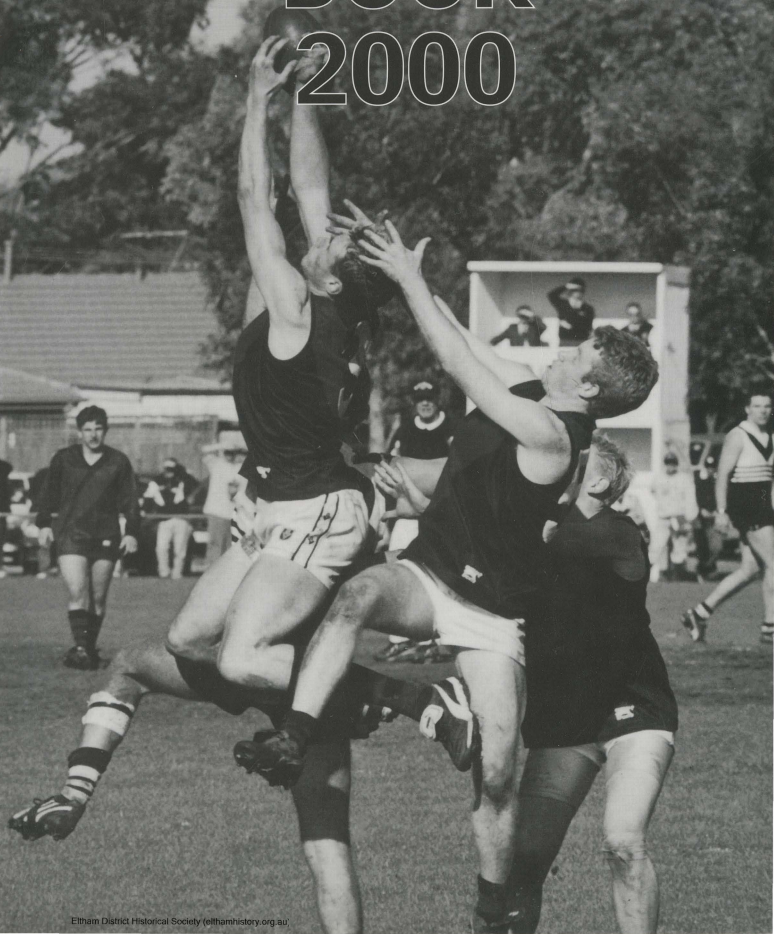
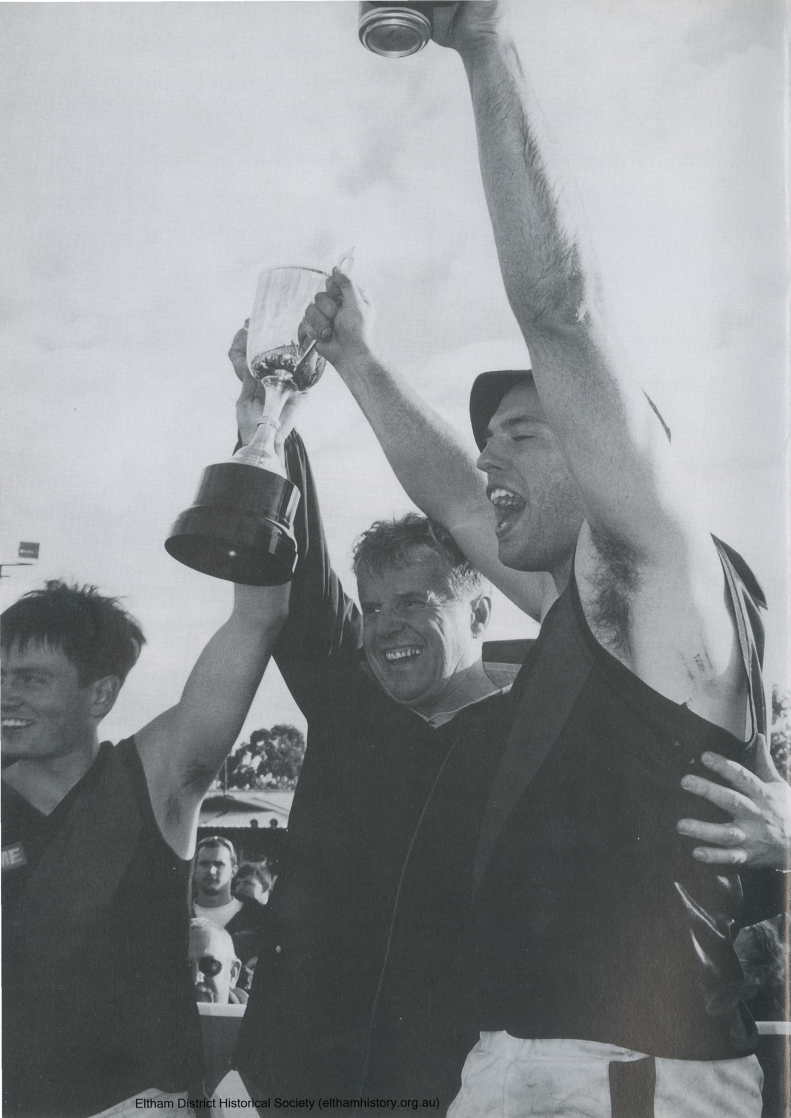


PANTHER YEAR BOOK 2000





Panther Year Book

Local residents began playing Australian rules football at Eltham Central Park in 1922. From that first day when an Eltham team ran onto Panther Park until season 2000 our community has shared a common meeting place of social interaction and recreation.

The Eltham Past Players and Supporters Association (EPPSA) has been formed to update and maintain the proud history of the Eltham Football Club, develop our club culture and most importantly encourage future involvement and interest of as many of our past and present players and supporters.

As part of our ongoing mission to present our proud history to the wider community it is an initiative of the EPPSA to produce a "Panther Year Book". The year 2000 edition recognises and celebrates the achievements of season 2000, at both a Club and personal level. It provides a statistical look at the year as well as past seasons. It looks to honour past players, introduce the new players and provide a colourful look at some of the current players as they pass personal milestones.

Unfortunately, our records of the Club are very much incomplete. We are continuously looking for statistical history, memorabilia and funds in order to update and maintain our history for future generations. Remember, something that may seem insignificant to you may not be to others. If you can provide us with any assistance the EPPSA can be contacted through the official Eltham Football Club website www.netcolony.com/sports/elthamfc.

The 2000 Season

The Eltham football club has enjoyed an unprecedented year of on-field success in season 2000. The A grade team won the premiership after winning four consecutive finals, eventually beating hot favorites Watsonia in the grand final. It was only Watsonia's second loss, both inflicted by the Panthers. It was Eltham's 13th premiership and 3rd in the past four seasons in division 2.

The B grade team also won the premiership after going one better from the previous season. They were clearly the best team in the competition demolishing most sides every weekend. They had seven former A grade premiership players in the premiership side and three others missing out. The victory was Eltham's 4th B grade premiership, their first since 1974.

The under 19's were also the best team throughout the year but could not find their true form on grand final day. They only lost two games during the season. Their skill, speed and hardness for the ball gives the club an excellent opportunity to develop and improve its senior player list. Eltham are still without an under 19 premiership.

To add to this success, the Eltham under 17's division one team won their premiership and were equally as impressive as the under 19's. The second under 17 team made the finals in the division three competition and have many young players that will continue for another year at the under 17 level.

Statistically the Eltham football club has had a marvelous season but the club has continually failed in its quest to be a solid performer in division one. A sound foundation has been formed and the challenge is before it.

Ernest "Cappy" Sinclair

Ernest "Cappy" Sinclair was born in Diamond Creek on 24 December 1906, the twelfth child in a family of fourteen. He was raised in the Nillumbik area, living in Diamond Creek and attending school in Wattle Glen and Pantmon Hill. He died 2 August 2000.

Cappy influenced the lives of a generation of footballers at the Eltham Football Club. During the 1980's and 1990's it was rare for him to miss a junior or senior home game. He would be in the rooms before the game, at half time and after it was all over shaking your hand, giving you a pat on the back and providing you with nothing but encouragement. Sometimes he was cleaning your boots with a stick, or handing out jelly beans for energy, but always on his laps around the changing rooms he was talking you up.

Cappy remembered your name, knew all your strengths and could see how a game was unfolding. He would look you in the eye and praise you on your endeavors. If you were down he had the ability to lift your spirits. He would will you to give more and gently provide you with guidance on where he thought your efforts could be channelled. He was forever the competitor, the coach and mentor. Always keeping an appetite for the contest.

Cappy loved his football and cricket, playing the latter for over 50 years. Cappy played his football at Diamond Creek, then after he served in WWII, he coached Hurstbridge to a premiership in 1948.

Cappy was a free spirited man, forever young at heart and always interested in you. You could talk to him for hours. He wanted to hear your stories and you wanted to hear his. We always used to complain about how cold the showers were at Eltham. Cappy would just laugh and recall the times he used to train in the middle of winter at Diamond Creek and, on the way home, jump in the dam to freshen himself up.

Cappy continuously gave himself. He had the knack of leaving you with a smile on your face feeling good about life. We will love and treasure those memories. Thank you Cappy.

Season 2000 Honours

LACHLAN RICHARDSON (20 years)

Best & Fairest A grade

Lachlan plays an exciting brand of attacking football off the half-back line and during season 2000 these attacking skills have been exemplified. His ability to read the oppositions forward thrusts, to foil them and then be an instigator of counter offensives have made him an invaluable member of the team. The courage he shows taking countless marks in the front position as leading forwards converge on him is admired by his team mates and those who play at the gate.

Lachlan played his junior football at Eltham through to the under 17's where he was invited to try his luck with the Northern Knights. He managed a number of games with the Knights in the TAC under 18's competition before returning to Eltham. Lachlan played his first game for Eltham in 1998 after being promoted from the under 19's. In 1999 he was honoured by being voted the best player of the DVFL division 2 final series, one of the few times a player has received such an award without his team making the grand final.

STEVEN KILBY (25 years)

2nd Best & Fairest A grade

Steve played much of the season as a utility key position player and ruckman. His ability to control the aerial marking contests mixed in with his pace and endurance have made him one of the best tall players in the competition.

Steve played junior football at Eltham. In 1992 he won the coveted "Norm Bishop" medal awarded to the most outstanding junior player of the season. He is one of only two to have achieved the feat playing in the top age group. Steve also won the 2nd best & fairest award for his season in 1998, the year he returned to the club after a season with the Preston Knights in the VFA.

Steve started his senior career in 1994. He was first ruck in the 1995 premiership victory against West Preston and he was voted DVFL division two best player for that final series.

MARK MINNEY (24 years)

3rd Best & Fairest A grade

Mark is arguably the best midfielder in the competition. He has the mystical ability to weave through packs creating openings with his lightning pace. His finishing skills are second to none and when on song he is a proven match winner. Often the target of taggers and physical pounding by the opposition, Mark continually exhibits his true courage and leadership in the manner in which he plays.

After a distinguished junior career at Eltham, Mark first ventured on the park for the senior club in 1995. A member of the 1995 and 1997 premiership teams, Mark won the A grade best & fairest award in 1999 and was third in his second season in 1996.

In 1999 Mark was also captain of the DVFL division two representative side, he won the DVFL football record player of the year and was third in the competition best & fairest award.

