

Meet Our "New" League Best Player



1933 MDFA Best Player-Jolly Rowe

During some research into the most controversial incident in the history of the Olinda and Ferny Creek clubs (when we were "robbed" of the 1932 flag) we discovered that one of our star players won the League best and fairest award the following year.

Jolly Rowe (yep, that was his name) was a midfielder who, according to reports, picked up lots of touches in the backline and up forward as well as in the centre.

Think of him as an olden days Marcus Hottes.

A report on the 1933 grand final, the year after the Great Flag Robbery, said that Ferny Creek's J. Rowe was given a medallion for best player in the MDFA.

Dorothy Dodd (who married into the pioneering Dodd family) recalls that Jolly was a butcher who worked in Sassafrass.

Jolly is mentioned again in a newspaper letter in the early '50s when an old timer laments the decline in footballing standards in the MDFA. The old timer says "the League needs more of the pre War stars such as (Ferry Creek's) Henry Linden and Jolly Rowe" running around.