

# **DROMANA FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **TOP TEN GOALKICKERS**

### **SENIOR GRADE - 2013-2021**

(Reference: 2022/7)



Ethan Johnstone won the club's goal kicking award for the third time in his Senior XVIII career at DFNC. In 2021, Ethan booted 28 goals in 11 games (a truncated COVID-19 season) at an average of 2.55 goals per game. At the conclusion of the 2021 season, Ethan had played 85 games and kicked 163 goals. He is regarded as one of the best running forwards in the MPNFL; and, together with Sam Fowler, gained a reputation as a match winner with his creative and elusive style of play around goals.

## **THE DFNC GOAL KICKING FACTS & FIGURES**

Over the past few years, a good deal of research had been undertaken to update and tabulate DFNC goal kickers; and this article lists the top ten goal kickers for the Senior XVIII Grade for the seasons 2013-21. The entries below have been updated until the end of the 2021 season. The average goals, per game for each player, are also shown in the right hand column.

### **SEASON 2021 - SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING**

<b>RANKING</b>	<b>DROMANA PLAYER</b>	<b>GAMES PLAYED</b>	<b>TOTAL GOALS</b>	<b>AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ethan Johnstone</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2.55</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Tate Dennis</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.11</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Matt Lee</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Reece Wilde</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Nathan Soligo</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.67</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Billy Geurts</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Billy Quigley</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.58</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Josh Bateman</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.45</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Sam Geurts</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.42</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Terry Wheeler</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**NOTE: THE 2020 MPNFL SEASON WAS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19 AND DROMANA DID NOT PLAY ANY GAMES.**

## SEASON 2019- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Sam Fowler	22	49	2.23
2	Ethan Johnstone	22	42	1.91
3	Terry Wheeler	22	14	0.64
4	Sam Geurts	20	12	0.60
5	Ben Holmes	6	12	2.00
6	Bill Geurts	21	10	0.48
7	Reece Wilde	21	9	0.43
8	Beau Cosson	20	9	0.45
9	Billy Quigley	21	8	0.38
10	Jay Hutchinson	10	7	0.70
11	Beau McMurray	16	7	0.44



Sam Fowler-A star of the MPNFL kicked 49 goals in 2019. In 2021, Sam was listed with Collingwood FC and made an impression with his goal sense, nimble footwork and unselfish style of play. In 2021, Sam played nine VFL games and booted 11 goals; and he is back with the Magpies in 2022 and doing exceptionally well.

## SEASON 2018- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Ethan Johnstone	20	54	2.4
2	Ben Holmes	16	49	3.06
3	Sam Fowler	13	32	2.48
4	Jay Hutchinson	12	17	1.42
5	Joshua Bateman	16	15	0.94
6	Terry Wheeler	21	15	0.71
7	Matt Price	15	14	0.93
8	Bill Geurts	18	14	0.78
9	Jack Gipp	13	13	1.0
10	Sam Geurts	21	13	0.62

## SEASON 2017- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Ethan Johnstone	18	29	1.61
2	Jay Hutchinson	18	28	1.56
3	Rikki Johnston	18	19	1.06
4	Sam Fowler	6	18	3.0
5	Beau Cosson	16	17	1.06
6	Adam Hunter	17	16	0.94
7	Rory Gregg	17	13	0.76
8	Shaun Clarke	16	13	0.81
9	Reece Wilde	14	11	0.79
10`	Billy Geurts	13	10	0.77

## SEASON 2016- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Beau Cosson	16	31	1.94
2	Rikki Johnston	16	21	1.31
3	Beau McMurray	14	17	1.21
4	Jay Hutchinson	15	12	0.80
5	Adam Hunter	15	10	0.67
6	Ethan Johnstone	14	10	0.71
7	Sam Geurts	15	10	0.67
8	Reece Wilde	16	9	0.56
9	Terry Wheeler	14	9	0.64
10	Billy Quigley	15	6	0.40

