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Formation: 1874 – 1876

Among the many games indulged in by the rising generation of this advanced age of amusement none are more exciting or conducive to health – and a few rolls on the grass – than that of football. Could not a club be started here? Now that the cricket season is approaching its termination, could the members of that noble institution not be induced to go in for the establishment of so invigorating a game as football?

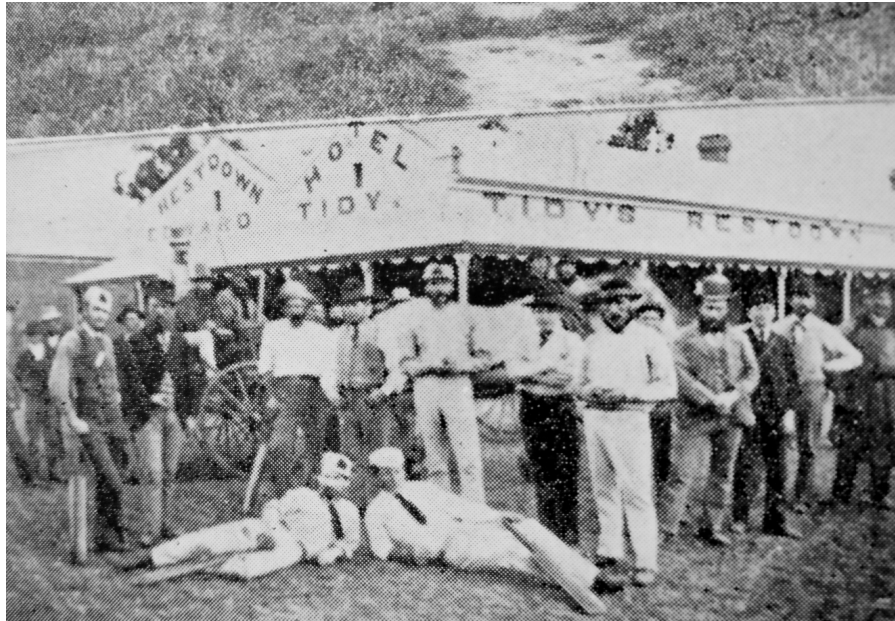
ROCHESTER EXPRESS, 28 February 1874

The players limbered up and took to the field amid warm applause. Some players had already experienced the rigours of the game, while others would have their first taste. Rochester combined with Runnymede for a match against the Sandhurst Early Closing Club last year, but now in 1876 Rochester stood on its own feet, lining up players that were recognised ordinarily as butchers, bakers, stock agents, blacksmiths, shop assistants and farmers. After many attempts, club officials finally secured an inaugural match against Echuca, and on 8 July 1876 they travelled north to Park Oval (now Victoria Park) to finalise arrangements. Rochester's captain Stephen Seward, an energetic man with many business and recreational pursuits, lost the toss and ordered his players to take up defensive formation. Echuca's captain Kemp kicked off and the game "was followed by a regular rush."¹ Players scurried and chased after the ball around the ground, performing little kicks and big kicks in attempt to enter their citadel. Just before half-time, Echuca moved the ball forward and capitalised with a goal. Players and spectators flung their caps into the air and performed "various manoeuvres usual on such occasions."² The umpire sparked off the second half with the ball thrown into the air from the centre of the ground. The Seward brothers tried hard to hamper Echuca's momentum, passing the ball to Edward Barnard in the middle, who then kicked long to his outnumbered forwards, typifying

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a day of no replies. Echuca rushed forward and Ritchie produced yet another major from an awkward kick. Neither team scored again despite concerted efforts and Echuca won the match; two goals to nil.

Two years before this match, *Rochester Express* floated an idea for a local football team. Responding to an advertisement, dozens of local men filed into Edward Tidy's Restdown Hotel on 1 June 1874.



Cricketers in front of Tidy's Restdown Hotel, 1877.

Some time ago we suggested the desirability of forming a football club in this place, and we are glad to see the suggestion has not been thrown away. On Monday last, a number of young men assembled in Tidy's Restdown hotel for the purpose of forming themselves into a football club. Mr Spring was appointed secretary, and it was agreed to commence practice as soon as the necessary ball could be procured. The club promises to be a good one, judging by the general appearance of its members, and we hope it may be a long and victorious existence. It numbers 40 members, and the colours chosen for the dress are blue and white.³

The *Express* would become the club's most vocal and loyal advocate. Its influence on the development of the club and on the mindset of the community would continue over the years.

Edward Dixon was elected president and James Spring secretary. The cornerstones of the new club – Dixon, Spring and Tidy – held various positions and businesses around town. Dixon was secretary of the Rochester Racing Club. Tidy's hotel became the preferred

Henry Gregory - a
premiership
player in 1892.



Henry Gregory

Originally from Kyneton, Gregory moved to Rochester at age 15. He played in the club's inaugural match in 1875. Gregory was a star defender with keen judgement, excellent kicking skills and strong marking ability. He captained the club from 1883 to 1885 and again from 1890 to 1892. During these latter years he was also club president. In 1883, he rallied his players to come off the field in protest against Echuca's captain striking Rochester's Burley; a call that raised eyebrows around the district. His brothers Claude and Robert were also

prominent players of that era. He left Rochester at the end of 1892 after his ironworks business nearly went bankrupt. He moved to Western Australia where he ran several businesses. In the 1897 Legislative Assembly, Gregory defeated his bitter rival Hugh Mahon to become the only Liberal to win a mining seat. Gregory enjoyed a long political career. He was also the Western Australian member of the Australian Cricket Board of Control. Gregory died in Fitzroy Victoria, 1940.

Stephen Seward -
an early devotee
of the town and
football club.



