



# WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS FIDA FOOTBALL CLUB

FIDA Division 2, Round 4, 29 May 2011

Williamstown Seagulls v Mambourin Tigers at The Fearon

Williamstown Seagulls	Q1 3.3 (21)	Q2 8.4 (52)	Q3 11.8 (74)	Q4 13.13 (91)
Mambourin Tigers	Q1 0.0 (0)	Q2 2.0 (12)	Q3 2.2 (14)	Q4 5.3 (33)

Goals: Chris Green 3, Patrick Micallef 3, Jake McCarthy 2, Ray Causon 2, Johnno Kha 1, Corey Murphy 1, Mickey Green 1.

Best: Robbie McGahey, Jake McCarthy, Michael Roach, Chris Green, Patrick Micallef, Ray Causon.

The Williamstown Seniors returned to winning form in the match-up against recently-relegated and undermanned Mambourin Tigers at The Fearon on Sunday. With the FIDA competition being re-graded mid-season due to a number of mis-matches, the Seagulls knew that they needed to be switched on from the very start of the game in order to keep their finals aspirations on track. This has been a focus at training in the past two weeks, and paid off handsomely when Chris Green ran through the opening centre bounce to kick a monster from outside the fifty. Jake McCarthy going into the ruck to replace the injured Daryl Cousins paid dividends as he dominated in the aerial contests and was unstoppable once the ball was on the ground. Jake's continuing good form should see him receive a call-up to wear the Big V in the FIDA State Representative team to play South Australia in July. With Robbie McGahey setting the example with some vigorous hard-at-it football, only goal-front inaccuracy prevented the Seagulls taking a bigger lead into quarter time. Mambourin finally opened their account in the second quarter, posting a couple of goals to jolt the Williamstown players back into action. Patty Micallef bobbed up with a pair of classic snaps to send the Seagulls further in front, while Ibbby Nasser, the Green brothers - Chris and Micky, Corey Murphy and Dominic Favorito were all able to capitalise on having the numerical advantage, rebounding the ball repeatedly from the half back line. The improvement in teamwork was a feature with Daniel Cesaria, Josh Knight and Johnno Kha, amongst others, using handball to send their team mates into space down the ground. The rugged Josh Synot wasn't taking a backwards step, and his determination gave his team mates the confidence to go in harder themselves. The highlight of the game came when a fickle bounce of the ball meant that youngster Michael Roach found himself having to provide the shepherd against of much bigger opponent. Without a moment's hesitation, he put his body on the line, and the space he created allowed the Seagulls to take the ball down the ground to score another major. With big Ray Causon, Captain for the day, notching a brace of six-pointers, the forward line was operating much more efficiently than it has recently. Liam Thursfield and Andrew Villiers continue to step up to the pace of Seniors, while Sam Belden, a late inclusion, inserted himself straight into the action when he took the field. Mambourin recorded their best quarter in the fourth term, bagging three and looking like staging a come-back, but the Willie boys rallied to steady the ship with the final goal of the day. A ten goal victory was a deserved result, and the players gathered after the game to pay their respects to the opposition club on the recent death of long-time Mambourin coach and President, Noel Forbes.



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	<b>G</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
HOME	13	13	91
VISITORS	5	3	33

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Reserves Exhibition Match

Kangaroos	Q1 5.0 (30)	Q2 7.1 (43)	Q3 9.3 (57)	Q4 10.5 (65)
Seagulls	Q1 0.1 (1)	Q2 2.1 (13)	Q3 5.2 (32)	Q4 8.3 (51)

With the Mambourin club unable to field a Reserves team at this stage of the season, it had been decided to play an Exhibition match, which was a resounding success. Guest players Jess from the Youth Girls Team, Kenny from the Williamstown Juniors, and Liam, Patrick, Michael, Sam and Josh from the Seniors match joined the Reserves players to form two teams, the Kangaroos, coached by John Hearn and the Seagulls, coached by Eddie Rimmer. Playing in the



heritage blue and white strip, the Kangaroos jumped out early with a five goal quarter that looked like would put the match out of reach. Two goals to the ever-improving Dean Zavattiero, and singles to Michael, Laurie Pollard and William Lang saw the Kangaroos 29 points up at the first change. However, the Seagulls were not to be denied and gradually forced their way back into the game. Goals to Michael and Sam in each of the next 3 quarters matched it with William Lang's 6 goal haul, which was enough to seal it for the former Broady side. Features of the match



included Thuan Ma's lightning dashes through the midfield and Nathan "Axman" Axiak precision kicking from defence. The wily Ben Causon was always a threat in the forward half, and Mo El Hawli showed great courage to take a strong mark under intense pressure. Daryl Rimmer relished the open spaces in the forward line and always looked a chance to snaffle a major. Hassan Jamaledine used his pace to advantage to chase and harass in defence, while Noah Ward, and Lewis Wardell were ball magnets through the corridor, gathering possessions at will. Play of the day came when Theo Causon, who had an enthralling battle in the ruck with Laurie Pollard, chased a quicker and more nimble opponent across the wing, never giving up his pursuit. Although unrewarded in itself, it is the kind of effort that is noticed on the sidelines, and will stand Theo in good stead in the future.



After another terrific day at The Fearon for the fledgling FIDA team, between 30 and 40 players, families and friends made their way to up to Spotswood for the first of hopefully many "Parma at Pekish" post-match lunches. Thanks to Amie and Dave and the staff at Pekish, a pleasant Sunday afternoon was had by all.

