

**"LET'S LOOK
AT FOOTBALL"**



Geoff Williams, Geelong half-back, drawn by Jim Edema.



GEOFF WILLIAMS
One of the strongest links to the
Geelong defence.

SPEEDY GEELONG

LEAGUE

Only game missed - injury

APRIL 19

Melbourne v. Geelong 1
Fitzroy v. Richmond
South Melb. v. St. Kilda
Hawthorn v. Collingwood
Footscray v. Essendon
North Melb. v. Carlton

APRIL 26

Geelong v. Footscray 2
Richmond v. Hawthorn
St. Kilda v. Melbourne
Collingwood v. Fitzroy
Essendon v. North Melb.
Carlton v. South Melb.

MAY 3

South Melb. v. Richmond
Geelong v. St. Kilda
Collingwood v. Essendon
Carlton v. Fitzroy
Melbourne v. Hawthorn
North Melb. v. Footscray

MAY 10

Richmond v. North Melb.
St. Kilda v. Collingwood
Essendon v. Carlton
Fitzroy v. Geelong
Hawthorn v. South Melb.
Footscray v. Melbourne

MAY 17

Collingwood v. Carlton
Footscray v. Richmond
Geelong v. North Melb.
Melbourne v. South Melb.
Fitzroy v. Hawthorn
St. Kilda v. Essendon

MAY 24

Lightning Premiership at M.C.G.

MAY 31

Collingwood v. Footscray 6
Richmond v. Geelong
North Melb. v. Melbourne
South Melb. v. Fitzroy
Hawthorn v. Essendon
Carlton v. St. Kilda

JUNE 7

Melbourne v. Collingwood
Fitzroy v. St. Kilda
North Melb. v. Hawthorn

JUNE 9

Carlton v. Geelong 7
South Melb. v. Footscray
Essendon v. Richmond

JUNE 14

Victoria v. West Australia 8
at M.C.G.
Essendon v. Geelong at Brisbane
Coll'wood v. Richmond at Sydney
North Melb. v. South Melb. at Hobart
Fitzroy v. St. Kilda at Trafalgar
Carlton v. Hawthorn at Bendigo

JUNE 21

Essendon v. Melbourne 9
Geelong v. South Melb.
St. Kilda v. Hawthorn
Footscray v. Fitzroy
Richmond v. Carlton
Collingwood v. North Melb.

JUNE 28

Carlton v. Footscray 10
Fitzroy v. Essendon
South Melb. v. Collingwood
Hawthorn v. Geelong
Melbourne v. Richmond
North Melb. v. St. Kilda

JULY 5

Melbourne v. Fitzroy 11
North Melb. v. South Melb.
Essendon v. Geelong
Collingwood v. Richmond
St. Kilda v. Footscray
Hawthorn v. Carlton

JULY 12

Carlton v. Melbourne 12
Fitzroy v. North Melb.
South Melb. v. Essendon
Geelong v. Collingwood
Richmond v. St. Kilda
Footscray v. Hawthorn

JULY 19

Geelong v. Melbourne 13
Richmond v. Fitzroy
St. Kilda v. South Melb.
Collingwood v. Hawthorn
Essendon v. Footscray
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Victoria v. South Australia
at Adelaide

JULY 26

Footscray v. Geelong 14
Hawthorn v. Richmond
Melbourne v. St. Kilda
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AUGUST 2

Richmond v. South Melb. 15
St. Kilda v. Geelong
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Hawthorn v. Melbourne
Footscray v. North Melb.

AUGUST 9

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Geelong v. Fitzroy
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Melbourne v. Footscray

AUGUST 16

Carlton v. Collingwood 17
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North Melb. v. Geelong
South Melb. v. Melbourne
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AUGUST 23

Footscray v. Collingwood 18
Geelong v. Richmond
Melbourne v. North Melb.
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Essendon v. Hawthorn
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AUGUST 30

Collingwood v. Melbourne 19
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Geelong v. Carlton
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Richmond v. Essendon

FINAL MATCHES at M.C.G.

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Matches to be played on grounds of first-named clubs, except League round for June 14th.



This is how the 1952 side lined up: B.—Smith, Morrison, Sharp, H.B.—Middlemiss, Hyde, Williams, C.—Worner, Palmer, Fulton, H.F.—Turner, Flanagan, Davis, F.—Norman, Goninon, Pianto, Foll.—Renfrey, McMaster, Rover.—Trezise.

Fred led the Geelong team pictured above which thrashed Collingwood by 46 points in the 1952 Grand Final.



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LETTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
"THE INSPECTOR"

18th April, 1952.

Mr. G. H. Williams,
Australia and New Zealand Bank Limited,
WINDSOR.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I have noted with pleasure your inclusion in the Geelong team for tomorrow and extend my best wishes for your debut and trust that it will be the forerunner to a successful football career.

Yours sincerely,

BEST PLAYERS

GEE LONG.—Geoff Williams (best on ground) returned to form at half-back. Was consistent all day with well-directed kicks. Jim Roberts, for his splendid showing at centre. A masterly display. Neil Trezise, Bob Davis and Russ Middlemiss all played well and helped greatly in the last quarter rally.

HAWTHORN.—Ted Fletcher for his excellent marking and position play. Was an inspiration to his side. Clive Philp, Roy Simmonds and Peter Hughes were towers of strength in defence with fine marking and dash. Lance Wilkinson gave a speedy performance on the wing, giving drive to forwards.



GEOFF WILLIAMS, Geelong centre half-back on Saturday, sketched by Lloyd Hagger, who names Williams as best player in the Hawthorn-Geelong game.



Geelong Cricket and Football Club

President:
G. A. R. JENNINGS, J.P.
Barwon Heads
Phone 46

Secretary:
LAIRD SMITH
Phone: Geelong 2387

Mr. G. H. Williams.
Bank of Australia.
Chapel St.,
WINDSOR.

Dear Geoff.,

I desire to advise that training of the Geelong Football Club, will commence at the Kardinia Park Oval, on Tuesday, 18th. March '52 at 4.30.p.m.

Mr. H. Pullen, a Vice President, of the Club has arranged for you to train at the Hawthorn Football Club, and I will notify you at a later date of their commencing date.

It is too early yet to start making arrangements for travelling to Geelong, but I can assure you that they are well in hand.

As has been previously stated the Geelong Football Club will pay all your travelling expenses, and I can assure you that all officials and ex-players will do their utmost to advise and help you in your endeavour to make the grade.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY.

6 MALOP STREET

GEELONG 1st. February 1952.

Football Club

6 MALOP STREET

GEELONG 24th. February 1952.

The Committee of the Club extend a cordial invitation to your inclusion in the

at Kardinia Park, Geelong, on Tuesday, under the supervision of Mr. Harry Pullen, a Geelong vice-president, resident in Melbourne. The Club, will give every effort to make the

you will advise me as to the approximate date, to enable me to make your accommodation. Expenses, board, etc.,

With your own training purposes, as you have done in years, and it is your training uniform.

Attendance at the training will be at your expense. I am sure you of my committee will find a place in our

I hope to see you within the

Sincerely,

Gippsland star at Geelong

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GEEELONG, 24th February 1951.

Mr. Geoff Williams.
c/o Bank of Australia.
WARRAGUL

Dear Geoff,

The President and Members of the Committee of the Geelong Football Club extend to you a very cordial invitation to train with the Club, with a view to your inclusion in the Team for the 1951 Season.

Training will commence at Kardinia Park, Geelong, on Tuesday, 13th March, 1951, at 4.30 p.m., under the supervision of the Club Coach, former Champion Interstate player, Reg Hickey, who, with the Officials of the Club, will give you every advice and assistance in your efforts to make the League Team.

It will be much appreciated if you will advise me of your acceptance of this invitation, also the approximate date of your arrival in Geelong for training, to enable me to complete the necessary arrangements for your accommodation. Of course, you know that your travelling expenses, board, etc., will be met by the Club.

Please ensure that you bring with you your own jersey, socks and football boots for training purposes, as these have been in short supply for some years, and it is much better for you if you have your own training uniform.

I shall look forward to your attendance at the Park on the above-mentioned date, and assure you of my complete co-operation in your efforts to gain a place in our Team.

Kind regards, and I hope to see you within the next few weeks.

Yours very sincerely,

SECRETARY.

We have completed arrangements for your transport from Melbourne and return with Mr. H. Pullen, a Vice-President, who lives in Melbourne. Please notify when you will be available.

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North Melbourne Football Club

Founded 1869
PREMIERS 1903, 1904, 1910, 1914, 1915, 1918

Recreation Reserve,
Arden Street, North Melbourne, N.I

22nd February 1951

President:
FRANK TRAINOR
191 Elizabeth Street,
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E. H. CASTLES
27 Albert Street,
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Mr Geoff Williams,
WARRAGUL.

Dear Geoff,

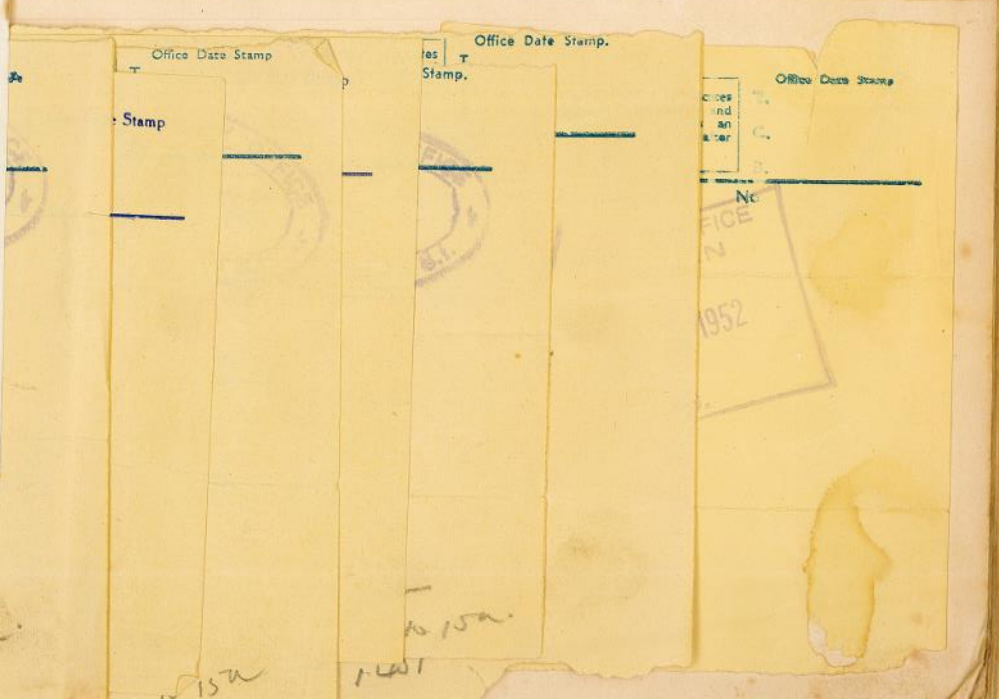
I received a letter from Horrie Farmer today telling me that he had had a talk to you about trying out your skill with North this year and, so, I am writing now to extend to you an official invitation to do so. We have a very good side at North but it is not quite good enough and we have to secure some new talent so that we can advance one further step up the ladder and win a League premiership and maybe you are one of the links we need.

In trying to sell North to you I could say quite a lot but will suffice by saying that the Club is "tops" in every way and that our one idea is to play straight all the time. I would like you to come down and see for yourself at our expense and without any obligation on your part, my suggestion is that you have some light training up there and come down for some of our Practice Matches, I will let you know when they will be held. If necessary we would arrange for your transport and I can assure you that you would be made quite welcome.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Adams
Secretary



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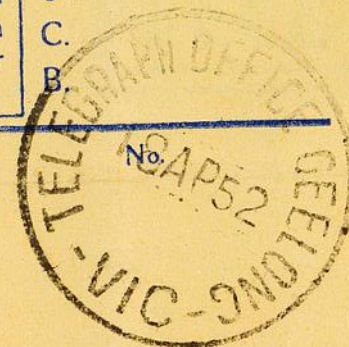
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G WILLIAMS 295
C/O 6 MALOP ST
GEELONG

ALL THE VERY BEST FOR TOMORROW MAY YOU HAVE A SUCCESSFUL SEASON
FROM YOUR OLD CLUB
EAST GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB

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ALL THE BEST MATE STICK IT OUT ALL ALLYOU CAN
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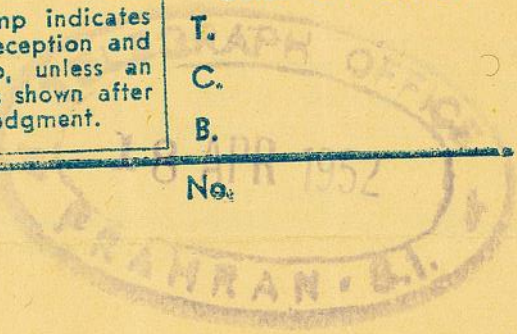
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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ALL THRILLED AT HOME KEEP CALM

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MR G WILLIAMS
CARE GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB
KARDINIA PARK GEELONG.

CONGRATULATIONS ON SELECTION BEST WISHES FROM SHENTON KNIGHTS

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BANK OF AUSTRALASIA

150 CHAPEL ST WINDSOR

CONGRATULATIONS PROUD OF YOU ... DENDLE FAMILY

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10 15th

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G WILLIAMS
GEE LONG ROOMS 4
CRICKET GROUND S MELBOURNE

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GOOD LUCK WE WILL BE THERE TODAY

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GOOD NEWS COME THROUGH TOMORROW

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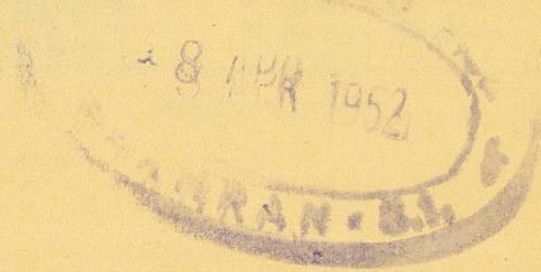
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CONGRATULATIONS GOOD LUCK

... GEELONG HIGH SCHOOL

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EAST MELBOU

MR GEOFF WILLIAMS
 GEELONG ROOM DRESSING 8
 MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

ALL SORTH OF GOOD LUCK FROM COMMITTEE AND BOYS
 C J TYBSEN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PRESID

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MALVERN

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BEST OF LUCK COME ON THE CATS...GIL RUSH

(17 GIL RUSH)

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1952



D. PALMER



L. O'HALLORAN



G. WILLIAMS

These three are the only alterations to the Geelong team to play at the M.C.G. to-morrow to that which won the 1951 premiership. Doug Palmer and Geoff Williams will be making their first appearance in League football.

League Football

**WILLIAMS AND PALMER
GAIN PLACES IN TEAM**

GAMES TO-MORROW

League

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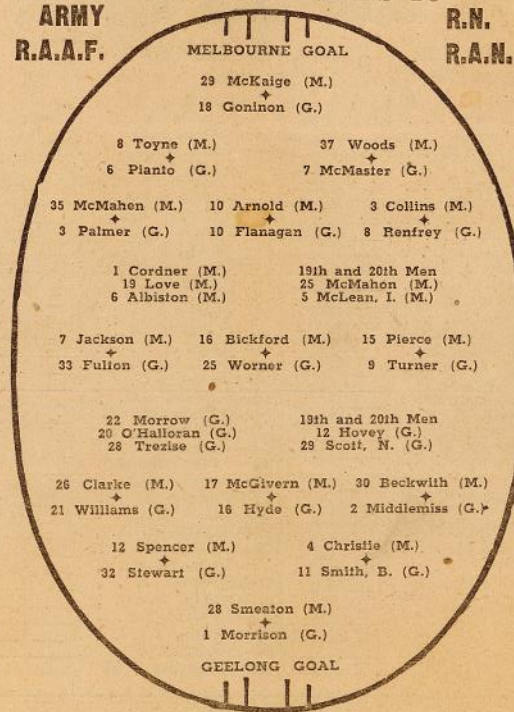
THE FOOTBALL RECORD

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OFFICIAL OPTICIANS TO

ARMY
R.A.A.F.

R.N.
R.A.N.



After Saturday's three practice games the training list was reduced to 50.

Geoff Williams (Warragul), half-back, created a favorable impression with his speed, tenacity and long drop-kicking.

Jack Clark (Ararat) continues to improve with each game. Neil Milgate (Ballarat) looks like holding down the centre position.

Jack Edwards, who played well at full-back, had to leave the ground in the final quarter following a kick on a knee.

Kevin Dynon could not play because of a bruised thigh sustained on Thursday.

Old players in form were Les Foote, Frank Jeeves, Jock Spencer and Ted Jarrard.

V.F.L. REGISTERED PLAYERS

GEELONG

(Blue & White)

	G	B
1—Morrison, R.		
2—Middlemiss, R.		
3—Palmer, D.		
4—Davis, R.		
5—Smith, S.		
6—Pianto, P.		
7—McMaster, C.		
8—Renfrey, R.		
9—Turner, L.		
10—Flanagan, F. (C.)		
11—Smith, B. (v.c.)		
12—Hovey, R.		
13—Davies, D.		
14—West, P.		
15—Tuckwell, J.		
16—Hyde, J.		
17—Reed, L.		
18—Goninon, G.		
19—Stevens, J.		
20—O'Halloran, L.		
21—Williams, G.		
22—Morrow, T.		
23—Swarbrick, G.		
24—Herbert, H.		
25—Worner, A.		
26—Sharp, N.		
27—Rayson, N.		
28—Trezise, N.		
29—Scott, N.		
30—Norman, J.		
31—Walsh, A.		
32—Stewart, L.		
33—Fulton, T.		
34—Scott, D.		
36—Richardson, M.		

JACK DYER

SUN EXPERTS' TIPS

LLOYD HAGGER	DAN MINOGUE	JACK BAGGOTT	HARC RUMPH
Footscray	Footscray	Footscray	Essen
Nth. Melb.	Carlton	Nth. Melb.	Carl
Geelong	Geelong	Geelong	Geelo
C'wood	C'wood	C'wood	C'wo
Richmond	Fitzroy	Richmond	Fitzr
Sth. Melb.	Sth. Melb.	Sth. Melb.	Sth. M

See what these experts

GOOD START LIKELY FOR PREMIERS

GEELONG, 1951 premiers, should open its account with a win against Melbourne in a match which is likely to attract a big crowd to the M.C.G.

It will be interesting to see whether ex-champion Norman Smith can inspire the "will-to-win" which was so sadly lacking in Melbourne's play last season.

He has a big job in front of him, particularly today against a practically unaltered premiers side.

He has plenty of material at his disposal, however, and results are really on the players' shoulders.

The Geelong attack, without Sid Tate and match-winning Bob Davis, is not as awe-inspiring as last year. Defenders of opposing sides will not lose so much sleep worrying about Davis's speed and disruptive tactics.

Davis's loose man game and Tate's excellent delivery meant many goals to George Goninon. Still, there are enough good footballers who have developed excellent teamwork to give Geelong healthy scores.

Geoff Williams, Warra-gul half-back, learnt his football at Geelong and should fit into the defence well. Melbourne will find goals hard against Geelong's powerful and aggressive, set defence.

Melbourne has too many "ifers."—If things go right, the side's all right, but if they don't — all over! The Demons have not enough all-round strength. Most of the power is in one or two departments, particularly the half-forward and half-back lines.

These lines — Beckwith, McGivern and Clarke at half-forward — and McMahan, Arnold and Collins at half-back — have the ability to hold their own with any opponents, but the men behind and in front of them could easily let them down.

Denis Cordner looks like being the "big frog in the pond," as his height and marking ability will cause any Geelong ruckman trouble, provided the Cordner can stay the distance. He will be well sup-

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 1952

GEELONG OPENS Defeats Melbourne By One Goal

(By "Pivot")

Geelong opened the season with a win over Melbourne on Saturday at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, but it was by a narrow margin of six points.

It was a neck-to-neck struggle practically throughout the game with little more than two goals separating the scores at any stage. Melbourne, much improved on last season, threw out a desperate challenge, particularly in the last quarter when Geelong was kept down to a score of 1-1.

The initial performance of Geelong's two recruits — Geoff Williams and Doug Palmer — was one of merit.