DEAN PHILPOTS (32 years)

Best & Fairest B grade

Not only has Dean commandingly co-lead the Panther seconds but he has personally had an exceptional season playing a sweeping role in the back half. Either playing on taller forwards or being left to freelance, Dean has comfortably controlled and moulded the defence into a very destructive force. His poise and vision has allowed his play to be the catalyst of many attacking moves from his fellow backmen.

Dean had an extremely consistent season polling in 12 of 15 games including 7 matches in a row from round 10 to 17 (not including the senior game he played against Hurstbridge). Dean played junior football at Eltham before moving onto Bulleen/Templestowe. He returned in 1996 and has since played 92 games with the club and was a member of the 1997 A grade premiership team.

2000 A GRADE PREMIERS

Borches, Tim
Brown, David
Dickson, Ashley
Garrard, John
Grant, Brett
Kilby, Steven
Mash, Lloyd
McCreery, Luke
McKay, Craig
Minney, Mark
Minturn, Chris
Mitchell, Scott
Nixon, Simon
Paul, Lucas
Richardson, Lachie
Smith, Paul
Soccio, John
Stirton, Jimmy
Strickland, Brett
Tallack, Matthew
Waddell, Cameron

Eltham 12-8-80
Watsonia 8-6-54
at Shelley Street Reserve,
North Heidelberg

MATTHEW ROGERS (25 years)

2nd Best & Fairest B grade

Matt successfully played the role of secondary goal kicker for the two's this season roaming across the half forward line. Very skillful, elusive and dangerous around the goals, he slotted through 32 majors at an average of over two a game.

Matty polled in 9 of his 12 outings for the reserves, having a great run of form through the middle of the season. He was leading up until round 13 where injury and unavailability stopped him in his tracks.

Matt has played 95 open age games with Eltham since debuting in 1995 and was a member of the 1997 A grade premiership team. This is the second time he has won this award, achieving the feat in his first season.

DAVID STREAT (32 years)

3rd Best & Fairest B grade

David has been one of the best natural talents the club has seen in his era. Throwing the crowd with his skills, balance and finishing ability or his chizzled statuesque good looks, David has scored goals this season at an amazing average for a half-forward of just under 3 per game.

David has played 76 open age games at Eltham spending a few years in the middle of the nineties with Greensborough. David was a member of the 1995 A grade premiership team and has previously won the B grade 3rd and then 2nd Best & Fairest awards in 1991 and 1992 respectively.

TY O'MEARA (18 years)

Best & Fairest C grade

Ty has lead the way in the big man ruck and key position role for the thirds this season. Using his experience at this level from last season, when he played with Diamond Creek, Ty has consistently given his smaller team mates first use of the ball. His athletic leap and run, marking prowess and ground level skills have made him one of the most impressive junior players at the Club.

Ty polled in all of his 12 home & away games in the thirds and made his debut in the seniors playing four very good A grade open age games on the wing. He polled the most votes than any other player in the senior Club in what has been a truly outstanding season for him personally.

LLOYD MASH (18 years)

2nd Best & Fairest C grade

Lloyd played 10 games in the midfield for the under 19's before being elevated up to the A grade team. He was promoted after a dynamic display of authoritative football where he was voted as either the best or second best player on the ground for five weeks running.

Lloyd's skill and ball winning ability and his gift for kicking goals have made him a permanent member of the A grade team and secured him a place in the A grade premiership side. Lloyd polled in 8 games recording 4 best on grounds, kicked 22 goals in the under 19's and a further 12 in his 10 outings with the seniors.

CHRIS BRINCAT (18 years)

3rd Best & Fairest C grade

Chris is a classy wingman who has played the majority of the year as a link player in the midfield. Hard at the contest, Chris has the ability to turn defence into attack, combine with other midfielders and use his skills to feed his forwards with precision.

Chris was a steady performer all year picking up votes in the first 6 and the final 7 home & away matches, missing out on votes in only two games mid-season. Chris played 17 games and kicked 13 goals.

2000

B GRADE PREMIERS

Borg, David
Buckingham, Andrew
Cameron, Jamie
Clarke, Andrew
Collis, David
Downs, Adam
Eaton, Zennon
Ferns, Luke
Gardam, Reid
Haydock, Craig
Iddon, Mick
Macumber, Russell
Miller, Leigh
Mitchell, Luke
Philpots, Dean
Pittard, Grant
Richardson, Nick
Rogers, Matthew
Smith, Byron
Sparks, Ken
Weisheit, Matthew
Wilson, Greg

Eltham 13-16-94
Macleod 7-12-54
at Shelley Street Reserve,
North Heidelberg

DVFL Leading Goal Kickers

GREG WILSON (28 years)

B Grade division 2 competition leading goal kicker season 2000

For the second year running Greg has topped the goal kicking in the DVFL B Grade division two competition. Greg kicked 66 goals this season with his biggest bag equaling 12 goals at Crisp Park against Reservoir in his 150th game. Last season he topped the table with 75 goals. Overall, Greg has scored 74 goals in the senior division and 180 in the reserves for an open age tally of 254.

In 1997, playing in the seniors, Greg finished the year with 59 goals to top the goal kicking for Eltham and end up fifth in the A grade competition. Greg kicked three goals at full forward in that seasons Grand Final.

LUKE KENNEL (19 years)

Under 19 division 2 competition leading goal kicker season 2000

Luke kicked 54 goals playing mostly half-forward or forward-pocket in the under 19's which is an outstanding effort considering he is not the tall marking target of the team. His feat is even more impressive when you consider that the next best in the competition kicked 26 goals less. Luke kicked 9 goals against Whittlesea in round 11 and 7 in the 2nd semi final against Bundoora in what was a tremendous display of front and center crumbing and perseverance.

Luke played 100 plus games with the Eltham Juniors as well as school football for Marcellin Grammar. A multi-talented sportsman, Luke also plays A grade cricket with the Eltham Cricket Club.

Season 2000 Debutantes

CHRIS LUNN (22 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

Played over 200 junior games for Deer Park in the Western League from under 9 to 16's finishing up in 1994. Played one reserve open age game for Deer Park before renewing his career in the number 40 jumper for Eltham mainly playing in key positions.

DAVID COLLIS (23 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

Played for Deer Park in the Western Region Football League at junior level from under 12 to 15's. Last played in 1992 before coming across to Eltham and pulling on the number 55. Got his call up after being named emergency and impressed on the wing.

ANDREW MCHUGH (21 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

Played Eltham Juniors from under 10's to 17's then moved to Montmorency under 19's on "loan" in 1997. Was selected captain of Eltham under 19's in 1998 but never played after a debilitating knee injury pre-season. Played his first senior game in round 4.

CRAIG MCKAY (28 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

First played for North Heidelberg and then moved onto Benella to Reservoir where he won their A grade best & fairest award in 1999. Played 112 DVFL senior games before joining Eltham. Won the DVFL under 19 best & fairest in 1990.

JAMES STIRTEN (19 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

Played approximately 40 junior and one A grade game with Montmorency. Started this season as an attacking back pocket player until moved up forward to become an elusive goal kicker from the pocket. Played this season in the number 32 guernsey.

JOHN SOCCIO (26 years)

First game round 1, 1 April verses Diamond Creek

Played DVFL at South Morang (1999), Northcote Park (1995-98), Lalor (1994) and Mernda (1990-93) and junior football at various other clubs. A very potent left footer who runs across the lines. Played exactly 100 DVFL games before joining Eltham.

ANDREW HALL (28 years)

First game round 3, 15 April verses Whittlesea

Last played for Onkapinka Valley in South Australia during the 1994-98 seasons. Played Junior football with Montmorency from under 10 – 15's then a couple of games with the Eltham under 17's in 1988. Wears jumper number 44 and plays key position.

BRETT STRICKLAND (18 years)

First game round 4, 29 April verses Mernda

Played junior football at Eltham until under 13's then moved to St Damians in the Doncaster Junior Football League up to the under 17's. Played at the Preston Knights for three years in the TAC Cup accumulating 35 games at either wing or forward-pocket.

ANDREW BUCKINGHAM (26 years)

First game round 7, 20 May verses Panton Hill

Played junior football with Greensborough until going into early retirement after under 19's in 1992. Was a part of an under 17 premiership with Greensborough. Coaxed out of retirement this year and played his first game of senior football at fullback.

TY O'MEARA (18 years)

First game round 9, 3 June verses Kinglake

Lured away from a promising basketball career to start playing football with Eltham Juniors in the under 15's in 1996. Transferred to Diamond Creek on "loan" after Eltham could not field an under 19 team in 1999 when he also represented Preston Knights.

DAVID BORG (21 years)

First game round 10, 10 June verses Reservoir

Played junior and senior football with Macleod until 1997, combined with two years at Preston Knights. Moved to Lower Plenty for a season in 1998 before resuming back at Macleod in 1999. Moved to Eltham midway into this season.

PETER RANDALL (30 years)

First game round 12, 17 June verses South Morang

Last played for West Townsville in Queensland after being posted there with the Army from 1996-99. Originally from South Australia, played for the Onkapinka Valley in 1995 and Birdwood from 1991-94. A utility player wearing the number 41.

LLOYD MASH (18 years)

First game round 12, 17 June verses South Morang

Played the majority of his junior football at Eltham. Spent two years at Research in 1996-97. Played cricket at Eltham until invited to Fitzroy/Doncaster in the District Cricket competition. Is also a member of the Victorian Institute of Sport (cricket).

JOEL HEWISH (18 years)

First game round 12, 17 June verses South Morang

Played school football for Marcellin Grammar and junior football with Panton Hill until he moved with his brother in 1998 to play in the under 17's. Captained the under 17's in 1999 and current captain of the under 19's.

