



TIGER TALK

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WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

We welcome these new faces to our great club and bid a fond farewell to those who have left or retired.



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ANDREW McCULLOUGH
FOOTBALL MANAGER

UNDER 19'S: Welcome to these young men who have come up to the senior club from the U17's. **Lachlan Aquilina, Sam McGennissen, Josh Geurts, Phoenix Brown, Jake Wilson, Harry Cook, Kobe Holmes, Corey Beare, Joshua Smith, Nick Collier, Riley Simpson, Max Chamberlain, Tommy Geurts and Bryce Hornsby**

SENIORS - Captain: Billy Quigley

Vice Captains: **Dan Geurts and Sam Geurts**

RESERVES LEADERSHIP GROUP - Matt Chambers, Lochie Sweetnam, Zac Stelling, Tim Stepanivicus & Tommy Carter.

U19'S - Captain: Riley Davis Vice Captains: Connor Wallace, Brodie Sweetnam and Phoenix Brown

EDITORIAL:

Even though 2021 was an improvement on 2020 for our club, because we at least got to play SOME games, it was a disjointed and frustrating time for players, supporters and sponsors alike! With games lost during the year due to lockdowns, a premature end to the season and no finals, again we were unable to defend our 2019 premiership. The seniors came home strongly finishing 5th on the ladder and the Under 19's had a good season also finishing 5th. Had the season been completed, both teams were possible finalists. As a result, there were no premiers declared nor was there promotion or relegation but the one positive is that from 2018 we have now been UNDEFEATED in Grand Finals **for 4 consecutive years**. In 2022, the YEAR OF THE TIGER, perhaps we can make that 5. Our 5 netball teams were outside the top 5 so they will be looking for a return to form in 2022, with a new coach, upgraded courts and improved facilities at Marna Street.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our Sponsors, Volunteers, Supporters and Players both new and old, back for the 2022 season. After the disappointment of 2020 and 2021 it is great to see local Football and Netball getting underway, with a Full season ahead of us.

There are still some Protocols that remain in place to ensure the season can continue without any interruption.

It is pleasing to the numbers in the Under 19's, especially when other Clubs are struggling. It is a good sign for the Club going forward over the next few years.

To all the new players to the Club, in Football and Netball, a big Dromana welcome. To all coaches and players in both Football and Netball, on behalf of the Board of Management we wish you all the best for the season ahead.

This year we were unable to field an A grade team in the Netball despite all the efforts of the Netball department. Despite the grumblings from other clubs, be assured every effort was made to field an A grade side. Whilst I am on Netball, the Club is purchasing a new Electronic Scoreboard for them. Thank you to the **Coterie group** and **Guy & Grace Fanning** for their contribution towards it. There is still an Opportunity for a sponsor who may wish to contribute and have their name on the scoreboard.

As in previous years the Club will be holding some special events. I would encourage you to check out the Club Website, Facebook, or download the Team App to receive updates. Also look for notices that will be placed around Dromana in some of our Sponsors' windows.

The Club is also looking for more **volunteers**, especially in the Canteen. If you think you can help, please get involved and make contact with any Member of the Board.

Good Luck to everyone, I'll see you all at the Footy.

Go Tigers!

Mark Crawshaw

CAN YOU HELP FILL THE GAPS IN DFNC HISTORY 1950'S, 60'S AND 70'S?

Any readers who can provide information about DFNC past trophy winners are kindly asked to forward the details (i.e. year, grade (seniors/reserves) name of award, player's name etc. to the club.

For example: 1951, Senior XV111, Best & Fairest, Ken Coy

Such awards in earlier days may include: Most Consistent Runner Up in the Best & Fairest, Encouragement Award, Most Improved, Best Clubman and also other special awards presented.

If possible, a list of award winners in that era will be compiled and placed on the DFNC History Page for posterity. Thank you for your help, Roger



FOR THE INFORMATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The club policy of DFNC is that no alcohol can be carried into or consumed in the changing rooms during the hours of training sessions

and on match days. This long-held policy has been an important aspect in the club's off field discipline and culture; and the DFNC Board of Management seeks the cooperation of all members and supporters in adhering to the guidelines. Thank you, DFNC Board of Management.

FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

CATHY STELLING



Welcome back to all our players, supporters and sponsors. Thank you to one and all for your continued support of the Dromana football and Netball Club.

We look forward to a positive and 'complete' season this year and look forward to seeing you all around the club throughout the year.

We have once again been generously supported by our community this season and appreciate your ongoing contribution to the club.

Sponsorship and membership packages are a great way to support the club or players within the club and can be purchased by contacting the board.

\$50 Home Game Raffle tickets are on sale now so give yourself a chance at a prize of \$500 every home game. Tickets are available by contacting the board or during games days.

We will be running a number of functions throughout the season and look forward to your attendance. Check the club website/socials for updates.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support for the DFNC and here's to a fabulous season on and off the field.

Go Tigers!

Kind regards, Cathy

As a result of our Number 1 ticket holder Greg Hunt's retirement, the club is pleased to announce that **Ron Hunter** will become our #1 ticket holder in 2022. What a great choice!

At the 'Irish Luncheon' in March he was presented with a certificate and was interviewed by Shawn Cosgrove, famous for saying "Come on Down" in the T.V. show 'The Price is Right'.



As a result of the Covid restrictions, a combined end of year breakup and less formal Presentation Night was held at the Rosebud Bowls Club on Wednesday 15th December. Although not all could attend, these are the season award winners. Thank you to Julieanne Harris for the photos.

FOOTBALL AWARDS:

SENIORS

B&F - Billy Geurts
 Runner Up - Sam Geurts
 Most Consistent - Dean Waugh
 Most Determined - Dan Marchesani
 Coach's Award - Dean Waugh
 Goal Kicking - Ethan Johnstone
 Balcony Award - Billy Quigley
 Players' Player - Sam Geurts

MPNFL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Ruck - Billy Geurts
 Centre - Sam Geurts
 On the ball - Dean Waugh
 I/C - Billy Quigley

RESERVES

B&F - Matt Chambers
 Runner Up - Tom Carter
 Most Consistent - Zac Turner
 Most Determined - Lachlan Sweetnam
 Most Improved - Addhagan Noonan
 Goal Kicking - Tom Carter
 Players' Player - Tom Carter

UNDER 19'S

B&F - Tim MacDonald
 Runner Up - Riley Davis
 Most Consistent - Brodie Sweetnam
 Most Determined - Mason Smith
 Coach's Award - Adam Harris
 Most Improved - Zach O'Regan
 Best 1st Year - Connor Wallace
 Goal Kicking - Mackenzie Henderson
 Most Dedicated Trainer - Mackenzie Henderson
 Players' Player - Riley Davis

MORE AWARDS:

Graham Stelling - League Volunteer of the year.
 Dromana Football named most disciplined club.
 Billy Geurts - Game Face - Most Valuable Player.
 Adam Harris - U19 League Runner Up
 Billy Quigley played game 100.
Club Person of the Year – Ron Hunter



THE 2021 AWARD WINNERS



NETBALL AWARDS

A Grade

B&F - Emily Wilson
 Runner Up - Laura Hopkins
 Most Determined - Carrie Whitehouse
 Coach's Award- Eliza Pittard



B Grade

B&F - Caitlin Heseltine
 Runner Up - Shaye Fitzpatrick
 Most Determined - Jade Smith
 Coach's Award - Erin Collins



C Grade

B&F - Georgia Geurts
 Runner Up - Emma Drinkwater
 Most Determined - Jamie Lilley
D Grade
 B&F - Gemma Linnell
 Runner Up - Belinda Ingram
 Most Determined - Sage Hannon
 Coach's Award - Leah Beauchamp



U17

B&F - Madi Holzer
 Runner Up - Ella Dunston
 Most Determined - Bella Caldwell
 Coach's Award - Ella Donnelly



NETBALL PLAYERS' PLAYER - Caitlin Heseltine

OTHER INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2021

150 NETBALL GAMES - Georgie Dunn
100 NETBALL GAMES - Emma Drinkwater and Tahlia Walter
U17 LEAGUE SHARP SHOOTER - Madi Holzer

TRAINING AND PRACTICE MATCHES

Dromana Beach, what a great place to get in some pre-season training!



