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## HISTORIC PIC A TIME CAPSULE

By Phil Skeggs



Ivanhoe team pic believed to be taken May 21, 1921, at Ivanhoe. Pic courtesy David Martin

They say a picture can tell a thousand words, but I'll keep this briefer.

This historic Ivanhoe team photo surfaced from **David Martin**'s family album a couple of days ago. David, a long-serving treasurer of Ivanhoe Junior Football Club and life member, had a grandfather who played for Ivanhoe nearly 100 years ago. There was no caption or date on the snap, but the player lying in the left foreground is David's grandfather **Cecil Martin**. Several of the players from the 1921 premiership team photo are instantly recognisable.

Ivanhoe had a gun forward and captain in the 1921 HDFA premiership season, and local press reports always referred to him as "**Jimmy**" **Martin**. There was no one else of that surname playing at Ivanhoe during the era and he wouldn't be the first to cop a nickname different to his christian name. I'm convinced this photo was taken on May 21, 1921, in front of the original clubrooms at Ivanhoe Park.

A report published in the *Heidelberg News* on May 28, 1921, told how the start of the grand final rematch between Ivanhoe and Heidelberg at Ivanhoe Park had been delayed by half an hour because team photos were taken before the game. Ivanhoe had lost the 1920 Heidelberg District Football Association grand final to Heidelberg and the rematch on May 21, 1921, was a much-anticipated local derby.

The report states: *"Ever since Ivanhoe entered the HDFA great interest has been shown when the above teams met, and although there was a big difference in the scores on Saturday last, the game was not lacking in interest from start to finish. What seems to (be) becoming a regular thing happened again on Saturday - that is, a late start. First of all Ivanhoe had a photo taken of the team, and then Heidelberg, and by the time that was finished it was 3.30 before the game started, which resulted in the match finishing in poor light."*

For what it's worth, the Hoes flogged the Bergs, 11.13 (79) to 12 behinds! Martin top-scored with five goals and was among the best players.

Martin was top goalkicker for Ivanhoe over three seasons in 1921-22-23. He topped the goalkicking with 65 goals in 1921, including a record 13-goal haul against Templestowe on May 14, 1921. He handed over the captaincy to a new coach early in the 1922 season but remained a model of consistency, clocking up 50 consecutive games and 154 goals at centre-forward by July 29, 1922.

*The News* noted that Martin was presented with a gold-mounted pipe “as a small token of appreciation from club officials for his valuable service. ‘Jimmy’ in a neat little speech thanked the club for the present, and stated that he hoped to take his place in another 50 games with the same success”.

David Martin says his grandfather was persuaded to quit footy after the 1923 season because “grandma was sick of the smell of liniment” on him after games. Which was a pity because the club went to the finals the next year with the Collier brothers on-board and even got to play on the MCG.

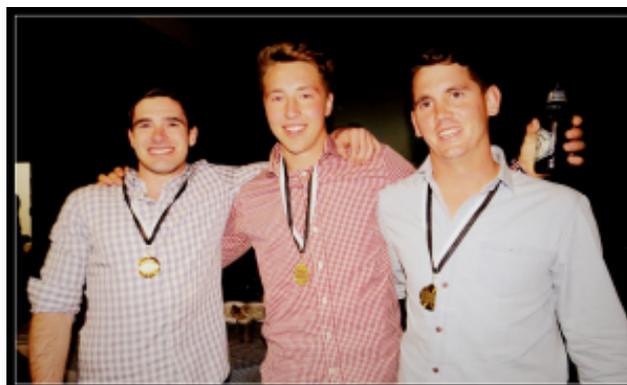
What makes this photo so special is that it's also a virtual time capsule as an informal club portrait. It's not just the players in their kit, or the two players **Laurie Murphy** and **Len Ludbrooke** who went to Collingwood standing next to teammate **John Benson** with his trademark beanie on, it's all those supporters including women and children as well as trainers and officials.

And it's the first time we've ever had a glimpse of what the original modest wooden pavilion looked like. This pic will take pride of place in the Ivanhoe Pic Trove on the club's website. To see other historic photos, [click here](#).

