INTRODUCTION

Not quite two years ago, the State Library of Victoria received a donation of hundreds of glass plate negatives that had belonged to the photographer Charles Edward Boyles (1888-1971). For a period of over thirty years, through the depression and war years and into the early sixties, Boyles devoted himself to capturing on film the social life of ordinary Victorians. His main preoccupation however was sport, and in particular Australian Rules Football. Boyles became the ‘unofficial official’ photographer of VFL and VFA clubs, taking hundreds of photographs of teams assembled on the benches before matches. His work was not restricted to the elite competitions and he ventured into the suburbs and the countryside to record football life in its entirety. In 2008 his son Harley Boyles retrieved the historic glass plate collection from his back shed when moving house and donated to the State Library.
The State Library had already commenced a two-year project to digitise its enormous collection of 40,000 glass plate negatives.\(^1\) It has made the Boyles collection available to the public as a digitised online resource. The 225 high-quality digital images of footballers can be downloaded without charge as high resolution files by anyone. We are blessed that most of the images are delightfully clear. A small percentage are blurry, out of focus, or fading. A significant number of the glass plates have some level of emulsion damage – obscuring faces in a few cases – but this does not detract from their historical value and only makes us all the more grateful the glass plates survived at all. The State Library’s Boyles football collection adds significantly to the social history of the game in twentieth-century Victoria. Almost all of the Boyles photos have probably never been seen before. They throw fresh light on the football story.

A NOTE ON IDENTIFICATION

The vast majority of the Boyles images have not been identified. Firstly, only a very few images have the photographer’s markings indicating the team and date. Secondly, a considerable number of the State Library’s attempted identifications and date estimates are wrong. Researchers and publishers need to tread carefully.

No one person can hope to single-handedly complete the identification of all Boyles images. A collaborative effort involving as many football historians and club history committees as possible is the necessary next step in unravelling the awaiting heritage.

I have nevertheless been able to identify 145 of the 225 images. But a relatively small number of my identifications are perfect. They are mainly ‘positive’ to varying degrees, and ‘partial’ to varying degrees.

A ‘positive identification’ is defined by
1. identification of the club and competition.
2. identification of the team with a degree of certainty.
3. identification of the date with a degree of certainty.
4. identification of a significant number of individual players.

A listing of my 145 identifications (and the twenty-six significant SLV mistakes) is provided below.

I have used various tools and methods for identification, starting of course with clues (for example, grandstands) displayed in the images. I have drawn mainly

on the existing football literature. A bibliography of sources of information about football in Victoria (circa 1930-60) is provided below. Jim Main and Russell Holmesby’s *Encyclopaedia of AFL Footballers* was probably the most useful source. Much of the biographical information provided below, particularly information about a VFL/AFL player’s number of senior games and years of service, derives from this publication. Marc Fiddian’s numerous works were also especially important.

For each photo I have listed the State Library’s Accession Number (and any other significant SLV information) followed by my own comment (‘Comment by KM’). Seemingly insignificant observations, relating for example to crowd size or the type of shorts worn, can offer important clues and are therefore often mentioned in my comment. Developments worth noting here are the introduction of the Nineteenth man in 1930, the Twentieth man in 1946, and the VFL Thirds competition in 1946.

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**A NOTE ON COMPETITIONS**

VFL and VFA images predominate in the Boyles collection. These are mainly team photos, but images of individual VFL and VFA players, most often photographed on training nights at near-deserted grounds, are interspersed throughout the collection. VFL Second and Third Eighteens are also well represented. However the photographer also captured teams from Victorian country leagues and Melbourne suburban district competitions. Images of teams of juniors, schoolboys and aging past-players are included.

There are also a number of images which one suspects represent the prevalence of workplace-based football teams and Sunday football teams. The main workplace competitions were the mid-week Wednesday League up to 1934, and the Saturday Morning Industrial League (SMIL) which surged in influence just prior to World War Two. VFL and VFA players turned out in these workplace-based competitions. The Sunday Amateur Football League which involved workplace and hotel teams thrived in the second half of the forties and through the fifties in industrial areas such as Port Melbourne. Another Melbourne workplace-based Wednesday League played matches mid-week and included teams representing Wharfies, the Markets, the Police, and Yellow Cabs. The Wednesday League folded however in 1934. A most comprehensive study of workplace football since its inception in the nineteenth century is P. Burke, *A Social History of Workplace Australian Football 1860-1939*, PhD thesis, RMIT University (School of Global Studies), 2008. Sunday football on the other hand

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2 The State Library website’s ‘Latest News’ page announced the Boyles Collection with a photo of South Melbourne rover Esmond ‘Eddie’ Lane and the unfortunately misleading phrase ‘one of the many historic VFL photographs’.

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metropolitan competition which should be mentioned is the Melbourne Boys League (which prior to 1946 included at least one VFL Thirds team).

From the point of view of general social history, perhaps the most interesting photographs are those capturing the impact of war on football life. World War Two Services teams are well represented in Boyles.4

THE BOYLES COLLECTION IDENTIFIED

Note: All photos are out of copyright. All Accession Numbers below are SLV Accession numbers.

1. Richmond Football Club team photo.

grew in Melbourne after World War Two, building on the success of the war-time armed services matches played on Sundays. Burke (p. 274) notes that during 1942-43, ‘workplace football thrived as military and munitions factory teams went at it in fierce competition’ and that these matches often took place on Sundays. According to Ken Linnett, Sunday football took off in South Melbourne and Port Melbourne. By the late forties, eight teams from local hotels were competing in the South-Port Social Sunday Football Association. By the 1950’s, there were at least three Sunday football leagues in Melbourne. The teams mainly represented hotels and workplaces in the inner suburbs of South Melbourne, Port Melbourne, Richmond, Collingwood, Carlton, North Melbourne, Kensington and Brunswick. The finals and designated match of the week were often played at the Port Melbourne oval. Crowds of 15,000 or more were common. The players were paid. See Ken Linnett, Game for Anything – The Tommy Lahiff Story, Sydney, Allen and Unwin, 1999, pp. 178-179. For the Sunday Amateur Football League, see Burke, p. 275.

4 A number of key football grounds in Melbourne were acquired by the military – for instance the Port Melbourne ground at the end of 1941 and the MCG in February 1942. On the eve of the 1942 football season an armed services competition with at least six teams was being formed in Melbourne. The competition would include many enlisted men from League clubs. A combined Armed Services team played VFL team Richmond at Punt Road Oval on Sunday July 12, 1942. 25,000 barrackers attended and the gate raised 850 pounds for the war effort. See Ken Linnett, Game for Anything – The Tommy Lahiff Story, Sydney, Allen and Unwin, 1999, pp. 178-179. Estimates of the July 12 crowd size vary – see Photo 8 for a different estimate of 40,000.
Comment by KM: Somewhat ironically, the very first Boyles photo also turns out to be the most elusively enigmatic Boyles photo. After initially failing to solve the mystery myself, I have consulted several reputable football historians and thus far none of us can crack the identity of this team. In the first place, the donor (and SLV) are definitely mistaken. This is certainly not a Richmond (VFL) team. Nor is it an Essendon (VFL) team. The players' jumpers are not dark enough for Richmond or Essendon, and the players are not wearing hooped socks. No VFL players are recognised. The same reasoning applies to the possibility the team is an Essendon (VFL) Seconds team. Essendon were VFL Seconds premiers in 1941. Might this be their 1941 premiership team? Again, the jumper is not dark enough. Also, ex-Collingwood champion Harry Collier was captain-coach of Essendon Seconds 1941 and he is not in the photo.

The most significant and interesting feature of the image is that it has been photographed at the Melbourne Cricket Ground with a very large crowd in attendance. Terry Keenan, historian of Port Melbourne Football Club, has noted the fundraising matches played at the MCG in the early stages of the Second World War (before the ground was handed over to the U.S Army as 'Camp Murphy') attracted big crowds. Keenan doubts however that small children (mascots) would have been associated with any of the makeshift teams that played for the war effort. He also doubts any of the other Melbourne football competitions of the thirties - Saturday Morning and Wednesday leagues - could have managed to have occasional use of the MCG, or, if they did, draw such a big crowd. The crowd size probably cancels the possibility of the match being a competition other than the VFL or VFA. Also, compared to the raggedy appearance of many of the groups in Boyles, this team does seem to have an air of self-importance suggesting VFL or VFA. VFL however seems to be out of the question. The signs point to the Victorian Football Association (VFA).

In 1939, the VFA began again playing Grand Finals at the MCG. The three VFA Grand Finals played on the MCG (1939-41) attracted large crowds – for example 48,238 saw Williamstown’s 1939 triumph and 36,000 saw Port Melbourne’s 1941 win. Initially I suspected the team in Photo 1 was either the Williamstown team for the 1939 Grand Final or the Coburg team for the 1941 Grand Final – until I noticed ex-VFL drawcards Harry Vallence (Williamstown 1939) and Bob Pratt (Coburg 1941) do not appear in the photo. Terry Keenan has also noticed this team is not wearing Williamstown’s hooped socks and gold collar. He also notes Coburg wore black shorts in the 1941 Grand Final.  

5 Confirmation by Trevor Ruddell, Melbourne Cricket Club and Richmond Football Club.
6 For a photo of the 1941 Coburg Grand Final team, see Coburg Football Club, 1891-1990 Centenary Year Book, 1990.
I’m putting my money on Coburg (VFA) Seconds. Coburg Seconds played in all three VFA Grand Finals at the MCG – 1939 against Williamstown, 1940 against Brunswick, 1941 versus Williamstown. Coburg Seconds had an unsurpassed record of success in the thirties and it is very possible that Boyles – a resident of South Coburg – had a particular regard for or affiliation with his triumphant local team. ⁷ Certainly, as Keenan notes, the jumper does not appear to be dark enough for Coburg. Maybe an early version of a ‘clash’ guernsey. Nevertheless there is some circumstantial evidence in favour of Coburg Seconds.

Firstly the evidence of Photo 17 Version 12 (H2008. 122/65). ⁸ This shows a team having four of the same players (Photo 17/12, top row, numbers 4, 5, 7, 9 reading from the left) as appear in H2008.122/106. Photo 17/12 is likely to have been taken circa 1935-36 and the four players appear about three or four years younger than they appear in Photo 1. The grandstand in the background is the Northcote (VFA) grandstand at Westgarth Street. The same gutter seen here appears in the photo of Northcote’s 1939 team (Photo 10 version 3, H2008.122/117). Also at right one can just discern the old Northcote cricket club pavilion.⁹ So the team in Photo 17/12 is likely to be a VFA team playing ‘away’ in white shorts at Northcote. The jumper worn could easily be Coburg’s dark blue and red strip. The team is likely to be Coburg Seconds. It is also almost certainly the same club (as distinct from ‘team’) photographed at the MCG (Photo No. 1).

Secondly, and perhaps even more significantly, the player at the centre (fourth from left in middle row) of Photo 1 (H2008. 122/106) is also present (second from right in the top row) in the photo of the Coburg (VFA) senior team photographed at the Coburg City Oval, circa 1938-39 (Photo 6 Version 7, H2008. 122/43). Incidentally he can also be seen at extreme right of front row in the 1932 Williamstown team (Photo 66, H2008. 122/208; Photo 68 version 1, H2008. 122/243) below.

An almost identical photo in the collection is Photo No 71 Version 1 (H2008. 122/149) which has also been incorrectly labelled by the SLV - ‘Essendon’ this time, not ‘Richmond’. The photo has presumably been snapped before the start of play: it is strange that a crowd (even 1939) could be so large before the start of a curtain-raiser. Half-time perhaps, but unlikely.

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⁷ Coburg won the VFA Seconds premiership every year from 1934-40. However Coburg were beaten by Williamstown in the 1941 Grand Final at the MCG. See The Argus, October 6, 1941.

⁸ This photo has been labelled ‘Possibly Essendon’ by SLV.

2. Richmond Football Club in front of a grandstand (two versions)

Version 1.
‘Richmond Football Club title bestowed by donor’.

Comment by KM: This is definitely not Richmond’s senior team and almost certainly not Richmond at all. An interesting photo nevertheless. The players certainly appear to be wearing Richmond jumpers and the ground appears to be Punt Road Oval. The most intriguing aspect is the presence (second from right in middle row) of Doug Elliott. Elliott became famous as ‘Uncle Doug’ on Channel Seven’s long-running ‘World of Sport’ in the sixties and seventies. To my knowledge he was never a prominent footballer. He did however enlist in the RAAF in May 1943 (and was discharged September 1945) so his presence here may indicate this is a RAAF (or combined Services) team competing in the Services competition during the war. The grandstand is packed. So too are the stairs. Maybe a curtain-raiser to a VFL game, or possibly the curtain raiser for the war-funds match held July 1942. (See Photo 8). Military uniforms are not conspicuous in the crowd. Socks not uniform. White shorts clean as whistle, so game has presumably not commenced. Yet the crowd is huge. Odd. Just possibly Victorian country or Melbourne suburban.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008.122/107


3. Unidentified Fitzroy football player
Undated but circa 1929-1965
Accession no. H2008.125/16
Comment by KM: Fitzroy ruckman Rod Vernon photographed at Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy) circa mid-late fifties. Vernon played 119 games and kicked 72 goals for Fitzroy 1954-63. Vernon’s jumper displays a white monogram. Fitzroy changed the colour of its monogram from dark blue to white circa 1954.

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4. Carlton football team
Accession no. H2008.125/14


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5. E.C Football Club
Accession no. H2008.122/200

NB: ‘EC’ on football.

Comment by KM: Looks like a schoolboys team – with the masters in the back row. ‘EC’ possibly stands for a college. Not convinced about the ‘C’. It could be a ‘G’. Essendon Grammar? Just possibly Victorian country or Melbourne suburban. Bad emulsion damage. Some faces obscured.

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6. Unidentified football team in front of grandstand (eight versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/173

Comment by KM: This is the 1946 North Melbourne (VFL) Thirds (under-19’s) premiership team photographed at Arden Street. Included are a number of players who later reached prominence in the senior team. Players recognised: Vic Lawrence (third player from left in top row), John Reeves (fourth player from left in top row), Colin Thornton (fifth player from left in top row), Jock Spencer (extreme right of middle row), Dick Maddocks (fourth from right in middle row). Maddocks, later a Victorian state cricketer, was to play only 5 senior games (1948) but the other four were to play regularly for North’s senior
team in later years. Same group and same session as another (Boyles) photo of North Melbourne’s 1946 Thirds team – i.e. Photo 10 version 13 (H2008.122/67). These two (Boyles) photos of North Thirds 1946 (Photo 6 version 1 and Photo 10 version 13) were taken on the same day (and presumably the same session) and in the same place (witness same two gents on the stairs of the grandstand) as two Boyles photos of North Seconds 1947 (Photo 6 version 4 and Photo 74). Some players (for example Vic Lawrence and John Reeves) appear in both groups. Likewise, the player third from right in middle row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team, and the player holding ball in front row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team. The explanation for this is probably that some of the 1946 Thirds players (i.e. Lawrence and Reeves) graduated to the 1947 North Seconds team early in the 1947 season, and that both groups were photographed early in the 1947 season. There are 26 players in the photo. Deserted grandstand. Most of the players have white shorts but some have black shorts. Six officials, St John’s Ambulance man, four trainers. ‘Premiers’ written on football carried by mascot. The ‘1946’ on the football is difficult to read. Some emulsion damage on left-hand side but no faces obscured.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008.122/124

Comment by KM: The players seen in this image are wearing jumpers resembling Brunswick (VFA) and Collingwood (VFL). Style more Brunswick than Collingwood. Photo appears to have been taken at the Brunswick Street (Fitzroy) Oval in front of the Fitzroy grandstand circa 1940-55. The same grandstand as the one seen in Photo 17 version 15 (H2008.122/234). Cannot identify team, but possibly Sunday league, mid-week league, and/or workplace team. No players recognised. Black shorts. Sparse crowd on terrace and in stand.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/126

Comment by KM: Cannot identify any of the players, but significantly the player on the extreme right of the middle row in this photo is also present in the photo of the Essendon (VFL) senior team, circa 1939 (Photo 17 version 14, H2008.122/238) – first left in front row. This would suggest the team here is an Essendon Seconds team, circa 1939. The grandstand appears to be the same construction seen in the photo of the Geelong 1951 senior (premiership) team (Photo 10 version 15, H2008.122/182). Both the Geelong team and this Essendon (?) team are wearing white shorts. Possibly Kardinia Park (although Geelong seniors did not play matches there until 1944). The crowd is small.

Version 4.
Accession no. H2008.122/172
Comment by KM: This is North Melbourne’s (VFL) 1947 Seconds team photographed at Arden Street, probably early 1947. North Seconds actually went on to win the premiership that year. Recognised with certainty are Jock McCorkell (fourth player from right in back row), John Reeves (extreme right back row), Gerald Marchesi (second from right in middle row), Vic Lawrence (extreme right bottom row). Marchesi, who played his first senior game in 1947, later captained North seniors. Full-back McCorkell tussled famously with John Coleman. The fourth player from left in middle row is probably captain Ted Morcom. The third player from left in middle row could be Pat Kelly. This is the very same group (and session) as seen in Photo 74 (H2008. 122/49). These two photos of North’s Seconds 1947 team (Photo 6 version 4, and Photo 74) were taken on the same day (and presumably the same session) and in the same place (witness same two gents on the stairs of the grandstand) as two photos of North’s Thirds 1946 premiership team (Photo 6 version 1, and Photo 10 version 13). Some players (e.g. Vic Lawrence and John Reeves) appear in both groups. The player third from right in middle row of Seconds team (uncannily resembling Reg Ryan but too young to be him) is in front row of Thirds team, and the player holding ball in front row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team. The explanation for this is probably that some of the 1946 Thirds players (i.e. Lawrence and Reeves) graduated to the 1947 North Seconds team early in the 1947 season, and that both groups were photographed on the same day early in the 1947 season. At least two players (McCorkell and Lawrence) in the Seconds photo were not members of the 1947 Grand Final side. At least one player (e.g. Reg Ryan) in the 1947 Grand Final side is not in the photo. In the 1947 Seconds Grand Final, Ryan was at full-back, Marchesi on a half-back flank, Kelly on the wing, and Reeves a reserve. Wally Carter coached both the Seconds and Thirds for North in 1947. See Gerald Dowling, _The North Story_, p. 102. Nineteen players and four trainers. Players have white shorts. Oddly, three of the players have dark socks rather than blue and white hoops. Deserted grandstand except for two gentlemen on stairs.

**Version 5.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/437

Comment by KM: Certainly the jumpers look like Essendon's but the players are wearing both black and white shorts which is untypical of serious VFL sides. Five of them wearing white shorts. This looks like the South Melbourne VFL (Lake Oval) ground in the thirties. The man with white collar on the extreme right of the middle row could be a priest. The man on the extreme left of the middle row looks very much like Labor stalwart Arthur Calwell (North Melbourne VFL President 1929-34). A Young Christian Workers (YCW) team perhaps.

**Version 6.**
Accession no. H2008.122/125
Comment by KM: Most likely Hawthorn (VFL) Thirds (under-19’s) team. Possibly Hawthorn (VFL) Fourths. Taken at a near deserted Glenferrie Oval with the modernist (Art deco) grandstand in the background. Circa late forties. Twenty players – therefore after 1946. Players are wearing brown jumper with the gold ‘V’ – therefore before 1950 and the Hawthorn club’s adoption of vertical stripes. Jumpers not uniform. White shorts. Slight emulsion damage but no faces obscured. This is the same group as seen in Photo 10 version 12 (H2008.122/136) and Photo 17 version 4 (H2008.122/62 and 84).