Season 2000 Player Listing

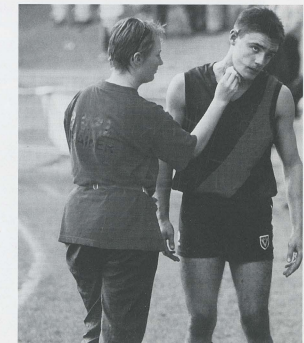
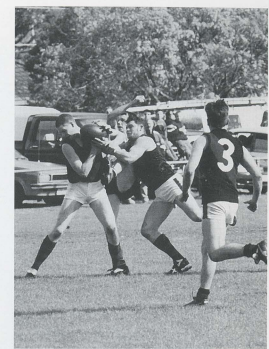
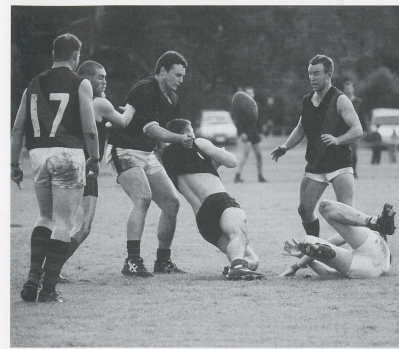
Player, Name	No	D.O.B	Recruited From	First Played	Goals 2000	Games 2000			Career Games	Career Games	
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Aggett, Steven	57	7/09/76	Eltham Juniors	1999	0	0	2		2	0	2
Aldred, Brett	6	24/01/82	Eltham Juniors	2000	14	0	0	19	1	0	1
Apostola, Matt	11	7/03/82	Eltham Juniors	***	3	0	0	15			
Black, Adam	41		Research Juniors	1999	0	0	5		27	0	27
Borchers, Tim	58	25/07/81	Eltham Juniors	1999	28	19	0	1	38	37	1
Borg, David	52	14/12/78	Maclost / Lower Plenty	2000	4	0	10		10	0	10
Brincat, Chris	5	19/01/82	Eltham Juniors	***	13	0	0	18			
Brincat, Steve	34	30/06/84	Eltham Juniors	***	0	0	0	2			
Brown, David	4	28/06/73	Eltham Juniors	1990	7	20	0		156	139	17
Buckingham, Andrew	14	10/11/73	Greensborough	2000	0	0	10		10	0	10
Burleigh, Jayson	1	30/08/82	Eltham Juniors	***	28	0	0	19			
Burton, Adam	17	24/03/82	Eltham Juniors	1999	19	2	0	16	5	5	0
Cameron, Jamie	21	27/07/73	Lower Plenty	1997	6	0	16		73	9	64
Clarke, Andrew	59	9/08/67	Bacchus Marsh / Albion	1996	4	6	8		54	30	24
Collett, Trent	42			2000	0	0	3		3	0	3
Collis, David	55	12/07/77	Deer Park	2000	13	0	13		13	0	13
Cordina, Steve	7	7/03/81	Eltham Juniors	***	6	0	0	15			
Cox, Alex	36	28/07/82	Yarrambat	***	1	0	0	18			
Curtis, Hayden	23	21/09/82		***	0	0	0	1			
Dean, Marcus	26	16/09/81	Ivanhoe / Marcellin	***	23	0	0	16			
Dickson, Ash	1	2/04/74	Eltham Juniors	1994	20	12	0		117	113	4
Dodd, James	24	20/12/82	Research	***	1	0	0	18			
Donato, Jay	14	25/03/81	Eltham Juniors	***	11	0	0	13			
Downs, Adam	20	5/05/80	Eltham Juniors	1998	3	16	2		42	29	13
Eaton, Zennon	7	22/02/77	Brabant	1996	19	7	9		86	45	41
Every, Adam	39		Eltham / Pantton Hill	1995	6	0	7		35	21	14
Ferns, Luke	18	21/01/74	Eltham Juniors	1998	1	10	5		39	28	11
Gardam, Reid	29	25/06/75	Eltham Juniors	1998	4	0	11		47	0	47
Garrard, Ben	32	26/08/82	Eltham / Research Juniors	***	5	0	0	11			
Garrard, Jonathan	17	25/01/80	Eltham / Research Juniors	1997	28	15	0		66	65	1
Ginters, Shane	1			2000	0	0	7		7	0	7
Grant, Brett	15	19/04/75	Eltham	1996	14	20	0		96	91	5
Hall, Andrew	44	5/05/72	Montmorency Juniors	2000	0	0	2		2	0	2
Haydock, Craig	31	29/05/73	Eltham Juniors	1994	14	11	4		90	76	14
Haydock, Paul	33	3/08/82	Eltham Juniors	***	5	0	0	18			
Hewish, Joel	4	13/08/81	Marcellin	2000	4	2	0	14	2	2	0
Hingston, Andrew	2	16/04/68	Eltham Juniors	1987	7	0	9		163	57	106
Hingston, Paul	11	28/05/64	Eltham / Eltham College	1983	3	0	2		200	80	120
Horrer, Mark	30	21/02/82	Eltham / Research Juniors	***	2	0	0	9			
Iddon, Mick	27	10/10/75	Eltham Juniors	1995	11	2	16		86	16	69
Jackson, Scott	23	10/12/73	Research	1997	3	0	12		58	7	51
Jones, Rhys	41	14/09/81	Eltham / St Mary's	***	0	0	0	3			
Kennell, Luke	9	23/04/81	Eltham Juniors	***	54	0	0	19			
Kilby, Steven	34	15/03/75	Eltham / Preston	1994	7	17	0		94	91	3
Lowry, Ben	22	2/03/82	Eltham Juniors	***	0	0	0	2			
Lunn, Chris	40	11/11/77	Deer Park	2000	5	0	12		12	0	12
Macumber, Russ	28	13/04/79	Trentham	1999	1	0	15		33	0	33
Mah, Lloyd	16/2	1/10/81	Eltham / Research Juniors	2000	34	10	0	10	10	10	0
McCreery, Luke	6	11/11/78	Eltham / Nightcliff NT	1998	1	13	1		42	39	3
McDonald, Ben	14			***	0	0	0	1			

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McDowall, Aaron	18	15/10/81	Yarrambat	***	2	0	0	18			
McHugh, Andrew	36	7/03/79	Eltham / Montmorency U19s	2000	1	4	10		14	4	10
McKay, Craig	14	7/06/72	Reservoir / Nth Heidelberg	2000	14	18	0		18	18	0
Miller, Leigh	39	27/07/71	Eltham / Oakleigh Districts	1988	3	16	2		162	150	12
Minney, Mark	3	9/03/76	Eltham / Torquay	1995	19	19	0		105	105	0
Mintern, Chris	24	30/10/78	Eltham / Montmorency Juniors	1999	3	16	4		42	22	20
Mitchell, Luke	54	27/03/79	Eltham Juniors	1997	7	0	16		34	0	34
Mitchell, Scott	19	6/08/74	Eltham / Greensborough	1994	0	12	1		96	76	20
Morgan, Chris	50	5/02/82	Eltham Juniors	***	0	0	0	15			
Nardella, Dale	25	17/12/81	Research / St Mary's	***	1	0	0	16			
Nixon, Simon	33	2/02/77	Eltham / Montmorency	1994	8	14	4		86	79	7
O'Donnell, Liam	35	8/09/82	Hurstbridge	***	11	0	0	19			
O'Meara, Ty	3	26/11/81	Eltham / Diamond Creek U19s	2000	6	4	0	15	4	4	0
Panatiotis, Mario	51	7/12/77	Eltham Juniors	1996	0	0	1		15	0	15
Paul, Lucas	5	23/10/73	Yarra Glen / Greensborough	1997	39	20	0		75	74	1
Petreggino, Shaun	29	16/02/82	St Damien's	***	5	0	0	17			
Philpotts, Dean	35	17/03/68	Bulleen Templestowe	1996	1	1	17		92	62	30
Pittard, Grant	47	21/02/74	Eltham Juniors	1995	3	0	12		117	29	88
Price, Alex	10	31/05/81	Eltham Juniors	***	0	0	0	14			
Randall, Peter	41	27/06/70	West Townsville	2000	2	0	6		6	0	6
Richardson, Lachie	9	16/01/80	Eltham / Preston Knights	1998	7	19	0		44	44	0
Richardson, Nick	10	19/12/77	Eltham / Hurstbridge U19s	1997	0	1	13		46	20	26
Richardson, Tom	8	16/01/80	Eltham / Preston Knights	1998	0	0	0		26	26	0
Rogers, Matthew	49	22/07/75	Eltham Juniors	1995	34	2	14		95	43	52
Russell, Steven	3	16/05/69	Eltham / Mansfield	1989	4	0	16		133	92	41
Savage, Bradley	20	4/07/81	Eltham / St Mary's	***	13	0	0	15			
Shes, Brett	45	13/10/71	Templestowe / Oakleigh Districts	1988	11	2	6		45	31	14
Sheehan, Bradley	8	24/09/81	Beverly Hills	***	9	0	0	10			
Shahill, Robert	8	30/09/82		***	0	0	0	1			
Smith, Byron	25	23/08/67	Eltham / Warrnambool	1989	6	1	15		162	25	137
Smith, Paul	26	4/02/69	Eltham Juniors	1986	6	8	10		198	180	18
Socoto, John	16	10/06/73	South Morang / Northcote Park	2000	11	12	1		13	12	1
Sparks, Todd	30	23/10/74		1998	0	0	1		14	0	14
Sparks, Ken	8	29/01/70	Eltham / Diamond Creek	1989	14	0	12		12	0	12
Stirton, Jimmy	32	19/09/80	Montmorency	2000	22	19	0	1	19	19	0
Street, David	38		Eltham / Greensborough	1989	29	0	11		76	53	23
Strickland, Brett	2	24/12/81	Eltham / St Damien's	2000	29	16	0	4	16	16	0
Sullivan, David	60			2000	10	3	0	3	3	3	0
Taitack, Matthew	11	14/11/73	Eltham	1998	5	19	0		46	26	20
Tesch, Shannon	56	22/11/76	Eltham Juniors	1996	0	0	2		69	0	69
Toulson, Kristian	43	21/06/81	Eltham Juniors	***	9	0	0	9			
Turner, Andrew	46	3/03/71	Eltham Juniors	1990	0	0	9		130	15	115
Waddell, Cameron	43	16/03/81	Eltham Juniors	1999	5	10	0	1	29	29	0
Watker, Mark	12	12/03/72	Eltham Juniors	1991	0	0	0		61	34	27
Watt, Roban	50	18/12/80	Eltham Juniors	1999	1	0	0	1			
Ward, David	21	21/12/74	Research / Maclost	1998	1	0	4		22	0	22
Weisheit, Matthew	22	15/11/74	Yarra Glen / Montmorency	1997	3	2	9		64	54	10
Wilson, Greg	13	10/06/72	Eltham Juniors	1991	66	0	15		158	49	109

C Grade 2000 Game Summary

Rd	Played	Venue	Result	For	Against	Pos	%
1	Diamond Creek	Panther Park	LOSS	6-5-41	6-7-43	6	95.3
2	Macleod	DeWinton Park	WIN	18-18-126	6-5-41	5	198.8
3	Hurstbridge	Whittlesea Showgrounds	WIN	14-15-99	10-4-64	3	179.7
4	Whittlesea	Panther Park	WIN	11-11-77	3-14-32	2	190.6
5	Bundoora	Yulong Reserve	WIN	10-16-76	8-4-52	2	180.6
6	Hurstbridge	Panther Park	WIN	18-18-126	5-9-39	2	201.1
7	Reservoir	Bishop St, Pantom Hill	WIN	24-19-163	7-6-48	2	221.9
8	South Morang	South Morang Reserve	WIN	15-18-108	4-0-24	2	237.9
9	Macleod	DeWinton Park	WIN	12-10-82	11-8-74	2	215.3
10	Diamond Creek	Charles Mutton Reserve	WIN	12-13-85	4-12-36	2	217.0
11	Whittlesea	Panther Park	WIN	36-19-235	2-3-15	1	260.3
12	Bundoora	Panther Park	WIN	10-10-70	7-11-53	1	247.2
13	Hurstbridge	Hurstbridge Park	WIN	8-12-60	4-8-32	1	243.8
14	Reservoir	Nilumbik Park	WIN	13-12-90	3-3-21	1	250.5
15	South Morang	Panther Park	WIN	26-16-172	2-5-17	1	272.4
16	Macleod	Panther Park	WIN	14-15-99	5-9-39	1	271.3
17	Diamond Creek	Merrnda Reserve	WIN	7-4-46	2-7-19	1	270.4
2SF	Bundoora	Shelley Street Reserve	WIN	19-12-126	14-13-97	1	-
GF	Bundoora	Shelley Street Reserve	LOSS	6-12-48	14-8-92	2	-

After a year recess the Eltham third's team was recruited from a wide variety of places as the coaching panel worked hard in the off season to get a side together. But typically, the team came from past juniors and their good friends. Subsequently, it was going to take the team some time to learn each others on-field behaviours. The boys went down to Diamond Creek in their only home-and-away loss in a tight first game after controlling the play early. Then under lights against Macleod the week after the lads displayed their superior skill, speed, hardness for the football and teamwork that in the latter part of the season became the norm. Another fine fighting win against Hurstbridge and then a relatively easy match at home against Whittlesea gave them good form before tackling the unbeaten Bundoora team. With a full list to choose from (senior bye) the boys produced encouraging team football and were never challenged on the scoreboard. Confidence was up and this allowed the team to play open and attacking football in the pursuing weeks and Hurstbridge, Reservoir and South Morang all experienced the lads at full throttle. In the second game against Macleod under lights the boys found the going a little tougher but pulled together to collect the premiership points. At Diamond Creek, the conditions did not favour big scores, but the week after at Panther Park the lads finished with 235 points their highest tally for the season and their greatest winning margin of 220 points. They did not have it so easy the week after against Bundoora, but once again with great teamwork and persistence the guys proved to themselves that they were the best team in the competition. In the run home against Hurstbridge, Reservoir, South Morang, Macleod and finally Diamond Creek the team continued its good form displaying good defence, open play and most importantly getting in first for the hard ball. The 2nd semi-final against Bundoora was one of the best displays of under 19 football that an Eltham team had ever been a part of, which warmed the hearts of all supporters looking to the future. The lads were continuously challenged by the opposition and answered over and over again in a high pressured, open and skilled game of football. For the boys, they unfortunately could not re-produce the excellent form they displayed all season and went down in the return match in the grand final. The Eltham football club has a very bright future.



