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**Last week AFL Tasmania met with the AFL to discuss football in general and Tasmania's future in the VFL specifically.**

This meeting followed an earlier one with AFL Victoria where Tasmanian football's future was candidly canvassed.

It was clear from that meeting AFL Tasmania's No. 1 priority was re-establishing a 10-team state-wide competition in Tasmania, ideally by the start of the 2009 season.

What AFL Tasmania has not decided is whether a Tasmanian side in the VFL would support this proposed competition.

If it decides it doesn't – and that must be viewed as more likely than unlikely – then Tasmania's round 20 match against the Box Hill Hawks will be its last in the VFL.

AFL Victoria would like to think Tasmania's past eight seasons in the VFL have been mutually beneficial.

Clearly, hundreds of Tasmanian players have been introduced to a competition where the standard of football is the best outside the AFL.

It certainly provided a clearly defined pathway for talented

# Tasmania's VFL future cloudy



## League has fast-tracked Tassie talent

young Tasmanian players. Rover Ian Callinan won a J.J. Liston Trophy, Ben Atkin won a Frank Johnson Medal and numerous players represented the VFL in successful representative matches.

It has allowed a number of aspiring footballers to showcase their talents and many like Justin Sherman, Jack Riewoldt, Colin Garland and Tom Hislop have progressed to play AFL.

Meanwhile, Tasmania gave all VFL clubs the opportunity to experience interstate travel and play at first-class venues like Bellerive Oval and Aurora Stadium against strong, spirited opposition.

If Tasmania does not play in the VFL next season then the VFL will operate a 13-team competition in 2009, with the AFL Gold Coast franchise entering the League in 2010, followed by the AFL western Sydney franchise in 2011.

One issue AFL Victoria will need to consider is the best finals structure for a 13-team competition. Is it a final eight like previously or will a final six operate more effectively? It is a discussion for the off-season.

Round 20 shapes as a gripping climax to the home and away season with a number of games set to determine the shape of the eight, while the Geelong-Frankston and Sandringham-North Ballarat matches will decide whether Frankston or Sandringham takes the final spot in the eight.

It sets the stage for what promises to be an intriguing final series, culminating with the first VFL Grand Final under lights at Telstra Dome on Friday, September 26.

### John Hook

Football Operations Manager, AFL Victoria



### ROUND 20

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**COVER:** Geelong players trudge off after another loss in a disappointing season where their premiership defence ended before the finals.



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# Youngest, best and fairest

## Nahas favourite for Fothergill-Round Medal

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**If you were charting a graph of Robin Nahas' career in the VFL you would be struck by the sharp rise in his performance in each of his three seasons.**

Nahas, still three months shy of his 21st birthday, is enjoying his best season at Port Melbourne this year, when his outstanding form has seen him emerge as the favourite for the Fothergill-Round Medal.

Now in its 20th season, the Fothergill-Round Medal is named after Des Fothergill and Barry Round, the only two players to win a Brownlow Medal and J.J. Liston Trophy.

Fothergill won his Brownlow in 1940 when playing for Collingwood. The following year he switched to Williamstown, where he added the Liston Trophy.

Round, also a Williamstown past great, won his Liston Trophy in 1987, having already won the Brownlow Medal at South Melbourne in 1981.

In recognition of these two champions, the VFL introduced the Fothergill-Round Medal in 1989 for the player under the age of 22 (as of October in the year of the award) with the most talent and potential to take his game to the AFL level.

Last year's winner, Shane Valenti, has followed other Fothergill-Round medallists – Ron De Iulio, Mark Porter, Paul Dooley, Andrew Shipp, Michael Firrito and Aaron Davey – into the AFL.


It seems likely Nahas is about to join that impressive array of Fothergill-Round medallists, having taking his game to a new level this season.

After an impressive debut season for Port Melbourne in 2006 and an even better season last year, Nahas has enjoyed a breakout year in 2008, representing Victoria against South Australia and winning the Frank Johnson Medal as the VFL's best player.

Nahas has played every match for the Borough this year, kicking 41 goals to sit sixth on the VFL goalkicking ladder. In seven games he's kicked four or more goals, including a personal best six against Sandringham.

While Nahas is the clear favourite to win the Fothergill-Round Medal, there are other contenders with legitimate claims.

Over the page, the *VFL Record* looks at the young guns at each club who could walk away with this prestigious award.



Port Melbourne rover Robin Nahas is the favourite for this year's Fothergill Round Medal.

## **BENDIGO BOMBERS**

Captain James Flaherty, in just his second season, continues to impress in what has been a tough season for the club. Grant Weekes is another who has improved, while newcomers Stewart Cramer, Johnny Coghlan and James Bristow have played well.

## **BOX HILL HAWKS**

After a horrific run with injuries in recent times, Lukas Markovic has displayed the talent that saw him once rookie listed by Hawthorn. Markovic has performed well in a variety of roles.

## **CASEY SCORPIONS**

Alex Silvagni has become a mainstay in defence for the Scorpions, more than holding his own against some of the League's big-name forwards.

## **COBURG TIGERS**

Following his impressive rookie season, Andrew Horne has played every match and again displayed the talent that he first displayed when he emerged as an outstanding TAC Cup prospect. Morrish Medal winner Fortunato Caruso has also enjoyed another solid season.