Version 7.
Accession no. H2008.122/43

Comment by KM: Excellent photo. This group does have the mien of a very serious football team, particularly when contrasted with some of the more raggedy groups in Boyles. This is Coburg’s (VFA) senior team photographed at the Coburg City Oval, circa 1938-39. At the centre of the middle row is Jack Scanlon who captain-coached Coburg 1937-39. Scanlon had previously played 67 games for St.Kilda (1930-36). Also identified in the photo (by means of 1941 photo in Coburg Football Club’s 1991 Centenary publication) are Tom Re (extreme left of top row, three games with Fitzroy 1936-37), Irvine (second from left in second top row), Bannister (extreme left middle row). Intriguingly, the player second from right in the top row here can also be seen (extreme right of front row) in the 1932 Williamstown team (Photo 66, H2008.122/208; Photo 68 version 1, H2008.122/243) below, and in Photo 1 (H2008.122/106) above (fourth from left in middle row). The player second from right in middle row somewhat resembles Coburg’s champion forward Lance Collins but Collins had been suspended by Coburg in the latter part of 1938. Same grandstand as in the photo of 1933 Coburg team (Photo 45 version 2, H2008.122/435). Grandstand packed. Good crowd.

Version 8.
Accession no. H2008.122/52

Comment by KM: Cannot identify team, ground or grandstand. Possibly photographed at Footscray. Age of players suggests schoolboys team. No players recognised. Guernseys not recognised. Circa early-fifties. VFL senior umpire and football identity (and member of AFL Hall of Fame) Harry Beitzel, presumably the umpire for the occasion, stands at the rear, fifth person from left. Beitzel’s career as a VFL umpire started in 1948. Grandstand has groups of spectators. Also some people on terrace.

7. Unidentified football team, possibly Melbourne.
Accession no. H2008.122/53
Comment by KM: This is a curious photo. The trainer at right appears to have a
demon or devil logo on his pullover, which would suggest Melbourne. On the
other hand the photo has been taken at the Brunswick Street Oval ( with the
Fitzroy grandstand in the background ) and the players have black shorts. One
of the five officials standing in the top row ( second from left ) resembles Jim
Cardwell ( Melbourne Football Club Secretary 1950’s ). Melbourne were VFL
Seconds premiers in 1949 and 1956 and Thirds premiers in 1947 and 1953. This
could be one of those teams. Some of the players look too old to be under-19.
Of course, this might not be Melbourne at all but a school team or amateur team.
Terrace and grandstand deserted. Twenty-two players.
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8. RAAF team 1942.

Comment by KM: Excellent and fascinating photo. A RAAF representative team
photographed at Punt Road Oval before a Services match, apparently 1942. ( The
date ‘1942’ can apparently be read on the football held in the front row;
‘RAAF’ is very clearly written on the ball ). The Richmond grandstand is seen in
the background. In the war years, matches between Services teams were
sometimes conducted as curtain-raisers to VFL games. On July 12,1942, at
Punt Road, watched by a huge crowd estimated at 40,000, a Combined Services
team, to aid war funds, actually played Richmond’s VFL team. The crowd was
treated to an exhibition of long-kicking by Fitzroy full-back Fred Hughson. See
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A number of very accomplished VFL players are shown in this photo – Norm
Hillard ( Fitzroy, second from left in second back row ), Mick Hughson ( Fitzroy,
third from left in the second back row ), Bob Pratt ( South Melbourne/Coburg
goal-kicker extraordinaire, fourth from left in the second back row ), Ron Todd ( Collingwood/Williamstown legend, fifth from left in the second back row ), Len
Smith ( ex-Northcote/Melbourne/Fitzroy, sixth from left in the second back row ), Frank
Curcio ( Fitzroy’s star ruckman, third player from left in middle row ), Jim Knight ( Geelong/Carlton, front row, holding the ball ), Alby Pannam ( Collingwood,
extreme right front row ), Jim Thoms ( Footscray, second from right in front row ).

Smith ( Fitzroy/Richmond ) and Pannam ( Richmond ) were later to become
senior VFL coaches. Jim Knight died in war service, October 11, 1943. He
played 42 games for Geelong ( 1939-41 ) and 15 games for Carlton ( 1942-43 ).
Three of the players in this photo also appear in another ( Boyles ) photo of a
Services team: Photo 10 version 1 ( H.2008. 122/109 and 123 ). They are Ron
Todd, the player second from right in middle row, and the player third from right
in middle row. Note players are wearing a Victoria-style jumper with a big V. Sign
on grandstand advertising A.I.F. Clock showing 12.30 pm. Airman on extreme
left of middle row and another airman on extreme right of middle row. At centre of middle row is a gentleman with a white collar, presumably chaplain. This same photo appears in Jim Main and David Allen, *Fallen – the Ultimate Heroes*, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2002, p. 283.

9. **North Melbourne Football Club Thirds Premiers 1946.**

Comment by KM: The SLV identification is correct.
North Melbourne’s 1946 VFL Thirds premiership team presumably photographed behind the grandstand at Arden Street. ‘Officials and Players Entrance’. Players recognised: Back row - Jock Spencer (second from left); John Reeves (third from left); Colin Thornton (fourth from left); Vic Lawrence (fifth from left). Front row - Dick Maddocks (second from left). The first four all later became regular North senior players. Coach Wally Carter stands at rear. Mascot holds football with ‘NMFC 3rds premiers 1946’ written on it. Twenty players. Combination of white and black shorts. Jumper design varies. Six officials in back row, including St John’s Ambulance man. The very same photo is reproduced in Gerard Dowling’s history of the North Melbourne Football Club. See G. Dowling, *The North Story*, Playright, 1997, p. 97.

10. **Unidentified football team in front of a grandstand (twenty-three versions)**

**Version 1.**
   Annotated as ‘Richmond Football Club’.

Comment by KM: Certainly not Richmond. Initially I concluded this to be a Williamstown team from the 1940 era because Williamstown’s two champion VFL imports are seen - Ron Todd is in the back row (second from left) and Harry Vallence is in the middle row (fifth from left) – and the player standing beside Todd is Williamstown star Arthur Cutting (extreme left top row). Also because the guernseys worn here appear to be the same as the guernseys worn by the 1932 Williamstown team shown in Photo No. 66 (H.2008. 122/208) below. Further inspection casts doubt on this hypothesis. The players are wearing black shorts. The grandstand with the ‘port-holes’ is not Williamstown’s, but Prahran’s old 1909 grandstand (demolished 1966) at Toorak Park. If this was a Willy team at Prahran, they would have white shorts. Provisionally I conclude this is a Services team photographed in the 1942-43 period. Todd, of course, did play for war-time Services/RAAF teams (see, for example, Photo 8, H.2008. 122/241). Two other players shown in this photo also appear in Photo 8: the player on the extreme right-hand side of the middle row, and the player on the extreme left of the front row. Cutting became a permanent member of the Air Force in 1936. In
1938 he won both the VFA Medal and the Recorder Cup. Note also the military uniforms in the crowd. I cannot however find any reference to Vallence having played in Services matches.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/76
‘Possibly Melbourne’.

Comment by KM: The SLV suggestion of ‘Melbourne’ is incorrect. This is the champion Northcote VFA team of the early thirties. Northcote in the thirties was the VFA’s dominant club. The Green and Golds won the 1929 flag and then three premierships in consecutive years (1932-1934). They followed up in 1936 with yet another premiership. Ironically, 1936 was the Northcote club’s very last VFA premiership in the top division. This particular photo was taken in 1934. The players are: Top row - ?, ?, Frank Seymour, Len Smith, ?. Middle row – Stan Powell (half back flank), ?, Alex Gray (rover), Ralph Goullet (follower), Frank Ackland, ?, ?, Eddie Bray. Front row – (player obscured by emulsion damage), Ern Hart (centreman), Jack Lyngcoln (back pocket), Jack Woods, Bob Ross (rover). The position of captain-coach for the 1934 season was occupied by Ralph Goullet - shown here fourth from left in centre row. Seymour was the most outstanding goal-kicker in the VFA for a number of years in the thirties. Smith, brother of legendary Norm, played for Melbourne and Fitzroy and then went on to coaching honours at Fitzroy and Richmond. He moved to the VFL in 1934. Ross won the VFA’s 1932 Recorder Cup. For the Northcote 1933 team, see Photo 28 (H2008. 122/59 and 197). Note that ex-Collingwood star Percy Rowe, captain-coach of Northcote in 1933, is present in Photo 28 but not in Photo 10, version 2. Rowe stepped down after the 1933 season. The same applies to Tom Corrigan, formerly of Fitzroy. Note the hole in the grandstand wall. Note also the gold yoke on jumper appears to be missing (or at least so dark as to blend in with the green) on the guernseys of some of the players. As Marc Fiddian explains in his history of the Northcote Football Club, economic depression meant all VFA clubs were finding it hard to balance the books. Despite having been premiers two years running, Northcote started season 1934 with a debt of 462 pounds and only 600 members. See M.Fiddian, Gold Threads Among the Green – A History of the Northcote Football Club, Raccoon Tail Books, 2007, p. 78.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008. 122/117

Comment by KM: This is Northcote’s 1939 VFA senior team photographed in front of the grandstand at Westgarth Street. Northcote in 1939 was able to make the semi-final but it was all downhill after this for the once dominant VFA club. Players recognised are: Jack Holden (extreme left back row), Bill Downie (second from left in back row), Ern Hart (fourth from left in back row), Cec Ruddell (third from left in middle row), Harry Honig (fifth from left in middle row), Claude Watt (sixth from left in middle row), Les Smith (...
seventh from left in middle row), Stan Powell (third from left in front row). The player fourth from left in middle row is possibly 1939 captain Arthur Mietzcke (originally from Koondrook; 18 games for South Melbourne 1931-33). Holden had played 40 VFL senior games for St Kilda and Geelong. Ruddell, who finished equal second in the VFA’s Recorder Cup in 1939, went on to play at full-back in Essendon’s 1942 VFL premiership side and later coached Camberwell (VFA). Downie, who played 54 games for Footscray (1929-32) and 15 games for St.Kilda (1933), won the VFA’s Recorder Cup in 1938 playing for Northcote. He was tragically killed by the Japanese while a prisoner of war. See J. Main and D. Allen, *Fallen – the Ultimate Heroes*, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2002.

Northcote’s coach in 1939 was Bill Libbis (ex-Collingwood and Melbourne) but he is not in this photo. Slight emulsion damage lower right-hand side. Grandstand half-full. Black shorts. The very same photo is reproduced in Marc Fiddian, *Gold Threads Among the Green – A History of Northcote Football Club*, Raccoon Tail Books, 2007, p. 101. This book enabled me to identify a number of Northcote players.

**Version 4.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/122
‘Is this Richmond Football Club?’


**Version 5.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/55

Comment by KM: Collingwood (VFL) Second Eighteen photographed at Lake Oval (South Melbourne), 1937. 1940 Brownlow Medallist Des Fothergill is in the middle row (third player from right). The presence of Fothergill suggests the photo was taken in 1937, most likely just prior to the 16-year-old’s senior debut that year. The brilliant Fothergill played 111 games (and kicked 337 goals) for the Magpies (1937-40, 1945-47) but rocked the football world when he transferred to VFA club Williamstown in 1941. No other players identified. Same group as in Photo 54 version 2 (H2008. 122/191). One minor difference between the two shots is the man in black and white dressing-gown in back row: he moves his position slightly. Next to nil spectators. Strangely, players have black shorts. Nineteen players.

**Version 6.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/87
Photo is blurry.

Comment by KM: A team of Magpie greats. This is the Collingwood (VFL) First Eighteen, almost certainly photographed 1934. The photo shows Jock McHale,
Sid and Gordon Coventry, Harry and Albert Collier, and a very young Phonse Kyne. Sid Coventry finished at Collingwood in 1934 and Kyne started that year. Players recognised through the blur are: Back row: Jock McHale (extreme left, legendary Magpie coach); Phonse Kyne (fourth player from left, 1934-44 and 1946-50, 245 games); Jack Regan (second player from right, 1930-41, 1943, 1946, 196 games); Gordon Coventry (extreme right, 1920-37, 306 games, 1299 goals).


Version 7.
Accession no. H2008. 122/90

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage. Probably a school team. Cannot identify grandstand. Richmond-style jumpers. 21 players.

Version 8.
Accession no. H2008. 122/85
‘B.F.C’ on trainer’s jumper.

Comment by KM: This is most definitely Brunswick Football Club’s (VFA) First Eighteen photographed in front of a partially full grandstand at Brunswick ground, circa mid-late thirties. Star rover Jim Dowling (who won the VFA Medal in successive years 1934 and 1935) is pictured third from left in the middle row. The player fourth from left in the middle row is ex-Footscray star Roy McKay (101 VFL games, 1930-35). McKay was appointed Brunswick’s captain-coach for the 1936 season and coached the senior team until the end of the 1940 season. He led them to three successive VFA grand finals, including the 1938 premiership. It is possible the photo was taken in 1938 but I suspect either 1936 or 1937. Other players in the photo are: Top row – Lee (extreme left), Alex Gillon (fourth from left), Wal Warden (fifth from left), Ted Fay (seventh from left). Stan Vaughan (eighth from left). Middle row – Stan Palmer (extreme left), Colin Boyd (second from left), A. Thompson (sixth from left), Hugh Donnelly (seventh from left). Front row – Tom Lasky (extreme left), R. Kennedy (second from left), Tom Clarke (extreme right). Fay, who had played 28 games for Essendon (1932-34), was revered as the best full-back in the VFA and won the Recorder Cup in 1941. Gillon later became the VFA’s most respected administrator. Clarke played over 100 games for Essendon and was the father of athletics great Ron and Essendon football champion Jack. Donnelly had played for Northcote and Coburg. The two mascots appear to be in school uniform. Match day. Black shorts. See Les Barnes and Laurie Cunningham, A Fair and Honest Game – A Tribute to the Brunswick Football Club, Brunswick Community
Comment by KM: This is a Brunswick VFA team taken in front of the historic wooden grandstand at Brunswick. It is not the senior team, but almost certainly the Second Eighteen. The player fifth from the left in the back row also appears in a published photo of a late-thirties Brunswick senior team. See Les Barnes and Laurie Cunningham, *A Fair and Honest Game – A Tribute to the Brunswick Football Club*, Brunswick Community History Group, 2004. It is likely therefore the photo dates from the late thirties. The grandstand seen here is the original historic all-wooden stand destroyed by fire in July 1975. For a photo of the stand in 1908, see Barnes and Cunningham, p. 37. The plaque appearing on the stand in this photo was not present in 1908.

Version 10.
Accession no. H2008. 122/61
One man wearing a military uniform (RAAF).

Comment by KM: Cannot identify grandstand or team but one of the seven officials in top row wears uniform and RAAF hat. Probably an RAAF team. No spectators whatsoever. Eighteen players. All except three wearing white shorts. Jumpers possibly twenties-style North Melbourne (blue with white 'V').

Version 11.
Accession no. H2008. 122/177

Comment by KM: Probably a Hawthorn (VFL) Third Eighteen (Under-19’s) team snapped at Glenferrie Oval. The VFL’s Thirds competition began in 1946. If not, then a schoolboy team. The same (Hawthorn Thirds?) group is seen in Photo 6 version 6 (H2008. 122/125) above and Photo 17 version 4 (H2008. 122/62 and 84) below. The only difference in the two photos is the result of some slight movement among the personnel.

Version 13.

‘Premiers League 3 (?) 1946 on football’

Comment by KM: This is the 1946 North Melbourne (VFL) Thirds (under-19’s) premiership team photographed at Arden Street. Included are a number of players who later reached prominence in the senior team. Players recognised: Vic Lawrence (third player from left in top row), John Reeves (fourth player from left in top row), Colin Thornton (fifth player from left in top row), Jock Spencer (extreme right of middle row), Dick Maddocks (fourth from right in middle row). Maddocks, later a Victorian state cricketer, was to play only 5 senior games (1948) but the other four were to play regularly for North’s senior team in later years. Same group and same session as another (Boyles) photo of North Melbourne’s 1946 Thirds team – i.e Photo 6 version 1 (H2008. 122/173). This one has been taken one or two seconds before or after the other photo. Whereas the other photo had emulsion damage on the left-hand side, this one has emulsion damage on the right-hand side and top. No players are obscured however. These two (Boyles) photos of North Thirds 1946 (Photo 6 version 1 and Photo 10 version 13) were taken on the same day (and presumably the same session) and in the same place (witness same two gents on the stairs of the grandstand) as two Boyles photos of North Seconds 1947 (Photo 6 version 4 and Photo 74). Some players (e.g. Vic Lawrence and John Reeves) appear in both groups. Likewise, the player third from right in middle row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team, and the player holding ball in front row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team. The explanation for this is probably that some of the 1946 Thirds players (i.e. Lawrence and Reeves) graduated to the 1947 North Seconds team early in the 1947 season, and that both groups were photographed on the same day early in the 1947 season. There are 26 players in the photo. Deserted grandstand. Most of the players have white shorts but some have black shorts. Six officials, St John’s Ambulance man, four trainers. ‘Premiers’ written on football carried by mascot. The ‘1946’ on the football is difficult to read.

Version 14.
Accession no. H2008. 122/96

Comment by KM: This is Hawthorn Football Club’s (VFL) Second Eighteen photographed at Glenferrie Oval in either 1938 or 1939. Allan Hird is shown - his only two years with the Mayblooms were 1938 and 1939. Almost certainly taken
on the same day and in the same session as Photo 75 ( H2008. 122/83 ) featuring seven Hawthorn Seconds players. Those seven players are all present in the larger group here. Some of the people in the grandstand are in both images. Players are:
Robert Williams ( extreme left of top row of players, 136 senior games, 1932,1934-44 ); Alec Albiston ( second from left in top row, 170 senior games, 1936-49 ); Allan Hird ( third from left in top row, 14 senior games, 1938-39 ); Viv Randall ( fifth from left in top row, 73 senior games, 1934-38 ); Jim Bohan ( first on left in middle row, 131 senior games, 1938-46 ); William Moore ( second from left in middle row, 31 senior games, 1938-41 ); Stuart Stewart ( fourth from left in middle row, 130 senior games, 1926-35 ); William Robinson ( fifth from left in middle row, 6 senior games, 1938-39 ); Andy Angwin ( on right of front row, 75 games, 1938-44 ). Stewart, who had by this time retired from senior football, is presumably the captain here. Albiston and Bohan both proved to be great footballers. Albiston captain-coached the senior team in the late forties. Bohan has been named in Hawthorn’s Team of the Century. Few people in grandstand and crowd. White shorts. Five officials in very back row wearing the Hawthorn jumper. At extreme right, a member of St. John’s Ambulance. This is the same group as seen in Photo 17 version 9 ( H2008. 122/240 ) although Photo 17/9 has significant emulsion damage obscuring several players. In Photo 17 version 9, for some reason, more of the players are smiling.

Version 15.
Accession no. H2008. 122/182
‘Possibly Geelong’.

Comment by KM: Not ‘possibly’ Geelong. Absolutely Geelong. This is a photo of the Geelong ( VFL ) senior team of 1951, the year of the club’s fourth VFL premiership. The eighteen players ( reading from left to right, top to bottom ) are: Russell Middlemiss, Bruce Morrison, Tom Morrow, Jim Norman, Russell Renfrey, John Hyde, Loy Stewart, Alan Hickenbotham, Bob Davis, Leo Turner, Fred Flanagan ( captain ), Bernie Smith, Cyril McMaster, Syd Tate, Terry Fulton, Neil Trezise, Peter Pianto, George Goninon. The number of spectators occupying the grandstand is not large. This would indicate the photo was taken on a training night rather than on match day. The grandstand is not recognised, although the same construction appears in Photo 6 version 3 ( H2008. 122/126 ). Possibly Kardinia Park. The players are wearing white shorts.

Version 16.
Accession no. H2008. 122/178

Comment by KM: This is the North Melbourne ( VFL ) First Eighteen of 1935 ( or, less likely,1934 ) photographed at Arden Street. Captain-coach Tom Fitzmaurice is at centre in middle row ( fourth player from left ). Fitzmaurice, who had earlier starred at Essendon and Geelong, played for North 1932-35. He took over as captain-coach in the course of the 1934 season and occupied the role
through 1935. Also easily recognisable are Johnny Lewis (fourth from left in top row), Neville Huggins (fifth from left in top row), Johnny Gregory (third player from right in middle row). The player crouching at extreme right in the front row is probably Wally Carter. Carter was to become the first coach to lead North to a Grand Final (1950). North Melbourne in the early thirties struggled on and off the field, at one stage losing thirty-five consecutive matches. The club went back to wearing blue and white vertical stripes in 1933. Two officials not recognised. Note Arthur Calwell was President of North Melbourne Football Club, 1929-1934. Players wearing black shorts.