Practice Matches were held on Saturday 26th March at Altona and Saturday 3rd April at East Doncaster. All games were good hit outs with mixed results.



Photos by Julianne Harris

PRE-SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

THE IRISH LUNCHEON

The first Coterie Group fund raising event was held on Sunday 27th March in the club social room. Delicious food and great music made for a fun time for those who attended.



Round by Round - Results and Awards

ROUND 1 – SATURDAY 9th APRIL - DROMANA v FRANKSTON YCW AWAY:

B GRADE NETBALL – YCW 57 def DROMANA 40

YOUR CHOICE AT SMOOTHIES R US - SHAYE FITZPATRICK

D GRADE NETBALL – YCW 41 def DROMANA 30

ASIAN MEAL FROM PIERVIEW PIZZA - AMY HOLMES

SENIOR FOOTBALL: DROMANA 16.12.72 def YCW 6.10.46

ROUND OF GOLF AT THE VALLEY GOLF CLUB
BOXED SET OF BEER GLASSES DONATED BY THE COTERIE GROUP
MENU ITEM OF YOUR CHOICE FROM SMOOTHIES R US

RESERVES FOOTBALL: YCW 15.1.101 def DROMANA 1.2.8

\$30 MEAL VOUCHER FROM THE NEW ATRIUM
\$30 CASH LIFE MEMBERS AWARD
LARGE PIZZA DONATED BY XPRESS GOURMET PIZZAS

UNDER 19'S FOOTBALL: YCW 8.13.61 def DROMANA 5.4.34

\$25 CASH LIFE MEMBERS AWARD
¼ CHICKEN, CHIPS + DRINK FROM CHARCOAL CHICKEN
FISH & CHIP MEAL FROM DROMANA FISH SUPPLY

C GRADE NETBALL – YCW 70 def DROMANA 15

CHARCOAL CHICKEN MEAL - BELLA PRESTI

UNDER 17 NETBALL – YCW 47 def DROMANA 7

MEAL FROM DROMANA FISH SUPPLY - EBONY McCLARE

- JON RISTROM
- REECE WILDE
- TOM CRIMMINS

- NICK BENDER
- JOSH HOLLOWAY
- MATT CHAMBERS

- RILEY SIMPSON
- KYLE WALLACE
- SAM MCGENNISKEN



ROUND 2 – FRIDAY 15th APRIL - DROMANA v RED HILL AWAY:

B GRADE NETBALL – DROMANA 27 def RED HILL 20

YOUR CHOICE AT SMOOTHIES R US - CAITLIN HESELTINE

D GRADE NETBALL – RED HILL 57 def DROMANA 40

ASIAN MEAL FROM PIERVIEW PIZZA - MEL FARQUER

SENIOR FOOTBALL: DROMANA 7.7.49 drew with RED HILL 7.7.49

ROUND OF GOLF AT THE VALLEY GOLF CLUB
BOXED SET OF BEER GLASSES DONATED BY THE COTERIE GROUP
MENU ITEM OF YOUR CHOICE FROM SMOOTHIES R US

RESERVES FOOTBALL: RED HILL 15.11.101 def DROMANA 1.5.11

\$30 MEAL VOUCHER FROM THE NEW ATRIUM
\$30 CASH LIFE MEMBERS AWARD
LARGE PIZZA DONATED BY XPRESS GOURMET PIZZAS

UNDER 19'S FOOTBALL: RED HILL 7.11.53 def DROMANA 5.8.38.

