

The team opened the 1938 season with losses against Granville (2-3) and St. George (2-3) but recovered to finish equal 4th but failed to qualify for semifinals in a 3 way play-off with Granville & St. George. In the premiership programme the 'Buds' recorded:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GK	PTS.
HOME	11	6	3	2	42	22	14
AWAY	11	4	5	2	22	28	10
TOTAL	22	10	8	4	64	50	24

In the State Cup the team showed pluck and determination. It defeated Swansea (5-0), Leichhardt A (4 to nil), St. George (3 to 2) in the Semi-final.

The final V Metters in Sydney was a disappointment as the team lost by 4 to nil. The eleven comprised W. Morgan, A. Henwood, G. Muncaster, W. Coulahan, E. Screen, D. Williams, G. Campbell, W. Giles, W. Gregory, V. Barrett, D. Hodgins.

International, E. Hodge returned while Cameron was again missing. However, a very capable defender in G. Muncaster was secured from the juniors.

In the Robinson Cup final, the team lost by 2 to nil V Wallsend.

Disappointment marked the teams efforts in the 1939 season. The players failed to reveal their usual keenness. The full record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	11	6	5	0	33	32	12
AWAY	11	3	6	2	21	24	8
TOTAL	22	9	11	2	54	56	20

The team beat Granville in State Cup by 3 to 2 after a 2 all draw. However, it suffered a 2 to nil reverse at the hands of their old rivals, Wallsend. In the Robinson Cup, played on a round robin system, the Buds lost to Wallsend in the final.

In this era the central focus in club rivalry appeared to centre around the Wallsend V Adamstown clashes - due to the fading from the limelight of West Wallsend - a champion club since 1900.

The departure of clever winger, Winkie Cooper left the 'Buds' weak in attack. It was late when a reliable replacement was found in "Booty" Merrion of Cardiff. What a superb debut he made against the strong Weston defence at Adamstown on 27th July. Adamstown turned the tide with this 4 to 1 win in which Merrion scored 2 brilliant goals and made the other two. A new start had risen in Northern Soccer. Merrion became a leading personality overnight and had the honour of being carried off shoulder high after his first appearance. In 14 appearances, he scored 11 goals. Another newcomer of promise was Dave Coote, a local lad. Winger, Vic Barrett recorded a goal in each round of the State Cup.

In the premiership the 'Buds' record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF.	GA.	PTS.
HOME	11	5	4	2	29	18	12
AWAY	11	8	1	2	35	20	18

letter than its home.

After Merrion joined the team, it had a sequence of 10 wins and a draw in its last 11 games.

The team entered the Premiership semi-finals and after beating Weston by 8 to 1 lost the final to Metters by 1 to nil. In the State Cup the 'Buds' entered the final by beating Cessnock (4 to 1) and Weston (5 to one) in the semifinal. The Cup final was lost against Metters by 4 to 3.

The State Association came in for much justified criticism and condemnation for playing this final on Metter's home ground, Arlington.

The Adamstown eleven in both finals was - W. Morgan, A. Henwood, W. Gregory, W. Coolahan, E. Screen, D. Hodgins, C. Merrion, W. Giles, S. Clarke, V. Barrett, S. Waddingham.

Other details for the season were -

Appearances:- W. Giles, 27, D. Hodgins 27, E. Screen 26, V. Barrett 25, W. Morgan 24, W. Coolahan 24, S. Clarke 23, A. Henwood 22, G. Muncaster 21, W. Gregory 19, C. Merrion 14, S. Waddingham 12, D. Coote 10, D. Williams 4, H. Knight 4, J. Hill 3, A. Faulds 3, G. Bush 3, L. Burns 2, A. Crompton 1, A. Cameron 1, W. Cooper 1.

Goal scorers were: S. Clarke 33, V. Barrett 17, C. Merrion 11, S. Waddingham 10, W. Giles 7, W. Gregory 5, D. Hodgins 3, E. Screen 2, H. Knight 2, G. Muncaster 1, A Crompton 1, A. Faulds 1.

The season ended with a dual disappointment at two losses in the Sheahan and State Cup Finals - downed in both after keen struggles.

But there was reviewed interest and the attendance figures in the 2nd half of the season showed a 75% improvement. G. Muncaster won a state blue v Victoria.

There were little changes in the playing staff in 1941. The team had a good record-

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	10	8	2	0	43	12	16
AWAY	10	5	3	2	25	18	12
TOTAL	20	13	5	2	68	40	28

The team qualified for the Sheahan Cup Semi-finals and after a grand 5 to 3 win over Metters, it went down in the final against Wallsend by 3 to 2. The team was W. Morgan, W. Gregory, G. Muncaster, W. Coolahan, E. Screen, D. Hodgins, C. Merrion, W. Giles, D. Williams, S. Clarke, V. Barrett.

