

# **South Croydon Football Club**

**Eastern Football League  
Division 1**

**2012 Annual Report**



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## President's Report

This year was definitely an interesting year with some great highs and some equally great lows. It was certainly great to be back home at Cheong Park on the new surface and in our own environment. We had a solid pre-season and everybody's expectations were that we would definitely improve on the 2011 season. The season certainly started and finished positively but was extremely difficult if not disappointing through-out the majority of the middle of the year.

The veterans had another enjoyable year under coach Dale White. They were keen to push the philosophy of participation and fitness and this worked well. The team only had one win for the season but all in all they really enjoyed themselves. Off the field the veterans were well organized and I commend them on the way they operated through-out the season and all the help they gave to our treasurer to make life easy for him. The veterans 'recruiting' programme is again well under way with whispers aplenty of some legendary past players getting involved next season.

The Under 19's again had a tough year with only the 2 wins for the season. This year the players showed great commitment to the club and their coach and team-mates. Thanks and well done to Ash Fullarton on all his efforts as the Under 19's coach this year and as assistant coach over the 2 years prior to that. He has been dedicated and hard working through extremely tough times and done a terrific job. He has continued to instil the values we hold



highly, which is that our club comes first before the individual. Again we hope many of Ash's players will go on to be successful senior players at South Croydon well into the future. Well done to all the Under 19's support staff that helped out during the season.

The reserves had an indifferent year winning 6 of their 18 games. The season started off with a bang as they thumped Croydon in the opening game and had 3 wins up

by round 5 but struggled for consistency for the rest of the year. Probably the most pleasing thing again was the fact that many of the reserve players got opportunities to play senior football in 2012 and this will make them better players for the future. Well done to Matt Higgins on his first job as coach. I am sure it was a great learning experience for him and his enthusiasm and dedication to the reserves team was first rate. We now need the regular reserves players to lift their effort and work rate to a level that will improve the club. If we can build a strong reserves list for 2013 with lots of pressure to get senior spots our club will definitely improve. Again, well done to all of Higgs's support staff on their great contributions each week.

The seniors had what I would call a very disappointing year with only 4 wins and finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place. We started the season well with a Round 1 victory over Croydon at Cheong Park to retain the Arndale Cup. Round 3 saw another home victory over Lilydale and things were going well with high spirits and energy around the club. We then went on a horror run losing 11 games in a row. The first 6 of these losses we were very competitive in every game yet couldn't get the job done. In Round 9 we managed to cough up a 30 point lead over the top of the table Norwood and went down by 2 points. In Round 10 we had a 50 point loss to the previously winless Croydon and lost the Arndale Cup. This was followed by a big loss to Vermont and a thumping at the hands of Lilydale.

At this point I felt that changes needed to be made immediately for the betterment of the clubs future. I went to the committee and asked them to support me in changing the senior coach. The committee were fully supportive of MY DECISION and I sincerely thank them for that support. It was not an easy job asking the senior coach Ben Delarue to step down after 2 ¾ years in the role but was necessary. Ben graciously accepted the decision and then spoke to the playing group and coaching staff before departing. I sincerely thank Ben, Lori and his entire family on their involvement and commitment with our club. I certainly hope that sometime in the future they come back and support us as they are always welcome.

Next I asked assistant coach Damien Franken if he would be prepared to step up as the interim senior coach for the remainder of the year. After he assessed what commitment was required for the role he accepted the position wholeheartedly. We knew it wasn't going to be an easy job for the final 6 weeks of the season but we put in place a plan with the aim / expectation of winning 3 of the final 6 games. Damien along with his assistant coaches in Noel King, Darren Cameron and Ben Osborne did a wonderful job through-out this period to firstly build up the player's confidence again so they were enjoying themselves and then get the right team set-up and game style in place which allowed us to be more competitive. In Round 15 we finally got back on the winners list at Cheong Park with a 25 point victory over East Ringwood to regain the Mason-Glenn Bendigo Bank Shield. We finished the season with a Round 18 thumping of Blackburn by 39 points at Cheong Park to finish the season in a very positive manner.

We then had a big end of season celebration at the I-Pod Shuffle Night which was an excellent way to finish what was otherwise a disappointing season for the club on the field. 4 wins for the season was certainly a backwards step in 2012 and should not be accepted.

On the committee front I would again like to personally thank all members of the club committee on their wonderful efforts and commitment to the club for the season gone. The committee member's tireless work ethic and devotion to our club is inspiring. Special thanks need to go out to Tracey Adams who is stepping down after 3 years as our social director. She has organized brilliant functions over her time and will be extremely difficult to replace. Also special thanks to Travis Edmonds who is stepping down from his position as Revenue Manager. This position is one of the toughest at the club and he has done a great job over the past 2 years working hard to find the revenue required to run a 1<sup>st</sup> division club.