## **COLLINGWOOD**

Maggie rookie Brent Macaffer has been the Magpies' primary goalkicker. Has finished off the season strongly.

## **FRANKSTON**

The Dolphins, as usual, have no shortage of talented youngsters.

Rookies Michael Lourey and Russell Gabriel have enjoyed very successful seasons.

## **GEELONG**

Cats rookies Chris Kangars and Jeremy Laidler have both performed well in their first season of senior football.

## **NORTH BALLARAT**

After smashing his ankle in a pre-season accident two years ago and then playing local football for a year, Bill Driscoll has made a successful comeback. Stephen Clifton, now in his third season with the club, has again been consistent.

## **NORTHERN BULLANTS**

Luke Morgan has become a regular for the Bullants in his rookie VFL season, a year when spots for VFL-listed players were scarce.

## **PORT MELBOURNE**

Apart from Nahas, the Borough has produced several exciting youngsters, most notably Chris Cain and Rees Thomas.

## **SANDRINGHAM**

For all its on-field troubles, Sandringham has seen steady improvement from Tomi Johnston, Rennie Gilchrist and Shane Tregear, while Jake Williams has also showed promise.

## **TASMANIA**

Mitch Robinson is one of many promising youngsters Tasmania has unearthed. Robinson, winner

of the Harrison Medal for best Division Two player at the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships, racked up the most possessions in the Division One play-offs and won All-Australian honours. He's made a considerable impact in the VFL too.

## **WERRIBEE**

After playing 15 games last season, Michael Rockefeller has continued his good form. Werribee also has gifted youngsters in Shepparton recruit Michael Barlow, who has played every match, and Flinn Chisholm, who has stepped up after his introduction last season.

## **WILLIAMSTOWN**

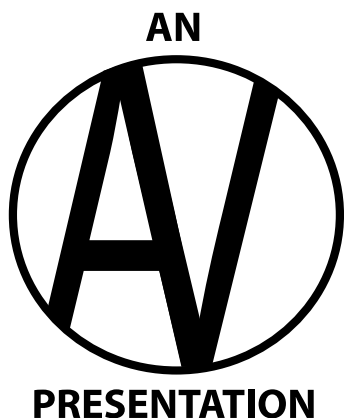
David Stretton, like Nahas, a well-performed VFL representative this season, is another emerging talent. A prolific possession winner, Stretton has been one of the Seagulls' most reliable contributors.

Youngster Lukas Markovic, a shinging light for the Box Hill Hawks this year, is one of the leading contenders for the Fothergill Round Medal.





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# VFL finals map

Following are all the relevant details for this year's VFL finals.



## TEAC Oval

Public transport to TEAC Oval,  
Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne (Melway 2J E1)

 Recommended parking

**Light rail:** Tram route 109 - from Box Hill via Balwyn, Deepdene, Kew, Richmond, Victoria Parade, Collins Street and Clarendon Street, then via reserved track to North Port.

**Bus:** Raglan Street stop bus route 232 (North Altona); route 235 (Fishermans Bend); and route 238 City Terminus (Flinders Street).

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Western Bulldog  
Wayne Skipper  
is one of the  
AFL players  
Williamstown can  
call on during its  
finals campaign.

# Coburg's AFL finals' edge

## Tigers to call on Richmond stars for premiership tilt

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**Despite their up and down season, the Coburg Tigers may well be the team that is best-placed when the business end of the season gets under way.**

Coburg Tigers coach Jade Rawlings will be faced with an embarrassment of riches when it comes to selecting the maximum 12 AFL-listed and rookie players to represent the club in the finals, with a total of 18 Richmond players already eligible.

But it's not just the number of AFL players Coburg can call on, rather the talent and experience among them, that could help the club avenge last season's Grand Final loss to Geelong.

Significantly, eight of those available Richmond players have spent considerable time in the AFL this season, while their combined AFL experience amounts to more than 550 games.

Headlining that list is Greg Tivendale, one of the favourites for this year's J.J. Liston Medal and a veteran of almost 190 AFL games.

Then there's Richmond's 2003 best and fairest winner Mark Coughlan, who is on the comeback trail after

well-documented knee and hamstring injuries.

Chris Hyde (90 AFL games), Daniel Jackson (46), Dean Polo (31), Cam Howat (21) also bring plenty to the table.

Rawlings' main problem, then, will be reducing the Richmond squad to the 12 permitted under the finals rule, which states an aligned side must play a minimum of 10 VFL-listed players.

So, some talented Richmond players are going to find themselves on the sidelines or playing for the Coburg Tigers reserves, just as Cleve Hughes did last season.

While an aligned side's AFL affiliate is still in the AFL final series, VFL clubs can select any available AFL player, but if its AFL affiliate is not in, or is bundled out of, the finals, then an AFL player is only available for selection if he has played at least seven VFL games during the season.

The one exception is where an AFL player is returning from a long-term injury and has not played an AFL game since July 1.

Under this rule, North Melbourne forward Aaron Edwards, a Liston Trophy winner and Jim 'Frosty' Miller medallist,

is eligible to play with North Ballarat even though he hasn't played seven VFL games this season.

The Northern Bullants are also in good shape, having 19 eligible Carlton players and rookies to choose from. While these players perhaps don't include anyone with the class of Tivendale, Coughlan and Hyde, they do include former Sydney Swan and 162-game veteran Jason Saddington and Brisbane Lions premiership player Richard Hadley, who is returning from injury.

