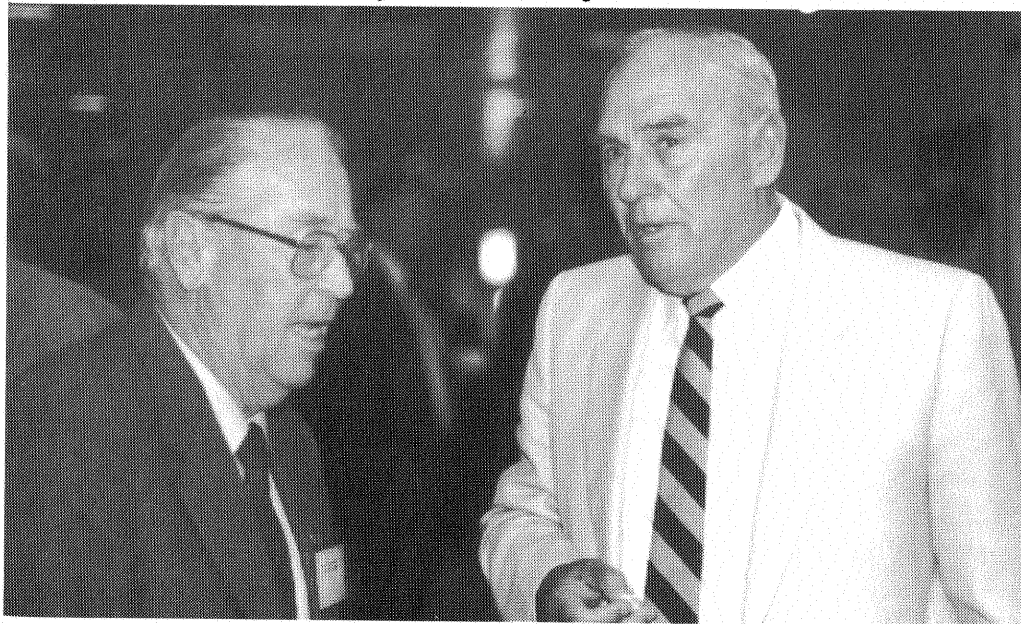


The 22 Boundary Riders who attended

Grand Final Umpires Club – Goal

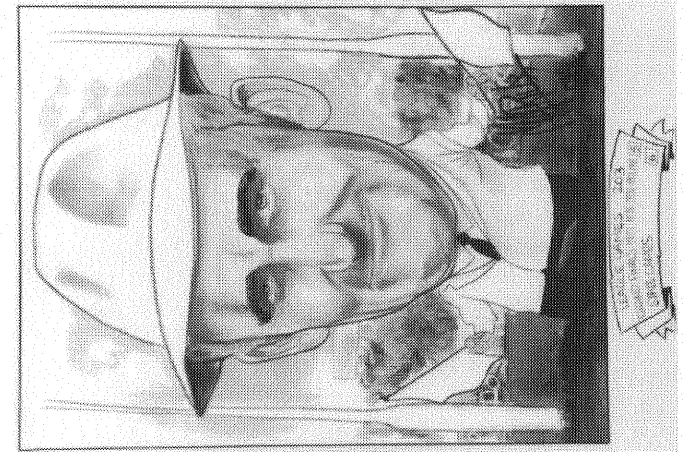


Are there any familiar faces amongst these 19 Goalies?



Frank "Smokey" Woods (Right), Grand Final Field Umpire in 1953 and 1954 pictured with Frank Pimm, Grand Final Boundary Umpire in 1955

Hall of Fame Caricatures



Roy Becker (Goal)



Dave Aslett (Boundary)



Mike Ball (Field)

WAFL/AFL Trainers 1996



L to R: Graham Maynard, Cathy Boylen, Gerry Ray and Shane Binks
Absent: Kim Doherty

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Umpiring Development Report

Regional Umpiring Managers' Program

The Regional Umpiring Managers' (RUM) Program is now in its second year and continues to service 16 country leagues within three regions of the State.

Robert Forbes (Southern Region) was appointed to carry on the good work of his predecessor Darryl Carpenter and Noel Morgan (Central Region) and Kevin Waycott (Northern Region) were reappointed for a second term.

