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Last week's thrilling win over Western Suburbs by St. George has gained St. George a place in the Grand Final. On their performance last week, Wests must be given a chance against Navy today.

Those who thought that the champagne football in the Navy/Norths match could not be surpassed would have been pleasantly surprised last Sunday. It must surely be a long time since 245 points have been kicked in a semi-final.

If the hard match hasn't taken the sharp edge off Wests' attack, today's match should maintain the high pitch reached in the two semi-finals. Both teams turned on an exhibition of football worthy of the occasion and many followers were heard to say after the game they had rarely seen a better exhibition of the code. Physical clashes were hard -- some in the heat of the moment were not entirely within the laws of the game -- but it was felt that both teams walked off the ground feeling a respect for their opponents and not harbouring any grudges.

TODAY'S OTHER GAMES.

The Wests Seconds have won their way to the Grand Final and St. George now faces the vastly improved Newtown side to compete for the right to play Wests next week.

Honours are pretty even in this match and the winner would be hard to predict. A big improvement in either side would have to be shown for them to be a show against Wests.

A similar situation exists in the Third Grade. Sydney Naval Thirds, with their purposeful play against St. George last week, showed themselves to be a class above the others and are sure not to allow an upset such as occurred last year to prevent them taking out the flag.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

The League proposes running a K.O. Competition at Erskineville Oval on Sunday, 20th September and special mention should be given to Mrs. Alf Davies, of North Shore Club, for the lion-hearted efforts she has made towards providing a prize for this competition.

Her cheery greeting and bright smile have endeared her to all our patrons. Thank you, Mrs. Davies, for a job well done.

Incidentally, Mrs. Davies has asked me to publish the numbers of the winning tickets: Pink C 44 and Blue D 67. Prizes have been claimed.
# Preliminary Final

## 1st Gr: Sydney Naval vs Western Suburbs

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Today Naval will oppose Western Suburbs for the right to meet St. George in the Grand Final next Sunday.

Naval players have trained solidly during the week and are full of confidence for today's big game.

The club welcomes back Col Mason, "Squizzy" Taylor, Billy Hilzinger and all the boys from H.M.A.S. "Melbourne".

A reminder is issued that the Club's Presentation Dance will be held at the Waterloo Town Hall on Saturday, 10th October.

Congratulations are extended to Ted "Nobby" Clarke and his wife Mavis on the arrival of a brand new baby boy, Glen. Incidentally, Nobby, who has been troubled by a severe ankle injury, has recovered and will be in the Naval side today.

Kevin McKinley, Naval and State wingman, will make his final appearance for the season today. Kevin's Naval duties will take him to Newport, Rhode Island.

We are pleased to report that Wally Speed (Snr.) and Frank Davis have been released from hospital and are well on the mend. Tony Buck is making progress with his leg injury and hopes to be fit for today's preliminary final.

Naval's trainers Allan Waters and Bryant Sutton joined the opposition teams - Wests and St. George - last Sunday to give a helping hand. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and today they will be back on the job with the Redlegs with whom they have done a grand job during the season.

Marcia Radford, Naval's Cheer Squad Talent Scout, has signed up three new recruits -- Gwenda Bottomley, Diane Higgins and Geraldine Portus -- a trio of enthusiastic barrackers.

Another new Naval supporter is Pat Conway, former Western Australian Beauty Queen, who will be cheering loudly today with her fiancé, Douglas Ryan, International Bird Mimic, who is appearing nightly in the floor show at the Sip'n'bite.

Fishing magnate, Joe Costa, will be lending vocal support to Naval today. He has already laid a bet of two barracudas to a garfish on the Redlegs with his personal physician, Dr. John Thomas, on today's game.
WESTERN SUBURBS NOTES

Congratulations to St. George on their fine win at Trumper last Sunday. Their lead, established in the first half, proved too great. Fighting back brilliantly in the third term, our boys reduced their lead to three goals. The last term saw St. George on the defensive to hold a nine point advantage at the final bell.

Special mention must go to ruckman, John Godwin, who really had a full weekend, having been married on Friday and playing a great game against St. George. It is some time since this writer has seen a more vigorous and yet brilliant display as the one turned in by this player. We congratulate you, John, on both counts -- your marriage and the game last week.

Half forward John Donovan was another who gave a classic exhibition. John capped off his good display with four goals. Half backs Peter Burgess and Keith Reynolds both turned in excellent performances as did ruckman Peter Kuschert.