Version 17.
Accession no. H2008. 122/179

Comment by KM: This team eludes me. Cannot positively identify at this stage. The jumper design and shading suggests a North Melbourne team but the presence of three Army slouch hats in crowd more strongly suggests a Services team, circa World War Two. Cannot identify the grandstand although it does look familiar. Possibly Bendigo - the ground now known as Queen Elizabeth Oval. The grandstand is one-third full. Cannot identify any players. Nineteen players, therefore likely to be before 1946. Four trainers plus St John’s Ambulance man. Some emulsion damage on left-hand side but no players obscured. If this is a metropolitan team, then possibly a North Melbourne district club.

Version 18.
Accession no. H2008. 122/181

Comment by KM: A curious photo. Apparently a team of North Melbourne past players photographed in front of the grandstand at Arden Street. All of them are ‘getting on in years’. Apparently North Melbourne colours. Cannot recognise any of the players but one of the men present and not in footy gear (seventh person from the left in the top row) appears to be Wally Carter who played 137 games for North (1929-40) and coached the club (1948-53). A huge crowd and a very heavily populated grandstand. Past Players matches were popular in the early fifties. See below for other examples of VFL past-players teams. Another possibility is a Victorian country Grand Final team. White shorts. Slightly blurry photo.

Version 19.
Blurring on both.

Comment by KM: Very definitely North Melbourne’s (VFL) 1949 senior team photographed at Arden Street in front of the players’ race. Grandstand packed. North Melbourne finished third in 1949. They played in the second semi-final and then the preliminary final, losing both. They had finished on top of the VFL ladder after the first round of home and away games. Players are: Top row –

Version 20.
Accession no. H2008.122/176


Version 21.
Accession no. H2008.122/180

Comment by KM: Most definitely the Port Melbourne (VFA) senior team. Pictured at centre (fourth from left in middle row) is the lovable rogue Tommy Lahiff who captain-coached Port in 1938 and 1939 (and briefly, for the last few games, in 1941). Therefore almost certainly photographed in one of those two years – 1938 or 1939. A very clear photo. Note the players are wearing white shorts. The photo appears to have been taken at an ‘away’ game. I’m certain the grandstand is Brunswick’s. Lahiff’s great mate, back-pocket player Norm Goss, is seated beside him (on Lahiff’s left). Goss is regarded by many in Port Melbourne as the football club’s greatest-ever son. He was the club Secretary for thirty years from 1947 and steered Port Melbourne through its finest and most stable era. The grandstand at Port Oval is named after him. The only other player identified is Frank Russo (extreme right of front row). An odd feature of this group is that their jumper styles differ. Are some of them wearing a track suit

**Version 22.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/210 and H2008. 122/211 (nearly identical with both out of focus)

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage. A curious photo. Taken at Port Melbourne ground in front of main grandstand (PMCC). Grandstand is packed tight, including on the stairway. A big crowd indeed. Twenty players, therefore likely to be after 1946. The person wearing a coat in the very centre of the group (middle row) does appear to be the legendary Len Smith, and the player third from the left in the front row does appear to be Wally Clark who roved for Fitzroy in the fifties. I cannot identify team or jumper (not Fitzroy’s). The photo is slightly blurry which does not help identification. If this is not a Victorian country team, my bet is Fitzroy Seconds, circa mid-fifties.

**Version 23.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/82

Comment by KM: Apparently a Services team photographed during the Second World War at the Brunswick (VFA) Oval in front of the main grandstand. The player at extreme left of top row is Len Smith (formerly of Northcote and Melbourne, brother of Norm, and eventual coach of Fitzroy and Richmond). Very few spectators but several of them wear RAAF hats. The very upright-looking gentleman third from left in the middle row is presumably a RAAF officer. Eighteen players.

11. **Unidentified football team** (two versions)

**Version 1.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/56
‘Possibly Port Melbourne Football Club’.

Comment by KM: Cannot identify team or players. Photo taken in parkland. Port Melbourne-type jumper. The person in Services uniform in the background of the photo provides a clue to the approximate date – 1942-45. Twenty-one players. All the players are under-age, and some of them are very young – about 15 to 17 years. Three officials; five others. White shorts. Almost certainly a junior, under-age team – maybe one from Port district. Possibly a Port Melbourne Football Club junior team.

**Version 2.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/57
Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify team or place at this stage. Taken in parkland. Brunswick-type jumper. Almost as many officials as players. Eleven officials, two umpires and two others. Plus man in uniform – apparently St John’s Ambulance. Possibly Victorian country or Melbourne suburban.

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12. **South Melbourne Football Club player ( eleven versions )**

**Version 1.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/218
Photo of a photo

Comment by KM: A photographic print of Peter Reville kicking downfield at training. Reville, a South Melbourne ruckman of the 1930’s, played 156 games and kicked 207 goals for the Swans 1925-1934 and was a member of the 1933 premiership team. This particular photo has been reproduced in Jim Main’s publication *Honour the Names*, p. 201. There are some well-known photos of him chain-smoking during three-quarter time breaks. Reville also played for Coburg in the thirties, and concluded his career with 22 games for Fitzroy 1938-39.

**Version 2.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/224
Image blurred

Comment by KM: The player is star South Melbourne rover Billy Williams. Williams, a rover from Newport, won the Swans’ best and fairest three times – 1946, 1947 and 1950. He played 124 games and kicked 180 goals from 1945-51. The photo was taken at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval circa 1949-50. The subject’s face is slightly blurred.

**Version 3.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/225

Comment by KM: The player is South Melbourne’s Arthur Fox, photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Fox, a wingman from Red Cliffs, played 39 games for the Swans 1948-50.

**Version 4.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/217

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) player photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Cannot identify at this stage.

**Version 5.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/220
Comment by KM: The player is South Melbourne ruckman Albert Lucas. Lucas, a ruckman from Sandringham, played 69 games for South from 1946-50 and captained the club in 1949. Taken at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval circa 1949-50. Some damage to photo.

Version 6.
Accession no. H2008. 122/221

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne player photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Cannot identify at this stage.

Version 7.
Accession no. H2008. 122/222

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne player photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Cannot identify at this stage.

Version 8.
Accession no. H2008. 122/223

Comment by KM: South Melbourne’s classy centreman Keith Schaefer photographed at the Lake Oval circa 1949-50. Schaefer played 102 games for South from 1947-53 and won the club’s best and fairest award in 1952. Best known as a brilliant exponent of the art of stab-kicking, Schaefer reached the pinnacle of his form in 1952 when he was a favourite to win the Brownlow Medal. Schaefer left South before the end of the 1953 season to coach Riverina club Deniliquin but he later returned to serve South as coach of the Fourths in 1957. See Jim Main, Honour the Names, p. 235. He also helped out with South’s Thirds in later fifties.

Version 9.
Accession no. H2008. 122/227

Comment by KM: The player is South Melbourne’s Les Williams photographed at the Lake Oval late forties. Williams, a local product, played 48 games for South between 1947-51.

Version 10.
Accession no. H2008. 122/226

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne player photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Cannot identify at this stage.

Version 11.
Comment by KM: A South Melbourne player photographed at Lake Oval circa late forties. Cannot identify at this stage.

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13. **Richmond football club player holding a football**
Accession no. H2008. 122/112
'Redditch' title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: The player seen here lining up to kick is the Richmond wingman Leo Merrett. Originally from Serviceton, and Nhill Football Club, Merrett played 170 games for the Tigers, from 1940-49. He won Richmond’s best and fairest in 1942 and 1944, and represented Victoria four times. The photo has been taken in the mid-late forties with the Ernest H. King Stand in the background. This grandstand was converted to the Richmond Social Club in 1980.

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14. **Football player from the St. Kilda Football Club**
Accession no. H2008. 122/50
Circa 1920-1950.

Comment by KM: St Kilda’s Ian Synman captured in front of the Blackie-Ironmonger Stand at the Junction Oval circa 1960. The red-headed defender and ruckman came to the Saints from Melbourne Grammar and played 154 games (1958-59, 1961-69). Synman was a member of the 1966 premiership team. This photo was probably taken in the very early sixties. In any case, the SLV descriptor ‘1920-1950’ is well off the mark.

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15. **Carlton football player on oval**
Accession no. H2008. 122/132

Comment by KM: Cannot identify at this stage. A Carlton (VFL) player photographed at Princes Park and preparing to kick. More likely late forties than late thirties.

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16. **Collingwood football team**
(125.8 and 125.9 are duplicates).
Postcard. Three prints.

Comment by KM: This is a Collingwood (VFL) senior team, most probably from 1960. The players are: Back row - Harry Sullivan, John Henderson, ?, Mick

17. Unidentified football team (sixteen versions)

Version 1
Accession no. H2008.122/199

Comment by KM: Cannot identify team or location at this stage. Appears rural however. Taken in front of shed. A junior or under-age team. Circa 1940's. Twenty-one players. Jumper could be Port Melbourne-style or Hawthorn-style. White shorts, but several players wear black shorts. Bad emulsion damage across top of photo obscures faces of three players and partially obscures faces of five others.

Version 2
Accession no. H2008.122/119
Possibly Melbourne Football Club.

Comment by KM: This is a Northcote (VFA) senior team photographed at Westgarth Street in front of the grandstand. Almost certainly the 1940 team. Ern Hart, Northcote captain in 1940, is at the centre of the photo (fourth person from left in middle row). Hart also captained Northcote in 1941 so this could possibly be the 1941 team. Other players identified are: Jack Holden (extreme left of top row), Bill Downie (third from right top row), possibly Arthur Mietzcke (first player on left middle row), Stan Powell (second from right middle row). Hart played 196 games for Northcote, including 130 in a row from 1934-40. Holden played 40 VFL senior games for St Kilda and Geelong. Downie, who played 54 games for Footscray (1929-32) and 15 games for St.Kilda (1933), won the VFA's Recorder Cup in 1938 playing for Northcote. He was tragically killed by the Japanese while a prisoner of war. See J. Main and D. Allen, Fallen – the Ultimate Heroes, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2002. The player second from left in front row is rover Cecil Hiscox who was Northcote’s best and fairest in 1940 and 1941 and who went on to an illustrious career as a Northcote player, playing 174 games before retiring at the end of the 1954 season. Hiscox played in the back pocket after 1948. Sitting extreme left of middle row is Bill Libbis, Northcote's coach 1939-41. Libbis was champion first rover in all four Collingwood premiership teams 1927-30. He played 139 games and kicked 150 goals for the Magpies (1925-33) before switching to Melbourne for 39 games (
1933-35). Eighteen players. Black shorts. Probably not match day – only two in grandstand. Note the adoring schoolchildren looking on.


Version 3
Accession no. H2008. 122/118
Possibly Melbourne Football Club

Comment by KM: SLV identification is correct this time. This is a Melbourne (VFL) team. Quite apart from the guernsey shades, there are two good clues. The photo is taken just below the ‘MCC’ (i.e Melbourne Cricket Club) insignia on the Members Grandstand at the MCG. The team includes two players who have since become very well-known as heroes of World War Two, both killed in wartime service: Keith ‘Bluey’ Truscott (fourth person from left in middle row) and Ron Barassi Senior (extreme right of middle row). This is not, however, the Melbourne senior team. Almost certainly Melbourne Seconds, circa 1939. Melbourne Seconds were actually premiers in 1939 so this is quite possibly the premiership team. Barassi’s senior career with Melbourne spanned 1936-40, Truscott’s 1937-40, 1942. Truscott looks very young here, suggesting the photo may have been taken as early as 1936 or 1937. Black shorts. Earlier in the thirties, Melbourne Seconds were premiers five times running: 1931-35.

Version 4

Comment by KM: This team would appear to be either Hawthorn (VFL) Thirds or Hawthorn (VFL) Fourths photographed at Glenferrie Oval, circa late forties/early fifties. No spectators. Also possibly a schoolboys team. This group is the same group of players seen in Photo 6 version 6 (H2008. 122/125) and Photo 10 version 12 (H2008. 122/136). The only differences are the re-arrangement of positions, and the fewer number of hangers-on in Photo 17 version 4. Also, the umpires appear to be different. Possibly not taken on the same day. Twenty players. White shorts.

Version 5
Accession no. H2008. 122/18

Comment by KM: A team in Richmond-style gear photographed at Punt Road Oval, circa late-fifties, early sixties. Likely to be a Richmond (VFL) Thirds team. Could conceivably be the 1958 Richmond Thirds premiership team. Much less likely a schoolboys team. Photographic print. Twenty-five players. Not match day.

Version 6

Version 7
Accession no. H2008. 122/17
One photographic print
Essendon? football players.


Version 8
Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage but probably a Footscray team circa 1930's, if the guernsey is anything to go by. A quick scan through the published history of Footscray Football Club (see note below) indicates this is not a Footscray senior team. The presence of a gent wearing an unusual hat and carrying a cane lends some intrigue to this photo. The player fourth from left in the middle row very much resembles Colin Williamson (Northcote, St.Kilda, Brighton, not Footscray) and this adds to the intrigue. Circumstantial evidence that this group is indeed a Footscray side is that the photo has been taken in the exact same location (at South Melbourne, against the background of the grandstand wall) as seen in the image of the (circa 1936) South Melbourne Seconds team (Photo 58, H2008. 122/42). This coincidence suggests that Photo 17/8 is possibly a shot of a Footscray Seconds team taken in the same session as the shot of the South Melbourne Seconds team. (Note South have black shorts; the 'Footscray' team have white). Significantly perhaps, Footscray won the VFL Seconds premiership in 1936. So Photo 17/8 may be a photo of the 1936 Bulldogs' Reserves premiership side. On the other hand, apart from the presence of 'Williamson', the socks and jumpers in Photo 17/8 are not uniform. Photo 17/8 is the very same photo as Photo 37 (H2008. 122/115). It has emulsion damage on right-hand side and bottom right corner but no faces obscured. Eighteen players. See John Lash, Chris McConville, Michael Small, Damien Wright (joint authors), Unleashed – A History of the Footscray Football Club, Aus-Sport Enterprises, 1996.

**Version 9**
Accession no. H2008. 122/240

Comment by KM: This is Hawthorn Football Club's (VFL) Second Eighteen photographed at Glenferrie Oval in either 1938 or 1939. Allan Hird is shown - his only two years with the Mayblooms were 1938 and 1939. Almost certainly taken on the same day and in the same session as Photo 75 (H2008. 122/83) featuring seven Hawthorn Seconds players. Those seven players are all present in the larger group here. Some of the people in the grandstand are in both images. Players are: Robert Williams (extreme left of top row of players, 136 senior games, 1932, 1934-44); Alec Albiston (second from left in top row, 170 senior games, 1936-49); Allan Hird (third from left in top row, 14 senior games, 1938-39); Viv Randall (fifth from left in top row, 73 senior games, 1934-38); Jim Bohan (first on left in middle row, 131 senior games, 1938-46); William Moore (second from left in middle row, 31 senior games, 1938-41); Stuart Stewart (fourth from left in middle row, 130 senior games, 1926-35); William Robinson (fifth from left in middle row, 6 senior games, 1938-39); Andy Angwin (on right of front row, 75 games, 1938-44). Stewart, who had by this time retired from senior football, is presumably the captain here. Albiston and Bohan both proved to be great footballers. Albiston captain-coached the senior team in the late forties. Bohan
has been named in Hawthorn’s Team of the Century. Few people in grandstand and crowd. White shorts. Five officials in very back row wearing the Hawthorn jumper. At extreme right, a member of St. John’s Ambulance. Has emulsion damage all down left side and three of the players are obscured (Alan Hird slightly, and Jim Bohan and Alec Albiston totally). This is the same group as seen in Photo 10 version 14 (H2008. 122/96) although Photo 10/14 has no emulsion damage. In Photo 17 version 9, for some reason, more of the players are smiling.

**Version 10**
Accession no. H2008. 122/237

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage.

Photo taken at Brunswick (VFA) Oval. Bad emulsion damage on left side of image obscures at least one player. Apparently only seventeen players. Jumpers are Richmond/Essendon style but not uniform. Three of the seventeen wearing white shorts – the rest black shorts. The player fourth from the right in top row strongly resembles St. Kilda player Colin Williamson. Probably not a VFL team. Possibly VFA (Coburg?). More likely a Services team or a workplace-based team. The players seem relatively old. Circa late 1930’s or early 1940’s.

**Version 11**
Accession no. H2008. 122/21
One photographic print


**Version 12**
Accession no. H2008. 122/65
‘Possibly Essendon’

Comment by KM: The team is not Essendon. Quite likely to be Coburg Seconds. The grandstand in the background is the Northcote (VFA) grandstand at Westgarth Street. The same gutter seen here appears in the photo of Northcote’s 1939 team (Photo 10 version 3, H2008. 122/117). Also at right one can just discern the old Northcote cricket club pavilion (see Caruso, Fiddian and
Main, *Football Grounds of Melbourne*, p. 108). So this is likely therefore to be a VFA team playing ‘away’ in white shorts at Northcote. The jumper worn could easily be Coburg’s dark blue and red strip. Interestingly, this is the same club (as distinct from ‘team’) photographed at the MCG and shown in Photo No. 1 (H2008. 122/106). Four of the players shown here (17/12) in the top row (numbers 4, 5, 7, 9 reading from the left) are easily recognisable as players shown, albeit about three or four years older, in the other photo. The photo (17/12) is likely to have been taken circa 1935-36. Nineteen players, therefore pre-1946. White shorts. The player on the extreme left in the front row bears a strong resemblance to Alec Albiston (Hawthorn rover 1936-49 and recruited from Kew).

**Version 13**
Accession no. H2008. 122/198

Comment by KM: This is the Preston (VFA) senior team of 1930 photographed in their guernsey of that era (red centre and white on the sides). Probably taken at Preston. Players identified in the photo are goal-kicker George Surtees (second from left in top row), Arthur Campbell (fifth from left in top row), Eric Reichman (sixth from left in top row, Fitzroy 1925, 1927-28), B.Taylor (extreme right top row), goal-kicker Harry Davie (extreme left middle row), Jim Goonan (ex-Brunswick and Carlton, captain-coach, fourth from left in middle row), W.White (extreme right middle row), William ‘Bluey’ Summers (second from left front row), and P.O’Doherty (third from left front row). Summers had won the VFA’s Recorder Cup in 1926. Note that Goonan appears to be resting an object (a doll, or maybe the Recorder Cup?) on the head of Summers. The two suited gentlemen in the back row are Ernie Hannah (Secretary 1926-1933) and long-serving (1926-1947) Preston President, businessman Henry Zwar. Goonan was replaced as captain-coach at the end of the season by the legendary Roy Cazaly (ex-South Melbourne and St. Kilda), then aged 38. The 1931 Preston team performed very well under Cazaly and finished third. Two mascots. Major emulsion damage but no faces obscured.

**Version 14**
Accession no. H2008. 122/238

obscures two or three players. The player first on left in front row is in Photo 6 version 3 ( H.2008. 122/126 ). Packed grandstand. Seems to be the Essendon grandstand.

**Version 15**
Accession no. H2008. 122/234

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage. Same grandstand ( Brunswick Street Oval, Fitzroy ) as in Photo 6 version 2 ( H2008. 122/124 ). A war-time Services team. Number of military personnel ( Army and Air Force ) and slouch hats in the crowd. Several airmen between boundary line and fence. Three of the players have black shorts; the rest have white. The RAAF team in Photo 8 also has dark jumper with white 'V' ( albeit thicker than the 'V' here ). The player third from right in back row seems to be also in Photo 36 ( H2008. 122/151 )( third from right in back row ). Good clear photo.

**Version 16**
Accession no. H2008. 122/171

Comment by KM: Taken at Glenferrie Oval circa late 1940's with the Hawthorn grandstand in the background. The team in the background seemingly preparing for a photo shoot appear to be wearing Hawthorn-style vertical stripes. Small number of spectators. Cannot identify team or players. No evidence this is a Services team. More likely Sunday League. Eighteen players. Also officials, trainers and mascots. Collingwood-style jumper. Player in sleeveless jumper in centre of photo resembles Fred Green ( Essendon/St.Kilda VFL ).

