



Premiers 2000

Toronto Downtown Dingo's



**C.A.F.A. Premiers 2000
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Doghouse Riley's Pub

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Downtown Dingo's Life Membership

1996

Terrance Wallis, Paul Tinkler



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Downtown Dingo's History

The Toronto Downtown Dingo's were formed in February 1996. The original idea of forming the eighth team in the Canadian Australian Football Association came from a traveling Australian and accomplished footballer, Mark Jones.

Mark enlisted the starting core of players from rival clubs, Chris Cunning, Tino Riccio, Tim Moller and Paul Tinkler from the Broadview Hawks with Terrance Wallis, Chris Cateno and Arco Van den Huevel from the Mississauga Mustangs.

Numerous meetings followed and Terrence Wallis (CAFA founder) was elected the first coach of the Dingo's. The club quickly adopted the Essendon colours of Red and Black, as it was agreed that dark colours showed strength and aggression which has been a trade mark of the Dingo's. The nickname of the Dingo's was decided by voting on numerous animals (Canadian and Australian) and so the popular catch phrase "Downtown Dingo's" was born.

The club quickly sprang into action enlisting new players through intensive recruiting drives. A training facility was found, a long way from downtown Toronto at a school near Bloor/Islington.

1996 was an exciting season for CAFA with eight competitive teams fighting out the battle for four positions, the Downtown Dingo's did not disgrace themselves in their first season, finishing 5th by percentage in a great year.

The club is extremely proud of its success both on and off the field. In 1997 the club worked hard to locate a training venue and sponsor in the downtown area. The club has trained at Yonge and St Clair since 1997 and has only missed the final twice since its inaugural year 1996.

In five short seasons the club has enjoyed numerous characters from Australia, Canada and many parts of the world as players and supporters. The contribution of all these people is at the true heart of the club as the club grows in strength and numbers each year.

Year 2000 has been a very special season for the Toronto Downtown Dingo's winning its first premiership and forming the club song, a first for CAFA teams. The club looks forward to future success as we start the new millennium and further develop the great game of Australian Rules football in Canada



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Downtown Dingo's Awards

Best and Fairest (Canadian)	Awarded to the Canadian player voted best and fairest each week
Best and Fairest (Australian)	Awarded to the Australian player voted best and fairest each week
R/U Best and Fairest (Canadian)	Awarded to the Canadian player voted 2 nd best and fairest each week
R/U Best and Fairest (Australian)	Awarded to the Australian player voted 2 nd best and fairest each week
Goal Kicker	Awarded to the Dingo's player with the most goals for the season
Rookie of the Year	Awarded to the best first year player
Coaches Trophy	awarded by the coaches, for commitment, courage, discipline or performance
Club Man Award	Awarded to the club person that shows dedication, commitment and hard work to the club

Previous Winners

Year	B&F (Cdn)	B&F (Aus)	Goal Kicker	Rookie	Club Man
1996	C. Cunning	P.Tinkler	M. Jones 22	C. Kourtis	H. Cunning
1997	C. Cunning	T. Miles	T. Miles 30	A. Scully	S. Darcy
1998	C. Cunning	P.Tinkler	P. Tinkler 36	J. Simpson	C. Kourtis
1999	D. Duncan	S. Wallis	P. Tinkler 36	D. Duncan	S. Simon

Downtown Dingo's Leaders

Year	Captain	Coaches
1996	C. Cunning	T. Wallis
1997	C. Cunning	T. Miles, S. Darcy
1998	C. Cunning	S. Darcy
1999	C. Cunning	P.Tinkler
2000	C. Cunning	A. McMahon, P.Tinkler

*Visit the Dingo's Web site for further results and statistics



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Downtown Dingo's 2000 Results

