

# WHAT A YEAR FOR ANNIVERSARIES

THERE will be football anniversaries galore in 2016 - with the biggest, of course, being the celebration of the 20th year since the foundation of the Football Hall of Fame WA. This milestone will be marked with a Gala Dinner to be held at the Crown Casino in Burswood on November 26. There will be special guests in abundance, high-profile speakers, a stunning display of memorabilia, the chance to get your photo taken with a World Cup replica and the opportunity to purchase some treasured items. But the centre piece of what promises to be a night to remember will be the induction of more greats of the game in Western Australia into the Football Hall of Fame. More details on the 2016 induction ceremony will be released on the Football Hall of Fame WA website. Other football-focussed highlights to look out for in 2016:

\*This year marks the 120th anniversary of the foundation of the game in WA. The State's ruling body, Football West, has plans to make it a notable celebration.

\*Perth Glory will also be celebrating in 2016. It is 20 years since the club first entered the National Soccer League, which has now been superceded by the A-League.

\*Other milestones include the 20th anniversary of Eddie Lennie becoming the first WA referee to officiate at the Olympic Games - and also the 20th year since WA referees made their debut in the National Soccer League.

\*This year is also the 40th anniversary of the WA State team's achievement of winning the prestigious Marah Halim Cup international tournament in Malaysia for the second time.

\*One of the more unusual anniversaries is the celebration of the 40th year since WA football made history by using Ball Girls for the State men's team's international game against Sunderland, which was held at Perry Lakes Stadium on May 30, 1976.

The girls were mainly members of the WA State women's team. They included Sandra Brentnall, who is now a Hall of Fame Legend, and Linda Lewis. The girls (pictured above).



INTERNATIONAL SOCCER  
BALL GIRLS FOR THE GAME WESTERN AUSTRALIA V SUNDERLAND  
SUNDAY MAY 30th 1976. PERRY LAKES STADIUM  
TOP ROW: A Prouse T Gardner M Willmott L Lewis E Scrimshaw V Downham V Farley  
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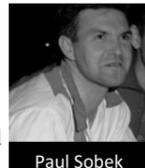
## FOOTBALL WEST LIFE MEMBER HONOUR FOR BOB BROWN



**BOB** Brown, the former treasurer and key committee member of the Football Hall of Fame WA, has been made a Life Member of Football West. Since emigrating from the UK in 1958, Bob has been involved in local football in a variety of roles. As a player, he turned out for North Perth and Perth City before an on-going knee injury forced his retirement. He then became secretary/manager of Perth City in 1961, and later was manager of the State men's team for a number of important games, including the contest against Manchester United at the WACA Ground in 1967. Bob also got involved in coaching with Bayswater United in 1969 and, along with Frank Schaper, helped set up the Coaches Association in WA. He was an Independent Member of the SFWA from 1970 to 1972 and later Junior Vice-President in 1980-81. He went into the sporting goods business in 1969 and was approached to sponsor the junior game. He was the first sponsor of the Country Week competition, an involvement he maintained for many years. Bob was one of the original Committee members of the Football Hall of Fame WA, which was set up in 1996. He was treasurer of the body until 2015.