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## **BLACKMORE-MOORE WINS B&F**

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Ivanhoe's 2017 B&F Reuben Blackmore-Moore, with runner-up Reece Cotter (left) and coach's award recipient Bill Jackson. Pic: Phil Skeggs

Midfielder **Reuben Blackmore-Moore** is the senior club's best and fairest for season 2017. Blackmore-Moore narrowly led the voting at the halfway mark of the season, with defenders **Reece Cotter** and **Liam Jacob** close behind. But after Round 18 he had 18 votes and finished well clear of runner-up Cotter on 11 and six players who tied for third on eight votes each - **Bill Jackson, Liam Jacob, Danny Jones, Mitch Lovell, Nick Thornley** and **Alex Whitehead**. The **Hec Rutherford** medallist's thank you speech was delivered with trademark panache that left the crowd of 75 in fits of laughter. No one was overlooked in his nod to the people that keep the club ticking, from coaches to committeeman and our loyal sponsors. Other award winners included **Mitch Lovell**, who picked up the **Ron Smith** Medal as leading goal-kicker with 38 goals – the same haul as in 2016. The skipper's tally is especially impressive, given that he spent a lot of match time playing up the ground. The coach's award went to one of the hardest-working blokes on and off the field "**Golden**" **Bill Jackson**, who clocked up his 150<sup>th</sup> club game in Round 1.



Ron Smith medallist Mitch Lovell, who kicked 38 goals in 2017. Pic: Phil Skeggs

The leading vote winners in the reserves were ruckmen **Luke Fitt** (9), **Dave Ioannou** (8), with forwards **Billy Zagontinos, Ben Fleming** and **James Pititto** tied on third with six votes. Fitt played nine games in the reserves before earning senior selection in Round 15 and got two more senior games before the finals. The **Colin McDonald** medallist joined the club in 2016. Zagontinos bagged 18 goals in 10 games to be the reserves' top goal-kicker, including seven against Whitefriars in Round 10. He also stepped up to play nine senior games this season. Pititto kicked 14 goals in 14 games and will also be looking to build on a consistent debut season. The coach's award went to defender **Mitch Rees**, who was also best player in the semi-final against St Mary's Salesian.



Ivies B&F Tahlia Day (centre) with runner-up Sarah Kerr (left) and coach's award recipient Fiona Tansley. Pic: Phil Skeggs

The inaugural **Ida Marcon** Medal for the Ivies best and fairest medal was won by **Tahlia Day**, while **Sarah Kerr** was runner-up and **Georgia Scarce** third. Day also picked up the goal-kicking medal for her tally of 10 goals. **Bill Emerson** awarded the coach's medal to hard-working ruck **Fiona Tansley**. Club president **Luke Blackwood** was effusive in his praise of the amount of work shouldered by club secretary **Peter Marshall** this year, particularly his role in establishing the Ivies. Marshall, who was recognised with the **John Miles** best clubman award, spoke of how open and warming the club has been from the day he became involved last year and he plans to continue helping Ivies coach **Emerson** next season.



Hall of Fame inductee Peter Rawley. Pic: Phil Skeggs

Club games record holder and outgoing reserves coach **Peter Rawley's** legend status was formalised when he became the 19th member of the IAFC Hall of Fame\*. Rawley spoke of how much enjoyment he has received from his involvement with the club since playing in an Under 19s premiership in 1987. He will have a senior role on committee next season and has urged past and present players to also get involved.

Blackwood said the club will bestow life memberships at an inaugural life members' luncheon at the start of 2018 season. Senior coach **Leigh Cole** said the groundwork for a successful 2018 season would start in four weeks when pre-season training commences.

\*A complete list of Ivanhoe's Hall of Fame members, available in our history section, [click here](#).

### **NAMES BEHIND OUR MEDALS**



Ever wonder who Hec Rutherford was and why our B&F is named after him, or perhaps you've never heard of Ivanhoe Ida? Well we've just added some new pages that introduce you to the names behind our medals, include John Miles, Hec, Ron Smith, Colin McDonald, Rob Pearce and of course Ida Marcon.

So please, [click here](#) and find out more about these important Ivanhoe figures.