The Casey Scorpions will also be well stocked with AFL talent with former Richmond player Aaron Fiora, a veteran of more than 130 games, topping St Kilda's list of eligible players.

Charlie Gardiner, a member of Geelong's 2007 VFL premiership team, is another Saint who has qualified to play with the Scorpions.

Werribee is not without its 'name' AFL players either. North Melbourne veterans Jess Sinclair (191 games) and Leigh Brown (181) have both played more in the VFL than with the Roos in 2008.

Ladder-leader Williamstown has 18 Western Bulldogs players available for its premiership tilt, but a third of those are either first-year or rookie-listed players.

Williamstown, like North Ballarat, will rely heavily on its VFL-listed players, just as it has throughout the season.

## AFL PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR VFL FINALS

### CASEY SCORPIONS (17)

Jarryd Allen, David Armitage, Shane Birss, Raphael Clarke, Glenn Chivers, Matthew Ferguson, Aaron Fiora, Leigh Fisher, Charlie Gardiner, Jarryn Geary, James Gwilt, Brad Howard, Luke Miles, Ben McEvoy, Andrew McQualter, Michael Rix, Jack Steven.

### COBURG TIGERS (18)

Tristan Cartledge, Travis Casserly, Daniel Connors, Clayton Collard, Andrew Collins, Mark Coughlan, Angus Graham, Cam Howat, Cleve Hughes, Chris Hyde, Daniel Jackson, Danny Meyer, Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls, Dean Polo, Dean Putt, Alex Rance, Jarrod Silvester, Greg Tivendale.

*\*Shane Edwards (six VFL games in 2008) needs to play in round 20 to qualify.*

### NORTH BALLARAT (10)

Aaron Edwards, Cruize Garlett, Blake Grima, Ed Lower, Andrew Swallow, Eddie Sansbury, Josh Smith, Robbie Tarrant, Gavin Urquhart, Michael Wundke.

### NORTHERN BULLANTS (19)

Cain Ackland, Joe Anderson, Dennis Armfield, Mark Austin, Clint Benjamin, Adam Bentick, Luke Blackwell, David Ellard, Richard Hadley, Shaun Hampson, Adam Hartlett, Lachie Hill, Ryan Jackson, Sam Jacobs, Aaron Joseph, Aisake O'hAilpin, Darren Pfeiffer, Jason Saddington, Michael Shields.

*\*Adam Bentick and Steven Browne (six VFL games) need to play in round 20 to qualify.*

### WERRIBEE (12)

Leigh Brown, Ben Davies, Todd Goldstein, Levi Greenwood, Lachlan Hansen, Alan Obst, Matt Riggio, Ben Ross, Jess Sinclair, Scott Thompson, Ben Warren, James Wilson.

### WILLIAMSTOWN (15)

Dylan Addison, Jarrad Boumann, Andrejs Everitt, Jarrad Grant, Malcolm Lynch, James Mulligan, Guy O'Keefe, Sam Reid, Wayde Skipper, Brennan Stack, Peter Street, Stephen Tiller, Callan Ward, Easton Wood, Cameron Wight.

*\*Josh Hill and Paul O'Shea (six VFL games) need to play in round 20 to qualify.*

The Casey Scorpions will be strengthened by St Kilda players like Michael Rix this September.



**One of the unknowns when each VFL season dawns is how the competition's first-year players will adjust to the step-up from the TAC Cup, country, interstate or suburban football.**

It is a quantum leap. Some like 2007 Fothergill-Round medallist Shane Valenti, who played every game including a winning Grand Final in his first year out of the Sandringham Dragons, jump right in like seasoned veterans.

Others take time.

Last year, Geelong supplementary list player Shane Mumford played a handful of games with the VFL Cats, but did enough to be rookie listed by Geelong's AFL side. During the course of this year, he was elevated to the Cats' senior list and made his AFL debut.

Season 2008 has seen the largest influx of debutants in VFL history. By the end of round 18, 127 players had played their first VFL game – up from 106 at the same time last season.

For the second successive season, Tasmania has provided the most debutants – 15 – but the Devils have been closely followed by the Bendigo Bombers and Box Hill Hawks, both with 14.

While it has been a tough season for all three clubs, all can be satisfied that a number of their 'rookies' have stepped up to play meaningful roles.

Bendigo has six players (Daniel Anderson, James Bristow, Stewart Cramer, Simon Davies, Ali Fahour and Blair Holmes) who have played 10 games or more. Box Hill

Sandringham's Jake Williams has shown promise in his debut season with the Zebras.



# Debutants make a big impact

## Record number of first-year players in 2008

has three (Nathan Batsanis, Joel Cross and Lachlan McQueen-Miscamble), as does Tasmania (Allan Bielski, Tim Bongetti and Josh Vearing).

Those clubs can take confidence that with further development next season these players can help them climb up the ladder.

As was the case with Valenti, some first-year players have

made an immediate impact in 2008.

The most notable are Frankston's young forward Michael Lourey (who has kicked a goal in 12 of his 13 games), North Ballarat 23-year-old Paul McMahon (who has played every game), Port Melbourne's Rees Thomas and the Werribee Tigers' James Saker and Michael Barlow.

