

THE FAME GAME

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20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

GET ready for a night to remember! On Saturday, November 26, 2016, the Football Hall of Fame WA will celebrate its 20th anniversary. The milestone will be marked with a gala event, to be held at the Perth Convention Centre, when there will be celebrity guests galore in attendance - and several high-profile guest speakers to keep what promises to be a bumper turn-out entertained.

The evening's highlight will be a further salute to the greats of the game with another round of inductions into three of the Hall of Fame's major categories - the Hall of Champions, the Hall of Merit for Players and the Hall of Recognition.

It will be the sixth time that inductees have been honoured since the Football Hall of Fame WA was established with a glittering event on November 28, 1996, initially to coincide with the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the official foundation of football in Western Australia. In all, so far, there have been 155 inductees into the Hall of Fame.

When the Hall of Fame's 10th anniversary celebration was held on November 17, 2006, tributes were paid that night to an array of WA players - and officials - whose efforts had added considerably to the rich history of the sport in this State. It also included presentations of Australian caps to eleven WA players who had tasted international honours.

The 20th anniversary dinner promises to be even bigger affair with awards galore. Apart from the inductions on the night, there will also be acknowledgement of several other 2016 milestones, including the 120th year of the birth of football in Western Australia.

Details of how to obtain tickets for the big night will be posted on the Hall of Fame's website:
www.footballhalloffamewa.com.au

The website will also carry news of the starry guest list - some from overseas - as it comes to hand.

***Still on the subject of anniversaries, this issue of The Fame Game also includes a special supplement on the 40th anniversary of the State team's greatest year of international challenge - 1975, the Year of Excellence - when victory was achieved in the Marah Halim Cup tournament in Indonesia and there was also a stunning win over Scottish giants Rangers.



Our first committee: David Andrews (left), Frank Miller, John O'Connell, Julius Re and Alan Beale.
Absent: Bob Brown

RIP - FOUR OF THE BEST

THERE were several notable WA football identities who died since the last issue of *The Fame Game* - Peter Dimopoulos, Ernie Hannigan, John Davies and Ross McGinn.

Peter Dimopoulos was one of the original Football Hall of Fame inductees in 1996 and served on the Hall of Fame Committee until retiring due to ill health late last year. He died on August 23, a few weeks after his 90th birthday. Peter was one of the founders of the women's game in WA and served for many years as State team coach to the women's team, leading it to a ground-breaking victory in the Australian championships in Brisbane in 1975. His war record brought him many kudos. After being captured by the Japanese he was interred in Singapore and Thailand and acted as an interpreter during many horrific years. He was ANZAC of the Year in 2013.



John Davies, who coached the State team, Spearwood Dalmatinac and Perth Azzurri during the 1980s, died at his home in Queensland on June 4. He was 67. As a player he had success with Inglewood - winning the D'Orsogna Cup in 1977 - and also won the Top Four Cup with Bayswater, teaming up with his older brother Reg Davies.

Ernie Hannigan, who was inducted into the Hall of Merit for Players in 2012, died on May 21, aged 72.

He enjoyed a stellar career in the UK with Queen of the South, Preston North End and Coventry City before coming to WA in 1973. As player-coach he led Morley Windmills to success in the D'Orsogna Cup in 1975. He also had coaching spells with Stirling Macedonia, Spearwood Dalmatinac and Inglewood. A very popular winger, he played 12 times for the State and scored one of the goals in the 2-0 victory over South Korea as WA won the Marah Halim Cup in Malaysia in 1975. He was a great friend of fellow Scot Sir Alex Ferguson, the former Manchester United manager.



Ross McGinn, a stalwart of the successful Stirling Macedonia side of the 1980s, died towards the end of June, aged 53. Scottish-born Ross had played with Manchester City's youth team before heading Down Under in 1982. He was a key midfielder as Macedonia - his only WA club - won three successive State league titles in 1983,84 and 85.

**For more detailed obituaries go to the News section of the Hall of Fame website: www.footballhalloffamewa.com.au

BLACK SWAN SOARS AGAIN

FOOTBALL West has given a valuable nod to the past - and helped protect the history of the game in WA - by resurrecting the Black Swan on State team jerseys.

The Black Swan, which is prominent on the State of Western Australia's coat of arms, has featured regularly on the WA State team shirt throughout the 113-year history of representative games in the West. It was also used by soccer bodies before the formation of Football West in 2004 when the new governing body adopted a peeling ball logo similar to that used by Football Federation Australia for use on State representative team shirts. But Football West has now introduced a new crest, which will be used on all State jerseys, to better reflect the teams status and history.

