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Grand final win would be the perfect end to milestone year

The Weston Bears will be playing for their 13th title since grand finals were introduced in 1969 when they take on Lambton Jaffas in the Northern NSW National Premier League decider on Sunday. The Bears' first four grand final wins came from 1971 to 1974, followed by another in 1977, then four more in a row (1981-84), a double in 1989-90 and the last in 1995.

The club last played in a decider in 2010, when they were defeated by Edgeworth.

The Weston Football Club was born in 1907 after a party of workmen from Hetton Coal mining complex, Newcastle, were sent to develop the site at Hebburn Colliery near Weston.

Among this group were quite a number of football enthusiasts who persuaded a group to form a football club.

The club achieved throughout the 1920s and 30s but was affected by financial problems in the next two decades and was relegated in 1957.

Weston returned to the top flight in 1964 and this year celebrated their 50th



HONOUR: Justin Kavanagh wearing his cap after he was named as one of the 14 Bears of 50 Years of State Football.

consecutive season of football in the State League – the only club to achieve such a milestone.

A crowd of 300 attended a dinner to celebrate the milestone, when the Bears announced its "14 Bears of the 50 Years of State League Football" which included Roy Johnson, Warren Halverson, John Bond, Tommy Snedden, J.J. Turnbull, J.T. Turnbull, Dennis King, Nathan Morris, Carl Thornton, Brett Gemmill, Ossie Bellamy, David Miller, Justin Kavanagh and David Stoker.

WESTON BEARS SEASON 2014 RESULTS

- Round 1: Weston 3 Lake Macquarie City 1
- Round 2: Weston 0 Broadmeadow Magic 0
- Round 3: Weston 2 Lambton Jaffas 1
- Round 4: Weston 3 Hamilton Olympic 2
- Round 5: Weston 0 Edgeworth 2
- Round 6: Weston 1 Adamstown Rosebud 1
- Round 7: Weston 2 Jets Youth 5
- Round 8: Weston 0 South Cardiff 1
- Round 9: Weston 3 Charlestown City 3
- Round 10: Weston 3 Lake Macquarie City 2
- Round 11: Weston 2 Broadmeadow Magic 1
- Round 12: Weston 2 Lambton Jaffas 2
- Round 13: Weston 0 Hamilton Olympic 3
- Round 14: Weston 3 Edgeworth 2
- Round 15: Weston 4 Adamstown Rosebud 1
- Round 16: Weston 4 Charlestown City 1
- Round 17: Weston 2 South Cardiff 1
- Round 18: Weston 1 Jets Youth 1
- Qualifying final: Weston 3 Lambton Jaffas 2
- Semi-final: Weston 3 Jets Youth 2
- GRAND FINAL: WESTON VS LAMBTON JAFFAS**
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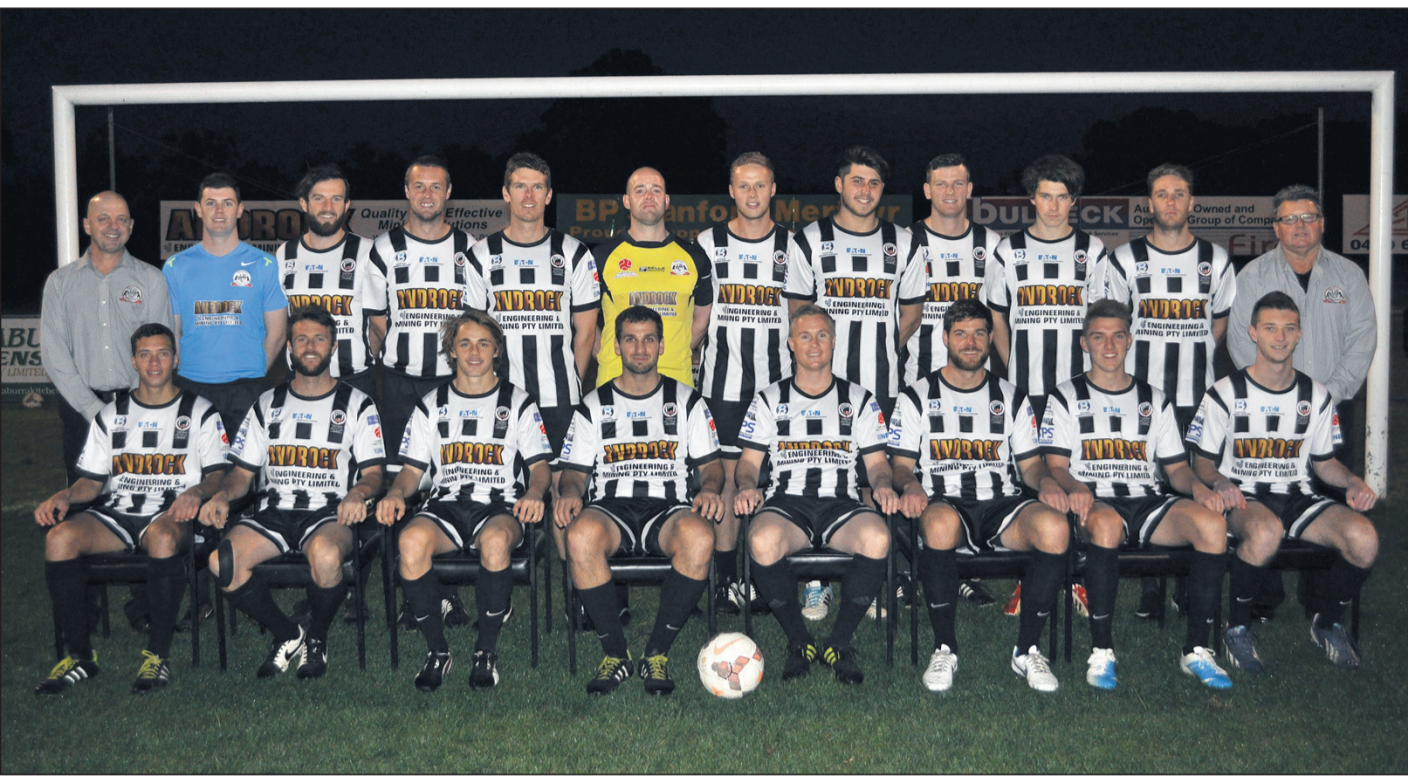
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GO THE BEARS