## RIP PAUL SOBEK AND SERGIO ALFIERI

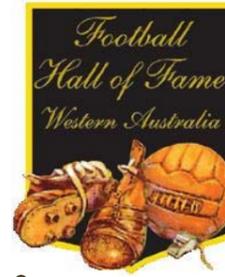
IT IS with much sadness that we announce the deaths of former State team stars Paul Sobek and Sergio Alfieri. Paul Sobek, who died in late 2015 at the age of 85, was one of the State's finest players. He was inducted into the Hall of Champions in 2002 following a distinguished playing career in which he turned out 33 times for the WA State team. He played all his club football in Western Australia for Cracovia, which was instrumental in bringing him from his native Poland along with three other Polish-born stars - including Zygmunt Pieda, who went on to coach the State team, Wally Musial and Henry Lukoszek. Paul was a winger or deep-lying forward with a hungry eye for goal, a trait which he displayed with great determination when he scored six goals for WA in the Merdeka Cup tournament in Malaysia in 1967, finishing as the top marksman in the competition. He also got the crucial goal that earned Cracovia the First Division title in 1966 when the race went down to the wire. He captured the glory in the 1-0 final-match win over Azzurri. He also won the D'Orsogna Cup and the Night Series in 1967. Paul started his working life as a miner in Poland, but he showed a rare passion for football and was soon picked to represent the Polish national team, which in those days was basically an amateur side. He turned out in the Olympic Games for Poland. Sergio Alfieri passed away on December 12, 2015, following a long battle with cancer. He was 68. A talented striker with Bayswater, he was a member of the WA side that took part in Malaysia's Merdeka Cup international tournament in Kuala Lumpur in 1969. WA had reached the semi-finals of the tournament in 1968 and were strongly fancied to go all the way the following year. But the competition was fierce and they ended up playing off for fifth place against the much-fancied South Korean national team, who won 3-2. Alfieri scored one of the goals in a tight contest. He also scored a few weeks later when the State team moved on to Penang to take part in the Kings Cup event. He played in all four games and was on the score sheet against Indonesia. He turned out eight times for the State team.



Paul Sobek



Sergio Alfieri



# THE FAME GAME

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## A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MAJOR SPONSOR

TMM (Traction and Mining Motor repairs) is the new major sponsor of the Football Hall of Fame WA. The WA company will be the principal supporter of the Gala Dinner/Induction event which will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Football Hall of Fame WA at Crown Perth on November 26. With TMM's generous backing, this



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promises to be a night to remember when more inductees will be welcomed into what was Australia's first Football Hall of Fame when it was established in 1996. Those honoured will join the 155 elite who are already members of the Hall of Fame club. Hall of Fame Chairman Louis Prospero said TMM's involvement was a significant coup. "At the Football Hall of Fame Western Australia we are celebrating another induction night that will be held for the first time at the Crown Perth," said Prospero. "Any event costs money and we have been actively seeking sponsorship. So, we are happy to announce that in our 20th anniversary year that we have a Major Sponsor in TMM. "Traction & Mining Motor Repairs has been a long supporter of the Football Family. The company has long history and a highly reputable business which makes our partnership a great fit. "We are looking forward to celebrating this significant anniversary in partnership with TMM with an epic evening". TMM is the largest independent service provider in Western Australia, and one of the largest privately-owned operations in their field in Australia. As specialist repairers of electrical rotating machines, TMM offers an invaluable service to mining and other industrial companies. \*OTHER sponsorship packages are still available for the 2016 Induction Night. Contact Hall of Fame Committee member John O'Connell on 0413 973 846 for details.

## LET'S HAVE YOUR NOMINATIONS



PICTURED: The line-up of Hall of Merit for Players inductees in 2012.

THE Committee of the Football Hall of Fame WA is inviting the public to play the Fame Game. WA's "football family" and others are welcome to make nominations for possible inclusion in the next Football Hall of Fame WA induction night, to be held at Crown Perth on November 26. The public can make nominations for inclusion in the following categories: The **HALL OF CHAMPIONS** (for elite players who achieved a high degree of success at either local, national or international level); The **HALL OF MERIT** for Players (for talented players who made a significant mark on the

game, either at local, national or international level); The **HALL OF RECOGNITION** (for coaches, referees, administrators or others who made a telling contribution to the game). Nominees (male and female) in the playing categories must have been either born in Western Australia, raised in WA or played in WA for a minimum of three seasons. The Committee of the Football Hall of Fame WA welcomes submissions, but reserves the right on having the final say on who will be inducted. Nominations can be submitted by using the appropriate forms which can be accessed on the "How To Nominate" section of the Football Hall of Fame WA website, which is [www.footballhalloffamewa.com.au](http://www.footballhalloffamewa.com.au) The cut-off date for public submissions is April 30, 2016. This year's induction ceremony will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Football Hall of Fame WA. It will be the sixth induction event, others having taken place in 1996, 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2012.

