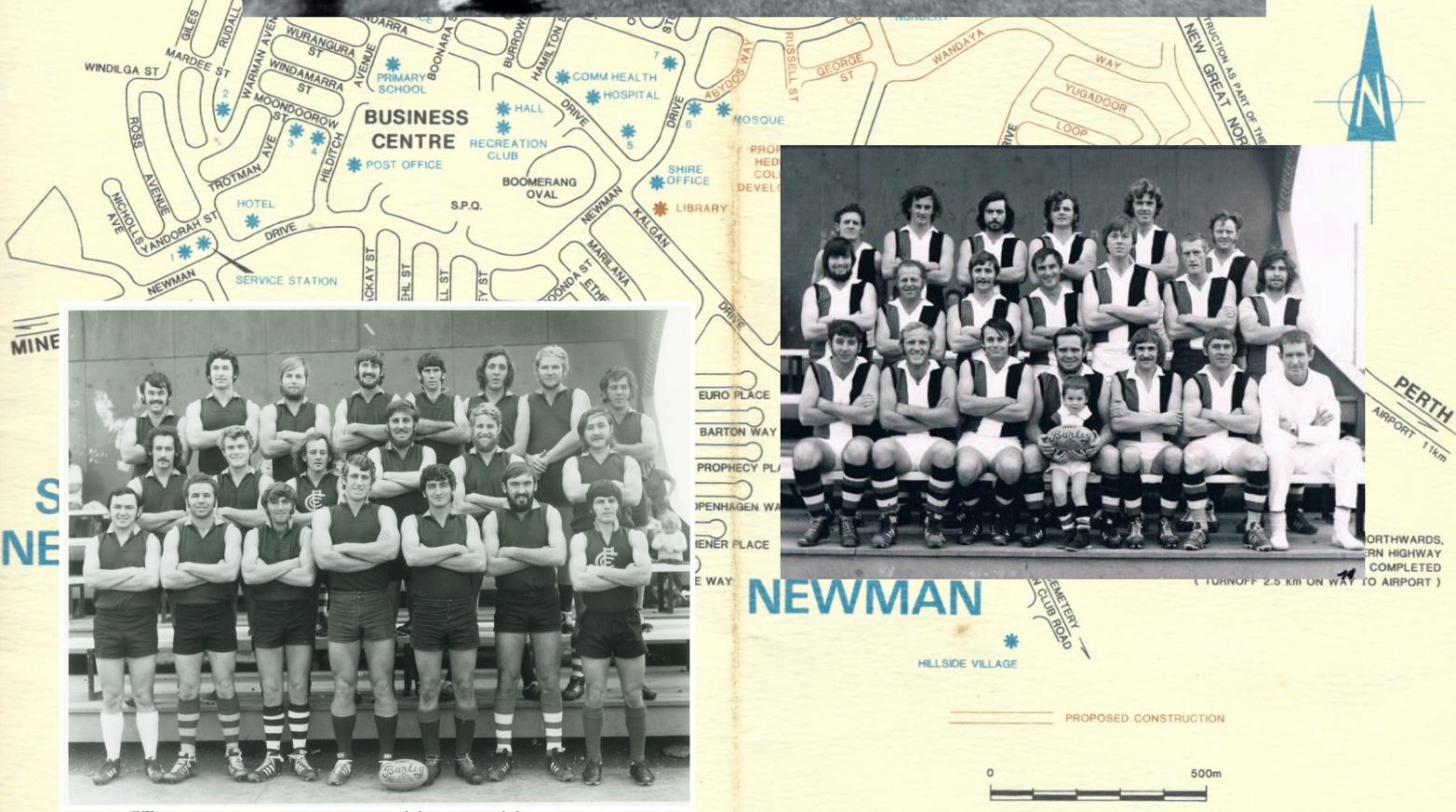
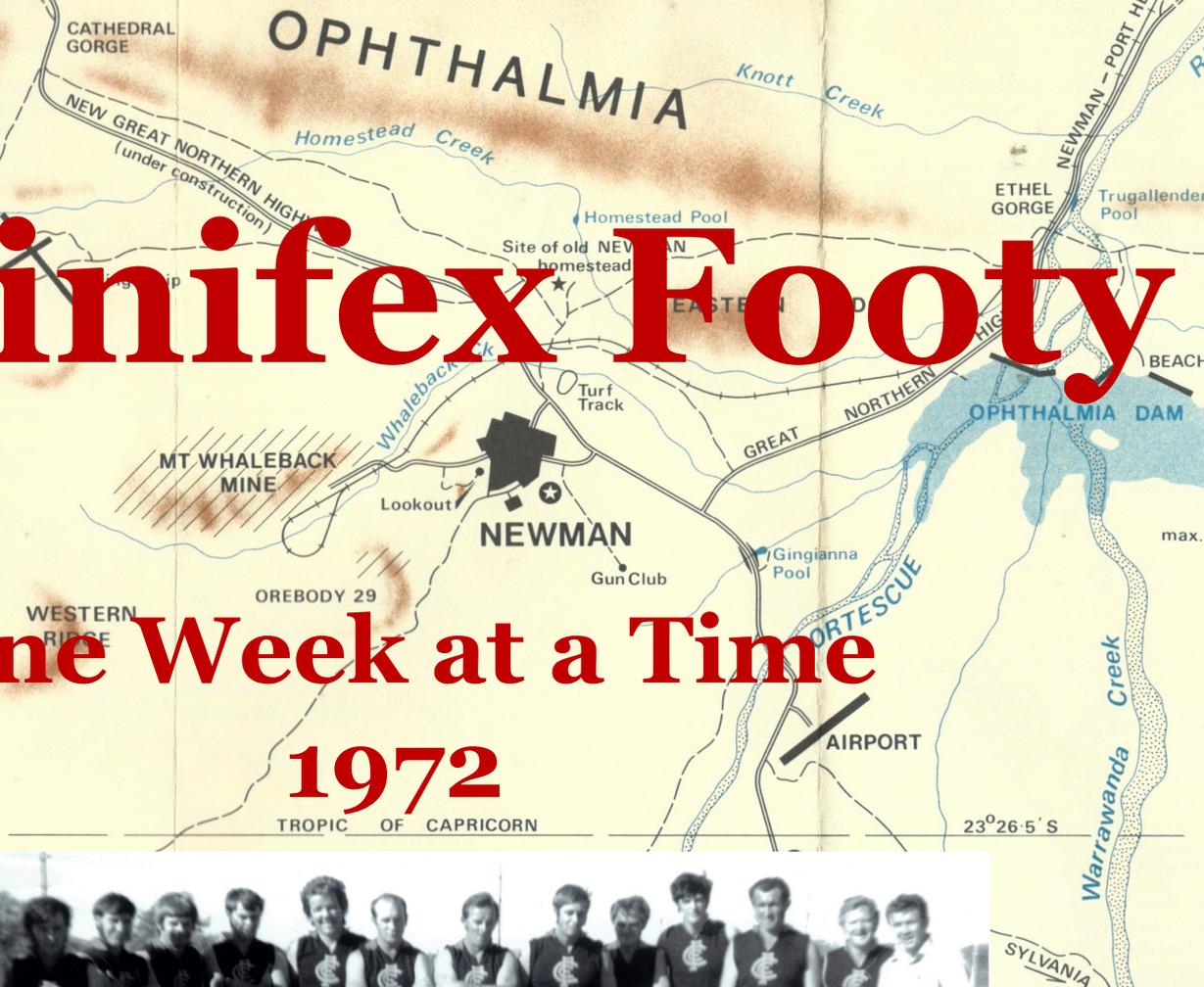


Spinifex Footy

One Week at a Time

1972



Whaleback is the deepest depression in the Hamersley Range, which runs east-south-east for more than 500 metres. The range contains vast quantities of iron-bearing material, estimated 33 000 million tonnes of which more than 10 per cent Fe.

Province includes the Hamersley and Ophthalmia Ranges which are formed mainly by the Brockman Iron Formation—a metre thick layer of banded iron formation (laminated rock consisting of alternating layers of hematite and chert). An older formation, some 150 metres thick, also occurs in the range, the Marra Mamba Iron Formation. This usually has poor iron content and is seen as low, rounded hills paralleling the range. The Mt. Newman Mining Co. produces iron ore from both the Brockman and Marra Mamba formations—Brockman ore at Mt. Whaleback and Marra Mamba ore at Oreboddy 29.

Brockman Iron Formation is much harder than the surrounding rocks and erosion of these softer rocks over millions of years has resulted in the spectacular hills and gorges of the Hamersley Range. The Marra Mamba Iron Formation is much softer and has been eroded into rounded hills and gorges.

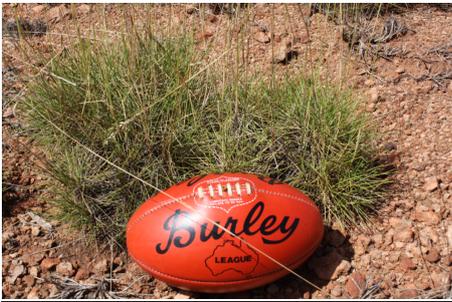
In many places, particularly towards the south of the range, the 3 000 million-year-old formations have been distorted into complex folds, then partly eroded to leave scattered residual iron formations throughout the province usually have a iron content to 35 per cent iron content. In Mt. Whaleback, one of the best examples of enrichment of Brockman iron formation, the ore zone consists of high grade hematite averaging up to 69 per cent Fe, but it also includes a number of interbedded shale bands which reduce the orebody's iron grade to around 63.5 per cent Fe. On Mt. Whaleback iron has been formed by the replacement of silica and gangue minerals by secondary hematite. In some localities, the more common hematite-goethite bodies, the more common hematite-goethite bodies, since are seen where the gangue minerals are replaced by brown or yellow goethite.

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Spinifex Footy

W1: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

*“It was 45 years ago today,
Captain Pilbara taught the boys to play,
They've been going in and out of style, But they're guaranteed to raise a smile.
So may I introduce to you, The act you've forgotten for all these years,
Captain Pilbara's boney Old Farts Band “
[Sgt Peppers Lonely Hearts Band - Beatles 1967]*

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records

Originally it was a look backwards from 20 years in the future.
Who would have thought we could be looking back 45 years ?
Coincidentally the exact dates & days in 2017 as 1972 !



Sgt Pilbara's "boney old farts band" 1972

Game 1

Saturday 6th May 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 6.5.72
 DRAW: TIGERS v's SAINTS
 UMPIRE: TERRY ARAM.

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
TIGERS	3.3	6.5	10.5	15.8	98
SAINTS	1.0	1.1	2.3	3.3	21

RESULT: TIGERS 15.8 DEFEATED: SAINTS 3.3

BEST PLAYERS: TIGERS : J. ARAM. W. KOWALCZUK. T. SMITH. K. BRALICH
SAINTS : K. SHANAHAN. M. ROZAK. J. KIRKLAND. G. TAPP.

GOAL KICKERS: TIGERS : W. KOWALCZUK (9) C. BROWNBRICK (3) J. ARAM (2) A. COX (1)
SAINTS : K. SHANAHAN. M. ROZAK. D. WORTHINGTON. (1)
G. HOFFMAN

PREMIERSHIP TABLE

TEAM	WINS	POINTS
TIGERS	1	4
SAINTS	0	0
CENTRALS	0	0

LEADING GOALKICKERS

NAME	GOALS
W. KOWALCZUK	9
C. BROWNBRICK	3
J. ARAM.	2

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: SAINTS v's CENTRALS

*Scribbled in my own handwriting;
 on a template made up hastily by the girls in MNM administration.*

Footy - Promoting “our” Game.

Our plan was to have game results reported on the recently established Newman TV station to promote “our” game. Australian born residents were <25% of the Newman population and for some of us; we had rarely seen a game of soccer / rugby and certainly hadn't lived as a minority in a mixed community dominated by Poms (English, Scots, Welsh & Irish) & Kiwis (New Zealanders, Thursday & Pacific Islanders) - note; no discrimination within the groups - I know, I know; they “*protesteth too much*”, but Gough hadn't yet imposed the terms “*multicultural*”, “*politically correct*” or other “*left-wing dogma*”. It was probably the first time many of “us” had been confronted by strange winter sports that didn't look anything like “Footy” - as we knew it!

