



# West Brunswick Amateur Football Club Inc.

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President: Benjamin Lichtenstein	Senior Premierships:	1960, '80, 2002, '08, '14, '15
Secretary: Matt Holmes	Premiers & Champions:	1976, 2015 (res)
Senior Coach: Angus Hamilton	Reserves Premierships:	1989, '98

## Season 2017 The Birdsnest Vol 47 No.5 The historical edition...

### We had Matt Holmes play his 100<sup>th</sup>

Club secretary Matt Holmes played his one hundredth club game against Hawthorn two weeks ago. Homer is one of those great versatile players who can fill a number of roles on the field. In his early days, he was a dedicated forward, winning the clubs leading goalkicking award. As his experience at the club continued his great running and marking skills have been used up the ground, creating many opportunities for others to kick goals. He is a very elusive 'go' player with a great pair of hands and a very reliable kick of the footy.

Matt took on the club administration role last season and is continuing to do a fabulous job in his second year in the role this season. Homer is a two-time premiership player for West, and his hundred games have been a great pleasure to watch. Great job Homer.

### Red played his 150th

Congratulations to Evan 'Red' Lloyd, who will this week play his 150th game for West Brunswick! Also known as 'The Difference', Red has had a massive impact on the club both on and off the field since he first arrived as part of the **St Hilda's College super draft of 2006**.

A stalwart at Full-Back, Red has overcome chronic hamstring injuries early in his career to play all of his matches in the Seniors, including the 2008 and 2015 premierships. Red was also club captain in 2012, alongside fellow St Hilda's recruits and good friends Anthony Gibson and Louis Martin.

Red is just as resolute off the field as well. For the past two years, Red has been Vice-President, and a key contributor towards getting the club's successful

women's team up and running. Prior to this, Red spent five years with the crucial, yet unenviable task of managing the bar and canteen. Red was the first person at the club at every home game, carrying the pies, sausage rolls and hot dog buns for the day ahead. He was always the last to leave, locking up once the final drinks had been served. In addition, Red is a driving force behind the club's most important fundraising event, West2000, along with Aaron 'Bingle' Thompson.

The club has gone from strength to strength during Red's time in a leadership role at the club... well done Red and thank you for the difference you have made at West Brunswick!

### Womens Teams

#### Womens Development Division 1

##### Round 10 v Beaumaris.

Beaumaris were in fourth place on the ladder and as a younger side than the Magpies were full of running. It didn't help that the Magpies had injuries to key running players early in the game which reduced their ball getting and carry, too much to too few in the end.

<u>Beaumaris</u>	1.1-7	3.3-21	3.3-21	6.7-43
<u>West Brunswick</u>	0.1-1	0.1-1	1.3-9	1.3-9

**Goal Kickers:** L. Jago

**Better Players:** E. Burry, A. Cater, S. Kenny, L. McMahon, B. Walsh, E. Irving

##### Round 11 v Old Geelong.

Old Geelong were in fifth place on the ladder and needed a win to be in the finals. The weather on Saturday was VERY windy, not very conducive to quality football. The Magpies had the wind in the first term and set up the game with a four goal to nil term.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	4.2-26	4.2-26	6.4-40	<b>6.4-40</b>
<u>Old Geelong</u>	0.0	2.1-13	2.1-13	<b>3.4-22</b>

**Goal Kickers:** L. Jago 3, E. Burry, J. Schumann, B. Walsh

**Better Players:** H. Grover, K. Hancock, E. Irving, E. Burry, S. Kenny, B. Walsh

So, at the end of the 'normal season' West Brunswick women's team finished on top of the ladder with 11 wins from 14 games. This winning of the minor premiership allows the Magpies to host the first final at home, to be played on Saturday. This is a great achievement by the players and coach Darren Smith in being so good in such a short period of time. AND L Jago kicked 21 goals for the season, winning the grade top goal kicker award

## Results Round 12,13 & 14

### Seniors:

#### Round 12 v MHSOB.

Playing the Unicorns on their school ground, which is round not oval, proved to be the second loss for the season. The Magpies over the preceding weeks had been particularly slow starters, with sloppy handball, low intensity and generally poor disposal skills.

Whilst there was a slight breeze favoring one end the Unicorns came out firing and kicked five goals to one in the first term making the Magpies look like a bottom side. With their tails up the Unicorns played the better brand of football holding a three goal lead at the main break.

The Magpies were playing catch up football, and never really got there. Was it the loss we needed to have to put some spring into our opening quarters, and remind the players we are vulnerable.?