Well done to the junior club on their season and for all their support to the senior club. It was great having the under 17's boys up to train and have a meal at Cheong Park through-out the year. If Cheong Park can handle an increased work load next year I am sure we can have more junior teams up to train and enjoy the senior facilities. With the junior ground currently being re-built and unavailable for the 2013 season the senior club will certainly be doing everything in its powers to support the juniors next year.

On the non-committee front I would like to personally thank all helpers and contributors around the club on their dedication and efforts to the club for the season gone.

Well done to Billy Carter (Bar Manager), Kerry Nixon (Canteen Manager) and Karen Cali (Thursday Night Dinners). These 3 people and their dedicated teams of helpers do a wonderful job and help raise a large portion of the clubs revenue.





The 'Kennel Club' was again back to its best this year. Steve Bishop and Tony Ring did an outstanding effort in getting 105 members into the group. Well done boys and lets push for 150 in 2013!!

We formed a new coterie group this year called 'The Mudlarks'. The aim of this group was again to raise added revenue for the club to help recruit new players. This group would be responsible for paying the new recruits. A great job was done by all involved including Paul Lewis, Ian Schofield, John Dinnell and Peter Kaspar. We look forward to this group growing in 2013 and continuing to support the in recruiting of new players to our club.

Thanks to all our sponsors who have kindly supported us this year. Your support has been greatly appreciated and we hope we have added value to your business and personally. We look forward to your continued support in 2013 and beyond.

To the incoming committee members I hope you continue to set the bar high for our club for the future.

- **We are a competitive club in 1<sup>st</sup> Division both on and off the field.**
- **We are respected by most opposition clubs in 1<sup>st</sup> Division.**
- **We are a club that people are proud to say they belong to it.**
- **We are a club that makes all people welcome and ensure they enjoy their time at the club.**
- **We remain a LOCAL football club filled with LOCAL players, supporters and sponsors, who all gain personal satisfaction and pride from saying they are part of the SOUTH CROYDON FOOTBALL CLUB.**

2013 is going to be a crucial year in the history of our club. It will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that we are in 1<sup>st</sup> division which equals our previous best effort from 1984-1987. 2013 needs to be more than just a year of survival though. People need to work even harder to ensure we improve both on and off the field. We certainly punch above our weight with the revenue stream we have available compared to other 1<sup>st</sup> division clubs.



I am certainly proud of this fact but in the end we shouldn't make excuses because other clubs are wealthier than us.

We have something more valuable and it's a huge pride and dedication to each other and our community and club. We must now push into the top half of 1<sup>st</sup> division and aim towards playing finals.

We have a great history of success over our 44 years in the EFL but our senior team is yet to play in 1<sup>st</sup> division finals. This is the challenge for 2013 so let's make it happen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Quon'.

**Stephen Quon**  
President.

## Treasurer's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present my fourth treasurer's report covering season 2012.

For all members we are again pleased to present a full set of audited results for this season, they are included for your perusal in this report.

I would like to highlight some areas regarding the financial performance of our club.

The final result shows a cash trading loss of \$276. However some of our income was used to pay existing debt which meant that the club made a profit of \$9,141 from ordinary activities before tax. This also meant that our equity doubled from \$9.3k to \$18.4k. The problem we have is cash – starting the new season with only \$5k.

This season has been the toughest I have had as a Treasurer. However with the support of Quonny, some wonderful social events and support from the players and sponsors we were able to turn the ship around.

Bar – we are indebted to Billy Carter and all the volunteers who work behind the bar. The bar achieved a sales increase of 24% and with a steady margin this meant an \$8.5k increase in profit.

Canteen – The canteen figures include match day, match day BBQ and Thursday night teas. Again we have wonderful support Kerry Nixon and this season the wonderful work of Karen Cali and all the Thursday night helpers and the “Burger BBQ Crew”. The total result was a profit of \$14.9k.

Social Functions – Here we must thank Tracey Adams for all her work in not only running the social functions but raising the standard in delivering quality functions for all members and players. Also special thanks to Chris (Disco) Dinnell, his first year on the committee he achieved wonderful results including his famous “IPOD Shuffle” night, which was a huge success and raised nearly \$10k for the club.

Gate Takings – Unfortunately with the move back home this was the only area to suffer. As we are unable to fence off the ground gate takings were down by \$4.6k.

Merchandise – Bryan King rules this area with an iron fist and makes a treasurer's job easy as he notes and collects everything, the merchandise area had a good year – thanks Bryan.

Expenditure – we were able to keep a tight reign on expenses and kept the total 4.29% below last season. We are very much indebted to the **Mudlarks** group who supported the new players with the funds that were raised.

NEXT season – As I said at the presentation night we wouldn't win too many games playing 5 or 6 short. But I believe that we are 5 or 6 short in committee and sub-committee help.

