

2 September

CLUB REVIEW - WE WANT YOUR THOUGHTS

Ivanhoe Amateurs Football Club (IAFC) are looking to improve in 2017, both on and off field. A return to our traditional home at Ivanhoe Park, with the new rooms and facilities, new coaches coming in, the opportunity for a new team in the inaugural VAFA Women's Development Competition, and a return to an U19's team, there are a lot of opportunities and a lot of challenges.

The Committee has asked an external Panel to conduct a Review of IAFC activities, consult with all stakeholders, and design a template for success to take us forward.

Whilst on-field this year we have consolidated our promotion into Division 1, we have faced a number of challenges related to the relocation and temporary environment. To improve on these and with all the change occurring over the coming off season, there is a good opportunity to reset and position the Club in 2017 for a strong and positive future.

The Review would welcome any feedback and suggestions on iafc2016review@gmail.com or you can contact Peter Marshall on 0417 203601. Responses will be treated with appropriate discretion as required.

TWO MAKE TEAM OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to both Captain Mitch Lovell and Reuben Blackmore-Moore on being selected in the Division 1 Team of the Year for 2016. Two young guns duly recognised. To see the full team, [click here](#).



Captain Mitch Lovell. Pic: Phil Skeggs



Reuben Blackmore-Moore. Pic: Phil Skeggs

14 August

MODERN IVANHOE AFC TALE

Towards the end of the 2015 Season one of our players, Ed Paynter, put together a short story on our great club. He has recently shared it online and we are so proud to share it with you now, it truly is a great piece. As you will see it features Senior coach Paul Harris as he delves into the clubs rich history and discovers what makes our club so great today. Well done Ed on a great piece and thanks for sharing it! [vimeo 173897659 w=640 h=360]

1 August

50 SENIOR GAMES FOR LEW MINNEY

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates Lew Minney on his 50th senior game for the club in Round 15. After a season of under 19s in 2012, Lew made his senior debut the following year in D2 section and quickly developed into a hard-working utility. Lew revels in winning the inside ball and his strong bodywork and tackling in support of teammates, especially at stoppages, is consistently first rate. Blessed with surprising speed and evasive skills, Lew has also proven to be a handy goalkicker in some hard-fought wins and was among the Hoes' best in the 2015 finals. We look forward to many more big occasions from this raging bull in the seasons ahead.



Lew Minney brought up 50 Senior games on the weekend. Pic: Phil Skeggs

25 July

100 SENIOR GAMES FOR IVANHOE RUCKMAN MALI JACOBS

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates its 2015 best-and-fairest winner Mali Jacobs on his 100th senior game for the club in Round 12. After a season in the Hoes' Under 19s, Mali made his senior debut in 2011 when the club was in D3 section. He quickly adapted to the rigours of senior footy to become a top ruckman and a model of consistency.

Mali hasn't missed a senior game this year and played in every game in the 2015 and 2014 seasons. He was appointed vice-captain this season and continues to set a fine example for teammates with his fantastic work rate on match days and on the training track. Keep it going Mali!



Ivanhoe ruckman Mali Jacobs has passed the 100-game milestone. Picture PHIL SKEGGS

18 July

VALE JOHN 'PLUMBER' MILES, IVANHOE AMATEURS LEGEND AND VAFA LIFE MEMBER

By Phil Skeggs

Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club mourns the passing of club legend John "Plumber" Miles at the Austin Hospital on Monday, (July 18) aged 82. John, a VAFA and IAFC life member and triple premiership player, died peacefully in the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness Centre.



John Miles helps farewell the Ivanhoe Park Clubrooms early in 2016. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

One of three sons of Arthur Miles - an Ivanhoe player from the 1920s and club stalwart in later years - John played during a halcyon era for the Hoes. He was a half-forward flanker in Ivanhoe's only A grade senior premierships team in 1956. He also played in the Hoes' 1954 B grade premierships and 1953 Under 19 flag side. He continued to serve the Hoes as an under 19s coach and on committee as president, vice-president and secretary, and later with the VAFA executive during the 1980s.