## A Touch Of History In A Frame

THE Committee of the Football Hall of Fame WA has commissioned a series of framed posters that record the history of the WA State men's team's involvement in international challenge games. The games include high-profile contests against the likes of Glasgow Rangers (which is one of WA's most stunning victories), Manchester United, Manchester City, AS Roma, AC Milan, Chelsea, Moscow Dynamo, Tottenham, Sunderland, Nottingham Forest, West Ham and Werder Bremen (another surprise triumph). Also included are tributes to the men who achieved WA's first overseas tournament victory with success against South Korea in the grand final of the Marah Halim Cup in 1975 - and the back-up triumph of defending the trophy when beating South Korea again in the grand final in 1976. These framed posters, and others, will be on show at the 20th anniversary Gala Dinner at Crown Perth on November 26. It is also hoped that they will eventually form an important centre-piece of a display when the aim of establishing a Football Museum is eventually achieved. Orders for copies of any of the posters can be placed at the Gala Dinner. They can also be personalised with photos of individual players who have taken part in certain matches.



Football Hall of Fame Committee Members (from left) Keith Brier, Barry Rogers

## PRECIOUS MEMORABILIA

BOB Beale, the son of original Hall of Fame committee member the late Alan Beale, has gone a long way to helping to preserve the history of the game in Western Australia. He has donated a considerable amount of his father's memorabilia to the Football Hall of Fame WA. Alan Beale played over 500 games in his career with Spearwood/Cockburn and scored around 600 goals. He was also a prolific goal-getter for the State team. "Dad was very proud of his association with the Hall of Fame - and of his efforts to chronicle the history of the game in general," said Bob. "So, I think it is appropriate that I should make this donation and, hopefully, it will go on show one day when the Hall of Fame achieves its aim of establishing a football museum." Bob handed over some historic photos, football boots that are nearly 70 years old and many old programmes and yearbooks that are valuable in the history of WA football to Hall of Fame committee Chairman Louis Prospero JP. "We are very grateful to Bob for this gesture," said Prospero. "These are items that were obviously treasured by Alan, who was a very significant figure in the history of the game in WA." The Committee of the Football Hall of Fame WA is seeking other



donations of memorabilia, with the ultimate aim of putting items on show when the ambition of establishing a Football Museum is achieved. Pictured: Bob Beale with Chairman Louis Prospero

## CATCHING UP WITH BERND



THE POPULAR former Perth Glory coach Bernd Stange is keen to return to WA - at least for a few days. Stange, who is currently coach of the Singapore national team, is interested in being part of the Football Hall of Fame WA's 20th anniversary celebrations on November 26. Hall of Fame Committee members John O'Connell and Roger

Males caught up with the German coach on a recent visit to Singapore when they took in some World Cup qualifying games. "Bernd was delighted to see us and we invited him to come to Perth for our big anniversary night," said O'Connell. "His contract with Singapore expires in April but, because he has such great memories of his time in Perth, he indicated that wherever he goes next as a coach he will try and keep our big date free." Stange was coach of Perth Glory from 1998 to 2001 and he led the club into their first NSL grand final in 2000, which they lost on penalties to Wollongong Wolves. Since leaving the Glory he has coached in Oman, Iraq, Cyprus, Belarus and has been at the helm in Singapore since 2013.