In leaving I must thank our out-going president Steve Quon for his wonderful support of me and the football club. He will be hard to replace. Another who is leaving is Tracey who was a very complete social director and really supported me in all ways. Thanks Tracey. And, finally a third person leaving in Travis – I thank him for all his efforts – another difficult role.

Finally I would like to thank my wife Dianne. This season has not been easy but she has supported me all the way. I could not have continued as treasurer without her! – Thanks.



**Peter Kaspar**  
Treasurer

## **Social Report**

This year we decided to put all our effort into the big functions, with the Lucky Raffle and IPOD shuffle night being our most successful nights. Chris Dinnell took on running the Drinks around the World, Player Lock-in and the IPOD Shuffle Night with some help from the playing group. It's great to see players getting involved and help out at functions.

Drinks around the World – 4 countries were chosen - Mexico, USA, Spain & Germany. Everyone dressed up and was taken on a journey where they got to drink, eat and experience each country. The boys did a fantastic job of organizing the night.

Cocktail Party – We had the Cocktail Party at the club rooms this year and the rooms came up looking fantastic. Unfortunately there were some 21<sup>st</sup> on which the players attended. We had approximately 100 people attend the night dancing and enjoying the cocktails.

Lucky Raffle – What a great and successful night with a record 265 tickets sold. This is a major event for the club and it was so pleasing to see the support given to it by the playing group.

IPOD Shuffle Night – Well Chris did it again with yet again another fantastic end of season function. The rooms were packed with everyone dancing and letting their hair down. Thanks Chris for all your time spent on downloading all the songs.

Presentation Night – A great turn out with 132 attending. It was held at the Kilsyth Club. Congratulations to all awards winners. The meal was fantastic and the night went extremely well. Our own Tom McDonald kindly donated his time being the DJ. Great job Tom and thank you.



After 3 years I am stepping down as Social Manager and would like to thank everyone on the committee for your help and support. I would like to say a special thank you to Chris for helping with the functions this year. I will still be available and around the club to help out.

**Tracey Adams**  
Social Manager



## **Junior President's Report**

The junior club in 2012 has had a great season after a tough year on the field in 2011 with our U16's missing out on a flag.

This year Under 13, 14's, 15's & 17's all played in a finals campaign, with the last game being the Preliminary final for the 13's... Unfortunately the boys fell short missing out..., and our 14's and 15's also playing great footy, but finishing at the 2nd week of the campaign. All teams represented the Bulldogs with pride all season.



We did not have an Under 12's this year, and are already looking into options to fill this void for the next season.

Our junior coaches all worked extremely hard this season, and contributed a great season to the boys... Well done to all the coaches, team managers and all volunteers that have donated their time during the season.

To our new 2012 committee and canteen team; a big thanks to all of you for your hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the junior club.

You have all worked tirelessly on the committee over the past year and I look forward to next year and the journey it brings.

Our quest for season 2013 will be to continue to teach our players the skills required to play the game to the best of their ability, and to represent our club, in manner that will become the envy of other junior clubs... win, lose or draw. All this, with the aim to develop them for the years ahead, and keeping all families involved in our already family friendly club.

The junior kennel at Bensons Oval will be undergoing a facelift in the 2013 season with a new playing surface, canteen update, and new scoreboard being constructed. We look forward to moving back into our new kennel in 2014. In the 2013 season our new home will be Fred Geale Oval in Croydon.

We look forward to working even closer with the senior club next season while our home is being upgraded with the objective to maintain the development of young players up thru the ranks and onto the senior club, to enable the club to stay strong and maintain home grown talent.



**Shane Kenealy**

President – Junior Club

## Senior Coach's Report

Upon reviewing our season the overall results were typical of our weekly performance. We started well by recording good wins in rounds one and three, followed by eleven straight losses and then finished on a high with another two good wins in our last four games. In the period of eleven losses there were some very competitive performances but opportunities were not realised due to skill errors, decision making and our inability to perform at a sustainable work rate for four quarters.

Our critical focus areas to ensure sustained performance next season will be to improve the playing group's fitness base and match day work rate, strength/physical conditioning, skill level, decision making, mental toughness, communication, contested football, clearance work, offensive/defensive game plan and by targeting individuals development needs. Our club's core values of ruthlessness, mateship, belief and commitment will form the foundation of improved on-field results next season. The core value of commitment will be required when we kick off our preseason in November with a number of players having already commenced individual programs.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the coaching group and match day staff of Darren Cameron, Noel King, Matt Higgins, Ash Fullarton, Jamie Barnett, Ben Osborne, Steve Dinnell, Chris Dinnell, John Dinnell and team. Your work over the last year has been outstanding and provided fantastic support to myself and the playing group. I have really enjoyed the time working with you all and appreciated your friendship and guidance.