The new-look jersey was used for the first time when the State team took on Perth Glory in the Call to Arms Cup challenge at Dorrien Gardens on August 20.

The new badge incorporates a Black Swan emblem and acknowledges the date of WAs first representative match in 1902 when they played against a touring English Cricket XI. Since that first game, WA has been involved in more than 250 matches, including against the likes of Manchester United, AC Milan, Red Star Belgrade, Chelsea, Rangers and Manchester City.



TRICOLORE MEMORIES

AN ARRAY of stars, coaches, administrators, supporters - plus friends and spouses - gathered at the South Beach Hotel in Fremantle on July 5 for an East Fremantle Tricolore Past Players Reunion.

The club was founded in 1953 and ceased to exist as a senior professional outfit in 1987.

In a salute to the 50th anniversary of the 1965 championship-winning side, four members of that team turned up - goalkeepers Frank Franken and Pipo Crifo, defender Eric Edmonds and captain Graham Oughton, who later became player-coach.

Harry Long made the journey from his home in the Victorian town of Geelong for the event. Other past players who attended included John O'Connell, Andy Godfrey, Eddie Evans, Steve Pateman, Nick MacCallum, Peter Murphy, Mike Smith, Mike Ireson and Bill Beatt

Pic: Graham Oughton, Mike Ireson, Bill Beattie, Nick MacCallum



TOP JOBS FOR BOBBY & GARETH

TWO Hall of Champions inductees, Bobby Despotovski and Gareth Naven, have landed high profile coaching jobs. Despotovski has been handed the reins of the Perth Glory women's team in the Australian W-League for the 2015-06 season, while Naven will take charge of local State League heavyweights Perth SC for the 2016 campaign.

Both were team-mates during the foundation years of Perth Glory in the old National Soccer League. Despotovski is the club's record scorer with 113 goals from 241 games, while Naven captained the side in 143 games.

Despotovski, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2012, was previously coach of Inglewood United and, more recently, in charge of Perth Glory's U-20 side in the NPL WA. He succeeds another former Perth Glory favourite Jamie Harnwell as coach of the women's team. He will be assisted by Collette McCallum, who last year retired from playing after 50 games with the Glory in the W-League and 81 appearances for Australia.

Naven (right), who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008, will feel very much at home in his new post with Perth SC at Dorrien Gardens, which is undergoing considerable renovations to its playing area and already has impressive new floodlights.

He played for the club - then called Perth Italia - as a junior and went on to win four senior state league titles before captaining Perth Kangaroos to the Singapore league title and then teaming up with Glory, with whom he became the club's first life member in 2004. He had later coaching spells with the club, being first-team assistant to Alistair Edwards and then youth team coach.

At Perth he succeeds Taki Nicolaidis, who was shown the door after a successful season in which he led the club to the runners-up spot in the State league and a similar position in the Cup.



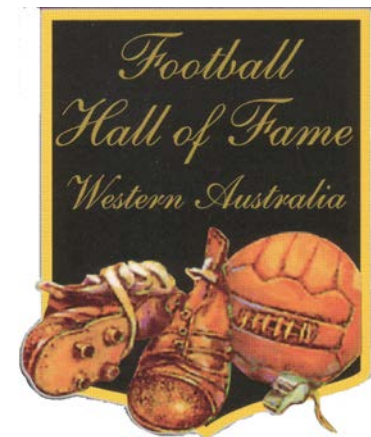
Collette McCallum, Kenny Lowe & Bobby Despotovski



NEW-LOOK HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

FOLLOWING the retirements of treasurer Bob Brown and secretary Barbara Gibson, and the death of Peter Dimopoulos, there are three new members on the Football Hall of Fame Committee. Barry Rogers, a former secretary of ECU Joondalup, is our new secretary. Another new face is Keith Brier, a graphic designer by profession and has much experience with local clubs. Hall of Fame Legend Sandra Brentnall has also joined the Committee in an advisory capacity.

The full Committee: Louis Prospero JP (chairman), Barry Rogers (secretary), Roger Males (treasurer), John O'Connell (sponsorship), Richard Kreider (historian), Mel Moffat (*The Fame Game* and website editor), Keith Brier (special projects), Sandra Brentnall (advisory role). Patron: Julian Burt JP. Football West representatives: Peter Hugg and Eddie Lennie.



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