

WEST AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

SEASON 1937.

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SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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Mr. President and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Fifteenth Annual Report of the West Australian Amateur Football Association, which covers the activities of the Association for the past season.

1937 saw the entry into this Association of three new teams, - Boans, Claremont and Water Supply, and the withdrawal of Postal Institute and Old Modernians. This brought the total number of teams to eight, Sandovers, South Perth, University, Fremantle C.B.C., and Commonwealth Bank being the other teams competing.

Great interest was taken in the weekly matches, and for the third year in succession, Sandovers were successful in finishing at the top of the list. They were also the winners of a special Cup kindly donated by Mr. Richardson to this Association, to be held for twelve months by the team heading the list immediately prior to the final round of matches.

The Grounds used were much the same as in previous years. University Oval and Richardson Park are definitely our best playing areas, and College Park and Richmond Park, although a little on the heavy side are improving each year. Polo Ground needed attention to the long grass, but despite repeated requests, the owners did nothing to improve the ground. A few matches only were played at Beatty Park, which is not suitable for senior teams, who play hard football.

The Final and Grand Final were played at Bassendean and Perth Ovals respectively, and I would suggest while on this matter, that in future years, arrangements should be made for the attendance of a member of the police force to control the spectators at these two matches. Last year supporters and barrackers encroached upon the playing area, and consequently interfered with the play which had to be held up at times. Such incidents as this will do a tremendous amount of harm to this Association, if allowed to occur again.

The Umpires last year, - Messrs. Evans, Gibson, Thornhill, Elliott and Coleman are to be congratulated on their exhibitions generally, and I think that the Amateur Association was fortunate in obtaining their services.

Once again, Mr. Dick Henkel presented a fine trophy for the Player adjudged the fairest and best throughout the Season. Mr. Dan Ryan Captain of the newly formed Water Supply Team was last year's recipient of this Trophy and all will agree that the right man won it.

Prior to the Carnival Match Victoria versus West Australia, a combined team from this Association beat a team from the Perth Suburban Association. Mr. T. Deane kindly donated a trophy to the best player in the Amateur side in this match, which trophy was won by Mr. K. Boxhorne a member of the Sandovers team.

As in the previous year, officers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were in attendance at our matches, and their services were appreciated by all members of the Association.

I regret to have to include in this report, that the Protests and Disputes Board had occasion to meet on three occasions during the year. In two instances the players concerned were found guilty of the offences and had to stand down for a few weeks, It is to be hoped that the members of this Board will not have to meet again on our behalf.

The Association's Finances are in a fairly good position at present, although several of the Clubs are in arrears from last season. It is anticipated, however, that all sums outstanding will be settled early in the new season. From the appended Balance Sheet it will be seen that the Bank Balance increased from £13-6-3 to £36-17-4. With the heavy expenditure in connection with the Amateur Carnival in Tasmania in August next, Club Secretaries are asked to do everything possible to keep their payments to the Association up to date.

In connection with this Carnival, Major Condor, President of the Australian Amateur Football Council, visited this State towards the end of last year. The Major advised that the Tasmanian Amateur Football Association were busy preparing for the Carnival, at which it is hoped teams from every Australian State will compete. The estimated cost per head for W.A. members would be about £23. If we can raise £100, the other States will provide an equal amount towards the expenses, which would reduce the cost to about £15. It is intended to approach the W.A.N.F. League for a donation which would certainly be of great assistance. It is hoped that Clubs will make sure that W.A. is represented at this Carnival.

At the conclusion of last season, a very successful Smoke Social was held at the Stirling Social Rooms. The President of the League honoured us with his presence, as also did Messrs A.A. Wolfatt, R.B. Henkel and A. Sandover.

This function was the first of its kind to which all members of the Association had been invited, and its social success in 1937 seems to call for a repetition in future years.

The Association Shield and Trophies were presented, and speeches were interspersed with musical items.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks, first on behalf of the Association to Messrs. Sandover, Richardson, Henkel and Deane for their Trophies presented to this Association, and secondly, to the members, both players and delegates, of this Association, without whose cooperation the 1937 season could not have been so successful. I think that the Amateur Association in this State is on the eve of a new life, and if delegates are as optimistic as I am, then it will not be long before our Carnival Side is up to the strength standard of the other major football States.


Hon. Secretary.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

	Receipts.	
To cash in Bank	13. 6. 3.	
" Arrears from 1936	3. 18. 1.	
" Membership fees	9. 9. 0.	
" Affiliation fees	8. 8. 0.	
" Permits	5. 19. 6.	
" Match fees	109. 14. 9.	
" Fines	1. 2. 6.	
" Donation from T. Deane	10. 6.	
" Gate receipts from Grd. Final	1. 0. 6.	
" Receipts from Social	4. 0. 0.	
" Bank Interest	6. 10.	
	£159. 15. 11.	
Expenditure		
By Stationery, printing, etc.	4. 7. 5.	
" Goal posts at Sth. Perth and Richmond Park	3. 10. 0.	
" Ground fees	11. 3. 0.	
" Umpires' fees	71. 4. 6.	
" Footballs for finals	1. 15. 0.	
" Smoke social	12. 2. 6.	
" St. John Ambulance	5. 5. 0.	
" Purchase of Dean Trophy, presentation to J. I. Robson, engraving of trophies,	2. 10. 2.	
" Honourarium to Secretary	10. 10. 0.	
" " Typist	1. 1. 0.	
" Petty cash	6. 0. 0.	
	£128. 18. 7.	
	Balance	
	£30. 17. 4.	