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# Halfway there

This weekend we enter the second half of the Peter Jackson Melbourne VFL season.



ONE of the great things about football is that it never runs to script, not that anyone would really want it to.

As we click over to the second half of the VFL season, it's worth reflecting on what has transpired in the first 11 rounds.

Possibly it will provide an insight into what the next 11 rounds may hold, but you would not want to stake your life on it.

History tells us there is still so much to play out before the identity of the two clubs who will fight out the 2011 VFL Grand Final will be known.

Like any great mystery, the second half of the season holds much intrigue as clubs battle to secure a place in the final eight and jockey for the coveted top four and the double chance that comes with it.

AFL Victoria has not decided on the venues for the first weekend of the finals other than two matches will be played at the one venue as part of our agreement with ABC TV.

Logistically, Port Melbourne, which has hosted finals on a

regular basis for many years, suits, but it has drainage issues and other venues such as Box Hill and Highgate Reserve, Craigieburn, come under consideration.

Such a decision on the other venues in the first week of the finals will be made after the composition of the final eight is decided and various machinations regarding ground suitability, ladder position, supporter base, requirements of aligned AFL clubs, etc. are factored.

Certainly, the introduction of the Foxtel Cup has allowed three VFL clubs to showcase their individual brand as well as provide exposure for their club and players to a national audience.

Williamstown has progressed to next month's Foxtel Cup Semi Final. We wish them well in their bid to win the inaugural Foxtel Cup.

What we have witnessed so far this season in the VFL is an escalation again of the standard of football as this unique

competition capitalises on the weekly inclusion of so many AFL listed and rookie players.

There's little doubt that competing against such talent takes those VFL listed players to a new level and that it is the proverbial win/win result – a healthy, vibrant, competitive league where players are challenging themselves each and every week.

Already, we have seen many VFL players – Ahmed Saad, Tyson Thomas and Tom Sundberg – impress before the increased scrutiny of AFL talent scouts. Many more will before the season is over.

Port Melbourne, celebrating its 125th anniversary in the competition, has been the trendsetter with a remarkable 9-0 start to the season. Just how far the club is able to extend its winning streak will be just one of many second half of season stories.

Like all football fans we can't wait for them to be told.

**- Grant Williams**  
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# Where has the season gone?



With 11 rounds of the 2011 season now completed, clubs now have 11 rounds left to shape their year.

HERE we are at the half way mark of the season. I am not sure if it is just me, but where have the first 11 rounds of the season gone? It is not so long ago that predictions were being made for the 2011 season, with Williamstown and North Ballarat the early teams being spoken about regarding this year's premiership.

It has been a huge season so far. We have an undefeated side sitting on top of the ladder in Port Melbourne. It has been a few years – despite having the bye – that a team has not suffered their first defeat in the early stages of the season. Williamstown have been travelling well at their temporary home this season, liking Avalon Airport Oval and Torquay, much better than they do Keilor which they travelled to last week. The top four changes on a weekly basis, but the top eight has remained constant over recent weeks, and the teams outside the eight – as we will read in our half season review in today's Record – will have to find some consistent form to try and

eject one of the current sides.

It is also pleasing that all sides have recorded at least one win for the season, with all of those sides who brought up their first win in the last month (Frankston, Coburg then Geelong) all spending some time in bottom spot on the ladder. As we look at the form of sides at the half way mark of the year, that magical word 'finals' starts to be bandied around a lot more. Terminology like 'finals chances', 'run home', and 'mathematical possibility' start to creep into the vernacular in the final 11 rounds of the season.

Apart from the clubs battling for spots on the ladder, there are a number of individuals battling for positions on a ladder of another kind – the goalkicking ladder. The new recruits are dominating the top of the goalkicking ladder this year, with Patrick Rose (38 goals), Matthew Little (31), Tory Dickson (27) and Dean Galea (26) battling it out in the upper echelons of the ladder in the first half of the season. Rose, Little and Dickson have quickly found

their feet at their respective new clubs this year (Port Melbourne and Bendigo Bombers). Last year both Rose and Galea failed to make it to the half century mark, but this year as a forward combination they are both likely to reach that mark, and kick over 100 goals between them. Add to their fire power Chris Cain and Myles Pitt, and Port have plenty of forward depth.

Little and Dickson are forming a similar combination at Bendigo, and in recent weeks have added Justin Maddern to the mix – with Maddern kicking 10 goals in two games. Little is enjoying less pressure to be the main focal point this year, and will enjoy the challenge of chasing his former Williamstown teammate (Rose) in the race for back to back Frosty Miller Medals.

A big second half of the season ensues, which is sure to bring plenty of excitement as we count down to finals football in 2011.

- Anthony Stanguts  
Communications Officer

## media coverage

**Round 12, June 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>:**

*Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June*

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*Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June*

**VFL Radio:** Casey Scorpions vs Coburg Tigers from 1:30pm  
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*Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June*

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# Bullants bundled out

**THE NORTHERN Bullants were bundled out of the Foxtel Cup following a lack lustre display against Claremont at the Gold Coast's Metricon Stadium last Saturday.**

The Bullants were effectively given a football lesson by a more committed, cleaner and crisper Claremont who advanced to the Foxtel Cup Semi Final with a clinical 46-point win, 13.12 (90) to 7.2 (44).

Claremont were so effective and efficient with their ball movement and use that that match was virtually in their keeping at half time.

After Ash Arrowsmith kicked the opening goal of the match for the Bullants, Claremont took control with former Carlton player Luke Blackwell, who collected a match-high 20 possessions and laid five tackles, dominating through the midfield.

Blackwell is well known to the Bullants as he played with the VFL club during his time with the Blues. He's since won two best and fairests for Claremont since returning to the west.

Claremont kicked the next four goals of the quarter to set up a 21-point lead at quarter time, but worse was in store for the Bullants during a match defining second quarter.

Tom Lee kicked his second goal of the match as Claremont increased its lead to 29-points before the

Bullants answered through goals to Rohan Kerr and Wayde Twomey which seemed to signal the Bullants were about to march back into the match.

But, it was Claremont that switched into overdrive. Claremont's Matt Orzel, playing his 100th match and Fremantle Docker Byron Schramer started an unanswered five goal burst with back-to-back goals.

It was to get a whole lot worse for Northern Bullants in the final 90 seconds of the second term when Claremont kicked three goals to effectively signal the end of the Foxtel Cup for the Bullants.

Northern Bullants lifted their work rate and commitment in the second half as they outscored Claremont 4.1 to 3.6, but the damage had well and truly been done.

Carlton's Ryan Houlihan was the Bullants top possession winner with 19, just in front of best and fairest winner Jarrod McCorkell with Kerr next best with 17 while Robert Warnock won 24 hit outs.

Claremont effectively shut down Bullants' prime over Brock McLean, who was restricted to five possessions, and leading goal kicker Ahmed Saad, who had six possessions, most of them coming after half time.

The Bullants had no match for Claremont's running power through the lines and could

not stop its slick ball control and finding players in space.

Conversely, Northern Bullants could not get any systematic entry into its forward 50 and when it did, it could not find anyone to take charge.

Claremont will now play the winner of this weekend's North Adelaide/Port Adelaide match with Williamstown facing East Perth in the other Semi Final on July 9.

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## Claremont

4.3 10.6 12.8 13.12 (90)

## Northern Bullants

1.0 3.1 5.2 7.2 (44)

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## Goals:

**Claremont:** Lee 3, Schammer 2, Wilkes 2, Brabazon, Broome, Handley, McLernon, Orzel, Richardson

## Northern Bullants:

Arrowsmith, Houlihan, Kerr, Marcon, Saad, Twomey, Warnock

## Best:

**Claremont:** Blackwell, Mitchell, Orzel, Stevenson, Schammer, Lee, Wilkes

**Northern Bullants:** Houlihan, Kerr, Cachia, Arrowsmith, McCorkell, Joseph, Warnock



# VFL Mid Season Review

**COULD 2011 finally be the season where Port Melbourne ends its longest premierships drought in club history? Adrian Dunn looks at the season so far in the VFL.**

There's still much to play out before the VFL Grand Final is decided at Etihad Stadium on Sunday, September 25, but all the early indicators clearly suggest that Port Melbourne has as great a chance as any club.

Port Melbourne has been the standout club in the first half of the season, setting the foundation for its first flag since 1982.

While the Borough demolished arch rival Williamstown in its round 7 meeting, the Seagulls have swept past everyone else giving rise to the prospect of the competition's most traditional rivals going head-to-head for the VFL Grand Final.

Port Melbourne/Williamstown Grand Finals were a staple of the 1950s when the clubs met in three successive Grand Finals – Williamstown won all three.

These two great clubs last meet in a VFL Grand Final in 1964 where the Borough triumphed.

But, it's too early in the season to be locking in that mouth-watering prospect. Certainly, Northern Bullants, Casey Scorpions and Bendigo Bombers would like their chances of advancing to the Grand Final.

And, then there's North Ballarat, seeking a competition equalling fourth successive premierships. While the Roosters started slowly, they're building momentum and loom as a definite danger.

As for the fight for the eight, it would appear those clubs currently outside the eight have a considerable challenge to force their way into it, but nothing in football is ever that straight forward.

It's not as simple or as straight forward as that and that's why the second half of the season is even more intriguing than the start of the season.

Here is a mid-season report on each club, what's gone right, what hasn't, the outlook and our verdict on what might unfold.

## **BENDIGO BOMBERS**

**2011 Position:** 5th 6-3

**2010 Position:** 7th 5-4

**Goalkickers:** Matthew Little (31), Tory Dickson (27), Justin Maddern (10), Travis Colyer (10)

**Season so far:** Bendigo's mid-season review seems straight forward – they've beaten up on all the teams below them on the ladder and lost to all those above them. After losing the season-opener to Northern Bullants by a whopping 76-points, the VFL Bombers then staked revenge by defeating North Ballarat, Frankston, Collingwood and Werribee. Bendigo's winning margin range spread from

27-80 points in those four wins. In all four wins they kicked 120 plus points while holding the opposition to under 100. Casey stopped the winning spree when they inflicted a 27-point defeat and then Bendigo, like everyone else, was no match for Port Melbourne. The VFL Bombers jumped Port early and held a 7-point lead at half time, but were outscored 15-7 goals in the second half. As has been their want, Bendigo then belted Geelong by seven goals on the rebound and then travelled to Sandringham where their three-pronged attack of Messrs Little, Dickson and Maddern proved dominant. Little and Dickson have proved key focal points in attack, co-captains Ben Duscher and Trent Shinnars have been solid contributors and the Bombers' AFL listed players seemingly have all bought into Shannon Grant's program.

**Outlook:** Two byes punctuate the last 10 weeks of the home and away season, but apart from that they also face a tough run home. They play Port Melbourne (away) and Williamstown (home) as well as an away trip to Werribee. Bendigo finishes the season hosting the improving North Ballarat. Interspersed in the fixture are games against Box Hill Hawks, Coburg Tigers, Geelong and Collingwood, where they'll start warm favourites.

**Verdict:** Bendigo would have

to endure a massive melt down to miss making the finals, especially with a few of their remaining games at the QE Oval. If the Bombers want to make a serious assault on the premiership they will need to show they're capable of beating a team above them. They certainly get that opportunity against Port Melbourne and Williamstown and would need to win at least one if not both games to secure a top four finish at the end of the home and away season.

### **BOX HILL HAWKS**

**2011 Position:** 9th 3-6

**2010 Position:** 8th 4-5

**Goalkickers:** Jordan Lisle (20), Jayden Hoegel (11), Derick Wanganeen (10)

**Season so far:** Frustrating best sums up the VFL Hawks season. Others may prefer a

more colourful term, but Box Hill Hawks start has certainly been laced with a large dollop of what might have been. Box Hill Hawks have lost four games by 19-points or less and they were clearly in a position to win three of those games. The Hawks led Williamstown by 20-points at half time, but were overrun in the second half to lose by 11-points and they were in an even stronger position against Northern Bullants when they led by four goals at half time, but capitulated with a 5 to 10 goal second half. And, it was even worse against the previously win-less Geelong, whom they led by seven-points at three-quarter time, but were run-over by the Cats in the last term. Box Hill Hawks took an eternity to shake off a persistent Frankston to mathematically keep alive

their flickering finals hopes. Admittedly, Box Hill Hawks have been hit by key injuries to senior VFL players – Beau Muston and Shaun Pollard – as well as to the Hawthorn list and star recruit Adam Pattison missed two games through suspension. Box Hill Hawks has won one close match, however, against Sandringham and they were competitive against Port Melbourne, succumbing by only four goals in the season opener. One of Box Hill Hawks biggest concerns is applying enough scoreboard pressure. Only once – against Coburg Tigers – have they kicked a century scoreline with 10-12 goals its season average.

**Outlook:** While Muston and Pollard will play in the second half and Pattison is getting better every week, Box Hill Hawks season looks



*Bendigo coach Shannon Grant will hope to lead the Bombers into the finals this season.*

consigned to the 'what if' books. Those narrow losses look set to come back to haunt the club as its run home shapes as extremely tough.

**Verdict:** Given the heartache endured in the first half of the season, Box Hill has dug a considerable hole for themselves. If they are to somehow find a way out they will have to start winning on a consistent basis. For the Hawks to make the finals they will need to win seven of their remaining nine games. That's a particularly tough assignment given they finish off the season against Port Melbourne and Williamstown as well as playing against Casey, Northern Bullants and North Ballarat.

### CASEY SCORPIONS

**2011 Position:** 4th 6-3

**2010 Position:** 1st 8-1

**Goalkeepers:** Brendan Fevola (16), Matthew Bate (16), Michael Newton (13)

**Season so far:** No shortage of headlines, not all of them wanted, courtesy of the signing of Brendan Fevola and all his tribulations along the way. While 'Fev' has unintentionally hogged the spotlight, Casey has gone about its business of shoring up a finals berth and possibly a top four finish. The Scorpions haven't relied solely on 'Fev' to kick all its goals – Demons Matthew Bate and Michael Newton have complimented the former Carlton/Brisbane star in that regard – and there have been plenty of other contributors. Casey's defence has been frugal. Only Port

Melbourne, Williamstown and Collingwood have posted century scorelines against Casey, who took the 'big two' clubs down to the wire in both games with the Borough and the Seagulls winning by 10 and 20-points respectively. In fact, Casey outscored Port 12-5 goals in the second half. Northern Bullants is the only other club to defeat the Scorpions and, again, that match was in the balance until the final siren. The Scorpions have dealt with all those others teams around them – Bendigo (27-points), North Ballarat (56 and that was at North Ballarat) and Sandringham (10 and that was at the Trevor Barker Oval). Captain James Wall has been good, Michael Stockdale is starting to regain the form he showed last season when a VFL representative player and Melbourne has run a number of its talented young players through Casey in a bid to play them into form.

**Outlook:** Casey has done enough to suggest it will again be a finalist and the club is certainly well placed to make a push for a top four finish. Obviously, Fevola will be a key player as he regains match fitness. There is little doubt that he is a top quality player and he will prove a handful as the finals approach. Melbourne's depth is such that the Scorpions will have plenty of talent at their disposal. The Scorpions have also been aided by a fabulous draw – they don't play Port Melbourne and Williamstown again and its game against Northern Bullants is at Casey Fields

– and they play the current five bottom clubs - Frankston, Coburg Tigers, Geelong, Collingwood and Box Hill Hawks – in the run home.

**Verdict:** Lock Casey Scorpions in for their fifth successive finals campaign. The Scorpions have proved they're not too far off Port Melbourne and Williamstown and if 'Fev' gets it altogether then the Scorpions could be making headlines for all the right reasons.



Casey's Tim Mohr



## COBURG TIGERS

**2011 Position:** 11th 1-7

**2010 Position:** 11th 3-6

**Goalkickers:** Nick Carnell (15), Dylan Murphy (9), Ben Nason (6)

**Season so far:** Disappointing is the only way to describe Coburg Tigers season. While the club has been a victim of having three byes in the first 10 rounds, which curtailed momentum and consistency, there's no denying the club has under-performed. Admittedly, it could have been a different season if Coburg Tigers had not lost against Sandringham and Northern Bullants by three and seven points respectively in the first two games they played. From there on it's got pretty ugly. Box Hill Hawks, Williamstown and North Ballarat all defeated Coburg by 50-plus points and then Frankston snapped a 22-game losing streak when they made the long trek to Craigieburn and came from a quarter-time deficit to surge clear to post a 19-point win. It sent the club to rock bottom, but to the players credit they re-grouped to defeat Collingwood comfortably for their first win of the season. Certainly, it was overdue. Port Melbourne provided an insight of just how far off the pace Coburg Tigers are with a 104-point victory. Injuries have played a part with Justin Kahlefeldt and Sam Power missing games, but injuries, regrettably, comes with the territory. And, there have been plenty of Richmond players with AFL talent playing on a regular basis. Unfortunately

for Coburg Tigers it hasn't amounted to anywhere near enough wins. What has been the real positive has been the emergence of several young players Willie Wheeler, Dylan Murphy and Glen Grgic.

**Outlook:** The good news is that Coburg Tigers don't have to worry about Port Melbourne and Williamstown for the rest of the season. The other positive is there will be some continuity with Coburg Tigers playing 10 games in a row before the season ends with a bye in the final round of the home and away season. At least first-year coach Adam Potter can get some momentum going and hopefully this can produce better results.

**Verdict:** With finals virtually out of the equation, Coburg Tigers must view the second half as building for 2012 by bleeding young players and discovering which ones can help it going forward. Coburg Tigers haven't played finals for the past two seasons and it must gain some core VFL players.

## COLLINGWOOD

**2011 Position:** 10th 3-7

**2010 Position:** 5th 6-3

**Goalkickers:** Brett Eddy (18), Brad Dick (12), Jack Peckham (10)

**Season so far:** Mixed bag – inspiring victories and demoralising losses with more of the latter than the former for the Collingwood faithful's liking. It opened with a 74-point shellacking of Frankston, but then there was a spate of similar sized losses – Werribee (90-points) and

Bendigo Bombers (80), but to the VFL Magpies credit they literally climbed off the canvas to defeat reigning premier North Ballarat by one point following a five to one goal last quarter. Collingwood clung to a four-point victory against Geelong after jumping to a six goal to zero goal opening term. The VFL Magpies proved competitive against Williamstown, but they were never really in the losses against Coburg Tigers (39-points),



Photo: Damian Visentini

**Collingwood caused an upset in round 5 by defeating North Ballarat.**

Casey Scorpions (42) and Northern Bullants (46). As the season has progressed, Collingwood has been forced to call up more and more top up players as injury hits its AFL list. Interestingly, top up players Tom Sundberg and captain Kris Pendlebury have been among their best each week with Sundberg enjoying a career season, putting himself right in contention for VFL Team Of The Year selection.

**Outlook:** Challenging run home for the Magpies as they encounter Port Melbourne and Williamstown (in back-to-back weeks) and two games against Sandringham, but they have return games against Frankston and Geelong and an away trip to Box Hill Hawks.

**Verdict:** It is hard to imagine that Collingwood will win enough games to climb into the eight, but then against that's not a key focus for the club. If the Magpies can overcome their injury concerns and field their best team then, as they've shown at times this season, they will prove formidable opponents in the run into the finals.

## FRANKSTON

2011 Position: 13th 1-8

2010 Position: 14th 1-8

**Goalkickers:** Luke Clark (17), Bob McCallum (8), Shane Hockey (6)

**Season so far:** For the first eight rounds it must have seemed like Groundhog Day for the Dolphins. Season 2011 started just as last season ended – defeat followed defeat, some of them

stinging. While Frankston was competitive against arch rival Sandringham, they were on the receiving end of some frightful hidings from Collingwood (74-points), Bendigo Bombers (52) and Casey (76), but it was their biggest defeat – a 20-goal mauling against Port Melbourne, which proved a line in the sand. After that uncompetitive display, the Dolphin players met and decided they never wanted to endure such collective embarrassment again. Talk may be cheap, the Frankston rebounded with some action. They tested Northern Bullants for much of the day, falling 16-points short then travelled to Craigieburn where they overcame a tardy start to upset Coburg Tigers to post their first victory in 23 matches. Ironically, Frankston's last victory was against Coburg Tigers last season. Reigning premiers North Ballarat were made to work overtime for its 28-point win and they took Box Hill Hawks down to the wire. Forward Luke Clark has proved a focal point in attack, Russ Gabriel has toiled against bigger, stronger ruckmen, Toby Thoolen has enjoyed a consistently good season and Mark Baguely has cut out opposition prime movers while winning plenty of the ball himself.

**Outlook:** Coach Simon Goosey is committed to turning over his young list in a bid to find players who can cut it at the VFL level. Already, Goosey has discovered youngsters like Emilo Bitters, Daniel Uzarevic,

Gavin Marusic, Andrew Douglas and Rob Clements who have all displayed enough to say they could develop into fine VFL players.

**Verdict:** If Frankston players remain true to their pact after the Port Melbourne humbling then they will have a far more enjoyable second half of the season. Certainly, the signs have been encouraging so far. While they won't make a march on the finals, Frankston can continue to make improvement in the second half of the season. The likely inclusion of experienced Clint Proctor and Paul Rogash, who've missed large chunks of the season through injury, will only help.