Others to show out were c.h.f. Athol Webb, half forward John Brown and rover John Griffiths. Centre Gary Fairbairn celebrated his Best and Fairest win with a solid display in that position.

RESERVE GRADE. Here we saw another fine display of this great Australian game with Wests running out comfortable winners to go straight into the Grand Final. All at Wests are proud of the way Denis Bitmead and all players excelled themselves last week. It was truly a great win.

Best players were ruckman Alan Sales, half forward Tiger Brown, who was unbeaten all day, c.h.b. Jack Spane who turned many attacks, rover Gordon Cooper, brilliant on the wing and winger Denis Conlan, who showed out to advantage in that position.

Special mention must go to coach Denis Bitmead for the way he led the side. He truly played a captain's game.

This week’s game is without doubt the game of the year and will be witnessed by a capacity crowd. Coach Athol Webb is confident of a good win, one that will carry Western Suburbs into their second successive Grand Final. All are right behind you, Athol -- both players and supporters alike.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Fairbairn on being voted Best and Fairest First Grade for season 1964. Gary is the recipient of two very fine trophies. To Brian Brown who was voted Best and Fairest 2nd Grade for 1964. To Terry Nestor who won the coveted Kealey Trophy, 3rd Grade 1964. Well done, boys.

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V. F. L. GRAND FINAL

The V. F. L. Grand Final will be played on Saturday, 19th September at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

If you intend to go by train, you are advised to make a tentative booking for a seat through the League office at 61,2451.

Standing Room: Tickets $4/6d available with bookings.

A block railway booking has been made and, until booked out, seats are available, leaving Central on Friday, 18th Sept.

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1st Grade

ST. GEORGE

| J. Donovan | 4 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 14 |

2nd Grade

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| J. McCartney | 2 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 13 |

3rd Grade

ST. GEORGE

| J. Donovan | 3 | 16 | 5 | 21 |

2nd Semi-Final, Saturday, 23rd August

At Trumper Park

ST. GEORGE

| J. Donovan | 2 | 5 | 17 | 10 | 13 |

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1st Semi-Final, Sunday, 23rd August

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SECOND GRADE

Newtown 10-9 (69) Nth. Shore 3-5 (23)

THIRD GRADE

WESTERN SUBURBS

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Notes

Great, great news. All teams in the Grand Final. This is a magnificent climax to what has been a truly grand season for the

The Under 12s play McCollams Hill at 10.30, having met and beaten this team four times this season. Wests must be favourite

The Under 15s play Liverpool at 11.45 and, because of their magnificent fighting spirit, must be given a great chance.

Written off as "also rans" by almost everybody early this season, this side has made the Grand Final after finishing fourth.

Under 17s play Newtown at 2 p.m. and this game will be worth going miles to see. Newtown has been the only team to beat us;

For the time you read this, we will have WON all finals.

A great boost for the game in Sydney last Sunday saw Western Districts defeat the highly rated Westfield side in the Under 15s

By the time you read this, we will have WON all finals.

Special mention to Joe Vella who played the game of his life to be selected best on the ground in the great win for Sydney Juniors.
Coaches and players have a point when, as they claim, the Umpire uses a Law incorrectly. Tom Clayton, V.F.L. Umpires’ Coach, says that Umpires must be most careful not to use this Law for any PURPOSE OTHER than the reasons which are clearly defined in the Laws and for which it was originally adopted.

He says that Umpires should stick to the true reading of this Law. To show how specific it is, it is reprinted here as it appears in the Laws of the Game.

"When a player has been awarded a mark or free kick and an opponent unduly holds or deprives him of, or refuses him possession of the ball, or deliberately encroaches over the mark, or refuses to come back to the spot where the mark or free kick was awarded, or in any way deliberately delays the play, the spot where the mark or free kick was awarded shall be advanced not more than 15 yards nearer the goal which the player of the team entitled to the kick is attacking.

The provisions of this Clause shall apply where a player is taking a kick after the first sound of the bell (vide Law 18h.)

(Note) This Law should be applied in the following cases:-

(1) If a player DELIBERATELY holds an opponent who has marked the ball or been awarded a free kick.

(2) If a player DELIBERATELY withholds the ball from the rightful player by:
   (a) Retaining possession of the ball unduly.
   (b) Throwing or rolling the ball away so that the rightful player has to cover unnecessary ground to retrieve it.
   (c) Knocking the ball from the rightful player’s hands.