## STAN LAZARIDIS JOINS THE WAIS GREATS

STAN Lazaridis has become only the second footballer to be inducted into the WA Institute of Sport's Hall of Champions. He was welcomed into WA sport's most prestigious line-up of champions at a ceremony at HBF Stadium on October 17, 2015. Perth-born Gary Marocchi, who captained the Socceroos in a distinguished playing career, was the first footballer to be included in the Hall of Champions in 1996. Lazaridis joins an array of WA sporting elite including Olympic champions Herb Elliott and Shirley de la Hunty, cricketing greats Dennis Lillee and Adam Gilchrist, golfer Graham Marsh, Aussie Rules stars Graham Farmer and John Todd and billiards supremos Walter Lindrum and Bob Marshall who have been honoured by WAIS. The 43-year-old said he was humbled and honoured by his Hall of Champions induction, which he saw as a reward for his family and wider support network. "I am really flattered to be included in such a line-up of sporting heroes," said Stan. "To see my name alongside Olympic champions is a special privilege, and a terrific honour. "It's been a long, and a times hard, journey from playing in the local league, getting my chance in the NSL and then going to London, which was daunting. Landing in central London, not knowing anyone and not knowing my way around was a real challenge. But it's been a wonderful journey - and now this honour really caps it off." The latest induction brings off a hat-trick of honours for Stan, who was included in the Football Federation Australia Hall of Fame in 2010 and then became a member of the Football Hall of Fame WA in 2012. He is WA's most capped player, having represented Australia 72 times, 60 of those games being full A internationals. He also took part in four World Cup campaigns and was the first player from the West to be involved in the finals - in Germany in 2006. He captained the WA State team on two occasions, making his debut as a fleet-footed 18-year-old against Moscow Torpedo in 1990. Stan began his senior career with Kingsway Olympic and also played for Stirling Macedonia and Floreat Athena at local level before being snapped up by NSL club West Adelaide. He was transferred to London club West Ham for a fee of \$600,000 in 1995. After four years with West Ham, he dropped a division when transferred to Birmingham City in a deal worth over \$3 million. He was a key player as the club gained promotion to the Premier League. He played 222 games for City, including the League Cup final in which they lost to Liverpool after a penalty shoot-out. Stan returned to WA in 2006 to play for Perth Glory and retired in 2008.



## FRANKENS BUILDING A GOALKEEPING DYNASTY



THERE is a goalkeeping dynasty building in WA with 20-year-old Jordan Franken following in the footsteps of his famous father, Tony Franken, who is currently Australia's goalkeeping coach. Tony played 14 times for the Socceroos and enjoyed a long club career with the likes of Canberra City, Parramatta Eagles, Sydney Olympic and Perth Glory. He, in turn, had followed his own father, Frank Franken, into the goalkeeping ranks. Dutch-born Frank was a player of note during the 1950s-60s. He played for the State team in several international challenges, including a game against Scottish side Hearts, and was a great favourite at East

Fremantle Tricolore, which was Tony's first club before he headed east to fulfil a scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport in 1982. Now Jordan has decided that his prospects of crashing into the big time could be enhanced by going east. After a successful stint with the Perth Glory youth team, he has joined Melbourne club Hume City which plays in the National Premier Leagues Victoria. It is his second stint in the eastern states, having had a brief spell in Victoria in 2014 with the Ballarat Red Devils, where former Perth Glory keeper Danny Milosevic is the Director of Football, before returning to the Glory. Tony, incidentally, still keeps tabs on the Glory's progress when his Socceroos duties allow. He is often spotted at games in the company of other former Glory keepers - and is pictured (on the right) with Tommy Maras and Robbie Zabica. The other picture is of Jordan with his grandfather, Frank.



## IT'S OFFICIAL OUR WEBSITE IS A MAJOR HIT

ACCORDING to Official Web Site Statistics there were 21,446 hits on the Football Hall of Fame WA website (www.footballhalloffamewa.com.au) between January, 2015 and January, 2016. It's gratifying to know that the hard work - all done voluntarily - by the Committee and supporters is reaping rich rewards and that the information is much appreciated by football followers and students of the history of the game in WA. The full Football Hall of Fame WA Committee is: Louis Prospero JP (chairman), Barry Rogers (secretary), Roger Males (treasurer), John O'Connell (sponsorship), Richard Kreider (historian), Mel Moffat (The Fame Game and website editor), Keith Brier (special projects), Sandra Brentnall (advisory role). Patron: Julian Burt JP. Football West representatives: Peter Hugg and Eddie Lennie.