

# PLAYER HISTORY

## MAJOR MILESTONES UPDATE

**1896-2021**

Reference: 2022/8



**Bob Moorehead-A champion rover and loyal clubman. Bob's impressive record includes 250 consecutive games with DFNC from 1946-1960. Bob was a member of the 1950 premiership team, won the club's goal kicking trophy in 1951-52 and 56 and received Life Membership in 1961.**

### INTRODUCTION: A NOTE REGARDING PLAYERS' HISTORIES

The following lists are in relation to those past and present players who have reached significant milestones at DFNC. This article has been posted on the DFNC History page website to:-

- Serve as a permanent and on-going record of player histories from 1896-2020.
- To encourage former players to notify the club if they can assist in amending the archives of DFNC.

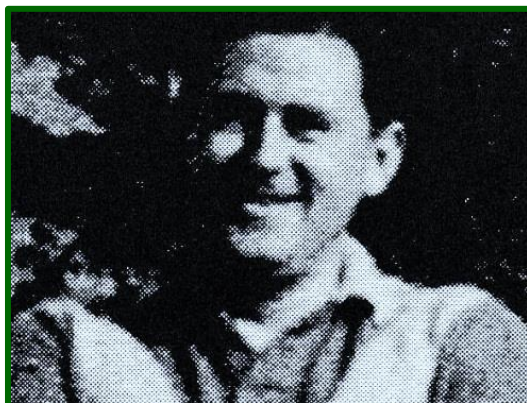
Many of the statistics from the club's early years have proven elusive; and it has taken a long time to update the lists as shown below. It is no secret that there are many gaps in the club's early records; errors and omissions were 'more than likely' particularly during those 'pre-computerized years' of club archives. DFNC has done its 'level best' in collating players' game histories but the figures from the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's need further research.

Any help readers can give in updating the records would be appreciated. Thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The milestones below are up until the end of the 2021 season.

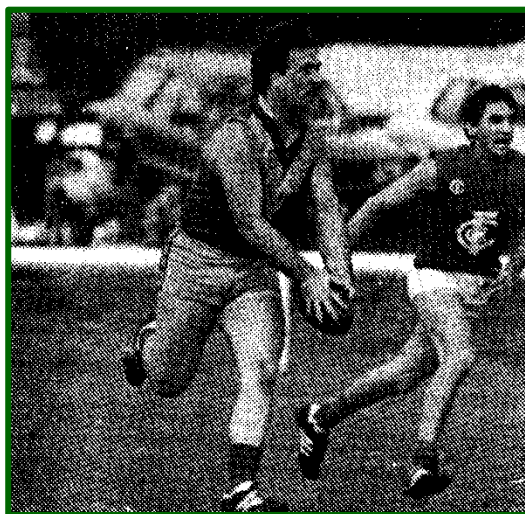
## 200 SENIOR GAMES AT DFNC 1896-2021

Bob Moorhead Bert Aust Henry McLear Sam McLear Colin Matthews Ray  
Fyson Michael James Colin McLear George McLear Rikki Johnston



Colin McLear played 201 games with Dromana from 1956 until 1962.

Colin is part of the famous McLear dynasty of Dromana Football Club. George McLear (Jnr) played 207 games, Henry McLear (234 games), John McLear (114 games), Sam McLear (218 games), Malcolm McLear (66 games), Keith McLear (67 games), George Basil McLear (65 games), James McLear ( 20 games) and Chris McLear played four games with Dromana.



Michael James played 201 Senior XVIII games with DFNC from 1979-1991. Michael won the club' Under: 17 Best and Fairest trophy in 1970 and in 1982 won the Senior award. Regarded as one the finest defenders in that period of Nepean League football, he was selected at centre half back in the DFNC Team of the Post War era 1946-2015

## 150 SENIOR GAMES AT DFNC 1896-2021

Paul Minchington Brad Allen Dave Jordan Ken Myers Ray Brindley Wally Guy  
Brian Cairns Gary Fowler Norm Osborne Jack Duncan Brian Griffith Adam  
Hunter Terry Wheeler and Tom Singleton.



