

SENIOR GRADE RESULTS

FOR 2019

(Ref 2020 /1)

DIVISION: 1 IN 2019

In 2019 , DFNC was promoted to Division: 1 MPNFL. It was an historic season and it was the first time, in the club's long history, that it had participated in the top echelon of Peninsula football. The other Division: 1 clubs were: Rosebud, Sorrento, Frankston, Edi- Aspendale, Bonbeach, Mornington, Pines, Mt Eliza and Frankston YCW.



2019 Coach- Rikki Johnston. Veteran, Life Member & Champion.

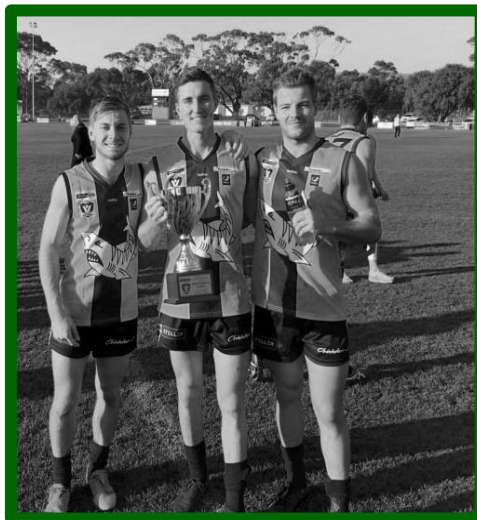
The club's playing lists for 2019 for the Senior and Under: 19 Grades were as shown:

SENIOR SQUAD							
No.	NAME	Gls	No.	NAME	Gls	No.	NAME
1	Billy Geurts		24	Billy Quigley		48	Ethan Senior
2	Matt Gahan		25	Rikki Johnston		49	Daniel Marchesani
3	Rory Gregg		26	Daniel Gibbs		50	
4	Reece Wilde		27	Terry Wheeler		51	Sam Cashin
5	Zac Muschialli		28	Jay Hutchinson		52	Shaun Ross
6	Kane Hughes		29	Tom-Cairns		53	
7	Rohan Bleeker		30	Sam Williamson		54	Aeron Morgan
8	Beau Cosson		31	Liam Coffey		55	
9			32	Lachlan Sweetnam		56	
10	Ryan Smyth		33	Daniel Maestrale		57	Michael Howse
11	Sam Fowler		34	Lachlan McKenzie		58	Jae Williams
12	Andrew Howison		35	Dean Waugh		59	
13	Jai Taylor		36	Beau McMurray		60	
14	Josh Bateman		37	Lachlan McKenzie			
15	Jake Hiep		38	Ethan Johnstone			
16	William Gregson		39	Dane Leyden-Kozikas			
17	Trent Lang		40	Sam Childs			
18	Aydn Musgrave		41	Deaglan Noonan			
19	Jake Milward		42	Wade Chamberlain			
20	Jackson Quigley		43	Lionel Gainsford			
21	Samuel Geurts		44	Tim Stepanavicius			
22	Jon Marshall		45				
23	Maio Puok		46	Lachlan Oliver			

SCORES		
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1st		
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U19 SQUAD		
No.	NAME	Gls
1	Aaron Jewell	
2	Michael Terzini	
3	Lachlan Star	
4	Jon McGennissen	
5	Spencer Gubbins	
6	Will Harris	
7	Ash Leyden-Kozikas	
8	Kane Gipp	
9	Aodhagan Noonan	
10	Liam Trew	
11	Will Harris	
12	Josh Adcock	
13	Ben Tovey	
14	Kyle White	
15	Jack Conroy	
16	Jack Presti	
17	Charles Olsen	
18	Riley McKenzie	
19	Michael Ryan	
20	Dylan Burnham	
21	Keegan Snaddon	
22	Ryan Walters	

ROUND BY ROUND RESULTS FOR SEASON 2019



A HIGHLIGHT OF DFNC IN 2019

‘The Three Amigos’

Sam Fowler, Billy Quigley and Sam Geurts represented the MPNFL against the Ovens & Murray FL in May 2019 at Rosebud.

