

ST. BEDES-MENTONE TIGERS

On behalf of the VAFA, I congratulate St. Bedes/Mentone Tigers, and in particular the Mentone Tigers branch of the partnership, on 100 years of Australian Rules football. A wonderful achievement.



Bruce McTaggart
President, VAFA

Mentone was a force in the Federal League for many years, and I have vivid memories of classic (and fiery) “local derbies” between the Mentone (the Tigers) and Cheltenham (the Rosellas) in the 1950’s and 1960’s – better than the VFA of the 60’s and 70’s! If I remember correctly, Mentone won the great majority of those clashes, and also won quite a number of premierships, during that period.

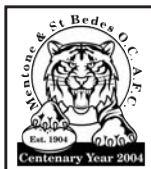
When the Federal League was collapsing, it seemed a natural progression for a “merger” to take place between St. Bedes (which had come into the VAFA in 1972) and Mentone. This occurred in 1993, when St. Bedes was in D Grade. Since that time, and with a lot of hard work, the club has progressed to B Grade, and has become a force there. All the signs are good for continuing success, and it will be well deserved when (rather than if) it comes. The 2004 season has started well for the Club. Will this be the year?

May I also congratulate St. Bedes/Mentone Tigers and Beaumaris for creating a “local derby” of their own, playing today for the “Centenary Cup”. Tradition and challenge play significant roles in our football, and a local challenge adds a little bit extra to a match. Good luck to both teams in the inaugural game today, and good luck to St Bedes/Mentone Tigers for the future.

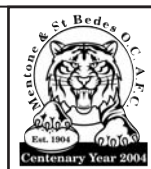
Again, congratulations on a great achievement.

Bruce McTaggart

President, VAFA



From the President of St Bedes / Mentone Tigers AFC



Welcome to today's historic Centenary Match against our close rivals and neighbours the Beaumaris AFC.

A special welcome to players, past players and supporters of both clubs. I hope that you enjoy the football and the hospitality of our club.

I would like to congratulate the players from each team and the umpires who are officiating in today's games.

Today we stand in the shoes of those that stood here 100 years ago when the first game was played on the Mentone Oval.

For those players, officials and supporters back in 1904 the pride in what they had achieved in forming the Mentone Football Club must have been immense. Little did they know that people from the Mentone area and its surrounds would still be enjoying the game one hundred years later. It would have been the furthest thought from their minds that their club would one day have 15 teams and over 400 players. Nor would they have envisaged some of the things that we take for granted such as running hot water for showers, pie warmers, training lights, non woollen jumpers, a car to get to the game or perhaps even grass on the oval.

What I'm sure they did on that first day though was to do exactly what we will do today. Cheer for our team, play as best we can, marvel at the great play and hope for a win. The game may be quicker, the rules slightly different, the surrounds unrecognisable, yet when it comes to the game and what it is about, little has changed. We are though no different to those that played in or attended that first game.

In 2004 St Bedes / Mentone Tigers AFC strives hard to build on the foundations that previous generations have handed to us. We know that we cannot rest on the great work of those that have gone before us; yet we should and must have pride in the club that we have today. Take a moment to appreciate your club. Whether it be St Bedes/Mentone Tigers AFC or Beaumaris AFC, both provide a lot of pleasure for many in the local community.

Today's game is being played, for the first time, for the Centenary Cup. We hope that it is the start of a great tradition between the two clubs and that whenever the senior sides play that the cup is the prize for the winning team.

Importantly, this game that we watch or play today is more than a battle for premiership points or for the reward of the cup. We are celebrating a fantastic century of football and a game that is uniquely Australian and part of our local history.

And finally, as we head into the next one hundred years, a word of thanks to those that started it way back in 1904. They did well!

The very best to you all.

Dale Collins



A Message from the President of Beaumaris FC



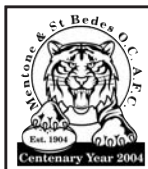
Congratulations to St Bedes/Mentone on the celebration of their Centenary year. A massive achievement in today's football when we see so many teams, all round the country, folding or amalgamating for survival. Beaumaris is proud to have been invited to partake in this "local derby" as part of the celebrations and to play for the perpetual Centenary Cup (struck to commemorate this very special occasion) when ever our two teams meet in the future. Both Clubs have close alliance it that many of the their current and past players were classmates at St Bedes and both Clubs were opponents, for a few years, in the Southern Football League when Mentone came across from the Federal League. Personally, my earliest memories of Mentone were in those Federal League days (as an opposition player) when they were so hard to beat at home. Our close association, as rival Clubs, since joining the VAFA, has forested a mutual respect for one another. Win, lose or draw Beauy just loves playing on the wide open spaces at Brindisi St and we have (and always will) appreciated the hospitality afforded to us on those occasions.

