

## **GLANCING BACK – No 8 – By Noel Pullen**

**100 plus years ago -1900-25**

**BRIGHTON SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER dated 25 OCTOBER, 1913 reported**

**HURLINGHAM**

**COUNCIL CONFIRMS PURCHASE**

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*At Monday's Brighton Council meeting the Finance Committee recommended that the council confirm the actions of Crs. Grout and Pullman in purchasing the balance of the Hurlingham Estate, 12 acres, for £1,800, and that the necessary documents be signified, and sealed. The committee also recommended that the council have power to sell any portion of the land facing Nepean road, Union and Francis streets, after providing for a sports oval, and that the engineer prepare plans, &c.*

*The recommendations were adopted.....*

*The Brighton Union Cricket Club wrote applying for the use of portion of the ground on which they had played during the past six seasons.\*

*Cr. Pullman moved that the club be informed that a reply could not be given for six weeks.*

*Cr. Grout seconded the motion.*

*Other clubs might apply, and the ground could be apportioned between them.*

*The motion was carried.*

**BRIGHTON SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER dated 11 APRIL 1914 reported**

*Slow progress is being made with the development of Hurlingham Estate as a sports ground. The Council has asked the engineer to submit a plan for the sale of the Nepean Road and other frontages, and at the Monday's meeting of the Finance Committee worked itself up into a stew, and decided to post notices prohibiting the area being used as a sports ground on Sundays, when a few lads kick a football about.*

*For broad, expansive patriotism, the neighbouring municipality of Caulfield can show Brighton a bright example in the manner of the treatment of the Elsternwick cricket ground and the Hopetoun Gardens. Contrast Brighton's alleged purchase of a sports ground, with its resale suggestive of estate agents and land deals, and now placarding it with as many restrictions as possible on the citizens for whom and with whose money it was purchased.*

*The purchase was not so extensive that primary importance should be given to squeezing out as many saleable allotments as possible, with the establishment of one of the Council's favourite rockeries, hidden away in the background somewhere, a travesty on the necessary "recreation" ground. If a committee of management of local residents, who are perhaps the most enthusiastic in the whole of Brighton, were appointed, and the engineer asked for his advice to help them in making a sports ground, progress would soon be in evidence.*

*After the vulture land jobbers have finished with the sports ground carcass there will be precious little left for the recreation and muscular development of juvenile Brightonians, the only grounds on which the purchase was justified.*

## **75 plus years ago - 1925-50**

Season 1947-48 Union entered three teams in the top three grades and all sides made the finals.

The proof of the strength of the second team is shown in the following challenge match scores – Brighton Union First Eleven 8/219 (C. Hindson 129) defeated Bentleigh ANA 127

Brighton Union Second Eleven 219 (B. West 112 incl. Five 6s and thirteen 4s) defeated Bentleigh Footballers 139 and 4/186.

Bentleigh Footballers went on to win the premiership in their competition.

The results of the 1947- 48 finals are as follows – Semi - First Eleven 8/239 declared (C Hindson 80, L McAliece 46) defeated Brighton East 55 and 101 (McAliece 8/38, Bach 2/12, Hall 8/54).

Semi - Second Eleven 89 and 148 (Curtis 52) defeated Kooyong Road Methodists 111 and 118.

The first eleven lost their final to Hurlingham and on the final day three players unfortunately could not play due to sickness and the seconds lost to Cluden despite Cullis making 113 and Gooding scoring 108.

The next two seasons all three teams made the finals but there were no premiership successes.

## **DON BRADMAN TESTIMONIAL**

The round five match in November 1948 was played as a one day game on 4 December due to the world's greatest ever cricketer Don Bradman having a testimonial.

## **Fifty plus years ago – 1950-75**

### **CMCA – HERE WE COME**

At the 54<sup>th</sup> annual meeting held in the tennis pavilion, Hurlingham Park on 24 July 1961 the Club members voted to field two teams in the City of Moorabbin Cricket Association thus ending Union's first eleven dominance of the BDCA.

Union's power and glory days ended with its transfer to the CMCA as it was runners up to Bentleigh Methodist in A grade.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CMCA by RUSSELL MOORE



**Russell Moore**

### **FOUNDATION**

The origins of the CMCA dates back to the 1920's with large social groups, such as friendly society lodges, churches and established clubs within the Benteigh and McKinnon area, playing matches on a casual basis. Matches were played on improvised ovals, on any vacant land, often still bearing the deep furrows of market gardens. The better grounds were roughly levelled by working bees with horse drawn grading equipment.

One common theme throughout each decade is the constant battle for the retention of cricket fields, the improvement of playing surfaces and modernisation of club facilities.

### **1930's & 1940's**

From these social games came the desire to formalise a regular playing fixture. An application to join the Frankston-Glenhuntly Cricket Association (the predecessor of the Federal District Cricket Association) was rejected on the basis that our local teams were using sub standard grounds.

This rejection galvanised our clubs to create a new Association with our own identity. The driving force behind this was Benteigh ANA Secretary Henry Joseph (Harry) Morgan. The foundation meeting was held on March 22nd 1930 at a barbers shop in Centre Road Benteigh and thus the Moorabbin and District Cricket Association came into existence. Ted Sherer was Chairman for the first four meetings. At the fifth meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1930 delegates were asked to vote on office bearers and elected Doug Wright as the inaugural President.

The shortest reign as President was only for three weeks. At the Annual General Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1933 Mr Sherer was elected President. At the next general executive meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1933 he was asked to resign and replaced as President by Mr R Hawes. That would have been an interesting meeting to attend.

The fledgling Association started with seven clubs:- Benteigh ANA, Highett, McKinnon, Allendale, P.A.F.S (Protestant Alliance Friendly Society), Benteigh Labour Party and G.U.O.O.F (Grand United Order of Odd Fellows). The inaugural 1930-1931 A grade Premiership was won by Highett C.C.

Over the years the Association has had several name changes. In 1934 a merger with the Benteigh Churches Cricket Association saw our name changed to BDCA (Benteigh and District Cricket Association). Then in 1947 a further name change to CMCA (City of Moorabbin Cricket Association). Now our Association is contemplating a further name change

to better reflect the south east region. As we now administer cricket around the bay from inner city Port Melbourne to as far south as Chelsea and south east to Keysborough.

The 1930's and 1940's were depression and war years and as such posed enormous obstacles to the growth of the new Association. Finance was a constant problem with the competition heavily reliant on donations by local businesses and individuals to provide trophies. Individual Clubs also struggled to survive as few players could afford to pay subscriptions; clothing, footwear and equipment were also scarce. The local Moorabbin Council were reluctant to provide money for ground maintenance and facilities so playing conditions were primitive. In 1935 a new constitution and rules were adopted allowing for stability, and thus eliminating the previously disorganisation experienced at meetings.

As early as 1930 the Association decided to join the VJCU (Victorian Junior Cricket Union). Our delegate was Executive member Frank Lane who attended meetings for twenty five years. Frank was not only a BDCA Life member, but also had the honour of being the first person awarded Life membership of the VJCU (1965) without being a part of their executive.

The Bentleigh and District was the very first association in Victoria to establish junior teams, recognising the need to foster youth involvement in community sport. The first under 15 junior competitions ran from 1937 to 1940. Abandoned during the war and resumed as an under 14 competition in 1948, then expanded to include under 16 teams in 1949 and under 12 teams in 1977.

The first Association games were played against Frankston-Glenhuntly Cricket Association when more cordial relations were in existence. After being beaten in the first two games, the selectors in their own words, "picked the eyes out of our clubs". Turning around our fortunes, having a run of eight successive wins up to the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, when these games were abandoned. The commencement of inter association games also defined our Association colours "Two Blues".

Within the Association there was frequent turmoil as church based Clubs strongly opposed the consumption of alcohol while socialising at post match and Association functions. Many Associations suspended operations during the war, but the Bentleigh and District reduced to twelve teams, continued to provide senior cricket.

In 1939 Keith Wallace joined the Executive holding many roles most notably being Treasurer 1939-1941, 1959-1968 and Junior chairman 1948-1958 overseeing the re-emergence of the junior section after the war. His contribution to our Association is recognised with the U16B grade shield named in his honour.

From the first year of competition the Executive realised the benefits of a strong umpiring group and in 1947 Athol Gatehouse was elected the new Umpires Secretary, a position he would hold for thirty eight years (1947-1985). His contribution to our Association is recognised with Life membership of both the CMCA and Umpires Association (1950) as well as the senior H grade shield named in his honour.

On 29<sup>th</sup> September 1947 the name City of Moorabbin Cricket Association was adopted. In 1949 President Roy Krygger who only served in this role for one season (1948-1949) initiated and organised a memorial tablet dedicated to Association servicemen. Originally erected at Bentleigh Reserve, the tablet is now at Bailey Reserve Pavilion.

On the playing field the period from 1930-1950 was dominated by the Bentleigh Footballers winning twelve A grade Premierships. (To be continued next edition)

## Twenty five years ago plus – 1975 – 2000

Season 1980-81 - Photos of teams for this season

### First Eleven



Back Row: Russell Purvis, Bill Ould, Con Gorozidis, Kevin Adams, Graham Adams, Peter Cook  
Front Row: Mark Olsen, Tony Grant, Jack Vollugi (Coach), Kevin McNally (Captain), Peter Head, David Blair.

### Second Eleven



Back Row: Steve Cunningham, Tim Gallop, Greg Gorozidis, Stephen Cook, Brian Millar, Martin Elks.  
Front Row: Brett Cunningham, Michael Woodward, Jack Vollugi (Coach), Brian Adams (Acting Captain), Brad Kreyborg, Michael Power.

### Third Eleven



**Back Row: Ken Granatt, Danny Griffin, Mark Gurry, Mark Hallowell, Danny McGowan, Maurie Jones, Darren Braybrook**  
**Front Row: Keith Brown, Noel Pullen, Jack Vollugi (Coach), Brian Williams (Captain), Allen Thomas, Charles Oakenfull**

### Fourth Eleven



**Back Row: Darren Blair, Robert Adams, Michael Lynch, George Meszoly, Alan Feigan, John O'Sullivan**  
**Front Row: Craig Caarels, David Wingfield, Jack Vollugi (Coach), Damien Riseley (Captain),  
Mathew Driscoll, Jamie Melzak.**



## Under 16 ELEVEN

Back Row (L-R) A. Thomas (Asst. Manager), R. Krzywaniak, C. Caarels, S. Abrahams,  
K. McAlpine, M. Barnett, K. McNally (Manager).  
Front Row (L-R) A. Power, P. Minahan, A. Reiche, J. Vollugi (Coach),  
J. Melzak (Capt.), J. Roberts, M. O'Connor.



## Under 14 ELEVEN

Back Row (L-R) P. Head (Manager), S. George, F. Giuliano, J. O'Sullivan (V. Capt.),  
 G. Gerdan, R. Talwar, H. Stamatopoulos, D. Riseley (Manager)  
 Front Row (L-R) D. Briggs, S. Egan, S. Harries, J. Vollugi (Coach),  
 Scott Cunningham (Capt.), M. Britten.



## Under 12 ELEVEN

Back Row (L-R) J. Vollugi (Coach), J. Marion, N. Bahen, G. Gorozidis,  
 A. Gerdan, M. Wingfield, D. Wingfield (Manager)  
 Front Row (L-R) J. Tamvakis, J. Richardson, P. Scales, A. Nippard (Capt.),  
 J. Davis, B. Egan, M. Rodgers.

## 10 years ago plus 2000 onwards

### JYE GOROZIDIS

During season 2005-06 a special event was held for our greatest ever cricketer Con Gorozidis it was the Con Gorozidis Tribute Day.

All funds raised on the day, which was substantial, were placed in a trust account for Con's beautiful son Jye who has cerebral palsy.

Over two hundred people attended the event and speeches were delivered by Con's football teammates at St. Kilda Grant Thomas, the current St. Kilda coach, and John Bennett. John also played under-age cricket at Union.

East Sandringham Cricket Club legend Kim Pitt and Brighton Union stalwart Noel Pullen also addressed the crowd.

Entertainment was provided by class act Jason Vorherr who not only the large adult crowd enjoyed but also the children in attendance.

#### The promotional brochure for Con & Jye's function



The brochure features a central image of a cricketer in white attire swinging a bat. The background is green with a yellow banner at the top. Text is arranged in a clear, readable layout, including a list of guest speakers, the date and time of the event, the location, and pricing information. A small inset image shows a football player in action.