## SEASON 2015- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Sam Fowler	15	36	2.25
2	Billy Quigley	16	18	1.12
3	Matt Jones	15	17	1.13
4	Terry Wheeler	16	12	0.75
5	Brendan Lee	16	9	0.56
6	Jae Williams	16	8	0.5
7	Sam Geurts	16	8	0.5
8	Matt Bedgood	9	7	0.78
9	Toby Banks	9	7	0.78
10	Ashley Waterhouse	14	6	0.43

## SEASON 2014- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Anthony Bruhn	18	67	3.2
2	Steve Gaertner	18	45	2.5
3	Cameron Park	18	23	1.28
4	Terry Wheeler	19	22	1.16
5	Ashley Waterhouse	18	19	1.06
6	Paul Minchington	16	18	1.12
7	Billy Quigley	18	17	0.94
8	Dan Waddell	20	17	0.85
9	Jae Williams	8	13	1.62
10	Toby Banks	11	13	1.18

## SEASON 2013- SENIOR XVI GRADE GOAL KICKING

RANKING	DROMANA PLAYER	GAMES PLAYED	TOTAL GOALS	AVERAGE GOALS PER GAME
1	Anthony Bruhn	19	58	3.05
2	Dan Waddell	19	50	2.63
3	Toby Banks	15	36	2.40
4	Paul Minchington	18	34	1.89
5	Daniel Gormley	19	28	1.47
6	Terry Wheeler	19	24	1.26
7	Matthew Neratzaglou	14	22	1.57
8	Stuart Cleeve	12	15	1.25
9	Ryan Slocombe	17	13	0.76
10	Adam Hunter	18	9	0.50



Anthony Bruhn, who was one of the most accurate kicks for goal at DFNC, booted 67 goals at an average of 3.2 goals per game in 2014. Anthony played 55 games for DFNC and booted 167 goals.. In 2017, Anthony played a major role in YCW's premiership win over Bonbeach by kicking four goals. Anthony also played 10 games with Footscray Bulldogs in the VFL in 2017-18.

# DFNC GOAL KICKING

## HISTORY UPDATE 1900-2021



Former forward and utility and dual premiership player, Beau Cosson, won the club goal kicking award in 2016 with 32 goals ( average 1.94 goals /game).

### UPDATE OF DFNC LISTS FROM 1900-2021

In addition to the above lists, the Senior XVIII Grade goal kicking lists from 1900-2021 have been revisited and up-dated (see below). While headway has been made in this history project, unfortunately, the winners of the award, from seasons 1900-1907, are still unknown; and the names of the winners in 1975 and 76 are also proving to be elusive.

The data, regarding Reserves and Third XVIII goal kicking winners in earlier years is unknown.

### NOTES REGARDING CLUB GOAL KICKING AWARDS

1. In the first decade of the club's existence, there appears to be no available records related to goal kicking. It could have been that the early matches were 'ad hoc' or perhaps the results were misplaced or deemed 'not necessary'.
2. The small season tallies in the early years may simply reflect the number of games played in the local fixtures. The first DFNC player to kick 20 goals in a season was Wally Guy (in 1930 with 45 goals).
3. The first player to better 50 goals in a season was also Wally. He kicked 75 goals in 1931. That figure would stand as the club record until 1957.
4. W. 'Bill' Patterson won the goal kicking for Dromana on six occasions (1923-29-32-33-34-35); and he was regarded as a star of his era. Bill's best return was 66 goals in 1935.

5. Despite investigation, no connection could be made between Dromana's William Patterson and William ' Banjo' / Patterson ( born at Noorat in 1888) who played with St Kilda in earlier times and coached the Saints, in one game, in 1938.
6. In a match against Pearcedale in June 1932, Bill Patterson kicked eight goals in the team's total of sixteen.
7. **\*\*Players** who have kicked more than 50 goals in one season for Dromana include:- W Guy (1931), W. Patterson (1935), K. Taylor (1950 ), H. Fletcher (1953), L. Coyne (1957), J. Nix ( 1964), G. James ( 1971-72), N. Watson (1982), T. Woodford (1984), F. Cook (1988), S. Tobin ( 1991-92), D. Labozzetta (1999), H. Laube (2002-03 ), Tim Allen ( 2003), S. Goosey (2006-07-08 ), A. Bruhn (2013-14) and Ethan Johnstone ( 2017-18 ). **\*\*** There **may** be others and the compilation of goal kickers, in all grades, is an on-going project.
8. Sam Fowler booted 49 goals at an average of 2.23 goals per game in 2019.
9. The record for the most goals kicked in any season, by a Dromana footballer, is held by Simon Goosey (105 goals in 2006). In his three seasons at DFNC, Simon kicked 256 goals at an imposing average of 5.22 goals per game.
- 10.\*A story about Simon Goosey can be found on this website. It is entitled 'The Tiger True Boot'-Reference: 2018/21.
- 11.In 1997, Tim Coyle won the goal kicking with just five goals. An article, regarding the 1997 season, can be found on this website and it will explain much about Tim's total in that season. ( Reference: 2017/10)
12. Tracking down the 1962 winner took an 'eternity' but it was recently confirmed that Don Jordan won the award with 76 goals.

