



1988 Premiership



Melbourne League One
PREMIERS 1988 - DONCASTER

Under the wings of new coach Don Mitchell, fitness adviser Rod Snow and captain Helen Padget (Wilson), the talented SL1 women's team took to the field in 1988 more determined to win than ever before.

The team's hard pre-season work paid off which made the oppositions realize Doncaster was the side to be feared. After finishing minor premiers, the team went into the finals confidently but were defeated in the semi-final by Camberwell 2-0. Whilst visions of a repeat of 1987's loss in the preliminary final were possible, the team fought back well to beat Sandringham 2-0 in the preliminary final and moved into their first SL1 grand final.

The team's confidence and determined approach to the Grand Final made it an extremely close and exciting game. Desperation was shown by all players in particular goalkeeper, Michelle Flouch who saved four out of four penalty strokes to make Doncaster the 1988 premiers. Congratulations to the team, coaches and team manager Ann Henry on a fantastic and memorable season.

1988 State League One Grand Final
Doncaster 2 defeated Camberwell 0

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20/9/88 Doncaster wins women's hockey

DONCASTER'S women's hockey side finally reached the peak of Victorian hockey with a narrow victory over Camberwell in the Melbourne League One grand final.

This win brings to the relatively young Doncaster club, which was established in 1974, its first top league premiership and gave it a clean sweep of major and minor premierships and the league best and fairest player, Helen Wilson.

Wilson started with the club in 1977 when the women's section was formed and has been part of the top side in its rise from the bottom grade.

The premiership was only secured after two periods of extra time had failed to produce a goal and when the penalty stroke tiebreaker was applied it was the brilliance of Australia's second best goalkeeper, Michelle Flouch, that proved to be the difference between the two sides.

The opening 10 minutes were a carbon copy of the second semi-final with Doncaster's short passing possession game confronting Camberwell's long ball counter-attacking style with its attendant individual marking defence.

It was an intriguing

struggle with the best forward line in victoria unable to break the shackles of the best defence and despite the midfield dominance of Doncaster's all-Victorian midfield of Julie Henry at right-half and Kim Raynor at centre-half and Mandy Phillips at left-half, it was still Camberwell that created the better chances.

However, Flouch was supreme in goals moving all round her circle to deny Camberwell the single goal that would reinforce its defensive grip.

At the end of extra time the premiership was to be decided by the best of five penalty strokes.

Doncaster took a 1-0 lead after penalty stroke specialist Kris Tulloch scored with a superb shot and Flouch brought off a save that must have shaken the Camberwell stroke takers to come.

Lisa McLeod made it 2-0 with a shot just missed by the diving Camberwell keeper and Flouch again pulled off a brilliant save from a very well taken stroke.

Doncaster missed the next two strokes, shooting wide on both occasions but Flouch made another excellent stop and Camberwell's last chance to keep the game alive was shot wide by a now thoroughly demoralised Camberwell.