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ANOTHER VAFA REPRESENTATIVE FROM IAFC

As you probably know, Vice-Captain Tom O'Donnell recently joined a long list of Ivanhoe AFC players to have represent the VAFA. Tom is the 57th Ivanhoe player to pull on the Big V jumper for the VAFA. Check out the full list by [clicking here...](#)



Tom O'Donnell. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

28 July

VALE JACK MANUELL, THE ICEMAN IN THE '56er

By Phil Skeggs and Don Blackwood

JOHN Watson Manuell knew a bit about pressure kicks – he was the gun forward who iced the 1956 A grade grand final for the Hoes.



Jack Manuell. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

Manuell, known as Jack to his teammates, grew up in Wamba Road right next to Ivanhoe Park. His dad John, also dubbed Jack, was a long-time club official including treasurer for six seasons in the post-war era and one of our first life members. Jack Jr's teammate Johnny Miles recalls his mate was always super quick on the lead out of the goal square and a very strong mark. He was also ice cool when

lining up for goals and highly accurate. Jack topped the B grade goal kicking with 54 majors in the 1952 season when the Hoes were runner-up in the grand final to Melbourne High School Old Boys by 10 points. He was also a member of the 1954 B grade premiership team that beat State Savings Bank by 35 points.

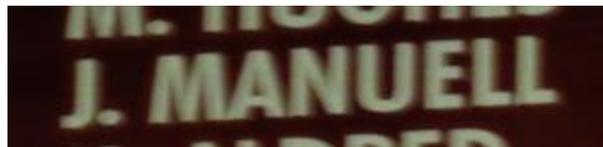
But it was in the 1956 grand final when Jack really shone.

The Hoes finished minor premiers in A grade that season, but they faced an equally battle-hardened district club in Coburg Amateurs in the grand final. In fact, Coburg were tipped to win in a close one. And it doesn't get much closer than one point, which was the final margin when Coburg goaled with five seconds to spare at Elsternwick Park. In those days, the rules stipulated that minor premiers could exercise a right of challenge, so the grand final was replayed at Moorabbin Oval on September 15. It was to be another cliff-hanger. Jack had scored just one goal in the previous encounter and was named on the half-forward flank. Milesy was on the opposite flank.

Coburg had all of the attack in the opening term and at quarter time they led 2.7 to four behinds. A goal midway into the second term stretched their lead to 22 points. Jack scored the Hoes' first goal after some creative play from back flanker Rusty Burt and centre-man Ian 'Mick' Anderson. Coburg had a 10-point lead at half-time, 4.9 to 3.5. The game tightened up in the third term but Jack kept us in it with another goal early on. At the final change, Coburg were still up by 10 points, 5.10 to 4.8. The final quarter was Ivanhoe's finest, according to the *Heidelberg News*. Only two goals were scored and a handful of behinds. Feared ruckman Reg Miles bagged an early goal with a difficult left foot snap and later got a behind to level the scores.

The News described the moment Jack iced the game "Two points in front and with the siren due at any moment, 'Hoe stormed forward and Manuell held a difficult mark in front. Making no mistake with his kick, the ball sailed through as the siren went and Ivanhoe's supporters rushed the field to carry off their first A grade premiership team." Jack was our only multiple goalscorer that day but didn't feature in the votes, which were dominated by backmen, midfielders and onballers.

He went on to captain the club in 1959 and remained lifelong pals with teammates Johnny Miles, Ian Anderson and Ken Aldred. Milesy recalls the four always hooked up on VFL/AFL Grand Final days, and went off on annual trips to various destinations with their partners.



Jack on the honour board at Ivanhoe Park. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

Jack on the honour board at Ivanhoe Park. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

Jack suffered from dementia in recent years and died last week, aged 82. His brother Bob, who coached Ivanhoe Cricket Club for a number of years, still visits Ivanhoe Park regularly in summer. The club offers its condolences to Jack's wife Maureen, Bob and the Manuell family.

21 July

MOOSE GETTING THE RECOGNITION HE DESERVES AT COLLINGWOOD

Our former 100 goal kicker, Ashley Close, is making a name for himself at VFL level after only 2 games. After a tough first game, Ash starred on Sunday in Collingwood's VFL team kicking 4 goals in a half and being the highest Supercoach point scorer (144) of anyone on the ground in the win over Frankston. Now they are talking about our Moose on the Collingwood website, commenting on how he got his nickname and even being disappointed he can't replace Travis Cloke this week! Check out the footage on the Collingwood website, hopefully he's caught the eye of some recruiters, well done Ash! [CLICK HERE!](#)



VFL: A new star arrives?

The team on Lulie Street sing the praises of seco...

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10 July

MORE OF OUR INCREDIBLY RICH HISTORY UNCOVERED

Over the last 20 years our amazing historian/journalist Phil Skeggs has been trying to gain access to the bound volume of the Heidelberg News from 1921-1922, locked away in a secured reading room at the State Library of Victoria. After applying again a couple of months ago Phil was permitted to see the category 4 newspaper (a fragile and endangered newspaper) that was transported from cold storage to the SLV. What Phil found has helped him fill in some gaps in our history around the 1920-1923 era. As such he has put together another wonderful piece for our website, titled [The 1921 Premiership and HDFA's Demise](#). Please take some time to read this piece, our club has an amazing history that we should all be very proud of, get to know it some more! From all at Ivanhoe, thanks Phil for your ongoing hard work.



The banner of the Heidelberg News. Photo courtesy State Library of Victoria and Phil Skeggs

9 July

TOMMY O EARNS BIG V JUMPER

The club would like to congratulate Vice-Captain Tom O'Donnell on his selection in the VAFA (B-D4) team to take on Vic Country (No. 2) this Saturday. It is fantastic recognition for Tom who is a hard worker on the track and on match day. A true on-field leader at our club, Tom is regularly tagged whilst playing across half-back. The game is being played at 1pm on Saturday in Bendigo at the Queen Elizabeth Oval. Please join us in wishing Tom all the best for the game, and a massive congratulations!