



Footballers in the House



Jerry Dolan (left), East Fremantle Football Club player and coach and an unidentified player, (1930)

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"Members of football teams in Melbourne should be called up for military duty in the same way as are our footballers, instead of hiding under the pretence of doing munitions work. It is one big bluff."

Mr Raphael, (Victoria Park)

Hansard,

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List of Members of the Parliament of Western Australia who played one or more league football games in the Western Australian Football League and/or the Victorian Football League

No	Name	Party	Parliamentary Service	Clubs	Games	Years
1	ANGELO, Edward Houghton	Nat; CP	29/9/1917–8/4/1933	Rovers	Unknown	1887
2	BROWN , James McMillan	ALP	20/2/1971–30/3/1974	South Fremantle	3	1949
3	DARLOT, Everard Firebrace	Forrest	29/11/1890–18/9/1894	Rovers	Unknown	1891–1892
4	DAVIES, Dexter Melvyn	NPA	11/8/1998–21/5/2001	East Fremantle	14	1969–1971
5	DOLAN, John	ALP	29/6/1963–21/5/1974	East Fremantle	166	1923–1933
				East Perth	33	1934–1938
				WA	10	1924–1933
6	DUFF, Thomas	Nat	14/9/1918–12/3/1921	West Perth	2	1899
7	ELLIOTT, Ross	Lib	20/2/1965–23/3/1968	West Perth	2	1949
8	FOX, Thomas	ALP	4/5/1935–20/4/1951	Carlton	10	1902
9	GULL, Arthur Courthope	Lib	27/10/1905–11/9/1908	Victorians	Unknown	1885
10	HARDWICK, John Edward	Lib; Nat	20/10/1904–3/10/1911 21/10/1914–12/3/1921	West Australian	16	1887–1988
				Metropolitans	15	1889–1890
				West Perth	37	1891–1893
11	HEAL, Stanley	ALP	14/2/1953–20/2/1965	West Perth	180	1939–1941, 1946–1953
				Melbourne	8	1941
				WA	18	
12	HEGNEY, James	ALP	12/4/1930–15/3/1947 25/3/1950–23/3/1968	Midland Junction	23	1909–1910
13	HENTY, Ernest George		16/7/1894–25/6/1895	Rovers	Unknown	1891
14	HUGHES, Thomas John	ALP	18/11/1922–26/3/1927	East Fremantle	2	1912
		Ind	15/2/1936–15/7/1943	East Perth	46	1912–1915
15	HUTCHINSON, Ross	Lib	25/3/1950–19/2/1977	East Fremantle	93	1936–1939
				West Perth	16	1946
				South Fremantle	18	1947–1948
				WA	5	1936–1939

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16	JAMES, Walter Hartwell	Lib	15/6/1894–4/10/1904	Rovers	Unknown	1885–1889
17	KINGSMILL, Walter	CP	17/5/1897–12/2/1903	Victorians	2	1888
18	LANGSFORD, Joseph Wood		5/1/1904–21/9/1911	Rovers	Unknown	1885–1887
19	MCCALLUM, Alexander	ALP	12/3/1921–16/3/1935	South Fremantle	1	1904
20	MCNEIL, Thomas	NCP/W	22/5/1977–21/5/1989	St Kilda	8	1951–1952
21	MCPHARLIN, Walter Raymond	CP NCP	2/9/1967–19/2/1983	East Fremantle	28	1938–1939, 1941
22	MARSHALL , Arthur Dix	Lib	6/2/1993–26/2/2005	East Fremantle	20	1954, 1958–1959 1961
23	Frederick Charles Monger	Min; Lib	27/10/1892–24/3/1903 27/10/1905–21/10/1914	Rovers	Unknown	1885, 1888
24	NALDER, Dean	Lib	9/3/2013–13/03/2021	South Fremantle	30	1988–1991
25	NANOVICH, Michael	Lib	30/3/1974–19/2/1983	Subiaco	10	1952
26	O’CONNOR, Raymond James	Lib	21/3/1959–24/8/1984	South Fremantle East Perth	2 14	1944 1948–1950
27	SHAVE, Douglas James	Lib	4/2/1989–10/2/2001	Claremont	3	1968
28	SPRIGG, Trevor Raymond	Lib	26/2/2005–17/1/2008	East Fremantle WA Tasmania	152 6 10	1965–1970, 1976–1977 1967–1968; 1970 1971–1975
29	WALDRON, Terrence James	NPA	10/2/2001–11/3/2017	Claremont South Adelaide	29 17	1970-1972, 1974–1975 1973
30	YOUNG, William Gordon	CP	2/9/1967–30/3/1974	Claremont	1	1945

Notes

The cover photograph is of footballer, Jerry Dolan who is recorded as John Dolan in the Parliament of Western Australia's Hansard. John (Jerry) Dolan was the MLC for West Province and later South-East Province between 1965 and 1974. Part of the photograph was published in the *Truth* on 30 March 1930, p.3. The article says that Dolan coached the East Fremantle football team after being the Captain for some years.

Abbreviations

ALP	Australian Labor Party
CP	Country Party
Lib	Liberal Party
Min	Ministerialist
Nat	Nationalist
NCP	National Country Party
NPA	National Party Australia

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