

2003 PANTHER



YEAR BOOK

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Panther Year Book 4th Edition

The Eltham Past Players & Supporters Association (EPPSA), producers of the Panther Year Book, are proud to continue their tradition of recognising past and present players. This 4th edition of the Panther Year Book is the story of our season in 2003.

The Panther Year Book becomes a historical record of all achievements, milestones and highlights of both the club and it's players and is a great way to reflect on the season just passed. We hope you enjoy this edition as much as we have putting it together.

The 2003 Season

The 2003 season was always going to be a challenge, and our survival in the top flight was a must for the club. Too many times in the recent history of the club have we followed a successful year in Division Two with subsequent relegation from Division One. For the club to consolidate and build it was vital for us to cement ourselves in the big league.

The seniors started the season with a fantastic victory at home against Lower Plenty. In a game that was seen to be a defining moment for the club, the players were outstanding in front of a huge home crowd and the club reaped the rewards, both on the ladder and on the ledger. The seniors tried hard over the next few weeks without luck and our second win came 5 weeks later against the winless Greensborough, our first win against the Slime in 17 years. This victory put us closer to that dream of survival in 1st Division. Five weeks later, in Round 12, the boys went to Bundoora in a game the opposition had to win to make the four. Our players played their hearts out, and with only 19 fit players, managed to secure an 12 point win. The win was regarded as one of the biggest upsets in Division One history and certainly was our best win for the year. While these were the highs, the lows did come and they came in losses away against Lower Plenty and Greensborough. While the seniors did show that they were competitive there were also games where it was evident that we had a long way to go. Overall, the seniors were successful in their short term goal, and with 40 different players playing in the seniors throughout the year, it has shown that the effort from the coaching staff, players and support staff has been rewarded.

The reserve team has changed dramatically since their Premiership victory in 2000. In three years the majority of the reserves personnel have moved on. 12 players are no longer playing and a further 3 or 4 won't be playing next season. This represents a considerable amount of experience, but when you are in 1st Division you need as many young legs as possible and young players are what we have in abundance. Throughout the year the reserves had some great teams on paper and other times they struggled just to find a full team. Two wins over Epping and two wins over Lower Plenty, once on the scoreboard and once due to an unregistered player, put the twos in eighth spot. The big win of the year came at North Heidelberg by 9 goals in a game where the twos had just 19 players. It was the twos first victory at the Pound since 1974. The twos demonstrated that they could play together as a team but, like the seniors, lacked the consistency needed to trouble the top four. However, the reserve team did demonstrate the club has depth of talent and served to help players overcome injuries and poor form as well as giving our younger players exposure to senior football.

The thirds were always going to have a hard year with only 4 U/17 players coming up from the juniors. Demographics and the Diamond Valley failing to back the club in our Friday night games meant fielding a full team week after week was a difficult task. The team was on the receiving end of some thrashings this season but the core players continued to turn up for games week after week. If character alone won premierships then our U/19 team was unbeaten. This strength of character is a huge positive and very important for the long term future of the club. Mark Minney was outstanding in his commitment in trying to get a side onto the park and nursed the team through the entire season. Even with the struggle for numbers the players did show that in patches they could play competitive football and were rewarded with two wins for the season.



Peter Burton awaits the call for water.



Presidents Summary

After the grand final celebrations of 2002 the committee signed on for another season and were immediately confronted with the big question, how do we survive in 1st Division? This created many colourful discussions amongst the committee. There were two defining moments that occurred in the off season, both of which contributed to the club being not just a successful 2nd Division club but a club who survived in 1st Division. These were the appointment of Phil Maylin as senior coach and the construction of extra seating on the social club wing.

Phil was appointed senior coach in late November. While his appointment was quite late in the year he was quick to show his determination in ensuring First Division status for the club and within the next few weeks secured the playing services of Adam Contessa and Michael Martin. The intensity of pre-season training was lifted and the players adapted well to the new level of professionalism at the club. It wasn't just the players who had to lift but the committee had to respond as well. By the time the practice matches came around it became apparent that the club would not only be avoiding relegation but would be fielding a competitive outfit.

Our other achievement was the construction of the new seating. While this maybe a small issue to many, it created a change in the mindset of the committees and has hastened the plans for other capital improvements at Central Park. In order for our club to become the best venue in the Diamond Valley we need to have the best facilities. This also has positive consequences in improving our playing side each season. The selection of Central Park to host the Inter League game over the Queens Birthday weekend proved that our capital improvements are increasing our chances of hosting league football, and ultimately, finals football. We must improve our home. We can no longer sit around waiting for the council to act. We must put into action our plans to ensure our vision for the club and its surroundings is achieved.

The help that the committee, and I have received this season is heart warming and extremely encouraging. Being the Club President is a labour of love. I enjoy the role immensely, not only because I believe in the Eltham Football Club, but because the work load is spread right across the club. The help has come from so many people, and so often, it is impossible to thank everyone for their effort. No matter how big or small your contribution was, I thank you. After two years at the helm I only now feel that I have some real understanding of how to run the club. Like any job the more help and assistance you get the better the results. We were successful in our objectives for this season only because of the contributions made by so many both on and off the field. These contributions will need to be repeated again next season if we are to continue our momentum. I hope you all join us again next year.

DEAN PHILPOTS



President Ponsie & Secretary Smitty looking busy behind the bar.

Life Member Honours

The following is the definition of the club's life member policy as it appears in our constitution;

Life membership of the Eltham Football Club shall be conferred on persons who have made an exceptional contribution to the club for a period of not less than ten years, service of which may not necessarily have been continuous. Nominations and supporting submissions for life membership shall be submitted by any financial member to the Committee of Management which shall make recommendations to the annual general meeting on the nominations submitted. Only one life membership may be conferred by the club in any one year. All life members have full voting rights.

The club in the past has awarded Life Memberships to players once they have reached 200 open age games. The difficult situation for the committee is that the constitution does not mention 200 games as automatic criteria for life membership, even though it is widely regarded as so throughout the club. Awarding four life memberships in one year is also not a common practice although the club has awarded two life memberships during the same year previously.

The presentation of a Life Membership is cause for celebration, by all at the club, and involves recognising the achievements and contributions of the individual. We urge you all to attend our AGM this year to witness the presentation of the club's Life Memberships and celebrate what is a proud moment for both the club and those nominated.

The following four players have been nominated for Life Membership of the Eltham Football Club:

Leigh Miller	200 games Round 2 April 12 th	against Northcote Park
Byron Smith	200 Games Round 7 May 24 th	against Greensborough
David Brown	200 Games Round 10 June 21 st	against Lower Plenty
Andrew Hingston	200 Games Round 11 June 28 th	against Northcote Park



Ponsie of the game Bopper, Coach Wills, Ponsie, Lougier, Ace and Jacobs look forward to hanging up the boots and prapping up the bar.

Season 2003 Honours

Mark Minney Club Best & Fairest

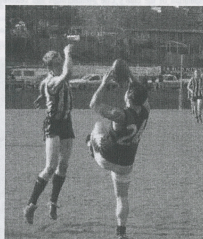
Mark has won his third best and fairest and moves into a league of his own. With his victory this season, only Anthony Devine (7) has won more B&F's in the history of the club. Mark polled votes in 17 of his 18 games played. Skip must love the odd numbered years with his previous wins coming in 1999 and 2001. Mark has now played 157 games for the club, all of which have been A Grade appearances.



Skip, Minney, Mick & Swoop talk after the win against Greensborough.

Adam Contessa 2nd Best & Fairest A Grade

Adam joined the club this year and immediately fitted into the club both on an off the field. From the very start he set a great example for all the players with his voice and hardness at the ball. Adam worked extremely well with Skips and the two of them contributed to one of the most potent mid fields in the competition. Unfortunately Angry's season ended prematurely with a knee injury.



Angry judges the mark better against Montroseway.

Michael Martin 3rd Best & Fairest A Grade

Recruited from Brisbane in the AFL, Mick's first crack at local senior football was outstanding. Mick fitted well into the club and brought with him great pace and presence on the field. An inspiration to the younger players at the club, Mick polled an amazing 45 votes in the last three games of the season.

David Brown A Grade Coaches Award

Brown had a fantastic year in which he played his 200th game for the club. Brown's experience shone through this season demonstrating his ability to play many different roles. Brown moved out of his temporary home in the back pocket to play on some of the leading players in the competition with a high degree of success. He is now regarded as a veteran of the Eltham Football Club with a lot of football still left in him.



Micky Minton carries the ball looking for leading forwards.

