

WE'VE DONE IT!!

The Beverley Redbacks have broken a seven year premiership drought to be crowned 2003 AFA Premiers. In a thrilling Grand Final, Beverley displayed great character and determination to come from behind and win the game by 13 points.

In excess of a thousand people turned up for AFA Grand Final Day 2003 at Forrest Oval, York and it was Keller/Tammin who took out the Reserves Premiership with a 17 point win over Federals, a well-deserved victory after dropping only one game for the season. Only minutes away from bounce down, the tension began to build and an almighty roar sounded from both camps at the finish of the national anthem. Railways jumped out of the blocks well with a good centre clearance and finished with a goal to take the early ascendancy. The Redbacks hit back and did what they have been doing best all year and that's win the footy. However they were unable to get a clear break on Railways, going into half time with a 15 point lead with Bomber's boys hot on their heels. The third quarter was a copycat to the 2nd Semi Final, with Railways coming out a more aggressive side and Beverley making some costly errors, saw Railways go into the final (missing section...)

The celebrations ran long and hard into the night back at the club as we welcomed home our victorious champions and the sounds of "Up 'em all" could be heard near and far.

It has been an amazing year for the Beverley Football Club both on and off the field, with our league side, like Keller/Tammin in the Reserves, dropping just the one game for the year. We look forward to you joining us as we reflect on the season that was as the Beverley Football Club present the Springdell Medal & Presentation Night, 6:00pm, Friday the 19th of September at the Beverley Town Hall.

Grand Final

Forrest Oval, York Sunday September 14, 2:15pm

Beverley 4.2 8.6 9.7 12.11 (83)

Railways 2.2 6.3 10.9 10.10 (70)

Beverley

Goals: G. Ugle 3; J. Young 3; C. Jas 2; T. Ugle 2; S. Jackamarra 1; P.

Grover 1

Best: C. Reekie; C. Jas; R. Gooding; D. McDonald

Railways

Goals: E. Macale 3; B. Taylor 1; M. Eaton 1; J. Davis 1; D.

DrakeBrockman 1; N. Hubble 1; K. Davis 1; L. Smith 1

Best: G. DeBlecourt; D. Steer; A. Hadrill; D. DrakeBrockman; E. Macale

Comment: Pat Dennis Fairest & Best - Craig Reekie (Beverley) Radio
West Footballer of the Year - Craig Reekie (Beverley)

On Friday the 19th of September, the Beverley Football Club hosted the Springdell Medal & Presentation Night at the Beverley Town Hall and we extend our appreciation to all who attended this function. On this night we recognised the outstanding achievements by members of our player group and gave thanks to the generous support of our tireless volunteers.

In a year where wins were hard to come by for our Reserves, it was great to see an even spread of votes for the players. In an extremely close count the Fairest & Best player was awarded to Ian Richardson. Congratulations must go to Ian, after making a late decision to play with Beverley this year he excelled in every game played. Our Runners-Up were Simon Dawson and Jacob Miller, two of our youthful players who showed great maturity and no doubt have a big future ahead of them. Simon was also rewarded for his good effort this season, being named our Most Improved player. The Most Consistent award went to a man who had his first year with the club and played each game like he was a 200 game veteran, well done on your success Damien Nicholls. We hope to see all these players back in Beverley colours next year! Our sincere thanks go to out-going Reserves Coach Ben Murray on his hard work and dedication over the past three seasons and we wish him all the best for the future.

It was a one horse race for the 2003 Springdell Medal with Chris Jas a run away winner. Chris was welcomed back to the club this year after playing all his junior football with Beverley. This caps off an exceptional season for Chris who was also awarded the Fairest & Best for Avon at this year's Country Week Carnival and selection in the WA State Country side. A well-deserved Runner-Up was Paul Grover. Paul continues to impress with every game he plays and we look forward to him going on to bigger and better things in his football career. The Most Consistent player was awarded to one of our senior players who always gives 100%, in Jason Young. Matthew McLean proved to everyone that if you are disciplined and dedicated at your football, the rewards will come your way and that was certainly the case for Matthew, winning our Most Improved Award. In finals football where the bar is lifted to a higher level, it was Stephen Young who stood out with great rebound football across half back and setting up numerous forward thrusts earning him the "Player of the Finals" Award. Well done to League Coach Craig Reekie, Assistant Coach Brendan McLean and staff for preparing such an organised and professional team who set their goal on getting to the Grand Final early this year and despite a few setbacks always managed to get the job done.

And to cap it all off... a poem by Jezza Barrett-Lennard

BEVERLEY REDBACKS - 2003 AFA LEAGUE PREMIERS!

I will begin in the middle, after all, that's where it all starts,

With big Reeksie, our General, his rucking is a work of art.

At his feet, the midfield brigade, of Tabby, Groves, and Junior, our
reliable skipper,

These blokes have talent written all over them, even from when they played
nippers.

Solly and Joel are the men, who master our wings,

Their silky smooth skills have the opposition, running around in rings.

With the forwards, backs and interchange left only to name, this team
begins to take shape,

And it's by now our trainers, Brutus, Bluebeard, Shawry, Mince & Kat are on
their 14th roll of tape!

The coach has instructed me to push forward, where all the big guns play,

And it's our bullocking centre half forward Sparrow, who always leads the
way.

By his sides is the class of Jaszy, whose disposal is centimetre perfect,

And the poise and balance of metro Macca, it's like he's acrobatic.

The full forward line is a potent one, big Wark is our super boot,

Elmo and Jack are the pocket dynamos, their crumbing around goals is ever
so cute!

Back with the workers, the blue-collar boys, if you like,
The battering they give their bodies each week, you'd seriously have to
question their psych.

There are the Sando twins, Rob and Sean, who put fear in the opposition's
eyes,

Their thumps and bumps can be heard, in their opponent's cries.

And the man they call Pouch, for he is no slouch, with his long raking
kicks,

With a wily old veteran, who plays back these days, commonly known as
Stitch.

Rosco, the boy from Kukerin/Dumblebung, he's tasted success before,
That's why we bloody recruited him, and of course his hardness at the ball.

Dashing runs and ferocious tackling, from our vice-captain Bluey Mann,

Closely watched by old man Bruce, for he is his biggest fan.

On the bench we've got youth, with Jai & Minno, and pace with Trent Hunter,

Not forgetting "Mr Versatile" Frosty, waiting eagerly, in case their
teammates make a blunder.

It's country Macca, who rings the changes and directs the traffic from the
side,

With Goochy delivering the messages, his speed is somewhat tried.

I think that's covered everyone and we thank all behind the scenes,

Because it's not just the blokes who played that day, the whole club is a part of this team.

So congratulations to our Premiers, for the year 2003,

I think their success comes from the special mix, of Keith Carr's squash recipe!