Their role is to manage and assist umpires coaches in the development and servicing of umpiring panels in each League of their Region.

In February at the Annual Coaches Camp at Bickley, we saw the National Accreditation Scheme, Level One Umpires Advisers Certificate Course implemented for the first time, with each RUM attending and successfully completing their accreditation.

The Regional Umpiring Managers Program is vital for the development of umpiring in our country regions and the contribution of the work carried out by the RUMS this year can only enhance its success.

Country Panel

The composition of the Country Panel consisted of 16 WAFL and 3 WAAFL young and experienced umpires participating in 4 of our country leagues. Upper Great Southern, Central Midlands Coastal, Lower South West and the Eastern Districts requested our services again and match payments increased to \$110 (under 250km) and \$125 (over 250km) with corresponding Final fees of \$125 and \$160 and Grand Final fees of \$170 and \$200.

Feed back from all Country Leagues were generally very complimentary and rewards for effort and performance reflected in the Grand Final appointments of:-

Brendan Marsh and Chris Paterson to the Central Midlands Football League, Andrew Neale to the Lower South West Football League,



Jeff Petrie to the Upper Great Southern Football League and Simon Gill to the Eastern Districts Football League. Fine performances came from Nathan Nicholson, Gavin Leviatske, Murray O'Dea, Slavko Mutavdzic (WAAFL) and the flying Luke Rewega in their appointments to the lead up finals. Congratulations and well done.

Good performances throughout the year also came from Robert Butler, Steve Akker, Gavin Statham, Gregor McQueen, Glen McIvor, Peter Quigley, Doug Cornish, Michael Parkes (WAAFL) and evergreen Ray Zoch (WAAFL).

Participating in Country Football has always been a rewarding experience for any umpire seeking to develop the skills, knowledge and management aspects of their game. Your contribution to the development of country panel umpires and your cooperation throughout the season has been greatly appreciated by the Country Leagues and the West Australian Football Commission.

Best wishes for your future endeavours.

PETER TROODE
UMPIRING DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Development Squad Report

In a year of significant umpiring development at Colts level nine first year panel members officiated in matches. Several of these young umpires enjoyed successful seasons and possess the talent to progress to higher levels.

Glenn Howie and Jeff Petrie created an impact with their promotion to Reserves football whilst seventeen year old's, Andrew Shepherdson and Matt Hayes made the most of their opportunities at Colts level and warrant further exposure next season. Glenn McIvor, David Panagopolous, Jamie Long and Luke Rewega also caught the eye with some impressive performances during the year.

The NAS Level 3 was conducted in season and proved a valuable coaching tool. Learning focused on participants presenting units of the course and working where possible with Level 4 nominees. Glenn Howie, Jeff Petrie, Nathan Nicholson and Gavin Statham were successful in attaining Level 3 status and are to be congratulated on this major umpiring achievement.

Senior WAFL/AFL umpires assisted with coaching sessions throughout the season and thanks are extended to them. The expertise of these umpires will be used to a greater extent in the future.

Video analysis of match performances became a prominent coaching strategy as the season progressed and once again will be utilised more next year.

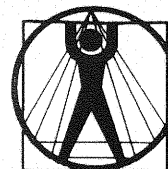


The support and guidance provided by first year Field Umpires Coach John Nicholas and Selector Max Osborn have contributed greatly to the development of the young umpires this season.

Next year promises to be an exciting time as the Development Squad umpires continue their progress towards achieving maximum performance and officiating at higher levels of football.

I look forward to my involvement with the 1997 Development Squad.

DERRICK ERNST
DEVELOPMENT SQUAD COACH



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AFL Report

Grand Final Breakthrough

Dan Gooch became the first ever West Australian to officiate in an AFL Grand Final when he stepped onto the MCG on the last Saturday in September - and what better occasion than the Centenary AFL Grand Final between North Melbourne and the Sydney Swans and a crowd of 95,000.

Dan was also the first boundary umpire from outside of Victoria to officiate in the Grand Final. At just 22 years of age, this is an outstanding achievement and surely the highlight of the AFL season for WANFLUA members.

