

2008 - A Grade

Competing in the South Australian Amateur Football League in Division 2.

Coach - Stephen Carr
 Assistant Coach - Brian Zanker
 Runner - Matt Harris
 Team Manager - Malcolm Kelly
 Captain - Kevin Hopper
 Vice Captain - Ben Skurrie

Round 1	12 April	<i>Athelstone</i>	6.5	10.9	12.13	13.16	(94)
	Torrens Valley	Payneham NU	2.1	6.5	7.8	12.11	(83)

Best - K.Hopper, M.Grossmann, B.Lomman, S.Harkin, T.White
 Goals - B.Gordon, C.Whenan, T.White 2, J.Cini, J.Duigan, K.Hopper, P.Jarmyn, J.Platten, J.Sheedy, A.Waldon

Photos

We opened at a great pace, run was good, hitting targets. Worked up a good lead to half way through the 2nd quarter. For the rest of the quarter we missed some shots at goal but we were still well on top. The third quarter started the same, but PNU were certainly more determined. Our bad kicking let them keep a sniff, but we stayed out in front to record an encouraging win first up.

Round 2	19 April	<i>Athelstone</i>	4.2	8.6	10.11	14.17	(101)
	Scotch College Oval	<i>Scotch OC</i>	3.2	4.4	6.6	9.9	(63)

Best - S.Coffey, M.Grossmann, J.Sheedy, B.Zanker, A.Westergreen
 Goals - C.Whenan 5, B.Gordon 3, A.Pokarier 2, J.Cini, T.White, T.Woolford, S.Sullivan
 This was a good win, Scotch were certainly taller but it was our quickness that overcame them. Our attack on the ball was great and when we didn't have it we applied significant pressure to force a turnover. Could have really finished them off in the third term but we were a bit inaccurate in front of goal.

Round 3	26 April	<i>PHOS Camden</i>	3.3	8.5	15.10	17.16	(118)
	Camden Oval	<i>Athelstone</i>	3.2	5.4	9.7	13.9	(87)

Best - B.Zanker, B.Skurrie, T.White, A.Pokarier, J.Duigan
 Goals - J.Cini, T.White, T.Woolford 2, A.Blake, J.Duigan, M.Grossmann, S.Harkin, J.Platten, J.Sheedy, J.Trish

Photos

We weren't good today, not hard at it, bit sloppy with disposal and some undisciplined things cost us. It was a bit wet and we had a shocker in the 3rd quarter. Carry said to be at training early on Tuesday.

Round 4	3 May	<i>Modbury</i>	4.5	12.11	14.14	18.16	(124)
	Torrens Valley	<i>Athelstone</i>	4.1	6.2	11.6	17.11	(113)

Best - T.White, S.Harkin, A.Pokarier, A.Westergreen, K.Griffin
 Goals - T.White 7, J.Cini 4, S.Harkin 3, M.Grossmann 2, A.Waldon

Photos

Modbury opened positively but we stayed in touch at quarter time. We kicked the first 2 in the second but they steamrolled the next 8 to half time. We fought back well in the third and again in the last but we let them get too far away.

Round 5	10 May	<i>Adelaide Uni</i>	2.6	5.9	12.13	12.19	(91)
	University Oval	<i>Athelstone</i>	3.2	6.7	8.8	13.12	(90)

Best - B.Lomman, B.Zanker, K.Griffin, B.Skurrie, J.Platten
 Goals - J.Platten 3, A.Waldon, T.White, A.Blake 2, S.Harkin, C.McPeake, S.Sullivan, C.Whenan
 We were right in the mix at half time leading by 4 points. 3rd quarter was very disappointing. Kicked the last 7 goals of the match to fall 1 point short, although that was a very dubious point.