Photo: Damian Visentini

**Coburg and Frankston have both recorded just the one win each so far this season.**

## GEELONG

**2011 Position:** 12th 1-8

**2010 Position:** 10th 3-6

**Goalkickers:** Mitchell Brown (17), Nathan Vardy (11), Jordan Schroder (10)

**Season so far:** Geelong's season hasn't scaled any great heights. In fact, the VFL Cats were the last club to post its first win for the season and even that round 10 match was anything but convincing as they scraped home by a solitary point against Box Hill Hawks. Geelong was certainly in the contest against Collingwood, a match they lost by four-points, back in round 7. And, they were competitive in the season-opener against Casey Scorpions, which they lost by 17-points, but, for the most part Geelong has struggled to gain any real traction. Geelong has lost five games in the 28-45 point range. Significantly, only once – against Williamstown, back in round 4 – have Geelong posted a century scoreline. Conversely, they've allowed four hundred plus scorelines and that differential is telling in many respects. Mature age VFL recruit Andrew McLean has been outstanding in defence, positioning himself well for VFL Team Of The Year honours. Captain Matthew Firman and former Brisbane Lion Troy Selwood have been solid contributors, but Geelong's young list has taken time to adjust to the VFL tempo.

**Outlook:** With Northern Bullants and Port Melbourne on the horizon, Geelong faces

another couple of testing weeks. The VFL Cats will like their chances against Frankston, Coburg Tigers and Collingwood, but it shapes as slim pickings for Geelong.

**Verdict:** Unless there is a stunning form reversal, Geelong will miss the VFL finals for the third time in the past four years. The VFL Cats appear a fair way off the mark in comparison to ladder leader Port Melbourne who are bursting with seasoned VFL players most with 50 plus games behind them.

## NORTH BALLARAT

**2011 Position:** 6th 6-3

**2010 Position:** 3rd 7-2

**Goalkickers:** Aaron Edwards (18), Derick Micallef (14), Aaron Black (10)

**Season so far:** It appeared after its first four matches that North Ballarat's world had fallen apart – three losses, including a head-spinning one point loss against Collingwood when they led by a big enough margin to win the Melbourne to Warrnambool bike race! And, two of those losses were at North Ballarat's Eureka Stadium where they have been nigh on invincible in recent seasons. But, that was the Rooster's lot early in the season as they struggled to come to terms without all their premiership stars over recent seasons – former captain Shaune Moloney, Liston Trophy winner Stephen Clifton, exciting Isaac Smith as well as North Melbourne players Corey Jones, Josh Smith and David Hale. North Ballarat's sole win during this

period was a 17-point win against Werribee Tigers, who literally kicked themselves out of the contest. Anyway, North Ballarat has rebounded from that poor start to post comfortable wins against Geelong, Coburg Tigers, Box Hill Hawks, Frankston and Williamstown. The latest win against the Seagulls carried more than just the four points. It was a statement that the Roosters are very much in the flag equation. There has been some outstanding cameos from Aaron Edwards, who booted 10 goals against Geelong and young rookie defender Luke Delaney. One pleasing aspects has been the return from injury of premiership forward Billy Driscoll, which has added some bite to a Rooster's attack that when Edwards is not there looks pedestrian. Just four times have North Ballarat kicked a century scoreline and only one of those – Williamstown - was against clubs anywhere near the eight.

**Outlook:** Full credit to Gerard FitzGerald for getting North Ballarat back in the race, so to speak, but it also must be noted the draw has been extremely kind to the reigning premiers. North Ballarat, thanks to the vagaries of the draw, have not played against two of the top three clubs, but Port Melbourne and Northern Bullants await in the next two weeks with Sandringham right on that pair's tail. Williamstown travels to North Ballarat at the end of next month and Bendigo Bombers, which the Roosters have owned in recent

years, host them in the second last home and away match.

**Verdict:** While it would be folly to dismiss North Ballarat from the premiership equation there is no doubting they are not anywhere near as strong as they've been in the past three seasons. The next month will paint a clearer picture as to where North Ballarat sits. There's little doubt that North Ballarat will play finals for the sixth successive season, but many, many things need to fall into place if they're to make it four in a row.

### **NORTHERN BULLANTS**

**2011 Position:** 3rd 7-2

**2010 Position:** 6th 5-4

**Goalkickers:** Ahmed Saad (21), Lachlan Henderson (12), Wayne Twomey (9)

**Season so far:** After the disappointment of losing the past two Grand Finals, Northern Bullants have put itself right in the mix for the 2011 VFL premiership. The Bullants have dropped just two matches – one against the unbeaten Port Melbourne and the other an inexplicable seven goal defeat against Werribee in what can only be described as a goal binge – a total of 39 were kicked for the match. The Bullants have won three matches decided by under 10-points. Lucky, or is it a sign of a good club knowing what's needed to win under the blowtorch pressure? If you win enough of the close games it's only fair and reasonable to be categorised as the latter. Importantly, one of those wins was against Casey Scorpions, a club

they'll come up against in the finals. Some of those wins were not pretty – the 16-point victory against Frankston was a scrappy affair from the get-go. Northern Bullants kept pace with Port for much of the match, but the Borough were always able to kick an extra goal when needed and this saw the end of an enthralling game blow out to 24-points. Exciting young forward Ahmed Saad started the season explosively with an eight-goal haul, but he's been reeled in as the season has progressed and opposition teams identify him as a prime mover and assign their best negator to him. Veterans, captain Adam Iacobucci and best and fairest winner Jarrod McCorkell have again led the way, but one of the most pleasing aspects for the Bullants is the emergence of youngsters Adam Marcon, son of club legend, Adrian; Tim Lincoln and the continued improvement of Toby Thomas and Nick Meese.

**Outlook:** Testing second half of the season for the Bullants, who again have to face Port Melbourne at the North Port Oval, but they play host to North Ballarat and Williamstown. Such is the draw, Northern Bullants play Geelong twice in the second half of the season and end the home and away season with a trip to Casey.

**Verdict:** The last two games may well determine whereabouts in the eight the Bullants finish. There's little doubt they'll play finals and if they can win as many games as they did in the first half of

the season then they'll finish in the top four and give themselves every chance to launch an attack on the flag.

### **PORT MELBOURNE**

**2011 Position:** 1st 9-0

**2010 Position:** 4th 7-2

**Goalkickers:** Patrick Rose (38), Dean Galea (26), Chris Cain (15), Ryan McMahon (11)

**Season so far:** It's been a start of the season to take those Port Melbourne faithful back to the club's halcyon days of the mid 1970s and early 1980s. Port Melbourne has looked by far the best team in the competition as its record would suggest. The Borough has answered every challenge and plenty have been thrown at them. They won the two close games – Casey Scorpions (10-points) and Sandringham (16) and, most significantly, they belted arch rivals and nemesis Williamstown by 51-points. Admittedly, it was a filthy day, but that's what football can throw up at you. They easily accounted for Bendigo Bombers (seven goals), Box Hill Hawks (four goals) and Werribee (19-points). Port's aggressive and selective recruiting drive has already paid handsome dividends. Patrick Rose has fitted in at Port Melbourne as if he's played there all his life. Rose has always been a quality player, this year he's taken his game to a new level. He's worked in tandem with his close mate Dean Galea to give the Borough a lethal one-two punch. Only twice have Port failed to kick a 100-point plus

scoreline and both those times they kicked 97-points. They relentlessly apply scoreboard pressure. Wayde Skipper is an accomplished player who many believe could still be playing in the AFL. The big, mobile ruckman has been in good touch and then there are all the usual suspects – Sam Pleming, Adam Bentick, John Baird, Corey McGrath, Chris Cain, Sam Dwyer, Nathan Batsanis and Ryan McMahon – all playing well. The list is endless and that's the key to Port Melbourne's success – the depth of its players. Consider that earlier in the

month Messrs Nixon, Brewer, DeLuca, Sinclair, Fanning and Keely all played in the reserves – they would all be walk up starts at any other club. And, Liston Trophy winner Shane Valenti is likely to return later in the season after injuring an ankle.

**Outlook:** Can Port Melbourne maintain and sustain its momentum? No reason why not. They've got the above mentioned depth and that keeps the pressure on everyone on the list. Positions will only go to those guys in form and everyone knows it. Port plays Williamstown and

Northern Bullants, the two teams most likely to trouble it come finals, in the second half of the season. The Borough also venture to Eureka Stadium to play reigning premiers North Ballarat, but have five games at home and on available evidence that doesn't bode well for opposing clubs.

**Verdict:** Well, what is certain is that Port Melbourne has given itself its best chance in a long time to end its premiership drought. What Gary Ayres will be mindful about is that no one hands out premiership medallions in June. There is still half the season remaining, including finals. Port Melbourne will definitely finish in the top four, most likely the top two. If it can maintain its form and not suffer any long term injuries the Borough is very much the team the others have to beat.

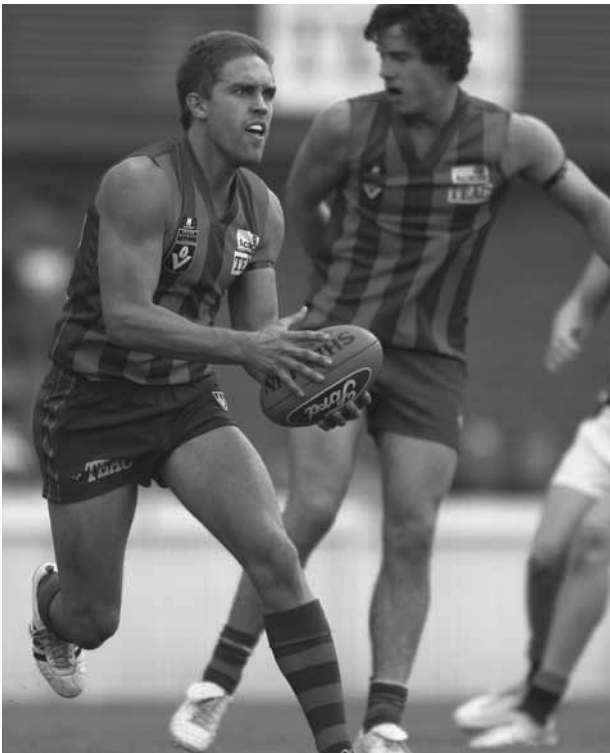
### **SANDRINGHAM**

**2011 Position:** 8th 4-5

**2010 Position:** 9th 4-5

**Goalkickers:** Michael Lourey (21), Will Johnson (18), Ryan Gamble (11), Nicholas Heyne (10)

**Season so far:** It's hard to gain an accurate read on just where Sandringham sits in the season 2011 puzzle. At their best the Zebras look a legitimate top four club, but other times they've scuffled and you are left wondering if they'll in fact make the finals. Sandringham started the season well under new coach Brett Lovett with wins against Coburg Tigers and Frankston, but both were hard fought affairs and given



**Chris Cain is one of the leading goalkickers this season for Port, alongside Galea and Rose.**

the respective standings of the teams maybe Zebras fans were lured into false hope. Sandringham certainly tested Port Melbourne, but the Borough prevailed by 16-points. Wins and losses were traded against Williamstown and Geelong then Box Hill Hawks inflicted a five-point defeat, a game that saw the Zebras stand up the home team far too big a lead. It seemed Sandringham was staring another defeat in the face when they travelled to Werribee and trailed by three goals at half time, but the Zebras produced its finest half of the season with a 15 to 5 goal second half to post a 43-point win. Many thought it may be the spark the club required. It wasn't the case as Casey deflated Sandringham with a 10-point win at the Trevor Barker Oval. And, they lost another home game against Bendigo Bombers who simply were too good. Injuries have certainly made it tough going for the Zebras with star recruit Marcus Marigliani yet to play a game, captain David Gallagher suffering an eye injury and forward Brett Dore and Daniel Sands enduring knee injuries.

**Outlook:** Tough run home for Sandringham as they play every team above them on the ladder with the exception of Williamstown. What makes that equation even tougher is that they play Port Melbourne, North Ballarat and Casey Scorpions away. The upside is that Messrs Marigliani, Gallagher and Dore should be back playing.

**Verdict:** Jury still out with Sandringham. One feels they need all their VFL guns playing and for St Kilda players to make a presence felt. The Zebras can make the finals, but just how far they progress depends upon many variables.

### WERRIBEE TIGERS

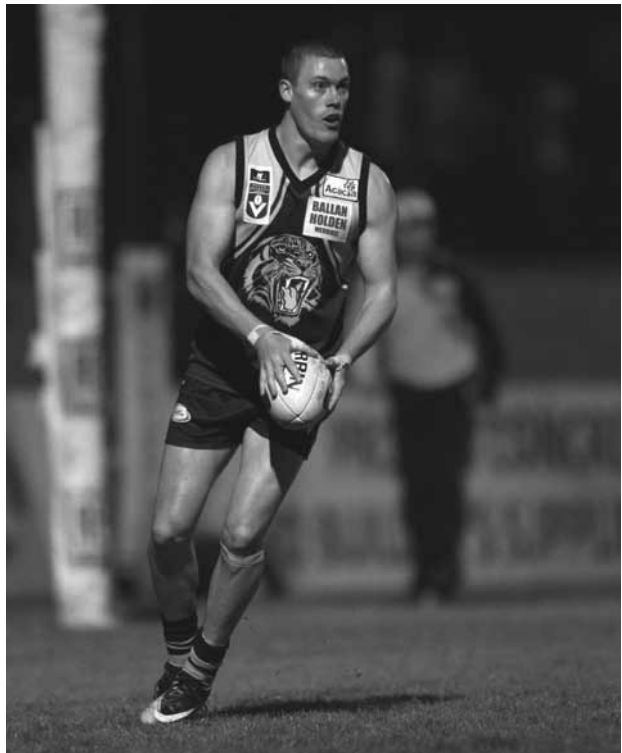
**2011 Position:** 7th 5-5

**2010 Position:** 13th 1-7-1

**Goalkickers:** Ben McKinley (24), Robbie Castello (23), Cam Pederson (13)

**Season so far:** If Sandringham is a puzzle then Werribee is the proverbial Rubik's Cube. How do you work them out?

It seems that Werribee either destroys the opposition or they opposition destroys them. Werribee's closest games are two 19-point affairs, both of which they lost to North Ballarat and Port Melbourne. Dreadful kicking cost them against North Ballarat and they were forever playing catch-up against the Borough. Williamstown belted them by 51-points in the season opener, Bendigo Bombers trounced them by 11-goals and they coughed up a three goal lead against Sandringham to lose by 43-points. When Werribee has



*Leigh Harding will hope to play a big part in Werribee Tigers returning to the finals this season.*

been on they've been as dominating as any team. Accuracy stopped the 28-point win against Geelong being double that margin and they demolished Collingwood and Box Hill Hawks by 90 and 47-points respectively. But, Werribee's most impressive performance was its seven goal win against Northern Bullants, which included Carlton's Matthew Kreuzer, Lachlan Henderson, Ryan Houlihan and Shaun Hampson and all the Bullants' top VFL players. Former West Coast Eagle Ben McKinley has proved a focal point in attack, Robbie Castello is forever dangerous around goal and captain Dominic Gleeson could be heading towards another best and fairest. Ben Sharp is enjoying a career year and Majak Daw is an exciting talent.

**Outlook:** As infuriating as Werribee has been for its supporters the road into the finals looks just as treacherous as they have two games against Casey Scorpions, host Williamstown, travel to North Ballarat and venture to the Trevor Barker Oval. None of those can be confidently ticked off as a win so for Werribee to lock away a finals berth they must defeat all the clubs below them on the ladder, effectively silencing all would-be challengers.

**Verdict:** Hard to know what to expect from Werribee given their form card so far. What works in Werribee's favour is there doesn't appear to be too many, if any, legitimate challengers below them on

the ladder. If, and it's a big if, Werribee reproduced its form against Northern Bullants form on a consistent basis then it would not only make the eight, but shoot up the ladder.

## WILLIAMSTOWN

**2011 Position:** 2nd 7-2

**2010 Position:** 2nd 7-2

**Goalkickers:** Mitch Hahn (20), Andrew Hooper (14), Brett Goodes (10)

**Season so far:** Williamstown started the season as flag favourites and up until they played Port Melbourne and North Ballarat it appeared as if the odds-makers assessment was on the money. As has been its custom in the first half of seasons over the past three to four years, the Seagulls literally flew the gates, beating up on all and sundry. Werribee copped a 51-point hiding, Geelong was dealt a 31-point defeat, Coburg Tigers and Sandringham were dispatched with by 52 and 35-point losses respectively. It set up what many believed to be a Grand Final preview when they ventured to Port Melbourne for a top-of-the-table clash. It proved a fizzer as the Borough spanked the Seagulls by 51-points in what can only be described as an uncharacteristic performance. Admittedly, the conditions favoured Port Melbourne, but the Borough was clearly the better team. Williamstown rebounded by comfortable wins against Collingwood and Casey and they advanced to the Foxtel Cup Semi-Finals. But, North Ballarat, which has owned Williamstown, served a

telling reminder that the 2011 flag is anything but a two club race.

**Outlook:** Interesting draw for Williamstown who again play North Ballarat, Northern Bullants, Bendgio Bombers and Werribee, but the match that will hold the most interest in the run into the finals is the return match against Port Melbourne at Chirnside Park in round 20. It will give Peter German a much greater insight into whether the Seagulls are a legitimate premiership contender.

**Verdict:** Williamstown struck pay dirt with Western Bulldogs mature age rookies Mitch Hahn and Ed Barlow, who have proved invaluable week in, week out. Its VFL list headed by captain Brett Johnson, Ben Jolley, Brett Davies, Brett Goodes and David Stretton is as strong as ever, but can they beat Port?



# Spider's trivia

Test your knowledge of the VFL in Matt 'Spider' Lee's 10 question trivia quiz.

- 1 Who kicked 5 goals for Casey Scorpions last week in the win over Collingwood?
- 2 Which team eliminated the Northern Bullants from the Foxtel Cup last weekend?
- 3 Malcolm Lynch is playing VFL for which club in 2011?
- 4 Who won the 2007 VFL Reserves Premiership?
- 5 Who was the leading goalkicker in the VFL Seniors in 1998?
- 6 Which club won the VFA 1981 Division 2 Premiership?
- 7 Who won the 1993 Norm Goss Medal?
- 8 Who won the 1978 J.J. Liston Trophy?
- 9 Ron Todd played VFA Footy for which club?
- 10 In 2005 who won the Frank Johnson Medal for the best player in the VFL representative team against the SANFL?

*Answers*  
1. Lynden Dunn, 2. Claremont, 3. Port Melbourne, 4. Coburg Tigers, 5. Shayne Smith, 6. Camberwell Cobras, 7. David Allday - Werribee, 8. Barry Nolan & Trevor Durward, 9. Williamstown, 10. Ben Atkin

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# Bombers accurate win



**BENDIGO has surged into top four contention after overcoming a wasteful Sandringham outfit by 26 points at the Trevor Barker Beach Oval on Sunday as James Hunter Smith reports.**

Led by electric forwards Matthew Little (five goals), Tory Dickson (four) and Justin Maddern (four), the Bombers crucified their inaccurate opponents, storming home 17.7 (109) to 11.17 (83).

Kyle Reimers had a day out, providing plenty of run through the midfield while Brent Prissmall and Irish rookie Michael Quinn were also strong.

For the Zebras, Will Johnson was outstanding with five goals while James Magner (35 touches), Tom Lynch (35) and Andrew McQualter (33) found plenty of the ball.

The win boosts Bendigo into fifth place on the Peter Jackson VFL ladder at the halfway point of the season while Sandringham sit just inside the top eight, Box Hill and Collingwood hot on their tail.

Bendigo coach Shannon Grant said he was delighted with his troops' overall performance.

"I was really proud of the group today. I was really proud to be their coach," he said.

"They way they continued to go about their business and fight

and scrap and play the game out I was really pleased with." Grant made particular note of his forwards, lauding their consistent efforts and even contributions throughout the season.

"They're all sharing the workload at the moment," he said.

"They're all pretty dangerous forwards when the ball's coming in. For the small amount of football they've played together they're doing it really well."

The Bombers got away to a dream start with Dickson kicking the first three majors of the game, outmuscling his opponents with relative ease. While Sandringham was on top of the clearance count-13 to 4 for the quarter- Bendigo converted more of their opportunities in front of goal, entering the first break with a nine-point lead.

Justin Maddern was superb in the second term, kicking three majors and worked hard around the ground, helping his side go into the main break with a 32-point lead.

The Zebras could have been in a better position at the half if not for wasted opportunities, with forwards Michael Lourey and Chris Irving missing crucial set shots only 25 meters out.

Turnovers plagued Sandringham in the third term, as Bendigo stretched their lead even further with the help of Kyle Reimers who seemed to find the ball no matter where he was.

The Zebras were winning out of the middle but Bendigo was harder at the ball, leading the tackle count 53 to 25 and inside fifties 45 to 31.

Will Johnson booted a goal with only minutes remaining in the term, but any chance of a Sandringham fight back was immediately halted after Matthew Little slotted two late goals in the remaining 60 seconds.

The Zebras dominated possession for most of the final quarter with Johnson booting another four majors in the space of 20 minutes, but it was too little too late as Bendigo ran out comfortable 26-point winners. Sandringham coach Brett Lovett said he was frustrated with the lack of effort many of his players demonstrated.

"We had some really goods players, and then we had probably half a dozen guys who just really had no impact," he said.

"It's pretty hard when that happens, we need to have a bit more of an even contribution." Lovett said his team are capable of improving their poor win/loss record in the second half of the season, but need to capitalise on more of their chances.

"I truly believe we're better than that," he said.

"I think we've got the group here...we just haven't been able to step up when the opportunities [have] arisen.

"Until we can actually win these games against sides that are above us on the ladder everyone's going to be doubting us."

This week Bendigo will hope to consolidate their position in the top four as they take on Box Hill at Windy Hill, while Sandringham get the week off with a bye.

## In the outer

EACH week at a VFL game we will catch up with a fan in the crowd.