Grant Vernon, who returned to Perth early in the season came close to joining Dan when he was appointed as Emergency Field Umpire for the Grand Final - but alas no cigar!

Greg Scroop (Field Umpire) and Peter Jeffers (Goal Umpire) must also have been pressing for selection in the Grand Final after strong performances through the season and particularly the finals series. After 10 years of trying, this year was clearly WA's best in terms of performances at AFL level.

As mentioned, 1996 was the Centenary Season for the AFL and there were many highlights for umpires from West Australia :

Three West Australians made their debuts at AFL level during 1996. Sam Kronja finally broke through and was rewarded for several years of hard work and perseverance late in the season with a debut in the St. Kilda versus Geelong match at Waverley. Andrew Curtis and Greg Smith had opportunities earlier in the season.

The AFL is increasingly competitive and congratulations are extended to those who won

selection for the first time in 1996. As always, the greater challenge is now to consolidate in the coming season.

A Centenary Dinner was conducted by the AFL for umpires who had officiated in 25 or more senior games. Several West Australians including Mike Ball and Roy Ferguson attended what was a very special event.

At an administrative level, the AFLUA continues to move forward. Grant Vernon retired as President of the AFLUA having completed a restructure of the Association management. That restructure was critical to the professional development of the Association and to our negotiating capacity for terms and conditions. It is a foundation to work from for many years to come.

As this report is being written, AFLUA representatives are close to finalising a 3 year deal with the AFL which will deliver significant increases in remuneration for AFL Umpires as well as the security of more substantial base payments for signing on - rather than being solely dependent on match payments.

West Australians should be proud that we have made such a significant contribution to the future welfare of umpires at AFL level.

1997 is a season that we should be very optimistic about. If our senior AFL umpires in all categories can continue to perform strongly and younger talent in our ranks can push through, then next year we may finally see even greater influence on the AFL scene from WA based umpires.

AFL Games by Members

The following are the number of official Expanded VFL/AFL games at which our members have officiated since 1987.

Field:	Grant Vernon	168
	Greg Scroop	73
	Trevor Garrett	50
	Mike Ball	45
	David Johnson	20
	Phil O'Reilly	6
	Sam Kronja	3
	Peter Repper	2
Boundary:	Daniel Gooch	59
	Tony Franchina	41
	Tim Gooch	39
	Nathan Jessup	39
	Phil Nolan	30
	Peter Frusher	24
	Stewart Tempest	21
	Tig Bergersen	16
	Andrew Neale	15
	Bernard Roberts	13
	Clay Shimmer	10
	Greg Smith	8
	Grahame Daniel	6
	Craig Curtis	3
	Steve Walker	3
Goal:	Dominic White	2
	Trevor Henderson	1
	Paul Smith	74
	Rob Hendrie	68
	Robin Dalby	30
	Peter Jeffers	28
	Trevor Cant	17
	Ron Poole	14
	Trevor Pescud	13
	Frank Cetinich	10
	Dean Berry	7
	Dick Stubberfield	7
	Lester Cox	6
	Andrew Curtis	4
	Terry Tomlinson	4

Life Members Trophy

Our club is not great because of things like the Life Members Trophy - our club is great because of the people who have been awarded the Life Members Trophy. The recipient in 1996 is Tim Priest.

Consider this - Tim Priest has struggled to gain election on the committee on more than 1 occasion, and 1996 was one such occasion. Yet on gaining his entry onto the committee Tim excelled and has shown us all what it means to be a member of this club.

Tim began the year by re-designing the Association tie and had a sample ready by the Rottnest camp which was unanimously considered to be of the highest quality. Since then tie sales have been very good and its quality and style second to none.

Next on the agenda was the movie night - who could forget 'Casino' starring Robert de Niro. The night was organised for 300 people by Tim.

The Hall of Fame is now considered umpiring's most prestigious prize. Tim chaired the committee to select the 1996 inductees and worked with the inductees and the artist to produce the caricatures on display in the club rooms at Ernest Johnson.

A very public display of the Association is the weekly Football Budget article. To say that the job was dodged by a number of people is an



understatement. When it needed someone to step up and take a little bit of the responsibility - Tim Priest was there.