(3) If a player DELIBERATELY goes over the spot where an opponent has been awarded a mark or free kick, or moves back too slowly when in front of the spot.

(4) Any other OBVIOUS and DELIBERATE attempt to waste time, or deprive the rightful player possession of the ball.

(it should be noted that there should be undue delay in the play and that the infringement must be DELIBERATE.)"

Surely the instruction in this Law is specific enough. It was never intended that umpires should use this Law as a "big stick" against talkative or hard-hitting players.
AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL

THE PLAYING FIELD
1. This should be oval-shaped. Length from goal to goal from 150 to 200 yards, and width from 120 to 170 yards. (See plan.

THE BALL
2. The ball is oval-shaped — a spheroid. It measures 29 in. x 22 in., and should be firmly inflated — not too tightly, not too loosely — and weighs 16 to 17 ounces.

GOAL AND BEHIND POSTS
3. The Goals are marked at each end of the playing field by two tall posts, seven yards apart. To the side of the goal posts are the behind posts. These are not as tall as the goal posts and each is seven yards apart from its nearest goal post.

UMPIRES
4. There are five Umpires (referees). The FIELD UMPIRE is in sole control of the on each side of the playing field. It is the Boundary Umpire who decides when the ball is Out of Bounds (out of play). He immediately signals to the Field Umpire by waving a handkerchief—usually tied to his wrist—and blows a whistle.

The Boundary Umpire then puts the ball back into play by standing on the boundary line, turning his back to the centre of the field and throwing the ball over his head not less than 10 feet high, and 10 to 15 feet towards the centre of the ground.

If the ball in play or when kicked touches the behind post it is Out of Bounds, and is put back into play in the usual way by the Boundary Umpire.

The other field officials are the two GOAL UMPIRES—one at each goal. They are the sole judges of whether goals or behinds are scored, although they must await the "ALL CLEAR" signal from the FIELD UMPIRE before giving a decision. This "all clear" signal indicates that no breach of the laws occurred in the play just prior to the goal or behind being scored.

If a breach has occurred by a defending player but the ball is kicked and passes through the goal posts the umpire signals "all-clear" and the goal is scored. But if the kick results in a behind (the signal having been given) the attacking player who kicked the ball has the option of taking a free kick, having another kick for goal.

Goal Umpires record the official scores, and the names of goal kickers, if required.

PERIOD OF PLAY
5. A match comprises four quarters of 25 minutes each—plus added time for time lost during play. The teams change ends at the end of each quarter, and the players leave the field for 15 minutes' rest at the conclusion of the second quarter.

The time is kept by two TIMEKEEPERS. The FIELD UMPIRE indicates time to be added by waving his arms in the direction of the TIMEKEEPERS at the beginning and end of any period of time to be added on.

THE TEAMS
6. Teams consist of EIGHTEEN PLAYERS and TWO SUBSTITUTES. A substitute player can be called on at any time to replace any one of the 18 men of his team, but once a player is replaced he cannot take any further part in the match.

Fifteen players occupy definite positions on the field. (See plan.) The other three players represent the "mobile force" of the team—known as the RUCK. A Ruck consists of two FOLLOWERS (usually tall, strong players) and a ROVER (usually smaller than the followers, but a fast clever type of player). They follow the play wherever it goes.

The Followers go for the ball at the centre bounce at the commencement of play or after a goal has been scored, and when the ball is thrown in from the boundary. The followers endeavour to knock the ball to their rover, who should always be close handy to receive the ball.

Each "placed" man has an immediate opponent (see plan), and although the players can be moved at any time from one position to another, or into or out of the ruck, it is not wise for a "placed" man to wander from his position, as he may leave a "gap" which could be exploited by the opposition.

There are exceptions of course, such as on windy or very wet days, when it may be to the advantage of a team to play an extra man in defence, or run two rovers, but this is where team strategy and field tactics are used according to the judgment of the captains and/or coaches.

There are fifteen "placed" men. Looking up the plan of the field, it will be seen that there are three FULL FORWARDS, three HALF FORWARDS, three CENTRES (those on the flanks are more commonly called WING MEn), three HALF BACKS, and three FULL BACKS.

It will be noted that each player has an immediate opponent. For instance, the CENTRE HALF FORWARD is directly opposed by the CENTRE HALF BACK of the
opposing side. And, so it is with each of the other positions.