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### 18. Unidentified football player ( four versions )

**Version 1.**
Accession no. H2008.122/185

Comment by KM: This is Port Melbourne ( VFA ) ruckman Ted Hyde photographed at Port Oval circa early thirties. Some spectators are seen in the background, probably on a training night. Hyde played 97 games for Port from 1928-1933. He won the Recorder Cup, the VFA’s equivalent of the Brownlow Medal, in 1930. The photo may therefore have been taken around this time.

**Version 2.**
Accession no. H2008.122/7
One photographic print. Postcard.

Comment by KM: This is Ron Clegg, South Melbourne ( VFL ) champion and 1949 Brownlow Medallist, photographed at the Lake Oval, circa 1949-51. One of South Melbourne’s greatest-ever players, Clegg played 231 games and kicked
156 goals for the Swans from 1945-54 and 1956-60. He played both ends of the ground, at centre-half-back and centre-half-forward. He won the 1949 Brownlow Medal and was runner-up to Bernie Smith in 1951. Clegg won the club’s best and fairest award three times – 1948, 1949, and 1951 – and was captain 1953-54 and 1956-60. He captain-coached the Swans 1958-59. This photographic print is slightly blurred. See also Photo 87.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/186

Comment by KM: Port Melbourne’s long-kicking full-back Joe Garbutt photographed at Port Oval in the early thirties. Garbutt played 181 games for Port from 1922-38. He transferred to St.Kilda in 1935 and played there for a brief period. This photo is almost identical to Photo 64 (H2008.122/135). Here Garbutt has crossed arms. In the other image he has hands on hips. Both shots would have been taken within minutes of one another at the same training night. The two background scenes are almost identical. For a most interesting pen portrait of Garbutt, see Terry Keenan, A Taste of Port, Albert Park, Eucalyptus Press, 1999, pp. 71-78. Compare the above photo of Ted Hyde (Photo 18, version 1, H2008.122/185).

Version 4.
Same man, very similar image, at H2008.122/33.
One glass negative; one photographic print.

Comment by KM: South Melbourne full-back ‘Gentleman Jim’ Jim Cleary photographed at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval in the late forties. Cleary finished at South in 1948 so this photo could not be dated later than that. Cleary played 222 games for South from 1934-48 and won the club’s best and fairest award in 1942 and 1944. He later coached Port Melbourne and Brunswick in the VFA, and spent time as a popular commentator on Channel 7’s ‘World of Sport’ program.

19. Carlton Football Club player (five versions).

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/139

Comment by KM: Carlton (VFL) half-forward flanker Ray Garby photographed at Princes Park, late forties. Garby, from Cohuna, played 86 games and kicked 123 goals for the Blues 1946-50. He played in the 1947 premiership team and in the losing 1949 Grand Final. Emulsion damage but Garby not obscured.
Accession no. H2008. 122/142

Comment by KM: A Carlton player. Cannot identify the player or the grandstand. Not sure the grandstand is Carlton – possibly at Fitzroy. Probably circa late forties.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008. 122/143

Comment by KM: A Carlton player photographed at Princes Park. Almost certainly Ron Savage. Savage, a ruckman, played 111 games and kicked 95 goals for the Blues from 1938-45. He was a member of the 1945 premiership team but was caught up in the fisticuffs of the ‘Bloodbath’ Grand Final and received an eight-week suspension. If this is Savage, the photo would probably date from about 1945. The same player appears in a number of other Boyles photos: Photo 21 version 16, H2008. 122/439 ( extreme right of top row in 1945 team ); Photo 21 version 2, H2008. 122/156 ( third player from left in top row of a late-thirties Carlton Seconds team ); Photo 47 version 3, H2008. 122/162 ( fourth player from left in top row of a Carlton Seconds team from the late thirties ).

Version 4.
Accession no. H2008. 122/128

Comment by KM: Dynamic Carlton half-back flanker Jim Clark photographed at Princes Park in late forties. Clark, from Elmore, played 160 games for the Blues from 1943-51. A member of the 1945 and 1947 Carlton premiership teams, Clark won the Blues best and fairest award in 1951. At the age of 26, he left to coach Echuca – but continued to play bush footy until age 48. Clark was also a professional sprinter. Emulsion damage but Clarke not obscured.

Version 5.
Accession no. H2008. 122/164

Comment by KM: The player is Jack Carney, Carlton’s tiny but brilliant wingman. Carney, originally from Colac, played 163 VFL senior games ( 79 with Geelong 1930-34 and 84 with Carlton 1936-41 ) and was a member of two premiership teams ( Geelong 1931 and Carlton 1938 ). He later coached Carlton Seconds. Presumably taken at Princes Park ( Carlton ), circa late thirties to 1941.

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wingman in Fitzroy’s very last VFL premiership team (1944). He played 159 games for the Gorillas from 1944-52. He represented Victoria in 1947 and 1952. Some emulsion damage lower right-hand side.

21. Carlton Football Club team photo (16 versions)

Version 1.


Version 2.

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park circa mid-thirties. The player second from right in top row looks very much like Ted Rippon who played with Carlton Seconds before moving to Essendon in 1933. But this player is unlikely to be Rippon because the photo is taken later than 1932. The player third from left in top row is almost certainly Ron Savage. Savage, a ruckman from Mitcham, played his first senior game for Carlton in 1938. He appears in at least one other (Boyles) photo of Carlton Seconds teams from the thirties, as does the player first on left of middle row, and the player fourth from the left of middle row. For example, all three appear in Photo 47 version 3 (H2008.122/162). Albert ‘Mick’ Price, the player at right of front row, appears as coach in a number of (Boyles) photos of Carlton Seconds teams of the fifties. The official at extreme right of top row appears in other (Boyles) photos of Carlton Seconds teams of the thirties. Other Carlton Seconds teams from the thirties in Boyles are Photo 21 version 13 (H2008.122/239), Photo 21 version 14 (H2008.122/158), Photo 47 version 3 (H2008.122/162) and Photo 47 version 4 (H2008.122/140). The latter two photos are even more
closely related to Photo 21 version 2 by virtue of an overlap of some players. Nineteen players. No spectators. White shorts.

**Version 3.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton ( VFL ) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park. Probably 1954. Same group as in Photo 21 version 10 ( H2008. 122/127 ). Coach Mick Price ( fifth from left in middle row ) is also seen in other ( Boyles ) photos of Carlton Seconds teams, as player in the thirties and coach in the fifties. For example, as player on extreme right of front row in Photo 21 version 2 ( H2008.122/156 ), and as coach in Photo 21, versions 3, 7, 8, 10. Players recognised are John Sullivan ( extreme right of top row of players, 66 senior games 1955-60 ), Harry Dern ( second from right in top row of players, 19 senior games, 1950-53 ), Harry Sullivan ( third player from right in middle row, 31 senior games, 1950-54 ). Harry Sullivan transferred to Collingwood in 1955 and became a star full-back. For Harry Sullivan, see also Photo 21, versions 7, 8, 10. Note Carlton were VFL Seconds premiers 1953. Man in uniform at extreme right of top row of players is presumably St. John’s Ambulance.

**Version 4.**
Photograph of a photograph.

Comment by KM: A Carlton ( VFL ) senior team photographed at Princes Park, Carlton. Probably 1947 team. A premiership year for Carlton. There are thirty players shown in this photo. It is not a match day – there is no-one on the terraces. Players wearing white shorts. Former West Australian Ern Henfry is at the centre of the group. He was appointed Carlton captain in 1947 ( and continued as skipper until 1952 ).


**Version 5.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton ( VFL ) senior team from the early-thirties apparently photographed in front of Robert Heatley Stand. Possibly 1932. Players identified: Keith Shea ( 1932-37, third from left in back row ), Harry Vallence ( fourth from left in back row ), Frank Gill ( fifth from left in back row ). The player fourth from left in the middle row is possibly Carlton 1932 captain Colin Martyn – there is definitely a resemblance. I say this is a 1932 team because 1932 was Shea’s first year at Carlton. Suspect this is team for a practice
match – very few spectators present and the grandstand deserted. Also many Carlton stars of the period are missing. This is why I cannot identify many of those in the photo. Players are wearing white shorts. Note Carlton runners-up to Richmond in 1932.

**Version 6.**

Comment by KM: Good clear photo taken at Princes Park. Almost certainly Carlton (VFL) Thirds, circa very early sixties. Carlton were VFL Thirds premiers 1963 so this could be the 1963 Premiership team. No players recognised. No spectators, so probably not a match day and possibly posing for photo as a Premiership group. Twenty-two players.
White shorts except for one wearing black shorts. One or two officials also appear to be in Photo 21 version 9 (H2008.122/138).

**Version 7.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park circa 1950-51. The player fourth from left in middle row (beside coach Mick Price) is Harry Sullivan (born April 1932; first senior game 1950). The player first on left in front row is Ron Robertson (born 1933, 30 senior games, 1952-56). Probably training night but just possibly match day. Twenty players. Black shorts. The group in this photo is the exact same group as in Photo 21 version 8 (H2008.122/129). Version 7 is not as clear as Version 8. Note Carlton were VFL Seconds premiers 1951.

**Version 8.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park circa 1950-51. The group in this photo is the exact same group as in Photo 21 version 7 (H2008.122/157). Version 8 is clearer than Version 7. Harry Sullivan is fourth player from left in middle row (beside coach Mick Price). Ron Robertson (30 senior games, 1952-56) is first player on left in front row. Probably training night but just possibly match day. Twenty players. Black shorts. Note Carlton were VFL Seconds premiers 1951.

**Version 9.**
Damaged and unclear.

Comment by KM: Very unclear, blurry photo. Also damaged. The Carlton Football Club monogram, so Carlton (VFL) presumably. No players recognised. Grandstand not recognised. Probably Carlton Thirds, circa late forties–early
Version 10.
Circa 1920-1950.

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park circa 1954. Harry Dern (Carlton seniors 1950-53), John Sullivan (Carlton seniors 1955-60) and Harry Sullivan (Carlton seniors 1950-54) are recognised. Coach is Mick Price. Possibly a match day. Twenty players. Black shorts. Note Carlton were Seconds premiers 1953. The exact same group (and the same session) as photographed in Photo 21 version 3 (H2008.122/155), although there has been some slight movement among officials. The group includes St John’s Ambulance man.

Version 11.


Version 12.

Very blurred image.

**Version 13.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Second Eighteen photographed at Carlton circa mid-late thirties. Eighteen players. White shorts. Only a small number of spectators. Very clear photo but emulsion damage on left-hand side obscures one player. Some of the players in this photo appear in other (Boyles) photos of Carlton Seconds teams from this period. For example, the player fourth from left in top row of players (Ron Savage?), the player fourth from left in middle row, the player on extreme right of middle row, and the player on extreme left of front row. The official second from left in very top row appears numerous times in Carlton Seconds teams from the period. Other Carlton Seconds teams from the mid-late thirties in Boyles are Photo 21 version 2 (H2008.122/156), Photo 21 version 14 (H2008.122/158), Photo 47 version 3 (H2008.122/162) and Photo 47 version 4 (H2008.122/140).

**Version 14.**

Comment by KM: Similar group as one seen in Version 13 (H2008.122/239). This is a Carlton (VFL) Seconds team from the mid-late thirties photographed at Princes Park. The third player from the right in the top row is Harry Hollingshead. Hollingshead, playing in the ruck, was a member of Carlton’s 1938 senior VFL premiership team. He played 31 senior games for the Blues (1936, 1938-40). The third player from the left in top row appears to be the same as the one lining up the place-kick in Photo 42 (H2008.122/166). The player third from the left in the front row appears in several other Boyles images of Carlton Seconds teams from this period, as does the gentleman standing at the extreme left of the top row. Nineteen players. A few spectators. White shorts.

**Version 15.**

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Second Eighteen circa 1959-60. Photographed at Princes Park on match day. Sizable crowd. Therefore curtain-raiser to senior game.Seconds matches, previously played at ‘away’ venues and drawing small crowds, were first played as curtain-raisers (to VFL senior matches) in 1959. Twenty players. Black shorts. Nine officials. The player second from left in the top row is possibly Vasil Varlamos who played 44 senior games 1960-64. Other faces look familiar but cannot identify.

**Version 16.**
Heavy damage along base of photo.
Comment by KM: A premiership team. This is the 1945 Carlton (VFL seniors) team photographed at Princes Park before either the semi-final or preliminary final of that year. Carlton were on the way to their victorious ‘Bloodbath’ Grand Final against South Melbourne. With the MCG still occupied by the military, Princes Park, Carlton’s home ground, was the venue of all VFL finals in 1945. White shorts. Big crowd. Bad emulsion damage along bottom of the photo obscures face of one player in front row. The players are: Back row – Bert Deacon (1942-51), Rod McLean (1935-42 1944-46), Ken Baxter (1938-41, 1945-50), Arthur Sanger (1938-47), Ken Hands (1945-57), Jack Bennett (1940-47), Ron Savage (1938-45), Wally Alexander (1945-47). Middle row – Fred Fitzgibbon (1942-48), Vin Brown (1941-48), Jim Baird (1941-43, 45-51), Ron Hines (1943-48), Bob Chitty (captain, 1937-46), Jim Clark (1943-51), Lance Collins (1942-3, 1945), Doug Williams (1944-51). Front row – Clinton Wines (obscured, 1945-46), Mick Price (1936-46), Herb Turner (1944-49). Fitzgibbon, Hines and Alexander lost their places (to A. Way, C. McInnes and J. Mooring) when the Grand Final team was named. Collins (ex-Coburg champion) kicked eight goals in one 1945 final and four in another. Two of the players seen here, Ron Savage and Albert ‘Mick’ Price, are seen in numerous other Boyles photos of Carlton teams. Price, a member of Carlton Seconds teams of the thirties and later coach of Carlton Seconds teams of the fifties, played 102 senior games for the Blues 1936-46 as rover and forward-pocket and was a member of the 1938 and 1945 flag sides. Savage, a ruckman seen in (Boyles) photos of Carlton Seconds teams, played 111 senior games 1938-45. He won Carlton’s best and fairest award in 1945 but ironically received an eight-week suspension following the ‘Bloodbath’ Grand Final. This photo is reproduced (with player identifications) in G. Handley, The Great Grand Finals, Walshe Publishing (Geelong), 1989, p. 47.

22. Unidentified football player on football field
Accession no. H2008. 122/86
Slightly blurry.

Comment by KM: The player is Collingwood centreman Charlie Utting photographed at Victoria Park in the late forties. Utting, a nuggety and feisty footballer who made life very difficult for his opponents, played 125 games for the Magpies 1943-50. For his biography, see Michael Roberts, A Century of the Best – the Stories of Collingwood’s Favourite Sons, Collingwood Football Club, 1991, pp. 397-400. An almost identical but clearer photo of Utting, taken almost in the exact same position – presumably in the same photo shoot – is featured on page 397 of the book.

23. Football team Victoria (two versions)

Version 1.
Comment by KM: This is the Prahran (VFA) senior team photographed at home ground Toorak Park, circa 1939-41. Ex-South Melbourne star Bill Faul, who captain-coached Prahran 1939-41, is at the centre of the group in the middle row. Faul, originally from Subiaco, won South Melbourne’s best and fairest in his first year with the club (1932), and in the fifties coached both Moorabbin and South Melbourne. The late-thirties was a successful era for Prahran. The club won the VFA premiership in 1937. The grandstand seen here in the background with the famous port-holes was demolished in 1966. Full-forward George Hawkins, widely regarded as Prahran’s all-time greatest player, kicked 164 goals for Prahran in season 1939. I have not been able to identify Hawkins in this particular photograph. There is a photo of Hawkins in Marc Fiddian’s history of the Prahran Football Club – *Blue Boys* (now long-out-of-print). This photograph has been reproduced to illustrate an article of mine in *The Bulletin of Sport and Culture* (Victoria University), March 2010 issue. The image in *The Bulletin* carries the caption ‘Prahran 1938’, a mistake for which I take full responsibility.

**Version 2.**


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**24. Fitzroy Football Club**

Comment by KM: Almost certainly a Fitzroy (VFL) Thirds (under-19) team of the late forties photographed at Brunswick Street Oval. Standing at the extreme right of the back row is former Northcote and Melbourne player Len Smith who had become Fitzroy Thirds coach straight after the war. Smith coached Fitzroy
Thirpts from 1946 to 1957 and then took over coaching of the Lions’ senior team. He also later coached Richmond seniors. No players recognised. Black shorts.

25. Hawthorn Football Club
Accession no. H2008. 122/167
Damaged - emulsion missing on left-hand side – some faces obscured.
Date 1918.
‘Hawthorn FC 1918’ title written under players.

Comment by KM: This is a Hawthorn First Eighteen but the date could not possibly be 1918. For example, rover Ted Pool is seen in the photo. Pool was born in 1906. I found the writing very obscure. The written date is likely to be 1938, the year Pool retired at Hawthorn. Bert Mills (Hawthorn captain 1932-34, 1938) is at the centre of the group. Further research has confirmed this is indeed a Hawthorn (VFL) senior team of 1938. They are photographed at Essendon Football Ground (Windy Hill). Note ‘EFC’ on fence. Presumably therefore this is the Round 7 match of 1938 which Hawthorn lost by thirteen points after leading at three-quarter time. All have white shorts. It is a pity there is so much emulsion damage on the left-hand side of the image because the quality otherwise is very clear. The photo appears on page 298 of the publication We Are Hawthorn so we can say with this authority the players are: Back row - George Carter (obscured), Jack Barker (obscured), Albert Naismith (obscured), William Pavey, Ken Feltscheer, George Dower, William Deague. Middle row – Stan Spinks (obscured), Ted Pool, Harold Albiston. Bert Mills (captain), Tom Byrne (Vice-Captain), Gordon Waters, Dick Abikhair. Front row – Frank Samblebe (obscured), Neil Allison, Robert Williams, Alf Hurley, Viv Randall.

26. Unidentified football teams
Five photographic prints.
Some images creased,
Contents/summary – ‘football teams gathered for photograph on the field…..one individual player…’

Comment by KM: Only one photo displayed. The individual player (presumably H2008. 122/33) is South Melbourne (VFL) full-back Jim Cleary photographed at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval, circa mid-late forties. Cleary, nick-named ‘Gentleman Jim’ for his fair-mindedness, played 222 games for South, from 1934-48. As full-back he won South’s best and fairest award twice, in 1942 and 1944. He also represented Victoria. The football world was shocked when the gentle Cleary was suspended for eight matches following the 1945 ‘Bloodbath’ Grand Final against Carlton. He later coached Port Melbourne and Brunswick, and appeared as a commentator on Channel 7’s World of Sport.
27. Fitzroy Football Club
Three photographic prints.
Circa 1929-1950.
Contents/summary – ‘Fitzroy football teams gathered for photograph on the field…..unidentified footballer……Kevin Murray.’

Comment by KM: Only one photo displayed. The Fitzroy player is indeed the great Kevin Murray, snapped at the Brunswick Street Oval early in his career – circa 1956-58. Perhaps Fitzroy Football Club’s greatest player, Kevin Murray played for the Lions ( mainly as a half-back ) from 1955-64 and 1967-74. He won the club’s best and fairest award nine times, and ( when aged 31 ) the Brownlow Medal in 1969. His 333 senior games for Fitzroy was a VFL record when he retired in 1974. Murray played a total of 425 senior games. This included a stint with East Perth ( 1965-66 ) and as captain-coach of Sandringham in the VFA. Murray is only the fourth footballer to be honoured with an MBE. He captained both Victoria and Western Australia, and represented Victoria 24 times. For a biographical treatment, see Chris Donald, *The Heart of the Lion*, Pennon Publishing. A photographic print.

Date 1933.
Title written under players in H2008. 122/197.
H2008. 122/59 is damaged bottom right and top left.
( The image is H2008. 122/197 ).

