

Guests of honour

Laurie McMahon. Began his career in the 1940's and played league football for Port for many years. Primarily a back pocket who possessed good skills. Laurie was a straight ahead player. He was a member of the 1951 league premiership side and along with Ken Madigan are the oldest surviving premiership players. After playing Laurie became a trainer for many years and was involved during the 4 premierships in a row under John Connelly. Laurie was awarded life membership of the Club in 1964. Still a valued supporter of the Club who visits the Club for tea on some Friday nights.

Leon "Bluey" Conder

Originally a Pirie lad who moved to Whyalla for work. Bluey played for South Whyalla for many years becoming a life member of the South Whyalla football Club. Upon his return to Port Pirie Bluey became a valued player for the Club at half back. A good skilled player, Bluey played in four league premierships 1956, 1958, 1959 & 1960.

After playing Bluey took on a number of different roles at the Club including being on the Committee, Property Steward, Selector and Sprigger. He was awarded life membership in 1965.

Bluey had three sons who played for Port, Kevin & Terry are both league premiership players and Dean moved onto the SANFL where he played over 100 league games for North Adelaide & South Adelaide. Bluey has spent many years at the football supporting the Club.

1966 Team

From Port here tonight – Peter Murphy, Hugh Murphy, Frank Hackett, Wayne Baker (traveled from Queensland), Mick Tattoli, Noel Grenfell, Ernie Rafanelli, Tom Keain, Graeme O'Dea, Kevin Conder, Simon Pisani and Malcolm Wauchope.

Firstly we mention those past champions of this team who have passed on Wayne McGuinness, Shorty Mezzino, Don Rafanelli and John Lauritsen

Other players involved in this side not yet mentioned were Dean Pollard, Trevor Wilson & Kerry Whitlock.

Special Recognition to Co Chairman in 1966 Brian O'Loughlin, Trainer Bob Saler and traveling all the way from Hobart the team Mascot Kim Wolter-Saler.

From North Whyalla we have John Pasculli, Doug Machett, Phil Fairclough, Graeme Stringer, Bert Haslam, Ian Drummond, Leon Wyatt and Bert Sandery.

The 1966 Grand Final was famous for it's fights which even made headlines in the Adelaide News under the banner "Footbrawl". Port was coached by Bob Hammond who is an icon of Australian football only having recently stepped down as an AFL commissioner. North were coached by Bob Marrett former Port Adelaide and state ruckman and playing that day for North as a lad was the great Barrie Robran.

Scores

Port 14 – 17 101

North Whyalla 9 – 10 64

Best Port: Bob Hammond, Peter Murphy, Shorty Mezzino, Graeme O'Dea, Don Rafanelli, Malcom Wauchope, Wayne McGuinness, Wayne Baker and Trevor Wilson

Best North: John Pasculli, Graeme Stringer, Rory Dredge, Ian Drummond, Rod Flavel, Bert Haslam, Bob Marrett, Doug Matchett, Barrie Robran

John Pasculli as a member of North Whyalla to speak. The reunion of the two sides was the idea of John.

Frank Hackett as a member of the Port side to speak.