The Association's honour boards hold pride of place in the club. Their maintenance and the development of new boards is also left in the hands of Tim Priest.

Tim is a worthy winner of the 1996 Life Members Trophy. The list below is full of people that make this club worth belonging to - and Tim Priest belongs on this list.

WANFLUA Life Members

1957	A. Chapman (dec.)	1977	B. McKenzie
1958	J. Ferguson		R. Scott
1960	L. Hurley	1978	R. Capes
	A. Gibb (dec.)		B. Collett
	H. Clair	1979	H. Symons
1962	L. Nathan (dec.)	1980	J. Devine
	E. Crisp	1981	D. Aslett
1963	R. Montgomery		J. McKay
	C. Fitzpatrick		R. Becker
1964	D. Cumming (dec.)		D. Wakenshaw
	E. Brunton	1982	R. Powell
1965	L. McComish (dec.)		M. Hale
	J. Campbell	1983	W. Brown
1966	J. Smith-Gander	1984	G. Bishop
	N. Shepherd	1985	B. Grimmond
1967	B. Moore	1986	L. Leicester
	F. Woods (dec.)	1987	R. Buckey
1968	B. Rigg		H. Jardine
1970	G. McComish	1989	T. Cant
	J. Dolling		R. Hendrie
1971	R. Whitfield		A. Mirabella
	W. Carter (dec.)	1990	M. Ball
1972	C. Hills	1991	R. Davis
	P. Pustkuchen	1993	D. Johnson
1973	R. Stubberfield		P. O'Reilly
	C. Pratt		P. Smith
1974	E. Martino	1995	W. South
	G. Meiers		N. Lewis
1976	T. Neilson		

Life Members Trophy, Previous Recipients

1977	Ross Capes	1987	Mrs. Liz Ball
1978	Lindsay Baguley	1988	Bob Davis
1979	Barry Davies	1989	Paul Smith
1980	David Rowe	1990	Trevor Cant
1981	Gil Bishop	1991	Leith Putland
1982	Barry Johnson	1992	David Johnson
1983	Les Leicester	1993	Warren South
1984	Damian Green	1994	Trevor Cant
1985	Don McComish	1995	Greg Scroop
1986	Ron Buckey	1996	Tim Priest

Eric Hood Award

The 1996 Eric Hood Award for the Most Improved Boundary Umpire was won by Tony Gooch.

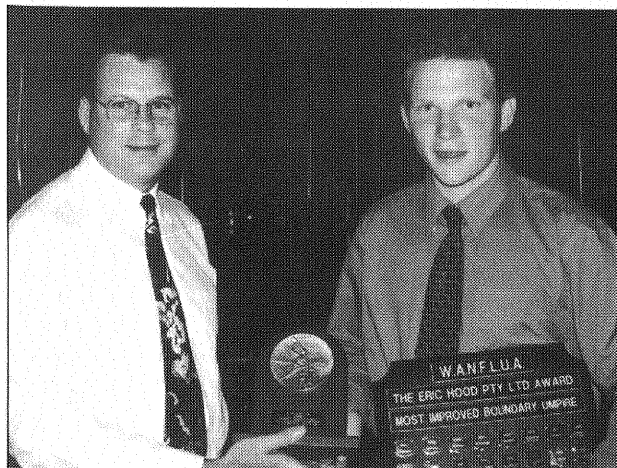
Tony joined the WAFL panel in 1995 and from all accounts enjoyed a solid, yet not flattering, year. In 1996 he has worked incredibly hard to gain respect as a boundary umpire of considerable talent. As Leith Putland puts it - 'In what can only be described as a major turnaround in all areas of his boundary umpiring skills Tony has managed to achieve his 1996 goal of umpiring league football.'

In fact Tony umpired 5 League games in 1996 since his debut in Round 14 and finished

the season in style by being appointed to the Colts Grand Final, a significant step forward in only his second year as a boundary umpire.

Tony Gooch now has two things going for him - he is a member of an umpiring family that is surely redefining the sport of boundary umpiring and he is on the list of Eric Hood winners. And when we look down that list it conjures up images of our very best boundary umpires. It is also the past, present and future of AFL boundary umpiring in Western Australia.

