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Preparations are intensifying for one of the undoubted highlights on the VFL calendar – next Saturday's state match against South Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

Victorian coach Gerard FitzGerald and selectors Bruce Davis, Anthony Eames and Troy West, will announce the final VFL squad of 24 on Tuesday night.

Speak to any of those players selected and you will be left in no doubt about the importance they place on representing Victoria.

Really, it doesn't matter what sport it is, if you are fortunate enough to represent your state or country it is an enormous honour and privilege.

For players at state league level, this is the highest level of football they can reach, and something everyone in the VFL and SANFL aspires to.

So everyone who pulls on the Victorian jumper next Saturday will do so with considerable pride.

For some, playing for Victoria will be the highlight of their football career. A fortunate few will play in premierships, but representing their state will rate right alongside this.

Pride of Victoria

Vics to defend state honour in SA



Players cherish such rare opportunities as evidenced by the unbridled passion shown by Victorian players like Jonathan Brown, Brent Harvey and Brendan Fevola in this month's Australian Football Hall of Fame tribute match.

The tri-series involving the VFL, SANFL and WAFL is the only regular state-versus-state football competition in Australia.

It is proudly endorsed by all three state bodies and engenders fierce state rivalry, which is the very essence of football.

The game will be memorable for a number of reasons, not least because it is a one-off match. The players selected will never ever again have the chance to play together as a group and their desire to forge their own piece of VFL history will know no bounds.

State football also provides an opportunity for players to

showcase their talent on one of the biggest stages – some will know no greater stage.

For others, it may serve as the 'audition' that gets them drafted or rookie listed by an AFL club.

Remember it is less than 10 years ago that a teenage Matthew Pavlich played for South Australia against the VFL at the MCG.

In more recent years, Victorian representatives Michael Rix, Jason Davenport, Shane Valenti and Tristan Cartledge have also either been drafted or rookie listed.

Clearly, state games are another plank in the Victorian talented player pathway to football's elite level.

AFL Victoria extends its best wishes to those players who will represent the VFL.

John Hook

Football Operations Manager, AFL Victoria



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COVER: Frankston's Adam Kirkwood in action during the Dolphins' 96-point drubbing of Werribee last Sunday.



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Shane Valenti was always excited about the prospect of representing Victoria against South Australia at the Adelaide Oval this weekend. But he was unsure in the weeks leading up to the team's selection whether he, as an AFL rookie-listed player, was eligible.

When he found out he was, Valenti didn't hide his pleasure.

"I'll grab it with both hands," he said. "I loved playing for Victoria last year."

But, in another twist, Valenti will have to put his representative aspirations on hold. But this time the news in the lead-up to last weekend's round was all good.

With Melbourne placing captain David Neitz on its long-term injury list, coach Dean Bailey rewarded Valenti for his consistently good form in the VFL with Sandringham by elevating him to the Dees' AFL list.

It was thoroughly deserved. Valenti has been one of the VFL's headline acts for more than two seasons.

So much so, it came as no surprise Valenti found himself at an AFL club in 2008, picked up by the Demons with pick No. 49 in the NAB AFL Rookie Draft.

Although he had trained with Melbourne throughout the pre-season, there are no guarantees when it comes to AFL drafts.

Valenti spoke regularly with new Melbourne development coach Mark Williams, who had coached the Sandringham Dragons graduate for two years at Sandringham.

Elevated to stardom

Valenti misses state match for AFL debut



Shane Valenti's elevation to Melbourne's AFL list ruled him out of this week's clash with South Australia.

SHANE VALENTI

Age: 21

Club: Sandringham (Melbourne rookie)

Games: 46

Goals: 35

Honours: 2007 – Fothergill Round Medal, VFL representative, VFL Team Of The Year; 2006 – Sandringham premiership player.

The then 20-year-old could not have presented a more compelling case for an AFL club to provide him with an opportunity. As a first year player in 2006, Valenti broke into a Sandringham team that had come off back-to-back premierships and became a valuable contributor in the club's historic premiership three-peat.

But last season Valenti stepped up to become a prime

mover in the Zebras' structure, finished second in the J. J. Liston Trophy behind Geelong's James Byrne, and represented Victoria in its 119-point demolition of Western Australia.

He was also one of the architects in helping Sandringham finish on top of the ladder at the end of the home and away season, winning the Fothergill Round Medal as the most promising player in the VFL.

"It was nice to get all those accolades, but at the end of the day it didn't count for much because winning premierships is what you play football for," he said.

"I'm really enjoying myself. I love Melbourne, I love the blokes that are there," Valenti said.

Now that love affair has just grown deeper.

After a 12-season, 235-game career with Melbourne that ranks him No. 7 on the Demons' all-time games list, Brett Lovett has much to be proud of.

But Lovett doesn't talk much about what happened in the past. He's someone who is very much focused on the present and the future.

He is no different when asked about reaching his 100-game milestone as Frankston coach this Sunday, a reign that will see him overtake Robert Mace as the longest-serving coach in the Dolphins' 42-year history by the end of the season.

"I'm not a person that looks back, I'm a person for now and the future," Lovett said.

"Even during my playing days, I didn't look back. I put my head down and bum up and just tried to get the job done.

"And I have tried to do the same thing in coaching. I've just tried to improve the list and get the team to perform to its best consistently week in, week out."

Most of his peers believe Lovett has done extraordinarily well to take Frankston to the finals twice, given he has had few big-name ex-AFL recruits.

Instead, Lovett has banked on young kids, some straight from the TAC Cup, others unearthed from around the Mornington Peninsula. And these unheralded players have acquitted themselves exceedingly well against other VFL teams full of current AFL-listed players and very talented ex-AFL players.



Brett Lovett's more focused on guiding Frankston to a premiership than personal milestones.

Lovett reaches ton

Standing alone with eyes on the future

While he acknowledges it can be frustrating at times coaching a stand-alone team, Lovett says he loves a challenge.

Most believe a stand-alone team faces an Everest-like climb to win a VFL premiership, but Lovett does not subscribe to that theory.

He believes if you can get a core group of players with 75-plus VFL games experience, topped up with exciting young players, a flag is a definite possibility.

But it hasn't happened yet. Regardless, Lovett doesn't

view premierships as the sole measuring stick for a coach.

"What we have tried to do is build a list to try to win a premiership, we have had a

couple of players

– Chris Bryan and

Aaron Edwards –

drafted and there

has been plenty

of guys go and

coach at local

level and plenty of

players who have

gone back and been really good players at their local club.

"You have to look at all of it and be positive."

And, in keeping with Lovett's philosophy, never look in the rear-view mirror.

"I'm a person for now and the future"

No doubting Thomas

Port youngster enjoys breath of fresh Ayres

After two years of playing reserves football without getting close to breaking into the seniors, Rees Thomas considered returning to his other sporting passion, cricket.

A Victorian representative at under-17 level and a Hawthorn Monash second XI player at 16, Thomas had put his cricket ambitions on hold while he pursued his football.

After graduating from the TAC Cup club Oakleigh Chargers, Thomas followed many of his Chargers teammates to Port Melbourne.

And, while he enjoyed the camaraderie at the Borough, his football was stuck in the slow lane.

“I was contemplating going back and playing district cricket,” Thomas, 20, said.

“(But) when I heard Gary Ayres was coaching Port I thought there might be a different culture down at the club. I spoke to him and then I decided to keep playing.”

Ayres, after watching video tapes of the Port Melbourne reserves side that made last year’s Grand Final, identified about seven players who had the ability to step up to senior level. Thomas was among that bunch.

He knew the importance of pushing up young players who could become “the next backbone” of the club.

“I told Rees he would be given a go during pre-season,” Ayres said.