On of the playing group and coaching staff, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee, support staff, match day staff, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for the hard work, dedication, commitment and support over the last season.

Without you, the club would not be the same and all the work that is undertaken to make South Croydon a special place does not go unnoticed.

Congratulations to award winners in all grades as these recognise your individual contribution to the team's performance.

2013 – The season has already started. We are in the process of confirming our playing list for next year and Steve Higgins, John Dinnell and Damon Hindmarsh are leaving no stone unturned in ensuring we recruit quality players/people to our club. Our planning and preparation is well advanced all in readiness for a year where we can establish ourselves as a genuine contender in First Division football.

Once again – Thank you to all involved and I look forward to 2013

**Damien Franken**  
Senior Coach

## Reserves Report

As is the case with every football club, the season started with optimism, after a long summer of training on hard grounds, with gut busting session after session. The first game of the season was against the old foe Croydon, and a comprehensive pasting was handed out.

We tasted victory again in round 3 against Lilydale, only to front up to division powerhouse Vermont the week after, who went through the season undefeated. This has us at 2-2, and square on the ledger. By the end of round ten however, even with another comprehensive thrashing of Croydon, we had scraped and fought to get to a 4-6 record, meaning we would need a perfect run home to make the finals. Not impossible, but we would need everything to go right.



I think the challenge that lay ahead from there, was as much a mental challenge as a physical one. With a long list of injuries and unavailability starting to hamper the reserves, and the regular drain of players moving into the seniors to help cover injuries, our competitiveness started to drop away.

This was reflected by the round 11 performance of one goal only being kicked against Vermont, and the impressive first half against Balwyn away in round 13 that ended up in a crushing loss due to a poor second half. Fitness was a major issue in the

second half of the season, and it was obvious to all, that failure to regularly attend training means the intensity from the start of the season can't be maintained. That's a lesson to all for season 2013.

The season ended with a loss at home to Blackburn, and a 6 – 12 record. However it was quite pleasing that the percentage was at 87.41%, a sign that we had the ability to stay in games for long periods of games, again, often it was a lack of fitness rather than a lack of ability in most games.

There were things to smile about however, development of young players, and the sure heads of older ones. The Old Boy Dion was a rock in defence for the season, ably assisted by the kid with the boy band hairdo in Darcy, Strongy, and Strippers who led admirably as skipper all season. Through the middle we had the influence of Fish, Zenners, Sam Cali and Disco and Jonny Del when fit. The Big Show indeed put on a show for much of the season, waxing with Foggy; we had for the most part a dominant advantage in the ruck department for most of the season. Up forward is where we battled the most, with Dom required to play multiple roles, and at times dominating, but we weren't able to supply a lot of support to him with our better performed players for the year in the middle.

It was an enjoyable experience being involved in coaching this year, you learn after you retire in footy as a player, that there were only really two things that are important. 1 is playing finals, as they are the games you remember, and 2 are the friends you make along the way. So as you start to think about season 2013, what can you do better? Do you want better endurance to run out games? Start training now. Do you want to put on muscle so you are not pushed off the ball? Start training now. Premierships aren't won in September, they are won in January. Turn up to pre-season in the best physical condition of your life, and just see what happens from there.

Thanks for the year boys.

**Matt Higgins**  
Reserves Coach



## U19's Report

Pre-season training numbers were very low right up until the practice games where we were unfortunately forced to withdraw from game one due to numbers. The same seven faces were consistently at training with a couple in particular showing the attitude, desire and work rate required to be successful in a high grade of footy. I struggled to gain commitment from a few players from previous seasons and the squad also consists of quite a few cricketers who all made grand finals putting even more pressure on footy numbers. A late influx of players gave us a list of 27 for round one.

The ultimate aim of any footy side is short term success and winning games but this must also be balanced in the 19's group with an eye on the future and developing a style that will allow an easy transition into the senior ranks in future years. I set my ideas in place early and outlined these to the group at a pre-season BBQ that seems so long ago now! Our footy was based on simplicity, discipline and consistency which I believe are the keys to any footy side and not being over reactive to any short term pain which is often part of the long road to success.

The first four rounds saw some encouraging signs and mixed results with the boys cracking a win in Round 5 against East Burwood instilling confidence heading into the middle part of the season. If there is one thing I can't take away from this group it is enthusiasm and a real care for each other and the group as a whole, it really is a standout. The middle to latter parts of the season continued to teach valuable lessons that weren't heeded early in that footy is a four quarter game. Some final score results I don't believe are a true reflection of how most of these games were played or the endeavour shown by the boys.