Their run in the State Cup was not so successful after beating Moonona B by 5 to 1, it lost to Granville by 5 to 3. Appearances were W. Gregory, 25, E. Screen 25, D. Hodgins 25, W. Giles 25, S. Clarke 25, C. Merrion 24, G. Muncaster 23, W. Coolahan 23, V. Barrett 23, W. Morgan 21, N. Jones 13, S. Waddingham 6, D. Jones 6, D.G. Williams 5, D. Coote 3, A. Cameron 1, A. Henwood 1, W. Robinson 1.

Goalscorers: S. Clarke 17, N. Jones 15, W. Giles 14, C. Merrion 11, E. Screen 7, V. Barrett 5, W. Coolahan 4, D. Williams 4, A. Cameron 2, D. Jones 2, D. Hodgins 1, W. Robinson 1.

For the 1942 season, new players were 'Nig' Smith of Mayfield Col Wood of Kurri and a very promising junior local, Max Gardner a representative schoolboy.

...ing to war restrictions on travel the State Premiership was played on a North and South divisional basis.

The 'Buds' were unbeaten at home and only lost one away game.

Full record:

	P	W	L	D	GA	GF	Pts.
HOME	7	6	0	1	31	6	13
AWAY	7	5	1	1	29	15	11
TOTAL	14	11	1	2	60	21	24

In the Sheahan Cup Semi-final, the 'Buds' were narrowly edged out by Wallsend by 1 to nil. The 'Reds' also beat the 'Buds' in 1st round of State Cup by 4 to 1.

Details for the season...

Appearances; C. Smith, 18, W. Gregory 17, W. Coulahan 17, E. Screen 17, D. Hodgins 17, D. Williams 17, S. Clarke 17, W. Morgan 14, W. Giles 14, M. Gardner 14, V. Barrett 13, C. Merrion 8, S. Waddingham 7, G. Ward 5, D. Jones 2, W. Convery 1.

It was during this season that special war-time transfers were introduced.

Goalscorers: S. Clarke 24, D. Williams 15, W. Giles 7, M. Gardner 6, V. Barrett 5, C. Merrion 4, C. Wood 3, E. Screen 3, S. Waddingham 2, W. Coulahan 1.

The team also played in a special patriotic fund series- all net receipts were given to war-time charities.

The Evenson Cup was instituted and won by Metters by 8 to 2.

The 1943 season had hardly opened when Adamstown, Wallsend, Metters and Leichhardt A withdrew and founded a new body called N.S.W. State Soccer League. Stalwart Bill Coulahan left for L. Macquarie. During the hectic season new players included: A Holmes, H. Pease, while 2 outstanding juniors in Alan Johns and Frank Parsons had their baptisms in the senior grade. The switching of Dally Hodgins into the attack paid dividends.

In the league game record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	7	3	4	0	17	20	6
AWAY	7	3	3	1	22	27	7
TOTAL	14	6	7	1	39	47	13

In the State Cup, Adamstown beat Metters by 3 to 2 after a thrilling 4 all draw at Arlington followed up with a 7 to nil resounding win in semi-final v Grace Bros. The final v Leichhardt A produced a pulsating struggle. At full time, the scores were 2 all. Against protests, extra time was ordered and the "Dates" took out the cup when Eves netted with 90 seconds left for play.

Adamstown X1 was W. Morgan, W. Gregory, G. Muncaster, D. Coote, E. Screen, D. Williams, A. Holmes, F. Parsons, S. Clarke, D. Hodgins, A. Dunne.

Appearances were S. Clarke 22, D. Williams 22, W. Gregory 22, E. Screen 21, D. Hodgins 21, W. Giles 19, G. Muncaster 16, A. Holmes 16, W. Morgan 14, S. Waddingham 13, D. Coote 12, H. Pease 11, D. Jones 8, F. Parsons 5, R. Dunne 4, A. Henwood 3, J. Rostrom 3, A. Johns 3, G. Ferguson 1, W. Wright 1, N. Bone 1, M. Gardner 1, C. Wood 1, C. Smith 1, W. McAffie 1.

Goal scorers: A. Hodgins 24, S. Clarke 16, W. Giles 7, A. Holmes 5, F. Parsons 4, E. Screen 2, R. Dunne 1, D. Williams 1, C. Smith 1.

The 1944 produced a poor league record. Twenty nine players were used reflecting instability in team construction.