Over the course of these celebrations legends will be born again, drop kicks will go further, brawls will get bigger, the tough games will be recalled and a lot of fertiliser will be spoken BUT WHY NOT that what we play for and to have 100 years of memories is just fantastic.

On behalf of the Sharks I wish the Tigers another one hundred years of history. Today's game will be demonstration that community football is very much alive and well. Congratulations to the hard working committee who have organised these Centenary celebrations.

May the best team win.

John Collins



The Centenary Cup



The Centenary Cup has been inaugurated as part of the celebrations associated with the centenary of the Mentone and St Bedes Old Collegians Amateur Football Club. Donated by the Marchant family, the Cup will be presented at all future contests between the St Bedes/Mentone Tigers and the Beaumaris Sharks.

The link between the donors of the Cup and the two clubs involved is particularly significant, as the Marchant family, especially through Brett Marchant, have a record of distinguished service and achievement at both Mentone and Beaumaris. Brett's family connections with Mentone include several relatives who played and served at the club, notably Ken Shaw and Ray Pope, along with his father Gill Marchant (a life member), and Brett's wife Debbie (a former Treasurer and twice winner of the Best Club Person award). More recently Brett has been the senior coach of the Beaumaris Football Club, and he has been instrumental in the organization of events associated with the centenary season.

Brett's football curriculum vitae is as follows: He commenced his career in the Mentone Football Club Fourth XVIII in 1973, winning the best and fairest award the following season and being appointed captain in 1975. Brett quickly made his way into the senior team, playing the last game of 1975 in the seniors when he was just 15, and he was a member of the senior premiership side in 1976 at 16 years of age. He spent the following two seasons at the Melbourne Football Club, where he played 4 senior games. After a stint at Maffra Football Club under current AFL umpiring director, Jeff Gieschen, he returned to Mentone between 1980 and 1986, and took on the role of senior captain in 1981, 1982 and 1984. In this period, Brett dominated the club's best and fairest voting, winning a record seven consecutive best and fairest awards between 1980 and 1986, including two competition best and fairest awards in the Southeast Suburban Football League in 1983 and 1985. Brett also assumed the position of Mentone Junior Development Officer at this time, and won a Best Clubman award. After a year with Springvale in the VFA, he returned in 1988 as captain coach, taking the club to third position on the ladder, and in 1989 he served as President while continuing his playing career, reaching a total of 192 games. Brett returned to Maffra for seasons 1990-92, finishing as assistant coach to former Essendon great, Leon Baker.

Now qualified as a Level 2 accredited coach, Brett was appointed the senior coach of Beaumaris Football Club between 1997 and 1999, and again in 2003. Premiership success was achieved in 1997, and was immediately followed by another Grand Final appearance in 1998. After a short break away from the game, Brett returned to Beaumaris to coach them to a premiership in 2003. Both Beaumaris and St Bedes/Mentone Tigers now compete in B Grade of the VAFA and will compete bi-annually for the Centenary Cup.

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B SECTION - SENIORS

ST. BEDES/MENTONE TIGERS V BEAUMARIS



Coach: Russel Barnes



"The Sharks"

Coach: Mick Lovejoy **Asst:** Erwin Leyden

G B		G B		G B		G B	
1 Wintle P		40 L'Huillier D		1. R. Rawlins		43. R. Deaton	
2 Wintle L		41 Rose S		2. H. Gibson		44. C. Collins	
3 Odachowski M		42 Wilson M		3. M. Pitts ©		45. M. Duggan	
4 L'Huillier A		43 Nash S		4. M. Matulick (DVC)		46. M. Saxton	
5 Napier S		44 Rhoden M		5. M. Ensor (DVC)		47. A. Kent	
6 Fitcher P		45 Weedon N		6. A. Spence		48. J. Mellor	
7 Owen N		46 Hilton M		7. D. Foley		49. J. Bryce	
8 Scafidi A		47 De Groot J		8. M. O'Brien		50. B. Presnell	
9 Terrell M		48 Waters T		9. B. Cousins		51. J. Mitchell	
10 Wintle M		49 Baumann M		10. L. Buller		52. J. Williams	
12 Groves P		50 Kidd S		11. M. Lee		53. A. Poll	
13 Samperi R		51 Buck A		12. L. Healy		54. S. Lee	
14 Connolly A		52 Towns M		13. C. Gourley		55. B. Deaton	
15 McColl T		53 O'Gorman P		14. T. Collins		56. T. Woolnough	
16 Osborne C		54 McCraw M		15. M. Boon		57. A. Fisher	
17 Corda N		55 Ferris M		16. A. Quin		58. J. Bramwell	
18 Hecker S		56 Chaplin J		17. L. Atkins		59. B. Griffiths	
19 Drury A		57 Basham A		18. N. Kennedy		60. D. Bird	
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21 Connolly J		59 Cheshire T		20. M. Mellon		62. A. Pratt	
22 Poynton D		60 Burke P		21. S. Coote		63. D. Galvin	
23 Napier D		61 Dowling J		22. J. Holt		64. A. Coote	
24 Tyquin J		62 Petrovic J		23. A. Catlin		65. G. Shattock	
25 Knuppel J		63 McColl M		24. B. Gray		66. P. McConchie	
26 Hecker M		66 Parsons R		25. D. Teasdale		67. L. Stevens	
27 Borella L		70 Terrell L		26. A. O'Brien		68. S. Boreham	
28 Andrews M				27. D. George		70. S. Crossley	
29 Bristow J				28. J. Vance		71. C. Hawkins	
30 Kane J				29. C. Martin (VC)			
31 Drury J				30. C. Lambert			
32 Johnson G				31. J. Black			
33 Zakic S				32. B. Cairns			
34 Carson L				33. S. May			
35 Barnes C				34. H. McMillan			
36 Walstab A				35. N. Boctor			
37 Williams L				36. N. Atkins			
38 Hayes A				37. R. Presnell			
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BEAUMARIS



