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The fourth annual NSW's Australian Rules Championships in Sydney last weekend had plenty of good football as the long-delayed win by South West was a true reflection of the strength of the sides.

This victory by South West will give a nice boost to long time — 25 years — president of the South West League, Jim Quinn, when he sits down at the dinner in his honor next Friday.

South West League were considered favorites to win the first championship in 1974 but Sydney won it.

And the same thing happened in 1975!

And Farrier took the trophy in 1976.

So Sunday June 12, 1977 was a very sweet day for the South West players and officials.

The Sydney side after an in-and-out display against South West on Saturday, got it all together and rattled home with a 29-point win over Farrer on Sunday.

They took third position in the championship.

Absolutely the nicest thing at the championship was the appearance of sparkling television personality Harriet who bounced the ball to start the final.

In NSW's State gear, she would be first pick on my team.

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The respective Leagues brought their own umpires with them.

And the lucky spectators at the first game on Saturday between Murray and Farrer saw the top umpiring display of the championship by Garry Schultz.

He was brought by the South West League.

South-West!

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So it was a South West double.

On the subject of umpires, I have written before of the amateur theatricals that goal umpires in the VFL and SANFL carry on with.

Well, I'm happy to say that Sydney's Jim Smalls and Jack Mound on Sunday were quick and efficient and would not win any acting awards.

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After Michael Byrne we now have another young footballer about to leave Sydney for interstate honors.

Rod Waddell a 19-year-old who played with Southern Districts has come under notice by Sturt and looks any odds to go to them shortly.

Waddell played on the wing for Sydney in the championship last week, and in Sydney's losing side was one of their three very best.

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Finally Michael Byrne got his chance with Melbourne Football Club after a hassle that should not have been.

Officially the NSW's League president Mr Bill Hart said a satisfactory transfer fee had been agreed upon.

But I believe that the NSW's League received no money — instead the Melbourne club picked up an NFL bill for thousands of dollars for jumpers and footbalks for Sydney juniors.

If this is true the decision effects great credit on the NSWAFU and Melbourne Football Club.