

TRIUMPHANT TIGERS CREATE MPNFL HISTORY IN 2019.

DFNC UPDATE

Reference: 2021/9



MPNFL football was abandoned in 2020.

For the first time since World War: II, football on the Mornington Peninsula was suspended (due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic) during 2020.

INTRODUCTION

While 2019 was a unparalleled season in football for DFNC, 2020 was an unprecedented year in public health for the nation.

For the first time since 1945, Dromana (and all other clubs) did not play any games in local leagues during 2020 because of the Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. At the time of writing this article (March 2021), the virus has not been eradicated but has been markedly suppressed across all states of Australia (and also in New Zealand). It is anticipated that , with the roll out of vaccinations underway, a return to a degree of normalcy in life, may be possible.

This article is to update the DFNC website information; and to refresh the minds of readers regarding the historic accomplishment of the club in winning back-to-back flags in two MPNFL divisions. It was indeed an historic achievement; and there is every chance that DFNC's feat will never be bettered in the years ahead.

2019 THE YEAR IN SUMMARY

In 2019 , DFNC was promoted to Division: 1 MPNFL ; 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.

Rikki Johnston was again the coach ; and the club’s Senior playing list for 2019 is as shown below. The new players to the club in 2019 included: Matt Chambers (Korumburra), Jake Heip (A.C.T), Liam Coffey (Foster), Matt Gahan (Red Hill) , Tom Cairns (Great Western) and Jai Taylor from Red Hill FC. Daniel Maestrale was the Reserves XVIII Coach; and, Rohan Bleeker, was appointed the Under: 19 Coach.

SENIOR SQUAD					
No.	NAME	Gls	No.	NAME	Gls
1	Billy Geurts		24	Billy Quigley	
2	Matt Gahan		25	Rikki Johnston	
3	Rory Gregg		26	Daniel Gibbs	
4	Reece Wilde		27	Terry Wheeler	
5	Zac Muschialli		28	Jay Hutchinson	
6	Kane Hughes		29	Tom Cairns	
7	Rohan Bleeker		30	Sam Williamson	
8	Beau Cosson		31	Liam Coffey	
9			32	Lachlan Sweetnam	
10	Ryan Smyth		33	Daniel Maestrale	
11	Sam Fowler		34	Lachlan McKenzie	
12	Andrew Howison		35	Dean Waugh	
13	Jai Taylor		36	Beau McMurray	
14	Josh Bateman		37	Lachlan McKenzie	
15	Jake Heip		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	Maik Punk		46	Lachlan Oliver	
			48	Ethan Senior	
			49	Daniel Marchesan	
			50		
			51	Sam Cashin	
			52	Shaun Ross	
			53		
			54	Aeron Morgan	
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			56		
			57	Michael Howse	
			58	Jae Williams	
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SCORES	
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DFNC Senior Squad for 2020

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 in the game against the Ovens & Murray FL in May 2019 at Rosebud.

THE TABULATED SENIOR MATCH DETAILS FOR SEASON 2019:

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 indicate a convincing 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:	2.1 5.2 7.2 11.8 (74)
ROSEBUD	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:	2.1 10.3 13.7 13.10 (88)
FRANKSTON	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 action - Billy Quigley

ROUND : 3	FRANKSTON YCW AWAY LOST BY 52 POINTS
DROMANA	1.2 4.4 6.7 9.8(62)
YCW	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. McGennissen

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 the 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 FRANKSTON	0.1 3.1 4.4 7.7 (49) 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 YCW	4.3 5.7 5.12 7.12 (54) 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 stalwart, 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.

