

DFNC PLAYER GAMES HISTORY

LESS THAN 50 SENIOR XVIII GRADE GAMES

1981-1990

Reference: 2022/21



Adrian Burns, who played 13 games with Dromana in 1988, made his debut with Essendon, in Round: 1 against Geelong at Waverly Park in 1990. Adrian went on to play 11 games with the Bombers and crossed to St Kilda in 1994 and played four senior AFL games. A highlight of Adrian's career was his appointment as the coach of Griffith FC in 2004. He led his team to the Grand Final in 2004; and the following season the Griffith Swans finished third on the Riverina FL ladder.

INTRODUCTION

As mentioned in the previous article (2022/20), the DFNC History Committee has been trying to update the game(s) history of all former players. It is known, that since the 1890's, across all grades, there are hundreds of former players' names to consider and check in regard to collating such information.

While the research for this article was been done in good faith, there may be, inaccuracies (e.g. first names and the spelling of names etc.) due to information provided on the original team sheets. Younger readers may not be aware that team sheets, in earlier days, were hand written and transcription errors were likely to occur.

The list of 107 names, as shown below, are players who played at **least one Senior XVIII game** for DFNC in the period **1981-1990**. The details, for those who played in the period 1970-80, can be found in the previous article.

NOTE: REGARDING MORE THAN 50 DFNC SENIOR GAMES

DFNC players who played **more** than 50 Senior XVIII games are not listed in the table below as their names are published in annual DFNC History Update which was posted on this website (Reference: 2022/8).

LESS THAN 50 SENIOR GAMES WITH DFNC 1981-1990

	YEARS OF SENIOR DFNC GAMES	SENIOR GAMES 1981-90	COMMENTS
ANDREW JOHNSTON	1985-90	49	
DARREN GUEST	1981-85	46	NFL BEST & FAIREST 1984
CRAIG SMITH	1987-90	41	RESERVES XVIII CAPTAIN & COACH.DFNC LEADING GOAL KICKING AWARD.SON OF FORMER DFNC RESERVES COACH BARRY SMITH
TOM JARMAN	1982-84	39	
DAVID CAIRNS	1981-83	38	
ANDREW COUCH	1984-85	37	DFNC LEADING GOAL KICKING AWARD
STEVE EDWARDS	1981-83	34	CLUB LEADING GOALKICKER
BRIAN MOILER	1986-88	34	
GRAHAM JOYCE	1989-90	33	
JOHN MCCRINDLE	1981-88	32	
GLEN HUGGAN	1987-88	31	
WAYNE JACOBSON	1989-90	30	
BRUCE SAWYER	1984-85	30	
DAVID MORSINKOFF	1981-83	28	
TREVOR WOODFORD	1984-85	25	DFNC LEADING GOALKICKING AWARD
COREY BRICKER	1988-90	22	
ROBERT ABSCHINSKI	1986-87	21	
BRETT MULLAN	1984-86	20	
BRENT BURNS	1988	18 TBC	
FRED COOK	1988	18	FOOTSCRAY AFL PORT MELBOURNE DFNC LEADING GOALKICKING AWARD
MATT KILLEN	1981	18	
PHILLIP PALMER	1983-84	18	
MICHAEL RITCHIE	1985-86	18	JUNIOR CLUB COACH
BILL THEOHARRIS	1989	18	OAKLEIGH VFA
JOHN ALDRIDGE	1983	17	SENIOR XVIII COACH CLUB BEST & FAIREST
JOHN KENNEDY	1990	17	
GRAHAM KIRK	1986-88	17	
N.MCGRATH	**1980-84	17 TBC	
PAUL PEARTON	1984-85	17	
PAUL BAILEY	1986-87	16	RESERVES BEST & FAIREST AWARD *TBC
GARRY MCGAFFIN	1981-85	16	
MICK COMPTON	1985-87	15	

