

PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY MUFC FROM 1958 MUFC JUNIOR PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM (Presented with some minor editing by the Webmaster)

The 1958 MUFC Juniors Premiership winning football team [the 1958 Juniors] wish to donate a trophy to be called the Ian Hamilton ["Munners"] Munro Trophy to be known as " the Munners Trophy"

The Munners Trophy is to suitably honour Munners who while Secretary and Vice President of the Melbourne University Football Club [MUFC] in 1958, took a special interest in supporting the 1958 Juniors, particularly at our Grand Final and who was a very active participant at all our celebratory lunches, until prevented by failing health. He formed a very close bond with the 1958 Juniors.

The 1958 Juniors also wish to honour Munners for his outstanding service to the MUFC as a whole as President [twice] Intersarsity Manager [several times] Secretary and Vice President [many years] and would appreciate that a short version of his service be kept at all times with the Munners Trophy.

Ian Hamilton "Munners" Munro was an outstanding official of the Melbourne University Football Club for a great number of years. He played for University Blues in his early years and tackling him was said to be like trying to divert a runaway battleship.

He later played with University Reds. Ian contributed mightily to the history of the Club, "Black and Blue" having personally served the Club through much of it.

Munners was keeper of the Club's statistics most of which of which he knew by heart.

As he did at our Grand Final to cheer us on to one point victory, Munners was always impeccably dressed in a three-piece suit or at least an immaculate reefer jacket and club tie and invariably brandished a furled umbrella.

The furled Umbrella was Munners signature statement and we plan on incorporating a furled umbrella in the Munners Trophy.

The 1958 Juniors want to honour Munners by donating a trophy in his name for competition between Melbourne University Junior football teams. Actually, the Trophy would be in both his names to perpetuate his endearing practice of referring to everybody by both their first names. When trying, in 2005 to locate all the players from 1958, we were able to sort people out from the phone book by only phoning those who had the two first name initials we remembered from Munners practice.

The 1958 Juniors VAFAs Premiership team was a composite team from University Blacks and University Blues of players under 19 years of age.

We suggest that, as a Junior premiership team from 1958, it would be appropriate to have the trophy we donate, go to modern Junior teams from the same teams that we came from.

Accordingly, we suggest that The Munners Trophy be competed for each year by the Melbourne University Blacks Football Club Juniors and Melbourne University Blues Football Club Juniors, in the first match of the season in which they compete against each other in the Australian Rules Football competition conducted in Melbourne by the Victorian Amateur Football Association [VAFA].

The Munners Trophy is to be awarded to that team which is the winner of the above match.

The Munnors Trophy is for perpetual competition and the name of the winning team each year is to be inscribed on the trophy.

It would be appreciated if The Munnors Trophy is to be in the charge of the Melbourne University Football Board and kept securely in the Pavilion at the University of Melbourne Oval at all times, except when it is being presented at an official football club function.

Please contact me or Mick Sage for any further information you require. Any suggestions you or your Board have, would be appreciated.

If you consider it helpful and appropriate, one or two of our members could be available to attend the Board Meeting at which our Proposal is to be discussed.

Kind regards

Alan Squire
Captain of 1958 Juniors