Stephen Seward

As shire secretary, Seward sat on many committees. He loved football deeply, among many other sports. Seward captained Rochester from inception to 1882. He represented Rochester at that momentous occasion in football history when the Victorian Football Association was formed in 1877. As one of the club's star players, he possessed a flair for the game and featured regularly among best players during the club's first decade. The pacy Seward was apt at kicking goals and shoring up defence. He was club president from 1883 to 1886. Also as secretary of the Northern District Association, he protected Rochester's interests against the three northern-based clubs. Seward resigned from the association after

Echuca refused to acknowledge Rochester's 1892 premiership. Seward left the town in 1898 and later bought Craig's Hotel in Ballarat. He died in Western Australia, 1925.

Audacity: 1913 – 1915

Rochester had a strong team that season (1915). In fact it was one of the best outside of Melbourne.

BENDIGO ADVERTISER, 23 March 1923

In early 1913, Rochester sought to sever ties to local football, and never shying from challenges, aspired to join the Goulburn Valley District Football Association (GVDFA). Rochester's strong off-field support and passion for the game and its steadfast on-field efforts spurred intentions to move into the GVDFA. Convincing wins over Echuca and the Bendigo association team in 1912 buoyed confidence in competing against bigger towns.

Rochester chose the difficult path of competing against towns to the east, rather than the easier option of joining the Bendigo league. Playing in the GVDFA would mean travelling either by private vehicle or by train north to Echuca and then west to Shepparton; inconvenient and costly in those days. It is unclear why the club chose that option over Bendigo, which would otherwise involve a more direct route by train. Purportedly, Rochester aimed to rejuvenate its rivalry against Echuca.

The GVDFA began in 1894 with six teams; Kyabram, Mooroopna, Shepparton, Shepparton Ramblers, Tatura, and Undera. The GVDFA developed quickly into the premier competition of the district. The Ramblers and Undera had dropped out by 1913, but Murchison and Rushworth (1908) and Echuca (1909) had joined. Nagambie signalled its intention to enter the league in 1913, taking the total to eight competing clubs. The district recorded its first game between Shepparton and Mooroopna in July 1879, five years after the Rochester club formed.

Rochester held a meeting at the fire station on 2 April to gauge support for an official bid to join the GVDFA. Miles O'Neill asserted that before making an application to the GV administration, the club

should get assurance of sufficient financial support from the townsfolk. Those present at the meeting pledged a total of £60, and within days, the club raised over £100. Each donation announced on the evening stirred up a great cheer. Businesses that pledged donations included town pubs, Northern Timber Company, and *Rochester Express* owned by Stephen Haisman. But most of the contributions came from individuals who gave willingly; William Booker (Northern Timber & Hardware), Thomas Daly (Bank of Victoria), John Ferguson (saddler), James Finnigan (general store), Patrick Gorman (Victoria Store), Edward Kelly (Bank of New South Wales), James Hogg (Hogg's Bakery), Tom McMaster (Shamrock Hotel), Stan Newman (Mason Brothers Auctioneers), Miles O'Neill (barrister and solicitor), Dr Alexander Sandison (private medical practice), James Skam (Criterion Hotel), and James Wilson (hairdresser and tobacconist), among many others. President James Doherty "was glad to see that sport was not dead in Rochester, and that it had so many practical supporters."¹ According to secretary John Ferguson the club would need concerted and ongoing financial support to meet yearly costs amounting to £1,200, including the recruitment and payment of a coach. At this point, Paddy Mills, the ex-VFL footballer dubbed the 'Prince of Footballers' by Melbourne media, offered his coaching services for free. Supporters swarmed around him, showing approval by patting his back and shaking his hand. Mills received very lucrative offers from competing clubs but turned them all down. Frank Fitzgerald said it would save the club over £40 a year to have his free coaching.

Doherty presented Rochester's application at a league meeting in Tatura on 22 April. Doherty, Ferguson, Haisman, and O'Neill faced tough questioning from several clubs. Doherty felt Rochester would add value and strength to the competition. He said Rochester locals welcomed the move enthusiastically, as participation in high quality games would mean a great deal to them. In his final statement, Doherty stressed that he did not want Rochester's inclusion in the league to cause conflict, but for the league to appreciate that Rochester wanted to play competitive football. The main contention was about Rochester being located too far from the centre of operations. Days before the meeting, the *Goulburn Valley Yeoman* newspaper claimed, as cited in the *Riverine Herald*, "There does not appear to be much hope of Rochester being admitted to the association, owing to its geographical situation. It would be almost a day's journey to get there, as the distance from Mooroopna by rail is close on 80 miles."²

Rochester got plenty of support despite objections from a vocal minority. At the meeting, Echuca, Nagambie, Mooroopna, Rushworth, Shepparton, and Tatura supported Rochester's inclusion. Echuca president Charles Lenne said, "The inclusion of Rochester would bring the Valley towns in closer touch with each other. (The League) had admitted Nagambie last year, and I fail to see why they could not include Rochester if it did not seriously interfere with weaker clubs."³ Shepparton would support Rochester's application, as long

War: 1916 – 1918

It was awful to see the French people, including old men and women, going for their lives, carrying what goods they were able.

It made the Australians grind their teeth and say that will not happen in Australia while we are alive. We have got Fritz stopped though he tries to get through every day.