VOTING SUMMARY

A Grade

Mark Minney	157
Adam Contessa	128
Michael Martin	98
David Brown	67
Lach Richardson	62
Luke McCreery	59
Tom Richardson	53
Chris Moyle	24
Steven Kilby	19
Shannon Tate	19
Chris Brincat	16
Anthony Mithen	16

B Grade

Dan Irwin	64
Scott Jackson	55
Leigh Howse	54
Leigh Miller	52
Nick Richardson	40
Chris Brincat	38
Joel Hewish	38
Grant Pittard	33
Jason Mee	32
Andrew Willoughby	32
Simon Ereat	31
Zennon Eaton	25
Luke Ferns	25
Chris Morgan	25

C Grade

Andrew Moyle	120
Adrian Wilson	87
Keith Davidson	68
Lucas Barnes	58
Robert Osbourne	52
Scott Weddell	40
Lyall Mee	39
Nathan Peck	37
Warren Evans	31
Greg Strickland	26
Aaron Whyte	26
David Hewish	22

Dan Irwin

Best & Fairest B Grade

Dan played the first 7 games of the season in the reserves and was destined to play in the seniors this season had he not taken a 10 week break to pursue an overseas holiday. Upon his return he immediately pulled on an Eltham jumper and demonstrated to all that he still knew his way around the football ground. His pre-holiday form continued and he was able to take the votes in the last two games of the season to clinch this year's B&F award. At the age of 24, Dan changes the trend of the past 4 winners who were all over 30 years of age.

Scott Jackson

2nd Best & Fairest C Grade

Yet again Jacko took control of opposition key forwards and made them earn every kick. With his ability to rally the back line around him, the "Wild Man" was an inspiration to all his team mates. News of his imminent retirement was met with a collective sigh of relief from all forwards around the Valley. But what a way to end a career. 100 games for the club and now a 2nd Best & Fairest award to boot.

Leigh Howse

3rd Best & Fairest B Grade

Howsey played 15 game this year in the reserves and one in the seniors. At the age of 25 Howsey is becoming one of the more experienced players around the club and his value to the team increases every season. Leigh has mainly played up forward or down back but this year he was allowed to play much of his time in the midfield which has enabled him get much more of the football.

Brett Aldred

B Grade Coaches Award

Swoop played 17 games this year to take his tally to 41 open age games. Brett found himself playing all over the ground

throughout the season and finished the year mainly in the back line where he used his run and pace to clear the ball away from the danger area.

Andrew Moyle

Best & Fairest C Grade

Andrew played in all 16 games this year while still being eligible to play in the U/17's. Andrew played mainly in the midfield and was consistently getting the ball whilst forming a formidable combination with Willo in the engine room. In a season where wins were rare Andrew was an inspiration to his side.

Adrian Wilson

2nd Best & Fairest C Grade

Recruited from Yarrambat, Adrian was in his first year at the club. He played all 16 games this season as well as one in the Reserves. He was the teams' leading goal scorer even though he played most of his football in the midfield. With a good pre-season behind him next year he is certainly a young player who could play in the firsts.

Keith Davidson

3rd Best & Fairest C Grade

Davo played 14 games in the U/19's this season which takes him to a total of 49 games. This year he was appointed captain of the thirds side and in Round 5 he played a senior game against Epping. His number of appearances in the U/19's as well as his skill on the ground ensures Davo will enter open age football next year with plenty of experience.

Warren Evans

C Grade Coaches Award

Warren was one of the first players to start pre-season and has been very keen all year. Warren played 15 games this year mainly in the back line. His enthusiasm for the game and the club means Warren will be around for a long time to come.

A Grade 2003 Game Summary

R	Played	Venue	Result	For	Against	Mar	Pos	%
1	Lower Plenty	Eltham Central Park	WIN	18-14-122	12-14-86	+36	3	141.9
2	Northcote Park	Northcote Football Ground	LOSS	8-6-54	22-20-152	-98	7	73.9
3	Bundoora	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	9-6-60	28-9-177	-117	8	56.9
4	Heidelberg	Warrigall Park	LOSS	7-8-50	14-10-94	-44	8	56.2
5	Epping	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	12-12-84	16-5-101	-17	9	60.7
6	Montmorency	Parra Road Oval	LOSS	12-6-78	17-15-117	-39	9	61.6
7	Greensborough	Eltham Central Park	WIN	17-14-116	9-7-61	+55	9	71.6
8	West Preston	J.E. Moore Park	LOSS	12-9-81	16-12-108	-27	9	72.0
9	North Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	8-9-57	16-26-122	-65	9	69.0
10	Lower Plenty	A. K. Lines reserve	LOSS	12-9-81	26-20-176	-95	9	65.6
11	Northcote Park	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	14-4-88	18-12-120	-32	9	66.3
12	Bundoora	Yulong Reserve	WIN	16-8-104	13-14-92	+12	9	69.3
13	Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	6-4-40	19-8-122	-82	9	66.4
14	Epping	Epping Recreation Reserve	DRAW	16-9-105	15-15-105	0	9	68.6
15	Montmorency	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	1-4-10	16-10-106	-96	9	65.0
16	Greensborough	War Memorial Park	LOSS	13-7-85	14-11-95	-10	9	66.2
17	North Heidelberg	Shelley Park	LOSS	10-9-69	11-8-74	-5	9	67.3
18	West Preston	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	17-14-56	16-9-105	-49	9	66.6

The year started off with a bang. We hosted Lower Plenty in the first round and in front of the biggest crowd for the year, and in perfect conditions, the players responded with a great win. The next two weeks saw Northcote Park and Bundoora show no mercy and thump the boys. Round 4 produced a better effort against Heidelberg and in Round 5 the crowd had some voice when the seniors lost by two umpires and 17 points. Round 6 saw us match it with Monty for 3 and half quarters before they managed to shake us off in the last 15 minutes. The following week saw a pressure game against Greensborough where we were placed 9th and the Slime were last without a win. It was a classic 8 point game. The 55 point game was easy in the end but it took nearly a half to shake off the Slime. The win gave the club real belief that we would survive in Division One even though no one wanted to proclaim that we were safe. Round 8 against West Preston was a real contest for most of the game only to be beaten in the last 7 minutes. An encouraging result in what can be described as the least "user friendly" venue in the Valley. We ran North Heidelberg into some form and then suffered a very disappointing loss to Lower who rubbed our noses in it with a 95 point drubbing. A creditable loss against Northcote Park followed which ensured the players were forgiven by the supporters for previous efforts. Then it was the round 12 clash against Bundoora, a date on the calendar even the President never missed. The game saw the players match it with Bundoora all day. A few quick goals before 4th time put us ahead and a great 3/4 time speech by fabulous Phil, and one of distaste by Vinne Datoli, saw the Panthers ahead by 12 points at the finish. The following week we met Heidelberg who displayed their season best form ensuring we were brought swiftly back to earth. Then on the road we went to Epping where we fought out a thrilling draw. The two points all but securing our invitation to 1st Division next year. In round 15 Montmorency came, saw and easily conquered us in the wet at home. Round 16 proved to be possibly the biggest disappointment of the season with a 10 point loss to the struggling Slime. The following week we put up a great effort at the Pound going down by only 5 points. The last round of the season we met a rampaging WPL who were determined to cement their double chance, and eventually did so with ease.

Highest winning score :	18-14-122 round 1 verses Lower Plenty
Highest losing score :	14-4-88 round 11 verses Northcote Park
Lowest winning score :	16-8-104 round 12 verses Bundoora
Lowest losing score :	1-4-10 round 15 verses Montmorency
Highest score against :	28-9-177 round 3 verses Bundoora
Lowest score against :	9-7-61 round 7 verses Greensborough
Greatest winning margin :	55 points round 7 verses Greensborough
Greatest losing margin :	117 points round 3 verses Bundoora
Smallest winning margin :	12 points round 12 verses Bundoora
Smallest losing margin :	5 points round 17 verses North Heidelberg.