We headed into the final game against Blackburn with a strange sense of confidence which belied our ladder standings. Probably not the normal to highlight one game or just one quarter but in a season report but in this case justified. As the game went on our endeavour was at the high end as always but our defences and minor lapses in concentration let a couple through leaving us 33 points down at 3/4 time and heading towards an honourable defeat to our higher ranked opponents. The first few minutes of the last saw Blackburn kick two quick goals to put us 46 points down and looking down the barrel. The next twenty odd minutes in which we kicked nine goals to one and snatch the win with a kick after the siren was by far the most extraordinary thing I have seen on a footy field yet be part of. It was a day I'm sure myself and the boys will never forget and a fantastic way to finish off the season.

With a few injuries and an eye on the future we played six U17's in last two games, who all played above their years and showed some very good signs. These guys and more mixed with the current nineteens playing on next year should be seriously looking forward to season 2013 where they will have the opportunity to experience some very exciting footy together.

Big mention to Rob Tinsley winning the Best & Fairest in his first year of footy and Liam Cox playing seniors for the last six rounds and looking very comfortable indeed. Also thanks to captain Luke O'Toole for his support, initiative and leadership all performed with poise above his years, great job and thanks mate.

An extra special thank you to all the support staff, trainers, parents and friends who helped out in any form throughout the season. Game day doesn't just happen without you all - much appreciated.

GO DOGGIES!!

**Ash Fullarton**  
U19's Coach

## Veterans Report

2012 dawned with enthusiasm & promise. Whitey back as coach. Corey training us, and many new faces. It also saw our return to Cheong Park, complete with new playing surface – great news after playing mostly away in 2011.

Many 'big stars' announced they wouldn't be continuing, or available game-by-game, due to health, injuries, work and other commitments. This added to the shock, of the very late arrival of the Vets draw! We discovering we were down for three, back-to-back games, just a week apart!

First game, at home against North Ringwood, saw us with low numbers and Whitey lamenting that a 'team selection' policy may need to be implemented. The Saints produced a dominant game, seeing them beat us 127 to 9pts. Game 2 against new side Upper Gully, had the short turnaround with training a recovery session! The game was at their junior ground, and again we were missing players. A grinding match saw us 27 down at half time, and eventually beaten by a disappointing 101pts. Round 3 was at home against Chirnside Park, and with a great turnout of players we took it to them, and won the game! Whitey so excited, he came on late and finished with the ball in his hands. The song was sung loud and proud by all in attendance!



Wantirna South was next, whom we had beaten last season, so expectations were high. Unfortunately another inconsistent turnout, with players just not appearing had Whitey frustrated. We fought hard, taking the lead at half time. Serious injuries robbed us of the chance to finish the job, and we were beaten by 60pts at the end. With injuries and no-shows hurting the team, Whitey and the committee found we were going to Boronia with just 14 players - if everyone showed up! After discussing several options, a forfeit seemed the only viable option at the time. Several players from the group stood up, loudly voicing their displeasure and calling for an extraordinary general meeting to be called with compulsory attendance for all players & members.

This meeting was the line in the sand, defining the second half of the season.

A fired up and committed South Croydon turned up against Kilsyth. Producing a great contest, with every one of our players showing we were moving forward, fighting all day to lose by 50pts. A huge improvement on the 150pt thumping's from last season. Home against Mooroolbark in Rd. 7 we opened with 4.1 to their 6pts! But the Mustangs got going and ran over us late to win by 45. A shame to loose again but the scores were closing and each loss getting smaller with every game.

After the bye, we had Bayswater at home for another epic contest, the lead changing several times before they defeated us by just 16pts. Bayswater was heard lamenting our improvement since they last played us. Our run of good weather ended with Scoresby at home – it hailing on the players and the ground underwater! Both sides struggled in the heavy and very cold conditions, Scoresby's 22pt win the result of slightly cleaner skills on the day. Final match of the year was away to Forest Hill, a top 3 side this season. Whitey was back after getting married, rallying the troops for the big final game. They were certainly very good, and another closely fought game saw us beaten by just 44pts.

Eddo showed his consistency to easily take out the best and fairest with a score of 99, just ahead of Chatters (who immediately demanded a recount) Tim Kennedy and Brett Crapper. Lamby also passed the baton of Captaincy along to Brett, who I'm sure will lead this Vet's team on to great things next season.

Go Old Dogs!!