Round 6	17 May	<i>Athelstone</i>	6.6	9.8	16.10	19.13	(127)
	Torrens Valley	<i>Pembroke OS</i>	2.2	4.7	6.9	8.11	(59)

Best - J.Duigan, A.Balke, T.White, S.Harkin, A.Westergreen
 Goals - T.White 8, J.Duigan 3, S.Harkin, M.Grossmann 2, J.Cini, J.Platten, S.Sullivan
 Really solid first and second quarters. They were still hard at it, but Whitey kicked 4 in the 3rd to kill off any challenge. The boys are looking good.

Round 7	24 May	<i>Athelstone</i>	6.1	7.7	10.12	16.14	(110)
	West Lakes Shore Oval	<i>SMOSH West Lakes</i>	1.4	1.4	5.6	10.8	(68)

Best - J.Sheedy, S.Willment, S.Harkin, K.Griffin, R.Castellano
 Goals - A.Norsworthy, J.Sheedy 3, M.Grossmann, S.Harkin, T.White, S.Willment 2, A.Waldon, C.McPeake
 A great first quarter kicking 6.1, and then let it slip kicking the reverse 1.6, but still held them to 1 goal for the first half. Should have really killed them off but missed some set shots at goal. They were more competitive in the second half.

Round 8	31 May Torrens Valley	Sacred Heart OC <i>Athelstone</i>	6.2 3.1	10.5 7.3	14.6 12.4	22.7 (139) 14.5 (89)
		Best - K.Griffin, B.Zanker, S.Harkin, J.Trish, T.White Goals - T.White, S.Willment 3, S.Harkin 2, J.Cini, J.Duigan, P.Jarmyn, A.Norsworthy, J.Platten, B.Zanker SHOC started well getting a good jump on us. We fought our way back during the 2nd and 3rd quarters. There was only a goal in it at the 10 minute mark of the last quarter, after that we let ourselves down and SHOC ran away with it.				
Round 9	14 June Edwardstown Recreation Reserve	<i>Edwardstown</i> Athelstone	5.1 2.3	7.4 5.3	11.7 6.9	11.10 (76) 8.10 (58)
		Best - S.Harkin, J.Platten, S.Willment, B.Lomman, J.Sheedy Goals - J.Cini 3, T.White 2, B.Lomman, S.Willment, J.Duigan Opened up well but couldn't convert. Missed some chances in the third quarter and that told in the final result. Need to lift for a big game this week against Payneham NU. Achievements - Ben Lomman 50th game				
Round 10	21 June Payneham Oval	Athelstone <i>Payneham NU</i>	2.5 1.4	10.7 2.6	13.10 4.10	17.11 (113) 7.12 (54)
		Best - K.Hopper, J.Trish, T.White, J.Duigan, J.Sheedy Goals - K.Hopper 5, J.Duigan, T.White 3, M.Grossmann 2, R.Castellano, J.Sheedy, J.Trish, S.Willment A great win. After a tight first quarter we blew them away in the second with 8 goals to 1 despite the slippery conditions. Made a real mess of their past players day celebrations. This win felt good. Achievements - Joe Duigan 100th game				
Round 11	28 June Torrens Valley	<i>Athelstone</i> Scotch OC	2.2 7.0	7.5 10.2	10.6 12.5	16.8 (104) 15.6 (96)
		Best - J.Trish, T.White, K.Griffin, J.Sheedy, J.Platten Goals - T.White 6, S.Sullivan 3, K.Hopper 2, J.Cini, S.Harkin, J.Platten, J.Trish, A.Westergreen We had to play catch up football all day after they bolted from the blocks. Managed to wear them down in the end but it was goal for goal in the last quarter. Scotch will cause some sides a few problems, they certainly caused us one today but we were good enough to take the points.				
Round 12	5 July Torrens Valley	PHOS Camden <i>Athelstone</i>	7.3 6.1	11.7 11.5	15.11 13.8	20.13 (133) 16.12 (108)