B Grade 2002 Game Summary

R	Played	Venue	Result	For	Against	Mar	Pos	%
1	Lower Plenty	Eltham Central Park	LOSS*	5-7-37	18-17-125	-88	4	29.6
2	Northcote Park	Northcote Football Ground	LOSS	8-4-52	14-15-99	-47	5	39.7
3	Bundoora	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	5-8-38	18-15-123	-85	8	36.6
4	Heidelberg	Warrigall Park	LOSS	6-6-42	8-12-60	-18	8	41.5
5	Epping	Eltham Central Park	WIN	14-8-92	13-13-91	+1	7	52.4
6	Montmorency	Parra Road Oval	LOSS	5-5-35	25-17-167	-132	7	44.5
7	Greensborough	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	12-11-83	14-8-92	-9	8	50.1
8	West Preston	J.E. Moore Park	LOSS	4-10-34	10-20-80	-46	8	49.3
9	North Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	6-7-43	7-17-59	-16	8	50.9
10	Lower Plenty	A. K. Lines reserve	WIN	18-16-124	11-12-78	+46	7	59.5
11	Northcote Park	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	10-8-68	12-19-91	-23	8	60.8
12	Bundoora	Yulong Reserve	LOSS	6-4-40	21-10-136	-96	8	57.3
13	Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	9-6-60	15-13-103	-43	8	57.4
14	Epping	Recreation reserve	WIN	11-18-84	9-13-67	+17	8	60.7
15	Montmorency	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	1-0-6	11-7-73	-67	8	58.0
16	Greensborough	War Memorial Park	LOSS	8-14-62	18-9-117	-55	8	57.7
17	North Heidelberg	Shelley Park	WIN	15-11-101	6-13-49	+52	8	62.2
18	West Preston	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	3-7-25	16-14-110	-85	8	59.7

* Awarded the 4 points LP on-regressed player

The season started well on paper with the reserves side jammed pack with players. Unfortunately, Lower didn't stick to the script and flogged us comprehensively. Round 2 and 3 produced two more losses and we looked in all sorts of trouble. The following week the older guys took a break and young legs were given the chance to perform. Although we didn't take the points the signs were certainly encouraging. Round 5 and the boys got their first win on the scoreboard in a come from behind win by 1 point. We went from our smallest win to our largest loss the next Saturday against a powerful Montmorency. Round 7 saw a close loss to Greensborough. Round 8 was another loss to West Preston which took us to the break with 1 win and 7 losses. North Heidelberg beat us at home in round 9, and in round 10 we travelled to Lower's ground. A superb third quarter ensured our second win of the season. As winter set in the numbers started to drop off through injury and retirements and the Seconds were always the ones to feel it the most. The next three rounds and three more losses due to the team being undermanned and outgained. Round 14 we went to Epping and had a great win to enthuse the players. The next week Montmorency again gave us a hiding this time in the mud at home. Greensborough the following week we again were short of players and a nine goal loss took a lot of energy out of the players. Then came Round 17 against North Heidelberg. There just wasn't enough players to put on paper, let alone on the field. The weather forecast was threatening, retired players had to break promises and somehow the spirit of the two shone on a dark day. The boys played their best football for the year and won by 52 points, their biggest margin for the year and the first against North Heidelberg since 1974. Round 18 saw the team come back to earth with an 85 point loss. Fifty-six players played in the two this year and all contributed to the side finishing 8th. Next season the side will have a new wealth with more fresh legs and higher expectations.



Billie Smith looking after the umpires.

C Grade 2002 Game Summary

R	Played	Venue	Result	For	Against	Mar	Pos	%
1	Lower Plenty	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	9-10-64	13-13-91	-27	5	70.3
2	Northcote Park	Northcote Football Ground	LOSS	4-4-28	27-17-179	+151	7	34.1
3	Bundoora	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	5-2-32	16-24-120	-88	8	31.8
4	Heidelberg	Warrigal Park	BYE			-	8	31.8
5	Epping	Eltham Central Park	WIN	16-10-106	5-13-43	+63	7	53.1
6	Montmorency	Parra Road Oval	LOSS	3-4-22	26-17-173	-151	7	41.6
7	Greensborough	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	6-4-40	17-9-111	-71	8	40.7
8	West Preston	J.E. Moore Park	LOSS	4-4-28	19-24-138	-110	8	37.4
9	North Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	5-10-40	8-8-56	-16	8	39.5
10	Lower Plenty	A. K. Lines reserve	LOSS	4-9-33	25-12-162	-129	8	36.6
11	Northcote Park	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	0-0-0	32-18-210	-210	8	30.6
12	Bundoora	Yulong Reserve	LOSS	3-0-18	32-17-209	-191	8	27.5
13	Heidelberg	Eltham Central Park	BYE			-	8	27.5
14	Epping	Recreation reserve	WIN	13-6-84	11-7-73	+11	7	31.6
15	Montmorency	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	2-1-13	14-13-97	-84	7	30.6
16	Greensborough	War Memorial Park	LOSS	0-2-2	24-12-156	-154	8	28.1
17	North Heidelberg	Shelley Park	LOSS	5-13-43	11-13-79	-36	8	29.2
18	West Preston	Eltham Central Park	LOSS	3-5-23	7-14-56	-33	8	29.5

The under 19s were always going to have a hard year going up a Division and getting very little from the previous years under 17 team in the way of numbers. We recruited well with players coming from Yarrambat, Warrandyte and, Eltham College but unfortunately it was not enough. Together they just made the numbers and this proved to be the main obstacle facing the coaches and the players all year.

Only once did the team have four available players on the bench and that was in round 17. In three games that year the players ran out with less than a full side and on two occasions just the bear 18. Due to lack of numbers the boys struggled to build the closeness of a team with the many changes to the side each week. Unfortunately this was reflected on the scoreboard. The under nineteen competition was very uneven with 4 sides being far superior to the other five. The losses came 14 times throughout the 16 game season. Five of these were over 100 points and one over 200. The two victories were against Epping and this allowed us to finish 8th in a nine team competition. Thirty-three players played in the thirds this year but the main squad consisted of 14-15 players who turned up each week. It was these 14-15 players, and the coaching staff, that deserve all the credit for seeing it through this season. When each of those involved look back on this season in years to come, I am sure they will all see it as the most difficult, challenging and frustrating season they have ever been involved in. There were positives however, and as mentioned before, the strength of character of those affiliated with the U19's is unquestioned and very important to the club.

Highest winning score : 16-10-106 round 5 verses Epping
 Highest losing score : 9-10-64 round 1 verses Lower Plenty
 Lowest winning score : 13-6-84 round 14 verses Epping
 Lowest losing score : 0-0-0 round 11 verses Northcote Park
 Highest score against : 32-18-210 round 11 verses Northcote Park
 Lowest score against : 5-13-43 round 5 verses Epping
 Greatest winning margin : 63 points round 5 verses Epping
 Greatest losing margin : 210 points round 11 verses Northcote Park
 Smallest winning margin : 11 points round 14 verses Epping
 Smallest losing margin : 16 points round 9 verses North Heidelberg



Servaty, Mark & Wills in the Eltham Home Harbours scoreboard.

Diamond Valley Representative game against Eastern

Part of the club's ambition is to be the home of football in the Diamond Valley. We are all endeavouring to develop Central Park as the best venue for players, members and supporters. With the announcement that the Diamond Valley Football League and Eastern Football League would be resuming their representative matches the Eltham Football Club decided it was time to put our organisational and administrative skills to the test by hosting this showcase of suburban football.

The Diamond Valley won the right to host the first game and the venue chosen by the DVFL was originally Epping. The Eastern Football League officials protested regarding the location of the venue as they were concerned about the travelling time for their herds of supporters. Central Park then became the preferred venue for the Queens Birthday weekend game and the organisation began in earnest.

Smithy was placed in charge of the recruiting of volunteers and the general planning of the event, and what a success the day was. The beer was flowing from the Main Bar, Can Bar, Can Hill and the Toohy's van while food was available on Can Hill, the canteen and the tent erected in the car park. With so many food and beverage outlets, over 30 people were needed to ensure that the herds of supporters were sufficiently fed and watered. The work was extremely hard and by the end of the day we turned over 17K. Not only was it a huge day for the club but a bonus for the Eltham community as a whole. Very few had ever seen a crowd that large at Panther Park and the organisation, coupled with the fantastic ground surface, ensured that the Panthers have their claws well and truly embedded in this event in the future.

Without the assistance of those who gave up their time to help out on the day there was no way we could have pulled this off. But we did and we did it well. We can guarantee, as a Club, that through the experience we all gained from the day, the next event will be bigger and better than ever.

The Diamond Valley was pleased with our showing and so was the management of Eastern Football League. I would like to think that when the event returns to the diamond Valley in 2005 we will be a perfect choice to host the game again.



The Band overtook the Rep crowd at half time.



The biggest crowd in many years attended the interleague representative game at Eltham Central Park.

As a midfielder Browny made a name for himself in the competition and was often the target of taggers and the like to quell his attacking play. He worked well with his dynamic duo partner Mark "Skip" Minney, often referred to as B1 and B2 Bananas, and together they played in four premierships together from 1995 to 2002.

It has not all been rosy for Browny and he has had to deal with his fair share of injury. All have taken their toll on his pace. But his awareness is still there and he has built up a great resource of experience. These days Browny has moved back into defence and continues to provide a solid platform for the team to attack.

Browny is the third Eltham footballer to reach 200 games this season, now joining Leigh "Leaping" Miller and Byron "Bopper" Smith. Later they will be joined by a fourth, Andrew "Ace Eye" Hington. Imagine the photo of the four of them. Cinderella and her three ugly sisters, but who plays Cinderella in this story? Feel sorry for Prince Charming if that's all he's got to choose from. In Browny's favour he plays his 200th game a week before his 30th birthday, at least ensuring he avoids the old man tag like the other three.

