

AFL GRAND FINAL

Statement

HON DARREN WEST (Agricultural — Parliamentary Secretary) [9.15 pm]: I will make mine a much happier member's statement tonight! I am sure the President and other members of the house will join me in celebrating the wonderful occasion on Saturday, 30 September, the last Saturday in September, that was the culmination of the Australian Football League season in the form of the AFL grand final. It was a great day to be a Collingwood supporter, because the "Pies" were able to get up by four points in their first September premiership since 1958. Members may wonder why that is, but the 1990 and 2010 premierships were both won, of course, in the month of October due to draws in the finals. It was a great, classic game played between two teams—Brisbane, which was outstanding all season, and the Collingwood footy club.

There was a large Western Australian connection to both teams, but I just want to point out two young men from my area of Northam in the wheatbelt—Bobby Hill, who of course won the Norm Smith Medal and was brilliant all day, and Deven Robertson for Brisbane, who also hails from Northam. To have two young men playing in the grand final from a small community like Northam was quite an achievement. I give a big shout-out to them and to all their coaches and supporters throughout their careers who helped get them to the grand final.

There were also a few milestones. Captain Darcy Moore was presented the premiership cup by his father, Peter Moore. Darcy and Peter Moore are the only father and son combination to have captained their club to a grand final. The other thing I will point out is that in 2010, the Norm Smith Medal was won by number 10 for Collingwood, Scott Pendlebury, and in 2023, the Norm Smith Medal was won by number 23 for Collingwood, Bobby Hill from Northam.

The 100 024 people at the MCG that day watched a classic. The game was brilliant. The Pies got up by four points. Congratulations to all the players, coaches and boards, and especially to the Magpie army, which was certainly out in force and in voice. The world is good again, members. Good old Collingwood forever. Go, Pies!

The PRESIDENT: Carn, the Pies!