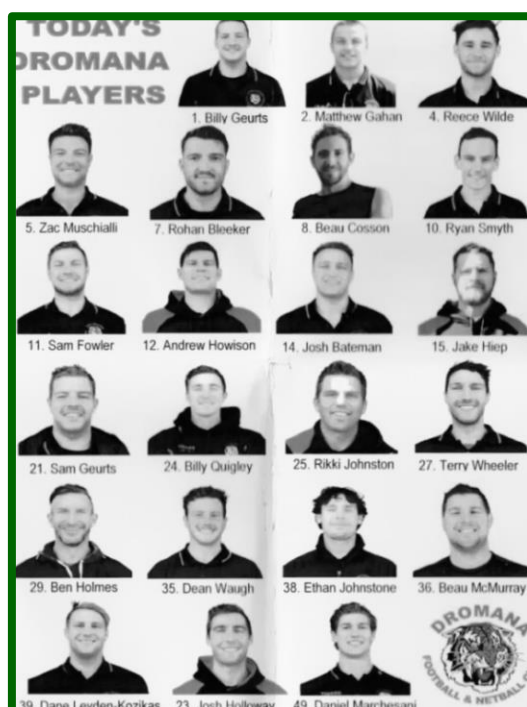
ROUND : 18	MORNINGTON HOME: LOST BY 18 POINTS
DROMANA	1.6 3.9 3.12 6.18 (54)
MORNINGTON	1.1 5.2 8.6 11.6 (74)
GOAL KICKERS FOR DROMANA	E. Johnstone 2 T. Wheeler R. Wilde D. Waugh S. Fowler
BEST PLAYERS FOR DROMANA	T. Wheeler D. Waugh Z. Muschiali J. Bateman R. Bleeker R. Smyth

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
FRANKSTONBOMBERS	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:



QUALIFYING FINAL V PINES

The starting line-up was as shown below:-

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 a way through the Pines defence to secure a conclusive victory by 16 points.

The levels of fitness and discipline shown by the young Tigers' were telling across four quarters; and many 'old timers' struggled 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 Muschialli, Rohan Bleeker and Matt Gahan were significant factors in the Tigers' victory.

QUALIFYING FINAL	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

SEMI FINAL V SORRENTO AT RYE

For the **Semi Final** against Sorrento at Rowley Reserve Rye there was only one change in the line-up; that being 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 commanding 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 as 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 went on to win by 57 points.

SEMI FINAL	SORRENTO AT RYE LOST BY 57 POINTS
DROMANA SORRENTO	1.1 2.2 6.8 7.9 (51) 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 intrepid leader.**

PRELIMINARY FINAL V BONBEACH AT ROSEBUD

There were no team changes for **Preliminary Final** against the 'in form' Bonbeach Sharks at Olympic Oval on Sunday 8th September.

The weather forecasts were 'spot on' as the dark morning clouds later gave way to heavy rain which made playing conditions extremely difficult.

The match soon developed into a 'war of attrition' and, 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 in wet weather. In the 2019 MPNFL Preliminary Final, every Dromana player seemed to have been aware of 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 and provided more options in the conditions.

It was desperate close-in football; and the Tigers were hard-pressed at several stages in 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 crucial in a low scoring encounter.

The effort of young Billy Geurts was again formidable; and Terry Wheeler, who had received a severe shoulder injury in the Semi-Final against Sorrento, was back to his very best and 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	BONBEACH AT ROSEBUD WON 19 POINTS
DROMANA	1.1 3.3 5.4 8.7. (55)
BONBEACH	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 AT FRANKSTON



Frankston Park- The 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

MATCH SUMMARY

Football never fails to produce inspirational stories; and Dromana’s victory in the 2019 Grand Final against Sorrento was ‘one for the books’ and a pinnacle in the club’s long and colourful history.

Dromana revised the record book that day when, against all odds, it defeated Sorrento by seven points to claim the 2019 MPNFL Division: 1 premiership.

THE GRAND FINAL LINE-UP

There were no changes to the team that overcame Bonbeach in the Preliminary Final.