John's plumbing background proved invaluable in maintaining the playing surface and clubrooms at Ivanhoe Park and later Elsternwick Park. During the 1977 season, with Ivanhoe Park a quagmire of Merri mud, John arranged for a committee member

who had a local dairy to bring a horse and dray onto the park to help scrape inch-thick mud off the surface, drain and improve it.

John also made his mark as a VAFA chairman of selectors between 1981-85 – VAFA senior teams recording 10 consecutive wins between 1981-84. John was awarded VAFA life membership in 1987. John was also Ivanhoe Amateurs' first historian. In 1984, to mark the club's first 50 years in the VAFA, he typed up a brief history that has proved an invaluable record for later generations.

Ivanhoe football club was John's second home, but he couldn't have dedicated his life to it without the wholehearted support of wife Mary, who spearheaded ladies committees and was also a popular club life member. Even in his final years, John could be found volunteering as a goal umpire, timekeeper, bar manager, football polisher or tending a barbecue after training. The Hoes' John Miles best clubman award perpetuates his unstinting work over the decades.



John Miles, goal umpiring for Ivanhoe. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

John's son Greg said his father was particularly proud to witness Ivanhoe's rise back up the grades in recent seasons, including a reserves flag in D2 last year and a drought-breaking under 19s premiership the previous season. And even when his health was obviously failing, John still ventured out with Greg to watch his beloved Hoes notch some memorable wins earlier this season.



John Miles with son Greg at Ford Park this season. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

All at Ivanhoe extend deepest sympathies to the Miles clan – daughters Heather, Wendy, Leanne and Greg. John is also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife Mary died in January 2015.



John Miles at Farewell to Hoe Park in Round 3, loved his Hoers! Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

26 June

50 SENIOR GAMES FOR CONOR MITCHELL

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates Conor Mitchell on his 50th senior game for the club in Round 11. Conor made his senior debut in the club's centenary year in 2010, captained the under 19s in 2011, and played in senior grand finals in 2012 (D3) and last year (D2). Conor has developed into a reliable and courageous backman who reads the play well and consistently backs his judgment to advantage. He always gives 100% for the team and has close to 100 club games to his credit. Everyone at Ivanhoe looks forward to many more seasons from this modest young achiever.



Conor Mitchell brought up 50 Senior games in Round 11. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs

9 June

50-GAME MILESTONE FOR IVANHOE'S JUSTIN HARTY

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates centreman Justin Harty on 50 senior games in Round 8. After two seasons in under 19s, Juz made his senior debut in 2012 when the Hoes reached the D3 grand final. An impact player with skill, agility and tremendous passion, Juz finished third in the club B&F that year. After a season in Premier C at Marcellin, Juz returned to play with his mates at Ivanhoe in D2 and had a key role in the Hoes' promotion to D1. Remarkably, Juz has combined his love of footy with uni studies, playing every round so far this season and earning a law degree at La Trobe last month. Amor Vincit Omnia, Juz.



Justin Harty unloads a bomb. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.

3 June

IVANHOE PARK DEMOLITION UNDERWAY

The demolition of the Ivanhoe Park rooms has begun, the first step towards our exciting new rooms that should be in full operation for Season 2017. Here are a few snaps of the demolition taken this morning!



Photo courtesy Luke Blackwood



Photo courtesy Luke Blackwood



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50 SENIOR GAMES FOR ZAC MOWAT

Ivanhoe Amateurs congratulates Zac Mowat on reaching 50 games for the senior club in Round 7. Since his senior debut as an under 19 when the Hoes were in D3 section in 2012, Zac has impressed with his cool-headed approach to footy. Zac is a clever reader of the play and combines this with courage, great skills, and an innate goal sense. It is no coincidence that the Hoes have been on a winning streak since Zac came back from injury a few weeks ago, kicking four goals against the Friars last Saturday. Keep it going, Zac!



Zac Mowat in action during his 50th Senior game for Ivanhoe Amateurs. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs