

30 September

VALE WINSTON MILES

The Ivanhoe community is saddened to hear of the passing of Winston Miles, long time servant of our club. Winston passed away at the Austin Hospital last evening a short time after a fall at his home. We extend our sympathy to Loretta and the Miles family. His funeral will be held at 10am on Tuesday 6 October at Le Pine Funerals, 81 Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe.

22 September

PRESENTATION NIGHT

After an amazing 2015, it was time to celebrate and acknowledge some of the individual efforts from the year. On Friday night we held our presentation night where many awards were presented and speeches made, none more enjoyable than Reserves B&F Runners up, Ryan Smyth's. As well as the best and fairest awards for the four teams, the John Miles Best Club-man award, for someone who has given up their time and effort either on or off the field (or both), and the Tim Robinson award for an individual who has made a significant contribution to both the Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club and Ivanhoe Junior Football Club, were presented. The winners were:

Seniors B&F Winner: Mali Jacobs

Seniors B&F Runners-up: Will Cuthbert

Seniors B&F Third: Tom O'Donnell



Seniors awards. Photos courtesy Ross Toogood

Reserves B&F Winner: Angus Woodward

Reserves B&F Runner-up: Ryan Smyth

Reserves Coach's award: James Lagreca

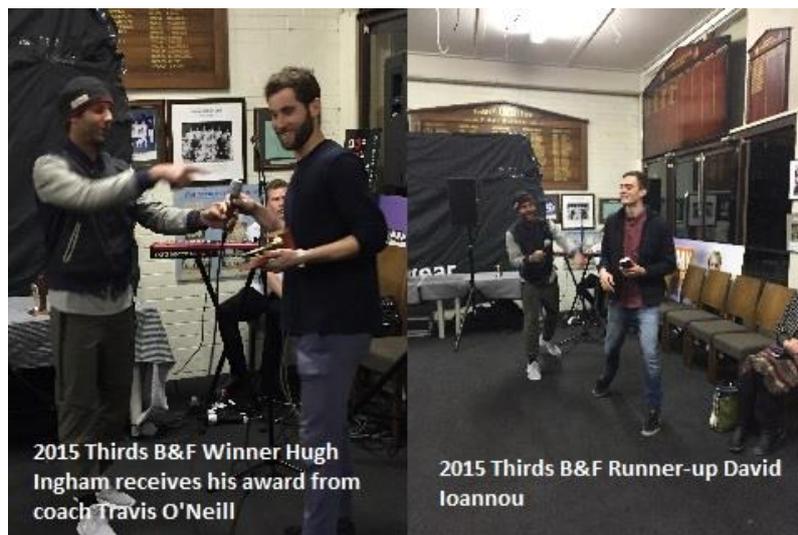


Reserves awards. Photos courtesy Ross Toogood.

Third B&F Winner: Hugh Ingham

Thirds B&F Runners-up: David Ioannou

Thirds B&F Third: James Schaffert



Thirds awards. Photos courtesy Ross Toogood

U19s B&F Winners: Max Post, Cameron Simpson, Darcy Byrne-Connell & Patrick Lagreca



U19s awards. Photos courtesy Ross Toogood

John Miles Award: Tom O'Donnell

Tim Robinson Award: Mitch Lovell



Special award winners. Photos courtesy Ross Toogood.

A big congratulations to all of the winners, along with all players who pulled on an Ivanhoe AFC jumper in 2015, bring on 2016!

15 September

RESERVES WIN PREMIERSHIP



First Reserves flag since 1987. Photo courtesy Ross Toogood

It was always going to be a tight battle in the Division 2 Reserves Grand Final against MHSOB. The two teams had been the stand-out teams all year, had beaten each other once each in the home and away rounds and had a great battle in the Second Semi Final two weeks earlier. And a tight battle it was. Kicking against a howling wind in the first quarter our boys did well to be only trailing by 3 goals at the first break but were unable to make the most of the advantage in the second quarter, only adding 1 goal for the term to be trailing by 8 points at the half. It was the premiership quarter that the boys stepped it up, kicking three goals against the wind to be within 5 points at three quarter time. Another three goals to one in the last saw our boys take the Premiership with an 8 point win, 8.8-56 to 6.12-48. A fantastic result for Bill Emerson and his boys, meaning Bill is now a two time premiership winning coach at our club, having taken the U19s to the flag in 2014. Whilst it was a terrific team effort, congratulations to James Morrison who was awarded the best on ground award. Well done guys.



BOG James Morrison. Photo courtesy Jack Post.

TOUGH DAY FOR THE CLUB

After an amazing season for our club where we won three minor premierships and had three grand finalists, the last day of the year didn't go to script. In tough conditions for our young Senior team we were unable to produce the type of football we have done all year, going down to Old Paradians by 15 points. Whilst things didn't go to plan all the guys who represented the club in 2015 should be so proud of their efforts, and with an average age of around 22, our Seniors have so much to look forward to in 2016 and beyond. Well done to Paul Harris and his team on taking the club back up to Division 1 for the first time in many years. The other tough pill to swallow was the loss of the U19 Colts Grand Final. Unfortunately the young guys were outplayed by a better team on the day and in the end lost by 71 points to UHS-VU/Flemington. Like the Seniors, the U19s should be very proud of their efforts. In January we only had 6 players, yet managed to win a minor premiership and play off in the big dance. Well done to Matt Franich and his helpers on getting a team together and then turning them into a winning team. Thankfully the Reserves managed to bring us home some silverware (please read story above).

6 September

GRAND FINAL OPPONENTS, DATE AND VENUE CONFIRMED

After today's Preliminary finals the VAFA have announced the dates and venue for our three Grand Finals. Firstly in fantastic news, all three teams will be playing at the same venue on the same day, meaning you have the opportunity to witness all three games. They will take place this Saturday 12 September at Highgate Reserves in Craieburn, on the corner of Cleveland Drive and Grand Blvd. The Seniors will take on Old Paradians at 2:20pm, the Reserves take on MHSOB at 11:50am and the U19 Colts take on UHS-VU/Flemington at 9:15am. It would be great to have all Ivanhoe supporters, past, present and future, come along and make our presence felt to help our young men in their pursuit of glory. Please spread the word, it is an amazing opportunity we want all of you to be a part of!

3 September

3 GRAND FINALISTS AND PROMOTION TO D1

After finishing the home and away season with three minor premierships, the players and coaches turned their attention to the business end of the year, the finals. It was a fantastic weekend where all three teams won their way into their Grand Finals, and the Seniors added automatic promotion to Division 1 in 2016 to their haul. The weekend was kicked off by our Under 19s who hosted the VAFA Colts second semi-final at Ivanhoe Park on Saturday. After a very tight first quarter, the boys were faced with a tough challenge when they went into the main break trailing UHS-VU/Flemington by 9 points. Whatever coach Matt Franich said at half time worked. The boys added 4.9 to 0.2 for the remainder of the match to take the chocolates by 22 points. They have a weekend off to see who, of UHS-VU/Flemington or Latrobe Uni, they will face for the flag. On Sunday the Seniors and Reserves headed out to St Bernards College in Essendon for their second semi-finals. The Reserves kicked off the day against MHSOB who are the only team to have beaten us in 2015. It was another classic match between the two teams, with MHSOB having the better of the first quarter but the guys only trailed by 13 points having kicked against the breeze and by half time had gotten themselves a handy 14 point advantage. The second half was an arm wrestle but we managed to hold our nerves in the last quarter and end up winning our way into the Grand Final with a 23 point victory. The Seniors then took centre stage as they took on St Johns OB for a place in the big dance and a spot in Division 1 in 2016. Despite kicking against the wind in the first quarter the boys worked hard and managed to have a 2 point advantage at the first break. The second quarter showed the run and ball use the Seniors have done all year, extending their lead to 25 points at half time. As expected St Johns came out hard in the third quarter, working their way back into the game, but only to within 17 points at three quarter time. It certainly wasn't over at this point, even though we had the wind in the final quarter, with St Johns coming even harder at the start of the last and getting themselves back to less than a goal mid way through the term. The boys however managed to regain the ascendancy and finish 28 points clear to book their place in the Grand Final and the club into Division 1 in 2016.

With all teams having the week off, we are yet to have confirmation of the date and venue for the Grand Finals, however we suspect it will be Sunday 13 September. In great news, all three teams will play on the same day at the same venue! One more big game for all three teams, GO HOES!



Kouta in full flight against St Johns OB on Sunday. Photo courtesy Phil Skeggs.