

FOOTBALL GOSSIP

(By "Nineteenth")

Goolwa kept their unbeaten record intact when they defeated Victors by 10 points last Saturday in another thrilling game. When the Black-and-Whites opened up a four goals lead early in the game it looked as though they were all set for a runaway victory, but Victors came back in grand style to be only four points down at half time. Although the Blue-and-Whites actually took the lead half way through the last term, Goolwa's stamina won the day—they finished "ful of running", while the losers just failed to see it out.

The winners were well served by several players and it is rather hard to separate them in selecting their best. I personally thought Fred Tester's clever sharking and excellent disposal played a vital part in his side's win. Ron Skewes did a tremendous amount of hard work in ruck and won a "trophy" as Goolwa's best. "Syki" Wilson again roved cleverly, while the Carter brothers—Harry and Wenzel—played well throughout. Bob Davis (in the second half) and young "Gunner" Byrnes were perhaps the best of the others.

Victors also had several players about on a par, but it was pleasing to see junior Robert Penny collect the "shampoo" for his very fine effort. Nev Penny and Bill Moyle worked like "galley slaves" throughout, while Don Fishlock again starred at centre. John Milte (steady improvement), Col. Sweeney and Keith Henderson did well, while "Casey" Cannan played by far his best game for the season.

A near "grand final" crowd turned out to see this match and all went away "licking their chops" for more. Rovers proved too strong for Compass, as was generally expected. However the Maroon-and-Golds "never say die" and as a result all who

play against them earn every kick they get. "Stick to it, Compass." There are bound to be better days ahead. The winners were best served by skipper Don Bartel (who rarely turns in a bad game), Roy Wienert another very consistent player, Wilson and Viv Kirby. Compass players named were Keith and Allan Tonkin, Patterson, and full-back Ray Lewis.

Colts matches were won by Rovers and Victors, who proved too strong for Compass-Elliott and Goolwa, respectively. By the way, have you seen Rovers colt, Vincent Marr, in action? He's a real beauty!

Many who saw young "Chook" Wheaton in action among the Colts recently predict a very bright future for him as a footballer. He seems to have inherited all of his father's skill—and to those who remember "Chook Senior" that's enough said!

Saw ex-Victor players Don Roney (now at Hatherleigh in South-East) and Wilbur Humphries (Snowtown) at the Goolwa oval last Saturday. Both looked fit and well and were enjoying the long week-end.

Other former local players in the limelight are Noel "Clacker" Clark (late Encounter Bays) and Lin Pearsons (Victors). Both these players have been selected in the Upper Murray side to play in the Country Interstate fixture against the Sunraysia League at Mildura.

Bridgewater Club (Hills Association) are building up what must surely be the most unenviable record yet. Results of their last two matches were:—Lost to Stirling, 45 goals 38 behinds to nil, while last week they could only manage one point while Uraidla scored 49 goals 48 behinds. Almost sounds like "Cricket Gossip" doesn't it!

To-morrow's games are Elliots and Rovers at Elliot oval, while Goolwa journey to Mount Compass. Victors have a bye.

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Goolwa players and supporters are reminded that a working bee will be conducted at the oval on Sunday. There's plenty to be done and all interested are urged to attend.

Great Southern selectors met last Monday night and selected two sides to compete against the Hills Association on June 16th. Several senior players were not available for selection and as a result the side does not appear as strong as was anticipated. G.S.F. League team is:—D. Tugwell (capt.), D. Bartel (vice), J. Dodd, N. Penny, J. McKay, K. Tonkin, D. Smelt, W. Carter, R. Wienert, J. Green, B. Grantham, M. Williams, G. Wilson, J. Schultz, W. Moyle, D. Fishlock, D. Wilson, R. Skewes; 19th R. Lewis, 20th N. Kennedy. Reserves—G. Fergusson, R. Cooper. G.S.F. League Colts will be represented by the following:—W. Rawlins (capt.), F. Atkinson (vice), L. Abbott, B. Lienert, D. Sumner, W. Ward, J. Crompton, R. Overall, C. Wilson, A. Francis, G. Byrnes, L. Milford, V. Marr, R. Heuppaufl, G. Parker, R. Pennv. S. Karpany, B. Collins; 19th D. Millard, 20th T. Beer. Reserves—R. Francis and A. Dunkeld.