## 2008 DEBUTANTS

(\*to the end of round 18)

### BENDIGO BOMBERS

14 debutants, 104 games

Daniel Anderson (11), Mark Arnott (1), James Bristow (12), Stewart Cramer (17), Simon Davies (11), Ali Fahour (13), Jonathon Gawthorp (1), Darren Granger (3), Blair Holmes (18), David Martin (2), Chris Mathieson (2), Nathan Meade (3), Steven Stroobants (6), Dale Young (4).

### BOX HILL HAWKS

14 debutants, 84 games

George Angelopoulos (2), Nathan Batsanis (14), Jarrod Bayliss (1), Lachlan Carey (2), Gary Conyers (1), Joel Cross (11), Lachlan McQueen-Miscamble (17), Brad Neil (9), Kris Nye (3), Rhys O'Sullivan (6), Adrian Papaluca (5), Ben Smithwick (8), Tom Wright (4), Troy Wright (1).

### CASEY SCORPIONS

Seven debutants, 32 games

Andrew Campbell (7), Ryan Creed (6), Joel Galvin (4), Jarred Matheson (3), Ben McDonald (6), Pat McGrath (1), Beau Vernon (5).

### COBURG TIGERS

Nine debutants, 36 games

Josh Jones (1), Rhett Jordon (1), James Keogh (10), Nick Lynch (4), Christian McLain (10), John Morris (3), Chris Stewart (3), Robert Trajkovski (2), Matthew Vasilevski (2).

### COLLINGWOOD

10 debutants, 37 games

Ryan Colbert (12), Ben Considine (1), George Dick (3), Nicholas Dimattina (2), Anthony Hogan (1),

Liam Jurrah (4), Anthony Martello (1), Andrew Oldmeadow (1), Tom Sunberg (5), Tilly Yayman (7).

### FRANKSTON

11 debutants, 76 games

Mitch Bosward (2), David Comben (2), Russell Gabriel (15), Sam Gill (5), Dan Keely (9), Alex Lee (3), Karl Lombardozzi (12), Michael Lourey (13), Dylan Luxa (1), Luke Potts (5), Peder Whelan (10).

Brad Neil is one of 14 Box Hill debutants.



### GEELONG

10 debutants, 41 games

Ben Boseley (3), Mitch Cuthill (4), Tom Dewey (3), Ben Kirk (2), Jeremy Larcombe (2), Simon Potter (8), Jonathan Simpkin (9), Sam Stavenuiter (6), Jason Tom (2), Kelly Williams (2).

### NORTH BALLARAT

Four debutants, 45 games

Bill Driscoll (10), Jackson Hall (8), Rohan McHugh (9), Paul McMahon (18).

### NORTHERN BULLANTS

Six debutants, 31 games

Dean Davies (7), Nick Meese (1), Jon Mercuri (2), Luke Morgan (12), Jake Spiteri (6), Adrian Totino (3).

### PORT MELBOURNE

Eight debutants, 40 games

Jarrold Dalton (10), Levi Dare (1), Sam deBruin (1), Will deBruin (2), Luke Kyriakidis (1), Tim Martin (8), Brendan Neville (2), Rees Thomas (15).

### SANDRINGHAM

Nine debutants, 48 games

Tom Dean (9), Daniel Gribbin (3), Scott Lockwood (1), Andrew McConnell (6), Jarrod Plymin (5), Shane Tregear (8), Chris Waller (9), Isaac Weetra (2), Jake Williams (5).

### TASMANIA

15 debutants, 92 games

Tom Allwright (2), Allan Bielski (14), Tim Bongetti (14), Cameron Burgess (5), Michael Cassidy (8), Matthew Creese (7), Jeremy Howe (3), Zane Murphy (2), Jackson O'Brien (3), Tom Salter (6), Brent Sheean (2), Jack Siggins (2), Elijah Taylor (4), Josh Vearring (17), Adrian Williams (3).

### WERRIBEE

Eight debutants, 67 games

Andrew Benjamin (6), Michael Barlow (18), Peter Hardy (6), Chris Hudson (4), Rhyce Prismall (1), Matthew Quigley (4), James Saker (17), Ben Sharp (11).

### WILLIAMSTOWN

Two debutants, eight games

Mitch Keddel (3), Nathan Lyons (5)

# Finals race nears thrilling finale as eight takes shape

**Zebras and Dolphins duel for last finals spot on offer**

With just one round remaining, the final eight is almost set in stone, with just ninth-placed Sandringham a chance to steal Frankston's eighth position. But top spot and the final spot in the top four are still up for grabs. Here, the *VFL Record* looks at round 20 and its possible ramifications.



## **GEELONG**

Position: 10th  
Win-loss: 7-12  
Percentage: 86.0



## **FRANKSTON**

Position: 8th  
Win-loss: 9-10  
Percentage: 104.2

**At stake:** This match could determine whether Frankston or Sandringham plays finals. Although they've dropped their past two matches, the Dolphins still control their own destiny. Beat Geelong, which has lost four of its past five, and Frankston will play finals regardless of the outcome of the Sandringham-North Ballarat

match. But if it loses, it will then have to rely on North Ballarat defeating Sandringham to stay in the eight. The quirks of the draw mean this is the first time this season Frankston and Geelong have met. Frankston doesn't travel all that well and the trip to Skilled Stadium for an early match will only add to the tension.



