

THE VIET-AUSSIE GAME

By Chris Canty

Last month, Phi a teacher at UNIS joined the Hanoi Swans against the Bangkok Tigers, in a game of Australian Rules Football. Pathfinder asked him about the experience, in what Australians regard as, the greatest game on earth.



1. What was your first impression of Australian Rules Football? Where did you first see it?

I first saw Australian Rules Football on the Australian Television channel. I thought it looked very exciting but was interested in seeing it in real life.

2. What made you decide to play for the Hanoi Swans?

There are many friends of mine that play for the Hanoi Swans team, and I work with the captain of the team at UNIS. I think Australian Rules football is very fun and will improve my health which will help me with my job.

3. Do you think Australian Football has a future in Vietnam? Why would Vietnamese people be interested in it?

This sport is very fun so I think that the Vietnamese would enjoy it. In the future, if there are more opportunities where people can have the

chance to train and play in games, I think that the game would grow throughout the country.

4. Australian Football has a reputation for being a rough sport. Do you agree?

Of course I agree with this. People crash into each other and very fast speeds but overall I don't think people want to hurt each other deliberately, so it is safe to play.

5. Will you be playing in the future with the swans?

I am afraid that I do not have much time to devote to it. I would like to play for the Hanoi Swans if I am available, because there are a lot of my friends in the team and now I understand this sport's rules so I would like to play it very much.

For information on how to become involved with the Hanoi Swans email Daryl Taber at dtaber@unishanoi.org