This means that there are six FORWARDS and six BACK MEN. The FORWARDS comprise the "ATTACK" and the BACK MEN the "DEFENCE". Each position calls for a different technique of play.

The FORWARDS are clever, evasive players, who combine their cleverness with safe marking and accurate kicking. They endeavour to play wide of, and in front of opponents.

The DEFENDERS, on the other hand, must "check" their opponents—in accordance with the Laws of the Game. They are usually robust, tenacious and dashing players who play "close" to opponents. Although they may play a "negative" role in checking opponents, they also turn defence into attack with "positive" football, high marking, accurate and long-range kicking.

CENTRE line players are of similar type. They must be fast, clever ball handlers, accurate with their foot-passing and capable of playing a defensive and an attacking game—depending on the run of the play. They play "close" to opponents when the ball is in their FORWARD area, but "play wide" when the ball is in possession of one of their own DEFENCE players.

TEAM WORK is built around the understanding and co-operation among the DEFENDERS, also among the FORWARDS, and between the RUCK, the DEFENCE and ATTACK. Each player must combine teamwork with his individual ability.

In special circumstances—e.g., where playing fields are smaller than the accepted standard size, such as in countries outside Australia—teams may be reduced from between 18 to 14 men a-side, with the permission of the Australian National Football Council. In 14 a-side, it is likely that the four "pocket placed" men would be omitted, although the coach, or captain, would use his discretion.

GOALS

8. A goal is scored by kicking the ball between the two tall goal posts. A goal scores six points. Upon a goal being scored the goal umpire signals the fact by waving two flags. The goal umpire at the other end acknowledges the signal by acting similarly.

To score a goal the ball must have been kicked by a player of the attacking side, and must not have been touched by any player from the time of its being kicked until after it has passed between the goal posts. After a goal has been scored the ball is returned to the centre to be bounced, as at the start of play, by the Field Umpire.

BEHINDS

9. A behind is scored when the ball, after being kicked, is touched by, or touches any player before it passes through the goal posts; or when it touches a goal post, or when it is kicked or knocked through the goal posts by one of the defending players; or when it passes immediately above a goal post or through the space between a goal post and a behind post. A behind counts one point to the attacking side.

Upon a behind being scored the goal umpire signals the fact by waving one flag and the other goal umpire acknowledges the signal by acting similarly. After a behind is scored the ball is kicked into play by one of the defending side, who must do this from within a space 10 YDS. x 7 YDS. marked in front of the goal. (See plan for kicking-off lines.) No player of the opposing (attacking) side may come within 10 yards of the kicking-off space while this is being done.

If the ball is kicked out of bounds by the Full Back when kicking the ball into play after a behind has been scored, a penalty free kick will be awarded to the opponent nearest the place where the ball went out of bounds.

WHEN THE MATCH IS ON

10. The ball may be kicked or knocked or handballed forward, sideways, or backward in the course of play, but it must not be thrown. If it is thrown the opponent gets a free kick.

When firmly held by an opponent, a player in possession of the ball must immediately
kicked or handballed. He must not drop the ball; to do so entails a free kick to his opponent. But this does not apply if his opponent has caught him by the neck or below the knee, in either of which cases the opponent is penalised by the award of a free kick to the player so caught.

"Firmly held" means when the player is gripped firmly enough to stop him or to retard his progress. If a player is in the act of kicking or handballing, and he is swung off his balance, and his foot or hand does not connect with the ball—play on.

If a player is bumped and the ball falls from his hands—play on.

When a player has the ball held to his body by another player—ball up.

When a player is knocked on arm or elbow, causing him to drop the ball—play on.

When a player has his arms pinned to his sides, causing him to drop the ball—play on.

The spirit of the law is to keep the ball in motion.

A player is not allowed to hold back or throw an opponent after he has disposed of the ball by kicking or handballing it. A free kick is awarded against a player who lies on or over the ball when he is being held by an opponent.

A player is penalised if he willfully wastes time—if he willfully kicks or forces the ball out of bounds.

