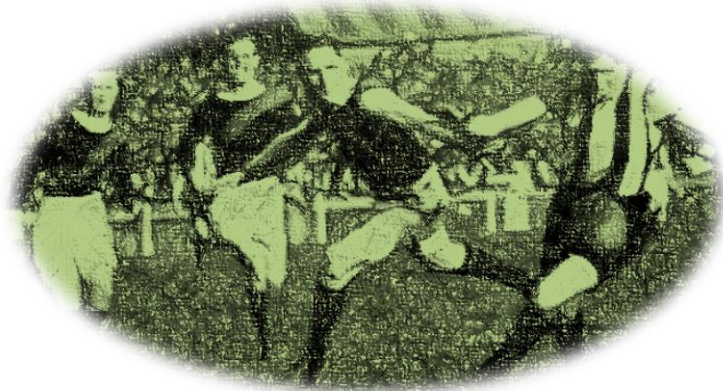


# 'FROM THE ARCHIVES' DROMANA DEFEAT RED HILL 1946

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## 1946: DROMANA DEFEAT RED HILL – 'B' GRADE SEMI FINAL

In 1946 Dromana Football Club played in the 'B Grade' Semi-Final against Red Hill at the Sorrento Oval. A large crowd attended the match; and generous praise was directed to the Sorrento Club for its preparation of the ground and first-class facilities in hosting the final. Umpire Price was in charge of proceedings.

The Dromana team sheet listed the following players that day:

Wally Guy (Captain), Osborne, Hosking (VC), Allen, Aust, Hazeldine, Moorhead, Loader, G & J Brown, Goad, Friend, Griffith, Christie, Gourlay, Earls, Humphrey, Friend and C. McLean( 19th man).

Wally Guy, who was the recipient of the Klein Trophy for the Best & Fairest 'B Grade' player that season, won the toss and kicked with breeze. Dromana controlled the early stages of the match; and Bob Moorhead was busy around goal while Norm Osborne and Vern Humphrey were prominent in setting up forward opportunities.

Dromana led by five goals at the 'big break.' At three quarter time the game seemed to be beyond Red Hill but 'Mother Nature' intervened and the situation quickly changed. A strong breeze sprang up early in the last term and Red Hill, 'kicking with the wind,' found space in the forward line and notched a string of goals.

Under constant pressure, the Dromana midfield stalled and it was only the brilliant defence of Norm Osborne that prevented the 'Hills' from snatching a 'comeback victory' in the dying minutes of the game. Dromana failed to score in the last term but hung onto to win the final by 15 points.

### QUARTER BY QUARTER SCORES:

Dromana:	3.6	7.7	9.14	9.14 (68)
Red Hill:	0.1	2.6	3.7	7.11 (53)

**Goals for Dromana:** Moorhead 5 Friend Aust Humphrey Brown

**Best for Dromana:** Osborne Allen Humphrey Loader Moorhead Hazeldine Gourlay Brown Christie

## FOOTNOTES

1. Dromana FC won its way through to the 'B Grade' Grand Final that season and despite a gallant effort, went down to Frankston by 13 points.
2. Bob Moorhead was selected in the DFNC 'Team of the Era' (1946-2015) as the second rover. Bob played for Dromana from 1946-1960 and amassed a total of 251 Senior XVIII games. Bob was a member of the 1950 premiership team; and he won the club's Best & Fairest award in 1954.
3. A story about Vin Roulent can be found on this website. His story (Ref: 2019/11) also refers to his famous brother, Tom, who was a star for North Melbourne and South Melbourne in a career that extended from 1939 until 1947. It is known that Vin Roulent was an active member of the Dromana Football Club; and, along with Bob Moorhead (above) and Ian Christie, was a member of the Social Committee.
4. Norm Osborne played 150 games for Dromana and was the Senior Coach in 1953 and again in 1956. The Osborne family was highly influential in building and strengthening the club; and Norm's father ( George) is an iconic figure in local football.



1946 Dromana team

Source: 'Frankston Standard' July 11th 1946. Page:3.

5. Despite the very poor quality of the above image, it is , nevertheless, an important photo in the post-war history of Dromana Football Club because it lists the players of season 1946.
6. It is one of few photographs that the club has on file regarding the immediate post-war era. More photographs from those years would be valued and appreciated by the club. Thank you.
7. The players' names in the above photograph are:

**Back row:** V.Roulent K. Keating B. Allen V. Humphrey B. Friend

**Centre row:** W. Gourlay J. Brown W. Guy N. Osborne W. Evans

**Front row:** B. Aust R. Clydesdale F. Singleton K. Clydesdale I. Christie D. Christie R. Moorhead .V. Hazeldine

## CLUB HISTORY - CAN YOU HELP?

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/ press cuttings from their years at Pier Street. Please feel welcome to forward such items to the club and have 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 their contribution(s) for future generations to appreciate. Roger-DFNC-March 2022.



## REFERENCE & RESEARCH INFORMATION

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