

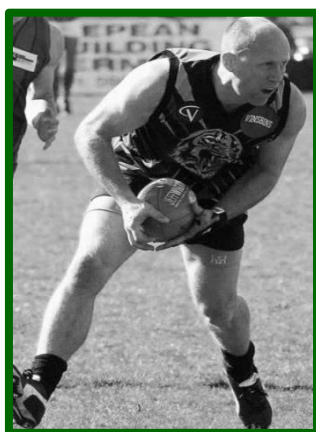
‘FROM THE ARCHIVES’ DROMANA DEFEAT ROSEBUD 2006

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DROMANA DEFEAT ROSEBUD ROUND: 6 2006

The away win against Rosebud in Round: 6 in 2006 was a significant victory in the club’s rebuild and it was a tight and fiercely contested affair. There was nothing between the teams that day but Dromana held off a strong fightback by Rosebud to clinch the game in the dying moments.



Former VFA star, Steve Hamill coached DFNC in 2006

A large and enthusiastic crowd attended the ‘local derby’ and the Dromana team looked like this:

Backs	T. Banks	S. Fletcher	M. Hunter
HBacks	A. Hunter	R. Johnston	A. Pasquill
Centre	M. Cook	B. Collery	G. Boyington
HFwds	T. Sheean	A. Coyle	S. Hamill
Fwds	P. McLean-Wilson	S. Goosey	M. Shaw
Ruck	R. Barnett	B. Allen	J. Terry
I/C:	M. Gillis	J. Rankin	D. Keating



Aaron Coyle- Centre half forward in the big clash.

Any 'traditional' football game between the 'neighbouring towns' never fails to evoke lively pre-match repartee and chatter and this clash was no exception. Rosebud went into the game 'brim full' of confidence; and convinced that if its defence could negate, or at least contain, the Tigers' champion spearhead, Simon Goosey, then a win was 'certainly on the cards' for the home side that day.

In brief, the game was everything local supporters could have wished for in a 'derby'; and, for three quarters, the Tigers won across all lines and seemed to be in command. Simon Goosey's conversion that day was faultless; and, with Rikki Johnston, Brian Collery and Steve Hamill leading the way, Dromana held a handy lead at the final break.



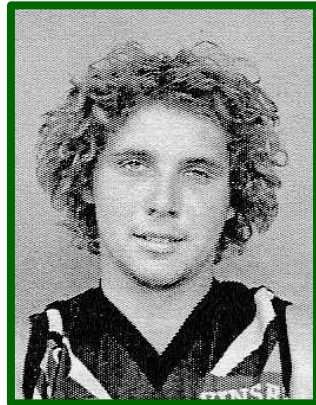
Talented, spirited and courageous.

Brian Collery played with Richmond FC Third XVIII in 1989, 1990 and 1991

Every Dromana player was informed in no uncertain terms that Rosebud would 'throw everything' into the last term; and the over-riding concern for Steve Hamill, at that three quarter time huddle, was 'could his players 'stay the distance?' As Ron Barassi once said, "You don't play a match for 100 minutes- You play for 6000 seconds." How true were Ron's words that day?

As the clock ticked down, it was apparent that Tigers had stalled, 'hit the wall' and were labouring to 'hold the line.' As was the case in earlier years, the spacious Olympic Park Reserve tested the Tigers' running power and gaping holes opened up in defence as Rosebud surged and took control.

Rosebud, sensing that Dromana was flagging, capitalized on the tiring defenders; and the game hung in the balance as the 'Blues' won key stoppages, gained aerial control and piled on a string of five goals. It was a strong fight back and, as feared by the Tigers' faithful, Rosebud hit the front at the 25 minute mark.



Travis Sheean- A gifted local youngster

Things became hectic in the nail biting finish. Dromana drilled a major to edge back in front; but it was 'nip and tuck' down to the wire. Young Travis Sheean played a remarkable last quarter and again underlined his natural ability to read the play and find the ball. As the game went into 'time on', each deed brought a roar from the crowd; and every possession was prized and any error was costly.

The ultimate tipping point came in the last desperate moments when Steve Hamill received the ball from Rikki Johnston; and with every ounce of strength, left in his body, fired a 'long bomb' in the direction of Simon Goosey. The crowd looked skyward and watched to see if the 'gloved wonder' (i.e. Simon) would 'win out.' He did! Despite intense defensive pressure, Simon worked his way to the front, marked and then calmly went back and 'threaded the needle'... the Tigers' were home and the fans were euphoric!



The 'true boot' of Simon Goosey sealed the game at Olympic Park.

Have football fans ever seen a better kick for goal under 'the pump' than Simon Goosey? Peter Hudson, Peter McKenna, Doug Wade, Jason Dunstall and Tony Lockett come quickly to mind but Simon's conversion rate matches any names offered in discussion about accurate kicking for goal.

