

Popular Hobart sportsman dies

ONE of Hobart's best-loved sportsmen has lost his battle with cancer. Peter Bullock died at age 49 last week after a 2 ½ year battle with an extremely rare form of cancer. Bullock was a regular in Tasmanian fun runs and relays, especially the Huon Valley Classic, but was best known on the sporting field for his football exploits. Despite losing his left hand in a butcher's mincer at the age of 13, he played 15 senior games with North Hobart between 1977-78 as a tap ruckman. But Bullock played most of his football career with OHA in the Old Scholars Association. He refused to let the loss of his hand be a disability, and won the Old Scholars Association best and fairest in 1979 and 1985 and was named in OHA's team of the century. Bullock worked for 30 years at the Australian Taxation Office and was a keen swimmer, body surfer and bushwalker. He is survived by his wife Kate Aldridge, and by sons from his first marriage, Sam, 24, and Nick, 22.

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