



It is with deep regret that we announce that former club member, mentor and friend **Robbie Ebbs** sadly passed away on 8th November 2022. He was such a colourful guy and always good company. He was inspirational and brought the best out in everyone, no more so than when he impressively managed VEC teams for five seasons in the 90's.



VEC Football Club extends sincere condolences to his wife Anne and to his family and friends on their sad loss. May Robbie rest in peace.

Robbie Ebbs might have only played 6 games for **VEC Football Club** when he joined our only Sunday team in 1993, but it was as an impressive manager that he made his mark.

As VEC 3rd team manager in 1994/95 and 1995/96 – then as VEC 2nd team manager in 1996/97 – before returning to VEC 3rds with Seamus Doherty for the 1999/2000 season.

Season 1995/96: It was quite extraordinary when VEC's second team and third team were drawn to play each other in the quarter final of the Leslie Reynolds Cup in 1995. On an eventful Saturday – ironically on the 1st April – in the VEC grounds in Whitehall with more than fifty interested spectators, in what was a very exciting game, it took just one sweet strike from player/manager **Dermot Sharkey** mid-way through the second half to secure the win for the seconds over **Robbie Ebbs's** very valiant third-team squad.

In the **1996/97 season**, the three V.E.C. teams were top of their respective divisions – Premier, Division 2A and Division 3A – in March. Unfortunately, the first and the third teams faltered somewhat, but the seconds (with **Robbie** at the helm) had an epic battle for the league title with the result only being decided in the last game of the season at home to Clontarf Athletic. In a truly marvellous game that could have gone either way, Clontarf came from behind to win the game and the league in the final moments after an epic 4-3 encounter.

The death has occurred of Robert (Robbie) Ebbs

Locatrim Stud, Knockaville, Gaybrook, Mullingar, Westmeath / Templeogue, Dublin

Date of Death: Tuesday 8th November 2022



Robbie, peacefully at his home, after a long illness bravely borne. Much missed and deeply loved by his beloved wife Anne, siblings Ray, Noel and Louise, devoted sister-in-law Teresa, his wingman Mick Gaffney, nieces, nephews, relatives, extended family and his many wonderful friends. Supported by the most excellent care of nurse Mary Conlon, Dr. Mary Scriven, Dr. Tom Moore, McTiernans Care Plus Pharmacy, Palliative Care Mullingar and his wonderful carers especially Emma and Teresa.