The attendance was 24,679 and nett gate receipts £1427/3/5.

SCORES

	Geelong	Melbourne
First quarter	4 1 25	5 4 34
Second quarter	10 6 66	8 5 53
Third quarter	14 12 96	12 13 85
Final	15 13 103	14 13 97

Geelong moved quickly at the outset with Morrow and Flanagan

Flanagan (2), O'Halloran, Pianto, Trezise. Melbourne: McGivern (3), Cordner (3), Clarke (3), Albiston (2), Smeaton, Beckwith, Spencer.

Best players.—Geelong: Morrison, Flanagan, Pianto, McMaster, Trezise, Morrow, Williams, Middlemiss. Melbourne: Bickford, Woods, McGivern, Albiston, Spencer, Beckwith, McMahon.

With 11 points to spare and the benefit of the breeze Geelong appeared to be reasonably safe. The position was enhanced when Goninon booted his fourth goal. Play swung to and fro with defence on both sides being a feature. For Geelong Morrison, Smith, Scott, Williams and Hyde were in the forefront, while Woods, Bickford and

The two new Geelong players, Doug Palmer and Geoff Williams, received a number of telegrams conveying good wishes for their debut in League football. Several other players shared in messages wishing them another successful season.

GEELONG REVIVE

The change-over saw Melbourne, through Bickford, force a passage forward for Denis Cordner to goal. Keeping the pressure on, playing with confidence, and doing everything right, Melbourne forged further ahead when Albiston goaled from a difficult angle. Williams turned the next thrust to force play down the centre, Collins meeting the thrust with a dash that saved a critical situation.

Not to be denied, Geelong came again, Flanagan getting a goal—a lucky one—the ball going through on the second bounce. This stirred Geelong to produce a burst of football that forced them to the front, when O'Halloran, Goninon and Pianto kicked truly. When Palmer goaled, Geelong had staged a good recovery, brought about by strong, vigorous play on all parts of the field.

Form of New Players

This is how the new players impressed in the opening League games on Saturday.

LLOYD HAGGER:—
Geoff Williams (Geelong) gave a veteran-like display; has what it takes and should be a "permanent fixture."
Doug Palmer (Geelong)—Excellent pace, tenacity and accurate in kicking.

GEELONG.—Geoff. Williams made a promising beginning on half-back flank and should easily retain his place; Doug Palmer, overshadowed by tough opposition of Melbourne's half-back line, showed out better when transferred to roving.

Geelong.—Geelong had two promising players new to League football. Geoff Williams, of Warragul, and Doug Palmer, of Eaglehawk. Williams was on the half-back line and Palmer on the half-forward flank. Williams was dependable, marked well and sought quickly. Palmer, small, but vigorous, kicked his third goal during the third quarter.

GEELONG: At the MCG Geoff Williams and Doug Palmer, both of Geelong, were the only two players new to League football. Williams, a former Warragul player, was solid on the half-back line. He marked well and made few mistakes. Palmer (Eaglehawk), on the half-forward flank, played vigorous football, marred by some poor kicks.

LEAGUE TRAINING

Geelong Geoff Williams (Warragul), did well at half-back, and also when tried at centre half-back against Fred Flanagan. Other recruits to show promise

GEELONG CLUB'S TRAINING LIST, THIRTY-SIX PLAYERS NAMED

The Match Committee of the Geelong Football Club yesterday named 36 players in the final training list compared with 38 in the final list last season. The list includes 29 old players and seven recruits. Ten players who were on the final list last year were not named yesterday.

A number of those have been granted clearances to other clubs, and others have retired.

Six of the seven new players have been drawn from country clubs over a wide area of the State, while one—M. Richardson—has been promoted from the Second Eighteen. Among the omissions from the list is Ian Toyne, who was granted permission by the match committee to play in the Melbourne Club's practice game on Saturday. Toyne has since been granted a clearance to Melbourne.

N. Zuvich and A. Reid, who were on the list last year, have been listed to train with the Second Eighteen. The complete list is as follows:—

Old Players: F. Flanagan, B. K. Smith, B. Morrison, R. Middlemiss, R. Davis, P. Pianto, C. McMaster, R. Renfrey, L. Turner, R. Hovey, D. Davies, P. West, J. Tuckwell, J. Hyde, L. Reed, G. Goninon, J. Stevens, L. O'Halloran, T. Morrow, H. Herbert, A. Worner, N. Rayson, N. Trezise, N. Scott, J. Norman, L. Stewart, T. Fulton, D. Scott, S. Smith.

New Players: G. Williams (Warragul), G. Swarbrick (Hawkesdale), D. Palmer (Eaglehawk), N. Sharpe (Camperdown), G. McDonald (Warranbool), T. Walsh (Geelong West), M. Richardson (Second Eighteen).

Opening Of Season



Demons rock premiers

MELBOURNE locked its wooden spoon securely away before Saturday's game — and then went on to the M.C.G. to give Geelong the shock of its life.

When it was all over, last year's premiers weren't ashamed of having won by only six points. They were happy to have won at all.

From the first bell it was evident that the 1952 Melbourne was a different Melbourne.

The Demons showed more purpose than last year, greater stamina, played to position better, and generally appeared to have had a much-needed overhaul.

Melbourne fans, although disappointed, went home confident that, if their side did nothing else this year, it would most certainly give a lot of teams a lot of frights.

Standard of the game was high—much higher than one expects so early in the season.

The Geelong machine was

well oiled, and although it took time to warm up—time which could have been fatal—once operating fully it was smooth and efficient.

Geelong won well in defence and on the wings, where Melbourne fell down rather badly.

A highlight was the fine performances of Geelong newcomers Williams and Palmer. Williams, particularly, was impressive, while Palmer showed patches of brilliance and cool-headed skill that mark him as an up and coming star.

Melbourne's new recruit, Toyne, played a steady game; and Albiston, appearing for his second League club, seemed to relish the change.

Geelong was first to score, but Melbourne took charge after a few minutes. The premiers were struggling to settle down, and only tight defence and accurate kicking kept them within coo-ee of the fast Demons.

Fierce onslaught

It was all Melbourne again in the second—but only for a few minutes. Then Geelong settled down, and a fierce and sustained onslaught gave it the lead.

Melbourne peppered its goal in the third, but hurried kicking brought poor reward. Geelong, on the other hand, was more purposeful, and its less frequent attacks produced better results.

The last term saw Geelong in attack for most of the quarter, but it could score only 1—2—the goal coming from a lucky free. Two goals brought the Demons within range, but the bell rang too soon.

SEVEN GOALS A MATCH

Bill Smeaton, Wimmera League forward who was not a success when he played full-forward for Melbourne a couple of seasons ago, is now in better form than ever.

On Saturday Smeaton broke his own Wimmera League record of 120 goals.

He kicked six against Minyip to bring his total for the season to 123—and he still has at least two more matches to play.

Smeaton is full-forward for Ararat, leading team in the Wimmera League. This year he has averaged just on 7 goals a game.

He set the Wimmera League record the year before he came to Melbourne, but when he came to Melbourne he could not find his country form.

Melbourne were down near the bottom of the list and he found kicks hard to get. After 19 games in two years he returned to the country and took a coaching job in the Ballarat League.

BEST YEAR

Then he returned to Ararat where he is now having his best year. His straight kicking has made Ararat favorites for the Wimmera League premiership.

If they win it much credit will go to Smeaton, and, of course, to coach Percy Bushby, formerly with Essendon, who has helped restore the confidence Smeaton lost during his two years with Melbourne.

Smeaton is only 26 and has years of good football in front of him, but he will not attempt to re-enter League football.

He works a 3000-acre property with his father and brother just off the Western Highway between Stawell and Ararat.

Another former League man has had a successful season as a goal kicker. He is former Geelong and Essendon winger, Ron Lunn, now full forward and coach of Birchlea.

Lunn has won the North Central League's goal kicking competition with 46 goals. His team is in the finals, too.

—JOHN DUNN



THE BALL PASSED THEM BY

A MISSED MARK by Bill Smeaton, Melbourne full forward, as he bumps a Geelong defender aside. Bruce Morrison, Geelong full back, is watching the ball fly past him below.

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3rd Match

St. Kilda fumbling but Geelong not top standard

GEELONG, with pace, long kicking and sure handling, out-classed fumbling St. Kilda, but Geelong's form was not premiership standard. St. Kilda lacked fire and understanding. Players seemed slow and were seldom on the move to receive a pass.

Too much short passing was attempted, and failed dismally because of St. Kilda's "flat footedness."



J. Lewis.

Saints made many changes at half-time, but the only successful move was the countering of Terry Fulton (who played a dashing first half) by Brian Woinarski on one wing.

Geelong's greatest strength lay in a practically impassable half-back line.

However, Geelong's centre-line is not as stable as it was. Rovers need to be sharpened up.

In young Norm Sharp Geelong has unearthed a coming star. His inclu-

Geelong have a good boy in Geoff Williams, who has fitted into the defence as though he'd been one of the team for years. Geoff is a safe mark and a good kick. He is a decided acquisitio-

3rd match

tion bolstered up the second ruck. He is rugged, a good mark, and kicks well. **BEST PLAYERS.**—GEE- LONG: In a photo-finish for the best on the ground I place Geelong's half-backs, Geoff Williams, John Hyde and Russ Middlemiss; all played dashing, kicked and marked excellently.

St. Kilda: Harold Bray repeatedly tried to lift the team from centre. Keith Drinan capped good defence with excellent long kicks. Alan Greenshields, half-back wing, marked well and showed dash; Brian Woinarski for good, speedy wing play.

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AMONG THE PLAYERS

Bill McMaster, who gave such promise in the finals last year, has not taken long to strike form. He was seen at his best against Footscray, marking brilliantly, rucking strongly, and capping it all with five majors. If he maintains that form he will be a problem for opposing followers.

In a hard pressed defence two Geelong men stood out for safe marking and sound co-operation. Bruce Morrison, who is probably the most difficult full-back to score against, followed up his great game on the M.C.G. with one equally as good last week. Bernie Smith's shrewd backing up in the pocket and his brilliant clearing dashes placed him on a par with Bruce, and the pair played a formidable part in holding the Bulldogs at bay in the critical stages of the game.

Tom Morrow was another Geelong follower to shine last week. His marking and hitting out were good. Peter Pianto did best of the rovers, and was always a source of danger. Geelong have another good one in half-back flanker, Geoff Williams, who has impressed in both games this season. Strong and determined, and a particularly good aerialist, he has fitted like a glove into the Pivot defence lines. Jim Hyde also starred in defence, and he looks like having a good season.

It takes something out of the box to subdue Fred Flanagan, but Footscray defender, Jack Collins, was more than equal to the task. Supreme in the air, fast and dashing on the ground, his play was characterised by a sureness in ball handling and effectiveness in disposal that marked him as a champion in the making. It would not surprise to see him win his Interstate guernsey this season.

Ted Whitten, who showed such good form last year in attack, has been switched to the pivot to cover the loss of Peter Box, who was injured in a pre-season accident. Ted has settled into his new post as though born to the job, and has beaten in turn good players in Dale and Worner. He was paid a high compliment at Geelong when Leo Turner was moved to the centre in an attempt to quieten him.

Herb Henderson is not spectacular, but he lacks nothing on the score of effectiveness in full-back play. He is holding down that important position in fine style, and he kept Goninon to the moderate total of three goals last week. It was a good effort.

Charlie Sutton is playing as well as ever, and is still the driving force behind the youthful Footscray side, but at times it appears as though his teammates concentrate too much on

CAN GEELONG'S LUCK HOLD

Continued

When Davis, sick of languishing in Adelaide without a game, returned after missing the first five matches the side looked ready to really go places.

Then came the Carlton game. Carlton, who were not even in the four, started off with an eight goals to one burst in the first quarter, and were never headed. Geelong never recovered from the shock. To make matters worse Brownlow Medal

winner Bernie Smith went down. A stretcher was hurried on. It looked like a broken leg. Stretchers are rarely used for anything less in Victorian football.

But Smith's ankle was only badly strained. Supporters, who had travelled 45 miles from Geelong to have their wits scared out of them, breathed freely once again. It was bad, but it could have been worse. Perhaps luck was still with Geelong.



Geoff Williams . . . a fine Geelong defender.

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Next week came the Essendon debacle at Brisbane. From the start that was an ill-fated venture. Morrison, Geelong's champion full-back, was left behind in Melbourne to play for Victoria against Western Australia. Essendon's Coleman, who was the leading goalkicker, and obviously should have been selected in the Victorian side, too, was taken to Brisbane. It looked as though Coleman had been taken to boost the game in the north.

And, with Morrison out of the side, Geelong had no player competent to mind him. Geelong knew that before the game started, and, as Coleman began to pile up goal after goal, it realised just how right had been its pre-game fears. Long before Coleman had kicked his 13th goal for the night, the Brisbane had begun to leave the one spectacle.

Coleman's success revived memories for Essendon supporters seemed to confirm their claim last year that if Coleman had been in the side Essendon, and not Geelong, would have won last year's grand final. Certainly Essendon broken down badly in front of Geelong without Coleman, who has been qualified for four games at last home and home match season. Once again it looks like Geelong's luck. With Coleman's success for Essendon perhaps the League premiership pennant will not be at Geelong.

Hickey's part

Geelong's premierships have well spaced. The first was in 1937, and a long gap to 1952. He had never even been runner-up after winning a premiership in 1937.

Coach Reg Hickey, who has had a football lifetime to live, would love to win two premierships in a row. Hickey doesn't think he amazed everyone with his handling of the Brisbane side—but close friends say he is a Geelong man.

Hickey IS Geelong. He played for the club from 1926 to 1949, member of the 1931 and 1937 premierships sides; was captain of the 1937 team; was captain nine years and with Collins shares the honor of being Geelong's longest serving player to have coached a premiership. Hickey has coached Geelong in three periods, totalling 10 years.

Geelong, Victoria's largest city, was football headquarters weeks before and after the 1952 final. Geelong's welcome on Friday night the side returned from Melbourne after winning the 1951 premiership, made the Mafeking celebrations look like a lemonade party in a one-roomed house.

If Geelong win the premiership again this year the town will be mad. There's no knowing what will happen. At the very least expect a new Ford car—their own at Geelong—and a station!

SPORTING LIFE, AUGUST 22, 1952
McMaster, Fitzroy; Gervasoni (2), Davey (2), Streader, Jarvis.
Best players.—Geelong: Morrison, Pianto, Fulton, Palmer, Middlemiss, Williams, Hyde, Goninon. Fitzroy: Stephen, Jarvis, Coates, Gervasoni, Roberts, Kettle.

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Stephen, Jarvis, Coates, Gervasoni,
Roberts, Kettle.

4th Match

SCORES

	Geelong.			Fitzroy.		
First quarter ..	3	2	20	3	3	21
Second quarter	7	6	48	3	6	24
Third quarter .	9	11	65	4	9	33
Final	14	16	100	6	15	51

In the first few minutes of the game Geelong held the advantage, with Hovey coming into the picture twice to send them into attack, once for a single by Rayson. Goodger and Kettle led the way for Fitzroy, and with the co-operation of Magee a goal was scored by Davey.

Early indications were that it would be a hard, relentless game. As play fluctuated the defences stood strong and scoring was at a minimum. Geelong broke through for a single by Flanagan after Hyde, from the half-back line, had initiated the move, which was carried on by Fulton and Palmer.

Coates twice had shots for Fitzroy. Smith touched the first, and the second was a badly directed shot, and added only another single. Fourteen minutes after the commencement of the match Ross had to leave the field, and his place in the Fitzroy team was taken by Lourey.

did get within scoring distance the indomitable Geelong defenders called a halt. Two additional behinds and a smartly snapped goal by Hovey left Fitzroy trailing by 32 points at the last change.

Fitzroy Over-Run

It was further increased by eight points when Palmer and Flanagan sent to Hovey at the opening of the last quarter. He goaled, and two behinds followed. The pace had slackened, so far as Fitzroy were concerned, but they fought on. On two occasions Streader and Gervasoni had chances to score, but only managed singles. Like a flash play was transferred for Trezise to goal. Flanagan helped Hovey to another, and then Goninon ran around a pack to avoid trouble, took the mark, and scored again. It was the end of Fitzroy, and they had no hope of overtaking the nine goal lead of Geelong. To add further to their discomfort two more behinds were added, and Trezise put on 14th goal.

In a final burst Fitzroy added 2.2—the goals by Gervasoni and Jarvis.

Goal-kickers.—Geelong: Goninon (5), Trezise (4), Hovey (3), Rayson, McMaster. Fitzroy: Gervasoni (2), Davey (2), Streader, Jarvis.

Best players.—Geelong: Morrison, Pianto, Fulton, Palmer, Middemiss,

2nd Match

FOOTSCRAY 7 12 54
 GEELONG 7 3 45

Third quarter goalkickers. — Footscray: McRae, Linton, Sutton.

McMaster goaled from a free after a scrimmage in the goal-mouth. Seconds later he got another with a kick off the ground. Geelong were in front again.

Footscray hit back, but Smith cleared brilliantly. Geelong were playing more coolly in a hectic, hard-hitting final quarter.

Best Players. — Footscray: Whitten, Scanlan, Collins, Sutton, Martin, Wearmouth, Gallacher, McRae, Henderson. Geelong: McMaster, Smith, Morrison, Renfrey, Hyde, Morrow, Williams.



GEELONG

GEOFF WILLIAMS, Warragul, 21. This boy is a definite find. He plays like an old-timer. He is playing on a half-back flank. He has terrific pace, a sure pair of hands and lovely judgment. So far, because of his speed, he has not had to use vigor, but I know he will be a fighter under any circumstances. His kicking is good, too, and he is the type of half-back flanker coaches dream about. He has a particularly bright future and could play in a premiership side in his first year.



NO. JOCK SPENCER (North Melb.) did not lose his head when he went for the ball with Geoff Williams

Palmer drove Geelong to attack for Trezise to goal. North's back men tried to crowd play, but Geelong's half-back line, with Williams starring, smashed North's attacks. Ruck duels were even as North's big men Reeves and Easton fought hard to wear down Geelong's pace. North kicked badly in attack.

Quarter time scores:
 GEELONG . . 2 4 16
 NTH. MELB. 0 3 3

Best Players. — Geelong: Trezise, Palmer, McMaster, Williams, Smith, Hyde, Rayson, Morrison, North Melbourne: Mogg, McCorkell, J. Reeves, Grambeau, Aylett, Lawrence, Easton.

Geelong at end

Geelong v. N. Melb.
 1st . . 2 4 16 0 3 3
 2nd . . 3 6 24 2 8 26
 3rd . . 6 11 47 5 9 39
 Final 11 16 82 6 10 46

North Melbourne bumped hard and crowded the play in a second quarter bid to upset Geelong's fast play-on game at Geelong today.

GEELONG. — B. Smith, Morrison, Sharp, H.B.: Midlemis, Hyde, Williams, C.: Turner, Palmer, Fulton, H.F.: Rayson, Flanagan, Hovey, F.: McMaster, Goninon, Planto, R.: Morrow, Renfrey, Trezise, 19, 20: Swarbrick, S. Smith.

NORTH MELBOURNE — B.: Jarrard, McCorkell, Lineen, H.B.: Icke, Lawrence, L.: Reeves, C.: Reeves, Kelly, Aylett, H.F.: Marchesi, Brady, Mogg, F.: Grambeau, Spencer, Dynon, R.: Easton, J. Reeves, O'Halloran, 19, 20: Hamilton, Johnson.

Hamilton replaced Brady, injured leg, in the third quarter.
 Umpire: Roach.
 At Geelong, 19,940, Takings £1041 (official).

5th Game.

VFL CLUBS RECRUITS

Sixteen hold their places

By ALF BROWN

Twenty-one young footballers played their first League games in the opening match of the League season on April 19. Since then another 29 have had a taste of senior football. *5 games*

Most of the original 21 "clean skins" have held their places. Geoff. Williams and Doug Palmer of Geelong and Jim Heenan of Essendon have played in every game—fine performances for juniors breaking into the ranks of last season's two best sides.



Sharp (Geelong) runs over O'Rouke (Richmond) in a tussle near goal.