PETER HARVEY	1986	15	
R.SPAULDING	1983	15	
D.MURPHY	1985	14	
DANNY WOODS	1981-82	14	
GREG ALDRIDGE	1983	13	
ADRIAN BURNS	1988	13	ESSENDON / ST KILDA SPRINGVALE VFA
SHANE CAHILL	1984-86	13	
IAN WILSON	1984	12	
TRAVIS KNIGHT	1988-89	11	
COLIN PENTLAND	1989	11	
JOHN PAYNE	1990	10	
A.SHEARMAN	1981	10	
GARY ZAMMITT	1985-88	10	LEAGUE RESERVES BEST & FAIREST
RAY THOMAS	1989-90	9	
ANDREW GOOD	1982-85	8	
CLINT THOMAS	1981	8	
DREW TREMAYNE	1986	8	
TERRY BRYANT	1986	7	
DARREN HARMER	1985-89	7	
STAN MELUA	1982	7	
M.BRASSER	1983	6	
RON SAUNDERS	1987	6	
GEOFF ABRECHT	1985-87	5	
D.BENNETT	1982	5	
PAUL CARLSON	1986	5	
M.COFFIN	1985	5	
JOHN GRASSO	1982	5	
BEN HARVEY	1986	5	CURRENT FAMILY INVOLVEMENT
JOHN HETHERINGTON	1986	5	
KEN HUTCHISON	1990	5	
ROBERT MERCER	1983	5	
PETER WOODWARD	1986-87	5	
BRIAN ALDRIDGE	1983	4	
G.MARSHALL	1983-85	4	
G.MASON	1981	4	
C.MAY	1984	4	
RAY ROBERTSON	1983	4	DFNC LIFE MEMBER
PAUL STEVENS	1988-89	4	
ANDREW WRIGHT	1982	4	
SHANE JACOBSON	1989-90	3	
G.MCKENZIE	1986	3	
RAY RAMSAY	1981	3	
PETER REDMAN	1985	3	
MARCO SARACENI	1988	3	
T.SOUTAR	1981	3	
R.STOCKS	1985	3	
S.WRIGHT	1986	3	THIRD XVIII COACH 1992

BRIAN DICK	1983	2	
R.GREGORY	1983	2	
DEAN HARRIS	1988	2 TBC	
LINDSAY JENNINGS	1982	2	
P.JOHNSTON	1985	2	
BARRY JONES	1986	2	
C.PALEY	1981	2	
KEITH SECKER	1987	2	
COLIN SPENCER	1987	2	
D.VANWEES	1985	2	
GARETH ANDERSON	1986	1	
IAN ANDERSON	1983	1	
STEPHEN ARTHUR	1987	1	
RUSSELL BELL *TBC	1986	1	
ROBERT BOAL	1984	1	
G.CHANEY	1984	1	
LEN CLARKE	1981	1	
F.FENZO	1982	1	
CRAIG FREY	1984	1	
P.GOULDING	1982	1	
ANTHONY HAZELDINE	1990	1	
ANDREW KELLY	1990	1	
R. MARONEY	1882	1	THOUGHT TO BE ROBERT MALONEY *TBC
NEIL PACKHAM	1983	1	
JOHN SANDERSON	1982	1	
DAVID TAYLOR	1989	1	
RALPH WATSON TBC	1982	1	
PAUL WRIGHT	1986	1	SON OF DUAL BROWNLOW MEDALLIST ROY WRIGHT



Ray Robertson who played with DFNC in the 1980's a is now a Life Member of DFNC

Ray Robertson was cleared from Castlemaine (Bendigo FL) in 1982; and he played Senior and Reserves Grade football at DFNC. In later years, he was active in supporting the Under: 18 team. Ray was an ever-willing volunteer in various roles such as: goal umpire, assistant coach, team manager, selector and runner and it was no surprise that Ray was

granted DFNC Life Membership in 2005. Ray's sons (Sam and Joshua) played with DFNC and his daughters (Krystin and Leah) assisted with match day duties such as scoreboard attendants and generally helping their 'Dad'. Ray's wife, Meryl, also supported the team (e.g. laundry of the team jumpers and prepared the 3/4 time oranges) each Saturday. In later years, Sam was the Sports Scientist and Fitness Adviser at the Western Bulldogs; and Krystin is the current Secretary of the Katamatite FC (Picola FL). While many footballers 'come and go' in community football clubs, Ray Robertson is a classic example of someone who 'played and stayed' and made a genuine difference.

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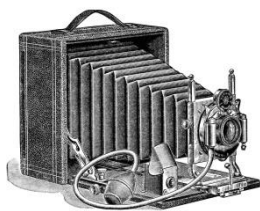
Any further comments as shown in the right column of the table (e.g. major awards, coaching appointments, captaincy, DFNC committee member, club sponsor, match day official and interleague representation etc.) would be welcomed in updating our club records.

REFERENCE & RESEARCH INFORMATION:

'Thank you' to Doug Dyall, Gary Ferguson, Graham Stelling and the staff of the Rosebud Library for their assistance in assisting in building the club's archives. Acknowledgment of former players / officials contributions and compiling player careers at DFNC are important aspects of the History Committee's research. Hopefully, more lists will be completed in 2023; and any readers, who believe that former players of the club may have been overlooked, are kindly asked to contact the club.

Inaccuracies in games statistics are liable to occur; and any help in getting our club records 'straight and true' is appreciated. It is well known that one of the worst insults that any sporting club can inflict upon any past member is the failure to record his/her involvement in that club. DFNC is doing 'its best' to get things right. Thank you. Roger-August 202.

MORE DFNC PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED



Any team and individual photographs of Dromana FC from earlier days would be appreciated. Former players and local families are asked to forward any such photographs to Roger or Graham for posting on the History Page. Thank you for helping to build the DFNC archives.

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