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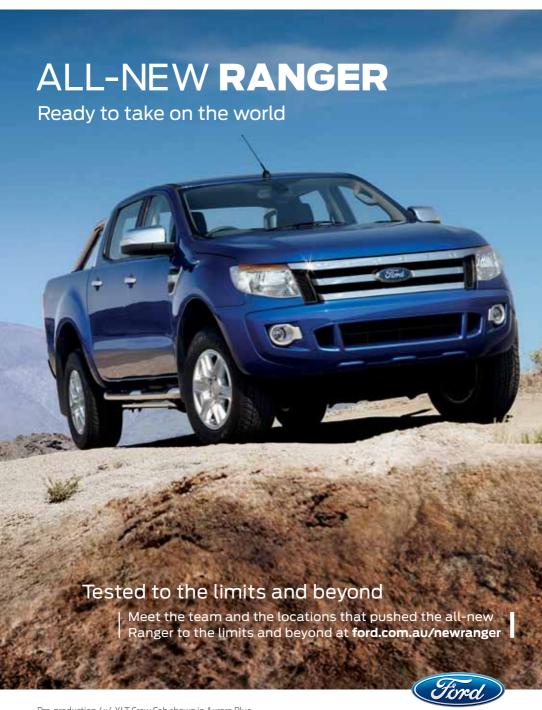
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It's a celebration and climax of yet another memorable season, clustered with highlights, both club and individual.

And, it showcases some of the finest talent, from aspiring young men who will exit the TAC Cup after this season and may progress to the AFL, to players who have stamped themselves among the finest in the best State League competition in Australia.

We'll be entertained by Sandringham Dragons and Oakleigh Chargers in the TAC Cup Grand Final while a mouth-watering contest awaits between Port Melbourne and Williamstown, whose rivalry dates back to when the clubs were first formed in the 1880s, in the Peter Jackson VFL in the final game of the Acacia finals series.

Port Melbourne is on the cusp of history. The last club to go through the home and away season then progress undefeated through the finals

to win the premiership is North Melbourne in 1918.

Victoria's talented player pathway program is something which AFL Victoria is extremely proud. The title of the best State in the NAB AFL U18 Championships was won by Vic Metro – it is the 16th time since 1991 a Victorian team has won the Championship.

Significantly, 11 Victorians were selected in the U18 All Australian team – another strong, telling indicator about the development programs that operate so effectively in the State.

Port Melbourne midfielder Shane Valenti headlined a host of individual honours decided in recent weeks. Shane's success in the J.J. Liston Trophy saw him become just the sixth player to win the competition's best and fairest award twice and just the third player to win it in successive seasons.

Dandenong Stingrays rover Alex Benbow won the Morrish Medal while Gippsland Power's Shaun Marusic won the TAC Cup Coaches Award. Spare a thought for Gippsland's Danny Butcher, who was beaten by one vote in both the Morrish Medal and TAC Cup Coaches Award.

AFL Victoria is appreciative of all the hard work and energy delivered by volunteers at every club in the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup. It is that commitment and passion that drives our great game.

Clearly, the value of partners can't be understated. AFL Victoria is fortunate to have a great relationship with the TAC, whose association with the TAC Cup dates back to its origins in 1992. More recently, AFL Victoria has formed a partnership with Peter Jackson Melbourne and Acacia Learning Solutions. We value these relationships.

Once again, the ABC has provided outstanding professional coverage each and every Saturday of the season with its match-of-the-day coverage that is enjoyed by football fans right around the State. We look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.

Enjoy what promises to be memorable day in Victorian football.

- Grant Williams General Manager, AFL Victoria



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Thank you

As we reach the end of the 2011, it is time to say thanks to those that have helped out in the media this year.



AT this stage of the year it is time to say thank you to those that have helped me this year in the task of creating the weekly media coverage we have produced during the season.

The biggest thank you must go to Adrian Dunn. In my opinion Adrian is the oracle of the two competitions. His knowledge and grasp of the history of the comps is invaluable to this publication, and he has certainly helped me in my first year involved. For so many years Adrian has gone without even a credit in the Record, but such is his humble nature that he simply continues to write and discover great stories each week that we all enjoy reading. Well done on another great year, and helping relaunch the Record in 2011.

My appreciation goes to the AFL Victoria volunteer media team. Many of the reviews and previews that have graced our websites (vfl.com.au / taccup. com.au) and have been in the

record during the year have come from these aspiring journalists. Our media channels have given these people the opportunity to have their work published during the year, and you have to admit the quality has been high, and hopefully we have been able to help them on their way to employment in the media industry.

To the clubs, thank you for your help with stories throughout the year, and being available for the different media outlets. Hopefully we can continue to grow the coverage of the competitions in future years, but this does not happen without your help.

Also to the great media coverage we receive from the local and mainstream media. There might often be criticism for the angle at which the coverage is given, but the fact remains that you are providing us with page space in your publications, and we are very grateful for this.

We have continued to receive great radio/online coverage this year, and people at the game today have plenty of options to be able to listen to the game (details below). Thanks to those groups for providing great coverage of both competitions this year.

Finally a big thanks to the general public. I have been made to feel truly welcome in the VFL and TAC Cup community this year, and your feedback through the season regarding our media coverage has been appreciated. As I have said all year, happy to take the positive with the negative, as it is the only way we can improve and expand the coverage for next year.

Thanks, and let's look forward to two cracking Grand Final matches today.

- Anthony Stanguts Communications Officer, AFL Victoria

media coverage

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Season to remember – 2011

WHATEVER way you care to look at season 2011, Port Melbourne dominates discussion.

And, little wonder. The Borough enjoyed a home and away season like no other team since, ironically, its nemesis Williamstown way back in 1957 in division one, and Geelong West in division two in 1972.

Coach Gary Ayres, who guided Port Melbourne to its 18-0 record, wasn't even born when the Seagulls won all 20 games of the home and away season.

Not even during its halcyon era in the mid- 1970s to early 80s, where they won six premierships, did the Borough enjoy such a winning spree. In fact, Port Melbourne this season erased its existing club record of 16 wins set in mid-1976 to early 1977.

Port Melbourne's dominance is evident on many fronts, not the least its average winning margin of 43 points and it kicked a century scoreline in all but four games. And, in those games they kicked 94, 95, 97 and 97-points.

The Borough finished four games plus a massive 26 percentage points clear on top of the ladder.

Port midfielder Shane Valenti made a one-act affair of the competition's highest individual award – the J.J. Liston Trophy. Valenti polled 25 votes, 10 more than Melbourne listed player Matthew Bate, who played much of the season for affiliate Casey Scorpions.

Valenti became just the sixth player to win two Listons and he joined Waverley's Alan Poore and Port Melbourne legend Billy Swan, father of Collingwood star Dane, to win the Liston in successive years.

And, it should be noted he finished second behind Geelong's James Byrne in the 2007 Liston Trophy. Valenti is certainly not out of place to be considered among the competition's all-time greats.

But, Valenti wasn't the only Port Melbourne player to win a competition award. Patrick



The crowd at last weekend's Port Melbourne vs Northern Bullants clash.

Rose won the Jim 'Frosty' Miller Medal as the leading goal kicker.

For the first time in 14 seasons, nine-time 'Frosty' Miller medallist Nick Sautner wasn't playing in the VFL, but Rose, Brendan Fevola and Rose's teammate Dean Galea entertained crowds with their goal kicking exploits.

Rose held off the fastfinishing Fevola, who made more headlines during the season for his on-field talent than what happened previously off field.

Fevola kicked a season high 11 goals against Frankston as well as another bag of 10 against Northern Bullants. There was no denying the drawing power of 'Fev' who saw the crowds at Casey Fields swell to new highs. While Port Melbourne took all before them in the home and away season, Williamstown, North Ballarat and Northern Bullants contested the inaugural Foxtel Cup, which brought together 16 State wide teams in a knockout competition.

While North Ballarat and Northern Bullants made early exits, Williamstown defeated Swan Districts, East Perth, West Adelaide and Claremont to secure the Foxtel Cup with rover Ben Jolley winning the Coles Medal for best-onground.

North Ballarat triple premiership coach Gerard FitzGerald moved passed former South Melbourne great Jim Cleary, who later coached Brunswick, Port Melbourne and Dandenong, into second on the all-time games coached record.

Only Bill Faul, who coached Prahran, Northcote and Moorabbin, to 313 games stands ahead of FitzGerald, who has coached 271 games.

FitzGerald wasn't the only one to celebrate a significant milestone.

Ryan McMahon became just the seventh Port Melbourne player in its long and proud history to play 200 games. It is a tribute to his commitment, work ethic and passion for the club and the competition that has seen McMahon play for 12 seasons.

North Ballarat and Williamstown captains Marc Greig and Brett Johnson achieved VFL Life Membership status when



North Ballarat's Gerard FitzGerald.

they passed 175 games during the season.

Both players have made a significant impact on the competition. Greig is a triple premiership player with the Roosters, represented the VFL and has been named in the VFL Team of the Year.

Johnson has been a fourtime VFL Team of the Year selection, captained the VFL, played in a premiership with Box Hill Hawks in 2001 and led Williamstown to victory in the Foxtel Cup.

Nick Carnell became the first player in more than a decade to reach 100 games for the Coburg Tigers while Sam Gibson was just the second player this century to play 100 games with Box Hill Hawks.

Casey Scorpions president

John Sharkie, former North Ballarat club president Peter Wilson, former chairman of Football Victoria Bob Tregear, umpires Lloyd Fisk and Michael Richardson were all awarded VFL Life Memberships and Janet Dooley's 50-year involvement with the Williamstown Football Club saw her receive the Alec Gillon Award.

Williamstown's Matt Cravino became the fourth player to win two Archie Todd Medals, awarded to the fairest and best in the VFL Reserves.

With Williamstown's Point Gellibrand home ground undergoing redevelopment, Williamstown played its homes games at Werribee's Chirnside Park, but the Seagulls also took some of its home games to suburban and regional Victoria. Certainly, the games played at Keilor, Torquay and Wangaratta were well received and it's likely more games next season will be played around the State.

The unique nature of the Peter Jackson VFL also saw many AFL stars - Barry Hall, Brian Lake, Cameron Mooney, Matthew Kreuzer Lindsay Thomas – to name but a handful, spend time in the competition as they came back from injury or regained form.

It added another appealing dimension to the competition.





Nick Carnell (third from right) singing the club song after his 100th game for the Tigers.

Spider's trivia

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

- 1 Which Williamstown player kicked 5 goals last week against Werribee in the Preliminary Final?
- 2 How many VFA/VFL Premierships have the CaseyScorpions won?
- 3 Which 2 Coburg Tigers players made the Team of the Year in 2003?
- 4 Who was the only Collingwood player to make the 2011 Team of the Year?
- 5 Which 2 teams played the 1993 VFA Grand Final?
- 6 Who won the Frankston B&F in 2008?
- 7 Who coached Port Melbourne to its last Premiership in 1982?
- 8 Who won the 1985 Norm Goss Medal?
- 9 Who won the 2006 Fothergill-Round Medal?
- 10 When was the last time Port Melbourne met Williamstown in a Grand Final?

Answers 1. Sam Reid, 2. 5, 3. Leigh Carlson & Dean Talbot, 4. Tom Sundberg, 5. Werribee vs Port Melboume, 6. Marcus Marigliani, 7. Gary Brice, 8. Mark Eaves, 9. Jason Davenport Geelong, 10. 1964

Matt 'Spider' Lee is a VFL commentator & producer of Evenings with Mark Fine on 1116 SEN

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Port Melbourne vs Williamstown

PORT Melbourne and Williamstown, it's a rivalry literally as old as the game or indeed as the competition itself.

These two bay side suburbs have been arch enemies from way back in 1886 when Port Melbourne joined the competition, two years after Williamstown.

And, the two football clubs have been at it like the Hatfield and McCoys ever since.

Stories of fierce rivalries on the field and in the terraces have become folklore as these two great traditional clubs – both with 15 premierships apiece, although two of Williamstown's were in Division 2 – have gone to 'war' a competition high 235 times.

Port Melbourne holds the bragging rights with 125 wins against Williamstown's 104 with six draws, but it's the Seagulls that have had the last laugh when it comes to Grand Final encounters.

Williamstown has emerged with four premierships to Port's solitary flag in their five Grand Final match-ups.

The Seagulls won the 1945 Grand Final at Port Melbourne's expense then inflicted three successive defeats 1954-55-56, which did little to placate the bynow-over flowing angst.

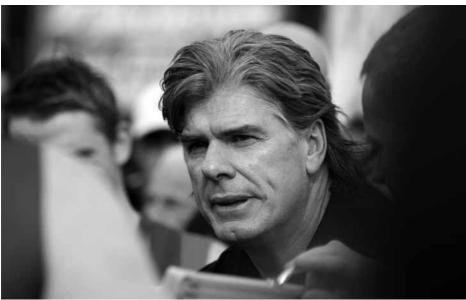
Port Melbourne finally shook

off the Seagulls in a Grand Final when they won the '64 premiership.

Remarkably, there have been precious few finals meetings between these two goliaths over the ensuing 47 years. Certainly none in a Grand Final with the last meeting in the 2008 Preliminary Final, which Port Melbourne won.

Now, the rivalry is to be renewed, the clash the competition has been longing for is upon us.

And, what adds spice, not that any more is needed, is that Port Melbourne is a stand-alone Peter Jackson VFL club while Williamstown is aligned to Western Bulldogs and will feature 15 AFL listed players.



Port Melbourne's Gary Ayres.

It's very much the David v Goliath scenario.

Williamstown would love nothing more than to spoil Port Melbourne's bid for a perfect season, an extraordinary feat last accomplished when North Melbourne went undefeated through a shortened 1918 season.

The Seagulls know that sinking feeling of winning every home and away match, only to lose when it matters most in the finals. Williamstown won all 20 games of the 1957 season, lost the Second Semi then lost the Preliminary Final.

And, guess who put an exclamation mark next to the Williamstown season? Yes, Port Melbourne.

Port Melbourne is the first

team since Williamstown in 1957 to win every home and away match and the Borough have progressed that winning streak to 20 games as they have advanced to the Grand Final.

The Borough belted Casey Scorpions in the Qualifying Final then had to dig deep to stave off the pesky Northern Bullants in the Preliminary Final while Williamstown has literally coasted into the Grand Final.

Williamstown belted reigning premiers North Ballarat by 67-points in the Qualifying Final then destroyed Werribee by 83-points in the Preliminary Final. The Seagulls could hardly have sounded a more ominous warning to its old foe.

Twice during the home and

away season Port Melbourne has defeated Williamstown, once on a very wet ground at the North Port Oval and then in a nail-biter later in the season when just five points separated the clubs.

The later game saw Williamstown rush to a five goal lead, Port Melbourne rally back to charge to a three goal break before the Seagulls swooped late.

Expect more of that parry and thrust at Etihad Stadium.

Port Melbourne is out to end a premiership drought that now stretches back 29-years and when it was literally the most feared club in the then VFA.

Five times subsequently the Borough has gone to the Grand Final, but came away with nothing to show for it.



Williamstown's Peter German.

And, one of those – 2008 – was at Etihad Stadium, the venue for today's match. Back then North Ballarat exposed a chink in Port Melbourne's armour – leg speed.

Many believe it will be Port Melbourne's ability to cope with the more expansive Etihad that may well tell if the Borough will stretch its winning spree to include the coveted premiership.

Not surprisingly, both clubs are well stocked with potential match winners.

One of the key match-ups is how will Port Melbourne's Wayde Skipper, David Fanning



Port Melbourne's Sam Pleming

and Fabian Deluca deal with big Will Minson and Jordan Roughead, the Western Bulldog come Williamstown ruck tandem

Minson proved unstoppable against Werribee. Not only did he provide Williamstown repeated first use at the stoppages, but he was able to push forward and back and take telling marks or impact a contest.

Ironically, two former Williamstown players, Patrick Rose and Dean Galea have provided a lethal one-two punch in attack for Port Melbourne. They've kicked 74 and 65 goals respectively during the season.

Much will rest on how Rose and Galea perform.

Port Melbourne captain John Baird, veteran Ryan McMahon and midfielder Toby Pinwill would not have been out of place in any of the great Borough teams. They're hardnosed, passionate players whose love for their club is unmistakable.

Expect all three to leave nothing in the locker room.

Dual Liston Trophy winner Shane Valenti, Sam Dwyer, Nathan Batsanis and Chris Cain, have propelled Port Melbourne through their midfield drive.

How they match-up against Brett Goodes, Ben Davies, Ben Jolley and Dylan Addison will be pivotal.

Williamstown captain Brett Johnson is one of the club's great leaders and big-time players. Watch for him to be on bottom of packs, squirting out handballs or using his classy skills to advantage.

Jolley is enjoying a career year. He's like the battery advert – he's keeps going and going. And, then there's the exciting young Bulldogs Jason Tutt, Mitch Wallis and Christian Howard. All ooze class.

Wherever you look there's a tantalising match-up. Each club brings so much to this much anticipated Grand Final.

Don't be surprised if it goes right down to the wire in your classic last man standing epic with Port Melbourne emerging with the perfect season.



Williamstown's Andrew Hooper.



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Shane Valenti

SURPRISE was a word repeatedly used by a modest Shane Valenti to describe his runaway win in the J.J. Liston Trophy, his second successive victory in the highest individual award bestowed upon a Peter Jackson VFL player.

While the 24-year-old may not have rated his chances, few others were shocked that Valenti had elevated himself to rarefied territory in the annals of the competition.

As Port Melbourne coach Gary Ayres noted, Valenti, also a winner of the 2007 Fothergill-Round Medal, is a "class act".

It's evident on many fronts. Valenti is only the sixth player to win two Liston Trophys and he joins Waverley's Alan Poore and Port Melbourne legend Billy Swan to win back-to-back Listons.

Also, Valenti's winning margin was 10 votes. Only Sam Mitchell's extraordinary voting effort in 2002 when he polled 10 best-on-ground votes and one single vote from his 11 games has produced a greater winning margin in modern times. And, Valenti polled so heavily in a team laden with talent as



evidenced that it went through the season undefeated.

While Valenti said he thought the votes would be more evenly spread among his teammates, what is apparent is that the midfielder is a quality player.

"I'm not sure what happened, I guess I got lucky," Valenti said. "It is surprising, but you don't play football to win individual awards."

What was not lost on Valenti is that he now sits alongside Messrs Poore, Swan, Laurie Hill, Vic Aanensen and David Robbins to win two I istons.

It goes without explanation that all were extremely gifted players who left their mark on the competition.

Valenti said he's constantly reminded of Swan's prowess as his photo adorns the walls of the Port Melbourne football club.