While appreciative of the opportunity, Thomas was nervous entering pre-season, knowing his football future was in the balance.

But Thomas made the most of his chance and was rewarded with a spot in the Borough’s season opener. He’s been in the seniors ever since, putting together a series of solid performances, headlined by a haul of four goals against Frankston.

But what most impressed Ayres was Thomas’ game against Williamstown.

“As a coach I feel you look at things differently when you are losing,” Ayres said. “You look at who stands up and plays well because it is much easier to play well when the team is winning.”

“It’s like everything, Rees is getting confident at this level. He can see he belongs and feels good about what he is doing.”

Thomas, in turn, said Ayres had taken his game to a new level.

“He’s very thorough and injects a lot of confidence into the players, and we all trust and know he has that great record.”

“We can see that we are going in the right direction.”

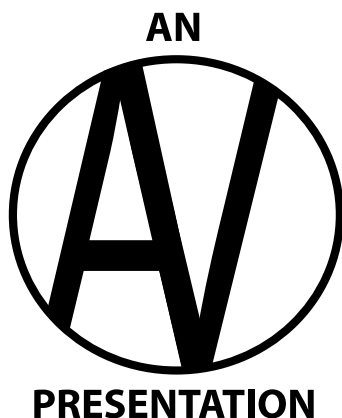
And, that means Rees Thomas’ cricket gear will remain in the cupboard for at least another year.



Port youngster Rees Thomas has been rejuvenated in 2008 under new coach Gary Ayres.



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More often than not the people that make up a football club's heart and soul sit in the background, largely unnoticed.

They are not the ones kicking bags of goals, racking up countless possessions or hit outs, or coaching hundreds of games.

They remain behind the scenes, keeping the club ticking seamlessly over. Without fanfare or kudos.

Their devotion is unwavering, their commitment relentless, their passion boundless. They are the fabric of the club.

Janet Dooley is one of those unsung heroes. Her "labour of love" is the Williamstown Football Club and has been for 55 years. And her love of the Seagulls is as strong today as it ever was.

Dooley was first drawn to Williamstown - one of the VFA/VFL's most traditional clubs - by her uncle Larry Floyd, who served as the Seagulls' secretary for nine years spread across 1935-49.

It was an era when Williamstown won three premierships and spawned legends such as Des Fothergill, who won a Brownlow Medal and Liston Trophy - he and a more recent Seagull Barry Round are the only players to have completed this prestigious double. Fothergill was not alone. Harry 'Soapy' Vallance and Ron Todd, who both kicked 20 goals in a match, also proudly wore the royal blue and gold sash.

Such was the impact Floyd had in his time as club secretary that a grandstand today bears his moniker.

Seagull servant

Passion for Williamstown still burning strong



Janet Dooley

Dooley became actively involved around the time that Williamstown, led by the legendary Wally Carter and Gerry Callahan, won five premierships in six years during the 1950s. It also boasted players like J.J. Liston Trophy winner Johnny Martin, Alby Linton, John Walker and Ray Smith.

At the club, Dooley initially sold raffle tickets, then made the tea at half-time, before taking over the running of the canteen,

a position she has held for more than 20 years.

She recruited her mother Myrtle Deller and her daughter Merryl to help out. Both are life members of the club.

Dooley's day on Williamstown home matches starts at 7am when she and a loyal band of volunteers start making the players' lunch and then the rolls sold to the public. Knock-off time is not until after the final siren, some time close to 5pm.

"We see very little of the game because we're busy," Dooley said. "We see a lot of the reserves, maybe the first quarter of the seniors and then don't see much until the last quarter when everyone stops eating and drinking."

While she can't remember her first Williamstown match, Dooley well remembers Callahan, Linton, Smith and Syd Wookey, the stars of the 1950s and 1960s as well as Ian 'Chops' Rickman and Round, the mainstays of the club in the late '80s and early '90s.

Asked why she has remained so passionate for so long, Dooley replied: "Everyone who goes there does so because they love the club, that's the bottom line really."

Croweaters ready to soar

Hart says SA squad ready for the Vics

Darel Hart



Motivation won't be an issue for South Australia when it takes on arch-enemy Victoria next Saturday at the Adelaide Oval according to coach Darel Hart.

Hart, who led South Australia to its thrilling four-point win against Victoria at Port Melbourne in 2005, said all his squad had embraced the concept.

"You play in your own competition and you are selected as the best in the SANFL. It's a pretty big honour and that's not lost on the players," Hart said.

"Playing representative football is a one-off thing and I'm sure that's why they enjoy it so much. We have already trained together and the guys' attitude has been faultless.

"They want to play, they want to be there. I understand that playing finals for their club is really important, but the good thing about the state match is that it's early in the season and all the players aspire to it.

"To be able to play at the Adelaide Oval and against Victoria in a state game is what representative football is all about."

Hart described the SA squad as a good mix of youth and experience. He said Justin Torney and Ian Perrie, who finished playing AFL last season, provided the top-end experience, along with seasoned SANFL players like Jeremy Clayton, James Gowans and Brett Backwell.

"Then we have young players like Charlie Sharples who just came back from the Under-18 Championships, where he represented Northern Territory, and another young kid Nick Wark," Hart said.

Asked about the nine players with VFL experience in the 29-man SA squad, Hart said it was a "two-way street" – they were "fantastic players" but had been attracted to SA by the SANFL's high standard.

Hart said his knowledge of the Victorian squad wasn't great at this stage, but he knew Jason Cloke was playing well. But it was the players who didn't earn the rave reviews that needed to be closely monitored, he said.

"As I found out when we played at Port Melbourne three years ago I didn't know Ian Callinan when the match started but I did after three minutes," Hart said.

"Some players always get under your guard. Representative football has always been who can get hold of the football. Really, what tactics can you have?"

"You train together three times then you play. You just try to pick a squad that play good strong football and will represent their state well."

If you think the South Australian squad has a familiar look to it, you're right.

South Australia's squad of 29 contains no less than 10 players who cut their teeth in the VFL.

Certainly, it's an impressive list, headed by 2001 J.J. Liston Trophy winner Brett Backwell, who later added the 2006 Magarey Medal to his CV after joining Glenelg.

Jeremy Clayton is also no stranger to VFL fans. Clayton was a standout in the VFL during his career with North Ballarat and later Port Melbourne, winning two best and fairests at both clubs. He also represented the VFL twice, including the historic victory against South Australia at the Adelaide Oval in 2002.

But when the states last met in 2005 at Port Melbourne, Clayton, now playing for the Port Adelaide Magpies, was the architect of South Australia's last-minute four-point victory, when his bullet-like pass found Stephen Kenna whose subsequent goal put the visitors in front.

Then there's Ian Callinan, who became the first Tasmanian to win the Liston Trophy when he and Sandringham's Paul Johnson dead-heated in 2005. Callinan has spent the past two seasons with Central District in the SANFL.

Adam Fisher, a product of the North Ballarat Rebels, spent two years on Melbourne's rookie list where he made an impact at VFL level, finishing runner-up in the 2003 Liston Trophy.

Other members of the VFL contingent are Ben Kane, a former

Pick a Vic

SA squad full of familiar VFL names

SA STATE SQUAD

CENTRAL: Ian Callinan, Paul Thomas, Daniel Havelberg, Daniel Schell, Andrew Hayes, Leigh Westoff, James Gowans

GLENELG: Brett Backwell, Ben Kane, Trevor Cranston, Adam Fisher

NORTH ADELAIDE: James Allan, Clint Alleway

PORT ADELAIDE: Corey AhChee, Jeremy Clayton, Steven Summerton

SOUTH ADELAIDE: Jason Torney, Josh Thewlis, Craig Parry

STURT: Brant Chambers, Jade Sheedy, Ian Perrie, Tristan Gum, Nick Wark, Charlie Sharples, Luke Crane

EAGLES: Leigh Treeby, Luke Powell, Brad Dabrowski, Nick Salter

Hawthorn-listed player who spent the majority of his time there playing with the Box Hill Hawks, James Allan, a VFL Team Of The Year member in 2006 with Werribee, and former Box Hill Hawks captain Clint Alleway, who played for Victoria against South Australia in 2005.

