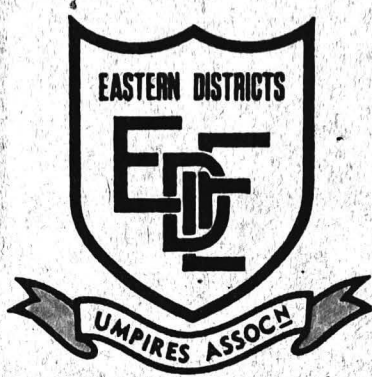


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**EASTERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Season 1975

**EASTERN DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE
UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**

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and
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**To be presented to members at the
NORWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
on
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1976.**

AGENDA

- 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held April 2nd, 1975.**
- 2. To receive and consider the 1975 Annual Report.**
- 3. To receive and consider the Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure.**
- 4. To elect Auditors for ensuing year.**
- 5. Election of office-bearers for the ensuing year.**
- 6. General Business.**

E.D.F.L.U.A. OFFICE-BEARERS 1975

President :

G. WESTON, Esq.

Vice President:

Mr. R.C. KISS

Immediate Past President:

Mr. H.A. LARKIN

Secretary:

KEVIN J. COLLINS Esq. J.P.
32 Blazey Road, South Croydon, 3136

Treasurer:

Mr. R.W. MATTHEWS
32 Erwin Road, Kilsyth, 3137

Executive Committee:

Messrs. K. BROWN, D.S. GILMOUR,
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PRESIDENT 1976

May we present to the members our incoming President, Mr R.C. Kiss and congratulate him on attaining the highest office in our Association.

Dick has been with our Association for four years as a field umpire, and he has also umpired with the YCW Association.

In his earlier career he also played senior football with VFA Club, Camberwell, where he made his mark as a robust, but fair defender.

Dick has been an active member of our Association since he joined us, and in 1974 he served as Secretary of the Association, and then in 1975 he was made Vice-President.

Dick, with his family of two sons, will have the full support of his wife, Ethne, in the vast duties that is expected of the President and his wife, thus we are certain that they will continue the high standard set by our previous Presidents.

Best wishes are extended to Dick and Ethne for a most successful year.

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E.D.F.L.U.A. ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1975

To members of the Eastern Districts Football League Umpires' Association:

Gentlemen,

On behalf of your Executive Committee it is my pleasure to submit for your consideration the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for season 1975.

During the past football season, our members officiated in three divisions of senior football in the E.D.F.L. competition and also in the Nunawading and District Junior Football League on Sundays.

Membership of the E.D.F.L.U.A. during 1975 consisted of the following:

Umpire Category	Number
Field	79
Boundary	24
Goal	26
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	129

Season 1975 saw some new faces in 1st Division. Four new men were promoted to the senior panel and congratulations are extended to them on their success. The continued rotation system gave the opportunity to several members to gain selection in the coveted senior panel. Likewise to all other members who officiated in 2nd and 3rd Division Seniors for the first time are also to be congratulated.

Many new faces joined our association last year for the first time and we welcome them and trust that they remain with us for many years. To the members who retired we thank them for their interest in our association and extend to them our sincere thanks and best wishes.

Match Fees for Umpires only increased \$1 for senior 1st Division games in 1975. The reason given was due to the huge rising costs of running the League and the individual clubs. However the Fee structure for 1976 has been increased 20% across the board.

In an attempt to generate more interest in our association 1975 saw the launching of our own newsletter called 'The Men in White'. After careful planning, the newsletter went to press with some sixteen paid advertisers backing it for the whole season. The success of the paper was overwhelming and it is a credit to the association that the project was an outstanding success.

Another first was the introduction of an information card giving the names of the Executive, telephone numbers, and a complete list of the entire year's social functions with the dates, venue and social secretary looking after each particular event. The entire cost of setting these cards up was again paid by one of the advertisers. From comments received down the line this idea was again well received by our members.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I believe the 1975 year will be long remembered as the year the E.D.F.L.U.A. came of age.

The support of a first class executive and committee, saw an excellent finale to a year presenting many problems.

This past year, more than ever before, necessitated a constant effort on the part of the association to hold together and win out through several nasty events. Perhaps the most noticeable was the striking of several umpires early in the season. Luckily the few incidents of this nature were "nipped in the bud" immediately, due mainly no doubt to the strong attitude of the tribunal when dealing with the offending players.