We had raw *competitive tension* with the “other code” (soccer), many of the senior staff of MNM hadn't even seen a game of Aussie Rules and “they” (particularly *Trevor Douglass* in PR and others in Township) weren't going to make it easy for “us”. Access to the **Boomerang Oval** and timing of games and training was *achieved by bravado*. I still have a wry smile when I remember brothers *Ray & Greg Williams*, the “*Chests*” storming across the **Boomerang Oval** to advise the soccer guys “*where they should put their goals*” after a forced changeover in display games on **Anzac Day '72**. Actually “we” put them up rather than tearing them down. Our “footy” boys didn't wait for an answer and provided the “*grunt*” to move them. *Patto's* mosquito fleet; *Butch, Hoffy* & co. were the main support, adding some “*flavour*” to the bravado. The irony was that our soccer adversaries; *John Tandy & Phil Jones* became staunch supporters and officials of the NNFL later in the '70's.

I presume most remember that the Boomerang Oval was named after the Grandstand (with Boomerang styled sides & aboriginal motifs) which was the official stand used for the mines' opening ceremony in 1970, then moved into the designated site for the town oval.

The Winners - Footy Results on TV:

We didn't have a system or history of record keeping and some entries were ad hoc. Scoring was obviously new and contentious; goal keeper records vs. sidelines notes required some changes before publishing. The weekly scorecards were hardly pristine publications for TV; but this first one was a *wonderful record of the inaugural NNFA game*.

The TV station only broadcast tapes i.e. no live programs and was only operating in the waking hours. At dinner-time the operator, who lived next door to the studio would show a “bland” test pattern. We thought it was a great time to replace this test pattern with our weekly score sheet. So; mounted on a clipboard in front of the camera - this weekly record was our version of “*The Winners*” on Newman TV.

The shabby presentation of the scorecards was because we had to rush the results up to the TV station after the game (about 5pm) to be shown during their dinner break (somewhere between 5 to 7pm). The rush was on because we also had the added distraction of the *after-match get-together* at the **Walkabout Hotel** (*that's another story*). The operator would leave the TV camera sound ON during this interval and anybody who tuned in to Newman TV could hear very clearly; his family dinner conversations in the operators house next door to the Studio.

The Duty Team:

Centrals had the *inaugural* bye as the “*Duty Team*” and the plan was to: provide umpires, central, boundary & goal. **Andie Tonich** started the *inaugural* kiosk with a trestle table with an awning next to the **Boomerang Grandstand**. The kiosk became a feature for each duty team. All proceeds went to the NNFA to cover match footys and game-day expenditure. I think fundraising for each club came much later - (*another story* - “*Tribalism*”)

Zoning & Who's - Who:

The initial team Zoning was:

- Hill: TIGERS
- Workshops: SAINTS
- Admin, Town and Contractors: CENTRALS

(Zoning & Team names - *another story*
- “*Origin of the Species*”).



Tigers: Clockwise from top left:
Alf Cox, John Hawkes, Tony Smith,
Colin Brownrigg, John Aram, & Pat Heatly.

There was plenty of intrigue in the week leading up to that *inaugural* game. Who was going to play for **Tigers** or **Saints**? The zoning as a “*guide*” was put to the test immediately. Did zoning mean where you started shift or where you spent most of your day? The mine “*sparkies*” started from the workshops: so who were **John Hawkes** and **John Aram** going to play for? **Wally “Bell”** previously a contractor (**Centrals** zone) had just started as a water cart driver on the hill (**Tigers** zone), but starting “down the bottom” (**Saints** zone) - who was he going to play for? **Dennis Barber** announced he was going to join “*whoever had the new Saints jumpers*”, but he was working on the Hill (**Tigers** zone).

Players of the Day:

We struggled to get enough players for three teams; the shift roster was onerous chasing production records and “*permanent day shift*” had only just got Saturday afternoons off (after 3pm). If you rolled up with your footy boots, you just put on a jumper and enjoyed some “*footy*”. Remember when it was just fun to play any game of footy “up north”?

Reviewing the scorecard 40 years later: two of **Saints** best, **Kerry Shanahan & George Tapp** were actually aligned with **Centrals** who the “*bye*” team for the first game! It was a case of scrounging players; “if you have your boots - put on a **Saints Jumper**”. **Kerry** was a school mate of mine from **Scotch WA** and a contractor with Jennings building the new flats. He was involved with the very first games in Newman playing for **Bechtel Contractors** vs. **MNM** and the **Nullagine** games Newman vs. Marble Bar (*that's another story*). **George Tapp** worked for township maintenance and was a member of **Centrals** first premiership team, later in '72.

Nobody really was concerned with following the “*letter of the law*” on Zoning - this was to change within the course of this first season.

John Aram (T) announced his class with a BoG performance which continued over his brilliant season to share the NNFA “fairest & most brilliant” award (a South Australian term used by **Allan Grivell** - the *inaugural* NNFA president). **Jonny** didn't need the Central Umpire, his brother **Terry Aram** (Centrals duty team) to give him an “*arm chair*” ride that day.

Wally “Bell” finally morphed into **Kowalczyk** as we had to record his name on the scorecard (spelled Kow - al - cz - uk; get it?). **Wally** had a field day in a dominant performance by **Tigers** with a “*lazy*” 9 goal haul. This was the foundation of his season winning tally as top goal kicker. I don't think that 9 goal record was beaten in the 70's and we had some great goal sneaks, **Paul Hevron (C)**, **Phil Taylor (P)**, “*tinker Rennie (T)*” and probably the best **Ewan Jamieson (P&T)**. **Wally** had a fierce reputation (with broken fingers as evidence) but was a fair player and good goal sneak (twice as NNFA leading goal kicker). However he was more “*bark than bite*” and one of the few guys who seemed to get younger as he got older (his Schoolie wife **Sandra “Sam”** should bottle that “tiger-taming” stuff)!

Tony Smith, **Kevin Bralich** and **Alf Cox** were mainstays of **Tigers** and all played in Newman Representative teams for many years. **Colin Brownrigg** (misspelt as “rick”) was a good player who only stayed for the season. **Alf Cox** remembers in his first weeks “*slumbering at the SMQ in '71 and hearing the unmistakable thump of a footy being kicked over at the Boomerang oval. He came over to join a few of us in “kick to kick” late on a hot Sunday afternoon*”. We were wishing we could have a game of footy - if only we could have some time off. We were all chasing production targets and even “*permanent day shift workers*” including Admin staff were on 6 x 10 hrs days with only Sunday off.



We couldn't tell if **Mike Roszak (LHS)** or **Bogdan (Bob) Piotrowski (RHS)** was captain or coach of **Saints** or a “tag-team”. **Roszak** made an infamous impression on that first game (see below).

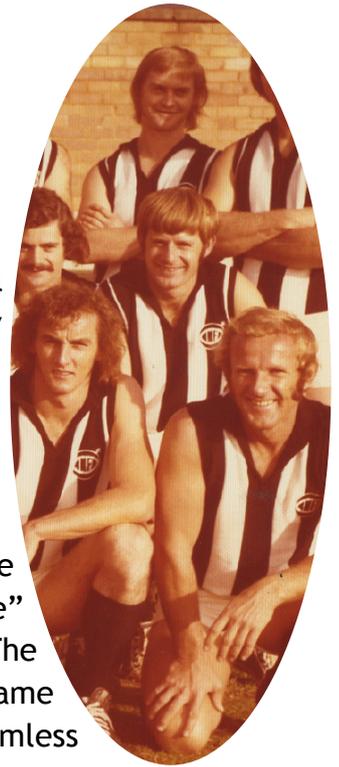
Jim Kirkland was a mainstay of **Saints** for years and had a great game in that *inaugural* fixture. Even “**Hoffy**” **Graeme Hoffman** & **Dave Worthington** each bagged a goal!



Bobby Paterson's faded memories of that first game:

“I remember trying to do a smart-alec side move on the HF in front of the grandstand flank with the ball in my hand and got tackled quite heavily by whom I don't remember..... but I always was a smart arse!!! You know my friend, organising footy back then did so much to settle the population down at that time and behind the scenes I would hazard a guess BHP (actually MNM) appreciated it.”

Inaugural game players in a 1974 combined side: Clockwise from top: Jim Kirkland, Kevin Bralich, Bob Piotrowski, and Norm Robinson



THE Incident:

Terry Aram (C) “Thin Arthur” had umpired some of the initial Bechtel Contractors vs. MNM games and was a member of the first “duty team”, Centrals. He was the obvious choice of central umpire and we expected the other bye teams would come up with as suitable umpire as **Terry**. This was going to be a simple arrangement - easy, similar to the arrangement that netball teams have to share game duties.

It was an entertaining & friendly affair until **Trevor DuToit (T)** gave **Mike Roszak (S)** a “glancing blow” in a ruck duel. The inaugural “Blue” was on. I think there was some mild “audience participation” as well. The incident caught us by surprise and for a moment I wondered if the game would go on. It turned out to be a “storm in a teacup”, just a bit of harmless “pushin & shovin”. But this was the first and last time that the duty team supplied a central umpire. As **Terry** said to me after the game; “*that’s the last time I will umpire a game*”, we knew we had to arrange *independent umpires* for the next game - and for the remainder of the season!

We also realised we needed a *disputes tribunal* which was hastily arranged to convene next week with **Gill Hassell** from the newspaper shop as the first incumbent arbitrator. I don’t think we had another “incident” for the remainder of the first season.

The other Incident:

Patto again - on that *Inaugural* game:

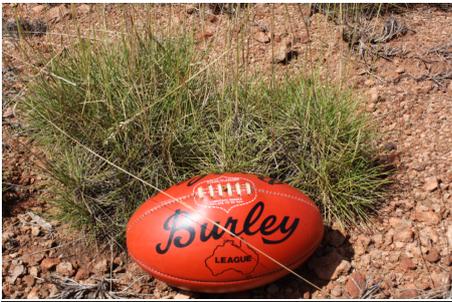


“I tried to take a mark from behind Wally and because I was “vertically challenged” went up and clipped him behind the ears....of course Wally over-reacted and faked for a free [like those soccer players] and I gave away a free....I reckon I gave away more free kicks than anything else”!



Inaugural Combatants

< LHS Patto - Wally RHS >



Spinifex Footy

W2: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 2 Saturday 13th May 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 13 - 5 - 72.

DRAW: Saints v's Centrals

UMPIRE: JACK HAUNOLD

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
Saints	1 - 0	2 - 2	2 - 3	2 - 7	19
Centrals	3 - 3	6 - 5	9 - 8	11 - 10	76

RESULT: Centrals 11 - 10 DEFEATED: Saints 2 - 7.

BEST PLAYERS: Saints : C. MOREY... J. FULLER... G. HOFFMANN.
Centrals : B. HIBBER... D. WATTS... B. KNOTTS.

GOAL KICKERS: Saints : HOFFMANN 2.
Centrals : WATTS 4... ARAM 3... KNOTTS 2... McCulloch 1
DOEHETY 1

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>			<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	1	4	J Kowalczyk	9
Centrals	1	4	D WATTS	4
SAINTS	-	0.	J ARAM	3
			C BROWNACK	3
			J ARAM	2
			B KNOTTS	2

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: Saints v's Centrals

Handwriting? Probably Greg Williams

Mistakes: Next week game Centrals v Tigers, and Knotts?

Saints / Centrals arrows were not required, maybe to show "home team" (white shorts).

Original Fixtures:

These days' games are played under lights at the Capricorn (*what a bunch of softies*). Wow - It must be cold some nights! "*In our day*" the three team fixtures before Pioneers in 1975, started at 4pm.

The 4pm time was due to **permanent dayshift** having just got Saturday afternoons off. It was coincidence that we avoided the heat of early season and the coldness of winter evenings - but more of a coincidence that we got to the Walkabout Sportsman's Bar for the after-match get-together around dinner time. Feeding the kids! - their memory was more like "*thru the looking glass*" or "*throwing chips to the seagulls*".

