

## 1907

Perth: 1.1 3.4 3.6 6.6 (42)

Def. East Fremantle: 1.4 1.4 4.8 5.11 (41)

Sat 28-Sep-1907 3:30 PM Att: 0 Venue: Claremont Showground

Captain: J, Leckie

Coach: J, Leckie

Goals:

Perth: 2-Edmondson, 1-Nankervis, Orr, Wilson, Winton

East Fremantle:1-Brown, Christy, Heinrichs, McIntyre, Sharpe

<b>Full Backs</b>	Harold Crase	Reg Cherry	Ron Southee
<b>Half Backs</b>	Michael St J. Kennedy	Len Edwards	Dick Kennedy
<b>Centres</b>	Lou Cherry	Doug Moffat	Andy Ferguson
<b>Half Forwards</b>	Austin Gilligan	Roy Wilson	Harry Nankervis
<b>Full Forwards</b>	Jack Leckie	Harry Edmondson	Ossie Winton
<b>Followers</b>	Alec Clarke	Eddie Thompson	Billy Orr
<b>Reserves</b>	*		

Credit: The West Australian, with historical details from contemporary reports.

The final match for the coastal premierships between Perth and East Fremantle was played at Claremont Show Grounds on Saturday, 28 September 1907, before a record crowd, with gate receipts over £200. It was the best game seen on the coast that season, with the result in doubt until the final bell.

East Fremantle won on the day by five points 6.11 (47) to Perth's 6.6 (42), but Perth protested a goal kicked by C. Doig for East Fremantle at the end of the second quarter, claiming the free kick was awarded after the half-time bell rang.

“At half time Perth secretary Bergin Kennedy advised league officials that the club would protest against the awarding of the free kick, on the basis that the bell to end the second quarter had already been rung.”

The Appeal Board met at the United Service Hotel on Wednesday, 2 October 1907, to hear Perth's protest against the disputed goal. After evidence from umpire Ivo Crapp (who believed his whistle beat the bell), conflicting timekeepers, and players, the Board unanimously upheld the protest, ruling the bell rang before the whistle, making the ball dead and the goal invalid. This overturned the result, awarding the premierships to Perth by one point. Perth's representative offered a rematch the following Saturday, stating they did not wish to win on protest alone, but East Fremantle's response was to be considered by their executive.

Game day had East Fremantle using the early wind advantage, with McIntyre scoring their first goal, while Perth replied via Winton from a free. Perth dominated the second quarter, with goals to Edmondson and Orr, but East Fremantle rallied late, and Doig's disputed goal added six points just as the bell sounded. The third quarter saw intense, high-quality play, with East Fremantle taking a 14-point lead through goals from Heinrichs, Brown, and Christy while Perth struggled to convert their chances.

In the final term, East Fremantle extended their lead to 20 points via Sharpe, but Perth fought back fiercely with goals from Edmondson, Wilson, and Nankervis, narrowing it to four points.

East Fremantle added a behind, and despite late Perth attacks, Orr and Wilson missed chances to win it. Prominent players for East Fremantle's included Wilson, Strang, Sharpe, McIntyre, C. Doig, Christy, and Heinrichs; While Perth's Ferguson, Edwards, Southee, Nankervis, Orr, and the Cherry brothers stood out.