## Statistics and trophy winners

### Awards

<b>Seniors</b>		<b>Reserves</b>	
Best & Fairest	Daniel King	Best & Fairest	Dion Festini
Runner-up	Nic Molnar	Runner-up	Josh O'Toole
3rd Place	Nick King	3rd Place	Sam Cuthbert
Most Consistent	Anthony Dessent	Most Courageous	Benn Fischer
Most Courageous	David King	Most Improved	Darcy Brown
<b>U19's</b>		<b>Vets</b>	
Best & Fairest	Robert Tinsley	Best & Fairest	Travis Edmonds
Runner-up	Liam Cox	Runner Up	Tim Chatfield
3rd Place	Luke O'Toole	Coach's Award	Steve Lauder
Junior Encouragement Award	Rhys Alexander	Ian Chatterton Memorial Award	Mark Robinson
Most Consistent	Ryan Brown		
Coach's Award	Connor Phelan		



### Milestones & Club Awards

300 EFL games	Dion Festini	100 Senior Games	Daniel King
150 Club games	Dion Festini	100 Senior/Club games	Nic Molnar
150 Club games	Michael King *	100 Club games	Liam Fitzgerald
Best Club person Award	Karen Cali	WAG of the Year	Janine Dinnell



\* EFL 2012 Div 1 Team of the year member and goal of the year winner



## Season fixture and results for Seniors - 2012

<b>RD 1</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>17.13-115</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Croydon</b>	<b>15.11-101</b>
RD 2	Knox	12.22-94	def.	South Croydon	8.4-52
<b>RD 3</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>12.8-80</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Lilydale</b>	<b>6.17-53</b>
RD 4	Vermont	14.25-109	def.	South Croydon	14.15-99
RD 5	South Croydon	14.6-90	def. by	East Burwood	17.12-114
RD 6	South Croydon	7.7-49	def. by	Balwyn	15.13-103
RD 7	Noble Park	20.14-134	def.	South Croydon	13.10-88
RD 8	East Ringwood	13.18-96	def.	South Croydon	13.7-85
RD 9	South Croydon	11.9-75	def. by	Norwood	11.11-77
RD 10	Croydon	17.18-120	def.	South Croydon	10.10-70
RD 11	South Croydon	8.9-57	def. by	Vermont	17.18-120
RD 12	Lilydale	19.16-130	def.	South Croydon	6.8-44
RD 13	Balwyn	28.23-191	def.	South Croydon	12.6-78
RD 14	South Croydon	5.6-36	def. by	Noble Park	15.7-97
<b>RD 15</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>15.13-103</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>East Ringwood</b>	<b>11.12-78</b>
RD 16	East Burwood	18.10-118	def.	South Croydon	11.6-72
RD 17	Scoresby	19.20-134	def.	South Croydon	10.10-70
<b>RD 18</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>16.13-109</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Blackburn</b>	<b>9.16-70</b>



## Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Norwood	18	15	3	0	0	1376	988	139.27	60
2	Scoresby	18		4	0	0	1666	1204	138.37	56
3	Vermont	18	14	4	0	0	1800	1317	136.67	56
4	Balwyn	18	13	5	0	0	1651	1125	146.76	52
5	Noble Park	18	11	7	0	0	1568	1327	118.16	44
6	East Burwood	18	10	8	0	0	1603	1541	104.02	40
7	Lilydale	18	7	11	0	0	1351	1478	91.41	28
8	Knox	18	7	11	0	0	1129	1310	86.18	28
9	East Ringwood	18	6	12	0	0	1389	1656	83.88	24
10	Blackburn	18	6	12	0	0	1312	1600	82	24
<b>11</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>1939</b>	<b>70.76</b>	<b>16</b>
12	Croydon	18	1	17	0	0	1186	1918	61.84	4

## Season fixture and results for Reserves - 2012

<b>RD 1</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>25.14-164</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Croydon</b>	<b>1.2-8</b>
RD 2	Knox	11.14-80	def.	South Croydon	4.0-24
<b>RD 3</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>11.8-74</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Lilydale</b>	<b>4.9-33</b>
RD 4	Vermont	22.19-151	def.	South Croydon	2.7-19
<b>RD 5</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>11.8-74</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>East Burwood</b>	<b>6.7-43</b>
RD 6	South Croydon	6.8-44	def. by	Balwyn	9.9-63
RD 7	Noble Park	16.15-111	def.	South Croydon	12.12-84
RD 8	East Ringwood	11.16-82	def.	South Croydon	2.9-21
RD 9	South Croydon	7.7-49	def. by	Norwood	8.7-55
<b>RD 10</b>	<b>Croydon</b>	<b>3.4-22</b>	<b>def. by</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>11.22-88</b>
RD 11	South Croydon	1.6-12	def. by	Vermont	12.8-80
<b>RD 12</b>	<b>Lilydale</b>	<b>12.5-77</b>	<b>def. by</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>18.15-123</b>
RD 13	Balwyn	12.10-82	def.	South Croydon	6.9-45
RD 14	South Croydon	5.4-34	def. by	Noble Park	7.12-54
RD 15	South Croydon	7.2-44	def. by	East Ringwood	14.11-95
<b>RD 16</b>	<b>East Burwood</b>	<b>9.8-62</b>	<b>def. by</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>10.11-71</b>
RD 17	Scoresby	3.9-27	def.	South Croydon	3.6-24
RD 18	South Croydon	8.6-54	def. by	Blackburn	11.8-74



## Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Vermont	18	18	0	0	0	2168	648	334.57	72
2	Knox	18	14	4	0	0	1277	791	161.44	56
3	Noble Park	18	14	4	0	0	1477	978	151.02	56
4	Norwood	18	12	6	0	0	1372	835	164.31	48
5	East Ringwood	18	12	6	0	0	1514	1089	139.03	48
6	Balwyn	18	10	6	2	0	1134	1037	109.35	44
7	Scoresby	18	9	8	1	0	1293	1206	107.21	38
<b>8</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>87.41</b>	<b>24</b>
9	Blackburn	18	5	12	1	0	1154	1575	73.27	22
10	Lilydale	18	3	15	0	0	880	1786	49.27	12
11	East Burwood	18	2	16	0	0	919	1629	56.41	8
12	Croydon	18	1	17	0	0	497	1960	25.36	4

## Season fixture and results for U19's - 2012

RD 1	South Croydon	6.10-46	def. by	Noble Park	13.11-89
RD 2	Knox	10.5-65	def.	South Croydon	8.9-57
RD 3	South Croydon	2.7-19	def. by	Lilydale	24.18-162
RD 4	Vermont	13.21-99	def.	South Croydon	3.2-20
<b>RD 5</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>8.9-57</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>East Burwood</b>	<b>7.6-48</b>
RD 6	South Croydon - BYE				
RD 7	Noble Park	14.11-95	def.	South Croydon	7.4-46
RD 8	East Ringwood	17.19-121	def.	South Croydon	7.10-52
RD 9	South Croydon	4.7-31	def. by	Norwood	13.9-87
RD 10	South Croydon	8.12-60	def. by	East Ringwood	18.23-131
RD 11	South Croydon	4.7-31	def. by	Vermont	19.19-133
RD 12	Lilydale	19.9-123	def.	South Croydon	3.6-24
RD 13	East Burwood	16.12-108	def.	South Croydon	5.4-34
RD 14	South Croydon	5.4-34	def. by	Noble Park	5.13-43
RD 15	South Croydon	4.2-26	def. by	East Ringwood	14.21-105
RD 16	East Burwood	9.10-64	def.	South Croydon	5.6-36
RD 17	Scoresby	17.10-112	def.	South Croydon	3.4-22
<b>RD 18</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>13.8-86</b>	<b>def.</b>	<b>Blackburn</b>	<b>12.10-82</b>



## Ladder After Round 18

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	For	Agst	%	PTS
1	Scoresby	17	14	3	0	1	1738	858	202.56	56
2	Lilydale	17	12	5	0	1	1558	784	198.72	48
3	Norwood	17	12	5	0	1	1246	835	149.22	48
4	Vermont	17	11	6	0	1	1483	959	154.64	44
5	East Ringwood	17	11	6	0	1	1261	1010	124.85	44
6	Blackburn	17	9	8	0	1	1147	1087	105.52	36
7	Noble Park	17	9	8	0	1	1149	1092	105.22	36
8	East Burwood	17	3	14	0	1	813	1805	45.04	12
<b>9</b>	<b>South Croydon</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>40.85</b>	<b>8</b>
10	Knox	17	2	15	0	1	599	1578	37.96	8

