

ALF SNOW PASSES

It was with sadness that the League learned last Friday of the passing of ALF SNOW on February 28th.

Alf will be fondly remembered by many, for the energy he employed in working for the code of Australian Football. Alf was honored by the Western Suburbs club with whom he served in the closing seasons of his life.

ALFRED JOHN SNOW was born in Tasmania in 1906 and started to work here for the game with the old Sydney club in 1928. He then served the game proudly in a wide variety of roles.

In the period of 1939 until 1952 he was Treasurer of the N.S.W.A.F.L. of which he was created a Life Member in 1947. In parallel, he was the NSW delegate to the Australian National Football Council from 1946 to 1962 and to which body he was elected to Life Membership in 1956.

In many years of service, Alf was President of the NSWFL from 1956 to 1959. As well as his interests in Australian Football, he was a foundation member of Randwick Labor and at the time of his death was still serving the party as Honorary Secretary.

A man who will be fondly remembered - vale ALF SNOW.

CARLTON ADMINISTRATION WITHDRAW OPPOSITION TO SYDNEY GAME

The new Carlton administration of Ian Rice have withdrawn their opposition and will play Essendon on Sunday, May 25 at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Two other changes to the previously announced VFL draw will result.

On Saturday, August 16, Essendon have agreed to move their "home" game against Carlton to Princes Park, while the Blues joint-tenants Hawthorn will move their "home" game that day against North Melbourne to VFL Park, Waverley.

The VFL program of four matches at the Sydney Cricket Ground remains as -

Sunday, April 27	Footscray v North Melbourne
Sunday, May 25	Carlton v Essendon
Sunday, June 15	South Melbourne v Geelong
Sunday, July 20	St. Kilda v Richmond

Booking plans for the SCG matches are expected to be the same as last season (sales thru Mitchells Bass agencies) with a final announcement expected in the next few weeks.

SYDNEY'S 1980 ROSTER FINALISED AT LAST

Following many frustrations, what will be the draws of the 1980 seasons of the SYDNEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE and the SYDNEY DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION have now been finalised. The SFL will bounce the ball for the first time on Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30, in the earliest recorded start of senior Sydney football, and in line with the Melbourne start of the Victorian Football League.

The Association, welcoming the entry to the Firsts of two clubs RICHMOND-WINDSOR and PARRAMATTA will start on Saturday, April 12 with a 5-game program, eliminating the bye.

LEAGUE

Sat-Sun, March 29-30

Sat - Balmain v St. George at Erskineville
Sat - East Sydney v North Shore at Trumper Pk
Sun - Newtown v Western Suburbs at Erko. Oval
Sun-- Pennant Hills v Sthn Dists at P.Hills

ASSOCIATION

Saturday, April 12

Sydney University v Campbelltown
Uni of NSW v Macquarie University
Sutherland v Bankstown Sports
St. Ives v Manly-Warringah
Richmond-Windsor v Parramatta

'BIG V' TO GO COUNTRY

The Victorian Country Football League is to enter the interstate field of competition with a match against the A.C.T. in Canberra on Sunday, June 1. Players from every affiliated Country League and the Riverina will be eligible for selection. Instead of wearing the distinctive blue guernsey with the big white V, the country side will do it in reverse - white guernseys with blue V.

BOB ALLISON of Echuca who coached the Goulburn Valley to the 1979 VCFL Country Championships as well as coaching Echuca to three premierships will get the representative team together in Melbourne on Friday, May 30 and train at the Junction Oval, St. Kilda, before flying to Canberra the following day.

FINAL N.S.W. SQUAD
CHOSEN FOR
A.C.T. MATCH ON
SUNDAY

NSW had its final trial of Riverina and Sydney players last Saturday at North Wagga after which the State selectors announced a squad of 28 players for the side to meet the A.C.T. next Sunday at McPherson Oval, North Wagga in the Australian Football Championships ESCORT CUP series.

The players are - WAYNE EVANS (South West), BRUCE STEWART (Farrer), JOHN LUCAS (F), PETER CHISNELL (Ovens), RAY O'CONNOR (SW), REX IMRIE (SW), PAT WELLINGTON (SFL), IAN GORDON (SFL), DAVID SCOTT (SW), JOHN GANNON (F), JOHN DURMAN (SW), WAYNE CARROLL (F), JIM PRENTICE (F), GREG SMITH (F), GERALD PIEPER (F), LEO LUCAS (F), VICTOR HUGO (SW), MICHAEL BROWN (SFL), SAM KEKOVICH (SFL), JOHN PILKINGTON (SFL), STEVE EATHER (SW), IAN GEDDES (SFL), DARRYL HURST (F), GARY COLVIN (F), TONY JOHNSON (F), PETER STEVENS (SW), MICHAEL DANAHER (F), ROBERT MAGOSIS (F).

