

JAY HUTCHINSON

A MAJOR MILESTONE IN 2022

Reference 2022/22



Round: 12 on July 2nd in 2022 DFNC Player Life Membership for Jay Hutchinson

INTRODUCTION: JAY HUTCHINSON'S DFNC MILESTONE

In the Round: 12 clash against Pines; Jay Hutchinson played his 175th Senior/ Reserve Grade XVIII match for Dromana. The constitution of DFNC states that those players who attain 175 Senior and/ or Reserves Grade XVIII games with DFNC are eligible for Player Life Membership, thus Jay joins the following select group of players who have achieved such a milestone...

Bert Aust, Henry McLearn, Sam McLearn, George McLearn, Mick James, Colin McLearn, Tom Singleton, Rupert Griffith, Garry Fowler, Brad Allen, Jared Terry, Adam Hunter, Dan Gibbs, Daniel Maestrale and Rikki Johnston.



A photograph from 2012- An emerging talent and a success story in local football which underlines the importance of junior development in building a strong community club.



Jay Hutchinson depicted celebrating the 2019 MPNFL First Division Grand Final triumph. Jay can be seen on the left hand side of middle row holding up two fingers in the famous 'Churchillian' victory sign.

JAY HUTCHINSON'S GAMES HISTORY AT DFNC

YEAR	SENIOR GAMES	RESERVE GAMES	SENIOR GOALS	RESERVES GOALS	HONOURS & AWARDS
2007	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	THIRD XVIII BEST & FAIREST
2008	1	TBC	TBC	TBC	THIRD XVIII BEST & FAIREST
2009	0	16	0	24	RESERVES MOST DETERMINED
2010	9	8	12	7	SENIOR XVIII MOST DETERMINED
2011	8	8	7	14	
2012	0	19	0	29	SENIOR XVIII MOST DETERMINED RESERVES GOAL KICKING
2013	13	5	8	4	
2014	10	5	4	5	
2015	0	0	0	0	NORTH TASMANIA FA
2016	15	1	12	0	
2017	18	0	28	0	COACH'S AWARD BALCONY AWARD
2018	12	3	17	3	PREMIERSHIP TEAM
2019	10	3	7	1	BEST IN MPNFL FINALS SERIES PREMIERSHIP TEAM
2020	0	0	0	0	COVID -19 NO MPNFL FOOTBALL GAMES
2021	4	0	2	0	
2022	13**	0	3	0	**AS AT ROUND: 18

Congratulations to Jay are in order; and all members join in applauding his dedicated service to the Dromana Football Club. Such a significant milestone, in the career of any footballer, is the culmination of long hours 'on the track,' coping with injuries and 'staying the course' through 'thick and thin.'

Jay has witnessed, at first hand, the rise and triumphs of the Dromana FC; and he has been an integral part of the Dromana's climb to the pinnacle in local football.

The following tribute to Jay Hutchinson was published in the club's newsletter 'Tiger Talk' in 2013. We hope it gives some understanding of Jay's dedication and commitment to Dromana FC in the early days of his career...

THE 'TIGER TALK' TRIBUTE TO JAY IN 2013



2013 TIGER TALK PLAYER PROFILE - JAY HUTCHINSON

Dromana Junior Football Club has produced a long list of good young footballers over the years; and Jay Hutchinson's story underlines the importance of junior development in building, strengthening and maintaining the Senior club.

Like a lot of local footballers, Jay started his football with the DFC Midgets at the age of seven and he went on to play 161 games with the Dromana junior teams. His DJFC awards and honours include:-

- President's Trophy-1998.
- Under:10 team Captain and Best & Fairest-2000.
- Under: 11 team Captain and Best & Fairest -2001.
- Under: 12 Best & fairest -2002.
- Member of the Under 14 premiership team-2003.
- Under: 16 team Captain.
- MPJFL leading goal kicker (70 goals).
- Bert Aust trophy in 2006.



Steve Hamill saw great potential in Jay and he played his first senior MPNFL game in 2008 against Crib Point.

Jay played his 100th club game in 2012 (including 32 Reserves games and 34 Under: 18 games). His career has been marked by these highlights:-

- Under 18 Best & Fairest-2007.
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- DFC Reserves leading goal kicker.
- Most Determined player-2011.
- Most Determined player -2012.
- Member of the 2012 final series team.

Jay believes that taking the club forward has been based upon the four pillars of: unity, camaraderie, trust and team work. These have always been traditional values in football but still apply in the modern game at all levels.