Comment by KM: This is a Northcote ( VFA ) senior team of 1933. Northcote in the thirties was the VFA’s dominant club. They won the 1929 flag and then three premierships in consecutive years ( 1932-1934 ). They followed up in 1936 with yet another premiership. Ironically, this was the Northcote club’s very last VFA premiership in the top division.
There are some big names in this team, although it is evident ( and surprising perhaps ) the physical size of the Northcote players is not so imposing. Len Smith ( brother of Norm, and later famous as coach of Fitzroy and Richmond ) and Frank Seymour ( Northcote’s outstanding goal-sneak ) are standing in the back row, and captain-coach Percy Rowe ( ex-Collingwood and father of Richmond’s Des ) is at the centre ( fifth from left ) in the middle row. Ralph Goullet ( who became Northcote’s captain in 1934 and later captain-coach of Brighton ) is sixth from the left in the middle row. Rover Bob Ross, who won the VFA’s Recorder Cup in 1932, is in the middle row. Tom Corrigan, a member of Fitzroy’s 1922 premiership team, is in the front row. Corrigan died in action in World War Two and a chapter about him is included in Jim Main and David Allen, *Fallen – the Ultimate Heroes*, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2002. The players
are: Top row - ?, Len Smith (centre half back), Peter Brown, George Simmonds (half forward flank), Frank Seymour (full-forward), Jack Woods (half back flank). Middle row - ?, Bob Ross (rover), ?, Frank Ackland, Percy Rowe (follower), Ralph Goullet (follower), ?, Eddie Bray (forward pocket). Front row – Ern Hart (back pocket), Tom Corrigan (centre), Alex Gray, Stan Powell (half back flank). Colin Williamson, centre-half-forward in Northcote’s 1934 premiership team, and later coach of both Brighton and St.Kilda, is seen standing in the doorway at left. This particular Simmonds (from Murtoa) is possibly the same George ‘Nugget’ Simmonds (from Kerang) who played four games for Melbourne in 1924. ‘Nugget’ Simmonds was aboriginal. Northcote’s George Simmonds appears to be aboriginal. A good, clear photo. Some players appear to be wearing black armbands. As in Photo 10 version 2, the gold yokes worn on the green Northcote jumpers in this photo appear to be different shades. See Photo 10, version 2 (H2008.122/76) – a senior Northcote VFA line-up from 1934.

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29. Carlton football club player on oval (four versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/163

Comment by KM: Carlton’s star centreman Creswell ‘Micky’ Crisp photographed at Princes Park circa late thirties/early forties. Crisp played 183 games and kicked 281 goals for the Blues from 1931-41. For a biography of Micky Crisp, see Jim Main and Russell Holmesby, Carlton – the 100 Greatest, Crossbow, 1994, pp. 109-112.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008.122/152

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) player photographed at Princes Park circa late thirties. Cannot identify at this stage.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/160


Version 4.
Accession no. H2008.122/161
Comment by KM: A rather diminutive Carlton footballer photographed at Princes Park circa late thirties/early forties. Cannot identify at this stage. This same player appears to be present in two other Boyles photos: Photo 32 (1941 team), second from left in middle row; Photo 21 version 1, left of front row.

30. South Melbourne Football Club (three versions).

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/64
'SMFC' on pocket of jackets of football players.

Comment by KM: Fifteen middle-aged gents, most of whom are dressed for cricket, photographed in their creams in front of the façade of a cricket pavilion (South Melbourne or the Albert Ground?). None of them are recognised. Probably a cricket team of ex-South Melbourne footballers. The player third from right in front row is also seen (albeit as an official) in a South Melbourne football (Seconds) photo (Photo 76 version 4, H2008. 122/100). No evidence of South Melbourne Football Club logo on jackets.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/63
Football players assembled around young man in bed.
Jackets ‘SMFC 1947’.

Comment by KM: A group of South Melbourne (VFL) footballers visiting a young lad in hospital. The date ‘1947’ does seem to appear on the blazer but this may be wrong. The photo was not taken in 1947. 1948 or 1949 is much more feasible. One of the figures appearing in this group at the bedside of the (unfortunately anonymous) young gentleman is Jack Hale who took over as coach of South Melbourne (from ‘Bull’ Adams) in the course of the 1948 season. Hale, seen on the left of the photo, had been a star rover for Carlton in the thirties. He coached South until the end of the 1949 season. Later, he took on the coaching job at Hawthorn, transforming them from easy-beats to the toughest combination in the VFL. At the front of the photo are Keith Schaefer (102 games, 1947-53) and Reg Harley (61 games, 1948-52). At the rear are Ron Bywater (58 games, 1942, 1944, 1946-50) and Ron Clegg (231 games, 1945-54, 1956-60). At right are Pat Bourke (38 games, 1944, 1946-49), George Caris (19 games, 1948-50), Arthur Fox (39 games, 1948-50), and Larry Spokes (61 games, 1946-50). Note the players seem to be carrying books and comics.

Version 3.
Blurred.

31. Unidentified football player in front of a grandstand (two versions)

Version 1.
Possibly Melbourne Football Club.

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify at this stage, although the photo was taken at the MCG in front of Bay 3 and is therefore presumably an image of a Melbourne player. Circa late thirties. A player of small stature.

Version 2.
Slightly blurred.

Comment by KM: Cannot identify the player as an individual but he is a Magpie – rather young and rather small – photographed at Victoria Park circa mid-late forties with the 1909 grandstand in the background. Probably a training night.

32. Carlton Football Club.
Accession nos. H2008. 122/6, 8, 10, 12, 22?, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.
Ten photographic prints – ‘postcard’ stamped on some prints.
Title printed on some images.
Contents/summary – Carlton football teams gathered for photograph….different eras….also individual player…..'no players unidentified'.

Comment by KM: This is a 1941 Carlton (VFL) senior team photographed at home ground Princes Park. Jim Francis took over (from Brighton Diggins) as captain in 1941. Note that Paul Schmidt in front row seems to have a cap on and

33. Brunswick? Football player on an oval (four versions)

**Version 1.**
H2008. 122/190
Title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: Not Brunswick. Rather a Collingwood player photographed at Victoria Park circa late forties. Cannot identify the player at this stage. The grandstand seen in the background here has been beautifully captured in a 1902 photo reproduced in *The Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopaedia*. See M.Roberts and G.McFarlane, *The Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopaedia*, Slattery and Lothian, 2004, p. 46. Collingwood jumper worn over long pants. Small amount of emulsion damage. Brunswick did not wear striped (black and white) sleeves but black sleeves.

**Version 2.**
H2008. 122/189
Title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: A Collingwood (VFL) player photographed at Victoria Park circa 1940’s with the grandstand in background. Cannot positively identify him at this stage but he is clearly relatively old for a VFL footballer. Again, definitely not Brunswick.

**Version 3.**
H2008. 122/195
Title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: This is a photograph of Collingwood (VFL) legend Bob Rose photographed on a training night at Victoria Park. Rose is very young here so one can estimate the date of the photo as circa late forties, perhaps not long after his debut with the Magpies in 1946. Rose, from Nyah West, was to become one of the game’s greatest-ever rovers and his memory is revered at Collingwood. He played 152 games and kicked 214 goals for the Magpies from 1946-55. He won the club’s best and fairest award in 1949 and 1951-53, and was runner-up to Bill Hutchison in the 1953 Brownlow Medal. He coached Collingwood from 1964-71 and Footscray 1972-75. Note the same grandstand appears in the background of all four versions of Photo 33, perhaps suggesting the images originated in the same photo session.

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34. Brighton Football Club team photo (two versions)

Version 1.
H2008. 122/205
‘BFC’ logo on jumper
Title taken from players Guernseys
Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM: This is a Brighton (VFL) senior team photographed in their red and white uniform at Elsternwick Park. An excellent photo. My hypothesis (because I am not absolutely certain) is that the player seated in the centre of the middle row is Brighton’s 1932 captain-coach Ted Johnson. Thirty-year-old Johnson transferred to Brighton from South Melbourne and spent only the one season with the VFA side. Johnson had starred at full-forward for South, kicking 384 goals in 136 games. He kicked 76 goals for Brighton in 1932. Brighton finished eleventh that year. At any rate, this team is most definitely a Brighton senior team from the very early thirties. The player fifth from left in the top row is probably Joe Poulter (ex-Collingwood and South Melbourne). Note that the players are sporting two slightly different ‘BFC’ monograms. Compare this photo with Photo No. 40 (Brighton 1930 team). Two of the players seen in this image - Photo 34 version 1: second from left top row, and extreme right middle row - appear in both photos.

Version 2.
H2008. 122/196
‘Brighton’ title supplied by donor
Comment by KM: This is a Brighton (VFA) senior team circa 1934 or 1935. Presumably photographed at home ground Elsternwick Park. The fifth player from the left (holding the football) in the middle row is Cyril ‘Dooley’ Lilburne. Lilburne also appears as the captain of the 1930 Brighton team (Photo 40, H2008. 122/206). He looks to be quite a bit older and bigger here than he does in the 1930 photo. Information about Lilburne comes from two sources: Marc Fiddian, *From Cabbage Patch to Caulfield (A History of Brighton Football Club)*, Booksurge Australia, 2005; Paul Hogan, *Tigers Of Old – A Complete History of Every Player to Represent the Richmond Football Club 1908-1996*, Richmond Football Club, 1996, p. 126. The two authors present conflicting facts. According to Fiddian, Lilburne captained Brighton 1930-31 and 1934-35 but did not coach the team. Hogan has him captain 1930 and 1934 and captain-coach 1932. Fortunately they seem to concur on everything else. Originally from Old Collegians, Lilburne played 140 games for Brighton (1923-25, 1930-35) and 74 games for Richmond (1926-29). He captained the Tigers in 1929 and represented Victoria (VFL). Coach of Brighton in 1934-35 was Wels Eicke, formerly of St. Kilda. I cannot identify any other players, nor can I distinguish any from the 1930 or 1932 teams (see Photo 40, and Photo 34 version 1). Some spectators. Probably match day. Nineteen players. Black shorts. Note police and helmets in the background. Also two St John’s Ambulancemen (presumably), three trainers, seven officials, one mascot. The monogram on the jumpers in this photo seems different from the ‘BFC’ monogram seen in Photo 34, version 1 and not so obviously ‘BFC’.

35. Unidentified ‘Sunday League’ football team
Accession no. H. 2008. 122/89
Title ‘Sunday League’ supplied by donor.

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify team or players at this stage. Jumper has a ‘star’ monogram. Photographed in parkland – possibly Royal Park. Nineteen players which suggests pre-1946. Circa 1940’s.

36. Essendon Football Club team photo
Accession no. H. 2008. 122/151
Title supplied by donor
Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM: A curious photo. Very doubtful this is Essendon (VFL) and certainly not Essendon First Eighteen. Not the Essendon grandstand. The grandstand looks like Richmond’s (the Chessell Stand). The sash on the jumper is too light for Essendon. Looks like Richmond jumper. The presence of an Air Force hat in the crowd may be a clue this is a Services team, or possibly a wartime Richmond Seconds team. One player seen here is also in Photo 17 version
37. **Footscray Football Club team photo**

Accession no.  H2008. 122/115

‘Footscray’ title supplied by donor

Man in middle wearing uniform

Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM:  Cannot positively identify at this stage but possibly a Footscray team circa 1930’s, if the guernsey is anything to go by. A quick scan through the published history of Footscray Football Club ( see note below ) indicates this is not a Footscray senior team. Circumstantial evidence that this group is indeed a Footscray side is that the photo has been taken in the exact same location ( at South Melbourne, against the background of the grandstand wall ) as seen in the image of the ( circa 1936 ) South Melbourne Seconds team ( Photo 58, H2008. 122/42 ). This coincidence suggests that Photo 37 is possibly a shot of a Footscray Seconds team taken in the same session as the shot of the South Melbourne Seconds team. ( Note South have black shorts; the ‘Footscray’ team have white ). Significantly perhaps, Footscray won the VFL Seconds premiership in 1936.  So Photo 37 may be a photo of the 1936 Bulldogs' Reserves premiership side. On the other hand, the socks and jumpers in Photo 37 are not uniform. Note the polyglot nature of the players' socks in the front row. Similar jumpers to Footscray but also a lack of uniformity in jumper style. Some have hoops up near neck while others have hoops low. Two players are wearing black shorts. The presence of a gent wearing an unusual hat and carrying a cane lends some intrigue to this photo. His central position in the photo may suggest a Services team or Footscray district team. Adding to the intrigue is the presence of two players who very much resemble top footballers from VFL clubs other than Footscray.  The player fourth from left in the middle row resembles Colin Williamson ( Northcote, St.Kilda, Brighton, not Footscray ) and the player on the extreme right of top row resembles Neville Huggins ( Fitzroy, North Melbourne, Williamstown, not Footscray ). If not Footscray, then possibly Services or workplace team - circa late thirties/early forties.

Eighteen players.  Photo 37 is the very same photo as Photo 17 version 8 ( H2008. 122/251 ). In photo 17/8 there is substantial emulsion damage at bottom of photo and at right ( although no faces obscured ).  Photo 37 on the other hand is very clear.  See John Lash, Chris McConville, Michael Small, Damien Wright ( joint authors ), *Unleashed – A History of the Footscray Football Club*, Aus-Sport Enterprises, 1996.

38. **Richmond football player on an oval**

Accession no.  H2008. 122/110

‘Richmond' title supplied by donor
Comment by KM: The player is Richmond defender William 'Polly' Perkins photographed at Richmond’s Punt Road Oval in front of Ernest H. King grandstand circa mid-late forties. Perkins, a defender from Noble Park who was born in England, played 148 games for the Tigers from 1940-49. He was on the half-back-flank in their 1943 premiership team and represented Victoria in 1946. Perkins later coached Brighton in the VFA and worked alongside Norman Banks and Doug Heywood as a football commentator on 3AW. The E.H.King grandstand, opened in 1938, was converted to the Richmond Social Club in 1980.

39. Geelong Football Club Second Eighteen
Accession no. H2008. 122/183
Title from cap of man on left
Circa 1920-1950
Emulsion damaged on right-hand side but no-one obscured.

Comment by KM: This is a Geelong (VFL) Second Eighteen, apparently photographed at Punt Road Oval (Richmond). Circa 1941-44. The captain of the side is W.H. 'Bob' Walker, the fourth player from the left in the middle row. Walker played 200 games for Geelong at Reserves level but only 14 games at senior level (1933-36, 38-39). Walker is also at the centre of the Geelong 1937 Seconds team seen in Photo 44 (H2008. 122/184). Vic Nankervis (who played senior games for Geelong 1941, 1944-45) is second from right in middle row. Player at extreme right of top row here is also seen (second from right in top row of players) in the Geelong 1937 Seconds team - Photo 44 (H2008. 122/184). This suggests Photo 39 may have been taken in the very late thirties or very early forties. Black shorts. Few in crowd. Clear photo. Emulsion damage down right-hand side but no players obscured.

40. Brighton Football Club 1930.
Accession no. H2008. 122/206
Title and date written lower centre.
Emulsion damaged with the background blacked out.

Comment by KM: The writing on the image is incontrovertible. This is a Brighton (VFA) senior team of 1930. The player at the centre is Cyril 'Dooley' Lilburne, the former Richmond captain who captained Brighton 1930-31 and 1934-35. For brief biography of Lilburne, see Photo 34 version 2 (H2008. 122/196) above. No other players recognised. Background blacked out. Very clear photo. Three gentlemen standing at back – one of them could be Brighton coach George Sparrow (also St.Kilda coach 1928-29). Brighton's VFA senior team finished seventh in 1930. For other Brighton teams in Boyles, see Photo 34.

41. RAAF football team ( three versions )

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/242
‘RAAF’ and ‘S.D’ on jumpers

Comment by KM: An RAAF Services team photographed at the Junction Oval St.Kilda in front of the Blackie-Ironmonger Stand. The players wear jumper with ‘RAAF–SD’ monogram (as in Photo 41 version 3 below). Five uniformed Air Force officers form the back row. No spectators. Nineteen players. White shorts. Circa 1943-45. Two players are recognised: Arthur Cutting and Jim Thoms. Cutting, a star player at Williamstown in the VFA, appears to be the captain here (fourth from left in middle row). He was permanently employed by the Air Force. Thoms, a wingman at Footscray (and formerly Australian table tennis champion), is third from left in middle row. Jim Thoms played 120 games for the Bulldogs 1937-46 and represented Victoria in 1941 and 1946. His brother George Thoms played one cricket Test match for Australia. (Does Defence Department have record of Services teams?).

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/245

Comment by KM: Fairly obviously an RAAF Services team. Circa 1943-45. Almost certainly Ballarat’s Eastern Oval with the red brick fence on the boundary and the ornate wrought iron lacework of the grandstand. No players recognised. Four uniformed officers included in the group. RAAF personnel, and the odd Army slouch hat, in the crowd. According to the State Library’s introduction to Boyles on the SLV website, Boyles made regular visits to Ballarat during the war. Plain dark jumper worn. Black shorts. Socks not uniform. Eighteen players but two of them have a different light-coloured jumper. Substantial number of spectators.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008. 122/248 and 250
Images nearly identical.

Comment by KM: Fairly obviously an RAAF Services team. Almost certainly this photo was taken at Brunswick ( VFA ) Oval with the concrete grandstand in the background. Circa 1943-45. Smallish crowd of spectators. Several RAAF personnel can be seen in the crowd. As in Photo 41 version 1 (H2008. 122/242) this photo again features Williamstown stalwart Arthur Cutting and Footscray player Jim Thoms.
Cutting and Thoms, the only two players identified, are both in the middle row (Cutting fourth from left; Thoms fifth from left). Again, the jumper is dark with the ‘RAAF–SD’ monogram (although the jumper appears darker than in Photo 41/1). Eighteen players. White shorts. The group of players generally is different from the group seen in Photo 41/1.

42. Carlton football club player
Accession no. H2008. 122/166

Comment by KM: An interesting study of a Carlton player setting up for the place-kick at Carlton training night circa 1936-40. Cannot positively identify at this stage. This player also apparently appears (third player from left in top row) in photo of Carlton Seconds team from the late thirties (Photo 21 version 14, H2008. 122/158).

43. Carlton football player on an oval (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/137

Comment by KM: Carlton rover and half-back-flanker Jack Hale photographed at training, Princes Park, circa late thirties. Hale played 123 games for the Blues from 1933-41. He was a member of the 1938 flag side and played a key role in winning the game. He retired as a player at the age of 26. He is remembered mainly for his outstanding coaching record (South Melbourne 1948-49, and then Hawthorn from 1952). The Hawks were at rock bottom when Hale took the reins and he lifted them into the VFL finals for the first time ever (1957).

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/133

Comment by KM: The player is almost certainly Paul Schmidt, Carlton key forward from the late thirties and early forties (1937-42, 1944). Schmidt played 78 games for Carlton and kicked 228 goals. Photographed at Princes Park, circa late thirties.

44. Geelong Football Club team photo
Accession no. H2008. 122/184
Title supplied by donor
Circa 1920-1950
Emulsion damage on right-hand side but no player faces obscured.
Comment by KM: I believe this is a Geelong (VFL) Second Eighteen of 1937. The team is photographed at the MCG, in front of Bay 3, almost certainly during a finals series. Geelong were Seconds Premiers in 1937 (and again in 1938). The presence of Clyde Helmer in the back row (fifth from left) indicates this is the 1937 Seconds team. Helmer was at centre-half-forward in the 1937 (Seconds) Premiership win but played (sensationally at that) for Geelong seniors in 1938. Helmer, from Mooroopna and the uncle of fifties Geelong player John Helmer, had a successful but all too brief career with the Cats. He was tragically killed while serving overseas in World War Two. For his biography, see J. Main and D. Allen, *Fallen – the Ultimate Heroes*, Melbourne, Crown Content, 2002. Captain ‘Bob’ Walker is at the centre of the group, fourth from left in middle row. Walker is also at the centre of the photo of Geelong Seconds team circa 1941-44 (Photo 39, H2008.122/183). The player second from right in top row is also shown in Photo 39. The player third from right in the middle row appears in photo of Prahran team (Photo 23 version 1, H2008.125/13). Photo taken before start of match. Sparse crowd. White shorts. Seven officials attached to the playing group. Cannot identify officials. Emulsion damage on right-hand side but no players obscured.

