



*The latest news, results and updates from Doncaster East FC*



## ROUND 3

**Seniors & Reserves -**

**AWAY** vs Nth Ringwood  
@  
Quambee Reserve

**19's - HOME** vs Mulgrave  
10am

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## PRESIDENTS NOTE

**Peter Sowersby**

After 50 long years we have a win in Premier Division!!

From my end this is our biggest win in clubs history, the club has been working tirelessly for so many years to play in premier Division & we all know the challenges we have had over the past 3 years & to finally see it happen, makes me very happy, but also shows us on and off field the club is up to playing Premier Division footy & let's hope for many years to come.

A huge thanks to Ryan Gordan and Leo who did a mountain of work Saturday & to Bruce Ward for looking after the past players & supporters on the hill.

Like to thanks the EFNL media team for making the day very special & who put on a fantastic show.

U19s narrowly lost, but boys are really improving & really all buying into the club.

Development/Reserves very proud of all who played on Saturday & to have a really strong win is fantastic for a our club. Seniors proud is understatement, but for all the guys who worked their ass's off not only in pre-season but for the past 4/5 years I'm extremely happy for you all.

A shout out to Pete Green our Performance Coach who we employed to get the guys nice & fit. Let's hope this holds us in good stead going forward.

To Doncaster we can't wait to play you queens birthday weekend at your home ground. We have a fantastic rivalry & to Sean and the club we wish all the best, this is why we love local footy.

Let hope this week was 1 of many more wins for us in Premier Division which I'm sure it will be with our coaches, players, supporters, sponsors and committee, the clubs in really good shape.

We've locked in our date for the **Lady's luncheon - June 5th** - we hope all the partners, mothers, sisters and friends can make it to what is always a great day at the club!

Go Lions!!!



## Coaches corner

### Jason Fennell

After a narrow defeat in Round 1 where we had our chance to win the game, the round 2 cross town Derby with Doncaster loomed as an early test for the side to back up the performance.

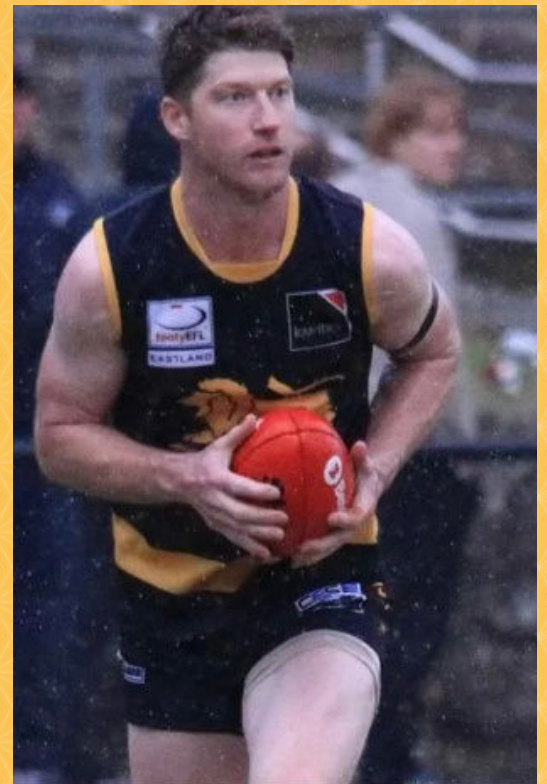
The first half was an even contest in and around the football and the ball was flowing from end to end with both sides wrestling for the ascendancy. Early injuries to Tom Apps and Sam Rowe had the coaching group flipping the board around to try and find some solutions however, Sam was able to grit the teeth and play out of the square giving a great deep target eventually kicking 8 goals on one leg.

The third quarter had us firmly on top with great use of the football by hand and foot which had the seniors going into the last break with a handy lead. The last quarter and the rain made for a different game which early Doncaster adapted well to managing multiple goals in a row, once we adapted to the condition we once again took control of the game winning by 47 points.

Congratulations to the team, trainers, support staff and everyone involved in what was the clubs first win in Premier Division.

We now need to continue this form into what will be a really challenging away game against North Ringwood, but we are confident the boys will be up to it and are raring to go!

GO LIONS!!!