Harry Williams' letter, 14 May 1918

ROCHESTER EXPRESS, 2 August 1918

The First World War years proved tumultuous for Rochester, home and abroad. Rochester soldiers fought bravely with their countrymen. Letters sent home to Rochester and published in the *Express* described awful conditions and feelings of melancholy. As those letters were sent months prior, and heavily edited by censors, the full extent of atrocities was not evident to those at home. However, the letters also revealed the mateship of fellow Rochesterites, as quite often they mentioned each other in their letters, such as catching sight of one another in mess tents or on the battlefield. The slow and obscure news updates about the war heightened anxiety, and each day brought the possibility of a brief telegram about another tragic death in generally described circumstances. Families, friends and colleagues would farewell soldiers with the real possibility that they would not see them again, nor their deceased body, which would be buried in makeshift graves.

A number of local tragedies and mishaps occurred in 1916. Rochester pioneer Patrick Doherty died, as did Paddy Moore's father Thomas. The elder Moore had slaughtered a sheep, fell ill suddenly and succumbed to the illness shortly thereafter. Champion footballer William Tomkinson kicked a wandering sheep while working at his petrol station, and broke his toe, oddly enough. The Copeland family lost two daughters to meningitis. Rochester footballer Walter Lynch

9. WAR: 1916 – 1918

carried one of the Copeland sisters to hospital, fell and fractured his ankle.

With many men at war and their precarious situations unclear, football took a backseat understandably, but not suppressed. *Rochester Express* reported in 1916, "Robert McMahon, an employee at the Rochester Post Office, was playing football on the Recreation reserve after the weekly drill, when he came in collision with another player and sustained an injury to the shoulder which necessitated his retirement from active service for a few days."¹ However, true to its commitment, Rochester abandoned competitive league football. Scratch matches brought some measure of levity, such as the one between Rochester and Elmore youth teams played in Rochester, on Easter Monday, 1916. The home team met its visitors at the Post Office, and everyone marched to the Recreation ground in an orderly fashion, where they enjoyed a friendly contest. Rochester (1.12.18) defeated Elmore (1.9.15). Rochester and Echuca Scout packs played a game in late June, and in 1918 the Rochester and Echuca cadets met for two matches. A 1918 match between the Australian Natives Association and the Independent Order of Rechabites raised over £8 for the Red Cross.

The following profiles are of Rochester football players who served in the First World War.

Harold Bennett



Harold James Bennett

"If the old Rochester footballer gives as good an account of himself as he did in the football field in past seasons, the Turks will cry 'Imshi!' (clear out) to little purpose," claimed *Rochester Express*.² Bennett joined a reinforcement service for the 10th Machine Gun Company and served in England, and in France on the Western Front. Those units were often the focus of intense enemy fire, nevertheless Bennett survived the war and returned to Australia to continue his teaching. Bennett starred in Rochester's back-to-back grand final teams in 1913 and 1914. His defence in the 1914 decider was a key factor in Rochester's win. Bennett played 17

matches during the 1911 VFL season with University, and then seven matches with South Melbourne during 1914.

William Malcolm Campbell

The 36-year-old from Timmering played for Kyabram in the GV league before joining Rochester and displaying consistently excellent form in the 1915 season. Campbell became one of the first soldiers to enlist, as a member of the 1st Division, which the Australian government organised in early August 1914 in preparation for the war. It consisted of an infantry division and a light horse brigade, as well as an engineers division. Campbell was a driver for the 3rd Field Company Engineers. He embarked on HMAT Geelong in Melbourne on 22 September 1914. The division disembarked in Egypt. Campbell fought in Gallipoli, on the Western Front (including the Battle of Pozières as part of the Somme Offensive), in Germany along the Hindenburg Line, and key battles at Bullecourt, Menin Road and Ypres. In 1917, Campbell wrote to his brother, "...before leaving England I met Harry Williams, and we had a good time together ... The first time I was in the trenches I was knocked down by a German concussion bomb. ... I got quite a shock when I met my brother Les, who had been a year over here, and is going strong. We both went through the Messines battle all right, and it was so terrible I will never forget it. It was terrible to see your pals killed around you, and I do not know how I came out of it alive. Tom Holmes is in the same battalion as myself, and is our scout. Everyone will be pleased to hear that he has won the D.C.M."³ On 23 June 1918, Campbell was killed in battle when the 1st Division halted the German offensive at Hazebrouck. The circumstances of his death are unknown. He was buried in Borre British Cemetery, France.



William Campbell

George Bruce Clayton

Clayton worked as a grocer. Initially Dr Sandison failed Clayton's physical exam, but Clayton later enlisted in Melbourne, July 1916, at the age of 23. He joined the 24th Infantry Battalion as reinforcement. Clayton fought in many brutal battles in France, including the second battle of Bullecourt where 80% of the unit was lost in a single day on 3 May 1917. On 1 September, the unit played an integral role in recapturing a German stronghold in Mont St Quentin. President of the recruiting committee, Rev George Tregear had boasted at a meeting, "I rejoice that I drove him



George Clayton



Perspectives

We had a cat. A friend told me that if you're going into a grocery business, that you'd need a cat. My wife and the cat cried all the way to Rochester. Five years later coming home to Melbourne, the cat and the wife cried all the way back.

Noel McMahan, 9 November 2009

This chapter aims to complement the *Dynasty* chapter. *Dynasty* provides the nuts and bolts of what happened during that era - the results, movement of players, league news - but in *Perspectives*, pertinent voices share their personal accounts of the matches, the players, coaches, and supporters. The chapter collates notable excerpts from interviews conducted between 2009 and 2012, and includes quotes from secondary sources.

Although I interviewed a number of players from different eras, the focus has been on players from Rochester's golden era of 1958 to 1965. At its height, the Bendigo league featured champions from around Australia, and Rochester boasted a dominant force among them. The senior team played in eight consecutive grand finals and won four. Before then, Rochester had struggled to compete for the premiership, despite the efforts of quality coaches and a strong contingent of players.

I hope the reader may glean a lively impression of the club's culture and dynamics from these interviews. I am sincerely honoured and thankful to all those who have shared their stories.

Interviewee	Date of Interview
Jack Anderson	12 November 2009
Max Bennett	13 January 2010
Spencer Broom	22 October 2009
Ken Colvin	30 June 2010
Trevor English	26 November 2011
Daryl Hooper	11 November 2009
Noel Howe	22 October 2009
Ken Ingram	13 January 2010
Brian Jones	25 May 2010
Robert Kelly	28 May 2010
Robert Knight	26 May 2010
Barry McIntyre	1 July 2010
Noel McMahan	9 November 2009
John McMahan	21 January 2012
Bruce Major	20 April 2011
Russ Major	12 November 2009
Con O'Toole	24 May 2010
Trevor Randall	8 June 2010
Fred Rodda	20 October 2009
John Williams	1 July 2010
Herb Zegelin	11 December 2011

NOEL McMAHEN

Noel McMahan was one of the biggest names in football by 1957. Recruited from Mordialloc and romanced by Hawthorn, McMahan signed with Melbourne in 1946. McMahan quickly developed into a respected and feared half-back as one of the toughest VFL players around. He played in three premierships - the 1948, 1955 and 1956 triumphs - the last two as captain. He represented Victoria on four occasions in 1952 and 1954 and won Melbourne's best and fairest in 1951.

Noel McMahan
Melbourne champion and Rochester coach 1957-1961:

Rochester knew during 1956 that I was retiring from the VFL. (Rochester secretary) Jack Green started talking to me before the finals.

Robert Knight
Rochester & GVFL Life Member:

My father (Life Member Hugh) was involved in getting Noel McMahan. He went down and interviewed him. At that stage, it was a very unique thing to have the captain of a VFL team come to the country.

Noel McMahon — *The Argus* 6 November 1956:

Since I announced my retirement three months ago I have had approaches from 45 different clubs, and, after deep consideration, I believe Rochester's offer is the one that suits me best.

Jack Anderson
Legendary Rochester administrator:

At the time, Noel was captain of Melbourne and playing half-back. Jack Green was our famous secretary and did a lot of work and got Noel from Melbourne to come and coach us. We gave him a six-year contract, paying £1000 a year.

Noel McMahon:

I was persuaded to go up there by Jack Green. I'd retired from league football after eleven years, and I had a lot of offers to consider, including going to Canberra in my employment. I was with the Commonwealth Treasury Defence, so initially we were moving to Canberra. My wife and kids decided they didn't want to go to Canberra, so I looked around and it was Jack who attracted me. Pure and simple. People used to laugh at me saying 'Premiership captain going to a little town like Rochester, what are you doing?' but I knew Jack would look after me. He kept all of the promises he made to me too. It was the people that had won me over.

Fred Rodda
Four-time premiership player, best & fairest, BFL representative:

I think he was the first real professional coming out of the Melbourne league at the time and the highest paid. There was a lot of excitement when Noel came. We were certainly looking forward to the coming year once that appointment was made.

Noel McMahon:

Leaving the team (Melbourne), it wasn't so hard because I'd worn myself out. They'd tried to get me another year but I'd thought, and Ivor Warne-Smith, the Chairman of Selectors thought perhaps I'd finish on a bad note if I went another year. I'd had eleven years, which was pretty long in those days.

Barry McIntyre



Barry McIntyre

McIntyre joined Rochester in 1956 and made an impression in the Bendigo league as an imposing forward with strong marking and kicking abilities. In 1957, McIntyre and another Rochester player Noel Howe were put through their paces at the St Kilda try-out. McIntyre played another consistently excellent year in 1957, and St Kilda came calling again. This time he re-located to Melbourne and joined the Saints. After an impressive pre-season, he made his debut in round two 1958 against Essendon at the Junction Oval, months shy of his 21st birthday. He

kicked one goal in the 38-point win. McIntyre wound up playing nine matches for the year and kicked eight goals. His year was also spent successfully in the reserves, kicking 10 goals against North Melbourne and five against Footscray in June. He was a member of St Kilda's 1958 night premiership team. Averse to city life, McIntyre signalled his intent to return to the farm, but St Kilda would not clear him. He sat out the 1959 season, and missed out on being part of Rochester's premiership team. He played round one and two in 1960 before clearance was finally granted. He then returned to Rochester and played for two years, relocating to Deniliquin after the 1961 season. In 1977 a group of locals including McIntyre formed the Deniliquin football club, existing to date.

Noel McMahan



Noel McMahan

Noel McMahan had a career envious of most footballers. Recruited from Mordialloc, he played 175 games with Melbourne from 1946 to 1956. Although playing on a half-forward flank in Melbourne's 1948 premiership, it was on the half-back line where McMahan forged his reputation as a physical and instrumental member of Melbourne's Golden Era. His tenacious attack on the ball inspired teammates and intimidated opponents. McMahan also possessed brilliant skills and intelligent play. He represented Victoria

four times and played in the 1949 reserves premiership. He won Melbourne's best and fairest in 1951 and was named in the All-Australian team in 1954. McMahan captained Melbourne to two premierships in 1955 and 1956. The news of his acceptance to coach

Football Club Records

AFFILIATIONS

Seniors

1874 - 1889	<i>Pre-Association Football</i>
1890 - 1894	Northern District Football Association
1895 - 1900	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1901 - 1903	Echuca District Football Association
1904 - 1906	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1907	Campaspe Football Association
1908	Echuca, Moama & Rochester Football Association
1909 - 1911	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1912	Echuca District Football Association
1913 - 1914	Goulburn Valley District Football Association
1915	Bendigo Football League
1916 - 1918	<i>First World War</i>
1919 - 1920	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1921 - 1922	Rochester District Football League
1923 - 1940	Bendigo Football League
1941 - 1943	<i>Second World War</i>
1944 - 1945	Campaspe Valley Football Association
1946 - 1971	Bendigo Football League
1972	<i>Recess</i>
1973 -	Goulburn Valley Football League

