

Dynamo Victoria

Dynamo Victoria FC is a professional association football club based in Victoria, Concordia, Pharos. They play their home games in Cloiter Plas Stadion, in the town of Cloiter, the port of Victoria, which is incorporated in the municipality of Victoria since the 1920's. They have a long-standing rivalry with Champion Athletics and Victoria City, with whom they contest the «Marina derbies».



History

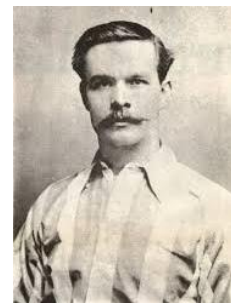
Formation and early years

The club was founded in 1908 in the Abler Pub in Cloiter, the port of Victoria. The founders bought a site on Cloiter Plas field for £500, and joined the Concordian League in the 2nd division. The club invited Scottish famous architect Archiebald Leich to construct a stadium in the field. A 4,000-seat stand was to be constructed, and terracing was also planned, to provide an overall capacity of 24,000. The stadium started in 1909 and finished a year later.



Cloiter Plas Grounds

In 1910, Dynamo Victoria were promoted to the Concordian 1st division and three years later they won their first Championship title, under player-manager Amber Lang. The 31-year-old inside forward Dokor Mann was acquired from Estwald Metropolis for £2,000 and 18-year-old Gaal "Bomber" Bronn was placed up front, linking up with Helvet Smyt. Lang convinced the Dynamo Victoria board to acquire the ageing Mann, who was renowned for his passing and vision, after stating that "the young players need a general to lead them". He implemented the basics of his famous W-M formation at his spell at The Pirates. His tactics were based upon the principles of a strong defence and a fast, counter-attacking response, with the focus on quick, short passing and mazy runs from his wingers, who would pass low inside the defence instead of crossing from the byline. Lang is regarded as the first manager to successfully employ the counter-attack. Other progressive ideas



Amber Lang



DYNAMO VICTORIA FC, 1913

Back row: H.Chanan (Secretary), J.Vood, C.Makay, C.Slader, A.Munch, T.Nilson(captain), V.Aston, S.van den Vort. Front Row: G.Ricardo, D.Mann, G.Bronn, E.Islip, G.Janson, C.Stefen, H.Smyt

included a disciplined fitness regime for the players and starting the practice of reserve and youth teams playing the same style as the senior team.

Unfortunately, this great team would only win this 1913 championship title, plus 3 consecutive Concordian cup titles from 1914 to 1916, since Select dominated the local scene, winning 11 championships from 1916 to 1928, plus 2 back-to-back National titles (1928-1929).

The Inter-wars years

Dynamo Victoria will rise again in the late 1930's. Telos Magner, Lang's assistant was the new manager from 1932. He introduced several young players from the academies, as financing was becoming very

tight. The board had to spent a lot of money for reconstructions in the Cloiter Plas Stadion, as



Telos Magner

several crushing accidents happened during the late 1920's, resulting to the loss of lives of 2 fans. Terracing closed down and 3 new stands were built, with capacity reaching 24,000.



Cloiter Plas Grounds 1930's

The team under Magner started performing well and they topped the Concordian League in 1936, winning their 2nd Championship title and a spot for the National Championship for the first time. They repeated their feat 2 years later, winning the 1938 championship, 3rd in the club's history. In the National Championship Dynamo Victoria did not perform up to the fans' expectations, finishing in 8th and 9th positions.



Dynamo Victoria 1936

*Top: Leit, Stens, Roed, Seim, Staon, Naas
Bottom: Slet, Kinn, Snar, Soild, Helmen*

Post WWII – The golden years



Ankor Beet



Dors van Eyk

During the war years, the 1930's team dissolved, as many players enlisted in the army, with some seeing action in Europe as well. Ankor Beet took over as manager from Magner in 1944. He led Dynamo Victoria to their 4th and 5th Concordian Championships titles in 1947 and 1948 and in the 3rd place in the National Championship in 1947.

Beet left the club in 1951 and Tomaz Yann took over. Dynamo Victoria would win the Concordian title for three years in a row, from 1954 to 1956, but could not perform well in the National level, finishing in the last positions each time.

Defensive midfielder Dors van Eyk (better known by his nickname, Tete) was the star of the team, having played in Dynamo Victoria from the youth squads. Van Eyk made the National Team as well, playing in the first home game against Cyprus on November 27th 1960, a World Cup preliminary 6-0 win.

Dynamo Victoria would win another 3 Concordian Championships in 1961, 1963 and 1965 under the guidance of Yann and van Eyk, who retired after that last title.



Bale Coll

Bale Coll took over from Tomaz Yann in 1965. Most of the players were coming to retiring age, so Coll decided to completely change the team, introducing several players from the youth squads and buying some talented players from around Concordia. 'Coll's Babes' surprised the Pharonian footballing world as they won the 1967 Concordian title. The team had an average age of 23 and featured players like Peel Ardmore, Dan Bauer, Jord Krese, Marcel Motar and Iac Marcos, who would all

become renown managers after retiring from playing.

Van Eyk returned to the team as manager in 1972 and led the Pirates to another title in 1973, promoting some talented youngsters as well, such as Linge Jannov and Dan Glovic. However, his coaching career was cut short when he was diagnosed with leukaemia and

then stomach cancer. On 22 July 1979, aged 50, he fell to his death from the fourth floor of a



Tomaz Yann



'Coll's Babes, Dyn. Victoria 1967

hospital in Victoria. It has been alleged that he committed suicide, though it may have been only an accident.

The PSL era



Cloister Plas Stadion. A) with Victoria Port and Gulf in the background B) after 2010 renovations

former Select international became general manager, leading the club to the newly formed PSC A division (the 3rd tier of Pharonian football system). He stayed until 2018, when he moved to Select as a youth squad manager, finishing in mid-table positions. The team was relegated to PSC B, the 4th division, in 2022.

When PSL was formed in 1981, Dynamo Victoria was awarded a spot in the 2nd division. The team would be relegated to the local leagues and would return to PSL B in 1984-85, after winning the PSC National Championship. Tomaz Yann, who had become the club's vice-president returned as manager in 1987, when PSL became a closed 24-team format, with no relegation to the PSC. Yann stayed a couple of years and returned to his previous role, with Jan Haselden becoming general manager. Haselden would stay with the club for 10 years, winning three consecutive Concordian Championships from 1990 to 1992.

Dynamo Victoria could not achieve another title in the next years. In 2014, Ducem Ifni, a



Jan Haselden