

Sue Carr
(1977-1983)



My memories of Bendigo soccer are not that clear. In fact my memories are of being cold and wet!

I followed football for years in Leicester and also given my brother was sponsored to play professional in Leicester and then semi professional here in Melbourne and having lived with Stuart for many years I thought "bugger it, I might as well as join 'em".

I think I played for two seasons and then refereed in 1983. Looking at the 1983 photo of the women's team I can remember some faces and not so much about the games. I remember players such as Trish Shanahan, Jenny and Robyn Doyle, Rosie Punton, Lindy Bracey and Nicki Someone.

One memory I had was being totally winded after running into a very solid South Bendigo player and finding myself upended prostrate on the ground with everyone peering down at me in the mud.

The other memory was of a 5-A-Side game where I was kicked on the knee so badly as to rip my medial ligaments, and never to play again. Any uneven ground and all sports were over after that.

Our house in Ironbark, Bendigo was often the meeting place after the games for many a drunken party. I have very fond memories of those days and looking forward to catching up with tall those older faces.

We still have strong ties with Bendigo over all these years and since we left we have continued to keep in contact with many of those we met through the soccer fraternity. Bendigo was our first real sense of home in Australia and we remain very fond of the town and its people.