Like all good country boys from Toolangi, Browny never plays up or makes a spectacle of himself. He never tried to touch the roof in the Men's loo in his first season, or hang upside down from the rafters in the social room in his second. Unlike other 200 gamers, he has never run naked across the oval in the rain or juggle glass pots in the local pub and smashing them just for the fun. He has never been in a fight, probably doesn't know how to throw a punch and is generally quietly spoken.

But like all good country boys from Toolangi, Browny loves talking football. Give him a pot of beer in one hand and someone's car and he will try and talk it off. If that doesn't work give him a few more to increase his passion and you'll get the whole story.

A great everlasting feature of David, one that he will be remembered for, is his outright loyalty and devotion to Eltham. He has played his entire football career at the one Club, including juniors. There must have been several times when he thought about the greener pastures, especially through the hard times, however he has been faithful to the cause and will be until the journey is finished. "Now come on dog! Dog where are ya? Get in the back."

From Lawler to Alpham

Andrew Hington 200 Games - 28 June 2003

The Hington name has been synonymous at the Eltham Football Club over the past 3 decades. In fact, hardly a Saturday afternoon or indeed evening, has gone by during the winter months without a Hington either representing the Mighty Panthers on the field or holding up the bar off the field.

During the mid 1970's, the Hington Clan led by Mick & Maree, decided to uproot from their humble origins in the suburb of Lalor (Pronounced Lawler - by Hington Family) and move to the green and air friendly environs of Eltham (Pronounced Alpham). This move gave Mick & Maree's five offspring (Chris, Linda, Paul, Sean & Andrew) the opportunity to pursue their own endeavours, which for three of them included playing the world's greatest game Aussie Rules Football.

The oldest member of the Family, Chris deemed himself too pretty to over extend his playing career with the Panthers, but in the process made a valuable contribution to families games tally, which now exceeds 450 open age games. Middle sibling Paul, before going onto becoming a professional game show contestant, etched his own history into the Panther history books after joining the 200 game Club and becoming a life member in April 2001. Enter the runt (yes this is spelt correctly) of the pack, and we saw the proud Hington Family gather on Saturday 28 June 2003 to watch Andrew become the second member of their Family to join the exclusive 200 games Club.

Andrew commenced his junior footy at Eltham in 1978 playing in the under 10's alongside Ashley Bray. Later, in 1987, a fit, trim and strapping 18-year-old Hingo, played in his first senior game in which Panthers were victorious over Northcote Park, which ironically was the same side he played against in his 200th game. He had earned his stripes having mixed it with the best as Captain of a talent laden under 19's, which included David Liesegang, Rohan Burch, Gary Ramsay, Sam Oldfield and Steve "Jabba" Jablonski. Andrew quickly made the transition to senior footy and stood out with his blinding pace, endurance and ability to handle the ball.

Even when playing his 200th game Andrew still possessed the skills he first entered open age football with. For instance, he had blinding speed to get up to the bar, endurance to drink all night and sometimes the next day, and when it comes

to ball handling, there simply is no better "Tapper" of the oval shaped pigskin they call a footy, in the whole of the DVFL.

Andrew has certainly been a Stalwart of the Eltham Football Club, having taken nearly 17 years to amass his 57 A & 143 B grade games. He quickly points out though that had it not been for suffering chronic back, calf & hamstring complaints he would have easily played in excess of 300 games for the Club.

He puts these injuries down to fate, and the year he took off with Jabba to go to Expo in 1988, where all they did was drink, work, drink eat, drink, go out & drink. Mind you, the years of constantly being the last away from the Club social functions and nights out which sometimes lasted 2 or maybe 3 days, may also have contributed to some of these injuries.

Andrew, like all of the Hington's has had his share of nicknames over the years. It started off as bit of a joke back in the early days when brother Paul was coined with, one of many of his own nicknames, in "Slippers". This spread like wildfire through the clan with Mick - "Big Boots", Maree - "Stilettoes", Chris - "Moccasins", Linda - "Ugg Boots", Sean - "Tap shoes" and finally Andy ended up being known as "Thoegas".

Other gems that he has been called over the years include Ace, Ace Eye, Ace Disgrace (new as of Auction Night), Curley, Curly, Hingo, Myxomatosis, Mullet, Tapper, Tap King, Thingo, Titch and Tony.

Andy lists his most memorable football moments as being:

1. A member in the Reserve grade division 2 Grand Final in the 1999 in which Eltham were Runners-up,
2. Each of the 15 plus footy trips he has been on (believed to be a Club record),
3. And his most memorable moment - the Panthers triumphant division 2 senior premiership of 1997, where in a brilliant second half cameo, Ace kicked three goals to help lead the team home over Mernda.

Hingo celebrated this famous victory so hard over a two-week period that he almost nearly decided to join the rest of the boys in shaving his prized curly mane (mullet) from his head.

Whilst over the years Andrew has annoyed almost everybody and everything (I remember a most traumatised goat living next to Ash Dickson's folks home). On the Saturday of his 200th we all applauded a true loyal Panther as he celebrated not only a milestone achievement but also his eminent retirement to the greener stud pastures of Bendigo.



New life member Ace Hington runs out for his 200th game under the watchful eye of his brother Paul (far right) who also accomplished the milestone.

Rehabilitation in Torquay

Mark Minney 150 Games - 28 June 2003

Mark "Skip" Minney, four times premiership player with the Eltham Panthers, representative of the DVFL in both seniors and junior grades, Under 10's DVFL, Best & Fairest and a dual A grade Best & Fairest player at Panther Land. On Saturday 28 June 2003, Mark passed another personal milestone, reaching 150 games with the Eltham Football Club (all A grade).

Quite a collection of honours Skip has accumulated over the years playing football. In all the sports he is good at, he has excelled with the pigskin. But why? How has he developed such poise, such skill, and such courageous endeavour? Some of it can be traced back to his gene pool. His father, Keith Minney played DVFL and YCW footy until a hip injury got the better of him at the age of 35. His grand dad played with the mighty Royboys back in the 30's. So you can see where he has developed some of his polish.

This gene background, helped him through, what could be referred to as the "development period" of his life - birth to 15 years of age. These were the days where Pops (his name in those days) had to fight to survive. He had three older siblings all bigger than him. And truly, young Pops (a name only a mother would give you) was merely four foot tall until his growth spurt around 15 years of age. His brother was a black belt in Taekwondo. Skip was smart. He knew which side of the fence to jump on when there was a domestic among brothers and sisters. Pity the oldest sister did not learn a few lessons from the small but wise youngest child as she flew across the room on many occasions.

Then something started to happen in the "dark period" of Skip's life. Reasons we will not be able to completely find out until we are able to examine his work file under the Freedom of Information Act. Our entrenched research reporter found some interesting information on the boy. And it all centres on Torquay. People are starting to question about the real reason why Skips was in Torquay for a year. Considering how he went at Deakin University in Geelong, these intrigued people with nothing better to do are questioning as to why he was shunted off to the holiday Mecca of Victoria.

Back from the bunker in Baghdad, our Johnny on the spot reporter when down to the Bellarine Peninsula to sniff out if the rumours regarding the abuse of alcohol were right. Sent down with an open mind, our correspondent was positively shell-shocked, not by a smart bomb, but on what he uncovered. The clean-cut fourth child of Keith and Carmel, Parade old boy and once on the short list for Catholic Sainthood was in rehabilitation. When you look at how he drinks now a days it all fits in, like sand through an hourglass.

This was no ordinary rehabilitation. Pops was an embarrassment to the clan. He could not hold his drink. The locals at the quaint surfing village of Torquay were the family's last hope and salvation. When quizzed on Skip's "rehab" period the locals were noticeable in their absence. Walk into the Torquay Football Club and there you will find a photo of Skip on the wall and underneath "Under 18's B&F, Member of premiership team". There was no treatment of Skip's condition. Selfishly, they worked out he could play football and put him to the task of winning themselves a bit of glory. Exploited for his talents, Skip was doomed.

All rehab did for Skips was fine-tune his skills. He used the now infamous Dean Sonberg Technique. The DST works by imagining you are a sporting God and you keep practicing and practicing their technique over and over again. This methods origins were discovered when ex-Eltham full forward Roy Lovett was awoken by the sound of a constant bang on the wall inside his house at 4am after a heavy Saturday night during the eighties. He walked into the adjacent bedroom to find former Eltham superstar Dean Sonberg hitting a tennis ball with a squash racket against the bedroom wall. And as bright as a button Dean turned to the soon to be traumatised Roy and said, "You know that Mohamed Khan, he can sure play squash." Instead of practicing his drinking at parties Skip used to kick a footy against a wall dreaming of Bernie Quinlin.

Sorry, we are off the track a bit, but that DST stuff is just so absorbing. Well Skip kept practicing and practicing his footy skills with his rehab mate Brownie and have become legends in the process. Skip and Brownie day after day played kick the kick and on the odd day Skip played table tennis and mastered it also, like Forrest Gump.