For those with long memories, the name Trevor Cranston will also ring

a bell. Cranston spent four years with Springvale from 1999-2002, but is now playing with Glenelg and in the mix to make his state representative debut aged 28.

Another former VFL player from the turn of the century is former Werribee player James Gowans, who played in Werribee's losing '98 Grand Final team.

Gowans and his twin Chris spent time on St Kilda's list before heading to South Australia.

South Australia retains six players – Backwell, Clayton, Chambers, Jade Sheedy, Daniel Schell and Corey AhChee – from the team that defeated Victoria at Port Melbourne, and, all up, boasts 10 players with state representative experience.

Former VFL player Ian Callinan has been selected in South Australia's state squad.





Gerard FitzGerald is honoured to be returning as Victorian coach this year.

FitzGerald's second coming

Vic coach's passion for state football

From the moment he saw the look in the eye of Victorian captain Jonathan Brown before the Australian Football Hall of Fame tribute match earlier this month, VFL coach Gerard FitzGerald was re-energised about this month's state match against South Australia.

Not that he needed any persuading about the value of state representative football, but FitzGerald said the passion Brown showed representing Victoria reinforced his own passion for the concept.

"With the tribute match it just reinforced to me the importance of it," FitzGerald said.

"You just had to look at Jonathan Brown and the pride he had representing his state and efforts he made to play the match to know what it meant to him."

FitzGerald, who previously led Victoria to historic away wins against both South Australia and West Australia, rates the honour of coaching and playing for your state as the pinnacle of a coach's and player's career outside a club premiership.

"We have boys playing in the VFL for whom it is going to be the greatest moment in their career, outside them being fortunate enough to play in a premiership," he said.

"To represent the state – and I know from the players that I have coached before who wore the big V – it is one of the greatest achievements they will ever have.

"Full marks to the VFL and the SANFL for giving the players the opportunity to do it."

FitzGerald drifted away from the VFL after coaching Victoria to back-to-back representative wins, the latest against Western Australia in 2004.

He spent two years coaching the North Ballarat Rebels in the TAC Cup before returning for a second stint at the North Ballarat Roosters.

Last year he was an observer as Sandringham's triple premiership coach Mark Williams led the VFL to a thumping 119-point win against Western Australia.

With Williams departing the VFL for a development coaching position at Melbourne at the end of last season, the VFL coaching position became vacant.

AFL Victoria appointed FitzGerald to the role before the pre-season began, so highly regarded was he in VFL circles.

For FitzGerald, the appointment is "a complete honour."

But he is not underestimating the challenge his side will face against South Australia.

"We have to organise our team very well," he said. "It's competition against competition. I don't think there is much between the two competitions."

"It's going to be a great game of football."

Big V's burning desire

**Coach non-negotiable
in search of victory**

Victorian coach Gerard FitzGerald says player reputations and past performances at state level will be “irrelevant” when it comes to selecting the team to represent the VFL against South Australia next Saturday at Adelaide Oval.

FitzGerald said the selectors – Williamstown’s Bruce Davis, Port Melbourne reserves coach Troy West and Werribee J.J. Liston Trophy winner Anthony Eames and himself – would not deviate from clearly defined criteria.

“There are three non-negotiables when it comes to selecting the team,” FitzGerald said.

“Players must be in form. What they have done previously or in service for the state will be irrelevant, they have to be in form.

“Players have to be free of injury. We will not be taking any risks or any chances with anyone. I think that is doing a disservice to the players who miss out if you play players that are not fully right.

“Finally, players have to have a burning desire to want to play for the state. Any signs that a player needs a spell or is having second thoughts or doubts or whatever, then tell us, we’ll be fine with that.

“But players have to be honest with us.”

FitzGerald said the final squad of 24, including two emergencies, would be selected after a rehabilitation session at the Lexus Centre on Monday night.

Victoria looked as though it might have as many as 11 players – James Byrne, Brett Johnson, James Podsiadly, Alister Neville, Shane Valenti, Tristan Cartledge, Peter Summers, Nicholas Sautner, John Baird, Rod Crowe and Jason Cloke – returning from the team that defeated Western Australia last season, but Byrne has since had to pull out with injury.

Selectors could not consider Jason Davenport (Geelong AFL list), Simon Rosa (playing in Perth), and Kristan Height and Nick Smith (both no longer in the competition).

But quality players still missed the cut. Just consider J.J. Liston Trophy winner David Robbins, Port Melbourne best and fairest winner David Spriggs and teammate Luke Livingstone, and triple Sandringham premiership player Andy Biddlecombe were overlooked. Such was the wealth of riches the selectors had to choose from.

Initially, the VFL squad contained four AFL rookies – Valenti, Cartledge, St Kilda’s Andrew McQualter and Richmond’s Jarrod Silvester, but Valenti and McQualter later became ineligible after they were elevated to their teams’ senior lists.

VFL STATE SQUAD

BENDIGO BOMBERS:

Hayden Skipworth

BOX HILL HAWKS: Stephen Kenna, Alister Neville

CASEY SCORPIONS: James Wall, Andrew McQualter*

COBURG TIGERS: Tristan Cartledge, Jarrod Silvester

COLLINGWOOD: Liam Jurrah, Danny Nicholls

FRANKSTON: Justin Berry

GEELONG: James Byrne#, Matthew Firman

NORTH BALLARAT:

Brett Goodes, Michael Searle, Jacob Spolding, Orren Stephenson, Tom Roach

NORTHERN BULLANTS:

Adam Iacobucci

PORT MELBOURNE: John Baird, Robin Nahas, Cory McGrath

SANDRINGHAM: Rod Crowe, Peter Summers, Nicholas Sautner, Shane Valenti*, Ezra Poyas

TASMANIA: James Charlesworth, Cameron Thurley, Nathan Street

WERRIBEE: James Podsiadly

WILLIAMSTOWN: Jason Cloke, Dean Galea, Brett Johnson, Scott Meyer, Patrick Rose, David Stretton

*Selected but became ineligible after being elevated to an AFL list

#Selected but later ruled out with injury

VFL statistics

ROUND 7 SENIORS

AFTER ROUND 7	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Williamstown	7	6	1	0	902	655	137.71	24
Casey Scorpions	7	5	2	0	774	557	138.96	20
North Ballarat	7	5	2	0	737	595	123.87	20
Sandringham	7	4	3	0	909	639	142.25	16
Coburg Tigers	7	4	3	0	765	643	118.97	16
Port Melbourne	7	4	3	0	801	711	112.66	16
Geelong	7	4	3	0	734	712	103.09	16
Northern Bullants	7	4	3	0	638	682	93.55	16
Frankston	7	3	4	0	633	625	101.28	12
Werribee Tigers	7	3	4	0	639	822	77.74	12
Tasmania	7	3	4	0	605	799	75.72	12
Bendigo Bombers	7	2	5	0	628	816	76.96	8
Collingwood	7	2	5	0	521	762	68.37	8
Box Hill Hawks	7	0	7	0	555	823	67.44	0

2008 VFL GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Nicholas Sautner	(Sandringham)	33	(10)
James Podsiadly	(Werribee Tigers)	23	(-)
Aaron Murray	(Frankston)	18	(8)
Justin Berry	(Frankston)	17	(3)
Scott Simpson	(Geelong)	17	(-)
Dean Galea	(Williamstown)	16	(1)
Adrian Bonaddio	(Port Melbourne)	16	(2)
Robin Nahas	(Port Melbourne)	16	(2)
Michael Wundke	(North Ballarat)	14	(-)
Chris Dunne	(Casey Scorpions)	14	(3)
Jarryd Allen	(Casey Scorpions)	13	(1)
Paul Colbert	(Northern Bullants)	13	(1)
Jarrad Grant	(Williamstown)	13	(2)

Tasmania	4.4	4.6	5.9	7.9	(51)
Sandringham	3.6	10.12	18.14	31.17	(203)

GOALS: Tasmania - Shackleton 4, Bongetti 2, Smith.