Appointments throughout the season were the topic of continued discussion, especially over the finals period. There are many personal disappointments always, over umpires appointments and it is to the credit of umpires in general that they keep appearing year after year notwithstanding.

My term as president, has proved enjoyable and most interesting. I can only hope that Dick Kiss, the incoming president, is fortunate enough to have a strong, competent secretary, vice president and committee as was the case during this past season.

Social events throughout the season were wide and varied and it was pleasing to note that all were very well attended by members generally.

Apart from the usual methods of raising funds for the running of our association, 1975 saw the emergence of our news sheet, "The Men In White" which was strongly backed by paying advertisers.

1976 promises to be an excellent year, and will see a new advisor, Mr Kevin Collins take office. Kevin replaces Len Eddy, the umpires advisor since the inauguration of the E.D.F.L.U.A. some seven years ago.

In concluding, I would like to thank everyone concerned for a successful 1975 year and with the incoming president and committee, advisor and board, new umpires and umpires returning from last season, every success for season 1976.

HON. SOLICITOR

For the first time we were fortunate to engage the services of Mr Dick McKenzie as Hon. Solicitor. We are extremely appreciative to Dick for his generous gesture in offering his services to our Association and we trust that he will see his way clear to continue his association with us.

E.D.F.L.

Our association continued to receive every assistance from the League Office and in particular, Mr Eric Wright. Since taking over as League Secretary, Eric has gone out of his way to help the Umpires in every way possible. Our appreciation is also extended to Mrs Judy Taylor for her assistance to our umpires.

Finally we record our appreciation to the President of the League Mr Kenneth Wright and his Executive for their support throughout 1975.

E.D.F.L. UMPIRES' APPOINTMENT BOARD

Again in 1975 we saw the same members on the board continue on with this important part of the umpiring network. We record our thanks to the board members who gave their time to travel around viewing our members each Saturday.

To the retiring members of the board, our appreciation is extended to you for your work put in over the years. To the new men on the board, we welcome you and trust that 1976 is rewarding to you.

APPRECIATION

To:—All advertisers in our newsletter.

Stevie Mason re printing of the newsletter.

Rod McLeod re the gear.

Graham Richardson for social night and prizes.

Mr Telley re donation of light at final night.

Norwood High School (Principal) re Ground and Hall.

Graham Ross re drinks.

Clive Fairburn re loan of cricket equipment.

Tom Smith for valued assistance throughout the year.

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UMPIRES' ADVISOR

For the seventh year in succession, Mr Len Eddy was appointed Umpires' Advisor. The association is indebted to Len for his invaluable guidance and assistance over the year and moreso for establishing our umpiring body re the making for what it is today.

We would like to thank Len also for his co-operation with our association in giving us time to conduct our monthly meetings.

CONGRATULATIONS

To: All members of the E.D.F.L.U.A.
All umpires appointed to finals.
W. Gehling of Doncaster Football Club for winning Fairest & Best in 1st Division.
N. Roberts. V.F.T. Gully Football Club for winning Fairest & Best in 2nd Division.
G. Paul, Yarra Glen Football Club for winning Fairest & Best in 3rd Division.
Mitcham, Kilsyth, Coldstream on winning the 1975 Grand Finals.
Kevin Collins on his appointment as Secretary of the board.
Messrs. Eric Wright, Graham Parsons, Roger Pettefor, Bill Alex all on being appointed board men for 1976.

CONCLUSION

To achieve the honor of being elected Secretary of your association was indeed an honor bestowed upon me. I would like to thank everybody who helped me make my year as Secretary such an enjoyable one. I extend my appreciation to the President, Treasurer and Executive whom I have the highest regard for enabling me to carry out my duties in 1975 as Secretary.

Furthermore, my sincere thanks to all members of the association for their support, and co-operation.

My appreciation is extended to Stevie Mason for the wonderful support he gave me re the printing of the newsletter. To you Steve, the whole association is indebted to you and I hope that you will once again offer your services in 1976.

The social functions were supported extremely well this year and the highlight was the Final Night at the Dorset Gardens where 205 were in attendance.