Full league record was

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	10	3	5	2	26	26	8
AWAY	11	3	7	1	24	46	7
TOTAL	21	6	12	3	50	72	15

After beating West Wallsend by 2 to 1 in the State Cup, the 'Buds' were knocked out by Wallsend by 6 to nil. The club entered a team in the Sunday Series for the Gardiner Cup - presented by the two sons of club's president, Bob Gardiner. The trophy was sent from New Guinea where the Gardiner lads were serving in the armed forces.

Wallsend won the trophy by beating West Wallsend by 7 to 3 in the final.

Small consolation was Adamstown regaining the Everson Cup by beating Metters 7 to 5 at Arlington.

Season's figures were - Appearances:

E. Screen 24, D. Williams 24, A. Johns 23, W. Alexander 22, G. Munster 20, D. Coote 18, S. Clarke 18, K. Lake 17, W. Morgan 16, F. Parsons 14, R. Dunne 12, H. Holmes 10. B. Gleeson 8, W. Giles 5, P. Bird 5, D. Garfoot 5, W. Gregory 5, D. Bone 3, W. Wright 3, W. Hancock 2, M. Gardiner 2, D. Taylor 1, F. Fuchs 1, L. Ray 1, E. Richards 1, J. McDougall 1, W. Greig 1, C. Smith 1, A. Hancock 1.

Goalscorers: F. Parsons 17, S. Clarke 11, A. Johns 10, E. Screen 10, H. Holmes 7, D. Garfoot 1, W. Greig 1, P. Bird 1, D. Williams 1, W. Giles 1, R. Dunne 1.

The 1945 season, with restrictions on travelling, the premier-ship was played on a divisional basis again.

The year saw the retirement of goalie, Bill Morgan, whose services to the club had won general admiration. The young Dave Jones, Bob Gallagher, Aub Teece and Bill Alexander were new recruits.

The league record was:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS
HOME	7	4	2	1	20	15	9
AWAY	7	4	1	2	22	22	10
TOTAL	14	8	3	3	42	37	19

The team had a short stay in the State Cup being beaten by Cassnock by 2 to 1.

In the Daniels Cup the 'Buds' beat Weston (2 to nil) after a 3 all draw; beat West Wallsend by 3 to 1 in semi-final. In the final, a 1 all draw v Swansea B. was followed by a 5 to 2 defeat in the replay. The 'Buds' eleven was V. Gleeson, A. Teece, W. Alexander, B. Gallagher, E. Screen, D. Williams, D. Garfoot, S. Clarke, D. Jones, A. Johns, F. Parsons.

Appearances were: V. Gleeson 21, E. Screen 21, D. Williams 21, S. Clarke 21, W. Alexander 20, K. Lake 20, H. Pease 19, A. Johns 19, D. Coote 17, A. Teece 16, D. Jones 14, D. Garfoot 11, W. Greig 4, B. Gallagher 2.

Goalscorers were: S. Clarke, 18, A. Johns 15, D. Jones 13, E. Screen 12, D. Garfoot 2, W. Greig 2, A. Teece 2, E. Lake 2.

The winning of the Daniels Cup for the first time gave the club a much needed uplift. In the final at Wallsend, the 'Buds' won a tough fight by 1 to nil. The winning team included: V. Gleeson, D. Coote, W. Alexander, N. Brungesis, E. Screen, D. Williams, A. Teece, S. Clarke, F. Parsons, G. Horne.

The season saw the club's stalwart D. Coote chosen to play for the State in 2 matches on the Queensland tour. Coote also captained the North twice.

In the premiership the results were:

	P	W	L	D	GA	GF	PTS.
HOME	7	4	2	1	25	20	9
AWAY	7	2	3	2	12	19	6
TOTAL	14	6	5	3	37	39	15

Once again the State Cup was lost. After beating L. Macquarie (5 to 2) West Wallsend (1 all) forfeit; Adamstown touched great heights in beating Leichhardt. A semi-final by 4 to 3 at New Lambton, but in the final it went down to Canterbury Bankstown by 4 to 1.

In the Miller Cup final, the 'Buds' were again beaten by the 'Berries' by 5 to 2.

Appearances were: (for 1947) V. Gleeson, E. Screen 25, W. Alexander 20, D. Williams 24, S. Clarke 24, A. Johns 21, Bob Maxwell 20, F. Parsons 19, D. Coote 19, A. Teece 18, G. Home 15, N. Bruneges 12, D. Garfoot 7, M. Hamilton 6, M. Gardiner 3, H. Pease 2, C. Clarke 2, Ron Maxwell 2, R. Gallagher 2, N. Bone 1, A. Jones 1, O. Roberts 1, E. Lake 1.

