

PREMIERS AGAIN!

The TIGERS were Handicapped by a Bad Start, but by Grit and Determination Fought their Way to Victory

There was indeed a "HOT TIME IN THE OLD TOWN AT NIGHT"—and Great Rejoicing

The TIGERS were Lionised on every hand and were as proud as Peacocks of their Bull-dog finish

HUGHIE JAMES WINS TROPHY FOR BEST PLAYER FOR SEASON

By "ROBBO"



"Hal! Hal! Hal! Another knot in my tail! A dinkum Tiger knot!"

THE GRAND FINAL.

The Tigers "Pull" Another Flag.

Yes! It was a grand final—a grand final, too—and a grand sight to see the Tigers making the "impossible" possible by beating the "invincible" Blues at their top, while Richmond were, as usual, slow to get into stride.

The third quarter had been started but half a minute when Minogue and Mel Morris found Bazilio, who kicked a splendid goal.

Four minutes to go with four points separating the teams. Old Father Time ticked off the seconds with cruel deliberation, as though impeded by a weight of responsibility.

The best players for Richmond were: Hunt, in great form; and the always fit semifinal and final matchers—Melmoth Smith, Hislop, M. Morris (after half-time), Thorp, Minogue, Turnbull, Hall, Hughes, Taylor and Harber.

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After the Tigers had finished their meal and, incidentally, acquainted all and sundry that they had eaten 'em alive—the good people of St. Kilda no doubt thought they were referring to the eggs that had been served for dinner.

At the Richmond Town Hall. The procession swung into Bridge-road about 9.30 p.m., where a great crowd awaited, and a scene of the wildest enthusiasm prevailed.

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Sunday Morning at the Richmond Ground. O day of rest and gladness. O day of joy and peace.

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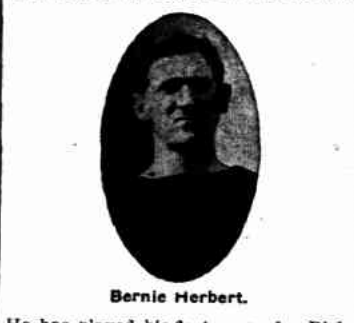
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betting fluctuated in a remarkable manner, and from long odds against John Herbert hardened to odd-on. Inquiries from Joe Stokesberry (Hughie James' trainer) elicited the news that the big black had been off his feed since last night and was fretting because the stable dog had been left at home.



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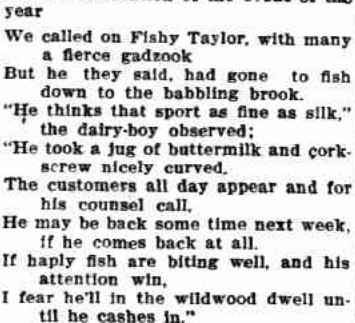
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TESTIMONIAL TO BERNIE HERBERT.

The Editor Richmond "Guardian." Sir,—After the victory of the Tigers on Saturday last, which brought the second premiership to Richmond, that fine sportsman footballer, Mr. B. V. Herbert, stated that it was his last appearance in League Football, and whilst his interest and thoughts would always be with his old club, he had decided to retire from the game.

I would suggest, Mr. Editor, that you should open a "Shilling Fund" for the purpose of presenting a testimonial to Bernie Herbert, who has done so much for the Richmond Football Club.

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TUFTS OF TURF.

Shall we gather At the Valley? Oh, yes—if it's not in flood. At times of writing the prospects are promising—for a flood.

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JOTTINGS

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Two premiership flags were last year there was but one and the year before none—just the old pole as lean and stiff as a porcupine's bristle.

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LETTER FROM BERNIE HERBERT.

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Meeting of Lady Supporters of the Tigers. The Mayresses of Richmond will preside at a meeting of lady supporters of the Richmond Football Club to arrange for a complimentary ball in acknowledgment of the splendid win of the team in their final matches with Carlton.

Skill Another Richmond Premiership. As a curtain-raiser to the Association final game at the East Melbourne ground on Saturday, the 22nd Infantry Battalion, Richmond (Yarra Borderers), minor premiers, and the Engineers fought out the grand final match in connection with the Citizens Forces Association.

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