"It's a tremendous honour. Those blokes are right up there among the great players in the history of the game. It's very special to be considered in the same breath as them." he said.

After initially struggling to deal with his de-listing from Melbourne after an AFL career that lasted just 15 games, Valenti has settled into the environment of a semi-professional footballer.

Asked ad nauseum about the prospects of him returning to the AFL, Valenti said he'd love the opportunity, but added he was realistic enough to know that it's probably unlikely.

"I guess when time goes on it's more and more unlikely that it's going to happen. I'm getting on in age and that's the way AFL clubs are looking," Valenti said.

"I can't really complain. I've really enjoyed my time at Port Melbourne,

I've had a great time playing with all the guys at the club and Gary (Ayres) is such a good coach."

Valenti believes he's improved and just as importantly believes he can get even better. He's worked with Port's fitness coach on his speed and endurance.

He said it is particularly important to work on both components given he's playing each week against full time footballers and what's needed to be competitive.

"I know I'm not the quickest player, but I think I've proved I can play, but you've got to keep working on your game."

It helps explain why Shane Valenti is a dual Liston Trophy winner.

LISTON TROPHY TOP	10
SHANE VALENTI (Port Melbourne)	25
MATTHEW BATE (Casey Scorpions)	15
BEN JOLLEY (Williamstown)	13
RYAN McKENZIE (North Ballarat)	12
WILL MINSON (Williamstown)	12
ADAM BENTICK (Port Melbourne)	11
CAM RICHARDSON (North Ballarat)	11
CHRIS CAIN (Port Melbourne)	11
ORREN STEPHENSON (North Ballarat)	10
ADAM IACOBUCCI (Northern Bullants)	10
TRAVIS TUCK (Werribee)	10
BRETT GOODES (Williamstown)	10





Fothergill-Round Medallist

ONE of Fothergill-Round Medallist Ahmed Saad's greatest qualities is persistence.

It goes a long way to explaining how the son of Egyptian parents kick started a VFL career that has seen him emerge as one of the most exciting young players in the competition.

After playing football for Roxburgh Park only at the behest of friends who wanted to ensure there was enough players to make up the team, Saad decided he wanted to take his football further.

So, he rocked up unannounced at pre-season training for the Northern Bullants.

Bullants' Football Manager Garry O'Sullivan explained that an invitation was required to train, but Saad was undeterred. He pleaded with O'Sullivan and then coach David Teague for a chance to prove himself.

With that hurdle behind him, Saad then did enough for the Bullants to list him. Initially though he didn't gain a game in the Bullants' reserves and had to return to his local club.

Again, Saad persevered. He returned to kick a bundle of goals in his next four reserves game to earn elevation to the seniors. As they say in the classics, he hasn't looked back.

Saad finished the 2010 season playing 15 senior games, including the Preliminary Final win against Williamstown, but he was left out of the Grand Final.

That disappointment aside, Saad generated enough interest to put himself on the radar of many AFL clubs.

Such an interest has heightened this season as the 21-year-old has taken his game to another level.

He's played every game and his goal production has risen significantly. Last year Saad kicked 23 goals in 15 games, this season he's kicked 50 goals, good enough for a top five finish in the goal kicking ladder.

Saad's explosive speed, vertical leap and his high conversion rate around goals has made him extremely hard to match up on and a potential match winner for the Bullants.

Thirteen times Saad has kicked multiple goals with a season high of eight against Bendigo Bombers and five hauls of four goals or more.

While he still needs to work on his defensive pressure, holding his ground in one-on-one contests and ability to keep his feet, there is still tremendous upside to Saad's game.

Saad is just one of many young VFL players who have pushed their name to the forefront of AFL recruiting staffs with their performances during the 2011 season.

So far 10 players – Tim Mohr (Casey Scorpions), Jarrod Boumann (Box Hill Hawks), Brett Eddy (Collingwood), Hugh Sandilands (Port Melbourne), Tom Sundberg (Collingwood), Sam Gibson (Box Hill Hawks), Brad Mangan (Werribee), Callum Sinclair (Port Melbourne), Marcus Darmody (North Ballarat), David Mirra (Box Hill Hawks) – have been invited to the AFL Draft Combine

FOTHERGILL-ROUND MEDAL

1989 Chris Owen (Preston)

1990 Mattheu Quirk (Oakleigh)

1991 Ron Delulio (Box Hill)*

1992 Julian Shanks (Williamstown)

1993 Adam Williams (Sandringham)

1994 Bruce Cohen (Box Hill)

1995 Mark Porter (Coburg)*

1996 Paul Dooley (Williamstown)*

1997 James Puli (Werribee Tigers)

1998 Andrew Shipp (Frankston)*

1999 Mark Passador (Springvale)

2000 Michael Swan (Port Melbourne)

2001 Kristian DePasquale (Coburg Tigers)

2002 Michael Firrito (Box Hill Hawks)*

2003 Aaron Davey (Port Melbourne)*

2004 Adam Fisher (Sandringham)

2005 Jackson Barling (Williamstown)

2006 Jason Davenport (Geelong)*

2007 Shane Valenti (Sandringham)*

2008 Robin Nahas (Port Melbourne)*

2009 Michael Barlow (Werribee Tigers)*

2010 Michael Hibberd (Frankston)*

2011 Ahmed Saad (Northern Bullants)

*Played AFL

Media Grand Final Predictions

IT is time to find out who the media are tipping in today's Peter Jackson VFL Grand Final.

The Gospel (VFL tipster): Port Melbourne, with Galea and Rose to kick 4 a piece, with Valenti and Dwyer leading the way as well. Billy Burstin to have a blinder as well.

Samantha Landy (AFL Vic media): Port Melbourne by 14 points. It would be almost unfair for the Borough to make it this far in season 2011 without a loss only to drop the biggest game of the year: the Grand Final. Williamstown will soundly challenge Port Melbourne, as they did in Round 20 of the home-andaway season in which the Borough prevailed by just five points. But while the Seagulls have the ability to go all the way, as was showcased in their demolition of Werribee on the weekend, Gary Ayres' boys will find something extra to propel them over the line as they have done in recent weeks when they've been pushed. Best on ground will be a tough contest between gun Port midfielders Sam Dwyer and Shane Valenti, but have to go with the Liston Medallist.

Kane Hunkin (AFL Vic media): Port Melbourne by 20 points. Best on ground: Dean Galea (Port Melbourne). Port Melbourne stand one win away from capping off one of the most remarkable years of football at any competition level. Much like the regular season, the Borough have

done nothing during their finals campaign to suggest they're ready to fall. I'm expecting another tight tussle like the sides round 20 clash. However, while Williamstown will be a stubborn opponent, suited at Etihad Stadium, I predict Port Melbourne to kick away slightly in the last quarter and break their premiership drought.

Ben Taylor (WYN FM):

Williamstown 27 points. After watching both Preliminary Finals and following the form of both sides, I think Williamstown are the team to beat. They accounted for Werribee with ease and would have taken alot confidence out of the win. Ruckman Will Minson is in super form. Sam Reid found some form up forward, throw in the likes of Davies, Jolley, Johnson, Howard and Tutt through the midfield, they primed to win their first flag since 2003. Williamstown are a tough hard side, They move the ball quickly from half back and up forward they have a number of scoring options. The experienced harder bodies and pace will be the difference in the end. On the bigger Etihad Stadium, they will over power the Borough in a close contest. Best on ground: Christian Howard

Paul Hooper (3WBC): Port Melbourne for me. The Borough have been such a dominant side this year. Their depth is impressive. Willy are a great side and also deserve their spot in the Grand Final.

Awesome performance in the Preliminary Final. Great to see that the two best sides are through to the Grand Final. I think we will see a very tight game but I am going with the Borough by 4-points. Best on ground will be Nathan Batsanis.

Ben Carbonaro (AFL Vic media): I think Port Melbourne will get up by 10 points, it will be a very close game as very little has separated either of the two teams during the home and away season this year. The Borough will win because they play a real team oriented style of game and although they have some standout individual players in their side, they have this year appeared to play for the jumper which is something that modern footballers are often criticised of not doing. Shane Valenti for best on ground.

Brendan Lucas (AFL Vic media): Williamstown by 8 points. Williamstown's X-factor is their pace through the midfield, they have proven they can match it with the undefeated Port Melbourne in round 20. In contrast to the small grounds the Seagulls' have played on this year, Etihad Stadium will provide the perfect surface for many of the Bulldog's listed stars to shine with their run and spread in such open spaces. With a dominant combined finals series total winning margin of 150-points, the Seagulls' could well have the edge on the Borough on form alone, but

this grand final will still be tight and is set to go down as one for the ages. Best On Ground: Brett Goodes.

Sam Landsberger (Herald Sun): Williamstown by one point. Because I tipped the Seagulls to beat Port Melbourne with a kick after the siren in the pre-season crystal ball! After monstering two sides in finals with electric pace and crafty skills perfectly suited to Etihad, Williamstown is a huge chance. But really, who could pick it? Port star Sam Dwyer was awesome in the round 20 clash and looms as a danger man, even if the umpires don't agree. Galea and Rose against their old side will be desperate to kick bags.Norm Goss: Ben Jolley (Williamstown)

Howard Leigh (Sunday Herald Sun): WHAT a dream VFL grand final between Port Melbourne and Williamstown. They are the VFL/VFA's most traditional bayside rivals. The matching of these two great clubs has tickled the fancy of modern day footy fans and those who can turn back the clock to the grand old days of the 1950s and 1960s when their clashes were among the biggest talking points in the football world. You can't go past the Borough who are desperate to break their premiership hoodoo that dates back to coach Gary Brice and his superb teams of 1980-82. The Seagulls last VFL premiership success was 2003 and their president Trevor Monti and chief executive Brendan Curry are banking on dream time at

Etihad Stadium.

Port Melbourne to win by nine points. Best on ground: Port key defender Sam Pleming who can also push forward and kick goals. Keepunchin'

Brad McGrath (The Weekly):
Port Melbourne by 15 points.
Gary Ayres has done a
sensational job to get a nonaligned team through a season
undefeated. Port Melbourne
should have enough
experienced players to handle
the pressure that comes with
this. BOG: Shane Valenti

Ross Booth (ABC):

Williamstown by 15 points. AFL-listed players pace and fitness at Etihad will be a telling factor. BOG: Will Minson.

Nigel Carmody (VFL Radio): Port by 8 points. Simply, with 20 wins in the bank, you can't tip against them. Williamstown do come in to the Grand Final on a strong run of form of their own, having won four straight since their loss to Port in round 20, by an average margin of 86 points. But the Borough have an unflinching belief that I think can prevail. If the Seagulls have a breaking point, it may be down back. Port's avenues to goal outside of Patty Rose and Dean Galea must hit the scoreboard for this to be the case. It may be one of Chris Cain, Ryan McMahon or Billy Burstin who can ultimately prove the difference, even from limited opportunities. Norm Goss: We haven't seen many defenders win this award of recent so we might be due. Sam Pleming is a cool head down back for Port and can be swung forward if Gary Ayres

needs to change the flow. The perfect fit for a Grand Final wildcard. If not him, it may well be another Sam - Port's Dwyer is livewire through midfield who breaks the lines while Williamstown's Reid was unstoppable last week against Werribee, with a mix of power and awareness that makes him a hard matchup for the minor Premiers.

Mark Stone (SEN):

Williamstown just might win by 5 points. Both teams have very good midfielders but Willy might have just a couple of extra that can cover the ground a bit better than Port Melb. This game will be won in the middle Fanning, Pinwill, McMahon, Dwyer and Batsanis vs Minson, Johnson, Goodes, Wallis, Jolley should be a really close contest. Best on Ground – Ben Jolley.

Peter Holden (3WBC): Port Melbourne by 34 points. Whose engine room has the most ticker? The Borough, without doubt. Williamstown lost to Port Melbourne (1st) and North Ballarat (3rd) twice. I believe this shows the Seagulls can beat lower ranked sides, but just can't handle sides evenly ranked with them. Port Melbourne have been challenged again, again and again... and have come up trumps every time. BOG: Alan Jeans said it best... Ruckmen win grand finals... David Fanning.

THE VERDICT

Port Melbourne: 9
Williamstown: 5

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DAVID MIRRA **BOX HILL HAWKS**

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ADAM IACOBUCCI

NORTHERN BULLANT

ROBBIE CASTELLO WERRIBEE TIGERS

TIM MOHR CASEY SCORPIONS

HUGH SANDILANDS PORT MELBOURNE

SAM DWYER

PORT MELBOURNE

BEN DAVIES WILLIAMSTOWN

AHMED SAAD NORTHERN BULLANTS

BEN JOLLEY WILLIAMSTOWN

MATTHEW LITTLE BENDIGO BOMBERS

FORWARDS

PATRICK ROSE PORT MELBOURNE

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BOX HILL HAWKS

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TOM

SHANE VALENTI RUSSELL GABRIEL

CHRIS CAIN

JAMES WALL FRANKSTON PORT MELBOURNE CASEY SCORPIONS COBURG TIGERS

INTERCHANGE

VFL Team of the Year

PORT Melbourne provided seven players as well as the coach in the 2011 VFL Team of the Year.

The Borough dominated selection just as they did their opposition during a spectacular home and away season where they won all 18 home and away games.

While there were 11 new faces in the Team, many players had won selection in previous years. For Adam Iacobucci, James Wall and Orren Stephenson it was their fourth successive selection.

Not surprisingly, Port Melbourne coach Gary Ayres was chosen as the Coach of the Year, the second time he's received such an honour.

Here is a look at the 2011 VFL Team of the Year:

BACKLINE

DAVID MIRRA (Box Hill Hawks): Young Eastern Ranges graduate who really blossomed into one of the premier defenders in the competition. After winning Box Hill Hawks reserves best and fairest last season and playing just the solitary senior game, Mirra took his game to a new level.

JARROD DALTON (Port Melbourne): Claimed his second Team of the Year honour as the best full back after receiving his first nomination in 2009. Dalton remained rock solid in defence and stifled the scoring opportunities of opponents. Reads the play well, plays the percentages and as well as containing his rivals.

TIM MOHR (Casey Scorpions): Break out season for the former Tasmanian in his fourth season with Casey. Held down key defensive positions for the Stingrays with his strong marking and was also good at ground level. Able to quickly assess situations and use the ball to advantage.

HALF BACKS

HUGH SANIDLANDS (Port Melbourne): Another highly promising, emerging talent. Sandilands took giant strides in his second season at Port Melbourne where he played every game. Athletic, attacking defender who was as effective in the air as he was on the ground. Good decision maker and reader of the play.

SAM PLEMING (Port Melbourne): Enjoyed several milestones – 100th game for Port Melbourne and 150th VFL – in a season that replicated his best and fairest form from 2010. For the second successive season he is named in the Team of the Year. Marshalled the Port Melbourne defence with his leadership which complimented his unflinching attack on a contest.

ADAM IACOBUCCI (Northern Bullants): Northern Bullants captain and best and fairest winner selected in his fourth successive Team of the Year – an outstanding performance. Once again set an example for his teammates with his strong attack on the football and willingness to put his body on the line.

CENTRELINE

BEN DAVIES (Williamstown): In a season where he played his 100th game for Williamstown, Davies earned his second successive Team of the Year selection. Explosive burst player who runs the lines and can break open games. Used his speed and skill to advantage repeatedly.

Generated continual drive through the midfield.

BEN JOLLEY (Williamstown):
Enjoyed outstanding season
for the Seagulls. Won the Coles
Medal for best-on-ground
in Williamstown's win over
Claremont in the inaugural
Foxtel Cup and carried that
form throughout the year for
Williamstown. Prolific possession
winner whose work ethic and
fearless play made him an
inspirational player.

SAM GIBSON (Box Hill Hawks): Box Hill Hawks first-year captain who relished the extra responsibility to play the best football of his VFL career. Celebrated a milestone year by becoming just the second Box Hill Hawks player to reach the 100 game mark in the past decade. Led from the front, set the example for his younger teammates. High possession winner.

HALF FORWARDS

SAM DWYER (Port Melbourne):
After the disappointment of an injury interrupted 2010 season, Dwyer rebounded with a stellar season that saw him earn his second Team of the Year selection. He gained his first honour in 2009. Quick, hardworking midfielder with the ability to break open a game with his run and carry.

MATTHEW LITTLE (Bendigo Bombers): Winner of the 2010 Jim 'Frosty' Miller Medal who moved to Bendigo Bombers this season and was also seen more as an up-the-ground forward. While he didn't match last season's total of 84 goals, Little's strong marking, ability to find space and his high conversion saw him finish with 50 goals in another outstanding season.

ROBBIE CASTELLO (Werribee): Career year for the Werribee goal sneak. After spending much of his previous 100 plus games rotating through the mid-field, Castello was used more as a small, goal-kicking forward. Castello responded with a career high 43 goal season to compliment full forward Ben McKinley.

FORWARDS

PATRICK ROSE (Port Melbourne): After the disappointment of being delisted by Western Bulldogs after a season on their rookie list, Patrick Rose responded by moving from Williamstown to Port Melbourne and winning the Jim 'Frosty' Miller Medal. Rose has kicked a career high 74 goals, including a season-high eight against North Ballarat and seven hauls of five goals or more. Quick leads, sure hands, finds space and has the ability to make something out of seemingly very little.

DEAN GALEA (Port Melbourne): Enjoyed career year as he complimented Patrick Rose in a devastating one-two forward punch for Port Melbourne. After a successful 2010, Galea proved even better this season. Strong mark, plays above his size, reads play well and high conversion rate. He's kicked 65 goals, third behind Rose and Brendan Fevola. Kicked at least one goal in all 19 games he's played this season.

AHMED SAAD (Northern Bullants): Exciting, livewire who was rewarded for a standout season – just his second in the VFL – with the Fothergill-Round Medal for the most talented young player in the competition with the potential to take his game to the next level. Saad played every game and his total of 50 goals

was good enough for him to finish in the top five. Quick, clean hands, equally effective in the air as he is on the ground. Invited to the AFL Draft Combine.

FOLLOWERS

ORREN STEPHENSON (North Ballarat): Former Norm Goss medallist who earned his fourth successive selection in the Team of the Year as the premier ruckman. Triple North Ballarat premiership player who played his 100th game for the Roosters this season. Controlled most of the centre bounces and stoppages where he gave his teammates repeated first use of the ball.

MYLES SEWELL (North Ballarat): Winner of the 2009 J.J. Liston Trophy who was once again the most damaging midfielder in the competition. Triple North Ballarat premiership player who not only is he a high possession winner, but he also brings others into the game with his self-less style. This is his third Team Of The Year selection.

