

# DFNC GOAL KICKING HISTORY UPDATE: 1900-2020 ( Ref: 2020/21 )



## UPDATE OF LISTS FROM 1900-2020

In recent years, the club has tried to update its history regarding major award winners; and one of the biggest 'projects' was to establish the club's goal kicking award winners. While good progress has been made, unfortunately the winners of the award from seasons 1900-1907 are still to be confirmed, and the names of the winners in 1975 and 76 are also proving to be very elusive.

This article is simply to update the Senior XVIII Grade goal kicking lists from 1900-2020. The data, regarding Reserves and Third Grade goal kicking winners in earlier years is unknown.

A list of the **TOP 10 GOAL KICKERS** in Senior Grade XVIII, for the period 2013-2019 , can be found at:

<http://www.dromanatigers.com.au/2020/history/goals1319.pdf>

## NOTES REGARDING CLUB GOAL KICKING AWARDS

1. In the first decade of the club's existence, there were no available records of goal kicking. It could be that the early matches were 'ad hoc' or perhaps the results were misplaced or deemed 'not necessary'.
2. The small season tallies in the early years may simply reflect the number of games played in the local fixtures.
3. The first DFNC player to kick 20 goals in a season was Wally Guy ( in 1930 with 45 goals). The first player to better 50 goals in a season was also Wally. He kicked 75 goals in 1931. That figure would stand as the club record until 1957.

4. W. 'Bill' Patterson won the goal kicking for Dromana on six occasions (1923-29-32-33-34-35); and he was regarded as a star of his era. His best return was 66 goals in 1935. Despite investigation, no connection could be made between Dromana's William Patterson and William ' Banjo' / Patterson ( born at Noorat in 1888) who played with St Kilda in earlier times and coached the Saints, in one game, in 1938. In a match against Pearcedale in June 1932, Bill Patterson kicked eight goals in the team's total of sixteen.
5. Players who have kicked more than 50 goals in one season for Dromana **include:-** W.Guy (1931) W. Patterson (1935). K. Taylor (1950 ) H. Fletcher (1953), L. Coyne (1957), J. Nix ( 1964), G.James ( 1971-72), N. Watson (1982), T. Woodford (1984), F. Cook (1988), S. Tobin ( 1991-92), D. Labozzetta (1999), H. Laube ( 1962-63), S. Goosey (2006-07-08 ), A. Bruhn (2013-14) and Ethan Johnstone ( 2017-18 ).
6. Sam Fowler booted 49 goals at an average of 2.23 goals per game in 2019.
7. The record for the most goals kicked in any season, by a Dromana footballer, is held by Simon Goosey ( 96 goals in 2006) . In his three seasons at DFNC, Simon kicked 256 goals at an imposing average of 5.22 goals per game.
8. In 1997, Tim Coyle won the goal kicking with just five goals. An article, regarding the 1997 season, can be found on this website and it will explain much about Tim's total in that season. ( Reference [2017/10](#))

<b>1900-1920</b>					
YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
<b>1900</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1911</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE	
<b>1901</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1912</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE	
<b>1902</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1913</b>	W. CLYDESDALE	<b>11</b>
<b>1903</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1914</b>	W. CLYDESDALE	<b>15</b>
<b>1904</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1915</b>	R. DYSON	<b>7</b>
<b>1905</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1916</b>	WORLD WAR : 1	
<b>1906</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1917</b>	WORLD WAR:1	
<b>1907</b>	NO DETAILS AVAILABLE		<b>1918</b>	WORLD WAR: 1	
<b>1908</b>	S. WILSON	<b>12</b>	<b>1919</b>	W.STIRLING	<b>12</b>
<b>1909</b>	R.WYATT	<b>5</b>	<b>1920</b>	A.MESSING	<b>9</b>
<b>1910</b>	S. WILSON	<b>5</b>			

# 1921-1940

YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
1921	A.MCGREGOR	16	1931	W.GUY	75
1922	G.MCLEAR	8	1932	W.PATTERSON	36
1923	W.PATTERSON	11	1933	W.PATTERSON	27
1924	B.AUST	11	1934	W.PATTERSON	35
1925	B.GRIFFITHS	18	1935	W.PATTERSON	66
1926	B.GRIFFITHS	16	1936	J.CORNISH	41
1927	B.GRIFFITHS	18	1937	F.VOLK	46
1928	R.BIRCH	19	1938	J.CORNISH	28
1929	W.PATTERSON	12	1939	Q.MCLAREN	43
1930	W.GUY	45	1940	W.GUY	10



Reg Birch- Won the club goal-kicking award in 1928.