Since the rehab year, he has dedicated himself to the birth of his family and football. The good Lord Jesus, may he save us all from damnation, has helped him with two gospel children and one on the way. On the football side of his life, it has enabled his name to be forever recorded on the honour boards at Panther Land (this includes cricket).

Now, in every good Catholic, the devil occasionally rears its ugly head, requiring the occasional redemption or a bit of extra money in the poor box. But there is nothing wrong with living on the doorstep of the devil as an outpost for

Christianity (just ask Ace Eye). The most recent example was after he represented the DVFL against the Eastern Football League last month. Skip is the only guy (besides President Pottsie) that needs a bucket after every drinking session. Furthermore, Skip also needs a hankie as just as much comes out of his nose.

But you have got to give it to Skip, he has always been a wise man, learning from in prior misfortunes. One of the lessons he has learnt is never eat Nachos before a heavy drinking session. It destroys your throat and nostrils on the return trip.

Skip is playing his 150th open age game this weekend. Never played in the seconds and the Club could not be happier about that. Imagine Skip at 5 o'clock after drinking with the boys from the twos. No thanks; the seniors can have him.

Why Who eh?

Matthew Weisheit 100 Games - 17 May 2003

Who? Whit, no Wishart, no its Whitman's, no Whiteshit, Whyshit friggin hell it's Weisheit and it's 100 GAMES. It was back in the pre-season of 1997 when Matty the Whitmans WEISHEIT first drove under the trestle bridge at Panther Place. Who would have predicted back then that on Saturday 17 May 2003 Matty would pass under that bridge to play his 100th game for the mighty Panthers.

He made his way to Panther Place after being recruited in a package deal from the Yarra Glen River Pigs with Lucas (Spook) Paul and Matthew (Mouse) Tallack. The deal cost the Eltham Football Club a 30 can block of Toobies Blue (lucky Bopper was not treasurer back in those days he would have taken one can out of everyone's match payments). Eltham did not know what to expect from the Whitmans, but I am sure if they look back now they would definitely say they got the better of the deal.

Whitmans had only played one year of senior footy and the odd junior game before joining the Panthers. To Matty's credit it did not take him long to earn the respect of his fellow team mates for his courage and never say die attitude on and especially of the ground.

In 1997 he played the first practice match and injured his shoulder. He did not return until round 4 and in round 5 he was promoted for his first senior game for the Panthers. From that game on he cemented a spot on the wing in the senior side and was a very valuable member of the 1997 senior premiership. This of course led to the famous team head shave that Matty went two days late.

His fellow wingman that year was Scott (goose) Mitchell, who would only play if he could line up on the grandstand wing in front of the crowd. Whitmans was ok with this and it was not long before the outer wing in front of can hill became "The Weisheit Wing". What was asked why doesn't he get Goose to change wings. He replied "no way, when I get a bit tired out on my wing I just get a quick smell of the beer flowing on can hill and it gives me a lift, it's like my second home."

Matty that year won the coaches trophy award. This was a credit to his ability to always put the team first and the fact that he was the only one that could stay in a shout with Spraty and then share the driving home duties with him.

Matty then went onto play over 60 consecutive games in the seniors through the '97 '98 and '99 seasons. A memorial moment was in 1998 in 1st Division against Greensborough in the last quarter. The scores were level late in the game and Matty ran back with the flight of the ball head on with their Ruckman and took a courageous team lifting mark. Early in 1999 Matty dislocated his shoulder; it looked like it would be the end of his season. Panthers had a big game the following week and to everybody's admiration Matty turned up at Thursday night training and put himself through a



Whitmans curses the ball to his eagerly awaiting forwards against Mansmore.

rigorous fitness test. Matty then went on to play that Saturday. He played the rest of that season with continuous pain and it was not until the finals that Matty's shoulder finally gave way. The crowd will remember that day for when Matty's shoulder popped out on the North Heidelberg clubrooms wing and the moments that followed when he desperately tried to pop it back in so he could continue to play.

Over the next pre-season Matty underwent reconstructive surgery on his shoulder. His rehab was unorthodox as he attempted to rebuild his shoulder by lifting as many pots and cans as possible. It worked effectively because it was not long before he was back on his outer wing playing senior footy for the Panther in 2000. Unfortunately during that season his other shoulder went causing him to re-assess his football career and his style of play. That year Matty was a big contributor in the reserves first premiership since Charlie Bode was not in charge of the footy's. Unfortunately during that grand final his shoulder went again causing him to end the game in hospital. But he was back to lead the celebrations with his customary tabletop strips in the clubrooms and his leading of the funnel parades.

Since that season Matty resigned himself to the fact that his body would not allow him to play senior football. His form in the twos could not hold him back and he managed to play another dozen games in the seniors over the next couple of seasons. Although his mind was on song and strong as ever his body restricted him. He went on to finishing in the top three in the reserves best and fairest over these two seasons.

Matty is not only known for his on field achievements around Panther Place but his off field antics have also lead him to Panther legendary status. He has been a valuable member of numerous footy trips. His footy trip show bags and especially his witty form guides have become an integral part of the Panther trips. Matty has also been involved in organising a number of Panther social functions and who will ever forget seeing him in that black g-string at the red faces night.

So Matty's 6 years at Eltham have been full of success. Many people around the Club would agree that if his shoulders had stayed in tact he would have been three senior premiership medalions. Eltham has seen Matty transform into a responsible husband and father. It is a credit to his determination and courageous footy manner that he has achieved 100 games with the Club.

Farewell Scott

Scott Jackson 100 Games - 16 August 2003

Scott "Jacko" Jackson is the quintessential evergreen. I'd reckon from the day he played his debut match it looked as though he'd been out there for years. Rugged, tanned and brimming with self confidence, Jacko was one of the old guys before he even pulled on a boot.

On the Saturday of the season, 16 August 2003 Jacko played his 100th game for the Club, a testament to anyone's endurance. But when you're out in the baking sun or the dry cold wind carrying and laying bricks all day, the wear and tear on your body makes getting up Saturday morning and trudging off to play a physical brand of football even more commendable. This has been Jacko's lot for the past seven years since he made his debut in 1997 and probably one of the reasons why he has never done a pre-season. Nothing like keeping yourself fresh.

I tell a lie. I can't say he has never done a pre-season, and I'm not about to matter on about him doing his time in the pub, because we already know that. No, Jacko did his first pre-season this year with one single goal in mind. At the end of 2002 Jacko had recorded 82 games. He needed to play all 18 this season to be able to retire a satisfied man.



Jacko after his 100th and possibly his last game is all smiles.

The punters didn't have much faith in him achieving his goal. A heavy smoker with a bad back from carrying bricks all day, a metal plate in his head, a temper to match a raging Pampala bull with spindly chicken legs looking like they'd snap first time he ran through the knee deep Panther mud. How could he possibly play the 18 games required? But one thing Jacko has always had is fierce determination. Coupled with a strong desire to compete and high tolerance to pain, Jacko willed himself to this weekend and will savour the occasion with his many supporters.

Like Darren Cresswell it was no secret Jacko intended to retire once reaching 100 games. His only Achilles heel would be his strong sense of justice and desire to make things right which came from playing in a team that copped its fair hidings. It has taken strong composure on his behalf to restrain his sometimes gangly, wayward arms, elbows, hands, knees and other personal WMD's (weapon of mass destruction) he possesses.

One thing I will remember about Jacko's game is his persistent kicking out from full-back. Jacko sort of doesn't have a textbook kicking style. To be slightly harsh you could say it was awkward and occasionally ineffective. Jacko could equally close down a fast break with the ball as he could without. A positive slant on it could be that the trajectory was consistent, always 30 metres in the air and 30 metres long. Straightness wasn't so predictable except for in front of goals where it was definitely going to miss everything altogether. We were never that smart in the twos. We had Jacko kicking out and everyone standing at the 50.

Getting back to his kicking out after a point. I sometimes worry about coach Willo and all his predecessors. Jacko should have been banned, red carded and excommunicated from the 10 metre box completely, unless he was punching of course. But Jacko was a simple footballer. I'm the full-back so I kick out. Obviously he was very energetic as well because Jacko generally had only Bopper or Clarky to aim for so if he didn't get it right and the rovers didn't get the ball was on its way back. Now did Bopper and Clarky wear concrete shoes or was that only Pottie. Well anyway they made Jacko look quick.

Jacko played 13 games during 1997 and in 1998 injuries restricted him to just another 12. Jacko is a key position player, but during this time he was regarded as a ruckman. Nicely put, the team was very much a bunch of blokes whose main desire was the beer. Most admired person on a two's player profile is the team manager. He was the guy that brought in the beer. It was all about the beer. The game was rated on the coldness of the beer. Most importantly it was free. Jacko knew that with 22 blokes playing, a coach and a runner he was always good for at least 3 cans out of 24.

