

# DFNC PLAYER HISTORY UPDATE

Reference: 2023/12



**Norm Osborne - A club champion and stalwart who gave so much to the life of the football club. Norm played at Pier Street from 1940-1958 and amassed 181 Senior XVIII matches. He was a member of the 1950 premiership team and coached the club in 1953 and 1956. Norm's Father, George, was the first ever Life Member of DFNC; and is an iconic figure in the history of DFNC and Mornington Peninsula football.**

## INTRODUCTION

Dromana Football Club was formed sometime in the 1890's; and collating the career histories of all its past players is a complicated task as the records from the club's foundational years are elusive (perhaps irretrievable).

Compiling the history of players at DFNC has not been straight forward task; and I would like to place on public record my sincere thanks to Graham Stelling for his willing assistance (and his computer expertise) over the last decade. Thank you also to Doug Dyall and Gary Ferguson for their interest and contribution in this major task.

The following lists are in relation to those past and present players who have reached major milestones at DFNC. It has taken several years to update and reconcile the records below; and errors and omissions are likely (particularly in those 'pre-computerized years' of club records). My apologies for any inaccuracies or omissions-(Roger-June 2023).

**NOTE: These milestones are calculated up until the end of the 2022 season.**

## 200 SENIOR GAMES AT DFNC SINCE 1896-2022

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

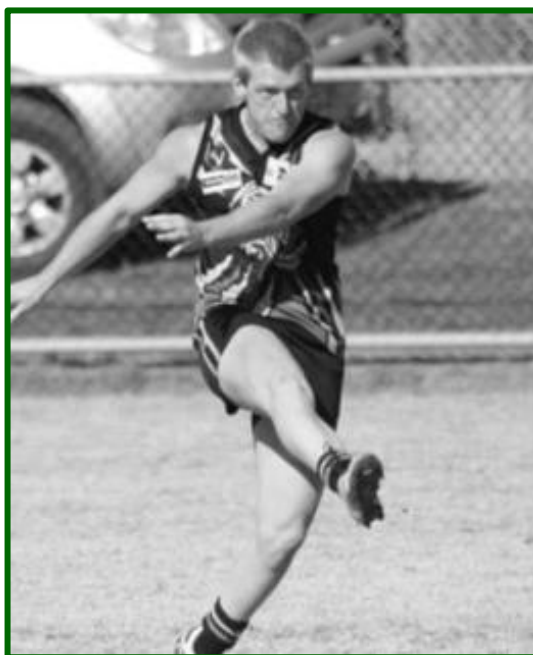
**NOTE:** In total (i.e. combined tally), all members of the McLear family have played in excess of 1000 senior games for DFNC.



Another of the famous McLear family- Colin McLear played with Dromana from 1947 until 1963; and played 201 games for the club. Colin was a member of the 1950 premiership team and was selected in the DFNC Team of the Decade (1946-1955).

### **150 SENIOR GAMES AT DFNC 1896-2022**

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



Brad 'Snowy' was awarded DFNC Player Life Membership in 2014 for his service to the club. Brad arrived at Pier Street in 2003 and in that season won the Most Determined Player trophy. His other awards included: Most Consistent ( 2005 & 2007), Most Unselfish Player ( 2010) , Runner-up in the Howard Armstrong Medal and in 2013 he was a key member of the Reserves Premiership team.

## 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 McLearn Billy Quigley Shaun Clarke Dan Geurts.

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



One of the club's finest rovers of all time, Braeden Dennis, was recruited to DFNC in 2008. He not only played in excess of 100 Senior XVIII games at DFNC but, after stepping back from senior ranks, continued to support the club as a coach in the under-age competitions. Braeden also played 48 games with Mandurah FC (WA) and a further 96 games with Rye FC. Braeden was selected in the DFNC Team of the Decade (2006-2015).

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

**NOTE:** The following lists are not exhaustive; and will be amended each year as more information becomes available. 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.