PUNT ROAD HOODOO FOR GEELONG

The Pivotonians will need to be at their top today to smash a long-standing hoodoo which the Punt road ground seems to hold for visiting teams from Corio. In the past twenty years Geelong has only been successful on one occasion at Punt road. That was in 1936—sixteen years ago! They haven't won on the Tigers' territory since then. That is really a most remarkable record. Will it affect their game today? Or is it merely coincidence? A further examination of results over the same period indicates that Richmond teams throughout those twenty years have always had the edge on their rivals from the Pivot. Of the last thirty matches in which they have been opposed the Tigers have won twenty-two, Geelong seven, and one was drawn. Geelong have only won twice against Richmond in the past twelve years! The Tigers have won fourteen times in the same period! Will the Corio lads break that hoodoo today?

GEELONG RECRUITS PROVING CLASS

By The Herald Football Writers

Geelong have entered the lucky recruiting period Essendon enjoyed for seasons. Year after year Essendon produced at least two star recruits a season. Now Geelong have taken over.

Against Richmond Geoff Williams, from Warragul, was rarely beaten on Geelong's half-back line. Past for a six footer, he saved repeatedly with well-timed dashes. He showed plenty of vigor and courage. Another promising recruit was Norman Sharp, a 14-stone ruckman from Camperdown. Sharp is only 17, but he used his weight with the skill and assurance of a veteran.

What Victory Meant

The success of Geelong at Richmond on Saturday was only the second occasion in 20 years that they have been successful on the Punt Road oval. The last occasion was in 1936.

In the last 30 games between the two teams Richmond have won 22 and there was one drawn game.

Some of the Geelong players who took part in the successful game in 1936 are now officials of the Geelong club and witnessed the match on Saturday. Among them were Reg Hickey, Len Metherall, and Fred Hawking.

The victory also means that Geelong has equalled the number of consecutive wins which was achieved at one stage last season. Up till the Essendon game in August Geelong had won 10 games in a row. Then followed the defeat by Essendon, and since then Geelong has again been undefeated—another 10 games.

In the past 20 years the only better run of successes was in the 1937 season, when, from the seventh match of the season, Geelong went on without defeat to win the premiership—15 victories in succession.

By winning on Saturday Geelong also broke a 20-year record by winning six consecutive games at the commencement of a season. In that year after winning the first five a drawn game was played against Richmond.

The pace was on, and the Tigers were seldom getting past the half-back line, where Williams and Hyde were always a few steps in front.

V.F.L. Statistics

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	W.	L.	For	Ag.	Points	
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C'WOOD	6	—	537	282	197.5	24
GEELONG	6	—	527	340	155.0	24
S. MELB.	5	1	499	430	116.0	20
ESSENDON	3	3	489	424	115.5	12
Melbourne	3	3	444	438	101.4	12
Carlton	3	3	490	514	95.3	12
Richmond	3	3	429	458	93.7	12
Footscray	2	4	310	385	80.5	8
Fitzroy	2	4	357	458	77.0	8
Hawthorn	2	4	310	448	69.2	8
N. Melb.	1	5	429	518	84.7	4
St. Kilda	—	—	641	566	72.4	—

GEELONG 2.2 6.6 6.7 11.13 (79)
RICHMOND 3.2 3.2 6.7 8.7 (55)

Goals.—GEELONG: Davis 3.
Pinto 3, Flanagan 2, Gomon, Rayson, Treize.
RICHMOND: Poulter 2, Wilson 2, Catlons, Wright, H. Rowe, O'Rourke.
Best.—GEELONG: Smith, Morrison, Williams, Flanagan, Hovey, Davis.
RICHMOND: Wilson, Fraser, Nix, H. Rowe, Poulter, Austen.
Replacements.—Treize (Geelong), ankle by West; D. Rowe (Richmond), ankle by Clarke; Allen (Richmond), thigh by Flintoff.
Umpire: Jamieson.

6th Game.



GEOFF WILLIAMS

One of the strongest links to the Geelong defence, especially in the critical period—the last 10 minutes.

Some of the keenest judges at Geelong declared prior to the start of the season that Geoff Williams would prove one of the star recruits of this or any year. They were men not given to fulsome praise, but they waxed enthusiastic over this Warragul youngster. Their pre-season judgment has been completely vindicated by the excellent football played by this newcomer on the half-back flank. He topped off several good performances with a champion display against Richmond. He's big and strong, possesses a good pair of hands, and marks and kicks well. He is one of those players the League coach dreams about—a ready-made champion.

THE AGE, FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1952

League Players Go Inter-State



GEELONG AND ESSENDON football teams yesterday flew to Brisbane, where they will meet in a League match on Saturday. **TOP:** Geelong team members at the coffee bar at Essendon before boarding an A.N.A. plane. **LOWER:** Essendon team boarding an Ansett plane. From left: Dick Reynolds, Bert Harper, Peter O'Sullivan, Jack Clarke, Les Gardiner, Jack Jones.



MELBOURNE, THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 1952

BOUND FOR BRISBANE



GEELONG AND ESSENDON MEN left Melbourne by air today to play their League match in Brisbane on Saturday night. **ABOVE:** Air hostess Peggy Hyland straightens the club tie of Geelong centreman Doug Palmer. Rover Peter Planto (left) and half-back Geoff Williams look on.

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best.

The placing of McMaster at half-forward to take the place of Flanagan also was to be expected.

Selected Teams

Geelong

Backs: S. Smith, Williams, Renfrey.
 Half-backs: Middlemiss, Hyde, Hovey.
 Centres: Turner, Palmer, D. Scott.
 Half-forwards: Rayson, McMaster, Davis.
 Forwards: Stevens, Goninon, Swarbrick.
 Followers: Morrow, Sharp.
 Rover: Pianto.
 Reserves: O'Halloran, Wornor.
 Emergency: West.
 In: S. Smith, D. Scott, Stevens, Swarbrick.
 Out: Morrison, Flanagan (Victorian team), B. Smith, Trezise (both injured).

8th Match.

Goninon, after kicking his third goal, was felled heavily, as were Davis and Pianto. Umpire McMurray...
 Mrs. W. E. Beales and family.
 THANKS
 Abide with Me.
 Dad, who passed away 11/6/50.
 Memories always of you, dear MATHESON, A. N.—Evertasting—inserted by Jack Walters.
 Of a true pal I'll never forget.
 Deep in my heart a memory is kept June 17, 1951.
 KNIGHT—Loving memory of Marjaret (Magg), who passed away June 17, 1951.
 Jean and n-in-law Ted—inserted by her loving daughter.
 Since you were called away. Life does not seem the same to me and sad I am to-day.
 I'm lonely here without you, Mum. June 17, 1951.
 dear mother, who passed away June 17, 1951.
 KNIGHT—In loving memory of my granddaughter, Loretta Lewis, daughter-in-law, Ellen, and

The game ended in a winning margin for Essendon of 69 points, final scores being:—

Essendon, 23 goals 17 behinds (135 points).

Geelong, 12 goals 14 behinds (96 points).

A feature of Essendon's score was the performance of its star forward, John Coleman, who kicked 13 goals. This, officials claim, is a club record.

The crowd of 35,000, which exceeded all expectations, broke three gates and broke into the ground, as the ground staff was inadequate.

Essendon was quickly into attack and Coleman took a beautiful mark about 45 yards out, but obtained a single only. Weight was used freely. Rayson equalised the score with a left-foot kick over his shoulder, which narrowly missed the goal, and Geelong assumed the lead when Goninon marked in front of Brittingham, but missed the goal opening. Goninon made amends a minute later. As he took a mark in front of Brittingham he was struck heavily in the back. He goaled from the kick to make Geelong 12 to Essendon one point.

Geelong's second goal followed a 40-yard dash by Davis. May (Essendon) from the bounce in the centre punched the ball to the half-forward line, where Mann received and goaled. The game was played at a terrific pace and with plenty of fire.

Goninon, after kicking his third goal, was felled heavily, as were Davis and Pianto. Umpire McMurray awarded a free to Palmer 30 yards upfield after interference by Dale.

Essendon dominated the play in the rucks, and by half time had completely broken Geelong's morale. Geelong led early in the game, but not for long. Essendon showed surprising dash during the latter part of the first quarter to lead four goals five behinds to Geelong four goals three behinds.

Geelong opened well in the second quarter, and Stevens and Pianto goaled. But thereafter, Essendon took control, and goals came from Mann and Coleman.

Essendon players adapted themselves better to the conditions, and Geelong appeared to miss Morrison and Bernie Smith. Williams for a time countered Coleman, who, however, was untroubled later and scored freely.

During the third quarter three replacements took place within a few minutes. Bigelow and Harper (Essendon) were replaced by B. Coleman and Morris, while Goninon was replaced by O'Halloran. Later Hyde was replaced by Worner.

When Coleman kicked his 10th goal interest went out of the game. Geelong, although fighting hard without Goninon and Flanagan, could not press home its many attacks. The absence of Morrison as a check to Coleman was also severely felt.

Coleman won the trophy for the best player of the match, and Pianto was awarded the Geelong trophy for the best player.

Goninon was X-rayed after the game by Dr. Jock Adams, a former Geelong Collegian, but no dislocation of his collarbone was discovered.

Hyde also suffered a recurrence of a thigh injury.

Goalkickers.—Essendon: Coleman (13), Mann (5), McEwen, Jones, Gill, Carstairs, May. Geelong: Goninon (3), McMaster (3), Pianto (2), Davis, Stevens, Swarbrick, Rayson.

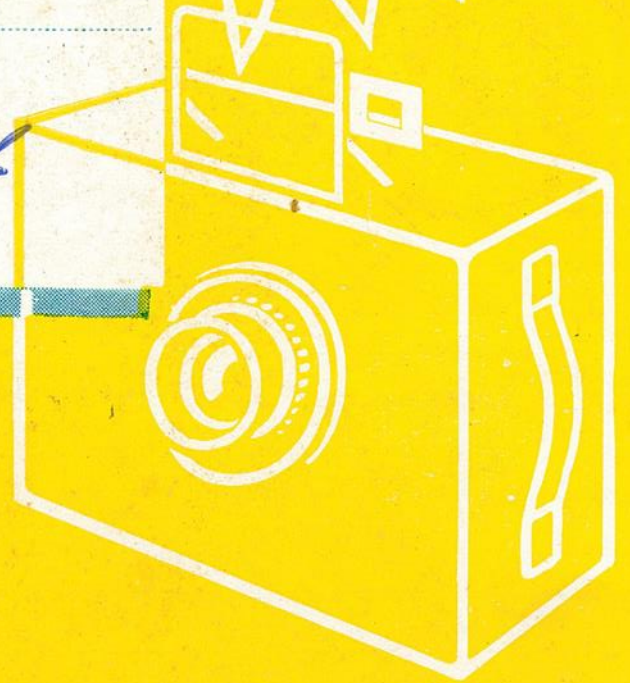
Best players.—Essendon: Gill, Coleman, May, Jones, Brittingham. Geelong: Pianto (best on ground), Palmer, Rayson, Williams, Hovey, Hyde (until injured), Sharp, Morrow.

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From **BY AIR MAIL**

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and you get my telegrams,
see them, send to the Boys.

Well, here I am in Oland
and what a place. The climate is beautiful, - when
we arrived we had jumpers & overcoats on & were we hot, so
as soon as we arrived at our hotel, which is very nice by
the way, we just had our blazers on, walking around
town (plus other things)

The trip up was lovely. we came in a four engined
Stinson, leaving about 10:15, and arriving up here about
3:15. I didn't have any trouble at all, none of us were sick
in fact, the trip finished all too soon. when we were climbing
up as we left Essendon we came through the cloud & flew
about above them? it was a glorious sight, the sun shining
down ~~on them~~. you felt as if you wanted to get out & walk
on them. we had dinner in the plane, salad, very nicely
served up, and lollies brought round at different times.

we trained last night under the lights, rather
strange at first, but not too bad, when one becomes use
to it, although if the ball gets in a light your gone.

They picked the team last night? I am full back.
I don't know whether its in the papers down there, so I will
have my job cut out, but then Coleman has to get the ball
first, to do any good.

Today we are going on a bus trip to Surfers
Paradise & around the various places. so by the time we
have finished we will have seen something of Queensland.

Hope everyone is well, I am, no complaints, the leg is
good as gold. - no letters for now Love Geoff

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GEELONG v. ESSENDON

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● **THURSDAY, JUNE 12th—**

8.00 a.m.—Assemble Club Office — Depart for Essendon
9.30 a.m.—Arrive Essendon Airport
9.45 a.m.—Depart by T.A.A. "Skymaster" for Brisbane
2.15 p.m.—Arrive Eagle Farm Airport
2.45 p.m.—Arrive Brisbane Hotels
Afternoon Free
7.45 p.m.—Training at Exhibition Oval

● **FRIDAY, JUNE 13th—**

9.30 a.m.—Depart Hotels on full-day trip to Mt.
Tambourine and Surfer's Paradise
Luncheon at Mt. Tambourine Hotel
Evening Free

● **SATURDAY, JUNE 14th—**

Morning Free
2.00 p.m.—Attend Rugby League Match — New Zealand
v. Queensland or attend Races at Albion Park
7.00 p.m.—Depart Hotels for Exhibition Oval
8.00 p.m.—Geelong v. Essendon at Exhibition Oval

● **SUNDAY, JUNE 15th—**

Morning Free
2.30 p.m.—Depart Hotels on Trip to Oasis Tourist
Gardens
Evening Free

● **MONDAY, JUNE 16th—**

8.15 a.m.—Depart Hotels for Eagle Farm Airport
8.45 a.m.—Depart Eagle Farm Airport for Essendon
1.20 p.m.—Arrive Essendon Airport
1.45 p.m.—Depart Essendon Airport for Geelong
3.15 p.m.—Arrive Geelong.

9th Match

STOP SOUTH IN LAST TERM

GEELONG'S determined rovers, quick ruck changes and sustained pace stopped South Melbourne's ruck drive in the last quarter and led to a comfortable win.

It was a grim, even struggle in which the defence and pace of both teams was the outstanding feature.



Treize and "Persistent" Palmer.

Early South played co-operative football and had the "edge" on Geelong for pace, but could not penetrate Geelong's stonewall defence.

Middlemiss, Williams and Hovey were almost impassable.

Why South left Bill Gunn to "freeze" on the half-forward flank and kept out of the game is beyond me.

Pacz move mistake

Also, I did not think it wise for South to shift Ron Pacz to half-back flank. This, along with Gordon Lane taking over the full-forward, seriously weakened its goal-to-goal line.

Geelong is fortunate in having such talented and versatile reserves. Apart

ON this page The Sun presents the expert observations of its team of former leading footballers on Saturday's games prepared in co-operation with staff writers.

from the good performances of Hovey, Williams and Walsh in vital positions, D. Scott and S. Smith did well when they replaced Middlemiss and Morrow.

I doubt if the regulars could have performed any better.

BEST PLAYERS.—GEE-LONG: Ron Hovey (best on ground), for his consistently safe defence with timely dash and judgment. **Peter Pianto**, for his untiring efforts when roving and in attack. **Geoff Williams** was sound in defence and turned numerous attacks.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Jim Taylor did the "lion's" share in the ruck and was sound in defence. **Ron Pacz** and **Kevin Hilet** were outstanding in defence. **Keith Schaefer** and **Frank Brew** were always a danger and gave plenty of forward drive.

AMONG THE

Ron Hovey showed his versatility last week when he transferred to a back pocket against South Melbourne and played a rattling good game in a position to which he was unaccustomed. Alongside him was **Bruce Morrison**, undoubtedly the most difficult man in the League to score against. Although he had two opponents neither of them could score a major when opposed to Bruce.

What a tiger young **Peter Pianto** is! He was in everything against South, and his sterling roving and indefatigable work around the goalmouth made him one of Geelong's best. **Neil Treize** was a sound second string and more than pulled his weight. In defence **Geoff Williams** again proved what a find he is by turning in a stout performance in the key post of centre half-back.

Hawks press Geelong

HAWTHORN kept Geelong busy in a stern battle.

It was only in the closing stages that Geelong looked really safe.



Geelong's rucks made the mistake of both flying for the ball and, had it not been for wide-awake rovers, the visitors could have been further behind at half-time.

Fortunately for Geelong, **Pianto** and **Treize** robbed Hawthorn of its ruck advantage by "sharking" hit-outs.

Even so, Geelong, with

the return of Tom Morrow and other players, looks good enough to win another flag.

A tendency of some of the Hawks to wander does not help the side, as often they are out of position when opportunities come.

In fact the first goal came from a wingman who had gone to the other side of the ground to get the

BEST PLAYERS.—GEE-LONG: Geoff Williams (best on ground) for a top class exhibition at centre half-back. **Peter Pianto** for clever and tenacious roving. **Doug Palmer** proved a real "mudlark" at centre.

HAWTHORN: Ted Fletcher rucked and marked in good style. **Len Crane** did well at full-back. **John Kennedy** followed tirelessly.

GEE-LONG	0.4	2.8	6.9	10.10	(70)
HAWTHORN	2.1	3.4	4.5	6.8	(44)
Goals—GEE-LONG:	Rayson	3			
Renfrey	2	Davis	1	Flanagan	1
McMaster	1	Pianto	1	Treize	1
HAWTHORN:	Macdonald	2	Atkins	1	
Kanis	1	Pearson	1	Robison	1
Beet	1	GEE-LONG:	Williams	1	
Pianto	1	Renfrey	1	Palmer	1
Miss. Rayson	1	HAWTHORN:	Crane	1	
Kennedy	1	Simmonds	1	O'Donoghue	1
Fletcher	1	Wilkinson	1		
Replacements—Swarbrick	(Geelong)	possible fractured finger	by S. Smith	Fitchett	(Hawthorn)
bruised thin	by Le Nepveu	Umpire:	Beitzel		

10th Match.

SATURDAY'S VOTING

Awards by The Herald Writers.

FITZROY v. ESSENDON
J. Streader (Fitzroy) ... 3
G. Coates (Fitzroy) ... 2
W. Hutchison (Ess.) ... 1

MELB. v. RICHMOND
E. Jackson (Melb.) ... 3
S. Spencer (Melb.) ... 2
J. Nix (Richmond) ... 1

NTH. MELB. v. ST. KILDA
L. Reeves (N. Melb.) ... 3
V. Lawrence (N. Melb.) ... 2
G. Hibbins (St. Kilda) ... 1

CARLTON v. FOOTSCRAY
A. Hodgson (Carlton) ... 3
J. Spencer (Carlton) ... 2
J. Collins (Footscray) ... 1

STH. MELB. v. C'WOOD
T. Merrett (C'wood) ... 3
R. Rose (C'wood) ... 2
W. Gunn (S. Melb.) ... 1

H'HOORN v. GEE-LONG
G. Williams (Geelong) ... 3
L. Crane (Hawthorn) ... 2
P. Pianto (Geelong) ... 1

STAR PLAYERS

LEAGUE

Merrett (C'wood)

Thorald Merrett gave a brilliant display of wing play, and had the call over South Melbourne star Frank Brew.

L. Reeves (N. M.)

Handling the heavy ball with great skill, Les Reeves with great skill, Les Reeves Kilda attacks.

Hutchison (Ess.)

Bill Hutchison roved with skill and determination for Essendon against Fitzroy and was best afield.

Williams (G'long)

Solid clearing dashes and sure marking made centre half-back Geoff Williams a tower of strength for Geelong against Hawthorn.

Hodgson (Carlton)

With a polished display of fast, elusive wing play, Arthur Hodgson initiated many attacks for his side and consistently defeated his Footscray opponent.

Jackson (Melb.)

Eddie Jackson's uncanny gathering of the ball, evasion of opponents and perfect punt passing made him outstanding against Richmond.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD

OFFICIAL OPTICIANS TO

ARMY R.A.A.F. HAWTHORN GOAL

1 Crane (H.)	31 Walsh (G.)
27 Simmonds (H.)	23 Fletcher (H.)
6 Pianto (G.)	7 McMaster (G.)
14 O'Donoghue (H.)	8 Philp (H.)
4 Davis (G.)	10 Flanagan (G.)
10 Kennedy (H.)	19th and 20th Men
21 Macdonald (H.)	33 Wain (H.)
17 Reed (G.)	3 Palmer (G.)
23 Swarbrick (G.)	15 Tuckwell (G.)
15 Tuckwell (G.)	28 Treize (G.)
32 Atkins (H.)	34 Collins (Haw.)
2 Middlemiss (G.)	21 Williams (G.)
2 Considine (H.)	18 Kanis (H.)
26 Sharp (G.)	12 Hovey (G.)
12 Robison (H.)	1 Morrison (G.)