Sandringham - Sautner 10, Holland 4, Poyas 3, Waller 2, C. Johnson 2, Maric 2, Dunn 2, Yze 2, Gilchrist, Tregear, Spencer, Meesen.

BEST: Tasmania - Geappen, Shackleton, Long, Richter, Street, Creese.

Sandringham - C. Johnson, Biddlecombe, Sautner, Poyas, T. Johnston, Waller.

Geelong	1.4	3.7	3.13	6.15	(51)
Coburg Tigers	1.4	4.11	7.18	11.19	(85)

GOALS: Geelong - Lonergan 2, Davenport, Firman, Hogan, Prisma.

Coburg Tigers - Collins 3, Pettifer 2, Carnell, Tivendale, Liddle, Connors, Cartledge, Lynch.

BEST: Geelong - D. Johnson, Donohue, Laidler, Varcoe, Byrnes, Firman.

Coburg Tigers - Silvester, Horne, Tivendale, Shelton, Rance, Collins.

Casey Scorpions	0.0	4.4	5.8	10.11	(71)
Collingwood	1.3	1.4	2.6	3.10	(28)

GOALS: Casey Scorpions - Dunne 3, McEvoy 2, Fiora, McQualter, Rix, Steven, Allen.

Collingwood - Dawes, Reid, Stanley.

BEST: Casey Scorpions - Jones, McEvoy, Garrubba, Panozza, Howard, Silvagni.

Collingwood - Crow, Frost, Cox, Nicholls, Cook, Reid.

Box Hill Hawks	4.4	8.6	11.8	13.14	(92)
Port Melbourne	4.3	8.8	17.13	21.14	(140)

GOALS: Box Hill Hawks - Stokes 3, Neville 2, Kennedy 2, Gibson 2, Clarke, Shore, Morrell, Thorp.

Port Melbourne - Mullins 5, Schultz 3, Bonaddio 2, Nahas 2, Cotchett 2, O'Keefe 2, Pinwill, Baird, Fanning, Cain, Spriggs.

BEST: Box Hill Hawks - Kennedy, Stokes, Neville, Clarke, Hunter, Kenna.

Port Melbourne - Mullins, Schultz, Baird, Livingston, McGrath, Robbins.

Bendigo Bombers	1.1	6.4	11.7	13.12	(90)
Williamstown	2.4	8.4	13.7	19.13	(127)

GOALS: Bendigo Bombers - Skipworth 3, Johnson 2, Nash, Bowe, Williams, Davies, Coghlan, Hooker, Chartres, Weeks.

Williamstown - O'Keefe 5, Jolley 3, Little 2, Ray 2, Grant 2, Galea, Picken, Lynch, Stretton, Bre. Johnson.

BEST: Bendigo Bombers - Weeks, Pears, Crameri, Bowe, Johnson, Skipworth.

Williamstown - Street, Cloke, O'Keefe, Jolley, Ray, Stretton.

Frankston	5.3	8.3	15.8	22.16	(148)
Werribee Tigers	1.3	4.10	5.12	6.16	(52)

GOALS: Frankston - Murray 8, Berry 3, Limbach 3, Marigliani 2, Lourey, Lombardozzi, Proctor, Bosward, Morris, Oliver.

Werribee Tigers - Ross 2, Goldstein, Chisholm, Gleeson, Davies.

BEST: Frankston - Murray, Gabriel, Kennedy, Marigliani, Barry, Pollard.

Werribee Tigers - Davies, Chisholm, Ross, Castello, Barlow, Eddy.

Northern Bullants	4.1	5.3	10.8	16.9	(105)
North Ballarat	3.3	4.7	6.7	9.9	(63)

GOALS: Northern Bullants - Edwards 4, Benjamin 3, Ja. Bannister 2, Joseph 2, Austin, Colbert, Ellard, Teague, Iacobucci.

North Ballarat - Spolding 2, Driscoll 2, Gregg 2, Sansbury, Grima, Roach.

BEST: Northern Bullants - Pfeiffer, Iacobucci, Armfield, Anderson, J. Vansittart, Austin.

North Ballarat - Driscoll, Roach, Clifton, Stephenson, Spolding, Searl.





ROUND 6 RESERVES

AFTER ROUND 6	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS
Coburg Tigers	5	5	0	0	1	745	309	241.10	20
Williamstown	5	5	0	0	1	772	332	232.53	20
Frankston	5	4	1	0	1	590	404	146.04	16
Sandringham	5	4	1	0	1	645	450	143.33	16
North Ballarat	6	3	3	0	0	648	592	109.46	12
Box Hill Hawks	5	3	2	0	1	476	517	92.07	12
Northern Bullants	5	2	3	0	1	442	501	88.22	8
Casey Scorpions	5	1	4	0	1	443	601	73.71	4
Werribee Tigers	5	1	4	0	1	366	543	67.40	4
Port Melbourne	6	1	5	0	0	415	796	52.14	4
Bendigo Bombers	6	0	6	0	0	345	842	40.97	0

2008 VFL RESERVE GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Trent Zomer	(Sandringham)	17	(-)
Nick Lynch	(Coburg Tigers)	15	(-)
Clayton Collard	(Coburg Tigers)	15	(6)
Paul O'Shea	(Williamstown)	14	(7)
Adam Cook	(Williamstown)	14	(-)
Matthew Little	(Williamstown)	13	(-)
Bill Driscoll	(North Ballarat)	13	(-)
Jonathon Mercuri	(Northern Bullants)	13	(4)
Simon Seddon	(North Ballarat)	13	(2)
Luke Potts	(Frankston)	13	(2)
Robbie Gregg	(North Ballarat)	11	(-)
Jonathan Mullins	(Port Melbourne)	11	(-)
Paul Currie	(Coburg Tigers)	11	(4)

VFL SENIOR FIELD UMPIRES 2008

BEARD, Dan.....1	HOSKINS, Wayne14
PANNELL, Troy.....2	BANNISTER, Ben (Tas).....15
DONAT, Matthew.....3	LEPPARD, Matthew.....16
JENNINGS, Michael.....4	RITCHIE, Brett.....17
MITCHELL, Andrew.....5	DENISON, Greg.....18
FINDLAY, Robert.....6	BROMLEY, Ashley.....20
PAWLEY, Brent.....7	MILLS, Richard.....21
OAKLEY, Matthew.....8	CAPELL, Clinton.....22
SAUNDERS, Tim.....9	RALPH, Stuart (Tas).....23
MACKIE, Simon.....10	BURGESS, Tristan.....24
BROWN, Matthew.....11	GLEESON, Shaun (Tas).....32
McCARTHY, Troy.....12	LEHNER, Ben (Tas).....36
GRINDAL, Jamie.....13	

Note: AFL Umpires will wear 30, 31, 34, 38, 39, 40

Bendigo Bombers	0.1	1.2	2.2	2.2	(14)
Williamstown	8.2	13.4	20.7	27.14	(176)

GOALS: Bendigo Bombers - Granger, Pilcher.