Finally, congratulations to the incoming President and all Office Bearers for 1976, and best wishes to all for a successful year.

KEVIN J. COLLINS
Hon. Secretary

PRESIDENT 1975

1975 proved to be an interesting and eventful year for the Association President, Mr Greg Weston. Greg earned the respect of all members for his leadership and friendly manner in the way that he carried out his position as President.

We congratulate Greg on a first class effort and we extend our appreciation to Judy and Greg for their time and effort given to the welfare of our association.

VICE PRESIDENT

The President was ably supported by Mr Dick Kiss as Vice-President. We wish Dick all the success for his coming term as President in 1976.

TREASURER

The post of Treasurer was expertly carried out by Mr Bob Matthews. Our sincere thanks to Bob for an excellent job well done. The association is indebted to Bob for the superb way that he has handled the financial side of the associations bookwork.

Our congratulations are now in order to Bob on his appointment as Secretary of the Umpires' Appointment Board. May you enjoy success in your new role and we look forward to continued support from you.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This past year there were a number of new members on the executive. The members elected to this committee worked together as one united body, and their efforts for the year were rewarded by the support given to them by you the members.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE 1975

Your Executive Committee held 9 monthly meetings for the year.

	Attended		Attended
G. Weston	8	K. Brown	9
R.C. Kiss	8	D.S. Gilmour	8
H.A. Larkin	8	G.M. Ross	8
R.W. Matthews	9	M.D. Telley	9
K.J. Collins	9		

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT

The concept in forming this Association is to provide you, the members with an atmosphere of goodwill and fellowship. This concept is further extended to our associates throughout the Eastern Districts Football League to include the administrators, club officials and players. Our aim, to provide umpires with improved conditions, is slowly being realised. From its formation seven years ago, and through the concentrated efforts of the previous executive committees, this Association is finally blooming as a successful, efficient and useful unit. Through its achievements, your Association is now recognized as an essential link in the E.D.F.L. body. The attendance at our social functions has increased from 20 to an average of 120 people. This surely, is a demonstration by the majority of members of their interest and keenness. At times, naturally, Umpires receive more than their fair share of criticism and setbacks, however the enjoyment gained by being involved with this group of fellows, far outweighs the disappointments.

We look to the future now, with a new executive to provide updated ideas and to continue building on the foundations laid for us by others. Participation by you, the members, is essential to ensure our continued success. Comments, both critical and constructive are welcomed. New members are most welcome and are invited to use the function of the Association to their advantage. To our new "youthful look" board, we extend to them our best wishes and look forward to the occasional controversial decision. 1976 will be the most progressive for the E.D.F.L.U.A.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF 1975

The association once again had a very successful social calendar in 1975, mainly through the hard work of the executive and the wonderful participation of the umpires who attended the various functions in large numbers.

Our first night out was at Casandra in Lilydale on May 27th, which took the form of a dinner dance. This function was well attended and a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

We had a pleasant film night at the Balwyn Theatre in June watching the antics of Jack Lemon in his movie, "The Front Page".

A very successful novelty night cum casual cabaret was held at the Kilsyth Clubrooms on 12th July. The night was a vote of confidence for the members, who worked very hard to make the night a big first for the E.D.F.L.U.A. Another first for the association was our initial major "special effort" drawn on the night by Mr Eric Wright, with the major prize going to Mr and Mrs Jim Francis, of Lilydale.

On 11th August, Carlton and Essendon footballers joined us for a sportsman's night at the Kilsyth Clubrooms. While Clarke Hansen compered the show superbly, Carlton's Vin Waite took all the laughs and a few executive members can tell of sore fingers from pulling ring things for thirsty umpires. One would hope a sportsman's night could be run on similar lines in 1976.

Once again, our final night held on November 8th at the Dorset Gardens, was a fitting finale to the end of the season's events, the night was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody and it was a credit to the organisers.

The annual Christmas picnic was again held at Hughes Park in December, with 90-odd children receiving presents from Santa — thanks Santa.

Intermingled with the year's major social events were the odd pie night, a naughty night at Graeme Richardson's as a farewell to Keith Noden — thanks Gra — and a cricket match at the stockade where the umpires eleven thought discretion was the better part of valour and lost by eight runs.