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"The Sharks"

Coach: Mick Carty

G B

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UNDER 19-3
ST. BEDES/MENTONE TIGERS V MHSOB



Coach: Glen Alford



Coach: Brad James

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1 Laver T
 2 Maddocks J
 3 McConnell K
 4 Flavelle L
 5 Lynch D
 6 Ritchie E
 7 Lawler M
 8 Parker W
 10 Kelly L
 11 Griffith M
 12 Marks J
 14 McMurray L
 17 Day B
 18 Porter D
 19 Paterson A
 20 McNeil J
 21 Ferraro D
 22 Knuppel M
 23 Lynch J
 24 Tyquin J
 25 Schwarze B
 26 Sawers A
 27 Waters D
 28 Dowling M
 29 Knowles A
 30 McGettigan M
 31 Worsnop N
 32 McCallum J
 33 O'Reilly P
 34 Lambert C
 35 Wright B
 36 Terrell J
 37 Hunter J
 38 Gilmore S
 39 Heys J
 40 McGettigan P
 41 O'Gorman M
 42 Scholes M
 43 Serofim L
 55 Rouillion L

1 J Aitken
 2 M Brain
 3 D Pinwill
 3 A Van Rooyen
 4 T Schocker
 3 S Whittington
 4 B Gevaux
 5 G Blau
 6 T Biddington
 7 D Gold
 8 R Ternes
 9 J Mathew
 10 C Eva
 11 D Kemp
 12 S Volkering
 13 R Read
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 16 A Villani
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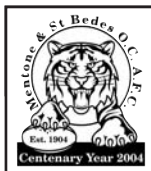
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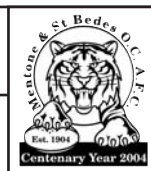
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MENTONE & ST BEDES OLD COLLEGIANS AFC



CENTENARY YEAR EVENTS

Friday July 2nd

Centenary Dinner & 'Hall of Fame'

The 'International of Brighton' is the venue for the night of nights, celebrating 100 years of History. This prestige event will present the first 100 inductees into the **Mentone & St.Bedes Old Collegians AFC 'Hall of Fame'**.

A highlight of the night will be the presentation of 10 members of the Hall of Fame as official 'Club Legends'. Many past Premiership Team Reunions will also take place at this marquee event on our Centenary Calendar.

Seats are limited and with bookings from past players and officials from all states of Australia already received, it is advised to book now and ensure you will be part of a once in a life time event.

Ticket Prices: *Adults \$ 100 each or \$ 190 Double*
 Pensioners/Students \$90 each or \$170 Double (all inclusive)

For bookings contact: Mark Beasley 0438023092, Brett Marchant 95801425, Drew Johnston 0419321995
Rob Hess 96884062 or at the Club on Thursday evenings.

Saturday July 3rd

Back to Mentone Family

A Fun Relaxed Family Day commencing at 1.00pm with lots of entertainment for all the family. Jumping Castle and Face Painting for the kids...AFL players and even a Legends Match at 3.00pm. Full Club Social Facilities will be operating and an all day BBQ.

*Don't forget if you purchase tickets to the Centenary Dinner, your ticket price includes your all day BBQ at the Back to Mentone Family Day!

Ticket Prices for Back To Mentone Family Day are \$ 10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family for all food and activities throughout the day.

Booking details as above.