Something happened in season 1999, the twos started winning. Jacko found himself in the backline with guys like Pottie, Blacky, Camo and Russ. While they were an assortment of all kinds they banded together and formed part of a backline that took the twos to the finals for the first time since 1974. During the 1999 finals campaign Jacko rates the Preliminary Final victory over hot favourites Lower Plenty as a highlight of his career.

Season 2000 saw Jacko play other 12 games only to have his grand final and premiership chance slip by courtesy of a four week suspension for striking late in the season. Injuries in 2001 and 2002 resulted in only 12 games in each of these seasons and after ending the 2002 season on 82 games the carrot was dangling in front of him. Well Jacko was

play an 18 game perfect season and while he says it's going to be his last the form Jacko has shown this year will make everyone wonder if he will come out and play again. If he does finish his record will be 9 A grade & 91 B.

Every season Jacko mellowers more from the last and we are now seeing his quiet side. Once I even thought I heard someone call him Scott. Jacko is an expected father and as anyone knows there goes the mayhem of living the easy life to one of wonder and worry. Maybe if Jacko does hang up the famous number 23 it won't be all that long of a walk to where all Eltham footballers now retire - to the committee.



Chris Briscoe slotted this one through on the day the Panthers gave ladder leaders Monomerey a big scare on their home turf.

Handy Mac

Andrew McHugh 50 Games - 26 April 2003

With Panther red and black blood pumping out from his heart, carrying oxygen through the capillaries as zealously as Andy "A-Mac" McHugh it's no wonder Montmorency under 19 captain had him in a Hulk Hogan headlock. At the time A-Mac was "on loan" to the Valley Magpies and on their end of season football trip. What made the captain so frustrated with A-Mac was that he would not stop singing the Panther theme song.

Andy McHugh played his 50th open-age game for the Eltham Football Club on Saturday 26 April 2003. It is a milestone well earned having already endured a senior career of very high highs and very low lows for one so short. The highs include 2002 premiership player, being named 2002 vice-captain and the 2001 A grade coaches award. He has fought off the devastation of a season ending knee injury and missing the 2000 premiership via another injury.

Really nice guys are hard to find. Andy McHugh is one of these really great guys and for a football club that means everything. His genuine leadership qualities, patience, generosity and sincerity have made him very much liked and respected amongst his peers. Wonderful traits to bring to a team environment and club culture.

A personal trainer to highly affectionate housewives in a Malvern gym, Andy has the convenience of working on his stamina and consistent performance whilst enjoying the company of his clients. His strength and effortless pace make him a versatile weapon to cover tall and quick players. The added advantage of being a little hairy helps his capacity to blanket dangerous opposition players. And his ability to sweat on call is an asset well suited to his profession.

Andy played all his junior football in the Panther jersey from the midget under 10's to under 17's. His team mates included Tom & Lach Richardson every second year and 2000 premiership player and good mate Chris Mintern. In 1998 the Club failed to field a C grade team so A-Mac decided to venture off to Para Road for a run.

The very low for A-Mac was enduring a knee injury during a practice match before the 1999 season after having been named under 19 captain. He was sidelined for the entire year never to play an under 19 Panther game.

In one of the most profitable seasons in Eltham history, A-Mac made his debut. Round 1 season 2000, he played his first of 15 B grade games. The boys lost the game against Diamond Creek, one of only two for the year. By round 4 he had pushed his way into the senior line up, playing his first of 34 A grade games against Mernda. By season end both teams were victorious in the grand final.

It was a personal misfortune that on the injured list on grand final day was A-Mac, with other notables Scott Jackson and Steve Russell. Regarded as a quiet and inconspicuous fellow, Andy's absence was caused by actions quite out of character. But he had only himself to blame after opening up a serious gash to his hand from not negotiating a simple mount over a barbed wire fence. Yes, he was under the influence. Wonder if the infamous big drinking, big boy Paul "Pinkers" Pinkerton was the terrible influence.

In season 2001, Andy started to become a regular fixture in the A grade team, playing 11 games and making such an impression that he was given the job as one of the vice-captains for 2002. Including the 2002 premiership Andy played a further 18 senior games developing from a pigeon holed wingman into a versatile hard running back man who can play on both on a tall or quick player. Some say his good qualities are that he is subdual and unassuming but he is also a very handy Mac.



Andy Mac bursts through to pack after the loose ball helping the reserves score a win against Lower Pines.

Jimmy Mercurial

James Stirtens 50 Games - 26 April 2003

In the big recruiting coup of 2000 Gary Jessop brought to the Eltham Football Club eventual premiership captain Craig McKay, current assistant coach Ian Young, premiership coach Wayne Freeman and a little known Montmorency under 19 player James Stirtens. What made it one of the most significant recruiting moments for the Club was not what they brought to the on-field department but the fantastic clubmen they became.

For an unknown under 19 player, little Jimmy did not come cheap. In the last great beer barrel exchanges, Stirtens' value was 3. Luckily for his approachable nature, and willingness to converse and help out where he can, Stirtens has endeared himself to his peers, Club members and supporters. And on Saturday 26 April 2003 all at the Club celebrated his 50th game in the Panther colours.

Stirtens made his debut in the senior team against Diamond Creek in round 1 of season 2000. He started the season as an attacking back pocket player until moved to become an elusive goal kicking forward pocket. He is probably most remembered for his five goals from five kicks in the 2000 grand final win against red hot favourites Watsonia. His occasional boss Steve Kilby says his output from the game was typical of his work ethic, "quality not quantity."

Whippet boy Stirtens is not unlike his look-a-like, the mercurial Bomber Mark Mercuri. Expectations are high but the genuine product is not always delivered. When it is though, the patient onlookers regard themselves as privileged.

The 2002 preliminary final provided the platform for another unforgettable Stirtens. In the second quarter Stirtens turned it on helping the team get back into the game and record a memorable victory.

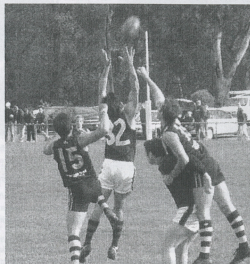
In the first game this season, the goal Stirtens kicked to seal the match left the two pursuers and the crowd on the terrace gof smacked. It was simply mercurial when out of nowhere the afterburners switched on and the tired would be tacklers were left chewing on Jimmy dust.

Because of his outstanding qualities, Jim was approached by the Club to become its first Junior Development Officer. A position he still holds, Jim is responsible for coordinating and implementing the Club's development programs. Jim has been nothing but a great success in this role, even to the point of becoming a cult hero with the kids.

Lover boy Jimmy's attraction is unlimited. His nice boy image has all the females adoring him. Not to mention his dimpled smile, athletic body and kind reassuring eyes. But even the girls would agree, Jimmy was more like a kind, gentle brother than someone they wanted to date. Not that lover boy has adopted the Goose Mitchell "treat them mean keep them keen" attitude but he has changed and is now reaping the benefits. Or maybe it was just joining an athletics club?

In a surprise to all bad skinny Jimmy holds the record for "funnelling" the most cans using Mouses notorious funnel contraption. He even held off Lauey Mc from the famous beer drinking McCreery clan and represented the country in the funnel-off against the Americans, who were well represented by the famous duo "Donnie" Lucero and "Ice" Thurmond.

Truely a larger than life character, loved by many but admired by more when the real "Jimmy Mercurial" show comes to town.



Stirtens flies confidently against Heidelberg with some shepherd's help from Mike.

Will the Real Richo Please Stand Up?

Nick Richardson 50 Games - 3 May 2003

Who is the real Nicholas Richardson? Does he work for ASIO? Is he the researcher for the US drama CSI (Crime Scene Investigation)? Is the Eltham Football Club his post-graduate laboratory project following his studies in psychology and criminology at Melbourne University? For that matter is Nick Richardson the first Eltham footballer to attend Melbourne University?

The real Richo? Who knows, but the original Richo ran out for his 50th game with the Eltham Panthers on Saturday 3 May 2003 against Heidelberg. Nick is another product of the Eltham juniors. Besides travelling up the road to Hurstbridge in 1996 when the Panthers were without an under 19 team Richo has been decked out in the red and black all his career.

Nick is recognised for his pace, undoubted courage and strong marking. Often when the team is in trouble Richo is sent in to burrow for the pill and dish out to the marquee players. Nick is first to admit that he has continually struggled with his kicking, which, along with his desire to be a full time student, has hindered his progress to the heights achieved by his younger brothers.

Nick Richo made his debut round 1, 1997 against Reservoir in the A grade team. He suffered a significant injury in the first ever DVFL ANZAC day clash in the twilight at Epping against Whittlesea. Disastrously, it finished Nick's season. He played in three losses and the seniors finished off the season with 16 from 17 and won the premiership. Oddly, this A grade losing sequence would plague Nick.

In 1998, Richo played 16 games in the seniors. All but the winning round 15 game against Epping was a loss. Memorable in more ways than one but Nick and Lach and Tom (both making their debut that season) all played together in the Epping game.