Independent Umpires:

Following the "*inaugural "blue"*" the previous week, we had to find independent umpires for Game 2. We were going to rely on each "*duty*" team providing umpires throughout the season - we weren't really worried about detail or independence - we only wanted to play a game of footy.

Andie Tonich mentioned that there was somebody at **Minesite Motors** with some footy umpiring experience. So I approached **Jack Haunold** and "*urged*" him to help out - we were desperate! It was difficult for most shift workers to get time off to play on Saturday afternoons, and for contractors like **Jack** it was almost impossible. Throughout the season I picked **Jack** up from the LIA to ensure he would come to the game and also provided him with the obligatory cold water esky bottle. Thankfully he was a fair umpire who could keep up with the game.

For years you could still hear **Murray McKenzie "Macca"** grizzling that I got some friendly votes in the F&B award in 72'. (*It must have been the last time I had some favoured relationship with the umps - but that's another story!*)

Players of the Day:

Colin "bluey" Morey (S) one of the "*originals*" was a "*pint sized*" but stylish player with a neat drop kick. He always gave good game advice and would probably have been a fine coach. He was a mainstay of **Saints** and the combined side for many years. **Hoffy (S)** had another great game and slotted 2 goals.

Bluey Morey



L to R: Barry Hibben, Don Watts

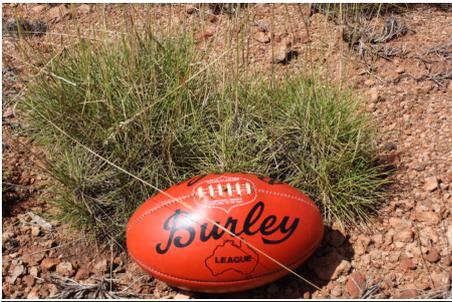


Barry Hibben “Hibbo” (C) stamped his class on the competition with a BoG display. His consistency with **Centrals** and the combined side till he left in ‘76 was his trademark. **Don Watts** (ruck) & last week’s “*inaugural*” central umpire **Terry Aram** (FF) shared the goals in a strong display by **Centrals**. Even “*loose*” **Bruce McCullock** slotted a major.

“**Loose Bruce**” was a character, who always had a crazy story to tell. He gave a great rant, evangelical “*bible bashing style*” on top of a table in the **Walkabout** bar one evening. His journey to salvation was by “*sampling*” every religion with their dogmas, ceremonies, “*dunking*”, drinking and singing - He just wanted to choose the one with best benefits - it was a hoot!

*L to R: “Thin Arthur” Terry Aram,
“loose” Bruce McCullock*





Spinifex Footy

W3: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 3 Saturday 20th May 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 20-5-72
 DRAW: CENTRALS v's TIGERS
 UMPIRE: DON BURGESS

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
TIGERS	3-4	5-6	8-14	9-19	73
CENTRAL	1-1	2-2	2-2	4-4	28

RESULT: TIGERS DEFEATED: CENTRALS

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRALS : KNOX HIBEN RILEY GARCIA
TIGERS : J. ARAM BERRYMAN HOLLYWOOD MURRAE

GOAL KICKERS: CENTRALS : KNOX 2 ARAM 1 WILLS 1
TIGERS : KOWALCZUK 3 BERRYMAN 3 ARAM 2 SMITH 1

PREMIERSHIP TABLE			LEADING GOALKICKERS	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	2	8	KOWALCZUK	12
CENTRALS	1	4	J. ARAM	4
SAINTS	-	0	B. KNOX	4
			T. ARAM	4
			D. WATTS	4
			C. DROWNWATER	3
			BERRYMAN	3

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: SAINTS v's TIGER

Handwriting: probably Judie Mackie
 Post dated errors noticed: Garcia, Central & Tiger - singular.

Wasn't the Score-Sheet a masterpiece for Newman TV!

End of first Round:

Tigers were always in control and ran-out easy winners. After half time they were cruising - and wayward, kicking 13 points and only 4 goals! Somehow we restricted **Wally** to 3 goals.

Independent Umpires:

Don Burgess came from the **Saints** stable and may have been promoted as part of the "Duty Team" responsibilities. However; he was clearly independent and probably one of the best umpires of the 70's. **Don** was an experienced footy umpire with balanced judgement, was knowledgeable and fit. He also was the chief basketball referee and a skilful basketball player.

Don was our senior umpire (probably all the GF's) for at least three years and was our saviour when we arrived in Tom Price (maybe '73) when Fortescue hadn't organised a team, umpires or a welcoming function. Newman (as guests) not only provided **Don** as the central umpire (in full regalia) but I think, also paid all the umpires for the day! Providing a first class umpire rather than "collaring" a bystander made the NNFA look a cut above the rest - adding to our credentials when the Pilbara Championships needed leadership later in '76 (*the Purple Patch*).

There was no need or sense to "advise" **Don** on rule interpretations during the match. *"I'm sure I tried, but Don ignored me with style"*. However a few other umps to come later in the 70's lacked a few or most of the key credentials for umpiring - and drove me witless!

Players of the Day:

John Aram was **Tigers** best again - but was he BoG? **Laurie Berryman** must have had had a dream day with a strong around the ground performance as ruckman and probably some tall marks in the forward line with 3 goals.

L to R: John Hollywood, Merv Welsh



With a head of hair that suited his name **John Hollywood** played one of his better games for **Tigers** in his brief time in Newman. Hey **Merv** - you were "losing it" way back then! **Wally** kept goal scoring ticking along but with a team total of 19 points, I wonder how many he sprayed?

Bruce "jellybean" Munroe had a smile like Elvis with a large frame and a "canter" like North Melbourne's **Mick Nolan**, he was our "galloping-gasometer". A good guy, he was a regular of both **Tigers** and the NNFA Combined side for many years. **Tony Smith** was also a long time **Tigers** player, quietly consistent. After the '75 premiership he applied to be a central umpire. He would have been a good one - I wish he had followed this through!



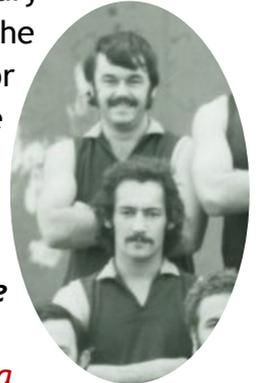
L to R: Tony Smith, Laurie Berryman, Bruce Munroe



Top: Dick Riley, Bottom: George Tapp

Dick Riley was probably at his annoying best. He was a determined but fair player and surely not “*the dirtiest dick in Newman*”.

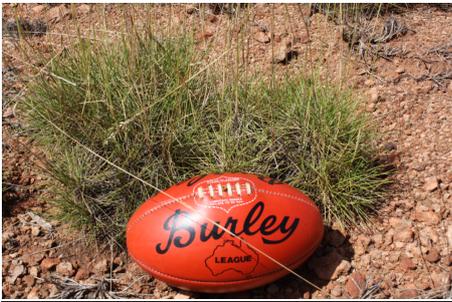
Always a reluctant player with a list of excuses like “*Peter Collins* or *Jack Clements* won't let me off work”, “I forgot” or “I have an injury - somewhere” - but **Ross Garcia** was a bloody good little player when he crossed the white line. For the first few years when we struggled for numbers, I had to remind **Ross** on Fridays about Saturday's game (he could use - “I thought it was a Bye game” as another excuse). Many times I “collared” him from work at the Supermarket within minutes of starting the game. He was always the last to arrive, just as we were considering throwing a jumper on some school kid (like **Vic & Dale Kemp** or **Russell Levien**).



Top: Barry Hibben, Bottom: Ross Garcia

Goal scorers were few for **Centrals** with only a few to “*Thin Arthur*” **Terry Aram** at FF and who was **Wills** ? - I have no idea who he was, probably a ring-in!

BK kept **Johnny Aram** honest for BoG (but who organised the umpire votes ?). **Hibbo** maintained his consistency at CHB.



Spinifex Footy

W4: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 4 Saturday 27th May 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 27-MAY-72

DRAW: SAINTS v's TIGERS

UMPIRE: JACK HAUNOLD

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
SAINTS	2:0	2:3	3:3	6:5	41
TIGERS	2:3	4:3	0:5	9:7	61

RESULT: TIGERS (9:7) DEFEATED: SAINTS (6:5)

BEST PLAYERS: TIGERS A. SMITH, J. ARAM, T. DUTOIT, W. KOWALCZUK.
SAINTS M. KOZAK, R. PATRICK, C. MOREY, R. PATTERSON.

GOAL KICKERS: TIGERS. W. KOWALCZUK (4), T. TROTT (2), ARAM, BROWN RIGG, DUTOIT (1)
SAINTS HANTER (3), HOWREY, SHEPPERD (1), P. SMITH (1)

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>		<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	3 12	W. KOWALCZUK	16
CENTRALS	1 4	J. ARAM	5
SAINTS	- 0	KNOX	4
		C. BROWN RIGG	4
		T. ARAM	4
		D. WATTS	4

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: SAINTS v's CENTRALS

*Beautiful Handwriting by Hibbo: but what was Tigers 3/4 time score?
 My Scribbles: Table updates and Goalkicker initials.
 Still can't spell Wally K !! CZ-uk not CZ-uck*

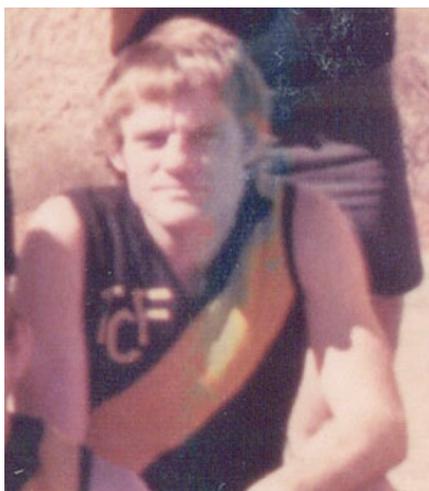
Saints find some Form:

An even first quarter, then Tigers took control. A great last quarter by Saints but Tigers still cruised to a 20 point win.

Umpires:

Jack Haunold was back on roster. I probably picked him up from the LIA, supplied the esky water bottle, and then returned him to work.

Players of the Day:



Tony Smith (left) had his best game to date with **John Aram** maintaining consistency. **Trevor Dutoit** must have restrained himself and played a great game in the Ruck. **Wally** was a sure avenue for goals with 4 majors and lead the goal scorers by a "street". I couldn't remember **Trott** with 2 goals.



Hibbo: Laurie Trott is the guy kicking the ball with me hanging off him in the mud, with Don Watts looking on in the "wet" 72 GF. Laurie played CHF for Tigers up until Tony Smith started to play there He may only have played a couple of seasons"

Mike Roszak must have had an interesting "return bout" with **Trevor DuToit** - they both played well. The old firm of **Bob Piotrowski** and **Col "Bluey Morey** must have had a good day in the middle of the ground. **Bob Patto** must have kept an "eye on the ball" for this game!

Right: Mike Roszak "anticipating".



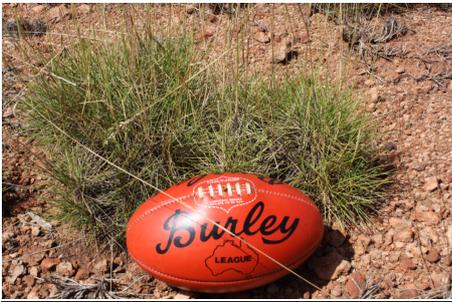
I had an ongoing duel with **Bob (Bogden) Piotrowski** over the years with both of us “calling the game” for the umpires (however - I’m sure **Bogden** was the only one “milking” for a free kick)! We also wore the No.7 for our respective club sides and fought over the Combined Side Jumper (but I still have it somewhere in the wardrobe)!



