

## John Patrick Sexton

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### SPC Footballer's Death

Quite a gloom was caused in Rushworth and Shepparton on Wednesday when the sudden death occurred of a well-known athlete and highly respected citizen in the person of John Patrick Sexton, 23 years.

The illness of the deceased in Mooroopna hospital extended over only 10 days. He was the eldest son of Walter and Elizabeth Sexton of Moora road, Rush worth, and his death came as a great shock to his parents, sisters, brothers and relatives. His parents were former residents of Bendigo where the deceased was born.

As a child he came to Rushworth where he was educated. As a young man he joined the Victorian Railways at Newport where he was employed for over three years.

He then enlisted in the 4th Australian Division of the 2nd AIF and served for over three years. On his discharge he was employed on a shearing contract at Mansfield and was employed there until his illness.

The deceased was an outstanding athlete and excelled in football, cricket and tennis. He was a playing member of the Williamstown CYMS, Williamstown (Association) club, a player and coach of the SPC football team at Shepparton, playing member of the Rushworth football club and was the best and fairest in last season's club competition. He also holds numerous trophies won for football.

The funeral left St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church yesterday following a service by the Rev. Father Bowman assisted by Chaplain K. Ellis. Interment took place in the Roman Catholic section of the Rushworth cemetery.

Over 50 floral tributes were received including SPC football club, workmates of the SPC, committee of the SPC football club, Shepparton football club, staff of telephone exchange, Shepparton, Rushworth sub-branch of the RSL, Miss R. Lonergan (Perth), Mansfield friends, brothers and sisters, Shepparton East football club.

Coffin bearers were Messrs P. Woods, S. Woods, L. Loe, W. Luck, H. Kilpatrick and M. Florence. Pall bearers were Messrs G. Nelder, W. Vallenge, J. Burgess, K. Maskell, S. Kilpatrick, B. Glasson, W. Ferrari and H. Luck.

Flower bearers were Messrs A. R. Wright, J. Ferguson, W. Howell, J. Mansell, D. James, F. O'Dea, T. Willoughby, J. Monaghan, R. H. Masked, P. McMahan, E. Henneberry, J. Ryan, L. Ruby, C. McArden, J. Harding and E. Sexton,

At the cemetery the coffin was draped with the Union Jack and the members of the RSL branch then acted as pall bearers.

Mr. Graham Diggle of Seymour was in charge of funeral arrangements.