**Sam Rowe** with 8 goals on the weekend



# Coaches corner

**Matt Bremner**

## Round 2

DEFC 9.12.66 defeated Doncaster 3.7.25

**Goals:** A. Fasanella 5, P. Sowersby 2, J. Bird, K. Hoath

**Best:** D. Olley, J. Dedes, A. Fasanella, D. Mead, N. Fletcher, J. Codd-Miller

After a tough beginning to start the year, the boys were excited to get back out on the park with a much stronger line up to hopefully notch our first win in Premier division against local rival Doncaster.

As expected, we started well thanks to some strong contested stoppage work from Jimmy Dedes and it didn't take us long to hit the scoreboard. When Doncaster did manage to move the ball into their forward line, Rice, Gelsumini and Gresswell took some really good intercept marks. This allowed us to rebound and the ball movement from the back half of the ground was probably the best we had all game.

Dylan Olley kept getting better and better throughout the game, his tap work and physical aggression was key to our clearance work, while Mead & Fletch were the recipients of such quality in the ruck. Mead had plenty of touches and drove us forward while Fletch was the polish we needed around the ground.

When we entered our forward 50, it was exhilarating to watch Fasanella work his magic, side stepping opponents, kicking goals from long range and a few snaps as well, finishing with 5 for the game, Doncaster had no answer for him and so am I when I ask myself how he does some of the stuff he does...

Codd-Miller was exceptional on the wing, Hoath backed up his performance from the week prior with another strong showing, Josh Bourke has given us plenty of drive from defence and a brilliant tackle as well to match when Doncaster were about to kick a certain goal, but most importantly, everyone played their part to kick-start our season. We walked away 41-point winners, 9.12.66 to 3.7.25 and created history becoming the first Development side to win a game in premier division! A proud day for the players, coach and club.

Well done to the 1's as well for notching their first win after a tough loss last week.

We look forward to taking on North Ringwood at their home deck this week.

Brem

GO LIONS!!!

# Coaches corner

## Vas Niksic

We travelled out to Heathmont for our round 3 game.

The boys were keen to atone for a narrow loss last week. We started the game on fire kicking a goal within the first minute. Our opposition answered quickly but we then settled into the game and were on top for the majority of the quarter. A couple of lapses in concentration saw our opponents closer than we would have wanted.

DEFC 18 Heathmont 14.

2nd qtr and it was our opponents who hit the ground running early only to see us peg them back with some good controlled footy. Unfortunately our turn overs were starting to mount and Heathmont punished us on the scoreboard.

DEFC 27 Heathmont 35.

3rd qtr and we asked the boys for a big second half effort but it was history repeating from last week and our own skill errors proving very costly. It could have been far worse if not for our oppositions inaccuracy kicking 3.6 to 2.1

DEFC 40 Heathmont 59.



Once again we found ourselves chasing the game and we again had to ask for another big effort in the last. After kicking a goal a piece our opponents put some distance on us and at the 11 minute mark we found ourselves 31 points down. The boys managed to dig deep and got the game back on our terms. We had numerous forward entries which saw us have 11 scoring shots to 4. At the 19 minute mark we were down 63-79 but the boys kept pushing and kicked a goal with 20 seconds to go to get the scores 76-79. Ultimately it was the bounce of the ball that meant Heathmont went forward and the game was done.

### **Final score**

**DEFC 11-10-76 Heathmont 11-13-79**

**Goals:** Crawford 3 Heward, Yianni 2 Barnes, Warren, Rallakis, Naama 1

**Best players:** Nelson, Crawford, Yianni, Barnes,

Another game that we controlled for large parts and left ourselves in a situation that we had to chase it hard late in the game. Our turnovers were punished heavily again and our composure wasn't evident for long enough. I can't question the boys endeavour and we just have to keep cracking into our work and front up again this week. We're at home to Mulgrave so any and all support will be fantastic.

Congratulations to Buck's & Brem on 2 fantastic wins and especially Brem for being the first ever coach from Donny East to win a Premier Division game.

Vas GO LIONS!!!

