



Champion past player John Coventry with A Grade Co-Captains David "DK" Stevens and Sam Miles prior to the coin toss at which they wore the Stirling and Heathfield-Aldgate United guernseys commemorating 35 years of Mt Lofty District Football Club

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Upcoming Home Matches and Events

- ◆ Sat 14 June v Nairne
- ◆ Sat 28 Jun v Sedan Cambrai
- ◆ Sat 12 July v Meadows
- ◆ Sat 26 July v Gumeracha - last home match.
- ◆ **Sat 26 July - Lofty Legends half time afternoon tea and 1994 B Grade Premiership reunion**

2014 Reunion - a great celebration!

Saturday 10 May was the club's annual reunion of past players, officials, members, sponsors and supporters of Mt Lofty and its heritage clubs.

Before a gathering which grew to around 80 people during the day, Life Member, Jeff Pistola welcomed all in attendance and drew attention to the anniversaries of 5 Premierships won by the heritage clubs and the 35th anniversary of the commencement of competition of the Mt Lofty District Football Club, originally competing in the former SAFA competition.

The Mt. Lofty DFC has been a huge success over its life. It commenced in Division 2 of SAFA in 1979, with the A Grade winning a Premiership in 1981 which saw the club promoted to Division 1. The club returned to the Hills Football League in 1986 to win another A Grade Premiership and has now won a total of 6 at A Grade level with a total of 23 at other levels for a total of 29.

Club Coach and Life Member, Bruce Dawes, then spoke to the gathering about the club challenge to return to Central Division of the HFL. Progress so far is on track, giving great hope through an outstanding level of commitment from all players.

Launch of "The Lofty Legends"

Another feature of the 2014 Reunion saw the launch of "The Lofty Legends" by Life Members Jeff Pistola and Kevin Hampton.

This group will be made up of past players, officials, members, sponsors and supporters. Its main aim is to recognize the legacy passed on from the past, while supporting the annual reunion, the Mt. Lofty DFC and nurturing camaraderie among all.

Past Stirling player, Mt. Lofty official and local historian, Chris Chardon, went on to provide interesting incites to the formation of the club before conducting a very entertaining interview of the inaugural A Grade Captain, John Coventry and inaugural B Grade Captain, Bryan Moulds.

Warming the hearts of past players and supporters, John Coventry tossed the coin for the A Grade match v Macclesfield with Co-Captains David "DK" Stevens and Sam Miles wearing Stirling and Heathfield-Aldgate United guernseys.

During the half time break, Club Chairman, Kym Welsby and President, Mark O'Malley mingled with the all in attendance and Kym spoke to the group about the direction of the football club and its mission to return to its rightful place in the Central Division of the Hills Football League.

A slide show, prepared by senior player Tom Johnson, also held great interest throughout the day.

Sincere thanks to everybody who assisted and to those who attended a most enjoyable day.

A more complete explanation is provided on page 2.

We are delighted that some 75 people have now joined as members and we have a group of 8 meeting regularly as a committee, including Jono Downes as a representative of the Mt. Lofty senior committee (and senior player).

Any member of "Lofty Legends" is welcome to attend our meetings.



Lofty Legends - feedback re aims.

Following feedback regarding the aims of the "Lofty Legends" we have revised documentation and have issued a "Statement of Intent":



Ian Deans, Danial Deans, and Colin Bartlett at the Reunion

Statement of Intent:

Legends, in contemporary terminology, are usually individual persons, but they are more than that. Legends are also events, milestones and experiences. An important part of history. Lofty Legends is made up of a group of people who make no claim to being legends themselves but who join together in friendship and common interest for three purposes.

We aim to identify, record and make known the deeds of the former Aldgate, Crafers, Heathfield, Heathfield-Aldgate United, Stirling and Upper Sturt football clubs and their collective successor, the present Mount Lofty District Football Club.

We encourage active acknowledgement of the commitment of the splendid people who directed and sustained the six original clubs across the years from 1901 to 1979. They are worthy of recognition as legendary and the many events and achievements of those six clubs, accompanied by today's modern Mt. Lofty club, stand tall among the district legends of the Adelaide Hills.

We endeavour to promote and maintain the welfare and success of Mount Lofty which now inherits the rich ancestry of the locally based clubs of former days. This will be done through past players, officials, members, sponsors and supporters of Mt Lofty and/or its heritage clubs, who become members of the Lofty Legends.

Administration:

- Players, officials, members, sponsors and supporters of Mt Lofty District Lofty Legends Committee to arrange an annual re-union, free of charge, to all people who have had an association with the Mt. Lofty District Football Club and its heritage clubs.
- Activities supporting the aims of the Lofty Legends will be determined within the plans of the Mt. Lofty District Football Club.
- Small annual fee to be charged and receipted, banked and separately accounted for by the Mt. Lofty District Football Club Treasurer.

Membership:

- A small annual membership fee of \$25 will be charged.
- A reduced fee of \$15 will be charged for Life Members, paid up members of the Mt. Lofty DFC, "100 Club" members, and concession card holders.
- All members will receive a Lofty Legends Membership Card which will provide free admission to home matches but does not provide membership of the Mt. Lofty DFC or associated voting rights of the Mt. Lofty DFC.