WESTON BEARS GRAND FINAL 2014



GRAND FINALISTS: The Weston Bears 2014 squad (back row, left to right), Darren Sills (assistant coach), James Wand, Carl Thornton, Jamie Subat, Nathan Morris, Tim Pratt, Nick Thompson, Brock Oakley, Liam Thornton, Jake Millsted, Garry McDermott, Steve Piggott (coach), and at front, Thomas Sparre, Michael Ryan, Connor Evans, Jason Cowburn, Robbie Turnbull, Robert Macbeth, Jye McKellar and Zac Sneddon.

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Player profiles

TIM PRATT
Age: 29. Position: Goalkeeper. Joined club: 2005. First grade games: 164. Big game player whose organisation from the back will be crucial to setting up the defence.

BROCK OAKLEY
Age: 19. Position: Defender. Joined club: 2014. First grade games: 13. First season with the Bears, he came from Edgeworth and the teenager has continued to improve the longer the season progresses.

NATHAN MORRIS
Age: 28. Position: Defender. Joined club: 2003. First grade games: 210. Dead ball specialist whose vision and short passing game is as good as it gets.

CARL THORNTON
Age: 26. Position: Defender. Joined club: 2007. First grade games: 160. Is the captain and lets his on-field action do the talking as he leads from the front line.

LIAM THORNTON
Age: 24. Position: Defender. Joined club: 2012. First grade games: 39. Left back and younger brother of Carl. Missed the semi through injury but should be back for the big one.

GARRY McDERMOTT
Age: 26. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2012. First grade games: 46. Plays in the centre of the park and has had his best year since coming across the ditch.

ZAC SNEDDON
Age: 18. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2014. First grade games: 10. Came to the club from the Jets program. The teenager has pace to burn and a good left foot to boot.

club: 2012. First grade games: 17. Only turned 18 this year and has done well since being given his opportunity in the top grade.

CONNOR EVANS
Age: 21. Position: Striker. Joined club: 2014. First grade games: 20. Has been superb the last two months, being involved in some way nearly every time the Bears score.

JASON COWBURN
Age: 29. Position: Striker. Joined club: 2007. First grade games: 93. His experience up front and his flair will be a crucial link to the Bears chances in front of goals.

JAMIE SUBAT
Age: 31. Position: Striker. Joined club: 1996. First grade games: 121. The veteran of the squad but his passion and 100 per cent effort all the time still applies.

ROBBIE TURNBULL
Age: 29. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2004. First grade games: 192. Another who lives and breathes it. His surname has been synonymous with the Bears for over 50 years.

MICHAEL RYAN
Age: 28. Position: Striker. Joined club: 2004. First grade games: 149. He will hang up his boots at season's end after battling a chronic knee injury for a few seasons now.

JYE MACKELLAR
Age: 17. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2014. First grade games: 10. Came to the club from the Jets program. The teenager has pace to burn and a good left foot to boot.

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NICK THOMPSON
Age: 21. Position: Defender. Joined club: 2009. First grade games: 16. Equally at home in the middle of defence or fullback. Nick has been at the club since he was 16 years of age.

ROBERT MACBETH
Age: 27. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2008. First grade games: 82. Missed the first part of the season but his experience around the group certainly helps.

JAKE MILLSTEED
Age: 20. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2009. First grade games: 4. Hasn't seen much time in the top grade but if given the opportunity is up to it.

THOMAS SPARRE
Age: 18. Position: Midfielder. Joined club: 2012. First grade games: 4. Played in the under-17s grand final last year so has come a long way in such a short time.

JAKE BARNER
Age: 20. Position: Striker. Joined club: 2010. First grade games: 1. Another youngster who has been unable to crack a regular squad spot but also has the ability and not out of his depth.

JAMES WAND
Age: 21. Position: Goalkeeper. Joined club: 2009. First grade games: 0. Back-up to keeper Tim Pratt.



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