Right: Battling out the Centre:
Old foes: Andie Tonich (C), Bob Piotrowski (S)

Rod Hayter with 3 goals was promoted to Saints leading goalkicker after only one game. **Allan Sheppard** was relatively new to footy and popped up with his first goal. I spend many long hours with **Allan** having “kick to kick” teaching him kicking style and shots for goal. This was when all the teams still had a friendly “stow” between training nights. It was to my disadvantage in the 74 GF when he kicked one of the goals that brought **Centrals** down! - I was on his mark and was tempted to give him a “character reference” but could see him going through all the setups we had practiced years before!

Next week < one week at a time - Game 5 > Tigers vs. Centrals



Spinifex Footy

W5: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 5 Saturday 3rd June 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 3 - 6 - 72
 DRAW: CENTRALS v's SAINTS
 UMPIRE: Don BURGESS

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
CENTRALS	1-3	4-7	7-10	12-10	82
SAINTS	1-1	1-3	3-3	3-4	22

RESULT: CENTRALS 12 - 10 DEFEATED: SAINTS 3-4

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRALS : HIDDEN : GARCIA REILLY SORTORIO
SAINTS : WORTHINGTON POITROWSKI STAPLES ROZAK

GOAL KICKERS: CENTRALS : SORTORIO (5) OTLEY MCCULLOCK (2) WATTS (1)
SAINTS : MOREY (1) SMITH (1) ROBINSON (1)

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>		<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	3 12	KOWALCZUCK	16
CENTRALS	2 8	J. ARAM	5
SAINTS	1 0	SORTORIO	5
		DON WATTS	5
		KNOX	4
		BROWNRICK	4
		T. ARAM	4

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: TIGERS v's CENTRALS

Handwriting: Mary Williams

My Scribbles: edits Sotorio, Otley, Watts, but missed Riley

Big Second Half:

An avalanche (or was the appropriate collective a “*Sotorio*”) of 8 goals in the second half produced a resounding win for **Centrals**.

Umpires:

Don Burgess was back on roster.

Players of the Day:

Barry Hibben maintained his consistent best. *Ross Garcia & Dick Riley* were having a purple patch of good form, but it was a “flash in the pan” *Sortorio* who impressed with 5 majors. He move straight to 2nd on the goalkicking list. I don't remember his first name and I think he played only the one game. *Ken Otley* and “*Loose*” *Bruce McCullock* chimed in for 2 goals each. *Ken* was a very skilful older player (probably over 30!) who only played a handful of games.



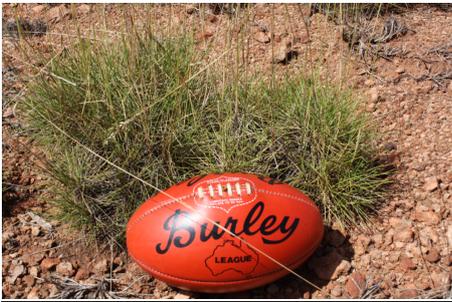
74 GF - L to R: Barry Hibben (C), Mike Roszak, Bob Hankinson (S), Peter Hickey (S), Greg McKay (C). Note the big crowd at the Boomerang [source Hibben]

For **Saints**, the old firm of *Rozzak & Piotrowski* were again in the best players. The quietly unobtrusive *Dave Worthington* was considered Saints best player. If I remember correctly that was the “orange roughy” *Kerry Staples (tree trunk legs)* also in the best players - but he only played a few games.

It was surprising to see *Norm Robinson* in the goal kickers as he was a specialist backman for years for both **Saints** and the Combined side. *Norm* was Saints equivalent of today's *Lenny Hayes*; an unheralded, consistently good player who was admired by the all footy teams for his competitive fairness. *Norm* who played in the very first competition game in 72, was the first **100 games player** in Newman (a total of club & combined sides).

L to R: Norm Robinson, Roy Litherland, Norm Battersby, Ray Williams [source: Willison]





Spinifex Footy

W6: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 6 Saturday 10th June 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 10-6-72
 DRAW: CENTRALS v's TIGERS
 UMPIRE: Don BURGESS

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
CENTRALS	0-0	3-3	3-3	4-7	31
TIGERS	2-3	3-4	9-7	10-8	68

RESULT: TIGERS 10-8 DEFEATED: CENTRALS 4-7
 DUTOIT

BEST PLAYERS: TIGERS : J. ARAM, J. HAWKES, T. DUTOIT, W. KOWALCZUK
CENTRALS : RICHARDS, ~~RILEY~~ RILEY, HIBBEN, KNOX

GOAL KICKERS: TIGERS : KOWALCZUK 6, J. ARAM 3, MONROE 1
CENTRALS : GARCIA 1, KNOX 1, WATTS 1, WATTERS 1

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>			<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	4	16	KOWALCZUK	22
CENTRALS	2	8	J. ARAM	8
SAINTS	-	0	WATTS	6
			KNOX	5
			SORTORIO	5
			BROWN RIGBY	4
			T. ARAM	4

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: TIGERS v's SAINTS

Handwriting: Unknown
 My Scribbles: edits Dutoit, Riley

Strong winds and a Big 3rd Quarter:

There may have been a strong breeze favouring on end, perhaps those cold winds of winter had arrived. **Tigers** controlled the game holding **Centrals** to a scoreless first quarter then “monsterring” the contest with a 6 goal third quarter. **Wally** was “back in town” with 6 majors for the day.

Tigers were clear on top of the table - undefeated.

Umpires:

Don Burgess backed up for two games in a row.

Players of the Day:

John Aram continued his stellar season with 3 goals but probably owing much to his ruckman **John Hawkes** who had his first mention in the best players. Obviously **Tigers** ruck dominated with **Trevor Dutoit** also having another good game. **Wally's** 6 goals rocketed him way above the rest on the leading goal kickers for the season so far.



Clockwise:

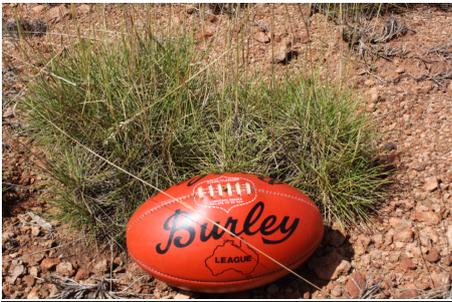
Alf Cox, John Hawkes, Colin Brownrigg, John Aram

For **Centrals**; it was good to see **Mike Richards** - wing (a hockey convert) and **Dick Riley** - backline, mentioned in the best players. **Hibbo** continued his consistent form. These back men obviously were under attack all day. Apart from **Tigers** who had a reasonable list of footy players to chose from, both **Centrals** and **Saints** scrounged players with any athletic ability. For **Centrals**; Rugby players went to the backline (**Doug Gooch & Rick Gazzard**), hockey players (**Mike Richards**) to the wings, and soccer players (**John Puglisi**) to the forwards.



Clockwise: Terry Aram, Bruce McCulloch, Frank Horne, Dick Riley, George Tapp, Mike Richards, Rick Gazzard.

Next week < one week at a time - supposed to be a **Nullagine** Game
BUT it was cancelled and therefore a **BYE** for all teams.



Spinifex Footy

W7: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 7 Saturday 24th June 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 24.6.72
 DRAW: TIGERS v's SAINTS
 UMPIRE: JACK HAUNOLD

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
TIGERS	3.1	5.9	6.9	10.12	72
SAINTS	0.4	0.4	1.5	2.6	18

RESULT: TIGERS 10.12 DEFEATED: SAINTS 2.6

BEST PLAYERS: TIGERS : DUTOIT MUSHAM HAWKES G. WILLIAMS
SAINTS : R. WILLIAMS MOREY PIOTROWSKI WORTHINGTON

GOAL KICKERS: TIGERS : KOWALCZUK 3 DUTOIT BROWNRICK MUNROE 2 SANDERS 1
SAINTS : P. SMITH HAYTER 1

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N.B. PREMS INCLUDE THIS COLUMN.

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: SAINTS v's CENTRALS

Handwriting: BK

My Scribbles: Reminding others to record wins.

Should have had games played as well

Previous weekend - 17th June - Bye Weekend:

The original fixtures included an inter-town game against **Marble Bar**, “*the Barstards*” at **Nullagine**. However the scheduled “*Free Sunday*” was cancelled to catch up on production targets. Therefore the weekend became a bye weekend for all clubs.

Start of the Last Round Game 7:

Tigers dominated from the first quarter and cruised to an undefeated 5 games well clear of **Centrals** on 2 games. **Tigers** first quarter was more than **Saints** full time score. **Saints** were still without a win.

Umpires:

Jack Haunold was back on roster.

Players of the Day:

Trevor Dutoit & John Hawkes continued their good form in the ruck. They were probably the reason **Tigers** controlled the game. It was good to see some other players get mentions in the best players. **Bill Musham**



(centre) was a tough hard player rather than a flashy star. He dished out some physical presence as well as his endless “verbal advice”.

L to R: Murray Mackenzie (manager), Bill Musham, Robbie Woods, Kevin Bralich.

Greg Williams was probably not under much pressure in **Tigers** backline. He must have had a field day rebounding the **Saints** attacks. **John Aram** was not mentioned and must have had a holiday but **Wally** kept the goals accumulating. Good to see the “galloping gasometer” **Bruce Munroe** sneak a couple of goals.



L to R: Bruce Monroe, Greg Williams, Bill Spence (Coach).

For **Saints**, it must have been a game of total defence. **Ray Williams** was probably the highest possession player with at least 12 kicks from points at fullback. I note that both **Williams** brothers were in the best players for their respective clubs.

They were both exponents of the big high slow dropkick off the mark. In one game; I think it was **Ray**, kicked one of his “droppies” deep into the goal square - it should have bounced through for a goal, but bounced backwards about 20m. He perfected this trick twice in the same game!



L to R (1976): Roy Litherland, Norm Battersby (Pres), Ray Williams, Kelvin Payne.

Pattersons Curse

Bob Paterson (S) had mentioned this some weeks before but was very earnest before the last round started. Referring to the original fixtures (below), we only planned to have three rounds between the three teams. Finals had not been considered for a three team competition. I don't know what we were thinking - perhaps the top team became premiers? The end of the season was to be the 2nd half of the Nullagine game.

FIXTURES 1972			
TEAM MENTIONED	FIRST - WHITE SHORTS	TEAM WITH BYE - DUTY TEAM	
TO START AT 4.00 P.M. SATURDAY AFTERNOONS			
DATE	DRAW	DATE	DRAW
31st MARCH	SCRATCH MATCH PROBABLES D. POSSIBLES	20th MAY	CENTRALS Vs TIGERS SAINTS BYE
9th APRIL	SCRATCH MATCH PROBABLES D. POSSIBLES	27th MAY <i>J. H. Wood</i>	SAINTS Vs CENTRALS CENTRALS BYE
16th APRIL	TOM PRICE LIGHTENING CARNIVAL. GOLDSWORTHY 4.6 D. NEWMAN 2.3	3rd JUNE ✓	SAINTS Vs CENTRALS TIGERS BYE
22nd APRIL	SCRATCH MATCH REST 5.11 D. TIGERS 2.2	10th JUNE ✓	CENTRALS Vs TIGERS SAINTS BYE
25th APRIL	SCRATCH MATCH ANZAC DAY	17th OR 18th JUNE	NEWMAN Vs NULLAGINE
29th APRIL	SCRATCH MATCH SAINTS Vs CENTRALS TIGERS BYE	24th JUNE	TIGERS Vs SAINTS CENTRALS BYE
6th MAY	TIGERS Vs SAINTS ✓ CENTRALS BYE	1st JULY	SAINTS Vs CENTRALS TIGERS BYE
13th MAY	SAINTS Vs CENTRALS ✓ TIGERS BYE	8th JULY	CENTRALS Vs TIGERS SAINTS BYE
	15th OR 16th JULY -	NEWMAN Vs NULLAGINE	

The Original 1972 Fixtures:
BK scribbles as the “keeper” of the fixtures

Anyway; Saints had not yet won a game and **Patto** was lamenting that Saints didn't have anything to play for in the final round. Perhaps we were starting to talk about First playing Second for the Premiership - and Saints would have been left out - but **Patto** (a union organiser skilled in the art of negotiation - both “thuggery” & “playing the victim”) kept “banging on” - “*we (Saints) don't have anything to play for*”.

