

Battalion Soccer

1989 was a year of great success. It was the first time in twelve years that the 2/4 RAR Soccer team has won the Brigade Competition. The team was undefeated throughout the season. The reason the team won the competition was due to the strong commitment displayed by all team members. This was enhanced by the great team spirit which was clearly displayed both on and off the field.

The most memorable event during the season was the final against 1 RAR. The match was extremely hard fought, as expected, with 2/4 RAR emerging the victors 1-0.

The team members for 1989 were:

Pte Laundess – Our trusty goal keeper – in his first year showed heaps of guts and potential.

Sgt Rule – Sweeper/team captain – always solid in defence. He likes to have the "occasional" run up front.

LCpl Gillam – Right back – a devilish tackler and strong defender.

Lt Thomae – Left back/mid field – while only playing a few games, he showed his worth especially because of his pace. The ball often had difficulty keeping up with him.

Pte Sievers – Mid field – an aggressive fast and valuable player.

Lt Michel – Coach/the slowest mid field in the world. A valuable and experienced player who continually displayed his skill.

Pte Cooper – Mid field/forward. An aggressive and determined player. Whilst only playing a few matches, his skill added that extra boost.

Pte Burgess – Mid field. The scorer of a few magic goals. His speed enthusiasm and fitness were second to none.

Cfn Birquist – Striker. The highest goal scorer for the season. His up front aggressive behaviour inspired all.

Pte Grant – Forward. A very strong and determined attacker who after coming on the field late in the final made a decisive improvement to the teams performance.

Pte Hoffman – Mid field stopper. A skillful and consistent player. He always put in 100%.

LCpl Wright – Back. A solid defender who let you know when you were tackled.

This year's team awards go to:

Best and Fairest – Sgt Rule

Best clubman – Pte Sievers

Most Goals – Pte Birquist

Most Improved – Pte Hoffman

Special thanks this year to WO2 Les Hook for his loyalty and support.

Now the trophy is ours, let's keep it. Let 1990 be a repeat performance.



Sgt Rule and Cfn Birquist accept the premiership trophy following the grand final



2/4 RAR SOCCER SQUAD

BACK ROW: (L to R) Pte Jago, Pte Bird, Pte Wilkinson, LCpl Wright, Pte Sievers, Sgt Murphy, Pte Burgess, Pte Hoffman, Cfn Birquist, Sgt Rule (Capt), Lt Michel (Coach).

FRONT ROW: (L to R) Pte Grant, Pte Cooper, Cpl Colerio, Lt Thomae, Pte Laundess, LCpl Gillam, Pte Elms.