**Name:** Leigh Bassindale

**Lives:** Cranbourne East

**VFL team you support:** Madly behind the Casey Scorpions

**How did you come to support**

**Casey:** When I first started seeing my girlfriend at the time, her parents were well known

around the Springvale footy club, as they were a family business helping out the local footy club. I just got behind supporting them as well, and it went on from there.

**Favourite VFL player currently at Casey:** Wally (James Wall) and Matty Bate are great, but I like to follow all of them. Kyle Matthews is also another great player when he is out there. I just like to get behind the guys and cheer them on.

**AFL club you support:** St Kilda

**Most memorable VFL moment:** I just like seeing a good, hard, solid match which everyone likes to see. One sided games are not that much of a spectacle.

**What do you enjoy about VFL football:** It's a lot better than going out to watch the AFL, a lot cheaper and you see as much in the VFL as you see in the AFL, and it is great to see the crowds get behind their local clubs as well.

**Any possible AFL draftees currently playing in the VFL in 2011:** I would like to see a few of the guys get up there. It is a good breeding ground for them.

**Favourite food at the footy:** Would have to be a pie

**Grand final prediction:** It would be nice to see Casey up there. Probably Port Melbourne and Williamstown are the others likely to be up there.

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# Hawks claim comeback win

BOX Hill Hawks recorded their third win of the season last weekend against Frankston, but as has been the norm so far this season, they did not have the game all their own way.

The Hawks failed to kick a major in the first term as Frankston stunned their opponents by opening up a 23 point lead at quarter time. But unlike some of their other close encounters so far this season, the Hawks were able to dig deep, and grind out a 28 point win.



“They dug in deep the boys. Frankston were a very competitive side, and we were under the pump even 15 minutes into the last quarter, it could have gone either way, so it was a challenge for us, but we got over the line and that was terrific,” Box Hill Hawks coach Damian Carroll said.

“We have had an interesting month with a couple of narrow defeats and the boys were starting to drop their heads a bit in terms of the win/loss record, so to get that win was really important for us which was great.”

At quarter time Carroll tried to stress the positives to his side, that despite being down on the scoreboard, the Hawks were ahead on the stats sheet. Despite the positives, there was still some disappointment at the Hawks start to the game.

“There was a lot of frustration – we had 30 more possessions but we were not making an impact on the scoreboard at all. Full credit to Frankston they rolled back pretty well and started a lot of their attacks from the back 50, rebounded well and were clean inside 50,” Carroll said.

“We wanted to emphasise that we were getting our hands on the ball but had to be cleaner, and there was still plenty of time to make up the difference.

“We had to have a better second quarter, we pulled back a couple of goals and then the third quarter was

one of our best for the year. Thankfully we were able to hold on in the last.”

The injuries at AFL aligned club Hawthorn have not helped the Hawks, especially in the talls department. David Hale was a late withdrawal from the Box Hill side last weekend, and leading goal kicker Jordan Lisle is in line, along with Hale, to be a ready replacement for injured Hawk Jarryd Roughhead.

“It does put pressure on us at Box Hill level, but injuries bring opportunities for others, and certainly a number of those Box Hill listed players are getting that opportunity which is pleasing to see as they work hard on their footy,” Carroll said.

Two Box Hill listed players that would fit into the Hawks best lineup, but have also been struck down by injury this season, are Shaun Pollard and Beau Muston.

“Polly (Pollard) is getting better week by week (4 games back in the reserves) and is more confident in his knee, and Musto is still three or four weeks away but he is back running now which is a real positive for us.

“Both are great footballers, but great leaders as well, and we have probably lacked that with the number of first and second year players in the seniors that we have had playing with us this year .. we have lacked one or two leaders sometimes to help us get over the line.”



## **Congratulations Joshua Caldwell of the Werribee Tigers on being selected for the round 12 Acacia Student of the Round.**

**Name:** Joshua Caldwell

**Why selected as Acacia student of the week:**

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**Junior Club:** Ballarat Football Club

**Favourite Movie:** The Hangover

**Favourite Food:** Roast vegetables

**What skills have you been able to learn from the Acacia course?** Goal setting skills, as well as the different personality types and the way different people respond to situations

**What other sports did you play as a kid growing up?** Nil

**Why did you decide on football as your sport of choice?** Team sport and enjoyable to play with friends

**Who is your favourite AFL player?** Nick Riewoldt

**Which AFL player do you feel you resemble, and why?** Jack Riewoldt

**What are your strengths as a footballer:** Team

orientated, as a defender this is my role

**What parts of your game would you like to improve?** Disposal

**Which AFL team do you support and how did you come to barrack for them?** Essendon, have just barracked for them since i was a young kid

**Who has been the biggest influence on your career so far, and why?** Dad comes to all the games and just tells me to enjoy it

**What advice have you been given in the past that has helped you get as far as you have so far in your career?** From dad, to just enjoy it and have fun

**How do you find a balance between school and football?** Developed relationships with teachers to find time to hang around after school to catch up on some things I may have missed during school footy, or through large training commitments.

**What are your aims for both football and in life?** To have a successful career in the construction industry, as well as continue to enjoy my footy with mates.

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# 5 minutes with...

afl.com.au reporter  
Nat Edwards.

*24 year old Nat Edwards cut her teeth in the media at a local level, helping cover the VFL for 3WBC. During the week we spent 5 minutes with Nat, to discover her favourite stories and the role of females in the media.*

**What was your big break?** I think I'm still finding my way in the industry and still searching for my "big break" but to date I've had so many awesome opportunities to refine my skills as a reporter and broadcaster. Straight out of university, I was lucky enough to score a job with afl.com.au producing and hosting my own video news show called AFL Today.

Reporting on footy at an AFL level was always a dream of mine, and I was fortunate enough to land a job in that field straight away, and I'm still there today- three years later. For me though, a lot of it started back when I volunteered with the EFL media team as a boundary reporter and around the grounds reporter. Then from there more opportunities at VFL level with 3WBC opened up, and then the AFL so there was a lot of hard work to get to this point.

**Is it more difficult for women to break into the media?** I think it has become easier for women to break into the sports media industry thanks to a few pioneers like Caroline Wilson and the like. I believe that a lot of news services are seeing the importance of having diversity in the news room and even

though some of us ladies may not have played the game (I played Auskick), we still have a lot to offer in terms of analysis, opinion and our views on the game. As a woman, if you're passionate about football, tennis, whatever it may be, you just have to put yourself out there and back yourself. I don't see myself as a lady in a bloke's world- I'm just another reporter who loves the game.

**Has there been anyone in the media that you look up to at all?** In terms of a female role model, Angel Pippas is the one for me. She has a great outlook on sport and life and I loved watching her read the sports on ABC- she really inspired me to take up journalism. She had a great way of presenting the news and has a terrific broadcast voice and I am so lucky to have worked with someone like her on AFL Today in my first year out of uni. The experience was invaluable.

**Do you still keep an eye on the VFL?** I love keeping in touch with football at a VFL level. It's a great competition and it's important too from my point of view to keep an eye on the young kids at AFL clubs running around at that level. It gives you more insight to the development of new players at the club, and players who perhaps have been dropped from their AFL teams. And now more than ever there is a bigger push on recruiting readymade players to AFL clubs and the VFL has had many success stories. Hawthorn midfielder Sam Mitchell started out at Box Hill and it's great to see more

recently, the likes of Lukas Markovic, Ed Curnow, James Podsiadly and Cam Pederson making their mark in the AFL. I love watching games of VFL in the hope that I might spot another Michael Barlow!

**Favourite report/story/interview?** Some of my favourite interviews though have come at the NAB AFL Draft combine (camp). It's great to be able to chat to the young AFL hopefuls at the camps and allows you to forge relationships with them before they hit the big time. Interviewing the young players is great because they are just so honest when they talk to you, and you can really sense their excitement and love for the game. Lewis Jetta (Sydney Swans) is one draftee that sticks out in my mind. I watched his progress carefully at the 2009 camp and his personality really shone through in the interview. Often you don't get to see a lot of footballers personalities because they tend to be fairly guarded towards the media, but these guys are so raw and unaffected by the media that it is really refreshing to talk to them.





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Action from Williamstown vs North Ballarat last weekend.

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# One quarter wins it for Roosters

A dominant first term by North Ballarat set up a confidence boosting win for the Roosters against Williamstown out at Keilor last weekend.

North Ballarat kicked seven goals to one in the first term, and despite it being the only quarter the Roosters won for the afternoon, they were able to hold on for a 13 point win. More importantly for Gerard FitzGerald's men, it was their first win against a top four side, and is sure to give them plenty of self-belief as they face a huge fortnight, entering the second half of the season with matches against Port Melbourne and the Northern Bullants.

"We set this particular phase of games as being able to find out what degree of improvement we have made over the last few weeks.

"It will also show us what we need to do to re-establish this young group," FitzGerald said.

"Earlier in the year we were not at that level, and we knew that, so we had to try and fast track our teaching and our development and examine all that we do.

"Now we are hopefully showing signs of developing, but this phase we play the top three sides, so we will learn a lot about our boys."

The win over Williamstown on the weekend has helped North Ballarat take their first major step back into finals calculations. A disappointing 1-3 (win/loss) start to the year

has been converted to a 6-3 half year standing, with the Roosters having won their last five games on the trot.

North Ballarat got off to the best possible start against the Seagulls, setting up a 37 point quarter time lead.

"I was really pleased with the quality ball use and our pressure (in the first term).... we won the ball back three or four times, and kicked goals from turnovers," FitzGerald said.

"They are the things we have been working on since the couple of beltings earlier in the year."

After quarter time, Williamstown fought back and continued to eat into the Roosters lead. FitzGerald never felt North Ballarat at any stage had the game in the bag.

"Willi got 60 or 70 more possessions than us, and they won the ball fairly heavily in the third and fourth quarters, as they are a fit side that keep running.

"(the difference was) we were more efficient in the forward 50 and in front of goal."

One player that is no stranger to the Roosters, and has been staking his claim for a return to North Melbourne with great VFL form is Cam Richardson.

"He has been playing well for us ... but what we look for more than anything is just the effort ... what I admire allot about our North Melbourne boys is that they roll up their sleeves and

have a go – it is just a great part of North Melbourne's culture," FitzGerald said.

"It fits in well and it is a terrific relationship between North Ballarat and North Melbourne. With Richo now – he is under the control of the North Melbourne coaching group, and he will have received his feedback and now knows what he needs to do.

"Hopefully we can play a role in getting the outcomes he is looking for and what North are looking for."

Another player that has made a positive return to the senior side is Billy Driscoll. But FitzGerald knows the lively forwards stay in the Roosters side will be short.

"His last few weeks have been very good, but he is heading overseas," FitzGerald said.

"I often say we need to play a practice game against my guys overseas, it would be a good game."

Driscoll will join fellow Roosters of the likes of Searl, Dinnell, Feery and McHugh who have all ventured overseas in recent times.

But despite the class of players that maybe overseas, FitzGerald will continue to concentrate on the talent at his disposal, as his side faces a big fortnight, that could define where his club finishes on the ladder come seasons end.

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# Mirra answering the challenge



DAVID Mirra is one of those unassuming young players with poise beyond his age. At 20 years old, he has emerged in season 2011 as one of the better back men for the Box Hill Hawks.

Recruited from the Eastern Ranges where David was runner-up in the Best & Fairest as well as playing rep football with Vic Metro, the man known affectionately as "Mirradonna" has now cemented his spot in the seniors at Box Hill.

It's a great testimony to his work ethic where he now keeps AFL listed players out

of the Box Hill Hawks senior side. His attack on the ball is excellent, but his ability to work under pressure often "minding" more experienced opponents is top quality.

Recruitment Manager at the Box Hill Hawks, Dale Bleach describes Mirra as a player who shows genuine strength in his game that could see him progress to an AFL list.

"David's closing speed and maturity for his age when under pressure has really improved and he's developing into an important player for the Hawks", Bleach said.

"We see him as a player who could play in any position, but he's been good in the backline so far this year.

Mirra has played 10 senior games this year after playing 18 reserve games in 2010 including the VFL Reserves Premiership which he lists as a career highlight.

"There's a fantastic opportunity to learn and develop your game at Box Hill. All the coaches are willing to take time out for you and give you tips on how to improve. This comes back to having a great culture and Box Hill has certainly established that", said Mirra

"It's a really professional club and the facilities are good with a nice ground. The staff and volunteers alike are all fantastic people who invest time into each other", he added.

David's aim in the short term is to continue to learn and play consistent football for the Box Hill Hawks. He, of course, would love to play finals footy.

Off the field, David is studying Exercise and Sport Science / Sport Management as part of his Commerce degree at Deakin University.

David is level-headed and mature beyond his years. He is simply enjoying his football and his football environment at Box Hill, and dismisses any talk of an AFL career at this point. He is happy to learn, improve and be consistent for the Box Hill Hawks.

I, like many, think that there will be interest in Mirra from AFL clubs. All he has to do is keep doing what he is doing – playing no fuss football and showing passion for the game.

*-Paul Hooper*



# VFL tipsters



**Paul Amy**  
*Leader Newspapers*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**4**



**Ross Booth**  
*ABC-TV*

North Ballarat  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**6**



**Phil Cleary**  
*ABC-TV*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**3**



**Brad McGrath**  
*The Weekly*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Box Hill Hawks

Last rd:  
**4**



**Brent Diamond**  
*The Age*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**5**



**Adrian Dunn**  
*Herald Sun*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**4**



**John Hook**  
*Football Operations  
Manager AFL Victoria*

North Ballarat  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**4**



**The Gospel**

North Ballarat  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**4**



**Paul Hooper**  
*3WBC*

North Ballarat  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Box Hill Hawks

Last rd:  
**4**



**Sam Landsberger**  
*Herald Sun*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**5**



**Nigel Carmody**  
*VFL Radio*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**5**



**Peter Jackson  
Menswear**  
*Sponsor*

Port Melbourne  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**4**



**Mark Stone**  
*SEN*

North Ballarat  
Northern Bullants  
Williamstown  
Casey Scorpions  
Bendigo Bombers

Last rd:  
**6**



## TIPSTERS LEADERBOARD

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Sam Landsberger	46	Ross Booth	41
Brent Diamond	44	Phil Cleary	40
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# VFL club notes

All the latest news, events and match information from inside each VFL club.



**BOX HILL:** Our next home match is Saturday 2 July against Collinwood and will be our first televised match on ABC for 2011. Tickets are selling fast to the President's Luncheon and are available for \$60. Former Collingwood captain Des Tuddenham will be our guest speaker. A date for the diary is the Gala Auction Night on Friday 5 August at The Pavilion. This is the club's biggest fundraiser for the season and is always an entertaining night with plenty of bargains to be found. Tickets are \$130 and include a three course meal, drinks and quality entertainment.



**CASEY:** Our Home next Game is Sunday 19th June, Round 12 Vs Coburg. Events at the Scorpions: Book a seat at our presidents luncheon at home games. \$35 Members and \$40 Non-members. For further details and/or bookings for any Scorpions events contact the club

on 5996 1111 or email: rhiannon@scorpions.com.au You can also keep up to date with everything that is happening at the Casey Scorpions by visiting our website. [www.scorpions.com.au](http://www.scorpions.com.au)



**COBURG:** Coburg's next home match will be held on Sunday 10th July at Highgate Recreational Reserve, Craigieburn, when the Tigers host Bendigo Bombers. President's Luncheon tickets are on sale now for that home match and are \$30 per person. The lunch includes a complimentary two-course meal and guest speaker. To book, please contact the Club on 03 9354 8228 or [ismith@coburgtigers.com.au](mailto:ismith@coburgtigers.com.au) ... Coburg's mid-year gala event is nearly here, Dancing With The Stars will be held on Saturday July 1st at the Ivanhoe Town Hall. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through the Club.... Coburg Football Club is now on Facebook, find our page and 'Like' it to stay up to date with the latest club news including live quarter by quarter scores each weekend. For further information please

go to the Coburg FC website – [www.coburgtigers.com.au](http://www.coburgtigers.com.au) ... Go Burgers!



**FRANKSTON:** We will be holding our annual "Champagne Luncheon" on Sun 10th July. Only \$30 per head for a smorgasbord luncheon & complimentary champers (12 till 2pm). Bookings on 9783 7888. Our Dolphin Bistro is open from 12 till 2pm every home game. At only \$23 a head for a three course luncheon it's great value. We are running a Major Raffle this year with a \$15,000 Travel Voucher as first prize. Tickets are only \$100 each. Are you a member yet? We have our Members Night each Friday with a members draw at 6.15pm. Prize jackpots each week if not claimed!. For any further info contact the Club on 9783 7888.



**NORTH BALLARAT:** Welcome to a very important game today against Port

Melbourne. It will be a fantastic contest and a challenge to play the ladder leaders and test ourselves against a very, very good football side. Congratulations on a very solid and exciting win last weekend against Williamstown in Keilor. A great result for the Club. We thank Tanya Daniels The Good Guys as the Match Day Sponsor today and welcome United Way as the Match Day Gold Coin Beneficiary....we hope you all have a fantastic day at Eureka Stadium. Please make sure you book in for our popular Chairman's Luncheons, our next home game v Sandringham on Saturday 2nd July. \$60 per person for a delicious 2 course meal and drinks. **BOOK NOW!** Phone 5339 5944. Have a fun & safe long weekend! Go Selkirk Roosters.



**PORT MELBOURNE:** Super Draw to be held on Sunday June 26, only 100 tickets @ \$100.00 ticket admits

3 persons, buffet lunch, beer, wine & soft drink from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. Guest Entertainer, comedian, Brad Oakes. Outstanding Value. PMPPA Sports Night on Friday July 29 will be held in the social rooms @ TEAC Oval commencing at 7.00 pm, Guest MC Peter "Crackers" Keenan with the panel consisting of Dane Swan, Wayne Carey, Danny Nikolic, Doug Hawkins, tickets are \$100.00 pp (all inclusive) and are limited to 120, do not miss this one, book now! October 7th Presentation Night @ International Receptions tickets are limited to 150 @ \$100.00pp all inclusive Book early by ringing the club office 9646.2094 or email pmfc@bigpond.net.au Throughout the season we encourage everyone to buy the VFL Football Record to keep up to date with what is happening at the Borough. Visit our website for the latest information [www.pmfc.com.au](http://www.pmfc.com.au) "Go Boroughs"



**WILLIAMSTOWN:** The Williamstown Football Club is holding our annual Auction Night on Friday the 22nd on July at the Yarraville Club. Bookings can be made through Norhana Stipic on 9391 0309. Book in early for our upcoming Networking Lunch with famous racecaller Greg Miles. The lunch is at the Williamstown RSL on Friday the 24th of June, the cost is \$50 for a two course meal with drinks. Bookings can be made through Norhana on 9391 0309. Details of our Foxtel Cup Semi-Final against East Perth are yet to be determined, we will let members and supporters know of all fixturing arrangements as soon as they come to hand. Don't forget to check [www.williamstownfc.com.au](http://www.williamstownfc.com.au) for all the latest news, video's and match reports from the Club.

## TAC Cup Future Stars



Join the team of Craig Hutchinson, Kevin Sheehan, Terry Wallace and Ben Dixon each week as they take an in depth look at the TAC Cup competition.