## **BENDIGO BOMBERS**

Position: 13th  
Win-loss: 5-14  
Percentage: 66.8



## **COBURG TIGERS**

Position: 6th  
Win-loss: 11-8  
Percentage: 105.8

**At stake:** The Coburg Tigers can still snatch a top-four position, but for that scenario to pan out several things must first occur. For starters, Coburg must defeat Bendigo; given the respective form of both clubs, and in particularly the injury concerns of Bendigo's AFL affiliate Essendon, that

appears a formality. But Coburg also has to hope Collingwood defeats the Casey Scorpions and Williamstown defeats the Werribee Tigers. While the ladder-leading Seagulls should win, Casey will start favourites against the Pies. So, in summary, Coburg needs all the VFL planets to align and that doesn't look likely.



## **COLLINGWOOD**

Position: 11th  
Win-loss: 6-13  
Percentage: 75.1



## **CASEY SCORPIONS**

Position: 5th  
Win-loss: 11-8  
Percentage: 119.3

**At stake:** Last week the Casey Scorpions slipped out of the top four for the first time since round three with their one-point loss to the Coburg Tigers. The Scorpions can reclaim their top-four spot, and the double chance, if they, first, defeat Collingwood. The Scorpions look to have a distinct edge in

class over Collingwood, but the Pies have improved markedly in the second half of the season. Even if they defeat the Pies, the Scorpions will remain fifth unless Williamstown does them a favour and defeats the fast-finishing Werribee Tigers. You would think the Scorpions can rely on the Seagulls to win this game.





### PORT MELBOURNE

Position: 2nd  
Win-loss: 15-4  
Percentage: 138.3



### NORTHERN BULLANTS

Position: 7th  
Win-loss: 10-9  
Percentage: 91.8



### SANDRINGHAM

Position: 9th  
Win-loss: 8-11  
Percentage: 119.8



### NORTH BALLARAT

Position: 3rd  
Win-loss: 15-4  
Percentage: 136.1



### WILLIAMSTOWN

Position: 1st  
Win-loss: 15-4  
Percentage: 141.6



### WERRIBEE TIGERS

Position: 4th  
Win-loss: 12-7  
Percentage: 101.9



### TASMANIA

Position: 14th  
Win-loss: 4-15  
Percentage: 70.0



### BOX HILL HAWKS

Position: 12th  
Win-loss: 5-14  
Percentage: 80.6

**At stake:** With just five percentage points separating the top-three sides (Williamstown, Port Melbourne and North Ballarat), the Borough can finish anywhere from first to third. For the Borough to win the 'minor premiership' it must defeat the pesky Northern Bullants and then rely on Werribee to topple

Williamstown. Port is also well aware, though, that if it loses to the Bullants and North Ballarat defeats Sandringham, its hopes of a top-two spot and a home game in the first week of the finals will be dashed. But Port will be comforted by the fact it is playing at home at TEAC Oval, where it is undefeated in 2008.

**At stake:** Sandringham is in grave danger of missing the finals for the first time since 2001. To avoid that fate, the Zebras, who are one game behind eighth-placed Frankston but with a far superior percentage, must first defeat third-placed North Ballarat. If Sandringham, coming off a confidence-boosting win against

Frankston last week, defeats North Ballarat then the Zebras must also rely on Geelong to defeat the Dolphins. Meanwhile, North Ballarat can climb back into the top two if it defeats Sandringham and either the Northern Bullants defeat Port Melbourne or Werribee defeats Williamstown.

**At stake:** This is another match where the result is vitally important for both clubs. Williamstown holds a top-two spot by virtue of a five-percentage-point lead over third-placed North Ballarat. If it loses to the Werribee Tigers and Port Melbourne and North Ballarat both win, the Seagulls will slip from first to third and give up the all-important home ground advantage in the

first week of the finals. Werribee has risen to fourth with its resurgence in the second half of the season, but it has no margin for error. Win and it will retain the double chance. But if it loses, a win by either the Casey Scorpions or Coburg Tigers will mean Werribee slides to fifth, while wins by both the Scorpions and Coburg will condemn it to sixth place.

**At stake:** Bragging rights only. Both sides have the chance to end the season on a winning note, but this match has no relevance to the make-up of the final eight. Tasmania will be hoping to snap a nine-game losing streak in what could be its last match in the VFL. For the Box Hill Hawks,

a win will provide a little solace in a season that, for a variety of reasons, has fallen well short of most people's expectations. While Tasmania started the season in promising fashion, it has been stuck in a chronic slump lately. Box Hill, which has improved on its dreadful start, should win.