**Norm Osborne –Never to be forgotten.**

**Norm Osborne played football with Dromana from 1940 until 1958. He played 181 games and was a key member of the 1950 premiership team. Norm also coached DFC in 1956 and 1957. A little known fact about Norm is that he was the team mascot for club in 1931 and features in the photograph of that triumphant team . Norm's father, George, is a legendary figure in the history of DFNC and the MPNFL . The Osborne family was another glowing example of local volunteers who gave so freely and sought nothing in return. Building the club and its facilities was a 'labour of love' and the community spirit of the Osborne family should be remembered in the years to come.**

### **100 & MORE SENIOR GAMES AT DFNC 1896- 2021**

Rod Kerr Toby Banks Tony Williams Ross Bailey Mick Berwick Braeden  
Dennis Glen Fyson Michael Gillis Grant Hitchener Michael Hunter  
Glenn Kendall Alex Matthews Greg Hilton Neil Watson Andrew Neville Andrew  
Rowler Jared Terry John Whitwam Dave Williams Jack Clydesdale Alan  
Hosking Bill Evans Doug Goad Reg Birch Bert Griffiths Bob Bright Brian  
Taylor Bob Clydesdale Jim Duncan William Dyson Jack Skillen Ian Matthews Ray  
Brindley Brian McCormick Shaun Clarke Gary Ferguson Jay Hutchinson Sam  
Geurts Robert Dyson John McLear Billy Quigley

\*\* Phil Watson's 100 games: Although Phil received a trophy, from the club in 1996, for reaching 100 Senior XVIII games; he is credited with only 99 games in MPNFL records. Phil also played 103 Senior XVIII games with Red Hill.

### **99-50 SENIOR GAMES WITH DFNC SINCE 1896-2021**

The following lists are not exhaustive; and will be amended each year as more information comes to light. The figures for some players (e.g. Vern Humphrey 1938- 1949) have been traced back to seasons prior to World War: 2 and are subject to further verification. The playing histories of many other DFNC footballers are not conclusive and require substantiation.

Bob Brindley (98) Grant Hitchener (98) Daryl Grogan (96) Kevin Clydesdale (94)  
Stephen Jolley (94) Steve Kerr (93) Dan Geurts (92) Rohan Bleeker (91)

Geoff Bligh (90) Phil Reeves (89) Des Singleton (88) Andrew Neville (88) Brett Dunn (88) Peter Crozier (86) John Walker (86) Grant Turnbull (85) Jim Patterson (85) Ethan Johnstone (85) Vern M Humphrey (85) Ken Edwards (84) Rod Kerr (83) Bob Castles ( 82) Doug Haskett ( 80) Luke Donnelly ( 80)

Merv Kennedy (79) Seamus Thomson (79) Andrew Emerson (79) Scott Hitchener ( 78) Malcolm McCrindle (77)Mark Rendall (77) Geoff Birch (77) Jim Clydesdale (77) Marty Fowler (76) Lindsay Edgerton (76) John McCormick (76) Paul Cooper (75) Tom Coucacaud (75) Tom Wright (73) Jarryd Hunter (75) Paul McLean Wilson (73) Reece Wilde (73) Shane Burdon (73) Beau Cosson (73) Dale Minchington (70) Bob Coucacaud (70) Max Gorsuch ( 70) Aaron Coyle (70)

Jason Clarke (68) Dean Waugh (68 ) Peter Dempsey (67) Alan Holmes (67) Keith McLearn (67) David Gourlay (67) Chris Veale (67) Zac Muschialli (66) Rory Gregg ( 66) Theo Van Ray (65) Owen Griffiths (65) John Lanyon (65) Beau McMurray (64) David Barnes (64) Stephen Matthews (64)Ryan Slocombe (64) Robert Work (63) Dan Marchesani (63) Phillip Marriott (62) Fred Brassler ( 62) Ken Taylor ( 62) Luke O'Neill (62) Christian Ongarello ( 62) Graeme Gourlay ( 60) Jim Hunter ( 60)