# RESULTS & TEAMS

## SENIORS

### Round 2

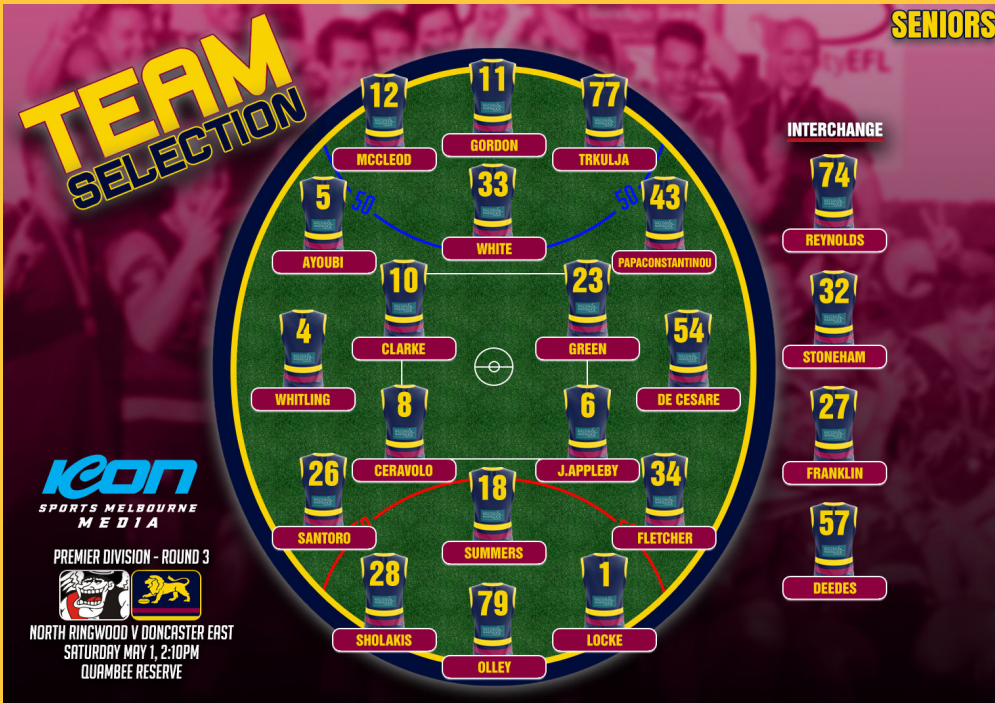
DEFC 16.12.108 defeated Doncaster 9.7.61

**Goal Kickers:** S. Rowe 8, N. Franklin 2, S. Gold 2, J. Sholakis, J. Locke, N. De Cesare, J. Green

**Best Players:** S. Rowe, A. Ceravolo, J. Appleby, J. Green, J. Sholakis, N. De Cesare

No.	Doncaster East	Kicks	Handballs	Disposals	Ranking Points
6	James Appleby	20	16	36	162
33	Simon White	14	10	24	140
3	Samuel Rowe	8	2	10	119
23	Jackson Green	15	8	23	116
8	Aaron Ceravolo	15	7	22	108
10	Zac Clarke	11	5	16	108

## ROUND 3 TEAMS



**SENIORS**

**TEAM SELECTION**

**INTERCHANGE**

12 McCleod, 11 Gordon, 77 Trkulja, 5 Ayoubi, 33 White, 43 Papacostantinou, 4 Clarke, 10 Green, 23 De Cesare, 8 Ceravolo, 6 J.Appleby, 34 Fletcher, 26 Santoro, 18 Summers, 1 Sholakis, 79 Olley, 1 Locke

74 Reynolds, 32 Stoneham, 27 Franklin, 57 Deedes

**KEON SPORTS MELBOURNE MEDIA**

PREMIER DIVISION - ROUND 3

NORTH RINGWOOD V DONCASTER EAST  
SATURDAY MAY 1, 2:10PM  
QUAMBEER RESERVE



**RESERVES**

**TEAM SELECTION**

**INTERCHANGE**

17 Guiney, 58 Rice, 39 Gresswell, 20 Henshaw, 22 Gelsumini, 18 Coombe, 1 Latu-Green, 83 Meade, 13 Codd-Miller, 24 Hoath, 38 Heath, 29 Bird, 30 Yoannidis, 49 Niksic, 6 Fasanello, 36 Fasanella, 72 Vaiano, 6 Sowersby

50 Walsh, 53 Harkin, 57 Wong, 51 Bourke

**KEON SPORTS MELBOURNE MEDIA**

PREMIER DIVISION - ROUND 3

NORTH RINGWOOD V DONCASTER EAST  
SATURDAY MAY 1, 12:05PM  
QUAMBEER RESERVE



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