- Bob Brindley ( 98) Grant Hitchener ( 98) Daryl Grogan ( 96) Kevin Clydesdale ( 94) Stephen Jolley ( 94) Steve Kerr ( 93) Dan Geurts (92) Geoff Bligh ( 90) Rohan Bleeker ( 91) Phil Reeves ( 89) Des Singleton (88) Andrew Neville ( 88) Dean Waugh ( 87) Brett Dunn (88) Peter Crozier (86) John Walker ( 86) Grant Turnbull (85) Jim Patterson ( 85) Ethan Johnstone (85 ) Vern Humphrey ( 85) Ken Edwards Bob Castles ( 84) Rod Kerr ( 83) Zac Muschialli( 83), Dan Marchesani ( 81) Billy Geurts ( 81) Doug Haskett ( 80) Luke Donnelly ( 80).
- Merv Kennedy (79) Seamus Thomson (79) Andrew Emerson ( 79) Scott Hitchener ( 78) Reece Wilde ( 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 Coucaud (75) Tom Wright (73) Jarryd Hunter ( 75) Paul McLean-Wilson ( 73) Shane Burdon (73) Beau Cosson ( 73) Dale Minchington (70) Bob Coucaud (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) 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) Aydn Musgrave ( 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) Dan Lee ( 52) Jarrod Wood (52) Harold Parkes (51) Heath Laube ( 51) Jack Quigley ( 51) Mick Slocombe ( 50) Greg James ( 50 ) Dave Birch (50) John ‘Jack ‘ Bateman ( 50 ).

**NOTE:** A list of players who have registered less than 50 Senior XVIII games with DFNC can be found in the next article DFNC website History Page.

**PLAYER LIFE MEMBERSHIPS - 175 SENIOR & RESERVE XVIII GRADE GAMES) 1896-2021**

The constitution of DFNC states that players who played 175 (or more) Senior and/ or Reserves Grade XVIII games with DFNC are eligible for Player Life Membership: As at April 2023, the DFNC Player Life Members are:

- 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 Maestrone Rikki Johnston Jay Hutchinson\* and Terry Wheeler\*

**\*NOTE:** Jay Hutchinson and Terry Wheeler attained their DFNC Player Life Membership in 2022.



DFNC champion, Terry Wheeler, was presented with Life Membership in 2022.

## 2022 UPDATE FOR CURRENT & RECENT PLAYERS

The following records are calculated up until the end of the 2022 season. Players who did not play with DFNC in 2022 are shown in green\*. In some cases (e.g. Sam Fowler) the listed player has returned to play with DFNC in 2023.

There may be some Third XVIII players (from the 2022 season) who are not listed below; and hopefully their statistics will be entered in the records for season 2024.

NAME	SENIOR GAMES	RESERVE GAMES	THIRDS GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
JAY HUTCHINSON	133	49	31	213
TERRY WHEELER	174	4	0	178
BILLY QUIGLEY	125	1	29	155
JACK QUIGLEY **	51	67	36	154
ADYN MUSGRAVE	63	59	31	153
SAM GEURTS	141	0	12	153
TOM CARTER	23	75	51	149
SHAUN CLARKE **	116	3	28	147
DAN MARCHESANI	81	22	44	147
BRAEDEN DENNIS	113 TBC	26	0	139
NICK WEARNE **	1	85	47	135
REECE WILDE	78	5	49	132
DAN GEURTS	102	2	22	126
DEAN WAUGH	87	7	20	114
SAM WILLIAMSON**	21	55	30	106
LIONEL GAINSFORD	0	88	18	106

BEN TOVEY	24	19	45	88
BILLY GEURTS	81	0	4	87
ZAC MUSCHIALLI	83	0	0	83
BEAU MCMURRAY**	64	16	0	80
TIM STEPAVICIUS	1	46	31	78
SAM FOWLER **	59	0	15	74
WADE CHAMERLAIN	2	37	32	71
MITCH HEGGEN **	2	42	26	70
SAM CHILDS	17	24	28	69
RYAN BENNETT	0	17	44	61
LIAM TREW	1	19	41	61
SAM CASHIN	0	35	25	60
AERON MORGAN*	0	29	26	55
DEAGLAN NOONAN**	0	24	28	52
LACHIE SWEETNAM	0	52	0	52
DAN GORMLEY	46	1	0	47
LACHII OLIVER	0	44	0	44
MATT CHAMBERS	1	42	0	43
LACHLAN MCKENZIE**	1	14	27	42
SPENCER GUBBINS	0	28	14	42
AODHAGAN NOONAN	0	26	15	41
JAI TAYLOR	41	0	0	41
DANNY VANCE	8	11	20	39
BRODIE SWEETNAM	3	9	26	38
JOSH HOLLOWAY	31	6	0	37
HARRY HINCE	0	10	23	33
JOSHUA ADCOCK	0	18	15	33
DYLAN BURNHAM**	0	9	23	32
ADAM HARRIS	13	10	9	32
JACK SLATTERY	28	0	4	32
RILEY DAVIS	9	0	23	32
CAELUM HACKING	0	15	16	31
JESSE DINICOLANTONIO	6	12	12	30
TIM MACDONALD	0	3	27	30
ZAC STELLING	6	12	11	29
TATE DENNIS	14	1	14	29
NED HANNEMANN	12	6	11	29
JAYDEN TOOTH	17	8	3	28
MCKENZIE HENDERSON	0	1	27	28
CONNOR	2	1	25	28