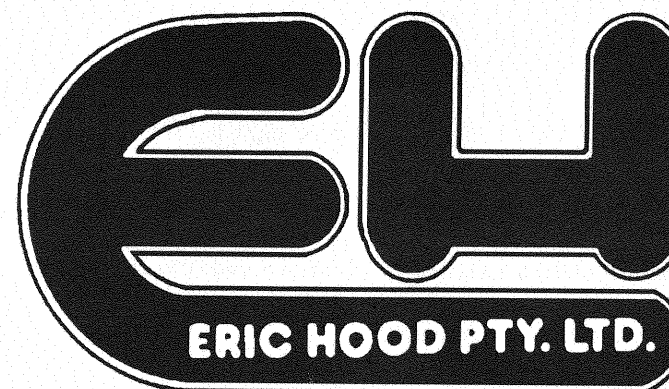
The Eric Hood company joins in with the WANFLUA in congratulating 'Moose' on his achievements in 1996 and look forward to a continuation of this success in the years ahead.



Previous Eric Hood Award Recipients

1981	Stewart Tempest	1989	Andrew Neale
1982	Mark Power & Darryl White	1990	Tony Franchina
1983	Dominic White	1991	Michael Thomas
1984	Steve Timmings	1992	Matt Reed
1985	Dave Metcalfe	1993	Nathan Jessup
1986	Bernard Roberts & Greg Taylor	1994	George Pampacos
1987	Tig Bergersen	1995	Ben Brown
1988	Dave Roberts & Richard Hooker	1996	Tony Gooch

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Hall of Fame

The 1995 year saw the introduction of an award that is now one of the most prestigious umpiring trophies - the Western Australian National Football League Umpires Association 'Hall of Fame'.

The idea of an umpiring Hall of Fame was initiated by the President of the Umpires Association, Greg Scroop, and was subsequently endorsed by the 1995 Management Committee. In keeping with the prestigious nature of the award, only one umpire from each umpiring discipline was selected in 1996.

The 1996 Hall of Fame subcommittee consisted of Tim Priest (chairman), John Hauswirth, Dan Gooch and Brett Wallington. In presenting names to the Management Committee, the subcommittee was guided by two criteria:

1. Candidates need to have been retired from umpiring.
2. Candidates need to have demonstrated outstanding achievement as an umpire during their careers.

Once researched, the subcommittee selected four former umpires from each discipline. After much deliberation the subcommittee then put forward its recommendations to the Management Committee for a final decision.

Joining the 6 inaugural inductees from 1995, this year we have Mike Ball (Field Umpire), David Aslett (Boundary Umpire) and Roy Becker (Goal Umpire). Each inductee was presented with his caricature at the 'Hall of Fame' night held at Ernest Johnson.

Mike, David and Roy are all widely accepted as worthy inductees to the Hall of Fame. Together with the 6 foundation Hall of Famers, their caricatures will forever hang on the clubroom walls as an acknowledgment amongst Association members of their excellence in umpiring.

The WANFLUA congratulates Mike Ball, David Aslett and Roy Becker - Hall of Fame 1996.

Hall of Fame Inductees

1995	R. Montgomery	1996	M. Ball
	R. Capes		D. Aslett
	J. Devine		R. Becker
	D. Wakenshaw		
	M. Hale		
	T. Cant		

1996 Hall of Fame Inductees



Mike Ball, Roy Becker and David Aslett pictured in the Hall of Fame being watched over by some very illustrious company