<b>1900-1920</b>					
YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
<b>1900</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1911</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>	
<b>1901</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1912</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>	
<b>1902</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1913</b>	<b>W. CLYDESDALE</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>1903</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1914</b>	<b>W. CLYDESDALE</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>1904</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1915</b>	<b>R. DYSON</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1905</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1916</b>	<b>WORLD WAR : 1</b>	
<b>1906</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1917</b>	<b>WORLD WAR: 1</b>	
<b>1907</b>	<b>NO DETAILS AVAILABLE</b>		<b>1918</b>	<b>WORLD WAR: 1</b>	
<b>1908</b>	<b>S. WILSON</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>W.STIRLING</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>1909</b>	<b>R.WYATT</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>A.MESSING</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>1910</b>	<b>S. WILSON</b>	<b>5</b>			

## 1921-1940

YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
1921	A.MCGREGOR	16	1931	W.GUY	75
1922	G.MCLEAR	8	1932	W.PATTERSON	36
1923	W.PATTERSON	11	1933	W.PATTERSON	27
1924	B.AUST	11	1934	W.PATTERSON	35
1925	B.GRIFFITHS	18	1935	W.PATTERSON	66
1926	B.GRIFFITHS	16	1936	J.CORNISH	41
1927	B.GRIFFITHS	18	1937	F.VOLK	46
1928	R.BIRCH	19	1938	J.CORNISH	28
1929	W.PATTERSON	12	1939	Q.MCLAREN	43
1930	W.GUY	45	1940	W.GUY	10



Dromana's greatest forward of the 1920-1930's- Bill Patterson.

## 1941-1960

YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL	YEAR	PLAYER	TOTAL
1941	WORLD WAR:2		1951	R.MOOREHEAD	23
1942	WORLD WAR:2		1952	R.MOOREHEAD	16
1943	WORLD WAR:2		1953	H.FLETCHER	73
1944	WORLD WAR:2		1954	K.TAYLOR	38
1945	WORLD WAR:2		1955	J.DUNCAN	21
1946	B.AUST	29	1956	R.MOOREHEAD	23
1947	W.GUY	47	1957	L.COYNE	76
1948	H.PARKES	14	1958	G.MCLEAR	22
1949	D.RODDA	32	1959	B.GRIFFITHS	26
1950	K.TAYLOR	74	1960	B.GRIFFITHS	15



## 1961-1980

1961	W.COOPER	36	1971	G.JAMES	68
1962	DON JORDAN	76	1972	G.JAMES	88
1963	T. FOWLER	46	1973	S.JOLLEY	42
1964	J.NIX	65	1974	S.JOLLEY	25
1965	R.DARK	34*	1975	TO BE CONFIRMED	
1966	B.MCCORMICK	45	1976	TO BE CONFIRMED	
1967	R.DARK	29	1977	R.FYSON	39
1968	R. FYSON	27	1978	I.KERR	39
1969	S.JOLLEY	44	1979	I.KERR	23
1970	G.JAMES	30	1980	G.MEMBERY	37



John Nix kicked 65 goals for Dromana in 1964. It is interesting that John was not known for his goal kicking exploits at Richmond; and in his 95 games, with Richmond, he kicked a total of only 18 goals. However, in his first game for Dromana, against the Army in 1964, John booted nine goals.

