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David Noorda Milestone Match.

**Thank you Tim Scott for this article, and thank you Molly for the wonderful family
snap !!**

**There is no doubt that this week is a big week of celebration, as we all gear up for
an OFC event of real significance....one of our greatest players ever and certainly
one of our favourite individuals will notch up game No 300 in the Red & White this
weekend against Mt.Evelyn at Olinda.**

**It's a massive congratulations to superstar Davey Noorda. And get ready to settle
yourself in here because in a Senior career that has spanned over 20 years, there's
just a little bit for us to unpack !**



2017- Premiership win by record margin- l to r Ben O'Neil, David Noorda, Kelsey Currie, Paul Simmons

When Dave joined our junior club as a 10-year-old way back in 1996, I'd doubt he'd ever have thought that his football would take him all the way through to 2024, where he continues to excel to this very day. He played around 100 games at junior level before joining the Senior club at the beginning of 2003 as an U18, and he says his football began to really improve from that moment.

He would regularly double up for games of football, playing U18s & Reserves on the same day for the next 2 seasons, growing in confidence, so much so that by the following year, he'd managed his Senior debut at Woori Yallock where he kicked a goal in his first game.

He says he was just trying to get rid of the ball in a real hurry and it just happened to go through the big sticks, that is a typically humble Dave comment. He managed to play 3 Senior games for the year and prepared to get himself ready for 2005 !



Like all great players Dave always seems to find time and space

The new year began in the right fashion, as Dave established himself in our Senior side which had been relegated into Division 2. It was clear very early that the club was going to challenge to go back up into Division 1 straight away.

Unfortunately, injury plagued the 2nd half of the year, and he just wasn't able to break back in when it mattered. Being a part of the group right up until Grand Final week gave him hope that he was still a chance to play, but it wasn't to be, and he had to watch from the side as the seniors won the flag and headed back into Division 1 football.

It hurt Dave at the time, but he feels it also probably proved the catalyst for his growth going forward, because essentially for the next 12-13 years he turned himself into one of the absolute cornerstone players of our club, and probably the wider competition.

Fast forward to 2009, the club again finding itself in Division 2 and the football

group had become exceptionally young. Dave had just finished 2nd in our Best & Fairest count the year before and had already become one of our natural leaders. Remarkably, the vote count was one of the most lopsided in living memory. Dave's great mate and fellow OFC super star Scott Tregoning polled 212 votes to Dave's 211, 3rd place was way back on 120.

Scott also went on to win the Division 1 league Best & Fairest. We again quickly realised that we were one of the teams to beat, and eventually progressed through to the famous "Black Saturday" Grand Final against Kinglake, and with our opponents having gone through the absolute carnage of one of our country's greatest ever natural disasters, sentiment was obviously strong with the Lakers.

Halfway through the last Quarter it was looking shaky for The Mighty Bloods, and it took a clutch performance from Dave where he kicked 2 late goals to bring us home by a goal in very emotional circumstances. With the U18s & Reserves also winning Grand Finals on the same day (the "Triple Treat") and the boisterous crowd on the outer wing at Woori Yallock that day remains one of the absolute highlights of his career.

Without glossing over the next period of his career, and the clubs relaunch into Division 1 competition, Dave simply went from strength to strength. His versatility became unmatched, being able to play at both ends of the ground equally brilliantly, as well as spending dominant time in the midfield, he truly became the ultimate swingman and could fix problems anywhere, a coach's dream !

He became Co-Captain of the club with great mate Nick Broomhall for 2011 before taking the reins solely for 2012. It certainly didn't affect his performances, if anything they rose to a new level as he collected the first of his two Senior Best & Fairests in 2011. For the next 3 years, the teams performances grew on the back of Dave, and in 2015 a return to Division 1 finals beckoned.

The Bloods came up one game short of a Grand Final appearance, and it was no coincidence that it happened as he collected Best & Fairest number two. The stage was set for the next 3 seasons where he'd become an absolute lynch pin in arguably one of the greatest sides our clubs ever assembled !



***Noords leads the team out in the final round in 2012- we lost to Woori by five points
(they went on to upset Gembrook in the Grand Final four weeks later)***

Across the 2015/ 2016 / 2017 & 2018 seasons, OFC went to 4 straight Division 1 finals series, which saw a Preliminary Final loss, a Grand Final loss, a Premiership and then a Semi Final exit. It was a terrific run for the club, and Dave was at the heart of all of it, week in and week out, getting the job done in his always very effective but very understated way.