		Best - B.Lomman, K.Griffin, J.Sheedy, A.Pokarier, M.Grossmann Goals - S.Sullivan 4, J.Duigan, T.White, K.Hopper 2, R.Castellano, M.Grossmann, S.Harkin, B.Lomman, J.Platten, A.Pokarier It was a high scoring and close first half, where the quality of the football was great. After half time, we made a few mistakes (not as many as the ump's, but they allowed to make mistakes, did I say that) and PHOS took the points. We lost Duigan, Skurrie and Zanker before half time which didn't help unfortunately either. Achievements - Andrew Westergreen 100 games				
Round 13	12 July Modbury Oval	Athelstone <i>Modbury</i>	2.0 3.7	7.4 6.9	10.5 8.10	11.9 (75) 10.12 (72)
		Best - J.Trish, J.Sheedy, B.Lomman, S.Willment, M.Grossmann Goals - S.Willment 4, M.Grossmann, J.Trish 2, K.Hopper, S.Sullivan, T.White What a great win against the odds. There were 4 changes from last weeks side due to injury and the boys really stood up against the top side. It was a tight contest with a strong breeze playing a part in the first half. After a good third quarter into the dying breeze, we hung on in the last after missing a couple of opportunities to put them away. Trishy took contender for mark of the year in the first quarter.				
Round 14	19 July Torrens Valley	Adelaide Uni <i>Athelstone</i>	5.0 2.3	7.2 4.7	14.3 7.10	22.5 (137) 7.11 (53)
		Best - A.Waldon, A.Westergreen, J.Sheedy, J.Trish, A.Blake Goals - M.Grossmann, A.Norsworthy 2, K.Hopper, P.Jarmyn, J.Trish Came crashing back to earth with a thud. Only 7 points in it in the third quarter and if not for poor kicking in front of goal we should have been in front. After that it was one way traffic.				
Round 15	26 July Pembroke College	<i>Pembroke OS</i> Athelstone	3.2 5.3	9.4 7.7	15.11 8.9	17.14 (116) 12.13 (85)
		Best - B.Lomman, A.Blake, A.Tomich, R.Roberts, J.Sheedy Goals - J.Duigan 3, S.Carr, J.Cini, K.Griffin, M.Grossmann, S.Harkin, J.Platten, S.Sullivan, T.White, B.Zanker After a good first quarter into the breeze, we let ourselves down badly in the second and third quarters. Must learn from this.				
Round 16	2 August Torrens Valley	<i>Athelstone</i> SMOSH West Lakes	6.2 3.2	10.2 5.6	16.5 6.9	22.10 (142) 8.10 (58)
		Best - M.Grossmann, B.Skurrie, K.Hopper, J.Platten, S.Sullivan Goals - B.Skurrie 6, S.Sullivan, K.Hopper 5, J.Duigan, M.Grossmann 2, A.Blake, S.Willment They kicked the first 3 of the game and it was a bit of a worry. The boys responded to kick the next 6 of the quarter. We were dominant all over the ground. Skuz at full forward surprised with a handy 6. Finals are still a chance if we can win the last 2.				

Round 17	9 August	Athelstone	2.2	2.4	4.4	4.7	(31)
	Brighton Oval	Sacred Heart OC	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3	(15)

Best - J.Platten, A.Waldon, K.Griffin, R.Roberts, M.Grossmann

Goals - B.Skurrie 2, S.Sullivan, K.Hopper

In muddy and sloppy conditions our desire for the footy was greater than theirs and a must win became reality.

Achievements - Malcolm Grossmann 100th game

Round 18	16 August	Edwardstown	3.3	5.3	8.5	11.8	(74)
	Torrens Valley	Athelstone	2.3	3.6	4.7	7.8	(50)

Best - S.Willment, B.Lomman, T.Woolford, J.Sheedy, S.Harkin

Goals - S.Harkin 2, K.Hopper, R.Roberts, S.Sullivan, J.Trish

The conditions were slippery and things didn't roll our way, a valiant effort though and we can hold our heads up as we almost grabbed a final 5 spot despite some injury challenges during the year.