WALLACE				
MASON SMITH	0	12	14	26
ZAC TURNER	1	25	0	26
MITCHELL MUSTICONE	0	17	8	25
DANE CHAMBERLAIN	0	16	9	25
CALLUM TIERNEY	0	0	25	25
JOHN RISTROM	23	1	0	24
NOAH SOUTHWELL	0	0	24	24
JACK AUSTIN	0	12	11	23
DAN REYNOLDS	0	13	11	23
JACKSON BROWN	0	12	10	22
DYLAN MUNSON	0	21	0	21
NATHAN SOLIGO	20	0	0	20
JOSHUA GEURTS	17	0	3	20
JOSHUA SMITH	3	3	14	20
JORDAN ANDREWS	18	0	0	18
TOM CRIMMINS	17	0	0	17
LACHLAN AQUILINA	1	0	16	17
SIMON ANDERSON	1	15	0	16
SAM MCGENNISKIN	0	1	14	15
KOBE HOLMES	0	0	15	15
ADAM HARRIS	13	10	9	14
HARRY COOK	0	2	11	13
GABRIELE NOCELLA**	5	7	0	12
NICK BENDER	0	12	0	12
ADAM LELLO**	1	10	0	11
JAI HACKETT	1	4	6	11
MATTHEW LEE**	9	0	0	9
JACKSON EGAN **	0	0	9	9
ANGUS XUEREB	0	0	8	8
RILEY SIMPSON	2	0	6	8
EDDIE SWAN **	4	3	0	7
NICK COLLIER	7	0	0	7
BRODEN BIRD	6	0	0	6
NED SHANNON	3	1	0	4

## PLAYERS WHO DID NOT PLAY AT DFNC IN 2022

The following list indicates those players who did not play with DFNC in 2022 due to clearances to other clubs, in 'limbo' (e.g. travel/ employment), medical reasons/injuries or retirement from football. The list is not exhaustive; and some players (e.g Sam Fowler, Matt Lee and Ethan Johnstone) have returned to play with DFNC in 2023 (there may be others at a later date):

- Sam Fowler(VFL-Collingwood) Luke Heppell-Hickson ( Somerville) Daniel Jones ( Newtown-Chilwell ) Eddie Swan Jackson Egan Matt Lee Adam Lello Gabriele Nocella Dylan Burnham Lachlan McKenzie Deaglan Noonan Aeron Morgan (East Geelong) Mitch Heggen Beau McMurray Ethan Johnstone ( Noosa Tigers ) Josh Bateman ( Langwarrin) Josh Soligo ( AFL-Adelaide Crows) Jack Quigley Sam Williamson Nick Wearne and Shaun Clarke.



**Josh Soligo played 16 games with the Adelaide Crows in 2022. In an impressive first AFL season, Josh averaged 14 disposals per game with a match high of 22 against North Melbourne in Round: 22. Josh finished tenth in the Malcolm Blight Medal with 61 votes.**

## **PLAYERS WHO MADE THEIR SENIOR XVIII DEBUT IN 2022.**

The following players made their Senior XVIII debuts with DFNC in 2022:

- Nathan Higgins, Jordy Andrews, Liam Trew, Zac Stelling, Jesse Dinicolantonio, Connor Wallace, Riley Simpson, Broden Bird, Joshua Smith, Lachlan Aquilina, Ned Hannemann, Tom Crimmins and Ned Shannon.



**Jordy Andrews, from Berwick FC, proved to be a valuable acquisition in 2022. Jordy played 19 games and won the prestigious John Coleman trophy with 35 goals.**



**NOTE:** As a point of clarification for readers, the following ‘younger’ players played at least **one** Senior XVIII matches in **2021**; and consequently are not included in the above group:

- Nick Collier, Josh Geurts, Jayden Tooth, Sam Childs, Riley Davis, Tate Dennis and Brodie Sweetnam.

## **STATISTICAL UPDATE- A NOTE TO CURRENT PLAYERS**

All players are kindly urged to ‘keep track’ of their games history; and, those players who believe that they are approaching individual milestones (e.g. 100 Senior XVIII games, Life Membership etc. ) with DFNC are kindly reminded to check /confirm their playing history with the club.

Current players are reminded that the above entries are **not** official MPNFL statistics; and there may be inaccuracies. Current players, who are not listed above and also those who believe the figures shown are incorrect, are asked to contact Roger or Graham. Thank you.

Finally, sincere appreciation to those past and present players who have assisted in updating our records.

## **REFERENCE & RESEARCH INFORMATION**

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