TOM SUNDBERG (Collingwood):
One of the great stories of the season. Top up player with
Collingwood for the fourth season, but took his game to a new high. Featured in the
Magpies best nearly every week as he racked up the possessions and put himself in contention to be on an AFL list next year.

INTERCHANGE

MATT O'DWYER (Werribee):
Returned to Victoria after being delisted by Sydney Swans at the end of last year where he quickly showed he still has much to offer. Attacking defender who is hard at the contest, prepared to take on the game and run and carry the ball. Reads play well, good hands and disposal.

SHANE VALENTI (Port Melbourne): Added a second

successive J.J. Liston Trophy success following another outstanding season – he was runner-up in the 2007 Liston. Hard working midfielder who just knows the right places to go. Racks up high possession numbers, rarely wastes a possession and has the 'smarts' to make him a complete player.

RUSS GABRIEL (Frankston): Lion-hearted ruckman who took on bigger, stronger opponents most of the season, but emerged with many big name scalps. Never stopped working and getting to contests around the ground.

JAMES WALL (Casey Scorpions): Dual Scorpions best and fairest winner who added a fourth successive Team of the Year selection. Athletic, tall player who can be used in either defence or on a win.

SAM POWER (Coburg Tigers): Returns for his second successive Team of the Year selection. Quality midfielder who added touch of class to the Coburg Tigers' team. Won plenty of the ball and used it to advantage.

CHRIS CAIN (Port Melbourne): Industrious midfielder who won his first Team Of The Year selection. Highly skilled player who played every game with Port Melbourne. Finished off his constructive play with a careerbest 34 qoals.

COACH

GARY AYRES (Port Melbourne):
Former Hawthorn premiership star who won his second coach of the year title. Guided Port Melbourne to an extraordinary 18-0 record, the first club in 54-years to go through a home and away season undefeated. Able to produce career seasons from so many of his players.



Hawks three peat

BOX Hill Hawks have completed a hat trick of reserves premiership victories, as they claimed the 2011 title against Coburg Tigers last Saturday at TEAC Oval

The Hawks held aloft the premiership cup for the fourth time in six years, defeating the gallant Tigers by 65 points in the Grand Final as Russell Hopkins reports.

The weather Gods smiled down on the Peter Jackson VFL Reserves Grand Final with blue skies greeting both sides, but a tricky cross-wind favoured the scoreboard end in the first term.

Early in the match both teams were tenacious at the ball, desperate to apply scoreboard pressure. There was considerable pressure on Box Hill, who were clear favourites after an 18-2 season. Home and



Best on ground and captain Leigh Kitchin.

away season results favoured the Hawks, but Coburg had claimed a few big scalps to come from sixth on the reserves ladder in their march to the Grand Final.

A large and parochial crowd present made plenty of noise for the underdog. There was no doubt this would be an entertaining game, as Coburg rose to the challenge, at least physically early and were not just there to make up the numbers.

Box Hill through some great early play kicked away with three quick goals to nil in the first quarter with the breeze. Sam Menegola and Jayden Hoegel both were on the scoreboard early, with Menegola having the dream start with the first two majors of the game. Box Hill looked exciting when the ball was delivered 'lace out' to their leading forwards. Coburg, despite their efforts, just couldn't capitalise on their opportunities but this was also in part due to a miserly Box Hill defence, which refused to concede with Jordan Lisle playing loose in defense.

The second quarter saw Coburg hit back in a flurry with the first two goals of the term, before Box Hill once again stamped their ascendancy on the game to push the lead back to 15 points at the main break. More accuracy from the Coburg Tigers forwards could well have seen them level at the main break, having kicked 2.5 for the term, but their inability to restrict the hawks against the breeze also hampered them. Leigh

Kitchin, the eventual Best On Ground winner, was sensational burying deep in to the packs, refusing to let himself be second to the ball.

The third quarter was where Box Hill stamped their authority upon the game, with Jayden Cass, Kitchin and Liam Tobin all leading the way towards blowing the game out to a 33 point lead at the last change. David Fahey and Luke Cartelli tried hard for Coburg, whilst Andy Duhau and Patrick Ambrose chipped in with goals, but the damage had already been done, especially with what was now a roaring cross wind.

Whilst Coburg reduced the margin back to 27 points early in the final term, the Hawks switched on the afterburners in the last quarter, kicking the final six goals to run out 65 point victors.

The task of singling out the best for Box Hill was an unenviable one. Every player contributed towards a total team effort to take out Box Hill's hat trick of reserves premierships. Leigh Kitchin was judged the best on ground, and was one of only three players to play in all three of the Hawks hattrick of premierships. Other best players included Xavier Murphy, Tim Northe, Jackson Sketcher, Aaron Johns and Josh Ralph, Hoegel and Menegola led the way up forward with 3 goals apiece. For Coburg their best were Kahlefeldt, Cartelli, Fahey and Jonathan Morris, whilst Patrick Ambrose and Rohan Hore kicked two goals each.

Port challenged but respond... again

AS Port Melbourne coach Gary Ayres told it during a tense Preliminary Final against Northern Bullants if a player can't be the man of the match, he can at least be the player for the moment

And, so it panned out for Borough best and fairest Sam Pleming. who endured a horrid day playing on Ryan Houlihan, his old Carlton teammate.

Houlihan diced up Pleming during the first three quarters as he kicked five goals and assisted in a couple of others as the Bullants threatened to ruin Port Melbourne's perfect story.

With the match and for that matter, the season well and truly in the balance, Ayres switched

Pleming from his customary defensive role - where he was named in the VFL Team of the Year for the second successive season - to attack.

Yes, it may well have been a roll of the dice, but Plemina underlined just what Ayres had spoken about.

With the Bullants holding a tenuous five-point lead at the 13 minute mark of the last quarter, Pleming marked and converted to register the 12th lead change of the match.

It proved just the spark that Port Melbourne needed as Chris Cain, another well down on form. snapped truly and the Borough had some breathing space.

When Pleming snapped his

although Matthew Watson kicked

the final goal of the game for Northern Bullants, the Borough's 20th successive win was in the books.

But, it had been some battle. With Carlton's experienced campaigners, Jordan Russell, Jarrad Waite, Ed Curnow and Houlihan proving a handful along with Bullants Jarrod McCorkell. Port Melbourne were up against the ropes for much of the much.

The Bullants shut down Port's prime movers Sam Dwyer and Cain and subdued Rose for much of the match.

One person that Northern Bullants had no answer for. especially in the first half was Dean Galea, who kept Port in the match with five first half goals.

When the Bullants kicked the first three goals against the breeze in the third quarter to grab an eight point lead, someone needed to stand tall for Port Melbourne.

Thankfully for the Borough faithful there was no shortage of those prepared to put their hand up.

Dual Liston Trophy winner Shane Valenti danced his way around four opponents to kick an inspirational goal to wrest back the lead.

Borough captain John Baird and Toby Pinwill were sensational in the last quarter as they literally threw themselves into every contest in a bid to pave a way for their teammates.

Port Melbourne responded like all good clubs to kick 6.6 to 3.1 to make their first Grand Final since 2008

PORT MELBOURNE 18.19 (127) NORTHERNBULLANTS 16.9(105)



n Deluca in action against Nick Meese

Williamstown best of the west

WERRIBEE was in trouble in its Preliminary Final match well before the opening bounce against Williamstown.

When North Melbourne rookie Maiik Daw was ruled out with a fractured finger it left Werribee Tigers well short on big man power and it did not take long for Williamstown to expose the gaping hole.

Big Will Minson along with Western Bulldogs teammate Jordan Roughead dominated the centre bounces and stoppages as well as imposing themselves up forward.

Initial pre-game concerns were quickly reinforced as Williamstown smashed Werribee at the stoppages and

of Will's - Minson v Sullivan

clearances to set up a match winning first quarter.

With Minson literally unstoppable, Williamstown went straight for the jugular as they piled on the scoring chances to take a 39-point lead into quarter time. It was the first time Werribee had been kept goal-less in a quarter for the season.

Any thought of Werribee resuscitating its flagging fortunes was dispelled within the first three minutes of the second quarter when Bulldogs power forward Sam Reid kicked the first of his five goals and Fd Barlow bounced his way through the midfield, sidestepped several would-be tacklers to convert from about 50 metres

It was at that moment that everyone knew, even the Werribee diehards, that it would be Williamstown not them that would be squaring off against Port Melbourne.

There would be no untimely Preliminary Final exits this season for Williamstown, which has found such games its nemesis in previous years.

North Melbourne's Ben McKinley, who has spent virtually the entire season at Werribee, kicked the Tigers first goal for the match at the five minute mark of the second quarter.

And while veteran Leigh Harding kicked Werribee's second not long after there would be no fight back even though Werribee kicked six goals for the quarter.

The agony for Werribee was that Williamstown kicked eight goals to extend its lead and effectively end the Preliminary Final as a meaningful contest.

While the scoring was not as frenetic in the second half. Williamstown easily outscored a plucky Werribee 10.12 to 5.4. Remarkably, Williamstown had 23 more scoring shots than its rivals.

It wasn't hard to find effective Williamstown players with all its 15 Western Bulldogs erasing any question marks about their commitment to the Seagulls cause.

Josh Hill, switched to defence: provide run and carry and crisp delivery to his teammates: Nathan Dierrkura proved a continual live wire in attack; Jason Tutt showed how devastating sheer speed can be and Matthew Panos continued an outstanding Acacia finals series.

But, for all the dominance of Messrs Minson, Reid, Tutt, Hill and co, there was no better player for Williamstown than Brett Goodes.

And, Goodes also knows a thing or two about premierships – he played in a couple for North Ballarat and that's another positive for Williamstown to take forward.

WILLIAMSTOWN 23.19 (157) defeated WERRIBEE 11.8 (74)

VFL tipsters









Phil Cleary



Brad McGrath

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Grand Final Preview







Port Melbourne vs Williamstown

Head to Head

Played: 235

Port Melbourne: 125 Williamstown: 104

Draw: 6

2011 Meetings:

Rd 7 Port Melbourne 15.7 (97) def. Williamstown 6.10 (46) Rd 20 Port Melbourne 17.17 (119) def. Williamstown 16.18 (114)

Highest / Lowest Score vs this week's opposition:

Port Melbourne 34.22.226 (1995)/ 0.5.5 (1899) Williamstown

27.17.179 (1989) / 1.4.10 (1889)

Port Melbourne

Season 2011

Round 1

19.10.124 def. Box Hill Hawks 11.9.75

Round 2

19.10.124 def. Casey 17.12.114

Round 3

17.12-114 def. Sandringham 15.8-98

Round 4

21.9-135 def. Northern Bullants 18.3-111

Round 6

24.17-161 def. Frankston 6.3-39

Round 7

15.7-97 def. Williamstown 6.10-46

Round 8

19.12-126 def. Bendigo 13.6-84

Round 10

17.9-111def.WerribeeTigers13.14-92

Round 11

22.20-152 def. Coburg Tigers 7.6-48

Round 12

18.11-119 def. North Ballarat 8.7-55

Round 13

19.9-123 def. Geelong 12.10-82

Round 15

17.12-114 def. Collingwood 9.12-66

Round 16

18.16-124 def. Bendigo 12.11-83

Round 17

13.16-94 def. Sandringham 10.10-70

Round 19

19.12-126 def. Frankston 5.6-36

Round 20

1717-119 def Williamstown 1618-114

Round 21

20.11-131 def. Northern Bullants 15.8-98

Round 22

14.11-95 def. Box Hill Hawks 11.9-75

Qualifying Final

24.16-160 def. Casey 9.9-63

Preliminary Finals

18.19-127 def. Northern Bullants 16.9-105

Williamstown

Season 2011

Round 1

20.18.138. def. Frankston 6.9.45

Round 3

16.13-109 def. Box Hill Hawks 14.14-98

Round 4

19.20-134 def. Geelong 15.12-102

Round 5

17.16-118 def. Coburg Tigers 9.12-66

Round 6

21.13-139 def. Sandringham 16.8-104

Round 7

6.10-46 def. by Port Melbourne 15.07-97

Round 8

15.16-106 def. Collingwood 11.10-76

Round 9

15.18-108 def. Casey 10.8-68

Round 11

13.16-94 def. by *North Ballarat* 16.11-107

Round 12

19.13-127 def. Frankston 07.11-53

Round 13

25.16-166 def. Bendigo 13.9-87

Round 14

16.13-109 def. Northern Bullants 12.8-80

Round 16

13.17-95 def. Collingwood 9.9-63

Round 17

13.11-89 def. Werribee Tigers 11.10-76

Round 18

13.14-92 def. North Ballarat 13.16-94

Round 20

16.18-114 def. by Port Melbourne

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Good luck to both sides in their quest for victory.

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WILLIAMSTOWN: Well done to the Senior Group for winning their way through to the Club's first Grand Final since 2003. it was great to see such great support last week and we would like to thank all members. sponsors and supporters for their continued support in 2011 despite the difficulties of not having a home ground. The Club would particularly like to thank Major Sponsor Hocking Stuart, Community Partner Westpac Bank and Development Programs Partner Werribee Automotive Group for their dedicated support of the Club. Book in now for Williamstown's Presentation Night to be held at the Yarraville Club on Thursday the 6th of October. To book in please call Hana Stipic on 9391 0309. For all the latest news. events and information from the Club head to

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Port Melbourne: Player profiles



2. SHANE VALENTI

2011 games/goals: 17 (98) / 9 (70)

Confirmed as one of the premier players of

the competition with his second successive win in the J.J. Liston Trophy. Skilful ball magnet who racks up prolific numbers through the midfield. Member of Sandringham's 2006 premiership. One of Port's big game players.



5. DEAN GALEA

2011 games/goals: 19 (78) / 65 (193) Another ex-Seagull who also had his best

season. Proved a perfect foil for Rose. Strong, lead-up player who has vice-like grip and most reliable shot for goal. Named as full forward in VFL Team of the Year. Outstanding in Preliminary Final with five first half goals.



7. CORY McGRATH

2011 games/goals: 12 (133) / 7 (62)

Another veteran of the club's 2008 Grand Final.

Former Carlton and Essendon player who brings a wealth of big game experience with him. Provides a cool head, reads play particularly well and his long left foot kicking is a feature of his game.



8. STEPHEN BREWER

2011 games/goals: 13 (116) / 9 (0) Attacking defender

whose penetrating

left foot kicking and dash from defence are a staple of his game. Represented the VFL and named in last year's VFL Team of the Year. Former Williamstown player, now in his fifth season with Port. Played in Port Melbourne's 2008 Grand Final team.



9. PATRICK ROSE

2011 games/goals: 20 (113) / 74 (284) Former Williamstown player who crossed to

Port Melbourne this season after he was delisted from Western Bulldogs rookie list. Comes off career-best year where he won the Jim 'Frosty' Miller Medal, named in the VFL Team of the Year for the second time and kicked a personal best 74 goals.



10. TOBY PINWILL

2011 games/goals: 10 (109) / 7 (60) Considered by many as the heart and soul of

the club. Extremely hard working midfielder whose ability to win the ball at the stoppages and break open a game by his sheer determination is a feature of his game. Comes off outstanding game in Preliminary Final. Played in Port's 2008 Grand Final team.



12. TRISTIAN FRANCIS

2011 games/goals: 9 (29) / 2 (12)

After spending several injury interrupted

seasons on Collingwood's rookie list now at Port Melbourne and spent first half of season in reserves before breaking into seniors midway through season. He gives the Borough pace, versatility and enthusiasm.



14. RYAN McMAHON

2011 games/goals: 19 (205) / 26 (140)

One of the club's alltime greats now in his

12th season with the club. Played his 200th game this season and his experience and footy smarts will prove invaluable. Fearless player who sets the tone for all his teammates. Livewire near goal.



15. JOHN BAIRD

2011 games/goals: 18 (145) / 6 (52)

Port Melbourne captain whose inspirational play

in the Preliminary Final typified his work ethic and commitment to the cause. Club captain since 2009, best and fairest winner and proven big game player. Won Norm Goss medal when he played in Box Hill Hawks 2001 premiership. Hardnosed player who can play in a variety of roles.



16. MALCOLM LYNCH

2011 games/goals: 17 (39) / 12 (28)

First season at Port Melbourne after Western

Bulldogs delisted him in 2009 after he played just the two games. Impressed with his silky smooth skills and ability to break games open with his explosive speed. Lovely left foot kick. Key play maker for the Borough.



18. WAYDE SKIPPER

2011 games/goals: 18 (118) / 8 (112)

Former Western Bulldog and Hawthorn player

who is in first season at Port Melbourne after racking up plenty of games at Williamstown and Box Hill. Quality mobile ruckman who can also hold down a key forward position. His role along with David Fanning in combating Will Minson and Jordan Roughead will prove pivotal.



20. SAM DWYER

2011 games/goals: 19 (81) / 15 (76)

Returned to his best and fairest winning form

this year after injury cruelled his 2010 season. Named in the VFL Team of the Year for the second time. Provides speed, ability to run and carry and always dangerous around goal. Played in Port Melbourne's 2008 Grand Final team



21. JAKE EDWARDS

2011 games/goals: 19 (70) / 3 (36)

Former Carlton player who spent last season

playing suburban league football, but made seamless transition to VEL in his first season with Port Melbourne. Slotted in nicely to Port's defence where he can play well above his height. Sure hands. most reliable.



22. CALLUM **SINCLAIR**

2011 games/goals: 6 (24) / 10 (44) Named in last year's

VFL Team of the Year, but has struggled to retain his spot in very strong Port team. Played well against Williamstown when the clubs met in round 20. Athletic, tall key position forward.



23. HUGH SANDILANDS

2011 games/goals: 17 (27) / 2 (3) Break-through season

for this emerging young defender who was named for the first time in the VFI. Team of the Year, Second. season with Port Melbourne after spending time on Hawthorn rookie list. Tall, athletic defender who is strong in the air, good below his knees and a penetrating left foot kick.



24. MICHAEL DILLON

2011 games/goals: 20 (76 / 11 (23)

Former Bendigo Bombers player who

is one of five Port players to play every game this season. Underrated hard worker who has the versatility to play a number of roles.



26. NATHAN BATSANIS

2011 games/goals: 19 (64) / 10 (34) Exciting midfielder who

runs hard through the lines and carries and distributes the ball well. Spent time with Port Adelaide and then Box Hill Hawks, but really developed since his move to Port Melbourne. Uses ball to advantage.



27. FABIAN DELUCA

2011 games/goals: 15 (31) / 2 (11) Former Port Adelaide ruckman who played a

handful of AFL games. Returned to the club this season. Will need to use his 200 cm to advantage in his role against Will Minson and Jordan Roughead.



