



NSW AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL HISTORY SOCIETY Inc

BEST TEAM EVER

SELECTION CRITERIA

- The two primary attributes for selection were longevity and on-field excellence.
- There are three selection methodologies that have been applied:
 - A rating system. Where various achievements in a player's career attract a certain amount of points. Because of significant changes to the game, e.g. number of home and away games played in a season/cessation of state games/differences in standards between the various senior competitions throughout the country, this is certainly not a perfect tool but if those differences are factored in it can be highly effective. The limited availability of Club B+F information from the early years was also a major impediment
 - Eyewitness accounts. This primarily derives from the number of games that in some way Mike Sheahan and Gerard Healy have participated in/watched/commented about.
 - Third-party commentary. Where peers/teammates/commentators input has been sought on specific players or where significant research has been undertaken per medium of newspapers and journals. Many going back over 100 years. Some of the biggest names in the AFL system have been consulted on all manner of matters.
- The team was picked with players placed in realistic positions. And the team had to be balanced.
- The rules regarding eligibility to play for NSW under State of Origin rules apply.

- A minimum threshold of 100 games in VFL/AFL, SANFL, and/or WAFL.
- There has been no conscious effort or direction to ensure that players represent evenly all parts of NSW or across all eras.

TEAM SELECTED

The NSW Greatest Team was selected in positions as follows:

Backs: [Ross Henwood](#) (North Albury), [Leo Barry](#) (Deniliquin), [Chris Lethbridge](#) (Sydney YMCA)

Half-Backs: [Jarrad McVeigh](#) (Pennant Hills), [Gordon Strang](#) (Albury), [Dennis Carroll](#) (Lockhart)

Centres: [Shane Crawford](#) (Finley), [Lenny Hayes](#) (Pennant Hills), [Neil Davies](#) (Central Broken Hill)

Half-Forwards: [Terry Daniher](#) *vice-capt* (Ungarie), [Wayne Carey](#) *capt.* (North Wagga), [Luke Bruest](#) (Temora)

Forwards: [John Longmire](#) (Corowa), [Bill Mohr](#) (Wagga Tigers), [Paul Kelly](#) *vice-capt* (Wagga Tigers)

Rucks: [Bruce McGregor](#) (West Broken Hill), [Brett Kirk](#) (North Albury), [Haydn Buntun](#) (Albury)

I/C: [Mark McClure](#) (East Sydney), [Isaac Smith](#) (Cootamundra), [Kieran Jack](#) (Pennant Hills), [Tom Hawkins](#) (Finley)