Reserves

1946 - 1971	Bendigo Football League
1972	<i>Recess</i>
1973 -	Goulburn Valley Football League

Under 18s

1954 - 1971	Bendigo Football League
1972 -	Goulburn Valley Football League

Under 16s

2021 - 2022	Goulburn Valley Football League
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Juniors

1876 - 1890	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1891	Northern District Football Association
1892 - 1903	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1904	Campaspe District Football Association
1905 - 1906	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1907	Campaspe District Football Association
1908	Campaspe Valley Football Association
1909	Campaspe Football Association
1910 - 1911	Rochester District Football Association
1912 - 1915	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1916 - 1918	<i>First World War</i>
1919 - 1920	Rochester District Football League
1921 - 1922	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1923	Rochester Junior Football Association
1924 - 1926	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1927 - 1931	Lockington District Football League
1932 - 1935	Echuca Football League
1936 - 1937	<i>Non-Association Football</i>
1938 - 1940	Rochester District Football Association

What is Juniors football?

There are significant distinctions between senior and junior football. Nowadays, junior football refers to age, whereby a player advances through the age groups until he begins playing open football after the age of 18. Junior footballers in the formative period could be any age, 14 or 32 years. Rather, junior football referred to playing ability. He would have been a novice, still learning the game, or a veteran that found the slower pace of junior football more appealing. Junior matches were often curtain raises to senior matches, or they were played at smaller venues in town.

Rochester's first known junior match was in 1876; the same year Rochester formed its first independent senior team. The senior team began association football in 1890 and the juniors did likewise a year later. When Rochester's senior team was dormant, and junior associations formed, it proved mutually beneficial. The senior footballers were able to keep their end in the game, and the junior footballers were able to learn from, train and play with senior footballers.

In 1909, *The Age* noted: "It was hoped that the juniors might train with the seniors and pick up points from the coaches. If the juniors saw that the seniors took an interest in them they would not wish to leave the junior club to go to another league, but would naturally gravitate to the senior club in their own district."¹⁸

Although the natural progression of players moved from juniors to seniors, they were separate clubs. The juniors elected their own officials and played against different clubs than the seniors, usually smaller district clubs. Player transfers always presented a contentious issue. The transfer of a junior player to the senior team often happened to fill a gap from injury or absence. League officials limited the number of senior games a junior could play to avoid the situation where a player could be a member of both clubs.

After the Second World War, the Bendigo Football League introduced the reserves grade that consolidated the array of juniors associations with the BFL, ending Rochester's participation in local district football. The under 18s division began in 1954 owing to football's resounding popularity nationwide, enabling aspiring young footballers to have a crack.

B: Simon McCarty, Rohan King, Kevin Eefting, Michael Gallagher, Ashleigh Davis, D. Stevenson.

R20 - Aug 15, Echuca

Echuca 20.21.141 d Roch 2.1.13
G: Rohan King, Michael Tamburini, Michael Gallagher, Nigel Stevenson, Ashleigh Davis, Rohan King, Steven Fehring, M. Ponton.

R21 - Aug 22, Rochester

Moor 24.20.164 d Roch 2.3.15
G: M. Ponton, D. Kay.
B: Ashleigh Davis, Steven Brann, Michael Gallagher, Rohan King, M. Ponton, Steven Fehring.

R22 - Aug 29, Tongala

Tongala 27.20.182 d Roch 0.1.1
B: Ashleigh Davis, Steven Brann, Rohan King, Justin Cleary, Michael Gallagher, M. Kay.

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R1 - April 2, Euroa

Euroa 15.13.103 d Roch 13.15.93
G: David Eefting 4, Anthony McPhee 2, Peter O'Neill 2, Michael Smeaton, Simon McCarty, Darren Hooper, Darryl O'Neill, Brendan McCarty.

B: Peter O'Neill, Simon McCarty, David Eefting, Warren Martin, Michael Smeaton, Anthony McPhee.

R2 - April 9, Rochester

Roch 19.16.130 d Tongala 12.16.88
G: David Eefting 5, Darren Hooper 4, Peter O'Neill 2, Brendan McCarty 2, David Fuller 2, Anthony McPhee 2, Brendan Atley, Brendan Flanagan.

B: David Eefting, Darryl O'Neill, Simon McCarty, Brendan Flanagan, Michael Gravina, Brendan McCarty.

R3 - April 16

Rochester Bye

R4 - April 23, Shepparton

United 24.19.163 d Roch 15.10.100
G: Peter Fuller 5, Darren Hooper 3, Darryl O'Neill, Michael Keenan, David Eefting, Simon McCarty, Anthony McPhee, Wayne Williams, Michael Gravina.

B: Peter Fuller, Darren Hooper, Warren Martin, Michael Keenan, John Atley, Simon McCarty.

R5 - April 30, Rochester

Roch 26.20.176 d Tatura 12.6.78
G: Peter Fuller 5, Simon McCarty 5, Anthony McPhee 5, Wayne Williams 4, Darren Hooper 2, Brendan McCarty 2, John Atley, Gavin Mahoney, Darryl O'Neill.

B: Simon McCarty, Darryl O'Neill, Michael Gravina, Darren Hooper, Warren Martin.