29. CHRIS CAIN

2011 games/goals: 20 (86) / 34 (109)

Classy midfield whose excellent season was

recognised by his first selection in the VFL Team of the Year. Hard running, pacey midfielder with good skills and who proved most dangerous around goals as evidenced by his 34 goals this season.



30. DAVID FANNING

2011 games/goals: 7 (100) / 4 (38) Played with

was on Collingwood's list. Now in his fourth season with Port Melbourne. Spent long period in reserves this season, but fought his way back to be selected in Preliminary Final. Big role to play against Will Minson and Jordan Roughead.



31. JARROD DALTON

2011 games/goals: 20 (75) / 1 (11)

Named for the second successive year as

the full back in the VFL Team of the Year. Played every match this season where he has held firm in the last line of defence. Now in his fifth season with the Borough. Reads play well, prepared to back himself and generates drive from defence while subduing his opponent.



35. MARC JOHNSTON

2011 games/goals: 13 (50) / 1 (3)

Son of Carlton legend Wayne Johnston.

Crossed from Sandringham this season and played virtually all of the first half in the seniors, but has struggled to regain his spot.



36. SAM PLEMING

2011 games/goals: 20 (152) / 3 (36)

Enjoyed milestone season where he

played his 100th match for Port Melbourne and 150th VFL match as well as being named as the VFL Team of the Year's centre half back for second consecutive season. Showed his versatility in Preliminary Final when went forward to kick two telling goals.



39. BILLY BURSTIN

2011 games/goals: 10 (23) / 9 (19)

Split the season between reserves and

seniors, but broke back into the seniors for the Qualifying Final where he kicked three goals against Casey then among the better players last week. Clever, skilful player who marks well for his size, uses ball well and effective around goal.

*Brackets career stats





Port Melbourne

Coach: Gary Ayres Captain: John Baird

#	PLAYER		DOB	н	w	PREVIOUS CLUB	GOALS	BEHINDS
2	Shane	Valenti	29-Jan-87	176	79	Sandringham/Melbourne		
5	Dean	Galea	11-Jan-85	188	93	West Adelaide/Williamstown		
7	Cory	McGrath	04-Feb-79	185	87	South Adelaide/Carlton		
8	Stephen	Brewer	22-Nov-83	188	84	Williamstown/Springvale		
9	Patrick	Rose	10-Jun-86	183	83	Williamstown/Western Bulldogs		
10	Toby	Pinwill	17-Feb-85	188	89	Oakleigh Chargers		
12	Tristan	Francis	15-Aug-89	181	82	Gippsland Power/Collingwood		
14	Ryan	McMahon	07-Oct-80	178	78	Oakleigh Chargers		
15	John	Baird	11-Jun-80	194	93	Port Adelaide / North Melbourne Kangaroos		
16	Malcolm	Lynch	16-Mar-88	178	70	NSW ACT Rams/Western Bulldogs		
18	Wayde	Skipper	01-Mar-83	193	95	Western Bulldogs/Hawthorn Hawks		
20	Sam	Dwyer	29-Aug-86	177	74	Sth.W'bool/Geelong Falcons		
21	Jake	Edwards	06-Jan-88	192	93	Western Jets/Carlton Blues/Darley		
22	Callum	Sinclair	23-Sep-89	200	95	Caulfield Grammar/Collingwood		
23	Hugh	Sandilands	07-Mar-89	189	90	Hawthorn/Box Hill Hawks (VFL)		
24	Michael	Dillon	13-Apr-83	187	81	Gisborne/Bendigo Bombers (VFL)		
25	Adrian	Bonaddio	26-May-86	195	112	Adelaide / Port Melbourne		
26	Nathan	Batsanis	18-Mar-88	181	79	Port Adelaide/Box Hill Hawks (VFL)		
27	Fabian	Deluca	27-Jan-87	200	100	Port Melbourne/Port Adelaide Power		
28	Josh	Scipione	06-Dec-90	180	79	De La Salle/Oakleigh Chargers		
29	Chris	Cain	14-Jul-87	181	83	Oakleigh Chargers		
30	David	Fanning	20-Jul-84	204	104	Aberfeldie/Collingwood		
31	Jarrod	Dalton	03-Jan-86	193	92	Eastern Ranges/Box Hill Hawks		
32	Tim	Martin	13-Jan-89	200	100	Bendigo Bombers (VFL)		
33	Jake	Dermott	04-May-92	188	82	Highett/Sandringham Dragons		
35	Marc	Johnston	26-Aug-84	180	80	Sandringham Dragons/Sandringham (VFL)		
36	Sam	Pleming	05-Aug-85	194	83	Gippsland Power/Carlton		
38	Matthew	Wall	04-May-90	181	73	De La Salle/Oakleigh Chargers		
39	Billy	Burstin	02-Dec-89	192	91	Fitzroy/Oakleigh Chargers		
40	Daniel	Keely	13-Sep-85	189	80	De La Salle/Frankston (VFL)		
45	Matthew	Smith	11-Jan-91	181	74	Calivil United/Bendigo Pioneers		
46	Joshua	Purcell	25-Jan-91	188	83	St Kevins/Oakleigh Chargers		
48	Mitch	Woods	15-Nov-91	184	80	Scotch/Oakleigh Chargers		
51	Joshua	Muling	11-May-91	176	72	Surrey Park/Oakleigh Chargers		
56	Jason	Burge	05-Dec-86	174	72	Southport Sharks		

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Coach: Peter German Captain: Brett Johnson

#	PLAYER		DOB	н	w	PREVIOUS CLUB	GOALS	BEHINDS
1	Ed	Carr	12-Apr-91	180	82	Gippsland Power		
2	Mitch	Wallis *	24-Oct-92	185	80	Calder Cannons		
3	Ben	Davies	10-Feb-86	187	79	Western Jets/North Melbourne/Collingwood		
4	Ben	Jolley	12-Feb-86	185	76	Bendigo/Calder Cannons/Essendon		
7	David	Stretton	06-Oct-86	173	74	Melton/Western Jets		
8	Mitch	Hahn #	10-May-81	188	99	Northern Eagles (Qld)		
9	Matthew	Grossman	03-Dec-85	185	78	Williamstown Juniors		
10	Brett	Johnson	28-Oct-81	178	82	Hawthorn Hawks/Carlton Blues		
11	Sam	Reid *	07-Nov-89	188	77	Zillmere (Qld)		
12	Phil	Smith	15-Apr-89	188	82	Box Hill Hawks		
13	Stephen	McCallum	24-Jan-91	178	68	Calder Cannons		
14	Stephen	Witkowski	23-Aug-91	189	87	Northern Knights		
15	Kwame	McHarg	20-Jul-91	177	81	Sandringham Dragons		
16	Dane	Rampe	02-Jun-90	188	88	Uni of NSW		
17	Nick	Sing	15-May-91	188	80	Gippsland Power		
18	Brennan	Stack *	26-May-88	184	80	Perth (WA)		
20	Brett	Goodes	17-Feb-84	183	94	North Ballarat (VFL)/NT Thunder		
22	Dylan	Addison *	07-Oct-87	186	83	NSW ACT RAMS/ St George		
23	Jordan	Roughead *	03-Nov-90	200	92	Lake Wendouree/North Ballarat Rebels		
24	Jayden	Schofield *	14-May-92	179	75	East Fremantle		
26	Zephaniah	Skinner *	27-Jun-89	189	78	Northern Territory		
28	Jack	Frost	25-Feb-92	194	82	Sandringham Dragons		
30	Christian	Howard *	19-Mar-91	184	81	Glenelg (SA)		
31	James	Mulligan *	14-Jun-89	199	93	Southport (Qld)		
32	Patrick	Veszpremi*	01-Sep-89	181	85	Northern Knights/Sydney Swans		
33	Nathan	Djerrkura*	19-Sep-88	176	84	Geelong (AFL)		
34	Jason	Tutt *	15-May-91	177	72	NSW-ACT/Anslie		
36	Matthew	Cravino	01-Jul-87	173	78	Wyndhamvale/Western Jets		
39	Jason	Johannisen #	08-Nov-92	176	68	East Fremantle		
41	Andrew	Hooper *	18-Jan-91	172	79	Golden Point/North Ballarat Rebels		
43	Ed	Barlow #	21-Jan-87	196	99	Oakleigh Chargers/Sydney Swans		
46	Jake	Wilson	01-Dec-91	193	94	Portland		
48	Matthew	Panos #	03-Jan-90	191	91	Norwood (SA)		
47	Ayce	Cordy *	06-Aug-90	202	80	Geelong Falcons		
70	Josh	Hill *	19-Jan-89	186	79	Claremont (WA)		
78	Will	Minson *	11-Apr-85	199	106	Norwood (SA)		

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Williamstown: Player profiles



2. MITCH WALLIS

2011 games/goals: 14 (14) / 1 (1)

Son of Footscray great Steve who has

created an impression at both AFL and VFL level in first season of senior football. Skilful midfielder who acquitted himself well in Preliminary Final. Youngest player at 18 in the Grand Final.



3. BEN DAVIES

2011 games/goals: 19 (125) / 7 (55)

Enjoyed another highly successful season

where he played his 100th game for club and earned his second successive selection in the VFL Team of the Year. Tall, quick, athletic wingman/midfielder who runs lines well and can break open games with his speed and drive through the midfield.



4. BEN JOLLEY

2011 games/goals: 20 (134) / 5 (42)

Comes off career season with club. Won

the Coles Medal for best-onground in the Foxtel Cup Grand Final and earned his second selection to the VFL Team of the Year. Great work ethic and capacity to work tirelessly all day. High possession winner who links up well all around the ground.



7. DAVID STRETTON

2011 games/goals: 18 (91) / 7 (45)

Long serving Williamstown player

who has won an A. Todd Medal for best and fairest in the VFL Reserves as well as being named in the 2008 VFL Team of the Year and represented the VFL. Played mainly in defence this season and may get the job on Ryan McMahon or one of the other small Port forwards.



8. MITCH HAHN

2011 games/goals: 16 (50) / 39 (65)

Western Bulldog 10year player who has

spent the season entirely with Williamstown where his on field leadership has complimented his very good season. Led the club goal kicking. Provides a strong marking option, always makes a contest and brings teammates into game. Key player for the Seagulls.



10. BRETT JOHNSON

2011 games/goals: 15 (179) / 5 (117) Williamstown captain. Now in his fifth season.

as captain. Also captained the VFL. Four-time VFL Team of the Year selection. Earned VFL Life Membership this season as well as captaining club to win inaugural Foxtel Cup. Played in Box Hill Hawks 2001 premiership, prolific possession winner who



11. SAM REID

rarely wastes a possession.

2011 games/goals: 16 (48) / 20 (40) Western Bulldogs player who only played

four games in the AFL this season. Comes off great match against Werribee in last week's Preliminary Final where he kicked five goals. Strong, powerfully built mobile player who can pinch hit in a number of positions.



14. STEPHEN WITKOWSKI

2011 games/goals: 4 (4) / 0 (0)

Williamstown player. Graduated from TAC Cup club Northern Knights at the end of 2010. Found it hard to break into the powerful team this season, but has performed well when the opportunity has come his way. Played in defence when used as the 23rd player in the Preliminary Final, his first game since May.



16. DANE RAMPE

2011 games/goals: 17 (21) / 4 (5)

Williamstown listed player who has

enjoyed fine season in this his second season at the club. Carved a niche for himself coming off a back flank or deeper in defence. Reads play well, good in air and on ground and uses the ball effectively.



18. BRENNAN STACK

2011 games/goals: 9 (52) / 1 (27)

Highly skilled Western Bulldogs player who showcased his talent in bursts

showcased his talent in bursts against Werribee in Preliminary Final. Adds speed, good finishing skills and versatility to the team.



20. BRETT GOODES

2011 games/goals: 19 (104) / 17 (51) Brother of dual

Brother of dual Brownlow medallist

Adam. Played in two North Ballarat premierships before spending season in Northern Territory. Returned this season as part of his job with Western Bulldogs. Huge pick up for Seagulls as he demonstrated in last week's Preliminary Final where he dominated at the clearances.



22. DYLAN ADDISON

2011 games/goals: 13 (57) / 3 (7) Western Bulldogs plaver who can be

used in a run with midfield role or as a permanent defender. Strong concentration and can subdue big name opposition play makers. Unflinching approach to the ball and a contest.



23. JORDAN ROUGHEAD

2011 games/goals: 10 (29) / 13 (22)

Emerging Western Bulldogs big man. Ended season positively in the AFL and then returned to make an impact as ruckman/resting forward against Werribee. Tough match-up.



27. MATTHEW CRAVINO

2011 games/goals: 5 (1) / 3 (4) Williamstown player.

Won the A. Todd Medal for best and fairest player in the VFL Reserves for the second successive season. Came into the team towards the end of the season and held his spot. Ferocious in his attack on the ball.



30. CHRISTIAN HOWARD

2011 games/goals: 13 (23) / 11 (11)

Western Bulldogs first round selection in the 2009, but hampered by hip problems. Emerging player who made his AFL debut this season. Shapes as if he's going to spend more

time in the AFL than VFL in the future, oozes class.



31. JAMES MULLIGAN

2011 games/goals: 12 (19) / 0 (1) Former Queenslander

who was rookie listed then elevated to primary list by Western Bulldogs over the past four seasons. Dour defender who may be given the role on one of Port's resting ruckmen.



33. NATHAN DJERRKURA

2011 games/goals: 12 (63) / 5 (33) Former Geelong

second round draft pick who was picked up by Western Bulldogs this season. Played arguably his best game for Williamstown in last week's Preliminary Final. Skill and speed his best assets.



34. JASON TUTT

2011 games/goals: 15 (21) / 16 (26)

Western Bulldogs youngster who has

made tremendous improvement this season after spending virtually all last season in Williamstown reserves and beginning this season in reserves. Such was his improvement that he ended the year in the AFL and kicked a goal with each of his first three kicks. Very quick player who can break the lines.



41. ANDREW HOOPER

2011 games/goals: 15 (37) / 27 (63) Western Bulldogs

player, spent most of the season with Williamstown but also spent time in the AFL. Industrious small, opportunistic forward. Kicked three goals in the win against Werribee last week.



43. ED BARLOW

2011 games/goals: 11 (11) / 9 (9) Western Bulldog

rookie who split the season between the VFL and AFL. Tall, attacking defender who is a very good mark as well as playing the percentages well. Generates plenty of drive from defence.



48. MATTHEW PANOS

2011 games/goals: 13 (23) / 25 (46)

Western Bulldogs rookie who has really come of age over the past few months. Enjoyed a most productive final series. Strong upper body strength, good hands and kicks well.



70. JOSH HILL

2011 games/goals: 11 (41) / 10 (37)

Western Bulldogs player who is another who has split time between AFL

who has split time between AFL and VFL. Potential match-winner on his day. Untapped ability and showed that talent last week when came off a back flank.



78. WILL MINSON

2011 games/goals: 12 (46) / 15 (30)

Western Bulldogs ruckman who has

been brilliant for the Seagulls all season long, particularly in finals, Dominated ruck work and also extremely hard to combat around ground. Gave his smaller teammates an armchair ride last few weeks. Shapes as one of the game's key players.

*Brackets career stats

2011 Peter Jackson VFL statistics

2011 PETER JACKSON VFL SENIORS

Club	Р	W	L	D	В	F	Α	%	PTS
Port Melbourne	18	18	0	0	4	2162	1384	156.21	72
Williamstown	18	14	4	0	4	2087	1486	140.44	56
North Ballarat	18	14	4	0	4	1823	1385	131.62	56
Casey Scorpions	18	11	7	0	4	1868	1529	122.17	44
Werribee Tigers	18	10	8	0	4	1847	1710	108.01	40
Northern Bullants	18	10	8	0	4	1699	1754	96.86	40
Bendigo Bombers	18	9	9	0	4	1802	1874	96.16	36
Box Hill Hawks	18	7	11	0	4	1485	1656	89.67	28
Geelong	18	6	12	0	4	1759	1785	98.54	24
Sandringham	18	6	12	0	4	1537	1786	86.06	24
Coburg Tigers	18	6	12	0	4	1449	1812	79.97	24
Collingwood	18	4	14	0	4	1555	1962	79.26	16
Frankston	18	2	16	0	4	1137	2087	54.48	8

FINALS WEEK 3: PETER JACKSON VFL SENIORS

PRELIMINARY FINAL 1

PORT MELBOURNE	6.4	10.8	12.13	18.19-127
NORTHERN BULLANTS	4.2	9.5	13.8	16.9-105

Port Melbourne

Goal Kickers: D. Galea 5, P. Rose 3, C. Cain 2, S. Valenti 2, S. Pleming 2, R. McMahon, C. McGrath, T. Francis, W. Burstin Best Players: J. Baird, D. Galea, T. Pinwill, S. Valenti, M. Dillon, W. Burstin

Northern Bullants

Goal Kickers: R. Houlihan 5, A. Saad 3, M. Austin 2, R. Kerr 2, J. Waite, B. McLean, M. Watson, R. O"Keefe Best Players: J. Russell, J. Dare, R. Houlihan, E. Curnow, N. Meese,

M. Austin

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2

WILLIAMSTOWN	6.6	14.7	19.11	23.19-157
WERRIBEE TIGERS	0.3	6.4	9.6	11.8-74

Williamstown

Goal Kickers: S. Reid 5, A. Hooper 3, J. Roughead 3, J. Tutt 2, M. Panos 2, C. Howard, J. Hill, N. Dierrkura, E. Barlow, W. Minson, B. Johnson, D. Addison, M. Cravino Best Players: B. Goodes, W. Minson, S. Reid, N. Djerrkura, J. Hill,

Werribee Tigers

Goal Kickers: B. McKinley 3, G. Urguhart 2, B. Ross 2, B. Sharp. L. Harding, W. Martiniello, T. Tuck Best Players: K. Hartigan, J. Macmillan, S. Tighe, M. Rockefeller, B. Mangan, T. Tuck

2011 PETER JACKSON VFL RESERVES

Club	Р	W	L	D	В	F	Α	%	PTS
Box Hill Hawks	18	16	2	0	4	2078	1158	179.45	64
Williamstown	18	14	4	0	4	2170	978	221.88	56
Casey Scorpions	18	14	4	0	4	2057	1221	168.47	56
Port Melbourne	18	13	5	0	4	1773	1235	143.56	52
Werribee Tigers	18	10	8	0	4	1591	1458	109.12	40
Coburg Tigers	18	7	11	0	4	1532	1541	99.42	28
North Ballarat	18	6	12	0	4	1430	1611	88.76	24
Sandringham	18	6	12	0	4	1329	1642	80.94	24
Northern Bullants	18	3	15	0	4	1349	2058	65.55	12
Frankston	18	1	17	0	4	602	3009	20.01	4