<u>Mhsob</u>	5.3-33	7.5-47	11.10-76	<b>14.13-97</b>
<u>West Brunswick</u>	1.5-11	4.7-31	10.9-69	<b>12.11-83</b>

**Goal Kickers:** R. Hartwig 3, T. Stokes 3, B. Irving 2, D. Muscat 2, S. Devlin, W. Dillon

**Better Players:** B. Simpson, A. Schipp, J. Malseed, E. Lloyd, C. Mitchell, C. Millar

#### Round 13 v Hawthorn

It was another windy day on Ransford Oval with a strong Northerly favouring the clubrooms end. The Hawks had the breeze in the opening term and outscored the Magpies with their accurate goal shooting. The second term saw a ten goal quarter by the Magpies, their players positioning themselves at the fall of the ball and making clean use of their possessions.

After the break it was a rather pedestrian affair with the Hawks again kicking more accurately than the Magpies and clawing back some of the lead. It was really all over but the Magpies had forty four scoring shots to sixteen, clearly a dominant performance.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	3.4-22	13.10-88	15.14-104	<b>22.22-154</b>
<u>Hawthorn</u>	4.1-25	5.2-32	9.4-58	<b>11.5-71</b>

**Goal Kickers:** C. Germon 5, D. Muscat 3, R. Hartwig 3, S. Devlin 2, M. Booth 2, B. Irving 2, W. Dillon, T. Stokes, B. Simpson, P. Carroll, W. Sadler

**Better Players:** M. Holmes, T. Stokes, J. Malseed, C. Mitchell, E. Lloyd, W. Sadler

#### Round 14 v Old Paradians

The wind on Saturday was almost at 'gale force' making the game a contest against the elements as much as the opposition. The Raiders fancied their chances and came out with plenty of aggression against the home side. The Magpies had the wind and were not going to allow the team lying fifth on the ladder any chance to get into the game.

The first half was quite entertaining with play moving around the field in spite of the windy conditions. At half time there was plenty of spite in the game with both sides plenty to play for.

After the break the Magpies asserted more control adding nine goals and making most of their opportunities. The Raiders final term saw them reduce the margin slightly but it was another solid performance by the Magpies.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	6.4-40	7.7-49	16.10-106	<b>18.13-121</b>
<u>Old Paradians</u>	1.0-6	3.5-23	6.7-43	<b>10.10-70</b>

**Goal Kickers:** B. Irving 6, D. Muscat 3, S. Fleming 2, T. Stokes 2, W. Dillon, A. Schipp, C. Germon, M. Booth, D. Ferrier

**Better Players:** E. Lloyd, C. Mitchell, J. Malseed, A. Schipp, W. Sadler, B. Smith

### Reserves

#### Reserves v MHSOB.

The Unicorns have been the only team to inflict defeat this season, and the Magpies have been looking forward to this clash since that game in round four. The Unicorns play very good reserves football, winning the 2016 flag against West, with that defeat still stinging in the hearts of many players.

The Magpies came out with plenty of fire and made the first term their own. Strong running, opportunistic goals they may have seemed, but the players were in unison in wanting to get off to a good start. The Magpies managed to kick four goals to one and set the

game up. Over the next three quarters the Magpies continued to dominate and ran out winners by forty points, an excellent result.

<u>Mhsob</u>	1.1-7	2.5-17	4.6-30	<b>8.6-54</b>
<u>West Brunswick</u>	4.5-29	9.7-61	11.9-75	<b>14.10-94</b>

**Goal Kickers:** R. Benjamin 3, B. Kline, S. Herben, X. Fowler, A. Campbell, C. Thomson, M. Booth, W. Stubbings, H. Lewis, S. Wood, B. Wynne, W. Sadler  
**Better Players:** M. Booth, D. Monacella, C. Thomson, W. Sadler, A. Jones, A. Campbell

### Round 13 v Hawthorn

The Hawks are struggling and their reserves team is not a contender, but coach Craig Mitchell emphasizes each week that the team must play the West Brunswick style, and not get sucked into anything less.

