

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

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Although in many ways it was a successful season of football, the end result, was to say the least, disappointing. The inter-company season was one of fluctuating fortunes. But in the end A Coy proved that their allround ability and teamwork paid dividends by winning the competition.

It was hard to really mould a side together for the major comp however it was done.

The season commenced with a resounding win over 3 Bde and although not at full strength 2/4 RAR won 26-16-166 to 1 point. The highlights of the game was the domination of Eddie Schlegel in the centre, setting up the forward play time after time allowing the forwards to dominate; and the goal kicking by Gaskell and Gillman 5 and 4 respectively

The second game was another one sided game with 2/4 RAR defeating 3/4 Cav 27-18-180 to 3-2-

20. Judge Jury produced the highlight of this game by kicking 7 goals from centre half forward.

4 Fd Regt was the next team to suffer a crushing defeat at the hands of the Red and Blacks. However this good run was soon to come to an end with the clash of traditional rivals. 1 RAR and 2/4 RAR with 1 RAR inflicting a demoralising defeat by 14 goals.



Robbo Robinson



Robinson, Carter, Wakeling, Denison.



Wenzel, Carter.



Carter, Mick Scheepers.

With 3 wins and 1 loss during the season this meant that 2/4 RAR had to play 1 RAR in the grand final.

The stage was set for the big clash, all players trained hard, with specialist coaching from Ken Finis and Rod Hull.

The game was played at Central Oval in front of a crowd of between 1,000 to 1,500 spectators. The wind was blowing a gale, but it did not help the Red and Blacks. 1 RAR got the jump and ended the first quarter 5 goals up.

The lead of 5 goals proved just too much for 2/4 RAR to pull back and at the final bell 1 RAR came out winners by 11 points.

It was a courageous fight back, lead by Wenzel Carter, Ian Stuart, Mick Coombs, Ouster Jimmy McGuire but all to no avail.

The disappointment of the loss will always be evident in our minds with the purpose of being the victors in 1983.

Inter Brigade Competition was also a disappointment for the 11 players from 2/4 RAR who were selected to represent 3 Bde in Brisbane. Losing both to 1 Bde and 6 Bde.

In conclusion it was a mixed season with several big wins, a big loss and a loss in the grand final. However, if we can hold the nucleus of the players for season 1983, train hard, and have the right mental approach 2/4 RAR should once again emerge as a real threat.



Judge Jury & Robinson (Robbo)



Eddie Schlegel, Judge Jury, Garry Francis.



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