



WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS FIDA FOOTBALL CLUB

FIDA Division 2, Round 1

Williamstown Seagulls v Cranbourne Eagles at Elsternwick Park

Williamstown 16.22 (118) d Cranbourne 1.0 (6)

Goals: Micky Green 3, Daniel Cesaria 3, Johno Kha 2, Patrick Micallef 2, Dominic Favorito 1, Corey Murphy 1, Andrew Villiers 1, Daryl Cousins 1, Robbie McGahey 1, Taran Toussaint 1

Best: Team Effort.

FOOTBALL INTERGRATION DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

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ROUND 1 DATE 17/4/2011

PLAYED AT ELSTERNWICK PARK

CRANBOURNE V WILMA

QUARTER	GOALS	BEHINDS	GOALS	BEHINDS
1st	0	0	6	5
2nd	0	0	6	5
3rd	1	0	2	8
4th	0	0	2	4
TOTAL	1	0	16	22
GOAL UMPIRE	PAUL DOWLING			

The historic debut of the Williamstown Seagulls FIDA teams was a resounding success, with the Senior side recording a massive 112-point win over the under-manned Cranbourne Eagles. The long-term contribution to FIDA football by Corey Murphy and Dominic Favorito was honoured with them being named Inaugural Co-Captains, and with the toss won, the Seagulls elected to kick into a slight breeze. In perfect weather for football, the Seagulls slammed on 6 goals 5 points in the first quarter to really put their mark on the game from the outset. The milestone first goal was kicked by Taz Toussaint, and a flurry of goals followed, including 2 to boom recruit Daniel Cesaria. The play of the day saw Ray Causon attack the ball hard from Centre Half Back and pump it long into the forward line to set up a major score.

The second quarter was a carbon copy of the first, with the Seagulls piling on another 6 goals 5 points. The real features of this dominance were the team play, backing up, shepherding, precision kicking and handball that have been drilled at training - a big compliment to the Superules coaches!

The decision was made at half time to reduce the Seagulls on-ground numbers to 12 players, to give some exposure to more pressurised situations. This expanded the bench and made increased rotations possible - valuable experience for up-coming games. Despite being outnumbered, the Seagulls kicked on in the Premiership quarter, and only some inaccuracy in

front of goals prevented the score blowing out even further. To the Eagles' credit, they battled on, and were able to score their solitary goal in this stanza.

The final term presented an opportunity to give a number of players a chance to have a run in different positions, with forwards going to the backline, and backs going onto the ball, which again bodes well for the future. Despite the big winning margin, it was great to see the Williamstown players' respect for their opponents at the conclusion of the match.

On a day when everyone wore the Yellow and Blue proudly and in a common cause, the Best Players will be recorded for posterity as "Team Effort".

In one of many firsts, the culmination of the afternoon for the Seniors was the opportunity to sing the Club Song in front of an appreciative crowd.

Unfortunately for the Reserves side, the drubbing that Cranbourne had received in the Senior game dulled their enthusiasm for a repeat in the Reserves, and the Eagles were unable to field another team. While pleased to receive 4 points for the forfeit, the Reserves players wanted to show how much they have developed in the pre-season, so an intra-club scratch match was played.

Coached by Football Williamstown cadets John Hearn and Matt Hughes, the 9-a-side game was a showcase for the development of the younger Seagulls. Kim Plummer showed that she will be a strong contributor during the season with some inspired football out of the centre, while Lewis Wardell's 60 meter run through the mid-field was the highlight of the game. The large crowd were treated to polished performances from Dean Zavattiero and new recruit Michael Roach, along with solid efforts from Joe Dowling, Hassan Jamaledine, Tristan Sheahan and Nathan "Axman" Axiak in their respective backlines. Theo Causon was manful in the ruck, and his brother Ben, playing his first game for several years, showed he hasn't lost his touch. Chantelle Gordon and Daryl Rimmer continued to get involved and the mercurial Thuan Ma kicked the goal of the match.

Fittingly, the two teams were so evenly matched that the final outcome was a draw, and all the players joined together in singing the Club Song for the second time in the day.

Round 2 (Seniors and Reserves) will be played against Ringwood Spiders at Parkville on Sunday May 1, commencing at 11.00, while Round 3 on May 15, against Chadstone Synners, will be the first of our Home Games at The Fearon.

Thanks to Matt Hughes for Game Day photos. These and others available at:

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