Email Address - if you have received "The Legend" through the post, to reduce delays and save on postage costs, we would really appreciate you emailing your email address to:

haydn.cutting@bigpond.com (We realise and respect that not everybody wishes to use e-mail.)



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From the Archives

40 YEARS FLASHBACK

1974 grand final Uniteds 70th successive win

Heathfield-Aldgate United secured its fourth consecutive Hills Football League A-grade premiership with a tough seven-point victory over Onkaparinga Valley in very heavy conditions at Uraidla Oval. It was probably Onkas' inability to score at the school end which cost the flag, with the Bulldogs complete score kicked at the northern end, and of the total, all but nine points were kicked in the first term.

After trailing by two goals at the first change, United won the match in the second term, kicking 3-2 to no reply, and went to half-time leading by seven points ... the overall winning margin. It was a desperate struggle all match with conditions wet and boggy and preventing quick flowing football from the first ruck duel.

While United scored the opening two goals through Les Rowell and Doug Graham, the remainder of the first term belonged to Onkas, which moved forward with purpose and strong team football to post five straight majors. The defending premier was in some trouble before David Weeks reduced the margin to 13 points at quarter time. Heathfield-Aldgate recovered composure and were able to set up a forward play through handball to provide opportunities to score.

Goals to captain-coach Warren Foster, Doug Hampton (twice) lifted United into the lead by the main break.

United continued in the same trend in the third term, and while attacking for 80 per cent of the stanza, could not fully capitalise, due to some determined Valley defence.

A goal to Phil Camac levelled the score for Onkas at 6-4 apiece on three-quarter time.

The final deciding term was a real slug as the conditions were now at their worst, with flowing play a rare feature. The tough slog was typified as scores remained even for 17 minutes into the fourth term before United rover Tony White kicked the most vital goal of the match.

In the energy sapping elements, Onkas were unable to work the ball forward for any scoring prospects, and a behind on the siren gifted United its final winning score of 7-5 to 6-4 ... and brought up the side's 70th consecutive victory.

HAU 3-0 6-2 6-4 7-5

OV 5-1 5-1 6-4 6-4

Goals: HAU: D. Hampton 2, D. Graham, W. Foster, D. Weeks, A. White, L. Rowell each 1. Onka Valley: P. Camac 2, G. Steadman, P. Howlett, B. Johnson, K. Langbein.

Best: HAU: R. Brooks, K. Stewart, W. Foster, H. DeRoos, J. Coventry, D. Weeks, A. White. Onka Valley: R. Schmidt, J. Kemp, B. Harten, N. Davies, C. Haines, R. Langbein, P. Camac.



1974 HAU Premiership
Side at Uraidla Oval

Next issue of "The Legend"

Which post war A Grade side upset the planned Premiership Dinner for one of the oldest Hills Football Clubs? Read all about it in "From the Archives" in our next issue leading into the 2014 finals?

LL Gathering Saturday 26 July

An afternoon tea will be held at half time of the A Grade game on Saturday 26 July when our side takes on Gumeracha in the last home match for 2014. There will also be a re-union of the 1994 B Grade Premiership side and this year also marks 10 years since the 2004 Under 17's Premiership. This is a special invitation to all members of the Lofty Legends but is open to all with an affiliation. Please invite any of these people you think might like to catch up before the club's march to the final's series.



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Football Progress

Progress to date, since the club was relegated to the Country Division, has been outstanding across almost all grades.

In the Seniors, both grades are top and undefeated with 7 wins each, the A's with 74.9% and the B's 83.5%. The next match, which is not until Saturday 14 June 2014, will be against Nairne-Bremer at home at the Stratco Stadium. This will see the A Grade playing to stay in top position where Nairne-Bremer is also undefeated. Our B's are top with Nairne currently 4 points behind in 3rd position so this is also an important match.

In the Junior Grades, our Senior Colts and Under 13's are both top while the Junior Colts are currently in fifth position. This position is a great tribute to the club and to the coaches, players and officials as the relegation presented most problems for the junior grades with several clubs having few juniors with the result that there are only 6 teams in Senior Colts, and the other grades include second teams from Central Division clubs.

The modified rules grades, made up of 9 teams playing in the Under 8, 9, 10 and 11 age groups continue to grow and it is a real feature of home matches when some of these sides play after A Grade home matches. Many of the matches are held under lights on Friday nights and the end of season carnivals during August at Ca are always a terrific spectacle.

Auskick continues to flourish at Stirling oval at 11.00am on Sundays for 12 weeks during school term. If you know of any children not yet old enough to play, the club would love them to come along.

Lofty Legends Plans

We have achieved our first aim of launching the group, having good membership growth and commencing regular newsletters. We will continue to increase numbers, offering opportunities to catch up, while supporting the club

Assistance - Line Marking

If somebody could spare approx 90 minutes prior to home matches, the club would really appreciate them carrying out line marking on the oval. Please call Mark O'Malley on 0402281511 if you would like to discuss the possibility.

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