Achievements - Paul Jarmyn 100 games, Justin Sheedy 50 games

Premiership Table

	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
Modbury	15	3	0	1908	1407	30	57.6
PHOS Camden	14	4	0	1850	1417	28	56.6
Edwardstown	13	5	0	1595	1325	26	54.6
Sacred Heart OC	12	6	0	1601	1340	24	54.4
Adelaide Uni	9	8	1	1587	1458	19	52.1
Athelstone	9	9	0	1631	1576	18	50.9
Payneham NU	7	10	1	1513	1702	15	47.1
Pembroke OS	4	14	0	1385	1815	8	43.3
SMOSH West Lakes	4	14	0	1280	1846	8	41.1
Scotch OC	2	16	0	1186	1656	4	41.7

Qualifying Final	Edwardstown 17.8 (110) d PHOS Camden 12.7 (79)
23rd August	
Thebarton Oval	
Elimination Final	Sacred Heart OC 15.9 (99) d Adelaide University 9.9 (63)
23rd August	
St Marys Park	
2nd Semi Final	Modbury 16.8 (104) d Edwardstown 6.12 (48)
30th August	
Modbury Sports Reserve	
1st Semi Final	Sacred Heart OC 10.6 (66) d PHOS Camden 9.11 (65)
30th August	
St Marys Park	
Preliminary Final	Sacred Heart OC 16.8 (104) d Edwardstown 12.19 (91)
6th September	
St Marys Park	
Grand Final	Modbury 12.16 (88) d Sacred Heart OC 4.15 (39)
13th September	
Thebarton Oval	

Goalkickers

T.White	42
K.Hopper	19
M.Grossmann	17
J.Duigan	17
S.Sullivan	16
S.Harkin	16
J.Cini	15
S.Willment	12
J.Platten	10
C.Whenan	8
B.Skurrie	8
A.Waldon	7
J.Trish	7
J.Sheedy	6
A.Norsworthy	6
B.Gordon	5
A.Blake	4
T.Woolford	3
P.Jarmyn	3
A.Pokarier	3
C.McPeake	2
R.Castellano	2
B.Zanker	2
B.Lomman	1
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A.Westergreen	1
S.Carr	1
K.Griffin	1
R.Roberts	1

Club Best and Fairest Votes

J.Sheedy	76	A.Blake	27
B.Lomman	67	A.Pokarier	26
M.Grossmann	65	J.Duigan	24
K.Griffin	58	A.Waldon	20
J.Trish	58	S.Coffey	16
S.Harkin	55	R.Castellano	11
T.White	53	A.Tomich	8
J.Platten	48	R.Roberts	7
K.Hopper	39	T.Woolford	6
B.Skurrie	38	J.Cini	4
B.Zanker	37	C.Whenan	3
S.Willment	33	S.Sullivan	2
A.Westergreen29	-		-

Trophy Winners

Best and Fairest	Justin Sheedy
Runner Up Best and Fairest	Ben Lomman
Most Consistent	Malcolm Grossmann
Best Team Man	Kyle Griffin
Most Improved	Steve Harkin
Best Under 21 Player	Jonathon Platten
Leading Goalkicker	Travis White



Best and Fairest - Justin Sheedy



Travis White, Jon Platten, Mal Grossmann, Steve Harkin, Justin Sheedy, Kyle Griffin, Ben Lomman
 SAAFL FA Bloch Medal Votes

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Tot
M.Grossmann (3rd)	3	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	16
K.Hopper	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	10
J.Platten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
B.Skurrie	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4
S.Harkin	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
A.Pokarier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
T.White	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
A.Blake	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
J.Duigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B.Lomman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
K.Griffin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
R.Castellano	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
S.Coffey	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B.Zanker	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
S.Sullivan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1