FINALS WEEK 3: PETER JACKSON VFL RESERVES

GRAND FINAL

BOX HILL HAWKS	3.2	5.4	11.5	18.10-118
COBURG TIGERS	0.2	2.7	5.8	7.11-53

Goal Kickers: J. Hoegel 3, S. Menegola 3, J. Cass 2, L. Kitchin, D. Cooper, L. Tobin, J. Sketcher, R. Wilson, A. Johns, B. Kennedy, J. Ralph, S. Cust, R. Allen

Best Players: L. Kitchin, X. Murphy, T. Northe, J. Sketcher, A. Johns, J. Ralph

Coburg Tigers

Goal Kickers: R. Hore 2, P. Ambrose 2, A. Duhau, J. Morris, T. Lucin Best Players: J. Kahlefeldt, L. Cartelli, D. Fahey, J. Morris, R. Hore, J. Saville



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 18.15.123 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 Northem 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 16.8.104 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 10.6.6 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 14.6.100 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 13.16.94 def. by North Ballarat 16.11.107 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 BYF - Northern Bullants

ROHND 12

Saturday 18th June

Geelong 15.7.97 def. by Northern Bullants 15.12.102 North Ballarat 8.7.55 def. by Port Melbourne 18.11.119 Williamstown 19.13.127 def. Frankston 7.11.53

Sunday 19th June

Casey Scorpions 8.14.62 def. by Coburg Tigers 9.18.72 Bendigo Bombers 21.15.141 def. Box Hill Hawks 10.8.68 BYE - Collingwood, Sandringham, Werribee Tigers

ROUND 13

Saturday 25th June

Port Melbourne 19.9.123 def. Geelong 12.10.82 Bendigo Bombers 13.9.87 def. by Williamstown 25.16.166 Northern Bullants 14.7.91 def. by North Ballarat 21.9.135 Sunday 26th June

Werribee Tigers 19.13.127 def. Coburg Tigers 12.8.80 Sandringham 15.23.113 def. Collingwood 12.10.82 BYE - Box Hill Hawks, Casey Scorpions, Frankston

ROUND 14

Saturday 2nd July

Geelong 24.18.162 def. Frankston 11.3.69 Box Hill Hawks 10.13.73 def. Collingwood 10.9.69 North Ballarat 15.18.108 def. Sandringham 6.6.42 Werribee Tigers 15.12.102 def. Casey Scorpions 13.12.90 Sunday 3rd July

Northern Bullants 12.8.80 def. by Williamstown 16.13.109 BYE - Bendigo Bombers, Coburg Tigers, Port Melbourne

ROUND 15

Saturday 9th July

Sandringham 2.7.19 def. by Northern Bullants 15.8.98 Collingwood 9.12.66 def. by Port Melbourne 17.12.114 Sunday 10th July

Frankston 7.9.51 def. by Werribee Tigers 19.14.128 Casey Scorpions 10.10.70 def. Box Hill Hawks 3.9.27 Coburg Tigers 11.13.79 def. Bendigo Bombers 1.9.15 BYE - Geelong, North Ballarat, Williamstown

ROUND 16

Saturday 16th July

Geelong 15.9.99 def. Coburg Tigers 12.12.84 Port Melbourne 18.16.124 def. Bendigo Bombers 12.11.83

Sunday 17th July

Williamstown 13.17.95 def. Collingwood 9.9.63 Frankston 12.10.82 def. by Casey Scorpions 25.9.159 Box Hill Hawks 13.7.85 def. by North Ballarat 14.12.96 BYE - Northern Bullants, Sandringham, Werribee Tigers

ROUND 17

Saturday 23rd July

Port Melbourne 13.16.94 def. Sandringham 10.10.70 Box Hill Hawks 19.12.126 def. Northern Bullants 10.9.69 Coburg Tigers 7.8.50 def. by North Ballarat 21.19.142 Sunday 24th July

Williamstown 13.11.86 def. Werribee Tigers 11.10.76
Bendigo Bombers 17.12.114 def. Geelong 11.18.84
BYE - Casey Scorpions. Collingwood, Frankston

ROUND 18

Saturday 30th July

Geelong 31.6.192 def. Casey Scorpions 10.4.64 Northern Bullants 9.15.69 def. by Coburg Tigers 11.9.75 Collingwood 17.16.118 def. Frankston 13.10.88 North Ballarat 13.16.94 def. Williamstown 13.14.92

Sunday 31st July
Sandringham 6.7.43 def. by Werribee Tigers 13.16.94
BYE - Bendigo Bombers, Box Hill Hawks, Port Melbourne

ROUND 19

Saturday 6th August

Geelong 17.18.120 def. Collingwood 12.9.81 Weribee Tigers 16.16.112 def. Bendigo Bombers 14.19.103 Coburg Tigers 9.13.67 def. by Box Hill Hawks 11.13.79 Sunday 7th August

Frankston 5.6.36 def. by Port Melbourne 19.12.126 Casey Scorpions 18.12.120 def. Sandringham 9.5.59 BYF - North Ballarat, Northern Bullants, Williamstown

ROUND 20

Saturday 13th August

Collingwood 14.11.95 def. by Bendigo Bombers 14.16.100 Williamstown 16.18.114 def. by Port Melbourne 17.17.119 North Ballarat 1719.121 def. Frankston 5.4.34 Northern Bullants 13.23.101 def. Geelong 14.7.91 Coburg Tigers 18.9.117 def. Casey Scorpions 15.12.102 Sunday 14th August

Sandringham 10.12.72 def. by Box Hill Hawks 10.14.74 BYE - Werribee Tigers

ROUND 21

Saturday 20th August

Collingwood 15.12.102 def. by Sandringham 16.9.105 Box Hill Hawks 7.6.48 def. by Williamstown 23.11.149 Bendigo Bombers 10.14.74 def. by North Ballarat 24.8.152 Casey Scorpions 1711.113 def. Werribee Tigers 10.9.69 Port Melbourne 20.11.131 def. Northern Bullants 15.8.98 Sunday 21st August

Frankston 17.13.115 def. Coburg Tigers 7.6.48 BYE - Geelong

ROUND 22

Saturday 27th August

Geelong 19.10.124 def. Sandringham 18.12.120
Port Melbourne 14.19.5 def. Box Hill Hawks 11.9.75
Casey Scorpions 28.12.180 def. Nrthm Bullants 11.14.80
Bendigo Bombers 9, 8.62 def by Coburg Tigers 17.17.119
North Ballarat 16.8.104 def. Werribee Tigers 11.16.82
Sunday 28th August

Frankston 6.9.45 def. by Williamstown 20.18.138 BYE - Collingwood

2011 Acacia VFL Finals Series

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Saturday 3rd September / Sunday 4th September

Semi Finals - TEAC Oval 2:10pm

Saturday 10th September / Sunday 11th September
Preliminary Finals - TEAC Oval 2:10pm

Saturday 17th September / Sunday 18th September Grand Final

Sunday 25th September Etihad Stadium Note: Full times and venues are on page 27.

Finals Umpires - Grand Final Weekend

THE VFL Umpiring Department are proud to announce the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup Grand Final Umpires for 2011.

Their respective appointments are the reward for all the hard work, dedication and commitment they have shown throughout the year and we wish them all the very best on the big day.

I'm sure you will join us in extending our congratulations to each and every umpire appointed.

- Kevin Mitchell State Director of Umpiring, AFL Victoria

FIELD UMPIRES



DAVID HARRIS (6)
53 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Warrnambool
Umpires in 2007



ANDREW
MITCHELL (5)
137 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Eastern Football
League in 2004



BRENDAN HOSKING (9) 37 VFL Senior Matches Recruited from Essendon District Football League in 2009

EMERGENCY FIELD



TRISTAN
BURGESS (24)
77 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Bendigo Umpires
Association in 2005

BOUNDARY UMPIRES



CHRIS ESLER
48 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Western Region
Football League in
2006



MATTHEW
JENKINSON
64 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Victorian Amateur
Football Association
in 2007



MATTHEW TOMKINS 36 VFL Senior Matches Recruited from Essendon District Football League in 2007

GOAL UMPIRES



ANTHONY
KYRKOU
47 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from
Victorian Amateur
Football Association
in 2008



STEVEN PIPERNO
94 VFL Senior
Matches
Recruited from the
Victorian Amateur
Football Association
in 2006

EMERGENCY GOAL



BEN JAMES 155 VFL Senior Matches Recruited from Eastern Football League in 1997

TAC CUP GRAND FINAL UMPIRES - 2011

FIFLD UMPIRES



MICHAEL CURTIS
(3)
17 TAC Cup
Matches
Recruited from
Dandenong
Umpires

Association in 2009



MATTHEW
OAKLEY (10)
28 TAC Cup
Matches
Recruited from
Bendigo Umpires
in 2006



NICHOLAS BROWN (4) 22 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Victorian Amateur Football Association in 2010

EMERGENCY FIELD



JASON SCHILLING (30) 31 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Southern Umpires Association in 2007

BOUNDARY UMPIRES



GRAHAM BERGROTH 9 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Eastern Football League in 2007



ADRIAN MASTERMAN-SMITH 18 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Latrobe Valley

Umpires Association in 2006

JORDAN ANDREWS 8 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Riddell District Umpires Association in 2010

GOAL UMPIRES



MICHAEL O'DONNELL 23 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Victorian Amateur Football Association in 2007



MATTHEW MACLURE 19 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from the North East Umpires Board in 2008

EMERGENCY GOAL



LLOYD FISK 77 TAC Cup Matches Recruited from Geelong Football Umpires in 1994







2011 Peter Jackson VFL Goal Kickers

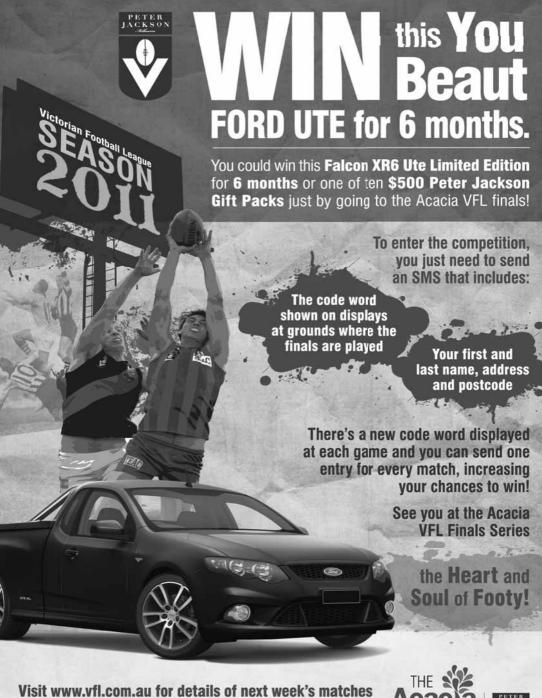
"Well done to Patrick Rose and Aaron Purves on winning the home and away goal kicking titles this year"

FINALS WEEK 3: PETER JACKSON VFL LEADING GOAL KICKERS

DNP - Did not play, * - Not in Finals

		Last rd	Total
Patrick Rose	Port Melbourne	3	74
Brendan Fevola	Casey Scorpions	*	69
Dean Galea	Port Melbourne	5	65
Ben McKinley	Werribee Tigers	3	54
Matthew Little	Bendigo Bombers	*	50
Ahmed Saad	Northern Bullants	3	50
Tory Dickson	Bendigo Bombers	*	48
Robert Castello	Werribee Tigers	1	44
Mitchell Hahn	Williamstown	-	39
Derick Micallef	North Ballarat	*	36
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			Last rd	Total
	Aaron Purves	Casey Scorpions	*	44
	Jack Purton-Smith	Williamstown	*	42
	Myles Dorman	Northern Bullants	*	41
	Tom Hill	Williamstown	*	39
4.0	Benjamin Monkhorst	Box Hill Hawks	-	38
SE I	Jase Perkins	Werribee Tigers	*	33
ERVES	Dylan Conway	Williamstown	*	30
Ϊį	Matthew Boland	Sandringham	*	30
RES	Jonathan Mullins	Port Melbourne	*	29
C	Dylan Murphy	Coburg Tigers	*	27
E	Dylan Murphy	Coburg Tigers	*	2



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AFL Victoria General Manager Grant Williams goes head to head with the AFL Victoria Football Record

RECORD: How do you assess the seasons for the TAC Cup and Peter Jackson VFL?

GRANT WILLIAMS: It's been hugely successful from a number of perspectives. Firstly, the TAC Cup competition provided more Vic Country and Metro players than in previous years, the chance to play in the NAB AFL U18 Championships with the introduction of expanded squads. To everyone's credit, Vic Metro went through the Championships undefeated while Vic Country also performed well. Significantly, 11 Victorians were selected in the Under18 All Australian team, which strongly endorses the talented player pathway in the State. We've also witnessed a competitive. exciting brand of football on a weekly basis as these young men have developed all facets of their game. As for the Peter Jackson VFL it has been a year for the ages with Port Melbourne going through the home and away season undefeated, the first time such an extraordinary feat has been accomplished in more than 50 years. And, what makes that performance even more impressive is that it has been done in a backdrop of a most competitive competition. It's also been a season where Williamstown won the

inaugural Foxtel Cup and so many aspiring players have put forward their names to AFL recruiting staffs as potential AFL players. There's no doubt the standard of football remains very high.

R: What have been the highlights?

GW: In reality it's been a season of highlights, stretching from the TAC Cup to Vic Metro's win in the NAB AFL U18 Championships to individuals like Alex Benbow winning the Morrish Medal in a thrilling three way finish with just one vote separating him and Sandringham Dragons Alex Woodward and Gippsland Power's Danny Butcher. Complimenting Port Melbourne's stunning season was the success. for the second year running, of Shane Valenti in the J.J. Liston Trophy count. Certainly, Shane's achievement is even more exceptional when it is considered just six players in the competition history have won the Liston twice and only three have won it in successive seasons. Notably, he also finished second in the Liston in 2007

R: What is the expectation for those TAC Cup players who exit the competition at the end of this season?

GW: History tells us that TAC



Cup competition provides about 50 percent of the new players selected by clubs at the NAB AFL Draft in November, but the important point for those who are not selected that there is also the AFL Rookie Draft. And, as we've seen over recent years, the Peter Jackson VFL provides players with a genuine second chance to impress AFL clubs. For those players who return to their local suburban or country clubs they, too, have an important role to play in imparting the knowledge and experiences learned at TAC Cup level. As well as enhancing a player's football development, the TAC Cup aims to help the young men involved become better people through the experiences they've gained. The role that

community leagues, their clubs and schools play in the development of these players before, and often while, they are in the TAC Program should also be acknowledged.

R: What security do traditional Peter Jackson VFL clubs have about their future?

GW: As promised we are working towards providing greater security and stability for the Peter Jackson VFL competition and clubs by building a three year framework for the competition beginning in 2012. We have received submissions from every club in the competition and we are addressing them on a club by club case. Indications to date suggest that we are not anticipating a significant change to the competition structure from 2012 through to the end of 2014

R: How has this been structured?

GW: VFL clubs will be issued with three year licenses, which, as a starting point, will go a long way to allowing the club's Boards and management to secure the future of their clubs. In the past, clubs have received a licence with a one-year tenure and just as in previous years they contain conditions for a club to participate and remain viable in the competition. During the next three seasons we will continue to work to help build the capacity of VFL clubs and invest in the competition so that the clubs and the competition become even more relevant and important

to the overall landscape of football in Victoria and Australia. To this end, we are committed to making sure that this traditional State continues to manage a relevant and viable State League competition.

R: Why is it necessary that AFL and VFL clubs need to co-exist?

GW: It's necessary on a number of levels. Victoria is different to other States in terms of the structure and number of AFL clubs based in the State. We need to learn to use this to our advantage and have a better practical understanding of each other's motivations. Alignments need to be about relationships collaborative relationships. If that philosophy is mutually agreed, then the VFL clubs can provide a direct connection to the community which can be important going forward for the AFL in terms of engagement programs and developing new talent for the AFL. Collaborative relationships should not end at VFL and AFL level, the community leagues in Victoria continue to grow, they are well managed and display an enormously strong community connection. We need to collaborate across all levels, our overall objective to grow the game and provide an inclusive, healthy and enjoyable environment for everyone who chooses to participate resonates throughout the football network.

R: What role does the Peter Jackson VFL have in a football

landscape engulfed by the AFL?

GW: The VFL competition has an important and meaningful role to play in the future of football in this State. It is already clearly the No 1 competition outside the AFL itself and it is rapidly becoming a breeding ground for mature age draftees and rookies as evidenced by James Podsiadly, Michael Barlow, Stewart Crameri, Isaac Smith, Cam Pedersen and Cam Richardson to name but a few. AFL clubs. through their draft selections, are acknowledging the fact that many young men mature physically and emotionally later than others. Young players who may miss out on selection at the NAB AFL Draft and NAB AFI Rookie Draft in their exiting year from the TAC Cup can keep alive their dream of making it to the AFL by playing in the VFL. Last year there were 11 VFL players either drafted or listed as rookies on AFL lists. This number can be expected to increase given the greater number of AFL clubs.

R: What is the future of the partnership between AFL Victoria and the ABC?

GW: Firstly, let me applaud the ABC coverage of the match-of-the day each Saturday. Everyone agrees it is a highly professional coverage that provides an excellent conduit for the competition and the wider football community. It showcases the VFL to a State wide audience and displays it's vital role in the talent pathway program in Victoria.

The measure of its value goes beyond traditional indicators. Lunderstand that the future of the ABC coverage, which has been a staple of the competition for more than two decades, will be considered over the coming months both internally by the ABC and as part of a Senate inquiry into ABC programming. The importance of these televised games to the competition and the VFL clubs should not be underestimated AFI Victoria hopes that our partnership with the ABC will continue for many years to come.

R: This season the Peter Jackson VFL took two games to country regions. Are there plans to incorporate more games around regional Victoria in 2012?

GW: Certainly, the games were well received in Torquay and Wangaratta. Those games demonstrated just how good the standard of football is in the VFL as well as increase the awareness and interest in a very good product. It is something we would like to continue.

R: Sponsorship is critical to the on-going success of all sporting competitions and the VFL this season entered into several significant partnerships. What does the future hold?

GW: AFL Victoria is in the first year of a partnership with Peter Jackson Melbourne and Acacia Learning Solutions in the VFL while the TAC continues its long standing and marvellous support of the TAC Cup competition.