Season 2000 Milestone Memories

The Showman

Many young footballers starting out their open age career this season would have been looking on as Paul "Slippers" Hingston took the familiar route out the changing room doors, down the stony steps and onto Panther Park for his 200th and final game in the red & black guernsey against Mernda on Saturday April 29th.

The boys probably giggled as they watched him do a few old fashioned warm ups, touch his knees instead of toes, swivel the hips rather than stretch the groin and splash the oil onto the upper arms. But maybe only one in fifty of the young lads will be able to match his achievement. And, if they stayed around for the second's game, they might have even learnt a trick or two as we watched him, for the last time, perform his magical and often amusing craft. And it is now legend that he went on and kicked the winning goal after the siren.

Slippers played junior football with Eltham, playing through the under 19's and up to the seniors. He made his senior debut against Bundoora in 1983 kicking three goals from the pocket. Most of his career was as a forward-pocket/rover or occasionally going back. Slippers has always been a genuine ball winner, has skilled disposal and is deadly accurate around goals. In his later years he has entertained us with his uncanny knack of drawing the free-kick from helpless opponents. Either diving at the slightest touch or arching the back and raising the arms if ever grabbed, all done with majestic timing of the true genius and the cheeky grin of the showman.

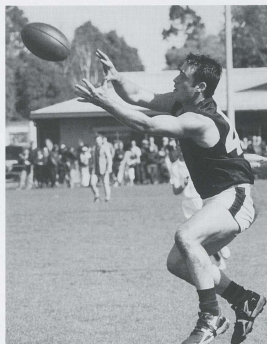
Slippers played a significant role in seeing Eltham written up in the history books. In round 12 of the 1989 season, Thornbury Rovers (now Alphington) sheepishly ventured under the trestle railway bridge into Panther Park and got massacred. The highest ever score and the greatest winning margin are still League records. The poor little Eltham Hardware scoreboard could hardly display the final result of 52.41.353 to 0.0.0. Slippers was the man who stopped Thornbury scoring a point.

Deep into the last quarter a freakish set of incidents occurred. A Thornbury player managed to grab the ball from the center square ruck duel, happened to be one of the few to have the basic skill to kick it into his forward line, and it landed in the vicinity of their twenty stone full forward. In step with the flavour of the play, the humanitarian umpire decided to award a free kick to the man mountain twenty meters out. The pressure was enormous, the crowd hissing and the players on the mark telling fat jokes. His kick struggled. The ball almost traveled the distance to the goals but bounced and appeared to be going through for a point. In swoops Slippers and without changing stride collected the ball and arrogantly held it up to the crowd in triumph as he bounced his way to the wing. Forever the entertainer.

It goes without saying that such a "never give a sucker and even break" attitude displayed by Slippers and the team saw them 1989 premiers. The premiership medallion and kicking a goal in the grand final are two personal saving moments. The other notable highlight occurred last year, beating Lower Plenty in the preliminary final with a real bunch courageous battlers and football misfits.

A less savouring moment was under the coaching of chain smoking full-forward Ron Wilson in 1987, when Slippers and "Digger" Gardam were dropped to the seconds for the away match against Epping. To their way of thinking, this gave them a good opportunity to have a big Friday night in town. Off they went down King Street to the popular '80's nightclubs, Inflatons and the Hippodrome, eventually ending up at the Waterside Hotel. Pot after pot, southern after southern, the 22 year olds were bragging away at how good they are and that they were being victimized for it. Before they knew it, it was ten o'clock Saturday morning.

By the time they arrived at the Epping Recreation Reserve and rolled out of the taxi the two were stripped and running out. The coach, Wayne Tesch, could only look at them in sympathy, dressed in their last days of disco clothes wearing heavy eyelids. He



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1930 A GRADE PREMIERS

Baker, Ron
Cameron, Rod
Copeland, Jack
Cunningham, W
Downing, Harold
Durham, Neil
Frost, J
Hart, P
LeBrocq, George
Martyr, Ray
Newton, Jack
Parsons, Alby
Parsons, Les
Pitcher, Fred
Taylor, W
Twyford, Jack
Watson, H
Weidlich, Harry

Eltham 7-15-57
Heidelberg 7-8-50
at War Memorial Oval,
Greensborough

1932 A GRADE PREMIERS

Baker, Ron
Copeland, Jack
Downing, Harold
Durham, Neil
Forde, Harry
Hart, Burt
Ives, Wally
LeBrocq, George
Martyr, Ray
Murray, Keith
Newton, Jack
Parsons, Les
Pitcher, Fred
Smith, R
Taylor, W
Weidlich, Harry
West, Jack

Eltham 13-19-97
Heidelberg 8-10-58
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

ordered them to kit up and get to the bench. It goes without saying that when Teschy eventually let Slippers on he only lasted ten minutes. The players in the next game had to wake him up.

Slippers was also in the thick of it in the gambling helicon days at the Club during the late '80's. With Jason Schembri, Darren "Postie" MacLane, Roy Lovett, Andy Dale and Steve Murdoch to name a few, the talk before the game was not who was tagging Apostola, but boxing a couple of horses in the quadrilla. No, they did not bet against themselves to lose to Thornbury (if they did the scores would have been 5.0.30 to 0.31.31 all rushed behinds), but if they weren't betting on the horses or crown & anchor, Slippers would be running a book on how many smokes Ron Wilson would have at half time.

In the dark days of the club during the 1992-93 seasons Slippers, along with Jamie Suckland and Rod White, turned to the Eltham College Turtles for a social game in the 'G' Grade Amateurs. After helping them to a premiership he moved back to resume his playing career with his beloved Panthers in 1995.

For the young fellows who watched on and those that played with him throughout his years, the day was a celebration of a career of a truly great Eltham character who has been devoted to the Panther cause. And there was one guarantee in his last game that we were all bet betting on, the stocky little No.11 acted the showman and made us laugh. Three cheers to Slippers.

One Winner

The illustrious career of Byron "Bopper" Smith began in the shadows of great Eltham footballers of a by-gone era, many say the best young talent the club has ever bred. The likes of Cameron Walker, Ash Bray, Tony Taylor, Rohan Burch and Ian Chesser formed the nucleus of the all-conquering Eltham High School Herald Shield team that took on the might of Assumption College at Victoria Park.

Include Matty Ryan second only to Wes Fellows in the Collingwood best & fairest, Sammy Oldfield, Daryl Ramsay, Dean Sonnenberg and Australian cricketer Adam Dale, the under 16 Panthers of 1983-84 were almost unbeatable.

Fortunately for Bopper he had plenty of time to observe the craft of his talented peers from the comfort of the interchange bench. But unfortunately, the coaching staff stood in front, blocking his view and any chance of accelerated learning.

Bopper first played football at 16 years of age after an upbringing of soccer and rugby. Some say his undeniable talent as a rugby second-tower/lock forward would have seen him selected in the Victorian A team. But, on Saturday April 29th against Mernda, the knockabout ruckman reached the personal milestone of 150 open age games for the Eltham Football Club.

Bopper did not have many great mentors in his early years. He played county football for the Warrnambool Institute Sharks, who when they did miraculously win the odd game, celebrated by laying face down on the ground, in front of the opposition, doing the "Shark Shuffle" using their hands as fins. When they did not win the ritual was later performed at the pub to impress the girls.

Then he was center half forward for the London Hawks whose ground was inside a cycling velodrome in South London. He was recruited and played on the same day when he simply turned up to watch. The happy Pom getting out of his kit and handing it to the six foot-two guy with an Australian accent seemed more than obliging. Gladly, in the English tradition he got stuck into the lagers and thought Bopper tore them apart.

It is agreed amongst supporters that the coming of age for the truly gentle giant was the 1999 final's series. It was well publicized that the two's had not featured in the finals for 25 years so it goes without saying Bopper had not played in a finals game up to that point. With all that history behind them and after the disappointment of missing the double chance, the second's motored through each of the elimination games on sheer determination alone. Bopper exemplified this style of football throughout his career (when he could be bothered) and his two towering goals in fifteen minutes against Mernda to guide the lads to victory in the first semi was one of the many memorable moments of the campaign.

But his greatest feat was when he held down center half forward against Bundora in 1996 in one of his twenty-five games for the firsts. That day at Yulong Reserve he kicked the sorry butt of Matty Burrows, scoring at least 25 percent of the Panther total. Burrows was so embarrassed of the Big Bopper giving it too him he could not face his team mates again, moving onto South Morang. As the lads in the scoreboard took down the score of 3.2 to 23.23 at the end of the game they knew Eltham had at least one winner.

1947

B GRADE PREMIERS

players
unknown

Eltham 3-6-24
Diamond Creek 3-5-23
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

1949

A GRADE PREMIERS

Anderson, Robert
Barrett, Harry
Bradford, Harry
Corbet, Ron
Devine, Anthony
Devine, Raymond
Edwards, Hec
Fisher, Doug
Fry, Albert
Harding, Jack
Hunter, Gordon
Jarrold, Max
Mapperson, Ed
Mapperson, Ern
Mathews, Jack
McColl, Lindsay
Morrison, Jack
Sinclair, Colin
Trevina, John
Yole, Dennis

Eltham 8-8-56
Greensborough 7-6-48
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

Leaping Legend

Sitting across from Leigh Miller, sipping cafe latte and chatting about old times outside a St Kilda Road cafe, it was hard to believe he was the same person who has pulled on the number 39 for Eltham over the last twelve years. The big and loud brute of a man who has ploughed a distinctive career at Panther Park could not be the same mild mannered, polite, clean cut city executive sipping Italian coffee.

Legend has it that his alter-ego was stolen at birth from a Western Samoan warrior and is the son of a Cook Islands Princess. His diet consists of raw dim-sims swallowed whole like oysters, gellignite and the babies of small mammals. All he would confirm to these stories was, "I used to eat a dozen dimmies before a game, chewed of course, but now I just stick to a Mars Bar and coffee." On Saturday May 20th against Panton Hill, the real living legend "Leaping Leroy" Miller donned the panther jersey for the 150th time and run out breathing fire.