# VFL statistics

## ROUND 19 SENIORS

AFTER ROUND 19	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
<b>Williamstown</b>	19	15	4	0	2381	1681	141.64	60
<b>Port Melbourne</b>	19	15	4	0	2249	1626	138.31	60
<b>North Ballarat</b>	19	15	4	0	2029	1491	136.08	60
<b>Werribee Tigers</b>	19	12	7	0	1927	1891	101.90	48
<b>Casey Scorpions</b>	19	11	8	0	1920	1609	119.33	44
<b>Coburg Tigers</b>	19	11	8	0	1893	1789	105.81	44
<b>Northern Bullants</b>	19	10	9	0	1588	1730	91.79	40
<b>Frankston</b>	19	9	10	0	1829	1754	104.28	36
Sandringham	19	8	11	0	2024	1690	119.76	32
Geelong	19	7	12	0	1740	2023	86.01	28
Collingwood	19	6	13	0	1429	1902	75.13	24
Box Hill Hawks	19	5	14	0	1602	1988	80.58	20
Bendigo Bombers	19	5	14	0	1484	2222	66.79	20
Tasmania	19	4	15	0	1627	2326	69.95	16

## 2008 VFL GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

<b>Nicholas Sautner</b>	Sandringham	74	(7)
<b>James Podsiadly</b>	Werribee Tigers	70	(7)
<b>Adrian Bonaddio</b>	Port Melbourne	49	(1)
<b>Patrick Rose</b>	Williamstown	48	(3)
<b>Justin Berry</b>	Frankston	46	(2)
<b>Robin Nahas</b>	Port Melbourne	46	(3)
<b>Josh Smith</b>	North Ballarat	41	(7)
<b>Michael Wundke</b>	North Ballarat	41	(-)
<b>Aaron Murray</b>	Frankston	40	(-)
<b>Brent Macaffer</b>	Collingwood	37	(1)
<b>Matthew Little</b>	Williamstown	34	(2)
<b>Paul McMahon</b>	North Ballarat	34	(3)
<b>Greg Tivendale</b>	Coburg Tigers	32	(1)
<b>Michael Lourey</b>	Frankston	32	(1)



**VFL action  
on ABC-TV**

Saturday, August 30

**Port Melbourne v  
Northern Bullants**

<b>Port Melbourne</b>	4.5	6.11	11.15	13.21	(99)
Collingwood	0.5	1.6	4.7	4.9	(33)

**GOALS: Port Melbourne** - Nahas 3, Cain 3, Bonaddio, Dwyer, McLaren, Pinwill, Pitt, Baird, McMahon.

**Collingwood** - Shaw, Egan, Iles, Macaffer.

**BEST: Port Melbourne** - Cain, Pinwill, Brewer, Smith, Pitt, McLaren.

**Collingwood** - Crow, Shaw, Prestigiaco, Iles, Barham, Mugavin.

Casey Scorpions	3.2	5.6	11.8	13.10	(88)
<b>Coburg Tigers</b>	6.1	9.3	12.5	14.5	(89)

**GOALS: Casey Scorpions** - Allen 4, McEvoy 3, Fisher, Ferguson, Geary, Armitage, Dunne, Garrubba.

**Coburg Tigers** - Collard 6, F. Caruso, Tivendale, Liddle, N. Caruso, Meyer, Hughes, Vasilevski, Oakley-Nicholls.

**BEST: Casey Scorpions** - L. Fisher, Wall, Geary, Armitage, Panozza, Ferguson.

**Coburg Tigers** - Howat, Collard, Shelton, Rance, Tivendale, Horne.

Bendigo Bombers	5.2	8.5	11.6	11.8	(74)
<b>Werribee Tigers</b>	6.5	11.7	14.13	20.20	(140)

**GOALS: Bendigo Bombers** - Stroobants 3, Weekes 3, Geary, Taylor, Fahour, Williams, Skipworth.

**Werribee Tigers** - Podsiadly 7, Brown 4, Castello 3, Barlow 2, Wilsen, Riggio, Greenwood, Sheringham.

**BEST: Bendigo Bombers** - Skipworth, Flaherty, Holmes, Anderson, Cramer, Martin.

**Werribee Tigers** - Barlow, Podsiadly, Castello, Goldstein, Brown, Riggio.

Box Hill Hawks	2.3	7.5	9.8	14.11	(95)
<b>Williamstown</b>	6.5	10.9	15.14	19.16	(130)

**GOALS: Box Hill Hawks** - Neville 3, Smithwick 3, Morton 2, Thorp 2, Whitecross, Boyle, Suckling, Nye.

**Williamstown** - Urch 5, Jolley 3, Rose 3, Little 2, Wood, Lockwood, Langlands, Wight, Picken, Stretton.

**BEST: Box Hill Hawks** - Markovic, Morton, Morrell, Neville, Nye, Pedersen.

**Williamstown** - Picken, Jolley, Stretton, Reid, Urch, Cloke.

<b>Northern Bullants</b>	6.2	11.5	15.10	16.16	(112)
Geelong	4.2	6.6	9.7	13.14	(92)

**GOALS: Northern Bullants** - Boundy 3, Jackson 2, Colbert 2, Gianfagna 2, Lappin 2, Hartlett 2, Pfeiffer, Edwards, Teague.