\$25 CASH LIFE MEMBERS AWARD
¼ CHICKEN, CHIPS + DRINK FROM CHARCOAL CHICKEN
FISH & CHIP MEAL FROM DROMANA FISH SUPPLY

C GRADE NETBALL – RED HILL 56 def DROMANA 21

CHARCOAL CHICKEN MEAL - JAYMIE LILLEY

- BILLY GEURTS
- DAN GEURTS
- ZAC MUSCHIALLI

- ZAK TURNER
- JOSH HOLLOWAY
- TIM STEPANAVICIUS

- CONNOR WALLACE
- TIMOTHY MACDONALD
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A WORD FROM THE COACHES & THE NETBALL MANAGER



NETBALL REPORT FROM NETBALL MANGER GAYLE COLLERY

We would like to welcome a lot of new faces around the netball courts this year as there have been a lot of changes. **Sally Harkin** has taken the role as coach for D, C and B Grade this year, yes all 3 teams.

The first two rounds have been challenging for both C & D grades. Without practice matches & still working through different combinations, along with a number of players out due to illness we haven't had the on court balance and consistency required to be competitive.

B Grade had a competitive first round and a good look at where we need to be stepping it up in the 2nd round. In round 2 we were neck and neck with Redhill throughout the game. In the 4th quarter we took control by keeping our composure to settle the play and come away with the win. Well done team!

U17S had a tough start to the season up against a strong YCW but showed a lot of potential. This is a completely new team this year and with **Caitlin Heseltine** on board as their new coach we look forward to seeing a lot of good things throughout the year.



THE U19'S BY COACH BRAEDEN DENNIS AND ASSISTANT COACH CRAIG WALLACE

The boys had a solid pre-season, we were training a lot with the senior group which really helped them to step up and push themselves to keep up with older guys. It was great to see about 10 of the 2021 Under 17's progress to playing Under 19's. After a few months of training through a warm summer and the 2021 season cut short we were itching to play a game. We had two good practice matches where we could put our game plan into practice and get a feel of how the team would get together.

Going into Round 1 against Frankston YCW was always going to be a tough game first up as they had a 100+ point win from their first game the previous week. Preparation wasn't ideal as Braeden & 2 of the boys got Covid so they were missing for match day. We went into the game with only 18 players but each of them was truly focused and ready to start the season with a win. The first 3 quarters were great, from the first bounce the pressure & intensity was faultless. YCW got a late goal on the siren at the end of the 3rd qtr which put

them up by 5 points and we were down to 16 players. We battled hard in the last quarter and put up a gallant fight but playing 2 down was making it hard to hold on, eventually going down by 27 pts.

The guys were confident going into Round 2 against Red Hill. We had 21 players fired up and ready to take our good form into this game. Red Hill got the jump on us in the first half, they were running harder through the ground and always had us under pressure. After half time we switched on and kicked 3 unanswered goals to get us within 7 pts at last break. We battled hard in the last quarter but left our run too late and went down by 15 Pts. The team has learnt a lot from the first two games, a lot of positives have come and we know what to focus on going forward. We are hungry for a win so hopefully we can play 4 quarters against the Pines to get the 4 points

FROM THE SENIOR COACH MAT PRICE



This season **Billy Quigley** will be senior captain, with **Dan** and **Sam Geurts** as Vice Captains. Senior Leadership group will also have **Terry Wheeler**, **Billy Geurts** and **Jack Slattery**.

After the longest pre season in history we found our way to Jubilee Park in Frankston to face YCW in round 1.