All partnerships are vitally important and we will be working hard to ensure those relationships are strengthened and deliver mutually beneficial outcomes. Ford, another longstanding partner, will introduce an MVP award, voted upon by the coaches, next season in the VFL with the winner receiving a Ford motor vehicle for his use for six months. As a precursor, Ford has offered J.J. Liston Trophy winner Shane Valenti the use of one of its cars for six months

R: Are the facilities and amenities at venues around the State at the desired standard?

GW: Suitable standard facilities are fundamental to providing the desired environment for clubs to operate. Our affiliate leagues and their clubs receive wonderful support from their local Councils. AFL Victoria's commitment to supporting facility improvement will continue, recent investments

in VFL facilities with key partners like the State Government and a number of local Councils have produced some terrific outcomes. Facility standards need to be an ongoing focus at all levels of football. AFL Victoria will support all leagues/clubs with their desire to provide a friendly, welcoming and safe environment at all its games and we will continue to educate and promote the required standards. Leagues/ clubs understand the need to provide an inclusive environment so people can go to any game of football with their family and have an enjoyable time. Unfortunately, during the year we have isolated, disappointing incidents, but they were exactly that - isolated. They served as a timely reminder that we have to continually educate and promote the fact that football in Victoria is all about safe, welcoming and inclusive environments.





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A change of message for 2011



WITH the 21st year of the TAC Cup looming, the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) is preparing to re-brand the competition next year as part of its increased focus on reducing speed-related road trauma.

Speed is the biggest killer on our roads, with more than 100 people killed in crashes involving speed on Victorian roads each year.

Despite the immense loss of life and the suffering of those left with serious injuries, research shows that speed also remains a socially acceptable behaviour. But that is about to change.

The TAC, together with its road safety partners has committed to working extra hard over the next few years to change Victorians' attitudes to speed by educating them about the dangers associated with exceeding the speed limit.

The TAC Cup provides the TAC with the appropriate foundations to start tackling this huge challenge, and next year every TAC Cup playing

jumper will display the key message 'Speed Hurts'.

The simple tagline has been designed to highlight the enormous grief, pain, loss and anger that families and friends, team mates and colleagues feel when someone is involved in a crash involving speed. One death or serious injury can affect more than 200 people.

The change in message also serves as a reminder that every road death is preventable, and speeding even slightly over the limit can have catastrophic consequences.

Over the past 20 years the TAC and its partners have succeeded in making drink driving a socially unacceptable behaviour, and our resolve to create the same change with speeding is equally as strong.

The TAC's support of this competition does make a difference to the number of young people killed and seriously injured on our roads, and the organisation places

great importance on ensuring the messages promoted via the TAC Cup remain in line with road safety trends.

There is no doubt our goal to reduce speed-related road trauma presents us with an enormous challenge, but it is one we are prepared for.

We look forward to working with all TAC Cup clubs next year as we work towards further lowering Victoria's road toll

Good luck to the clubs involved in today's Grand Final, and thank you to all players, coaches, region managers, parents and volunteers who have helped us spread the road safety message over the past season. Your commitment to the cause is unwavering, and the TAC is proud to partner such a prestigious and successful football competition.

- Janet Dore

Chief Executive Officer, Transport Accident Commission (TAC)









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Sandringham vs Oakleigh

SEVEN weeks ago Oakleigh Chargers were wondering if they would make the eight, now they're a win away from an unlikely premiership.

Oakleigh, riding a six game winning streak, squares off against Sandringham, searching for its first flag since 1999.

Sandringham may not have enjoyed as much spotlight as Oakleigh, but its road to the Grand Final has also been most impressive.

The Dragons have won eight of its past 10 games, drew with Northern Knights and lost an arm wrestle against Dandenong Stingrays by 13-points back in round 15.

But, it was Sandringham's Preliminary Final win against reigning premiers Calder Cannons that really spoke volumes about the team's character.

Faced with a 16-point threequarter deficit, Sandringham produced arguably its best quarter of the season as they kicked 4.3 while restricting the Cannons to 0.2 to emerge nine point winners.

As has been the case all season co-captain Alex Woodward, runner-up in the Morrish Medal, was outstanding, so, too, Anthony Anastasio, Ned Fallou and Ben Darrou.

The Chargers resurrected its season thanks to the return of all its players from school commitments.

Effectively, Oakleigh has played in seven Elimination Finals to reach today's Grand Final. One slip would have brought down the curtain on its season.

Along the way, Oakleigh defeated then ladder-leader Gippsland by two goals then switched into overdrive to demolish Bendigo and Geelong by 114 and 130-points respectively.

Oakleigh then ended North Ballarat's season with a 20point win in the Elimination Final then terminated Gippsland's year with a 68point win in the Semi Final.

Dandenong Stingrays issued the most concerted challenge, but Oakleigh rose above it to end the Stingrays' seven game winning spree.

Seb Gotch iced the game for the Chargers with a couple of late goals to clinch victory by nine-points and lift Oakleigh into its first TAC Cup Grand Final since it won the flag in 2006.

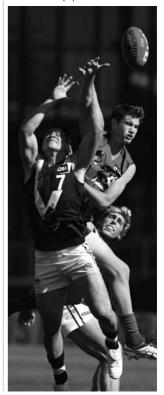
Oakleigh and Sandringham met just the once during the home and away season where the Dragons emerged with a 31-point victory.

But, it's impossible to gain a formline through that match as it was back in April and several key players were not in action, most noticeably the Chargers' midfielder driver Jack Viney.

Viney, along with Dom Tyson, Toby Greene and Damian Mascitti have hitched the Chargers on their back during its winning streak.

Both clubs have plenty of tall targets. Sandringham has Fletcher Roberts, Jackson Paine, Jackson Coleman, Lachlan Boyd and Jack Beech, but Oakleigh's Adam Tomlinson, Jake Hammond, Nick Murphy, Tom Curran, Anthony Forato have the height to counter them.

It will be Sandringham's ability to shut down the Chargers midfield which will play a significant part in determining the TAC Cup premier for 2011.



Sandringham Dragons: Player profiles



1. DARCY BROWN

2011 games /goals: 11 / 9

Brother of Mitch at Geelong, Darcy has

a wonderful left foot kick that sets up many of the Dragons forward entries.



2. JACK BEECH

2011 games /goals: 16 / 5

Ruckman who represented Vic

Metro at the National Championships. Good tap ruck man who covers the ground well.



3. JACK WILLIAMS

2011 games /goals: 19 / 8

Dragons cocaptain in 2011,

he is a disciplined hard working midfielder, with super endurance in his second year with the Dragons.



4. NED FALLON

2011 games /goals: 7 / 4

An injury interrupted year for Ned, he has

got himself right at the right time. Ned is quick, skilful and very smart.



5. CAMERON SHARP

2011 games /goals: 7 / 2

Former Dragons captain who has come back as a 19 year old in 2011. Elite

endurance and speed.



6. SAM FROST

2011 games /goals: 7 / 0

Centre half back who represented

Vic Metro during the National Championships. He is tall quick and very athletic.



7. BREDE SECCULL

2011 games /goals: 13 / 7 Brede has been an

integral part of the Dragons midfield in 2011. Tough inside midfielder who's leadership is fantastic.



8. BEN DARROU

2011 games /goals: 12 / 2

Another Vic Metro representative in

2011, Ben reads the ball very well across half back and uses his beautiful kick to set up many forward thrusts.



9. JACKSON PAINE

2011 games /goals: 9 / 11

The Melbourne Grammar First XVIII

Captain, Paine is a genuine utility who can play anywhere. Tall and strong, and very good in the air.



10. TRAVIS LA ROCCA

2011 games /goals: 19 / 0

Travis has played every game for the Dragons this year and his consistency has been a feature. Disciplined back pocket who is good in the air.



12. DANIEL MAITLAND

2011 games /goals: 12 / 0

Back pocket player who is very tough and strong in the contest. Relishes the contest ball and will not let his opponent get an easy kick



13. DYLAN GABRON-UHE

2011 games /goals: 14 / 4

Dylan has been used in a variety of roles this year but is best suited to defence. Tall, athletic and very quick.



14. LACHLAN BOYD

2011 games /goals: 12 / 25

Centre half forward

with a strong work rate. Strong in the air and is a reliable kick for goal.



15. ALEX WOODWARD

2011 games /goals: 15 / 9

Dragons co-captain in 2011, Alex is a contested ball specialist who is very strong in the air. Has been invited to Draft Combine, and was runner up in the Morrish Medal this year.



17. LIAM SUMNER

2011 games /goals: 12 / 17

Represented both Vic Metro and the

AIS on their tour of Europe. Quick, elusive wingman capable of turning the match in seconds.



18. JACKSON **HEAGNEY-STEART**

2011 games /goals: 13 / 2

Reliable lock down defender who has had some big roles in 2011. Capable of playing both tall and small.



19. SEBASTIAN WOODARD

2011 games /goals: 4/1

One of five 19 year

olds on the Dragons list, Seb is a hard running midfielder who has elite speed.



20. XAVIER **RICHARDS**

2011 games /goals: 8 / 1

Brother of Ted at the Swans, Xavier is a tall athletic defender who loves to run and create.



21. FLETCHER **ROBERTS**

2011 games /goals: 12 / 13

A tall mobile

ruckman who can also play down back. Lovely skills on either side of his body and is very smart.



123. ANTHONY **ANASTASIO**

2011 games /goals: 18 / 28 Excitement machine

up forward. Lightening quick player who came 7th in this year's Morrish Medal, and helped spark the sides' final term comeback last weekend



27. TOM BUCKLEY

2011 games /goals: 12 / 4

Brother of Simon at Collingwood, Tom

has played an important role in defence for the Dragons this vear.



30. MATTHEW KREYMBORG

2011 games /goals: 6 / 10

Tall marking forward with fantastic hands. A reliable

kick for goal on either side of his body.



31. SHAUN **GLENNEN**

2011 games /goals: 14 / 8

Plaved for St

Bedes in last week's A Grade Amateurs Grand Final, Glennen is a small forward who knows where the goals are.



37. KENNY ONG

2011 games /goals: 13 / 10

Tough inside midfielder who has

had an outstanding first year at TAC Cup level.



38. THOMAS TYQUIN

2011 games /goals: 18 / 3

Another player

out of the St Bedes football factory, Tyquin is a hard running wingman with excellent skills.



39. CAMERON **BANFIELD**

2011 games /goals:

Bottom age half back flanker who reads the play very well and is a lovely kick.



40. THOMAS **TEMAY**

2011 games /goals: 7/4

A member of the Vic. Metro Futures Squad, Tom is a wonderful athlete with terrific pace and endurance.



46. YILBER ZIJAI

2011 games /goals: 10/6

Young and strong midfielder whose

inside work has been a feature of the Dragons set up this year.



50. CHRISTOPHER MANGONI

2011 games /goals: 13/3

uncompromising defender or forward who is a ferocious tackler and has a real appetite for the contest.



57. JACKSON **COLEMAN**

2011 games /goals: 15 / 35

Former Australian

Under 19 Cricketer who has developed into a highly skilled key position player. Has kicked 35 goals this season.







🛂 Sandringham Dragons

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1	Darcy Brown	03-Jun-92	178	62	Old Mentonians		
2	Jack Beech	23-May-92	200	85	De La Salle		
3	Jack Williams	04-Sep-93	179	69	Noble Park		
4	Ned Fallon	24-Dec-93	186	79	Hampton		
5	Cameron Sharp	17-Jul-92	182	77	Hampton		
6	Samuel Frost	28-Aug-93	193	85	Ormand AFC/Wesley College		
7	Brede Seccull	24-Nov-93	183	85	Haileybury College/Old Haileyburians		
8	Ben Darrou	25-Nov-93	190	91	Ormand AFC/Wesley College		
9	Jackson Paine	21-Jun-93	193	87	Prahran JFC/Melbourne Grammar		
10	Travis La Rocca	04-Feb-93	179	75	Dingley		
11	Steven Scott	18-Jul-93	177	72	Oakleigh		
12	Daniel Maitland	07-Jan-93	180	77	Cheltenham JFC/Old Mentonians		
13	Dylan Gabron-Uhe	06-Apr-93	190	75	St Bedes		
14	Lachlan Boyd	28-Sep-93	195	89	Beaumaris JFC/Brighton Grammar		
15	Alex Woodward	11-Jun-93	179	79	Dingley JFC/Mazenod		
16	Aaron Dunne	11-Mar-93	185	80	Noble Park		
17	Liam Sumner	16-Aug-93	182	70	St Pauls		
18	Jackson Heagney-Steart	01-May-93	189	83	St Pauls		
19	Sebastian Woodard	01-Jan-92	181	76	Glen Iris JFC/Old Scotch		
20	Xavier Richards	25-Apr-93	194	81	Prahran JFC/Xavier College		
21	Fletcher Roberts	03-Jun-93	197	80	Murrumbeena JFC/Melbourne Grammar		
22	Mitchell Howes	22-May-93	194	82	Beaumaris AFC /Haileybury College		
23	Anthony Anastasio	11-Dec-93	168	66	Ormond		
24	Matthew Blee	27-Feb-93	186	75	Beaumaris		
25	Charles Kinsey	03-Mar-93	182	72	Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
26	Nick Tonkin	30-Apr-93	185	81	Caulfield Grammar		
27	Tom Buckley	11-Sep-93	188	79	Ormond		
28	Luke Hulse	13-Jun-93	188	71	Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
30	Matthew Kreymborg	08-Aug-93	185	82	St Pauls		
31	Shaun Glennen	19-May-93	170	75	Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
32	Tim Jeans	06-Mar-94	187	70	Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
33	James Stewart	04-Mar-94	194	76 72	Glen Iris JFC/Scotch College		
34	Robert Tunbridge	15-Jun-94	191		Dingley JFC/Mentone Grammar		
35	Michael Barnes Cameron Antonuccio	22-Jan-94	178 183	71	Ormond Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
36		27-May-94	183	68	Ormand JFC/Wesley College		
38	Kenny Ong Thomas Tyquin	14-Mar-94 23-Sep-94	183	68	Mentone AFC/St Bedes		
39	Cameron Banfield	01-Feb-94	181	65	Ivanhoe JFC/Melbourne Grammar		
40	Tom Temay	06-Feb-94	180	71	Prahran JFC/Melbourne Grammar		
41	Oliver Cavallaro	14-Feb-94	184	88	East Sandringham JFC/Brighton Grammar		
42	Mac O'Donnell	28-Sep-94	170	66	Mordialloc-Braeside		
43	Tom Quinlan	23-Dec-94	191	78	East Malvern JFC/St Kevins		
44	Tom Langdon	09-Jun-94	189	78	Glen Iris JFC/Melbourne Grammar		
45	Jackson Boland	07-Apr-94	184	78	Parkdale		
46	Yilber Zijai	04-Feb-94	176	70	Noble Park		
47	Joel McKee	03-Dec-94	183	80	St Peters JFC/St Bedes		
48	Ben McLean	25-Feb-94	190	73	Beaumaris		
49	Visesio Saina	11-May-94	185	90	Noble Park		
50	Christopher Mangoni	30-Sep-94	170	60	Dingley		
51	Jack Wilson	10-Jul-94	192	83	Hampton		
52	Oscar Woods	25-Jan-94	185	83	St Kilda City		
53	Matthew Taylor	01-Oct-93	193	84	St Pauls		
54	Tim Cumming	29-Apr-94	197	87	Beaumaris		
55	Gerard Gleeson	07-Oct-94	188	78	Waverly/St Kevins		
57	Jackson Coleman	18-Dec-91	196	91	Old Haileybury		

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1	Sebastian Gotch	12-Jul-93	172	71	Murrumbeena JFC/Caulfield Grammar	<u>. </u>	
2	Tom Curran	18-Sep-93	195	85	Ashburton JFC/Wesley College		
3	Dean Siakoulis	12-Feb-93	172	72	Glen Waverley Hawks		
4	Jeremy Musso	17-Jun-93	194	82	Kew		
5	Brody Lawford	19-Jul-93	184	80	Bentleigh		
6	Mitch Wooffindin	03-Feb-93	178	76	Templestowe		
7	Cauley Beetham	18-Mar-93	182	80	Old Xaverians		
8	Jake Hammond	01-May-93	190	82	Blackburn		
9	Matthew Arnot	21-Oct-93	180	83	Vermont/Mazenod		
10	Dylan Orval	29-Jul-93	192	81	Rowville/Caulfield Grammar		
11	Nick Murphy	22-Mar-93	194	86	Donvale		
12	Dom Tyson	08-Jun-93	186	82	Camberwell JFC/Trinity Grammar		
13	Seb Evans	13-Mar-93	190	86	Old Collegians		
14	Daniel Pearce	22-Jan-93	180	78	Templestowe		
15	Kristian Johnsen	18-Sep-93	180 192	78	Oakleigh Dragons Camberwell JFC/Trinity Grammar		
16 17	Adam Tomlinson	10-Aug-93	178	86	Waverley Blues		
18	Mitchell Hayes Christopher Prowse	01-Mar-93 26-Feb-93	203	76 87	Kew Rovers/Xavier College	_	
19	Jack Didier	01-Nov-92	182	82	Templestowe		
20	Jack Viney	13-Apr-94	178	77	North Adelaide/Carey Grammer		
21	Dylan Heath	06-Oct-93	182	80	East Doncaster		_
22	Jacob Williams	20-Dec-93	175	75	Ashburton JFC/De La Salle		
23	Anthony Soriano	02-Jun-93	178	78	De La Salle		
24	Jason Ashby	16-May-94	186	78	Kew Rovers/Carey Grammar		
25	Simon Harris	20-Feb-93	195	87	Shepparton/Carey Grammer		
26	Adrian Fancellu	05-May-93	193	86	Donvale		
27	Damian Mascitti	18-Aug-92	190	82	East Doncaster		
28	Dustin Harris	31-Jan-93	176	76	Old Collegians		
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30	Antony Forato	29-Jul-92	198	90	De La Salle		
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37	Alex Brown Matt Barton	26-Sep-93 01-Dec-94	191 181	79	Docaster Heights JFC/East Doncaster SC Waverly Blues/Wesley College	_	
38	Kristian Jaksch	07-Dec-94	193	84	Kew Rovers/Carey Grammer		
39	Seb Purcell	16-Feb-93	188	84	Kew Rovers/St Kevins College		
40	Callan Burns	26-Jul-94	176	75	Rowville		
41	Dylan Vizzarri	28-Jul-94	175	75	Blackburn		
42	Toby Greene	25-Sep-93	180	78	Ashburton JFC/Wesley College		
43	Daniel Hachem	21-Aug-94	186	82	Glen Iris JFC/Xavier College		
44	Sam Collins	15-Jun-94	186	78	Donvale		
45	Patrick Jenkins	18-Oct-94	187	80	Boroondarra Hawks/Camberwell Gr		
46	Lin Jong	04-Jun-93	188	85	Mulgrave		
47	Cal Lewis	03-Sep-92	180	78	Shepparton Swans/Old Xaverians		
48	Ed McCutchan	14-Aug-93	188	82	Boroondarra Hawks/Trinity Grammar		
49	James Pell	11-Sep-94	186	82	Ivanhoe		
50	Jake Summers	03-Sep-93	193	88	Surrey Park JFC		
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52	Ned Walmsley	02-Feb-94	192	86	Glen Iris JFC/Scotch College		
53	James Dunn	02-Sep-94	194 194	88 78	East Burwood/Wesley College	_	
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56	Gene Van Den Broek Jean-Paul Knight	28-Oct-92 15-Jan-94	184 194	83	Old Scotch Donyale	_	_
57	Jean-Paul Knight Jordan Collopy	15-Jan-94 16-Aug-93	178	76	Xavier College		_
58	Lucas Forato	25-Apr-94	180	81	St Peters JFC/De La Salle		
59	Jack Macrae	03-Aug-94	183	83	Kew Rovers/Carey Grammer		_
60	Matt O'Brien	11-May-94	188	82	North Beach JFC/Wesley College		
61	Patrick Chard	23-May-94	195	85	Greythorn JFC/Marcellin College		_
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Oakleigh Chargers: Player profiles



1. SEB GOTCH

2011 games/goals: 10 / 15

Dangerous small forward with footy

smarts and very good goal sense. Good overhead for his size and can play through the midfield.