**Former Sandringham Dragon, now Geelong Cat Taylor Hunt will be on the show.**

**We will feature umpire Hayden O'Connor and highlight the importance of umpiring at all levels.**

*Tune in each Sunday from 1pm on Channel 9.*

# Geelong

Coach: Dale Amos | Captain: Matthew Firman / Troy Selwood

\* AFL Primary Listed Player # AFL Rookie Listed Player

#	PLAYER	DOB	H	W	PREVIOUS CLUB	GAMES	GOALS	
1	Brown*	Mitchell W.	28-Aug-90	196	90	Cheltenham/Mentone Grammar/Sandringham Dragons	6	11
2	Smedts*	Billie	08-Jun-92	189	79	North Warrnambool/Geelong Grammar/Geelong Falcons	0	0
3	Bartel*	Jimmy	04-Dec-83	187	88	Bell Park/Geelong Falcons	26	12
4	Mackie*	Andrew	07-Aug-84	192	84	Glenelg (SA)	36	26
5	Varcoe*	Travis	10-Apr-88	180	80	Central District (SA)	27	19
6	Ottens*	Brad	25-Jan-80	202	104	Glenelg (SA)/Richmond	4	3
7	Taylor*	Harry	12-Jun-86	193	93	East Fremantle (WA)	2	0
8	Hunt*	Josh	14-Mar-82	185	104	Mildura Imperials/Bendigo Pioneers	44	17
9	Kelly*	James	29-Dec-83	183	85	Rupertstwood/Calder Cannons	17	12
10	Menzel*	Daniel	13-Sep-91	188	87	Central District (SA)	14	27
11	Corey*	Joel	17-Feb-82	191	89	East Perth (WA)	19	9
12	West*	Trent	17-Oct-87	198	102	Wonthaggi/Gippsland Power	88	38
13	Loneragan*	Tom	17-May-84	197	93	Yarrawonga/Calder Cannons	90	107
14	Selwood*	Joel	26-May-88	182	86	Sandhurst/Bendigo Pioneers	2	0
15	Schroder *	Jordan	05-Dec-92	182	85	St Bernards/Calder Cannons	2	0
16	Simpson*	Dawson	17-Feb-89	206	109	Barnawartha/Murray Bushrangers	47	6
17	Byrnes*	Shannon	07-Apr-84	175	77	Shepparton/Murray Bushrangers	61	67
18	Cowan*	Josh	16-Mar-91	184	78	Daylesford/North Ballarat Rebels	14	2
19	Hunt*	Taylor	05-Nov-90	183	81	Beaumaris/Sandringham Dragons	27	10
20	Johnson*	Steve	04-Jul-83	189	93	Wangaratta/Murray Bushrangers	34	69
21	Mooney*	Cameron	26-Sep-79	195	99	Turvey Park/NSW-ACT U18/North Melbourne	16	23
22	Duncan*	Mitch	10-Jun-91	187	85	East Perth (WA)	10	3
23	Drum*	Marcus	01-May-87	191	90	Congupna/Murray Bushrangers/Fremantle	3	0
24	Blake*	Mark	09-Sep-85	200	99	South Barwon/Geelong Falcons	55	18
25	Gillies*	Tom	07-Mar-90	192	93	Narre Warren/Dandenong Stingrays	29	0
26	Hawkins*	Tom J.	27-Jul-88	197	105	Finley (NSW)/Sandringham Dragons	21	48
27	Stokes*	Mathew	22-Nov-84	177	76	Palmerston (NT)/Woodville-West Torrens (SA)	20	15
28	Christensen*	Allen	19-May-91	176	74	Lara/Geelong Falcons	16	16
29	Guthrie*	Cameron	19-Aug-92	186	78	Sunbury/Calder Cannons	0	0
30	Scarlett*	Matthew	05-Jun-79	192	93	St Josephs (VCFL)/Geelong Falcons	2	0
31	Podsiadly*	James	10-Sep-81	193	102	Yarraville/Wstrn U18/Ess Rookies/Coll Rookies/Werribee	183	439
32	Motlop*	Steven	12-Mar-91	182	74	Wanderers (NT)	12	10
33	Horlin-Smith*	George	22-Dec-92	186	77	Sturt (SA)	0	0
34	Hogan*	Simon	16-Aug-88	182	81	Warrnambool/Geelong Falcons	50	32
35	Chapman*	Paul	05-Nov-81	179	89	North Coburg Saints/Calder Cannons	35	39
36	Vardy*	Nathan	25-Jun-91	198	98	Allies/Gippsland Power	17	16
37	Weston#	Jack	03-Apr-91	189	93	Foster/Gippsland Power	18	7
38	Johnson#	Ben C.	13-Feb-87	195	96	Bell Park/Geelong Falcons/Geelong VFL	29	47
39	Milburn*	Darren	15-Apr-77	189	91	Kilmore/Calder Cannons	0	0
40	Wojcinski*	David	18-Sep-80	180	77	Heyfield/Gippsland Power	35	11
41	Stringer#	Jesse	03-Apr-91	182	80	Port Adelaide (SANFL)	0	0
42	Walker#	Josh	12-Nov-92	196	89	Lara/Geelong Falcons	0	0
43	Burbury#	George	16-Jun-92	186	77	Hobart (Tas)	0	0
44	Enright*	Corey	14-Sep-81	187	92	Port Adelaide (SANFL)	30	15
45	Ling*	Cameron	27-Feb-81	189	95	St Josephs (VCFL)/Geelong Falcons	16	27
46	Simpkin#	Jonathan	28-Oct-87	181	80	Colac/Geelong Falcons/Sydney List/Geelong (VFL)	41	32
47	Bathie#	Ryan	15-Apr-87	198	97	Mowbray College	0	0
50	Firman	Matthew	20-Oct-85	178	78	Belconnen/Essendon Bombers	78	27
51	Selwood	Troy	05-Jan-84	189	189	Bendigo Pioneers/Brisbane Lions	0	0
52	Holmler	Jackson	02-Nov-85	186	87	Lorne	50	8
53	Barham	Jaxson	20-May-88	182	79	Geelong Falcons/Collingwood Magpies	45	26
54	McLean	Andrew	22-Jun-83	194	90	St Mary's/North Ballarat Roosters	39	2
55	Cuthill	Mitchell	20-Apr-87	178	78	Bell Park / Geelong Falcons	18	5
56	Tutungi	Casey	07-May-85	180	83	Lorne/Casey Scorpions	7	0
57	Corrigan	Mark	23-Jul-83	180	80	South Barwon/Sandringham Zebras	14	5
58	Sheringham	Jackson	22-Jun-88	178	75	Bell Park/Werribee Tigers	26	12
59	Maas	Tom	18-Dec-90	173	77	South Barwon	3	1
60	Biemans	Anthony	29-Mar-90	182	85	South Barwon	10	0
61	Raidme	Ben	12-Aug-87	182	77	Grovedale / Torquay	33	5
62	Shannahan	Jack	27-Nov-90	175	73	Lara	0	0
63	Phillips	Garreth	18-Aug-88	179	74	Ruperstwood	0	0
64	Elliott	Anthony	24-Feb-87	186	84	Lara	0	0
65	Fisher	Mitchell	22-Apr-91	184	80	Modewarre/Geelong Falcons/Werribee Tigers	2	1
66	Baker	Isaac	02-Aug-91	186	80	Geelong Falcons/Torquay	0	0

Note: All figures for player's games and goals are accurate as of the end of 2010.



# Geelong

\* AFL Primary Listed Player # AFL Rookie Listed Player

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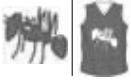
#	Player	G	B
1	Mitchell Brown*		
10	Daniel Menzel*		
12	Trent West*		
15	Jordan Schroder *		
16	Dawson Simpson*		
17	Shannon Byrnes*		
18	Josh Cowan*		
21	Cameron Mooney*		
22	Mitch Duncan*		
25	Tom Gillies*		
26	Tom Hawkins		
28	Allen Christensen*		
29	Cameron Guthrie*		
32	Steven Motlop*		
33	George Horlin-Smith*		
34	Simon Hogan*		
36	Nathan Vardy*		
37	Jack Weston#		
38	Ben C. Johnson#		
39	Darren Milburn*		
40	David Wojcinski*		
42	Josh Walker#		
43	George Burbury#		
46	Jonathan Simpkin#		
47	Ryan Bathie#		
50	Matthew Firman (Capt)		
51	Troy Selwood (Capt)		
52	Jackson Hollmer		
53	Jaxson Barham		
54	Andrew McLean		
55	Mitch Cuthill		
56	Casey Tutungi		
57	Mark Corrigan		
59	Tom Maas		
61	Ben Raidme		

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FULL TIME



# Northern Bullants

\* AFL Primary Listed Player # AFL Rookie Listed Player

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#	Player	G	B
1	Jarrod McCorkell		
2	Bryce Carroll		
3	Ash Arrowsmith		
4	Andre Gianfagna		
5	Adam Iacobucci (Capt)		
6	Tom German		
7	Nick Smith		
8	Brent Brangrove		
10	Adam Marcon		
14	Brock McLean*		
15	Ryan Gale		
17	Matt Kreuzer*		
18	Luke Mitchell*		
19	Matthew Watson*		
20	Rhys O'Keeffe#		
23	Ahmed Saad		
24	Pat McCarthy*		
26	Andrew McInnes*		
27	Nick Meese		
28	Jaryd Cachia#		
31	Marcus Davies*		
32	Bret Thornton*		
33	Tyson Thomas		
36	Rohan Kerr*		
37	Joe Dare#		
43	Paul Bower*		
48	Dennis Armfield*		
49	Andrew Collins*		
50	Shaun Hampson*		
52	Wayde Twomey#		
58	Zach Tuohy#		
66	Mitch Carter#		
74	Lachie Henderson*		
75	Ryan Houlihan*		
76	Aaron Joseph*		

1/4 TIME

1/2 TIME

3/4 TIME

FULL TIME

# Northern Bullants

Coach: Darren Harris | Captain: Adam Iacobucci

\* AFL Primary Listed Player # AFL Rookie Listed Player

#	PLAYER	DOB	H	W	PREVIOUS CLUB	GAMES	GOALS
1	McCorkell Jarrod	03-Mar-84	186	88	Warrnambol/Perth (WA)/North Ballarat (VFL)	95	56
2	Carroll Bryce	25-Jun-90	186	79	Aspley Hornets (QAFL)/Essendon	10	2
3	Arrowsmith Ash	12-Apr-89	189	89	Calder Cannons/West Coast Eagles	22	24
4	Gianfagna Andre	04-Dec-87	182	80	Melbourne/Northern Knights	27	15
5	Iacobucci Adam	17-Jan-86	181	84	Calder Cannons/Collingwood	112	30
6	German Thomas	29-Aug-90	178	75	Calder Cannons/Essendon/Williamstown	29	9
7	Smith Nick	20-Jun-88	183	82	Beaconsfield	4	0
8	Bransgrove Brent	28-Jun-88	170	76	Whittlesea/Northern Knights	34	8
9	Nesbitt Josh	29-Mar-91	179	74	Keilor/Newcastle City	0	0
10	Marcon Adam	28-Jul-92	180	80	Preston Bullants Juniors/Northern Knights	1	0
11	Lambert Kane	26-Nov-91	177	77	Preston Bullants Juniors/Northern Knights	0	0
12	Robinson* Mitch	07-Jun-89	185	86	Lauderdale/Tas U18/Tas VFL	24	13
13	Yarran* Chris	19-Dec-90	180	84	Swan Districts (WA)	16	20
14	McLean* Brock	11-Mar-86	184	84	Aberfeldie/Calder Cannons/Melbourne	13	14
15	Gale Ryan	05-May-86	193	93	Claremont (WA)	23	2
16	Pullen Braden	15-Jan-90	178	83	Shepparton Bears	0	0
17	O'hAlpin* Setanta	18-Mar-83	199	98	Ireland	53	79
18	Mitchell* Luke	28-Feb-92	198	94	St Bernards/Calder Cannons	0	0
19	Watson* Matthew	16-Jul-92	195	99	Pascoe Vale/Calder Cannons	0	0
20	O'Keefe# Rhys	08-Aug-90	188	86	North Adelaide (SA)	10	0
21	Austin* Mark	24-Feb-89	193	95	Jeparit-Rainbow/Glenelg (SA)	56	12
22	Toman Daniel	09-Jun-92	175	75	Assumption College/Woodend	0	0
23	Saad Ahmed	09-Oct-89	180	75	Roxburgh Park	15	23
24	McCarthy* Pat	11-Mar-92	196	84	Glenelg (SA)	0	0
25	Church Mitch	23-Aug-91	188	78	St Bernards/West Meadows	2	0
26	McInnes* Andrew	20-Mar-92	191	86	Devon Meadows/Dandenong Stingrays	0	0
27	Meese Nick	27-Sep-88	197	102	West Preston/Northern Bullants	7	1
28	Cachia# Jaryd	08-May-91	184	84	St Kevins/Northern Knights	15	4
29	Scotland* Heath	21-Jul-80	182	82	Darley/Western Jets/Collingwood	49	53
30	Caspersz Jesse	16-Apr-89	200	85	West Preston	0	0
31	Davies* Marcus	06-Apr-91	188	86	North Hobart/Tas U18	14	1
32	Thornton* Bret	15-Nov-83	192	94	Mt Waverley Blues/Oakleigh Chargers	22	9
33	Thomas Tyson	24-Jan-90	181	79	Xavier College/Sandringham Dragons	14	12
34	Duigan* Nick	07-Sep-84	186	88	Norwood (SA)	0	0
35	Laidler* Jeremy	05-Aug-89	189	88	Douita Stars/Calder Cannons/Geelong	50	4
36	Kerr* Rohan	17/11/1991	184	80	Parkdale/Dandenong Stingrays	14	13
37	Dare# Joe	17-Oct-91	188	84	Colac/Geelong Falcons	13	0
38	Garlett* Jeff	03-Aug-89	180	74	Swan Districts (WA)	14	18
39	Way Ben	17-Feb-87	198	92	Berrigan	0	0
40	Lawless Nick	23-Oct-91	184	78	Assumption College/Murray Bushrangers	4	1
41	Casboul# Levi	15-Mar-90	198	99	Beaconsfield/Dandenong Stingrays	19	17
42	McCann Brad	07-Jan-91	185	78	Old Essendon Grammar/Calder Cannons	0	0
43	White* Simon	17-Jun-88	190	91	Subiaco (WA)	2	0
44	Valladares Nathan	08-Aug-88	188	81	Oak Park	0	0
45	Marchbank Josh	10-Jun-91	200	88	Eltham/Northern Knights	0	0
46	Ellard* David	13-Mar-89	177	78	Swan Districts (WA)	52	38
47	McLellan Joel	07-Sep-90	200	97	Northern Knights/Lower Plenty	0	0
48	Armfield* Dennis	22-Dec-86	181	79	Swan Districts (WA)	11	3
49	Collins* Andrew D.	17-Nov-88	187	80	Sandhurst/Bendigo Pioneers/Richmond	21	23
50	Hampson* Shaun	21-Mar-88	201	102	Mt Gravatt (Qld)	28	14
51	Curnow# Ed	07-Nov-89	182	83	Geel Falcons/Adelaide Crows/Box Hill Hawks	33	11
52	Twomey# Wayne	21-Jan-86	184	82	Western Jets/Werrbee Tigers/Swan Districts (WA)	10	11
53	Dorman Myles	10-Nov-91	180	75	Lancelfield/Kyrenon	0	0
54	Papas Mitch	01-Nov-90	187	75	Northcote Park	0	0
55	Bray# Blake	07-Jul-92	191	83	Western Suburbs/GWS U18	0	0
56	Ogilvie Kamen	01-Jan-92	180	76	Assumption College/Seymour	0	0
57	Labi # Peter	30-Dec-91	184	85	PNG/Mt Gravatt (Qld) - International Scholarship	1	0
58	Tuohy# Zach	10-Dec-89	187	91	Ireland	17	3
59	Abdul-Wahed Marwan	27-Mar-89	183	89	West Coburg	0	0
60	DiRago Paul	13-Nov-92	191	90	Preston Bullants Juniors/Northern Knights	0	0
61	Farrelly Hayden	15-Nov-91	178	83	Greenvale/Therry Penola	0	0
62	Soncin Dean	23-Nov-92	183	83	Hadfield	0	0
63	Gianfagna Christian	28-Sep-91	183	80	Old Ivanhoe/Ivanhoe Grammar	0	0
64	Jenkins Eamon	07-Oct-88	180	80	Templestowe/Marcellin	0	0
65	Dufficy Michael	07-Aug-90	186	81	West Preston/Northern Knights	0	0
66	Carter# Mitch	02-Jul-91	184	82	South Fremantle (WA)	0	0
67	House David	02-Sep-92	183	83	Lancelfield/Western Jets	0	0
68	Lincoln Tim	16-Aug-91	185	75	Marcellin/Northern Knights	0	0
69	Overman Tom	07-Jun-89	177	76	St Bernards	0	0
70	Biffin Tyson	08-Jun-91	187	73	Alexandra/Northern Knights	1	1
71	Delbridge Kent	11-May-89	184	82	Morningside (QAFL)	0	0
72	Wills Phillip	18-Jul-87	173	74	Avondale Heights/Darwin Buffaloes	0	0
73	Stellas Andrew	03-Dec-90	188	84	Bundoora	0	0
74	Henderson* Lachie	14-Dec-89	196	95	Birregurra/Geelong College/Geelong Falcons/Brisbane	4	16
75	Houlihan* Ryan	21-Jan-82	187	85	Corowa-Rutherglen/Murray Bushrangers	26	32
76	Joseph* Aaron	04-Jul-89	180	78	Glenorchy/Tas U18	22	11
77	Lucas* Kane	26-Jun-91	188	82	East Fremantle (WA)	3	1
78	Carrazzo* Andrew	15-Dec-83	187	84	East Burwood/Oakleigh Chargers/Geel Rookie List	60	28
79	Walker* Andrew	18-May-86	190	89	Echuca/Bendigo Pioneers	17	11
80	Warnock* Robert	19-Jan-87	206	103	Old Brighton/Sandringham Dragons/Fremantle	16	11
81	Buckley Daniel	05-Mar-89	194	92	Calder Cannons/Collingwood (VFL)/Northcote Park	1	0
82	Byrne Nathan	09-Apr-89	193	91	Avondale Heights/Old Scotch	5	4

Note: All figures for player's games and goals are accurate as of the end of 2010.



# 2011 VFL statistics

## 2011 VFL SENIORS

Club	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS
Port Melbourne	9	9	0	0	2	1117	705	158.44	36
Williamstown	9	7	2	0	2	1008	821	122.78	28
Northern Bullants	9	7	2	0	2	911	791	115.17	28
Casey Scorpions	9	6	3	0	2	908	729	124.55	24
Bendigo Bombers	9	6	3	0	2	1023	875	116.91	24
North Ballarat	9	6	3	0	2	816	716	113.97	24
Werribee Tigers	10	5	5	0	1	1057	1037	101.93	20
Sandringham	9	4	5	0	2	894	890	100.45	16
Box Hill Hawks	9	3	6	0	2	830	828	100.24	12
Collingwood	10	3	7	0	1	879	1154	76.17	12
Geelong	9	1	8	0	2	708	927	76.38	4
Coburg Tigers	8	1	7	0	3	658	940	70.00	4
Frankston	9	1	8	0	2	564	960	58.75	4

## ROUND 11: VFL SENIORS

<b>CASEY SCORPIONS</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>22.10-142</b>
<b>COLLINGWOOD</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>15.10-100</b>

### Casey Scorpions

Goal Kickers: L. Dunn 5, L. Cook 4, A. Maric 3, T. McNamara 3, B. Fevola 3, T. Mohr, R. Petterd, S. Blease, M. Stockdale

Best Players: R. Petterd, M. Warnock, L. Dunn, L. Cook, T. Mohr, D. Collins

### Collingwood

Goal Kickers: B. Eddy 3, T. Sundberg 3, J. Bolton 2, T. Couch 2, D. Farmer 2, J. Bull, D. Reilly, B. Dick

Best Players: T. Sundberg, T. Couch, J. Bolton, D. Farmer, L. Rounds, R. Condy

<b>WILLIAMSTOWN</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9.13</b>	<b>13.16-94</b>
<b>NORTH BALLARAT</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>16.11-107</b>

### Williamstown

Goal Kickers: A. Hooper 3, M. Panos 2, J. Grant 2, Z. Skinner, J. Tutt, P. Veszpremi, D. Addison, S. Reid, J. Roughthead

Best Players: B. Johnson, M. Wallis, J. Tutt, S. Reid, J. Roughthead, L. Gilbee

### North Ballarat

Goal Kickers: B. Driscoll 4, C. Richardson 2, D. Watchorn 2, J. Linke 2, L. George, M. Tyler, M. Sewell, D. Micallef, S. Hughes, C. Garlett

Best Players: C. Richardson, O. Stephenson, C. Garlett, B. Driscoll, M. Sewell, M. Greig

<b>COBURG TIGERS</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>7.6-48</b>
<b>PORT MELBOURNE</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>18.16</b>	<b>22.20-152</b>

### Coburg Tigers

Goal Kickers: D. Murphy 3, B. Helbig 2, J. Webberley, S. Tuck

Best Players: D. Gourdis, D. Murphy, J. Post, R. Jordan, D. Rayson, S. Tuck

### Port Melbourne

Goal Kickers: M. Pitt 4, D. Galea 3, C. Cain 3, M. Dillon 3, P. Rose 3, W. Skipper 2, C. Sinclair, T. Pinwill, N. Batsanis, M. Lynch

Best Players: J. Baird, C. Cain, M. Dillon, J. Edwards, W. Skipper, S. Dwyer

<b>WERRIBEE TIGERS</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>15.13-103</b>
<b>GEELONG</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>12.20-92</b>

### Werribee Tigers

Goal Kickers: B. Warren 6, S. Wright 3, B. Mangan 2, B. Ross, S. Tighe, K. Harper, L. Harding

Best Players: B. Warren, G. Urquhart, R. Tarrant, W. Martinello, M. O'Dwyer, S. Wright

### Geelong

Goal Kickers: S. Mollop 2, M. Brown 2, C. Mooney 2, G. Burbury 2, S. Byrnes, B. Raddime, J. Cowan, T. Hawkins

Best Players: A. Christensen, J. Cowan, C. Mooney, S. Mollop, D. Simpson, T. Selwood

<b>BOX HILL HAWKS</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>11.11</b>	<b>14.14-98</b>
<b>FRANKSTON</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>10.10-70</b>

### Box Hill Hawks

Goal Kickers: J. Lisle 3, L. Andrews 2, R. Ladson 2, D. Wanganee, L. Lowden, S. Gibson, J. Morton, I. Smith, W. Sierakowski, R. Jackson

Best Players: S. Gibson, K. Cheney, J. Lisle, L. Lowden, T. Schneider, T. Duryea

### Frankston

Goal Kickers: A. Simpson 3, K. Haretuku 2, S. Hockey 2, R. Clements, W. Miller, P. Kennedy

Best Players: L. Potts, S. Hockey, R. Gabriel, P. Kennedy, R. Clements, W. Miller

<b>SANDRINGHAM</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.11</b>	<b>11.17-83</b>
<b>BENDIGO BOMBERS</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>17.7-109</b>

### Sandringham

Goal Kickers: W. Johnson 5, T. Walsh 2, S. Crocker 2, J. Koschitzke, R. Ferraro

Best Players: A. McQuilter, T. Lynch, R. Eddy, D. Polo, J. Magner, T. Walsh

### Bendigo Bombers

Goal Kickers: M. Little 5, T. Dickson 4, J. Madder 4, J. Neagle, A. Steinberg, T. Slatery, M. Williams

Best Players: B. Prismall, K. Reimers, T. Shiners, T. Bellchambers, M. Little, M. Williams