Geelong have certainly unearthed one of the best rovers of this or any year in Geoff Williams, who has developed so far that he held down the centre half-back position with real distinction at Hawthorn. He was unbeatable all day. **Russ Middlemiss** gave him strong support. In the mud patch in the centre **Doug Palmer** seemed to be in his element. He initiated many attacks. **Peter Pianto** roved cleverly for Geelong, with **Neil Treize** sharing the honours in this department. **Russ Renfrey** was useful in defence and attack, with **Noel Hayson** and **Leo Turner** others to merit applause.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD

OFFICIAL OPTICIANS TO

ARMY R.A.A.F. GEE-LONG GOAL

1 Morrison (G.)	30 Deegan (S.M.)
12 Hovey (G.)	26 Sharp (G.)
31 Eichhorn (S.M.)	28 Gillett (S.M.)
8 Renfrey (G.)	21 Williams (G.)
7 Sibun (S.M.)	1 Lane, G. (S.M.)
22 Morrow (G.)	19th and 20th Men
23 Swarbrick (G.)	5 Smith, S. (G.)
28 Treize (G.)	29 Scott, N. (G.)
9 Turner (G.)	3 Palmer (G.)
38 Murray (S.M.)	22 Schaefer (S.M.)
34 Scott (S.M.)	19th and 20th Men
29 Taylor (S.M.)	24 Patterson (S.M.)
27 Lane, E. (S.M.)	4 Lynch (S.M.)
27 Rayson (G.)	10 Flanagan (G.)
26 Browning (S.M.)	15 Pacz (S.M.)
7 McMaster (G.)	6 Pianto (G.)
29 Garrick (S.M.)	12 Earl (S.M.)
31 Walsh (G.)	17 Dornau (S.M.)

GEELONG, ESSENDON EACH MAKE THREE CHANGES

(By "Pivot")

There will be three changes in the Geelong team to take the field at Essendon to-morrow, compared with the team last Saturday. Essendon also made three changes.

Fred Gallagher, from Rosebud, who has been included by Essendon, will be playing his first League game. Last week he played for the first time with the second eighteen. Essendon selectors have taken the precaution of selecting four emergencies.

Most notable alteration in the Geelong team is the omission of Tony Walsh, who was brought in as full forward two weeks ago when George Goninon was not available. Bill McMaster has been selected full forward.

Geoff Williams, who at centre half back was the best man on the ground at Hawthorn, was not available owing to a broken blood vessel in the leg just above the ankle. It was caused by a kick received at Hawthorn, but did not develop seriously until early in the week. Jim Tuckwell, who played his first League game for the season last Saturday, also has been omitted, but has been named as one of three emergencies.

John Hyde and Tom Morrow, who have been out through injuries, have been brought back into the side. Tom Morrow's knee was subjected to a searching medical examination yesterday after training before he was passed as fit.

COLEMAN SELECTS GEELONG AT HOME

By JOHN COLEMAN, Essendon star full-forward, as told John Priestley

Geelong have not lost at home since Collingwood beat them last year—I don't think the Magpies will repeat that win tomorrow.

Geelong are fielding their strongest side for some time. The return of Bernie Smith and Williams brings the defence back to full strength, and should also have a good effect on the team's spirit.

Page 12—The Sporting Globe, Wednesday, July 9, 1952

GEELONG H TO TOSS MAGPIES

Geelong are picked to beat Collingwood in the big game at Geelong on Saturday. The home ground is worth two goals to the Cats while they have the rucks to beat the Magpies. This is a clash of leading teams—a game worthy of the MCG.

As teams they are much of a pattern. Both rely on the fast scouting of rovers.

Collingwood have the Richards brothers and Bob Rose with star wing men in Merrett and Healy. Geelong rely on Pianto, Palmer and Trezise.

Collingwood are thriving in the heavy going, and Geelong, while not so happy, have been winning with strong finishing efforts, proving they, too, can handle the heavy weather.

I have seen more of Collingwood than Geelong, and can't imagine that a team so ill-supplied in rucks and in attack can continue to survive in firm going.

But they are on top two premierships points ahead of Geelong.

Alan Fitcher has a high opinion of Geelong, but he asks some pertinent questions.

Have the 1951 premiers slipped? asks Fitcher. Then he answers his own question by saying—I think they have improved.

Strength has been added to the attack by the development and the addition of capable small men. Then Fitcher continues:—

Middlemiss, Pianto and McMaster have improved out of sight.

Sharp and Williams are as good as any first year players in the League.

I class Geoff Williams as this year's best recruit.

It is well to remember that, at the moment, players of the calibre of Bernie Smith, Goninon, Fulton, Norman and Williams are out injured.

It speaks well for Geelong's strength that the club has the reserves to cover these players.

To my mind, Geelong has the essentials to win another premierships—good big men and strong reserves.

They want the return of George Goninon at the spearhead.

Geelong are basically sound, and their clash with Collingwood should be a season's highlight.

GEELONG GOES TO TOP

Dashing Last Term Victory

Key players switched in the second half of the match at Kardinia Park gave Geelong great drive in an irresistible final term, which brought victory against Collingwood and top place on the ladder.

Attendance was 35,240, a new record, and gate takings were £2665. The umpire was Barbour.

Scores:—

	Geelong	C'wood
First quarter ..	3 2 20	2 1 13
Second quarter	4 3 27	2 6 18
Third quarter .	5 4 34	2 9 21
Final	9 8 62	4 9 33

Geelong had a slight edge throughout, but it was not until Collingwood produced brilliant football in the last quarter, that Geelong was able to draw away from their hard-battling opponents.

In the last few minutes of play, Trezise passed to Flanagan again, but his shot went out, and Collingwood had the ball on their half-forward line as the siren went, to the delight of the huge crowd.

Goalkeepers.—Geelong: Flanagan (5), Hovey (2), Renfrey, McMaster. Collingwood: M. Twomey, Tuck, R. Rose, Coghlan.

Best players: Geelong: Sharp, Flanagan, transferred to full-forward, produced brilliant football in the last quarter, that Geelong was able to draw away from their hard-battling opponents.

DID YOU SEE ... ?

In spite of umbrellas, rain, wind and other hindrances . . .

Collingwood winger, Des Healey, lost his knickers soon after the match started! A new pair was hastily brought out, and Healey changed to the accompaniment of screams from the crowd. Seconds later he was grassed and the white shorts became black.

The girl spectator on stilts? She added about a foot to her height by this novel method, and had little difficulty in watching play from over the heads of the crowd in the outer.

Geelong half-back, Geoff Williams, wipe his muddy hands on the guernsey of a nearby Collingwood player? Williams had fallen in the mud patch at the centre, and he apparently decided the Collingwood guernsey would serve as a towel—much to the disgust of its owner.

Amid the forest of umbrellas, one spectator who refused to put his "broly" down, in spite of a shower of abuse, bottle caps and other missiles which descended on him from irate spectators. His umbrella effectively blocked the view of many supporters in the outer, but, absorbed in the game, he was deaf to all protests.

Bruce Morrison pick up a Collingwood midget who had marked in the last quarter, and carry him for four or five yards before setting the indignant player back on his feet? The Collingwood player, Kevin Coghlan, registered his disapproval by kicking fourth goal for his side.

Geelong and Collingwood staged a hard, grim struggle in a continual drizzle on the slippery Kardinia Oval. The Magpies' ground play and "mass formation" attacks restricted Geelong's game but in turn failed against the brilliant Geelong defence.

Geelong v. Coll'wood

1st . . .	3 2 20	2 1 13
2nd . . .	4 3 27	2 6 18
3rd . . .	5 4 34	2 9 21
Final	9 8 62	4 9 33

GEELONG.—B.: B. Smith, Morrison, Renfrey, H.B., Middlemiss, Hyde, Williams, C.: Worner, Palmer, Reed, H.F.: Hovey, Flanagan, Davis. F.: Pianto, McMaster, Morrow, R.: Sharp, Swarbrick, Trezise. 19, 20: S. Smith, Rayson.

COLLINGWOOD.—B.: Hams, Hamilton, Tuck, H.B.: Kingston, Finck, Lucas, C.: Healey, Parker, Merrett, H.F.: Coghlan, Davey, R. Rose, F.: Stevens, Flint, R. Richards, R.: M. Twomey, Aitken, L. Richards. 19, 20: Gooch, Tebble.

Tebble replaced Flint at half time.

Umpire: Barbour.

Official attendance, 35,240. Gate, £2665.

Collingwood, scouting cleverly, were the first to score when Ron Richards marked for a single in a bright opening.

There was more method in the Magpies' attack although the Geelong defence, with Williams and Morrison outstanding, kept their opponents' scoring to a minimum.

V.F.L. Statistics

V.F.L. LADDER

GEELONG	9	2	969	863	129	738
COL'WOOD	9	3	920	642	143	336
CL'TON	8	3	1006	868	115	934
S. MELB.	8	4	963	860	112	032
Fitzroy	8	4	822	779	105	532
*Melb.	6	5	877	831	105	326
Essendon	5	6	961	880	109	223
Richmond	5	7	746	835	89	320
N. Melb.	4	8	850	835	31	416
Hawthorn	4	8	821	869	72	616
Footscray	3	9	645	843	76	512
St. Kilda	1	11	686	937	73	314

* Drawn Game.

GEELONG -3.2 4.3 5.4 9.8 (62)
C'WOOD 2.1 2.6 2.9 4.9 (33)

Goals.—GEELONG: Flanagan (5), Hovey (2), McMaster, Renfrey. COLLINGWOOD: Coghlan, Tuck, Rose, M. Twomey.

Best.—GEELONG: Morrison, Pianto, Sharp, Williams, Trezise, Hyde, Flanagan. COLLINGWOOD: Finck, Lucas, Rose, M. Twomey, Hamilton, Aitken.

Replacements.—Flint (Collingwood), blistered feet, by Tebble.

Other injury—Sharp (Geelong), injured hand.

Umpire.—Barbour.

RECORD PACKS CROWD PARK

Record crowd of 35,240 packed Kardinia Park for the clash between Geelong and Collingwood. This is a new record for a crowd in an enclosure at any function in Geelong. Gate takings were £2665.

In many years the 26,500 which did a match at Corio Oval in was the record football crowd, on June 23 last year 32,000 saw Geelong defeat Richmond at Kardinia Park.

On Saturday there was a crowd between 3000 and 4000 at the gate by 10 a.m. When the gates were opened women and children screamed, and men shouted as they were crushed by the crowd struggling to get

into the ground.

Within a few minutes the public section of the stand was crowded, and all seats by the arena and other vantage points were quickly taken. In spite of the rain which began at 1 o'clock, the crowd streamed to the ground and late arrivals had difficulty in finding space.

It is hard to calculate what difference to the attendance was made by the weather, but some thousands more probably would have been present if the weather had stayed fine.

This year 126,693 people have witnessed the five league games at Kardinia Park, and have paid \$8657 for their entertainment.

STAR PLAYERS

LEAGUE

Goodger (F'roy)

Eddie Goodger gave a grand display of defence at centre half-back against Carlton. He stopped many Carlton thrusts, and often sent Fitzroy into attack.

McKenzie (Melb.)

Evasive and confident, Bob McKenzie always looked dangerous when in possession and rarely failed to put the ball to advantage against Hawthorn.

McCorkell (N. Melb.)

Jock McCorkell was North Melbourne's star against Footscray. He turned numerous attacks with coolness and superb judgment.

Williams (G'long)

Consistently turning attacks with timely marks and strong clearing dashes, Geelong half-back flanker Geoff Williams was best afield at St. Kilda.

Lucas (Col'wood)

Steady and cool under pressure, half-back Peter Lucas was rarely beaten. In the last quarter he marked brilliantly and, with accurate disposal, often sent Collingwood into attack.

Browning (S. Melb.)

Displaying dash and excellent judgment, half-back flanker Keith Browning figured prominently in South Melbourne's victory over Richmond.

THOSE WHO STARRED

Voting in The Sporting Globe £100 Award for the best footballer of the year continued today.

The fight for the lead becomes lighter with only four rounds to be played this season. Progressive voting is published each Wednesday in The Sporting Globe.

Today's voting was:

RICHMOND v. S. MELB.
G. Lane (South Melb.) 1
G. Spring (Richmond) 2
J. Taylor (S. Melb.) 3

ST. KILDA v. GEELONG
J. Ross (St. Kilda) 1
G. Hibbins (St. Kilda) 2
G. Williams (Geelong) 3

FOOTSCRAY v. N. MELB.
J. McCorkell (N. Melb.) 1
N. Kelly (N. Melb.) 2
J. Barrett (Footscray) 3

ESSENDON v. COLWOOD
J. Gill (Essendon) 1
W. Hutchison (Ess'don) 2
R. Rose (Coll'wood) 3

FITZROY v. CARLTON
E. Goodger (Fitzroy) 1
G. Coates (Fitzroy) 2
O. Grieve (Carlton) 3

Hawthorn v. Melbourne
R. McKenzie (Melb.) 1
M. Fitchett (Hawthorn) 2
J. Wilson (Melb.) 3

Early pace

St. Kilda surprised Geelong with its early pace to go straight into attack but kicked poorly. The backs of both sides were on top in the first half.

Geelong shuffled its forwards to no avail. After the interval Flanagan went to full forward, but froze there as the Saints broke away and forged ahead in the first attacking football of the day.

They over ran Geelong who started to fumble and miss easy marks. Eighteen-year-old Neil Roberts showed tremendous promise as the Saints stormed forward to gain a three-goal lead at the last change.

Geelong, with defeat a near certainty, then redeemed itself.

Players responded magnificently as forwards returned to their correct positions. Trezise flashed into prominence, and Williams was unpassable to half-back.

It was irresistible premiership football, but the crowd had to wait three quarters to see it.

GEELONG . 9—16 (70)
ST. KILDA . 7—13 (55)

Best: **GEELONG:** Palmer, Renfrey, Williams, Pianto, Flanagan, Merrow. **ST. KILDA:** Ross, Meehan, Hibbins, Mollar, Bland, Drinan.
Goals: **GEELONG:** Pianto 2, Goninon 2, Swarbrick 2, Renfrey, McMaster, Stevens. **ST. KILDA:** Roberts 3, Bland 2, Bloom, Ross.
Umpire: JAMESON.

DID YOU SEE . . . ?

Fitzroy skipper Alan Ruthven reel from a swinging fist that caught him above the ear in a goal base scrimmage in the second quarter? Arms were flailing wildly at the moment in a pack that piled up on top of Carlton back-pocket player Jack Conley.

Bill Hutchison, Essendon captain, scoop up the ball on the run in front of the members' grandstand, and, without looking, kick his team's fourth goal?

An easy mark knock Russell Renfrey over in the goal square, and let Roberts in for the effortless goal that gave St. Kilda the lead in the third quarter?

Carlton's second rover Jock Spencer just sidestepped in the nick of time as 40 stone of Fitzroy brawn and muscle, in the shape of several players, was about to descend on him. He was scragged, got a free, and goaled.

Bob Syme, Essendon ruckman, kick for goal in the

second quarter, for the ball to fall into John Coleman's hands as he was standing two yards from the goals?

Burly John Kennedy (Hawthorn) good-humoredly pick tiny Jimmy Wilson (Melbourne) up one-handed and dangle him in the air?

Toohy's bullet-like pass to Roberts, and the glorious 60-yard goal that followed at St. Kilda?

The ball, kicked through the goals by Noel Clarke (Melbourne), land on the roof of the main Hawthorn stand and lodge behind a flag pole?

John Gill, Essendon's biggest follower, mark over two Collingwood opponents in the second quarter without taking his feet off the ground?

Bill Scanlon (Footscray) run into an open goal in the second quarter and miss? He made sure of it in a similar incident in the last. He ran right up to the goal.

Geelong no "lay down misere"?

GEELONG, for a side looked upon as a "lay down misere" for the premiership, gave a poor display against St. Kilda and showed many weaknesses.

Never at any stage of the game did Geelong show any indication of winning the ruck duels.



J. Baggott

And, for more than three-quarters of the match, it lagged in the race for the ball and, at various stages, was hopelessly outmarked by St. Kilda.

Nor did Geelong players relish the fact that the Saints played close to them and smothered — until the last 15 minutes — any attempts to open up play.

The Saints can attribute defeat mainly to their foot-passing being of a wretchedly low standard.

Jack Toohy's "stab" to Neil Roberts in the third quarter was the only decent pass by the Saints that I saw all day.

Geelong's move of playing Fred Flanagan on the

half-forward flank was a hopeless failure on Saturday.

It was only when Flanagan was shifted to centre half-forward in the second quarter and again in the last that Geelong in attack began to function like a team.

St. Kilda looks as though it has picked up in Neil Roberts a recruit destined to become one of next year's outstanding players. He shows promise of being a top-class full-forward.

BEST PLAYERS.—GEELONG: Geoff Williams — a rugged and reliable defender. Doug Palmer and Peter Pianto — two fast-moving, tricky midsets. Russell Renfrey and Fred Flanagan — former for strong ruck work and Flanagan for lifting his side in the closing stages.

ST. KILDA: Jim Ross (best on ground) — outstanding in the ruck. Neil Roberts held his own with Bruce Morrison. Max Mollar, Geoff Hibbins and Brian Woinarski all came under notice.

GEELONG 2.6 4.7 5.8 9.16 (70)
ST. KILDA 1.7 3.8 7.13 7.13 (55)

Goals: **GEELONG:** Goninan 2, Pianto 2, Swarbrick 2, McMaster, Renfrey, Stevens. **ST. KILDA:** Roberts 3, Bland 2, Bloom, Ross.

Best: **GEELONG:** Williams, Palmer, Pianto, Renfrey, Reed, Stevens. **ST. KILDA:** Ross, Hibbins, Mollar, Drinan, Roberts, Woinarski.

Replacements: **Geelong:** Davis (G'long), knee, by Stevens. **Middlemiss (G'long),** knee, by Herbert. **Atkinson (St. Kilda),** eye, by Riley; **Larson (St. Kilda),** jaw, by March.

Umpire: Jamieson.

Geelong men training



GEELONG rover Peter Pianto about to punch the ball during last night's practice at Geelong.



LEFT.—It was almost dark when half-back-flanker Geoff Williams was snapped taking a mark on the run.

2nd Highlight by Geoff in the Footballers' Inquest. 3.K.Z. 8 PM after this match. ←

A Highlight mentioned by Geoff in Radio session "Footballers' Inquest"

14th Game.

LET'S GINGER-UMAROONS 'ON-THE-SPOT' VICTORIA'S STATE REPRESENTATION

If I were selecting a Victorian carnival team today I would cause no end of a storm by switching players from regular positions, and rejecting one or two cream-puff champions who, I think, lack what it takes.

Football Section by H. A. de LACY

rate Hovey ahead of Smith. Hovey is one of the game's greatest natural players—a champion.

There would have to be drive in the rucks and team combinations are preferred to mixed pairings.

Jack Howell (Carlton) might squeeze in as 19th man. He has lost poise and dominance.

Here then are sufficient shocks to agitate the most placid fan.

THE TEAM

Here's my team:—

Backs: May (Essendon), Grievie (Carlton), Stephen (Fitzroy).

Half-backs: Hamilton (C'wood), Hyde (Geelong), McDonald (E'don).

Centres: Jarvis (Fitzroy), Fraser (Richmond), Merrett (C'wood).

Half-forwards: Hutchison (Essendon), Collins (Footscray), Rose (Colingwood).

Forwards: Gill (Essendon), Coleman (Essendon), Trezise (Geelong).

Rucks: Denis Cordner (Melbourne), Wright (Richmond), with Pianto (Geelong) rover.

Second ruck: May, Gill and Hutchison with Trezise and Rose also taking a turn roving.

Emergencies: J. Howell (Carlton), L. Hovey (Geelong), Fred Flanagan (Geelong), Alan Gale (Fitzroy).

If Norm McDonald (Essendon) were not at his top I'd pick Geoff Williams (Geelong) for the half-back flank.

RAIN DROWNS THE SKILFUL FOOTBALLER

Victoria has had a most exciting—a most interesting season but 15 weeks of almost continuous rain has drowned the wealth of talent that would have been seen in normal conditions.

