



Southern Football Netball League

Hall of Fame



CON GOROZIDIS

SOUTHERN FOOTBALL NETBALL LEAGUE

- Southern Football Netball League Division 1 Leading Goal Kicker (67 goals) – East Brighton 1993
- Southern Football Netball League Division 1 Leading Goal Kicker (98 goals & 68 goals) – Benteigh 1998-99
- Southern Football Netball League Division 2 Leading Goal Kicker (91 goals) – Murrumbeena 2001
 - East Brighton Premiership Player
 - Murrumbeena Premiership Player
 - Benteigh Premiership Player

After making a name for himself during his fleeting career in the VFL, Con Gorozidis became one of the biggest names in local footy in the 1990s.

Throughout his career, Gorozidis was a solidly-built forward who knew where the goals were and he went on to become one of the most prolific goalkickers the SFNL has seen. He is the only man to have been crowned the Southern League's leading goalkicker on four occasions, which he achieved during his stints with Bentleigh, East Brighton and Murrumbeena.

Recruited to St Kilda as an 18-year-old in 1980, Gorozidis booted 34 goals in 13 games to top the goalkicking at the Saints in just his second year at the club. Dubbed 'the Golden Greek', he quickly became a fan favourite at Moorabbin Oval.

He spent just one more season at the Saints before crossing to Footscray in 1983. But his career at the top level ended at the year's end after a total 34 games and 74 goals.

Gorozidis then played six seasons with VFA club Sandringham in the late '80s before he joined ESPCFA club Bentleigh in 1990. He had immediate success too, bagging a truckload of goals and winning a premiership in his first year at the club.

His childhood mate and former teammate at St Kilda and Sandringham, John Bennett, then convinced Gorozidis to move to East Brighton. It led to the highlight of his SFNL career when the Vampires won the 1993 Division One premiership, defeating the all-conquering Noble Park against all odds.

Gorozidis was the SFNL's leading goalkicking that year with 67 goals.

"I'll never forget that year, '93... That was probably the most enjoyable moment in my local footy career," Gorozidis said.

He won back to back SFNL goalkicking awards in 1998 (98 goals) and 1999 (68) during his second stint with the Demons and added his fourth at Murrumbeena in 2001 with 91 majors. He helped the Beena win the Division Two flag two years later.

Although undeniably a prodigious talent, Gorozidis said his teammates had a lot to do with his success during his SFNL days.

"I was pretty lucky I was playing with good players," he said.

By Will Hunter