Keep up to date with all the news at www.stbedesmentonetigers.com.au

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Shiraz Cabernet 2003 – from Hanging Rock Winery Vic.	\$ 15.00
Chardonnay 2003 - from Hanging Rock Winery Vic.	\$ 15.00
Sparkling Chardonnay 2003 - from the Barossa Valley Sth. Aust.	\$ 15.00

All on sale in the Social Rooms after the game

We are offering a special Centenary year price of a mixed or straight dozen of these wines for \$ 160.00 (a saving of \$20.00)

Tickets to all other Centenary Year events including the Centenary Dinner July 2nd and Back to Mentone Family Day July 3rd are on sale today...look for the ladies in the Merchandising Marquee!!



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St.Bedes/Mentone Tigers AFC

Special Centenary Match Day Raffle



TICKETS ARE \$2.00 EACH AND ARE ON SALE THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

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2 nights accommodation at Couran Cove Island Resort-
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2ND PRIZE TODAY IS:

An AFL match at Telstra Dome Medallion Club – 4 reserved seats in Medallion Club
at a game to be advised in Season 2004 - total value \$300.00

3RD PRIZE TODAY IS:

A Gift Pack of official St.Bedes/Mentone Tigers Special Centenary Shiraz Cabernet
& Chardonnay (1 bottle each) – total value \$30.00

Winning Tickets will be drawn at the after match social and will be listed on our Club Website:
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Winners if not present at the draw can claim the prize by presenting the winning ticket
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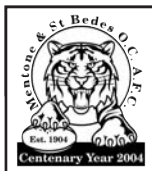
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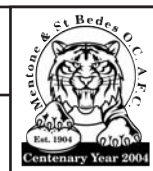
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*Without the assistance of many people,
organising our Centenary Year Events including today's
Centenary Cup Match would not be possible.*

We would like to thank:

- The VAFA and in particular- Brett Connell, President Bruce McTaggart, Tom Brain and Geoff Reilly.
- The Beaumaris FC and in particular President John Collins for their support in participating in today's game.
 - The Mentone Hotel - Kevin Lynch.
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- Paul Daffey – our guest speaker at today's pre match luncheon
 - Paul Amy & Andrew Johnstone from Leader News Group
- Cyan Press and in particular Michele, Peter and Gary for help in preparing today's special edition of the VAFA Amateur Footballer
 - Chris Falkingham
 - Damian Harris & Family
 - Harvey World Travel Elsternwick – Paul Tobin
- Francis Barr, Matthew Beasley, Bill Dunstan, Shaun Napier & David Walstab for all their assistance
- Dann Party Hire for assistance with the marquee entertainment areas
 - Cost Less Bin Hire

To all the volunteer staff selling raffle tickets, the special edition VAFA Football Records, collecting for the Trevor Barker Foundation, the canteen and social club staff, who are cheerfully carrying out the tasks required for everyone to enjoy this special day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone at today's match to make a gold coin donation to the special collection for the 'Trevor Barker Foundation' taking place today.

We hope that everyone at today's game enjoys the events and remember to support and encourage the players & umpires.

Mark Beasley, Robert Hess, Brett Marchant & Drew Johnston
Centenary Year Planning Committee
St.Bedes/Mentone Tigers AFC



... Looking Back

by Geoff Reilley

Special Centenary Cup Edition - Round 5 2004

5 YEARS AGO - 1999

The local derby saw undefeated Old Mentonians host St Bedes with only 1 win

out of the first four rounds. C Section scribes Tom Brain and Ken Bremner disagreed in their prognostications with Tommy sticking with the strength whilst Ken went against the grain and on a hunch tipped the Tigers in an upset. Well Kenny looked right on the money when the Tigers jumped out of the blocks 6.5 to 2.0 at the first break. Although Mentonians fought back strongly before half time the Beda's held a handy 3 goal break at the final term and coach Peter Geddes urged his charges to hold in and cause the upset of the round. The Grammar boys would have none of it and stormed home with 7 goals to 1 to run our victors by 21 points.

The regular performers for Mentonians, Bournan, Stroud and Acreman contributed 13 majors between them whilst Hecker could hold his head up for the Tigers with 5 goals. Best for OM's were Twentyman, Bournan, Brooks, Brendan Murphy, Carter and Paterson. St Bedes acknowledged the efforts of Tomlinson, Zakic, Napier, Spencer, Hecker and Connolly.

Only 1 win from the first five had the match committee searching for the right answers at the selection table and the threat of relegation would remain a distinct possibility without resurgence.

