

DROMANA FOOTBALL-NETBALL CLUB HISTORY



'DOWN MEMORY LANE'

1998 NIGHT FOOTBALL SERIES

ROSEBUD FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc.)

1998
NIGHT FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Proudly Sponsored by...

Rosebud RSL

Rosebud Hot Bread Kitchen
Norm Lansdown Smallgoods



Round 2: Friday 6th March
6.30 Mornington V Dromana
8.30 Rosebud V Crib Point

Prize Money:

Winners: \$1000 & Trophy
Runner Up: \$500
Man of the Match Awards
\$50 Rosebud RSL Meal / Gaming Voucher

NIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINAL
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 8.30
BROADCAST LIVE ON 3RFP .. 98.7 FM
"Peninsula Radio"


Please consider our neighbours in all of your actions.

The 1998 Night Football Championship was an innovative idea on the local football calendar; and again underlined how far MPNFL had travelled in that era. It is no secret that entertaining night football depends upon effective lighting to prevent player injury and, of course, to ensure that the crowd can see all parts of the ground. Light towers are very expensive to install and add a hefty burden to the club's monthly power bills.

In 1998, Rosebud Football Club installed new light towers and had set a new benchmark in training facilities in local football.

The 1998 Night Series was an 'exciting experiment' in Peninsula sport and it was greeted with great anticipation by football fans. The matches under lights proved to be very popular and Rosebud FC received accolades for its creative concept in promoting local football.

THE DROMANA NIGHT SERIES SQUAD -1998

<p>DROMANA FC</p> <p>BAKER, Craig ✓ BREEN, Mathew ✓ CAMPBELL, Mark CUNNINGHAM, Tyson ✓ DOUGLAS, Dustin ✓ DUNN, Brett ✓ GARDINER, Jeremy ✓ GEISLER, Colin ✓ GOWER, Michael ✓ HAZELDINE, Anthony ✓ HEPNER, Tim ✓ HILTON, Jeff ✓ HOLST, Warren KENNEDY, Dom KING, Brett ✓ LABOZZETTA, David ✓ LAWLER, Luke LEAH, Jarrett ✓ LONG, Brendon MATTHEWS, Anthony ✓ Mc CARTIN, Jason ✓ MORRICE, Simon ✓ NEVILLE, Michael ✓ NICOLE, Daniel ✓ NOTTLE, Andrew ✓ O'CONNOR, Sean POTTS, Graham ✓ ROBERTSON, Peter ROWLER, Andrew ✓ SCOTT, Andrew ✓ SULLIVAN, Jason ✓ THODAY, Andrew THODAY, Robert TRIGG, Brendon ✓ VEALE, Chris ✓ WALKER, John. ✓</p>	<p>MORNINTON FC</p> <p>1. GOOSEY, Simon 2. BROWN, Matthew 3. WUNDERLY, Adam 4. BODYCOMB, Hayden 5. ALLEN, Tim 6. SIMPSON, Paul 7. PARIS, Brad 8. SEAL, Darren 9. GAY, Paul 10. HOGAN, Sebastian 11. WELLS, Steve 12. KNOTT, Laurie 13. PERKINS, Simon 14. MATONS, Paul 15. PIMLOTT, Adam 16. LIPPIATT, Nathan 17. HODGKINS, Luke 18. McGUINNESS, Luke 19. MANDER, Damian 20. SINGLETON, Reece 21. CULLEN, Michael 22. WHEELER, Nathan 23. BELJAK, Chris 24. BERTUCCI, Chris 25. WILLIAMS, Darren 26. CRAWLEY, Simon 27. REARDON, Nick 33. CORFIELD, Craig 55 KIMPTON, Steve</p>	 <p>MATCH CONDITIONS: 2 x 20 Umpire Teams All MF</p> <p>Round 3 Friday 6.30 TBA 8.30 Grand Final</p>
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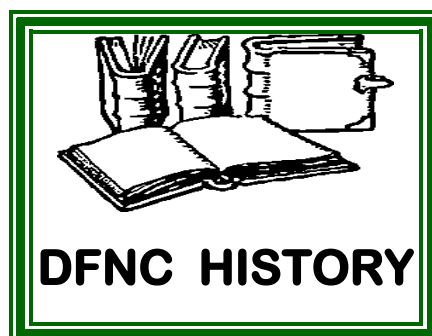
Round 1 Results 27th February
 Crib Point 9.9.63 D Dromana 9.5.59
 Rosebud 6.7.43 D Red Hill 3.6.24

NOTES ON THE 1998 NIGHT SERIES

1. The series was played over three Friday nights at the Olympic Oval , Rosebud.
2. There were two games per evening; and the first match commenced at 6.30pm.
3. The series was sponsored by: Rosebud RSL, Rosebud Hot Bread Kitchen and Norm Landsdown Smallgoods. Norm is very well known in local football (and cricket) circles ; and he was on the MPNFL Board for many years. Norm's son, Scott, won Dromana's Best & Fairest trophy in 1995,
4. The prize money for the series winners was substantial. The winning club received \$1000.00 while the Runner-up 'took home' \$ 500.00. There were also 'Man of the Match' awards in the form of RSL meal vouchers each week.
5. The following clubs participated in the series: Mornington, Dromana, Rosebud, Crib Point and Red Hill.
6. The structure of the truncated games was: Two quarters of 20minutes and the last two quarters were of 25 minutes duration. There was no time on and each match was 90 minutes in total.

7. Each team was permitted 23 players per game.
8. The Dromana squad had a handful of MPNFL star footballers including Jeff Hilton, David Labozzetta and Luke Lawler.
9. The Dromana team also had a group of dedicated and spirited men who played a significant role in steering the club through some turbulent and harrowing times in that era:- Chris Veale, John Walker, Brendon Trigg, Andrew Rowler, Michael Neville, Jarrett Leah, Brett King, Tim Hepner, Colin Geisler, Jeremy Gardiner, Graham Potts, Dan Nicolle, Simon Morrice, Brett Dunn, Dustin Douglas, Anthony Matthews and Matt Breen. Dromana FC was coached by Steve Scaglarini in 1998.
10. Peter Robertson, an emerging player, broke his arm that season which ended his promising football career.
11. The Mornington team in 1998 comprised a number of players who later crossed to play with Dromana e.g. Simon Goosey, Tim Allen, Brad Paris, Craig Corfield, Matt Brown and Chris Beljak.
12. In the first round, Crib Point 9.9.63 defeated Dromana 9.5.59. The details regarding, the outcome of the championships, have tested the memory of quite a few local football followers. Information regarding the final scores, goal kickers and best players are elusive, however it is generally agreed that Mornington went onto win the series.
13. It is thought that Matt Breen was the captain of Dromana FC in that series. Matt was steadfast and reliable footballer who played 57 games with Dromana between 1995 and 2002 after crossing from Rosebud FC. He was chosen in the Team of the Decade (1996-2005); and Matt will always be remembered for his wholehearted efforts to lift the club in those difficult days.

CAN YOU HELP TO BUILD THE DFNC ARCHIVES ?



Over the past few years, the History Committee of the DFNC has been trying to place on record as much as possible about the people, games and events of the club since its inception more than 100 years ago.

It is hoped to gather club memorabilia such as photographs, programs, publications, membership tickets, press cuttings, awards and team sheets to place on permanent record on the club's website.

Hopefully, in this way, our club's rich history can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations.

One of the best ways for any club to show its appreciation, to those members who 'paved the way' in earlier days, is to record their contribution to strengthening and maintaining the club. Your assistance in building the club's archives is valued. Thank you. Roger Spaul for DFNC- February 2020.