Williamstown - O'Shea 7, Keddell 4, Cravino 3, Wood 2, Chiu 2, Black 2, Urch 2, Reid 2, Lockwood, Young, White.

BEST: Bendigo Bombers - Ayton, Wilmott, D. Young, Granger, B. Taylor, Anderson.

Williamstown - Keddell, O'Shea, Reid, Cravino, Langlands, Wood.

Frankston	3.9	8.13	13.17	18.21	(129)
Werribee Tigers	1.2	4.3	7.4	7.8	(50)

GOALS: Frankston - Clark 4, Barker 3, Potts 2, Corp 2, Calteri 2, Keely, Dunne, Raso, Lloyd, Morrow.

Werribee Tigers - Kennedy-Hunt 2, Zerafa, Jones, West, O'Brien, Butty.

BEST: Frankston - Keely, Barker, Corp, McCall, Dunne, Clark.

Werribee Tigers - Kennedy-Hunt, Zerafa, Banjanin, Hudson, Cunningham, O'Brien.

Northern Bullants	5.4	9.5	11.10	14.12	(96)
North Ballarat	4.2	9.3	11.3	17.5	(107)

GOALS: Northern Bullants - Mercuri 4, Williams 4, Smith 2, Powell 2, A. O'hAlpin, Shields.

North Ballarat - Micallef 2, Peters 2, Dickinson 2, Faure 2, Horbury 2,

Seddon 2, Dinnell 2, Waight 2, Caldwell.

BEST: Northern Bullants - B. Davies, O'hAlpin, D. Davies, O'Donnell, Taylor, Mercuri.

North Ballarat - Micallef, Dignan, Dinnell, Caldwell, Peace, Waight.

Box Hill Hawks	3.1	8.6	11.12	17.18	(120)
Port Melbourne	5.1	6.5	10.8	10.10	(70)

GOALS: Box Hill Hawks - Walsh 3, Smithwick 3, S. Daniher 3, Reid, Breese, Angelopoulos, Suckling, Kelleher, Hoegel, Conyers, Marcius.

Port Melbourne - Bonnici 3, Siciliano 2, Angus 2, Dwyer, Pearce, Paule.

BEST: Box Hill Hawks - Marcius, S. Daniher, Neil, Papaluca, Smithwick, Angelopoulos.

Port Melbourne - Pearce, Dare, Dwyer, Dillon, Sheldon, Siciliano.

Casey Scorpions	3.1	4.2	6.3	8.5	(53)
Coburg Tigers	6.7	14.9	19.14	28.18	(186)

GOALS: Casey Scorpions - McDonald 2, Fridman, McGrath, Williams, Haretuku, Matheson, Galvin.

Coburg Tigers - Collard 6, Currie 4, Corr 4, Clifton 3, Davis 2, Howat 2, Putt 2, Gourdis, Rayson, Clingan, Meyer, Jones.

BEST: Casey Scorpions - McGrath, Unsworth, Campbell, Snow, Matheson, MacLeod.

Coburg Tigers - Howat, Carrick, Collard, Rayson, Corr, Currie.

VFL action on radio

ROUND 8

Saturday, May 24

Port Melbourne v Casey Scorpions

Sunday, May 25

Frankston v Tasmania

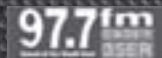
ROUND 8

Saturday, May 24

Werribee Tigers v Collingwood

Sunday, May 25

Coburg Tigers v Bendigo



VFL club notes



Box Hill Hawks

Box Hill Hawks Ball, Saturday, June 28 at the Crown Complex. \$110 a person, includes a three-course meal, beverages and entertainment. Bookings: 9890 9442.



Sandringham

Our next home game president's lunch will be before the round nine match against Collingwood. Cost is \$25 and includes a two-course lunch. Drinks at bar prices. Bookings essential.

The club auction night will be held at Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday, July 26. Lots of bargains and great entertainment. Donations of auction items are accepted and greatly appreciated. Motorola mobile phones available at wholesale prices. More information: John or Ben on 9598 8629.



North Ballarat

This week, through the club's gold coin entry program we are supporting the United Way Ballarat Community Fund, a non-profit, non-religious, non-political, independent organisation that raises funds to support essential health and wellbeing programs in the Ballarat region. More information: unitedway.ballarat.net.au.

Thanks also to today's game-day sponsor Tanya Daniels The Good Guys.

Head into the sports club at half-time and place a bid for the following great prizes: a Dyson vacuum, a digital camera package and a Joh Bailey Signature Styling Pack. All money raised will go to the United Way Ballarat Community Fund.

Tasmania



Trevor Marmalade will be guest speaker at the Devils-Werribee game on June 21 at Bellerive Oval. Tickets \$120 per head all-inclusive. Bookings: George Kalis on 0408 535 591.

Coburg Tigers



President's luncheon every home game in the social club. Next luncheon: round 11 versus Casey Scorpions. Delicious roast meals with salads and accompaniments for \$25 (kids \$15). Bookings: Tracey on 9354 8228 by 3pm Wednesday prior to the match.

Jake King is returning to Coburg for 'Coburg Footy Fit'. The program has been designed for people of all ages to get fit in a similar program to those used by top-line AFL players. Further info: Tracey on 9354 8228.

Team photos are here.
Club news: coburgtigers.com.au.

Northern Bullants



The Northern Bullants would like to remind all supporters about our Hobart trip for the round 13 match versus Tasmania. Leaving on Friday, July 4 and spending two nights before the match on the Sunday. Thanks to Preston Travel we can offer the whole package from \$495 including flights, accommodation, transfers, entry into the match and a two-course meal on the Saturday night. Call Cheryl at Preston Travel on 9478 7855.

Crazy John's Supporter's Choice award: SMS the player's name to 0450 193 242 along with your name and contact number.

Club information:
northernbullants.com.au.



Williamstown

Welcome to today's game against the Box Hill Hawks. We thank match-day sponsors Hinbro Milk for their continued support. Guest speaker at today's luncheon is the Reverend Tim Costello.

Next home game is against Frankston on Sunday, June 15 – Life Members' Day president's luncheon – guest speaker

Watch out for V TV each week on Ford's theoval.com.au. The show features all the latest VFL news, with hosts Dwayne Russell and Nigel Carmody previewing the coming matches.

Western Bulldogs coach Rodney Eade. Life members \$20, their guests \$30, other guests \$40.

Williamstown auction – Saturday, July 26, 7.30pm at The Yarraville Club. Tickets \$35.

Williamstown Mid-season Ball – Saturday, July 12, 7.30pm at Crown Casino. Tickets \$120.

Information and bookings: Brendan Curry/Trent Mosbey 9390 0611, email bcurry@westernjets.asn.au.



Werribee

Today's match-day sponsor is Matchworks, which provides a tailored service for job seekers and businesses in the Werribee community. More information, visit

matchworks.com.au or call the Werribee office on 8742 3444.

Next home-game luncheon is Sunday, June 8. Cost \$40, which includes a two-course meal and drinks. We thank today's match-day speaker Lindsay Fox.

All Werribee news and views: 88.9FM, Thursday 5–6pm.



Casey Scorpions

June is a busy month at Casey Fields with the Scorpions playing three home games. All members, supporters and guests are welcome to attend the president's luncheon at home games. Bookings essential.

The Scorpions Gala Ball and Auction Night is on Friday, July 25 at Castello's in Berwick Springs.

More club info: 5996 1111 or scorpions.com.au.



Frankston

The Dolphin Bistro is open every home game from 12-2pm offering a beautiful three-course luncheon for only \$20 or \$15 for Senior Card holders. Bookings advisable: 9783 7888.

Our annual Champagne Day is on Sunday, May 25 (Frankston versus Tasmania) in the social rooms. Cost \$25 for three courses and complimentary champagne. Bookings essential: 9783 7888.

