

Percy John Beswicke

The first Ferny Creek player to play in the VFL was Percy Beswicke. He had played with One Tree Hill in 1902 and then played with Ferntree Gully and Richmond 2nds before transferring to Melbourne in May 1909 where he played 16 games in 1909-1910.

The photo of him below c1910 is when he was with Melbourne.

He did return to Ferny Creek and played in a game against Monbulk that year as well where he was one of the reasons that Ferny Creek United won by 102 points.

His father, John Beswicke Esq., had his country residence in Ferny Creek, (mentioned as opposite Slater's Post Office and Store in 1908). Blocks 67 and 68 Sec A in the Parish Of Scoresby.

Below there's also an article from 1902 when Beswicke played for One Tree Hill and kicked all the teams four goals which they scored at FTG.



Football at F.T. Gully. A splendid contest took place at Fern Tree Gully on Saturday, when the F.T. Gully team met the One Tree Hill footballers for the second occasion. The absence of Clarke, Monk and Jones from F.T. Gully made things more even for One Tree Hill. At the bounce of the ball One Tree carried it into F.T. Gully territory, where, after some excellent play on both sides, Percy Beswicke, a new player for One Tree, took possession of the ball and sent it flying through with a splendid kick. The Gully then set to work, and through McCrickard's splendid play, the Gully's 1st goal was notched. Hogan, on the wing, doing some fine runs, brought the leather to the One Tree Hill sticks, but it was soon carried away. Hogan, however, again collared and passed to McCrossen, but Beswicke checked and sent the ball to Ince, who forwarded the play. Again Beswick secured, and by a running shot put up One Tree's 2nd goal Bounced in, Hogan passed it to Monk, who forwarded to Lloyd, and the latter added 2nd goal for the Gully. At half-time the game was even. Resuming play, Ince's handball play brought the leather to the Gully territory, where some exciting play was witnessed, until Green altered the sphere of labor for One Tree Hill. Eventually the Gully returned the play, and McCros-sen collaring passed to Lloyd, who for-warded to McCrickard, from whose foot the Gully's 3rd goal was raised. Exciting play followed: Murphy secured and sent the leather to Breen, but again play was brought back, both sides woking like tigers. Clarke subsequently took possession and passed to Fisher. Beswicke once more shone out, and getting hold of the ball put up One Tree Hills 3rd goal. The struggle for vic-tory then became imminent, and the players losing their good tempers, the game became rather rough. Settling down, however, some fine play followed. A series of marks brought the ball from one end of the ground to the other. Free kicks became frequent, the Gully subsequently missing an easy chance. McCredie succeeded in taking the ball out of the ruck and Davis securing forwarded for One Tree to Breen, but it was quickly returned to the centre by McCrossen and Schultz. Play for again forwarded by McCredie and Murphy for One Tree Hill, and Beswick securing a mark, scorecd the 4th goal for One Tree. In the last few minutes Hogan directed the leather to Al loyd, who passed to McCrickard, and with a fine running shot the latter put up the Gully's 4th goal. Play was then taken to the Gully territory, where it remained until time was called. Those who deserve praise for hard work for the Gully were Schultz, Monk, Hogan, Green, Provist, McCrickard, Alloyd, and McCrossen; and for One Trre Hill, Ince, Murphy, Breen, Beswick, Dickinson and Davis. T. O'Don umpired the match.

Death Of Mr. P.J. Beswicke

THE DEATH cocurred this morning of Mr. Percy Beswicke, of "Oakwood Park," Prince's Highway, Dandenong. Deceased, who was 63 years of age, was a member

of a very well known family in this district, and is survived by his wife, one son, John, and one daughter, Hazel. Deepest sympathy is extended to them in their loss.