Leaping was an early maturer, he has been the same size since twelve. He played four years in the under 19's and it would have been five if he was not dragged to the seniors when he was a top aged U19 player.

He made his A grade debut against Macleod in 1988 sitting on the bench for two and a half quarters before being called upon by the coach Andrew Dale in the third. At the time the Panthers were up by fifteen goals so to get him in the action he started in the forward pocket. It was to be one of the few times he would enjoy the glamour of this position. Taking an extract of Merv Bennell's statistics, Leaping helped himself to fifteen possessions but kick four behinds and sent a set shot out of bounds on the full. Since that day and up to his 150th he had played a further 138 A grade and 10 B grade games.

In the premiership year of 1989, Leaping played every game up until he injured his knee which put him out of action for the season, missing out on the grand final. To ease his woes he turned back to the juniors to help out with the under 17's where he was able to rekindle his love-hate affair with the Lator Football Club. Leroy loved stirring them up and they couldn't handle him.

Now, we all know Leaping is loud. He possesses a big roaring voice like carries for miles. Kids walking across the railway bridge to get over the Diamond Creek run in panic thinking a train's coming when Leaping lets his vocal cords rip. John Barnes, in the car bar of a Saturday, used to grab five cans of VB on Leaping's command only to realize Leaping was actually playing and yelling to "Bluey" Russell that he had five (meters) on his opponent and he could steady up for goal. The amazing thing was Leaping would be standing in the back pocket bellowing from the opposite end of the ground.

Anyway, Leaping was at his best this day at Lator running for the under 17's. The coach would give Leaping the message and he would yell across the ground without moving. Asked why he hated Lator so much, the reply was simple. "We hardly beat them."

Brett Shea, who played most of his football with Leaping, described his attitude best. "Leigh was proud. He would run full of steam, chest out and match his physical presence by playing extremely aggressively. He would stir, berate and hit them hard and they would chase him all day to seek their vengeance. The more they concentrated on him the closer we got to winning. And he always seemed to outsmart them and he has been outsmarting them ever since."

Getting back to the story, this day was no different. Leaping was giving it to them, the Lator supporters were giving it back to him and the Lator players minds were elsewhere. In the end the mighty Panthers got up. Thirsting for blood the angry Lator mob chased Leaping back to the visitors changing rooms. The current Lator full-back Vinnie Detoll had is face plastered against the window pane screaming "I'll get you Leroy, I'll get you." And he has been chasing him ever since, trying to out wit Leaping on the field and once failing that, to outsmart him with one behind the ear. But Leaping has always been one step ahead.

John Burke, when he played for North Heidelberg, was another to have been mesmerized by the Leaping antics. Who would have thought a player with a reputation like John Burke, with his side handing out a football lesson to the undermanned Panthers would even acknowledge the existence of one of our players. But Leaping was different. He was in Burke's ear all day, reminding him of the day he hit the umpire at the Lakeside Oval, telling him how big and ugly he looked and, after kicking his third point in a row, berating him about his football ability (Leaping can be very off-putting standing on the mark). Persistence is one of Leaping's talents, and it got to big Burke, for all he wanted to do was flatten Leaping's nose.

Leaping played with his brother at Oakleigh Districts during the 1994 and 1995 seasons. He decided to come home to Eltham after having a very public altercation with the coach, none other than Richmond and Collingwood champion David Cloke. Leaping was

1953

A GRADE PREMIERS

Anderson, Robert
Barrett, Harry
Bennett, Stan
Boyle, Kevin
Bradford, John
Deards, William
Dearing, Alfred
Devine, Anthony
Devine, Raymond
Edwards, Hec
Fry, Albert
Headen, Keith
Jarrold, Max
Jones, S
Kelly, Roy
Mapperson, Ed
McColl, Lindsay
Morris, Harvey
Schultz, Ron
Toohy, Kevin

Eltham 9-16-70
Lakeside Rovers 9-7-61
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

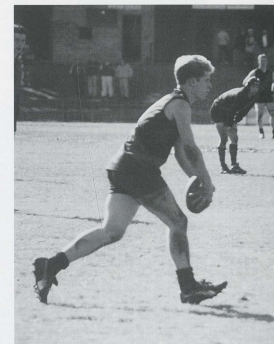
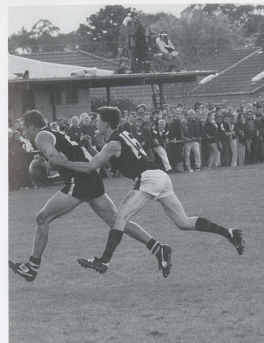
not getting along that well with Clokey, not particularly impressed with his coaching ability. The situation became irreparable the day Leaping was dragged off the ground. After being told of the coaches instructions Leaping sprinted towards the bench, increased his speed as he approached the bemused coach and ran straight through him, knocking him flat out onto the ground and then he hit the showers.

Leaping's career highlight came in 1997 where he played a pivotal role in helping the Panthers win the premiership. His unquestioned leadership qualities, ability to communicate and bond with the younger players was and still is revered. Every one walks taller and is more confident with Leaping around.

In the grand final he played as an on-baller, kicking one of Eltham's five first quarter goals putting Mernda in a position that they could never recover. Before the game he shaved his head and ran around with a nude nut. The day after at the clubrooms with all the junior mothers watching he paraded the lot. In a nude dash with Steve Jablonski, he ran in pouring rain from the centre square to the railway bridge goals. It was perfect timing as the 4.32 from Flinders Street was rattling across the bridge on its approach to Eltham station.

Beside the grand final, his most memorable game was when he was a youngster and was given the job of running with Heidelberg's Martin Kemp in 1991. Marty had a disastrous day for his standards, Leaping harassing him all day and kept him virtually kickless. At the end of the game he light-heartedly called Leroy a prick (probably the nicest thing anyone has ever said to him) and asked him what he was drinking, shouting him for the entire night.

The time was up and as the waitress cleared the table away Leaping extended his multiple dislocated broken hand which has served the Eltham Football Club well. His grip was firm and his eyes genuine. He has plied every position from ruck to rover, centre half-back to full forward giving more than his best and he has unwittingly created an unforgettable legend.



1969

A GRADE PREMIERS

Anderson, Alan
Birthisel, John
Bray, Rodney
Burgess, Greg
Capuano, Barry
Davis, Ken
Fitzpatrick, Ron
Graham, Ian
Haines, Terry
Irvine, Greg
Irvine, William
Moyes, Alan
Pardon, Brian
Robinson, David
Scott, Robert
Serritelli, Nassa
Stewart, Cliff
White, William
Withers, Adrian
Wright, Bruce

Eltham 16-11-07
Diamond Ck 10-12-72
at Warrigal Park,
Heidelberg

1970

A GRADE PREMIERS

Anderson, Alan
Annett, Michael
Birthisel, John
Bray, Rodney
Capuano, Barry
Fitzpatrick, Ron
Irvine, Greg
Irvine, William
Pardon, Brian
Pettigrew, Robert
Robinson, David
Rothwell, Stewart
Scott, Robert
Serritelli, Nassa
Spoor, Neil
Stewart, Cliff
Walker, John
White, William
Wright, Bruce
Ziebell, Robert

Eltham 14-13-97
Diamond Ck 12-11-83
at Epping Recreation
Reserve

1971

B GRADE PREMIERS

Arnold, L
Barton, Robert
Bradford, D
Brown, David
Clark, G
Davenport, Michael
Driscoll, Brian
Frenon, D
Haines, John
Hocking, R
Langan, L
McMahon, Ken
Morrison, R
Moyes, A
Newlands, M
Rosewell, T
Serritelli, A
Traczewski, Frank
Walker, Alex
West, William

Eltham 11-11-77
Greensborough 10-8-68
at Warrigal Park,
Heidelberg

1972

A GRADE PREMIERS

Bray, Rodney
Brown, David
Driscoll, Brian
Fitzpatrick, Ron
Haines, Jim
Hayes, Dennis
Irvine, Greg
Lempriere, Peter
Napollitano, Nick
Newnham, John
O'Mara, Terry
Pardon, Brian
Quaife, Alan
Robinson, David
Rowbotham, Ken
Sanders, Reg
Scott, Ian
Serritelli, Nassa
Shearer, Graham
Traczewski, Frank

Eltham 15-19-09
Res/Lakeside 11-11-77
at Warrigal Park,
Heidelberg



Kick It Long

If you ever wanted someone kicking at goal for your life most pundits would want Gregory "Willo" Wilson to be their man. Once he has secured the red pill in his beefy front with the sound of the characteristic thud, it is generally put down your glasses. As Willo takes his customary look at the goals to ensure he has not ventured out of his range, a few young hopeful first season players will offer a lead. But the blinkers are on and the ball is firmly tucked under the arm as he walks purposefully back to line the goal posts up for another major.

Willo led his side out against Reservoir on June 10th for his 150th open age game in his beloved red and black colours of the Eltham Football Club. It was his 101st reserves game and he took his customary stroll down to the goal square with the aim of accumulating another bag of goals. He has captained the side for three seasons, been runner-up in two and third in two best & fairest awards and has been the leading goal kicker for a number of campaigns.

Willo was an instrumental part of the successful resurrection of the reserves in 1999 helping the team reach the mystical heights of a grand final berth, the first time since 1974. Not only was Willo the captain but he shone at full forward throughout the season and through his efforts gained the honour being the leading goal kicker in the reserves competition. At season end he had kicked 75 goals.

Willo played his first open age game in 1991 after coming through the under 19's under the guidance of the very influential and popular coach David Ramsay. He made his debut in the senior team in 1994 under the coaching of Peter Slack and so far has played 49 senior games. The pinnacle of his playing career to date has been the 1997 season playing as full forward in the victorious senior premiership team. Kicking 59 goals throughout the year including three vital goals in the grand final he was the clubs leading goal kicker for the season, one ahead of Mark Minney.



1974

A GRADE PREMIERS

Bond, Glen
Bray, Rodney
Brown, David
Buckley, Pat
Dawson, Trevor
Headen, Peter
Irvine, Greg
Lempriere, Peter
Leslie, Trevor
Ling, Ron
Lowe, Peter
Massey, Bernie
Pardon, Brian
Quaife, Alan
Rowbotham, Ken
Sanders, Reg
Shearer, Graham
Stanley, Don
Traczewski, Frank
Withers, Adrian

1974

B GRADE PREMIERS

Barnett, Gary
Barton, Robert
Birthisel, John
Bode, Steven
Cresp, L
Davenport, Michael
Driscoll, Brian
Haines, John
Hillier, Andrew
Mapperson, Frank
Marinov, Michael
McFarlane, Andrew
McMahon, Ken
Napitano, Nick
Skinner, Jeff
Slack, Peter
Sprong, Larry
Tesch, Wayne
Walker, Phillip
West, William

Eltham 10-9-69
Heidelberg 9-8-62
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

Eltham 10-13-73
Templestowe 5-5-35
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

Willo started playing at full-forward on a permanent basis at the beginning of the premiership year of 1997. He had kicked 242 goals in his career before his 150th game, 74 in the seniors and 138 in the reserves (including 24 this season). His biggest haul of 11 was against Kinglake in 1999, a day John McCreery will not forget in a hurry. To encourage Willo along (not that he needs any encouragement to kick goals), John made the deal that he would drink a can of VB for every goal Willo kicked that day.