As usual the Magpies dominated from start to finish, and kept their goal shooting to close range in the windy conditions.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	5.3-33	11.5-71	15.6-96	<b>22.7-139</b>
<u>Hawthorn</u>	1.2-8	2.2-14	3.2-20	<b>5.2-32</b>

**Goal Kickers:** K. Oppelaar 5, C. Naldrett 4, J. Forbes 3, S. Wood 2, C. Thomson 2, R. Benjamin 2, B. Wynne, A. Jones, R. O'Kane, X. Fowler  
**Better Players:** D. Butorac, C. Naldrett, A. Jones, J. Cross, X. Fowler, B. Lichtenstein

### Round 14 v Old Paradians

This match was most probably one of our lesser performances of the season, with a lot of scrappy possession leading to turnovers. Kicking into the wind in the second term, the Magpies were held goal less, for the first time in a quarter this season, a situation that did not please the coaching staff at half time.

Things picked up a bit after the break, returning to business as usual and a ninety-two-point victory.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	7.6-48	7.10-52	12.18-90	<b>15.19-109</b>
<u>Old Paradians</u>	0.0	1.1-7	1.2-8	<b>2.5-17</b>

**Goal Kickers:** R. O'Kane 3, J. Beer 3, C. Naldrett 2, R. Benjamin 2, X. Fowler, J. Forbes, S. Pritchard, P. Kelly, B. Lichtenstein  
**Better Players:** B. Lichtenstein, R. O'Kane, H. Lewis, C. Naldrett, A. Jones, S. Pritchard

### Thirds Ladder

The Magpies are in third position and are up against St Mary's and Ormond for their last two games.

Williamstown	12	222.83	52
Caulfield Grammer	10	229.54	46
<b>West Brunswick</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>171.15</b>	<b>38</b>
P E G S	9	147.11	38
Ormond	7	116.49	30
Marcellin	7	94.80	28
Therry Penola OB	5	64.35	20
Old Geelong	4	80.29	16
Kew AFC	2	41.81	8
St Mary's Salesian	2	36.38	8

### Club XVIII

The Clubbies are now fifth on the ladder and having to play the top side in their final match it would be against the odds for them to achieve victory, and possibly make the finals.

However, they acquitted themselves very well during the season with the many 'late withdrawals' from the seniors, reserves and thirds teams making selection a week to week proposition.

### Noticed That...

- There's always a first time for everything. As a black & white 'colour' club we had a banner made from red paper on Saturday to mark Even Lloyd's 150th.
- It was very windy on Saturday making the conditions as much of a challenge as the opposition, and holding the banner up for more than ten seconds without it blowing away was a great effort.
- The West 2000 had a rather large crowd with official estimates putting the number at 250.
- The dash with a difference at sunset on the West 2000 had its first mixed representation, with both tall and short players participating.
- Another first at West, a mobile portable scoreboard for the senior game v The Raiders. With the wind blowing the numbers off the board, our supporters took matters into their own hands and paraded the scores on a whiteboard around the boundary.

- Sad news with the passing of Irene Webber last Sunday. Condolences to Peter, as they had just moved to Echuca a couple of months ago.

## Golden Magpies

Thanks to the following who have become golden magpies for season 2017.

Pat Heenan

This year the membership fee is still \$50!! So far this season we have 42 golden magpies, the contribution goes a long way in helping the football club provide first class services to our players and take some of the pressure off fees.

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## Keeping in Contact

The club's has a LinkedIn Page – West Brunswick Amateur Football Club .

If you've changed your email address send an email to the club [westbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:westbrunswick@gmail.com) to update your details.

## Our Website

With more people around the club than ever before is it any wonder our website is being updated more often? Some photos from Saturday's game are on there as well as lots of other stuff.

Go to [www.wbafc.com.au](http://www.wbafc.com.au).

Should you have something to say or whatever, you can also contact the club on [westbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:westbrunswick@gmail.com) .

## The 2017 fixture

While the matches shown below are for the Seniors and Reserves teams, the rest of the teams move around a bit with the VAFA claiming they have done everything they could have to fit the whole lot together.

**Round 15** August 5 v Prahran/Aspm Away

**Round 16** August 12 v Glen Eira **Home**

**Round 17** August 19 v St Leo's **Away**

**Round 18** August 26 v Yarra Old Gr Home

The **Thirds** team is has two games to go and will play finals.

The **Womens** team are playing in Development Division 1. The host their first final on Saturday The **Club XVIII** play the top side on Saturday and lying in fifth position, will not be playing finals.

## Football at Royal Park

The earliest recorded sporting club to occupy Royal Park was the Brunswick Cricket Club, which established a ground in the north-eastern corner in 1858. Inter-club cricket competition has continued at the ground since that time.

Australian football was played in Royal Park from the 1860s, gaining a large following from the surrounding predominantly working-class neighborhoods.