THE TABULATED SENIOR VXIII MATCH DETAILS FOR SEASON 2019 ARE SHOWN BELOW:

Note: The season started on an historic note as Dromana won its first ever game competing in Division: 1 of the MPNFL and, as shown below, the results show a strong win against traditional rivals, Rosebud.

In a dour and keenly fought contest, where the defences of both sides were ‘hard to crack’, the Tigers kicked six goals to two after half time to win by 27 points. It was a memorable victory, in the club’s history, and one that surprised the local pundits.

ROUND : 1	ROSEBUD AWAY : WON BY 27 POINTS
DROMANA: ROSEBUD	2.1 5.2 7.2 11.8 (74) 1.7 3.8 4.10 . 5.11 (41)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 4 S. Fowler 2 J. Bateman 2 J. Hiep T. Wheeler B. McMurray
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	B. Cosson M. Gahan T. Wheeler W. Gregson S. Geurts, W. Geurts

ROUND : 2	FRANKSTON HOME : WON BY 40 POINTS
DROMANA: FRANKSTON	2.1 10.3 13.7 13.10 (88) 0.6 0.6 4.9. 6.12 (48)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 2 J. Hiep 2 B. Quigley R. Gregg E. Johnstone R. Wilde S. Geurts B. McMurray A. Howison W. Geurts J. Milward
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	B. Quigley M. Gahan W. Gregson S. Geurts A. Howison R. Smyth



A young DFNC champion in full flight- Billy Quigley

ROUND : 3	FRANKSTON YCW AWAY LOST BY 52 POINTS
DROMANA YCW	1.2 4.4 6.7 9.8(62) 2.4 5.8 11.11 16.18 (114)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler 2 W. Geurts R. Johnston J. Hiep J. Milward, S. Fowler E. Johnstone B. McMurray
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts T. Wheeler R. Gregg Z. Muschialli R. Smyth W. Geurts

ROUND : 4	SORRENTO - AWAY: LOST BY 30 POINTS
DROMANA	3.2 4.4 5.4 6.8 (44)
SORRENTO	3.7 4.10 7.17 9.20 (74)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts 3 S. Fowler 2 R. Gregg
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts M. Gahan R. Bleeker B. Quigley J. Hutchinson, J. McGenniken

ROUND : 5	MT ELIZA -HOME : WON BY 17 POINTS
DROMANA	3.0 4.2 6.6 8.9 (57)
CHELSEA	1.2 3.2 5.4 5.10 (40)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler 2 S. Fowler 2 E. Johnstone M. Puok R. Wilde R. Johnston
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	B. Quigley A. Howison Z. Muschialli R. Johnston R. Gregg S. Fowler



Zac Muschialli- A safe , reliable and courageous defender for the Tigers in 2019.

ROUND : 6	EDI-ASPENDALE AWAY : WON BY 37 POINTS
DROMANA	2.2 5.8 9.11 14.15 (99)
EDI- ASP	2.5 4.8 7.12 8.14(62)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 3 S. Fowler 3 K. Whitford 2 B. Quigley W. Geurts R. Smyth M. Gahan M. Puok J. Taylor
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler T. Wheeler S. Geurts M. Gahan J. Taylor R. Smyth

ROUND : 7	PINES- HOME: WON BY 38 POINTS
DROMANA	5.0 7.1 9.1 14.4 (88)
PINES	2.2 5.2 6.4 7.8 (50)

GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 4 E. Johnstone 3 J. Hutchinson 2 B. Cosson 2 S. Geurts M. Puok T. Wheeler
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	B. Quigley J. Hutchinson Z. Muschialli R. Wilde W. Geurts S. Fowler



Sam Fowler- One of the best forwards in MPNFL football in 2019.