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45. Unidentified football club, team photo (three versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/436

Comment by KM: Cannot identify team or grandstand. The grandstand could possibly be South Melbourne’s at Lake Oval. Appears to be the same grandstand as in Photo 82 version 1 (H.2008.122/148) – note the clock is the same clock in both photos. At least one of the players appears in both photos - the player on extreme right of middle row in 45/1 is on extreme left of top row in 82/1. The team jumper has sash. Not Richmond (VFL) or Williamstown (VFA). Perhaps Essendon (VFL) Seconds. Perhaps a Coburg (VFA) team (note the closeness of the accession number 436 to the number directly below - 435). Probably neither Essendon nor Coburg. Coburg, in Photo 6 version 7 for example, do not have striped socks. This team appears to have striped socks. The fact that one player has white shorts and the rest have black suggests this team is neither VFL nor VFA. Bad emulsion damage along bottom of image.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008.122/435

Comment by KM: This is a photo of a 1933 Coburg (VFA) First Eighteen. Former VFL stars Alex Duncan (Carlton) and George Rudolph (Richmond) are in the top row. Greg Stockdale (ex-Essendon VFL premiership player) is in the middle row. The exact same photo is reproduced in the Coburg Football Club
1891-1990 Centenary Year Book (Coburg Football Club, 1990). The players are (left to right):
Back row – T. Broom, A. Duncan, W. Lowe, G. Rudolph, W. Leahy, N. Uhe. Centre – L. Bertram, L. Voight, N. Willox, Jim Jenkins, Greg Stockdale (captain), H. Donnelly (ex-Northcote), W. Griffiths, A. Proudfoot. Front row – Jack Harris, Clarrie Mears, F. Kight, J. Hogan. Emulsion damage unfortunately obscures Bertram and Proudfoot. Probably photographed at Coburg City Oval. Note that the red sash of the Coburg jumper is barely noticeable in this photograph. (This suggests other photos interpreted as ‘Coburg’ may in fact be ‘Richmond’).
Coburg were runners-up to premiers Northcote in 1933.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/229
South Melbourne?
Circa 1920-1950


46. Unidentified football team in front of a building (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/202 and 203
Both images the same

Comment by KM: Cannot identify at this stage. A team with a Brunswick (VFA)-type jumper photographed against the background of a building wall. The windows look very familiar (Brunswick Mechanics Institute?). Note socks not uniform and jumpers not uniform. Most players have white shorts, but four of them wear black shorts. No players recognised. Possibly Victorian country. Eighteen players. Two umpires. Circa early forties.
Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/73 and 233
Identical images
‘S’ logo on jumpers

Comment by KM: Cannot identify. Certainly not VFL or VFA. A team photographed against outside wall of a building. Cannot identify building or team or any players. Twenty players, therefore probably shot after 1946. The players all seem to be of small stature. Four officials. Strange ‘S’ type symbol on plain jumper. White shorts.

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47. Carlton Football Club, team and officials ( four versions )

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/145
Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM: A Carlton ( VFL ) Second Eighteen photographed at home ground Princes Park early on match day, circa 1955. Brian Buckley (116 senior games 1956-65) is on extreme right of top row. Coach Albert ‘Mick’ Price is at the centre of the photo. (Note: Price is also the coach of other Carlton Seconds teams from the fifties photographed by Boyles – see for example Photo 21 versions 3, 7, 8, 10). Some of the other players appear in Photo 21 version 3 (H2008. 122/155) and Photo 21 version 10 (H2008. 122/127). Small number of spectators. Twenty players. Black shorts.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/144
Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Thirds team photographed at an ‘away’ venue, circa 1949. Cannot identify the grandstand. The one player definitely identified is Harry Sullivan (third player from right in the middle row of players). Sullivan played his first senior game for Carlton in 1950. (See Brian Hansen, The Blue Boys, p. 317 for photo of 1951 Carlton senior team with Sullivan fourth from right in top row). Sullivan later transferred to Collingwood where he starred at full-back. Sullivan was born April 1932, so would be 17 here. Carlton Seconds coach Mick Price is in the photo – he and unidentified Thirds coach (also in Photo 21 version 6, H2008. 122/134) are seated third and fourth from left in middle row, and are both wearing the club guernsey. A few spectators. White shorts. Only seventeen players. Two trainers. Seven officials. One St.John’s Ambulance man. Carlton were VFL Thirds premiers in 1948, 1949 and 1951. This could easily be the 1949 premiership team. For another photo of a 1949
Comment by KM: This is a Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park, circa mid-late thirties. At least three of the players seen here (players fourth and fifth from the left in the top row, and the player on the extreme right of the middle row) also appear in Photo 21 version 2 (H2008. 122/156). The player seen extreme left of the front row also appears in the front row of Photo 21 version 13 and the front row of Photo 21 version 14. The fourth player from the left in the top row is, I believe, Ron Savage who made his senior debut at Carlton as a ruckman in 1938 (for biography, see Photo 19 version 3, H2008. 122/143). The player group seen in this photo is the same group seen in Photo 21 version 13 (H2008. 122/239). The two photographs have been snapped moments apart, although the latter (122/239) has emulsion damage on the left-hand side which obscures one player (and also blurring on the right-hand side). Photo 47 version 3 on the other hand is quite clear. Several officials not seen in 122/239 appear in Photo 47 version 3. This photo is related to both Photo 21 version 2 and Photo 47 version 4 by virtue of overlap of some players. Eighteen players. White shorts. Only a few spectators.

Comment by KM: A Carlton (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Princes Park, probably in 1936. The clue that this photo is almost certainly dated 1936 is the presence in the top row (second player from left) of Maurie ‘Mocha’ Johnson. Johnson played 109 games with Carlton from 1927-36, mainly as a follower and ‘ruck-roving’ type. He was club captain in 1934. As players’ representative, Johnson became embroiled in a dispute with the Carlton administration and was cleared to South Melbourne mid-way through the 1936 season. His presence in this photo of a Seconds team would suggest he was undergoing temporary ‘penance’ after having been dropped from the senior team. Player fourth from left in middle row is also fourth from left in Photo 21 version 13. This photo is related to Photo 21 version 2 and Photo 47 version 3 by virtue of overlap of some players. White shorts. No spectators. Nineteen players – although one has a jumper without the CFC monogram. Four trainers and eight officials.

48. Carlton Football Club player in front of grandstand (two versions)
**Version 1.**  
Accession no. H2008. 122/438  

Comment by KM: I'm inclined to believe the player seen here ( his face unfortunately partly obscured by the emulsion damage in the top left corner ) is Brighton Diggins. Diggins was recruited by South Melbourne from Subiaco and played 65 games (1932-36). With a 'foreign legion' of players from the west, the Bloods won the 1933 VFL flag. Diggins was then lured by Carlton as a ruckman and installed as captain-coach. Diggins captain-coached the Blues for three seasons (1938-40) including the 1938 premiership. Diggins enlisted for war service in 1941. Despite only having played 31 games for the Blues, his name is revered at Carlton. Photographed at Princes Park in front of the Carlton grandstand, probably in the late-thirties.

**Version 2.**  
Accession no. H2008. 122/236  
Image has faded look.

Comment by KM: The Carlton player photographed in front of the Gardiner Stand at Princes Park is Herb 'Stumpy' Turner who played 85 games for the Blues from 1944-49. Turner, from Bendigo, played on a wing in the 1945 Carlton premiership team, and in the forward pocket in the 1947 premiership side. He also played in the 1949 losing Grand Final.

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49.  **Fitzroy football player on an oval**  
Accession no. H2008. 122/120  

Comment by KM: A Fitzroy (VFL) footballer photographed at Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy). Circa late-thirties or forties. Cannot identify the player.

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50. **South Melbourne Football Club team photo (eight versions)**  

**Version 1.**  
Accession no. H2008. 122/92  
Note – Guernseys have sash rather than 'V'  
Title supplied by donor  
Image blurred  

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) senior team photographed at the Lake Oval circa 1930 or 1931. The players are wearing the club’s traditional white jumper with a red sash (the origin of the moniker 'Blood-stained Angels') which indicates the photo was taken in the very early thirties before the club switched to the white jumper with a red 'V'.

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Two or three years later (1933), South Melbourne swept all before them and won their third VFL premiership. Bob Pratt senior, who kicked an all-time VFL record of 150 goals in 1934, is seated in the middle row with his hands on the shoulders of Hugh McLaughlin senior. Pratt’s first season at South was 1930. Joe Scanlan, South’s captain-coach 1930-31 is at the centre of the photo (balding). For Joe Scanlan, see Jim Main, Honour the Names, p. 219-224. Players identified are: Top row – Austin Robertson (extreme left, 154 senior games, 1927-37); Ron Hillis (second from left, 137 senior games, 1929-37). Middle row – Joe Scanlan (fourth from left, captain-coach, 148 senior games, 1923-31); Len Thomas (second from right, 187 senior games, 1927-38); Bob Pratt (extreme right, 158 senior games, 1930-39, 1946). Front row – Jack Austin (extreme left, 140 games, 1930-38); Hugh McLaughlin senior (extreme right, 96 games, 1929-34). The photo is blurred. Grandstand in background is packed. Black shorts.

**Version 2.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/93

Comment by KM: South Melbourne’s 1957 Fourths premiership team photographed in front of the main grandstand at the Lake Oval. Former South Melbourne centreman Keith Schaefer (1947-53) is in the centre of the group. Schaefer left the Swans in 1953 to coach at Deniliquin. He returned in 1957 and coached South Melbourne Fourths to a premiership. He later helped John Heriot coach South’s Thirds team. See Jim Main, Honour the Names, p. 235. Good clear photo. White shorts.

**Version 3.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/169

Part of right-hand side blacked out

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) Thirds team photographed at Lake Oval (South Melbourne), circa 1954. Appears to be the same group of players as in Photo 77 version 4 (H2008. 122/102). Bob Pratt junior is second player from the right in second top row. John Ledwidge is second from left in top row. Pratt made his senior debut in 1955; Ledwidge made his in 1954. Small number of spectators. Cannot identify coach. Black shorts. Darkness damage top and right-hand side but no players obscured.

**Version 4.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/97

Image affected by sun glare on right hand side

Comment by KM: This is South Melbourne’s (VFL) First Eighteen photographed in front of a full grandstand at South’s Lake Oval, circa 1946-48. At the centre of the group is Jack Graham, South’s captain 1946-48. Players definitely identified are Ron Bywater (extreme left top row); Ron Clegg (fifth
from left top row ); Jack Graham ( fourth from right in middle row ); Billy Williams ( second from left in front row ). Sunlight glare slightly obscures some players. Despite the glare, the photo is still a good one. Compare photo 85 ( H2008. 122/230 ).

Version 5.
Date 1947 taken from logos on team jackets.

Comment by KM: South Melbourne ( VFL ) Seconds circa 1951. The SLV’s date – 1947 – is a mistake. I myself cannot discern ‘1947’ on the jackets. In any case, Fred Goldsmith, who played his first senior game with South in 1951 ( before going on to win the Brownlow Medal in 1955 ) is in the back row. In 1947, Goldsmith ( born August 1932 ) would have been barely out of primary school. Players identified are:
Fred Goldsmith ( third from right in the top row, 119 senior games, 1951-59 ); Bob Giles ( extreme right of top row, 67 senior games, 1949-55 ); Les Williams ( third player from left of middle row – captain?, 48 senior games, 1947-51 ); possibly Nick Gelavis ( extreme right of middle row, 15 senior games, 1953-54 ); Reg Harley ( third from right in front row, 61 senior games, 1948-52). Few spectators in grandstand. Black shorts.

Version 6.
Accession no. H2008. 122/104
‘South Melbourne’ title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: South Melbourne-style jumpers but this is probably not a South Melbourne ( VFL ) team at all. The photo was not taken at the Lake Oval – it is not the South grandstand. No South Melbourne players recognised. The team is definitely not South’s seniors. Several military uniforms seen in crowd. Possibly a Services team. Is this the Punt Road Oval ( Richmond ) grandstand? White shorts.

Version 7.

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne ( VFL ) Seconds team circa 1947-48. Appears to have been photographed at the Brunswick Street ( Fitzroy ) Oval but the players are all wearing black shorts. Players recognised are Pat Bourke ( first player on left of top row ), Jack Garrick ( extreme right of top row ), Arthur Fox ( first player on left of middle row ). The fifth player from the right in top row is possibly Wiley Chambers. Fox and Garrick both played their first senior games for South in 1948. Small number of spectators. St. John’s Ambulance member in group. Twenty players – therefore post-1946.

Version 8.
Accession no.  H2008. 122/105
‘South Melbourne’ title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: The title ‘South Melbourne’ is mistaken. This is not South Melbourne (VFL). The very un-South-like socks give it away. Possibly Victorian country, or a South Melbourne district team. Players wearing white and black shorts. The oval resembles a cow paddock – no grass. The main building in the background looks like the rear of a grandstand. Possibly a Services team. Note: not the same socks as socks worn by team in South Melbourne-style jumper above (Photo 50 version 6, H.2008. 122/104).

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51. Richmond Football Club, 1933
Accession no.  H2008. 122/20
Date 1933.
One photographic print
Players unidentified
Title printed on image lower centre
Date printed on image lower centre

Comment by KM: This excellent photo is indeed the Richmond (VFL) senior team of 1933, eventual runners-up to South Melbourne, photographed at a Richmond home game. Players are: Top row – Doug Strang, Jack Dyer, Tom O’Halloran, Bert Foster, Maurie Sheehan, Joe Murdoch, Gordon Strang, Alan Geddes. Middle row – Jack Titus, Maurie Hunter, Basil McCormack, Percy Bentley (captain), Kevin O’Neill, Martin Bolger, Jack Baggott. Front row – Stan Judkins, Eric Zschech, Ray Martin, Syd Dockendorff. This photo was reproduced in *The Tigers Year Book* 1976, p. 5.

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52. Carlton Football Club player in front of grandstand
Accession no.  H2008. 122/165
Circa 1920-1950

Comment by KM: The Carlton footballer is Ron Cooper, captured at Princes Park in the late-thirties/early forties. ‘Socks’ Cooper played 157 games for the Blues from 1932-42 (and two games for North Melbourne in 1943). Originally from Claremont-Cottesloe (West Australia) he played as a centreman and rover. The socks-down look was typical Cooper.

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53. Two unidentified football players in front of a grandstand
Accession no.  H2008. 122/78
Circa 1920-1950
Possibly Melbourne Football Club
Comment by KM: Two Melbourne (VFL) players photographed in front of Bay 3 at the MCG. Cannot positively identify either of them at this stage. Circa 1930’s. Presumably photographed during a training session. The player on the left resembles Jack Collins (wingman, 127 senior games, 1923-31).

54. Brunswick? Football Club, team photo (four versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/192
(Title ‘Brunswick Football Club?’ provided by SLV)

Comment by KM: Cannot identify the team or the grandstand. This is not a Brunswick (VFA) team. Brunswick wore black sleeves. In this photo the players are wearing jumpers with black-and-white striped sleeves. The players are wearing Collingwood-style jumpers but this is almost certainly not Collingwood. Most likely an under-age junior team, circa late forties, early fifties. Twenty-two players and three officials. No spectators at all. Black shorts. Socks not uniform. Three players wearing black sleeves. The grandstand has holes punched in the back wall. Note the similar accession number (192) to the number (191) of the Collingwood team photo below.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008.122/191
Title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: Again, this is not a Brunswick (VFA) team. This is a Collingwood (VFL) Second Eighteen photographed at Lake Oval (South Melbourne), most probably early in season 1937. 1940 Brownlow Medallist Des Fothergill is in the middle row (third player from right). Fothergill won the first of his three Collingwood (seniors) best and fairest awards in 1937 – the year of his debut with the senior team as a sixteen-year-old. This suggests the photo was taken early in 1937 (or just possibly 1936). The brilliant Fothergill played 111 games (and kicked 337 goals) for the Magpies (1937-40, 1945-47) but rocked the football world when he transferred to VFA club Williamstown in 1941. No other players identified. Same group as in Photo 10 version 5, except chap in black and white dressing-gown has changed position in back row (from fourth on right to second on right). Photo 54 version 2 is slightly clearer than 10 version 5. (Maybe Boyles moved chap in dressing-gown and took a better photo the second time). Note that Collingwood Seconds team were runners-up to Geelong in 1937. Next to nil spectators. Strangely, players have black shorts. Nineteen players.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/193
Title supplied by donor
Soldiers uniforms in back row

Comment by KM: Again, definitely not Brunswick (VFA). Nor is it Collingwood (VFL). This is a RAAF team photographed at Punt Road with the Richmond grandstand in the background. The group of seven RAAF persons with hats/uniforms in back row includes star South Melbourne full-back Jim Cleary (in uniform but without hat). Fifth player from left in second back row is Collingwood/Williamstown champion Ron Todd. Fourth from left in middle row, and probable captain of this team, is Collingwood rover Alby Pannam. The player second from left in the middle row is also in another (Boyles) war-time RAAF team photo (Photo 8). The grandstand is looking different to the same stand seen in Photo 8. Here the AIF sign is missing. Crowd is very sparse. Note RAAF hats in crowd. Thirteen players have Collingwood-style jumpers with striped sleeves and five have Brunswick-style jumpers with black sleeves. All have white shorts. Some fading on the image, and other (emulsion) damage.

Version 4.
Accession no. H2008.122/187 and 194

Comment by KM: With this photo, the SLV has hit the jackpot. This one IS Brunswick. Brunswick’s (VFA) First Eighteen photographed at Brunswick ground in front of the concrete Brunswick grandstand, circa 1940. As in Photo 10, version 8 (see above), Roy McKay (captain-coach 1936-1940) is at the centre of the photo. Also seen in the middle row are former Essendon VFL players Tom Clarke (extreme left) and Ted Fay (fourth from left). Roy Gardner is second from left in middle row. It is noted that a number of men in the crowd are wearing Services uniforms. This would suggest the photo was taken in 1940. (The VFA was in recess 1942-1944).

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55. South Melbourne Football Club officials
Accession no. H2008.122/214
Wearing South Melbourne jackets

Comment by KM: The subject and meaning of this photo is quite obscure. No-one is recognised. A group of fifteen men, mainly middle-aged and elderly, gathered at the bottom of the stairs of the main grandstand at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval with a younger man (presumably a player and possibly a new recruit) wearing a South Melbourne blazer. Circa 1950’s.

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56. Unidentified football player standing on oval
Accession no. H2008.122/88

Comment by KM: A very young (and small) Thorold Merrett photographed at Victoria Park (Collingwood), circa 1950. Merrett, later famous for his
magnificent stab-kicking, came to Collingwood from Cobden. Starting as a
diminutive sixteen-year-old, Merrett played 180 games for the Magpies from
1950-60 before a broken leg prematurely ended his career. The brilliant
wingman won two best and fairest awards
( 1958,1959 ), played in two premierships ( 1953, 1958 ), and represented
Victoria seven times. This same photograph of Merrett is reproduced in The
Official Collingwood Illustrated Encyclopaedia, p. 70.

57. **Unidentified football team on steps**
Junior football players assembled for photo

Comment by KM: This is almost certainly a Northcote VFA team. The
grandstand is Northcote’s and the jumper appears to be the green and gold of
Northcote. It is an under-age team but they all look too young to be the Thirds,
so my estimate is the Northcote Fourths, circa 1940’s. Twenty-four players,
coach, and seven officials. Not a match day. Black shorts. Note the tin roof of
the grandstand.

58. **Unidentified football team ( South Melbourne? )**
Accession no. H2008. 122/42
Possibly South Melbourne

Comment by KM: This is a South Melbourne ( VFL ) Seconds team
photographed circa 1936. The player in the centre of the middle row ( fourth
player from left ) is Harry Clarke. Clarke, who had played 147 senior games as a
wingman with the Bloods from 1926-35 ( winning the best and fairest in the
premiership year 1933 ), retired from the South senior team at the end of 1935
and then ‘helped out with the Reserves’. See Jim Main, Honour the Names, p.
61. Clarke is the only player identified. The photo has been taken at South
Melbourne’s Lake Oval against the background of the grandstand wall. This
appears to be the exact same location as seen in the image of the Footscray-like
team in Photo 17 version 8 ( H2008. 122/251 ) and Photo 37 ( H2008. 122/115 ).
This coincidence suggests that the team seen in Photos 17/8 and 37 is possibly
a Footscray Seconds team taken in the same session as the shot of the South
Seconds team. ( Note South have black shorts; the ‘Footscray’ team have white
). Significantly perhaps, Footscray won the VFL Seconds premiership in 1936.
So Photo 17/8 ( and 37 ) may be photos of the 1936 Bulldogs reserves
premiership side. On the other hand, the socks and jumpers in Photos 17/8 and
37 are not uniform and the fourth player from left in middle row resembles Colin
Williamson ( of Northcote and St.Kilda, not Footscray ). Eighteen players.

