

NOEL STRAWBRIDGE

STRATHMORE FOOTBALL CLUB

I first played for Strathmore in 1956 at 16 years of age, having never played football in my school years.

In 1956 we only had an under 18 side, coached by the legendary Sid McGain who was an inspiration to the side. We played off in the Grand Final, but were soundly beaten by Essendon-Baptists St. John, who were a power house that year having at least 3 players who went on to play at Essendon F.C.

I played on into the seniors in 1958 and continued until 1965 when I left to pursue University studies.

In 1973 after completing my studies I resumed playing at 34 years of age and played 2 seasons with the seconds and thirds.

At 35 years of age I retired from playing and seeing a need for trainers at the club, attended several training courses and became of the clubs senior trainers.

I continued as a trainer for the next 18 years, retiring only due to a relocation of my home to Riddells Creek.

During my years as a trainer I served on the committee for most of that time and was Club Secretary for 5 years.

I treasure my time and involvement with SFC and the many happy memories and friendships with players and supporters.

I continue to support the club from afar and without a miss eagerly check the weekly results in the media.

Thank you Strathmore Football Club.