## ROUND 11: LEADING GOAL KICKERS

		Last rd	Total
<b>SENIORS</b>	<b>Patrick Rose</b>	Port Melbourne	3 38
	<b>Matthew Little</b>	Bendigo Bombers	5 31
	<b>Tommy Dickson</b>	Bendigo Bombers	4 27
	<b>Dean Galea</b>	Port Melbourne	3 26
	<b>Ben McKinley</b>	Werribee Tigers	- 24
	<b>Robert Castello</b>	Werribee Tigers	- 23
	<b>Ahmed Saad</b>	Northern Bullants	Bye 21
	<b>Michael Lourey</b>	Sandringham	- 21
	<b>Jordan Lisle</b>	Box Hill Hawks	3 20
	<b>Mitchell Hahn</b>	Williamstown	- 20

		Last rd	Total
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>Benjamin Monkhorst</b>	Box Hill Hawks	3 25
	<b>Jase Perkins</b>	Werribee Tigers	1 24
	<b>Jack Purton-Smith</b>	Williamstown	3 22
	<b>Myles Pitt</b>	Port Melbourne	* 21
	<b>Tom Hill</b>	Williamstown	DNP 19
	<b>Jonathan Mullins</b>	Port Melbourne	DNP 17
	<b>Aaron Purves</b>	Casey Scorpions	6 16
	<b>Callum Sinclair</b>	Port Melbourne	* 16
	<b>Richard Knight</b>	Williamstown	2 16
	<b>Matthew Boland</b>	Sandringham	* 15

DNP - Did not play, \* - Seniors

# 2011 VFL statistics

## 2011 VFL RESERVES

Club	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS
Box Hill Hawks	9	8	1	0	2	1004	624	160.90	32
Port Melbourne	10	8	2	0	1	1067	678	157.37	32
Werribee Tigers	10	8	2	0	1	1024	736	139.13	32
Williamstown	9	7	2	0	2	1073	520	206.35	28
Casey Scorpions	8	4	4	0	3	873	706	123.65	16
Coburg Tigers	8	4	4	0	3	728	678	107.37	16
Sandringham	8	2	6	0	3	582	802	72.57	8
North Ballarat	9	1	8	0	2	588	916	64.19	4
Northern Bullants	8	1	7	0	3	588	940	62.55	4
Frankston	9	1	8	0	2	367	1294	28.36	4

## ROUND 11: VFL RESERVES

<b>CASEY SCORPIONS</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>10.14.74</b>
<b>WERRIBEE TIGERS</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>12.12-84</b>

### Casey Scorpions

Goal Kickers: A. Purves 6, B. Waite 2, W. Petropoulos, J. Pollard  
 Best Players: L. Tynan, K. McShane, A. Purves, B. Salton, L. McKenna, S. Baumgartner

### Werribee Tigers

Goal Kickers: T. Allwright 2, M. Still 2, F. Chisholm 2, F. Priest, J. Perkins, M. Rockfeller, J. Treloar, D. Schibeci, J. Davis  
 Best Players: F. Chisholm, M. Rockfeller, J. Saker, N. Schroder, T. Ruggles, R. Prismaal

<b>WILLIAMSTOWN</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>13.19</b>	<b>19.24-138</b>
<b>NORTH BALLARAT</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>8.9-57</b>

### Williamstown

Goal Kickers: D. Conway 3, J. Purton-Smith 3, P. Smith 2, A. Kefford 2, R. Knight 2, E. Prato, K. McHarg, E. Carr, N. Walters, J. Gray, J. Johannissen, M. Cravino  
 Best Players: P. Smith, E. Carr, M. Cravino, N. Sing, J. Griffiths, A. Kefford

### North Ballarat

Goal Kickers: J. Walker 2, C. Lynch, L. Dare, D. Jones, G. Bell, J. Slabbert, P. Nicholls  
 Best Players: G. Bell, D. Jones, T. Brayshaw, J. Slabbert, T. Ross, Z. Struth

<b>COBURG TIGERS</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>10.15-75</b>
<b>PORT MELBOURNE</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>14.12-96</b>

### Coburg Tigers

Goal Kickers: L. Lirosi 2, D. MacDonald 2, T. Lucin, H. Dahl, J. Collins, J. Pound, L. Madden, R. Hicks  
 Best Players: L. Cartelli, L. Masters, T. Groves, D. MacDonald, B. Jakobi, M. Ambrose

### Port Melbourne

Goal Kickers: T. Allan 5, J. Scipione 3, T. Langford, T. Francis, J. Dermott, H. O'Farrell, M. Smith, J. Furey  
 Best Players: M. Smith, T. Allan, J. Scipione, J. Dermott, J. Burge, M. Wall

<b>BOX HILL HAWKS</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>17.14</b>	<b>27.21-183</b>
<b>FRANKSTON</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>5.3-33</b>

### Box Hill Hawks

Goal Kickers: K. Nye 3, B. Monkhorst 3, B. Wallace 3, S. Menegola 3, B. Fagan 2, R. Allen 2, M. Thompson, T. Gilchrist, A. Fagan, L. Tobin, A. Johns, X. Murphy, T. Purcell, D. Van Unen, S. Cust, B. Kennedy, J. Ralph

Best Players: K. Nye, X. Murphy, L. Kitchin, L. Tobin, B. Wallace, J. Ralph

### Frankston

Goal Kickers: J. Greeley, J. Schepis, A. Beech, J. Cole, J. Bennett  
 Best Players: N. Bateman, D. Barton, P. Rogasch, J. Cole, N. Boland, B. Lean

## VFL RESERVES SEASON 2011 FIXTURE

### ROUND 12

#### Saturday 18th June

Box Hill Hawks vs Northern Bullants *Visy Park 9:00 AM*  
 Williamstown vs Frankston *Avalon Airport Oval 11:00 AM*  
 North Ballarat vs Port Melbourne *Eureka Stadium 11:00 AM*

#### Sunday 19th June

Casey Scorpions vs Coburg Tigers *Casey Fields 11:00 AM*  
 BYE- Sandringham, Werribee Tigers

### ROUND 13

#### Saturday 25th June

Port Melbourne vs Casey Scorpions *TEAC Oval 10:10 AM*  
 Northern Bullants vs North Ballarat *Visy Park 11:00 AM*

#### Sunday 26th June

Werribee Tigers vs Coburg Tigers *Avalon Airport Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Sandringham vs Williamstown *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 11:00 AM*  
 BYE- Box Hill Hawks, Frankston

## 2011 VFL SENIOR FIELD UMPIRES

Robert Young	2	Jamie Grindal	13
Michael Curtis	3	Andrew Talbot	15
Andrew Mitchell	5	Shaun Gleeson	16
David Harris	6	Troy McCarthy	17
Damian Anderson	8	Jordan Bannister	18
Brendan Hosking	9	Jarrrod Waight	20
Matthew Oakley	10	Richard Mills	21
Matthew Brown	11	Andrew McCoy	22

Note: AFL Umpires will wear 27, 28, 31, 33, 39, 40

Tristan Burgess	24
Steven Trotter	25
Jason Schilling	30
Adam Pottenger	32
Gareth Verberne	34
Peter Liakos	36
Daniel Craig	37
Robert O'Gorman	38

**ROUND 1**

*Saturday 2nd April*  
**Sandringham 16.12.108** def. Coburg Tigers 16.9.105  
 Box Hill Hawks 10.13.73 def. by **Port Melbourne 15.7.97**  
**Northern Bullants 19.11.125** def. Bendigo Bombers 6.13.49  
**Casey Scorpions 13.14.92** def. Geelong 9.11.65  
 Werribee Tigers 15.13.103 def. by **Williamstown 23.16.154**  
*Sunday 3rd April*  
 Frankston 7.6.48 def. by **Collingwood 18.14.122**  
 BYE - North Ballarat

**ROUND 2**

*Saturday 9th April*  
 North Ballarat 15.6.96 def. by **Bendigo Bombers 18.15.23**  
**Northern Bullants 14.16.100** def. Collingwood 11.7.73  
**Port Melbourne 19.10.124** def. Casey Scorpions 17.12.114  
*Sunday 10th April*  
 Geelong 6.10.46 def. by **Werribee Tigers 9.20.74**  
 Frankston 10.8.68 def. by **Sandringham 12.15.87**  
 BYE - Box Hill Hawks, Coburg Tigers, Williamstown

**ROUND 3**

*Saturday 16th April*  
 Collingwood 12.10.82 def. by **Werribee Tigers 25.22.172**  
 North Ballarat 8.8.56 def. by **Casey Scorpions 16.16.112**  
*Sunday 17th April*  
 Williamstown 16.13.109 def. Box Hill Hawks 14.14.98  
**Bendigo Bombers 17.29.131** def. Frankston 12.7.79  
 Coburg Tigers 15.11.101 def. by **Northern Bullants 16.12.108**  
 Sandringham 15.8.98 def. by **Port Melbourne 17.12.114**  
 BYE - Geelong

**ROUND 4**

*Saturday 23rd April*  
 Northern Bullants 18.3.111 def. by **Port Melbourne 21.9.135**  
**Bendigo Bombers 25.22.172** def. Collingwood 13.14.92  
 Werribee Tigers 8.17.65 def. by **North Ballarat 13.6.84**  
*Sunday 24th April*  
 Box Hill Hawks 21.22.148 def. Coburg Tigers 11.6.72  
**Williamstown 19.20.134** def. Geelong 15.12.102  
 BYE - Casey Scorpions, Frankston, Sandringham

**ROUND 5**

*Saturday 30th April*  
 Casey Scorpions 21.8.134 def. Frankston 8.10.58  
 Collingwood 11.10.76 def. North Ballarat 11.9.75  
*Sunday 1st May*  
 Coburg Tigers 9.12.66 def. by **Williamstown 17.16.118**  
**Werribee Tigers 20.10.130** def. Box Hill Hawks 11.17.83  
**Sandringham 18.14.122** def. Geelong 13.13.91  
 BYE - Bendigo Bombers, Northern Bullants, Port Melbourne

**ROUND 6**

*Saturday 7th May*  
 Geelong 10.9.69 def. by North Ballarat 17.12.114  
 Williamstown 20.13.139 def. Sandringham 16.8.78  
**Port Melbourne 24.7.161** def. Frankston 6.3.39  
**Bendigo Bombers 18.17.125** def. Werribee Tigers 7.17.59  
*Sunday 8th May*  
**Northern Bullants 8.13.61** def. Casey Scorpions 7.10.52  
 BYE - Box Hill Hawks, Coburg Tigers, Collingwood

**ROUND 7**

*Saturday 14th May*  
 Collingwood 10.15.75 def. Geelong 10.11.71  
 Frankston 10.6.66 def. by **Northern Bullants 12.10.82**  
**Box Hill Hawks 12.11.83** def. Sandringham 12.6.78  
**Port Melbourne 15.7.97** def. Williamstown 6.10.46  
*Sunday 15th May*  
 North Ballarat 17.11.113 def. Coburg Tigers 6.17.53  
**Casey Scorpions 19.11.125** def. Bendigo Bombers 14.14.98  
 BYE - Werribee Tigers

**ROUND 8**

*Saturday 21st May*  
 Werribee Tigers 23.9.147 def. Northern Bullants 16.9.105  
 Collingwood 11.10.76 def. by **Williamstown 15.16.106**  
 North Ballarat 14.14.100 def. Box Hill Hawks 12.9.81  
*Sunday 22nd May*

Bendigo Bombers 13.6.84 def. by **Port Melbourne 19.12.126**  
 Coburg Tigers 10.14.74 def. by **Frankston 14.9.93**  
 BYE - Casey Scorpions, Geelong, Sandringham

**ROUND 9**

*Saturday 28th May*  
 Geelong 13.12.90 def. by **Bendigo Bombers 20.12.132**  
**Coburg Tigers 22.7.139** def. Collingwood 14.16.100  
**Williamstown 15.18.108** def. Casey Scorpions 10.8.68  
*Sunday 29th May*  
**Northern Bullants 13.12.90** def. Box Hill Hawks 12.13.85  
 Werribee Tigers 17.10.112 def. by **Sandringham 24.11.155**  
 BYE - Frankston, North Ballarat, Port Melbourne

**ROUND 10**

*Saturday 4th June*  
**Port Melbourne 17.9.111** def. Werribee Tigers 13.14.92  
 Collingwood 12.11.83 def. by **Northern Bullants 19.15.129**  
 Box Hill Hawks 12.9.81 def. by **Geelong 11.16.82**  
*Sunday 5th June*  
 Frankston 6.7.43 def. by **North Ballarat 10.11.71**  
 Sandringham 8.11.59 def. by **Casey Scorpions 9.15.69**  
 BYE - Williamstown, Bendigo Bombers, Coburg Tigers

**ROUND 11**

*Saturday 11th June*  
 Casey Scorpions 22.10.142 def. Collingwood 15.10.100  
 Coburg Tigers 7.6.48 def. by **Port Melbourne 22.20.152**  
 Williamstown 13.16.91 def. by **North Ballarat 16.11.104**  
*Sunday 12th June*  
 Box Hill Hawks 14.14.98 def. Frankston 10.10.70  
**Werribee Tigers 15.13.103** def. Geelong 12.20.92  
 Sandringham 11.17.83 def. by **Bendigo Bombers 17.7.109**  
 BYE - Northern Bullants

**ROUND 12**

*Saturday 18th June*  
 Geelong vs. Northern Bullants *Skilled Stadium 1:10 PM*  
 North Ballarat vs. Port Melbourne *Eureka Stadium 2:00 PM*  
 Williamstown vs. Frankston *Avalon Airport Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 19th June*  
 Casey Scorpions vs. Coburg Tigers *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Box Hill Hawks *Windy Hill 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Collingwood, Sandringham, Werribee Tigers

**ROUND 13**

*Saturday 25th June*  
 Port Melbourne vs. Geelong *TEAC Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Williamstown *Queen Elizabeth Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Northern Bullants vs. North Ballarat *Visy Park 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 26th June*  
 Werribee Tigers vs. Coburg Tigers *Avalon Airport Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Sandringham vs. Collingwood *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Box Hill Hawks, Casey Scorpions, Frankston

**ROUND 14**

*Saturday 2nd July*  
 Geelong vs. Frankston *Skilled Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Collingwood *Box Hill City Oval 1:10 PM*  
 North Ballarat vs. Sandringham *Eureka Stadium 2:00 PM*  
 Werribee Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *Avalon Airport Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 3rd July*  
 Northern Bullants vs. Williamstown *Preston City Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Bendigo Bombers, Coburg Tigers, Port Melbourne

**ROUND 15**

*Saturday 9th July*  
 Sandringham vs. Northern Bullants *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Collingwood vs. Port Melbourne *Victoria Park 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 10th July*  
 Frankston vs. Werribee Tigers *Frankston Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Casey Scorpions vs. Box Hill Hawks *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
 Coburg Tigers vs. Bendigo Bombers *Highgate Rec Reserve 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Geelong, North Ballarat, Williamstown

**ROUND 16**

*Saturday 16th July*  
 Geelong vs. Coburg Tigers *Skilled Stadium 1:10 PM*  
 Port Melbourne vs. Bendigo Bombers *TEAC Oval 2:00 PM*

**Sunday 17th July**

Williamstown vs. Collingwood *Norm Minns Oval 1:30 PM*  
 Frankston vs. Casey Scorpions *Frankston Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Box Hill Hawks vs. North Ballarat *Box Hill City Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Northern Bullants, Sandringham, Werribee Tigers

**ROUND 17**

*Saturday 23rd July*  
 Port Melbourne vs. Sandringham *TEAC Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Northern Bullants *Box Hill City Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Coburg Tigers vs. North Ballarat *Highgate Rec Reserve 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 24th July*  
 Williamstown vs. Werribee Tigers *Avalon Airport Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Geelong *Windy Hill 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Casey Scorpions, Collingwood, Frankston

**ROUND 18**

*Saturday 30th July*  
 Geelong vs. Casey Scorpions\* *Skilled Stadium 10:40 AM*  
 Northern Bullants vs. Coburg Tigers *Preston City Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Collingwood vs. Frankston *Victoria Park 2:00 PM*  
 North Ballarat vs. Williamstown *Eureka Stadium 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 31st July*  
 Sandringham vs. Werribee Tigers *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Bendigo Bombers, Box Hill Hawks, Port Melbourne

**ROUND 19**

*Saturday 6th August*  
 Geelong vs. Collingwood\* *Skilled Stadium 10:40 AM*  
 Werribee Tigers vs. Bendigo Bombers *Avalon Airport Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Coburg Tigers vs. Box Hill Hawks *Martello Holden Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 7th August*  
 Frankston vs. Port Melbourne *Frankston Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Casey Scorpions vs. Sandringham *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - North Ballarat, Northern Bullants, Williamstown

**ROUND 20**

*Saturday 13th August*  
 Collingwood vs. Bendigo Bombers *Victoria Park 1:00 PM*  
 Williamstown vs. Port Melbourne *Avalon Airport Oval 1:10 PM*  
 North Ballarat vs. Frankston *Eureka Stadium 2:00 PM*  
 Northern Bullants vs. Geelong *Visy Park 2:00 PM*  
 Coburg Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 14th August*  
 Sandringham vs. Box Hill Hawks *Trevor Barker Beach Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Werribee Tigers

**ROUND 21**

*Saturday 21st August*  
 Collingwood vs. Sandringham *Victoria Park 1:00 PM*  
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Williamstown *Box Hill City Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. North Ballarat *Queen Elizabeth Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Casey Scorpions vs. Werribee Tigers *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
 Port Melbourne vs. Northern Bullants *TEAC Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 21st August*  
 Frankston vs. Coburg Tigers *Frankston Oval 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Geelong


**ROUND 22**

*Saturday 27th August*  
 Geelong vs. Sandringham\* *Skilled Stadium 10:40 AM*  
 Port Melbourne vs. Box Hill Hawks *TEAC Oval 1:10 PM*  
 Casey Scorpions vs. Northern Bullants *Casey Fields 2:00 PM*  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Coburg Tigers *Queen Elizabeth Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 28th August*  
 Frankston vs. Williamstown *Frankston Oval 2:00 PM*  
 North Ballarat vs. Werribee Tigers *Eureka Stadium 2:00 PM*  
 BYE - Collingwood

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A black silhouette of a buffalo in a running or leaping pose, positioned between the words 'BUFFALO' and 'SPORTS'. The buffalo's body is horizontal, with its head on the left and its tail on the right. Its legs are extended, suggesting motion. The word 'BUFFALO' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font above the silhouette, and the word 'SPORTS' is written in the same font below it. The buffalo's tail is slightly curved upwards.

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# Casey consolidate in top four

CASEY have asserted themselves as a top-flight side, comfortably beating a hard-working Collingwood 22.10.142 to 15.10.100 at Casey Fields as Anna Harrington reports.

Ricky Petterd was a clear best-on-ground for the Scorpions, racking up 39 possessions and sticking 10 tackles, while tall forwards Lynden Dunn, Lucas Cook and Brendan Fevola shared the load up forward.

For the Magpies, VFL-listed players Tom Sundberg and Tom Couch were solid in the midfield while Brett Eddy snared three goals against a gritty Casey defence.

Scorpions coach Brad Gotch said while it was disappointing to see the second half turn into a shootout, he was still pleased with his team's ability to kick a high score.

"Look, it's good to get the four points," Gotch said.

"I suppose I was expecting us to maybe restrict their score line a little bit more in the second half, I think it was ten goals each which is not exactly what I was looking for.

"But look we ran out of numbers a bit... [and] we kicked 22 goals so I suppose that's not the worst thing going around."

Casey struck early, Dunn weaving through congestion and snapping his side's first after barely a minute.

While the Scorpions largely dominated the middle, they were ably assisted by a Collingwood team struggling to hit the scoreboard, the visitors only managing three behinds in response to Casey's trio of majors.

Collingwood captain Kris Pendlebury kept Fevola relatively



subdued but Dunn and fellow forward Cook stepped up and dominated the Magpies' defence with their height and athleticism. The Magpies finally got off the mark through Eddy, but two quick goals to Casey ensured the home side went into quarter time ahead 5.1.31 to 1.3.9. The second quarter opened much as the previous had finished, with a Casey goal. Collingwood's midfield grew more influential throughout the quarter but it was largely to no avail, with a Casey defence led by Matthew Warnock and Tom McDonald repelling all attacks. The Scorpions consistently responded with force to Collingwood's forward thrusts and when Fevola kicked his first major for the day, the home side kicked out to a dominant nine-goal lead.

Two late goals to Brad Dick and Sundberg pulled Collingwood back into contention but it seemed the Magpies couldn't get any luck, with Dick stretched off the field with an apparent knee injury shortly before halftime, his side down 5.6.36 to 12.5.77.

The third quarter proved to be somewhat of a Collingwood fightback, the visitors taking it up to Casey in the midfield and receiving their rewards, kicking

five goals to four.

But Casey maintained their own offensive pressure, continuing to kick goals despite Collingwood's attacking blitz, a major to Tom McNamara steadying the home side before two goals to the Magpies pulled the margin back to 34 at the final break.

After Casey kicked the first three goals to extend the lead to an insurmountable 53 points, the quarter turned into somewhat of a shootout. Dunn and Cook kicked their fifth and fourth goals respectively while Collingwood continued to press through their small forwards and midfielders. While the Collingwood forwardline worked hard, the tenacity of the Scorpions' defence was epitomised by a courageous mark from Warnock late in the quarter, the defender willingly contesting despite the game being well and truly decided.

Despite a courageous effort from the Magpies, it was Maric who closed the game, a 50-metre penalty handing him his third goal from the square and ensuring his side ran out 42-point winners.

This week, Casey will remain at home for their game against cellar-dwellers Coburg while the Magpies have the bye.



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# Facebook highlights

## **What were your highlights from the last round of action in the VFL?**

**Bob Doughty:** Port Melbourne's great win against Coburg to stay undefeated on top of the ladder and a great game by captain John Baird who played his 100th game for the club plus his birthday that day.