Goalscorers were: A. Johns 17, S. Clarke 16, F. Parsons 16, E. Screen 12, A. Teece 3, G. Home 2, Ron Maxwell 1.

In the Victory Day match in Sydney, the club was represented by D. Coote and A. Johns, while players V. Gleeson, D. Williams, A. Johns, F. Parsons, E. Screen, S. Clarke played in the Special Anzac Day match at Wallsend.

There were quite a number of changes in the playing staff in 1947. F. Parsons joined Leichhardt A. but newcomers included H. Knight, Col Newton - Cyril Nicholls and 'Jock' Walker. The war years had passed and there was a revival of interest everywhere. The Northern League was extended to 10 teams.

The league results were:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	9	6	2	1	38	15	13
AWAY	9	6	2	1	33	15	13
TOTAL	18	12	4	2	71	30	26

The outstanding feature was the prolific scoring of centre forward, Jock Walker who scored in 11 of the 13 league games in which he played. His total of 41 for the season was a great achievement.

In the State Cup series, Adamstown beat Wallsend by 3 to 2, New Lambton by 5 to nil, but fell to Lysaghts Orb by 4 to 2 after a goal draw.

The team tried...

In the Priest Cup semi-final the 'Buds' went down to Leichhardt A by 4 to 2 after a 2 all draw at Wallsend.

Club star, Dave Coote played in 2 tests v South Africa - and twice for New South Wales v South Africa.

In the interdistrict sphere, Screen was also honoured. Adamstown won the Industrial Cup by beating Wallsend 3 to 2 under floodlights at the Show ground in connection with the League-Centenary Celebrations in Newcastle. The winning eleven on that occasion was; V. Gleeson, C. Nicholls, W. Alexander, N. Bone, D. Coote, E. Screen, D. Williams, H. Knight, Ron Maxwell, S. Clarke, C. Newton, A. Johns.

Appearances were for the 1947 season: H. Knight 34, D. Williams 33, V. Gleeson 31, E. Screen 31, W. Alexander 31, S. Clarke 30, C. Nicholls 28, A. Johns 28, J. Walker 28, D. Coote 25, C. Newton 18, A. Waters 9, G. Brunegis 9, Ron Maxwell 9, N. Bone 9, G. Home 8, M. Gardiner 6, Bob Maxwell 1, D. Bone 1, R. Gallagher 1, W. Avery 1, R. Booth 1, J. Garfoot 1.

Goalscorers were: W. Walker 41, S. Clarke 26, C. Newton 13, H. Knight 13, A. Johns 13, E. Screen 8, A. Waters 4, D. Coote 4, M. Gardiner 1, N. Bone 1.

The club now reaped the benefit of developing young juniors - Nicholls, Newton, Williams, Knight, Walker, N. Bone, R. Dunne, J. Mason, all fitted well into the plan and added speed. Walker again scored well and proved a lively leader to the attack.

The State Cup was a short life for the 'Buds' went out to Leichhardt A by 4 to 3 after a thrilling game.

In the Daniels Cup, Adamstown qualified for the final and surprisingly went down to a very strong Dudley XI skippered by the former Adamstown player Bill Gregory - the final scores were 2 to 1.

But the consistency of the team in the league series saw it overcome many hurdles by beating Leichhardt A in the final by 5 to 2. It was a truly great win.

In the interdistrict sphere, D. Coote and A. Johns won selection.

The league results were:-

	P.	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	7	5	1	1	28	19	11
AWAY	7	5	1	1	22	15	11
TOTAL	14	10	2	2	50	44	22

Goalscorers were: J. Walker 24, C. Newton 15, A. Johns 14, S. Clarke 13, D. Williams 4, E. Screen 4, A. Dunne 2, N. Bone 1, R. Maxwell 1, G. Horne 1, H. Knight 1.

The final eleven was:- C. Baker, C. Nicholls, W. Alexander, N. Bone, E. Screen, D. Williams, H. Knight, G. Horne, J. Walker, C. Newton, S. Clarke.

The season saw the retirement of president, Bob Gardiner after 15 years in office.

The premiership in 1949 was reorganised on a state wide basis. New players were Doug Wendt and Warren Avery.

The last mentioned was the anchor of the club's strong reserves and the selectors were fortunate in having him as a replacement. Following is the league tally:

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	PTS.
HOME	11	9	2	0	49	17	18
AWAY	11	6	4	1	42	33	13
TOTAL	22	15	6	1	91	50	31

Jock Walker was in brilliant form scoring in 15 of the 22 league games. During the season, he scored 61 goals - 45 in league games - a truly great effort and a club record that may stand for many years.

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