A little known fact is that Reg also booted 54 goals for Mornington FC in 1922.



Wally Guy – 75 goals in 1931.



Dromana's greatest forward of the 1920-1930's- Bill Patterson.

## 1941-1960

YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
1941	WORLD WAR:2		1951	R.MOOREHEAD	23
1942	WORLD WAR:2		1952	R.MOOREHEAD	16
1943	WORLD WAR:2		1953	H.FLETCHER	73
1944	WORLD WAR:2		1954	K.TAYLOR	38
1945	WORLD WAR:2		1955	J.DUNCAN	21
1946	B.AUST	29	1956	R.MOOREHEAD	23
1947	W.GUY	47	1957	L.COYNE	76
1948	H.PARKES	14	1958	G.MCLEAR	22
1949	D.RODDA	32	1959	B.GRIFFITHS	26
1950	K.TAYLOR	74	1960	B.GRIFFITHS	15

## 1961-1980

1961	W.COOPER	36	1971	G.JAMES	68
1962	R.BRINDLEY TBC	10**	1972	G.JAMES	88
1963	T. FOWLER	46	1973	S.JOLLEY	42
1964	J.NIX	65	1974	S.JOLLEY	25
1965	R.DARK	34*	1975	TO BE CONFIRMED	
1966	B.MCCORMICK	45	1976	TO BE CONFIRMED	
1967	R.DARK	29	1977	R.FYSON	39
1968	R. FYSON	27	1978	I.KERR	39
1969	S.JOLLEY	44	1979	I.KERR	23
1970	G.JAMES	30	1980	G.MEMBERY	37



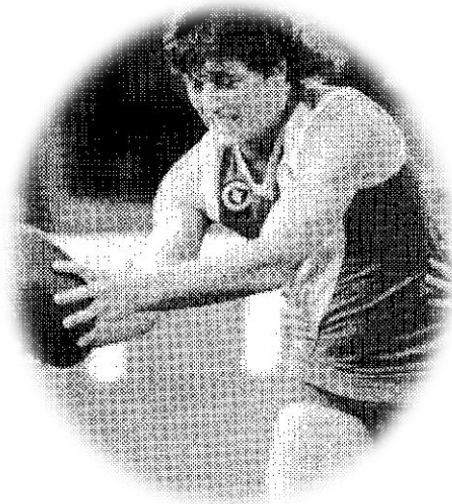
John Nix kicked 65 goals for Dromana in 1964

## 1981-2000

<b>1981</b>	S.EDWARDS	<b>30</b>	<b>1991</b>	S.TOBIN	<b>63</b>
<b>1982</b>	N.WATSON	<b>51</b>	<b>1992</b>	S.TOBIN	<b>73</b>
<b>1983</b>	M.BERWICK	<b>48</b>	<b>1993</b>	C.BURNS	<b>30</b>
<b>1984</b>	T.WOODFORD	<b>55</b>	<b>1994</b>	A.SIMMONDS	<b>28</b>
<b>1985</b>	A.CROUCH	<b>41</b>	<b>1995</b>	P.FENBY	<b>38</b>
<b>1986</b>	M.RENDAL	<b>21</b>	<b>1996</b>	P.WATSON	<b>42</b>
<b>1987</b>	N.WATSON	<b>28</b>	<b>1997</b>	T.COYLE	<b>5</b>
<b>1988</b>	F.COOK	<b>56</b>	<b>1998</b>	D.NICOLLE	<b>18</b>
<b>1989</b>	C.SMITH	<b>46</b>	<b>1999</b>	D.LABOZZETTA	<b>55</b>
<b>1990</b>	P.WATSON	<b>39</b>	<b>2000</b>	H.LAUBE	<b>29</b>



Former Footscray, Yarraville, Port Melbourne and Moorabbin star, Fred Cook, won the DFNC goal-kicking award in 1988 with 56 goals. Fred gained legendary status while playing with Port Melbourne where he kicked 1210 goals in 253 senior games.



Steven Tobin –One of the all time greats forwards at Pier Street.



Former YCW star , David Labozetta, who booted 55 goals for Dromana in 1999.