In his three years at Dromana, Simon kicked 256 goals at an average of 5.22 goals per game. Simon was 38 years of age when he made his debut for Dromana in 2006; and in his first season at DFC, Simon kicked a bag of five goals on 10 occasions:-

- 14 goals against Frankston.
- 13 goals against Crib Point.
- 12 goals against Rosebud.
- 11 goals against Somerville and Pearcedale.

In 2006, Simon kicked 'the ton' (107) goals, then followed up with 69 goals in 2007. His 80 goals in 2008 included 11goals against Pearcedale and he also netted ten against Crib Point.

Younger readers, who may have not witnessed Simon in action, maybe interested to know that Simon's 'secrets of success' in goal kicking were:-

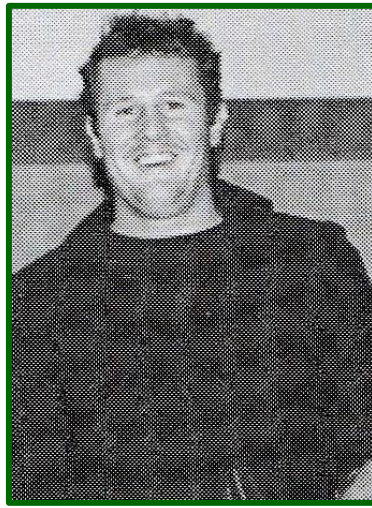
1. His hours of kicking practice (from all angles at training); and his 'tried and true' set routine in preparing to kick for goal.
2. His concentration in dropping the ball on to his boot and his undeviating follow-through.
3. His ability to protect 'his space' (i.e. the drop zone) in marking contests with strong body work.
4. A vice-like grip in marking the ball
5. His capacity to absorb physical punishment from defenders.
6. His upper body strength in man-on-man contests.



'The Coleman of the Bush'

Simon Goosey played 299 Senior XVIII MPNFL games and kicked 1847 goals at an average of 6.18 goals per game.

Simon was selected in the DFNC Team of the Era (1946-2015) at full forward.



**Shaun Fletcher- One of the 'great discoveries' at Pier Street.
A truly unique and intrepid footballer who won
the DFNC's Most Determined award in 2005.**

Looking back on the result against Rosebud that day in 2006, those who saw the Tigers triumph would concur there were two things that carried Dromana 'across the line' in such an intense and heated battle.

Firstly, Simon Goosey's eight goal haul; and secondly, as recognized by so many supporters, Steve Hamill's truly inspirational leadership in that desperate last stanza. The best style of management, in any field of endeavour, is leadership by example; and Steve's composed control (in his addresses at half time and at the 'final huddle') was influential in steering his team to a hard-fought victory.

Furthermore, on the field in that last desperate quarter, Steve lifted his own performance and inspired his players to find a way to 'hang on', trust the game plan and, above all, persevere until the final siren. It was an imperative lesson in the growth of his 'fledgling group'; and as Steve explained to Ken Piesse several years later....

"When we made the finals in my first year (2006) it was the first time Dromana had been in the finals since 1980. Goose and I were the only ones in that team who had previously played in finals," he said. "It helps to have the experience of being there previously. Last year (2007) we missed the finals by one goal on overall...As a footy coach; it's hard to put a finger on what is the winning formula. You need to have the right balance, work on your relationships and find one or two triggers to help you get over the line. It comes down to the day and about the way you prepare." Source: 'Sunday Herald Sun.' August 24th 2008.

Dromana 'got out of jail' that day but it was the Tigers' fifth successive victory for the season; and a sign that the club was a genuine final contender in 2006.

As history has shown, that victory against Rosebud was an important chapter in the story of DFNC; and it was a 'fork in the road' to of a fruitful era at Pier Street where winning became frequent (and less of a rarity) and MPNFL finals, would in time, became a reality.

MATCH DETAILS

DROMANA 13.14 (92) DEFEATED ROSEBUD 13.4 (82)

Goal kickers For Dromana:

Goosey & Hamill Hunter Sheean Collery Terry

Best players for Dromana:

Johnston, Barnett, Hamill, Hunter, Allen, Goosey, Collery and Sheean.

CLUB HISTORY - CAN YOU HELP?

The above article was originally written for the club in 2014; and has been redrafted/updated and filed on the Dromana Football Club's website for future reference.

DFNC is working determinedly to 'fill the gaps' in the club's history; and photographs, press cuttings, team sheets and other memorabilia are most welcome. There may be readers who have match reports/ cuttings etc. from their years at Pier Street. Please feel welcome to forward and have them posted on the website for posterity.

One of the best ways to thank the hundreds of players, officials and volunteers who have built DFNC is to ensure that they are remembered by recording the contribution and endeavours for future generations to read and appreciate. Thank you, Roger for DFNC-March 2021.

REFERENCE & RESEARCH INFORMATION

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