Barrackers identified closely with the local teams that included Royal Park, North Melbourne and Carlton. The playing field was an unfenced cleared area that was probably situated in the north-east areas of the park, south of the Brunswick Cricket Ground. Royal Park football club was based here by 1865. Carlton football club played its games at the Royal Park ground from 1866 before moving to Princes Park in 1882. North Melbourne football club also played its first games at Royal Park in the 1860s and later moved to a new home ground at Arden Street. Other clubs from further afield played at Royal Park from the 1860s to the 1880s, including Melbourne, Albert Park and Geelong. In the early twentieth century football matches continued to attract thousands of local supporters to the park.

Since the early twentieth century Royal Park has been an important venue for women's sporting competitions, including cricket (from 1903), netball (from the 1920s) and amateur athletics (from the 1930s). An athletics track was established in c1937, and was used for state and national level competitions. The women's dressing pavilion (1937) (VHR H1585) relates to this use. Royal Park has been the main venue for women's and schoolgirls' netball in Victoria since the 1920s. Outdoor netball courts were provided from the 1950s and an indoor stadium opened in 1969 for state and national competition.

## What's in a name?

### Our Home ground and it's legacy

#### Ransford Oval

Vernon Seymour **Ransford** (1885-1958), cricketer and cricket administrator. In February 1904 **Ransford** made his début for the Victorian cricket team.

Suffering from ill health and the effects of injuries, Ransford nonetheless played for Victoria until 1925-26, when he retired with a first-class record of 8268 runs at 42.4 and 25 centuries, and a Test record of 1211 runs at 37.84.

Elected to the committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club in 1913, **Ransford** was secretary in February 1939, until he retired because of illness in April 1957, **Ransford** was later praised by the committee for his 'zeal, dignity and tact'. Ransford was appointed O.B.E. in 1954.

According to some Ransford, a left-handed batsman, showed 'a touch of brilliance and fought on pluckily', as well as being 'a superlative outfield'. Keith Dunstan called him 'a Neil Harvey who came 40 years earlier ... a man with an impatient streak of brilliance, one who could let loose in a gale of run-getting'. He was particularly strong driving on either side of the wicket, yet he tempered this aggression for the four hours of his greatest innings in the Lord's Test of 1909.

Adjoining ovals at Parkville were later named after **Ransford** and Jack **Ryder**

#### McAlister Oval

Peter **McAlister** was a tall right-hand batsman who played eight Tests for Australia without ever making an impression on the field. Six of those Tests came against England in 1903-04 and 1907-08, but it was in 1909 that he began to show signs of the behaviour which led to his infamous brawl with Clem Hill (Australian Cricket captain) in 1912.

In the Sheffield Shield he scored 2398 runs at 32 with a best of 224 for Victoria against New Zealand in 1898-99. V.S. **Ransford** and P.A. **McAlister** played for Victoria against England at the MCG in the game played from December 21-24, 1907

#### Ryder Oval

John (Jack) **Ryder** (1889-1977), cricketer and cricket administrator, was born on 8 August 1889 at Collingwood. They were, Jack said, 'a simple working class family'. In 1906 **Ryder** had begun playing for Collingwood Cricket Club in the new district competition. About 6 ft 2 ins (188 cm) tall and strongly built, he made his début for Victoria in the 1912-13 season and ranked high among the all-rounders. He established himself as a fine right-handed, middle-order batsman. His most celebrated display of powerful hitting—295 runs in 245 minutes—occurred on 28 December 1926 in a Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales.

After being selected for the Australian XI in 1920, A back injury delayed his selection for the 1924-25 series against England, but he returned triumphantly to help Australia win (by eleven runs) the thrilling third game, played in Adelaide. Coming to the crease when his side was 5 for 118 in the first innings, he scored 201 not out. An additional 88 runs in the second innings gave him what was then the highest aggregate in a Test match.

From 1931 **Ryder** served as an administrator with the Victorian Cricket Association, retiring as vice-president in 1976. He was appointed M.B.E. in 1958. The Victorian Cricket Association instituted the **Jack Ryder** medal in 1973; it is awarded annually to the best district cricketer.

**Ryder** had played football in the Collingwood Seconds before turning to baseball, in which he represented Victoria. He was associated with the Collingwood Cricket Club for seventy-one years as player (until 1943), coach, official and selector. His performances earned him the title, 'The King of Collingwood'—a remarkable honour for one who was a cricketer (rather than a footballer) and a Methodist (rather than a Catholic).