This is a side that we have never beaten in the clubs history. It was a really warm afternoon and our boys played some scintillating footy. We have added in some new players this year and have been working hard in the off season on a new game plan. So for it to all come together in round 1 was super exciting. It can sometimes take time for that to happen and I'm sure we will have some ups and downs throughout the year. To walk away from that game with a 4 goal win was very positive. Some really good performances from some of the younger guys was great to see and I am hopeful this can be the catalyst for season 2022. Best Players **Sam Geurts**, **Billy Quigley**, **Dean Waugh** and **Tom Crimmins**

Rd 2 found us away against Red Hill. Another beautiful day on the hill and all signs pointed to this game being another tight tussle. We met Red Hill twice last year and both games were decided by 1 point. This game again was back and forward all day. Both defences holding up well and each team finding it hard to score. We broke away in the last quarter to lead by 12 points late in the game, however the Hillmen rallied late and drew level with 45 seconds on the clock. The game ended in a draw and was probably fitting as it was great spectacle on Good Friday and neither team deserved to lose that game. Best Players – **Billy Geurts**, **Ben Tovey**, **Dan Geurts**, **Sam Geurts** and **Zac Muschiali**

We now will head into Round 3 to face the Pines at home. We have a good record against the Pines, so hopefully we can continue our good form and get another win on the board. This is our first home game, so we are excited to be back at the jungle.



THE RESERVES BY COACH STEVE WARE

If **EFFORT**, **ENDEAVOUR** and **INTENSITY** were three words that the reserves side aimed to bring every week in 2021 then 2022 is no different and we need to step it up a notch to **COMPETE**. Pre-season saw a renewed focus on the style of play we think will best suit us in 2022.

Through a number of match simulations, an intraclub and practice matches against Altona and East Doncaster it was great to see elements of this style of play being implemented and players buying-in. The proposition of more depth and player numbers has also shone through and is hopefully maintained throughout the season.

Onto the season proper and with no easy round 1 and 2 propositions against 2 quality reserves sides in Frankston YCW and Red Hill away from home we knew we would need to be up to challenge from the start. The round 1 effort against YCW was in stark contrast to last year's contest. The boys brought the heat early and although YCW got off to a quick start by kicking 4 goals to 0 in the first quarter our pressure around the ground was high. The second quarter was a tight tussle with YCW kicking 3 goals to our 1. In the third quarter, the boys maintained the pressure and restricted YCW to 2 goals. YCW asserted their dominance in the final quarter by kicking 6 goals and blowing the margin out to 93 points. This wasn't a true reflection of our efforts for the previous 3 quarters but also showed how far we have come and need to go to **COMPETE** against quality opposition. Solid efforts by **Nick Bender** (first game), **Josh Holloway**, **Matt Chambers**, **Zac Stelling**, **Tommy Carter** and **Lionel Gainsford**

After promising signs against YCW in Round 1, the boys were pointing towards a good showing in the Good Friday Round 2 match against Red Hill. Unfortunately, they weren't up for the challenge early and Red Hill kicked 6 goals to 0 in the first quarter. The boys took it up to Red Hill in the second term and restricted them to 2 goals as the work rate increased around the ground. In the third term, Red Hill kicked 4 goals to our 1 but again the effort and work rate improved. At the three-quarter time break, the boys were encouraged to run out the game which they were unable to do the previous week. To the boys credit they controlled multiple passages of play and were afforded multiple scoring opportunities with entries into our forward half but weren't able to convert them into goals. Red Hill kicked 3 goals to 0 to win by 90 points. Strong contributors on the day were **Zak Turner**, **Josh Holloway**, **Nick Bender**, **Tim Stepanivicus**, **Lionel Gainsford**, **Spencer Gubbins** and **Mason Smith**.

With upcoming matches against Pines, Edithvale-Aspendale and Frankston Bombers the boys will be looking for stronger periods of **EFFORT** to **COMPETE** and improve. We will continue to work hard on the training track to ensure we play the way we want.

Congratulations to our reserves leadership group for season 2022 which includes **Matt Chambers**, **Lochie Sweetnam**, **Zac Stelling**, **Tim Stepanivicus** and **Tommy Carter**.

Also, a big thankyou to all of the volunteers who have assisted the reserves so far in season 2022.

Tiger Tit Bits

HEARD AROUND THE GROUND/TOWN



New member who managed to buy a ticket in the Tiger Lotto, "That's good, I thought I might have to wait for someone to die."

While gathering up his belongings to go shopping, **Fred Tyres** was talking to **Graham** and said "Damn, I can't find my phone", to which Graham replied, "You're talking to me on it!!" Now there's a seniors moment!