For all the Dolphins' latest news: frankstonfc.com.au. For what's happening in and around our town: visitfrankston.com.



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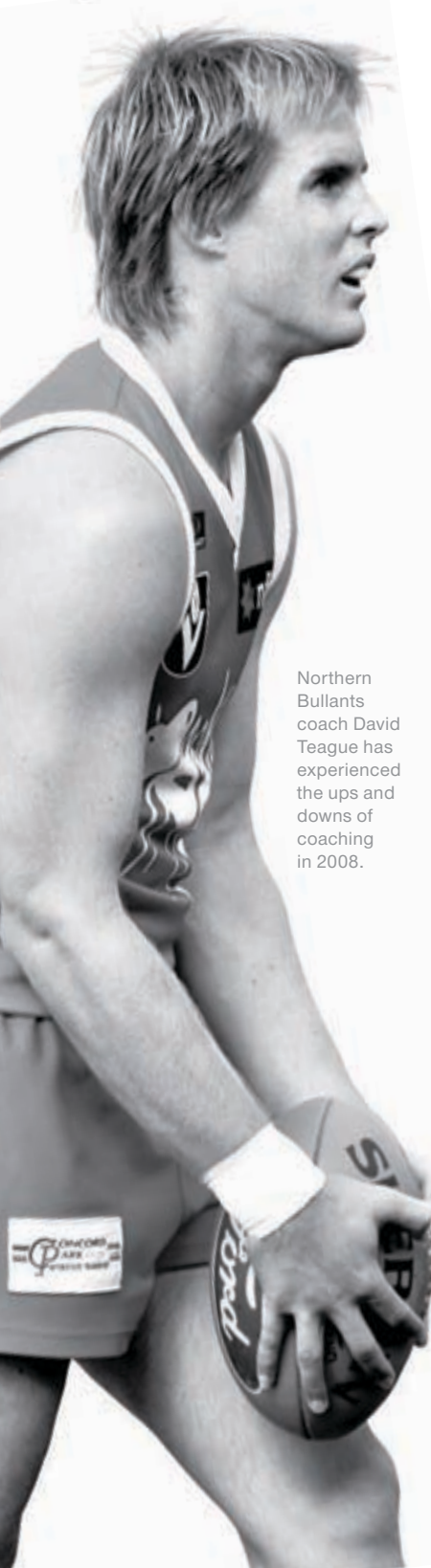
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Northern Bullants coach David Teague has experienced the ups and downs of coaching in 2008.

Port's advantage

Borough look to topple in-form Casey

When Port Melbourne dominated the competition in the late 1970s and early '80s rival clubs feared the journey out to the North Port Oval where the Borough were nigh on invincible.

While much has changed in the past quarter of a century, Port Melbourne's 2008 season has been highlighted by its unbeaten record at home.

Port Melbourne will be seeking to continue its winning streak at home when it hosts the in-form Casey Scorpions this Saturday.

Port coach Gary Ayres has continued to promote young talent as evidenced last round by the inclusion of Jonathan Mullins and Wayne Schultz for their first games of the season.

Mullins and Schultz, responded by booting eight goals between them as Port mauled the Box Hill Hawks by 48 points.

Meanwhile, the Casey Scorpions have built momentum on the back of some gritty wins.

In what should be an enthralling contest, Port should maintain its unbeaten record at home and consolidate its position in the eight.

Meanwhile, Northern Bullants first-year coach David Teague must be wondering about the vagaries of coaching.

After being thrashed by 116 points by the Casey Scorpions in

round six, his side rebounded with a seven-goal victory against North Ballarat last Sunday.

Teague will find out more about the Bullants when they journey to Sandringham, the Zebras showing they are still a force with a 25-goal win against Tasmania.

Led by champion full-forward Nicholas Sautner's 10-goal haul, the Zebras kicked an extraordinary 28 goals to three after quarter-time, and should continue their surge up the ladder this Sunday.

Also on Sunday, North Ballarat and Geelong will have much to play for at AUSTAR Arena after disappointing displays last round. But the Roosters' form has been more consistent and, back at home, they should rebound.

In other games, the Coburg Tigers should stretch their current winning streak to four at the expense of the Bendigo Bombers.

Ladder-leader Williamstown should boost its percentage when its hosts the Box Hill Hawks, who are still searching for their first win of the season.

Buoyed by its season-high score last round, Frankston can keep in touch with the eight by toppling Tasmania.

And the enigmatic Werribee Tigers host Collingwood at Chirnside Park with both needing to win to stay in the finals race.

Founding father

Surrey Park Junior Football Club owes its existence to one man

The Surrey Park Junior Football Club is the club Charlie Simms built.

Moved by the lack of a junior football facility in Surrey Park, the keen sports enthusiast founded the Surrey Park Junior Football Club in 1994.

"He was involved with the cricket club at the same venue and it used to make him mad that there was nowhere for the kids to play footy," the club's current president, Alan Vickery, recalled.

Simms, now 70, started with just one team but over the years, single-handedly built a football club from nothing.

Today, the Surrey Park Junior Football Club has more than 200 registered players and nine teams ranging from under-9 to under-17.

Simms' commitment to the club has been commendable. He has served as its president, registrar, league delegate, social organiser and football manager.

Simms no longer holds a position on the committee but he remains actively involved around the club and is a keen spectator on match days.

It was only this year Simms relinquished running the match-day canteen – a task Vickery said "needed a sub-committee of four to run in his absence!"

The club now had a positive balance sheet, loyal sponsors, an active social calendar and most importantly, a culture of fair play and honour, Vickery said.

Vickery said Simms had ensured the club was built on solid foundations, engineering a code of conduct for parents and players.

"He built the club on solid values and principals, which is that it's about the kids and about sport," Vickery said.

"There's no misconduct, there's no umpire abuse, there's no misbehaviour tolerated in the club and that's down to Charlie.

"There is a culture in the club of high standards."

The Surrey Park Junior Football Club reveres Simms so much that



Charlie Simms

the club named its highest honour, the Colts' best and fairest award, 'The Charlie Simms Medal'.

"We like to hold him up in high esteem and we call him 'the patriarch'," Vickery said.

"He's just been fantastic."



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Paul Amy

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Williamstown 37pts
Port Melbourne 16pts
Werribee Tigers 19pts
North Ballarat 9pts
Coburg Tigers 33pts
Frankston 27pts
Sandringham 31pts

LAST ROUND: 5



Ross Booth

ABC-TV

Williamstown 60pts
Casey Scorpions 20pts
Werribee Tigers 5pts
North Ballarat 10pts
Coburg Tigers 30pts
Frankston 15pts
Sandringham 40pts

LAST ROUND: 6



Phil Cleary

ABC-TV

Williamstown 30pts
Port Melbourne 10pts
Werribee Tigers 8pts
North Ballarat 20pts
Coburg Tigers 30pts
Frankston 30pts
Sandringham 15pts

LAST ROUND: 5



Scott Cummings

3AW

Williamstown 47pts
Port Melbourne 19pts
Collingwood 29pts
Geelong 28pts
Bendigo Bombers 5pts
Tasmania 10pts
Sandringham 13pts

LAST ROUND: 6



Adrian Dunn

Herald Sun

Williamstown 32pts
Port Melbourne 4pts
Werribee Tigers 10pts
North Ballarat 8pts
Coburg Tigers 21pts
Frankston 11pts
Sandringham 17pts

LAST ROUND: 5



John Hook

Football Operations Manager,
AFL Victoria

Williamstown 30pts
Casey Scorpions 20pts
Collingwood 7pts
North Ballarat 26pts
Coburg Tigers 37pts
Frankston 33pts
Sandringham 20pts