At half time Willo had only managed three, the drinking was a little slow, so John decided to have an extra one during the break. This proved to be a slight mistake in judgement. Willo went on a goal kicking rampage slotting through six in the third quarter and two in the last. Witnesses reveal that after his shower Willo approached John and asked him how he was going. With a wink and a smile John replied gleefully, "Well done son, I'm happily working my way through your third quarter efforts and well on track of celebrating every six pointer."

Willo has kicked 10 or more goals on 3 occasions, all in the reserves, with a highest tally of 9 in the seniors against Hurstbridge at Panther Park in the last game of the home and away season in 1997.

Willo has the charisma and presence of a leader. He was appointed coach of the under 19's in 1998 and was assigned the task of eradicating the void between the senior and junior clubs. After two years in remission and against all logistical odds his persistence prevailed managing to bind together a group of young men into a competitive and skilful team. The testimony is that many of them fit the senior ranks today.

In his time as captain of the reserves his team motivational speeches are legendary. An extract goes something like this – "Now let's forget about them and concentrate on what we can control. Out of defense play on at all costs and switch the ball into space to runners. Then make sure we bring the ball back into the corridor playing through center half-forward. Let's have blokes

streaming past and make sure we then kick long into the grid area where we will have players leading. Now come on boys.”

What he really means is this – “They’re sh*t. I reckon I can kick 10. You back men, no rooting around with the ball. Get it down the center as quick as possible. Forget center half forward and stop bloody hand-balling between each other, kick it long lace up to me at full forward. And Andy Turner get the f... out of my road.” Inspiring stuff.

Willó's loud voice and bellowing laugh are unmistakable in a crowd. When he becomes impatient his cry of annoyance is deafening from full forward. His trade mark kick of perfect parabola proportions is beautiful to watch. His way of jumping (sometimes rolling over) the fence to fetch the football in the early quarters of each match unite. He has come a long way since the under 10 cats, he is a true clubman and a fantastic player worthy of our applause and gratitude. Congratulations Willó on a fine effort.

Browny, Billy, 150 games and that Head But

David Brown, lined up for his 150th game against Macleod on July 15th. Up to that point he had played 132 senior games and 17 reserves games for the club. Browny, as he is known, got his first call up in 1990 as a seventeen year old. After the U/17s had finished their season Browny decided to try his luck, with the open aged teams.

He played a few in the reserves and on the Thursday night before the last game of the season, he heard his name called out in the firsts. Upon arriving at Diamond Creek, on the Saturday he found out that someone else became available and hence he did not get to play.

Browny had to wait until early 1991 for another chance to play his first game in the seniors. He got his chance this time against Greensborough at War Memorial Park. While he started on the bench he came on for about half a game on the wing and got a few kicks even though the side was flogged on the day.

Browny played one more senior game during the 1991 season and a further four games in 1992 until he became a regular in the senior side in 1993. Browny has won several club awards for his playing performance. He won the best & fairest in 1996, was runner up in 1994, 1995 and 1997 and was placed third in 1993. He was the club captain in 1998-99 and has played in both of the past two winning premierships sides of 1995 and 1997.

Over the years Browny has played along side many great Eltham players including Darren Sinclair a young David Street and of course his mate B2 (Skipper). Browny has reached 150 games at the age of 27 and as long as the injuries hold up he should be able to play over 200 games for the club. Whether he catches his Great Uncle Harry Barrett, whom is still the leading game player at Eltham with 285 games, is maybe out of reach. But then again Browny does love his football.

On the football field Browny loves to spin and turn, duck, spin, turn, side step, twist and duck around the mulberry bush and this is how Browny plays football in a straight line. Wait to you see him try to evade an opponent or reach into his wallet.

Browny is not known for being a scuffer on the footy field, however a few weeks ago against Hurstbridge he gave one of the opposition players an awful shock. Browny proceeded to use his head to block and defend himself from several punches, even those ones that were clearly going to miss him. Browny had to use all his fighting ability just to get his head in the way.

Browny like many players has played in several positions over the past couple of years, such as wing, half back and half forward, but his preferred position is rock rucking. The Brown family is always there to watch him play his football, with father John Charles running the boundary for the reserves, his mum, sister Jane and of course, Billy the dog. Billy along with David has the nickname Brown Dog. Now there is some one else who watches him play, his girlfriend Michelle.

David and Michelle have been going out for a while now but when Browny first fell for Michelle, or was that Michelle fell because of Browny? Well let us go back a few years to the point in time where it all started, the Pyjama Cocktail party. Now off the field Browny is a trouble. He allows guys like Goose to muck up and he normally sits back and just shakes his head at their antics and remains out of a queue.

However, this night the Brown Dog took over. Browny was legless and he proceeded to try and coax Michelle to lay on the mattress next to him in the middle of the room in the latter part of the evening. Now Browny being very drunk caused Michelle to be a bit unsure of what was happening and justifiably reluctant to play this game. However Browny was never going to give up easily so he went back to his ancestor ways of the caveman and head butted Michelle who stumbled to the floor. Because she didn't fall near the mattress Browny had to drag her along the carpet, giving her carpet burns along the way.

Then the interaction took a turn. Once Michelle was on the mattress Browny left, stumbling outside. Michelle picked herself up, confused and followed her warrior. When she got outside and asked Browny if he was OK, he chuckled up on her shoes. At that moment Michelle, as she was looking at her stained shoes, in pain from her carpet burns and bruised buttock, fell in love with the Brown Dog (David). What a lovely way to get a girl, so romantic. Just like his football career – one to remember! Congratulations on 150 games David 'Brown Dog' Brown.

Spellbinding

Saturday July 22nd against Whittlesea, Mark “Skips” Minney, or from the origin of his nickname “Mini Skips”, played his 100th open age game for the club. As Skip turns up the heat on the opposition every Saturday, the collective critics agree that he stands comfortably as one of the best players ever to represent the Eltham Football Club. It is simple to be in awe when the after burners go on leaving the opposition flat footed or when he displays his silky skills and kicks another goal with consummate ease.

So what happened to Skips? Why isn't he playing in the big league? Did he even go to the Northern Knights? His Dad, Keith Minney sums it up fairly simplistically, “Skips just loves playing with his mates.”

After playing in the Under 17 premiership in 1993 along side Adam Simpson of North Melbourne fame and Travis Cloury, the three of them were invited down to train with the Northern Knights. Around the same time Skip was accepted into Deakin University at the Geelong campus. Naturally, University and your studies come first, but also thrown into the bargain was the chance to live on his own down at the Minney beach house in Torquay. Play the bachelor. Now there is not much fun playing the bachelor, getting out on the town, drinking beer and chatting up the ladies without any mates, he knew just the place to find them – the Torquay F.C.

Now for years Skip has been burdened in his appearance. Mistaken as being much younger, smaller in stature and slow. On his first training night and not knowing anyone he introduced himself to the under 19 coach at Torquay. He took one look at him and thought the kid got the wrong night, “The 15's train tomorrow lad.”

That Saturday morning the coach didn't know what to do with the new scrawny young kid, another bloke he'd have to rotate off the bench. He approached Skip, “Can you play?” A cheeky smile came to Skips face lighting up his boyish charm. He was keen to play for fun and simply replied, “A little bit.”

Needless to say the coach fell under the Skip spell and soon realised his harmless “Can you play?” question boarded on the ridiculous. After three best on grounds in his first three games the coach pulled him aside wanting to know some answers, “Where, why, how? Geez.” He looked to the Gods and walked off shaking his head without uttering a word. Skip played the whole year in the pivot, won the best and fairest and was instrumental in another Premiership victory. But most importantly to Skip he earned the respect and loyalty of a new set of mates.

Through the year the Northern Knights came looking for Skip. He told them about his study commitments at Geelong. Not understanding Skip and his priorities, the Knights told him to go and register with the Geelong Falcons. But Skips devotion was with his new friends at Torquay, playing with his mates.

At the start of 1995, Skip moved to the Burwood campus of Deakin University. His first intention was to play in the U/19 team at Eltham, however they quickly recognised his talent and he played all 20 games of the season in the seniors. To help his mates he even lined up one day for the U/19's due to the lack of numbers. Skip proceeded to rack up 10 possessions in the first 15 minutes of the game and would have kept going if the senior coach Grant Wilmot had not arrived to see one of his young senior players running around and immediately ripped him off the ground.

Skip was a part of the new exciting generation at Eltham which brought upon a very unexpected 1995 premiership to the Club. Celebrating with his young peers David Brown, Steve Kilby, Ashley Dickson, Scott Mitchell, Simon Nixon and Craig Haydock, Skip got his Panther tattoo from, thirds coach and “semi-professional” tattooist, Nugget.

Mum could not have been pleased with the panther tattoo after her reaction to Skip shaving his head following the 1997 premiership victory. Protesting, Skips displayed leniency sighting that everyone else got theirs shaved too. For weeks Carmel called him an idiot reminding him that half the others are bald as badgers anyway. To quieten mum down Skip walked around the house and suburb for two months with a hat on.

1982

A GRADE

Amery, Mark
Barton, Robert
Crick, Gary
Dale, Andrew
Deards, Warren
Hyslop, Sandy
Irving, Glen
Jenkins, Greg
Jones, Mark
Jonklaas, John
McFarlane, Anthony
McLatine, Darren
Meade, Wayne
Mekking, Peter
Mitchell, Stan
Murray, Michael
Russell, Andrew
Sinclair, Mark
Snelson, Wayne
White, Steven

Eltham 15-13-103
Mac/Rosana 14-8-92
at Nillumbik Park, Diamond
Creek

1989

A GRADE

Bishop, Darren
Burch, Rohan
Dale, Andrew
Gardam, Shane
Harvey, David
Hingston, Paul
Kyte, Ian
Oldfield, Sam
Ramsay, Gary
Russell, Andrew
Schembri, Matthew
Shea, Brett
Smith, Paul
Solar, Robert
Sonnberg, Dean
Stickland, Jamie
Taylor, Anthony
Walker, Cameron
Walker, Travis
Wilmot, Grant

Eltham 18-11-119
Epping 17-8-110
at Warrigal Park,
Heidelberg

By nature Skip is very quiet. More of a watcher than a doer. With the likes of Ash Dickson and Scott "Goose" Mitchell doing all the entertainment you not just sit back and laugh? His favourite pastime is sitting on a comfortable couch watching TV. Get him on the couch and that is it for the day. Skip is one of the best couch potatoes around. Coming a close second is sleeping.

Skip's other passion is cricket. Cricket at the Eltham Cricket Club (Panther Park is his second home, maybe even his first). It was whilst on a cricket trip that by fate alone he met his love and mother of his child, Terri. One evening a few of the boys were having drinks at the local in Mildura. Terri had just turned 18 and it was her job at the drinking establishment to mingle with the crowd and pick out all the under age drinkers. Who should she eye as a victim?