10 YEARS AGO - 1994

Peter Lemon, writing in C Grade predicted the Tigers would bounce back against Caulfield Grammarians in round 5 following their disappointing showing at Como against the OGS the previous week. It was not looking good when the Grammarians were holding sway at half time with a lead of 9 points and with Caulfield's major players all prominent. The Tigers third quarter was fantastic with Tony MacGeorge booting an incredible 6 goals for the term from his teams 8 majors. Caulfield were shot to pieces by the onslaught and also by the supporting roles of Brendan "Whispers" Carroll and Steve McCarthy. Regulars DiCrosta, Brohier and Royals fought valiantly for the Caulfield team but the efforts of MacGeorge, McCarthy, Bryant, Walsh, Diggins, Lannan and Tomlinson (3) were to seal the opposition's fate.

This win was to place St Bedes just outside the four and ready to launch an offensive in coming weeks. Coach Mark Tyquin was pleased with his

boy's efforts and looked forward to the coming weeks.

15 YEARS AGO - 1989

Peter Riordan was at the helm as Senior Coach with Alex Bartsch looking after the reserves. With umpire Martin in control at the beach, the boys from St Bedes faced up to North Brunswick. The strong win over Heatherton the previous week warranted the support for the Beda's and in a tight tussle only St Bedes' errant shots for goal stopped them from being further in front than the 2 goal lead they held at the main break.

A strong third term resulting in 6 home goals saw St Bedes in control at the final change and they eventually ran out winners by 42 points to firm up their fourth spot.

Main goal kickers were Hambridge 4, McColough and Seeley 3 each for the Beda's and Dino De Morton bagged 5 for the visitors. Best were Boag, Beasley, Hambridge, Seeley, McColough and Ridewood for the winners whilst LiRosi, Hehir and Serratore did their best for the Brunswick lads.

20 YEARS AGO - 1984

The St Bedes Old Collegians need to turn it around in Round 5 as they had only gained 1 win to date. Playing Power House, also with only 1 win their first quarter was great and the old boys opened up a 3 goal lead. The "House" powered back in the second term to ram home 9.5 for the quarter and from then on the game was only going one way and Power House did just as their name implied to finish 10 goals in advance.

Whitlock 4 and Bryant 2 were the main scorers and best were recorded as Pragt, Turner, Rocke, Whitlock, Bronne and Cicco. Things were not going well for the boys after round 5.

25 YEARS AGO - 1979

The Carnival year had seen St Bedes OC start the season very slowly but round 5 resulted in a revival and a pounding of the Old Carey Grammarians by some 10 goals. Collins 4, Powell and Heffernan with 3 each led the goal kickers and best were Pendleton, Fogarty, Collins, Terrell, Warne and M Bowden. Some of Carey's famous sons, Dunshea and R Elliott were amongst the goals for the vanquished. The Beda's reserves were well entrenched in the top four as they also accounted easily for Carey's old boys. Nevett, Kelly, L'Huillier, Ayre, Giles and O'Rourke were the best for the "two's".

There had been much talk about the "new rule"

regarding a player who has bounced the ball and then being tackled fairly, can be penalised. In fact there was no new rule except that there was an interpretative note added to rule 13 deeming that a player who bounced the ball was deemed to be in possession. This rule of course was to remain contentious for some time until eventually accepted by all.

30 YEARS AGO – 1974

After 5 rounds, but for a draw, St Bedes would have been in the top four. The loss in this round to Elsternwick did not make up the required points when the very poor conversion rate, 11.21, was the main cause of 4 points deficit at the final siren. Fitzpatrick (3), Danckert, Mark Roberts and Bradbury were all solid players for St Bedes Old Collegians.

Some Special Years

32 YEARS AGO – 1972

St Bedes Old Collegians first joined and played in the VAFA in Round 1, 1972 and met one of the VAFA's oldest Clubs, Elsternwick. Despite a competitive effort, the new club was not able to register their first win as the 'Wicks scored 18.16.124 to the newcomers' 13.13.91 and a respected club had commenced the amateur journey. Major goal kickers for St Bedes were Terrell 3, Signoretti 3 and Vaughan 2. Best were named as Serong, Irving, Vaughan, Mulavin, Terrell and Butler.

1976

The club's first premiership was not too long in coming when the reserves team (F grade) easily defeated the Beverley Hills club 14.16.100 to 10.7.67. Bowden 6, Quan 3 and Coutts 2 were the main scorers and Lagerberg, Yerolemis, Watts, Coutts, Bowden and Boomgardt were listed as the six best.

1977

After getting a taste for premiership success, the club went up a notch to win both the senior and reserves F section flags, a fantastic effort for a young club. The senior game was hard fought and only 2 points separated the two teams at the final siren. St Bedes 12.16.88 to Bulleen Templestowe 12.14.86. Collins 4 and Dunn 2 were the multiple goal scorers and best were Vaughan, Lockwood, Cecchi, Roberts, Fogarty and Boyce.