YOUNG DROMANA RECRUIT MAKES IT IN THE BIG TIME



Adelaide has locked away its first two draft picks from last year until the end of 2025. In a mutual show of faith with the club, Victorian duo Josh Rachele and **Jake Soligo** (ex Dromana taken at pick 36) have had their contracts

extended by 2 seasons before they have played a game. **Jake** made his debut on Sunday 20th v Fremantle in a frustrating 1 point loss. We hope things improve for him.

SEASON 1 TIGER LOTTO SUMMARY

Season 1 Final Draw was on Saturday, January 29th 2022. Some Season 1 stats: 28 of the 45 members won at least once. (17 people did not win a prize) No.32 won on 5 occasions, No's 5, 9, 27 and 30 won on 3 occasions. The \$1,000 bonus draws were won by No. 30 Lionel Frost and No. 38 Steve Goldsmid. 39 of the original Season 1 members have opted to continue in season 2. Currently the 6 vacancies have been resold for season 2. For any queries contact Ron Hunter - Phone: 0409 336 479

TIGER LOTTO SEASON 2 - FROM 5th FEBRUARY THE \$500 WINNERS SO FAR:

- WEEK 1 - RON HUNTER #22
- WEEK 2 - MITCH HEGGEN #35
- WEEK 3 - LOCKY HAMPTON #34
- WEEK 4 - RUSSEL HEGGEN #3
- WEEK 5 - PAUL BAILEY #19
- WEEK 6 - MITCH HEGGEN #35
- WEEK 7 - GEOFF BLIGH #32
- WEEK 8 - PAM & LES ROWLER #21
- WEEK 9 - PETER GAYFER #6
- WEEK 10 - PAUL BAILEY #19
- WEEK 11 - JOHN FORSTER #37



Congratulations to the **Hoppers**, Dromana Cricket Club Firsts, Premiers in the District Finals recording a very exciting win in March.

VALE - RODNEY KERR



Sadly **Rodney Kerr** past Premiership Player (1971) and U17 coach (1973) has passed away. The club passes on its condolences to his family. - R.I.P.

The club also sends our sincere condolences to **Bob Williamson** and his family on the passing of his mother in February.

THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN



To **Adyn Musgrave** and **Jay Hutchinson**, who organised for the footballers to donate \$500 from their abandoned away trip money to the cricket club bar to help compensate them for money stolen from their safe. Nice work boys!!



To trainer **Julianne Harris**, who took about 10 seconds to find a missing glasses case in Vicki's car, despite her claim she had made a thorough search.



To **Terry Wheeler**, who despite not being able to play for months due to shoulder surgery has been attending training every night, saying he is happy to help out wherever he can.



To **Brett McRae**, President of the Rosebud Football Netball Club who kindly bought tickets in the first Friday night Peninsula Club meat raffle & then won it!

ANZAC DAY BBQ

Planning to attend the dawn service on Anzac Day? Then come over to the footy club afterwards.



Again this year the Dromana/ Red Hill RSL has generously paid for the food, so your donation will get you a hot breakfast plus tea or coffee and an Anzac biscuit. All profits go to DFNC.

NEW COACHING APPOINTMENTS -2022

FOOTBALL: **Gavin Taylor** has been appointed to assist senior coach **Matt Price** following **Mitch Pepper's** retirement. **Daniel Gormley** returns as a playing, assistant coach, while **Craig Wallace** will assist **Braeden Dennis** with the U19's. **Sally Harkin** is the new netball coach for 2022.



This season, our mini 'Record' will be available at the gate or from Vicki on home games, thanks to many generous sponsors. Your donation will also be appreciated. It will include the football players' names and jumper numbers of both teams, netballers' names, scores, ladders and news items.

Congratulations to **Sean and Erin Corvan** on their recent marriage.



THE TIGER TALK QUIZ

This season's Tiger Talk quiz questions are about Dromana's coaches in earlier years. Supply the answer to Roger or Vicki to receive your prize..