Grand Final Umpires Since 1953

Year	Field	Boundary	Goal
1953	F. (Smokey) Woods	W. Edgar T. Reeves	J. Duckwood E. Crisp
1954	F. (Smokey) Woods	R. Colby W. Shortill	J. Clayton H. Clair
1955	J. Green	J. Dolling F. Pimm	M. Rose W. Carter
1956	L. Gardner	R. Colby W. Shortill	M. Rose W. Carter
1957	C. Fitzpatrick	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1958	L. Gardner	R. Hall R. Whitfield	M. Rose W. Carter
1959	R. Montgomery	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1960	L. Gardner	R. Hall D. Skipworth	M. Rose W. Carter
1961	L. Gardner	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1962	B. Feld	D. de Gruchy B. Bidstrup	M. Rose W. Carter
1963	R. Scott	B. Bidstrup F. Naylor	M. Rose W. Carter
1964	R. Montgomery	B. Carbon K. Hart	M. Rose W. Carter
1965	F. Woods	D. Hansen T. Lewis	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1966	R. Montgomery	K. Hart D. de Gruchy	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1967	R. Scott	A. Hocking P. Snow	R. Parkhouse P. Pustkuchen
1968	R. Scott	J. Devine P. Bruce	J. Dolling R. (Dick) Montgomery
1969	R. Montgomery	P. Bruce J. Devine	J. Dolling L. Bromley
1970	R. Montgomery	D. Clair C. Feutrill	W. Carter G. Hall
1971	L. Johnston	P. Bruce J. Devine	R. Hartland B. Collett
1972	J. Fuhrmann	P. Bruce J. Devine	D. Allen M. Hale
1973	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw G. Tipping	J. McKay R. Hartland
1974	R. Capes	J. Devine G. Tipping	B. Collett B. Haigh
1975	R. Capes	D. Wakenshaw P. Cunningham	B. Haigh J. McKay
1976	R. Capes R. Powell	D. Wakenshaw D. Aslett	B. Collett J. McKay

Grand Final Umpires Since 1953 (cont.)

Year	Field	Boundary	Goal
1977	R. Capes R. Powell	D. Wakenshaw D. Aslett	R. Becker J. McKay
1978	R. Buckey R. Capes	R. Dalby D. Aslett	R. Becker B. Haigh
1979	R. Capes J. Morris	J. Devine G. McDonald	B. Haigh R. Lee
1980	J. Morris R. Phillips	J. Devine G. Daniel	R. Becker M. Hale
1981	R. Capes R. Powell	J. Devine D. Aslett	T. Cant C. Raynor
1982	R. Phillips D. Gillies	G. Woodhouse D. Davis	R. Becker L. Leicester
1983	M. Ball D. Rowe	D. Ross G. McDonald	M. Hale L. Leicester
1984	D. Johnson M. Ball	G. McDonald C. Shimmer	R. Dalby N. Lewis
1985	D. Johnson P. O'Reilly	C. Shimmer G. McDonald	R. Dalby R. Becker
1986	M. Ball K. O'Driscoll	C. Shimmer S. Tempest	T. Cant L. Cox
1987	P. O'Reilly G. Vernon	C. Shimmer P. Nolan	R. Dalby P. Smith
1988	P. O'Reilly D. Johnson	P. Nolan S. Tempest	R. Stubberfield R. Poole
1989	M. Ball D. Johnson	G. Daniel P. Frusher	R. Hendrie R. Poole
1990	P. O'Reilly G. Vernon	P. Frusher P. Nolan	R. Hendrie R. Dalby
1991	G. Vernon T. Garrett	P. Frusher G. Bergersen	P. Smith R. Hendrie
1992	T. Garrett G. Scroop	A. Neale T. Franchina	P. Smith R. Hendrie
1993	S. Kronja G. Scroop	T. Franchina D. Gooch	G. Bishop J. Hauswirth
1994	G. Scroop S. Kronja	B. Roberts D. Gooch	T. Pescud P. Smith
1995	T. Garrett S. Kronja	T. Gooch N. Jessup	R. Hendrie P. Jeffers
1996	D. Starcevich S. Kronja W. French A. Binks	B. Roberts G. Smith	A. Curtis C. Martino

Taylor Woodings Sponsorship

The committee of the WANFLUA and Taylor Woodings continued their sponsorship agreement during 1996. For the benefit of new members of the WANFLUA we have outlined details of the agreement below.