At 22 years of age Skip was happily slipping on his pot of beer listening to a few cricket stories, the typical ones on how Eltham let the premiership slip again and that we need to pump in more money to go that stop further, when he gets a tap on the shoulder. Terri was looking into the eyes of a 22 year old dressed in the body of a guy, that she thought, was not a day over sixteen. "But he did have grey hair!". Nevertheless, she was convinced he was underage. "Where's your ID, boy?" Skip was proud (he was in front of his mates) and refused to stoop to such a level, but he thought to himself, "She's not a bad looking chick". Terri started to get forceful, but with Skip cooly playing the mating game the result was a very flirtatious argument. Terri eventually gave in to his charm and a romance blossomed with Mark staying behind in Mildura after the boys left.

At the time his friends thought nothing of it, but when he missed a game of football to travel to Mildura to be with Terri they knew he was deadly serious. The two now live together and have a much loved boy they named Max.

Skip played all his juniors at the club and by the time he had finished in the under 17s he had played 165 games. At that stage the only player who had played more in his junior career was Leigh "Leaping Leroy" Miller with 170. Skip played all of his previous 99 games in the seniors since his debut in 1995. Skip won the best and fairest at the club last year in 1999, was runner-up in 1996 and third in 1997. He was selected as the captain of the Diamond Valley division two representative side in 1999 and is currently co-captain of the Club with Lucas Paul.

The Terrorizer

To the crowd who stand on the members side of Panther Park, it would appear that Scott "Jacko" Jackson has been around forever terrorizing the opposition. It was a surprise to them that on Saturday April 29th, against Mernda, he only chalked up his 50th open age game for the Eltham Football Club. Little do they realize that he actually did not officially pull on the Panther jumper for the other multitude of games where he has terrorized the opposition yelling abuse at them from the hill.

Jacko has a frame not unlike Roger Merrett, tall, lanky and plenty of bony sharp edges. A fierce competitor at center half-back he has etched out a commendable career for the Panthers that is always threatening to end at the close of each match. His commitment is unquestioned. He trains hard and gives everything he has on the field. Jacko has never learnt that the bricklayer and his back were never meant to bang into packs. The way he drags himself off the ground after each game the punters surely agree it must be his last. But he is hard and he always comes back again and again.

This thought brings recurring nightmares for all those who ventured to Tasmania after the 1997 season. Jacko roamed the corridors with an intimidating stare and icy smile inflicting "punishment" on any unfortunate sole left behind at the lodgings and game enough to venture out of their room. Grown men are still receiving counselling after being scared senseless by Jacko that night. He just kept coming back again and again.

After playing his junior football with Research, Jacko was destined always to become an Eltham footballer. It is well known if you hang around the Eltham pub long enough you will eventually be called upon to fill in for the twos. Jacko's day came in 1997 when he made his debut for the club. But the difference with Jacko was, unlike his predecessors, he could actually play the game.

1995 A GRADE PREMIERS

Almatrah, Eddie
Brown, David
Gathercole, Scott
Gienn, Matthew
Haydock, Craig
Jansen, Darren
Jewell, Corey
Kilby, Steven
Lockier, Scott
Lynch, Paul
Minney, Mark
Mitchell, Scott
Moran, Joel
Nixon, Simon
Ramsay, Daryl
Ramsay, Garry
Russell, Steve
Sinclair, Darren
Smith, Paul
Street, David
Thomson, Gary

Eltham 10-14-74
West Preston 10-10-70
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

1997 A GRADE PREMIERS

Brown, David
Dickson, Ashley
Eaton, Zennon
Garrard, John
Grant, Brett
Heath, Dean
Hingston, Andrew
Jansen, Darren
Lockier, Scott
Miller, Leigh
Minney, Mark
Mitchell, Scott
Paul, Lucas
Philpots, Dean
Ramsay, Garry
Rogers, Matthew
Russell, Steve
Smith, Paul
Walker, Mark
Weisheit, Matthew
Witson, Greg

Eltham 13-9-87
Mernda 7-13-55
at Warringal Park,
Heidelberg

He played a significant role in the successful season for the twos in 1999 missing only one game, with his biggest thrill being the 1999 preliminary final win against Lower Plenty.

Some say Jacko's approach to a football season is quite unique. Retire at the end of each season, miss the long hot training nights over the summer period and wait for the call up when the twos are short in the practice matches. Jacko says it is consistent with the way he was recruited.

In round five of the 1997 season, Jacko played his first 2pm game (of his seven) against Heidelberg West. The wiry, well tanned No.23 shuffled in his Scott Jackson way enthusiastically down to mark his man in the scoreboard back-pocket at Panther Park. But in the opening minutes, full of first game adrenaline he instinctively retaliated to a back hander, leaving the umpire no choice but to give him his marching orders. Some lark from the hill suggested that these things are only natural when you do your pre-season in the pub. Congratulations Jacko.

Long Cold Winter Wait

Footballers carrying the big weight of number 59 normally take an early exit. They cannot handle the stigma, simply fading away into the crowd of spectators drinking on the hill. But on Saturday July 17th against South Morang, Andrew "Clarkey" Clark contested his 50th open age game for the Eltham Football Club and still manages to haul around his number 59 with esteem. Considering his history and age, the veteran big man from Bacchus Marsh who has played collectively over 250 games has come a long way and deserves our admiration.

Clarkey played his first game for Eltham in 1996 in round one against Heidelberg at Panther Park. It was a beautiful sunny autumn day, perfect for football, which helped draw a bumper crowd on the terrace. That day Charlie Bode and Cappy Sinclair unfurled the 1995 premiership flag. To Clarkey it must have all seemed surreal; a successful club mixed in with a carnival atmosphere, a perfect place to play out his twilight years of football. It was not long before dark grey clouds enveloped the ground and settled in for the long cold winter. Twenty-five matches later Clarkey was still waiting to play in his first winning Eltham team.

In 1996 the Eltham senior club was in division one and only sung the victory song once for the season, the reserves defeated Reservoir/Lakeside in round six. Clarkey played in the firsts that day. Eltham was relegated and Clarkey had mixed feelings about his future. After contemplating retirement he decided to venture back to Bacchus Marsh, but when he re-aggravated a past reoccurring injury in the early rounds of the 1997 season it was time, he thought, to hang up the boots for good. In 1997, Eltham won the second division premiership and promotion to division one.

In 1998 Clarkey pulled himself out of retirement for a bit of unfinished business at Eltham. He had an injury ridden year playing only twelve matches. One of the six he missed out on was the round fifteen victory over Epping, the only win the club managed for the season. The club was relegated again. To Clarkey, with his nagging injuries, the frustration was too much and he retired again. Two seasons, 25 games and no wins.

It was inevitable that Clarkey's self imposed exile would not last long and the pungent quest for a Panther victory too powerful. He tried to fight his natural craving for football in the summer pre-season of 1999, but once the players hit the field and the smell of liniment was strong there was no holding him back. His first game back was round five at Hurstbridge in the seconds. The club was strong and success in second division was once again taken for granted, but not by Clarkey. When the final siren sounded it signaled the first time Clarkey enjoyed the spoils of victory in a Panther guernsey. The significance of the event, standing arm-in-arm with his teammates in a circle singing the Eltham theme song, to this day still is the highlight of his career with the club.

The year proved to be very successful for Clarkey. He won the reserves best & fairest award in a close contest with full-forward Greg Wilson. Only one vote separated them at the end of counting. Clarkey played nine home and away matches in the seconds. That first game against Hurstbridge he sat on the bench for most of the first half, but his efforts in the second scored him one single vote out of a possible 45 given for the game (three voting slips giving five players votes). In hindsight it was the winning vote.

Clarkey played in the opening game in the 1999 final series with the reserves before being recalled for the seniors for the second semi-final against Lower Plenty matching up with an equally sized opponent Danny Rice. Thanks to the efforts of Clarkey in the ruck duels the Panthers had the hard fought game in their keeping and a spot in the grand final in sight. However, a few missed opportunities late in the third quarter and a strong resolve by Lower Plenty saw the game slip by. The next week against Whittlesea in the preliminary final the team seemed sapped of energy and subsequently lost, so Clarkey was free to play for the reserves in the grand final.

On grand final day Clarkey and a few others were outnumbered in the big men department against Whittlesea who had rugged mature players all over the park. The reserves went down, however the experience of the year gave Clarkey the impetus that season 2000 could be the stella year and possibly a fitting final game considering the early hardship he endured. Clarkey had played 29 senior games and 21 reserves with the club up to the day of his 50th.

Honour Board 1st XVIII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL B&F	Goal Kicker
2000	Lachie Richardson	Steven Kilby	Mark Minney	Chris Mintern	Mark Minney	Lucas Paul
1999	Mark Minney	Lucas Paul	Tom Richardson	Simon Nixon	Mark Minney	Mark Minney John Garrard
1998	Lucas Paul	Steven Kilby	Ashley Dickson	Steven Kilby	Minney/Moyle/ Dickson/Grant	Mark Minney
1997	Garry Ramsay	David Brown	Darren Jansen	Matthew Weisheit	David Brown	Greg Wilson
1996	David Brown	Mark Minney	Daniel Howse	Dean Philpots	Daniel Howse	Ashley Dickson
1995	Darren Jansen	David Brown	Garry Ramsay	Eddie Almatrah	David Brown	Scott Gathercole
1994	Shane Gardam	David Brown	Robert Owen	David Bode	David Streat	Brett Shea
1993	Steve Russell	Darren Sinclair	David Brown	Robert Owen	Darren Sinclair	Ashley Dickson
1992	Daryl Megna	Sandy Hyslop	Jamie Stickland		Daryl Megna	Craig Johnson
1991	Sandy Hyslop	Garry Ramsay	Travis Walker		Travis Walker	Michael Doherty
1990	Andrew Dale	Sandy Hyslop	Robert Solar Cameron Walker		Andrew Dale	Sammy Oldfield
1989	Cameron Walker	Andrew Russell	Sammy Oldfield	Paul Bradford	Cameron Walker	Jamie Stickland
1988	Cameron Walker	Jamie Stickland	Daryl Megna		Daryl Megna	Darren MacLaine
1987	Andrew Dale	Warren Deards	Robert Solar		Robert Solar	Ron Wilson

Honour Board 2nd XVIII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL B&F	Goal Kicker
2000	Dean Philpots	Matthew Rogers	David Streat	Mick Iddon	David Streat	Greg Wilson
1999	Andrew Clark	Greg Wilson	Grant Pittard	Scott Jackson	David Streat	Greg Wilson
1998	Andrew Turner	Mick Iddon	Chris Daw	Andrew Turner	Joe Fisher Darren Jansen	David Ward
1997	Justin Green	Jamie Cameron	Marcus Gardam Grant Pittard	Justin Green	Brett Shea	Darren Hartney
1996	Gary Griffin	Grant Pittard	Rod Whitcher	Lynton Evans	Brett Grant	G Baker
1995	Michael Iddon	Matthew Rogers	Greg Wilson	Andrew Turner	Greg Wilson Steven Kilby	Peter Candy
1994	Darren Arnel	Rohan Burch	Rod Whitcher	Grant Pittard	Blair Pennell	Adam Gardam
1993	Darren Arnel	Kevin Lynch	Greg Wilson		Blair Pennell Grant Pittard	Adam Gardam
1992	John Goulding	David Streat	Robert Owen		Paul Hingston	Darren Campbell
1991	Daryl Megna	Ray Buhagiar	David Streat		Ray Buhagiar	Ray Buhagiar Adrian Mezzalana
1990	Brett Johnstone	David Huxtable Corey Jewell	-		Colin Smyth	Colin Smyth
1989	Colin Smyth	Peter Shaw	Andy Ryan	D Flannigan	Peter Shaw	Colin Smyth
1988	Peter Shaw	Bitly Beruldsen	Shane Leech		Peter Shaw	Jason Schembri
1987	Gary French	Kevin Lynch	David Wilson		Alan Rock	Mark Deany