1978 & 1980

The reserves continued the tradition in these seasons with premierships in E Section and D Section respectively.

1990 & 1991

Club great Tim Beasley achieved the distinction of winning back to back D Section best and fairest awards in these seasons. Tim had also polled the most votes in the 1989 E Section best and fairest

but was unfortunately disqualified during the season and was ineligible for the award.

1993

The new combine, St Bedes/Mentone Tigers, played their first game under the new banner in this season. This historic occasion was a triumph for the club when they defeated Old Geelong Grammarians in the Grand Final to take out the D Section senior premiership. An absorbing contest, the final scores saw St Bedes 9.13.67 win by 2 points, OGGs 10.5.65. MacGeorge with 3 goals was instrumental and best players were Jones, McCarthy, Diggins, Markham, T Beasley and P Lannan. The amalgamation had proved to be a great success and this marked the real rise of the original club who were to compete in C Grade for the first time the following season.

1997 & 1998

Two more premierships were attained by the C grade reserves teams in these years and 1997 was a special occasion for the Under 19 team who not only won the Blue Section premiership but were acknowledged as champions as an undefeated team. Adrian Ryan also won the section best & fairest.

2003

The under 19's again made their mark for the club last season with a real character win in the U19 Blue Grand Final to again provide much expectation for the senior club in the future

Other Achievements –

Over the journey from 1972 there have been many fine players who have represented the teams and in addition to Tim Beasley's back to back Section B&F's, others to gain honours include –

John Carroll – 1993 U19 Blue B&F (John went on to play Melbourne Reserves where he won a best & fairest and then Springvale. Adam Thompson won the 1995 C Section B&F, Tony MacGeorge won the same section B&F in 1997.

VAFA State Representative players since the club's entry into the VAFA include – Greg Connolly, Tim Beasley, Tony MacGeorge, Luke Wintle and Andrew Hayes in senior teams and David Kinsella, Justin Sebire, Simon Markham and Shaun Napier in U18 and U19 combined teams.

It has been a relatively short but distinguished time for the St Bedes based club in the annals of the VAFA and there have been many more fine players and a host of hardworking officials who have seen the club grow in stature. All the hard work culminated in the club's elevation to B grade after the 2002 C Grade preliminary final win over Caulfield Grammarians.

We at "Looking Back" anticipate many more entries to chronicle the club's continued success in the years to come.



THE TIGER SPIRIT: A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MENTONE AND ST BEDES OLD COLLEGIANS AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB

By Rob Hess

The Mentone football Club was formed in 1904 and five years later became a founding member of what became known as the Federal Football League. In 1911, Mentone entered a team in the Federal League's Under 18 competition, but its status as a senior, B section or junior entity vacillated over the next decade.

The 1920s was a period of consolidation for the seaside club, with some notable on-field successes, including five finals appearances between 1924 and 1929. Under the coaching of former Fitzroy player, Jim Tarbotton, the club won its first flag in 1928 (with a goal kicked by Fred West), and its second in 1935. Individual honours were also achieved, with Jack Mitchell (1937) and Keith Dunn (1939) winning competition best and fairest awards.

World War II brought a leaner period for the club, but by the 1950s some well-credentialed players and coaches, as well as some able administrators, built a solid platform for the club's two golden decades. Crofton Mudge and A. J. Beckwith dominated the competition, with Mudge winning two consecutive Federal League best and fairest awards, and Beckwith making it three in a row for the club in 1953. Jim Baird, an all-round sportsman who had played cricket and football for Carlton and was a finalist in the 1946 Stawell Gift, began his coaching stint at the club in 1951. But it was a local, Bill Gallagher, who reaped the rewards when he captain coached the club to its third premiership in 1956. Mentone, trailing Mordialloc all day, were inspired by four last quarter goals from Ian Meckiff, while the Reserves and Thirds also played off in grand finals in the Olympic Year.

Supported by a stable and dedicated administration team featuring Presidents such as Stan Kelley and Bruce Gatford, Treasurers such as George Le Fevre and Peter Corboy, and Secretaries such as Maurie Dalglish and Jim Lander, the club enjoyed unprecedented success at this time, culminating in back-to-back senior premierships in 1967 and 1968 under the charismatic coaching of Gary Rasmussen. Much of this success can also be attributed to the foundation provided by the club's under age teams, where coaches Len James, Alan Mennie, Wayne Bromley and John 'Tiny' Crozier not only developed stars of the future (such as St Kilda

preiership players Barry Breen and Brian Sierakowski), but gave teenagers a taste of premiership glory in the Thirds and Fourths. In fact, the Third XVIII won seven premierships in thirteen seasons between 1950 and 1962, and the team was rarely out of the finals. However, despite the efforts of Barry 'Hooker' Harrison, who coached the club in 1974 and 1975 after premiership success at Collingwood, Mentone eventually entered the doldrums and found it difficult to keep pace with big-spending opposition clubs. A highlight during this time was the playing in the same team of father and son combination, Bill and Norm Bignell, who both played more than 300 games for the club.