Round 1:	Downtown Dingo's Lawrence Park Rebels	8:8: 56 4:2: 26
Round 2:	Downtown Dingo's Mississauga Mustangs	24:9:153 2:2: 14
Round 3:	Downtown Dingo's Toronto Eagles	9:11: 65 8: 5: 53
Round 4:	Downtown Dingo's Hamilton Ticats	Won on Forfeit
Round 5:	Downtown Dingo's Broadview Hawks	13:13: 91 3: 3: 21
Round 6:	Downtown Dingo's Lawrence Park Rebels	10:12: 72 4: 8: 32
Round 7:	Downtown Dingo's Mississauga Mustangs	Won on Forfeit
Round 8:	Downtown Dingo's Toronto Eagles	7: 8: 50 12: 8: 80
Round 9:	Downtown Dingo's Hamilton Ticats	12:18: 90 3: 3: 21
Round 10:	Downtown Dingo's Broadview Hawks	12:13: 85 8: 5: 53
Round 11:	Downtown Dingo's Lawrence Park Rebels	19:20:134 0: 0: 0
Round 12:	Downtown Dingo's Mississauga Mustangs	15:14:104 0: 2: 2
Round 13:	Downtown Dingo's Toronto Eagles	8:10: 58 8: 7: 55
Round 14:	Downtown Dingo's Hamilton Ticats	10:13: 73 0: 3: 3
Round 15:	Downtown Dingo's Broadview Hawks	17:11: 113 7: 3: 45
1 st Semi:	Downtown Dingo's Broadview Hawks	15:16: 106 3: 3: 21



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Downtown Dingo's Goal Kickers 2000

Name	Goals	Games
Josh Dray	57	15
Craig Stewart	32	13
Peter 'Brolsy' Gordon	25	11
Adam 'Sparky' McMahon	15	15
Chris Freeman	12	12
Chris Cunning	9	13
Tim Moller	5	14
George McCullagh	5	11
Chris Ritchie	4	11
Paul Tinkler	4	13
Chris Black	3	6
Jeff Pople	3	12
Mark Woodruff	3	10
Chris Lister	3	11
Jamie Prescott	3	14
Mark Cecil	2	3
Stuart Wallis	1	13
Dan McIlravey	1	2
Michael Dobbs	1	3
Chris Ruetz	1	10
Tim Gill	1	10
Savvas Xanthopoulos	1	11
Sam Simon	1	12
Kevin Bartolacci	1	10

CAFA 2000 Standings

Football 2000	Round 15						
TEAM	Wins	Loss	Draw	For	Against	Pctge	Points
Dingos	14	1	0	1151	370	311.1	56
Hawks	10	4	1	934	675	138.4	42
Eagles	9	4	1	1059	497	213.1	40
Rebels	7	8	0	739	1008	73.31	28
Mustangs	4	11	0	527	1101	47.87	16
Wildcats	0	15	0	293	1118	26.21	0



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Downtown Dingo's 2000 Team Photos





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Dingo's 2000 Review

Year 2000 has been a sterling season for the Toronto Downtown Dingo's. After promising so much in previous seasons with patches of brilliance - only to be disappointed come finals time, the Dingo's have shown strength and fighting character to finish the 2000 season on top of the ladder with an impressive 14-1 record.

Upon forming in 1996, the Toronto Downtown Dingo's had not recorded a finals victory, but that all changed last week when the Dingo's demonstrated their strength to march into their first CAFA Grandfinal.

The Dingo's have a wonderful mixture of Canadian and Australian players. Dingo veterans that have been there from the start: Chris Cunning, Tim Moller, Paul Tinkler, Arco Van De Huevel and Sam Simon have reflected the character of the Dingo's success. Add to the mixture quality players such as Josh Dray, Adam McMahon, Craig Stewart, Alan Davies, Peter Gordon, Mark Woodruff, Stuart Wallis, Mark Cecil, Chris Black and Tim Shaw the Dingo's show that they have the experience required. But the real strength of the team is the lesser known stars in Chris Ritchie, Jamie Prescott, Jeff Pople, George McCallagh, Chris Lister, Jeff Simpson, Tim Gill, Chris Freeman, Cam Upshall, Kevin Bartolucci, Savvas Xanthopolous and Jake Barquot who have all shown this season that they have the ability to beat the CAFA's best on their day.

The mixture of experienced veterans, dedicated youth and the commitment of all players, coaches and officials are the ingredients to the successful Dingo's lineup. However, Dingo player coaches Adam McMahon and Paul Tinkler will make it known, that the season will not be complete until the CAFA (Conacher Cup) is held aloft and all the hard work and commitment is finally realized by players and supporter alike.