LAST ROUND: 5



Carley Jellett

The Age

Williamstown 35pts
Casey Scorpions 17pts
Werribee Tigers 22pts
Geelong 3pts
Coburg Tigers 27pts
Frankston 30pts
Sandringham 9pts

LAST ROUND: 3



Lady Luck

Williamstown 48pts
Casey Scorpions 8pts
Werribee Tigers 6pts
Geelong 12pts
Coburg Tigers 20pts
Frankston 10pts
Sandringham 25pts

LAST ROUND: 4



Tony Leonard

3AW

Williamstown 32pts
Port Melbourne 4pts
Werribee Tigers 29pts
North Ballarat 26pts
Coburg Tigers 37pts
Frankston 27pts
Sandringham 28pts

LAST ROUND: 4



Chris Mitchell

Herald Sun

Williamstown 40pts
Port Melbourne 20pts
Collingwood 15pts
North Ballarat 24pts
Coburg Tigers 30pts
Frankston 25pts
Sandringham 20pts

LAST ROUND: 4



Peter Schwab

AFL Victoria CEO

Williamstown 24pts
Port Melbourne 10pts
Werribee Tigers 12pts
North Ballarat 21pts
Coburg Tigers 30pts
Frankston 19pts
Sandringham 8pts

LAST ROUND: 3

LEADERBOARD

John Hook	37	Chris Mitchell	30
Lady Luck	35	Peter Schwab	30
Ross Booth	32	Adrian Dunn	29
Carley Jellett	31	Scott Cummings	27
Paul Amy	30	Tony Leonard	26
Phil Cleary	30		



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Seagull stones the Croweaters

Galea glad to be back after year in SANFL

Dean Galea headed to South Australia with great hopes of taking his fledgling football career to a new level.

After graduating from the Western Jets and making an immediate impression with Williamstown in 2006, Galea, the youngest player ever to win the Barry Priest Medal for the Western Region Football League best and fairest, was on the radar of a number of interstate clubs.

Unfortunately, six months into his stint with West Adelaide in the SANFL, Galea realised his move was doomed.

While he played out the season – kicking 35 goals – Galea was able to extricate himself from the second year of his contract and negotiate his return to Point Gellibrand. And he has not looked back since.

“It’s good to be back,” Galea said.

“It just didn’t work out. There was too much politics and it wasn’t as good as I expected.

“I spoke to Cuz (Williamstown general manager Brendan Curry) and said I wanted to come back to Williamstown and he and the club helped me come back.

“And, it’s been great.”

Galea, relishing the opportunity provided to him by coach Brad

Gotch to play full-forward, has kicked goals in all of his six matches, headlined by a bag of six against Port Melbourne in round three.

He has no doubt full-forward is his best position, after being forced to play a variety of forward roles, and occasionally start on the interchange bench, last year.

Rarely comfortable in this role, his frustration grew when he was dropped one week after kicking four goals.

Back at Williamstown, Galea can go out each week knowing he has the support of the coaching staff.

“I can lead and back myself one on one, it’s just a confidence thing,” Galea said.

“I believe I’m starting to play some good football and hopefully that will continue and I can keep kicking goals.”

The 23-year-old has set himself the target of kicking 50 goals in 2008, which would match the tally of the Seagulls’

leading goal scorer last season, Andrew Williams.

He also believes Williamstown is a better team this season than 2006 when it reached the preliminary final.

While he spent just one season in the SANFL, Galea believes the VFL has it covered in just about every respect.

“In the VFL, there are more AFL players running around,” he said. “It’s a lot quicker and the skills are better.”

Most importantly for Dean Galea, he’s a part of it again.



Dean Galea is relishing his return to Williamstown and the VFL.

VFL fixture 2008

Round 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Coburg Tigers 27.16 (178) vs. Geelong 16.7 (103)
Bendigo Bombers 18.11 (119) vs. Tasmania 13.12 (90)
Collingwood 12.15 (87) vs. Port Melbourne 11.8 (74)
North Ballarat 19.12 (126) vs. Box Hill Hawks 8.8 (56)
 Werribee Tigers 10.13 (73) vs. **Williamstown 19.15 (129)**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Frankston 14.13 (97) vs. Northern Bullants 11.15 (81)
Sandringham 18.11 (119) vs. Casey Scorpions 11.16 (82)

Round 2 - Rivalry Round

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

North Ballarat 16.16 (112) vs. Bendigo Bombers 9.6 (60)
Williamstown 25.12 (162) vs. Collingwood 14.10 (94)
Port Melbourne 17.7 (109) vs. Sandringham 16.12 (108)
Casey Scorpions 16.14 (110) vs. Frankston 9.18 (72)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Geelong 22.8 (140) vs. Werribee Tigers 11.21 (87)
 Box Hill Hawks 12.13 (85) vs. **Tasmania 13.10 (88)**
Northern Bullants 16.11 (107) vs. Coburg Tigers 15.14 (104)

Round 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Tasmania 18.17 (125) vs. Geelong 15.11 (101)
Williamstown 24.7 (151) vs. Port Melbourne 17.12 (114)
Northern Bullants 20.8 (128) vs. Collingwood 12.5 (77)
 Coburg Tigers 13.13 (91) vs. **North Ballarat 13.14 (92)**
Casey Scorpions 18.14 (122) vs. Box Hill Hawks 13.11 (89)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Sandringham 13.12 (90) vs. **Frankston 15.12 (102)**
Werribee Tigers 17.13 (115) vs. Bendigo Bombers 14.11 (95)

Round 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Geelong 16.16 (112) vs. Williamstown 12.8 (80)
Northern Bullants 11.18 (84) vs. Tasmania 10.14 (74)
Port Melbourne 24.11 (155) vs. Coburg Tigers 15.17 (107)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Frankston 12.11 (83) vs. **Collingwood 15.10 (100)**
North Ballarat 19.9 (123) vs. Werribee Tigers 13.16 (94)
 Box Hill Hawks 11.10 (76) vs. **Sandringham 25.14 (164)**
 Bendigo Bombers 14.8 (92) vs. **Casey Scorpions 20.13 (133)**

Round 5

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (ANZAC DAY)

Coburg Tigers 11.13 (79) vs. Box Hill Hawks 10.7 (67)
Tasmania 17.9 (111) vs. Casey Scorpions 13.14 (92)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Sandringham 24.15 (159) vs. Bendigo Bombers 13.11 (89)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Williamstown 17.21 (123) vs. North Ballarat 15.16 (106)
 Northern Bullants 12.15 (87) vs. **Werribee Tigers 15.13 (103)**

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Port Melbourne 15.19 (109) vs. Frankston 7.9 (51)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Collingwood 10.7 (67) vs. **Geelong 19.9 (123)**

Round 6

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Coburg Tigers 17.19 (121) vs. Collingwood 10.8 (68)
 Box Hill Hawks 13.12 (90) vs. **Geelong 16.8 (104)**
North Ballarat 18.7 (115) vs. Tasmania 9.12 (66)
Werribee Tigers 16.19 (115) vs. Port Melbourne 15.10 (100)
 Bendigo Bombers 12.11 (83) vs. Frankston 11.14 (80)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Williamstown 19.16 (130) vs. Sandringham 9.12 (66)
Casey Scorpions 25.14 (164) vs. Northern Bullants 6.10 (46)

Round 7

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Tasmania 7.9 (51) vs. **Sandringham 31.17 (203)**
 Geelong 6.15 (51) vs. **Coburg Tigers 11.19 (85)**
Casey Scorpions 10.11 (71) vs. Collingwood 3.10 (28)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Frankston 22.16 (148) vs. Werribee Tigers 6.16 (52)
Northern Bullants 16.9 (105) vs. North Ballarat 9.9 (63)
 Box Hill Hawks 13.14 (92) vs. **Port Melbourne 21.14 (140)**
 Bendigo Bombers 13.12 (90) vs. **Williamstown 19.13 (127)**