L to R: 1971 Wittenoom Pub - Tom Price Trip. Robbie Woods, Dennis Barber, “Patersons Curse”, BK. [Source: Hibben]



Even though we had developed three teams, we were all very much still the **Newman Footy Club**. The teams were only invented to have a game of footy. Sure - lets involve all three teams in a final round for fun; I.e. anything to silence **Patto!**

I drew up the "*Paterson System*" of finals as below which lasted until 1974.

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Fixtures End Saturday 8th July

Intertown Match

Sunday 16th July
NEWMAN vs NULLAGINE
at Nullagine

F I N A L R O U N D

Saturday 22nd July
Semi Final
2ND TEAM vs 3RD TEAM

Saturday 29th July.
Grand Final
1ST TEAM vs SEMI FINAL WINNER
(N.B. Players and supporters - Set this Saturday night aside for the Grand Final celebrations.)

The revised 1972 fixtures - introducing Finals - The Paterson System

For **Saints** the inclusion of a finals fixture including the bottom team was a coup - a "blessing in disguise" for **Saints**. This was the start of "*playing the victim*" card. For the other teams in the next few years it was more like "*Patersons Curse*" as there was no incentive to avoid being last and no reward for the second placed team.

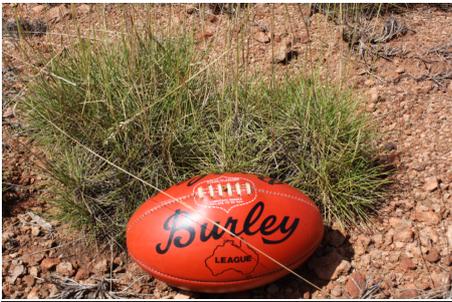
Saints came from last position in both 73 & 74 to win the Premiership.

Mike Roszak: "I've still got my original jumper and boots from that first grand final".

However to be fair - the three teams were more evenly competitive after 1972 and **Saints** had gained some outstanding talent, actually "star players" - **Ron Willison & Kelvin Payne**. This anomaly of; last playing in finals, in a three team competition among other reasons was the reason for pushing for a fourth team in '75. As it happened, **Saints** also came from third in '75 to play off for the premiership.

However was it Irony or karma? - a balancing of the ledger in 1976 when **Saints** lost the Premiership from top position - the first time they had not been third or last at the end of the normal rounds.

Next week < one week at a time - No.8 > Saints vs. Centrals



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W8: One Week at a Time

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Game 8 Saturday 1st July 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 1-7-1972
 DRAW: SAINTS v's CENTRALS
 UMPIRE: W. SMITH D. BURGESS

TEAM	1ST QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
SAINTS	3.2	4.3	4.5	6.6	42
SAINTS	1.2	1.3	3.5	3.7	25
CENTRALS	2.1	3.5	5.9	8.12	60
CENTRALS	-	2.4	4.6	6.9	45

RESULT: CENTRALS 8.12 (60) DEFEATED: SAINTS 6.6 (42)

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRALS : KNOX. RILEY. TARNOWEY. HIBBEN.
SAINTS : R. WILLIAMS. POTROWSKI. B. WATERS. KOZAK.

GOAL KICKERS: CENTRALS : KNOX (5). T. ARAM. V. KEMP. TARNOWEY 1
SAINTS. : KOZAK. ROBINSON 2. HALLS. W. SMITH 1

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>			<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS.	5	20	W. KOWALCZUK	25
CENTRALS	3	12	KNOX	10
SAINTS.	-	0	J. ARAM.	8
			BROWNRICK	6
			WATTS	6
			T. ARAM.	5

NEXT WEEK'S GAME: TIGERS. v's CENTRALS.

Handwriting: BK - what a mess for the TV test pattern!
 Scoring must have been contentious - or was it an old score sheet?

Umpires:

It was interesting that **Tony Smith (Tigers)** was pencilled in as umpire. We all found it difficult to get time off work, including the umpires and it seems **Tigers** were duty team to backup if independent umpires were not available. However we maintained that independence with **Don Burgess** again on roster.

Players of the Day:



It was **Saints** last game of the normal rounds and they were more competitive than any game to date. **Saints** were just in front at half time. While **Centrals** were very wayward scoring 12 points it seems they were in touch for most of the game; winners by three goals. **Saints** finished the normal rounds without a win.

Ray Williams (S) must have been busy at full back. **Bob Piotrowski (S) & Mike Roszak (S)** continued their good form. **Barry Waters "Butch"** was in **Saints** best for the first time. He was a pint sized player, always with a cheeky smile with an eye full of mischief. It is interesting to note that **Norm Robinson (S)** kicked 2 goals - he was usually a mainstay of the backline.

L to R Wittenoom Pub '72: Terry Smith (the fag), Laurie Berryman, "Butch" with the "package".

For **Centrals**; **Hibbo**, **BK** & **Dick Riley** maintaining good form. **Richard Tarnow** was one of the "schoolies" and a steady player as a ruckrover/forward. **Centrals** were still scrounging for players and even played school kids - with permission from their parents. **Vic Kemp (Snr)** I think worked in **Saints** zone.

As the "inaugural" schoolboy player in Newman, **Vic Kemp** became one of **Centrals** regular players in later seasons but in '72 played only one or two games and missed out on the semi & grand final. **Vic's** younger brother **Dale** also played in the next few years as a schoolboy for **Centrals**. **Vic** became a "wandering minstrel" leaving **Centrals** after the '76 premiership to **Tigers**, then joining **Saints** - ("**no Saints - no job**") when he became an apprentice.



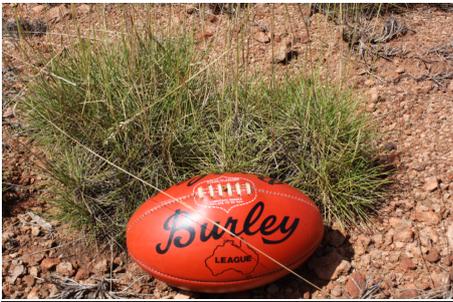
Clockwise 76 GF: Greg McKay, Peter Cockram (who also defected to Saints), Bruno Primus, Lindsay Cotton, Vic Kemp.

I was surprised when I met **Vic** at the Newman Races in 2011; he was wearing a **Saints** T-shirt for the reunion weekend. Without the recent unravelling of the 40 year "jigsaw" - I always remembered him as a **Centrals** player.



L to R: Races 2011: John Viney, Vic Kemp, BK.

Next week < one week at a time - No.9 > Centrals vs. Tigers



Spinifex Footy

W9: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

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Game 9 Saturday 8th July 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DATE: 8-7-72

DRAW: TIGERS v's CENTRALS

UMPIRE: JACK HAUNOLD

TEAM	1st QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
CENTRALS	4.4	4.4	9.6	11.8	74
TIGERS	1.1	5.7	6.8	7.12	54

RESULT: CENTRALS 11.8 DEFEATED: TIGERS 7.12

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRALS : RICHARDS. SATTELL. TAYLOR. TARNOW.
TIGERS : HAWKES. BROWNRIE. WILLIAMS. MUSHAM.

GOAL KICKERS: CENTRALS : TAYLOR 3 WATERS 2. GARCIA 1. KNOX 1. WATTS 1
TIGERS : KOWALEZUK 3. MUSHAM 1. HAWKES 1. SMITH 1
BROWNRIE 1

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>			<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
TIGERS	5	20	W KOWALEZUK	28
CENTRALS	4	16	KNOX	11
SAINTS	—	0	J. ALAM	8
			Brownricik	7
			WATT	7
			T ALAM	5

NEXT WEEKS GAME: SAINTS v's CENTRALS

Handwriting: unknown

Scoring: BK

End of the inaugural "Home & Away" fixtures:

Winning the toss must have been important. There must have been a gale favouring one end. Scoring was 13:12 with the wind vs. 2.2 against to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. **Centrals** had the advantage in the 1st & 3rd quarters then held on against a wayward **Tigers** in the final quarter for a 20 point win against the previously undefeated **Tigers**.

Perhaps the real difference was the arrival of **Peter Sattell** to Newman.

Umpires and Voting

Jack Haunold was back on roster.

I have no idea how the umpires votes were managed. Looking back, this was a moot point, as at the end of the inaugural '72 season there was a count-back for the NNFA **Fairest & Best**. We were lucky to get umpires for each match and fortunate that we recorded the match scores as scribbled notes mainly for the TV. We had not even planned for a finals round or that there would be individual awards at the end of the season.

The Match records were the basis of the eventual Club F&B winners:

Barry Hibben - Centrals

John Aram - Tigers

Mike Roszak - Saints

However - The Umpires votes must have been rounded up as an after-thought - well after the first few games were completed. Who arranged this? **Andie Tonich** perhaps ?

Players of the Day:

For **Centrals** it was the new boy **Peter Sattell** who made the difference at CHF. However in a sign of an improving side the "schoolies" **Mike Richards & Richard Tanowy** maintained their good form. For the first time draftsman **Rob Taylor** was in the best players with three goals.



Clockwise: Doug Gooch, Rob Taylor, Terry Aram, Bruce McCulloch, Mike Richards, Rick Gazzard

For **Tigers**, **John Hawkes** maintained his good form in the ruck. Others having good games were **Greg Williams, Colin Brownrigg** and **Bill Musham**.

Goal scorers were evenly spread for **Centrals**. However for **Tigers**, **Wally Kowalczuk** maintained his flow of goals with three and therefore finishing easily as top goal scorer for season '72. **Wally's** average of nearly **5 goals a game** was never matched during the 70's.

BBQ Follies:

The previous week a large group of the “originals” had a BBQ at **Greg & Mary William's** house. It may have been **Greg's** birthday. **Tigers** were undefeated and were looking forward to whipping **Centrals** in the final game of the normal fixtures. **Tigers** coach **Bill Spence** was quite amused that BK had just turned 22 but was Captain/Coach of **Centrals**. After the usual beers and “BS” we gave some mock awards to each other from **Greg's** collection of old trophies.

Sattellite come to Town:

Andie Tonich mentioned to me that an ex-East Fremantle player was starting with **Minesite Motors** and I should catch-up with him to get him to training and possibly play that week. I remembered **Peter Sattell** from junior footy days playing for the same **Attadale** club in the **East Freo** district. My first recollections were after finishing my u/16 game (Essendon Jumpers) watching our “gun” u/18 team (you won't believe it - in special **St Kilda** Jumpers). **Sattell** was a dasher and beat everybody to the contest and raced away - with a long kick - the wrong way!

But that was long ago - **Sattell** went on to play for **East Fremantle** in the years following the '65 Premiership Side. He eventually accumulated 14 games in the league team during 66, 67 & 68 - but was frustrated by having to compete with too many classy forwards for a HFF position next to champion CHF **Fred Lewis** (**Fred**; sadly passed away June 2012). One of **Sattell's** nemesis's was the '65 premiership player **Laurie (Toby) Watson** nearing the end of his career but was another competing for the HFF positions.

“**Sat's**” made (Fred's) number No. 8 jumper “his” during his career in Newman.

“Pally Pig” Reunion:

So I Arranged to meet **Sattell (Sat's)** at the new Newman Club on a fairly busy afternoon. “**Sats**” like most of us had arrived in Newman short of a quid but keen to get working. I think **Jenny** and their baby daughter **Sharon** were still in Perth waiting for “**Sats**” to get a start. They were going to be housed out at the caravan park near the river crossing.

It didn't take long for “**Sats**” to make his presence felt. He was short-changed after ordering a round and just about dragged the barman across the bar to settle the ledger. It somehow got resolved after some “*pushin and shoving*” and loud persuasion. I thought, “JBC” another “*pally pig*” style was on full display. What was the new boy in town “**Sats**” going to be like as a team mate? (“**Pally**” or **Palmyra** was a tough East Freo suburb where the **Reagans, Millers, Andersons** (yes, including **Gerry**) and **Neeshams** lived).