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Dingo's Grand Final

CANADIAN AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION		G	B	T
EAGLES		6	6	4 2
VS				
DINGOS	1 4	2 3 1 0 7		

"It's a Grand Old Flag, it's a High Flying Flag, it's the emblem for you and for me, it's the emblem of, the team we love, the team of the Red and the Black. Every heart beats true for the Red and the Black as we sing this song to you...shall old Acquaintance we forgot, keep your eye on the Red on the Black"

In a classy performance of Grandfinal football the (Toronto) Downtown Dingo's run out comfortable winners to take the clubs first Premiership, the Lionel Conacher Cup.

In perfect conditions, the Dingo's played commanding football from the first bounce, lead by ruckman Chris Cunning, on ballers Adam McMahon, Stu Wallis and Alan Davies they drove the ball long to the big marking Josh "Big Unit" Dray, who kicked 3 first quarter goals. The Dingo's forward line was causing havoc for the Eagles defenders, who had no answers for the running play of George McCullagh, Broly Gordon, and Chris Lister. The first quarter belong to the Dingo's centre line of Craig Stewart, Chris Ritchie, Jamie Prescott and the inspiration of Cam Upshall.

The Dingo's went into the first change with a 5-goal lead, however the real test would be the 2nd quarter with the Eagles kicking with the wind. The Dingo's backline "Awesome Foursome" lead by full back Arco Van Den Huevel, Jeff Simpson, Jeff Popple and Paul Tinkler denied the Eagles of many threatening attacks to drive the ball long into the Dingo's forward line and help the Dingo's outscore the Eagles against the breeze.

The 3rd quarter is often called the Premiership quarter and the Dingo's showed their Premiership worthiness by playing champagne football. Favoring a strong breeze the Dingo's played open aggressive football, utilizing the highly talented bench to perfection with first year player Kevin Bartolucci, veterans Tim Moller, Chris Black, Tim Shaw, Mark Cecil, Chris Freeman and Sam Simon providing inspiration, skill and courage that could not be matched by the Eagles. The unstoppable Chris Cunning was moved to full forward for a rest, however rest was the last thing on his mind, managing to fight off 3 Eagle opponents to take some memorable marks and 3 fantastic goals to the pleasure of the enthusiastic crowd. The 50 point lead at three quarter time may have been closer to 100 points had the Dingo's converted all opportunities, with Craig Stewart, Broly Gordon, George McMullagh and Jamie Prescott gathering many possession around the goals.

Entering the final quarter the Dingo's were aware of the Eagles never say die approach and the importance of getting the first goal of the quarter. The choking Sparkie asked for a special effort and to run, run, run until the final siren sounded. The on-ball brigade did not disappoint driving the ball forward for 4 inspirational goals, which put the game out of reach for the Eagles. With the Crowd chanting Gilly, Gilly calling for veteran



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Tim "the Toolman" Gill, the Toolman came through for his fans to provide inspiration when the going got tough and knock the wind out of an Eagle counter attack.

It was truly a team performance with many great players giving their all for the Dingo's, however, the game belonged to the man that has lead from the front all season, with determination, skill, courage and inspiration never before seen in this league, Adam "Sparkie" McMahon dominated around the packs, setting up numerous attacks and willing the boys to win. Throughout the season his enthusiam and passion for the game spread throughout the club, motivating confidence, commitment and team loyalty that bought a level of professionalism to the club this year. It was only fitting that the umpires awarded Sparkie McMahon (BOG) for an outstanding performance.

Finally, a championship team always has championship support and that is very true of our wonderful supporters, wives and girlfriends that were ever present and involved in all the little things that make a club successful.

Score:	1st Qtr:	Dingo's 5.4 34	Eagles 1.1 7
	2nd Qtr:	Dingo's 7.8 50	Eagles 3.4 22
	3rd Qtr:	Dingo's 10.16 76	Eagles 4.4. 28
	Final Score:	Dingo's 14.23 107	Eagles 6.6 42

Downtown Dingo's:	14:23 107
Toronto Eagles:	6: 6 42

Goal Kickers: Josh Dray 3, Chris Cunning 3, Craig Stewart 3, Peter Gordon 2, George McCullagh 1, Kevin Bartolucci 1, Adam McMahon 1

Best Players: Adam McMahon (BOG) Chris Cunning, Craig Stewart, Jeff Simpson, Jeff Popple, Arco Van Den Houvel, Cam Upshall, Jamie Prescott, Paul Tinkler, Kevin Bartolucci, Josh Dray, Peter Gordon, Alan Davies, Tim Moller, Chris Ritchie, Stu Wallis