The coach of Dromana in the period 1967-69 was John Kelton. For which VFL club did John play?

The History Page - by Roger Spaul

PLAYER HISTORY UPDATE - 100 CLUB GAMES OR MORE FOR DROMANA FNC.

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The table below is the first of a series that will be published in 'Tiger Talk' during 2022 regarding the playing history of our current** players (and those who played at least one game with DFNC in 2021). 'Club Games' simply means the total of games played in Thirds, Reserves and Seniors teams at Dromana Football Club. ** **Note:** These records are calculated up until the end of the **2021 season**.

NAME	SENIOR GAMES	RESERVE GAMES	THIRDS GAMES	TOTAL
JAY HUTCHINSON	119	49	31	199
TERRY WHEELER	166	4	0	170
JACK QUIGLEY	51	67	36	154
SHAUN CLARKE	116	3	28	147
TOM CARTER	23	67	51	141
ADYN MUSGRAVE	52	59	31	142
BILLY QUIGLEY	107	1	29	137
NICK WEARNE	1	85	47	135
SAM GEURTS	122	0	12	134
DAN MARCHESANI	63	22	44	129
REECE WILDE	73	4	49	126
DAN GEURTS	92	2	22	116
SAM WILLIAMSON	21	55	30	106

NOTE : All players are kindly reminded that these are not the official MPNFL figures and often discrepancies arise between league and club records. Players are asked to check their own records; and see Roger if are any inaccuracies in the figures above. It is a good idea for players to keep a tally of games played and cross check with MPNFL records at regular intervals. Thank you.

GREAT TIGER VICTORIES - v SEAFORD 1930 by Roger Spaul

Each edition of the 'Tiger Talk' in 2022 will carry a brief account of a match from the club's earlier years. It is hoped that the articles will rekindle memories and allow current members to appreciate the endeavours of those who went before and strived to maintain and strengthen the club. This match review is in regard to a match which took place more than 90 years ago at Seaford.

In 1930, the Peninsula District Football Association comprised the following nine teams...Dromana, Flinders, Frankston, Langwarrin, Mornington, Red Hill, Rosebud, Seaford and Tyabb. While it is recorded that Henry McLearn was the captain in 1929, it is known that in 1930 Michael Nolan was appointed as the coach of Dromana FC. Other family names listed in match reports during 1930 were: - Gleeson, Hewson, Farrel, Wilson, Skillen, Patterson, Singleton, Guy, Clydesdale, Griffiths, Rudduck, Mirabella, Gray, Evans, Birch and Langholtz. **Note:** Bert Aust was playing with Mornington that season but returned to DFC in 1931.

The club had made an impressive start to the season with three victories from four outings; and the team travelled to Seaford for the Round: 5 match. The Dromana FC scribe known as the 'Spectator' provided few details about the game itself; and his main comments focused on the poor standard of umpiring that day. His negative remarks about the umpire were scathing and would have caused a deal of sharp comment 'around the traps.'

'Spectator' didn't waste words in his match report and in his brief description of the game, simply wrote that Dromana won by eight goals. There were no final scores or goal kickers provided but the best players were listed as: - W. Grey (perhaps meant to read Guy) Murphy, Nolan, Clydesdale, F. Gray, W. Evans G. Ruddick, R. Birch and W. Patterson.

With that victory, Dromana sat on the second rung of the ladder with four wins. Frankston held top position while Flinders was winless at that point of the season. In Round 6, Dromana was listed to meet Mornington in an all-important clash in the race to the finals.

Things at Dromana FC must have been running like 'clockwork' in 1930 as it was stated in the 'Frankston-Somerville Standard' (June 7th 1930) that... "A *big number of people followed the team to Seaford on Saturday. At the present time football is booming at Dromana.*"

It was indeed an accurate statement because the club went on to play finals that season and in 1931 Dromana defeated Somerville by 61 points to 'break the ice' and win its first-ever pennant.