Football, as a science, has been buried in the slush of the wettest season within memory. There are no longer champions — just so many players.

But don't mistake the apparent for the real, the obvious for the truth. Victorian football isn't weak.

The game rolls on. Champions are building in every team. Something of a transition has taken place.

STAGGERING

What code could lose in the span of a season champions such as "Bluey" McClure, Bill Morris, Bert Deacon, Keith McKenzie, Key Curran, Les Foote, Ted Leehane, Greg Tate, and Ray Stokes; have Ron Clegg, Charlie Sutton, and others on the sidelines through injury; Bill Twomey and Don Fraser suspended, and Gordon Hocking and Bill Snell unable to make a come-back following injuries, and still draw an average of 119,000 weekly to six games?

In that list of players at present out of the game is a Victorian carnival team.

But younger men are stepping up. Had the turf been reasonably firm and the ball dry I believe we would have seen football approaching our all-time top.

Today there are domin-

ant players who are not within two to three years of their top. Take John Gill, Essendon, 6 ft. 4 in. follower — the most improved player in football.

Gale (Fitzroy) has improved out of recognition. Seldom has there been a richer crop of first-year men. Outstanding are the Geelong quartette — Sharp and Schwarbeck, who have taken over the duties of the first ruck, half-back Geoff Williams, and centre Doug Palmer.

South have made excellent gains, particularly Bill Gunn, whom earlier I thought the best first year man for 1952.

New centre forwards in Tony Ongarello (Fitzroy) and Neil Roberts (St. Kilda) look future champions.

Footscray have introduced several stars in making.

Never has so much indefinite football been so successful, yet every team has made gains.

V.F.L. Statistics

V.F.L. LADDER

	Points			
	W.	L.	For/Asst.	P.C./Pts
G'LONG	13	2	1383/1009	129.1/54
C'WOOD	12	4	1270/849	149.6/48
FITZROY	11	5	1619/993	162.6/44
S. MELB.	10	5	1219/1116	169.2/42
Carlton	9	5	1261/1110	113.6/40
Melbourne	9	6	1261/1116	107.6/38
N. Melb.	7	9	1098/1152	95.3/28
Essendon	6	9	1224/1161	105.4/26
Richmond	6	10	1043/1153	88.8/24
Hawthorn	5	11	816/1182	71.6/20
Footscray	4	12	867/1115	77.8/16
St. Kilda	1	15	892/1268	70.3/4

GEELONG 3.7 4.10 7.14 12.16 (88)
FITZROY 1.1 2.4 5.8 5.10 (40)

Goals.—GEELONG: Pianto 3, McMaster 2, Flanagan 2, Trezise 2, Gonnon, Stevens, Warner. FITZROY: Ruthven 2, Ongarello 2, Geravanon.

Best.—GEELONG: Warner, Hyde, Williams. Pianto, Palmer, Renfrey. FITZROY: Goodger, McGregor, Gale, Ruthven, Broderick, Stephen. Replacements.—Morrow (Geelong) thigh by Stevens; Mancee (Fitzroy) ankle by Hovey. Umpire: Robinson

League Gates

Attend. Receipts.	
Carlton v. E'don	\$4,000
Geelong v. Fitzroy	\$1,300
Melb. v. Footscray	17,400
C'wood v. St. K.	14,300
S. Melb. v. Haw.	12,000
N. Melb. v. Rich.	12,000
Totals	120,800

15th Game



A PERFECT SPOIL. Geoff Williams, dashing Geelong half-back, kept clear of Fitzroy half-forward Jack Streader's back as he punched the ball out of Streader's hands.

'ON-THE-SPOT' FOR PACE

GEELONG'S pace proved too much for a Fitzroy side which failed to find its "land" legs on a firm, fast ground.

Fitzroy's lack of pace is going to put it on the spot now that grounds have dried out.

Geelong finished full of running—speaking volumes for the players' condition.

Only time that the Maroons looked to be "in it" was when the play was crowded, and that was only for a brief period in the third quarter.



J. Lewis

Too elusive

Split — second thinking and elusiveness by some Geelong players got them out of what seemed hopeless positions, thus avoiding unnecessary contact with opponents.

But neither side lacked courage when clashes were unavoidable.

Right from the start Geelong players used their pace to counter the Maroons' physical strength.

At times the ball was kicked at right-angles to allow Geelong players to race into the open spaces.

Geelong found Jack Gaffney a stumbling block in the first quarter, and switched its approaches to goal through Leo Turner on the other flank with more success. Early both full forwards

— George Gonnon and Tony Ongarello — had many chances, but their kicking was astray.

Although the Maroons had the call in the ruck, Geelong's nippy and tenacious rovers were able to intercept most hit-outs.

Geelong won across the centre, but Neville Broderick at centre broke even with Doug Palmer early.

BEST PLAYERS. — GEELONG: Russ Renfrey (best on ground) for a consistent display of good marking and kicking. Bert Warner — a good exhibition on the wing. Geoff Williams, John Hyde and Syd Smith across the half-back line did an outstanding job.

FITZROY: Alan Gale dominated the ruck, but got little assistance from his rovers. Bill Stephen — safe in the back pocket. Eddie Goodger for a reasonably good job at centre half-back.

SATURDAY'S VOTING

Awards by The Herald football writers.

GEELONG v. FITZROY

G. Williams (Geelong) ... 3

J. Hyde (Geelong) ... 2

E. Goodger (Fitzroy) ... 1

MELB. v. FOOTSCRAY

A. Rogers (Footscray) ... 2

R. McKenzie (Melb.) ... 2

W. Scanlan (Footscray) ... 1

N. MELB. v. RICHMOND

J. Reeves (N.M.) ... 3

G. Marchesi (N.M.) ... 2

J. Nix (Richmond) ... 1

S. MELB. v. HAWTHORN

J. Kennedy (Haw.) ...

E. Fletcher (Haw.) ...

N. Pearson (Haw.) ...

CARLTON v. ESSENDON

W. May (Essendon) ...

J. Heenan (Essendon) ...

V. English (Carlton) ...

COLWOOD v. ST. KILD

R. Rose (Coll.) ...

R. Richards (Coll.) ...

J. Ross (St. Kilda) ...

V.F.L. Statistics

V.F.L. LADDER

	W.	L.	For.	Ag.	P.C.	Pts
*G'LONG	14	2	1406	1084	129.7	58
*C'WOOD	12	5	1337	937	142.7	48
FITZROY	12	5	1193	1041	106.0	48
S. MELB	11	5	1295	1182	109.4	46
*Carlton	10	5	1349	1177	114.6	44
*M'bourne	9	7	1267	1190	106.5	38
*Essendon	7	9	1371	1212	113.1	20
N. Melb.	7	10	1173	1253	93.5	28
Richmond	7	10	1113	1197	93.0	28
Hawthorn	5	12	894	1268	10.6	20
Footscray	4	13	911	1294	75.7	16
St. Kilda	1	16	943	1415	86.6	4

*Drawn games (Carlton 2).

C'ON	2.4	4.9	7.11	12.16	(88)
C'OLWOOD	1.3	3.7	8.12	9.13	(67)

Goals.—CARLTON: Warburton 6, Howell 2, Comben 2, Davies Spencer. COLLINGWOOD: Dunstan 2, M. Twomey 2, Coghlan, Mann, P. Twomey, Stevens, Phillips. Best.—CARLTON: Conley, English, Grieve, Warburton, Milroy, Howell. COLLINGWOOD: Merritt, Lucas, Rose, M. Twomey, W. Twomey, Tuck. Replacements.—Mills (Carlton), hip, by Spencer; Davies (Carlton), cramp, by Moloney; L. Richards (Collingwood), leg, by Parker in selected side; R. Richards (Collingwood), knee, by Coghlan; Parker (Collingwood), arm, by Stevens. Other injuries.—Flick (Collingwood), broken nose; Healey (Collingwood), cut over eye. Umpire.—Robinson.

G'LONG	6.2	10.7	13.9	15.13	(103)
N. MELB.	1.3	3.3	4.7	11.9	(75)

Goals.—G'LONG: Ginnion 5, Davis 3, O'Halloran 3, Trezise 2, Pianto, Worner. NORTH MELB.: Spencer 5, Alford 3, O'Halloran 2, Marched. Best.—G'LONG: Hyde, Worner, Hovey, Trezise, McMaster. NORTH MELB.: Brady, O'Halloran, Lawrence, Parkes, Brooker, Spencer. Replacements.—Larsen (North Melb.), ill, by Brooker in selected side; Kelly (North Melb.), thigh, by Farrard, J. Reeves (North Melb.), thigh, by L. Reeves. Umpire.—Beitzel.

gor, Goodger. HAWTHORN: Philp, Fletcher, Cash, Simmonds, Kennedy, M. Conside.

Replacements.—Coates (Fitzroy), knee, by Tamer; Gale (Fitzroy), thigh, by Murphy; Fitchett (Hawthorn), leg, by Marr; Kania (Hawthorn), shoulder, by Allison. Umpire: Blumfield.

R'MOND	2.3	6.5	7.9	13.11	(88)
F'SCRAY	3.4	3.10	4.13	5.14	(44)

Goals.—RICHMOND: O'Rourke 4, Wright 4, Poulter 2, Collins 2, Wilson. FOOTSCRAY: Harper 3, Whitten, Bryden. Best.—RICHMOND: Wright, Wilson, H. Rowe, D. Rowe, Spring, Fraser. FOOTSCRAY: Collins, Harper, Scanlan, Donald, Ross, Duffy. Replacements.—Cattions (Richmond), bruised knee, by Ritchie; Martin (Footscray), sprained ankle, by Beal. Umpire: Barbour.

S. MELB.	4.4	6.8	10.11	10.14	(71)
MELB.	1.4	5.7	6.11	8.15	(68)

Goals.—SOUTH MELBOURNE: Gunn 5, Deegan 2, E. Lane, G. Lane, Goldsmith. MELBOURNE: Clarke 3, McGivern 2, McKenzie, Abihston, Wilson. Best.—SOUTH MELBOURNE: Gunn, Paez, Schaefer, Scott, E. Lane, Goldsmith. MELBOURNE: Cordner, Abihston, Spencer, McGivern, Arnold, Jackson. Replacements.—C. Lane (South Melbourne), bruised thigh, by Paterson; Collins (Melbourne), ankle, by Letman; Jackson (Melbourne), by Whitaker. Other injuries.—I. McLean (Melbourne), bruised ribs; McKenzie (Melbourne), groin. Umpire: McMurray.

League Gates

	Attend.	Repts.
Carlton v. C'wood	42,600	£2632
N. Melb. v. Melb.	24,000	1500
N. Melb. v. G'long	15,000	709
H'thorn v. Fitzroy	12,000	637
Ess. v. St. Kilda	12,000	467
R'mond v. F'scray	11,000	420
Totals	116,600	£6385

16th Game

DID YOU SEE...?

Carlton team-mates twice clap amazing marking efforts by full forward Keith Warburton? For the first mark Warburton leapt late behind the pack, soared above a tangle of six-footers, and clutched the ball just above their outstretched fingers. For the second he almost tied himself in a knot to scoop in a ball swinging away from him.

Spencer's one-handed mark to score his first goal for North Melbourne? Pat Deagan South Melbourne full forward, reach back with his left hand as a pass from centreman Keith Schaefer flew over his head in the last quarter and pull down a brilliant mark?

South Melb. full back, Ron Paez twice applaud goals kicked by Melbourne opponents? The one-handed mark by Wilson in the third quarter

at Richmond and the well-executed ballet turn that went with it?

Hyde just miss a finger-tip mark; Middlemiss back up and handball to Williams, who cleared in a triple half-back effort for Geelong?

Gordon Lane's flashing hand pass to rover Eddie Lane near the centre of the ground in the first quarter, and Lane's running kick, which just missed the goals?

Spectators come to blows on the railway hill in the third term of the Hawthorn-Fitzroy game?

Players at North Melbourne continually losing the ball in the sun?

Eddie Jackson, Melbourne wingsman, grab his opponent, Frank Brey, by the leg in the second quarter, and umpire McMurray penalise the South man for holding the ball?

Geelong gives Tigers final preview

GEELONG gave another preview of its form for the finals when it trounced the strong but slower Richmond team by 44 points.

Geelong's team was so even on Saturday it was difficult to name its six best men. Only across the centre and at centre half-forward did Richmond have any supremacy.

Poulter (Richmond) was too brilliant for John Hyde, Geelong's centre half-back, but Geelong's other speedy half-backs, Middlemiss and Williams, covered this loss.

Richmond battled all day against the terrific pace of last year's premiers. The Tigers always lagged, just as many other teams have done against Geelong this year.

Wright (Richmond) and McMaster (Geelong) had some terrific duels in the packs, but Geelong's midgets Pianto and Trezise were too fast for Richmond's rovers.

Ginnion, the Geelong sharpshooter, up against Don Fraser, got five goals. At one stage his captain, Fred Flanagan, moved him away from Fraser and went to full forward himself, but Ginnion was back in his place in the third quarter.

Geelong, kicking accurately, raced away to an early

lead. It had six goals straight on the board before a point was scored.

Richmond, settling down in the second quarter, kept in Geelong to three goals, but at half-time was still 41 points behind.

In the last half Richmond kicked eight goals to Geelong's eight, but was never in the race against its speedy opponent.

GEELONG	17—9	(111)
RICHMOND	10—7	(67)

Best: GEELONG: Flanagan, Hovey, McMaster, Williams, Pianto, Turner. RICHMOND: Poulter, Austen, Wright, Fraser, Spring, Wilson.

Goals: GEELONG: Ginnion 5, Flanagan 4, Trezise 3, McMaster 2, Davis, Turner, Norman. RICHMOND: O'Rourke 3, Cooke 2, Nix, Wright, Poulter, Flintoff, Cox.

Umpire: McMURRAY.

1952 Football season proves

LEAGUE IS RICH IN NEW TALENT

By H. A. de LACY

Football 1952 has produced a galaxy of talented recruits. I will be surprised if several are not in the 1953 Victorian Carnival team for Adelaide.

Early in the season I picked Billy Gunn (South Melbourne) as the No. 1 recruit but I am not so sure now that there are not two better first year players—John Brady (North Melbourne) and Geoff. Williams (Geelong).

When a half-forward flank wins a place in a Victorian side, after only a few weeks in League football, he must show something more than promise.

When he holds his place he has confirmed the high opinions.

That's where Billy Gunn stands today. Last Saturday he was South's match-winner in the vital game against Melbourne.

Alan Fitcher left the Geelong-North Melbourne match on Saturday full of enthusiasm.

"I have seen three of the best recruits today I can

remember for a long time," he said.

He named John Brady, North Melbourne half-forward; Geoff Williams, Geelong half-back; and Peter Hamilton, who, he said, thrashed the Victorian centre half-forward, Fred Flanagan.

John Brady, after a brilliant start on the half-forward flank, was switched to centre half-forward against John Hyde, who had been unbeatable. He broke even with the Geelong champion.

Twenty-one year old Peter Hamilton looks like

becoming an interstate centre half-back. Geelong's Geoff Williams is a glorious defender, full of resource, pace and faultless anticipation.

But they were not the only recruits who caught the eye at North Melbourne. Laurie Icke, North Melbourne, was only one of some eight or nine first-year players who look like becoming permanents with North.

Geelong have been outstandingly fortunate in their recruiting.

This year four champions were discovered. They are Norm Sharpe, George Swarbrick, Geoff Williams and Doug Palmer.

Palmer has taken over the centre. Sharpe and Swarbrick are almost unbeatable ruckmen.

Last year Geelong signed Peter Pianto who, today, is one of the two top rovers in the State.

League match details

MEMBERSHIP LIST	W.	L.	Ag.	P.C.	Pts	
G'LONG	13	2	1517	1151	151.8	62
C'WOOD	9	5	1436	987	144.5	52
FITZROY	13	5	1461	1253	116.8	58
S. MELB.	11	6	1350	1246	108.3	46
*Melb.	9	8	1349	1287	104.8	38
*Ess.	8	9	1303	1289	116.6	34
*Richmond	7	11	1180	1368	90.2	28
Haw.	5	13	971	1398	69.3	20
St. K.	1	17	999	1507	66.3	4

*Drawn Games (Carlton 2).

Premiership points at the corresponding Collingwood 56; Essendon, 42; Footscray, 46; Fitzroy, 44; North Melbourne, 31; North Melbourne, 28; St. Kilda, 29; Hawthorn, 16; Melbourne, 4.

QUARTER SCORES	PROY	3.3	4.4	7.9	9.10	(64)
S. MELB	3.2	5.0	6.12	7.15	(57)	
N. MELB.	3.1	4.3	12.5	15.7	(67)	
MELB.	2.4	6.8	9.10	12.16	(65)	
ESS.	1.7	3.3	4.6	10.7	(67)	
RICHMOND	1.1	2.3	3.5	6.6	(67)	
ESS.	6.5	10.4	14.7	20.32	(122)	
C'ON	3.4	7.6	9.10	12.14	(82)	
ST. K.	1.3	5.3	7.4	8.8	(58)	
C'WOOD	2.0	8.6	9.8	14.15	(69)	
F'SCRAY	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	(11)	

WHERE GOALS KICKERS

I. COLEMAN	(Ess.)	13	94
N. CLARKE	(Melb.)	5	48
G. O'NEILL	(Fitz.)	5	47
J. SPENCER	(N.M.)	5	46
M. J. O'ROURKE	(Richmond)	4	31
41: J. Hovey	(Carlton)	6	39
C. McKenna	(Melb.)	6	39
McMaster	(Carlton)	6	29
McDonald	(St. Kilda)	6	29

WHERE GOALS KICKERS

WHERE	Attend.	Repts.
F'roy v. S. M.	29,000	£1,850
G'long v. R'mond	20,000	1,275
St. K. v. C'ton	18,000	780
Melb. v. N.M.	15,000	750
Ess. v. Haw.	15,000	750
Total	117,000	£6,000

17th Game

CARLTON OUTPOINTED BY GEELONG

Record Crowd At Poor Display

(By "Pivot")

Thousands of people in the record crowd at Kardinia Park on Saturday afternoon travelled long distances in anticipation of witnessing a spectacular game. They went away disappointed so far as the match was concerned, but thrilled with the performance of Geelong and the enhanced chances for the premiership.

Particularly after the first quarter Carlton never at any stage looked like making it an interesting game, and tired badly in the last quarter.

The umpire was Jamieson.

SCORES

	Geelong	Carlton
First quarter ..	0 5 5	1 3 9
Second quarter ..	5 9 39	2 6 18
Third quarter ..	9 13 67	2 10 22
Final ..	10 17 77	3 14 32

LEAGUE FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHT AT KARDINIA PARK



Above: Some of the 49,000 people who witnessed the match, queue at Kardinia Park gates at 9.15 a.m.

BLUES NO MATCH FOR SPEEDY GEELONG

Geelong, overcoming Carlton's first-quarter big-man challenge, shattered the Blues with dazzling pace and team work to win the main League game by 45 points at Kardinia Park on Saturday.

Carlton had no counter to Geelong's withering speed. When Geelong settled down and played together, it made the Blues look second rate.

Carlton's form in the last three terms was really bad. Their rucks were slow and ungainly, their rovers innocuous, their attack completely outclassed and the defence faltering.

Their good first quarter was largely due to Howell's dominance of the ruck. However, he went out of the game in the later stages, and Geelong were not seriously troubled by the Blues' big men.

Carlton's most obvious weakness was in attack.

Despite the constant switching of Warburton, Milroy and Howell at centre half-forward and full-forward, Carlton was never able to develop attacking method.

The half-forward line

was completely subdued by the dashing Geelong half-back line of Williams, Hyde and Middlemiss.

These three played with so much pace and enthusiasm that, in repelling Carlton trusts, they often assumed the role of attackers.

Geelong's attack began to function properly when Goninon started kicking goals in the second term.

The half-forwards, Turner, Flanagan and Davis, all played well, and Geelong was rarely troubled, once an attack had started, to get the ball near goals.

The Carlton defence started well, but deteriorated as the game progressed. In the third term, Goninon was paid

Quarter Of A Million Spectators At Kardinia Park

More than a quarter of a million people have been spectators at League football matches at Kardinia Park this season. That is nearly 50,000 more than in the 1951 season.