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Downtown Dingo's 2000 Player List

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| 1. | Chris Black | 16. | Tim Gill |
| 2. | Kevin Bartolucci | 17. | Alan Davies |
| 4. | Jamie Prescott | 19. | Paul Tinkler - Coach |
| 5. | Stuart Wallis | 20. | Tim Shaw |
| 6. | Adam McMahon - Coach | 22. | Chris Freeman |
| 7. | Mark Woodruff | 23. | Jeff Simpson |
| 8. | Mark Cecil | 24. | Chris Cunning - Capt. |
| 9. | George McCullagh | 26. | Jeff Popple |
| 10. | Tim Moller | 27. | Arco van den Huevel |
| 11. | Jake Barghout | 29. | Savvas Xanthopolous |
| 12. | Chris Ritchie | 30. | Josh Dray |
| 13. | Peter Gordon | 31. | Chris Lister |
| 14. | Craig Stewart | 41. | Sam Simon -Vice Capt. |
| 15. | Cam Upshall | | |

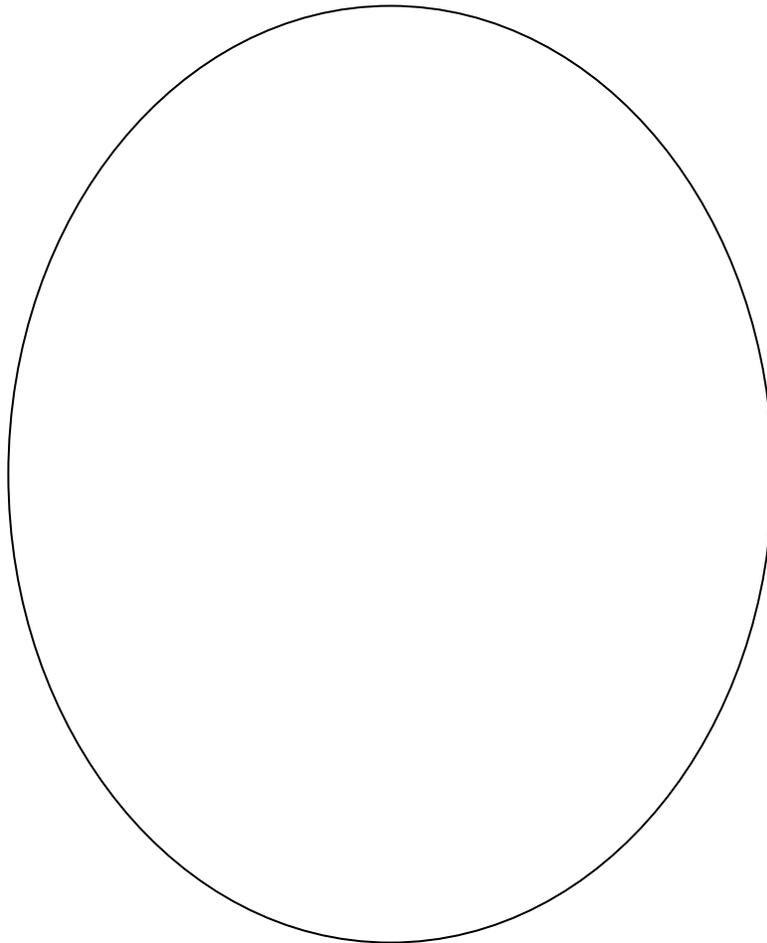
Dingos Games Played Record

Name	Games
Chris Cunning	56
Paul Tinkler	46
Tim Moller	45
Samm Simon	44
Arco van den Heuvel	43
Stuart Wallis	33
Tim Gill	32
Sean Darcy	29
Savvas Xanthopoulous	24
Jeff Simpson	21
Chris Black	21
Tony Foster	20
Todd Miles	19
Chris Kourtis	18



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Grand Final Starting Lineup Dingo's v.'s Eagles September 30, 2000



Followers

C. Cunning
A.Mcmahon
S.Wallis

Interchange:

T. Moller (C), S. Simon (C),
T. Shaw (A), M. Cecil (A),
S. Xanthopolous (C),
C. Black (A), T. Gill (A),
K. Bartolucci (C), J. Barghout (C),
C. Freeman (A), M. Woodruff (A)

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Dingo's Premiership "That Winning Feeling"