If a player DELIBERATELY holds an opponent who has marked the ball or been awarded a free kick, or DELIBERATELY withholds the ball from the rightful player by:

(a) Retaining possession of the ball unduly,
(b) Throwing or rolling the ball away so that the rightful player has to cover unnecessary ground to retrieve it,
(c) Knocking the ball from the rightful player's hands,

or DELIBERATELY goes over the spot where an opponent has been awarded a mark or free kick, or moves back too slowly when in front of the spot,

or any other OBVIOUS and DELIBERATE attempt to waste time or deprive the rightful player possession of the ball, THE SPOT WHERE THE MARK OR FREE KICK WAS AWARDED SHALL BE ADVANCED NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YARDS NEARER THE GOAL, WHICH THE PLAYER OF THE TEAM ENTITLED TO THE KICK IS ATTACKING.

If a player interferes with the umpire when he is bounding the ball he shall be penalised and a free kick awarded to his nearest opponent.

A player is not allowed to PUSH AN OPPONENT—

From behind
In the face
When he is "in the air" (jumping for a mark)

in the chest, side or shoulder when the ball is more than five yards away.

Neither can a player catch or grab an opponent below the knees or above the shoulder, nor—

Charge, Trip, Kick or Sling him, nor—

Strike him with the Fist, Elbow, Forearm or Knee.

For a breach of any of these Laws a free kick will be awarded to the opponent.

A player in possession of the ball must not run more than 10 yards without bouncing it, or striking it on the ground—penalty to his nearest opponent.

A player IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL may be brought down or "stopped" by the use of the hip, shoulder, chest, arms or open hand provided that the aforementioned methods are not applied.

All breaches of the laws must be penalised by the Field Umpire, who signals his decision by blowing a whistle.

WHAT ARE MARKS?

A mark is given when the player catches the ball which has been kicked more than 10 yards by another player.

From the time it has been kicked until it has been marked, it must not touch the ground or be touched by another player.

When a player has taken a mark, he must kick from behind the spot where he caught the ball. No other player is allowed to come over the spot or within a semi-circle of 10 yards radius therefrom, while he is making his kick.

If, however, he makes an attempt to kick otherwise than over the mark, i.e., over the line at the base of the semi-circle referred to, or to run, the ball is then in play and he can be tackled.

If a player legitimately tries to "take a mark" he is not to be penalised if in doing so he interferes with an opponent from behind.

As in the case of free kicks, the Field Umpire awards kicks for "marks".

"PLAY ON"

The Field Umpire calls "play on!" and the ball remains in play—

(a) when he or a boundary umpire is struck by the ball while it is in play;

(b) when the ball, having been kicked, is touched while still in flight from the kick;

(c) when the ball is caught as for a "mark" but it has not been kicked 10 yards.
(d) when a player who has taken a "mark" attempts to run or kick otherwise than "over his mark"; or

(e) when he cancels a free kick.

**UMPIRE BOUNCES BALL**

13. The Field Umpire must stop the play, then bounce the ball in the locality thereof—

(a) if he is in doubt as to which of two or more players has successfully taken a "mark";

(b) if a player who has taken a "mark" or been awarded a free kick is unable through injury to kick or handball the ball;

(c) when a player kicking into play after a behind has been scored does so from outside the kicking-off space;

(d) when players become grouped in a scrimmage; or

(e) when, having been bounced by him, the ball goes over the line of the goal or behind posts without having been touched by any player. (In such a case no score results.)

The Field Umpire also bounce the ball at the start of each quarter and after each goal has been kicked.

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*HIGH MARKING is a spectacular feature of Australian Football, as this picture shows a player leaping high to take a well lodged mark.*
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I think it would be a good idea for the N.S.W.A.N.F.L. to play a combined Papuan side in Sydney. This should provide a good match for next season’s calendar of representative matches.

This team has played three representative matches this season. They beat Highlands on June 6th by 14-17 to 7-6, at Lae on June 20th they beat New Guinea 25-22 to 3-4 and they won the return match at Port Moresby against New Guinea 21-17 to 1-5.

They have some very good players and look a strong side. Such a fixture would help their League to gain some more support.

Rugby League has been strengthened by South Sydney and Cairns playing a Papuan Rugby League representative side in Port Moresby.

In short, I believe that this would draw a crowd and benefit the indigenous people in the team and provide New South Wales with a chance to get off the bottom of the second division League.

It would be a good way of comparing the standards of the local people against the Southern States and, while there are also whites in the team, a comparison to our standard could be drawn.

In conclusion, I feel that this match, besides being a crowd drawer, could aid Australian Football in "our Northern Island."

Yours hopefully,
P.F. Crosland.