## 1981-2000

1981	S.EDWARDS	30	1991	S.TOBIN	63
1982	N.WATSON	51	1992	S.TOBIN	73
1983	M.BERWICK	48	1993	C.BURNS	30
1984	T.WOODFORD	55	1994	A.SIMMONDS	28
1985	A.CROUCH	41	1995	P.FENBY	38
1986	M.RENDAL	21	1996	P.WATSON	42
1987	N.WATSON	28	1997	T.COYLE	5
1988	F.COOK	56	1998	D.NICOLLE	18
1989	C.SMITH	46	1999	D.LABOZZETTA	55
1990	P.WATSON	39	2000	H.LAUBE	29





Steven Tobin- One of the all-time great forwards at Pier Street. Steve was cleared to Sorrento FC in 1993; and, in later years, played with Doveton Eagles, Brim, Tooradin, Cranbourne, Morwell and Boolarra. It is documented that Steve played approximately 330 games and amassed 1235 goals.

## 2001-2020

<b>2001</b>	D.O'KANE	<b>19</b>	<b>2011</b>	S.GAERTNER	<b>44</b>
<b>2002</b>	H.LAUBE	<b>55</b>	<b>2012</b>	S.GAERTNER	<b>43</b>
<b>2003</b>	H.LAUBE	<b>62</b>	<b>2013</b>	A.BRUHN	<b>58</b>
<b>2004</b>	R. JOHNSTON	<b>36</b>	<b>2014</b>	A.BRUHN	<b>67</b>
<b>2005</b>	P.MINCHINGTON	<b>37</b>	<b>2015</b>	S.FOWLER	<b>36</b>
<b>2006</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>105</b>	<b>2016</b>	B.COSSON	<b>31</b>
<b>2007</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>69</b>	<b>2017</b>	E.JOHNSTONE	<b>29</b>
<b>2008</b>	S.GOOSEY	<b>78</b>	<b>2018</b>	E.JOHNSTONE	<b>54</b>
<b>2009</b>	A.HUNTER	<b>31</b>	<b>2019</b>	S.FOWLER	<b>49</b>
<b>2010</b>	R.JOHNSTON	<b>20</b>	<b>2020</b>	SEASON CANCELLED COVID-19	<b>N/A</b>

## 2021 -2040

<b>2021</b>	E. JOHNSTONE	<b>28</b>	<b>2031</b>		
<b>2022</b>			<b>2032</b>		
<b>2023</b>			<b>2033</b>		
<b>2024</b>			<b>2034</b>		
<b>2025</b>			<b>2035</b>		
<b>2026</b>			<b>2036</b>		
<b>2027</b>			<b>2037</b>		
<b>2028</b>			<b>2038</b>		
<b>2029</b>			<b>2039</b>		
<b>2030</b>			<b>2040</b>		

## CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS DFNC HISTORY PROJECT?

The details of two seasons (1975 and 1976) are yet to be confirmed but several unsubstantiated suggestions to the 'mysteries' have been offered and will be followed up in the course of this year.

'Thank you' to Doug Dyall, Graham Stelling and Gary Ferguson for their assistance in compiling the above lists over many years. It has been quite a project and the 'job' is not completed. While the compilation of goal-kicking lists appears to be a straightforward task, verification of the above data has been a painstaking task.

Getting the facts and figures correct takes time; and it again emphasizes the need for all football clubs to take pride in collating their history. Sadly, many of the details of the formative years of DFNC have been 'lost in transit'. Most football clubs wish that greater attention had been paid in maintaining their early records.

Football history is like a jigsaw puzzle as every piece helps complete the picture. As the DFNC knows only too well, it hard to find all the 'lost pieces' in a club that is 125 years of age. It is hoped that Reserves and Thirds goal-kickers, from earlier seasons, can also be filed in the archives; and any information, from readers, regarding past goal-kicking statistics in lower grades would be valued.

Please contact the club if you can add any further information about goal kicking winners in all grades. Thank you one and all for your help in building this important aspect of DFNC history. (Roger- April 2022).

## REFERENCE & RESEARCH INFORMATION:

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