Once again, thanks to the men who did a fine job in organising our functions for the year and all those umpires, wives and friends who participated and made the executives labours worth while. Hope to see you functioning again in 1976.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
AS AT 24th MARCH, 1976**

RECEIPTS

Raffles

Training	175.33	
Trip	<u>860.00</u>	1035.33

Advertising		210.00
Subscriptions		1250.00
Sale of T Shirts	100.00	
Sale of Monograms	78.00	
Sale of Hogan Books	32.00	
Sale of Pewters	20.00	
Sale of Cordial	<u>5.80</u>	235.80

Bank Interest		4.05
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Social Events

Pie Nights	67.40	
Dinner Dance	396.00	
Sportsman's Night	375.00	
Novelty Night	242.00	
Final Night	1616.00	
Picnic	<u>116.00</u>	<u>2812.40</u>

Total Receipts		5547.58
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BANK

Balance at	75	117.61
Excess Receipts Over Expenditure		<u>132.75</u>

250.36

EXPENDITURE

Printing		345.00
Purchase of Cordial	35.47	
Purchase of Hogan Books	18.00	
Purchase of T. Shirts	<u>162.50</u>	215.97
Blue Orchid Florists		10.00
Secretary's Expenses and Postage		110.18

Social Events

Pie Night	181.92	
Dinner Dance	720.00	
Sportsman's Night	519.72	
Novelty Night	480.72	
Final Night	1991.32	
Picnic	426.61	
Pentridge Cricket Match	53.09	
Hire Ground & Bar-B-Q	30.00	
Presentations K. Noden C. Hansen	<u>36.80</u>	4440.18

Trip Raffle Prize		282.00
President's Expenses		<u>11.50</u>

Total Expenditure 5414.83

Excess Receipts Over Expenditure 132.75
5547.58

ACCOUNT

Balance At 24.3.76

250.36
250.36

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gentlemen,

As you can see by the Receipts & Expenditure Statement, a large sum of money is administered by your Executive who are the most capable and cooperative group I've had the pleasure to work with.

Mostly our functions were well attended enabling us to make great steps in the social field, so in 1976 get behind the Executive and keep the Association the wonderful band it currently is.

Thanking you,
BOB MATTHEWS (Father)

LEAGUE SECRETARY

At the outset, may I, on behalf of the President and Executive Members of the Eastern Districts Football League thank your Executive for the courtesy shown me in allowing a Report from our League to be a part of your Annual Report.

The E.D.F.L. Umpires Board was first formed in 1969 and the success of this venture is recorded here in your own Annual Report. When the Board was first formed our Panel of Umpires was very small and necessitated a large number of umpires be drawn weekly from the V.F.L. Reserves Grade.

Happily I can now report that as each year commences the Umpires on our Panel have increased, thus reducing the numbers required weekly from the V.F.L.

During the 1975 season, it was necessary only to call on the V.F.L. for 6 Junior Umpires weekly. These boys were appointed to some of our Junior games. Hopefully this year we will be in a position to fill all appointments from within our own ranks.

To be able to achieve this in the short space of only 7 years, to me reflects the standard of our Umpires and I am proud to say that "you" the Umpires are a credit to the E.D.F.L. and the Umpires who participate weekly make us the envy of all other Leagues around us.

Each year when Finals are played we say to ourselves "this is our best year, surely we cannot improve further". But as each new season approaches the "Boys in White" find that little extra and defeated is our famous saying of the year before.

Great credit must be paid to you, the Umpire. Sure, we get complaints from Clubs about the performance of some of our Umpires. My immediate reaction is Footballers have off days, no matter how good they are, likewise the Umpire may have an off day. After all, they are only human, and aren't we all capable of a little lapse, sometimes no matter what we do. Last season during the Finals we were presented with a spectacle by our Panel of Umpires that would have been the envy of the V.F.L. had they availed themselves of the opportunity of watching some of our games. This comment was freely given by some members of V.F.L. Clubs who watched, seeking players. One V.F.L. Club asked if it was possible for the V.F.L. to recruit some of our boys. To me this was most gratifying and only proves that we all belong to the "Greatest League in Victoria".