Taylor Woodings has met the cost of developing and providing the training uniform jumpers for the 1996 season. All umpires were provided with one jumper, 1 T shirt and 1 pair of running shorts at a cost to Taylor Woodings of \$7215. In addition, Taylor Woodings was to provide \$1000 to the WANFLUA on presentation of the uniforms for the running of the WANFLUA in 1996. Over and above this initial sponsorship a cash incentive structure was put in place as follows:

- \$250 to the WANFLUA on \$10000 in fees received by Taylor Woodings as a result of referrals by members, relatives, friends or acquaintances of the WANFLUA prior to the completion of the 1996 football season;
- \$500 on receipt of a further \$10000 in fees;
- \$750 on receipt of a further \$10000 in fees;
- \$1000 on receipt of a further \$10000 in fees;

At the time of writing of this report, the Umpires Association had received a total sponsorship of \$8215 for the 1996 season.

In return the Umpires Association agreed to:

- adopt the Taylor Woodings uniform as the official and compulsorily worn uniform of the members of the WANFLUA at training in 1996;
- provide a forum for Taylor Woodings to launch their sponsorship;
- promote Taylor Woodings services on presentation of the training uniform;
- provide Taylor Woodings with the name, address, age, telephone number and occupation of all members of the WANFLUA, including Life Members for inclusion by Taylor Woodings on client mailing lists, seminar and function invitation lists and to expand the Taylor Woodings client base network;
- grant first option to Taylor Woodings to acquire exclusive naming rights to the WANFLUA training uniform in 1997 and if the option is taken up, a further option be granted by the WANFLUA to Taylor Woodings for 1998;
- through the President, make members aware



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of the cash incentives the WANFLUA receives if the members support Taylor Woodings financially.

Taylor Woodings hopes that the progress made with the WANFLUA in 1996 can be continued in 1997 and beyond. It requires all members to be aware of what Taylor Woodings can provide and how Taylor Woodings can be of benefit to them as a member of this Association.

Taylor Woodings now has some 25 clients in the Financial Services area who are either umpires, relatives or associates.

The growth in Financial Planning Services has been steady and we are always ready to assist the WANFLUA members.

The main Financial Services used by umpires have been savings plans. Superannuation advice, mortgage reduction programs and risk protection.

We commend several umpires for their assistance in referring new clients to our firm in 1996.

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We wish all WANFLUA members a safe and happy break from scheduled training and best wishes for the 1997 season.



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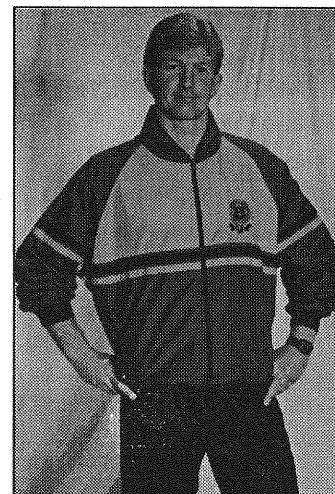
Ray Montgomery	308
Mike Ball	301
Ross Capes	275
Grant Vernon	267
Ron Buckey	238
Ray Whitfield	*235 (Includes 57 Boundary)
Trevor Garrett	222
David Johnson	218
Bob Phillips	213
Phil O'Reilly	207
Ron Powell	201

Boundary:

John Devine	247
Charlie Pratt	236
Greg McDonald	216
Dave Aslett	203
Peter Frusher	200

Goal:

Trevor Cant	284
Max Hale	274
Robin Dalby	*267 (Includes 89 Boundary)
Paul Smith	251
Bill Carter (dec.)	212
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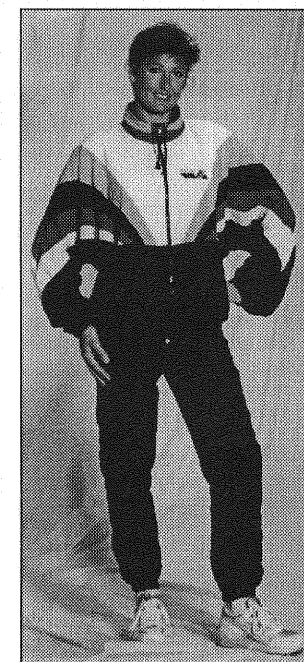
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First Semi Final:	Field	Boundary	Goal
West Perth v East Frem	Peter Repper	George Pampacos	Andrew Curtis
	Sam Kronja	Greg Smith	Garry Thomas
	Trevor Garrett		
Second Semi Final:	Field	Boundary	Goal
Claremont v East Perth	Cameron Dawe	Bernard Roberts	John Hauswirth
	Adam Binks	Tig Bergersen	Cos Martino
	Darren Starceovich		
Preliminary Final:	Field	Boundary	Goal
Claremont v East Frem	Sam Kronja	Ben Brown	Paul Smith
	Wayne French	Peter Pooley	Andrew Curtis
	Adam Binks		