Dramatic changes took place in the lead up to the 1976 season, when an enterprising committee recruited former North Melbourne ruckman Jeff Hopgood as captain, and installed former player and junior competition best and fairest winner, David Groves, as coach. Many other former players and supporters returned to the fold, and victories in the first six rounds of the season heightened expectations. These expectations were later met, when, in a highly physical Grand Final against long-time rival Cheltenham (captain coached by former St Kilda star, Ian Cooper), Mentone secured victory by a margin of just six points.

Unfortunately, the affairs of the club then took a turn for the worse, as the club struggled to retain players, lacked volunteer support, and battled with the administration of the Federal League. Under economic duress, Mentone joined the Southeast Suburban Football League in 1982. Long-serving Secretary Peter Davis held the club together off the field, while stalwart Brett Marchant was an outstanding model of consistency and leadership on the ground, winning a record seven club best and fairest awards between 1980 and 1986, as well as two competition best and fairest awards in 1983 and 1985.

Despite some limited success in the divisional structure of the newly named Southern Football League, the administration of the club decided to take a more strategic approach to the club's long-term future. During 1992 the possibility of a merger was canvassed, and members eventually voted to merge with the St Bedes Old Collegians Football Club, who had been formed in 1966 and were then playing in D Grade of the VAFA. A

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premiership in 1993, under coach Mark Tyquin and captain Dean Feben, confirmed the success of the move, and the club gradually began to make its way through the grades. President Dale Collins and coach Russell Barnes now have their ambition firmly set on making the St Bedes/Mentone Tigers an A Grade club in the VAFA. With a burgeoning junior program, a strong community focus and vastly improved facilities, the future looks bright for one of Mentone's oldest sporting clubs.

Mentone Football Club: Appearances in Finals

Senior Premierships: 1928, 1935, 1956, 1967, 1968, 1976

Senior Runners Up: 1924, 1929, 1932, 1958, 1959, 1963

Senior Third: 1925, 1926, 1936, 1954, 1957, 1960, 1988

Senior Fourth: 1966, 1969, 1971, 1986

Reserve Premierships: 1954, 1960, 1983, 1986, 1989

Reserve Runners Up: 1953, 1956, 1958, 1968

Reserve Third:

Reserve Fourth: 1955, 1957, 1967

Thirds Premierships: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1966, 1969

Thirds Runners Up: 1924, 1942, 1946, 1956, 1964, 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985

Thirds Third: 1925, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1955, 1963

Thirds Fourth: 1927, 1930, 1965

Fourths Premierships: 1983

Fourths Runners Up: 1964, 1966

Fourths Third: 1967, 1984, 1986

Fourths Fourth: 1962, 1969, 1985

MENTONE PLAYERS TO HAVE PLAYED IN THE VFL SINCE WORLD WAR II

Gerry Bahen

Mentone: 1950. **North Melbourne:** 1951, 8 games, 1 goal.

Ron Banfield, born 7 April 1933

Mentone: 1949-1958 (Premiership 1956), 123 games, senior Best and Fairest 1956. **St Kilda:** 1952, 5 games, 1 goal.

Barry Besanko, born 15 August 1956

Mentone: 1971-1974, 1977, 1980-1981, 50 games, Fourth XVIII Best and Fairest 1972. **Essendon:** 1980, 3 games, 3 goals.

Neil Besanko, born 28 April 1951

Mentone: 1966-1967, 20 games, Fourth XVIII Best and Fairest 1966. **St Kilda:** 1968-1977 (Runners Up 1971), 149 games, 4 goals. **Essendon:** 1978-1981, 35 games, 1 goal.

Barry Breen, born 7 January 1948

Mentone: 1963-1965, 28 games, vice captain of Third XVIII in 1964 (Runners Up 1964). **St Kilda:** 1965-1982 (Premiership 1966), 300 games, 308 goals, captain 1979, Victorian representative on three occasions. Later General Manager of the Sydney Swans.

Bob Brooker, born 17 October 1926

Mentone: Statistics unavailable. **North Melbourne:** 1949-1956 (Runners Up 1951), 107 games, 41 goals, captain 1956, senior Best and Fairest 1955.

