

TAC CUP

ROUND 18 AUGUST 30-31, 2008

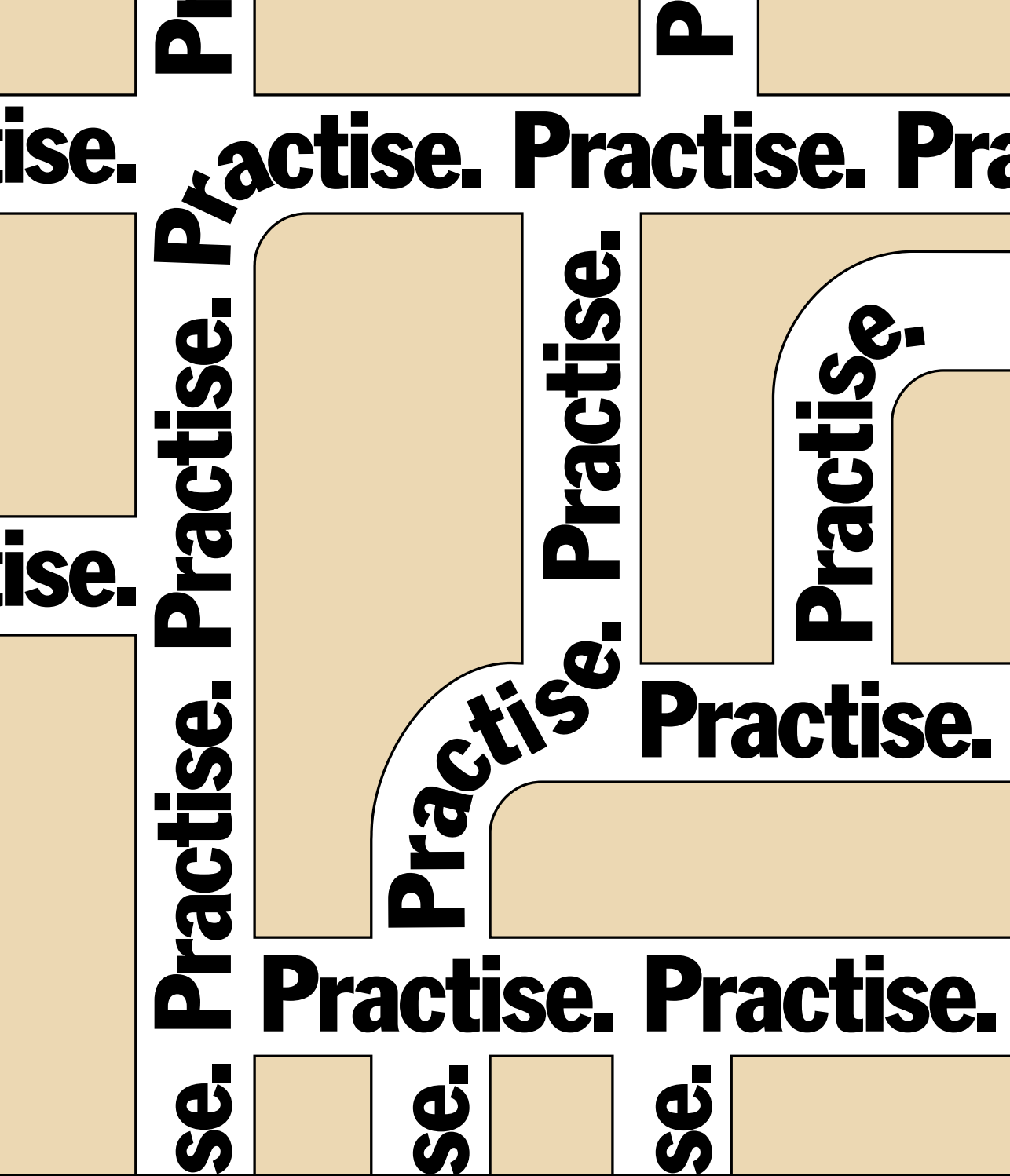
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A season full of highlights

TAC Cup players shine in 2008

As the curtain begins to fall on the TAC Cup home and away season it is worth reflecting on what has been an outstanding 17th season for the competition.

Its highlights included Vic Metro comprehensively winning the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships as it powered through the revamped series undefeated.

It was a fitting finale for respected Vic Metro coach David Dickson, who ended his 12-year tenure as coach with his eighth Championships title.