**Matt Archie Lozanovski:** Box Hills come from behind win

**Benny Taylor:** Werribee beating Geelong 2day was pretty good.

**Jason Falzon:** Port Melbourne, excellent win v Coburg, but after half time that display next week v the roosters we will be found wanting, time to lift boys, been a while since we beat the roosters on their own turf around 2005.

**Andrew Box:** The Borough train keeping on rolling.....

**Michael Robinson:** Anthony Simpson's 1st half against Box Hill.

**Jenny Owens:** Box Hill boys in a tough one.

**Marty Tucker:** Few beers at Sandringham watching Bombers beat Zebras on a great winters day!

**Nicky McLean:** Port Melbourne's winning streak continues after they convincingly beat Coburg on saturday...Well Done Boys.

**Peter Lausch:** Heading out to Keilor on Saturday to watch Willi play the Roosters. Shame about the senior result, but well done to the Willi reserves boys on a great win. Looking forward to seeing the Willi boys bounce back this upcoming Saturday arvo.

**Rowdy Eldridge:** the roosters beating Williamstown. Goodsey probably wishes he didn't leave :) Carn the roosters

## **Who are the players to look out for in the AFL NAB National Championships?**

**James Taylor:** Will Hoskin Elliott.

**Jarrod Potter:** The talls of Vic Country; Boseley, Valentine, Tynan down back and Staley, Elton, O'Hanlon and Marusic up forward. Then throw in all the great mids and you've got a side that's pretty scaryly good.

**Luke D'Anello:** Billy Longer, Tom Sheridan and Adam Kennedy.

**Brayden Ison:** Sam Dobson.

**Ben Leonard:** Adam Kennedy!

**Jack Crowe:** Jonathon Patton.

**Jason Robinson:** Definitely Hoskin-Elliott.

**Remember to visit the VFL and TAC Cup Facebook sites of a Monday to post your weekend highlights.**



Photo: Damian Visentini

**The crowd at Keilor last week for the Williamstown vs North Ballarat game.**

## Vics reign supreme - again



**VICTORIA** has once again won the Women's National Championships, held last week in Adelaide.

The Vics snared their 12th consecutive title, once again ensure that WA fell one step short of the Championship cup.

A big crowd streamed in to Gliderod stadium to watch the AFL Women's National Championships final. This game was expected to be one of the best games of women's football ever seen between the all conquering and unbeaten Big V and the challengers for the last three championships, Team WA. Conditions were overcast but still and the ground was

in pristine condition. Victoria was coming off an excellent win over QLD while WA had to work hard in a bruising encounter with SA as Leesa Catto reports.

The first quarter was tough and tight with WA applying pressure & pushing numbers back. Victoria looked to find a way through the congestion and scored the first goal when Meg Downie passed to Lauren Arnell who got the ball onto Stacey Cross. Cross marked 20 metres out on a slight angle & slotted through her first. WA gun Kirby Bentley found time and space to move the ball forward to Melissa Caulfield who kicked WA's first for the game. WA took a 1 point

lead midway through the first quarter but it was to be the last time they led for the game. Rikki Ryder was giving WA plenty of run and carry with Chelsea Randall strong down back repelling the Big V. Victoria took a 5 point lead into quarter time.

Team WA continued to work hard in the second quarter, with Melissa Caulfield providing plenty of run. However, time and time again Victoria's half back line led wonderfully well by Kara "Juddy" Donellan repelled WA and moved the ball forward with precision.

Victoria suffered a major injury blow late in the second term when Katie Loynes was



tackled by Kirby Bentley and had to be stretchered off. Katie was not able to come back on suffering a fractured ankle. Chelsea Randall worked hard to try and provide some run for her team but Victoria started to exert their authority on the contest kicking 2.3 for the quarter while holding WA scoreless. Victoria went in to half time 20 points up and were full of run.

The third quarter was amazing to watch as Victoria kicked 5.1 and Team WA failed to score. Alisha Habib increased her work rate and constantly provided an option up forward as she led hard. Habib took some strong grabs and converted to provide extra fire power. Team WA continued to work hard but gave away a costly 50 metre penalty when Cross was lining up for goal. She went back and slotted through a major after the siren and the lead had blown out to 51 points at the last change.

At three quarter time coach Peta Searle urged her Victorian team to continue with their efforts for one last quarter. Searle told her team that they were now playing the way they had been training three months for. Victoria dominated the last quarter kicking 6.1 while Team WA finally managed their third goal after Shannon McFerran kicked out on the full. Stacey Cross continued to work hard playing her best game for the Championships and was rewarded for her hard work finishing with 7.2. Victoria's dominance was evident as

they kicked 11.1 to 1.0 after half time.

Kara Donnellan was named the best player for the game and led the way but all 22 Victorians played their role and contributed to an astonishing display of football. Bentley, Caulfield, Randall, Lugg & White were named best for WA.

### Grand Final Result:

#### VIC:

3.0 5.3 10.4 16.5.101

#### WA:

2.1 2.1 2.1 3.1.19

**Goals VIC:** Stacey Cross 7, Lauren Arnell 3, Alisha Habib 2, Amy Catterall 1, Meg Hutchins 1, Phoebe McWilliams 1

**Best VIC:** Kara Donnellan, Stacey Cross, Daisy Pearce, Lou Wotton, Shannon McFerran

#### Victorians named All Australian

10 Victorians – including coach Peta Searle – were named in the All Australian team at the end of the Women's National Championships. Again having gone through the competition undefeated, it was no surprise that Searle was named the All Australian coach, with Shannon McFerran named as the All Australian captain.

**Coach** - Peta Searle VIC

**Assistant coach** - Nicole Graves WA

**Field Umpire** Amy McQuade (WA)

**ACT:** Elise O'Dea\*, Rebecca Hall

**NSW:** Marie Keating\*, Roxy

McGee, Libby Sadler

**QLD:** Katie Brennan\*, Jo Butland

**SA:** Courtney Cramey\*

**TAS:** Maddison Smith\*

**VIC:** Aasta O'Connor\*, Daisy Pearce, Kara Donnellan, Karen Paxman, Shannon McFerran (C), Bree White, Melissa Hickey, Lauren Arnell, Stephanie Chiocci

**WA:** Chelsea Randall\*, Kirby Bentley, Melissa Caulfield, Nikki Harwood

*The players highlighted with a \* will be invited to attend the boys AIS/AFL Academy during AFL Grand Final week in September 2011.*

Each All Australian and the next best 8 players together with the best 10 All Stars from the 18s Youth Girls Nationals (to take place on the Gold Coast in September), will be invited to participate in the 2012 AFL Women's High Performance Academy during June 2012 in Melbourne. This will be an intensive week of skill and knowledge development and it is proposed to culminate in a curtain raiser on the MCG prior to Melbourne v Collingwood on the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

### The Road to the Grand Final

#### Round 1

Victoria 8.10.58 def  
Western Australia 4.2.26

#### Round 2

Victoria 10.10.70 def  
South Australia 2.2.14

#### Round 3

Victoria 18.5.113 def  
Queensland 0.3.3

# Brandon Ellis

ROHAN Welsh's message was as simple as it was straight forward, but it struck a chord with Brandon Ellis before Vic Metro opened its AFL Under 18 National Championship carnival against NSW/ACT.

Welsh's theme was that the team must come before the individual if there was to be success. He said it was a non-negotiable and the message resonated with Ellis.

"The big emphasis was to go out, play as a team, do the team things and if we do that the individual things will look after themselves," Ellis said.

"I made sure I did the team things first and that was the case with everyone else."

And, that's exactly what Vic Metro did as they issued an early statement about their intent for the Championships.

Ellis noted the bond between the group was palpable thanks to the camp before the Championships and the time the group spent together before the opening match.

"It played a big part. We all felt like we were teammates and we helped each other out," Ellis said.

Outside the lead-up to last year's TAC Cup Grand Final, Ellis said his nerves scaled new heights before the match against NSW/ACT.

Ellis said he was unsure what to expect from the Championships, but as soon as the game started, he just

went about it as he would normally.

He was one of the key drivers in Metro's 80-point win as he collected a team-high 29-possession, including 11 contested possession in the 21.15 (141) to 9.7 (61) win.

It's been an amazing 12-months for Ellis, who broke into the Calder Cannons team about this time last year, played in the premierships and now finds himself a key member of the Metro team.

Ellis can vividly remember badgering the Cannons coaches as to what he needed to do to improve so he could gain a TAC Cup game.

"It's been a huge 12 months. Not playing for the Cannons at the start of last year was frustrating," he recalled.

"I was forever at the coaches about when am I going to get a game, what do I have to do. I kept nagging the coaches about what I had to improve on."

For Ellis selection in the Metro squad was the culmination of an arduous pre-season as the strove towards a long-held target.

"At the start of the year we had to nominate goals we wanted to achieve during the season – playing for Vic Metro was one of them," Ellis said.

"I worked really hard over pre-season to give myself the best opportunity to make it."

Ellis also took on board the advice from his Cannons'



coaches on areas he needed to improve and set about addressing them.

One area was kicking efficiency. "I was told that if I wanted to play for Vic Metro I needed to be really efficient with my skills," Ellis said.

Another area was ensuring his skill level below his knees was crisp and clean. The end result was that Ellis noticed a considerable improvement and from there his confidence soared as did his performances.

"All my hard work began to pay off," he said.

Now, Ellis is looking at another goal. He said there is a sense within the group that if they stick to the team first philosophy they can make a telling impact before the Championships is over.

"It's not just going to happen, we have to make it happen," he said.

# Metro big second half



**JONATHON Patton made a significant statement as he headlined Vic Metro's crushing win against Queensland in last week's second NAB AFL Under 18 Championship match.**

After being held to a solitary goal in the match against NSW/ACT, Patton, considered one of the best forward prospects in the TAC Cup, proved unstoppable as he literally spearheaded Vic Metro's 85-point win 17.17 (119) to 5.4 (34).

Patton took a match-high 11 marks, collected 19-possession and capped his strong display with six goals as he reaffirmed his status as a likely priority for Greater Western Sydney in the AFL National Draft.

He provided Vic Metro a key aerial and mobile target in a standout performance.

Vic Metro coach Rohan Welsh said his side paid the price in the first half of being second to the football and not doing the team orientated things that prevailed in the carnival opener win against NSW/ACT.

He said the inadequacies were noted during the half time break and a far more focused team took the field in the second half.

Welsh added Metro didn't spread well and Queensland caught them in transition during the first half.

With Patton providing a focal point in attack and the team's work rate soaring, Metro took

charge to snuff out any hope of Queensland posting a stunning victory.

So dominant were Vic Metro in the second half that they added 11.9 while holding Queensland to just two points and the northern visitors did not score in the final term.

"A few things were said at half time – and their one percenters – tackles, blocks – lifted after half time and that showed on the scoreboard," Welsh said.

While Patton ended with six goals from full forward, Welsh said he believes he's more suited to playing at centre half forward.

Welsh said with Queensland opting to play man-on-man, it was decided to push Patton deep into attack.

"We thought if we created a bit of space for him, he might do all right," Welsh said.

Ruckman Billy Longer, with 13 possessions, seven marks and 13 hit-outs, was outstanding not only at the stoppages, but with the way he got to as many contests as possible. "He was great, he gave us first use of the football," Welsh said.

Toby Greene gathered a team-high 24 possessions, one more than Michael Bussey with Hal Hunter (20) and Liam Sumner (20) also reaching the 20 possession mark.

Oakleigh Chargers midfielder Dom Tyson again impressed

with his ball use as he collected 19 possessions.

Metro made 12 changes to the team that defeated NSW/ACT with Welsh forecasting a further six would be likely for the match against West Australia at Patersons Stadium on Sunday.

Welsh said the format of the competition allowed the flexibility to play players and give them the experience of playing at such a high level.

"It's good to give other kids a go," Welsh said.

"We'll probably pick our strongest squad of 28 and then refine it from there to 25."

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## Vic Metro

4.4 6.8 11.12 17.17 (119)

## Queensland

2.1 5.2 5.4 5.4 (34)

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## Goals:

**Vic Metro:** J Patton 6, T Curran 2, T Greene, L Sumner, T Totevski, H Crozier, D Markworth, D Tyson, B Ellis, S Frost, B Longer

**Queensland:** J Starcevich 2, L Russ, J Rolfe, A Sexton

## Best:

**Vic Metro:** J Patton, B Longer, T Greene, J Viney, T Totevski, L Sumner

**Queensland:** R Newell, J Allen, A Boston, J Starcevich, J Wagner, T Fields

# Clay Smith

**THE opening weekend in June created a series of firsts for Clay Smith.**

Not only was he selected in his first representative squad, but he experienced his first plane trip and, most importantly, played a telling role in Vic Country's success against Tasmania.

Smith, 18, continued the outstanding form he's displayed all season long for Gippsland Power as Vic Country held off a last quarter revival from Tasmania to emerge 22-point winners, 15.15 (105) to 13.5 (83).

After seemingly coasting towards an easy win with a 56-point lead at three-quarter time, Vic Country was jolted by a surge from the host State who took full advantage of a strong wind to kick the first six goals of the last quarter.

Vic Country stood up to the challenge, and kicked two steady goals to maintain their comfortable advantage.

As he walked from Bellerive Oval with his jubilant teammates the sense of the moment and what he'd accomplished was not lost on Smith.

"It was awesome," enthused Smith.

"Just to play with such high quality players right around the team and to get the chance to travel was unbelievable."

Smith, runner-up in Gippsland's best and fairest

count last season behind Dyson Heppell, was a pivotal player in the win as his hard work around the stoppages ensured his teammates received first use of the ball.

He collected 18-possession, laid four tackles and did plenty of hard work in and under the packs.

Smith said coach Robert Hyde warned them that Tasmania would not die wondering and that they would come at Country hard in the last quarter.

"'Hydey' was really happy with our first three quarters, he thought we played really good footy and he said the last quarter was a really good learning lesson for us," Smith said.

"When they came back, we had to battle against them and the wind. We need to learn and build on that, but I think we will as it was our first real game together as a team."

Smith admitted the experience, especially the lead into the game, was nerve wracking.

He said his first tackle and first possession saw his nerves disappear and he went about his game as he would in the TAC Cup.

But, Smith noted that the pace and intensity of the Championships was far greater to anything he had experienced in the TAC Cup.

"It's another step up, the quality of play is better and it's

more physical," he said.

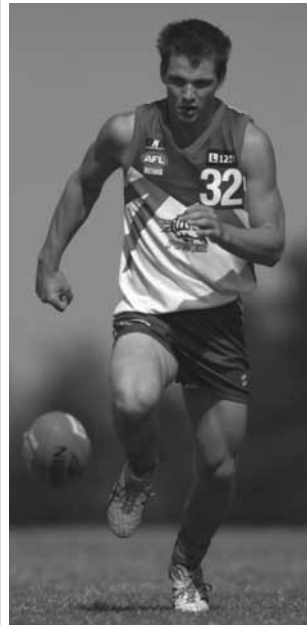
Smith was pleased that his kicking efficiency, an area that he's worked overtime on, was good against Tasmania.

But, he added there was still room for plenty of improvement from himself and his Country teammates.

Smith said the addition of Geelong Falcons Devon Smith, who played in last year's triumphant Country team, and Bendigo's Sam Kerridge would only strengthen the team.

"With the list that we have if we can all gel together we can only improve and do pretty well," he said.

"It's going to be a good experience."



# Devon's exciting start



SCOUTS around the country are pretty much full bottle on Devon Smith, the extremely gifted Geelong Falcon midfielder.

For those who weren't entirely sure what to make of him, the 18-year-old provided a timely reminder as he made his NAB AFL Under 18 Championship debut for Vic Country.

Smith produced a highlight tape bursting with all the qualities that saw him a member of the AIS/AFL Academy.

He was totally dominant as Vic Country posted a 33-point win against Northern Territory, 14.14 (98) to 9.11 (65) at Visy Park.

Smith amassed a team-high 27 possession, laid five tackles and put an exclamation mark next to his performance with six goals.

It was a stunning display from Smith who also featured prominently on the stats sheet for clearances (seven) and inside 50s (seven).

What made the performance even more impressive is that Smith only resumed playing late last month after a hip injury.

Country coach Rob Hyde described Smith as a "special' player who "don't come along all that often" and added he was always dangerous whether he was on the ball or resting in attack.

"He's super smart, clever and skilled. He was great considering he's had to comeback from a reasonable

injury," Hyde said.

"Devon just knows it's going to be plus he's a beautiful kick. He rarely misses targets with his left or right foot.

"He's just a special kid."

Hyde noted it should not be undersold just how hard it was for a midfielder to kick six goals in any game let alone an AFL Under 18 Championship match.

While Smith was clearly the best player on the ground, Country received sizeable contributions from Todd Elton who collected 23 possessions, took nine marks and helped out Jay Lever and Jordan Staley with six hit outs.

"Elton was terrific. His second half against Tassie was good and he improved again in this match. He's another kid who hasn't played much football and is only going to improve," Hyde said.

Country's big men were pivotal as they combined for 50 hit outs, double that gained from Northern Territory's ruckmen. Lever directed 22 hit outs, Staley 19. While Smith led the team with 27-possessions, he was not alone in collecting 20 plus possessions. Alec Benbow (22), Shaun Marusic (21), Jackson Merrett (20), Nic O'Brien (22) and Shaun Wyatt (22) all contributed.

After holding Northern Territory goal less in the opening quarter while posting two goals themselves, Country increased its lead at every change before running

out comfortable winners.

Hyde said the match against Northern Territory allowed Country to make 13 changes to the team that defeated Tasmania in the Championship opener.

He said it provided an opportunity for players to experience the Championship and gauge where their standard stood.

"Some of them put their hand up, some of them were not quite to the level," Hyde said.

"We're just going along at the moment. I'm still not sure what we're going to be like," Hyde said.

"Hopefully, we can be competitive, we haven't played great football so far, but we made a lot of changes and now we'll get back to our best squad."

## Vic Country

2.4 6.7 10.12 14.14 (98)

## Northern Territory

0.4 3.6 7.6 9.11 (65)

## Goals:

**Vic Country:** D Smith 6, F Dale 2, T Elton, S Wyatt, S Dobson, B O'Hanlon, S Deery, C Smith

**Northern Territory:** G Turner 3, L Lawler 2, J Anderson 2, A Tipungwuti, N Morrison

## Best:

**Vic Country:** D Smith, T Elton, C Smith, S Dobson, S Wyatt, N O'Brien

**Northern Territory:** J Neade, J Anderson, L Michell, B Rioli, B McLean, J Wilson



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# Championships now get serious

THE deciding two and a half weeks of the NAB AFL Under 18 national Championships kick off this weekend.

In a change to the format of the titles this year, the results from the opening two rounds - where sides from different divisions went head to head - will not count in determining the eventual Championship winners.

With expanded squads, teams have been able to use the opening rounds to give extra players the opportunity to experience football at the National Championships level. For some players it could be just the chance they need to show their skills in a competitive environment, and might put their name into the drafting spotlight.

Now that the opening rounds are out of the way, Victoria will resume its customary rivalry with South Australia and Western Australia in the battle to take out the division one title. All teams made it through the first two rounds of action without a defeat, so for at least two teams this weekend the bitter taste of defeat in the 2011 Championships will be experienced.

The Victorian teams head interstate again this weekend, as they did in round 1, before they return to Victoria for the final two matches, to be held in Geelong and at Etihad Stadium.

Results from the Championships so far are

below. The results may not give a true indication of the form of each side in the Championships, as each State has been trialling different members of their squad of 40, and a number of changes have been made to each side for the various matches.