BOUNCING THE BALL

The player bouncing the ball on the run has been hotly debated this season. There is nothing in the Laws to say that the player running and bouncing the ball is deemed to be in "possession". Some claim that it should be defined as such. Is that to make tackling easier, and again assist the negative player?

No doubt the point could be clarified, but surely not with the intention of penalising the player who has the run of the ball and is trying to make the Game. I believe this player should be given every encouragement to break clear to dispose of the ball, and the present Law provides for this.

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CENTRE CONGESTION

Another blot on the game is the congestion at the centre bounce. But let's be frank, this is not a new one, it has been a feature of the sport for a long time. In fact, it is often the case that the ball is stuck in the center, making it difficult for players to get in position. This congestion has caused a lot of frustration among players and fans alike.

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A GLANCE AT THE LAWS

There have been some sound and reasonable comments, but the most amazing statements have been the exhibition by so many leading coaches, captains and experts, that they have never read the laws. But in the next breath, has argued why they should be amended or amended and Good penalties are being punched-out of the game. That's why kicking has gone to pot, and present-day marking is far too negative. A landed circle of say 30 yards or a rectangle, finished in a certain number of players, might help solve this problem and could be tested by experimentation. Of course this means that the ball would always have to be bounded or thrown up in the same centre circle regardless of the mud patch.

Manly is one instance of this. The Law says the bell shall be held with one hand and struck with the other hand—which means the clenched fist or the open hand. Tell, we have coaches who will not allow players to use the open hand, but complain about umpires who permit their Opponents to use the open-hand pass in accordance with the written laws. That's wrong; if it is considered by the 'powers that be'—State Controlling Fist or the open hand. Tell, we have coaches who will not allow players to use the open hand, but whilst it is the Law, it should be permitted and even encouraged.

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ST. GEORGE NOTES

As expected, our semi-final with Wests proved a wonderful, entertaining game which produced many thrilling moments for spectators and provided St. George with some unforgettable memories.

Who of us will forget things like Dave Green's sheer artistry in the first quarter; Don McKenna's magnificent nine goals; the rock-like defence of John Bolton; the lion-hearted effort of Bob Serich; the domination of Graham Dwyer and above all the way in which this team raced to its early lead with brilliant football, took a physical hammering and always hit back where it hurts most - on the scoreboard.

The RESERVE GRADE were not so brilliant and suffered a well-deserved defeat. However, they fought back in the last quarter and salvaged some degree of respectability.

Saints had good players in Ross Bradley, Harold Lloyd, Ross Smallwood and Ken Field. Unfortunately, we had to take the field without our redoubtable ruckman and vice-captain Bill Bolitho, who is to undergo an operation in the near future. We know all followers of the code will wish this player a speedy recovery.

ST. GEORGE THIRD GRADE NOTES

The Saints went down in a torrid tussle to a more determined, better equipped Navy side. Congratulations to the Navy boys on a fine win.

The fighting heart of St. George might have been lost altogether except for the stamina of their backmen - Mick Rosser, Luke Denman and Barry Green. These backmen played memorable games and were the reason for Navy's shocking kicking at goal.

Laurie Stahlhut on a wing played brilliantly but unfortunately was 'bashed' from pillar to post. Every other Saint played well, but it was Navy's day as far as the rucking and roving were concerned - a commendable job.

The task is ahead of Saints now, but I feel this is what they want - a hard game against Wests and then another crack at unbeaten Navy.

Umpires to note: Exact length of the "Up the Mighty Dragons" banner at Trumper on Sunday - TEN YARDS.
Today Newtown faces its toughest match of the season and we hope to reverse the score from the last time we met St. George. Through the year this team has gradually moulded itself into the hard-hitting combination which thrashed North Shore in the first semi-final.

The side will go into this final with very high spirits. As well as a good win against Norths it has been the only team to defeat Western Suburbs this season and they did this on the two occasions that the two teams met.

Over the last two weeks the team has trained solidly and has concentrated mainly on fitness and speed and with the large amount of Junior players in the side, together with the more senior players, we feel that we will not only beat but will crush St. George as Wests did last week.

The First Grade have also been training hard for the game next week against the Americans and we look forward with great enthusiasm to this match.

Next week we will announce our trophy winners for the season.

SOCIAL NOTES

On Friday, 25th September at Alexandria Town Hall, we will hold our Presentation Night. Tickets only.

Tuesday, 6th October - Theatre Night to see "Tom Jones."