Naturally, Vic Metro players featured prominently at the Championships. Jack Watts was a popular winner of the Larke Medal as Division One's best player, while the Sandringham Dragons forward was joined in the All-Australian team by Metro teammates Tyrone Vickery, David Zaharakis, Michael Hurley, Tom Scully, Jordan Lisle and Shaun McKernan.

Vic Country, which defeated Western Australia and Tasmania, was also represented in the All-Australian team by Nic Suban, Jack Ziebell and Steele Sidebottom.

Victorian players were also prominent in the latest intake of the AIS-AFL Academy with 11 players – Vic Country's Alex Keath, Lucas Cook and Shaun Atley, and Vic Metro's Jack Hutchins, Josh Toy, Trent McKenzie, Kieran Harper, Tom Nicholls, Kyle Hartigan, Koby Stevens and Jordan Gysberts – awarded scholarships.

In the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships, Vic Metro earned the right to play off for the title against Western Australia at the MCG as a curtain raiser to the AFL Grand Final.

The TAC Cup's reputation as the best talented player development program in the country was further underlined with 35 players selected for the AFL

Draft Camp – that's 50 per cent of the camp's total invitees.

A further 43 TAC Cup players have been invited to the Victorian screening session on Saturday, October 4 at Princes Park.

Five TAC Cup graduates – Bachar Houli (Western Jets), Ben McKinley (Northern Knights), Nathan Brown (North Ballarat), Matthew Kreuzer (Northern Knights) and Trent Cotchin (Northern Knights) – earned NAB Rising Star nominations in 2008.

In addition to this list of accomplishments, the coming month will also see the Morrish Medal and TAC Cup Coaches' Award winners crowned, while the TAC Cup Team Of The Year and Coach of the Year will be announced on Sunday, September 14.

For the first time, the TAC Cup final series will be conducted under a knockout format with the highest-ranked clubs in the eight seeded to play the lowest-ranked clubs, culminating in the League's first twilight Grand Final at Telstra Dome on Friday, September 26.

Anton Grbac

High Performance Manager,
AFL Victoria



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COVER: Brodie Filo and the Bendigo Pioneers have endured a tough 2008 season but will be determined to regroup in 2009.



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There's always next year

Clubs who've missed the finals look to 2009

One of the few givens of any football season is that not every club makes the play finals, and it's no different in the TAC Cup.

It doesn't mean those clubs' seasons have been lost, however.

The *TAC Cup Record* spoke to the four clubs that won't play finals this year about their seasons, the highlights, their stand-out players and who they think will win the flag.

BENDIGO PIONEERS

Coach: Mark Ellis

How did you assess the season?

We suffered some injuries to key position players, which we couldn't afford. Apart from two or three games we have been in most games. The spirit has been good.



Mark Ellis

What have been the highlights?

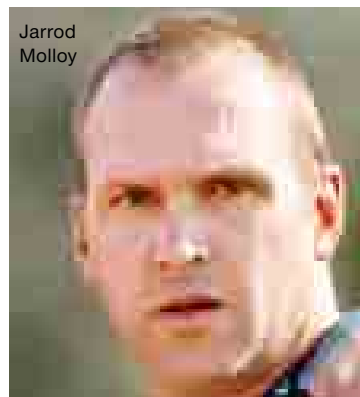
We have beaten several teams – North Ballarat and Oakleigh – that will figure prominently in the finals. Some of our bottom-aged boys are really developing and will be very good players next year. We also had Jake Hall, Julian Lockwood, Shane Page and Josh Gaylor play for Vic Country in the Under-18 Championships.

Name three players that impressed and why?

Jake Hall. A very athletic player who runs a 15.8 beep test. We've played him off back and a little on ball.
Kallen Geary. Though bottom-aged, he's probably been our most consistent player. His fitness level is terrific, he works hard and uses the ball so well.
Rhys Healey. His past six-to-eight weeks have been really good. He's provided some good focus for the rest of the players in attack.

Who will win the flag?

Geelong Falcons.



Jarrod Malloy

SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS

Coach: Jarrod Malloy

How did you assess the season?

In the pre-season, we were a long way away from an acceptable level of fitness and skills for the TAC Cup. The kids have worked really hard, though, and we've progressed greatly.

What have been the highlights?

We've been able to win most games when we've had everyone available. We also had seven kids play for Vic Metro in the Under-18 Championships.

Name three players that impressed and why?

Tyrone Vickery. An outstanding attitude with talent to match. He's a great leader.
Taylor Hunt. Comes from a discus background and hasn't played much football. An exceptionally hard worker and is beginning to reap the rewards.
Liam Tobin. In the five games he played he was in our best every time. Does all the basic things brilliantly and has class.

Who will win the flag?

Murray Bushrangers.

CALDER CANNONS

Coach: David Flood

How did you assess the season?

In a lot of ways the season has been a real challenge for us, but the players and the staff have really stuck to their task well. Even though we haven't had a great result in terms of wins we have seen a lot of improvement in a lot of our guys individually.

What have been the highlights?

I think the fact that we have been able to stick together and stay really positive. We've had some really good cameo performances by different players.

Name three players that impressed and why?

Andrew Duhau. As a new, top-aged boy, he's really impressed on and off field and been one of our most consistent players.

Tom Lucin. A bottom-aged boy who has been pretty consistent. He's had some pretty tough jobs playing on ball and through the back-line, but he's stuck well to the task.

Steve McCallum. Another bottom-aged boy who has come on really well. He's worked really hard on improving his game.

Who will win the flag?

Murray Bushrangers.



David Flood



Paul Satterley

NORTHERN KNIGHTS

Coach: Paul Satterley

How did you assess the season?

It's been tough at times, but we have been very competitive. Last year our mix was 17 top-aged and five bottom-aged players. This year it has been the opposite and we have given the bottom-aged players the experience leading into next year.

What have been the highlights?

Obviously, having David Zaharakis and Michael Hurley named as co-captains of Vic Metro and All-Australians was outstanding. Luke Stanton did very well in the final match of the Under-18 Championships. Tommy Hill, our developing ruckman, being involved in the AIS program also.

Name three players that impressed and why?

Hamish Paynter. The leading tackler in the competition.

He keeps his head over the football and his endeavour and willingness to keep improving have been fantastic.

Kane Lambert. A genuine rover, who pushed his way into the team through his work rate on the training track. Has a great mindset; won the respect of all his peers.

David Zaharakis. Has outstanding leadership qualities and managed a heavy work load extraordinarily well. An impressive young man with football talent to match.

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Murray Bushrangers.

Little Big Heart

Micevski's comeback inspires the Knights

Put Pece Micevski in the jockeys' room at Flemington or Caulfield and he would not be out of place.

But it is not the size of a person that determines his standing among his peers. No one has proved that more than Micevski over the past 12 months.

Last year as a bottom-aged player, Micevski, 170cm and 72kg, played 13 of the first 14 games for the Northern Knights in a team that featured Matthew Kreuzer, Trent Cotchin, Jack Grimes and Patrick Veszpremi.

After one sub-par performance, Micevski decided to hit the training track hard but, regrettably, his enthusiasm saw him snap an anterior cruciate ligament.

A subsequent knee reconstruction kept him out for the rest of the season, but at no stage did Micevski sulk or feel sorry for himself, according to Knights coach Paul Satterley.

Micevski turned up to every rehab session. If he did feel down, he would pull out one of his DVDs and take heart from his good performances before the injury.

"It kept me going. It gave me faith that I could make it back," Micevski said.

But his enthusiasm would again prove costly. In his desire to return to the Knights, Micevski returned earlier than he should have.

Playing for his local club, he re-injured his knee and required further surgery.

Again, Micevski set about his rehab with steely determination.

"I just wanted to do everything I could to get my way back into the team for the last couple of games this year," Micevski said.

When he finally gained a clearance from his doctor, Satterley said the Knights selection committee had no hesitation in selecting Micevski without him having played a comeback game for his local club.

Satterley said Micevski's application to his rehabilitation had been uplifting for the whole club.

In his first game back, Micevski managed just two kicks, which he converted for two goals, but he was just glad to be back.

"Pece has been a real inspiration to his teammates," Satterley said.

"Athletically, he hasn't got the stature of some of the great players of the competition, but he has a big heart and that was on display against Sandringham."

Micevski is now looking forward to playing with his brother Billy at Northern Knights, another ambition he's determined to achieve.

Pece Micevski has shown incredible determination to make it back to the Northern Knights team after a knee reconstruction last year.

TAC CUP statistics

ROUND 17

TAC CUP LADDER	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
Murray Bushrangers	17	15	2	0	1855	1090	170.18	60
Dandenong Stingrays	17	11	6	0	1584	1394	113.63	44
North Ballarat Rebels	17	11	6	0	1435	1263	113.62	44
Western Jets	17	11	6	0	1429	1465	97.54	44
Geelong Falcons	17	10	7	0	1711	1343	127.40	40
Gippsland Power	17	10	7	0	1593	1273	125.14	40
Oakleigh Chargers	17	10	7	0	1531	1336	114.60	40
Eastern Ranges	17	10	7	0	1354	1463	92.55	40
Sandringham Dragons	17	6	11	0	1345	1660	81.02	24
Bendigo Pioneers	17	4	13	0	1307	1717	76.12	16
Calder Cannons	17	4	13	0	1184	1589	74.51	16
Northern Knights	17	3	14	0	1295	1506	85.99	12

GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Tom Rockliff	Murray	42 (2)
Michael Still	Northern	33 (5)
John Butcher	Gippsland	30 (2)
Jayden Hoegel	Oakleigh	30 (-)
Aaron Purves	Dandenong	29 (-)
Patrick Dangerfield	Geelong	29 (-)
Sam Wright	Murray	28 (1)
Jack Fitzpatrick	Western	27 (1)
Serhat Temel	Calder	26 (2)
Rhys Healey	Bendigo	24 (2)
Grant Lofthouse	Eastern	24 (-)
Nicholas Heyne	Gippsland	24 (5)
Tim Ruffles	North Ballarat	24 (-)
John Nicolopoulos	Oakleigh	23 (-)
Ricky Ferraro	Dandenong	22 (1)
Jayden Cass	Eastern	22 (1)
Jack Weston	Gippsland	22 (3)

MARKS ROUND 17

Tom Lynch	Sandringham	13
Michael Still	Northern	12
Jack Ziebell	Murray	11
Zach Sengstock	Sandringham	11
Dylan Joyce	Calder	10
Rhys Boyden	Northern	10
Tom Hill	Northern	10
Jordan Lisle	Oakleigh	10
Mitchell Brown	Sandringham	10
Jordan Florance	Bendigo	9
Rhys Healey	Bendigo	9
Leigh Kitchin	Eastern	9
Luke Delaney	Geelong	9
Ryan McKenzie	North Ballarat	9
Mitchell Banner	Western	9

KICKS ROUND 17

Mitchell Banner	Western	31
Tom Lynch	Sandringham	25
Dylan Joyce	Calder	23
Kade Klemke	Murray	23
Leigh Kitchin	Eastern	22
Jarryd Blair	Gippsland	21
Tom Rockliff	Murray	21
Ryan McKenzie	North Ballarat	21
Jordan Lisle	Oakleigh	21
Sam Wright	Murray	20
Luke Shuey	Oakleigh	20
Shaun McKernan	Calder	19
Rhys Healey	Bendigo	18
Matthew Wall	Oakleigh	18
Lee Coghlan	Bendigo	17
Brett Mahoney	Murray	17

HANDBALLS ROUND 17

Jordie McKenzie	Geelong	15
Tom Scully	Dandenong	14
Lee Coghlan	Bendigo	13
Jordan Williams	Bendigo	13
Thomas Liberatore	Calder	13
Brett Mahoney	Murray	13
Matthew Suckling	Sandringham	13
Darren Haby	Western	13
Travis Lunardi	Western	13
Steve McCallum	Calder	12
Will Young	North Ballarat	12
Steven Kelly	Northern	12
Luke Stanton	Northern	12
Luke Shuey	Oakleigh	12
Jordan Florance	Bendigo	11
Dustin Martin	Bendigo	11

Calder Cannons	2.3	4.4	7.6	12.10	(82)
Eastern Ranges	2.1	5.1	6.5	6.8	(44)

GOALS: Calder Cannons - M. White 6, Temel 2, Toy 2, Tydell, Lucin.

Eastern Ranges - La Marca, Gysberts, Blease, Barnes, Cass, O'Shea.

BEST: Calder Cannons - M. White, McKernan, Joyce, Toy, Lucin, Woodburn.

Eastern Ranges - Kitchin, Gysberts, Moore, Brown, Barnes, Cass.

Gippsland Power	6.2	9.4	12.6	15.8	(98)
Sandringham Dragons	3.1	6.3	10.7	13.13	(91)

GOALS: Gippsland Power - Hayne 5, Weston 3, Stockdale 2, Butcher 2, Dessent, Rogers, Lehman.

Sandringham Dragons - Watts 3, Robertson 2, Harris, McGarry, Meehan, Lynch, Hale, McHarg, Sengstock, Gilchrist.

BEST: Gippsland Power - Blair, Carr, McLinden, Hayne, Butcher, Weston.

Sandringham Dragons - Lynch, Sengstock, Brown, Smith-Cameron, Gilchrist, Kennedy.

Western Jets	2.1	4.5	10.9	13.13	(91)
Bendigo Pioneers	2.5	7.6	8.8	10.12	(72)

GOALS: Western Jets - Banner 4, Sims 3, Conway 2, Haby, Koroneos, Fitzpatrick, Wood.

Bendigo Pioneers - Page 2, Coghlan 2, Massina, Irwin-Hill, Martin, Baird, Healey, Petrie.

BEST: Western Jets - Banner, Sims, Conway, Fogarty, Casley, Wood.

Bendigo Pioneers - Williams, Coghlan, Healey, Florance, Baird, Smith.

Murray Bushrangers	2.5	5.7	8.11	11.15	(81)
Dandenong Stingrays	1.1	2.3	5.6	6.7	(43)

GOALS: Murray Bushrangers - Ziebell 6, Rockliff 2, Wright, Priest, McNeil.

Dandenong Stingrays - Rogasch, Doria, Clark, Ferraro, Scully, Savage.

BEST: Murray Bushrangers - Ziebell, Priest, Klemke, Wright, Milne, Sidebottom.

Dandenong Stingrays - Scully, Heddles, Andrews, Ferraro, Hibberd, Purves.

Geelong Falcons	3.6	5.7	6.11	9.13	(67)
North Ballarat Rebels	0.2	4.8	7.14	8.20	(68)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons - Christensen 2, Delaney 2, Bucovaz, Grabowski, Lynch, Bartlett, Thompson.

North Ballarat Rebels - Radley 3, R. McKenzie, Tate, Hooper, Cranage, Young.

BEST: Geelong Falcons - Lynch, Delaney, McKenzie, Rounds, Bucovaz, Hollmer.

North Ballarat Rebels - R. McKenzie, Tate, Suban, Cowan, Free, Young.

Northern Knights	1.2	3.3	7.4	12.8	(80)
Oakleigh Chargers	3.2	5.6	9.7	13.9	(87)

GOALS: Northern Knights - Still 5, Grgic, Paynter, Wallace, Hill, Zaharakis, Stanton, Staveley.

Oakleigh Chargers - O'Farrell 2, Clarke 2, Sibosado 2, Shuey 2, Kennedy, Gaff, Burstin, Strauss, Gotch.

BEST: Northern Knights - Still, Hill, Zaharakis, Griffiths, Boyden, Paynter.

Oakleigh Chargers - Shuey, Gotch, Burstin, Clarke, Purcell, Kennedy.



COACHES' AWARD 2008 ROUND 17 5-VOTE WINNERS

MURRAY v DANDENONG

5 • Jack Ziebell • Murray

CALDER v EASTERN

5 • Marcus White • Calder

NORTHERN v OAKLEIGH

5 • Luke Shuey • Oakleigh

GIPPSLAND v SANDRINGHAM

5 • Jaryd Blair • Gippsland

WESTERN v BENDIGO

5 • Mitchell Banner • Western

GEELONG v NORTH BALLARAT

5 • Ryan McKenzie • North Ballarat

5-4-3-2-1 votes awarded per game, with full match voting and votes tally announced at the end of the season.



Eastern Ranges

Social: Brownlow

Calcutta at Club

Kilsyth, Monday, September 22. Raffle tickets for this function will be distributed shortly. Vote Count, October 3 at Lilydale International. Awards Night, October 13 at Village Cinemas Knox.

Thank you to parents, staff and sponsors for the support they have given the club's social events this year.

SEN lunch at Club Kilsyth, Friday, September 12 from noon. SEN Radio will broadcast at the lunch. Tickets are \$28 a person and include a main meal. Bookings: 9724 9499.

Well done to the players for making their TAC pledge to drive 120 hours practice in all weather conditions as part of the TAC's L120 program.



Bendigo

Pioneers

A reminder to

all players, parents, sponsors and supporters that our Best and Fairest dinner and count will be held at the Bendigo Club on Saturday, September 6. If you haven't got your ticket, get it today from Jill at the canteen.



Calder Cannons

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TAC Cup club notes

Watch out for **TAC Cup Talk** each week on Ford's theoval.com.au.

The show features all the latest TAC Cup news, with hosts Dwayne Russell and Nigel Carmody previewing the coming matches.



Tom Hill puts his body on the line during the Northern Knights' seven-point loss to the Oakleigh Chargers.

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Presentation Night is on Friday, October 10. Book your seats with Meg now on 9350 7112. Vapor and Azuma products are still available, along with club merchandise. See our website: caldercannons.aflvic.com.au.



Geelong Falcons

The Geelong Falcons

Presentation Night

(Best and Fairest) will be held at Buckleys Entertainment Centre on Friday, October 31. The dress code is formal; tickets are \$30 a head and include a two-course

meal. Drinks will be at bar prices.

Put this in your diary, it is open to all players, parents, staff, sponsors and supporters. Invitations will be posted in September and you can book with Michael Turner on 0418 524 495.



Western Jets

The Jets wish to

acknowledge our

sponsors for the 2008 season. Thanks to major sponsor Victoria University, Werribee Mazda, Burbank, Costa's Mitre 10, Apprenticeships plus, KFC, Buffalo Sports, Red Onion

Creative, Divella, Ace's Place, Subway Altona North, Empire Trade Exchange, Village Cinemas, Springs Bakehouse and Caroline Springs Fresh. The Western Jets appreciate all the support our sponsors provide.



North Ballarat Rebels

This week we welcome the Northern Knights to Astar Arena for round 18 of the TAC Cup. Our games against the Knights are always of a high quality and this match will be no different.

Congratulations to our players at St Patrick's College on their hard-fought win against Ballarat and Clarendon College last week in the BAS Grand Final. All schools in Ballarat are great supporters of the Rebels'

programs and we thank them for their continued support.

Before the Rebels-Stingrays match on September 6, we will again be holding a player-parent draft information session at 12.45pm inside the Stingrays social rooms. The forum will include player managers, recruiters and parents of current AFL players. We encourage all parents to attend this very informative session.

A reminder that the club's Presentation Night will be held at the Ballarat Lodge on Saturday, October 4 from 6pm. Please book your seats through the North Ballarat Sports Club reception on 5339 0944. Tickets are \$50 a person.

Next week we venture into the knockout finals and we wish

all players the best of luck. Go Rebels.



Dandenong Stingrays

The Stingrays will be holding an AFL Draft information session starting at 12.45pm on Saturday, September 6 in the Stingrays social rooms prior to the round 19 clash against the North Ballarat Rebels. All Stingrays and North Ballarat parents are invited to attend. The session will include AFL recruiting staff, player managers, VFL representatives and parents of former Stingrays players, who will all give their perspectives on the processes of the AFL National, Rookie and Pre-season drafts. The session will go for about an hour, concluding in time for people to prepare for the big clash.



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TAC CUP fixture 2008

Round 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Eastern 9.14 (68) vs. **Oakleigh 22.11 (143)**

Gippsland 11.15 (81) vs. Dandenong 10.9 (69)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Calder 9.13 (67) vs. **Sandringham 12.18 (90)**

Bendigo 11.7 (73) vs. **Murray 20.14 (134)**

North Ballarat 13.10 (88) vs. **Geelong 19.13 (127)**

Northern 9.11 (65) vs. **Western 15.10 (100)**

Round 2

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Eastern 12.12 (84) vs. **Sandringham 20.14 (134)**

Northern 12.12 (84) vs. **Calder 16.14 (110)**

Gippsland 12.10 (82) vs. **Murray 17.2 (104)**

North Ballarat 17.6 (108) vs. Bendigo 13.13 (91)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Western 9.6 (60) vs. **Oakleigh 19.21 (135)**

Dandenong 21.10 (136) vs. Geelong 15.17 (107)

Round 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Gippsland 13.10 (88) vs. **North Ballarat 14.11 (95)**

Northern 6.7 (43) vs. **Eastern 14.12 (96)**

Murray 16.9 (105) vs. Geelong 6.16 (52)

Bendigo 13.23 (101) vs. Dandenong 14.11 (95)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Western 13.11 (89) vs. Sandringham 11.13 (79)

Calder 15.9 (99) vs. **Oakleigh 20.13 (133)**

Round 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Western 18.11 (119) vs. Northern Territory 12.13 (85)

Tasmania 18.10 (118) vs. Bendigo 11.9 (75)

Murray 25.13 (163) vs. NSW/ACT 9.7 (61)

Gippsland 14.10 (94) vs. **Eastern 16.14 (110)**

Queensland 10.15 (75) vs. **Oakleigh 16.13 (109)**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Northern 23.9 (147) vs. Dandenong 15.14 (104)

North Ballarat 22.12 (144) vs. Sandringham 7.13 (55)

Geelong 21.9 (135) vs. Calder 10.11 (71)

Development Day

APRIL 26/27

Round 5

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Calder 8.10 (58) vs. **Western 13.10 (88)**

Geelong 14.9 (93) vs. **Eastern 15.10 (100)**

Gippsland 12.11 (83) vs. Northern 5.12 (42)

Sandringham 15.9 (99) vs. Bendigo 14.9 (93)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Dandenong 19.10 (124) vs. Murray 15.12 (102)

North Ballarat 14.12 (96) vs. Oakleigh 8.12 (60)

Development Day

MAY 10/11

Round 6

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Calder 7.3 (45) vs. **Dandenong 12.14 (86)**

North Ballarat 10.9 (69) vs. Eastern 6.11 (47)

Gippsland 10.14 (74) vs. **Western 11.9 (75)**

Geelong 11.8 (74) vs. Northern 5.15 (45)

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Murray 11.19 (85) vs. Sandringham 7.14 (56)

Bendigo 7.9 (51) vs. **Oakleigh 8.21 (69)**

Round 7

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Dandenong 12.15 (87) vs. **Eastern 14.14 (98)**

Murray 14.8 (92) vs. Northern 10.17 (77)

Oakleigh 10.9 (69) vs. **Gippsland 14.18 (102)**

SUNDAY, MAY 25

North Ballarat 14.14 (98) vs. Calder 10.14 (74)

Bendigo 15.7 (97) vs. **Western 16.11 (107)**

Geelong 23.13 (151) vs. Sandringham 7.10 (52)

Round 8

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Northern 23.20 (158) vs. Northern Territory 3.11 (29)

Gippsland 18.24 (132) vs. Bendigo 6.14 (50)

Geelong 13.9 (87) vs. **Queensland 14.10 (94)**

North Ballarat 11.10 (76) vs. **Dandenong 12.12 (84)**

Western 17.14 (116) vs. Murray 12.11 (83)

Sandringham 9.10 (64) vs. **Oakleigh 16.12 (108)**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Eastern 13.11 (89) vs. Calder 9.13 (67)

National Championships

JUNE 7/8

Round 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Calder 16.17 (113) vs. Northern Territory 4.13 (37)

Oakleigh 16.17 (113) vs. Northern 8.10 (58)

Geelong 21.14 (140) vs. Western 8.9 (57)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Gippsland 17.13 (115) vs. Queensland 11.11 (77)

Bendigo 14.11 (95) vs. **Eastern 14.14 (98)**

Murray 16.13 (109) vs. North Ballarat 6.7 (43)

Sandringham 14.10 (94) vs. **Dandenong 20.17 (137)**

Development Day

JUNE 21/22

Round 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Geelong 15.15 (105) vs. Oakleigh 11.3 (69)

Eastern 23.18 (156) vs. Northern Territory 7.6 (48)

Bendigo 12.12 (84) vs. **Northern 17.12 (114)**

Calder 9.7 (61) vs. **Murray 19.16 (130)**

Sandringham 12.18 (90) vs. Gippsland 12.14 (86)

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

North Ballarat 16.8 (104) vs. Queensland 7.9 (51)

Dandenong 8.12 (60) vs. Western 7.15 (57)

Round 11

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Gippsland 13.10 (88) vs. Calder 6.13 (49)

Murray 13.13 (91) vs. Bendigo 8.9 (57)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Sandringham 12.13 (85) vs. **Western 15.17 (107)**

Northern 9.7 (61) vs. **North Ballarat 16.11 (107)**

Oakleigh 8.7 (55) vs. **Eastern 10.10 (70)**

Geelong 14.14 (98) vs. Dandenong 14.9 (93)

Round 12

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Oakleigh 13.6 (84) vs. Western 8.9 (57)

North Ballarat 1.4 (10) vs. **Gippsland 13.12 (90)**

Murray 14.9 (93) vs. Eastern 6.11 (47)

Dandenong 13.9 (97) v Northern 10.9 (69)

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Bendigo 10.12 (72) vs. Sandringham 8.14 (62)

Calder 7.7 (49) vs. **Geelong 16.14 (110)**

Round 13

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Dandenong 16.13 (109) vs. Calder 7.10 (52)

Bendigo 10.13 (73) vs. North Ballarat 9.9 (63)

Gippsland 16.16 (112) vs. Oakleigh 8.11 (59)

Murray 18.10 (118) vs. Sandringham 5.9 (39)

Eastern 6.9 (45) vs. **Western 14.9 (93)**

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Geelong 10.13 (73) vs. Northern 9.7 (61)

Round 14

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Oakleigh 12.14 (86) vs. Sandringham 11.13 (79)

Geelong 18.11 (119) vs. **Gippsland 18.13 (121)**

Murray 22.12 (144) vs. Western 9.8 (62)

Dandenong 19.8 (122) vs. Bendigo 8.11 (59)

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Calder 10.10 (70) vs. Northern 7.5 (47)

North Ballarat 21.10 (136) vs. Eastern 7.4 (46)

Development Day

AUGUST 2/3

Round 15

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Western 13.11 (89) vs. Calder 12.14 (86)

Geelong 18.8 (116) vs. Bendigo 9.11 (65)

Eastern 13.9 (87) vs. Gippsland 11.8 (74)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Oakleigh 8.6 (54) vs. **Dandenong 8.13 (61)**

Sandringham 10.18 (78) vs. North Ballarat 8.9 (57)

Northern 9.12 (66) vs. **Murray 13.11 (89)**

Round 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Sandringham 15.8 (98) vs. Northern 12.6 (78)

Bendigo 15.9 (99) vs. Oakleigh 14.14 (98)

Murray 19.18 (132) vs. Calder 4.7 (31)

Eastern 10.9 (69) vs. Geelong 8.9 (57)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

North Ballarat 11.7 (73) vs. Western 9.8 (62)

Gippsland 10.13 (73) vs. **Dandenong 11.11 (77)**

Round 17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Calder 12.10 (82) vs. Eastern 6.8 (44)

Murray 11.15 (81) vs. Dandenong 6.7 (43)

Gippsland 15.8 (98) vs. Sandringham 13.13 (91)

Western 13.13 (91) vs. Bendigo 10.12 (72)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Geelong 9.13 (67) vs. **North Ballarat 8.20 (68)**

Northern 12.8 (80) vs. **Oakleigh 13.9 (87)**

Round 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Bendigo vs. Gippsland *Golden Square* 11:30am

North Ballarat vs. Northern *AUSTAR Arena* 1pm

Eastern vs. Murray *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Dandenong vs. Sandringham *Shepley Oval* 11am

Western vs. Geelong *Burbank Oval* 1pm

Oakleigh vs. Calder *Warrawee Park* 2pm

Round 19

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Eastern vs. Northern *Box Hill City Oval* 10:45am

Murray vs. Oakleigh *Lavington Sports Ground* 1pm

Bendigo vs. Calder *Golden Square* 1pm

Dandenong vs. North Ballarat *Shepley Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Sandringham vs. Geelong *Princes Park* Noon

Gippsland vs. Western *Monwell* 1pm

Recreation Rules is fun and games

Social football everyone can enjoy



Fun is the No. 1 ingredient of AFL Recreational Football, played here by mixed teams at Victoria Park.

AFL Recreation Football has been developed to provide an opportunity for all Australian Football enthusiasts to enjoy participating in a game that has strong parallels with the traditional game.

AFL Recreational Football is easy to play, not physically demanding, can be played by all ages and genders and, most importantly, has an emphasis on fun and safety.

Played in a friendly social environment, it enables people

of all ages and ability levels to participate in male, female or mixed teams.

AFL Recreational Football can be played in a variety of settings because of its social nature. The game is designed so it can be picked up and played by a group of friends in a park or in a more structured environment at local community clubs.

The key rules are as follows:

- the game is non-contact;
- teams consist of three forwards, two midfielders and three backs;

- everyone has three seconds or three steps to dispose of the ball. If they have had prior opportunity to dispose of the ball when tagged, it is holding the ball and a turnover occurs;
- turnovers can be forced by removing a tag from an opponent's belt when he or she is in possession of the ball;
- if the ball touches the ground, it is a turnover;
- the ground is 100m long and 50m wide, and is broken down into three sections: forward/scoring zone (20m), midfield zone (60m) and defensive zone (20m);
- a player can shoot for goal only after marking the ball in his/her scoring zone. The player must go back and take a set shot for goal;
- nine points shall be awarded for a female goal, six points for a male goal.

Past competitions have been held in Sandringham and at the Whitten Oval and Victoria Park.

We are currently in the process of sourcing venues for competitions to run over summer '08-'09. If you, your friends or local sports clubs want to get involved, please feel free to contact the details listed below.

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