



Cathedral News

St Mary's Cathedral priest Fr Robert Cross, also an archaeologist, has been excavating the site of the cathedral as large parts of it are dismantled in preparation for its completion. This is part three in our series of his findings.



Elusive identity: Who knows the team and ID of this South Australian player?

Original colour scheme of Cathedral pipe organ revealed

■ By Fr Robert Cross

One of the first actions in the redevelopment of St Mary's Cathedral was the dismantling of the Organ in the south transept of the Cathedral.

The organ has been transported to the workshop of South Island Organ Company in New Zealand where it is to be refurbished and enlarged before being reinstalled in the completed Cathedral.

The organ is to be relocated back to where it was originally installed by J.E. Dodd & Sons of Adelaide in 1910, but in an enlarged and strengthened choir loft at the Murray Street end of the Cathedral.

When the organ was dismantled, the archaeological investigation discerned the original colour scheme of the J.E. Dodd organ, namely, painted silver pipes with a red and gold motif.

Another interesting archaeological find associated with the installation of the pipe organ by pipe organ builders J.E. Dodd & Sons, was the discovery of a South Australian newspaper under the boards of the old choir loft called the "Mining Standard and Sporting News", which included a couple of 1910 pictures of South Australian



Tough: West Adelaide footballer.

National Football League players, Tom Leahy (West Adelaide, above), and someone named Aldersy (top).

Of particular interest is that these photographs have been printed in colour.

If you have any further information about the organ or the "Mining Standard and Sporting News" or the two football players, please send your information to the Project Archaeologist, Fr Robert Cross, 25 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000