



WILLIAMSTOWN SEAGULLS FIDA FOOTBALL CLUB

GALA DAY OF FOOTY AT CROFT RESERVE VOTED A GREAT SUCCESS

The Gala Day of footy which took place at Croft Reserve, Altona North, on Sunday July 31, was voted an outstanding success by all concerned.

Matches featured 5 teams that play under the Football Williamstown banner: Williamstown Superules (over 35), Williamstown Superules Masters (over 40), Williamstown Superules Legends (over 47), Williamstown FIDA Seagulls and Williamstown Youth Girls Team.

The day was very well attended and it was great to see such a wide spread of players and supporters participating in footy.

FIDA Division 2

Round 9, July 31

Crofts Reserve, Altona North

Williamstown 1 held on courageously to defeat neighbourhood rivals Mambourin in a tense match at Crofts Reserve. After dominating the first quarter without getting maximum benefit on the scoreboard, a strong second quarter saw the Seagulls with a handy lead. Mambourin came back strongly after the long break, keeping Williamstown to 2 points, and the game was in the balance at the end of the third stanza. Mambourin took the lead early in the final term, but the greater resolve of the Seagulls players saw them wrest control and victory from the Tigers. Goal scorers and best players will be announced as part of the Fairest and Best count at the Trophy Presentation after the end of the season.

Following on from the Seniors' match, the Seagulls Reserves, wearing the heritage Broadmeadows jumpers, played a highly entertaining Exhibition game against "sister club", the Williamstown Youth Girls Team. A feature of the match was FIDA player Kim Plummer's best-on-ground performance *representing the Youth Girls Team!* Kim is hoping to play in both teams in 2012. Play of the day was Thuan Ma's great snap goal. The match was a great opportunity for many of our younger players to display the fantastic development they have made in skills and confidence. All in attendance declared that this match was the highlight of an extraordinary showcase of grassroots football.

| Seniors | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Williamstown 1 | 2.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.10 | 46 |
| Mambourin | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 40 |
| Reserves | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| Williamstown Youth Girls Team | | | | 9.5 | 59 |
| Williamstown FIDA Seagulls 2 | | | | 5.6 | 36 |

Clockwise from top left: Noah Ward stands the mark; Theo Causon contests the ruck contest as Sam Belden roves the pack; Lewis Wardell and Dan Oakley back up Thuan Ma as he dives for the spillage; Patrick Micallef shows his kicking style.



Photos courtesy of Chris Moysey and the Williamstown Camera Club



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FIDA Division 2
Round 10, August 7
The Fearon, Williamstown

| Seniors | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Williamstown 1 | 2.2 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 6.10 | 43 |
| Mazenod 1 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.1 | 6.2 | 40 |
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| Reserves | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
| Mazenod 2 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 5.6 | 8.7 | 55 |
| Williamstown 2 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 4.2 | 26 |

Match Report by Bill Deller, Chairman, Football Williamstown.

Playing for a spot in the Grand Final, the Williamstown FIDA Seagulls came from behind to snatch a magnificent win by 3 points against Mazenod at the Fearon on Sunday.

In a high quality game before the biggest crowd of the season, the Seagulls never say die attitude got them over the line in a heart stopper.

The Seagulls looked good early and opened up a comfortable lead by quarter time. But the Mazenod midfield lifted in the second quarter and started to take control.

The Panthers hit the front in the third quarter as their midfield ran riot and they had the Seagulls defence under extreme pressure. The Seagulls had their backs to the wall at the last break when they trailed by 8 points.

The final quarter was a last man standing affair. The Seagulls midfield runners finally reined in the rampant Panthers and started to get on top. With the huge crowd in full voice, the Seagulls hit the front with only minutes to go. The ladies in the canteen even left their posts to come out and cheer the home team on.

Mazenod would not give up and launched a couple attacks but the Seagulls defence stood firm.

The siren sounded with the Seagulls hanging on to win by three points. Exhausted players from both sides slumped to ground, they had given everything in what by far the best game of the season.

Mazenod were magnificent in defeat but the Seagulls thoroughly deserved to win a place in the Grand Final which will be played against Chadstone at **Central Park Waverley (Melways Ref Map 71 C 5) at 11.45 on Sunday 21 August.**

The Seagulls Reserves then took up the contest against Mazenod 2, and again produced some scintillating football, registering their highest score for the season. The continued development of this young side augurs well for the future of the Williamstown Seagulls FIDA organisation.



In a generous sponsorship of the club, Laurie Routley of Routley's Bakery provided donuts for all the Seagulls players after their respective matches – as the photo shows, this was a very well-received gesture!

A large number of players and supporters then adjourned to Pekish restaurant for the "Parma at Pekish" afternoon, which is fast becoming an institution after home games.