**Geelong** - Hawkins 6, Byrne 2, McKenna 2, Carey 2, Djerrkura.

**BEST: Northern Bullants** - Hartlett, Jackson, Blackwell, Hadley, Boundy, Vansittart.

**Geelong** - Hawkins, Davenport, Moles, Laidler, Byrne, Carey.

Tasmania	5.1	10.4	13.5	18.5	(113)
<b>North Ballarat</b>	5.3	6.4	14.5	20.11	(131)

**GOALS: Tasmania** - Shackleton 5, Koulouriotis 3, Geappen 3, Cornelius 2, Cassidy, Thurley, Plummer, Hardy, Street.

**North Ballarat** - Smith 7, Edwards 4, McMahon 3, Spolding 2, Swallow, Stephenson, Grima, Clifton.

**BEST: Tasmania** - Street, Robinson, Setchell, Koulouriotis, Shackleton, Thurley.

**North Ballarat** - Sansbury, Moloney, Smith, Clifton, Roach, Stephenson.

Frankston	3.8	6.11	6.14	9.18	(72)
<b>Sandringham</b>	6.3	7.6	14.6	20.10	(130)

**GOALS: Frankston** - Berry 2, Morris, Kennedy, Limbach, Gabriel, Dickson, Marigliani, Lourey.

**Sandringham** - Sautner 7, Petterd 3, Crowe 2, Holland 2, Carroll, Grimes, Summers, Liddell, Gallagher, Poyas.

**BEST: Frankston** - Raso, Collins, Magner, Kennedy, Berry, Proctor.

**Sandringham** - Carroll, Grimes, Biddlecombe, Gallagher, Summers, Holland.

## ROUND 18 RESERVES

AFTER ROUND 18	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS
<b>Coburg Tigers</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2204</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>211.92</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Williamstown</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2275</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>232.86</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Box Hill Hawks</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1786</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>131.52</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1594</b>	<b>1357</b>	<b>117.47</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Frankston</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>1523</b>	<b>105.38</b>	<b>36</b>
North Ballarat	16	8	8	0	2	1475	1356	108.78	32
Port Melbourne	16	8	8	0	2	1375	1647	83.49	32
Northern Bullants	16	7	9	0	2	1479	1469	100.68	28
Casey Scorpions	16	4	12	0	2	1330	1946	68.35	16
Werribee Tigers	16	2	14	0	2	1296	1838	70.51	8
Bendigo Bombers	16	0	16	0	2	776	2684	28.91	0

## 2008 VFL RESERVE GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

<b>Jonathon Mercuri</b>	Northern Bullants	30	(-)
<b>Clayton Collard</b>	Coburg Tigers	27	(-)
<b>Paul O'Shea</b>	Williamstown	27	(-)
<b>Joseph Gazzo</b>	Coburg Tigers	26	(-)
<b>Nicholas Lynch</b>	Coburg Tigers	26	(-)
<b>Trent Zomer</b>	Sandringham	24	(-)
<b>Josh Jones</b>	Coburg Tigers	24	(4)
<b>Paul Currie</b>	Coburg Tigers	24	(3)
<b>Glenn Robertson</b>	Northern Bullants	23	(3)
<b>Simon Seddon</b>	North Ballarat	23	(-)
<b>Jake De Sousa</b>	Coburg Tigers	21	(-)
<b>Travis Dulic</b>	Coburg Tigers	20	(4)
<b>Damien Horbury</b>	North Ballarat	21	(-)

## VFL SENIOR FIELD UMPIRES 2008

BEARD, Dan.....1	HOSKINS, Wayne.....14
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
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Note: AFL Umpires will wear 30, 31, 34, 38, 39, 40

Casey Scorpions	2.2	5.6	9.9	10.12	(72)
<b>Coburg Tigers</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>9.12</b>	<b>15.15</b>	<b>22.21</b>	<b>(153)</b>

**GOALS: Casey Scorpions** - Mohr 3, Noy, Salter, Haretuku, Arezzolo, Zito, Fraser, Mercoulia.

**Coburg Tigers** - Gourdis 7, Jones 4, Currie 3, Rayson 2, Bramich 2, Cattapan, Foster, Carrick, Dulic.

**BEST: Casey Scorpions** - Matheson, Mercoulia, Fraser, Mohr, Galvin, Fridman.

**Coburg Tigers** - Gourdis, Bramich, Dulic, De Sousa, Carrick, Jones.

<b>Box Hill Hawks</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.13</b>	<b>9.16</b>	<b>12.22</b>	<b>(94)</b>
Williamstown	3.2	6.4	8.8	10.11	(71)

**GOALS: Box Hill Hawks** - Sinclair 3, Shore 2, Hoegel 2, Angelopoulos, Hill, Papaluca, Grima, Hunter.

**Williamstown** - Chiu 3, Galea 2, Jenkins 2, Keddell, Cartelli, Boumann.

**BEST: Box Hill Hawks** - Cross, Bayliss, Shore, Papaluca, S. Daniher, Hunter.

**Williamstown** - Cartelli, Black, Cravino, Chiu, Keddell, O'Shea.

Bendigo Bombers	2.2	2.3	3.5	5.7	(37)
<b>Werribee Tigers</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>30.11</b>	<b>(191)</b>

**GOALS: Bendigo Bombers** - Webb 3, Lane, Ford.

**Werribee Tigers** - Kennedy-Hunt 10, Mahoney 4, Butty 3, Shiels 2, Latella 2, Collins 2, Barrett 2, Magnabosco, Bloomfield, Patterson, Hudson, McArthur.

**BEST: Bendigo Bombers** - Webb, Singh, Arnott, Galvin, Marks, Gawthorp.

**Werribee Tigers** - Kennedy-Hunt, Bloomfield, Barrett, Magnabosco, Collins, Zerafa.

Frankston	3.2	6.4	8.11	14.14	(98)
<b>Sandringham</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>(104)</b>

**GOALS: Frankston** - Clark 4, White 3, Barker 2, Corp 2, Willis, Davis, Comben.

**Sandringham** - McConnell 3, Tregear 2, Hardiman 2, Summons 2, M.

Johnston 2, Gileno 2, Calder, Torcasio, Gribbin.