A total of 448,700 spectators have attended the games played both in Geelong and the metropolitan area. Aggregate gate receipts are £28,510, of which £15,964 was paid at Kardinia Park and £12,546 at metropolitan grounds.

The following is a summary of the position:—

Geelong Figures

Attendances and gate receipts at Kardinia Park this season against visiting teams have been as follows:

Footscray	29,600	£1847
St. Kilda	20,400	£1130
North Melbourne ..	19,940	£1041
South Melbourne ..	21,513	£1374
Collingwood	36,145	£2709
Melbourne	21,744	£1120
Fitzroy	31,314	£2040
Richmond	21,313	£1335
Carlton	49,197	£3368
	251,081	£15,964

At games away from Geelong attendances and gate receipts were as follows:—

Melbourne	24,300	£1427
Fitzroy	19,500	£1050
Richmond	25,000	£1600
Carlton	37,500	£2773
Essendon		
(at Brisbane)	28,000	£2250
Hawthorn	7500	£386
Essendon	21,000	£1357
Footscray	22,800	£1123
St. Kilda	12,000	£600
	197,600	£12,546

Summary—		
Games home ..	251,081	£15,964
Games away ..	197,600	£12,546
	448,700	£28,510

WRESTLING

Sydney, Sunday.—In the main wrestle at Leichardt Stadium last night Chief Little Wolf (17.3) defeated Tony Lamaro (17.9), two falls to one.

V.F.L. Statistics

V.F.L. LADDER

	Points				
	W.	L.	For.	Agst.	P.C. Pts.
GEEL'G	16	2	1594	1183	134.7 66
C'WOOD	14	4	1328	1038	144.4 56
F'ROY	13	6	1223	1170	105.4 52
CARL'N	11	6	1473	1310	112.4 48
S. Melb.	11	7	1411	1337	105.5 46
Melb.	9	9	1450	1379	103.0 38
N. Melb.	9	10	1352	1390	96.8 36
Essendon	8	10	1579	1390	113.6 34
Richmond	8	11	1281	1384	92.4 32
F'scray	5	14	1052	1364	77.1 20
Hawthorn	5	14	1020	1480	69.6 20
St. Kilda	2	17	1071	1573	68.1 8

G'LONG ..	0.5 5.9 9.13 10.17 (77)
CARL'N ..	1.3 2.6 2.10 3.14 (32)

Goals. — GEELONG: Goninon 4, Turner 2, Frezida 2, Norman, Pianto. CARLTON: Mills 2, Caspar.
Best. — GEELONG: Hyde, Williams, Morrison, McMaster, Turner, Reilly. CARLTON: Hands, Conley, Kerr, Grive, Howell, Guy.
Replacements.—Hovey (Geelong), bruised leg, by S. Smith; Sharp (Geelong), cramp, by Herbert; Green (Carlton), cramp, by Guy; Beagy (Carlton), cramp.
Other Injuries.—Flanagan (Geelong), bruised knee; Caspar (Carlton), cut nose.
Umpire: Jamieson.

18th Game.

GEELONG HAS GRIP ON PREMIERSHIP

Confident Display to Beat Blues

By Percy Beames

After its confident disposal of Carlton on Saturday, Geelong has only to continue in its present form to foreclose on the mortgage its holds on the 1952 premiership.

Even conservative officials at Geelong are now willing to admit that any lingering doubt about the ability of the team to win its second successive premiership have been dispelled.

the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Better Side

I consider Geelong a three or four goal better side than last season. My reason for this is that players have gained maturity and effectiveness.

League Football Attendance Breaks All Records

There was a record attendance of 49,107 at the Geelong-Carlton League football match at Kardinia Park on Saturday. Gate receipts amounted to £3368/10/-.

In both instances these figures create new records. The previous record was established this season at the Collingwood game on July 12 when the attendance was 36,145 and the gate receipts £2207.

From early morning the crowd began to assemble at the park and by 9 a.m. more than 2000 were waiting to gain admission. Police were on hand and this had a beneficial effect.

Every street within a considerable distance of the oval was packed with cars. In some instances they were two and three deep. In the early afternoon it was not possible to park a car in Moorabool Street between Kardinia Park and the city.

Most of the huge crowd had a

view of the game—or parts of it. Some gave up hope of trying to get a glimpse and were content to sit down and listen to a broadcast description. That became more noticeable when Geelong continued to increase the lead.

Trees around the arena accommodated a substantial number of spectators.

Heavy Traffic

After the game there were unbroken streams of traffic sometimes up to three abreast in Latrobe Terrace, Fenwick, Gheringhap, Moorabool, and Yarra Streets as traffic made its way towards Melbourne.

There was an extra number of police on duty throughout the day

and the manner in which the situation was handled was praised by the President (Mr. Jennings). He asked the Superintendent of Police (Mr. A. Martin) to convey to all concerned the thanks of the club for the valuable assistance which had been given.

Train Passenger's Comment

"There was just one stream of traffic on the Melbourne Road," said a passenger on one of the special trains which left Melbourne soon after midday.

Passengers on the train were kept in a whirl of excitement watching the traffic on the road on every occasion that it was possible to get a clear view of the highway.

de LACY PICKS HUTCHISON AS SEASON'S BEST

By H. A. de LACY

I pick Bill Hutchison, Essendon rover, as the Champion of Champions for 1952. Next best is a bracket of three players: Peter Pianto, Geelong rover; Olly Grieve, Carlton full-back; and Roy Wright, Richmond follower.



Bill Hutchison

My list of champions chosen for season 1952 may not necessarily agree with the selections given weekly by the Globe Football Staff in the £100 award. I am unable to see every game through from start to finish.

The Globe football staff writers view the performances of players from the first bounce to the last siren of a game.

Therefore, I do not vote on the Globe £100 award, nor do I try to influence the opinions of the football staff.

My list of champions is: Full back: Olly Grieve, Carlton. Back pocket: W. Stephen, Fitzroy. Centre half-back: John Hyde, Geelong. Wing half-back: Geoff Williams, day

Geelong. Centre: Neville Broderick, Fitzroy. Wing-man: Thorold Merrett, Collingwood. Centre half-forward: Jack Collins, Footscray. Wing half-forward: Pat Twomey, Collingwood. Full forward: John Coleman, Essendon.

Followers: Roy Wright, Richmond. Next best: Denis Cordner, Melbourne. Rover: Bill Hutchison, Essendon. Next best: Peter Pianto, Geelong. Best all rounder: Ron Hovey, Geelong. Most improved: John Gill, Essendon.

Olly Grieve has had a magnificent season at full back and has met the wet conditions, or the dry, with equal efficiency.

But there cannot be any gainsay in the fact that he comes winning day or losing day. Bill Hutchison has

been Essendon this season. He has made the greatest football side out of the four and the one team that in my opinion would have had a reasonable hope of being Geelong.

John Hyde is the ideal centre half-back, but he is the type who creates a defence around him. If anything his disposal can be criticised.

At the pivot, Neville Broderick has found the heavy conditions suitable and has given Fitzroy a big shouldered rover this season.

The question of the wing man is wide open, for I wanted to give a place to Laurie Kerr, Carlton, and Noel Jarvis, Fitzroy. They are all very dissimilar. Kerr hasn't the finesse of either

Jarvis or Merrett, but he has pace and robustness that the others lack.

However, I think Merrett makes more use of the ball than anybody else. His stab kicking is a delight.

My choice of Pat Twomey as the best wing half-forward is the only point in question on the half-forward line. Pat Twomey makes less ado of doing much than any other half-forward in the game. I like the almost silent menace he creates on a half-forward line.

I had no doubts about Roy Wright as the season's champion follower, until he was the victim of Geelong's pacy packs.

Denis Cordner has had a wonderful season and, on his most brilliant days, Peter Pianto is the League's greatest rover.

He remains John Coleman. He began the season indifferently and lost his place in the interstate team. He finishes the season in his customary sensational fashion.

Geelong v. Carlton

1st	0	5	5	1	3	9
2nd	5	9	39	2	6	18
3rd	9	13	67	2	10	22

GEELONG. — B.: Hovey, Morrison, Sharp. H.B.: Middlemiss, Hyde, Williams. C.: Worner, Palmer, Fulton. H.F.: Turner, Flanagan, Davis, F. Pianto, Goninon, Norman. R.: McMaster, Bentley, Trezise. 19, 20: Herbert, S. Smith.

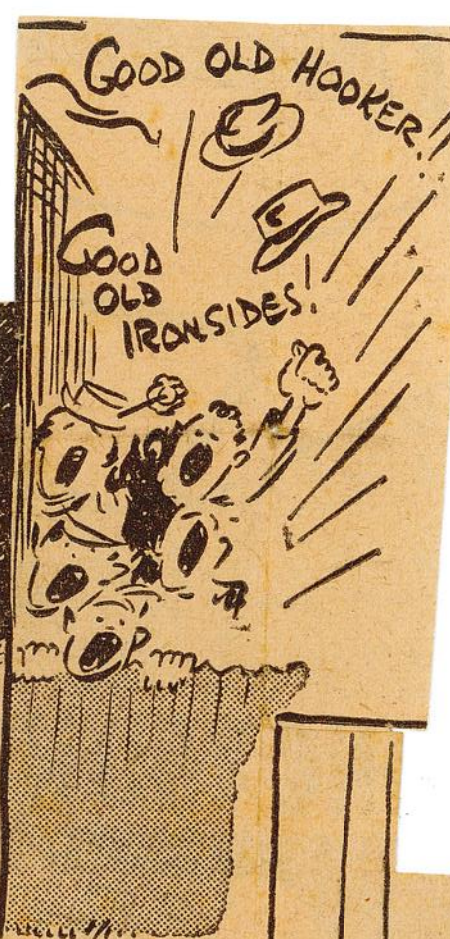
S. Smith replaced Hovey (injured leg) in second quarter. Herbert replaced Sharp in last quarter.

CARLTON. — B.: Conley, Grieve, Caspar. H.B.: Green, English, Brown. C.: Kerr, F. Stafford, Thomas. H.F.: Chick, Milroy, Beasy. F.: Davies, Warburton, Comben. R.: Hands, Howell, Mills. 19, 20: Spencer, Guy.

Guy replaced Green in third quarter. Spencer replaced Beasy in last quarter.

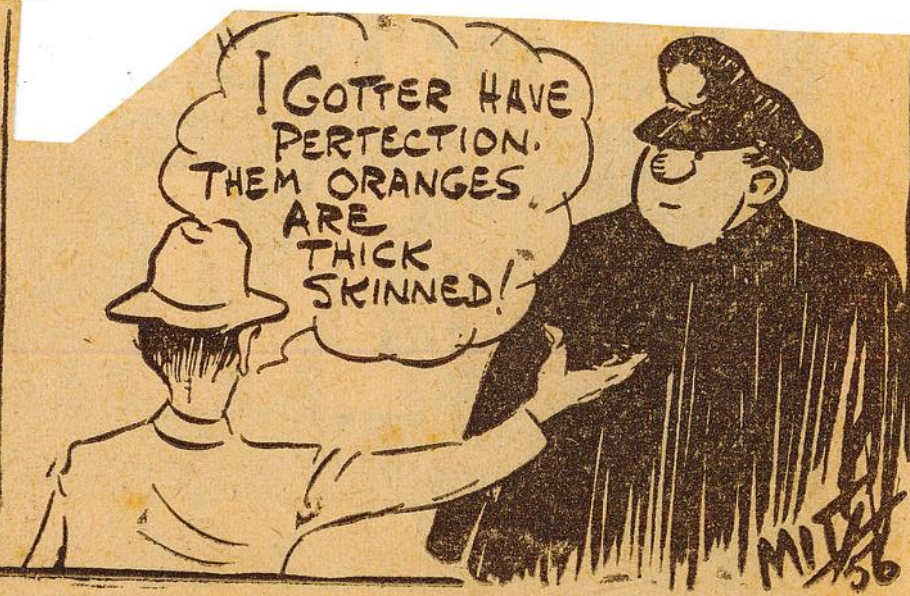
Umpire: Jamieson. At Geelong. Official attendance, 49,109. Takings, £3368.

The game opened with the tenseness of a grand final. Controlling the rucks, where Howell was overshadowing McMaster, Carlton had Geelong worried with their better marking and more direct tactics. However, several thrusts failed to penetrate Geelong's close-knit and vigilant defence, in which Morrison and Williams were prominent.



CAN RENFREY
MAKE IT
400?

IT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO EXPECT!
HE GETS BETTER EVERY SEASON!



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GEELONG'S SEMI-FINAL PLAYERS FOR 1952



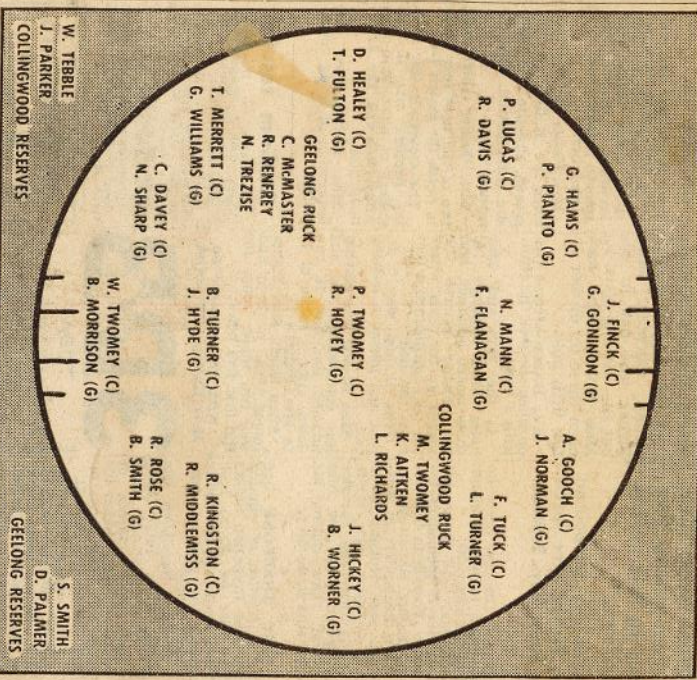
Geelong:

Unless last-minute changes are made, these men will play against Collingwood tomorrow: Left to right—INSET: T. Fulton, B. Worner. BACK ROW: G. Williams, N. Sharp, G. Goninon, J. Hyde, B. Morrison, R. Middlemiss, R. Renfrey. CENTRE ROW: R. Davis, L. Turner, B. Smith (V.-Capt.), F. Flanagan (Capt.), T. Morrow, C. McMaster. FRONT ROW: N. Trezise, S. Smith, D. Palmer, P. Pianto, R. Hovey.

GEELONG IN TOP RANK OF TEAMS SINCE WAR

gan's guide to Semi-final

LINE-UP FOR TODAY



Geelong

FRED FLANAGAN (capt.), centre half-forward, 26, 61½, 147, games 118, goals 10. Has been reorganised as a forward by the State selectors for the past six years. Is the right size and has all the things that are needed for a full-time forward. Watch how often he turns as he comes down to get into a rich area to go for a high mark shot at goal or a perfect pass to full forward **George Gonnon**. Is the Geelong player who often has the most to watch for in the job this year.

BERNIE SMITH (V.-capt.), back pocket, 24, 59, 111½, games 84, goals 3. Not many Geelong players could get into a rich area to go for a high mark shot at goal or a perfect pass to full forward **George Gonnon**. Is the Geelong player who often has the most to watch for in the job this year.

BRUCE MORRISON, full back, 29, 51½, 123, games 87, goals nil. So quiet and unassuming that he is often overlooked. Frequently makes use of his good play. Never rises an inch higher than the ball away from his own half, but is seldom wrong in judgment of how to meet and thwart an attacker.

NORMAN SHARP, follower, 28, 51, 132, games 118, goals nil. One of the best big men to come into the game in recent years. He has the temperament to take the treatment of a champion and the assurance of a seasoned player despite his youth and inexperience. He has the touch of ruggedness and the tough, long rules needed.

RUSSELL, 23, MIDDLEMISS, games 37, goals 2. A dashy, energetic player who is always ready to burst through openings which would not attempt. Some of those runs have been Geelong's best. He has a handle, but doesn't forget to poppy them without losing possession on the ball.

GEORF WILLIAMS, half-back, 21, 60, 121½, games 18, goals nil. One of the best forwards to come into the Geelong team in recent years. He has the resolve and a great hander even at the great pace with which he inverts. Some of those runs have been Geelong's best. He has a handle, but doesn't forget to poppy them without losing possession on the ball.

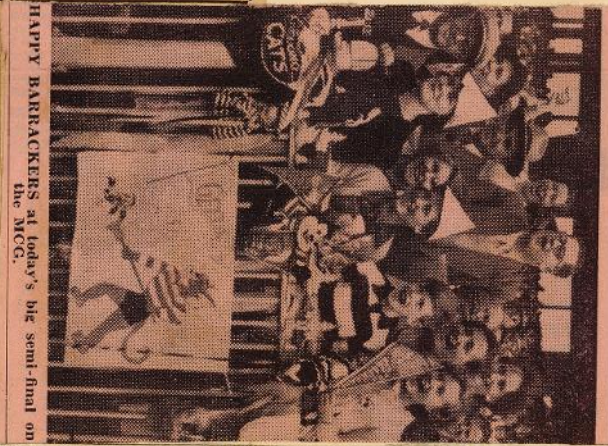
RON HOVER, centre, 19, 53, 120, games 30, goals 11. Was in and out of the team last year but is now becoming a star. Loves slim and somewhat fragile, but has the class, footballer's touch and fast turn through packs and "boos" opponents with a blind turn as soon as he sees in the open.

TERRY FULTON, 21, winger, 20, 57, 114, games 37, goals 1. One of the fastest of Geelong's many "tricksters." Out for more than half the season.

BERT WORNER, winger, 25, 51½, 117, games 26, goals 4. Sturdy type of centre line player who failed to hold the Geelong position last year. He is determined to do better this year. He got half-way through this season.

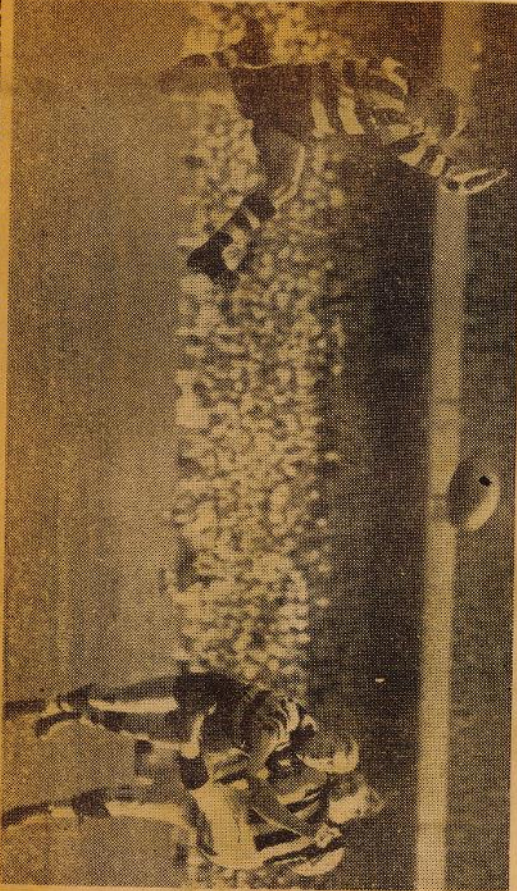
LEO J. THORNER, half-forward, 25, 53, 110, 114, games 88, goals 25. Still looking but a slick mover with a balling turn over of Geelong and a glorious left-hand foot. Dangerous high for an occasional "big" mark, but is more dangerous when he scoops the ball up at chest-height for a forward up to 40 yards away.

BOB DAVIS, half-forward, 24, 51½, 112½, games 82, goals 0. Strong enough to throw 50-100 yards and has a wrestling ring and enough to leave behind even though he runs behind **Kick's** football to handle and defender who has to chase him, especially if the ball is kicked wide and into open territory. He has the touch of a semi-final when he cut the Collingwood defence to ribbons in an outstanding display.



HAPPY BARRACKERS at today's big semi-final on the MCG.

Stars in League semi-final at Melb. ground



DESPITE THE EFFORTS of Geelong half-back flanker Geoff Williams, Ron Kingston, Collingwood half-forward, gets his kick toward goal at the MCG this afternoon. He scored a point.