It is not always appreciated, that centre half forward remains the most difficult of all positions to play in Australian Rules football. Centre half forwards need good hands, tough bodies and strong aerobic capacity. Jay 'fits the bill' and with further skill development, confidence and experience, he will become a power forward in local football.

Since his first game of competitive football as a young boy, Jay has played more than 260 games of junior and senior football. He is only twenty three and has a lot of football ahead of him. The next phase of his career will be exciting to watch.

Jay's mother, Yvonne has played a significant part in the development of the Dromana Netball Team and Emma (Jay's sister) was a founding/playing member of the team. Emma is an accomplished player and has coached the B grade team. Emma has also represented the MPNL on occasions. The DFNC thanks and congratulates Jay, Yvonne and Emma for their dedicated and on-going support of DFNC over many years.



Jay Hutchinson in 2022 playing his role and in the 'thick of things' again.



This terrific image of Jay was posted on the web when he was named as ‘Dromana Player of the Week’ in April 2019. His DFNC Life Membership of DFNC is a story of self-belief, dependability, resilience and a fierce determination to overcome debilitating injuries

JAY’S ‘TRUE GRIT’ AND LOVE OF FOOTBALL

Jay played his first game of junior football at the age of seven; and was immediately enamoured by the game. The ‘die was cast’ and his future winter months were spent ‘chasing a bag of wind’ at Pier Street.

However, as all those readers who have played football appreciate, Australian Rules football is a difficult sport to master because of the complex basic skill set required. As a youngster, Jay worked very hard to develop his game and eventually win senior selection.

Jay’s football history indicates that he has achieved much in MPNFL football; and he has many vivid memories from his two decades of playing with the Tigers. Jay has been kind enough to pen his memories of playing with Dromana Juniors and Seniors...

MEMORIES OF MY TIME AT DFNC - BY JAY IN AUGUST 2022...

“When I started with the Dromana Juniors I had no idea that I would become a Life Member of DFNC. Time has passed quickly and I remember that my junior days at Pier Street days were fun-filled and quite exciting.

I will never forget running out to play in the green and gold V strip with my mate Dean Ritchie and becoming friends with Kieran Voelkl & Luke Minchington.

The four of us ended up playing together at DFNC for 12 years and what an experience that was through junior and senior ranks...

Looking back, I know how very fortunate I have been to have knowledgeable and astute coaches but the ones who shaped me and prepared me for my future were: Snowy Allen, Steve Hamill, Rocky Lawrence and Rikki Johnston. I need to add that no one helped me take my football to the 'next level' more than Gav Artico

During my sporting career, I think the most important thing I learnt was actually something a cricket coach (Chris Badke) told me, "Don't try and look good when you want to make runs. Hit the ball and hit it hard." The words that echoed with me were " To play to my strengths and do what works for me." It seems to hold true in football also...I think that advice has stuck with me through during my sporting life.

In football there is both an upside and a downside and the worst and most frustrating part of my career has been injuries. Since my first season, I have incurred many minor wounds (cuts, strains, abrasions, bruises) and suffered some serious injuries such as : Knee PCL (8 weeks), another knee injury (MCL 9 weeks), 3 bulged discs which kept me on the sidelines for 12 weeks, a broken arm (6 weeks) and in 2022 a shoulder injury which was very draining and frustrating as I was only a week or two from playing my 175th game

I have played with some champions in my time Steve Hamill, Michael Hunter, Adam Hunter, Snowy Allen, and Terry Wheeler; and hopefully, I have a few more years left in my legs and I can keep going for as long as possible ...I have been fortunate in football ; and there are lots of highlights in my career but how can I ever forget the thrill of premiership victories with my remarkable team mates and all the people who supported me throughout my days at DFNC.

In closing my story, I would like to thank Mum and Dad for always taking an interest in my footy especially in those juniors' years. ...They were always there for me. I also valued all of my coaches for their support, advice and guidance.

There are several members who I owe much to during my career at Dromana and they are the trainers, especially Val and Judy, who 'patch me up' after games and have been keeping my body together for years. There is no doubt that without an experienced medical staff, my career would be been severely shortened.

My last words are directed to my old friend Terry Wheeler for his comradeship and the fun times we have shared in life and football. We have had a champion time and I am proud that Terry and I have reached the Life Membership milestone virtually together."



The run-through banner for Jay's 175th game at Pines.
**'CONGRATULATIONS 'JAY HUTCHO' #28
175 GREAT GAMES=LIFE MEMBERSHIP'**



Another celebration in the match against Pines- Jay is seen with Daniel Gormley.



2019 and the smile says it all. Jay is on the extreme left in the back row,

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