Gerry Anderson: "This Brings back memories of Pally - The horse is Barney and he used to fart all the way. Cooter Miller delivered the bread. I used to go on the rounds every now and again and was surprised at just how long Cooter used to take at some of the houses!!! He wore shorts every day of the year and plastic sandals. His calves weren't as big as Jarrah's but we're like rocks and he was as tough as they come".

One of the Best

Ron "Buster" Willison was clearly the best Newman player of the 70's - but **Peter Sattell** wasn't far behind. They were both skilful players with a beautiful drop kick. **Peter** was more the conventional right footer and could take a great high mark. **Sattell** made a huge difference to **Centrals** and was always a regular in the Combined sides. **Peter Sattell** was the NNFL Fairest & Best winner in 1975.



Left: "Sats" on a lead vs Fortescue at the Capricorn Oval (1976)

Right '76: Norm Robinson (S), Peter Sattell (C), Bill Musham (T)

We had both come through the early days on Newman footy and seen the highs and lows together but I remember celebrating with him immediately after the Grand Final siren in '79 for our third premiership together ("Sats" held up three fingers - "Akka Style" and couldn't take the smile of his face). I hadn't realised that was to be his last game in Newman.

LAST GAME FOR "SATILITE" !!

Today's Grand Final will be the last game played in Newman by many players, however, one player who falls in that category that will be sadly missed by all of the football public is Central's Peter "Satellite" Sattell. His contribution to Newman football has only been equalled by the greats of our game, such as, Ron Millison, Bill Knox and Phil Noble. I am certain that all football followers would like to wish Peter and his wife Jenny well in their new career in Hedland.

Thankyou Sats !!

Running the Gauntlet:

Sats later joined MNM in the workshops for all the usual reasons, more money and a house in town for the family. However he had to survive in the hotbed of Saints territory. Unfortunately club tribalism had developed and a few of the Saints "peanut gallery" couldn't help themselves with the constant sniping.



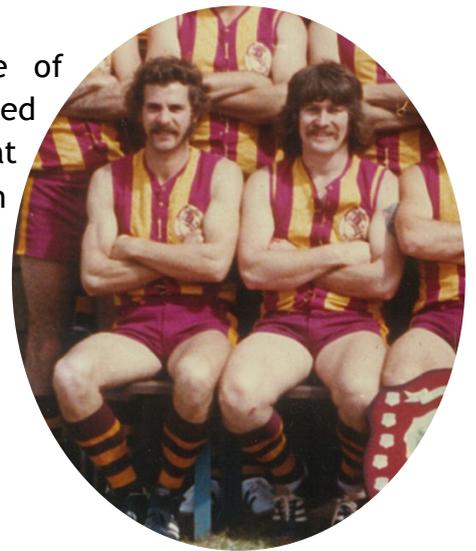
L to R '74 GF: Peter Sattell (C) - with broken hand, Bob Piotrowski (S), Bill Knox (C).

Thankfully one of “Sats” best mates was Saints star “**Buster**” **Willison** who diffused the situation to some degree. Another sanctuary was the **Otraco Tyre** workshops - contractors and **Centrals** territory. **Stan Allen** was “Sats” greatest supporter over the years with the best jovial relief for every situation including the footy bets on Friday afternoons.



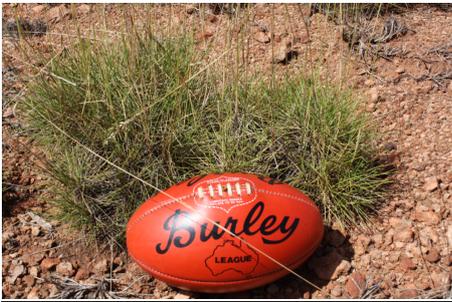
L to R: Graeme Smith, Stan Allen

Supporting troops arrived later when an enclave of **Centrals** players **John Viney** and **Terry Hertzog** joined “Sats” in the workshops in 1977. We all had a great footy trip to Hedland and Dampier after the '77 season - we had the MNM train to ourselves on the Friday, then “*an open road and an esky full of beer*” - after dragging **Sattell** out of a darts game in a Pt Hedland pub early on the Saturday morning.



L to R '79 Premiers: Terry Hertzog, John Viney

Next week < one week at a time - No.10 > Newman vs. Marble Bar at Nullagine



Spinifex Footy

W10: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
"It was 45 years ago today"

Game 10 Sunday 16th July 1972

<u>NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION</u>
<u>Fixtures End Saturday 8th July</u>
<u>Intertown Match</u>
Sunday 16th July NEWMAN vs NULLAGINE at Nullagine
<u>F I N A L R O U N D</u>
Saturday 22nd July Semi Final 2ND TEAM vs 3RD TEAM
Saturday 29th July. Grand Final 1ST TEAM vs SEMI FINAL WINNER (N.B. Players and supporters - Set this Saturday night aside for the Grand Final celebrations.)

The revised 1972 fixtures - Introducing Finals ("Patersons Curse")
and including the Nullagine Fixture.

Revised Fixtures - Finals

Terry Smith was keen to retain the Inter-town game against **Marble Bar** at Nullagine. This was to be an end of season footy trip. Then with introduction of **Finals (Pattersons curse)**, all we did was add the Semi Final and Grand Final fixtures, after the **Nullagine Game!** This gave all teams a “*bye week-end*” before the finals. It also meant a two week break (hardly ideal) for top team **Tigers**, who went straight into the Grand Final.

Spinifex Footy - First Half 1971

We had played the “*inaugural*” inter-town game against **Marble Bar “the Barstards”** at the **Nullagine Oval** in 1971. However more important matters overtook game day because we had to fit in the “**Sunday Session**” at the **Conglomerate Hotel**. With little fuss, we deferred the **second half** until the following year - and all headed off to the beer garden. The **Challenge Trophy** (Iron Ore mounted onto a metal shield) was left behind at the Conglomerate bar and would have to wait until 1972.

Spinifex Footy - Second Half 1972

Terry insisted Newman Football Club would honour our commitment to the game at **Nullagine** despite indifference by most of the players in Newman. We had already deferred the original **Nullagine** fixture on **Sunday 17th June**, probably due to production “catch-up”.

Saints were already assuming this would be their “*end of season*” trip. I think I was the only player other than a small representation of **Saints** players (**Allan Sheppard & Ray Stevens**) to have played in 1971 and to make the return trip in 1972. Most of the Newman contingent were **Terry's** mates; a **Saints** contingent (officials and supporters) from the workshops and a group from **Minesite Motors**.

We were all coerced to the point of harassment by **Terry**. “*I've arranged this with “Smokey” at the Pub, we can't let him down”!*

On reflection, very few of the “*originals*” from **Centrals, Saints or Tigers** ever graced the freshly graded surface of the **NCG** (Nullagine Cricket Ground).

I drove my HK Holden station wagon up for the “second half” with **Terry Smith**. When we arrived, **Terry** insisted I drive along the veranda of the **Conglomerate Hotel** between the “bull nose” posts, open the bar door and turn on our **new electric siren** for footy to blast and announce - We're here !



1972 Second Half - Keg at Garden pool

*Terry Smith (in full Regalia) "baptising" local identity & prospector Graham Hutton,
Ken Kinder (obscured with hat), Ray Stevens cooling his cheek with a beer
Les Tutt far right*

The Game

I cannot remember much about the game, who umpired or the score. I don't remember my old school mate from **Mt Edgar** station, **Jim "Mulga" Edwards** or his brother **Johnny** attending. It was very much a social match. Newman supplied both sets of jumpers like the previous year and I think we also supplied most of the players for both sides.

There was one other old **Scotch College** boy who joined the throng - **Graeme Hutton**, a prospector who was developing the **Blue Spec** antimony / gold mine just out of town. He was a "larger than life" character who was depicted (texta comments) in a beer ad of the time - an aerial shot of a Landrover heading down a long dusty road towards a beer - at the **Iron Clad Hotel** in Marble Bar.

Garden Pool - Celebrations

To avoid the problem with the *Sunday session* like the previous year, **Terry** arranged with the publican of the **Conglomerate Hotel** to have a keg at the *garden pool* for the after match celebrations. There could have been a BBQ arranged as well - I cant remember.

On reflection (45 years later) **Terry** had gone to some trouble to make this a big event. Therefore I can now understand why he insisted his "mates" supported him. It was a lot of fun, but not as spontaneous as the previous year.



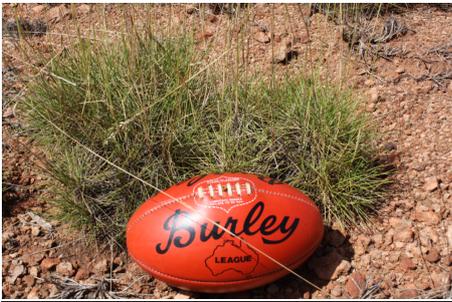
1972 Second Half - Keg at Garden pool

First Row: Mainly Saints group - Allan Sheppard, Ray Stevens, Ken Kinder, Joshua (Nullagine), Les Tutt, the Publican, Terry Smith.

There were no award ceremony or speeches. The **Challenge Shield** did not appear but was spotted a few years later, still on the shelf of the **Conglomerate Hotel**.

I think even **Marble Bar** could not find much support for the revised fixture. I think this was the last game played by a team representing **Marble Bar "The Bastards"**. It was also probably the last game ever played by a Newman team at **Nullagine**.

Next week < one week at a time - No.11 > Semi Final: Centrals vs. Saints



Spinifex Footy

W11: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records
 "It was 45 years ago today"

Game 11 - Semi Final Sunday 22nd July 1972

NEWMAN NATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

SEMI FINAL.

DATE: 22. 7. 72
 DRAW: CENTRALS v's SAINTS
 UMPIRE: JACK HAUNOLD

TEAM	1st QTR.	2ND QTR.	3RD QTR.	4TH QTR.	POINTS
CENTRALS	2. 7	5. 10	11. 13	15. 13	103
SAINTS	0. 1	1. 3	1. 3	4. 4	28

RESULT: CENTRALS 15. 13 103 PTS. DEFEATED: SAINTS 4. 4 28 PTS.

BEST PLAYERS: CENTRALS : B. HIBBEN... B. KNOX... A. TONICH... B. TAYLOR
SAINTS : H. HOWRIE... G. HOFFMANN... C. MOREY... B. PIOTROWSKI

GOAL KICKERS: CENTRALS : TAYLOR GARCIA + WATTS 3 each SATTAL 2
 TUSZLISI... HIBBEN... RILEY... MITCHELLOCK, 1 each
SAINTS : ROZAK 2... HOFFMANN + LITHERLAND 1 each

<u>PREMIERSHIP TABLE</u>			<u>LEADING GOALKICKERS</u>	
TEAM	WINS	POINTS	NAME	GOALS
			W. KOWALCZUK	28
			B. KNOX	11
			D. WATTS	10
			J. ARAM	8
			C. BROWRIGG	7
			T. ARAM	7

NEXT WEEKS GAME: TIGERS v's CENTRALS IN
 GRAND FINAL.

Handwriting: Mary Williams

The new boy "Sattal" had his name spelt correctly in future seasons.
 The leading goal scorers were as at the end of the normal rounds excluding finals

Semi Final:

Centrals were favourites having finished the season well by beating the previously undefeated **Tigers** in the last game of normal rounds. **Saints** were improving towards the end of the season but finished the qualifying games without a win. The “*Paterson System*” however gave them a chance.

Team Photos:

Both **Centrals** and **Saints** had team photographs taken using the **Boomerang Oval grandstand** as a setting. I think these were both taken on prior to the game. **Murray McKenzie “Macca”** had arranged the **Tigers** team photo for another time.

Umpires:

Jack Haunold finished his umpiring season and from memory did not continue umpiring or have any involvement with footy in the following years. *His brother Bill Haunold followed him to Newman in about '74. While Bill didn't get involved in footy he and Vicki built up quite a business initially with Minesite Motors and (from memory) some other businesses in Newman (was it catering?)*

Players of the Day:

Saints were on the defence for most of the game. While most of the key players were quiet, some of the average players **Howrie** and **Graham Hoffman “Hoffy”** played good games. **Roy Litherland** finally got on the goal scorers list. He was a regular **Saints** forward until about '76, remembered more significantly for his “*mullet*”.

