

Umpire's incredible milestone

A PERTH Football League umpire has reached a remarkable milestone.

Noel Edgar, of Kardinya, officiated his 1000th game last weekend – becoming the seventh umpire to do so in the league.

Edgar (pictured) started

playing football in 1966 as one of the co-founders of the Old Wesley Football Club (now Curtin Uni Wesley). He was a premiership player in 1966 and runner-up in 1967.

After being injured in 1971 he started field umpir-

ing in the Perth Football League and has been umpiring ever since.

And he has no plans to stop anytime soon, with



this weekend's assignment taking him to Beasley Park in Leeming.

Edgar has umpired Perth football matches from A Grade through to H Grade, including more than 120 at the top level.

He had hoped to reach

1000 games as a field umpire, but had to move to goal umpiring in 2016 after a knee operation.

This year is his 50th anniversary with amateur football. In 1995 he was named umpire of the year and in 1999 was made a life

member of the Umpire's Association.

Edgar said he enjoyed the mateship, buzz of a game and the finals.

One of his proudest moments involved his two sons running boundary for his 350th game.

MUM in trouble for top two

MURDOCH University Melville's (MUM) hopes of a top-two finish have been dealt a significant blow after a 3-0 defeat at home to Gosnells City.

All three goals came in the first half as the visitors proved ruthless in front of goal to inflict MUM's fourth defeat of the season.

Gosnells' win meant MUM fell four points behind them in the race for second place, although they still have a handy eight-point buffer from fourth-placed Swan United.

The home side almost opened the scoring when Ryan Tucker worked his way into a good position, but his shot fizzed wide.

Gosnells made the most of their first chance soon after when Feisal

Zaw's cutback was well finished by Eddie Wynne Wilson.

Alec Radonich was forced into a good save soon after from Wilson, before Tucker went close to equalising with a vicious strike which whistled just wide.

However, Gosnells made it 2-0 when Hanafi Ghazali curled a sumptuous free kick into the net as the away team began to tighten the screws on the game.

It was 3-0 just before half-time as Gosnells converted their dominance into another goal after Ben Howe's strike cannoned off a defender and wrong-footed Radonich in goals.

Grant Mowatt almost nabbed one back before the break, but he rolled

his shot just wide and that proved to be MUM's best chance for the rest of the game.

With neither side able to create much in the way of opportunities in the second half, Gosnells was able to see out the game comfortably.

Earlier, MUM's Reserve's maintained their six-point lead at the top of the table with a 7-0 win over their Gosnells counterparts, thanks to braces from Simon El Chami and Brett Tucker, in addition to goals from Anthony Lomma, Yohanes Tadesse and Christian Long.

MUM's under-18s also continued their push towards a perfect season as they made it 15 wins from 15 with a 4-0 victory.

Demon in for the long haul

JESSICA Shepherd has become Palmyra Junior Football Club's first girl to reach 50 games.

The Year 5-6 player reached the milestone at Melville Reserve against Forrestdale on Sunday after first pulling on the boots to play with the Demons in 2015 when she was the only female player on her team.

The club started its first girls-only team in 2018.

Jessica said she loved football because of the team environment and being able to celebrate with her teammates.

"I love how much girls' footy has grown and there is a lot more opportunities for girls now," she said.

The Palmyra Junior Football Club has been part of the local community for more than 60 years in various incarnations, having been the Demons for the most part, and has launched the careers of some fine footballers, most notably Geelong star Tim Kelly.

Among the spectators at Saturday's milestone game was Bicton MLA Lisa O'Malley, whose daughter plays alongside Jessica.



Jessica Shepherd leads her Palmyra teammates through a celebratory banner on Saturday.

"Healthy communities are active communities and I commend Palmyra Junior Football Club for their role in supporting strong, confident and healthy young people in our local community," Ms

O'Malley said. "With the growth in women's footy, it's even more important for local girls to have a strong female footballing role models like Jessica to look up to."

Duncan and Jones shoot to the top

SIXTEEN archers from the Bowmen of Melville contested the National Indoor Archery Championships at Claremont Showground on July 21.

The championships are unusual events, as each state holds its state championship on the same weekend, with the results then collated nationally as in-

door events are not affected by ground or weather conditions.

The Bowmen of Melville team won 13 medals at the state competition across various age and bow type divisions.

Two members then reached the national podium, with Kaye Duncan taking bronze in the Master

Female Recurve Division and Robyn Jones bronze in Open Female Compound.

Melville's team ranged in age from 16 to over 60 and competed across all archery categories – long-bow, barebow recurve, recurve and compound.

Archers shoot at a target 18m away where the 10-ring is the size of a golf ball.

Fremantle fall flat in upset loss

TRINITY Aquinas pulled off an upset win at their home ground at Bill Grayden Reserve with a convincing win over higher-placed Fremantle CBC in round 14 of the Perth Football League.

Kane Ranstead led the way with three goals against an inaccurate Fremantle side and ran out 44-point winners, 13.10 (88) to 5.14 (44).

All the other matches went the way of the favourites, with North Beach defeating Wembley by 45 points, 13.18 (96) to 7.9 (51).

Jordan Webster, Daniel Ryan and Nathan Dwyer scored two goals each, while the bulk of Wembley's score came from the



Kingsley went down to Scarborough in this week's round.

boots of Matthew Seal and James Charlesworth, with three apiece.

League leaders Scarborough started slowly but a six goal to one second quarter put them well in front for a solid win over Kingsley at Millington Reserve.

Scarborough had eight goal scorers, including four

dual goalkickers, in a powerful team effort to consolidate top spot on the ladder.

Matthew Davies kicked six goals in the biggest A Grade win of the day, with University trouncing Kingsway by 83 points, 18.13 (121) to 6.2 (38).

North Fremantle outscored bottom-of-the-ladder Wanneroo in every quarter to win their game at the Wanneroo Showground 12.12 (84) to 7.4 (46).

The Fremantle CBC versus University clash at Morris Buzzacott Reserve in Kardinya will be the highlight of the upcoming round. Catch the Perth Footy Live action on Footy Radio and your Community News Facebook pages Saturday afternoon.

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