## RESULTS SO FAR

### Vic Country

#### Rd 1

Vic Country 15.15.105 def  
Tasmania 13.5.83

#### Rd 2

Vic Country 14.14.98 def  
Northern Territory 9.11.65

### Vic Metro

#### Rd 1

Vic Metro 21.15.141 def  
NSW/ACT 9.7.61

#### Rd 2

Vic Metro 17.17.119 def  
Queensland 5.4.34

### South Australia

#### Rd 1

South Australia 14.16.100 def  
Queensland 6.7.43

#### Rd 2

South Australia 19.19.133 def  
NSW/ACT 9.4.58

### Western Australia

#### Rd 1

Western Australia 11.14.80 def  
Northern Territory 9.12.66

#### Rd 2

Western Australia 17.13.115 def  
Tasmania 4.4.28

## UPCOMING FIXTURES

### Vic Country

#### Round 3

Saturday June 18, 1pm

#### Vs South Australia

Adelaide Oval, SA

#### Round 4

Friday July 1, 2:35pm

#### Vs Western Australia

Skilled Stadium, VIC

#### Round 5

Wednesday July 6, 5:35pm

#### Vs Vic Metro

Etihad Stadium, VIC

### Vic Metro

#### Round 3

Sunday June 19, 11:15am

#### Vs Western Australia

Paterson's Stadium, WA

#### Round 4

Friday July 1, 12:15pm

#### Vs South Australia

Skilled Stadium, VIC

#### Round 5

Wednesday July 6, 5:35pm

#### Vs Vic Country

Etihad Stadium, VIC





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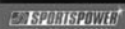
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# 2011 TAC Cup statistics

## 2011 TAC CUP - ROUND 8

Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Gippsland Power	8	7	1	0	682	486	140.33	28
Calder Cannons	9	7	2	0	892	665	134.14	28
Sandringham Dragons	9	6	3	0	803	614	130.78	24
Geelong Falcons	8	5	3	0	708	566	125.09	20
North Ballarat Rebels	8	5	3	0	615	543	113.26	20
Northern Knights	9	5	4	0	722	853	84.64	20
Dandenong Stingrays	8	4	4	0	556	476	116.81	16
Oakleigh Chargers	9	4	5	0	706	781	90.40	16
Eastern Ranges	9	4	5	0	733	830	88.31	16
Western Jets	9	3	6	0	684	800	85.50	12
Tasmania	2	2	0	0	229	41	558.54	8
Murray Bushrangers	8	2	6	0	633	736	86.01	8
NSW ACT Rams	3	1	2	0	213	270	78.89	4
Queensland	3	0	3	0	202	307	65.80	0
Bendigo Pioneers	8	0	8	0	447	857	52.16	0

## ROUND 8

**CALDER CANNONS** 2.6 7.8 13.14 17.18-120

**WESTERN JETS** 2.1 3.4 5.4 8.5-53

### Calder Cannons

Goal Kickers: J. Solomon 6, J. Burgess 4, N. Fletcher 2, O. Allouch 2, A. Saad, D. Bugeja, B. Drummond  
 Best Players: D. Bugeja, R. Ball, J. Solomon, J. Madden, P. Sahlberg, M. Dick

### Western Jets

Goal Kickers: J. Cooke 2, W. Hoskin-Elliott, N. Franzl, M. Bongiovanni, J. Walker, D. Jones, A. Kennedy  
 Best Players: A. Kennedy, A. Brown, J. Cooke, N. Holdsworth, W. Hoskin-Elliott, J. Mead

**DANDENONG STINGRAYS** 3.5 4.7 7.9 9.11-65

**EASTERN RANGES** 1.1 3.5 6.6 9.9-63

### Dandenong Stingrays

Goal Kickers: B. O'Hanlon 2, A. Laes, L. Wallace, J. Jennings, C. Buchan, N. Wright, R. Morrison, A. Giobbi  
 Best Players: N. Wright, L. Wallace, R. Morrison, J. Westerman, M. Rennie, R. Hill

### Eastern Ranges

Goal Kickers: L. Johns 2, D. Volta, C. McLeod, D. Agnew, B. Cavarra, J. Field, T. Jones, L. O'Brien  
 Best Players: D. Volta, J. Field, C. McLeod, K. Grenda, K. Staples, N. Sargent

**GIPPSLAND POWER** 2.4 4.6 8.10 14.15-99

**NORTH BALLARAT REBELS** 5.3 9.5 12.7 14.8-92

### Gippsland Power

Goal Kickers: T. Membrey 4, T. Muir 3, J. Johnstone 2, S. Lange, J. Scott, A. Tipungwuti, N. Graham, S. Docherty  
 Best Players: D. Butcher, S. Marusic, S. Wyatt, A. Tipungwuti, J. Johnstone, T. Membrey

### North Ballarat Rebels

Goal Kickers: S. Spriggs 4, R. Taggart 3, D. Watchorn 2, J. Stiles, J. Murphy, S. Dobson, M. Close, B. Ison  
 Best Players: T. Smith, W. Pomorin, T. Lockyer, R. Taggart, S. Spriggs, A. Simpson

**BENDIGO PIONEERS** 1.5 4.8 7.14 9.17-71

**OAKLEIGH CHARGERS** 4.5 7.10 12.12 12.14-86

### Bendigo Pioneers

Goal Kickers: E. Foreman 2, S. Kerridge 2, K. Ngwati, J. Flack, B. Christodoulou, D. Iudica, V. Flood  
 Best Players: O. Wines, K. Ngwati, J. Collins, S. Kerridge, E. Foreman, J. Flack

### Oakleigh Chargers

Goal Kickers: D. Mascitti 3, N. Murphy 3, C. Burns 2, C. Lewis, L. Jong, D. Harris, S. Hudson  
 Best Players: L. Jong, D. Mascitti, M. Arnot, A. Brown, A. Forato, D. Heath

**SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS** 1.5 3.7 4.9 5.10-40

**GEELONG FALCONS** 1.2 4.4 8.5 12.8-80

### Sandringham Dragons

Goal Kickers: A. Anastasio 2, C. Sharp, V. Saina, O. Persson  
 Best Players: A. Anastasio, C. Mangoni, B. McLean, T. Tyquin, V. Saina, T. Buckley

### Geelong Falcons

Goal Kickers: J. Sheahan 4, J. Keras 3, J. Merritt, M. Higgins, J. Bews, T. Stewart, T. Battaglia  
 Best Players: C. Tudor, J. Keras, Z. Sherman, D. Williamson, J. Bews, R. Monaghan

**MURRAY BUSHRANGERS** 5.4 7.6 10.7 13.9-87

**NORTHERN KNIGHTS** 3.1 7.5 10.8 14.9-93

### Murray Bushrangers

Goal Kickers: N. Warnock 5, L. Hampton 2, M. Taberner 2, T. Clurey, P. Wearden, J. Young, L. Visser  
 Best Players: L. Visser, S. Martyn, N. Warnock, L. Scale, J. Taylor, T. Clurey

### Northern Knights

Goal Kickers: N. Maric 4, D. Morris 3, T. Mcowan 2, A. Corr 2, J. Kroussoratis, T. Currie, L. Apted  
 Best Players: N. Maric, T. Totevski, L. Brandt, S. Gilmore, W. Gleeson, N. Bourke

## TAC CUP: ROUND 8

### GOAL KICKERS

Josh Burgess	Calder Cannons	25 (4)
Nick Murphy	Oakleigh Chargers	23 (3)
Jonathon Patton	Eastern Ranges	22 (-)
Nick Maric	Northern Knights	21 (4)
Jai Sheahan	Geelong Falcons	19 (4)
Daniel Markworth	Calder Cannons	18 (-)
Tim Membrey	Gippsland Power	18 (4)
Jack Solomon	Calder Cannons	17 (6)
Daniel Castellano	Western Jets	16 (-)
Brett O'Hanlon	Dandenong Stingrays	14 (2)
Anthony Papa	Eastern Ranges	14 (-)
Braeden Knox	Bendigo Pioneers	13 (-)
Sam Hudson	Oakleigh Chargers	13 (1)
Jackson Coleman	Sandringham Dragons	13 (-)
Sam Kerridge	Bendigo Pioneers	12 (2)

### KICKS

Oliver Wines	Bendigo Pioneers	24
Shaun Wyatt	Gippsland Power	20
Damian Mascitti	Oakleigh Chargers	20
Sam Kerridge	Bendigo Pioneers	19
Shaun Marusic	Gippsland Power	19
Thomas McEwan	Northern Knights	19
Josh Burgess	Calder Cannons	18
Jackson Merrett	Geelong Falcons	18
Douglas Morris	Northern Knights	18
Jordan Collins	Bendigo Pioneers	17
James Kroussoratis	Northern Knights	17
Tom Buckley	Sandringham	17
Damien Bugeja	Calder Cannons	16
Will Pomorin	North Ballarat Rebels	16
Anthony Anastasio	Sandringham	16

### MARKS

Zac Sherman	Geelong Falcons	12
Damian Mascitti	Oakleigh Chargers	11
Jack Solomon	Calder Cannons	10
Jackson Merrett	Geelong Falcons	10
Ryan Monaghan	Geelong Falcons	10
Oliver Wines	Bendigo Pioneers	9
Dylan McCarthy	Geelong Falcons	9
Shaun Marusic	Gippsland Power	9
Nick Warnock	Murray Bushrangers	9
Koe Ngwati	Bendigo Pioneers	8
Josh Burgess	Calder Cannons	8
Cameron Tudor	Geelong Falcons	8
Jordan Taylor	Murray Bushrangers	8
Dylan Heath	Oakleigh Chargers	8
Ashlin Brown	Western Jets	8

### HANDBALLS

Jordan Keras	Geelong Falcons	23
Tom Watson	Geelong Falcons	21
Ryan Monaghan	Geelong Falcons	18
Cameron Tudor	Geelong Falcons	18
Robert Ball	Calder Cannons	15
Jordan Taylor	Murray Bushrangers	15
Adam Kennedy	Western Jets	14
Max Gearon	Dandenong Stingrays	13
Zac Sherman	Geelong Falcons	13
Jordan Collins	Bendigo Pioneers	12
Paul Sahlberg	Calder Cannons	12
Damien Hector	Gippsland Power	12
David Morris	North Ballarat Rebels	12
Thomas Tyquin	Sandringham Dragons	12
Damien Volta	Eastern Ranges	11

### COACHES VOTES

Damien Bugeja	(Calder Cannons)
Nathan Wright	(Dandenong Stingrays)
Danny Butcher	(Gippsland Power)
Lin Jong	(Oakleigh Chargers)
Cameron Tudor	(Geelong Falcons)
Nick Maric	(Northern Knights)

# TAC Cup club notes

All the latest news, events and match information from inside each TAC Cup club.



**DANDENONG:** The Stingrays would like to congratulate the Vic Country U18 players for their wins against Tasmania and Northern Territory in the



*Dandenong Stingray Jake Calvert*

National Championships and congratulate the 8 Dandenong Stingrays players representing Vic Country this weekend against South Australia- Brett O'Hanlon, Matthew Buntine, Todd Elton, Nick Haynes, Jordan Kelly, Jason Pongracic, Lachie Whitfield, and Piva Wright. The Stingrays would also like to congratulate the Under 16 players who made the final squad for Vic Country in the NAB AFL Under 16 National Carnival- Clayton McCarthy, Angus Scott and Blake Pearson. Finally a huge thank you to all those people who helped in the past few weeks deliver our sponsors day luncheon and a special thank you to all the mums and dads who have contributed in cooking the Thursday night meals for the boys and staff.



**EASTERN RANGES:** Congratulations to all 6 Eastern Ranges boys who made the Vic Metro squad

and played in their first games against NSW/ACT and Queensland. Well done to Jonathon Patton, Leif Cope, Hayden Crozier, Michael Bussey, Max Warren and Alex Greenwood. The Eastern Ranges are now appealing for items to be donated to the clubs annual auction - to be held on Friday July 29th. For more information call Andrew Gommers on 0401 242 730.



**GEELONG FALCONS:** Geelong Falcons would like to congratulate Vic Country on their start to the 2011 NAB AFL U/ 18 Championships- with two wins against Tasmania and N.T. Well done to our players who have represented Vic Country so far- Taylor Adams, Devon Smith, Sam Gordon, Jackson Merrett, Jay Lever, Andrew Boseley, Ryan Monaghan and Lachie Edwards.

## media coverage

**Round 9, June 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>:**

*Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June*

Geelong Falcons vs Gippsland Power *Visy Park from 11.15am AEST*

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### GIPPSLAND POWER:

Congratulations goes to Clay Smith, Haydn Hector, Josh Tynan, Jordan Staley, Simon Deery on their performance against Tasmania and Northern Territory in the Championships and also Shaun Wyatt, Damian Hector and Shaun Marusic on their efforts with Vic. Country V's the Northern Territory. Also congratulations to Anthony Tipungwuti on his efforts against W.A. and Vic. Country in the NAB AFL National Championships. Ash Green (Assistant Coach) and Brian Kinder (Property Steward) continue to do an outstanding job for Vic. Country at the National Championships. All players and parents please note that we will go into camp the final Development Weekend 5th, 6th and 7th August 2011 at Phillip Island. Thank you to all the parents and staff who filled in some roles for staff missing at our last home game.



### MURRAY BUSHRANGERS:

Hume Building Society has been judged 2011 Building Society of the Year by Money magazine. This prestigious award recognises the

excellent value Hume provides its customers through offering award winning products. CANSTAR CANNEX and Money magazine evaluate Financial Institutions across Australia and honour just three premier awards – Bank of the Year, Credit Union of the Year and Building Society of the Year. As the Murray Bushrangers Premier Sponsor we congratulate all the team at Hume for this great achievement. Congratulations also to the three players chosen in the final Vic Country Under 16 team; Jake Sharp, Jarman Impey and Nathan Drummond. We wish them and the rest of the team the best of luck at the Under 16 Championships in Sydney later this month.



### NORTH BALLARAT REBELS:

Congratulations to Brad Crouch, Sebastian Ross, Coleman Schache, Sam Dobson and Nick O'Brien who have represented Vic Country thus far in the NAB AFL National U18 Championships. Special mention to Nick who Captained the team for the Round 1 victory against Tasmania. Well done to Darcy Watchorn who had the opportunity to be the 23rd player with the VFL Roosters last weekend in their big game against Williamstown. Next week's game against the Northern Knights at Eureka Stadium will be the Rebels

TAC Driving Activity. We ask all players on their Learners to drive to the game and log their hours. Parents will be also welcomed with a morning tea upstairs at the Sports Club at 11.30am.



*North Ballarat Rebel David Morris*



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#	Player	DOB	H	W	Local Club	G	B
1	Ethan Foreman	11-Jul-93	177	78	Kyneton		
2	Oliver Wines	07-Oct-94	184	84	Echuca		
3	Jacob Heavyside	09-Mar-93	186	71	Strathfieldsaye		
4	Greg Hay	20-Oct-93	180	83	Sunbury Lions		
5	Ben Christodoulou	13-Jul-93	175	72	Mildura		
6	Joel Donehue	13-Jan-94	182	79	Leitchville Gunbower		
7	Jake Stringer	25-Apr-94	191	86	Sandhurst		
8	Koe Ngawati	08-Feb-93	179	80	Sandhurst		
9	Jordan Collins	20-Apr-94	173	69	North Bendigo		
10	Ben Mcphee	05-Jul-93	179	74	LBU		
11	Vinnie Flood	01-Sep-94	175	67	Strathfieldsaye		
12	Sam Heavyside	09-Jul-94	175	66	Strathfieldsaye		
13	Braeden Knox	10-May-94	184	73	Golden Square		
14	Harrison Huntley	28-Dec-92	190	84	Woodend/Hesket		
15	Zac Plant	09-Oct-93	182	79	Castlemaine		
16	Ryan Eade	25-Mar-94	183	78	Echuca		
17	Sam Kerridge	26-Apr-93	188	84	Mildura		
18	Zac May	19-Mar-93	203	85	Donald		
19	James Mcquillan	28-Aug-93	178	80	Echuca		
20	Anthony Robins	24-Dec-94	175	61	Castlemaine		
21	Trent Donnan	01-Jul-93	181	75	Woomalang		
22	Jordan Mangan	19-Mar-95	193	75	Kyneton		
23	Sam Harvey	18-Jul-93	188	95	Murrabit		
24	Nathan McCarty	07-Oct-93	179	72	Rochester		
25	Lachlan Gilbert	01-Jan-93	172	71	Swan Hill		
26	Luke Marchesi	14-Feb-95	181	74	Strathfieldsaye		
27	Curtis Slattery	30-Mar-94	187	78	Boort		
28	Sam Clyne	06-Dec-94	175	72	Wentworth		
29	Jeremy Lambden	21-Dec-93	196	86	Rushworth		
30	Tom Stevens	03-Jan-93	185	79	Echuca		
31	James Flack	20-Jul-93	175	72	South Mildura		
32	Cameron Valentine	02-Nov-93	191	83	Echuca		
33	Nathan Dunstan	16-Jun-94	196	78	Donald		
34	Daniel Seddon	19-Dec-93	180	86	Irymple		
36	Riley Hird	28-Mar-93	191	84	Kerang		
37	Daniel Ludica	04-Mar-94	187	75	Robinvale		
38	Jay McDonald	12-Mar-93	184	82	Wandella		
39	Jordan Weekly	15-Mar-94	180	79	Bairnald		
40	Daniel Coates	25-Dec-94	185	75	Cohuna		
41	Nick Mee	08-Sep-94	180	68	Imperials		
42	Galen Munari	19-Dec-94	179	67	South Bendigo		
43	Angus Crowley	01-Mar-93	193	84	Wentworth		
44	Jordan Taylor	18-Jul-92	189	80	Riddells Creek		
45	Josh Filo	03-Oct-94	178	80	Kerang		

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#	Player	DOB	H	W	Local Club	G	B
1	Sam Milne	23-Feb-93	175	69	Albury		
2	Lonnie Hampton	29-Jan-94	168	63	Lavington		
3	Sam Martyn	8-Jan-94	175	71	Benalla		
4	Ashley Morris	13-Dec-93	180	71	Deniliquin		
5	Sam Poole	29-Mar-93	184	73	Shep United		
6	Drew Skilling	25-Nov-10	184	77	Yea		
7	Jamie Elliot	21-Aug-92	175	76	Euroa		
8	Ben Bingham	11-Feb-93	181	72	Shepparton United		
9	Beau Walker	27-Sep-93	182	74	Albury		
10	Xavier Stevenson	9-Mar-93	173	72	Shepparton Bears		
11	Patrick Wearden	6-Aug-93	191	75	Kyabram		
12	Sean Johns	17-Jan-93	176	75	Mulwala		
13	Jack Brooks	9-Jul-93	180	75	Turvey Park		
14	Bodhi Butts	7-Mar-93	178	73	Mulwala		
15	Ash Pollard	23-Feb-93	185	75	Tocumwal		
16	Jake Palpratt	3-Jul-94	180	78	Benalla		
17	Rory Scopel	16-Mar-94	185	81	Seymour		
18	Zac Williams	20-Sep-94	180	70	Albury		
19	Jayden Young	16-May-93	192	83	Tatura		
20	Jake Reeves	11-Mar-93	193	99	Kyabram		
21	Jordan Taylor	8-Apr-94	187	75	Finley		
22	Ryan Cobain	22-Jul-93	184	74	Wangaratta Magpies		
23	Ashley Holland	17-Sep-92	199	87	Shepparton Bears		
24	Angus Locke	17-Apr-94	184	80	Albury		
25	Tom Clurey	23-Mar-94	191	83	Katamatite		
26	Elliott Christopher	21-Feb-93	183	82	Mansfield		
27	Dom Nixon	2-Aug-93	185	74	Yarrawonga/Assumption College		
28	Ben Vile	16-May-94	190	74	Albury		
29	Zac Leitch	23-Mar-93	189	88	Wangaratta Magpies		
30	Josh Prudden	6-Sep-94	181	76	Seymour/Assumption College		
31	Tom Yensch	20-Oct-93	190	86	Lavington		
32	Reid Crowe	23-Mar-93	174	66	Finley		
33	Jack Crisp	2-Oct-93	189	81	Myrtleford		
34	Tom Hargreave	4-Jul-94	181	74	Thurgoona		
35	Lachlan Smith	9-Sep-93	190	80	Benalla		
36	Cadeyn Williams	4-Aug-94	184	83	Cobram		
37	Luke Visser	6-Aug-93	195	81	Wodonga Raiders		
38	Nick Warnock	12-Jan-93	190	84	Benalla		
39	Connor Hargreaves	12-Dec-94	188	82	Yarrawonga		
40	Kasey Duncan	21-Apr-94	173	73	Avenel		
41	Lachlan Howe	12-Jun-93	197	94	Rennie/Xavier College		
42	Iain McGillivray	21-Feb-94	200	86	Corowa-Rutherglen		
43	Josh Porter	26-Apr-94	192	88	Wangaratta Magpies		
44	Liam Scale	23-Feb-93	193	80	Mansfield		
45	Matt Taberner	17-Jun-93	196	82	Alpine Eagles		
48	Tim Garlick	4-Oct-93	180	84	Tocumwal		

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1	Riley Ferguson	20-Dec-94	172	67	Geelong Amateurs		
2	Meyrick Buchanan	15-Sep-93	176	68	Colac/ Geelong Grammar		
3	Daniel Watson	06-Nov-94	178	67	Cobden		
4	Devon Smith	20-May-93	175	73	Lara/ Geelong Grammar		
5	Tristan Battaglia	02-Mar-93	171	65	Bannockburn		
6	Tyler Stack	14-Jul-93	174	72	Bell Park		
7	Josh Saunders	31-Aug-94	179	76	Geelong Amateurs/Geelong College		
8	Darcy Williamson	16-Jan-93	176	72	Barwon Heads		
9	Jordan Keras	07-Dec-93	181	81	South Barwon		
10	Patrick Eastman	27-Jan-94	182	72	West Saints		
11	Taylor Adams	20-Sep-93	181	80	St.Joseph's		
12	Nathan Storer	06-Mar-93	179	72	Leopold		
13	Ryan Monaghan	23-May-93	183	78	Colac		
14	Riley Kershaw	05-Oct-94	181	72	St.Joseph's		
15	Jackson Merrett	27-Feb-93	187	70	Cobden		
16	Tom Watson	22-Jan-93	178	74	Cobden		
17	Luke Sells	21-Jan-94	181	64	West Saints		
18	Dylan McCarthy	03-Jun-94	183	69	South Colac		
19	Fraser Lucas	01-Aug-93	178	65	Camperdown		
20	Zac Sherman	13-Jul-94	182	65	St.Mary's		
21	Luke Mahoney	01-Feb-92	183	81	Camperdown		
22	Adam Gross	24-Sep-93	182	78	Torquay		
23	Sam Scott	20-May-94	180	78	Leopold		
24	Thomas Gribble	17-Oct-94	181	65	West Saints		
25	Gus Bourke	27-Oct-94	179	70	Terang Mortlake		
26	Kyle Devlin	15-Aug-93	182	76	St.Marys/ Geelong Grammar		
27	Jed Bews	14-Dec-93	186	78	Leopold		
28	Jakob Ryan	26-Jan-93	189	76	Cobden		
29	Brody Mahoney	02-Feb-94	183	82	Colac		
30	Lachlan Edwards	08-Feb-93	187	80	Belmont Lions/Newtown		
31	Josh Hovey	24-Oct-94	189	81	St.Joseph's		
32	James Carr	14-Feb-94	180	78	Newtown/ Geelong College		
34	Matthew Higgins	24-Dec-93	188	75	Newtown		
35	Mason Wood	13-Sep-93	189	73	Geelong Amateurs		
36	Tom Steven	01-Jan-93	183	75	Lorne		
37	Tom Stewart	15-Mar-93	190	87	South Barwon		
38	George Curnow	22-Jul-93	189	75	Torquay/ Geelong College		
39	Will Foott	21-Jan-94	186	79	Portarlington		
40	Jai Sheahan	27-Jan-93	195	83	Newtown		
41	Jake Hedley	09-May-93	188	85	Queenscliff		
42	Tom Kingston	09-Nov-93	190	80	St.Joseph's		
43	Sam Gordon	31-Mar-93	197	87	Camperdown/ Geelong Grammar		
44	Paul Burchell	04-Dec-94	189	72	Torquay		
45	Cam Williams	09-Oct-93	196	88	Geelong Amateurs/Geelong College		
46	Michael Murray	22-Apr-93	193	93	Leopold		
47	Jay Lever	15-Jun-93	200	86	South Barwon		
48	Andrew Boseley	04-Sep-92	194	80	South Barwon		
49	Jake Cooper	11-Sep-94	191	82	Apollo Bay		
50	Cameron Tudor	29-Jun-92	195	78	St.Joseph's		