59. **Unidentified football team in front of wall**
Accession no. H2008. 122/72
‘EBJ’ logo on jumpers – ‘EBJFC’ on football

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify location or team. Almost certainly a junior club. The jumper shadings suggest red and white colours (Brighton’s VFA colours pre-World War Two). Monogram ‘EBJ’ suggests perhaps East Brighton Juniors. Twenty-two players and eight officials. ‘EBJFC’ on ball. Circa late thirties.

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60. Richmond football team in front of a grandstand (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/111
‘Richmond’ title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: This is a Richmond (VFL) Seconds team photographed at Punt Road Oval (Richmond) 1934 or 1935. Two players are recognised – Jack Cotter and George Smeaton. Cotter (second from right in the middle row) won the Richmond Seconds best and fairest in 1934 and played for Richmond seniors from 1935-41. Smeaton (third from the right in the middle row) played for the Tiger senior team from 1935 to 1946 before becoming a successful coach at VFA club Oakleigh. Both players are pictured in the c.1940-41 Richmond team (Photo 2 version 2, H2008. 122/107).

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/113
‘Richmond’ title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: A team wearing Richmond-style jumpers photographed at Port (Melbourne) Oval. Grandstand packed. Cannot positively identify (no players recognised) but not Richmond/Essendon/Coburg. Most probably a war-time Services team.

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61. Unidentified football team in front of brick building (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/47
Possibly South Melbourne (Football Club)

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) Third Eighteen photographed at the Lake Oval 1949. Jim Taylor is in the back row, second player from right. Taylor was to play 153 senior games for the Swans (1949-54, 1956-61) and
won the club’s best and fairest in 1953 and 1957. Taylor progressed from South Fourths to the senior side in the space of one year – 1949 – so this photo was probably taken in 1949. Cannot identify coach. No spectators. Twenty players. Black shorts.

**Version 2.**

Accession no. H2008. 122/44
Possibly South Melbourne

Comment by KM: This group would appear to be a South Melbourne (VFL) under-age team. Apparently too young to be a Thirds (under-19) team. Probably Fourths. Definitely South Melbourne jumper and socks. My hesitation is due to the location of the photo shoot. This is not the front of the South Melbourne grandstand. If it is the South Melbourne grandstand, then it is the rear (parkland) side of building. A photograph on page 86 of (Caruso, Fiddian and Main’s) *Football Grounds of Melbourne* suggests this is the rear of the Lake Oval stand. Cannot recognise the coach or any of the players. Twenty-three players and four others (officials?). Black shorts. Circa late-forties/early-fifties.

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**62. South Melbourne Football Club in front of grandstand**

Title supplied by donor and can be seen on team jackets

Comment by KM: A team looking young enough to be a South Melbourne Third Eighteen. Photographed at South Melbourne’s Lake Oval circa 1954. Only few in grandstand. Bob Pratt junior (35 senior games, 1955-58) is second player (in jumper) from right in second top row. There are 23 players in the photo.

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**63. Unidentified football team in front of full grandstand**

Accession no. H2008. 122/95
Circa 1930-1950
Probably South Melbourne

Comment by KM: An odd photo. The crowd is very large. Grandstand and stairs packed. Taken at Port (Melbourne) Oval, circa late forties/early fifties. No players recognised, although player second from right in top row resembles Don Scott (ex-West Australia, 83 senior games for South Melbourne 1950-54). South Melbourne colours but doubtful this is a South Melbourne team. Note the players’ socks — not South Melbourne’s characteristic hose. Same white-topped socks as team in Photo 50 version 8 (H2008. 122/105). Note however one player has South Melbourne-type hooped socks. Not South Melbourne past-players. Note also the spectators on the grandstand gangways – generally not allowed at VFL matches. Some players have black shorts; others have white...
shorts. Most likely Saturday morning league or Sunday league. Possibly a Services team, although no military uniforms in crowd.

64. Unidentified football player on an oval
Accession no. H2008. 122/135
Carlton Football Club

Comment by KM: Most definitely not Carlton. Port Melbourne’s long-kicking full-back Joe Garbutt photographed at Port Oval in the early thirties. Garbutt played 181 games for Port from 1922-38. He transferred to St.Kilda in 1935 (aged 31) and played there for a brief period (seven games). This photo is almost identical to Photo 18 version 3 (H2008. 122/186). Here Garbutt has hands on hips. In the other image he has crossed arms. Both shots would have been taken within minutes of one another at the same training night. The two background scenes are almost identical. For a most interesting pen portrait of Garbutt, see Terry Keenan, A Taste of Port, Albert Park, Eucalyptus Press, 1999, pp. 71-78. Compare the above photo of Ted Hyde (Photo 18, version 1, H2008.122/185).

65. Hawthorn Football Club in front of grandstand
Accession no. H2008. 122/168
Title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: A Hawthorn (VFL) senior team from 1942 photographed at the Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy). This photo is reproduced in the book We Are Hawthorn. The 1942 Hawthorn team was coached by the legendary Roy Cazaly and this shot would have been taken around the time Cazaly urged the club to drop the inoffensive name ‘Mayblooms’ and adopt ‘Hawks’. This is probably the Round Seven game against Fitzroy which Hawthorn lost by 16 points. The team finished last in 1942 with only one win. Players are: Back row - Fred Jones (1941-42, 13 games), Walter Bristowe (1940-42, 11 games), Len Walsh (1937-40, 1942, 15 games), Jack Barker (vice-captain, 1937-45, 113 games), Jack Burke (1939-45, 74 games), Phil Ryan (1941-46, 52 games), George Bennett (1930-33, 1942-44, 92 games). Middle row - Bert Graham (1940-42, 23 games), Jack Mathieson (1942, 2 games), Robert Williams (1932, 1934-44, 136 games), Jack Carmody (captain, 1940-44, 1946, 64 games), Wally Culpitt (1940-48, 125 games), Jim Bohan (1938-46, 131 games), Laurie Taylor (1942-44, 40 games). Front row - Laurie Peters (1940-44, 24 games), Reg Horkins (1942-44, 34 games), Andy Angwin (1938-44, 75 games), Alec Albiston (1936-49, 170 games). Barker was Hawthorn best and fairest in 1942, Bohan in 1943 and 1945, Albiston in 1941 and 1946, Culpitt in 1947. Ryan was later a Hawthorn President. Bennett also played 108 games for Footscray; Carmody also played 94 games for Collingwood. Williams was Hawthorn captain.

66. WTN F.C 1932 (Williamstown Football Club)
Accession no. H2008.122/208
Title and date written lower centre
Some blurring

Comment by KM: A good, clear photo. Given the written title ‘WTN’ on the image, one must accept this is a Williamstown (VFA) team, although the players are wearing light jumpers with dark sashes – the opposite to Willy’s traditional strip of a light (yellow) sash on a darker (blue) background. Even allowing for the fact this is 1932 and the nadir of the Depression, it seems odd the sashes seen here are slanted in different directions. Another odd feature is the presence in the back row of three gentlemen in uniform. Presumably two of them are St John’s Ambulance men. Quite possibly a practice match occasion, although the grandstand is quite packed. I am not completely convinced the grandstand is Williamstown’s – although the players are wearing black shorts. The player sixth from the left in the middle row does appear to be Williamstown star Arthur Cutting; the player third from the left in the middle row appears to be J. Lonergan; the tall player sixth from the left in the top row appears to be Tom Byrne. Intriguingly, the player at extreme right of front row here also appears (second from right in top row of players) in photo of (ca. 1938) Coburg (VFA) team (Photo 6 version 7, H2008.122/43) and fourth from left in middle row of Photo 1 (H2008.122/106). Williamstown finished eighth in 1932. They were captained by ex-Fitzroy player Gordon Hellwig (fifth from left in middle row?) and coached (1931-32) by non-playing Jim Toohey (ex-Fitzroy and Prahran). The same group appears in Photo 67 version 1 (H2008.122/243) below.

67. Unidentified football team and officials (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/243
Emulsion damage to left-hand side and top

Comment by KM: Same group as in Photo 66 (H2008.122/208) above. Given the written title ‘WTN’ on the image, one must accept this is a Williamstown (VFA) team, although the players are wearing light jumpers with dark sashes – the opposite to Willy’s traditional strip of a light (yellow) sash on a darker (blue) background. Even allowing for the fact this is 1932 and the nadir of the Depression, it seems odd the sashes seen here are slanted in different directions. Another odd feature is the presence in the back row of three gentlemen in uniform. Presumably two of them are St John’s Ambulance men. Quite possibly a practice match occasion, although the grandstand is quite
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Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/235
Emulsion damaged on right-hand side

Comment by KM: An elusive image. Cannot identify the grandstand. Have considered all VFA and VFL grounds and drawn a blank. Not Ballarat either. Possibly Bendigo. Initially I would have considered this to be a Melbourne Football Club (VFL) team – given the jumper shading – but now think it more likely to be a country team. Rochester? Nineteen players, therefore pre-1946. Plus an entourage of at least fifteen other persons in the group, several of whom could be well-heeled rural toffs. Only a modest crowd of spectators. White shorts. Emulsion damage on right-hand side obscures several persons but not players. Circa late-thirties/early-forties.

68. Unidentified football team and soldiers (three versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/244
Soldiers in uniform at either end of team
Image is faded – some of image obscured

Comment by KM: This is an Army (Services) team photographed at Princes Park (Carlton) circa 1943. Sunlight haze affects right-hand side and top of image but does not obscure players. Very modest crowd in the grandstand. Players wear Richmond-style jumpers. Six uniformed soldiers in the group. The first player on the left of the top row is, I believe, Carlton’s star full-back Ollie Grieve. Grieve’s career with the Blues was interrupted by war service. He played 137 senior games (1942, 1944, 1946-52). Grieve finished second in the 1948 Brownlow Medal and won Carlton’s best and fairest in 1952. Nineteen players. Black shorts.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/247
Three men wearing military uniforms
Emulsion damaged at bottom

Comment by KM: Almost certainly an Army team playing a Services match, circa 1943-45 – quite possibly against the RAAF team seen in Photo 8. (Note all players here wear black shorts; the players in Photo 8 are wearing white). Photographed at Punt Road Oval (Richmond) with the grandstand half-full. Players identified are: Reg ‘Dodger’ Ryan (North Melbourne, third player from left in back row), Jack Mueller (Melbourne, fourth player from left in back row), Bert Clay (Fitzroy, fifth player from left in back row), Bert Mills (Hawthorn, extreme right of back row), Phonse Kyne (Collingwood, extreme right of middle row), Ted Leehane (Essendon, extreme right of front row). Three uniformed Army officers are in the group. Army uniforms (and slouch hats) in crowd. Emulsion damage along bottom of the photo partly obscures one player in front row. Guernsey design not recognisable – probably light blue with red hoop.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008.122/246
Emulsion damage on right-hand side

Comment by KM: This is an RAAF Services team photographed at the Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy) circa 1943. The Fitzroy grandstand is seen in the background. Footscray wingman Jim Thoms is fourth from right in the middle row. Norm Hillard, Fitzroy centre-half-back, is third from left in the middle row. Thoms, a former Australian table tennis champion, played 120 games for the Bulldogs 1937-46. Hillard played 32 games for Hawthorn (1933-37) before switching successfully to Fitzroy (94 games, 1939-46). Informed opinion had him as best-on-ground in the 1944 VFL Grand Final. Servicemen and servicewomen in the crowd. Match day. Bad emulsion damage down right-hand side and along bottom but no players obscured. The group includes two airmen in uniform. Seventeen players only. White shorts.

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69. Unidentified football team, possibly Essendon
Accession no. H2008.122/48
Possibly Essendon

Comment by KM: Cannot positively identify but possibly an Essendon (VFL) Seconds team, circa early 1940’s. Photographed at the Brunswick Street (Fitzroy) Oval with the wrought-iron of the Fitzroy grandstand in the background. Certainly looks like the Essendon jumper. Very definitely not Essendon Firsts. Nineteen players, therefore probably pre-1946. No players recognised. Fourteen officials (non-players) in the group – almost as many as the number of players. White shorts. Second player from left in middle row looks familiar. Note man with cigarette hanging from mouth. Compare with Photo 65 (H2008).
122/168), also photographed at Fitzroy. Essendon were VFL Seconds premiers in 1941.

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**70. Unidentified football team on an oval**

Accession no. H2008. 122/207

Players wearing two different styles of guernseys with vertical stripes.

Grandstand full.

Comment by KM: This photo was taken at Ballarat's Eastern Oval. Appears to be the same (or a similar) group as the team shown in Photo 72 (see below). The players are wearing the same two jumpers as the ones worn in Photo 72 – five of them appear to have Collingwood-type jumpers and thirteen have very wide stripes. At least one of the players is sporting a different jumper to the one worn in Photo 72. To add to the strangeness, the players are wearing different socks. No players recognised. Probably a Ballarat team, and very probably a Services team from the 1942-43 era. Military uniforms are conspicuous in the crowd.

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**71. Essendon Football team in front of a grandstand (two versions)**

**Version 1.**

Accession no. H2008. 122/149

Emulsion is damaged on right-hand side, with other scratches elsewhere

Comment by KM: To use the vernacular, the State Library of Victoria is having a bob each way. Not Richmond this time, according to the SLV, but Essendon! This is the same group scene (the same players) as in Photo No. 1 (H2008 122/106 - labelled 'Richmond' by SLV). The image is ever so slightly different to No. 1 and is more damaged. Some blurring occurs where there is movement in the crowd. Bad emulsion damage on right-hand side and at bottom but no persons in the group are obscured. (See Photo 1 for further comment).

**Version 2.**

Accession no. H2008. 122/150

Emulsion is damaged on lower left corner

Essendon Football Club

Comment by KM: No, not Essendon. This is Richmond's (VFL) Seconds team, either 1946 or 1947 but most likely early 1947. Photographed at Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy). Players identified are: Roy Wright (fourth player from right in top row, first senior game 1946), Charlie Priestley (third player from left in middle row, 109 senior games, 1938-47), Des Rowe (third player from right in
middle row, first senior game 1946), Wally Russell (extreme right of top row, 33 senior games, 1942-43, 1945-48), Ron Evans (extreme right of front row, 26 senior games, 1946, 1948-49), Ken Albiston (extreme left of front row, 58 senior games, 1946-51). Captain-coach Alby Pannam is the fifth person from the left in the middle row. Pannam, a former champion Collingwood rover and relative of Lou Richards, coached Richmond Seconds for two seasons (1946-47) and later was appointed Richmond's senior coach (replacing Jack Dyer) 1953-55. Rowe, very young here, played 175 senior games (1946-57) and captained and coached the club. Roy Wright, very green-looking here, played 195 senior games (1946-59) and twice won the Brownlow Medal. Richmond won the VFL Seconds premiership in 1946 (and were runners-up in both 1947 and 1948). My educated guess is that this group is the 1946 premiership team photographed after their success. This most probably would have been done early the following year (1947) however (perhaps accompanying the unfurling of the premiership flag). A substantial number of the players in this photo were members of the 1946 Grand Final team – Charlie Priestley, Des Rowe, Wally Russell, Ron Evans, Ken Albiston. 1946 Premiership players who are not in the photo are Wally Cook, Keith Cook, Ray Poulter, Kevin Barnewall. See Hogan, Tigers Of Old, p. 312. White shorts. Emulsion damage but no-one obscured. Only a few spectators in grandstand and on terrace.

72. Unidentified football team in front of City Oval
Accession no. H2008.122/51
Players wearing guernseys with varying stripes. Back row wearing suits. Grandstand has 'City Oval' on it.

Comment by KM: This photo was taken at Ballarat's City Oval, the inland city's main sports arena. Appears to be the same (or a similar) group as the team shown in Photo 70 (see above). The players are wearing the same two jumpers as the ones worn in Photo 70 – five of them appear to have Collingwood-type jumpers and thirteen have very wide stripes. At least one of the players is sporting a different jumper to the one worn in Photo 70. To add to the strangeness, one player even wears a third style. No players recognised. Probably a Ballarat team, and very probably a Services team from the 1942-43 era. (In Photo 70, military uniforms are conspicuous in the crowd).

73. Unidentified football team in front of building (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008.122/75

Comment by KM:
Cannot identify team or players. Photographed against rear of a grandstand. North Melbourne-style jumpers. Twenty players. Both black and white shorts. Possibly Victorian country team.

**Version 2.**
Accession no. H2008. 122/66
Emulsion damage along the bottom

Comment by Ken Mansell: Cannot identify, but tantalising and charming photo of a group of rough-and-ready rural types in laid-back poses. Almost certainly Victorian country but just possibly Melbourne suburban. All sashes slanting same way. Emulsion damage at bottom and right-hand side obscures one face. Three or four generations in this photo.

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**74. Unidentified football team in front of empty grandstand**
Accession no. H2008. 122/49

Comment by KM: This is North Melbourne’s (VFL) 1947 Seconds team photographed at Arden Street, probably early 1947. North Seconds actually went on to win the premiership that year. Recognised with certainty are Jock McCorkell (fourth player from right in back row), John Reeves (extreme right back row), Gerald Marchesi (second from right in middle row), and Vic Lawrence (extreme right bottom row). Marchesi, who played his first senior game in 1947, later captained North seniors. Full-back McCorkell tussled famously with John Coleman. The fourth player from left in middle row is probably captain Ted Morcom. The third player from left in middle row could be Pat Kelly. This is the very same group (and session) as seen in Photo 6 version 4 (H2008. 122/172). The two gentlemen in the grandstand have moved to a slightly different position. They are the only spectators. These two photos of North’s Seconds 1947 team (Photo 6 version 4, and Photo 74) were taken on the same day (and presumably the same session) and in the same place (witness same two gents on the stairs of the grandstand) as two photos of North’s Thirds 1946 premiership team (Photo 6 version 1, and Photo 10 version 13). Some players (for example Vic Lawrence and John Reeves) appear in both groups. The player third from right in middle row of Seconds team (uncannily resembling Reg Ryan but too young to be him) is in front row of Thirds team, and the player holding ball in front row of Seconds team is in front row of Thirds team. The explanation for this is probably that some of the 1946 Thirds players (Lawrence and Reeves etc) graduated to the 1947 North Seconds team early in the 1947 season, and that both groups were photographed on the same day early in the 1947 season. At least two players (McCorkell and Lawrence) in the Seconds photo were not members of the 1947 Grand Final side. At least one player (e.g Reg Ryan) in the 1947 Grand Final side is not in the photo. In the 1947 Seconds Grand Final, Ryan was at full-back, Marchesi on a half-back flank, Kelly on the wing, and Reeves a reserve. Wally Carter
coached both the Seconds and Thirds for North in 1947. See Gerald Dowling, *The North Story*, p. 102. Nineteen players and four trainers. Players have white shorts. Oddly, three of the players have dark socks rather than blue and white hoops. Deserted grandstand except for two gentlemen on stairs.

75. **Unidentified football players in front of a grandstand**
Accession no. H2008. 122/83
Seven players in group

Comment by KM: Seven Hawthorn (VFL) footballers. Evidence suggests these players, apart from Albiston, are actually a group of new Hawthorn recruits for the 1938 season. The five players identified are Alec Albiston (second from left in top row, 170 senior games 1936-49 and captain-coach of Hawthorn 1947-49); Andy Angwin (third from left in top row, 75 senior games 1938-44, wingman from Port Melbourne); Allan Hird (fourth from left in top row, 14 senior games 1938-39, later 102 senior games for Essendon, and later President of Essendon Football Club); William Robinson (second from right in top row, 6 senior games 1938-39); William Moore (extreme right top row, 31 senior games 1938-41). Angwin, Hird, Moore and Robinson (and probably the two unidentified players) all started at Hawthorn in 1938. All seven players are present in the Hawthorn Seconds team (circa 1938) seen in Photo 17 version 9 (H2008. 122/240) and Photo 10 version 14 (H2008. 122/96). These two photos are more or less identical (although 17/9 has significant emulsion damage). This would suggest Photo 75 was taken on the same day and in the same session as the photos of the Hawthorn Seconds team.

