

Round 9 - Williamstown vs Mazenod - 2013

Seniors	Williamstown	v	Mazenod
Q1	3.5 (23)		0.0 (0)
Q2	6.6 (42)		2.1 (13)
Q3	10.10 (70)		3.2 (20)
Q4	10.12 (72)		3.3 (21)
Goals: Burger 2, Rodney 2, Micky 2, Brett 1, Michael 1, Travis 1, Jono 1			

Reserves	Williamstown	v	Mazenod
Q1	0.4 (4)		0.0 (0)
Q2	0.4 (4)		0.2 (2)
Q3	2.6 (18)		0.3 (3)
Q4	2.6 (18)		2.4 (16)
Goals: Lyndal 1, Lewis 1			

Playing football is something that most people take for granted, but sometimes events beyond our control can prevent that from happening. Williamstown Seagulls have been upset to hear that our team-mate Taz Toussaint is in hospital waiting for surgery to remove a brain tumour. All the players in both Seniors and Reserves teams dedicated their efforts in today's matches to Taz, and saluted his number 26 jumper which hung proudly above the scoreboard.

After heavy rain and three CYs games on Saturday, The Fearon was a quagmire for the start of the Seniors game at 11.00. Captain Travis kicked towards the bayside end after winning the toss, and Burger quickly had 2 goals on the board before some inappropriate language saw him sent from the ground. Brett had been pushed down from the backline and nailed the Goal of the Day on the quarter time siren. Mazenod had been kept scoreless, but kicked a couple of 6-pointers in the second term to keep in the contest, although the Seagulls recorded goals to Michael, Travis and Jono into the stiff wind as a result of accurate passing into the forward half. After half time, Rodney and then Micky kicked a pair of goals each, while Mazenod registered 1 into the breeze. The last stanza was a dour affair, the heavy ground taking its toll on leg speed and stamina. Neither side was able to log a major.

Best: Kelvin O'Connor, Travis Barrett, Sifa Kuila, Rodney Gibbs, Ibbby Nasser,

With the Seniors recording a good win for Taz, the Reserves were determined not to be left out. By now, The Fearon was an absolute glue-pot, but the Seagulls players handled the conditions with aplomb, using handball and accurate kicking, combined with excellent shepherding and a willingness to pick the ball up off the ground. Scoring was difficult for both sides – before half-time, neither side scored into the wind and neither side scored a goal. The third quarter is known as the Premiership Quarter, and a great long goal to Lyndal and then an excellent snap shot by Lewis set up an exciting final term. The fast-finishing Mazenod drew within 2 points, but the Williamstown players were able to steady and repel numerous forays forward. A gutsy win was celebrated in style as the Reserves realized that the win would probably see them finish in the top four and play in the finals.

Best: Andrew Villiers, Sam Belden, Noah Ward, Lewis Wardell, Alex Wardell, Dean Zavattiero.

Today was our last game at The Fearon for this year, and so it was also our last Canteen day as well. Not only is the Canteen an important fund-raiser for our club, but it is also a vital hub for socialisation between players, supporters and the visiting team. Running the Canteen is a very time-consuming job and requires a lot of preparation before the games on Sunday. Kate acknowledges the contributions of her helpers, particularly Joanne and Sheryl, for their efforts over the season.