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	

MATCH HIGHLIGHTS –THE GOALS

- The first term was traditional ‘tough and tense’ finals football; and, from the initial bounce, both defences were desperate to ‘hold ground.’
- The Dromana backline was defiant and denied the Sorrento forwards any space to run and ‘free wheel.’
- With quarter time siren close at hand, the mercurial Ethan Johnston received a handpass from Dan Leyden-Kozikas then weaved and, with a clever kick, threaded the first major the Tigers.

SECOND QUARTER

- Dromana supporters could not have asked for a better opening to the second term as, within second of the bounce, Jay Hutchinson gathered a handball from Daniel Marchesani and drilled a 40 metre goal from the boundary. It was a brilliant angle conversion by Jay; and that rapid-fire goal stung the Sharks and lifted the Tigers to the next level.
- The match was played with ‘willing intensity’; and at the seventeen-minute mark of the term, Reece Wilde was ‘necked’ on the 50 metre line. His kick ‘hung and swung’ and was ‘dragged in’ by none other than Ben Holmes. It was a strong contested mark and emphasised the importance of Ben as the Tigers’ spearhead. Ben converted truly and the Tigers gained momentum and a slight ascendancy.
- The encounter had reached an impasse until Jake Heip took charge and ‘fired off’ a long, high ‘mongrel punt’ which wobbled and dipped and was marked by Ben Holmes who proceeded to nail his second major for the quarter.

THE THIRD QUARTER

- The ominous dark clouds opened; and the deluge that greeted the teams for the second half sent fans scurrying for cover. Following a stoppage and a ragged skirmish, the ball was driven forward by Jay Hutchinson and, somehow amid the ruckus, Ben Holmes took possession and with his left boot snapped his third goal to give the Tigers a five point buffer.
- Added to Sorrento’s increasing woes was the fact that Rikki Johnston, as pre-arranged, went forward with immediate impact. He received a free for an infringement; and was then further advantaged with a 50 metre

penalty which guaranteed 'full conversion.' It was a tipping point in a thrilling duel.

- At the 23rd minute of that crucial term, Sam Fowler intercepted a Sharks' wayward pass and, with the aid of a 'heavy-duty' block by Rikki Johnston, he streamed forward into the 50 metre arc and kicked truly.

THE FINAL QUARTER

- Fifteen points was a sizeable lead in tough conditions; and within 20 seconds of the bounce Dromana increased its lead to 21 points when Beau Cosson handballed 'over the top' to Sam Fowler who nailed a check side running goal. It was Sam's 49th goal for the season; and probably the most important major in his short but impressive senior career.
- By the 17-minute mark of that quarter, Sorrento had grappled its way back to within six points of the Tigers and the struggle that arose was exhilarating to witness. Both teams threw caution to the wind and the courage of all players could only be admired; and the Dromana defence stood tall and absorbed the Sorrento onrush.
- All eyes were on the 'electronic timer' and excitement reached fever pitch, when Sam Fowler 'found the ball' and then ran like the wind and 'let fly'. While his mighty kick missed the 'big opening' it registered a behind; and that minor score was vital in the context of the game as it gave the Tigers a seven point 'cushion'. Despite the frenzied last minutes, Dromana had done enough to hold on and defy the odds. It was the greatest victory in the club's long history...

GRAND FINAL MATCH DETAILS

QUARTER BY QUARTER SCORES:

DROMANA: 1.2 4.3. 7.3 8.4 (52)

SORRENTO: 1.1 4.2 4.6 6.9. (45)

- **Goal kickers for Dromana:** Ben Holmes 3 Sam Fowler 2 Rick Johnston Jay Hutchinson Ethan Johnstone.
Best players for Dromana: Billy Geurts, Jay Hutchinson, Daniel Marchesani, Terry Wheeler, Sam Fowle and Rohan Bleeker.
- **Winner of the AFLSE Medal:** Billy Geurts.

The above highlights were taken from the complete match report which can be found on the club's 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, gained the admiration of all with their 'never say die attitude.' Despite the challenges faced in every game, the Tigers played with discipline and spirit.



MPNFL History ... DFNC win back to back premierships.

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