76. **St. Kilda Football Club team photo**
This work is out of copyright. The original work is held by SLV.
Title from guernseys – St Kilda logo on officials jackets

Comment by KM: Almost certainly a past-players match, circa late 1940’s. At first glance – St.Kilda past players. The jumper does appear to be similar to St.Kilda’s old white-dominated strip but only two of the eighteen players have a breast monogram and even these two monograms are not clearly St.Kilda’s. The players are all quite well advanced in years, in their forties, fifties and sixties. (No SLV mention of this). Past players presumably, but which team? The photo was taken at Fitzroy’s ground: the currently existing stand is in the background and the old destroyed stand is partially visible at left. There are two trainers in the group, plus one official and one mascot. The players are wearing both white and black shorts. A good, clear photo.
77. South Melbourne Football Club in front of a grandstand (five versions)

Version 1.
Accession no. H2008. 122/103
South Melbourne title supplied by donor
Image shaded out at top

Comment by KM: This is a team of South Melbourne (VFL) past players. Circa mid-late fifties. Recognisable are Keith Schaefer (extreme left of top row), Bill Faul (extreme left of middle row), Herbie Matthews (fourth from left in middle row), and Les Williams (second from right in top row). Three separate football decades are represented by these four players. An interesting photo. The grandstand is not identified – this is apparently not South Melbourne’s Lake Oval. Past-players matches, or ‘Old Timer’s Games’, were popular in the fifties although only a few spectators are seen here. White shorts.

Version 2.
Accession no. H2008. 122/441
South Melbourne title supplied by donor

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) Thirds team photographed at the Lake Oval circa 1954. The same South Melbourne Thirds group as in Photo 77 version 4 (H2008. 122/102) and Photo 50 version 3 (H2008. 122/169). Bob Pratt junior is again in second top row. Compared to Photo 77/4 in which there are only three non-players, this formation has eleven non-players (including coach). Emulsion damage on left-hand side and right-hand side but no persons obscured.

Version 3.
Accession no. H2008. 122/101
Emulsion damage at base of image

Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) Seconds team. Most likely 1950. Less likely 1951. Players include Kevin Hilet (second from right in middle row, ex-Yarrawonga, 65 senior games 1950-54) and Keith Browning (extreme left of middle row, 53 senior games, 1951-54). Also present is Kevin Hogan (63 senior games 1953-60) third from left in front row. The two officials in the middle row are the same persons as the two officials in the middle row of Photo 50 version 5 (H2008. 122/94).

Version 4.
Accession no. H2008. 122/102
South Melbourne title supplied by donor
Comment by KM: A South Melbourne (VFL) Thirds team photographed at the Lake Oval circa 1954. Appears to be the same group of players seen in Photo 50 version 3 (H2008.122/169) and Photo 77 version 2 (H2008.122/441). (Unlike Photo 50/3, Photo 77 version 4 has no darkness damage). The group pictured here also resembles the group in Photo 62 (H2008.122/99). Bob Pratt junior is second player from right in second top row and John Ledwidge second from left in top row. Ledwidge made his senior debut in 1954 and Pratt in 1955. Two non-players in Photo 50 version 3 are missing in this one. The man in blazer on extreme right also appears on the extreme left of the 1949 South Melbourne Thirds team (Photo 61 version 1, H2008.122/47). Small group of spectators. Black shorts.

**Version 5.**

Accession no. H2008.122/100
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78. P.F.C Football Club team photo
H2008.122/440
Players have light-coloured guernseys with PFC logo on them.
Title taken from players guernseys
Emulsion damaged along the base

Comment by KM: Cannot identify team or grandstand. Doubt this is Prahran or Preston. Possibly a team competing in a workplace-based mid-week league. Grandstand one-quarter full. ‘PFC’ insignia on jumpers. ‘P’ may not stand for a suburb but a workplace. Postals? Police? Circa 1930’s. Very light-coloured jumper – white or cream. Seventeen of the players wear this jumper – two others have entirely different one. Mixture of black and white shorts. No players recognised. Player fourth from left in middle row resembles Greg Stockdale (Essendon, Northcote, Coburg).

79. Unidentified football team, officials and soldiers
H2008.122/249
Emulsion damaged at the bottom and right-hand side
Comment by KM: A war-time Services team photographed at the Brunswick Street Oval (Fitzroy) circa 1942-1944. The main clue is the presence of uniformed Army and Air Force men in the top row. The jumpers appear to be Essendon’s colours. White shorts. Good number of spectators. Nineteen players. Bad emulsion damage at bottom of photo but no faces obscured.

80. Unidentified school football team
Accession no. H2008. 122/68
Schoolboys

Comment by KM: Obviously photographed at the front entrance of a Public School. Possibly Melbourne High or Melbourne Grammar. The group appears to be a school team – Under Fifteen perhaps. Twenty-two players. Three Masters also in group. The jumpers are not uniform – some have Essendon-style sash while others have horizontal hoop. A shield is proudly displayed – presumably recording past premiership glories.

81. Unidentified football team and officials in front of a grandstand
Accession no. H2008. 122/60
Players are wearing guernseys with vertical stripes

Comment by KM: A large and sprawling group of about two hundred gathered in front of North Melbourne grandstand at Arden Street circa mid-late thirties. The SLV’s ‘guernsey’ appellation is inaccurate and misleading. About half of the group are wearing striped (blue and white?) blazers, not guernseys. Also, ostensibly, there is nothing at all in the picture to suggest this is a group of footballers. However, somewhat conspicuous at the front of the throng is Arthur Calwell. Calwell, who was to become the leader of the Federal parliamentary Labor Party, had a longstanding association with the North Melbourne Football Club. He was North Melbourne President 1929-34 when the club was still very Roman Catholic in character. So I suspect this group may be a gathering of North Melbourne past players (and officials presumably). Without absolute certainty, former North players Tom Fitzmaurice, Johnny Gregory and Wally Carter are also detected in the group. Gregory and Fitzmaurice appear on the left of the group and Wally Carter appears just behind Calwell. Possibly Johnny Meere (official) just in front of Fitzmaurice. Note one of the group is wearing a twenties-style North Melbourne jumper (blue with white ‘V’).

82. Unidentified football team in front of a brick building (two versions)

Version 1.
Accession no.   H2008. 122/148
Possibly Essendon
Some scratches on emulsion

Comment by KM:  Cannot identify team.  No players recognised.  Essendon-style jumpers but the fact that some players have black shorts and some have white would suggest this is not a VFL or VFA team. Circa 1935-45. Photographed at same ground as Photo 45 version 1 ( H2008. 122/436 ) – note the clock is the same clock in both photos – and at least one of the players appears in both photos.

Version 2.
Accession no.   H2008. 122/147
Emulsion damaged along the right-hand side

Comment by KM:  Cannot identify team or ground. Circa 1935-45. Jumpers vaguely similar to Footscray’s, but this is not Footscray. Six persons in scorers’/press box.

83. Unidentified football team in front of a building and trees
Accession no.   H2008. 122/231

Comment by KM:  Cannot positively identify but the jumpers worn by this group appear to resemble the jumpers ( blue with white ‘V’ ) worn by North Melbourne ( VFL ) before the switch to vertical stripes late thirties. Seems to be an under-age or junior team. Possibly North Colts who played in the Saturday Morning League. Certainly a similar jumper to North Colts.


Version 1.
Players wearing St.Kilda guernseys
Plaque on grandstand reads ‘G.P.Newman Stand, erected 1925’
Title taken from guernseys worn

Comment by KM:  A St.Kilda ( VFL ) Seconds team photographed in front of Newman Stand ( now Kevin Murray Stand ) at Junction Oval, circa 1954. The fourth player from the left in the top row is possibly Ray Houston ( 33 senior games 1952-55 ), and the fifth player from left in middle row is possibly Brian Milnes ( 22 senior games 1952-55 ).

Version 2.
Comment by KM: A St.Kilda past players team photographed at the Junction Oval in front of the Blackie-Ironmonger Stand circa mid-fifties. Large crowd assembled and grandstand almost full. Two players recognised: Colin Williamson is fifth from left in second front row, and Harold Bray is first player from left in front row. Williamson played 165 senior games for St.Kilda 1937-46, coached Brighton to the 1948 VFA flag, and coached St.Kilda 1952-53. Bray was one of the Saints’ all-time greats. He played 156 senior games (1941-43 and 1945-52) and won the club’s best and fairest award in 1945 and 1947. He ran runner-up in the Brownlow Medal 1947 and was twice third in the Brownlow count (1949, 1952). Twenty-two players. White shorts.

Accession no. H2008. 122/230
Title from jacket of man on left and from plaque on grandstand
Some of image obscured because of fading

Comment by KM: This is a South Melbourne (VFL) senior team photographed at Lake Oval (South Melbourne) circa 1946-47. Jack Graham (captain 1946-48) is in the centre of the group. Players definitely identified are Ron Bywater (extreme left of top row, 58 senior games, 1942, 1944, 1946-50); Ron Clegg (third from left in top row, 231 senior games, 1945-1954, 1956-60); Jim Cleary (third from left in middle row, 222 senior games, 1934-48); Jack Graham (fourth from left in middle row, 227 senior games, 1935-49); Pat Bourke (fifth from left in middle row, 38 senior games, 1944, 1946-49); Billy Williams (extreme left of middle row, 124 senior games, 1945-51). Black shorts. Grandstand is full. Stairways also full.

86. Unidentified football team in front of King Edward VII memorial
Team jackets with logos on pockets
Queen Victoria Gardens, Melbourne

Comment by KM: Cannot identify. No persons recognised. A gathering of thirty-six men, all of whom appear to be wearing the same blazer with a monogram on the breast pocket. The monogram is not readable. Taken below (King) Edward V11 (1901-1910) statue, Melbourne. The men would appear to cover a wide age spectrum – from 20 to perhaps 80.
87. **Unidentified football player standing on field**
Accession no. H2008. 122/13
One photographic print
Circa 1940-1950

Comment by KM: This is Ron Clegg, South Melbourne (VFL) champion and 1949 Brownlow Medallist, photographed at the Lake Oval, circa 1949-51. Head and shoulders only. One of South Melbourne’s greatest-ever players, Clegg played 231 games and kicked 156 goals for the Swans from 1945-54 and 1956-60. He played both ends of the ground, at centre-half-back and centre-half-forward. He won the 1949 Brownlow Medal and was runner-up to Bernie Smith in 1951. Clegg won the club’s best and fairest award three times – 1948, 1949, and 1951 – and was captain 1953-54 and 1956-60. He captain-coached the Swans 1958-59. This photographic print seems slightly blurred. See Photo 18 version 2 (H2008. 122/7) for another print of Ron Clegg.

88. **Unidentified football players standing on field**
Two photographic prints – one ‘almost whole length’; the other ‘whole length’
Circa 1940-1950

Comment by Ken Mansell: The whole length image (H2008. 122/12) provided on screen is a photo of South Melbourne rover Esmond ‘Eddie’ Lane (senior games 1951-56) circa 1951-52. The other photographic print (a different player?) is not displayed. According to the Comments/Review facility on this page, Library user Simon Huggard has identified (November 23, 2009) the player in the first image (H2008. 122/11) as Herbie Matthews. I am not in a position to assess this particular opinion. However Mr Huggard is completely wrong in identifying the player in the second image (H2008. 122/12) as Laurie Nash. It is of course not Nash but Lane. Eddie Lane, a local product, played 86 games and kicked 130 goals for South from 1951-56. He topped the Swans’ goal-kicking 1954-55, won the best and fairest in 1954, and represented Victoria in 1955. Photographed at Lake Oval circa 1951-56.

89. **North Williamstown F.C 1930**
Accession nos. H2008. 122/201
Date 1930
Man holding football with ‘NWFC 1930’
Title and date written below players says ‘Nth Williamstown F.C 1930’
Emulsion damaged on the left-hand side
Comment by KM:  SLV identification indisputable. ‘Nth Williamstown FC 1930’ on image. ‘NWFC 1930’ on football. Emulsion damage down left side obscures one player. No players recognised. Very light-coloured jumper. No uniformity in jumper style or the collar. Interesting photo.

90. Fire Brigade Football Club 1930
Accession no. H2008. 122/228
Date 1930
Out of copyright – original work held by SLV
Title and date written lower centre
Emulsion damaged on left-hand side

Comment by KM:  SLV identification indisputable. ‘Fire Brigade F.C 1930’ is written on the negative. Photographed at MCG in front of the old members’ stand. Two players identified. Holding the football, and fourth from left in middle row, is Garnet Campbell who is presumably the captain. Campbell, a wingman, played 157 games for Essendon from 1923-33. He was Essendon’s captain-coach 1931-34 and later coach of Sandringham. He represented Victoria 1927-28. At extreme right of top row is Paddy Walsh. Originally from Tasmania, Walsh played 115 senior games for Essendon 1927-36 as a ruckman and half-back. He was the Dons’ best and fairest 1933 and represented Victoria twelve times. Peter Burke has noted the special relationship between Essendon and the Fire Brigade.
At least six members of the 1932 Essendon team were Fire Brigade employees.10 Bad emulsion damage on left-hand side partly obscures face of one player. Nineteen players. Jumpers not completely uniform. Socks not uniform. Black shorts. Collingwood-style jumper although one player ( Walsh ) has black sleeves. A good clear photo apart from the emulsion damage.

91. Footscray Football Club 1942
Accession no. H2008. 122/114
Date 1942
Spectators fill grandstand
Title written in white below players
Emulsion is heavily damaged along the bottom of the glass

Comment by KM:  A good quality photo of the Footscray ( VFL ) senior team of 1942. The shot was taken at Yarraville Oval, the Bulldogs home ground in 1942. Footscray finished fourth in eleven team competition ( without Geelong ) but were beaten by South Melbourne in the semi-final. Players are: Back row - Joe Ryan,

Ted Ellis, Albert McTaggart, Frank Cahill, Alf Sampson, George Dougherty, Charlie Sutton, Wally Shearer. Middle row - Ambrose Palmer, Tom Tribe, Len McCankie, Norm Ware (captain-coach), Arthur Olliver, Bill Houston, Alby Morrison, Jim Thoms. Front row - Allan Collins, Harry Hickey, Norm Chisholm. Note that Thoms appears in several Boyles images of RAAF teams (for example Photo 8 – second from right in front row). Note Army slouch hats in crowd. Emulsion damage across bottom but no players obscured. The exact same photo (presumably therefore the work of Boyles) appears on Page 143 of the Footscray history book published thirteen years ago. See J. Lash, C. McConville, M. Small, D. Wright (joint authors), *Unleashed – A History of the Footscray Football Club*, Aus-Sport Enterprises, 1996. The authors identify all players in the photo.

92. **Port Melbourne Football Club 1932**
Accession no. H2008. 122/204
Title (‘Port Melb F.C 1932’) written lower centre
Emulsion damaged on right-hand side with top part of image blacked out

Comment by KM: Port Melbourne’s VFA senior team of 1932. The team includes two winners of the VFA’s prestigious Recorder Cup – ruckman Charles Stanbridge (for Williamstown, 1933) and centre-half-back Ted Hyde (1930). The players are: Back row – Joe Garbutt, E.Leggo, ?, Ted Hyde, ?, Charles Stanbridge, possibly E.Perrett, ?. Middle row - ?, possibly Bill Kuhlken, ?, Harry Crompton (captain), Stan Plumridge, Henry ‘Basher’ Barnes, ?. Front row – possibly E.Perrett, ?, ?. Note the variation in the players jumpers. Some of them have red collars, others have blue. Some have blue sleeves, others have red. Some have red stripes down their front, others have blue. Port finished fifth in 1932.

93. **Unidentified women raising football premiers flag**
Accession no. H2008. 122/91
Date 1943
Flag reads ‘VSDFL Premiers 1943’

Comment by KM: The Victorian Sub-district Football League? Victorian Southern Districts Football League? This photo is unusual in being the only one in the entire Boyles football collection displaying a member of the female gender. One woman hoisting the flag and another group of females in the grandstand.

94. **William Dallaway**
Accession no. H2008. 122/1
One photographic print
Circa 1940-50
Subject – William Dallaway St.Kilda Football Club, wearing St.Kilda emblem on shirt.
Name inscribed in blue ink on verso – ‘William Dallaway’/Pannant (?)

Comment by KM: A middle-aged man wearing a St.Kilda jumper. No-one named William Dallaway played VFL football for St.Kilda at senior level. Possibly club official, or a Seconds player – or the player is not Dalloway. The name of the photographer perhaps.

95. Berkeley Cox
Accession no. H2008. 125/17
One photographic print
Image autographed in blue pen ‘Berkeley Cox’.


96. Unidentified man wearing blazer with South Melbourne monogram
Two photographic prints
Circa 1960-70……undated but circa 1960’s
Duplicate images – one half-length

Comment by KM: A photographic portrait of South Melbourne champion and erstwhile senior coach Herbie Matthews. Matthews played 191 games for South Melbourne (1932-45) after being recruited from Fairfield. The wingman was undoubtedly one of South’s greatest-ever players. Matthews, a member of South’s 1933 flag side, tied with Des Fothergill for the 1940 Brownlow Medal and won his club’s best and fairest award five times (1936, 37, 39, 40, 43). He captained the club 1938-45 (captain-coach 1939) and coached 1954-57. Matthews is wearing the South Melbourne club blazer. The photo was taken in front of the Lake Oval grandstand circa late fifties. (Memo SLV: One must bear in mind Boyles died in 1971 – aged 83. Probably unlikely therefore this photo was snapped by Boyles in the sixties. More likely late fifties).

97. F.E. Killingsworth J.R Life member elected 19…?
Circa 1920-50
All images identical
98. Unidentified man wearing blazer with monogram
Accession no. H2008. 125/5
One photographic print
Circa 1960’s
Monogram – flying bird inside a large ‘V’

Comment by KM: Cannot identify,

99. Family standing in front of a car
Accession no. H2008. 122/391
Circa 1947
South Melbourne Football Club
Man wearing jacket with ‘SMFC 1947’ on it


100. South Melbourne Football Club (soccer?)
Soccer players assembled for a team photo.
Soccer ball in photo.
‘Swans’ written on guernseys

Comment by KM: This is not a soccer team. It is a basketball team. A soccer team has eleven players – here there are only nine. More importantly, the so-called soccer ball is actually a basketball. The players are not wearing loose-fitting soccer shorts, and they do not wear the long thick socks requisite for soccer. In fact they do not wear any socks at all. South Melbourne footballer Esmond ‘Eddie’ Lane is seen in the middle row. This group is most likely a South Melbourne footballers’ basketball team – the ‘Swans’ - for the summer months. Circa 1956. Photographed at South Melbourne. Slightly blurry. The blazer worn by the two officials in front row is the South Melbourne Football Club blazer. The man in white track suit top in top row appears in other Boyles photos of South Melbourne football personnel.
101. **Collingwood Football Club team group portrait on oval.**

**Version 1**
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Photograph
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**Version 2**
Accession no.  H. 91. 292/10  LTAF

Comment by KM:  This is a Collingwood ( VFL ) senior team, most probably from 1960. The players are: Back row - Harry Sullivan, John Henderson, ?, Mick Twomey, Graeme Fellowes, Kevin Rose, Peter Rosenbrock, Barry Harrison. Middle row - Ray Gabelich, Ron Reeves, Bill Serong, Murray Weideman, Thorold Merrett, Brian Beers, ?, ?. Front row - Ken Turner, Ron O'Dwyer, Brian Gray, ?. Weideman, who is at the centre and presumably captain of this side, first skippered the Magpies in 1960. Merrett finished his career in 1960. Rosenbrock played his first senior game in 1960. Photographic print. Taken at Collingwood. Black shorts.
The same photo as Photo 16.

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