ROUND : 8	BONBEACH HOME: WON BY 46 POINTS
DROMANA	2.2 5.6 10.10 13.15(93)
BONBEACH	2.4 3.8 5.10 6.11 (47)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 4 S. Fowler 3 J. Hutchinson 2 S. Geurts 2 T. Wheeler B. Cosson
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	Best Players: T. Wheeler, E. Johnstone, S. Geurts, B. Cosson, B. Quigley, J. Hutchinson



Reliable defender Rohan Bleeker continued with solid displays through 2019.
Rohan was also appointed as Coach of the Under: 19 team.

ROUND : 9	MORNINGTON AWAY : WON BY 41 POINTS
DROMANA	5.3 8.7 13.10 17.14 (116)
MORNINGTON	4.2 6.4 8.8 11.9 (75)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	K. Whitford 3 S. Fowler 3 W. Geurts 2 B. Quigley, J. Hutchinson, B. McMurray, R. Wilde, R. Johnston, D. Leyden-Kozikas, B. Cosson, J. Milward, E. Johnstone

**BEST PLAYERS
FOR DROMANA**

Best Players: W. Geurts , S. Fowler, J. Taylor, S. Geurts, K. Whitford, E. Johnstone



One of DFNC's young stars, Sam Geurts played his 100th Senior Game in Round : 10

ROUND : 10	ROSEBUD HOME : LOST BY 35 POINTS
DROMANA	3.2 3.4 9.8. 9.9 (63)
ROSEBUD	5.3 7.6 11.9 14.14 (98)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 4 B. McMurray T. Wheeler B. Cosson J. Hutchinson B. Tovey
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts, E. Johnstone, T. Wheeler R. Bleeker R. Johnston B. Cosson

ROUND : 11	FRANKSTON AWAY : WON BY 21 POINTS
DROMANA	0.1 3.1 4.4 7.7 (49)
FRANKSTON	2.2 2.2 2.2 4.4 (28)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 4 S. Geurts R. Gregg W. Geurts
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts T. Wheeler B. Cosson R. Bleeker J. Taylor D. Leyden-Kozikas



Round :11 - A fighting victory on a wet and wintry day at Baxter Park.

ROUND : 12	YCW HOME : LOST BY 31 POINTS
DROMANA	4.3 5.7 5.12 7.12 (54)
YCW	1.2 3.7 6.8 12.13. (85)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 3 E. Johnstone 2 D. Leyden-Kozikas W. Geurts
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler S. Fowler R. Bleeker R. Gregg B. Cosson D. Marchesani



Club champion, Terry Wheeler, played his 150th club game against YCW.

ROUND : 13	SORRENTO HOME : WON BY 16 POINTS
DROMANA	0.2 4.8 5.10 10.14 (74)
SORRENTO	6.7 6.8 6.13 7.16 (58)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 4 B. Quigley 3 T. Wheeler 2 E. Johnstone
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	W. Geurts T. Wheeler R. Bleeker R. Johnston J. Taylor Z. Muschialli



A fighting victory over Sorrento in Round: 13 -a triumph to celebrate .

ROUND : 14	MT ELIZA AWAY: WON BY 6POINTS
DROMANA	4.1 6.1 8.3 12.6 (78)
MT ELIZA	2.2 6.7 9.11 10.12 (72)

GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 4 E. Johnstone 3 B. Cosson 2 R. Gregg W. Geurts B. McMurray
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler T. Wheeler R. Bleeker W. Geurts S. Geurts D. Leyden-Kozikas



Beau Cosson –Another solid performance and two vital goals against Mt Eliza.