## Games Played and Goals

First Name	Last Name	Games 2012		Games Total		Games Total	Goals 2012		
		Snr	Res	Snr	Res		Snr	Res	Total
Rhys	Alexander	0	1	0	1	1			
Blair	Allan	17	0	69	1	70	11		11
Jye	Allison	0	10	0	10	10			
Lachie	Arthurson	2	6	2	6	8	1	3	4
Luke	Baker	0	0	2	2	4			
Shannon	Baker	0	0	0	0	0			
Dean	Barker	0	13	0	13	13		2	2
Luke	Birtchnell	0	1	0	17	17			
Daniel	Bowes	6	10	8	62	70		9	9
Darcy	Brown	0	18	0	32	32			
Ryan	Brown	0	1	0	1	1			
Rhys	Burgher	0	0	0	3	3			
Nathan	Burnage	16	1	21	8	29			
Sam	Cali	0	14	0	40	40		4	4
Eamon	Costello	1	0	236	3	239	1		1
Liam	Cox	6	1	6	2	8	4	2	6
James	Crowle	15	0	29	2	31	18		18
Matt	Crowle	16	2	16	2	18	8	6	14
Tom	Crowle	0	10	0	25	25			
Sam	Cuthbert	7	9	12	22	34		1	1
Lucas	Davies	0	0	235	0	235			
Lucas	Dean	0	2	0	3	3			
Will	Debney	6	12	6	12	18	1	1	2
Chris	Dejager	2	15	8	80	88		9	9
Jack	Deklijn	0	1	0	1	1			
John	Del Giudice	4	7	19	7	26		4	4
Anthony	Dessent	16	1	90	5	95	2	1	3
Chris	Dinnell	0	6	98	9	107			
Steve	Dinnell	2	0	5	0	5			
Phil	Dyck	0	0	0	0	0			
Russell	Farrell	0	0	39	18	57			
Dion	Festini	2	16	142	22	164		3	3
Benn	Fischer	2	13	2	28	30	1	6	7
Liam	Fitzgerald	10	4	87	18	105	1		1
Alex	Fraraccio	18	0	29	43	72	4		4
Nick	Fraraccio	0	11	0	34	34			
Jacob	Fulton	1	13	3	18	21		8	8
Matt	Graham	0	15	0	34	34			
Zac	Higgins	1	2	52	2	54		3	3
Luke	Hill	2	0	8	0	8			
Danny	Hughes	1	0	1	0	1			
Ryan	Humphrey	9	9	9	9	18		3	3
Matt	Jones	0	0	81	2	83			
Shayne	Kearney	17	0	130	18	148			
Daniel	King	18	0	116	11	127	9		9
David	King	17	0	38	6	44	5		5
Michael	King	18	0	137	24	161	41		41
Nick	King	18	0	18	0	18	4		4
Shane	Lewis	0	1	54	76	130		2	2



First Name	Last Name	2012		Total		Club Total	Goal 2012		
		Snr	Res	Snr	Res		Snr	Res	Total
Michael	Litovkin	0	1	0	107	107			
Marc	Lock	2	0	2	0	2			
Nick	McConnell	1	3	87	29	116	3	9	12
Alex	McCormick	8	0	87	30	117	6		6
Michael	McDonald	0	17	1	48	49		5	5
Tom	McDonald	0	12	0	18	18		2	2
Brendan	McKeown	0	10	0	10	10		9	9
Josh	McLachlan	0	17	2	49	51		4	4
David	Macdonald	0	7	0	49	49		2	2
Robbie	Mallison	17	0	34	13	47	17		17
Dylan	Marshall	17	0	40	12	52			
Dom	Matarazzo	0	10	15	29	44		16	16
Justin	Minogue	0	3	98	12	110		4	4
Nick	Molnar	16	0	106	5	111	8		8
Sam	Morrison	0	0	5	22	27			
Ben	Osborne	11	0	187	4	191	1		1
Josh	O'Toole	0	18	5	49	54		2	2
Luke	O'Toole	0	6	0	6	6			
Evan	Panozza	1	0	2	0	2			
Scott	Panozza	0	0	0	17	17			
Michael	Payne	0	3	0	26	26		1	1
Jordan	Rodriguez	0	14	0	27	27		11	11
Kyle	Rooney	0	1	0	2	2			
Brett	Saunderson	0	0	0	1	1			
Jesse	Selby-Hele	0	9	2	40	42		6	6
Will	Smith	0	0	0	1	1			
Grattan	Stephens	18	0	75	0	75			
Lee	Stockdale	2	0	20	0	20	1		1
Angus	Stone	5	10	11	69	80		6	6
Cameron	Stone	15	0	41	19	60			
Glenn	Strachan	16	0	47	21	68	9		9
Ben	Tomlinson	0	8	0	8	8			
Dylan	Troutman	2	0	20	0	20	1		1
Troy	Walkley	0	11	22	49	71		1	1
Joel	Watson	0	8	0	25	25			
Anthony	Zeniou	0	18	0	62	62		4	4
Trent	Zomer	15	0	15	0	15	45		45



## Junior Trophy Winners

<b>UNDER 17's - B</b>	
Best & Fairest	Francis Kavanagh
Runner Up	Taylor Gibson
3rd Place	Pierce Rooney
<b>UNDER 17's – C1</b>	
Best & Fairest	Luke Fairy
Runner Up	Josh Akaruru
3rd Place	Kalieb Bowden
<b>UNDER 15's</b>	
Best & Fairest	Anthony Dyck #
Runner Up	Brayden Harris
3rd Place	Matthew Rosengrave
<b>UNDER 14's</b>	
Best & Fairest	Jack McDonald ^
Runner Up	Cody McKellar
3rd Place	Sam Evans
<b>UNDER 13's</b>	
Best & Fairest	Jackson Lowe *
Runner Up	Ben Robinson
3rd Place	Liam Brown
<b>UNDER 11's</b>	
Best & Fairest	Nick McDonald
Runner Up	Ben Willis
3rd Place	Kyle Phelan

# Runner up B & F - EFL Under 15 D

^ 3<sup>rd</sup> Place B & F – EFL Under 14 D

\* Best and Fairest - EFL Under 13 C