2. TOM CURRAN

2011 games/goals:

Vic Metro Representative, A

versatile and reliable key position player that can play either end. Has kicked goals this year as a key forward and been impressive shutting down opposition players down back.



6. MITCH WOOFFINDIN

2011 games/goals:

Representative. An in and under midfielder who has had a very consistent year. Is very competitive, wins the hard ball and is a good clearance player.



8. JAKE HAMMOND

2011 games/goals: 10/26

Missed 8 weeks after hip surgery and

has come back in good form. A dangerous forward and an excellent one grab mark with a very accurate kick for goal.



9. MATT ARNOT

2011 games/goals:

A very hard at the ball midfielder who wins

his own footy and is a penetrating left foot kick. Has had a consistent year averaging 20 disposals a game.



10. DYLAN ORVAL

2011 games/goals: 5/5

Missed 12 months after a knee reconstruction

and so has had a limited preparation. Very talented tall forward who is good overhead and a booming kick.



11. NICK MURPHY

2011 games/goals:

Key forward with much potential. Moves well

for a 195cm tall and is a very good decision maker and excellent left foot kick. Noted goalkicker who has kicked 37 goals for the season



12. DOM TYSON

2011 games/goals: 9 / 10

Vic Metro Rep, All Australian player and

TAC Cup Team of the Year player and captain of the Chargers. Has had an outstanding year and is considered one of the best midfielders in the country. Averages 26 disposals, 10 HR, 5 clearances and 5 tackles a game. Has clean hands and makes excellent decisions by hand and foot.



13. SEB EVANS

2011 games/goals: 17 / 0

A club vice-captain who is a very reliable

backman. Is an excellent communicator and instructs teammates and is respected for his leadership at the club.



14. DANIEL PEARCE

2011 games/goals:

Another who has had a very consistent year. A run and carry midfielder with

very good leg speed and excellent

ball user. Can go forward and kick goals and take a spectacular mark. Highly respected around the club for his work ethic and team first attitude.



16. ADAM **TOMLINSON**

2011 games/goals: 10/5

Vic Metro Rep. AIS

player and vice-captain of the Chargers. A versatile key position player with a big tank. Has had a great finals series playing forward or back and is highly respected for his leadership skills.



20. JACK VINEY

2011 games/goals:

Vic Metro Rep and AIS player who is

highly competitive and hard at the contest. Has a good mix of inside and outside as a midfielder who thrives at the contested ball and is a very good stoppage player.



21. DYLAN HEATH

2011 games/goals: 18 / 2

First year in the system as a top ager and has

had a very good development year. A solid defender who is very good overhead and an excellent kick. Is courageous under a high ball and has a team first attitude.



22. JAKE WILLIAMS

2011 games/goals: 15/2

Another first year in the system player who is

top age. Has a huge tank and can effectively play a variety of roles. Has a nice left foot kick and runs and carries the ball with precision.



23. ANTHONY SORIANO

2011 games/goals: 16 / 7 Versatile player who

is an excellent left foot kick. Has mainly played at half back but can go forward and kick goals.



25. SIMON HARRIS

2011 games/goals:

player with a good leap and leg speed who can also play in the ruck. Started the year really well before the APS season began.



27. DAMIEN MASCITTI

2011 games/goals: 17 / 35 Been the club's most

consistent forward this year who can play high or deep kicking 34 goals. Hard to match up on as he always finds leading space by hitting up at the ball carrier. Averages 20 disposals a game, 7 marks and 2 goals.



28. DUSTIN HARRIS 2011 games/goals:

20/3 Was the club's best

finals player last year and has been effective playing on opposition small forwards. Neat left foot kick and provides good rebound averages 18 disposals a game. Can go through the midfield and push forward and kick goals.



30. ANTONY FORATO

2011 games/goals: 16/6

Highly competitive ruckman who is the

club's most improved player. Hampered by injury and illness last year has averaged 22 hit outs this year and gives the on-ballers first use.



31. JAMES STEWART

2011 games/goals:

A bottom age private who has impressed

all with his ability to win the ball in close and makes smart decisions. Plays to the game plan and has a team first attitude.



32. SAM HUDSON

2011 games/goals: 16 / 20

Is a member of the U/17 Metro Futures

Academy. Clever small forward who has played most of the year as a bottom ager. Is good at the drop of ball and has good goal sense and is high on the season stats for score assists.



36. ALEX BROWN

2011 games/goals: 9/0

Vic Metro Rep who has had an interrupted

year due to injury. Missed the last 8 games with a broken arm. A very versatile defender who can play on talls and smalls and loves to run and carry the ball out of defence.



38. KRISTIAN JAKSCH

2011 games/goals:

Is a member of the U/17 Metro Futures Academy. Talented key position player who played very well towards the end of the year up forward and in the ruck. Has a bright future.



39. SEB PURCELL

2011 games/goals: 9/0

An elite runner and has exceptional leg speed.

Has played on and beaten many of the opposition talented key forwards this year and provided great rebound out of defence. Has a very high disposal efficiency of 80% from his 9 games played as a top age private school player.



42. TOBY GREENE

2011 games/goals: 12 / 7

Vic Metro Rep. All Australian player and

TAC Cup Team of the Year player. Has had an outstanding year and continued to amaze with his ability to play well at all levels asked of him. Is averaging 29 disposals (73%), 10 HR and 6 clearances.



43. DANIEL HACHEM

2011 games/goals: 8/0

Bottom age APS player in his first year. Has

excellent leg speed and good ability to shut down an opponent. Provides excellent rebound and is a long penetrating kick off half back.



46. LIN JONG

2011 games/goals: 13 / 7

First year in the system as a top age

player and has shown enormous development. Is very athletic and adaptable to a range of positions and possesses a great leap and leg speed. He is very clean on the first possession and makes smart decisions.



57. JORDAN COLLOPY

2011 games/goals: 2/1

Only came into the system at the end of the APS season and has impressed with his leg speed and effective kicking. Has repeat efforts and can play a range of positions and is both an inside and outside player.



Dragons stay on top

THE Sandringham Dragons are through to their second TAC Cup Grand Final after storming home to beat the Calder Cannons in their Preliminary Final, as Adem Saricaoglu reports.

In very tricky conditions at Visy Park, the Dragons made a stirring comeback from 16 points down half way through the last quarter to win by nine points, 10.13 (73) to 8.16 (64).

The Dragons were buoyed by the efforts of their small forward Anthony Anastasio, who kicked two crucial goals late in the game, the second of which put them in front at the 20-minute-mark. Sandringham coach Dale Tapping said Anastasio gives his team mates a lift when they really need one.

"He's busy - he's been a real revelation for us this year," Tapping said.

"He's small but he doesn't fumble, he's got great skills, good courage and good speed. "He's just been fantastic for us all year and for him to perform like that today was great." Inaccurate goal-kicking plagued both sides all day, but the windy conditions got progressively worse throughout the game. Kicking towards the Legends Stand, Calder could only manage 2.5 in the first quarter and only had a three-point lead at the first break.

They brought their inaccuracy into the second term, where they again could only manage another 2.5, and got outscored by the Dragons, who kicked 3.2. Calder's Jack Solomon had a chance to give the Cannons the lead close to half time, but missed to level the scores at the main break.

The Cannons came out firing after the half time, with forward Nick Fletcher causing chaos for the Dragons. Fletcher netted two goals from four shots in the quarter as his team mates continually hit him up in their forward 50.

Both sides used run-and-carry to counter the conditions, and the game lifted in intensity. Shots were fired at each end but no one could kick a goal.

Anastasio finally broke the deadlock for the Dragons 11 minutes in, but a free kick in Calder's hot spot for a throw saw Darcy Bailey extend their lead to eight points.

Minutes before three-quarter time Sandringham's Jackson Coleman was given a chance to reduce the margin to nine, but missed horribly as the wind took his shot far to the left.

The Cannons' lead was 16 points by the final change, but Sandringham had the scoring end to kick to for the last quarter.

Two brilliant efforts by Anastasio to win holding-the-ball free kicks resulted in wasted shots on goal early in the last quarter as the Dragons began peppering their goals.

Half way through the quarter, with the margin sitting on 15 points, Jack Sheahan missed what would have been a sealing goal for the Cannons, before hitting the post minutes later.

Big rebounding efforts from Calder defenders Ozgur Uysal and Adam Saad helped restrict Sandringham from kicking goals, but the ball simply kept coming back.

The first goal of the quarter finally went to Anastasio at the 17-minute mark to reduce the margin to nine.

It seemed to spur the Dragons, who kept pressing forward as the clock ticked down.

Another quick goal to Kenny Ong put the Dragons within a kick, and from the following forward entry Anastasio snapped from the goal-square to put Sandringham in front. From there they never looked back.

Tapping credited his playing group with believing in themselves to come back from what seemed to be a matchwinning lead for the Cannons.

"We were still right in the game and obviously there was an advantage going to our end, and we just kept working through it and we just executed a bit better than we did in the first three quarters," he said.

"At three-quarter time the message was really simply, to just keep working, keep believing and to get there.

"You've got a hundred minutes to get it right and we got it right at the right time.

"We had guys that were pretty heroic in at the contest, and guys putting themselves under real physical risk."

Players from both sides fell to the ground at the final siren after what was a very taxing, fast-paced game.

"They're a bit fatigued being 18year-old kids but they'll be right to go next week," Tapping said.

"They would have been a lot soarer if they had lost the game." The Dragons face the Oakleigh Chargers in the Grand Final at Etihad Stadium on September 25.

Sandringham Dragons10.13 (73) defeated Calder Cannons 8.16 (64)

Chargers into Grand Final

OAKLEIGH'S barnstorming finish to season 2011 has continued in impressive fashion, with the Chargers securing their spot in the TAC Cup grand final following a gritty nine-point win over Dandenong at Visy Park last Saturday as Kane Hunkin reports.

The win cements Oakleigh their first Grand Final appearance since the side's 2006 premiership year and caps a late season form revival that's seen the Chargers rise from ninth position at the conclusion of round 15 to competitors in the final weekend of September.

Dandenong, buoyed by the week off following a narrow win over minor premiers the Calder Cannons in the first week of the finals, looked ominous early kicking the first two goals of the game. However, in a manner fitting of the afternoon Oakleigh responded to enter quarter time with a one point lead.

The Chargers were the aggressors early in the second term, kicking the first three goals. An Anthony Soriano major at the 16 minute mark of the quarter gave the Chargers a game high 20 point lead before the Stingrays again kept the game in check putting scoreboard pressure on late in the half

Despite warm and sunny conditions, the wind proved a decisive factor, with a strong breeze blowing consistently across the ground providing its own difficulties for both teams.

Oakleigh appeared to hold the ascendency in the third term before a Dandenong purple patch led by Morrish Medallist and dual captain Alex Benbow in the middle and key goals to Jason Salopek and Jake Calvert cut the deficit to five points.

At the final huddle, the whiteboard message was fundamental for the Chargers, simply reading 'spread at stoppages' and 'tidy entries'. Oakleigh coach Greg Doyle concluded in an impassioned tone stating, "Heroes don't win finals, teams do."

Oakleigh's Seb Gotch (three goals) and Dandenong's Brett O'Hanlon asserted themselves strongly in a tense final quarter, with both players kicking two important goals each for their respective sides early in the last term. O'Hanlon's second major gave the Stingrays their first lead of the half before a clutch set-shot reply from Gotch quickly gave the Chargers back the lead at the 10-minute mark.

Despite the game remaining close in the ensuing minutes, Oakleigh would hold on to record a memorable nine point preliminary final win, with Nick Murphy's goal, coming as a result of a 50 metre penalty, sealing the victory in the matches latter stages.

The win itself reversed the two teams round 13 contest, which saw Dandenong comfortable 45 point winners.

Adam Tomlinson and Dom Tyson were solid and influential in the Chargers eventual win while Jordan Kelly and Darren Minchington featured prominently for the beaten Stingrays outfit.

Oakleigh now have the chance to claim their second TAC Cup since the league's inception when they take on the Sandringham Dragons at Etihad Stadium this Sunday.

Both sides have only competed against each other once in season 2011, with Sandringham defeating Oakleigh by 31 points.

Oakleigh coach Greg
Doyle told taccup.com.
au the following about their
upcoming opponents after the
corresponding round 3 game,
"They're a good team and if you
give them room they're going
to run and carry the footy and
they're going to hurt you."

Oakleigh Chargers 13.9.87 defeated.

Dandenong Stingrays 11.12.78



Chargers Seb Purcell.





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COACH OF THE YEAR GRAEME YEATS DANDENONG STINGRAYS

SAM DOCHERTY

GIPPSLAND POWER

CLAY SMITH GIPPSLAND POWER

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BRAD CROUCH NORTH BALLARAT REBELS

MICHAEL TALIA **CALDER CANNONS**

> **DOUG MORRIS** NORTHERN KNIGHTS

JACK NEWNES NORTHERN KNIGHTS

ALEX WOODWARD

SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS

ALEX BENBOW DANDENONG STINGRAYS

NICK O'BRIEN NORTH BALLARAT REBELS

TAYLOR ADAMS GEELONG FALCONS

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TAC Cup Team of the Year

HERE is a look at the 2011 TAC Cup Team of the Year:

BACKLINE

BRANDON ELLIS (Calder Cannons): Composed small defender, who reads the game well and rarely beaten one on on.. All Australian. U18 Metro representative. Calder premiership player 2010. Averaged 24 disposals and 9 contested possessions a game.

ANDREW BOSELEY (Geelong Falcons): 19 year old key defender, talented player with lots of flair. Ranked equal 1st in rebound 50's for the Falcons and ranked 4th overall for marks from opposition kicks.

MATTHEW BUNTINE (Dandenong Stingrays): AIS player who controlled Stingrays backline. For Dandenong averaged 2nd in uncontested possessions most rebound 50's.

HALF BACKS

BRAD CROUCH (North Ballarat Rebels): Potential trade for GWS in the 17 year old mini draft. Came back from injury late in the season. In the TAC Cup competition averaged 3rd most effective kicks, ranked 2nd for hardball gets.

MICHAEL TALIA (Calder Cannons): Premier power defender of the competition, deceptively quick and good overhead mark. Played Nationals for Metro as 16 and 18 year old. All Australian. Calder premiership player 2010. Calder's no. 1 defender, averaging most defensive 50

disposals, marks and rebound 50's.

SAM DOCHERTY (Gippsland Power): Proven player at National level, very good draft prospect. In the TAC Cup competition ranked 2nd for marks from opposition kicks and rebound 50's, ranked 4th for long kicks.

CENTRELINE

WILL HOSKIN-ELLIOT (Western Jets): Classy midfielder with freakish athleticism and skill. All Australian. U18 Metro representative. AIS/AFL Academy 14th Intake. For the Western Jets averaged the most kicks and inside 50's.

DOUG MORRIS (Northern Knights): Prolific ball winner with exceptional work ethic and tenacity for the ball. Shows strong on field leadership qualities. In the TAC Cup competition ranked number 1 for total disposals, contested possessions, clearances.

JACK NEWNES (Northern Knights): Smart, lively utility who shows good speed and work ethic. Played Nationals for Metro as 16 and 18 year old. Ranked number 2 at the Northern Knights for disposals, handball receives, contested possessions.

HALF FORWARDS

ALEX BENBOW (Dandenong Stingrays): Morrish Medal winner this year, great work rate. For the Dandenong Stingrays averaged most disposals and contested possessions.

NICK O'BRIEN (North Ballarat Rebels): Vic Country most productive forward for championship. For the North Ballarat Rebels averaged most marks and goals this season.

CLAY SMITH (Gippsland Power): Winner of Vic Country MVP award. For Gippsland Power averaged most contested possessions, 2nd most disposals.

FORWARDS

TAYLOR ADAMS (Geelong Falcons): Engine room of the Geelong Falcons team. In TAC Cup competition averaged 3rd most disposals, 2nd most uncontested possessions.

JONATHAN PATTON (Eastern Ranges): Premier power key forward in the nation. Excellent lead and mark and surprising agility for tall forward. Strong leadership qualities and mindset. Eastern Captain in 2011. U16 and U18 Metro Representative. AIS/AFL Academy 13th Intake. Ranked no.1 for Eastern Ranges and no.2 in the competition for contested marks

ALEX WOODWARD (Sandringham Dragons):
Durable inside small midfielder/forward with good skill set and strength over the football and in contests. Very good leap and overhead mark for his height. U16 & U18 Metro representative. In the TAC Cup competition ranked equal 2nd for contested possessions, 2nd for clearances.

FOLLOWERS

BILLY LONGER (Northern

Knights): Standout ruckman in the TAC Cup and Nationals competition in 2011. Crafty ruckman who displays genuine feel for the game and strong overhead. Played Metro U16 and U18- Captain U18 in 2011. AIS/AFL Academy 13th Intake.

DOM TYSON (Oakleigh Chargers): Midfield player who has the ability to amass large possessions and very productive with his use of the ball. Excellent at stoppages and quick with his handball. Solid skill set and good leadership skills. Oakleigh Chargers captain. Metro U18 Representative. All Australian.