ROUND : 15	EDI-ASP HOME: WON BY 7 POINTS
DROMANA	1.3 6.5 8.9 10.13 (73)
EDI-ASP	5.4 8.7 9.10 9.12 (66)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 3 S. Geurts 3 R. Wilde 2 W. Geurts R. Gregg
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler R. Wilde T. Wheeler B. Cosson D. Marchesani R. Bleeker

ROUND : 16	PINES AWAY: WON BY 28 POINTS
DROMANA	4.2 6.6 9.10 12.12 (84)
PINES	3.1 4.1 7.4 8.8 (56)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	B. Holmes 6 B. Cosson J. Bateman D. Leyden-Kozikas E. Johnstone S. Fowler J. Holloway
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler B. Cosson B. Quigley S. Fowler R. Bleeker R. Wilde



Ben Holmes returned to the team and booted six majors against Pines.

ROUND : 17	BONBEACH AWAY : WON BY 4 POINTS
DROMANA	1.0 3.2 4.2 6.6 (42)
BONBEACH	1.7 1.9 3.13 4.14 (38)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 3 J. Bateman S. Fowler A. Howison
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler B. Quigley W. Geurts Z. Muschialli R. Wilde E. Johnstone



A young star of MPNFL football, Joshua Bateman, gave a strong exhibition against Bonbeach and, in a low scoring affair, Joshua kicked a crucial goal.

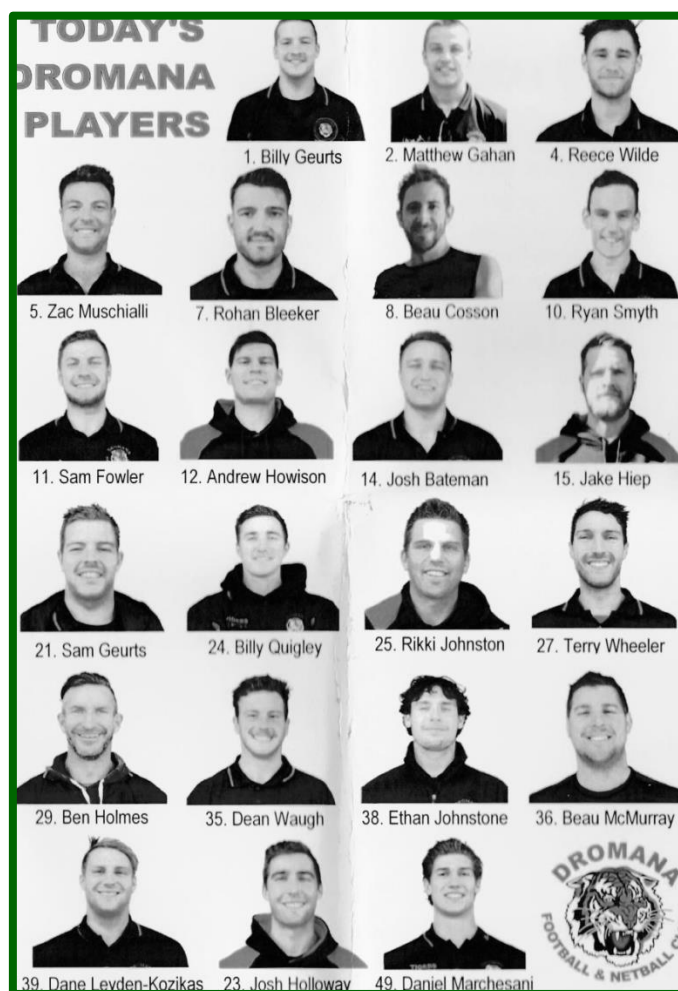
ROUND : 18	MORNINGTON HOME: LOST BY 18 POINTS
DROMANA	1.6 3.9 3.12 6.18 (54)
MORNINGTON	1.1 5.2 8.6 11.6 (74)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 2 T. Wheeler R. Wilde D. Waugh S. Fowler
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler D. Waugh Z. Muschialli J. Bateman R. Bleeker R. Smyth

At the end of the Home and away series, the Ladder in Division: 1 looked like this:

Sorrento	18	15	3	1689 1224	137.99	60
Pines	18	13	5	1336 1160	115.17	52
Dromana	18	13	5	1292 1124	114.95	52
Frankston YCW	18	10	8	1376 1140	120.70	40
Bonbeach	18	9	9	1213 1311	92.52	36
Rosebud	18	8	10	1217 1250	97.36	32
Frankston Bombers	18	7	11	1169 1348	86.72	28
Mt Eliza	18	6	12	1144 1106	103.44	24
Edithvale-Aspendale	18	5	13	1239 1488	83.27	20
Mornington	18	4	14	1116 1640	68.05	16

2019 FINAL SERIES

With the Division: 1 'Final Five' settled after the completion of Round: 18, Dromana met Pines in the **Qualifying Final** at Olympic Park, Rosebud on August 24th. The twenty-two players selected for the match were:



The starting line-up was as shown:

Backs	Daniel Marchesani Rohan Bleeker	Zac Muschialli Matt Gahan	Rikki Johnston Dean Waugh
Midfield	Beau Cosson Billy Geurts	Andrew Howison Sam Geurts	Reece Wilde Billy Quigley
Forwards	Dane Leyden-Kozikas Ethan Johnstone	Terry Wheeler Ben Holmes	Beau McMurray Sam Fowler
I/C	Jake Heip Josh Bateman Ryan Smythe Josh Holloway		

A thrilling and hard hitting contest saw Dromana eventually run over the top of Pines and, in a powerful last quarter surge, found away through the Pines defence to secure a convincing victory by 16 points .

The fitness and discipline shown by the young Tigers' were telling across four quarters; and many 'old timers' were struggling to remember a finer exhibition of team-orientated football by Dromana.

It was a victory that reflected strong leadership, and nerve in the 'heat of battle.'

The brilliance of Dromana's small brigade led by Ethan Johnstone, Josh Bateman and Reece Wilde and the non compromising defence of Zac Muxschialli, Rohan Bleeker and Matt Gahan were significant factors in the Tigers' imposing win.

QUALIFYING FINAL	V PINES AT ROSEBUD WIN BY 16 POINTS
DROMANA	2.2 8.4 9.6 13.9 (87)
PINES	5.4 5.5 8.10 10.11 (71)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 4 R. Wilde 3 T. Wheeler 2 W. Geurts B. McMurray J. Hiep B. Holmes
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler R. Wilde W. Geurts E. Johnstone R. Johnston R. Bleeker

For The **Semi Final** against Sorrento at Rowley Reserve Rye there was only one change in the line-up, that being was the inclusion of Jay Hutchinson for young Josh Holloway .

The highly anticipated contest was an anti-climax; as Sorrento took absolute control in the first term and by half time held a decisive lead of 51 points. The Tigers' regrouped at half time and won across all lines in the third quarter but sadly wasted opportunities to convert. It seemed at though the Tigers had spent 'their penny' and lack- lustre last term worsened the situation while a serious shoulder injury to Dromana's champion, Terry Wheeler, added to the club's woes. Sorrento won by 57 points .

SEMI FINAL	V SORRENTO AT RYE LOST BY 57 POINTS
DROMANA	1.1 2.2 6.8 7.9 (51)
SORRENTO	5.4 10.5 12.9 16.12 (108)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 2 B. Quigley B. Cosson J. Bateman S. Fowler B. Holmes
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	R. Wilde M. Gahan B. Quigley J. Hutchinson S. Fowler S. Geurts



Young Matt Gahan was resolute in defence against Sorrento.



In September, Rikki Johnston was named the MPNFL Coach of the Year. It was another prestigious award for the club's champion and intrepid leader.

There were no team changes for **Preliminary Final** against the 'in form' Bonbeach Sharks at Olympic Oval on Sunday 8th September. The forecasters were proven right as the dark morning clouds brought heavy rain which made playing conditions extremely difficult.

The match soon developed into a 'war of attrition' and, as is often the case in such adverse weather; the outcome was based upon the survival of the fittest.