<b>2001-2019</b>					
<b>2001</b>	D.O'KANE	<b>19</b>	<b>2011</b>	S.GAERTNER	<b>44</b>
<b>2002</b>	H.LAUBE	<b>55</b>	<b>2012</b>	S.GAERTNER	<b>43</b>
<b>2003</b>	H.LAUBE	<b>62</b>	<b>2013</b>	A.BRUHN	<b>58</b>
<b>2004</b>	R. JOHNSTON	<b>36</b>	<b>2014</b>	A.BRUHN	<b>67</b>
<b>2005</b>	P.MINCHINGTON	<b>37</b>	<b>2015</b>	S.FOWLER	<b>36</b>
<b>2006</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>98</b>	<b>2016</b>	B.COSSON	<b>31</b>
<b>2007</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>69</b>	<b>2017</b>	E.JOHNSTONE	<b>29</b>
<b>2008</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>78</b>	<b>2018</b>	E.JOHNSTONE	<b>54</b>
<b>2009</b>	A.HUNTER	<b>31</b>	<b>2019</b>	S.FOWLER	<b>49</b>
<b>2010</b>	R.JOHNSTON	<b>20</b>	<b>2020</b>	SEASON CANCELLED COVID-19	<b>N/A</b>



Beau Cosson won the award in 2016- 31 goals.





**Sam Fowler- A young star of MPFNFL football – 49 goals in 2019.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** While the above details for the DFNC Senior XVIII goal-kicking have ‘filled a sizeable gap’ in the club’s records, there is still much history to uncover in the relation to other earlier club awards and trophies. For example...Any details regarding Best and Fairest winners, goal kicking awards and other honours in the Reserve and Third XVIII Grades would be welcomed.



## **CAN YOU ASSIST DFNC HISTORY REGARDING A FORMER PLAYER JAMES PATTERSON 1919- 1994?**

In researching the club’s history, during the years of the Great Depression, it appears that there may be another Dromana player, James Patterson, who graduated to VFL ranks. However to ensure credibility, verification is required; and perhaps there is a reader who can assist in this research about **James Frances Patterson (1919-1994)**.

James played with Dromana some 85 years ago; and it is ethical that the following facts are confirmed. If you can assist, please contact the club. Thank you.



### **BACKGROUND**

In 1935 the club’s Best and Fairest award was shared by Wally Guy and a relatively unknown player, simply listed as J. Patterson. Recent and lengthy research into the club history, during the 1930’s, indicated that J. Patterson was more than likely young James Patterson

.James (better known as ‘Jim’ in local circles) is probably the youngest **senior** grade player to win a club Best & Fairest award. Bill Patterson was Dromana’s leading forward in that era; and perhaps James was a relation to Bill. It would be advantageous if this can be proven.

## EARLY YEARS

James Frances Patterson was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 1919 and probably played his first game for Dromana at the age of sixteen. In 1935, James was listed in the best players in the Second Semi-Final against Red Hill; and it is known that he kicked a goal in Preliminary Final ( which Somerville won by 25 points). Throughout the season his name was mentioned in the match reports on occasions; and the shared- award, at the end of the season, indicated that he was a 'top tier' player for the club in 1935.

## 1936- A CLEARANCE FROM DROMANA

James enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy in 1936 and was stationed at Cerberus for some time. There is documentation which points to James serving in the RAN for twelve years and being awarded three conduct medals in that time. ( James may have been stationed in WA during that period but this has not been verified). James was a brilliant young footballer and it was no surprise that was listed with North Melbourne FC in 1943.

**Peninsula Goal-kickers**  
(OUTSTANDING sharpshooting was one of the features of Peninsula football in the fifth series of home and home matches. The best performances were those of R. Webster, the Frankston forward, with 14 goals and Fred Volk, Sorrento leader, with 10. The Navy player, H. Erridge, was also deadly, with 8 goals.  
In J. Patterson, the Navy team has gained a fine footballer, one of the best on the Peninsula. He played impressively against the visiting Mornington side, as did Ritchie, Marray and Mar-

The details of how he arrived at NMFC are unclear; and one suggestion that he crossed from South Melbourne is puzzling. In AFL history, there are about 20 players with the name 'Patterson' or 'Paterson' so it is wise not to be too obdurate about such ideas.

## CAREER AT NORTH MELBOURNE FC 1942- 1947.

James was 24 years of age when he first trained with NMFC. In retrospect, that may seem to be a relatively 'mature/old' age for entry in VFL ranks but such things were not uncommon during World War :II as players travelled across the country as part of their service/ military duties. James (known as 'Jim' at NMFC) made his debut with the Shinboners ( as North Melbourne was once called) against Footscray, at Arden Street in Round :14, in 1943. The above extract from the 'The Argus' shows that James was selected in the forward pocket that day.

