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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present herewith the Twelfth Annual Report of the W.A. Amateur Football Association for the season 1934

Premiership Competition.

Premiership honours this season were competed for by teams from Commonwealth Bank, Fremantle C.B.C., Postal Institute, Sandovers, South Perth and University Clubs. Unfortunately the Postal Institute Club was compelled, owing to domestic reasons, to withdraw from the competition after the first series of matches.

The University Club is to be heartily congratulated on not only winning the Premiership, but also for not losing a match throughout the season, thus earning the title of Champions.. This feat is indeed deserving of the highest praise.

The position of Clubs on the Premiership table at the end of the season was ; University, Commonwealth Bank, South Perth, Ftle C.B.C. and Sandovers.

During the season 186 players were registered to play in the Association competition, and sufficient proof of their sportsmanlike qualities lies in the fact that no players were reported by umpires for any breach whatsoever.

The umpiring throughout the season was of the highest standard, and the umpires are to be commended on their efforts.

The grounds were quite good, but it is hoped that a little improvement may be made in this direction during the coming season. The Association installed showers at the Polo ground early in the season at a very low cost which was shared with the South Perth Club, which uses the ground for training.

Trophies.

The Association is sincerely grateful to R.R. Henkel Esq., and V. Davies Esq., who donated trophies for the winner and runner-up respectively, of the Fairest and Best player Competition. The Henkel Trophy was won by R. Roe, Captain of the University Club, while V. Bennett, Captain of the South Perth Club was successful in winning the Alhambra Cup presented by Mr. Davies. The Amateur Association is proud to have such players as Messrs. Roe and Bennett, and congratulates them on their efforts.

Donation.

I would like to convey, on behalf of the Association, sincerest thanks to A. Sandover Esq., for his kind donation to the Association funds. Assistance of this nature is indeed greatly appreciated in these times of financial stringency.

Affiliation with League.

The Association again affiliated with the W.A. National Football League for the season under review, rather than link up with the Australian Amateur Football Council, and struggle along without assistance.

Constitution.

In the past considerable administration difficulties have arisen owing to the incompleteness of the Association Constitution and Rules. This year the matter was thoroughly investigated, and the Constitution revised.

Match with F.S.A.A.

As a "curtain raiser" to the interstate League

Match on June 14th, an Amateur Association team played a team representing the Perth Suburban Association. Unfortunately the conditions were far from the best, and although defeated, the Amateurs were by no means disgraced.

Meetings.

During the year there were seven meetings of delegates, and the Grounds and Umpires Committees met on several occasions. There being no appeals or disputes, it was not necessary to call a meeting of the Protesters and Disputes Board.

Smoke Social.

As a finale to the season, a Smoke Social was held in the R.S.I. Dining Rooms. The evening was quite a success, but possibly something a little better may be done in the future.

Finance.

The financial statements and auditors report are appended to this report. The Association had a fairly difficult struggle for existence owing to the low number of Clubs competing, however, thanks to the League for waiving ground charges amounting to £9. there is still a few pounds in the bank, and no liabilities outstanding.

Thanks.

In conclusion may I be permitted to tender my personal thanks to our President, J.L. Robson Esq., for his untiring efforts in the interest of amateur football; to the Delegates for their co-operation; to the members of the various sub-committees for their assistance; and to A. Casper Esq., for services as Hon. Auditor.

I have carried out your instructions to the best of my ability, and trust that my duties have been performed to your general satisfaction.

On behalf of the W.A. Amateur Football Association,

Wm. Stirling

HON. SECRETARY.