BRIGHTON UNION CRICKET CLUB INC.

# Con Gorozidis Tribute Afternoon

**Top Class Entertainment:**  
Guest speakers include:

- Grant Thomas (St Kilda Coach)
- John Bennett (former team mate)
- Kim Pitt (East Sand.C.C. legend)
- Noel Pullen M.P.

*Sunday 13 November 2005*  
*starting at 12noon*

Hurlingham Park,  
Nepean Hwy, East Brighton  
(Melway Ref. 67 J10)

\$25 per head,  
including light lunch  
Drinks at bar prices

Proceeds to assist Con's son, Jye, who has cerebral palsy

**RSVP to Noel Pullen by the 28 October 2005**  
**Phone 9555 4101 or 0439 656 653**

Con received this "mocked up" front page newspaper from the date of his birth.

# SOVIET PLANS REPLY TO JFK

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### Cleopatra has dumped a wardrobe

It cost £27,000!

LONDON, Mon. — An Omani woman wants to know what happened to £27,000-worth of goods she acquired for the actress Elizabeth Taylor.

Ms. Taylor, 37, has been in London for the past few days, and her wardrobe is being packed for her departure to the States.

My reputation  
The woman, who is said to be a former model, is said to have been in London for the past few days, and her wardrobe is being packed for her departure to the States.

Psychological  
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## Gromyko's not hopeful

Associated Press

NEW YORK, Mon. — The Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, tonight was preparing the Soviet reply to President Kennedy's speech to the United Nations today.

Mr. Gromyko refrained from opinion as the President attacked Soviet policy but told his aides: "You were in good luck."

In an informal press conference, Mr. Gromyko said that "some aspects" of the speech "did not meet our objectives regarding the possibility of negotiations in Germany."

Asked if he saw any hopeful signs in the speech, Mr. Gromyko replied: "I would not go so far. I want to study it more thoroughly."

Mr. Gromyko's latest negotiation of the major issues that lay before the United States, said the Soviet Union would "continue to study" President Kennedy's speech on disarmament.

President Kennedy, adding the fact of opposition before the United Nations, challenged the Soviet Union to a "peace race" — a propaganda campaign to prove that economic world disarmament.

"The message of my visit is that we must be able to live in peace," President Kennedy said.

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## EXCLUSIVE - HISTORY IN THE MAKING A CHAMP IS BORN

OLYMPIA & Alex Gorozidis are proud to announce the birth of their first child son Kosta (Con) at 4.30am today at the Queen Victoria hospital.



Both parents were born in Greece, Olympia in Kozani and Alex in Florina with Olympia migrating to Australia in 1958 and Alex in 1955 and were married in September 1960.

Olympia and Alex have never been sporting enthusiasts but predictions are that young Con will become a champion sportsman according to pundits.

He will be his local cricket club Brighton Union's and the Competition's greatest ever player being the consummate all rounder with the bat, ball and athletic fielding ability.

In addition to this he will be an outstanding Australian Rules footballer playing at the highest level with St. Kilda and Footscray and a multitude of other teams including Sandringham, Caulfield, Frankston, East Brighton, Brighton United, Bentleigh, Devon Meadows, Hampton Park, Hampton and Murrumbidgee.

But, above all, predictions are he will be a champion bloke.



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Jye at the big day with dad Con



The crowd at the big day and St.Kilda Football Club coach Grant Thomas addresses the throng



**Class act Jason Voherr entertained the masses and**



**Great mate John Bennett told some interesting stories**



# A champion of two sports

PAUL AMY

**FLAMBOYANCE** distinguished his football and cricket, and the flyer captures it perfectly.

In the left-hand corner is a photograph of Con Gorozidis playing in the old VFL for St Kilda. He is perched on the shoulders of a Fitzroy opponent, ready to pluck a spectacular mark.

The picture of him drilling a cover drive for the Brighton Union club is given more prominence. There is a flourish about the follow-through of the bat; you fancy the ball finished up a long way from where the bowler wanted.

The flyer promotes a tribute day for Gorozidis, to be held on Sunday, November 13.

Many stories of his sporting excellence will be told and some will be recounted long after his playing days are done.