*Clockwise from top LHS:
Top LHS: Roy Litherland,
Middle: Alan Shepard, Mike Roszak
Bottom LHS: The “Hoff”*

While **Mike Roszak** kicked 2 goals (probably having a “loaf” at full forward); he must have had a quiet game in the ruck and around the ground. The mainstays of **Saints**, **Bob Piotrowski** and **Colin “bluey” Morey** had probably “respectable” games in a team overwhelmed by **Centrals**.



For **Centrals** it must have been a dominant team performance as they controlled the game from the start. Most games in the '72 season were moderate or low scores but **Centrals** kicked the first *100 points game* of the season.

Barry Hibben must have had “blinder” even kicking a goal from CHB! **Andie Tonich** had his best game of the year controlling the Centre. **Andie** was probably the slowest left foot player you could imagine. However he had the uncanny knack of playing himself into the game with his sidesteps and wheeling around onto his left foot. He was a ball magnet around the centre and I always knew he would be close to feed off the clearances or the handball.

The forwards had a feast of goals with 8 goal scorers with **Bob Taylor**, **Ross Garcia** and **Don Watts** bagging 3 each. The “new boy” **Peter Sattell** had another great game and surprisingly was not included in the best players.



Clockwise from top LHS. Some of the goal scorers

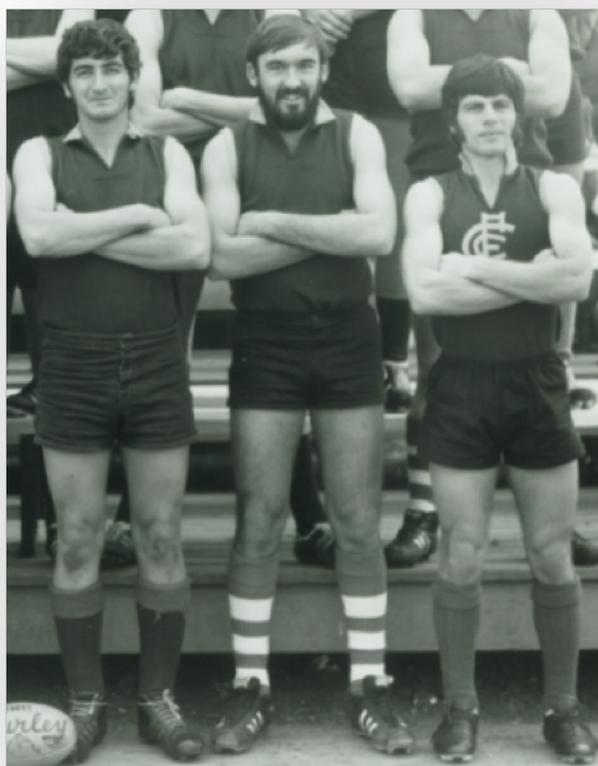
*Barry Hibben, Don Watts, John Watters,
Peter Sattell, Barry Breen, Ross Garcia*

One of my memories of the game was that we played a new “schoolie” **John Puglisi** who had just arrived in town. He was “pint sized” similar to Saints’ “**Bluey**” **Morey** but could run and mark like a smaller version of **Peter Sattell**. Similar to “**Sats**” a few weeks before; the new boy played a starring role in his first game. **John Puglisi** only played one more game in Newman - the '72 grand final.

While Centrals were an improving team, the impact these two players had on balancing the team was significant. I do remember **Greg Williams (T)** having a “grizzle” that players should have played *qualifying games* before playing finals. This ruling was considered in later years (it may have been included) but I can't remember any players in the 70's arriving at a late stage of the season having any significant impact or that the ruling was ever tested.

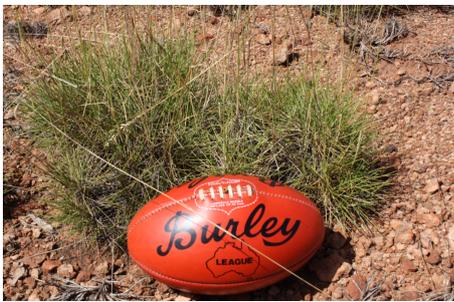
*L to R: Andie Tonich,
Richard Tarnowy, John Puglisi*

*note: the variation of the outfits, and
the “new boy” wearing a new jumper with
CFC logo.*



Next week: one week at a time

No.12 : GRAND FINAL: Tigers vs. Centrals



Spinifex Footy

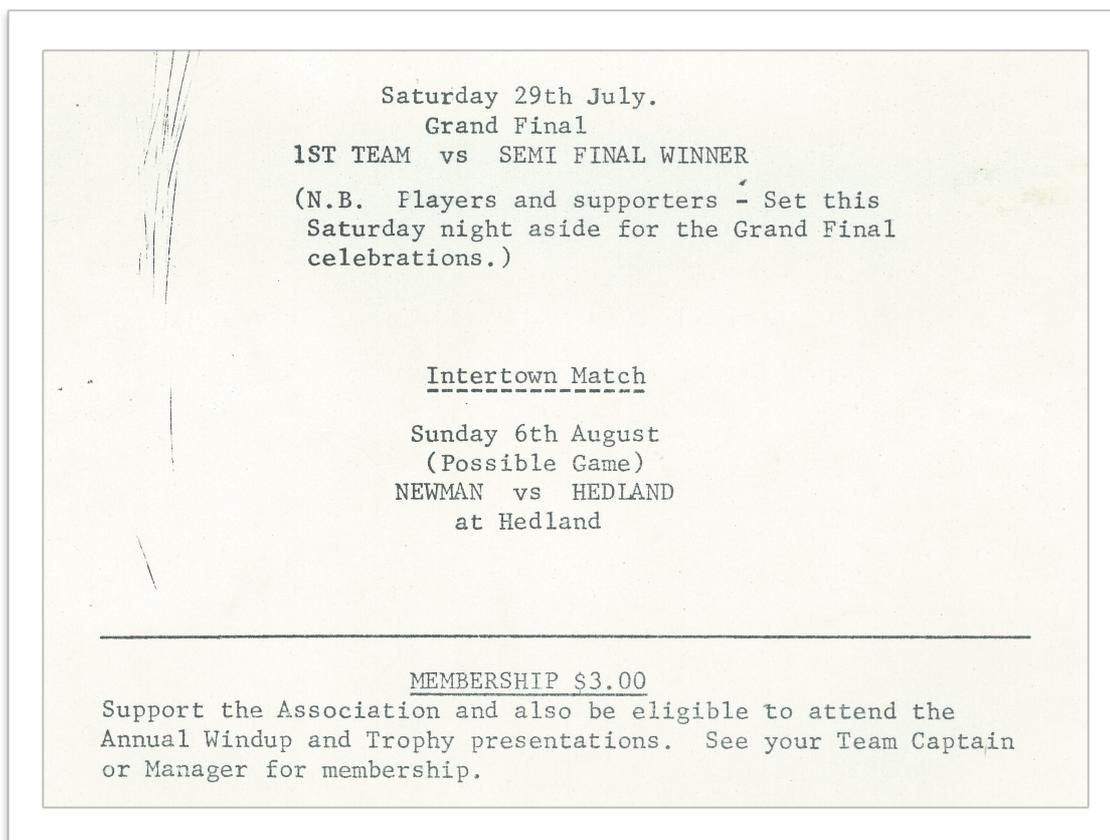
W12: One Week at a Time

Inaugural 1972 Season

The Inaugural 1972 Season - Match Records

“It was 45 years ago today”

Game 12 - GRAND FINAL **Saturday 29th July 1972**



Grand final Celebrations: Fancy Dress at the Community Hall - Cant wait!

Membership: \$3.00 wow!

End of Season game: vs Pt Hedland ?? - your joking!

Scorecard:

There was none!

I can't find a record or even remember the score. In the excitement of the final siren,

the rush to the end of season windup and

the fancy dress cabaret “wind-up” at the community hall; -

nobody had filled in the scorecard!

Season in Review:

Tigers were raging favourites having finished the season on top with a 5 win, 1 loss performance. They had the strongest and largest player base from the three shifts and had a good balance of fine players. They were led by a strong ruck combination of **John Hawkes**, **Trevor Dutoit**, **Laurie Berryman & Bruce Munroe** and had a fine “finisher” with the competitions best rover **John Aram**. **Bill Musham** was a consistent performer at centre (a smiling assassin i.e. tough nut) and Tigers had the leading goalkicker in **Wally (Bell) Kowalczuk**.

Based on the original fixtures **Tigers** could have been “*Champions or Premiers*” as finals had not been considered. The **Nullagine** game vs. **Marble Bar** was originally planned to be an end of season footy trip - **Terry Smith's** ideal of promotion of footy in the isolated towns of the East Pilbara (**Terry** even considered games against **Meekatharra** and **Mundawindi** (on the original Great Northern Hwy east of **Jiggalong** - more than “Ambitious” I thought!))

The introduction of finals towards the end of the season, “*Pattersons curse*”, provided for all three teams to participate in finals, the prime purpose to promote our form of “footy” in the young town of Newman. It gave **Saints**, who had not won a game “*something to play for*” but meant that **Tigers** had an un-welcomed two (2) week break between the end of the qualifying rounds, then the **Nullagine** game, before the Grand Final.

Centrals had gradually improved during the season with at least one third of the team being converts from rugby, hockey and soccer. The arrival of **Peter Sattell** for the last game of the normal rounds gave **Centrals** an edge in defeating the previously undefeated **Tigers**. The core of the team were; **Barry Hibben (CHB)**, **Andie Tonich (C)**, **Peter Sattell (CHF)**, **Bill Knox (Ruck)**, and **Don Watts (ruckman / forward)**.

Centrals semi-final win against **Saints** (by 12 goals) kicking the highest score of the season was some indication of good form going into the Grand Final.

Hibbo's recollections: “It was definitely the beginning of a strong competition and I must admit that I didn't think it would last much more than one season when it was stated. There is a huge vote of thanks due to the initial committee and you, Murray, Greg W and Andie in particular. Without the enthusiasm generated by you guys, I don't think it would have grown too much more than a social kick to kick.”

The real highlights, I think, were Centrals as premiers (probably sounds a bit grand really), the first trip to Tom Price, via the Wittenoom Pub, the “after match” Walkabout sessions and the gradual build up of footy interest in the town during that first year. No real hoo hah or “peanut gallery bullshit”, but all that wasn't too far off - the next season saw it all start in earnest.

The town in general was pretty sporty, due mainly to the young demographic I guess, but footy became a real community based interest starting with the 1972 Grand Final and continuing for 40 years.

As an aside, I reckon that is one of the main issues with Fly-in, Fly-out sites these days, but nothing stays the same. Footy in Newman did bring another level of interest to the town - it wasn't any longer a "earn your packet and piss-off" town, it was developing into a community at several levels. I guess in a lot of ways, Tom Price showed the way to some extent, but without the efforts of those involved in the administration of the competition, footy would not have impacted lifestyle or flourished the way it did.

I personally have some fantastic memories".

Umpires:

Although it was his rostered game **Don Burgess** would have umpired the Grand Final in any case as the leading umpire of the season. It was also a blessing that he was clearly independent but he worked in **Saints** zoning. **Don** was an experienced footy umpire with balanced judgement, was knowledgeable and fit. He dressed with the presentation of a sports master or tennis player. He also was the chief basketball referee and a skilful basketball player.

Prelude:

From memory; there was little build-up to the Grand Final, without much bravado, bullshit or club colours. This was to change in later years when the supporter base developed and the rivalries were played out just as much pre match "off the field" on and game day; the sideline "peanut gallery".

However there was a festive mood as all the three clubs were involved on the day. **Saints** as "Duty Team" did all the supporting work. It was an extension of the "*originals*" and the Newman Footy Club. The "wind-up" cabaret was organised immediately after the game at the community hall. While it was a social "fancy dress" cabaret it also was to present the season awards for each club and the NNFA.

