

# CLARINDA

## Fourth Division here we come!

For Clarinda, 1985 has been a year of major achievement. As champion of Victoria's Provisional League Division One the club won the first ever title.

After a short existence in 1965-1966 Clarinda was re-formed in 1974 by a group of Greek soccer enthusiasts in the Clayton area. In its first year of operation the playing staff was comprised mostly of committee members and friends and the team finished in the lower regions of District League Division Four.

With increasing local support, Clarinda was able to develop a junior team at under 12 level in 1976. From this team, five players have risen to represent the club at senior level.

In 1979, Clarinda finished second and was able to climb out of District League Division Four into Division Three. The 1980 season saw the appointment of the first non-playing coach, John Burford, and once more Clarinda finished runner-up and was promoted into Division Two.

In August, 1981, Clarinda officially opened its current ground, Grange Reserve, in Osborne Avenue, Clayton South which was developed by the assistance of the City of Oakleigh which spent over \$200,000 on the ground and facilities. Current proposals with the council for future development of Grange Reserve are designed to bring the ground up to State League standard by the end of the 1987 season.

In 1982 with Takis Mandarakis, the former South Melbourne Hellas star, as coach, Clarinda lost its last game to lose out in the promotion race to Yarraville and Bulleen. However, the disappointment of the season was eased when the

team captain Simon Topalidis won the Provisional League Best and Fairest award.

The tradition of winning league best and fairest awards was continued in 1983 by Bill Gatzonis. In September of that year Bill Gatzonis was appointed coach and, with his inspiration, Clarinda won the Provisional League Cup, beating Springvale United 3-2 in the final after extra time. Fresh from this success, Clarinda went on to win the Hellenic Cup in December, beating State League team Northcote city 2-0 in the final.

With the restructuring of the Victorian Leagues in 1984, Clarinda was promoted into Provisional League Division One and in a tight finish was unfortunate to finish third on goal difference — one point behind champion Boronia and equal on points with runner-up Ballarat.

Determined that 1985 was to be its championship year, Clarinda finished a clear winner of its division. The most pleasing aspect of the year was the important role played by nine players who had come up from junior ranks.

Clarinda now looks forward to the 1986 season with relish, playing in the Victorian Leagues for the first time with the knowledge of having good junior talent, strong committee, the support of the local business community and its ever faithful supporters.

Clarinda hopes to crown its success in the Provisional League with a championship in the Fourth Division of the Victorian Leagues.



● Back row: S. Seizes, B. Stratoudakis, M. Ioakimidis, C. Kakouros, P. Constantinou, J. Godeassi (captain), N. Lakiotis, A. Charalambous, P. Apostolopoulos. Front row: M. Charalambous, T. Koutsikos, C. Holmes, A. Gatzonis (assistant coach), D. Nitsikas, J. Ougrinis, B. Gatzonis (coach). Missing: B. Fergadiotis, C. Koziaris, I. Grigas, A. Apostolopoulos.

## MEET THE MEN WHO WON THE TITLE

**BILL GATZONIS:** Coach. Winner of the club's best and fairest award over the last three years. Recruited from Hawthorn.  
**TONY GATZONIS:** Assistant Coach. Recruited from Hawthorn.  
**MICHAEL IOAKIMIDIS:** From the juniors. Goalkeeper who has represented Australia at under 15 level and has represented Victoria as a junior.  
**BILL FERGADIOTIS:** Defender, recruited from Frankston City. He has been injured for most of the year but looking forward to playing next year.

**NICK LAKIOTIS:** Defender, from South Oakleigh.  
**PETER CONSTANDINOU:** Defender, recruited from Port Melbourne.  
**PETER APOSTOLOPOULOS:** Defender from the juniors.  
**JOHN GODEASSI:** Team captain, recruited from Mordialloc and joint winner of Best Clubman award for 1985.

**CLIVE HOLMES:** Attacking midfielder, from Doveton.  
**STEVE SEIZIS:** Defender, from the juniors.

He has been missing due to injury for most of the year.

**JIMMY OUGRINIS:** Midfielder with lots of flair. Joined from Western Suburbs.

**DINO NITSIKAS:** Midfielder, from the juniors. Winner of Best Clubman and Most Improved Player awards for 1985.

**ACHILLEAS CHARALAMBOUS:** Courageous midfielder, from the juniors and winner of the Special Coaches Trophy.

**MICHAEL CHARALAMBOUS:** Forward,

from the juniors. Winner of the Top Goalscorer award.

**TAS KOUTSIKOS:** Product of juniors. Joint winner of Most Improved Player for 1985 and has represented Victoria at junior level on many occasions.

**IVAN GRIGAS:** Forward, from Chelsea.

**CON KOZIARIS:** Forward, from the juniors.

**ARTHUR APOSTOLOPOULOS:** Forward, from the juniors and reserves Best and Fairest for 1985.

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