Nick Richo featured in a hand full of reserve games in 1999 playing in his first finals series, which was also the Eltham's first reserve grade finals campaign for 25 years. Stopped on grand final day by Whittlesea in 1999, the boys grew even stronger in 2000 and took out the reserve grade premiership and Nick was proudly part of the team. During 2000, Nick played his 20th and last senior game against Watsons in round six. Ironically it was only his second win at the A grade level.

Last season Nick concentrated on his studies and gave footy a miss, which gets us back to our earlier questions. Nick is studying psychological and criminology at Melbourne University and has landed himself a secretive government job. No one knows exactly what he does, apart from e-mailing his friends all day from an unknown location (sounds like he could be the next President of the Panthers). He has further aspirations to get a scholarship next year so he can again go back to studying full time and living the high life of a full time student. If he goes back to school he aims to get his doctrine in psychology where he can be a practicing clinical shrink (move over Pottsie he is more than qualified to deal the theatrics of a football club).

Get Nick to lay down on the soft leather recliner and blurt out his heart and soul takes more skill than possessed by this interviewer. Nick is very evasive when asked what he does. "It's a government job and I can't go into the details." Well, do you at least work for the Australian government? You know the kangaroo and the emu, green and gold, the federation.... "Ahh..." Cannot get a straight reply.

The family is even more guarded. Nick's brother Tom reckons he is squeaky clean. Never mucks up. Always reading books. Never getting in trouble, except for having a messy room (lock him up and throw away the key). So what's Tom hiding? Even after a few nose adjustments Nick still looks like a Richardson so there goes the theory that he is a sleeper.



Nick Richo gets this ball over the top to Angry as the Panthers record their first win against Bundoora since 1982.

Friend Leigh Howse had nothing objective to add. Nick is a quiet guy looking to live off his study and he never really mucks up... blah, blah, blah, we're going to smash the oinks. All he could pin on him was Nick had a silly nickname (sic), BOT (brother of twins). That's like finding a crease in Nick's bed sheets. Let's call in the National Guard! Then Howsey did add to just make up stuff, like what was written about him and all the other blokes (that hurts).

To President Pottsie, Nick Richo has always been a pleasure to play along side. "Nick he has good speed to cover my arse, and a great set of hands to beat my opponent and his in the air. But best of all he has an awkward kicking style and prefers to hand ball. That makes him the only player apart from myself to always handball when someone creates the option. This works well when I am in need of a few easy possessions."

No 16 you're Bangers & Mash are ready

Lloyd Mash 50 Games - 24 May 2003

Lloyd Mash played his 50th game for the Club on Saturday 24 May 2003 against Greensborough. Mashy started playing for the Club in the juniors before switching to Research in under 15s only to come back after two years to play for the under 17s. In 1999 Mashy had a break from football to concentrate on his other love cricket, after being selected in the Victorian Institute of Sport squad.

Mashy returned to the Club in season 2000 and without doing a pre-season training night he played in round 1 in the under 19s. Lloyd made his debut for the seniors after 10 third games against Fawkner Park in round 12. After his selection in round 12 Lloyd stayed in the seniors for the rest of the year including being part of the winning senior grand final side that beat Watsons. Mashy's 10 under 19 games were good enough for him to win the second best and fairest behind Ty O'Meara.

Cricket has always been a major part of Lloyd's sporting life. He played junior cricket at the Club before moving over to Fitzroy Doncaster in the district cricket competition and its cricket that prevents Mashy from ever doing a pre-season of football so he says. In 2001 he played the first four games in the under 19s before playing 13 games in the seniors where again he proved he was a prolific vote scorer scoring amazing 36 votes in the thirds in 4 games and 57 votes in the seniors in 13 games.

In season 2002 Lloyd played all 20 games in the seniors and as well as all seven games this year he has strung together 40 straight senior games. Who said pre-season was important all you need to do is wear some white gear dream up some excuse and come down in March looking for a game. Mashy is a beautiful left foot kick is a deadly in front of goal even better on the run. He can play as a running player or even as a tall and at 21 can only get better. Unfortunately his passion for cricket may see him travel to England during next football season.

Now Lloyd wants you to think that he is the boy from next door that he never does anything a mother or father could question. But I have it on good advice that the five-year mystery streaker of Alistair Knox that scared the Christ out of early morning traffic was our Lloyd Mash. On muck up day 99 after maturing from Eltham High he decided to invest all of his school knowledge in the art of sprinting nude from one end of the park to another at 7.00am. Thank god he decided not to take up this pastime after finding out that he had to beat the likes of Jabba and Leaping to be champion at the Club. After going nude Bangers moved on to falling asleep in the men's toilets after one drinking session he passed out in the Tempy he thought it was such a good act he took it on the road with him we he went to Queensland for work where he put a show on for the Japanese tourists by falling asleep in the toilets at the pub. Now his passed out pissed photo can be seen on billboard all around Tokyo.

Lloyd has played junior football along side current days senior players like Waddys, Moyley Catta and Burts and cricket with Skips. All of them said what a nice bloke he is, a very quiet chap doesn't take anything too serious except for his cricket football and his punting on the horses. If you give him a chance to talk about any of these topics I reckon he would drown you out with his passion for sport.



Mashy looks to mark over the top of a WPL as Paddles crams.

Too Orderly Premier

Kalev Jones 50 Games - 12 July 2003

Officially, Kalev Jones played his 50th open age game for the Eltham Football Club on Saturday 12 July 2003 against Heidelberg, but off the record it just may be his 60th. Yes it seems that once again the trusty statisticians bunkered in the engine room underneath Panther Park's B. J. Barkley Pavilion need to adjust their light globes and maybe do some filing. Awash with paperwork in their quagmire of an administrative pool, caused by having to deal with a junket of member requests, the lads had missed under the pile of Scout "Goose" Mitchell clearance forms, the paper that confirmed the 10 games Jonah opened up with in his debut season of 1998.

Jonah definitely plays his best football when his confidence is up and his intensity is switched to maximum. His determination and strong desire takes over and his natural bulk and talent does the rest. If he sits back and lets it all happen the pace of the game moves too fast and he can struggle. Some days he crashes open packs to force the ball to the ground with ease or marks strongly. Other times he is second to the contest, hesitant and prone to spilling easy grabs.

A career junior forward (not the ideal school of hard knocks), Jonah is now asked to hold down the high-pressure key defensive positions in the team each week. Not that pressure is new to Jonah, at work as an orderly to Premier Steve Bracks, he knows too well that if he makes a mistake he may find himself on the back-bench with Christine Campbell. Being a non-aggressive, patient and thoughtful person are handy traits to possess under these circumstances, but on the football field Jonah needs to release his more assertive side.

The Club was in 1st division for season 1998 and everyone at Panther Park was finding it tough. On the field it was no less than disastrous with the seniors getting beaten by 100 points or more on 11 occasions, the coach was replaced mid season and the two never won a game getting beaten by less than 50 points only once. The place was on life support and desperately needed an injection of new blood.

From the ruin of 1998 came the birth of a new generation of players. Jonah along with other current players Lach Richardson, Tom Richardson, Luke McCreery, Chris Moyle and Adam Downs all made their senior debut for the Club aged 19 and under in 1998. Under 19 captain Andy McHugh would have made his as well except for a wrecked knee during pre-season. Of those players Jonah is the fourth to reach the 50 game mark representing the Panthers.

Jonah, a big broad strapping lad, made his debut against North Heidelberg in round 8 and played all the remaining games for the season except for the infamous victory against Epping in round 15. Infamous because it was the only A grade win the Club managed in 54 games in 1st division from 1996 to 2001. Jonah missed the Epping game because he was playing at the MCG for Parade College in their win over St Patrick's of Ballarat in the grand final of the prestigious Herald Sun Shield.

Understandably disheartened and disillusioned after the season, Jonah still eligible for C grade, tried his luck at Bundooras and Lower Plenty in 1999. Still not satisfied he travelled once more following his Dad, Mick, who was coaching Collegians of Wesley in the VAFA. But his ties through playing cricket at Eltham and having his heart at Panther Park eventually drew him back home in 2001.

It was not until 2002 when Jonah, the fast-medium pacer for the summer Panthers, eventually played in a winning side at Eltham in open age football. It was round one at Hurstbridge when the team started another successful 2nd division campaign. At year end, when the boys capped off the season with the premiership, Jonah achieved his career highlight.

Jonah is a fabulous asset for any Club to have. Not only is he big, athletic and skilful, but is devoted to the cause, friendly and volunteers his time when required without question. Congratulations on 50 odd maybe even 60 games from the boys down at the administration abyss.



Jonah gets the handball away under pressure from the Dogs.