There was however a significant difference to the rest of the season on match day - *it rained!* (a rare event in Newman - best remembered by all the kids running out to play in the "wet").

Players of the Day:

Without a record of the scorecard I can't remember much of how the game progressed, who were the best players or who kicked goals.

Tiger's centreman **Bill Musham** must have had a great game as he was acknowledged as the best player on the day. He must have been pushed as his opponent **Andie Tonich** was one of **Centrals** best.

The "*appalling conditions*" as reported by the **Chronicle** was a bit of over-statement. However it was a remarkable day for Newman, it was cold and overcast with consistent drizzling rain.



1972 Grand Final - Action:

The perfect tackle (or the flying doormat?):

Barry Hibben (C14) tackling Laurie Trott (T15)

Don Watts (C) in white shorts waiting for the outcome

Notes: The hint of wet weather; shiny ball and Hibbo's dirty shorts.

From memory; It was a low scoring, close game all the way. The only clear memory I have is late in the last quarter; **Centrals** held a slight lead (of the order of 7 to 9 points) kicking towards the SMQ end; **Andie** and I were controlling a defensive shutdown with “short chip kicks” to each other (perfected by Essendon decades later) on the grandstand side and using the boundary line as the dead defence (we would have been penalised these days for deliberate “out of bounds”). As I took another chip from **Andie**, I slowly passed him as he shuffled on to a position for the next chip pass and said - “*maaate - I think we've got this !*”

Hibbo's recollections: “I clearly remember the conditions and while I wouldn't describe them as appalling, it was bloody cold, wet and miserable. I remember also Billy Mush playing a really good game, but I also remember at the time thinking Andie and “Sats” were, between them, BoG. The chipping game was better than that currently featuring in the AFL, at least you and Andie kept kicking it forward toward our goals and use of the boundary was quite acceptable - especially to the backline”.

Celebrations:

I vaguely remember how dark it was at the end of the match when we joined our wives and friends in celebrations on the sidelines. There were no change rooms at the **Boomerang**. We walked over to the **Community Hall** in our wet gear to see how the preparations were going for the “wind up” fancy dress cabaret.

The hall was packed to the rafters that night. I may have been in fancy dress - can't remember. However I do remember "**Loose Bruce**" **McCulloch** taking a video of the game and the events that night - they would be priceless now. He had his parents up from Melbourne and although he had played most games he was a reserve for the GF and didn't come on (this was the first "**Derek Kickett**" episode in NNFA) - the "**Loose**" said it was the best time he had playing footy.

*[Note: **Derek Kickett** played all games for Essendon in 1993 and was controversially omitted from the GF side. He maintained his dignity with a brave face in the change rooms but not surprisingly he left Essendon for Sydney Swans the following season. When Sydney defeated Essendon by a point (kicked by "**Pluggger**") in the 1996 preliminary final (I was there), Derek had some joy and got his chance to play in a Grand Final.*

*Eventually all long term coaches have very hard decisions to make between friends and team. Kevin Sheedy had this classic in '93. On a lesser scale; leaving the GF reserves on the boundary; BK remembers this one in '72 and repeated the "offence" when coaching St Ives U/18's in Sydney in the 80's. **Greg McKay** - Centrals Capt/Coach had a very tough one later in the 70's - "(D)hobson's choice"]*

Awards:

"Inaugural" awards were presented as follows:

Fairest & most Brilliant	Bill Knox (C) #
F&B Runner-up	John Aram (T) #
Leading Goalkicker	Wally (Bell) Kowalczyk 28 goals (T)
Best Player Grand Final	Bill Musham (T)
Club Fairest & Best	
Centrals	Barry Hibben
Tigers	John Hawkes
Saints	Mike Roszak

Notes: # count back

I have no recollection of the NNFA - F&B trophy but **Hibbo** recons he has his "*inaugural*" trophy somewhere. It is interesting to note that the NNFA - F&B award was termed "*the fairest and most brilliant*". This was the Presidents' award and **Allan Grivell** was from South Australia where that terminology was used.

Barry Hibben must have been close to winning the NNFA - F&B as he featured regularly in the best players on the scorecards. I don't know who organised the umpires votes (probably **Andie Tonich**) but providing the umpires with a lift to the ground and water bottles must have helped BK.

BRIGHT FUTURE SEEN FOR PILBARA FOOTY

Although Australian Rules football has been played at Newman intermittently ever since the inception of the project, 1972 was the first year that a regular competition has been played.

This season three teams were formed, Tigers (from the production group), Saints (drawn from the Workshops and Crushers) and Centrals (which included players from Administration, Geology, Township and the Banks, shops etc.) As a pre-season opening, a combined team competed in a carnival at Tom Price and then regular competition games started.

The association were lucky to have two qualified umpires at their disposal. With each team having their own colours, the season opened on a high note. The Tigers were the early leaders in the competition, carrying all before them, there being little difference between the Saints and Centrals. As the season progressed, the Centrals were steadily improving, and in the final match, played in appalling weather conditions, the Centrals ran out the eventual winners.

Some of the highlights of the season were the two trips, one to Tom Price and the other to Nullagine, a tremendous grand final in front of a large crowd, the Fancy Dress Ball and the wind-up cabaret with the presentation of trophies.

Bill Knox, who was also the Association coach, won the Fairest and Most Brilliant Award on a countback from John Aram, who roved brilliantly for the Tigers. Wally Kowalszak won the leading goal kicker award and the top trophy in each team went to Mike Roszak (Saints), John Hawkes (Tigers) and Barry Hibben (Centrals).

A total of 24 trophies were presented to the players of the three teams, all generously donated by local people.

Another highlight of the year was the formation of the Junior League, mainly due to the efforts of Blue Tipping, Dennis Barber, Bob Piotrowski and Bob Patterson. Regular matches were played between the children of Newman and the enthusiasm at times was perhaps higher than in the Seniors.

With the advent of new mining projects within a few miles of Newman, the future of Australian Rules looks particularly bright, and the growth of the National Code in the Pilbara seems assured.

Officers were as follows - A. Grivell, President; B. Mackie, Vice-President; D. Watts, Secretary-Treasurer; T. Smith, Asst. Secretary; Mrs. J. Mackie, Social Secretary; Committee members - W. Knox, R. Williams, R. Patterson, A. Tonich, R. Piotrowski and W. Spence.



1972 Centrals - Premiers

Barry Hibben, Don Watts, Doug Gooch, Rob Taylor, Terry Aram, Bruce McCulloch, Frank Horn, Dick Riley
Ross Garcia, John Watters, Greg Donovan, Rick Gazzard, Mike Richards, George Tapp
Brian Breen, Peter Sattell, Kevin Dunlop, Bill Knox (C/Coach), Andie Tonich, Richard Tarnow, John Puglisi

SEVEN - A - SIDE SUCCESS

A seven-a-side competition proved a fitting finale to a most successful first season for the Newman Rugby Union Association.

Eight teams participated in the knockout competition, which was held on Saturday, September 30. The games were only five minutes each way, so the pace was quite exhausting. The Mine Planning team showed their superiority against the Hill to win the competition 14 points to 3.

Each member of the winning team received a pewter mug filled, of course, with the appropriate beverage.

A summary of the Rugby Union season will be published in the next issue of the Chronicle.

Centrals Premiers 1972: A "rag tag" lot including converts from rugby, hockey and soccer.

Note: the range of socks and two odd jumpers with CFC logos. More effort to have a "consistent uniform" was applied from 1973. Andie Tonich arranged for new Centrals jumpers with the CFC logo in 1974. Tigers had abandoned their Claremont Jumpers in '74 (for of all things - East Fremantle Jumpers) and therefore there was no conflict with the CFC logo.

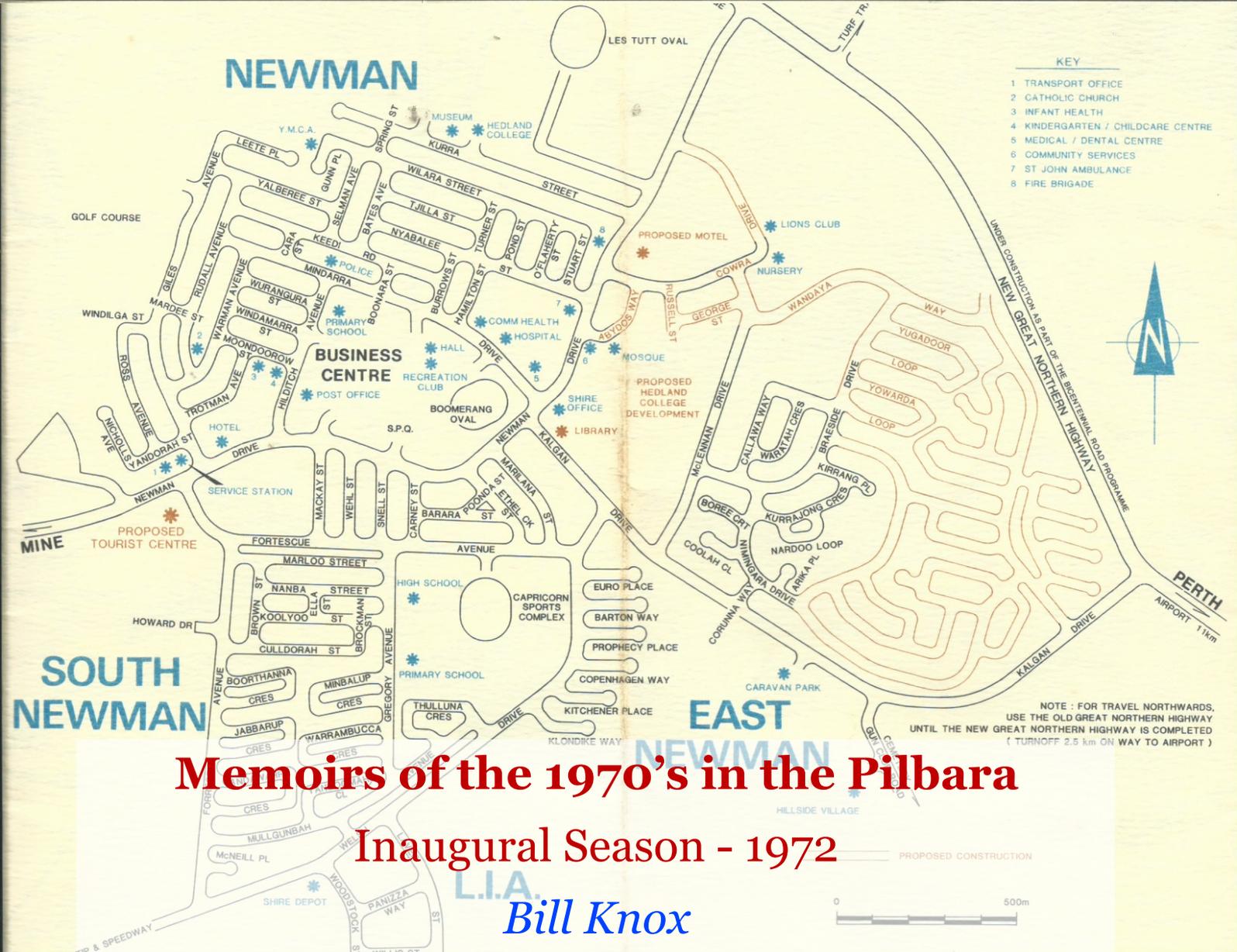


Back Row (left to right): M. McKenzie (Manager), W. Musham, R. Woods, K. Bralich, R. McMurray, J. Hollywood, M. Welsh (Capt.), A. Cox, J. Hawks, T. Smith, L. Berryman, B. Munroe, G. Williams, B. Spence (Coach).
Front Row: W. Kowalcuk, N. Anderson, P. Stone, P. Heatly, J. Aram, C. Brownrigg, T. O'Donnell.
Absent: B. Terzic, T. Detoit.

1972 Tigers - Runners up.

Spinifex Footy

One Week at a Time 1972



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Bill Knox