A win against the A.C.T. next Sunday would take N.S.W. to the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday week to play the winner of Match 11 of the AFC ESCORT CUP (Richmond v Woodville) which will be played next Saturday night on VFL Park, Waverley to a live TV audience.

"AUSTRALIAN
FOOTBALL WORLD"
IS THEME
OF
1980 SYDNEY
CAMPAIGN

Next Friday night will kick-off the 1980 Sydney media campaign which will all revolve around the central theme title of -

"AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL WORLD"

The first known regular sports program on FM-Radio will commence on 2CBA-FM (103.2m) at 5.45pm next Friday evening and will be a regular in that timeslot for the 1980 season.

2CBA-FM is to be congratulated on their foresight in supporting Australian Football. Each Friday when the season proper gets under way, the show will announce the selected teams of each week's major VFL game, together with VFL News, plus a preview of Sydney Association games to be played on Saturday, a Personality Profile on an SFL identity. The program will combine the two presentation talents of RUSSELL HOPPER & KEVIN TAYLOR. 2CBA-FM (103.2m) from next Friday at 5.45pm.

"AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL WORLD" (Saturday Night Edition) will start on 2KY-AM on Saturday, March 22nd, at 6.30pm. The program will follow a similar theme from 1979 with final scores of all VFL matches, details of Adelaide games and the final scores from Newcastle and Sydney Association rounds that day. "AFW" will also preview the Sunday SFL games.

"AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL WORLD" will also be the new name of the former Sydney "Football Record". An interim presentation will modestly start the season on March 29-30, but by the time of the first 1980 VFL game in Sydney on the weekend of April 26-27, it is expected that "AFW" will expand into the boldest news presentation of Australian Football ever published in Sydney.

It is intended that the newspaper version of "AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL WORLD" will fill the vacuum for news of the game and will be available in newsagents throughout the Sydney metropolitan area, Riverina and NSW country, each Thursday morning. We hope that "AFW" will gain immediate acceptance by the vast army of supporters throughout N.S.W.

Saturday afternoon viewers will be happy that ATN-7 will continue with the VFL Match of the Day each week in 1980. The commentary team will again be LOU RICHARDS and PETER LANDY.

"DON'T CALL US,
WE'LL CALL YOU"
DEPARTMENT

Last Friday morning the NSWAFWL g.m. RUSSELL HOPPER learnt that North Shore captain-coach JOHN PITURA would not be able to make the trip to Wagga for the final training session last Saturday.

Strange, that on the same morning HOPPER received his info, the Wagga "DAILY ADVERTISER" was in print with a major story by PETER BAKER quoting Pitura - "I would be unavailable for the State game against ACT so there is no point in my travelling to Wagga for the trial. I have just been appointed national sales manager of Avis and cannot afford the time off. I have already been through the football world and must now start thinking of my job. I will continue to captain-coach North Shore in Sydney but on a limited basis. The club has engaged three other coaches to train players when I am away. I have told NSW officials I will be available for the next round of the Escort Championships - if they beat ACT and I am in Sydney at the time."

STAB KICKS

Brilliant East Fremantle rover KEVIN TAYLOR (what an interesting name!) will sadly not be with South Melbourne in 1980. Taylor who became the first WA rover to break the century and top the WANFL goalkicking list with 104 in 1979 will stay with Olds Easts another season the booze is out, tea is in at Punt Road. Carlton & United terminated their sponsorship and TETLEY TEA have taken up the Tiger option. The new Richmond slogan is - TETLEY TIGERS, RUNNING HOT AND STRONG Fitzroy dropped by AMCO have signed with Brisbane-based NANDA Macaroni Products for a deal worth "in excess of \$100,000" over two years "INSIDE FOOTBALL" is now in its 10th year ...

Into the 80's - FOOTY, AUSSIE STYLE ... Into the 80's - FOOTY, AUSSIE STYLE ... Into the

LAURIE DAVEY ELECTED N.S.W. JUNIOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW Junior Australian Football Council held in Wagga on Saturday, February 16, recorded the election to the Presidency of LAURIE DAVEY. He was unopposed. Laurie is well-known throughout Sydney and N.S.W. junior circles and will be in the forefront of generating unity in all spheres.

Riverina personality RAY SMITH was elected Vice-President, with RAY SODEN continuing for a further season as Secretary. Soden was elected unopposed.

The choice of Laurie Davey alongside BOB McCLAY who was elected President for a second term of the SYDNEY JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL COUNCIL on Monday, February 11, assures the progress of Australian Football at the junior level throughout New South Wales.

V.C.F.L. AWARD TO
ALF GIBBONS AT
HUME LEAGUE DINNER

NSWAFU President BERN HEAFY attended The President's Dinner of the Hume League in Albury on Friday, February 29. A big response was enjoyed for the evening to which the HENTY club received a warm welcome as a new member of this long established competition.