Despite the continued improvement across the group in 2016 under the leadership of new coach Brendan Donovan, which saw them make the Grand Final, we came up short and this no doubt stung not just Dave but the entire group. The following year again saw the club challenge for top honours, and again it progressed through to another Grand Final, this time saluting in the most emphatic fashion by 101 pts. We all remember the day as being a spectacular result, what you might not remember is that our Back 6 gave up a miserly 62 pts across the Prelim & Grand Finals, an amazing effort and yet again our boy “Noords” was at the heart of it all. In 2018, we again challenged finishing the year in 2nd position but exited the finals in straight sets, which was a devastating blow !



Noords- very handy with the 2017 Premiership Cup- he says another flag in that period would have been extra handy too.

Dave fondly remembers this period, and says it contained some of the absolute highs but also some of the absolute lows of his career. Clearly 2017 was the top of the mountain for him, a day he'll never forget. But he also says that the disappointment of 2016 & 2018 also still niggles away to this day, "We definitely missed out on at least another one" he says !

Over the past 5 years, the club and the league have gone through great transformation and many challenges. In 2019, the new AFL Outer East was created, merging with the old South East Football Netball League, and over that period Dave

had begun to transition into Reserves football, working with the next group coming through. There were 2 seasons that were effectively ruined by Covid, although we did manage half a season in 2021 and Dave snagged a Top 3 finish in the league

Reserves Best & Fairest count, as well as winning the club count !

Dave continues to this very day to be a really strong contributor to our Development group; he still reads the game so incredibly well and just continually finds himself in the right spot. Despite the fact that he's played football for so long and has endured more than his fair share of injuries over the years, he still looks in terrific condition and will no doubt continue on playing while he's still enjoying it as much as he does

!



Noords kicks a goal against Narre Warren in the Twos this year after receiving a pass from Max Monkhurst- Max wasn't born when Dave began his senior career.

He has obviously seen much change in his time at the club and cites the addition of Netball and our Women's Football program as the one's that stand out the most. To

him, OFCFNC is so much better for having them and can now truly call itself a "Family Club".

Another area of considerable change has been the facilities, new clubrooms, new lights, new scoreboard, new netball courts and a new oval. He says the condition of the current main oval is so much better than when he first joined, he can still remember playing on the ground a week after watching a tractor pulling a fence gate behind it to flatten out the mud (I'd suggest that was the great John Faull on that tractor) And whilst he obviously loves the new rooms, he still misses the feel of the old rooms !

In typical Dave fashion, he didn't want to dig too deeply into singling people out.

Twenty plus years of amazing teammates and coaches and people who've supported his journey, he didn't want to leave anyone out. He says all his lifelong friends have been made through the OFCFNC which makes it a really special place for him, and of course this includes his partner, former OFC netballer and all-round superstar person Molly Rogers.

Dave and Molly met through the club, and these days are now the very proud parents of daughter Posie, who one day herself may take the court or the field in Red & White just like mum and dad, I'm probably getting ahead of myself here.



Dave ,Posie and Molly

Speaking of parents, they were the people who Dave “was” keen to mention, Fred and Kathryn ! All of the countless hours driving him around as a kid to trainings and games, making sure he always had all the gear he needed, supporting his love of football, and being involved in a team and a club.

Fred was instrumental at Auskick level in the mid-90s, reintroducing it after it had gone into hiatus for a few years. The group he began included a bunch of future OFC superstars that would go onto win 4 junior premierships (U16s & U18s) and a large number of that group becoming Senior premiership players. Dave says his dad missed his calling as a coach, he is super proud of him for everything he contributed in those early formative years !

This brings us up to date on the amazing journey (thus far) for one of the clubs’ all-time favourites. Dave runs out for game No 300 this weekend, he becomes only the 3rd person in our history to achieve this milestone, the other two players both sharing the same surname !

Passing 300 games will qualify him for OFCFNC Life Membership, and also AFL Outer East Life Membership, both prestigious honours that reward his loyalty and durability. I think Dave’s most enduring quality has simply been that he has always been able to remain true to himself over all this time, it feels like he hasn’t changed one little bit since the day he arrived. That same humble and focused young footballer and person, if you met him for the first time now, you’d have no idea just what a giant of our club he has been and still is.



Once more around the block- Round One 2024 - 20 years after he first ran out in the seniors.

Dave himself is incredibly grateful and thankful for his time at OFC, in his words, he's "loved every message, every word of support, every hug or hello, every conversation about football, about life, and that he simply cherishes every single friendship large or small over the years". I think that list of friendships would be pretty decent !

From all of us at OFCFNC Dave, from current and former teammates, coaches, volunteers and supporters, and I'm sure from the wider community, we're just incredibly proud of you and of all that you have achieved, and the person that you've become right before our eyes.

