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# Football Match Fatality

## CORONER'S OPEN FINDING

Circumstances surrounding the death of Wilfred David Wunhym, 26 years, of Ballarat Road, Braybrook, were the subject of an inquest by the Coroner (Mr Tingate, P.M.) this week.

It was disclosed in evidence that Wunhym returned home at 6.30 p.m. on May 4 and complained of feeling sick. He died before reaching the hospital.

Donald Murdoch Campbell, of Benjamin Street, Sunshine, a goal umpire at the match between Braybrook and Seddon football teams on the Braybrook oval, said that near the end of the last quarter, blows were struck by two opposing players, with the result that players, spectators and a boundary umpire rushed up and a brawl followed. After the match he said to Wunhym "You have a black eye. Who hit you, Bill?" To this Wunhym replied, "The boundary umpire."

Eric Leonard Crowe, of Wales Street, Kingsville, said he was a boundary umpire at the match in question. While watching an altercation between two players and the umpire, he felt a rain of blows on the back of his head. He turned and grabbed his assailant. Spectators rushed on to the ground, and in the melee that followed he could not remember whether he struck any blows, but if he did they were in self-defence.

The Coroner recorded an open finding.