Wet weather football at Rosebud- Survival of the fittest.

Way back in 1936, one of the VFL's iconic figures, Ivor Warne-Smith, wrote a guide for young footballers regarding playing football in wet weather; and it seemed as though, in that Preliminary Final, every Dromana player had carefully read and fully comprehended Ivor's illuminating tips on coping with a wet and greasy ball.

In a fierce contest, in dreadful conditions, Dromana prevailed because: (i) The team adapted better to the heavy ground (ii) Defended with discipline (iii) Used the ball better under pressure.

It was desperate close-in football; and the Tigers were hard-pressed at several tipping points the game but experience and team work once again proved the keys to seeing off the Sharks' challenges.

Goals were at a premium and the efforts of forwards Sam Fowler, Ethan Johnstone and Ben Holmes were telling in a low scoring encounter. The effort of young Billy Geurts was again imposing; and Terry Wheeler, who had received a severe shoulder injury in the Semi-Final against Sorrento, was fearless in contests.

The back six, led by Zac Muschialli and Rikki Johnston, held firm at crucial tipping points; and with much at stake, the Tigers kicked three goals in a desperate last term to claim the right to play Sorrento in the Division: 1 Grand Final on Sunday 15th September. The club was on the verge of making MPNFL history and the players were set for the 'battle of their lives.'

PRELIMINARY FINAL	V BONBEACH AT ROSEBUD WON 19 POINTS
DROMANA BONBEACH	1.1 3.3 5.4 8.7. (55) 0.0 2.1 3.3 5.6 (36)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	S. Fowler 3 B. Quigley E. Johnstone T. Wheeler S. Geurts B. Holmes
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	S. Geurts W. Geurts J. Bateman R. Johnston Z. Muschialli B. Quigley

THE 2019 MPNFL DIVISION: 1 GRAND FINAL



Frankston Park- Venue for the 2019 Division: 1 Grand Final

The Grand Final was played on September 15th at Frankston Park. Dromana supporters flocked to the ground and the club's colours were to be seen at all points of the ground. The build-up to the Grand Final created excitement in the township, and the chance of Rikki Johnston and his team to create MPNFL history was at the forefront of the minds of all supporters

The line up for the match was as shown:

Backs	Daniel Marchesani Rohan Bleeker	Zac Muschialli Matt Gahan	Rikki Johnston Dean Waugh
Midfield	Beau Cosson Billy Geurts	Andrew Howison Sam Geurts	Reece Wilde Jay Hutchinson
Forwards	Dane Leyden-Kozikas Ethan Johnstone	Terry Wheeler Ben Holmes	Billy Quigley Sam Fowler
I/C	Jake Heip Josh Bateman Ryan Smythe Beau Mc murray		
Emergencies	Will Gregson Jake Milward		

The result: An historic victory by seven points.

GRAND FINAL	V SORRENTO AT FRANKSTON WON 7 POINTS
DROMANA	1.2 4.3 7.3 8.4. (52)
SORRENTO	1.1 4.2 4.6 6.9 (45)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	B. Holmes 3 S. Fowler 2 J. Hutchinson E. Johnstone R. Johnston
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	W. Guerts (AFLSE Medal) J. Hutchinson D. Marchesani T.Wheeler S. Fowler R. Bleeker

Note: A comprehensive report of the 2019 Grand Final will be posted next week on this website.

RESERVES AND THIRDS IN 2019

At the completion of the **Home & Away** series, Dromana Reserves finished on the bottom of the Ladder with just one win and a percentage of 28.58 %. The team's only victory was against Bonbeach in Round: 8.

The Thirds were valiant throughout the season and, although the team failed to win a game, won the admiration of all with their 'never say die attitude.' Despite the challenges faced in every game, the Tigers played with discipline and spirit.

A round by round summary of the Reserves and the Under: 19 teams for the 2019 Season can be found on the MPNFL website.

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