A highlight of the night was the presentation of the Victorian Country Football League award for outstanding service to ALF GIBBONS. Alf now 71, created the remarkable record of 531 games in senior competition of the Hume League over 38 seasons. He played well into his fifties. What a tremendous achievement!

JESAULENKO CLEARED TO ST. KILDA

The close of yet another chapter of the seemingly endless "Carlton Saga" came last Thursday when the Blues 1979 captain-coach ALEX JESAULENKO was cleared to St. Kilda for a reported fee of \$25,000. Arrangements were finalised between St. Kilda's chairman LINDSAY FOX and IAN RICE the Carlton president who attended training that night at Moorabbin to watch the famous "Jezza" in action.

Jesaulenko will wear the familiar number 25 guernsey in his new colors of red, white and black. Geoff Cunningham agreed to give his number to the VFL's oldest recruit of 1980.

The Melbourne "Sun" last Friday reported that - "Two former officials of a Carlton Football Club supporters' group have appealed against a decision by a Supreme Court judge.

The appeal was lodged by former secretary of the Carltonians, Barry Berkovitch, and former president Jack Haskett.

In a notice of appeal to the Full Court of the Supreme Court, they claim that Mr. Justice Jenkinson was wrong in law in finding that a meeting of Carlton supporters at Festival Hall on February 19 was invalid.

The appeal was not lodged on behalf of the Carltonians."

The February 19 meeting at Melbourne's Festival Hall saw the challenge of George Harris against the Ian Rice administration defeated on a published vote count of 1241 to 480. Jesaulenko who had stood firmly behind George Harris - No Harris, No Jezza - then departed the Blues he joined from Eastlakes in 1967 and a career of 260 games and 6 grand finals.

Peter (Perc) Jones first-day baptism as coach of Carlton turned sour when the Blues met St. Kilda in a full-scale practice match at Sebastopol Oval last Sunday week, when the '79 wooden-spooners turned it on in the last quarter over the reigning VFL premiers, for St. Kilda to win by seven goals.

ESCORT \$575,000 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
UNDER WAY

You can be forgiven for thinking that Footy - Aussie Style, is still in limbo.

That would be the impression if you had only the Sydney media to rely on. The truth is that the ESCORT AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS are well under way with the first of the 33-game series having started in Perth on March 2. Hawthorn with rover LEIGH MATTHEWS and PETER KNIGHTS the stars easily defeated West Perth 18.13-121 to 11.15-81. Matthews kicked 6-goals. On VFL Park last Tuesday night before a live TV audience across southern Australia, Melbourne with 22.16-148 eclipsed Swan Districts 8.18-66. The umpires were busy adopting the new VFL notebook reporting system. Pencils and pads worked overtime with former Carlton and North Melbourne player BRENT CROSSWELL appearing for the first time in Melbourne colors copping a sentence of four weeks after a heavy clash with Swans' TOM BELL.

W.D & H.O Wills are sponsors of AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS to the tune of \$575,000.

This amount pales any series, for any code, anywhere in Australia! Not as the blazing headlines on the Sports page of one Sydney daily would have you believe last week.

34 teams are competing - 12 clubs from the VFL, the 8 clubs of the Western Australian National Football League, the ten clubs from the South Australian National Football League, plus State teams of Tasmania, Queensland, the A.C.T. and New South Wales.

The Grand Final of the ESCORT A.F.C. series will be at VFL Park on Tuesday, July 15th.

SYDNEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1980 DRAW

ROUND 1 - MARCH 29-30

Sat - Balmain v St. George Erko
 Sat - East Sydney v North Shore Trumper
 Sun - Newtown v Western Subs. Erko
 Sun - Pennant Hills v Sthn Dists P.Hills

ROUND 2 - APRIL 6

Sun - Western Subs v Balmain Mquarie
 Sun - St. George v Penn. Hills Olds Pk
 Sun - Sthn Dists v East Sydney R'dale
 Sun - North Shore v Newtown Nth Syd

ROUND 3 - APRIL 13

Sun - East Sydney v Western Subs. Trumper
 Sun - Balmain v Sthn Districts Jubilee
 Sun - Newtown v St. George Erko

ROUND 4 - APRIL 20

Sun - East Sydney v Newtown Trumper
 Sun - Balmain v Pennant Hills Erko
 Sun - St. George v Western Subs. Olds Pk
 Sun - North Shore v Sthn Dists Nth Syd

ROUND 5 - APRIL 25-26-27

Fri - Penn. Hills v East Sydney P.Hills
 Sat - Newtown v Balmain Erko
 Sat - Sthn Dists v St. George R'dale
 Sun - Western Subs v North Shore SCG

