

Soccer

The Soccer season started with large attendances at training mainly due to the success the previous season when the Battalion emerged as undefeated Premiers.

Morale, fitness and commitment were especially high after our first competition game when 2/4 RAR trashed 1 RAR — 6-1, particularly as 1 RAR had given us such a hard game in the previous years Grand Final.

More good results followed as the team built on its good start to the season and as the Rugby and Aussie Rules teams started to stagger, attendances at Soccer games started to rise. It was pleasing to have the CO, Bn 2IC and RSM as regular spectators at games and I believe their attendance helped spur on the team. Although continuing to win games the team started to pick up injuries and several key players were missing for crucial games. However, our strong reserves who would probably have starred in any other team came to our rescue and the march to the Grand Finale continued.

The team reached the Major Semi-Final without any real incident and easily accounted for 4 Fld Regt 6-1, to advance straight to the Grand Final. Unfortunately, we picked up more injuries to key players such as our Captain SGT Greg Murphy and Striker PTE Jock Richardson and we went into the Grand Final, again against 1 RAR, with some apprehension.

With a large crowd spurring on both teams, the Grand Final produced some of the best Soccer seen in the Brigade competition for several years. 1 RAR took the lead shortly before half time when a speculative lob left our goalkeeper stranded. After some stern words at half-time 2/4 RAR started to control the game and shortly afterwards LT Dave Michel levelled the scores. At fulltime the scores were locked at 1-1 and the game went into extra time.

Extra time confirmed why 2/4 RAR were the best team in the competition, when superior skill and team pride took over. PTE Dave Seivers scored two more goals to take the final score to 3-1. **TWO YEARS IN SUCCESSION THE TEAM WERE UNDEFEATED PREMIERS!!** I would like to pass on my thanks to several people for their efforts during the season. To SGT Greg Murphy for his leadership on the field and for all his efforts over the years as a member of the Bn Soccer team and wish him and his family all the best in their new posting in W.A. Also to LT Dave Michel for his coaching and organizational skills which were a large part of the teams success.

Lastly to all players whether first team regulars or reserves, thanks for your time and efforts and I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I did.

Award winners for the year were:

a. **BEST AND FAIREST** — PTE NOEELIMS — Noels aggression and skill in mid-field proved to be a large part of the teams success and no player got the better of him.

b. **LEADING GOAL SCORER** — PTE DAVE SEIVERS — Dave scored some spectacular and much needed goals during the season, none more than his two goals in the Grand Final — a great way to finish the season!!

c. **BEST CLUBMAN** — PTE SHAWN GRELKE — a quiet achiever, never had a bad game and inspired confidence in the rest of the defence. Finally I would like to thank the QLD DEFENCE CREDIT UNION for their assistance with sponsorship during the season and hope that they continue to support the only successful football code in the Battalion.

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Touch Football

1990 has been a memorable year for the Red-Men, two competitions were held this year with our sides making the Grand Final on each account. The winter competition was a very demanding league with all opposing sides proved to be worthy adversaries. The lads performed well and maintained an undefeated account throughout the competition. Unfortunately though, the awesome 5 Avn Regt proved too strong on the day of the Grand Final and had a narrow victory. Player of the competition went to CPL Colin Discon (Dicko) closely contested by SGT (Chuck) Walker, with great team support from SSGT (Gaza) Tear, CPL Steve Brown, LT Moody (Moo) and LT Glenn Powys as well as the remainder of the side. Captain/Coach CPL Ted Simons believes the side was unfortunate with the end result of the season, and said when you lose players like CPL Thomas and CPL Waterhouse (Pisa) midway through the season it does make the task more difficult, the 5 AVN boys have been together for a number of years, however, I feel all the side performed well and bought credit to the Battalion in their sportsman's attitudes. Well done guys. The three day summer competition saw the Battalion divide into two sides, Opens led by CPL Steve Brown and an Over 30's side led by WO2 Tassie Graham, both teams performed exceptionally well and resulted in a countback for 2nd and 3rd placing. The Over 30's won the countback and were given the opportunity of taking out the Grand Final against the awesome 5 Avn Regt, however, once again we were unfortunate and were beaten narrowly. Next year guys.

Individual talents and performances were rewarded by securing positions in the North Qld Defence Touch Sides, players included:



2/4 RAR Under 13's

Opens — CPL Steve Brown
CPL Phil Price
Over 30's — SSGT Geoff Lawman
SGT (Chuck) Walker
Over 35's — WO2 Tassie Graham
CPL Ted Simons

Best of luck men for SYDNEY and the AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS.