

DAY 1 - Saturday June 7, 2008

POOL A - MAHER OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
10.00am	Riverina FL		Black Diamond AFL	
11.00am	Hume FL		Farrer FL	
12.30pm	Black Diamond AFL		Hume FL	
1.30pm	Riverina FL		Farrer FL	
3.00pm	Black Diamond AFL		Farrer FL	
4.00pm	Riverina FL		Hume FL	

POOL B - ROBERTSON OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
10.00am	North Coast		AFL Canberra	
11.00am	Sapphire Coast		AFL Sydney	
12.30pm	AFL Canberra		Sapphire Coast	
1.30pm	AFL Sydney		North Coast	
3.00pm	AFL Sydney		AFL Canberra	
4.00pm	North Coast		Sapphire Coast	

POOL C - MCPHERSON OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
10.00am	Tamworth FL		South Coast	
11.00am	Northern Riverina FL		Central West	
12.30pm	South Coast		Northern Riverina FL	
1.30pm	Tamworth FL		Central West	
3.00pm	South Coast		Central West	
4.00pm	Tamworth FL		Northern Riverina FL	

DAY 2 - Sunday June 8, 2008

POOL A - MAHER OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
11.00am				
1.00pm				
3.00pm				

POOL B - ROBERTSON OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
10.00am				
12.00pm				

POOL C - MCPHERSON OVAL

TIME	TEAM A	SCORE	TEAM B	SCORE
10.00am				

FIXTURE



To all players & officials attending the 2008 Country Regional Championships, on behalf of AFL (NSW/ACT) let me extend a warm welcome.

This year we see a first where all our affiliated leagues in NSW and the ACT converge on the one location to participate in a carnival that will display country football played at its' best, in our 150th year.

Wagga Wagga the scene of this year's carnival is steeped in football history and is a most appropriate location.

In the past the State Country championships have been staged as 2 events (North & South) ultimately bringing together the nominees for the State team. This year we have been able to go one step further and bring all together.

Apart from determining, at a league level where all our affiliates stand football wise, these championships form the key component of determining the team that will be selected to represent the State at the National Championships to be held in Shepparton between 23rd to 26th of July. On that basis we should see some great football as those wishing to take that step further work hard to impress the selection group.

Country football is a key part of the fabric of the country community and AFL (NSW/ACT) is extending our efforts to support the leagues representing our regions across the State. Positive steps forward have been taken in the last 2 years to extend that support. There is still much to do but this event is a reflective example of what can be done.

Finally an event such as this cannot occur without sponsor support and a great amount of effort by a number of people both within AFL (NSW/ACT) and all the leagues participating. We must thank all of our sponsors and gratefully accept their generosity. This group is detailed within this handbook. A special thanks also to the local clubs in Wagga hosting Leagues from around the state

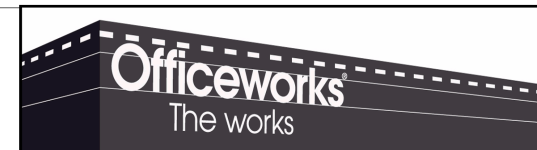
Personally I would like to extend particular thanks to members of the Competition Management & Club Development team within AFL (NSW/ACT) who have been working towards this great event since around November last year.

We hope you all have an exciting and rewarding carnival and take away some great experiences.

Bob Robinson
Competition Management & Club Development Manger
AFL (NSW/ACT)



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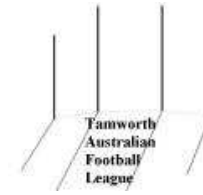


Each competing League is to provide one Field Umpire who will be assigned to matches by the Umpire Coordinator. The Riverina Umpires Association will also provide field umpires as well as providing Goal and Boundary Umpires for the Championships.

Field Umpires for the Championships are:

Bede Moore	AFL Canberra
Luke Turner	AFL North Coast
Glenn Callaghan	AFL Sydney
Ashley Borg	Black Diamond AFL
Hugh Vickers	Central West AFL
Scott Crowley	Farrer FL
Jason Dudenas	Hume FL
Gary Koop	Northern Riverina FL
Greg Walsh	Riverina FL
Daniel Swingler	Sapphire Coast AFL
Kevin Lawson	South Coast AFL
Lindsay Brash	Tamworth AFL
Duncan Potts	Riverina Umpires Association
Gene Hodgins	Riverina Umpires Association
Patrick O'Donoghue	Riverina Umpires Association
Rob Wilson	Riverina Umpires Association
Tony Butler	Riverina Umpires Association
Paul Smith	Riverina Umpires Association
Russell Walker	Riverina Umpires Association
Nick Henley	Riverina Umpires Association
Mark Rowe	Riverina Umpires Association

Cover: Michael Ryan (left) and Maurice Goolagong celebrate Black Diamond AFL winning the 2006 NSW Country Championships. Photo courtesy of the Daily Advertiser.



League Representative: Darrell Benfield
Phone: 0427 223 133
Team Manager: Adrian Walsh
Coach: Dick Gleeson
Umpire: Lindsay Brash
Colours: Royal Blue & Yellow

- Clinton BALLAGH New England
- Tom WILLIAMS Inverell
- Weston WHITBY New England
- Peter DUNLOP Inverell
- Dave MCLELLAN New England
- Johnathon FROST New England
- Ash CRUICKSHANK Tam Kangaroos
- Alex DASEY Inverell
- Luke SELIG Gunnedah
- Shaun MANSBRIDGE Inverell Saints
- Michael CORLEY Inverell Saints
- Anthony REID New England
- Josh MCKENZIE Tam Swans
- John WOOLASTON Gunnedah
- Darren PITHERS Inverell
- Carl SHAVE Tam Swans
- Joe KIMMENCE Inverell
- Stewart WALKER Inverell
- Andrew DONOHUE Tam Swans
- Evan GRIFFITHS Tam Swans
- Jon ELPHICK Inverell
- Glen NORTHWAY New England
- Ben KENNEDY Tam Kangaroos
- Mick VINEY Inverell

The Tamworth Australian Football League began as a 4 team in town competition in 1997 and has grown to a 6 team 5 town competition in 2008. We are a loyal group of AFL people in north west NSW and enjoy a healthy rivalry between our teams which include the Tamworth Swans and Kangaroos, Gunnedah and District Bulldogs, Muswellbrook Cats, New England Nomads (Armidale) and the Inverell Saints.

As a league we believe we are going to be very competitive in our group and look forward to playing against the Representative teams from the South Coast, Northern Riverina and the Central West. Our coach, Dick Gleeson, comes from the Wagga Wagga region and we think this will give us a bit of an edge in preparation.

We feel proud to have been invited to the Regional Championship as we are still a very young league and in the past have been competitive against the stronger league on the North Coast of NSW.

We would like to thank AFL NSW/ACT and all the many sponsors for putting this championship together and Neil Munro and the Coolamon Football Club for hosting us and looking after us for the weekend. We also look forward to meeting the other teams and making contacts that can hopefully benefit both ends of NSW.

Yours in football.

Darrell Benfield
 President
 Tamworth Australian Football League



League Representative: Max Avery
Team Manager: Paul Ellis
Phone: 0412 779 020
Coach: Marty Kick
Umpire: Kevin Lawson
Colours: Maroon & White

1	Nathan VAN DEN BORNE	Bomaderry
2	Matt GANDERTON	Bomaderry
3	Steve KLEIN	Bomaderry
4	Nick MCDONALD	Bomaderry
5	Andrew ELLIS	Bomaderry
6	Andrew LEE	Bomaderry
7	Ryan KING	Bomaderry
8	Ben WELLINGTON	Bomaderry
9	Sean BYRNE	Bomaderry
10	Anthony MIDDLETON	Bomaderry
11	Liam CARRUTHERS	Albatross
12	Luke ROGERS	Albatross
13	Kyle PROUT	Nowra
14	Matt RUSH	Northern Districts
15	Mark O'ROURKE	Northern Districts
16	Nathan ENGLAND	Northern Districts
17	Nathan HYNDS	Northern Districts
19	Scott PHILLIPS	Kiama
20	Sam RIDDINGTON	Kiama
21	Micheal WILLIAMS	Kiama
22	Sam WOLF	Kiama
23	Rod RICHARDS	Kiama
24	Adam PICKEN	Kiama
25	Mitchell HANCOCK	Ulladulla
26	Chad KERSTING	Ulladulla
27	Jade MATHISON	Ulladulla
28	Simon LEVY	Albatross

The South Coast AFL is looking forward to a fantastic weekend of football in Wagga, we wish all our players much success on the weekend and thank all our coaches and volunteers for taking the time out to look after our fantastic squad.

We are aiming to be a very competitive team in Pool C of the Championships and can't wait to take on the likes of Tamworth AFL, Northern Riverina and the Central West – whilst the contest on the field will be hard and tough, we would like to enjoy a couple of beers with not only players from our Pool, though all players, volunteers, coaches and supporters from other leagues through out NSW and the ACT.

Good luck to all leagues this weekend.

Max Avery
 President
 South Coast AFL

SOUTH COAST AFL

PLAYERS, SPECTATORS & SUPPORTERS

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game. Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses Supporters are there to support not downgrade.
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CODE OF CONDUCT

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Scott Ledwidge
Team Manager: Noel McMahon
Phone: 0405 105 768
Coach: Adam Dugan
Umpire: Ashley Borg
Colours: Teal, Black & White

BLACK DIAMOND AFL

1	Adam CLARKE	Cardiff
2	Dean CROTTY	Warners Bay
3	Courtney KNIGHT	Newcastle City
4	Mitchell KNIGHT	Newcastle City
5	Dane AMIDY	Killarney Vale
6	Michael SMITH	Killarney Vale
7	Tim SHELDON	Cardiff
8	Josh MOLAN	Warners Bay
9	Ben HAINES	Newcastle City
10	Chris BISHOP	Terrigal Avoca
11	Matthew HODGE	Lake Mac
12	Ben STEWART	Cardiff
13	Cam GRENTILL	Terrigal Avoca
14	Michael RYAN	Cardiff
15	Peter VAN DAM	Terrigal Avoca
16	Luke ORTON (C)	Cardiff
17	Luke RAWNSLEY	Newcastle City
18	James NEWBURN	Warners Bay
19	Rick WHITE	Killarney Vale
20	Michael CLARKE	Killarney Vale
21	Brendan WOLD	Cardiff
22	Cameron CLARK	Cardiff
23	James POLGLASE	Terrigal Avoca
24	Stephen CONLAN	Cardiff
25	Gordon BURROWS	Newcastle City

What a fantastic way to celebrate 150 years of Australian Football with all leagues within NSW coming together in Wagga Wagga for the State NSW Regional Championships.

To represent your league is an honour and reward to each player for their commitment to their club and the game of Australian Football. Today's players have gone one better than most of their peers and for many it is the pinnacle in their playing career. Congratulations to the 24 players selected to represent the Black Diamond AFL as we aim to defend our title won in 2006.

Many of the players from that day have retained their spots in the side but we also welcome new faces in our squad showing the depth and talent within our league. Some are players new to the league, recently transferred to the area for employment or study, others coming through from the junior to senior ranks.

Congratulations to our new captain, Luke Orton, who will lead the team for the first time.

Long-time representative coaching staff member Adam Dugan has been elevated to the head coach position and is looking forward to the challenge of playing the Riverina, Hume & Farrer Leagues.

With such a proud recent tradition to uphold I expect that this weekend's matches will exemplify all that is good about football in our region. Thank you to the AFL and participating leagues for providing this opportunity and all the best of luck to players from all sides in what should be a quality weekend of football.

I wish every player the very best of success this weekend.

SCOTT LEDWIDGE
 General Manager
 Black Diamond AFL

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Pat Daniher
Team Manager: Peter McFayden
Phone: 0429 981 553
Coach: Steve Henley
Umpire: Gary Koop
Colours: Red & Black

NORTHERN RIVERINA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1	James NANCARROW	Hillston
2	Phil AUBREY	Lake Cargellico
3	Matt BUNN	Hillston
4	Billy MAY	Hillston
5	Mark BENDALL	Tullibigeal
6	Daniel BENDALL	Tullibigeal
7	Mark BRYANT	Ungarie
8	Simon CLARKE	WW-Girral
9	Jim DAVIS	WW-Girral
10	Rod LEMON	WW-Girral
11	Nathan SANSON	Lake Cargellico
12	Daniel RYALL	WW-Girral
13	Paul GAUCI	Cobar
14	Murray ROBOTHAM	Cobar
15	Lance HAWORTH	Ungarie
16	Josh WARD	Ungarie
17	Cameron ARNOLD	Hillston
18	Nathan MORRIS	Lake Cargellico
19	Jason MALONE	Barellan
20	Greg MCFADYEN	Lake Cargellico
21	Jay POUND	Barellan
22	Glen MURPHY	Hillston
23	Brendan MURPHY	Hillston
24	Brad MALE	Barellan
25	Kaine MALONE	Barellan

Congratulations to all players representing the Northern Riverina Football League this weekend, we would like to thank them for showing commitment to rep football, also thanks to our coaches, selectors and strappers for their time they have dedicated to our league.

Having all leagues across NSW competing over the next two days is a great showcase for Australian football and the AFL NSW/ACT should be congratulated on putting it together.

We look forward to the challenge that representative football brings to all leagues and wish all players an injury free weekend and a safe journey to and from the championships.

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Tony Lewis
Team Manager: Tony Lewis
Phone: 0418 290 031
Coach: Terry Lyons
Umpire: Hugh Vickers
Colours: Green & Yellow

1	Matt MORRIS	Orange
2	Dave MANNING	Cowra
3	Peter YANDLE	Bathurst
4	Nathan BELPHIN	Bathurst
5	Stewart TODD (VC)	Dubbo
6	Peter GRUNDY	Bathurst
7	Mick MONTAGUE	Bathurst
8	Greg RITCHER	Dubbo
9	Leigh KINGWELL (C)	Bathurst
10	Tom MABON	Bathurst
11	Steve WITHERS	Bathurst
12	Marc HYLAND	Cowra
13	Francis BRIGHT	Cowra
14	Danny GRELLET	Orange
15	Sam MORRIS	Bathurst
16	Luke PENRITH	Dubbo
17	Nick FREEDMAN	Orange
18	Irwin BUBAGE	Cowra
19	Kade GILLINGHAM	Parkes
20	Glen FORD	Parkes
21	Allan MCVEY	Cowra
22	Mick MCVEY	Cowra
23	John COOPER	Orange
24	Peter MORGAN	Orange

Long-time Dubbo Demons players Stewart Todd and Greg Richter, along with newcomer Luke Penrith, have been included in a new-look Central West AFL representative side that was named at a training session in Bathurst on Saturday.

Seventeen of the 24-man squad did not play for Central West in the annual clash last year with Northern Riverina giving the side a distinctly different look for the State Championships in Wagga on the June long weekend.

Only Nathan Belbin, Sam Morris, Pete Yandle, Richter, Mick McVey, Marc Hyland and Alan McVey remain from the 2007 side.

Bathurst has the largest contingent with eight players selected while Cowra have six in the squad.

Dubbo have three players included, with coach Terry Lyons also from the Demons, while Parkes have two representatives in their first year back in the CWAFL.

Lyons is happy with the mix of youth and experience in the squad and thinks it is the best Central West side assembled for some time.

"There are 17 different names in that 24-man squad," Lyons said. "It shows we've got a lot of talent and it looks like they will work well together. It's the best rep side for four or five years."

The 2007 premiership-winning coach is expecting Central West to do well in their pool against Northern Riverina, South Coast and Tamworth and is hoping to top the group.

Central West will train only once before the State Championships but Lyons was not anticipating that it would hold the squad back when they get to Wagga.

"We've got a training session in Cowra on the way down on the Friday afternoon and that will pretty much be it," he said. "(But) from what I saw at the training session, they are all good footballers and it should go well for us. 'It's just a matter of balance on the day and I think that's what we've got. With the quality of players we've got it's a bit of a headache working out who will be starting."

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: George Wilson
Team Manager: Stephen McPherson
Phone: 0427 203 313
Coach: David Pieper
Umpire: Scott Crowley
Colours: White & Royal Blue

1	Chad HAMBLIN	Collingullie A.K
2	Ben ABSOLUM	Collingullie A.K
3	Josh HAGAR	Temora
4	Chris BLOCK	Temora
5	Ash DIKKENBERG	TRYC
6	David PIEPER	TRYC
7	Jarrold GORNALL	Marrar
8	Damien PAPWORTH	Northern Jets
9	Brad AIKEN	Collingullie A.K
10	Matthew HARD	Northern Jets
11	Will HAINES	Collingullie A.K
12	Damien PONTING	Temora
13	Jamie MADDOX	Northern Jets
14	Michael MAZZOCHI	TRYC
15	Ryan FORSYTH	TRYC
16	Mitch LEAVER	TRYC
17	Ned MORTIMER	Collingullie A.K
18	Dave PULLEN	Rivcoll
19	Nathan FULLER	Collingullie A.K
20	Josh MEISELBACH	Collingullie A.K
21	Mitch GLASGOW	TRYC
22	Luke WEBB	TRYC
23	Marc GEPPERT	Collingullie A.K
24	Kody KELMAN	Temora
E	Matthew COADY	Collingullie A.K
E	Clinton TAYLOR	Marrar

I would like to welcome all the visiting leagues to Wagga Wagga and I hope you have an enjoyable visit. The NSW Regional Championships is a great idea and our league, players and officials are very supportive of this event. Our league believes this is a great way to celebrate 150 years of Australian Rules Football.

I would like to thank our coach David Pieper and his selectors Brad Aiken, Matthew Hard and Matt Carroll for their commitment towards the representative program. I would like to thank the clubs for their support and importantly the players who have made themselves available for the championships. Our squad has been training since Wednesday 7th May in preparation for the Championships and our league is working towards putting on a very competitive display.

Other members of the Farrer Football League I would like to thank for their involvement is Norm Webb (Vice President), Glen O'Brien (Vice President), Stephen McPherson (Team Manager), Barry Snowden (Head Trainer), Brett Grainger (Trainer), Lisa Linsell (Trainer), Ray Gow (Trainer), Ron Carey (trainer), Gerald Pieper / Bevan Rowe (Runners), Tony Hackett (Treasurer), David Oehm (Publicity Officer), Luke Olsen (Competition Secretary) and Shane Buchanan (Administration Secretary).

Finally I would like to thank the AFL (NSW/ACT) for staging the event in Wagga Wagga and I hope everybody has an enjoyable and successful time at the Championships.

George Wilson
 Farrer Football League President



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League Representative: Merv Wagener
Team Manager: Trevor Smith
Phone: 0429 709 557
Coach: Shannon Gilson
Umpire: Jason Dunenas
Colours: Yellow & Brown

1	Shannon GILSON (C)	Culcairn
2	Clint BROWN	Culcairn
3	Daniel SMALLWOOD	Lockhart
4	Leigh BAKER	Culcairn
5	Clinton BRUNNENMEYER	Walla
6	Brent BARBER	Culcairn
7	Trent CASTLES	Jindera
8	Andrew MCGOWAN	Colyeambally
9	Shane POUND	Colyeambally
10	Matt KLEMKE	Culcairn
11	Luke KOHLHAGEN	Walla
12	Brad SCOTT	BB Saints
13	Jason SANDERSON	Billabong Crows
14	Graham FRUEAN	Culcairn
15	Nathan MCPHERSON	Lockhart
16	Hayden LANYON	Holbrook
17	Luke DONNAN	Culcairn
18	Trent LOGUE	Culcairn
19	Brad PEARCE	Lockhart
20	Brenton BROWN	Lockhart
21	Luke SCHUBERG	Culcairn
22	Steve MURPHY	Howlong
23	Ben RYAN	Jindera
24	Hayden GLEESON	Osborne
E	Ben MCLELLAN	Holbrook
E	Brad TALBOT	CDHBU

The Hume Football League is proud to be part of the NSW Country Championships this weekend as we celebrate our 75th year and the AFL's 150 Year.

The Hume League congratulates all players on their selection and wishes them and the coach, Shannon Gilson, all good fortune.

The League also thanks our sponsors - WAW Credit Union, Sportspower Albury and the Springdale Heights Tavern in Lavington.

The Hume League wishes all competing Leagues and players all the best during the carnival and hopes all games are played in the true spirit of Australian Football and are injury free.

In conclusion we acknowledge the generous sponsorship of Cougar in providing each League with all their gear.

Mervyn Wegener
 President
 Hume AFL



HUME FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Geoff Cloke
Team Manager: Greg Wollaston
Phone: 0422 974 911
Coach: Paul Noack
Umpire: Daniel Swingler
Colours: Green, Yellow & White

1	Kane BAGNALL	Pambula
2	Simon MACKIE	Narooma
3	Grant REGAN	Merimbula Diggers
4	Dan EDWARDS	Merimbula Diggers
5	Matt THOMPSON	Batemans Bay
6	Pat MOORE	Batemans Bay
7	David VANDERFEEN	Batemans Bay
8	Taeg ROSEVEAR	Batemans Bay
9	Chris GROSS	Narooma
10	Russell THOMPSON	Bermagui
11	Daniel EDWARDS	Merimbula Diggers
12	Ben JABORNIK	Pambula
13	Ben HALL	Batemans Bay
14	Andrew PARKER	Merimbula Diggers
15	Timothy HARTSHORN	Batemans Bay
16	Ian SMITH	Pambula
17	Corey CUTMORE	Batemans Bay
18	Jonas MANLEY	Pambula
19	Brad MCBAIN	Tathra
20	Ryde PENNEFATHER	Merimbula Diggers
21	Haden WARD	Batemans Bay
22	Darren STOCKS	Batemans Bay
23	Chase MACINTOSH	Merimbula Diggers
24	Alan MORRIS	Merimbula Diggers
E	Aidan DEATH	Eden
E	Steve MARTINO	Eden
E	Michael MUSCAT	Bermagui
E	Doug LOTH	Bermagui

On behalf of Sapphire Coast AFL I would like to congratulate the AFL on it's 150th year. It just so happens that we are also celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2008 and we are very proud to be represented here in Wagga Wagga.

Over the Leagues's short history we have always taken an active role in Representative football which has earned us a great deal of success. Our participation, at junior and senior level allows us to gauge the standard of competition and to offer another challenge to our talented players. This success comes from our member clubs and their commitment to our competitions. Sapphire Coast currently has 8 affiliated clubs, fielding teams from U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s, Reserves and Seniors.

We span a wide geographical area, from as far South as Mallacoota and up to Batemans Bay in the north. To all our players who are participating this weekend, enjoy the experience and fellowship that these events bring. I know that you will play with enthusiasm and in the spirit of fair play. Good luck to you all.

I also wish to thank our major sponsors, Merimbula RSL, Radio 2EC and Power FM, Bega Toyota and all the minor sponsors and individuals whose support has helped make it possible for Sapphire Coast to attend this grand event. Thanks also to the coaching and assistant staff who volunteer their time to make these occasions successful.

Finally I wish to thank the AFL for all the work which has gone into staging this football carnival and on behalf of Sapphire Coast AFL, I wish all the teams involved well for a successful carnival and that we may demonstrate the excellent standard of Australian Football played in country NSW.

Geoff Cloke
 Chairman
 Sapphire Coast AFL

SAPPHIRE COAST AFL



League Representative: Jim Woodlock
Team Manager: Anthony Beasley
Phone: 0417 567 521
Coach: Rod McPherson, Paul Sheldon & Brad Greenshields
Umpire: Luke Turner
Colours: Green, Yellow & White

1	Scott ONUS	Coffs Swans
2	Daniel ZACEK	Coffs Swans
3	Darren FUNSTON	Sawtell
4	Sam DAWES	Swans
5	Graeme CONNOLLY	Sawtell
6	Tristan SNOW	Port Macquarie
7	Peter CHADWICK	Swans
8	Rob EDDY	Grafton
9	Blake FORD	Grafton
10	Hamish PEARCE	Sawtell
11	Evan DURYEA	Port Macquarie
12	Daniel PRITCHARD	Port Macquarie
13	Daniel JOHNSON	Port Macquarie
14	Ben HOOKE	North Coffs
15	Mark COUZENS	North Coffs
16	Courtney TUNE	Port Macquarie
17	Todd MATTHEWS	Port Macquarie
18	Josh EDWARDS	Sawtell
19	Jessie SCHMIDT	Sawtell
20	Mat GALLAGHER	Coffs Swans
21	Jarryd BRIAN	Sawtell
22	Matt LILL	Sawtell
23	Zac NANKEVILL	Coffs Swans
24	Steve GLUYAS	North Coffs
E	Ryan SHEATHER	Grafton

Having won the last eight Northern New South Wales Regional Championships against the Tamworth and Summerland Leagues the AFL North Coast have been looking forward to the challenge of playing in the 2008 Regional Championships, since the announcement was made in November 2007.

This is a very special occasion as 2008 marks 150 years of Australian Football and these Championships are a great way for players and officials to get together and celebrate this milestone. To represent your league is a just reward for each player's commitment to their club and this great game of ours. I congratulate not only the AFL North Coast players but all those who have been selected to represent their leagues.

The AFL North Coast team has been selected from our six clubs, namely Grafton, North Coffs, Coffs Swans, Sawtell/Toormina, Nambucca Valley and Port Macquarie and boasts a blend of experience and youth. Our team is ably led by 3 Coaches....Rod "Rocket" MacPherson, normally our umpire's coach and co-ordinator, Paul Sheldon, President of Port Macquarie and Brad Greenshields, retired President and Premiership coach of North Coffs. This is a fantastic commitment from all concerned as most have given up a days work so that they can travel anything up to 14 hours to play in these Championships.

I would also like to thank Doug Priest, President of the Wagga Tigers Football Club for his help and friendship leading up to and during the Championships.

Good luck to all players, umpires and officials. I am sure that all games will be very competitive, played in great spirit and the game of Australian Football in New South Wales will be the winners.

I congratulate AFL (NSW/ACT) and the Riverina and Farrer officials for their organisation and commitment to ensure these weekend games have become a reality.

Jim Woodlock
President
AFL North Coast



League Representative: Graham Buchanan
Team Manager: Garry Armstrong
Phone: 0427 101 345
Coach: Jamie Grintell
Umpire: Greg Walsh
Colours: Royal Blue & Red

1	Andrew DONALDSON	Turvey Park
2	Daniel RANKIN	GGGM
3	Luke HABEL	GGGM
4	Michael DUNCAN	Griffith
5	Chris CERATO	Turvey Park
6	Tom POWER	Wagga Tigers
7	Eddie SULLIVAN	Leeton / Whittton
8	Luke MALONEY	Coolamon
9	Stephen PRIEST	Wagga Tigers
10	Matt NOONAN	Wagga Tigers
11	Levi POLLETT	Eastern Hawks
13	Bryan MUNRO	Coolamon
14	Dillon DE BRITT	MCUE
15	Shannon TERLICH	Wagga Tigers
16	Craig CONLAN	Griffith
17	Luke WALSH	GGGM
18	Dale HUGO	Narrandera
19	Mitch COLVIN	Wagga Tigers
20	Peter HEATH	Narrandera
21	Josh HALL	Leeton / Whittton
22	Christian MCPHERSON	GGGM
23	Ben EDYVEAN	Coolamon
24	Chris JACKSON	Wagga Tigers
25	Sam KEENAN	Coolamon
E	Brett OWEN	Griffith
E	Jarrad KAHLAFELDT	MCUE
E	Nic HETHERINGTON	Narrandera
E	Pat NOONAN	Wagga Tigers
E	Geoff SPRIGGS	MCUE
E	Edward WHYMAN	Eastern Hawks

A warm welcome to all the visiting leagues to the Riverina for the staging of the NSW Regional Championships. The Championships is a great concept and is a fine way to celebrate a 150 years of Australian Rules Football. It is great to witness players representing their league in the Championships getting the opportunity impress the state selectors and hopefully being selected to play for their state. The Riverina Football League (RFL) hopes the AFL NSW/ACT considers running this event on bi-annual basis incorporation with the Australian Country Championships in the future because it is a good process to pick the state side.

I would like to thank the Narrandera Shire for making the Narrandera Sportsground available for representative training. A special mention to the Narrandera Ex-serviceman Club for making their facilities available for a BBQ after each training session and for supplying a sit down meal for the squad after their final training session.

This year the RFL has had some sponsors come on board to support the RFL by sponsoring the squad with team jackets. A big thank you to Coolamon Steelworks, G&J Buchanan Transport, John Bance & Son, Cadbury Schweppes and Wagga Motors for there support.

I would like to wish the RFL squad all the best for the championships. The majority of the squad has been very supportive of coach Jamie Grintell and they should be congratulated on their attitude and commitment towards the RFL jumper and the Championships.

I would like to thank the following league and RFL representatives for their support for the championships which include; Don Buchanan (Vice President), Tony Hackett (Treasurer), David Oehm (Publicity Officer), Luke Olsen (Competition Secretary), Shane Buchanan (Administration Secretary), Jamie Grintell (Coach), Stephen Pattison (selector), Troy Maiden (selector), Stephen Rose (runner), Garry Armstrong (team manger), Zane Fraser (head trainer), David Pattison (Physio) and Darren Knagge (trainer).

Finally I would like to wish all leagues the best for the championship and let's hope we witness representative football at its best with no injuries.

Graham Buchanan
Riverina Football League President



32 Dobney Avenue Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Russell Taylor
Team Manager: Anthony Cook
Phone: 0407 820 173
Coach: Dean Hill
Umpire: Bede Moore
Colours: Royal Blue, Navy & Yellow

1	Danny CHASTON	ANU
2	Tim DALWOOD	Woden
3	David CARTER	Murrumbidgee
4	Ryan FORSYTH	ANU
5	Craig SPENCER	Gungahlin
6	Andrew HERMANN	ANU
7	James ABBEY	ANU
8	Jason KOCMAR	Gungahlin
9	Joel STEVENSON	Gungahlin
10	Sam HALDER	Goulburn
11	Dean RAWLINSON	ANU
12	Patrick MCCARTHY	Tuggeranong
13	Brendan FORAN	YASS
14	Joel O'BRIEN	ANU
15	Andrew WAINWRIGHT	Gungahlin
16	Brendan SCHMID	Murrumbidgee
17	Simon CROFT	Tuggeranong
18	Grayson STOPP	ANU
19	Ryan COX	YASS
20	Daniel BROOKER	Murrumbidgee
21	Marcus BROERS	Murrumbidgee
22	Ashley SYNNOTT	Tuggeranong
24	Matthew FITZGERALD	Harmon
25	Tom BANSON	ANU
E	Ben SERAFIN	YASS
E	Rhys CUTIFANI	Tuggernong
E	Stephen CHANT	Cootamundra

The Regional Championships represents an excellent opportunity for the div 3 and div 4 players from the AFL Canberra competition to compete at an elite level. Many of the players in the AFL Canberra team have had years of football at a higher level than what they currently play in the week to week competition so we enter this championship with some confidence in the quality of players representing us. What provides us with even more confidence is the knowledge that Dean Hill has provided an environment that is conducive to the best players making themselves available and in turn performing at their optimum level.

Congratulations, in advance, to Ben and Chris on the excellent organisation of this championships. I have no doubt it will be a great football weekend worthy of the 150 year celebration we are all enjoying. I sincerely hope the team that deserves to win the championship does ultimately and the players from AFL Canberra have a great experience.

AFL CANBERRA

AFL (NSW/ACT) 2008 Regional Championships



League Representative: Bob Robinson
Phone: 0417 029 254
Team Manager: Mark Schultz
Coach: Peter Free
Umpire: Glen Callaghan
Colours: Royal Blue,

1	Bodie SCHULTZ	Southern Sharks
2	Liam FLANAGAN	UTS
3	Tyrone ARMITAGE	Manly Warringah
4	Scott HISSEY	UTS
5	Dustin TEASDALE	UTS
6	Trent DEBNAM	Camden
7	Sam MURRAY	Manly Warringah
8	Phill HAMER	Southern Sharks
9	Ben HAWKINS	Manly Warringah
10	Jake MCINTOSH	Southern Sharks
11	Lachlan SMITH	Penrith
12	Casey WENSELOWSKI	Nor-West
13	Jesse HAURUA	Holroyd Parra
14	Matt RAWLE	Manly Warringah
15	Gerard KENNEDY	Holroyd Parra
16	Jay EDWARDS	Penrith
17	Dale CHIVAS	Penrith
18	Robert CASEY	Moorebank Sports
19	David MITCHELL	UTS
20	Stuart MCKINLEY	Holroyd Parra
21	Colin KELLEHER	Moorebank Sports
22	Ryan MURPHY	Southern Sharks
23	Andrew DAVIS	UTS
24	Kurt HAYWARD	Manly Warringah
25	Andrew TRAVERS	Nor West

It has been twelve years since a Representative side from the clubs who participate in the AFL Sydney First and Second Division competitions have graced the playing field. It is quite significant that this team will be competing in a Championship which brings almost all of the affiliate leagues in NSW & ACT to Wagga Wagga. It is also significant that this event is being held in the year which the AFL celebrates its 150th anniversary.

I would like to thank Peter Free and his coaching staff for the time and effort they have put into preparing the squad for these Championships and whatever the result the players preparation has been first rate. I would also like to thank Mark Schultz for taking on the thankless task as team manager and also Kristy Sutcliffe , our trainer.

To the players, I wish you all the best and thank you for your commitment towards these Championships. I hope these Championships are an enjoyable experience.

A big thank you also goes to Michael Irons and the Rivcoll Football Club for their hospitality and support during our stay in Wagga Wagga.

I would also like to thank the sponsors, whom without their support Championships of this magnitude would not be possible.

In closing, I want to wish all players, from all the teams a successful and injury free weekend.

Garry Burkinshaw
 Senior Football Operations Coordinator

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