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#	Player	DOB	H	W	Local Club	G	B
1	Jack Blair	19-Apr-93	170	61	Wonthaggi Power		
2	Haydn Hector	08-Mar-93	181	81	Traralgon		
3	Danny Butcher	22-Jan-93	183	73	Maffra		
4	Josh Cashman	29-Dec-94	179	70	Sale		
5	Simon Deery	18-Sep-93	192	86	Bairnsdale		
6	Ben Edwards	07-Apr-93	177	73	Drouin		
7	Sam Docherty	17-Oct-03	183	83	Phillip Island		
8	Damien Hector	08-Mar-93	181	81	Traralgon		
9	Jack Doderico	25-Jul-93	188	85	Traralgon		
10	Gus Donovan	15-Aug-94	193	80	Orbost Snowy Rovers		
11	Ben Fitzpatrick	13-Jul-93	176	65	Korumburra		
12	Tom Fusinato	02-Mar-94	175	71	Warragul		
13	Nicholas Graham	12-Jun-94	175	74	Traralgon		
14	Ryley Hall	14-Feb-94	189	80	Bairnsdale		
15	Will Hams	14-Jul-94	177	67	Sale		
16	James Huts	08-Nov-94	190	87	Maffra		
17	Daniel Jackson	19-May-94	175	69	Drouin		
18	Jack Johnstone	04-Aug-93	183	82	Maffra		
19	Sean Corrigan	10-Dec-93	186	77	Officer		
20	Shannen Lange	22-Jul-94	178	75	Sale		
21	Kane Lewthwaite	26-Jul-94	186	76	Traralgon		
22	Drew McGrath	20-Sep-94	180	79	Traralgon		
23	Tim Membrey	26-May-94	187	87	Traralgon		
24	Tom Muir	17-Nov-94	189	78	Neerim Neerim South		
25	Anthony Tipungwuti	22-Apr-93	169	78	Tiwi Bombers		
26	Matt Northe	26-Sep-94	180	72	Traralgon		
27	Josh Scott	03-Mar-94	187	69	Bairnsdale		
28	Daniel Seri	14-Feb-94	181	72	Drouin		
29	Jayden Steers	04-Feb-94	193	83	Traralgon		
30	Shaun Wyatt	01-Nov-93	180	75	Bairnsdale		
31	Jordan Symons	19-Dec-93	175	73	Traralgon		
32	Clay Smith	11-May-93	180	78	Bairnsdale		
33	Jordan Staley	14-Jul-93	194	90	Foster		
34	Ben Eddy	20-Oct-92	188	86	Wonthaggi Power		
35	Luke Thompson	02-Mar-93	178	77	Moe		
36	Dylan Weir	01-Jul-94	196	93	Geelong Grammar		
37	Josh Tynan	06-Nov-93	184	72	Garfield		
38	Shaun Marusic	24-Mar-92	193	92	Koo Wee Rup		
39	Matthew Willcocks	29-Mar-93	191	94	Leongatha		
40	Chris Williams	31-Dec-93	187	78	Churchill		

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#	Player	DOB	H	W	Local Club	G	B
1	Sam Bourke	18-May-94	176	70	Pearcedale		
2	Dale Sutton	28-Jan-93	174	73	Frankston Bombers		
3	Lachlan Wallace	24-Jan-92	175	71	Frankston YCW		
4	Robert Hill	01-Nov-93	185	92	Rowville		
5	Alex Benbow	22-Jan-93	173	70	Beaconsfield		
7	Lachie Whitfield	18-Jul-94	182	72	Mornington		
8	Nic Tuddenham	24-Feb-94	176	73	Langwarrin		
9	Scott Durdin	02-Jun-94	179	74	Narre Warren		
10	Nathan Wright	16-Feb-94	183	79	Berwick		
11	Billy Rolfe	16-Feb-94	183	77	Frankston YCW		
12	Taylor Garner	08-Jan-94	184	69	Rowville		
13	Corey Buchan	24-May-92	190	85	Tyabb		
14	Damien Johnston	31-Mar-93	186	80	Beaconsfield		
15	Jack Sheppard	06-May-93	185	79	Berwick		
17	Jackson Dalton	03-Mar-94	182	81	Hampton Park		
18	Chris Sewell	16-Nov-94	187	79	Edithvale-Aspendale		
19	Travis Bravo	20-Aug-93	177	76	Somerville		
20	Matt Rennie	16-Jun-94	188	80	Rowville		
22	Brad Hermans	17-Feb-94	170	70	Cranbourne		
23	Jason Salopek	22-May-93	174	64	Narre Warren		
24	Chris Mckay	08-Feb-94	175	70	Berwick		
25	Adam Giobbi	19-Mar-93	189	80	Narre Warren		
26	Piva Wright	28-Jun-93	189	94	Noble Park		
27	Ryan Morrison	06-Mar-94	189	79	Berwick		
29	Matt Buntine	19-Oct-93	188	93	Berwick		
30	Max Gearon	30-Jan-93	173	87	Cranbourne		
31	Adam Jaber	06-Feb-93	191	85	Pakenham		
32	Jordan Kelly	27-Jun-93	191	81	Edithvale-Aspendale		
33	Jimmy Jennings	13-Feb-92	184	75	Rye		
34	Brett O'Hanlon	17-Jul-93	189	82	Edithvale-Aspendale		
35	Mitchell Viney	13-Feb-93	180	76	Doveton		
36	Stewart Damon	13-Aug-93	197	92	Mornington		
37	Jason Pongratic	21-Apr-94	181	82	Koo Wee Rup		
39	Nick Haynes	18-May-92	191	70	Frankston Bombers		
40	Jarryd Capiron	25-Jun-93	184	83	Edithvale-Aspendale		
42	Jake Calvert	30-May-93	192	74	Narre Warren		
44	Lewis Pierce	16-Nov-94	200	84	Mt Eliza		
45	Todd Elton	29-Apr-93	197	87	Somerville		
46	Corie Intveen	26-Feb-94	193	77	Narre Warren		
47	Andrew Vella	14-Mar-94	176	67	Narre Warren		
49	Jake Mullen	23-Aug-93	186	76	Doveton		
50	Jayden Gee	05-Jan-94	185	82	Beaconsfield		
52	Aaron Lees	26-Aug-93	187	84	Seaford		
54	Bryce Kellerman	26-Aug-93	177	67	Karingal		
55	Joshua Westerman	05-Jan-94	187	69	Frankston YCW		
56	Daniel Jackson	21-Mar-94	181	73	Narre Warren		

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1	Jake Neade	29-May-94	171	63	East Point/Elliott(NT)/St Pats		
2	Brad Crouch	14-Jan-94	184	83	Beaufort		
3	Nick Rippon	04-Jan-94	175	79	East Point		
4	Sebastian Ross	07-May-93	187	82	Horsham Demons		
5	Nick O'Brien	26-Jun-93	189	89	Carngham Linton		
6	Peter Lulham	03-Feb-93	188	84	North Ballarat Jnrs		
7	Tony Lockyer	03-Mar-93	184	83	Sebastopol		
8	Sam Dobson	03-Jun-93	189	85	Koroit		
9	Darcy Watchorn	30-Jan-93	185	76	Redan		
10	Jake Lloyd	20-Sep-93	180	71	Horsham Demons		
11	Coleman Schache	11-Oct-93	182	76	Hopetoun/Ballararat & Clarendon		
12	Tyrone Ross	12-Aug-92	177	82	Hamilton		
13	Ash Constable	07-Jul-93	185	80	Ballarat/St Patricks College		
14	Rory Taggart	22-Jun-93	188	87	Horsham Saints		
15	Will Pomorin	21-Jul-93	180	72	South Warrnambool		
16	Roger Morris	16-Jun-94	187	69	Heywood		
17	Scott Spriggs	04-Jan-93	183	72	Beaufort		
18	Tom Smith	31-Mar-94	183	81	North Warrnambool		
19	Michael Close	30-Jul-94	193	80	Harrow Balmoral		
20	Kyle Hendy	26-Feb-94	197	90	Stawell Warriors		
21	Louis Herbert	27-Jun-94	185	68	Emmanuel Hawks		
22	Lauchlan Dalgleish	22-Jun-93	184	76	Ararat		
23	Tanner Smith	09-Mar-94	194	79	Kalkee		
24	David Morris	31-Oct-94	184	80	Stawell Warriors		
25	Nathan Haylock	16-Feb-94	190	84	Portland		
26	Justin Gordon	05-Mar-93	181	90	Lake Wendouree		
27	Andrew McMeel	15-Jul-93	173	73	North Warrnambool		
28	Jarrold Fryar	04-Feb-93	193	84	Lake Wendouree		
29	Tim Mackenzie	22-Feb-94	190	87	Minyip Murtoa		
30	Hayden Dalitz	19-Jan-94	184	79	Redan		
31	Brayden Ison	07-Sep-92	195	84	Minyip Murtoa		
32	Sebastian Walsh	17-Dec-93	184	75	Daylesford		
33	Jesse Murphy	28-Apr-94	185	79	Warrack Eagles		
34	Liam Youl	22-Aug-94	180	79	South Warrnambool		
35	Ashley Simpson	31-Oct-94	180	79	Lake Wendouree		
36	James Chittick	29-May-94	185	81	Warrnambool		
37	Tom McGregor	04-Apr-93	202	93	North Ballarat Juniors		
38	Haydn Drew	25-Apr-94	181	73	Koroit		
39	Jordan Duncan	07-Jan-94	184	76	Horsham Demons		
40	Dean Robertson	21-Aug-94	199	87	East Ballarat		
41	Jarryd Graham	26-Feb-93	176	75	North City		
42	Zach Hopper	14-May-94	184	75	Leeton Whitton Crows/St Pats		
43	Beau Bennett	16-Jun-94	166	69	Laibert/Ballararat & Clarendon		
44	Jaydon Stiles	22-Apr-94	181	86	Portland		
45	Jack Kelly	20-Jun-93	191	82	Stawell Warriors		
46	Jake Hobbs	17-Feb-94	193	80	Kalkee		

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**METRO ROUND**

*Sunday 27th March*

Nthrn Knights 14.8.92 def. by Calder Cannons 23.12.150  
 Eastern Ranges 8.6.54 def. by Oakleigh Chargers 24.13.157  
 Western Jets 10.3.63 def. by Sandringham Dragons 15.13.103

**ROUND 1**

*Saturday 2nd April*

Murray Bushrangers 7.6.38 def. by Geelong Falcons 11.16.82  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels 12.14.86 def. Bendigo Pioneers 6.7.43  
 Gippsland Power 9.7.61 def. Dand. Stingrays 7.18.60  
*Sunday 3rd April*  
 Eastern Ranges 11.6.72 def. by Western Jets 16.5.101  
 Oakleigh Chargers 16.9.105 def. Calder Cannons 14.5.89  
 Sandringham Dragons 17.9.111 def. Nthrn Knights 8.11.59

**ROUND 2**

*Saturday 9th April*

Calder Cannons 13.14.92 def. Bendigo Pioneers 7.8.50  
 Eastern Ranges 11.11.77 def. Murray Bushrangers 9.9.63  
 Western Jets 14.10.94 def. Geelong Falcons 9.4.58  
 Sand. Dragons 20.12.132 def. Gippsland Power 5.8.38  
*Sunday 10th April*  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels 3.6.24 def. by Dand. Stingrays 12.14.86  
 Nthrn Knights 15.8.98 def. Oakleigh Chargers 13.9.87

**ROUND 3**

*Saturday 16th April*

Bendigo Pioneers 4.5.29 def. by Gippsland Power 11.26.92  
 Nth B.Rebels 10.16.76 def. Murray Bushrangers 11.5.71  
 Geelong Falcons 10.7.67 def. Dand. Stingrays 9.12.66  
*Sunday 17th April*  
 Oakleigh Chargers 7.10.52 def. by Sand. Dragons 12.11.83  
 Western Jets 13.11.89 def. by Northern Knights 15.13.103  
 Calder Cannons 12.7.79 def. by Eastern Ranges 15.9.99

**Development Weekend (Easter) 23rd & 24th April**

**ROUND 4**

*Saturday 30th April*

Dand. Stingrays 13.13.91 def. Oakleigh Chargers 10.9.69  
 Nthrn Knights 13.14.92 def. by NSW/ACT Rams 16.7.103  
 Bendigo Pioneers 15.11.101 def. by Eastern Ranges 17.8.110  
 Murray Bushrangers 9.12.66 def. by Calder Cannons 14.6.90  
 Sandringham Dragons 16.8.104 def. Queensland 7.9.51  
*Sunday 1st May*  
 Gippsland Power 15.9.99 def. Western Jets 4.8.32  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels 12.10.82 def. Geelong Falcons 10.8.62

**ROUND 5**

*Saturday 7th May*

Oakleigh Chargers 15.6.96 def. Western Jets 13.5.83  
 Eastern Ranges 16.9.105 def. Geelong Falcons 6.13.49  
 Murray Bushrangers 15.14.104 def. NSW/ACT 10.13.73  
 Dandenong Stingrays 14.3.97 def. Queensland 8.5.52  
 Sand. Dragons 22.13.145 def. Bendigo Pioneers 7.9.51  
*Sunday 8th May*  
 Calder Cannons 7.8.50 def. Nth Ballarat Rebels 6.11.47  
 Nthrn Knights 6.4.40 def. by Gippsland Power 16.15.11

**ROUND 6**

*Saturday 14th May*

Northern Knights 6.10.46 def. Dandenong, Stingrays 5.5.35  
 Tasmania 15.15.105 def. Sandringham Dragons 4.8.32  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels 18.8.116 def. Eastern Ranges 10.13.73

Queensland 15.10.100 def. by Calder Cannons 16.10.106

*Sunday 15th May*

Gipps. Power 13.10.88 def. Oakleigh Chargers 6.9.45  
 Geelong Falcons 23.16.154 def. Bendigo Pioneers 7.7.49  
 Western Jets 14.11.95 def. by Murray Bushrangers 17.10.112

**Development Weekend 21st & 22nd May**

**ROUND 7**

*Saturday 28th May*

Bendigo Pioneers 8.5.53 def. by Nth B. Rebels 13.14.92  
 Oakleigh Chargers 0.9.9 def. by Tasmania 19.10.124  
 Calder Cannons 17.14.116 def. Sand. Dragons 7.11.53  
 Western Jets 10.14.74 def. NSW/ACT RAMS 4.13.37  
 Eastern Ranges 12.8.80 def. by Nthrn Knights 15.9.99  
 Geelong Falcons 23.12.150 def. M.Bushrangers 13.4.82  
 Dand. Stingrays 8.8.56 def. by Gippsland Power 14.10.94

**ROUND 8**

*Saturday 4th June*

Calder Cannons 17.18.120 def. Western Jets 8.5.53  
 Dandenong Stingrays 9.11.65 def. Eastern Ranges 9.9.63  
 Bend. Pioneers 9.17.71 def. by Oakleigh Chargers 12.14.86  
 Gippsland Power 14.15.99 def. Nth Ballarat Rebels 14.8.92  
 Sand. Dragons 5.10.40 def. by Geelong Falcons 12.8.80  
*Sunday 5th June*  
 Murray Bushrangers 13.9.87 def. by Northern Knights 14.9.93

**Development Weekend 11th & 12th June**

**ROUND 9 - Country Round**

*Saturday 18th June*

Bend. Pioneers vs. Murray Bushrangers *Epsom Hurly Res. 1:00 PM*  
*Sunday 19th June*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Gippsland Power *Visy Park 11:30 AM*  
 Dandenong Stingrays vs. Nth Ballarat Rebels *Visy Park 2:00 PM*

**ROUND 10**

*Saturday 25th June*

Bend. Pioneers vs. Calder Cannons *Queen Elizabeth Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Dand. Stingrays vs. Western Jets *Shepley Oval 10:30 AM*  
 Oakleigh Chargers vs. Geelong Falcons *Warawee Park 1:00 PM*  
 Murray Bushrangers vs. Sand. Dragons *Norm Mirns Oval 1:00 PM*  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels vs. Nthrn Knights *Eureka Stadium 1:00 PM*  
*Sunday 26th June*  
 Gippsland Power vs. Estrn Ranges *Morwell Football Ground 12 NOON*

**ROUND 11**

*Saturday 2nd July*

Eastern Ranges vs. Bendigo Pioneers *Box Hill City Oval 10:10 AM*  
 Calder Cannons vs. Dand. Stingrays *Highgate Rec. Res. 11:00 AM*  
 Nthrn Knights vs. Geelong Falcons *Preston City Oval 1:00 PM*  
 Oakleigh Chargers vs. Murray Bushrangers *Warawee Park 2:00 PM*  
 Western Jets vs. Gippsland Power *Shepley Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 3rd July*  
 Sand. Dragons vs. Nth B. Rebels *Trevor Barker Beach 11:00 AM*

**ROUND 12**

*Saturday 9th July*

Western Jets vs. Eastern Ranges *Box Hill City Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Bendigo Pioneers vs. Sand. Dragons *Epsom Hurly Reserve 1:00 PM*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Calder Cannons *Skilled Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Gippsland Power vs. Nthrn Knights *Morwell Football Ground 1:00 PM*  
 Nth B. Rebels vs. Oakleigh Chargers *Eureka Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Dand. Stingrays vs. Murray Bushrangers *Shepley Oval 2:30 PM*

**ROUND 13**

*Saturday 16th July*

Oakleigh Chargers vs. Dand. Stingrays *Warawee Park 11:00 AM*  
 Estrn Ranges vs. Calder Cannons *Box Hill City Oval 11:30 AM*  
 Gipps. Power vs. Bendigo Pioneers *Box Hill City Oval 2:00 PM*  
 Nthrn Knights vs. Sand. Dragons *Preston City Oval 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 17th July*  
 Murray Bushrangers vs. Western Jets *Norm Mirns Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Nth Ballarat Rebels *Skilled Stadium 1:00 PM*

**Development Weekend 23rd & 24th July**

**ROUND 14**

*Saturday 30th July*

Calder Cannons vs. Oakleigh Chargers *Highgate Rec. Res. 11:00 AM*  
 Bendigo Pioneers vs. Nthrn Knights *Epsom Hurly Res. 1:00 PM*  
 Murray Bushrangers vs. Gippsland Power *Highgate Rec. Res. 1:30 PM*  
*Sunday 31st July*  
 Sand. Dragons vs. Eastern Ranges *Box Hill City Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Nth Ballarat Rebels vs. Western Jets *Eureka Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Dand. Stingrays vs. Geelong Falcons *Box Hill City Oval 2:00 PM*

**Development Weekend 6th & 7th August**

**ROUND 15**

*Saturday 13th August*

Dand. Stingrays vs. Sandringham Dragons *Shepley Oval 11:00 AM*  
 Nthrn Knights vs. Murray Bushrangers *Highgate Rec. Res. 1:00 PM*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Eastern Ranges *Skilled Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Western Jets vs. Bendigo Pioneers *Queen Elizabeth Oval 1:00 PM*  
 Oakleigh Chargers vs. Gippsland Power *Warawee Park 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 14th August*  
 Nth B. Rebels vs. Calder Cannons *Horsham City Oval 1:00 PM*

**ROUND 16**

*Saturday 20th August*

Calder Cannons vs. Nthrn Knights *Highgate Rec. Res. 11:00 AM*  
 Gippsland Power vs. Sand. Dragons *Morwell Football Ground 12 NOON*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Western Jets *Skilled Stadium 1:00 PM*  
 Murray Bushrangers vs. Nth B. Rebels *Norm Mirns Oval 1:00 PM*  
 Oakleigh Chargers vs. Bendigo Pioneers *Warawee Park 2:00 PM*  
*Sunday 21st August*  
 Eastern Ranges vs. Dand. Stingrays *Box Hill City Oval 11:00 AM*

**ROUND 17**

*Saturday 27th August*

Sand. Dragons vs. Western Jets *Highgate Rec. Reserve 9:45 AM*  
 Bendigo Pioneers vs. Dand. Stingrays *Highgate Rec. Res. 12:15 PM*  
 Gippsland Power vs. Calder Cannons *Highgate Rec. Res. 2:45 PM*  
*Sunday 28th August*  
 Geelong Falcons vs. Oakleigh Chargers *Visy Park 9:45 AM*  
 Murray Bushrangers vs. Eastern Ranges *Visy Park 12:15 PM*  
 Nthrn Knights vs. Nth Ballarat Rebels *Visy Park 2:45 PM*

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