Int - May 1, Kyabram

Goulburn Valley FL 28.15.183 d Sunraysia FL 12.6.78

R6 - May 7, Kyabram

K'bram 21.10.136 d Roch 17.16.118
G: Peter Fuller 6, Wayne Williams 4, Darren Hooper 3, John Atley 2, Peter O'Neill, Brendan McCarty.
B: Darryl O'Neill, Peter Fuller, Wayne Williams, Darren Chugg, Michael Keenan, John Atley.

R7 - May 14, Rochester

Roch 19.16.130 d Moor 17.18.120
G: Peter Fuller 7, Bruce Watson 4, Simon McCarty 2, Michael Keenan

2, Brendan Atley 2, Michael Gravina, Darren Hooper.

B: Darren Chugg, Peter Fuller, Michael Gravina, Darryl O'Neill, Michael Keenan, Simon McCarty.

R8 - May 21, Shepparton

Roch 19.14.128 d Lemnos 16.5.101
G: Peter Fuller 5, David Eefting 3, Robert Miller 3, Michael Gravina 2, Michael Keenan 2, Bruce Watson, Darren Hooper, Brendan McCarty, Simon McCarty.

B: Michael Keenan, Bruce Watson, Brad McEwan, Peter Fuller, Warren Martin, Robert Miller.

R9 - May 28, Rochester

Roch 20.11.131 d Echuca 18.13.121
G: Peter Fuller 5, Simon McCarty 3, Darren Hooper 3, Bruce Watson 2, Michael Gravina 2, Peter O'Neill 2, Michael Keenan 2, Brendan McCarty.

B: Michael Keenan, Bruce Watson, Simon McCarty, Peter Fuller, Darren Hooper.

R10 - June 4, Shepparton

Roch 16.16.112 d Shepp 14.17.101
G: Michael Gravina 3, Michael Keenan 3, Brendan Atley 2, Peter Fuller 2, Robert Miller 2, Darryl O'Neill 2, Peter O'Neill, Bruce Watson.

B: Michael Keenan, Michael Gravina, Darryl O'Neill, Darren Chugg, Wayne Williams, David Eefting.

Int - June 10, Bendigo

Bendigo FL 20.14.134 d Goulburn Valley FL 11.11.77

R11 - June 12, Rochester

Roch 17.15.117 d Seym 11.15.81
G: Darren Hooper 6, Peter Fuller 3, Darren Chugg 2, Robert Miller 2, Darryl O'Neill, Michael Gravina, Michael Keenan, Brendan Atley.

B: Darren Hooper, Darren Chugg, David Eefting, Warren Martin, Brendan Atley, Michael Keenan.

R12 - June 18, Euroa

Roch 9.13.67 d Euroa 8.7.55
G: Robert Miller 2, Peter Fuller, Darren Hooper, Brendan McCarty, Simon McCarty, Darryl O'Neill, Peter O'Neill, Bruce Sinclair.

B: Robert Miller, Michael Keenan, Ross Andrews, Bruce Sinclair, Darren Hooper, David Eefting.

R13 - June 25, Tongala

Roch 22.17.149 d Tongala 8.6.54
G: Peter Fuller 8, Robert Miller 4, Michael Gravina 3, Simon McCarty 3, Brendan McCarty, Michael Keenan, Darryl O'Neill, Darren Chugg.

B: Robert Miller, Michael Gravina, Peter Fuller, Wayne Williams, Ross Andrews, David Eefting.

R14 - July 2

Rochester Bye

R15 - July 9, Rochester

Roch 13.9.87 d United 9.9.63
G: Darren Hooper 4, Peter O'Neill 2, Bruce Sinclair 2, Brendan Atley, Peter Fuller, Michael Gravina, Michael Keenan, Bruce Watson.
B: Robert Miller, Ross Andrews, Michael Keenan, Bruce Sinclair, Simon McCarty, Darren Hooper.

R16 - July 16, Tatura

Roch 13.22.100 d Tatura 8.14.62

G: Peter Fuller 4, Darren Hooper 2, Brendan Atley, Bruce Sinclair, Michael Gravina, John Atley, Darryl O'Neill, Michael Keenan, Simon McCarty.

B: Bruce Sinclair, Warren Martin, Michael Keenan, Darryl O'Neill, Darren Hooper, Darren Chugg.

R17 - July 23, Rochester

Roch 23.16.154 d K'bram 13.7.85
G: Peter Fuller 7, Robert Miller 5, Darren Hooper 3, Michael Gravina 2, Michael Keenan 2, John Atley, Simon McCarty, Darryl O'Neill, Bruce Sinclair.

B: Robert Miller, Michael Keenan, Darren Chugg, Warren Martin, Simon McCarty, Bruce Sinclair.

R18 - July 30, Mooropna

Roch 17.8.110 d Moor 14.11.95
G: Peter Fuller 6, Bruce Sinclair 3, Robert Miller 3, Darren Hooper 2, Michael Gravina 2, Simon McCarty.
B: Michael Keenan, Darren Chugg, Bruce Sinclair, Warren Martin, Peter Fuller, Russell Holman.

R19 - Aug 6, Rochester

Lemnos 19.8.122 d Roch 15.11.101
G: Peter Fuller 5, Darren Hooper 3, Darren Chugg, Brendan McCarty, Simon McCarty, Robert Miller, Peter O'Neill, David Ward, Wayne Williams.

B: Darren Hooper, Darren Chugg, Peter Fuller, Simon McCarty, David Eefting, Ross Andrews.

R20 - Aug 13, Echuca

Roch 16.17.113 d Echuca 14.13.97
G: Peter Fuller 4, Robert Miller 4, Simon McCarty 3, Brendan McCarty 2, Michael Gravina, Darryl O'Neill, Ross Andrews.