THIS TICKET MUST BE HANDED TO GATEKEEPER INTACT

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GEELONG'S SPEED TOO MUCH FOR MAGPIES

Masterly Display in Semi-final Win



FRED FLANAGAN, Geelong captain, breaks through a mat of streamers to lead his side on to the field for the League semi-final against Collingwood at the M.C.G. on Saturday.

19 Game

SAT'S BARBECUE-100%— "THE RED HOT FAVS" DID A SPOT OF ROASTING OR SHOULD WE SAY BURNING OFF AT MCG—

"HIS McMASTERS VOICE" MAG COULDN'T FIND AN ANSWER

"BURN-IE SMITH— HIS MARKS— WHO SAID HE WAS SHORT OF MATCH PRACTICE? HE BURNT UP THE TURF!

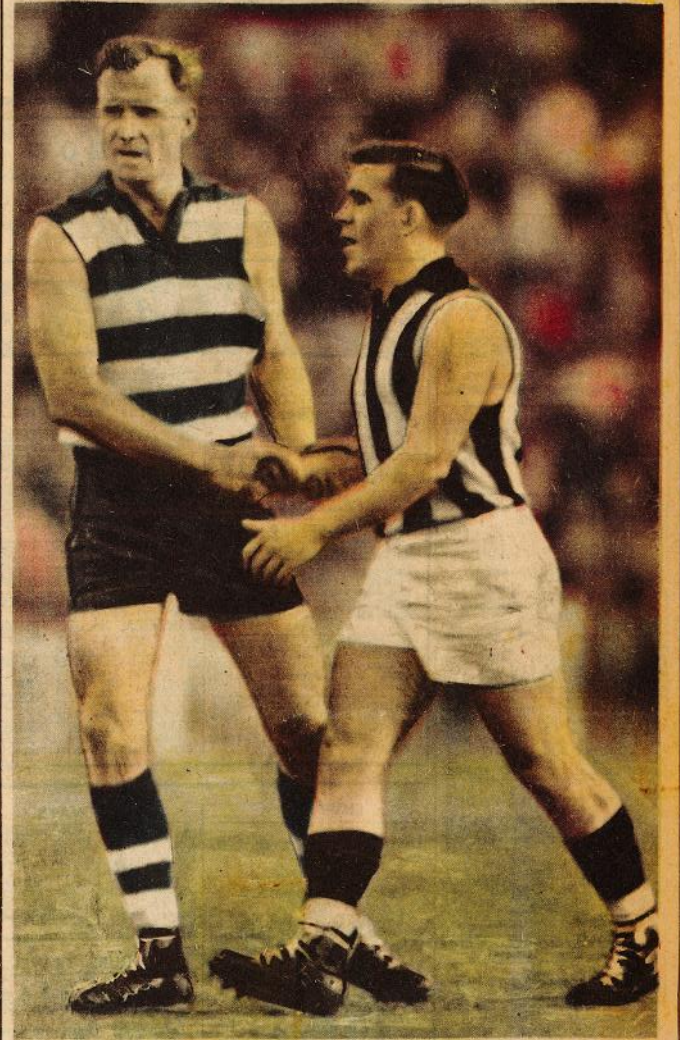
AND THE PROBLEM NOW IS— WHOS GOING TO BELL THE CAT? WHO EVER WINS NEXT SAT. WONT BE TOO EAGER ABOUT IT

"SHARKED" THE LOT— TREZ BON

BRUCE AND THE SPIDER

GUARDED HIM LIKE A SHIPOAD OF URANIUM

"So glad you came"



"It was nice of you to come," said Geelong skipper, Fred Flanagan, to Collingwood captain Lou Richards, when the Cats had finished their succulent meal of magpie. "But" (licking his chops) "I'm still hungry. Can you show me the way to Fitzroy?"

GEELONG . . . 14—16 (100)
COLLWOOD 6—10 (46)
Best: GEELONG: McMaster, Trezise, Renfrey, B. Smith, Hyde, Flanagan, Williams — with very little between them, and little between them and the other 11 players in the side.
COLLINGWOOD: P. Twomey, Hams, Healey, W. Twomey, Kingston, M. Twomey.
Goals: GEELONG: McMaster 4, Trezise 2, Gonlinon 2, Norman 2, Flanagan, Turner, Pianto, COLLINGWOOD: W. Twomey 4, M. Twomey, L. Richards.
Umpire: McMURRAY.

Match Details

Goals: Geelong: McMaster 4, Trezise 2, Gonlinon 2, Norman 2, Flanagan, Turner, Pianto, Collingwood: W. Twomey 4, M. Twomey, L. Richards.
Umpire: McMURRAY.

Replacements: Davis (Geelong), ankle, by Palmer; Mann (Collingwood), bruised thigh, by Tebble; Turner (Collingwood), strained ankle, by Parker.

Umpire: McMurray.

	1	2	3	4	Total
GEELONG	1	2	3	4	10
COLLWOOD	1	2	3	4	10

FREE KICKS.

	1	2	3	4	Total
GEELONG	8	4	3	2	17
COLLWOOD	11	6	7	3	27

MARKS.

	1	2	3	4	Total
GEELONG	18	26	28	25	97
COLLWOOD	15	19	18	18	70

Attendance, 77,417. Gate, £942 5/3.

Early in the game, Collingwood won in the air. They matched Geelong's pace, too, in the first quarter but because of the brilliant pace and play of Williams at half-back and Smith in the back pocket, Collingwood gained very little from it. When Geelong steadied it was all over. Their kicking for goal early in the

SUN EXPERTS

ALL STAR CAST IN GEELONG'S WIN: NOW SET FOR FLAG

GEELONG'S "all star cast" win over Collingwood was so convincing that it would need to go six goals behind scratch to lose the pennant.

Best players

Bill McMaster. — Magnificent marking whether following or at forward. His quick thinking and accurate kicking helped greatly in Geelong's win. **Russ Renfrey**—a tower of

strength in the ruck and dashing in defence with timely marks and telling kicks. **Neil Trezise** and **Peter Pianto** — tireless rovers. **Bernie Smith** — his usual self with uncanny judgment. **Fred Flanagan** — inspired his side with excellent marks and neat passes to position. **John Hyde** and **Geoff Williams**—stalwarts at half-back.



THE ARGUS, Monday, September 15, 1952

"Streamlined" football made semi a walkover SPEEDY GEELONG LEAVES MAGPIES AGAPE

By HUGH BUGGY

GIVING the finest display of smooth, streamlined football seen this year, Geelong outpaced, outmarked, and outpointed a hard striving Collingwood side to win the second League semi-final by 54 points on Saturday.

Geelong's play sparkled like champagne compared with the flat soda water of the first semi-final.

Its verve and snap and precision became a refreshing tonic to the

record second semi-final crowd of 77,417 fans.

Its zest and effortless perfection came as a revelation. Its technical excellence was such as to satisfy the most rigid football purist.

There was not one weak cog in the Geelong machine. There was never one moment of flurry in its play. There was never one hesitant note.

This confident, superbly fit, and intelligent side confounded those fans who still cling to the outdated notion that Geelong is a "giant

killer" only at Kardinia Park.

You could sense the reserve of latent power in this admirably balanced team. It has the controlled pace and the talent from goal to goal to enable it to rise to any heights. It needs only the emergency to draw out that extra power. And at no time on Saturday did such an emergency arise.

Geelong played one of its sparing, testing first terms. It gathered pace in the second and imposed on the

Magpies a breathless pace that sapped much of energy.

Then, after half-time saw the real Geelong.

They saw every inch into the game at tempo. They saw as that scorching pace shattered 10 other sides this year. For Geelong players dash the open spaces and the ball from end to end with dazzling 40-0 on the run.

HOGAN'S "BEST"

Geelong

"Bill" McMaster — supplied the dominating "big man" power needed to lift Geelong from a good side into an outstanding combination. Finished off his telling aerial work with beautiful passes and was a big force in attack when off the ball. **Russell Renfrey** — blended vigorous ground play and clean ball handling with McMaster's high marking in the ruck, and defended with perfect judgment. **Neil Trezise** — showed the Collingwood rovers clean heels around the packs and converted scoring chances with calm precision. **Bruce Morrison** — destroyed Collingwood's only chance of consistent scoring by beating Bill Twomey for vital marks and outplaying him on the ground.

Bernie Smith — played with all the judgment and dash which won him the 1951 Brownlow Medal. **Peter Pianto**—did as much as Trezise to shut the Collingwood rovers out of the game, but was not as effective in attack. **Norman Sharp** — rucked and defended with vigor and determination. **John Hyde**, **Geoff Williams** and **Russell Middlemiss** — presented a solid shield against Collingwood attacks and started many Geelong moves with pacy, aggressive play at half-back. **Fred Flanagan**—took some acrobatic marks, played on strongly and kicked to the right places.

WRIGHT PICKS THESE—



W. McMaster B. Smith



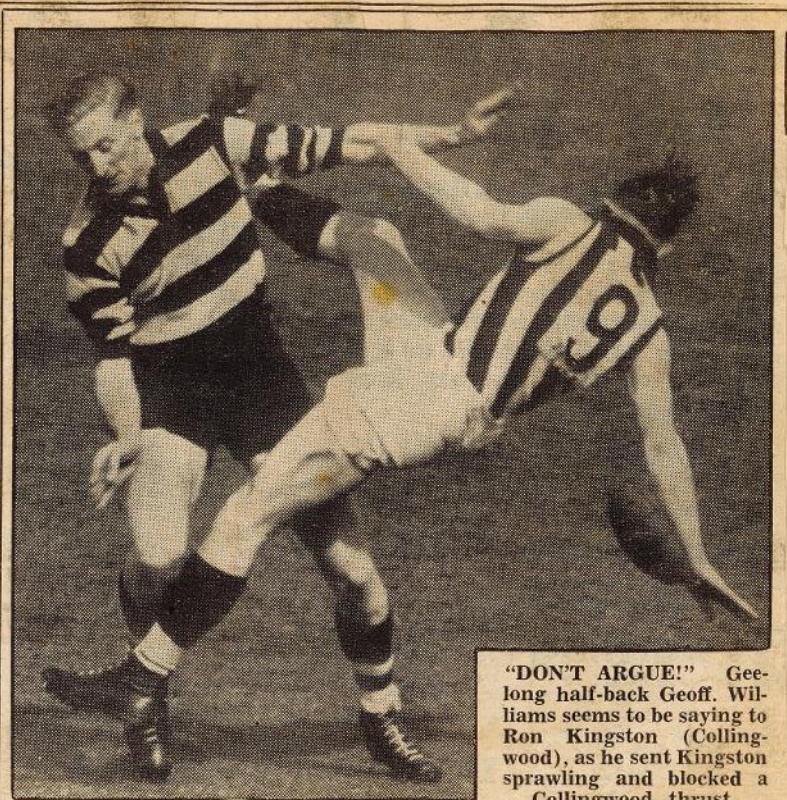
M. Twomey G. Williams

Maroons Are Heavy.—It's no wonder that Fitzroy possess such great physical strength and stamina. The team last Saturday averaged 13.1. It is probably the heaviest team to play in any final. Collingwood and Carlton would average about 12.10 this year, with Geelong well behind at about 12.4. But the Pivotonians have the speed. All teams average about 5.11 in height, with Collingwood, surprisingly, possessing the greatest number of six-footers. That rather destroys the argument that has been so often advanced this year that Collingwood would be beaten by a big-man team that could develop the long kicking, high marking game. Collingwood are the youngest team in the finals, averaging just under 23 years of age, while Carlton were the oldest at an average of just under 25 years.

A RECORD CROWD for a second semi-final — 77,417 — saw Geelong outspeed and outplay the Magpies on Saturday to win their place in the grand final. They paid £9842/5/3 — also a second semi record — to see the match.



ONE OF THE BIG MARKS taken by 18-year-old Norman Sharp, youngest player on the field. He rose between Mick Twomey (No. 25) and Brian Turner, of Collingwood. John Hyde (No. 16), Geelong, crashed in front of Sharp with Geoff Williams (No. 21), Geelong, and Thorold Merrett (No. 17), of Collingwood, looking on.



"DON'T ARGUE!" Geelong half-back Geoff. Williams seems to be saying to Ron Kingston (Collingwood), as he sent Kingston sprawling and blocked a Collingwood thrust.

Footballers Inspect Prize



LEADING GEELONG FOOTBALLERS, from left, Peter Pianto, Bert Warner, and Geoff Williams, admiring the radiogram which is first prize in GL's most popular Geelong footballer competition. The contest has developed into a race between full-back Bruce Morrison and rover Peter Pianto. Money raised by the competition will be divided between the Geelong Hospital and the Geelong Football Club's end-of-the-season trip fund. Threepenny votes may be forwarded to GL.

Too woolly for Lou!



To have and
to hold!



MAKING SURE OF HIS MARK: Geelong's dashing half-back flanker Geoff Williams hugs the ball as he takes a chest-high mark at training. This six-foot player, who comes from Warragul, is having his first season with Geelong.



Some lucky supporter of the Geelong football team will get this souvenir, a white ball on which are the autographs of the players. Here Geoff Williams, who has made an outstanding debut in League football this season, is autographing the ball which was provided by Mrs. L. Solomon. It will be disposed of by a competition next week. With him are trainer K. McLaren (right) and Geelong goalkicker (George Gouinon).

Geelong hottest favorite in players' vote

By ALF BROWN

Collingwood are without a friend among leading footballers for their League grand final game against Geelong at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday.

It was a different story when these sides last met in a grand final. That was in 1937 and before the game seven of the 12 League captains tipped Collingwood to win.

They were wrong because Geelong won that game easily—18.14.122 to 12.18.90. The scores were level when the last quarter began—30 points all. Geelong kicked 6.6 to 1.4 in a whirlwind last quarter.

Players' opinions about Saturday's game are:

Geoff Spring, Richmond: Geelong, because of their great all-round strength. They will be fresher, too. Collingwood will be sore from last week.

PLUCKY, BUT—

Denis Cordner, Melbourne: As much as you must admire Collingwood's effort last week, they have not got the side to equal the sustained brilliance Geelong can display for four quarters.

Jack McCorkell, North Melbourne:— Geelong. Collingwood are carrying injuries and against the pace that Geelong will crack on the Magpies will need to have every man with two good legs, not one, as some of them will have.

Jack Howell, Carlton:— Geelong's better position

play, pace and dashing half-back line will give them the premiership. **Ollie Grieve, Carlton:**— Even if Collingwood were 100 per cent fit I would not go for them. Geelong will be too fast and their teamwork will be too good.

TO DO BETTER?

Bill Hutchison, Essendon:— I have to pick Geelong. Collingwood may go about it a different way this time and put up a better showing than in the second semi. If Geelong's star players can stand up to a first quarter of vigorous football they will go on and win it.

Bill Stephen, Fitzroy: Geelong, because of their all-over strength. Collingwood will be tired.

Jack Collins, Footscray: Geelong are the best I have seen. They have all-over sustained pace, are very even and are stabilised, having played almost the same side throughout the year. They have a terrific line-up.



Given "breaks" well win

By REG HICKEY, Geelong coach, as told to HUGH BUGGY

Reg Hickey says:

GEELONG goes into the Grand Final today as fit as a side can be. If it has the same number of players playing really well as it had in the second semi-final it can win this game.

Collingwood certainly has lost some of its proven strength by the injuries to Pat Twomey and Peter Lucasi. But it is still a hard fighting Grand Final side, and it still has to be beaten. The 1932 flag still has to be won.

I am fully aware of the Magpies' great fighting qualities. I have seen them rise above slugging setpieces in the past. And I have the greatest respect for that "will-to-win" spirit that marks their game when they are in trouble. In our semi-final against them a fortnight ago, I remember that 14 players playing well had Geelong had only five or six. Today, should the number of our men doing really well fall and the number of effective players among the Magpies increase, it could be a very hard game.

Conditions could have a big influence on this match. Naturally, with us, we want the same pleasant wind on our side and dry ground on the second semi-final.

Can lose "sting"

Muddy conditions can take the sting out of some teams, but a good side overcomes all such obstacles. I know, I know, I know. Geelong has such a side this year. No players know, I know, I know, playing in flush, but Geelong has

won some good games this winter when the going has been heavy. I expect the reconstituted Collingwood side will go into the game quite fit, but I have no worries about the fitness of our players. I know Geelong has that determination, pace, and will to win which are essentials in these sternly contested Responder matches.

In the second semi, our third quarter was our best against the Magpies. It was not at all satisfied with our last quarter. Our big head may have had a psychological effect on our players in that game, but the same things in that game, but the same things in that last quarter. I did not like that unorthodoxy.

Break no worry

Some sides are affected by a fortnight without matches, but I do not think that will seriously worry today's Geelong team. Our family had no influence on our play in the finals of 1951.

I have always felt there are misconceptions on the question of stakiness and League teams going to.

Stakiness does not affect a side which has a preponderance of young players. Why should it? There are some players who would not be affected adversely if they were to have a run on six nights of the week. In fact, such steady training would benefit the type of player I have in mind. There are other players, of course, who do not need such an intensive work-out and it is better to keep this type a little "battered".

No! I have no worry about Geelong going stale or being affected by the lack of a match last Saturday. I never boast, but I feel that if we have the right number of players playing well today, we will take the 1952 premiership.

Fumbles in attack again cost Geelong opportunities. It was crowded, indefinite play and in no sense was real combination anywhere except in the Geelong defence lines. Best player on the ground at this was undoubtedly Jeff Williams, Geelong wing half-back.

There was a multitude of free kicks when Collingwood next time drove forward, finally Umpire Jamieson decided to give a free kick to Parker. What he had missed to both sides before that did not seem to matter. Parker got Collingwood's fourth goal.

Collingwood kept battering away, Geelong's defence was hard put to it. Merritt, with a long punt, got their fifth goal, bringing them within seven points of Geelong.

Bill Rose followed McMaster everywhere as Geelong looked in danger of defeat. Collingwood tore in relentlessly.

The position wasn't improved when Sharp on a free kick kicked into the man on his mark.

With so many things unstable, Jeff Williams, Geelong half-back stood out for his reliability.

Williams was best

Best man on the ground was Geelong half back Jeff Williams. He was never beaten.

Next to him was Nell Trezise, Geelong rover. For Collingwood, best man was Bob Rose, with Thorold Merrett and Parker (rover) close behind him.

Bernie Smith ranked high among the defenders. Pianto was a clever rover and it would be an injustice if I missed Goninon at full-forward.

Looking over other Collingwood players, I select Dunstan, Healey and Mann as their best. The Twomeys occasionally flashed into the picture.

Geoff Williams was the Geelong half-back line in the first half. Often he was on the opposite flank to his own, yet he was never caught out of position, and did not make one mistake.

In a magnificent solo effort, Bob Davis carried the ball 70 yards upfield, hand-passed to Wornor, followed through to receive a return pass, and just missed capping his run with a goal.

Some of Geelong's players did not "go in" as well as I have seen them in previous matches, and had it not been for the reliable and dashing Geoff Williams in the first half, Geelong could have been trailing at the interval.

With their undoubted pace, it was surprising to see Geelong players "tumbling" into the crowded congested style that Collingwood adopted. When they did break into the open it was a case of "shut the gate."



J. Lewis

Best: GEELONG: Williams (best on the ground), Trezise, E. Smith, Pianto, Goninon, Morrison, Davis (second half), Middlemiss. COLLINGWOOD: Merrett, E. Rose, Parker, Mann, M. Twomey, Dunstan, W. Twomey, Healey.
Goals: GEELONG: Goninon 5, Trezise 4, Davis, Wornor, Flanagan, McMaster. COLLINGWOOD: Parker 3, Merrett 2.



SOME OF THE 104 passenger buses from Geelong which parked bumper to bumper in one section of Wellington Parade South.

The danger in Collingwood's only two rovers was in the proof that by doing so that they left the most brilliant Geelong defender, Williams, unguarded. He cut their attacks in half. Still there was nothing in the game at this stage. Collingwood still struggled where Geelong moved freely. It was the veterans, Lou Richards and Bob Rose, who brought Collingwood within range again. Sharp marked cleanly. Although Mick Twomey, snatching the ball away, claimed the de-

The pace of Geelong's half-back line was well demonstrated when John Hyde twice streaked down the ground to ease the danger of Collingwood's attacks. Geoff Williams, on the flank, was equally effective with pace and clever ball-handling.

20th Game.