Saturday, 10th October - Picnic at Nielson Park.

JUNIOR NOTES

The Under 17s thrashed McCallums Hill at Picken Oval. This week we meet Western Suburbs in the Grand Final.

A large victory party has been organised for these boys after next week's Grand Final and Coach Alan McIntyre feels sure that the boys will reward the committee with a fine win.

IAN GILLET will be remembered by many Sydney people as the dominating ruckman who starred for the South-Western Districts Football League when a representative team was in Sydney a few years ago.

During the last quarter of the game between Coolamon and Ganmain, Ian was carried off with a dislocated and slightly fractured ankle which will preclude him from playing any more this season.

Ian was intending to retire at the end of this year after a brilliant career of almost 20 years.
EASTERN SUBURBS SOCIAL NEWS

Our Annual Ball will be held on 26th September at Bondi Pavilion. Hawthorn Football Club players and officials will be our guests at this function. Please make your bookings as soon as possible. Contact Roy Hayes at 31.6492 for your table.

Presentation Night will be on Friday, 9th October at Shell House Theatrette. This will be a Cocktail Party starting at 7.30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to:

FIRST GRADE
- Best and Fairest: Ken Kilpatrick.
- Most Consistent: James Grey.
- Most Improved: John Roberts.
- Best Utility: Peter Onley.

SECOND GRADE
- Best and Fairest: Gary Wilton.
- Most Consistent: Frank Del Muro
- Most Improved: Barry Graves.
- Best Utility: Roger Little.

Our Third Grade winners will appear in next week's notes.

Training is still on at Trumper Park on Friday afternoon and at Rushcutters Bay Park on Sunday morning 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Trip to Narrandera - Leaving Sydney Thursday, 1st October at 9.58 p.m. Playing Narrandera on Sunday, 4th October. Depart Narrandera on Monday, arriving back in Sydney 7.30 p.m.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS SOCIAL NOTES

Our Presentation Night will be held on Friday, 2nd October at Delmonte, Liverpool. Tickets 1 guinea each. There will be a good supper provided and refreshments are available.

The Delmonte is spacious, comfortable and has a beautiful dance hall.

Make up a party and come along for what promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Tables can be booked from Reg Symes by ringing 75.3058.

Season 64 has been a wonderful one and the club's efforts in finishing fifth on the ladder deserves a celebration.
LIFE MEMBERS' REUNION

We welcome to today's match a small band of men who have gained the coveted award of Life Membership of the League. Of the eleven members still hale and hearty, we expect to see Aub. Provan, Bert Ryall, George Sanders, Ken Ferguson, Tim Hayes, Ern McFarlane, Alby Young and Bill Hart.

Efforts to locate Mr. Vic Bannon and Mr. Hodgson have been, so far, unsuccessful. If you happen to know where these two men can be contacted, would you let us know.

ONE KICK - WHAT A DIFFERENCE.

In season 1964, Hawthorn had 148 goals kicked against them. One of these goals would possibly be the most disastrous in football history.

In the first round Melbourne defeated Hawthorn 10-13 to 10-8 and in the second round Melbourne again defeated Hawthorn with an almost identical score of 10-13 to 10-9. It was in this game that the kick that cost Hawthorn so dearly came.

Hassa Mann, from the Boundary line, after the siren had gone, booted a goal that won the game for Melbourne.

Melbourne finished in first place with 56 points - Hawthorn finished outside the four in fifth place with 52 points. A win by Hawthorn against Melbourne and Melbourne would have finished out of the Finals and Hawthorn Minor Premiers.

BROWNLOW MEDALLIST

Gordon Collis of Carlton has won the Brownlow Medal for 1964. Last year the red-headed defender didn't poll a vote; this year he raced away with football's most-honoured individual award with 27, eight clear of his nearest rivals - Phil Hay of Hawthorn and Ken Fraser of Essendon.

Collis' tally of 27 ranks with that of Dick Reynolds who polled a similar number in 1938. Only four players have polled better - Des Fothergill and Herbie Matthews who tied in 1940 with 32; Roy Wright 29 in 1954 and Alistair Lord 28 in 1962.

PECK PILOTS PILL FOR PAINT PRIZE

By kicking 68 goals in 1964 in the home and home matches, Hawthorn's John Peck again took out the £200 prize donated by British Paints for the leading goalkicker. John has won the award for the second successive year. In 1963 his 69 goals won him a similar prize.
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