Alan 'Fingers' Carr, born 21 April 1940

Mentone: 1953-1961, 1971-1972, 83 games.

North Melbourne: 1959-1966, 66 games, 13 goals. Also played for Frankston.

Robert Crowe, born 27 May 1936

Mentone: Statistics unavailable. **Carlton:** 1954-1964, 129 games (Runners Up 1962), 62 goals. Goaled with first kick in League football, and represented a Victorian B side in 1962.

Robin Fildes, born 13 November 1940

Mentone: 1960, 18 games. **Collingwood:** 1961-1963, 14 games, 2 goals. Australian decathlon champion.

Barry 'Hooker' Harrison, born 21 December 1935

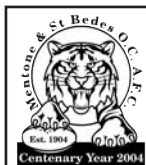
Mentone: 1951-1958, 1971; 106 games, senior Best and Fairest 1957, senior coach 1974-1975. **Collingwood:** 1958-1961 (Premiership 1958, Runners Up 1960), 56 games, 24 goals. **North Melbourne:** 1964, 1 game. Also played for Sandringham.

Gavin Hoare, born 4 July 1934

Mentone: Statistics unavailable. **Richmond:** 1952-1953, 8 games, 3 goals

Brett Marchant, born 29 October 1959

Mentone: 1973-1976, 1980-1986, 1988-1989 (Premiership 1976), 192 games, senior captain 1981-1982, 1984, captain coach 1988, president 1989, senior Best and Fairest 1980-1986, Fourth XVIII Best and Fairest 1974, Fourth XVIII captain



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1975, Southeast Suburban Football League Best and Fairest 1983 and 1985. **Melbourne:** 1977, 4 games.

Alan Mennie, born c. 1936

Mentone: 1950-1955, 1960-1966, 176 games, senior Best and Fairest 1960, Third XVIII Best and Fairest 1952 (Premiership 1952), Third XVIII coach 1960-1965 (Premierships 1961-1962, Runners Up 1964). **St Kilda:** 1955-1956, 8 games. Also played for Moorabbin.

Warren Mercer, born 15 December 1942

Mentone 1955-1959, 55 games. **North Melbourne:** 1959, 1 game.

Allan Poore, born 7 July 1942

Mentone: 1957-1960, 55 games. **Collingwood:** 1961-1962, 1964, 11 games, 5 goals. Also played at Waverley: J. J. Liston Trophy winner in VFA.

Peter Schofield, born 12 February 1932

Mentone: Statistics unavailable. **Richmond:** 1951-1953, 16 games, 25 goals. **Melbourne:** 1953, 6 games, 14 goals. **North Melbourne:** 1957-1960, 50 games, 110 goals. Also played for Moorabbin, kicking 22 goals in one match.

Brian Sierakowski, born 1 November 1945

Mentone: 1962-1965. **St Kilda:** 1964-1968 (Premiership 1966), 75 games, 2 goals. Later played for Subiaco and represented Western Australia.

Edward Turner, senior

Mentone: 1937. **North Melbourne:** 1944-1946, 16 games. Brighton: 1948-1954, (Premiership 1948), captain coach 1954 (J. J. Liston Trophy 1954), senior Best and Fairest, 1947, 1954.

Vasil Varlamos, born 17 June 1942

Mentone: 1957-1959, 31 games. **Carlton:** 1960-1964 (Runners Up 1962), 44 games.

Bill Waldron, 11 February 1935

Mentone: Statistics unavailable. **St Kilda:** 1956-1957, 9 games. Also played for **Melbourne** Reserves.

Peter Weekes, born 21 February 1947

Mentone: 1964, 1967-1968 (Premierships 1967-1968), 34 games. **Melbourne:** 1968-1971, 23 games, 9 goals.

Julian White, born 31 March 1946

Mentone: 1962, 1964, 21 games. **St Kilda:** 1965, 3 games, 1 goal.

Other notable identities who have enjoyed sporting success after starting their career at Mentone include Test cricketers - Leo O'Brien, Ian Meckiff, horse trainer - Bob Hoysted and umpiring great, Jeff Crouch.

COMPETITION BEST AND FAIREST WINNERS

Seniors

1937	Jack Mitchell Federal League
1939	Keith Dunn Federal League
1951	Crofton Mudge Federal League
1952	Crofton Mudge Federal League
1953	A. Beckwith Federal League
1976	Alan Sierakowski Federal League
1983	Brett Marchant Southeast Suburban
1985	Brett Marchant Southeast Suburban
1992	Mark Jones Southern

Reserves

1954	William Bignell Federal League
1956	L. Wilson Federal League

Thirds

1944	A. Beckwith Federal League
1962	David Groves Federal League

Fourths

1983	Sean Hanrahan Southeast Suburban
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