Round 8

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Williamstown vs. Box Hill Hawks *Burbank Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Casey Scorpions *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Collingwood *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, MAY 25

North Ballarat vs. Geelong *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Bendigo Bombers *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Tasmania *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Northern Bullants *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

SANFL vs. VFL - State Representative Match

SATURDAY, MAY 31 - Adelaide Oval, SA

Round 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

North Ballarat vs. Frankston *AUSTAR Arena* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Williamstown *Princes Park* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Port Melbourne *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Casey Scorpions vs. Geelong *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Collingwood *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Coburg Tigers *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Box Hill Hawks vs. Bendigo Bombers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm

Round 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Casey Scorpions vs. Sandringham *Casey Fields* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Collingwood vs. Northern Bullants *Princes Park* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Coburg Tigers *West Park Oval* 1pm
 Port Melbourne vs. North Ballarat *TEAC Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Williamstown vs. Frankston *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Werribee Tigers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Geelong *QE Oval* 2pm

Round 11

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Tasmania vs. Werribee Tigers *Bellerive Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Collingwood vs. Williamstown *Princes Park* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. North Ballarat *QE Oval* 7pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Sandringham vs. Port Melbourne *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Box Hill Hawks *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 Geelong vs. Northern Bullants *Skilled Stadium* 2pm

Round 12

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Geelong vs. Tasmania *Skilled Stadium* 1pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Collingwood *Box Hill City Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 North Ballarat vs. Williamstown *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Frankston vs. Coburg Tigers *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Bendigo Bombers *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Port Melbourne *NAB Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Sandringham *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

Round 13

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Port Melbourne vs. Bendigo Bombers *TEAC Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 6

North Ballarat vs. Sandringham *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. Frankston *Princes Park* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Casey Scorpions *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Coburg Tigers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Northern Bullants *Bellerive Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Geelong *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

Round 14

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Geelong vs. Box Hill Hawks *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Werribee Tigers vs. Frankston *Bartercard Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Tasmania *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Williamstown *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Port Melbourne *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Bendigo Bombers vs. Northern Bullants *QE Oval* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. North Ballarat *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 15

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Geelong vs. North Ballarat *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Northern Bullants vs. Box Hill Hawks *NAB Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Werribee Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *Bartercard Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Coburg Tigers *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Tasmania *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Frankston vs. Port Melbourne *Frankston Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Collingwood vs. Bendigo Bombers *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Geelong vs. Collingwood *Skilled Stadium* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Casey Scorpions *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Werribee Tigers *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Williamstown *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

North Ballarat vs. Coburg Tigers *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Bendigo Bombers *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Sandringham *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Tasmania vs. Frankston *Aurora Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Collingwood vs. Werribee Tigers *Princes Park* 1pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Box Hill Hawks *QE Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

Port Melbourne vs. Williamstown *TEAC Oval* 2pm

Coburg Tigers vs. Northern Bullants *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Casey Scorpions vs. North Ballarat *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Geelong *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

Round 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Collingwood vs. Tasmania *Princes Park* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Sandringham *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 North Ballarat vs. Northern Bullants *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Box Hill Hawks *Bartercard Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Bendigo Bombers *Burbank Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Geelong vs. Port Melbourne *Skilled Stadium* 1pm
 Frankston vs. Casey Scorpions *Frankston Oval* 2pm

Round 19

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Port Melbourne vs. Collingwood *TEAC Oval* 1pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Williamstown *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Coburg Tigers *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Sandringham *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Geelong *NAB Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. North Ballarat *Bellerive Oval* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Werribee Tigers *QE Oval* 2pm

Round 20

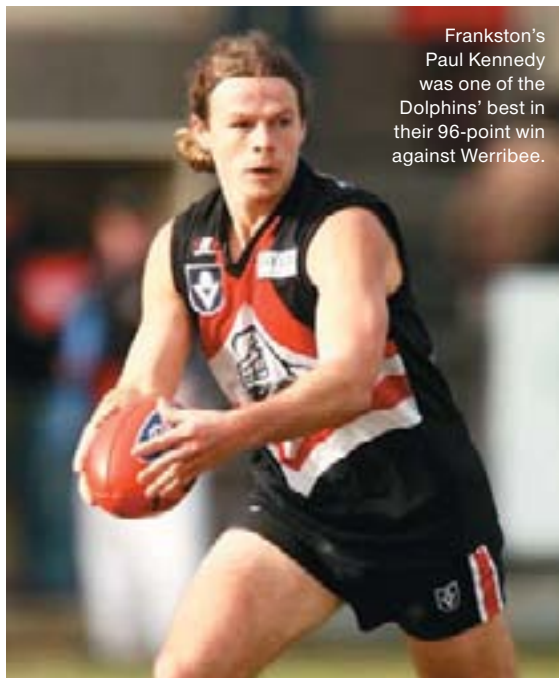
SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Geelong vs. Frankston *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Coburg Tigers *Windy Hill* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. Casey Scorpions *Princes Park* 2pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Northern Bullants *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. North Ballarat *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Werribee Tigers *Burbank Oval* 2pm

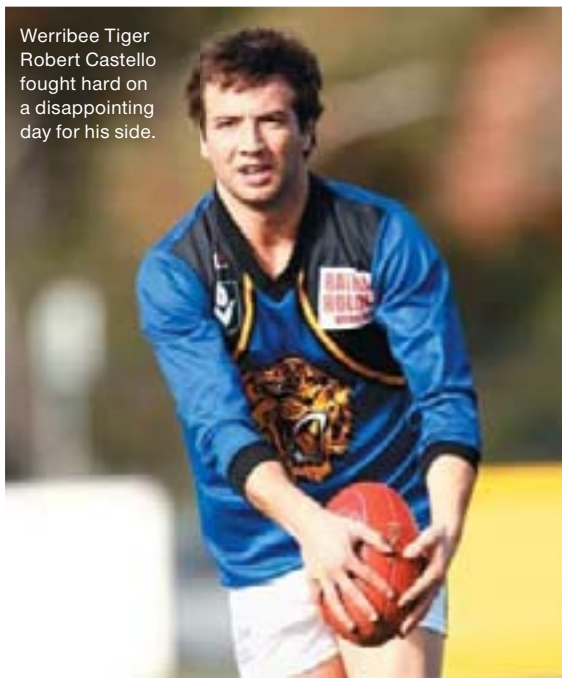
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Tasmania vs. Box Hill Hawks *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

VFL Round 7 action



Frankston's Paul Kennedy was one of the Dolphins' best in their 96-point win against Werribee.



Werribee Tiger Robert Castello fought hard on a disappointing day for his side.



Casey coach Greg Hutchison pulls the moves during his side's comfortable 43-point win against Collingwood.

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Liam Pickering
David Schwarz
Mark Doran
Mark Robinson
Francis Leach
Daniel Harford
Jude Bolton**

5 SENSational GAMES

Friday, 23rd May

Collingwood v Geelong
MCG (6.00pm)

Saturday, 24th May

Port Adelaide v Sydney Swans
AAMI Stadium (1.00pm)
West Coast Eagles v Adelaide Crows
Subiaco (6.00pm)

Sunday, 25th May

Brisbane Lions v St Kilda
Gabba (11.00am)
Western Bulldogs v North Melbourne
Telstra Dome (4.00pm)



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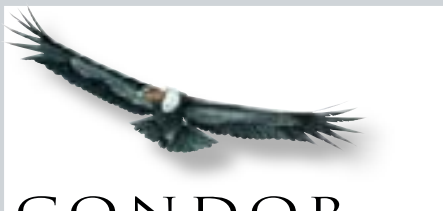


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