Enjoy the week and more importantly enjoy the weekend's contest, and of course let's make sure you bag the all-important 4pts !

Congratulations Davey !



Remember when- 10 years ago-

14 August 2014

DAVE NOORDA - 150 GAMES

Amongst all the amazing things going on around our club right now (and I speak of new pavilion, battling to make finals etc), we also have cause to celebrate the wonderful milestone of 150 Senior games this Saturday by Davey Noorda.

It was back in 2004 when Dave cracked it for a Senior game, totalling 3 in that first season. With the club consigned to Division 2 the following season, he played most games but was desperately unlucky to miss the clubs premiership due to injury. Not to be discouraged though, he quietly set about building himself into an extremely good footballer, with roles down back, up forward and by 2009 being used through the midfield. A classic case of his versatility was on show during the 2009 GF win when he went forward and helped change the game our way when things seemed all

but lost. By the time 2011 had rolled around, he had turned himself into one of the absolute premier defenders in the Yarra Valley, and in that year co-captained the club as well as took out the Senior Best & Fairest. He again captained the club in 2012 and continued to stand tall when many others couldn't. We didn't see him for the first half of last season as he was overseas travelling, and no doubt we missed his presence. It's no surprise to any of us that with a full pre-season and playing all games this year, that we have not only seen a resurgent OFC team but Dave yet again returning to his absolute best form.

Noords always buys tickets in the GOOD FOR FOOTY RAFFLE (because all the money goes to OFC)!!!!

(but does he tell Molly?)

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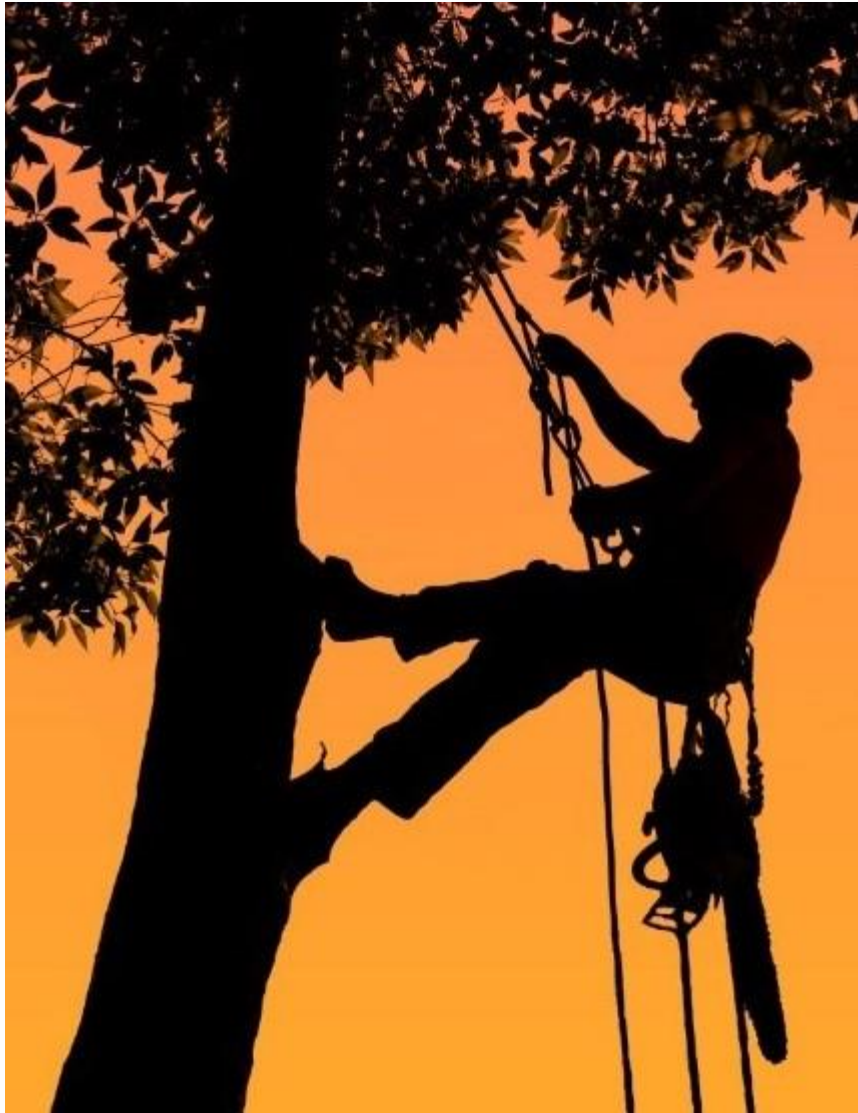
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