ROUND 6 - MAY 4

Sun - St. George v East Sydney Olds Pk
 Sun - Western Subs v Sthn Dists Mquarie
 Sun - Balmain v North Shore Jubilee
 Sun - Newtown v Pennant Hills Erko

ROUND 7 - MAY 11

Sun - Sthn Districts v Newtown R'dale
 Sun - East Sydney v Balmain Trumper
 Sun - North Shore v St. George Nth Syd
 Sun - Penn. Hills v Western Subs P.Hills

ROUND 8 - MAY 17-18

Sat - North Shore v East Sydney Nth Syd
 Sun - Western Subs v Newtown Mquarie
 Sun - Balmain v St. George Jubilee
 Sun - Penn. Hills v Sthn Dists P.Hills

ROUND 9 - MAY 24-25

Sat - Balmain v Western Subs Erko
 Sat - St. George v Pennant Hills Olds Pk
 Sat - East Sydney v Sthn Dists Trumper
 Sun - Newtown v North Shore SCG

ROUND 10 - JUNE 1

Sun - Western Subs v East Sydney Mquarie
 Sun - Sthn Dists v Balmain R'dale
 Sun - St. George v Newtown Olds Pk
 Sun - North Shore v Penn. Hills Nth Syd

JUNE 8: No Sydney matches. NSW State Championships at Deniliquin.

ROUND 11 - JUNE 14-15

Sat - Western Subs v St. George Trumper
 Sat - North Shore v Sthn Dists Nth Syd
 Sat - Pennant Hills v Balmain P.Hills
 Sun - East Sydney v Newtown SCG

ROUND 12 - JUNE 21-22

Sat - North Shore v Balmain Nth Syd
 Sun - East Sydney v St. George Trumper
 Sun - Sthn Dists v Western Subs R'dale
 Sun - Pennant Hills v Newtown P.Hills

Note: SCG games subject to VFL matches.

ROUND 13 - JUNE 29

Sun - Newtown v Sthn Districts Erko
 Sun - Balmain v East Sydney Jubilee
 Sun - St. George v North Shore Olds Pk
 Sun - Western Subs v Penn. Hills Mquarie

ROUND 14 - JULY 6

Sun - Newtown v Western Subs Erko
 Sun - North Shore v East Sydney Nth Syd
 Sun - St. George v Balmain Olds Pk
 Sun - Sthn Dists v Penn. Hills R'dale

ROUND 15 - JULY 13

Sun - Western Subs v Balmain Mquarie
 Sun - Penn. Hills v St. George P.Hills
 Sun - Sthn Dists v East Sydney R'dale
 Sun - Newtown v North Shore Erko

ROUND 16 - JULY 19-20

Sat - Balmain v Sthn Districts Trumper
 Sat - St. George v Newtown Olds Pk
 Sat - Penn. Hills v North Shore P.Hills
 Sun - East Sydney v Western Subs SCG

ROUND 17 - JULY 27

Sun - North Shore v Western Subs Nth Syd
 Sun - Sthn Dists v St. George R'dale
 Sun - Newtown v Balmain Erko
 Sun - East Sydney v Penn. Hills Trumper

ROUND 18 - AUGUST 2-3

Sat - St. George v Western Subs Olds Pk
 Sun - Newtown v East Sydney Erko
 Sun - Balmain v Pennant Hills Trumper
 Sun - Sthn Dists v North Shore R'dale

ROUND 19 - AUGUST 10

Sun - St. George v East Sydney Olds Pk
 Sun - Balmain v North Shore Jubilee
 Sun - Penn. Hills v Newtown P.Hills
 Sun - Western Subs v Sthn Dists Mquarie

ROUND 20 - AUGUST 17

Sun - Sthn Dists v Newtown R'dale
 Sun - East Sydney v Balmain Trumper
 Sat - North Shore v St. George Nth Syd
 Sun - Penn. Hills v Western Subs P.Hills

ROUND 21 - AUGUST 24

Sun - Western Subs v North Shore Mquarie
 Sun - St. George v Sthn Dists Olds Pk
 Sun - Balmain v Newtown Jubilee
 Sun - East Sydney v Penn. Hills Trumper

SUN. AUG 31 First Semi-Final
 at Erskineville Oval

SUN. SPT 7 Second Semi-Final
 at Erskineville Oval

SUN. SPT 14 Preliminary Final
 at Erskineville Oval

SUN. SPT 21 Grand Final
 venue to be announced

Note: SCG games subject to VFL matches.

S.F.L. GROUNDS ARE -
 Erko Erskineville Oval
 Trumper Trumper Park, Paddington
 Mquarie Macquarie University Oval
 Nth Syd North Sydney Oval, Miller St.
 P.Hills Pennant Hills Oval (No. 2)
 Jubilee Jubilee Oval, Glebe
 Olds Pk Olds Park, Peakhurst
 R'dale Rosedale Oval, Warwick Farm