Sam Fowler (59) Jay Neratzaglou (58) Matt Breen (57) Ryan Smythe (56) Steve Gaertner (56) Glen Fyson ( 56) Gary Evans (55) Anthony Bruhn (55) Trevor Rendall (54) Liam Hogan (54) Gordon Johnson (53) Steve Tobin (52) John Williamson ( 52) Adyn Musgrave (52) Dan Lee (52) Jarrod Wood (52) Harold Parkes (51) Heath Laube ( 51) Jack Quigley (51) Mick Slocombe (50) Greg James (50 ) Dave Birch (50) and John 'Jack ' Bateman ( 50 ).

## PLAYER LIFE MEMBERSHIPS ( 175 CLUB GAMES ) 1896-2021

The constitution of DFNC states that players who attain 175 Senior and/ or Reserves Grade XVIII games with DFNC are eligible for Player Life Membership. On that basis, the following past players have been awarded Player Life Memberships:

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 Rikki Johnston



Jay Hutchinson and Terry Wheeler are within reach of DFNC Player Life Membership and should achieve the 175 game milestone criteria in 2022. Jay and Terry will join Bert Aust, Henry McLear, Sam McLear, George McLear, Mick James, Colin McLear, Tom Singleton, Rupert Griffith, Garry Fowler, Brad Allen, Jared Terry, Adam Hunter, Daniel Gibbs, Daniel Maestrale and Rikki Johnston as DFNC Player Life Members.

### **PLAYERS WHO DID NOT RETURN TO PLAY WITH DFNC IN 2021 DUE TO VARIOUS REASONS SUCH AS RETIREMENT , CLEARANCES TO OTHER CLUBS ( THIS INCLUDES 2020 -SUSPENDED SEASON DUE TO COVID-19 )**

This list is not exhaustive and includes:

Rikki Johnston Dan Maestrale \*Jack Quigley Daniel Gibbs Majok Puok Paul McLean-Wilson Leyden-Kozikas brothers Jae Williams Heath Burriss Braeden Hyde Rohan Bleeker Beau Cosson Jake Snehotta Ryan Smythe Jake Milward Jack Conroy Luke Martin Ryan Bennett Jon McGenniskin Kyle Whitford Jake Hiep Matt Gahan Lachlan Star ( and several others to be verified ).

**\*NOTE:** Jack Quigley was the Senior XVIII Team Runner in 2021.

### **PLAYERS WHO DID NOT RETURN TO DFNC IN 2022**

As at April 2022, the following players did not sign on with DFNC...

Josh Bateman (Langwarrin) Ethan Johnston (Noosa) Jake Soligo (Adelaide Crows) Nathan Soligo (Palm Beach-Currumbin) Jae Williams (Lyndhurst) and Matt Lee who is travelling around Australia.

### **THANK YOU TO GRAHAM STELLING**

As announced in 2021, Graham Stelling is stepping down from many of his former administrative duties; and it should be noted that Graham's collaboration and cross checking of the data have been appreciated in helping 'keep track' of hundreds of DFNC players' games tallies. The last two decades of sifting through old archives have been, at times, like looking for a 'needle in haystack' but with Graham's help and substantiation of records (via time-worn documents, minute books, clearance forms and out-dated registration books) significant progress has been made in getting the club records in order.

Furthermore, as many members know, Graham's advanced computer skills have been a genuine blessing in the collation of the club's records.

In closing, I have valued Graham's support in updating the annual lists and verifying major milestones for players when and as required. 'Thank you' Graham. Roger (On behalf of many DFNC players over the past two decades).

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