At this point I must pay tribute to, who I believe, was one of the Best "Umpires Advisors" any League could have. I speak of Len Eddy, and great credit must be given to him for the way in which he has coached and advised our Umpires. To Len I personally say "thanks". Our League is indebted to him for his coaching and foresight and there is no doubt that had it not been for his leadership we would not be the envy of our neighbouring Leagues. Our thanks also go to Frank Tilley the past Secretary of our Board and to all Board Members for their efforts in fostering our Umpires Panel.

To our present Umpires Advisor Kevin Collins and Board Secretary Bob Matthews we offer our congratulations. It is our earnest desire that all Umpires get behind these men and continue to enhance the progress of our very own Umpires Board, to which they belong.

To the Umpires who officiated during 1975, I personally thank you all and offer my sincere congratulations to all Umpires who participated in our Finals. To all umpires who have again joined our Panel this year, I say thanks and take this opportunity of wishing you all the Best of Luck and hope to see you in our Finals Panel for 1976.

I have been known in the past as "the Umpires Friend" a phrase which I am proud of and I hope will continue. Likewise I would like to think that "you are a friend of mine."

We are proud to say of our Umpires "They are from the E.D.F.L."

E.D. Wright
League Secretary

LIST OF MEMBERS 1975

FIELD

1970 N. Anderson
1970 R. Arnold
1971 G. Ashton
1971 A. Atkin
1973 M. Beard
1974 D. Bertram
1973 D. Brown
1975 G. Britten
1973 M. Brown
1970 P. Cameron
1974 S. Cass
1973 L. Cleary
1974 J. Culley
1973 K. Collins
1970 K. Corbet
1973 J. Cunningham
1974 G. Collery
1974 N. Davis
1973 I. Edwards
1975 D. Ellet
1972 R. Forrestal
1975 K. Fox
1972 P. Galimi
1973 D. Gittus
1969 D. Gilmour
1972 S. Hammond
1971 J. Hooper
1973 J. Horne
1974 F. Hunter
1974 U. Kazenwadel
1972 R. Kiss
1974 J. Kitch
1970 H. Larkin
1975 S. Lorton
1971 B. Moss
1975 G. Mullenger

1969 A. McDonald
1969 K. McLellan
1971 K. McLeish
1971 R. McLeod
1969 R. Matthews
1975 T. Morgan
1973 S. Mason
1975 B. Minns
1971 D. O'Connor
1974 S. Olney
1974 R. Pearson
1972 A. Petrie
1969 R. Pott
1970 D. Pugh
1974 G. Reid
1972 L. Reid
1971 G. Richardson
1972 G. Ross
1971 M. Rodriguez
1973 L. Stewart
1969 K. Shanks
1974 W. Sheather
1975 F. Shirreff
1975 T. Smithson
1974 F. Stride
1972 M. Telley
1971 R. Toohey
1970 N. Vennell
1972 G. Watkins
1972 L. Watson
1970 G. Weston
1970 K. Whitfield
1971 S. Woolridge
1974 B. Wrigley
1973 P. Wright
1974

LIST OF MEMBERS 1975

GOAL

1974 N. Asquith
1970 C. Barnes
1971 K. Brown
1975 D. Cowan
1969 G. Eddy
1969 R. Hardingham
1974 N. Harris
1975 R. Harvey
1971 D. Hills
1971 W. McDonald
1969 W. Moxham
1971 M. Patten
1969 D. Pentland
1971 L. Preece
1973 B. Rees
1975 W. Rimmer
1974 L. Robins
1971 K. Rout
1971 T. Smith
1971 J. Thomson
1971 F. Tilley
1970 J. Tomlinson
1972 R. White
1975 M. Warner

BOUNDARY

1972 R. Alexander
1974 H. Barclay
1971 G. Bone
1975 M. Cleary
1974 F. Collings
1974 G. Cook
1974 M. Corbet
1974 M. Clarkson
1974 P. Farley
1974 G. Gibson
1972 M. Gray
1975 B. Green
1975 A. Hahn
1975 D. Hardingham
1975 P. Hope
1975 G. Jones
1969 J. Larkin
1974 G. Livesly
1972 I. Lockhart
1973 G. Masters
1974 D. Middlemiss
1972 K. Noden
1973 C. Price
1975 B. Reeves
1975 B. Rhodes
1975 M. Ryan
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