

The Blue in the Race

Former North Melbourne and VFL chairman Allen Aylett, who along with teammate Albert Mantello was amongst the earliest on the scene of the dust-up was special guest speaker at the Geelong Past Players and Officials Association half-time function. Roo's of 1964 including Mantello, Barry Cheatley, Ken Dean, Tom Allison, Daryl O'Brien and Bernie McCarthy attended alongside Cats, including skipper Fred Wooller, Doug Wade and Hugh Routley. Central proponents Killgrew and Rosenow are both deceased.

An Ode to Footbrawl.

It seems that the coach got a push in the face,
And that's how it started "the blue in the race".
Just what really happened- we're still in the dark,
But someone come out with a nasty remark.
Then players were brawling all over the place,
Three cheers for the sports and the blue in the race.

A little while later a coach staggered forth,
And yelled with excitement, "I'm bleeding for North".
His nose - it was flattened all over his face,
Another result of "the blue in the race".
The tempo grew quicker, and the action grew faster,
And someone got hit by a hand wrapped in plaster.

There's many a man who has fallen from grace,
For having a lash in "the blue in the race".
A boxing promoter who witnessed the brawl,
Is trying to sign them for Festival Hall.
It seems to be certain they'll keep up the pace,
The footwork was good in "the blue in the race".

A Social Club member was given a wash,
His peace-making efforts were washed down with squash,
He went like a rocket returning to base,
He wanted no more the "the blue in the race".
The news that was broadcast on Saturday night,
By all footy experts their faces were white.

And even the Beatles received second place,
It sure made the headlines, "the blue in the race".
On most of the panels they very near cried,
And poor Tony Charlton - he's so mortified.
He thinks their conduct's an utter disgrace,
A slur on our country - "the blue in the race".

They say the culprits are losing their sting,
And if they should try them, they'll probably "swing".
It's only in soccer a brawls no disgrace,
It's so un- Australian "the blue in the race".
The President said, "It was never quite dull sir",
And went off to bed with another new ulcer.

The pressure is on and I can't stand the pace,
I'd like to forget "the blue in the race".
That is the tale of the coach and the players.
A bigger affair than the war in Malaya.
So tune to your channel, same time and same place,
They'll all keep it up till they're "BLUE IN THE FACE".



Brain Drain

Back again after a little break - Some tricky ones here! Read the clues carefully - the answers are in the clues!!

Seek and you shall find

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Sports car that's quick and expensive

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A hunting we will go

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Silverware of a high quality

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Hopalong's brother

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Potential foreman material

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Up in the clouds

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A hunting bird

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Let's clean the fish

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Robin Hoods trusty weapon

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Your Score: (10) -You are a genius (7-9) - Sharp as a Tack (4-6) - You're slowing down (1-3) - Time to give up the grog (0) - What can we Say?



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Mid Year Newsletter 2014

Presidents Report

With the early part of the season leading up to the bye having been completed, the on- field signs look promising for the Cats again this year, although the coaching staff are expecting greater efforts in ensuing weeks.

As far as the Past Players & Officials club is concerned, it has been pleasing to see decent attendances at home games held so far, although I must admit to disappointment at the first Thursday night fixture. I heard too many reasons for non-attendance from many and varied quarters, coming to the conclusion that Thursday night for us at Geelong is a fizzer. Additionally, the jury is still out for me on night games in the middle of winter, but I suppose I'm speaking on behalf of our older membershipcertainly some of them struggle to make it to the games and the alternative, a cosy fireside viewing at home, commands appeal.

We recently co-operated with "Honouring the Past" committee of the football Club and Alzheimers Victoria to finance the publishing of a football book for distribution to Retirement villages, Nursing homes, etc ,in and around Geelong. Its purpose is to try and help refresh the memories of those people suffering from dementia by virtue of their former interest in football and I this case their interest in the fortunes of the Geelong Football Club.It is a first for any sporting club to be involved in this endeavour.

The board has decided to set up a Past Players & Officials Club website and a sub-committee comprising Ray Card,Mark Yeates and myself are to attend to these details.We have the assistance of former player Marty Christensen who is an IT specialist at Victoria University. We hope to have it up and running later on this year. We would appreciate those members who have not yet submitted their e-mail addresses to do so and send it to secretary Peter Menzies.

Our treasurer Eric Nicholls recently spent a few weeks at the Gold Coast and met up with a number of former Cat identities who now call Queensland home. They included Tony Polinelli, Bill Ryan, Michael Woolnough, David Hinchliffe, Bob Gazzard, Rod Olsson and former Head Trainer Barry Finn. These guys all meet monthly at a combined expat lunch at Surfers Paradise .

Vice President Ray Card has suggested that we have a Past Players & Officials race day at the Geelong track at a date still to be decided in the near future.

So, those people interested in "The Sport of Kings" then, please, watch this space.....more information will follow.

An early reminder to all those golfing enthusiasts. Our annual Golf day is on once again at Barwon Heads Golf Club on Friday October 24 with a Shotgun start at 8.30 am. I invited Brett Ogle to be our guest speaker for the day but he had to decline due to a previous engagement. We hope to have an equally interesting golf personality to give us some of the finer points of this noble and equally frustrating game.

Having previously welcomed Kardinia Picture Framing and Associated Cold Tread Tyres as our major sponsors,I now have pleasure in welcoming former player Simon Sutterby who heads Geelong Financial Group as our third major sponsor.For any financial needs Simon is your man.

Sadly we wish to report the passing of two former players Alan Woodman and Peter Ruskuklic.Our condolences to their families

Brian Brushfield
President

Night Footy has arrived in Geelong



View from the Past Players stand



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Bowls Report

The Past Players entered three sides in the Combined AFL Bowls day with all sides very competitive. The four skippered by Frank Pomeroy and including Bruce Peake, Bill Dalziel and Brian Lever lost the Shield on the last bowl of the day beaten by Footscray.



Vale

Joy Foster. Wife of Former President Roy.
Bill Icke. 14 Games 1 Goal First game 1946.
Alan Woodman. 58 Games 2 Goals First game 1976
Peter Ruscuklic. 4 Games 1 Goal First game 1977.

Reminiscence Book Launch.

A new Geelong Cats Book with the simplest of formulas aims to make a profound difference for some of the club's longest serving supporters.

The Cat's Honouring the Past Management Committee and the Past Players and Officials Association combined to produce the book with the support and advice of Alzheimer's Australia.

Speakers at the launch included Sharron Dickman, Coordinator Honouring the Past, Brian Cook, Geelong Football Club CEO, Bob Gartland, Chair, Honouring the Past Management Committee, Dr Hugh Seward, Geelong Football Club Board, Brian Brushfield, President, Geelong Past Players & Officials Association and Lyn Allison, Board Member, Alzheimer's Australia.



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