He is a legend of the Bayside sporting scene. If people don't know him personally, they certainly know of him.

We shall start with his football.

Gorozidis was a spasmodically brilliant but ultimately unfulfilled player at league level, first with the Saints and then Footscray.

He used his gifts casually; a total of 34 games was unrepresentative of his talent, according to St Kilda historian Russell Holmesby.

In a 2003 interview with the *Leader* Gorozidis admitted: "I reckon I could have done a lot more".

"I got into the social life. A lot of people tried to help me get



Con Gorozidis and son Jye.

out of it but I was too young and naive. The women and the social life were too much.

"It got the better of me, I wasn't committed enough."

Holmesby said Gorozidis had "unlimited ability" but "didn't persevere". Gorozidis lacked the height to play in key positions and was without the nip to be a flanker "but he still should have been a very good player".

He went on to play with Sandringham in the VFA and at suburban clubs Hampton United, East Brighton, Hampton Park, Devon Meadows, Bentleigh and Murrumbidgee.

Gorozidis always thought himself a better footballer than cricketer - "footy was always my first love". But many think it was the other way around.

He never pursued the summer game to District level, but those who have played with and against him in the City of Moorabbin competition are convinced he would have done well had he chosen to leave

Brighton Union. Former Hampton United player Mark Missen went further, saying all-rounder Gorozidis had it within him to play for Victoria.

"He would have been a bit of an excitement machine, too," Missen said. "He was a megastar."

"Even today, at whatever age he is (44), he can change a game on his day. He's probably been the best player the local comp's ever seen."

Told of the comment, Gorozidis said: "They say that. But it's all hearsay, isn't it?"

Missen recalls a match in 1990/91 when Gorozidis took all 10 wickets against United.

His army of supporters also remembers the 1991/92 season, when he led Union to a giant-killing run over District teams in the Puma Cup.

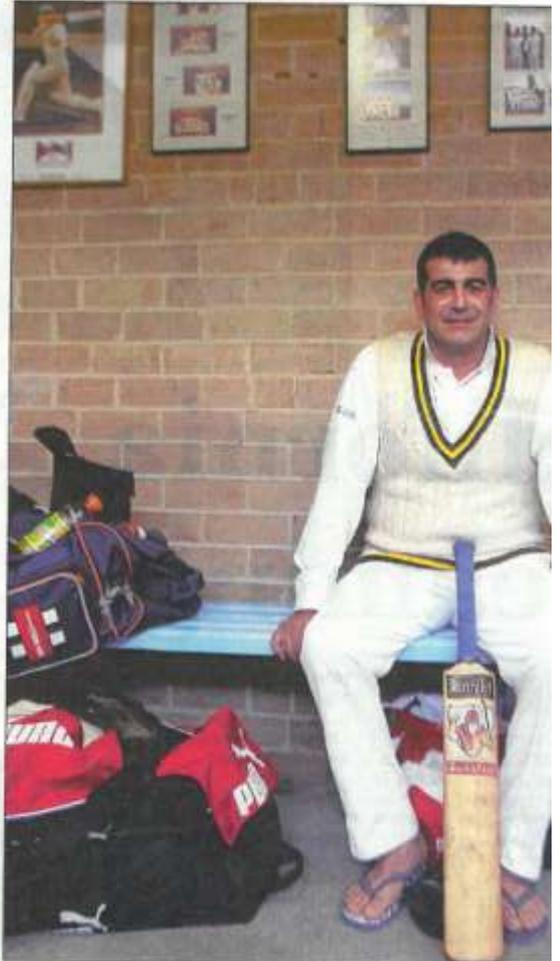
Brighton Union stalwart and Highton Labor MP Noel Pullen says Gorozidis is the greatest player in Union's 98-year history.

Pullen is organising the toast for Gorozidis, and his former St Kilda teammates, Saints coach Grant Thomas and John Bennett, and legendary East Sandringham cricketer Kim Pitt are among the guest speakers.

Proceeds will assist Gorozidis' six-year-old son Jye, who has cerebral palsy.

The function will be staged at Hurlingham Park, the scene of so many of Gorozidis' great performances for Union. Cost of \$25 a person includes a light lunch.

» Details: 9555 4101 or 0439 656 653



Gorozidis is considered Brighton Union's all-time best player.