TOBY GREENE (Oakleigh Chargers): Midfield revelation of the year at TAC Cup and Nationals level. Highly competitive instincts with clean handling and superb decision making. Ball winning ability unquestionable. U18 Metro representative. All Australian. In the TAC Cup competition averaged 2nd most contested possessions.

INTERCHANGE

ADAM KENNEDY (Western Jets): Player who possess enormous work ethic and

invariably involved in chains of play. Rebounding half back or midfielder who can win his fair share of the ball. TAC Cup 19 year old. U18 Metro representative in 2011. In the TAC Cup competition averaged second most handball receives and short kicks.

JACK CRISP (Murray Bushrangers): Football has gone to next level after National Championship. Averaged 4th most tackles in the TAC Cup competition and 2nd most disposals for the Murray Bushrangers.

TOM SHERIDAN (Calder Cannons): Midfielder who possess elite aerobic power. Player with sound skill set and ability to find the ball and use it. Calder Cannons premiership player in 2010 and captain in 2011. U16 and U18 Metro Representative. On average for the Calder Cannons was no. 1 handballer and clearance player

DANIEL MARKWORTH (Calder Cannons): Mid forward who is relatively new comer to the talented player program with enormous upside. Burst player who presents well

as a forward and is always dangerous around goals. Mature mindset and willing to learn and develop. U18 Metro Representative. TAC Cup 19 Year Old. No.1 for goal assists, and was equal fourth on the goal kicking ladder.

ALEX GREENWOOD (Eastern Ranges): Midfielder with highly developed vision and innate feel for the game. Excellent disposal skills and effective at stoppages. U16 and U18 Metro representative. In the TAC Cup competition ranked equal 3rd in handballs, fourth in contested possessions.

SHAUN WYATT (Gippsland Power): Work rate first class, ability to run and carry very good. In the TAC Cup competition: won the most uncontested possessions, ranked 2nd for most effective kirks

COACH

GRAEME YEATS (Dandenong Stingrays): 8th season as coach of the Dandenong Stingrays. Finished the season on a great run, working his side all the way into a top four position, when finals were only a small possibility mid season.

media coverage

Grand Final Weekend, Sunday 25th:

TAC Cup Radio - Covering the 2011 TAC CUP GRAND FINAL

Etihad Stadium from 10.15am - Sandringham Dragons vs Oakleigh Chargers

Commentary Team – Phil Crooks and Rick Morris, Special Comments – Peter Cooper, Boundary – Billy Hewitt On www.taccup.com.au AND the Red Time Sport iPhone app (download for free from the iTunes store).

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Commentary Team – Brett Phillips and Nigel Carmody, Special Comments – Tim Hazell and AFL Victoria's Leon Harris, Boundary – Mark Stone

Video Streaming

The game will be streamed live via www.taccup.com.au



TAC Cup club notes

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

OAKLEIGH CHARGERS:

Congratulations to all the players and staff of the Chargers for making it into what is only the Club's second ever Grand Final appearance in the TAC Cup. This achievement is one that we are all very proud of and is a credit to all people involved at the Club. We wish the playing group who represent the club today all the very best of luck and we know you will all wear the jumper with the pride and passion it deserves and represent the club and yourself to the best of your ability.

A good opportunity to thank all our support staff, volunteers and parents for their excellent efforts throughout the season and your valuable contributions to our football programs are very much appreciated. Presentation night will be held on Friday 7th October at the Mulgrave Country Club from

7pm. All Staff, Parents, Players and Partners are invited. Please organise your table of 10 and rsvp back to the club. Thank you to our sponsors for their continued support: IS MY CV, Universal Finance, Mulgrave Country Club, Acacia, Active Lifestyle, Telstra, Diadora, Woodards Real Estate, Holmesglen TAFE.

SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS:

The Sandringham Dragons would like welcome everyone to Etihad Stadium for the 2011 TAC Cup Grand Final. To all of the players, congratulations on a great year. To all of the volunteers and staff, thank you for your fantastic contribution throughout 2011. We couldn't have got this far without you and really do value your contribution. Thank you to the TAC and AFL Victoria for putting on such a wonderful competition for kids right throughout

Victoria. A big thank you to all the sponsors, in particular Rob Barber at Altitude Volvo, Michael Hooper at EmbroidMe, Pete Woodard at Yallambee Stud and Darren Seccull at ASAP Printing, thank you for your generous contributions this year. To Mark and Liz Beech from Smokin Doughs, a massive thank you for making the post game rolls all year. The boys and the coaches have loved them after every game. A reminder that the Dragons Best and Fairest will be held on Thursday October 27 at Sandy by the Bay at Trevor Barker Oval. Please RSVP to the office ASAP to ensure you do not miss out on a seat in what promises to be a great celebration of a fantastic season. Once again, thank you to everyone who has helped and assisted the Sandringham Dragons in season 2011. Go Dragons!

Heppell Rising Star



FORMER Gippsland Power player and Morrish Medal winner Dyson Heppell was named the 2011 NAB AFL Rising Star.

Selected at pick eight in the 2010 NAB AFL Draft by Essendon, Heppell has had an outstanding year for the Bombers, playing in all matches and averaging 21 possessions a game.

His TAC Cup club Gippsland
Power were very proud of their
former players' achievements
when they found out the news
– being the first Power player to
receive the Rising Star Award.
"We are very proud of Dyson
and his achievements as he is an
outstanding individual on and off
the field.

"Last year he taught the boys how to conduct themselves off the football field and on, and was a great example to them," Gippsland Power Region Manager Peter Francis said. "Preparation was a key part of his training, which is obviously so important at the elite level. "It is no surprise to us that he has had the season he has, after what we saw of him during his time at Gippsland Power."

His former coach, now Box Hill Hawks senior coach Damian Carroll was also pleased to hear the news of Heppell's award.

"He was a super impressive player. His footy speaks for itself," Carroll said. "He is a fine young kid who works

hard, and was really diligent with everything that he did." Heppell achieved 44 of a maximum 45 votes, and won the award by 8 votes from former Oakleigh Chargers player, and now West Coast Eagle Luke

Shuey.

2011 TAC Cup statistics

2011 TAC CUP

Club	Р	W	L	D	F	Α	%	PTS
Calder Cannons	17	13	4	0	1758	1316	133.59	52
Sandringham Dragons	17	12	4	1	1563	1112	140.56	50
Gippsland Power	17	11	6	0	1435	1096	130.93	44
Dandenong Stingrays	17	10	7	0	1294	1065	121.50	40
Western Jets	17	10	7	0	1474	1358	108.54	40
North Ballarat Rebels	17	10	7	0	1441	1379	104.50	40
Oakleigh Chargers	17	9	8	0	1584	1345	117.77	36
Geelong Falcons	17	9	8	0	1402	1439	97.43	36
Northern Knights	17	7	9	1	1394	1649	84.54	30
Eastern Ranges	17	6	11	0	1281	1687	75.93	24
Murray Bushrangers	17	4	13	0	1249	1557	80.22	16
Bendigo Pioneers	17	1	16	0	985	1883	52.31	4

2011 TAC CUP: FINALS WEEK 3

PRELIMINARY FINAL 1

SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS	2.1	5.4	6.10	10.13-73
CALDER CANNONS	2.5	4.10	8.14	8.16-64

Sandringham Dragons

Goal Kickers: A. Anastasio 3, J. Williams, L. Boyd, J. Paine, K. Ong, J. Coleman, T. Temay, F. Roberts

Best Players: B. Darrou, J. Coleman, A. Anastasio, J. Heagney-Steart, N. Fallon, A. Woodward

Calder Cannons

Goal Kickers: S. Hetherington 2, N. Fletcher 2, D. Bailey 2, R. Ball, J. Sheahan Best Players: M. Talia, J. Angus, O. Uysal, A. Saad, B. Ellis, R. Ball

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2

DANDENONG STINGRAYS	3.1	5.3	8.9	11.12-78
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS	3.2	6.6	9.8	13.9-87

Dandenong Stingrays

Goal Kickers: B. O'Hanlon 2, N. Wright, J. Pongracic, D. Minchington, L. Whitfield, A. Benbow, J. Salopek, J. Calvert, L. Wallace, T. Elton

Best Players: J. Kelly, D. Minchington, N. Haynes, A. Benbow, L. Whitfield, R. Hill Oakleigh Chargers

Goal Kickers: A. Soriano 3, S. Gotch 3, D. Mascitti 2, J. Williams, D. Pearce, T. Greene, J. Viney, N. Murphy

Best Players: D. Tyson, A. Tomlinson, S. Gotch, L. Jong, D. Mascitti, D. Pearce

Vale Laurie Plunkett

THE Gippsland Power football club, the wider Gippsland football community and the TAC Cup competition was greatly saddened last weekend with the passing of the Power's club secretary Laurie Plunkett.

Laurie had been battling serious illness for much of the year and, despite his usual indomitable spirit, this was one battle that he couldn't win. Laurie was big man in many ways and his footprint is huge, vale Laurie Plunkett

TAC CUP: FINALS WEEK 3

GOAL KICKERS

Jai Sheahan	Geelong Falcons	38DNP
Jack Solomon	Calder Cannons	37 (-)
Nick Maric	Northern Knights	37DNP
Nick Murphy	Oakleigh Chargers	37 (1)
Damian Mascitti	Oakleigh Chargers	35 (2)
Jackson Coleman	Sandringham Dragons	35 (1)
Daniel Markworth	Calder Cannons	34 (-)
Tim Membrey	Gippsland Power	34DNF
Brett O'Hanlon	Dandenong Stingrays	33 (2)
Jonathon Patton	Eastern Ranges	31DNP
Sam Dobson	North Ballarat Rebels	31DNP
Anthony Anastasio	Sandringham Dragons	28 (3)
Josh Burgess	Calder Cannons	27DNP
Anthony Papa	Eastern Ranges	26DNF
Braeden Knox	Bendigo Pioneers	26DNF

KICKS

Brandon Ellis	Calder Cannons	20
Matt Buntine	Dandenong Stingrays	17
Damian Mascitti	Oakleigh Chargers	17
Adam Tomlinson	Oakleigh Chargers	16
Anthony Anastasio	Sandringham Dragons	16
Sean Hetherington	Calder Cannons	15
Ozgur Uysal	Calder Cannons	15
Dom Tyson	Oakleigh Chargers	15
Ned Fallon	Sandringham Dragons	15
Adam Saad	Calder Cannons	13
Dylan Heath	Oakleigh Chargers	13
Jackson Coleman	Sandringham Dragons	13
Liam Sumner	Sandringham Dragons	13
Robert Ball	Calder Cannons	12
Paul Sahlberg	Calder Cannons	12

MARKS

WAITING		
Robert Ball	Calder Cannons	
Tom Curran	Oakleigh Chargers	
Seb Purcell	Oakleigh Chargers	
Dom Tyson	Oakleigh Chargers	
Jackson Coleman	Sandringham Dragons	
Brandyn Grenfell	Calder Cannons	
Paul Sahlberg	Calder Cannons	
Ozgur Uysal	Calder Cannons	
Matt Buntine	Dandenong Stingrays	
Lin Jong	Oakleigh Chargers	
Adam Tomlinson	Oakleigh Chargers	
Brett O'Hanlon	Dandenong Stingrays	
Darcy Bailey	Calder Cannons	
Fraser Dale	Calder Cannons	
Nick Fletcher	Calder Cannons	

HANDBALLC

HANDDALLS			
	Dom Tyson	Oakleigh Chargers	15
	Toby Greene	Oakleigh Chargers	14
	Ozgur Uysal	Calder Cannons	13
	Lachie Whitfield	Dandenong Stingrays	12
	Matthew Arnot	Oakleigh Chargers	12
	Paul Sahlberg	Calder Cannons	11
	Tom Sheridan	Calder Cannons	11
	Dustin Harris	Oakleigh Chargers	11
	Robert Ball	Calder Cannons	10
	Jordan Madden	Calder Cannons	10
	Mitch Wooffindin	Oakleigh Chargers	10
	Mitchell Viney	Dandenong Stingrays	9
	Lin Jong	Oakleigh Chargers	9
	Ned Fallon	Sandringham Dragons	9
	Travia La Bassa	Condringhom Drogono	^

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. Nithrn 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 NSWWACT Rams 16.7.103 Bendigo Ploneers 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 7.8.50 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 711.53 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. Nith Ballarat Rebels 14.8.92 Sand. Dragons 5.10.40 def. by Geelong Falcons 12.8.80 Sunday 5th June

MurrayBushrangers 13.9.87 def. by Northern Knights 14.9.93

Development Weekend 11th & 12th June

ROUND 9 - Country Round

Saturday 18th June

Bendigo Pioneers 7.16.58 def. by Murray Bushrangers 15.6.96 Sunday 19th June

Geelong Falcons 9.7.61 def. Gippsland Power 7.14.56 Dandenong Stingrays 8.5.53 def. by **Nth Ballarat Rebels 14.9.93**

ROUND 10

Saturday 25th June

Bend. Pioneers 14.6.90 def. Calder Cannons 11.10.76 Dand. Stingrays 10.8.68 def. by Western Jets 14.6.90 Oakleigh Chargers 17.14.116 def. Geelong Falcons 11.13.79 Murray Brangers 7.10.52 def. by Sand. Dragons 14.12.96 Nth Ballarat Rebels 19.17.131 def. Nthrn Knights 9.10.64 Sunday 26th June

Gippsland Power 21.15.141 def. Estrn Ranges 9.4.58

ROUND 11

Saturday 2nd July

Eastern Ranges 15.13.103 def. Bendigo Pioneers 15.1.91 Calder Cannons 14.13.97 def. Dandenong Stingrays 7.5.47 Nthrn Knights 12.10.82 def. by Geelong Falcons 19.12.126 Oakleigh Chargers 20.18.138 def. Murray Bushrangers 3.8.26 Western Jets 13.12.90 def. Gippsland Power 8.8.56 Sunday 3rd July

Sand. Dragons 15.17.107 def. North Ballarat Rebels 10.8.68

ROUND 12

Saturday 9th July

Western Jets 17.13.115 def. Eastern Ranges 13.8.86 Bendigo Pioneers 8,9.57 def. by Sand. Dragons 20.9.129 Geelong Falcons 11.10.76 def. Calder Cannons 10.13.73 Gippsland Power 14.11.95 def. Northern Knights 6.13.49 Nth B. Rebels 11.7.73 def. Oakleigh Chargers 9.15.69 Dand. Stingrays 13.10.88 def. Murray Bushrangers 10.4.64

ROUND 13

Saturday 16th July

Oakleigh Chargers 7.6.48 def. by **Dand. Stingrays 14.9.93** Estrn Ranges 13.9.87 def. by **Caldler Cannons 19.11.125 Gippsland Power 17.14.116** def. Bendigo Pioneers 6.8.44 Northern Knights 12.8.80 vs. Sand. Dragons 11.14.80 *Sunday 17th July*

Murray Bushrangers 10.8.68 def. by Western Jets 13.11.89 Geelong Falcons 11.14.80 def. by Nth Ballarat Rebels 15.12.10

Development Weekend 23rd & 24th July

ROUND 14 - Road Safety Round

Saturday 30th July

Calder Cannons 18.13.121 def. Oakleigh Chargers 11.13.79 Bendigo Pioneers 9.9.63 def. by Nthrn Knights 14.11.95 Muray Bushrangers 8.9.57 def. by Gippsland Power 12.12.84 Sunday 31st July

Sand. Dragons 16.16.112 def. Eastern Ranges 6.12.48 NthBallarat Rebels 11.11.77 def. by Western Jets 16.11.107 Dand. Stingrays 12.16.88 def. Geelong Falcons 7.6.48

Development Weekend 6th & 7th August

ROUND 15

Saturday 13th August

Dand. Stingrays 15.12.102 def. Sandringham Dragons 14.5.89 Northem Knights 16.9.105 def. Murray Bushrangers 15.7.97 Geelong Falcons 18.12.120 def. Eastern Ranges 10.4.64 Western Jets 20.16.136 def. Bendigo Ploneers 7.4.46 Oakleigh Chargers 12.15.87 def. Gippsland Power 10.15.75 Sunday 141h August

Nth B. Rebels 14.9.93 def. by Calder Cannons 24.16.160

ROUND 16

Saturday 20th August

Calder Cannons 15.13.103 def. Nithrn Knights 14.14.98 Gippsland Power 6.13.49 def. by Sand. Dragons 7.11.53 Geelong Falcons 10.3.63 def. by Western Jets 17.19.121 Murray Bushrangers 15.7.97 def. Nith B. Rebels 11.22.88 Oakleigh Chargers 25.20.170 def. Bendigo Pioneers 9.2.56 Sunday 21st August

Eastern Ranges 3.9.27 def. by Dand. Stingrays 14.10.94

ROUND 17

Saturday 27th August

Sand. Dragons 14.10.94 def. Western Jets 4.18.42 Bendigo Pioneers 5.3.33 def. by Dand. Stingrays 15.15.105

Gelong Falcons 6.5.41 def. by Oakleigh Chargers 27,9.171

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Murray Bushrangers 7.17.59 def. by Eastern Ranges 10.15.75

Nthrn Knights 15.9.99 def. by Nth Ballarat Rebels 14.17.101

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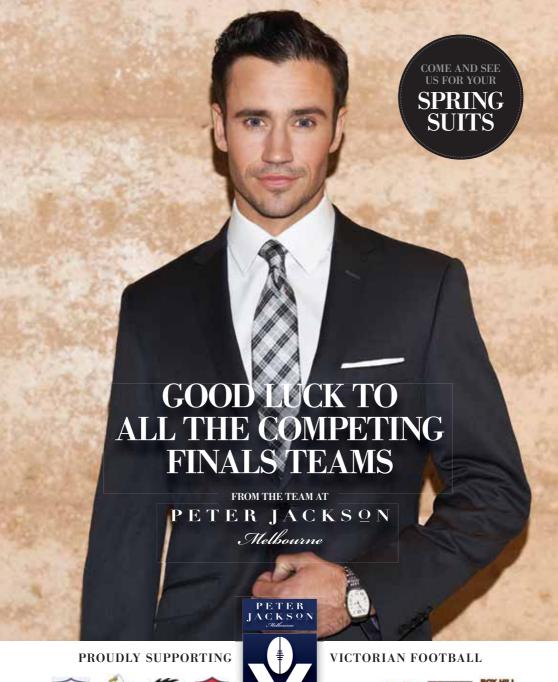
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Saturday 17th September, Visy Park

Grand Final

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