B: Simon McCarty, Ross Andrews, David Eefting, Brendan Atley, Robert Miller, Darren Chugg.

R21 - Aug 20, Rochester

Shepp 26.18.174 d Roch 12.10.82
G: Peter Fuller 4, Darren Hooper 2, Brendan Atley, Darren Chugg, Simon McCarty, Brendan McCarty, Peter O'Neill, Wayne Williams.
B: Brendan Atley, Ross Andrews, Darren Chugg, David Collins.

R22 - Aug 27, Seymour

Seym 11.15.81 d Roch 10.10.70
G: Peter Fuller 5, Brendan McCarty 2, Michael Gravina, Darren Hooper, Bruce Sinclair.

B: Michael Keenan, Brendan McCarty, Peter Fuller, Darren Chugg, Greg Wolfe, Bruce Sinclair.

QF - Sept 4, Tatura

United 12.10.82 d Roch 8.10.58
G: Brendan Atley 3, Darren Hooper 2, Brendan McCarty, Simon McCarty, Robert Else.
B: Darryl O'Neill, Robert Else, Simon McCarty, Brendan Atley, Russell Holman, Wayne Williams.

ISF - Sept 10, Mooropna

Moor 19.21.135 d Roch 9.18.72
G: Peter Fuller 4, Russell Holman, Darryl O'Neill, Robert Miller, Bruce Watson, Michael Gravina.
B: Darren Chugg, Robert Miller, Michael Keenan, Darryl O'Neill, Ross Andrews, Robert Else.

1988 Reserves

R1 - April 2, Euroa

Roch 11.16.82 d Euroa 10.5.65

G: Mark Logie 3, Peter Ward 2, Robert Else, Michael Haisman, Gavin Mahoney, Paul Healy, S. Douglas, Gary Slattery.
B: Mark Keenan, Jack Logie, Gavin Mahoney, Paul Seddon, David Ward, Michael Haisman.

R2 - April 9, Rochester

Roch 8.9.57 drew with Tongala 7.15.57

G: Bruce Sinclair 2, Greg Ingram 2, S. Douglas, Paul Seddon, Ian Baker, David Wheelhouse.

B: Bruce Sinclair, Steven Carr, Michael Keenan, Paul Seddon, Gary Slattery, Peter Hooper.

R3 - April 16

Rochester Bye

R4 - April 23, Shepparton

United 13.10.88 d Roch 12.8.80

G: Dean Stronach 2, Brendan Flanagan 2, Mark Logie 2, Paul Healy 2, Michael Eefting, Ian Baker, Paul Seddon, Gary Slattery.

B: Brendan Flanagan, Peter Hooper, Paul Seddon, M. Keenan, Gavin Mahoney, Michael Smeaton.

R5 - April 30, Rochester

Roch 10.9.69 d Tatura 5.15.45

G: Mark Logie 2, Gavin Mahoney 2, Paul Healy 2, Michael Haisman, Michael Eefting, David Ward, Greg Ingram.

B: Robert Else, Francis Lee, David Miller, Peter Hooper, Greg Ingram, Ian Baker.

R6 - May 7, Kyabram

K'bram 17.10.112 d Roch 7.7.49

G: S. Douglas 2, Paul Healy 2, David Ward, Greg Ingram, Mark Walsh.

B: Robert Else, Ian Baker, David Miller, Gerard Myers, Gary Slattery, Paul Healy.

R7 - May 14, Rochester

Moor 14.10.94 d Roch 10.11.71

G: Gerard Myers 2, Gary Slattery 2, Greg Ingram, Steven Carr, Gavin Mahoney, Michael Smeaton, Robert Else, S. Douglas.

B: Robert Else, Gavin Mahoney, Greg Ingram, Dean Stronach, David Miller, Gary Slattery.

R8 - May 21, Shepparton

Roch 16.11.107 d Lemnos 6.2.38

G: Peter O'Neill 3, Mark Logie 3, Paul Healy 3, Michael Eefting 2, Gerard Myers, Gavin Mahoney, Gary Slattery, Paul Seddon, Michael Haisman.

B: Paul Seddon, David Miller, Robert Else, Peter O'Neill, Paul Healy, Gavin Mahoney.

R9 - May 28, Rochester

Roch 11.12.78 d Echuca 6.8.44

G: Mark Logie 4, Andrew Holmberg 2, Michael Eefting 2, Mark Keenan, Gary Slattery, Michael Sinclair.
B: Paul Seddon, Robert Else, Mark Holmberg, David Ward, Dean Stronach, David Miller.

R10 - June 4, Shepparton

Shepp 12.13.85 d Roch 9.5.59

G: Mark Logie 5, Paul Healy 2, Paul Seddon, Brendan Foott.

B: David Ward, Tony Hooppell, Robert Else, Gavin Mahoney, Mark Logie, David Miller.

R11 - June 12, Rochester

Roch 12.6.78 d Seym 10.12.72

G: Paul Healy 5, Ian Baker 3, Brendan Foott 2, David Miller, Peter Hooper.

B: Ian Baker, Paul Healy, Brendan Foott, Andrew Holmberg, Robert Else, Francis Lee.

R12 - June 18, Euroa

Roch 9.14.68 d Euroa 5.4.34

G: Brendan Foott 2, Steven Carr, Andrew Holmberg, Peter Hooper, Gavin Mahoney, Paul Healy, Gary Slattery, Mark Walsh.

B: Gavin Mahoney, Peter Hooper, Brendan Foott, David Ward, Russell Holman, Gary Slattery.