First League Games in 1996

Field:	Chris Slocombe
	Mark Fussell
	Craig Hendrie
Boundary:	Troy Starceovich
	Jamie Giles
	Andrew Gill
	Tony Gooch
Goal:	Grant Cocks
	Chris Binks
	Graeme Davis
	Colin Shawcross
	Gary Rendall

First AFL Games in 1996

Field:	Sam Kronja
Boundary:	Greg Smith
Goal:	Andrew Curtis

AFL Milestones in 1996

50 Games:	Dan Gooch
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Buy – a – Brick Campaign

The Buy-a-Brick campaign continued on in 1996 with ongoing support from many of last year's sponsors coupled with a steady flow of support from new sponsors. It was pleasing to hear from businesses who had directly benefited during the inaugural year and were keen to continue their sponsorship into 1996.

The wall of sponsors logos is now looking quite impressive and is a great addition to the clubroom facilities at Ernest Johnson. Having shared the facility with the WA Commonwealth Bank Cup and State Schoolboys teams as well as the South Perth Junior Football Club has ensured a wide exposure of the bricks throughout the season.

Of course the overall success of the campaign depends greatly on the patronage of these businesses by members of our club whenever possible. In light of this, the club thanks those members who have made use of our sponsors during 1996.

The businesses involved in the Buy-a-Brick campaign for season 1996 were as follows :

Metro Spraypainting (Greg Scroop)
In Focus Optical (Geoff Ferguson)
City Physiotherapy (Tony Chamberlain)
Banksia Kitchens (David Johnson)
Runners World (Bob Baird)
Bedford Picture Framers (Craig Chandler)
Hay Street Chiropractic (Richard McMinn)
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Tony Barlow Suit Hire (Paul Rafferty)
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Brittons Formal Wear (Paul Mountain)
Town and Country Bank
Swanview General Practise (Dr Colin Hughes)
Ilbery Barblett Solicitors (Anthony Niardone)

Obituary – Fred Woods

Woods was leading umpire and TV doyen

Former WA football umpire and commentator Fred Woods, 69, died in his sleep on Friday night.

Woods umpired between 1950 and 1965 officiating in a Grand Final and State games but is probably best remembered as 'The Judge' on Channel 7's World of Football in the late 1960's and 1970's.

His outspoken views were the mainstay of a show that ran for more than a decade and turned former champion players Frank Sparrow, Percy Johnson, Steve Marsh, Mick Cronin and Marty McDonnell into household names.

Woods always took the side of the umpires and became the man everyone loved to hate.

But he did speak with authority. He was widely regarded as one of the state's best officials. In his final season, 1965, he was rewarded for his services to the game by officiating at the 1965 grand final.

He also became the first West Australian to umpire an interstate match between Victoria and South Australia in 1965. He was made a Life Member of the WANFLUA in 1967.

McDonnell, who coached South Fremantle from 1960-1963, said yesterday that Woods was one of the most respected men in the game. 'He was also a great personality and was enormous value as a TV presenter and radio commentator,' McDonnell said.

After football Woods turned his interest to trotting and lawn bowls. He was a member of the Osborne Park Bowling Club for 30 years and was its President between 1991-1993. During his time at the helm, he was one of the driving forces behind the clubs massive extensions and improved on field performance.

His association with WA trotting was almost as long - as an owner with the successful Trevor Warwick stable. His last horse was 4 year old Riwaka Vance which won at Pinjarra last Monday. Woods and co-owner Cam McNab were at the track to see the horse race. Riwaka Vance has won 15 races and was Woods' most successful pacer.

Woods, who will be cremated at Karrakatta on Wednesday, leaves a widow Natalie and 3 children Greg, Jennifer and Deborah.

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