Honour Board 3rd XVIII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL B&F	Goal Kicker
2000	Ty O'Meara	Lloyd Mash	Chris Brincat	Jason Burleigh	Brett Aldred	Luke Kennell
1999	-	-	-	-	-	-
1998	Johnathon Caddy	Tom Richardson	Chris Moyle	James Lambeth	Johnathon Caddy	Johnathon Caddy
1997	-	-	-	-	-	-
1996	-	-	-	-	Daniel Palumbo	Adam Locktler
1995	Travis Roberts	Ben Struve	Paul Martin	Mark Burns	Travis Roberts	Ben Struve
1994	Craig Haydock	Steven Kilby	Matthew Rogers	Adrian Palumbo	Steven Kilby	Steven Kilby
1993	-	-	-	-	-	-
1992	Shane Gloury	Paul Brown	Ashley Dickson	Chris Fisher	Paul Brown	Ashley Dickson
1991	-	-	-	-	-	-
1990	-	-	-	-	-	-
1989	Ken Sparks	Phillip Harris	Craig Johnston	Phillip Harris	Brett Shea M Ray	Brett Shea
1988	Leigh Miller	Glen Leslie	Steven Pitt		Marcus Gardam	Brett Shea
1987	Steve Jablonski	Mark Owens	Paul Smith		Rohan Burch	Cameron Simpson

Club Captains & Coaches

Year	Captains			Coaches		
	1 st XVIII	2 nd XVIII	3 rd XVIII	1 st XVIII	2 nd XVIII	3 rd XVIII
2000	Lucas Paul Mark Minney	Greg Wilson Dean Philpots	Joel Hewish	Garry Jessop	Wayne Freeman	Joe Donato
1999	David Brown	Greg Wilson	-	Garry Jessop	Wayne Freeman	Joe Donato
1998	David Brown	Darren Hartney	Andrew McHugh Johnathon Caddy Tom Richardson	Ray Spratt Michael Jones	Michael Jones	Greg Wilson
1997	Paul Smith	Greg Wilson	-	Ray Spratt	Gary Collinson	-
1996	Paul Smith	Greg Wilson	Daniel Palumbo	Peter Hall	Gary Collinson	Serg Gigliolto
1995	Paul Smith	Byron Smith	Adam Every	Grant Wilmot	Gary Collinson	Brett McCormack
1994	Darren Sinclair	Darren Arnel	Adrian Palumbo	Grant Wilmot	Max Paisley	Bob Burton
1993	Daryl Megna	Darren Arnel	-	Peter Slack	Michael Barclay	-
1992	Mick McDonald	Gary Griffin	Paul Brown	Peter Slack	Michael Barclay	Paul Smith
1991	Sandy Hyslop	Paul Hingston	-	Brian Preece	Michael Barclay	-
1990	Andrew Dale	Jeff Blaney	-	Brian Preece	Ian Kyte	-
1989	Andrew Russell	Peter Shaw	Phillip Harris	Peter Moore	Ian Kyte	David Ramsay
1988	Andrew Russell	Peter Bradford	Glen Leslie	Andrew Dale	Bob Burton	David Ramsay
1987	Andrew Russell	Wayne Tesch	Andrew Hingston	Ron Wilson	Wayne Tesch	Bob Burton

Head-to-Head History

Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	%	Last win	Last loss	Sequence
Macleod	84	60	23	1	71.4%	2000	2000	1 win
Epping	83	38	44	1	45.8%	1998	1998	1 win
Heidelberg	78	30	48	0	38.5%	1982	1998	11 losses
Greensborough	75	25	50	0	33.3%	1977	1998	15 losses
Diamond Creek	74	42	31	1	56.8%	2000	2000	1 win
Heidelberg West	73	38	31	4	52.1%	2000	1994	6 wins
Montmorency	73	25	46	2	34.2%	1977	1998	15 losses
South Morang	67	49	18	0	73.1%	2000	1997	2 wins
North Heidelberg	48	20	27	1	41.7%	1990	1998	9 losses
Watsonia	37	26	11	0	70.2%	2000	1993	8 wins
Reservoir	30	12	18	0	40.0%	2000	1997	3 wins
Lalor	30	15	15	0	50.0%	1983	1998	11 losses
Northcote Park	25	7	18	0	28.0%	1988	1998	10 losses
West Preston	24	12	12	0	50.0%	1995	1998	2 losses
Mernda	23	17	5	1	73.9%	2000	2000	1 win
Whittlesea	16	10	6	0	62.5%	2000	2000	2 wins
Hurstbridge	14	8	6	0	57.1%	1999	2000	1 loss
Bundoora	14	2	12	0	14.3%	1981	1998	12 losses
Lower Plenty	6	3	3	0	50.0%	1997	1999	3 losses
Kinglake	4	4	0	0	100.0%	2000		4 wins
Panton Hill	4	4	0	0	100.0%	2000		4 wins
Fawkner Park	1	1	0	0	100.0%	2000		1 win
Reservoir/Lakeside	77	47	28	2	62.7%	Last played in 1998		
Templestowe	50	22	28	0	44.0%	Last played in 1988		
Thornbury	10	9	1	0	90.0%	Last played in 1989		
Research	8	7	1	0	87.5%	Last played in 1989		
Coburg/StAndrews	2	2	0	0	100.0%	Last played in 1995		
Totals	1030	535	482	13	51.9%			

Winning Records

Team	Highest winning score	Lowest winning score	Lowest score against	Greatest winning margin
Macleod	30-24-204 (1987)	7-19-61 (1985)	0-0-0 (1995)	175 points (1994)
Epping	26-19-175 (1971)	7-9-51 (1978)	4-1-25 (1972)	115 points (1972)
Heidelberg	19-17-131 (1975)	8-13-61 (1957)	4-7-31 (1969)	71 points (1972)
Greensborough	23-19-157 (1970)	8-8-56 (1949)	3-10-28 (1950)	119 points (1969)
Heidelberg West	28-26-194 (1970)	3-11-29 (1953)	4-0-24 (1977)	169 points (1970)
Diamond Creek	23-13-151 (1949)	6-3-39 (1990)	3-5-23 (1950)	112 points (1949)
Montmorency	20-12-132 (1957)	7-12-54 (1971)	4-17-41 (1967)	71 points (1957)
South Morang	38-18-246 (1956)	7-8-50 (1981)	0-6-6 (1957)	238 points (1956)
North Heidelberg	27-20-182 (1969)	5-6-36 (1972)	2-2-14 (1971)	160 points (1969)
Watsonia	26-22-178 (1995)	6-9-45 (1988)	1-8-14 (1959)	158 points (1995)
Reservoir	25-23-173 (1986)	8-9-57 (1995)	2-5-17 (1995)	118 points (1986)
Lalor	26-21-177 (1970)	9-10-64 (1977)	6-6-42 (1970)	121 points (1970)
Northcote Park	25-7-157 (1982)	11-8-74 (1987)	10-7-67 (1987)	61 points (1982)
West Preston	23-10-148 (1985)	7-13-55 (1988)	1-8-14 (1988)	74 points (1987)
Mernda	23-15-153 (2000)	4-9-33 (1992)	1-3-9 (1988)	83 points (2000)
Whittlesea	17-12-114 (1994, 2000)	7-9-51 (1995)	1-4-10 (1995)	71 points (1997)
Hurstbridge	31-19-205 (1989)	9-9-63 (1995)	2-9-21 (1988)	168 points (1989)
Bundoora	17-16-118 (1981)	11-11-77 (1981)	7-8-50 (1981)	27 points (1981)
Lower Plenty	23-18-156 (1995)	8-21-69 (1995)	4-4-28 (1995)	103 points (1995)
Kinglake	33-22-2000 (1999)	22-22-154 (1999)	4-4-28 (1999)	192 points (1999)
Panton Hill	35-12-222 (1999)	12-11-83 (2000)	7-9-51 (2000)	165 points (1999)
Fawkner Park	28-10-178 (2000)	28-10-178 (2000)	8-10-58 (2000)	120 points (2000)

Highest winning score	52-41-353 verses Thornbury (1989)
Lowest winning score	3-11-29 verses Heidelberg West (1953)
Lowest score against	0-0-0 verses Thornbury (1989) & Macleod (1995)
Greatest winning margin	353 points verses Thornbury (1989)
Longest winning streak	22 wins during 1989-90

Losing Records

Team	Highest losing score	Lowest losing score	Highest score against	Greatest losing margin
Macleod	17-14-116 (2000)	3-12-30 (1948)	21-23-149 (1980)	81 points (1980)
Epping	16-10-106 (1975)	1-4-10 (1991)	33-13-211 (1965)	160 points (1960)
Heidelberg	17-8-110 (1990)	3-8-26 (1962)	23-23-161 (1966)	118 points (1971)
Greensborough	15-13-103 (1983)	0-4-4 (1991)	33-30-228 (1965)	199 points (1966)
Heidelberg West	22-7-139 (1983)	1-10-16 (1980)	23-9-147 (1983)	119 points (1980)
Diamond Creek	16-4-100 (1980)	1-4-10 (1966)	28-25-193 (1966)	183 points (1966)
Montmorency	17-7-109 (1983)	1-3-9 (1991)	33-17-215 (1964)	181 points (1964)
South Morang	16-20-116 (1984)	2-5-17 (1965)	18-14-122 (1994)	78 points (1962)
North Heidelberg	12-14-86 (1976)	1-3-9 (1996)	34-20-224 (1996)	215 points (1996)
Watsonia	18-6-114 (1979)	6-16-52 (1993)	22-11-143 (1984)	48 points (1984)
Reservoir	14-13-97 (1986)	2-8-20 (1947)	28-14-182 (1947)	162 points (1947)
Lalor	14-16-100 (1983)	2-5-17 (1971)	27-17-179 (1992)	160 points (1992)
Northcote Park	17-9-111 (1988)	2-5-17 (1996)	34-25-229 (1998)	200 points (1998)
West Preston	11-9-75 (1984)	3-9-27 (1993)	30-19-199 (1993)	157 points (1993)
Mernda	14-9-93 (1987)	4-5-29 (2000)	23-5-143 (1997)	64 points (1997)
Whittlesea	11-9-75 (1997)	3-8-26 (1999)	24-24-168 (1993)	114 points (1993)
Hurstbridge	13-6-84 (1995)	6-11-47 (1994)	22-17-149 (1994)	93 points (1994)
Bundoora	11-15-81 (1983)	3-2-20 (1996)	30-21-201 (1998)	177 points (1998)
Lower Plenty	9-11-65 (1999)	5-6-36 (1999)	17-12-114 (1999)	78 points (1999)
Kinglake	-	-	-	-
Panton Hill	-	-	-	-
Fawkner Park	-	-	-	-

Highest losing score 22-7-139 verses Heidelberg West (1983)

Lowest losing score 0-4-4 verses Greensborough (1991)

Highest score against 34-25-229 verses Northcote Park (1998)

Greatest losing margin 222 points verses Reservoir/Lakeside (1966)

Longest losing streak 29 games during 1962-64 and 1965-66

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