R13 - June 25, Tongala

Roch 10.9.69 d Tongala 4.5.29

G: Darren White 2, Paul Healy 2, Peter Hooper, Gavin Mahoney, Gary Slattery, Mark Walsh, David Miller, David Ward.

B: Gavin Mahoney, Gary Slattery, Greg Ingram, Darren White, Robert Else, Russell Holman.

R14 - July 2

Rochester Bye

R15 - July 9, Rochester

United 5.12.42 d Roch 5.1.31

G: Michael Haisman, Andrew Holmberg, Peter Hooper, Mark Walsh ☺

B: Greg Wolfe, David Ward, Peter Holmes, Gavin Mahoney, Paul Healy, Andrew Holmberg.

R16 - July 16, Tatura

Roch 8.11.59 d Tatura 5.15.45

G: Darren White 2, Michael Haisman, Mark Walsh, Anthony McPhee, David Ward, Peter Hooper, Brad McEwan.

B: Gavin Mahoney, David Ward, Paul Seddon, Peter Holmes, Michael Eefting, Peter Hooper.

R17 - July 23, Rochester

K'bram 8.7.55 d Roch 7.5.47

G: Paul Healy 3, Gavin Mahoney, Brendan McCarty, Mark Walsh, Michael Eefting.

B: Brad McEwan, Michael Holmberg, Francis Lee, Anthony McPhee, David Miller, Andrew Holmberg.

R18 - July 30, Mooropna

Moor 9.6.60 d Roch 9.2.56

G: Gavin Mahoney 2, Peter Hooper 2, David Ward 2, Michael Smeaton, Darren White, Michael Eefting.

B: David Ward, Michael Smeaton, Neville Staley, David Miller, Mark Keenan, Michael Eefting.

R19 - Aug 6, Rochester

Roch 17.11.113 d Lemnos 8.5.53

G: Mark Walsh 5, Peter Holmes 3, Michael Smeaton 3, Anthony McPhee 2, Greg Ingram, Peter Hooper, Paul Healy, Brendan Foott.
B: Michael Holmberg, Michael Smeaton, Peter Holmes, Mark Walsh, Brad Trewin, David Collins.

R20 - Aug 13, Echuca

Roch 12.13.85 d Echuca 9.9.63

G: David Ward 2, Ian Baker 2, John Atley 2, Anthony McPhee 2, Michael Eefting 2, Gary Slattery, Peter Holmes.

B: David Ward, Michael Eefting, Greg Ingram, Michael Holmberg, Peter Hooper, Michael Smeaton.

R21 - Aug 20, Rochester

Shepp 8.13.61 d Roch 7.11.53

G: Bruce Watson 2, Michael Smeaton 2, David Ward, Anthony McPhee, John Atley.

B: Peter Holmes, Darren White, Greg Wolfe, John Atley, David Miller, Bruce Watson.

R22 - Aug 27, Seymour

Roch 7.15.57 d Seym 5.6.36

G: Paul Healy 2, Ian Baker 2, Wayne Williams, Michael Eefting, Michael Smeaton.

B: Darren White, Bruce Watson, Robert Else, Michael Keenan, Michael Eefting, Wayne Williams.

1988 Under 18**R1 - April 2, Euroa**

Euroa 13.10.88 d Roch 12.8.80

G: Shane Tomlinson 2, Michael Gallagher 2, John Wright 2, Warren Trewin 2, Matthew Cleary, Shane Hutchins, S. Franz, Shane Dupuy.

B: Warren Trewin, Shane Tomlinson, Greg Knight, John Wright, Shane Dupuy, Brett Cowan.

R2 - April 9, Rochester

Tongala 11.13.79 d Roch 5.7.37

G: John Wright 2, Greg Knight, Shane Hutchins, Brett Cowan.

B: Warren Trewin, Brett Cowan, Brendan Martin, Cliff Growcott, Stephen Mundie.

R3 - April 16

Rochester Bye

R4 - April 23, Shepparton

United 20.13.133 d Roch 6.7.43

G: Shane Dupuy 3, John Wright, Warren Trewin, Shane Tomlinson.
B: Warren Trewin, Cliff Growcott, Brendan Martin, Brett Wileman, Kevin Eefting, Shane Tomlinson.

R5 - April 30, Rochester

Tatura 15.9.99 d Roch 12.10.82

G: John Wright 2, Rohan King 2, Paul Evans 2, Shane Hutchins 2, D. Stevenson, David Wheelhouse, Warren Trewin, Shane Dupuy.
B: Shane Tomlinson, Shane Hutchins, Brendan Martin, Cliff Growcott, Warren Trewin, Rohan King.

R6 - May 7, Kyabram

Roch 9.10.64 d K'bram 6.7.43

G: D. Graham 3, Shane Dupuy 2, Paul Evans, John Wright, Kevin Eefting ☺

B: Stephen Mundie, Shane Tomlinson, D. Graham, Brendan Martin, Warren Trewin, Greg Knight.

R7 - May 14, Rochester

Roch 15.12.102 d Moor 8.12.60

G: John Wright 4, Paul Evans 2, Rohan King 2, Brett Wileman 2, Shane Dupuy 2, Shane Tomlinson, S. Franz, Shane Hutchins.
B: Rohan King, John Wright, Cliff Growcott, Warren Trewin, Shane Dupuy, Shane Hutchins.

R8 - May 21, Shepparton

Lemnos 11.8.74 d Roch 6.5.41

G: Shane Tomlinson 2, Gary Newman 2, Shane Hutchins, Rohan King.

B: Brendan Martin, Cliff Growcott, Warren Trewin, Brett Cottam, Paul Evans, Kevin Eefting.

R9 - May 28, Rochester

Echuca 14.7.91 d Roch 3.7.25

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