How they will line up for Grand Final

COLLINGWOOD

EMERGENCIES

KINGSTON (C) 20. 6.0. 12.10

HAMS (C) 24. 5.8. 12.10

L. SMITH (C) 18. 5.10. 12.0

MERRETT (C) 18. 5.6. 10.7

R. ROSE (C) 24. 5.8. 12.3

COGHLAN (C) 22. 5.4. 9.7

AITKEN (C) 24. 6.0. 13.7

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BATCHELOR (C) 21. 6.0. 13.7

GONINON (G) 25. 5.11. 12.4

PIANTO (G) 22. 5.7. 11.10

FINCK (C) 22. 6.1. 12.4

FLANAGAN (G) 28. 6.11. 14.7

RICHARDS, L. (C) 29. 5.6. 12.2

GOOCH (C) 21. 6.2. 14.2

W. TWOMEY (C) 24. 6.0. 13.3

PALMER (G) 22. 5.8. 10.8

MCMASTER (G) 22. 6.3. 12.4

RENFREY (G) 29. 5.11. 13.4

DUNSTAN (C) 23. 6.1. 12.8

HYDE (G) 6.0. 13.8

PARKER (C) 21. 5.10. 13.0

E. SMITH (G) 24. 5.9. 11.11

STEVENS (C) 22. 6.2. 15.7

MORRISON (G) 29. 5.11. 12.12

GEELONG

RESERVES

(19) HOVEY (G) 19. 5.10. 12.0

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W. ROSE (C) 21. 6.3. 12.11

NORMAN (G) 23. 6.11. 12.10

DAVIS (G) 24. 5.11. 13.12

TUCK (C) 21. 6.0. 13.0

HEALEY (C) 24. 5.7. 11.7

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EMERGENCY:

Geelong

FRED FLANAGAN (capt.), centre half-forward, 23, 6ft. 1½in., 14.7; games 119, goals 101. — Stepped straight into the front rank when he came from Swan Hill to Geelong seven seasons ago, and won a Victorian guernsey in his first year. Has never been out of the State side since, and was captain this season. He is a beautifully-built athlete with plenty of speed and strength. His football is handsome, too, fast, clean and spectacular.

BERNIE SMITH (v.-capt.), back pocket, 24, 5.9, 11.11; games 84, goals 3. — Proved his right to rank with the best small defenders of all time by playing magnificently in the second semi-final after being out with serious injury for two months. Watch how he moves with unerring judgment in front or behind a goalmouth pack and dashes in at the exact moment the ball drops. Then, follow his kick and see how often it initiates a Geelong attack.

BRUCE MORRISON, full-back, 29, 5.11, 12.12; games 88, goals nil. — There is no more unobtrusive player, on and off the field, in the game today, but opponents who mistake his quietness for meekness are soon disillusioned. He's on the job all the time and has an uncanny knack of running just fast enough, jumping just high enough and bumping or tackling just hard enough to keep the best opponents wondering why they can't get goals. He upset Collingwood's plans by pacing it with Bill Twomey in the semi-final, and is likely to be a real "snag" again.

NORMAN SHARP, follower and defender, 18, 6.1, 13.2; games 12, goals nil. — Big, strong and fearless, with the dash and resilience one can expect from an 18-year-old playing his first season in the League. Has an old head on those broad, young shoulders, though, and doesn't make many mistakes.

RUSSELL MIDDLEMISS, half-back, 23, 5.11, 12.0; games 38, goals 2. — Pacy, hard-bumping defender without any noticeable weakness even the most cunning opponent can exploit. Will occasionally take risks, but can recover position very quickly and absorbs hard knocks without slowing up or showing any desire to sidestep.

JOHN HYDE, centre half-back, 22, 6.0½, 13.8; games 73, goals 6. — Uses his speed, strength and stamina with aggressive confidence, which often makes his key defence post a springboard for Geelong attacks. Might not get up as high as some centre half-backs, but usually takes front position in marking duels and has safe hands. Is a good, natural right-foot kick, but can drive the ball a long way with the left when necessary.

GEOFF WILLIAMS, half-back, 21, 6.0, 12.10; games 19, goals nil. — Stepped into a potential premierships side at the start of the season and has held his place with distinction all the year. You can't ask any more of a recruit even if he had been marked down as a likely League star when playing junior football in Geelong three years ago. Experience in strong country teams while on the relieving staff of the bank for which he works increased his natural talent and toughness.

BERT WORNER, winger, 22, 5.10, 11.7; games 27, goals 4. — Strong player without any frills on his straight-ahead style. Got into last year's finals at half-back, but had to battle his way back into the side this season. Has held a wing position against some strong opposition, but may need his height and weight advantages today against the classy Collingwood speedsters.

DOUG PALMER, centre, 22, 5.8½, 10.8; games 20, goals 4. — The smallest and lightest man to hold the centre position in a top-rank team for many years. Gets there because he is always on the move, jumps with reckless courage for marks, and gets off the mark as quickly as Barney Ewell, and battles determinedly in all circumstances. Delivers the ball well with his right foot, but sometimes turns back the wrong way and has to use an awkward left-foot punt, which seems out of place in the good-kicking Geelong combination.

TERRY FULTON, winger, 22, 5.8, 11.0; games 38, goals 3. — Smart, tenacious winger, with the extra yard of speed that wins matches, if things break his way. Has had an interrupted season, but showed flashes of his best in the semi-final, and has trained excellently since.

LEO TURNER, half-forward, 24, 5.10, 11.4; games 90, goals 26. — Talented and experienced player, who is at home anywhere across the centre or at half-forward. Has a particularly "sweet" left-foot kick, which he uses intelligently whether shooting a pass or taking a pot-shot at goal.

BOB DAVIS, half-forward, 24, 5.11, 13.12; games 83, goals 69. — One of the most dynamic players ever seen in League ranks. It's a case of "shut the gate" if he gets loose with open ground between himself and the goals, because nobody but a genuine "even-time" runner will catch him, and only the strongest and toughest opponents can block or stop his 14-stone frame. Doesn't turn on the fireworks as often as he used to do, but the threat is always there.

JIM NORMAN, follower and forward pocket, 23, 6.1½, 12.10; games 34, goals 15. — Has weight, height, mobility and ability to mark and kick cleanly. Not much more a relief follower needs except courage and durability, and he is not short on those, either.

GEORGE GONINON, full forward, 23, 5.11, 12.4; games 47, goals 182. — An odd-looking but accurate "lolly-drop" punt kick was his entree card to "big" football, but he has acquired other talents since making a name for himself in Northern Tasmania and later battling for a long time to break into Essendon's team. Confidence, apparently born of success since he crossed to Geelong, seems to have worked a change in his play. Now he is harder to bump aside and, occasionally, returns a knock with interest, but sometimes misses a shot which would have been a certain goal last year.

PETER PIANTO, rover and forward pocket, 22, 5.7, 11.0; games 32, goals 37. — He's a really muscular midget with amazing physical strength and stamina. He finishes faster than he starts, but that doesn't mean he lacks pace early in a game. Other League clubs missed Pianto because he was playing on the wing at Eaglehawk when they were looking for rovers. Geelong came late, but got two stars — Pianto and Palmer.

BILL McMASTER, follower and forward, 22, 6.3½, 12.4; games 30, goals 49. — Look for a red head with the longest arms and legs on the field today, and you'll have spotted Geelong's greatest driving force in the ruck. Don't be disappointed if he doesn't show up in the first quarter because he sometimes takes a while to get really started and, in any case, he never bothers to be spectacular if a gentle tap down to his rover, or a quick hand-pass gives his team the chance to advance. It's when things are tough that this lanky fellow from the Western District sheep country, who plays football only because he likes it, stretches up for his highest marks and uses his well-controlled kicks with best effect.

RUSSELL RENFREY, follower and back pocket, 29, 5.11½, 13.5; games 126, goals 83. — Tough, rough (if necessary), always full of life and giving his best. That's how Renfrey has played for Geelong since he first came into the side in 1943. Has played in a dozen positions, has seldom given a poor game, and Saturday week's semi-final was possibly one of the best.

NEIL TREZISE, rover and forward pocket, 21, 5.6, 11.4; games 59, goals 72. — His team mates call him "Nipper," but the name could be changed to "Nippy" with equal truth. His quickness off the mark is all the more telling because he anticipates well and "goes through" without hesitation.

RESERVES
RON HOVEY, half-forward and centre, 19, 5.10, 12.0; games 31, goals 11. — Is out of the team only because Geelong has too many good players. Can play in attack or defence with skill and dash well above ordinary.

MAGPIES OUTPLAYED; STOPPED TO WALK

By H. A. de LACY

Collingwood stopped to a walk when Geelong applied pressure in the third quarter. The game was quickly over it might be said in a blazing 15 minutes of clever football.

Collingwood had battled desperately to pull Geelong on to the wrong leg and had nearly succeeded.

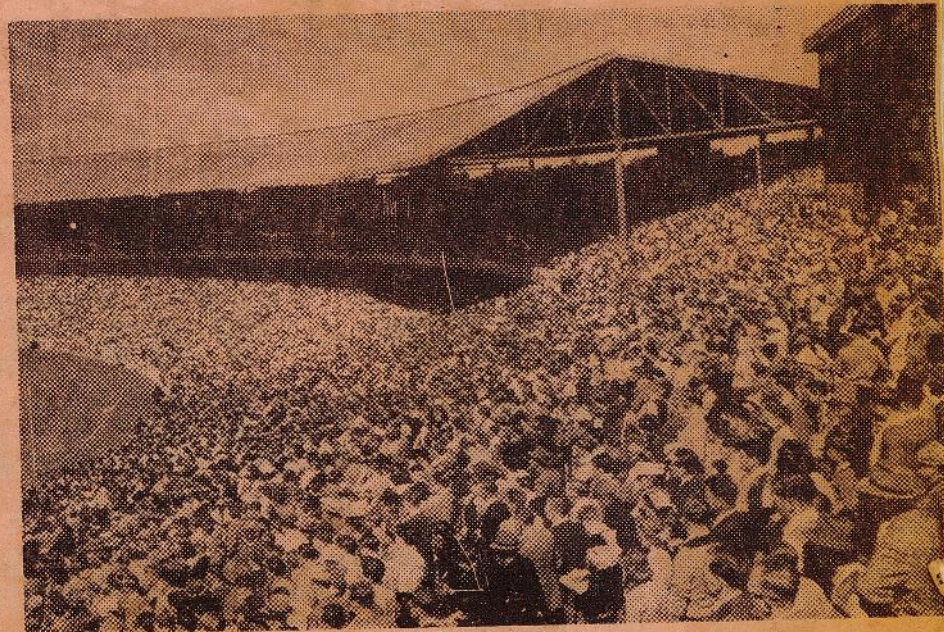
Best man on the ground was Jeff Williams of Geelong.

Geelong won 13.8.86 to Collingwood 5.10.40 in a painless finish. Goninon (Geelong) kicked 5.2 from eight shots.

	Collingwood			Geelong		
First Quarter . .	1	1	7	4	2	26
Second Quarter . .	3	3	21	5	3	33
Third Quarter . .	5	3	33	11	6	72
FINAL	5	10	40	13	8	86



An aerial duel between Smith (Geel.) and Parker (Coll.) ended infavor of Smith.



This picture of the huge crowd at the League Grand Final at the M.C.G. today was taken during the curtain raiser between Essendon and Collingwood seconds. The "outer" was packed long before the big game started.

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500 per minute go through gates
 People passed through the turnstiles at the MCG at the rate of 500 a minute after the gates had been opened at 9.13 this morning.

The KING CAT
 GEELONG COACH REG HICKEY 1952

WILLIAMS
 showing great anticipation and dash to clear on numerous occasions capping off a great first year in League football—

BEST PLAYERS—Geoff Williams — consistent display of dash and judgment at half-back. A brilliant performance for a first-year player. Norm Sharp — sound in defence and tuck with timeliness. **George Gannon** — accurate kicking. **Nell Lloyd Hagger's** interpretation of the King Trezise — mithering when roving or at forward. **Cat**, **He's Reg Hickey**, **Geelong** coach who made history for Geelong with two consecutive premiership.

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 year in League football—

AFTER THE GAME WAS OVER

Geoff Williams in his exchanged Collingwood guernsey makes his way to the dressing room. Fred Flanagan, being chaired in, was not given the chance to put on his guernsey.

Nervous Leaders
 While Geelong were regarded by many as being "home and hosed" the club president (Mr. A. R. Jennings) and the coach (Reg Hickey) faced through, and with a long forward punt passed to Gannon, leading well out. A behind only was the result.

Uncertain Start
 Confidence felt in Geelong's ability to win the premiership may have been shaken a little by the team's uncertain start. It was obviously restored by the dazzling third term, and when Trezise snapped a goal quarter still to play, the drift from the ground began, as many spectators decided the result was a foregone conclusion.

Geoff Williams was awarded the Solomon trophy for the best Geelong player in the grand final.

A suggestion that he might have played his last game for Geelong battered standing over striking and much-larger, triumphant-looking cats youthful artists. Most depicted Geelong dressing room was decorated with a number of brightly colored posters, the work of these Geelong players. The fidelity of the Geelong players. The School may feel they had a share in maintaining the morale and confidence of the Geelong High Art students of Geelong High officials afterwards.

It was a different story for both of them. They were worse than most. "Everyone has the jitters, and I have them before the game, said Reg Hickey, addressing the nervous players before the game. "I'm not getting nervous, are you Jack?" Mr. Jennings replied: "I'm not getting nervous, are you Jack?"

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RANG THE BELL

Wright picks these



Smith and Williams did a mighty job then. I just can't work Smith out. His judgment is amazing. I've never seen anything like it.

In that first half it was Geelong's back line and Collingwood's shocking attack that saved the premiership.

Geelong Star Former Benalla Boy

Geoff Williams, who was acclaimed as the most outstanding player in the League grand final Saturday, and who won the award as "best and fairest" player for the season in the Geelong team, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams, of East Geelong. This is Geoff's first season in the Gipsland League last year when he played for Warragul. He spent his schooldays in Benalla, and his father is remembered by many, being on the staff of the Benalla High School, and the Benalla Sunday School. He also produces the "Sunday School of the Air" from 3GL Geelong every Sunday.

Geelong award to Williams
 Geoff Williams, half-back flanker, has won Geelong's best and fairest player award in his first season of League football. Williams won narrowly from rover Peter Planto, who was runner-up, and Nell Trezise, third.

Other awards announced yesterday were: Most consistent, **Bruce Morrison**; most improved, **C. McMassey**; best club man, **Russell Renfrey**; best utility, **Don Hovey**; special awards for play in final series, **George Gannon** and **Norman Sharp**.

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J. M. Ferris, Assistant Managing Director of the trophies he received at the (By Football Club. Williams received the season in the Geelong team the grand final.

(Robert Pockley Photo).

Geelong made club history by winning the Victorian Football League premiership. Collingwood, defeated by 46 points, was the only team to play at a medium standard, held a lead for the only time during its progress.

Geelong played a strong third quarter which was beyond doubt.

SCORES

	Geelong	C'wood
First quarter ..	4 2 26	1 1 7
Second quarter	5 3 33	3 3 21
Third quarter ..	11 6 72	5 3 33
Final	13 8 86	5 10 40

Attendance, 81,304. Gate receipts, £10,219/16/9.

Umpire: Jamieson. Fred Flanagan won the toss and Geelong kicked to the Richmond end, which was slightly favored by the wind.

Free kicks were handed out immediately the ball was bounced and all went to Collingwood. From the second one Mann opened scoring with a single. The Magpies kept up the pressure, but three times Sharp turned them aside when within striking distance. Middlemiss and Smith beat off other attacks.

Play was congested. There was not a player on the main stand side of the ground. Collingwood won through in one rush and Merrett with a long kick scored first goal.

This was not a hopeful opening for Geelong, who so frequently have jumped away from the bounce and made rapid scores. There was early evidence that it was a typical grand final game—players nervy and appearing to be almost afraid at times to touch the ball.

As subsequent events proved the beginning of the match was the only time Collingwood had the lead.

After Williams had stemmed an attack Renfrey carried on to Trezise who passed brilliantly to Goninon for first goal.

Within a minute Turner and Flanagan flashed the ball to Davis, who finished the effort with a 55-yard kick to score second goal.

Goninon and then Davis each scored a single. Later Trezise made a dash from the centre to score third goal and soon afterwards sent the ball to Goninon for the fourth.

There were brief intervals in the making of those scores during which Collingwood made some desperate attacks, but they could not get through the Geelong defence. Dunstan and Bob Rose tried hard to penetrate it but failed. There was dismay when Bill Rose had a shot a short distance from goal but kicked out.

Geelong led 4.2 to 1.1 at the first change.

Geelong Maintains Lead

Another single was added immediately after resumption but gradually the Magpies obtained the upper hand. Bill Twomey missed badly and scored only a single from an easy shot. Geelong went forward but did not break the defence, and back Collingwood came for Parker to goal. Mann was the greatest obstacle to Geelong in efforts to score. When Parker added his second goal it left Collingwood seven points arrears.

The hardest battling period of the game developed as the two sides fought to secure the lead. Geelong battled equally hard to score some of the goals. Williams was the only player of Geelong to score a goal.

the scoring list. They made four unsuccessful attempts.

Geelong pressed on again. Davis made another great run to send to Flanagan; he passed to McMaster feet from goal, and Geelong's 11th goal was scored.

Collingwood faced a deficit of 39 points at the last change.

Lifeless Last Q quarter

Collingwood, pressing home attacks early in the last quarter, fumbled badly in the vital area and were easy victims to Geelong's virile defence.

Seven minutes after the commencement of the quarter the first point was scored by Collingwood. Four minutes later Goninon scored one for Geelong. He just missed when shooting from an acute angle. Almost five minutes later Trezise sealed the fate of Collingwood with a smart goal off the ground from a scramble near the behind post. Then, after the Magpies had broken through for two singles, Trezise added another which went through because of the clever shepherding of McMaster.

With 10 minutes still to play Geelong made two replacements. Hovey and Sid Smith took the places of Pianto and Norman, both of whom had a slight attack of cramp.

It was a tame finish, and in the last few minutes there was little noise from the crowd. Collingwood battled on and added four behinds to make a tally of seven without a goal as their score of the quarter.

Geelong won, not as convincingly as on many other occasions throughout the season, but in a manner and by a margin which emphasised their superiority.

Goal-kickers.—Geelong: Goninon (5), Trezise (4), Davis, Worner, Flanagan, McMaster. Collingwood: Parker (3), Merrett (2).

Best players.—Geelong: Williams, Trezise, Pianto, Goninon, Renfrey, Morrison, B. Smith, Norman. Collingwood: R. Rose, Dunstan, W. Twomey, Healey, Mann, Parker, Merrett.

Crowds Witness Game Ground To

First-comers gathered outside the M.C.G. late on Friday night, and by dawn there were several hundreds of early arrivals. Crowds gathered quickly, and when the gates opened at 9.13 a.m., there were many thousands in the long queues.

By 10 o'clock, there was an estimated 25,000 in the outer, and half an hour later, this number had risen to 33,000. At this stage, the rate of intake slowed down considerably, and by 11 o'clock the crowd was only about 38,000.

A close watch was kept on the attendance by Health authorities, and the upper deck of the outer stands was closed at noon, when about 50,000 people were in the outer. The members' stands began to fill up at this stage, and although the intake to the outer decreased further, the stands filled quickly.

Police kept a tight check on the crowd, and few serious incidents occurred. There was little noise from the crowd, and few serious incidents occurred. There was little noise from the crowd, and few serious incidents occurred.

For the first time in the history of the game, there were no spectators on the side line.



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CELEBRATION KARDINIA P

Between 5000 and 6000 people gathered at Kardinia Park yesterday morning hoping to see a fitting celebration of the winning of the premiership.

Outside in the park 1000 cars were parked.

The people, however, were disappointed. The fact that it was found that there was a hole in the pie which was the cause of the trouble.

HE NEEDED
HELP WITH
HIS TROPHIES



Geoff Williams receives assistance from Mr. J. M. Ferris, Assistant Managing Director of Ford Motor Company in caring for the trophies he received at the annual meeting of the Geelong Cricket and Football Club. Williams received trophies for being the best and fairest player for the season in the Geelong team and also for being the best player in the grand final.

(Robert Pockley Photo).

