



WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS FIDA FOOTBALL CLUB

FIDA Division 2
Round 5, June 5
Central Reserve, Waverley

Seniors	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Williamstown	1.0	4.4	4.6	9.11	(65)
Mazenod	4.1	5.3	8.3	8.3	(51)
Goals: Jake McCarthy 3, Taz Toussaint 2, Corey Murphy 2, Johno Kha 1, Josh Knight 1.					
Best: Jake McCarthy, Robbie McGahey, Chris Green, Michael Roach, Corey Murphy, Nathan Gillard.					
Reserves	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Mazenod	4.11	6.12	9.21	11.25	(91)
Williamstown	0.0	1.3	1.4	2.5	(17)
Goals: Sam Belden 1, William Lang 1.					
Best:					

Inspired by Captain for the day, Jake McCarthy, the Williamstown Seagulls stormed home in the last quarter of their match against Mazenod at Central Reserve on Sunday. Kicking 5 goals 5 points with the breeze, while keeping the opposition scoreless, Williamstown racked up their second successive win to establish themselves at the top of the Division 2 table. Mazenod, coming off a convincing victory against Division 3 hopefuls Coburg / Craigieburn, started the game strongly, kicked with the freshening breeze first up, and got away to a flying start with 4 goals, but Williamstown steadied with a goal into the wind before Quarter Time. The backline had been under immense pressure, but with hard men Josh Synot and Nathan Gillard exerting their physical presence with immaculate control, Chris Green was able to dominate the marking contests and hold up numerous Mazenod forays into the forward line. Play of the day came when Nathan Gillard's strong body work forced two Mazenod opponents off the ball, clearing the way for the Seagulls to take the ball the length of the ground with a chain of clean possessions for a stunning major. In the Second Quarter, Dominic Favorito and Micky Green increased their intensity and the rebound off the half-back line gave Willie greater time in possession. Taz Toussaint and Ibbby Nasser were breaking the lines effectively, while Jake McCarthy and Johno Kha gradually exerted their control over the ruck contests in the extended absence of Daryl Cousins (fractured patella). Robbie McGahey was outstanding after Quarter Time in curbing Mazenod's dangerous mid-fielder Johnny Scholes, while young gun Michael Roach continued to enhance his standing in the competition with another classy effort. The mid-field / forward rotation meant that fresher legs of Josh Knight, Patty Micallef, Daniel Cesaria, and Andrew Villiers gave the Seagulls the edge as the match progressed. First gamer Dan Oakley showed promise inside the 50 as he came to terms with the tempo, while veteran Corey Murphy's pressure in the forward half produced a number of turn-overs and 2 individual goals. Big Ray Causon buttered up time after time at Centre Half Forward, presenting at the contest in the Leigh Brown mould. Set a target of 4 goals to take the lead at the last change, the Seagulls rallied to the call from Superules coaches Bull, Keith and Paul to take the game on. Lead by Jake McCarthy with 2 goals, the Blue and Golds came home with a wet sail to run out convincing winners by 14 points. The Seniors now journey to Casey Fields, Cranbourne to take on Parkside in Round 6 on June 19.

After a short interlude, the Williamstown Reserves took the field for their match against a very experienced Mazenod 2 outfit. Captained on the day by defender Liam Thursfield, the young Seagulls battled tirelessly, and took the game right up to their opposition. Mazenod's inaccuracy in front of goals in the first term was costly, with Nathan "The Axman" Axiak punting the ball back in to play 11

times from minor scores. Robust back Joe Dowling was hard at it as usual, Hassan Jamaledine was again serviceable at half back, while second-gamer Mo El Hawli continues to make giant strides in his football development. Kicking with the breeze in the Second Term, midfielder Sam Belden goes into the history books as the first ever goal scorer for the Reserves in a fixtured match. Theo Causon and Laurie Pollard worked in tandem to gradually wear down the Mazenod ruck division, giving Dean Zavattiero, Lewis Wardell and Noah Ward plenty of opportunities to rove the ball from the packs. The effervescent Thuan Ma provided lots of run through the centre square, and Chantelle Gordon had the forward line working cohesively with her talk and encouragement. Goal sneak Daryl Rimmer set the example for his team mates when he fearlessly took on the Mazenod tacklers early in the Final Term and held the ball in. The ensuing ball-up gave the ebullient William Lang a chance to snap at goals, and he then provided the celebration of the day when Goal Umpire Paul Dowling went for the two flags. Although the scoreboard indicated a big win by Mazenod, the Williamstown players stuck to their guns right to the end, and this positive approach should see them record their first win of the season at Casey Fields when they take on Cranbourne Eagles in Round 6 on June 19.

Top left: Nathan “The Axman” Axiak prepares to take one of his 25 kick-ins for the day. Theo Causon provides the long lead. Top centre: Hard chasing and tackling by Lewis Wardell and Noah Ward forces the turn-over. Top right: William Lang gets his kick away under pressure. Centre left: Dean Zavattiero crashes to the ground after a marking contest. Centre right: Dean Zavattiero, Sam Belden, Lewis Wardell and Noah Ward get in and under. Bottom left: Joe Dowling fires a handball out of the pack. Bottom right: Thuan Ma congratulates his opponent after the game.