Honour Board 1st XVII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL votes	Goal Kicker
2003	Mark Minney	Adam Costessa	Michael Martin	David Brown	Mark Minney	Gavan Neville Chris Moyle
2002	Lach Richardson	Steven Kilby	Lloyd Mash	Craig McKay	Lach Richardson	Luke Kennell
2001	Mark Minney	Lach Richardson	Marcus Dean	Andrew McHugh	Brett Grant David Brown	Janey Sinton
2000	Lach Richardson	Steven Kilby	Mark Minney	Chris Minnem	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	Matt Weisheit	David Brown	Greg Wilson
1996	David Brown	Mark Minney	Daniel Howse	Dean Pilgotts	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 Brown	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	Paul Bradford	Robert Solar	Ron Wilson



Micky Martin kicks at goal at War Memorial Oval in Greensborough

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Honour Board 2nd XVIII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL votes	Goal Kicker
2003	Dan Irwin	Scott Jackson	Leigh Howe	Brett Aldred	Matt Weisheit	Rob Jordan
2002	David Street	Michael Iddon	Red Garland	Daniel Prior	David Street	David Street
2001	Paul Smith	Luke Fens	Matt Weisheit	Matt Weisheit	Matt Weisheit Red Garland	John Curran
2000	Dean Philpotts	Matthew Rogers	David Street	Mick Iddon	David Street	Greg Wilson
1999	Andrew Clarke	Greg Wilson	Grant Pittard	Scott Jackson	David Street	Greg Wilson
1998	Andrew Turner	Mick Iddon	Chris Daw	Andrew Turner	Joe Fisher Darren Jensen	David Ward
1997	Justin Green	Jamie Cameron	Marcus Gardam Grant Pittard	Justin Green	Brett Shea	Darren Hartney
1996	Gary Griffin	Grant Pittard	Red Whitcher	Lyndon 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	Red Whitcher	Grant Pittard	Blair Penstell	Adam Gardam
1993	Darren Arnel	Kevin Lynch	Greg Wilson		Blair Penstell Grant Pittard	Adam Gardam
1992	John Goulding	David Street	Robert Owen	Paul Hingson	Darren Campbell	
1991	Daryl Megna	Ray Buhagiar	David Street	Ray Buhagiar	Adrian Mescaluna	
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	Billy Beradon	Shane Leech		Peter Shaw	Jason Schermb
1987	Gary French	Kevin Lynch	David Wilson	Mark McCarthy	Alan Rock	Mark Deasy



Coach Phil Maylin addresses the players at three quarter time in the match against Murrumbidgee.

Honour Board 3rd XVIII

Year	1 st Best & Fairest	2 nd Best & Fairest	3 rd Best & Fairest	Coaches Award	DVFL B&F votes	Goal Kicker
2003	Andrew Moyle	Adrian Wilson	Keith Davidson	Warren Evans	Adrian Wilson	Adrian Wilson
2002	Greg Strickland	Josh Callaghan	Nathan Peck	Scott Weisheit	Josh Callaghan	Jayson Burleigh
2001	Keith Davidson	Adam Burton	Brett Aldred	Paul Haydock	Paul Haydock	Ben Waterman
2000	Ty O'Meara	Lloyd Mash	Chris Brinacat	Jason Burleigh	Brett Aldred	Luke Kennell
1999	No Side					
1998	Johnno Caddy	Tom Richardson	Chris Moyle	James Lambeth	Johnno Caddy	Johnno Caddy
1997	No Side					
1996	Pulled out of Competition after Round 4				Daniel Palumbo	Adam Lockier
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	No Side					
1992	Shane Gloury	Paul Brown	Ashley Dickson	Chris Fisher	Paul Brown	Ashley Dickson

Club Captains & Coaches

Year	Captains			Coaches		
	1 st XVIII	2 nd XVIII	3 rd XVIII	1 st XVIII	2 nd XVIII	3 rd XVIII
2003	Lach Richardson	Grant Pittard	Keith Davidson	Phil Maylin	Greg Wilson	Mark Minney
2002	Lach Richardson Craig McKay	Grant Pittard Leigh Miller	Jayson Burleigh	Wayne Freeman	Greg Wilson	Mark Minney
2001	Craig McKay	Dean Philpotts	Adam Burton	Grant Turnbull	Wayne Freeman	Joe Donato
2000	Lucas Paul Mark Minney	Dean Philpotts Greg Wilson	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 Johnno 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 Gigliotto
1995	Paul Smith	Byron Smith	Adam Every	Grant Wilson	Gary Collinson	Brett McCormack
1994	Darren Sinclair	Darren Arnel	Adrian Palumbo	Grant Wilson	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 Hingson		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	Andy Hingson	Ron Wilson	Wayne Tesch	Bob Burton
1986	Daryl Megna			Daryl Megna	Wayne Tesch	Graham Sinclair
1985	Daryl Megna			Daryl Megna	Graham Sinclair	Alan Moys
1984	Warren Deasels	Alan Rock	Greg Jenkins	Alex Walker	Graham Sinclair	Mark Amery
1983	Warren Deasels			Hansa Mann		
1982	Warren Deasels			Hansa Mann	Colin Gray	John Harrison
1981	Stan Mitchell	Colin Gray		Stan Mitchell	Colin Gray	Ian Shakespeare
1980	Stan Mitchell			Stan Mitchell	Mike Curwood	Colin Gray
1979	Stan Mitchell			Stan Mitchell		

Head-to-Head History

Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	%	Last win	Last loss	Sequence
Epping	87	38	47	2	43.6%	1998	2003	1 draw
Macleod	85	61	23	1	72.4%	2002	2000	2 wins
Heidelberg	82	30	52	0	36.5%	1982	2003	15 losses
Greensborough	79	26	53	0	32.9%	2003	2003	1 loss
Montmorency	77	25	50	2	32.4%	1977	2003	19 losses
Diamond Creek	75	43	31	1	58.0%	2002	2000	2 wins
Heidelberg West	74	39	31	4	55.4%	2002	1994	7 wins
South Morang	68	50	18	0	73.5%	2002	1997	3 wins
North Heidelberg	52	20	31	1	38.4%	1990	2003	13 losses
Watsonia	38	27	11	0	71.0%	2002	1993	9 wins
Reservoir	32	13	19	0	40.6%	2002	2002	1 win
Lalor	30	15	15	0	50.0%	1983	1998	11 losses
Northcote Park	29	7	22	0	24.1%	1988	2003	14 losses
West Preston	28	12	16	0	42.8%	1995	2003	6 losses
Mernda	27	20	6	1	75.9%	2002	2002	1 win
Whittlesea	18	11	7	0	61.1%	2002	2002	1 loss
Bundoora	18	3	15	0	16.6%	2003	2003	1 win
Hurstbridge	16	9	7	0	56.2%	2002	2002	1 loss
Lower Plenty	10	4	6	0	40.0%	2003	2003	1 loss
Kinglake	5	5	0	0	100.0%	2002		5 wins
Panton Hill	5	5	0	0	100.0%	2002		5 wins
Fawkner Park	2	2	0	0	100.0%	2002		2 wins
Thomastown	1	1	0	0	100.0%	2002		1 win
Wallan	1	1	0	0	100.0%	2002		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 / St Andrews	2	2	0	0	100.0%	Last played in 1995		
Totals	1086	554	518	14	51.1%			

EPPSA Report

The EPPSA had a difficult 2003 season with only our only achievement being recognising player milestones with the written articles. It even took us towards the end of the year to get a copy of the winning 2002 Premiership side on the club rooms. We understand that all good things take time but we need to do more work in the off season with photos and ensuring all premiership photos are on our walls and are in perfect condition.



Garry, Rory, Hans & Barry occupy their familiar spot adjacent to the canteen bar.

We didn't actively collect membership this year but we did have some loyal members who paid based on loyalty and we will need to continue to involve everyone around the club so we can keep updating our history and recognising our current players.

The EPPSA also have finally merged with the Club (since the executives are the same). The EPPSA no longer have separate financial accounts and this will allow us to ensure that the Club does take responsibility for its proud history and achievements of its players. This will enable us to increase funding for things like honour boards for the reserves and thirds. The EPPSA will continue to seek members and produce yearbooks and ensure those funds are directed to the intended area. If you have any stories, photos,

history of the Club Paul Smith and Dean Philpotts are willing to take a copy meet the expense. If you know of any ex-Eltham people please tell them about the EPPSA or direct them to our web-site www.elthamfc.com.au or e-mail address elthamfc@hotmail.com.

The EPPSA has again finished the year acknowledging current players passing game milestones. This year there were 12 players to play milestone games bringing the total players recognised for their achievements to 40 since the 2000 season. The EPPSA not only want to celebrate current players but ensure that our distinguished past is also remembered.

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Jacko & Micky Mds are off joyously selling meat trays raffle tickets each week supplied generously by Eltham Village Meats.

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The boys walk off the ground satisfied after defeating Greensborough

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