**NORTH MELBOURNE v FOOTSCRAY**  
**NORTH MELBOURNE:** Backs: Abikhair, Hacker, Jones. Half-backs: Bretherton, Moran, Willis. Centres: Smith, Dobson, Attenborough. Half-forwards: O'Brien, Crump, Gerlick. Forwards: Patterson, Murray, Dyer. Followers: Crawford, Kemp, Rover, Findlay. Emergencies: Chalmers, Spratling, Slater.  
**FOOTSCRAY:** Backs: Kennedy, A. McTaggart, T. Tribe. Half-backs: McCankie, Oliver, Hand. Centres: Miller, O'Neill, Chisholm. Half-forwards: Hale, W. McTaggart, Thoma. Forwards: Grove, Greenham, Law. Followers: Dougherty, Bauer, Rover, Ryan. Emergencies: Harris, Evenden, K. Palmer, Dudley.

AFL records show, that James was 182 cm and weighed 78 kgm in 1943.



James took the field that day with the celebrated Sel Murray and other well-known VFL players such as Dick Abikair, Bill Findlay (NMFC's coach that day) and Dally O'Brien. James played a further 10 games in 1944.

**Fyfe, the Coburg rover, had a run, and proposes to stay at North if he feels that he can gain a place. Kennedy, Jones, Harrison, Dynon, H. Green, Patterson, Sexton, and Pullen were men from the services who had a run. Stubbs, McCorkell, and Dalton were all nursing leg injuries.**

Perhaps war-time military duty called, but official AFL archives indicate that James did not play VFL in 1945. However, he was selected for the first round in 1946 against St Kilda. James played nine games in 1946. There is report that stated that he was playing brilliantly until injured that season. ( See extract 'The Age' May 4th 1946 Page 8 ). It was a 'feather in his cap' to be described by 'The Age' journalist as North's brilliant footballer. The extract informs readers that James' injury was sustained at the Naval Base.

James played a further three game sin 1947; and his last game for North Melbourne was against Fitzroy on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1947. In all, James played 25 games and kicked 20 goals for NMFC. When he played his last game for NMFC he was 28 years and 2 days of age,

**North to Miss Crack Centreman**

It was announced yesterday that Patterson, North's brilliant centreman, would be unable to play against Collingwood to-day.

Patterson chipped his ankle bone while training at Flinders Naval Depot on Thursday night, and has been crippled since.

This player, who was one of North's best against Richmond last week, will be badly missed in the centre to-day.

## **JAMES GOES TO SANDRINGHAM AND THEN TO PERTH FC**

It is known that James Patterson sought a clearance to Sandringham in May 1947; and newspaper reports indicate that he played with Sandringham in the 1947 Grand Final against Port Melbourne. One reliable source stated that James played 37 games for Sandringham and kicked 19 goals; and James was the vice-captain of Sandringham FC for some time. In 1949, James crossed to Perth ( WAFL ) in 1949 ( see the extract from the 'Daily News' April 21<sup>st</sup> 1949. ). It is interesting to not that James' occupation was listed at a Navy PT instructor. In the same article James was described as a 'very good centre man' and there is also a fleeting reference to his time with a suburban team in earlier days.

### **Perth Get Centreman Who Played With N. Melbourne**

Jim Patterson, a West Australian footballer who has played with North Melbourne and who was vice-captain of a Victorian association team, has returned to WA and will strip with Perth.

A Navy PT instructor, Patterson arrived in WA on Monday for discharge after seven

## **JAMES PATTERSON'S R.A. N SERVICE RECORD.**

- RAN service number: 21009
- Enlistment date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 1936
- Rank: Chief Petty Officer
- Unit: HMAS Cerberus
- Date of Discharge: 11<sup>th</sup> May 1949

James Patterson died on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1994, aged 74.

## **CAN ANY READER ASSIST WITH FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING JAMES PATTERSON?**

Perhaps there is a relative or friend of the Patterson family who may be able to assist in verifying or clarifying the above information about James Patterson.

For example:

1. Was James related to Bill Patterson (the famous Dromana forward of that era)?
2. Was he recruited to North Melbourne FC via the agency/ support of Wally Guy (who played with North Melbourne in 1934)?
3. What did James do after being discharged from the RAN? Did he return to the Mornington Peninsula?
4. Does James have any family still connected with DFNC?
5. Any photos of James would be appreciated. Thank you.

Any reader who can confirm this research about the life and times of James Patterson is kindly asked to contact the club; and any assistance regarding James' history would be greatly appreciated. (Thank you Roger-August 2020).

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