

LONGFORD FOOTBALL STATE PREMIERS

1957

Longford Football Club was established in 1878, making it the third oldest in Tasmania. In 1926 it entered the Northern Tasmanian Football Association, one of the three peak competitions representing the three main population areas of Tasmania.

Early in the season representative teams would play in an intrastate series. At season's end, the three premiers played off with the winner achieving the highly coveted title of State Premiers.

After World War Two football was in its golden era. Longford's area then included all the current Northern Midlands area and out to Deloraine. An under 18 team was established to foster the youth.

The club recruited a number of excellent coaches including Ron Savage and Terry Cashion, culminating in the appointment of Fred Davies in 1953 as captain-coach.

Fred was a great leader with a capacity to bring people together, a VFL premiership player, a giant of a man, and a bricklayer by day. He took Longford Football Club to its only NTFA premierships in 1955, '57 and '58.

In 1957, having defeated Ulverstone in the State preliminary final, Longford beat North Hobart to be the state premiers.

In 2008 this team was elevated to Tasmania's AFL Hall of Fame.