**BEST: Frankston** - Willis, Collie, Lombardozi, Corp, Davis, Drake.

**Sandringham** - M. Johnston, Calder, Tregear, Monaghan, Shakaib, McConnell.

<b>Port Melbourne</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>8.10</b>	<b>12.14</b>	<b>14.21</b>	<b>(105)</b>
Northern Bullants	3.2	6.4	11.7	16.8	(104)

**GOALS: Port Melbourne** - Dare 5, Paule 2, Schultz, W. deBruin, Cotchett, Francis, Livingstone, O'Keefe, Downes.

**Northern Bullants** - Hocking 3, Merkel 2, Totino 2, Meese 2, Taylor 2, Connelly, Barraclough, B. Davies, Tootell, Spiteri.

**BEST: Port Melbourne** - Dare, Pearce, W. deBruin, Siciliano, Sutcliffe, Martin.

**Northern Bullants** - Dennis, Meese, Gannon, B. Davies, Totino, Taylor.

## VFL action on radio



**ROUND 20**  
Saturday, August 30  
Port Melbourne v Northern Bullants  
Sunday, August 31  
Sandringham v North Ballarat



**ROUND 20**  
Saturday, August 30  
Williamstown v Werribee Tigers  
Sunday, August 31  
Sandringham v North Ballarat



**ROUND 20**  
Saturday, August 30  
Tasmania v Box Hill Hawks

# VFL club notes



## Coburg Tigers

Best and Fairest

Awards Night: Friday,

October 17 at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Tickets are \$95 a head, including three courses, beer, wine and soft drink, entertainment and medal winners. Phone Tracey on 9354 8228, as bookings are essential.

To find out about what is happening around the club log onto [coburgtigers.com.au](http://coburgtigers.com.au), or for a weekly email newsletter contact Tracey at [tgoss@coburgtigers.com.au](mailto:tgoss@coburgtigers.com.au).



## Williamstown

Welcome to everyone attending today's western suburbs derby against

the Werribee Tigers. Today, we are holding a 1958 premiership reunion at the president's luncheon. Welcome to the premiership players attending. Comedian Dave Lawson will be the guest speaker. The match-day sponsor is Werribee Nissan and we thank Conrad Taylor for his support.

Pre-Brownlow Bash luncheon, Friday, September 19, Burbank Oval. Guest speakers will be a panel of Brownlow medallists, including Barry Round, Bernie Quinlan, Peter Bedford and Fred Goldsmith. Tickets are \$30 and



Lachlan Keefe took this strong grab for the Pies in their loss to Port Melbourne.

include a two-course meal. Drinks will be at bar prices.

Information and bookings:

Brendan Curry/Trent Mosbey, phone 9390 0611 or email [bcurry@westernjets.asn.au](mailto:bcurry@westernjets.asn.au).

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



### Casey Scorpions

Go Scorpions as we head into the finals. A

special thank you to the players and their parents for their support and dedication during the season.

The Gardner Clark

Presentation Night will be held at the Village Green Hotel in Mulgrave on Friday, October 3. See Sally for bookings. RSVP by September 19.

Red, White & Blue (RWB) tickets are on sale now. Only \$25 for your chance to win a first prize of \$3000. RWB Day is Sunday, October 5 at the club and your ticket includes a barbecue lunch and drinks from 12-2pm.

Club: 5996 1111. Website: [scorpions.com.au](http://scorpions.com.au).



### North Ballarat

The North Ballarat Football Club

Presentation Dinner will be held at the Doherty Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre on Saturday, October 4 from 6pm for a 6.30pm start. The dress code is formal, tickets are \$50 a head and include a two-course dinner and drinks at bar prices. Booking and payments won't be accepted after Monday, September 22 – no tickets at the door. Contact the sports club reception during office hours on 5339 5944. All welcome.



### Sandringham

The Sandringham Football Club would like to thank everyone who has

supported us throughout 2008. To our sponsors, SEW Eurodrive, Veolia, Motorola, ASKO, The Commander Centre and Brickwood Holdings, thank you for your continued support.

We hope you can all continue to support us in 2009. Our next coterie lunch will be held on Friday, September 5, when the guest speakers will be two former Footscray greats, Doug Hawkins and Brad Hardie. So book early.

A reminder that our Presentation Night is on Thursday, October 2 at the Bentleigh Club. For bookings and more information, please contact the club on 9598 8629.



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# VFL tipsters



## Paul Amy

Leader Newspapers

**Frankston** 12pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 12pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 33pts  
**Port Melbourne** 21pts  
**Sandringham** 17pts  
**Williamstown** 6pts  
**Tasmania** 3pts

LAST ROUND: 5



## Ross Booth

ABC-TV

**Geelong** 5pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 55pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 35pts  
**Port Melbourne** 40pts  
**Sandringham** 20pts  
**Williamstown** 10pts  
**Tasmania** 15pts

LAST ROUND: 5



## Phil Cleary

ABC-TV

**Frankston** 10pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 40pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 18pts  
**Port Melbourne** 20pts  
**North Ballarat** 23pts  
**Williamstown** 20pts  
**Tasmania** 19pts

LAST ROUND: 6



## Scott Cummings

3AW

**Geelong** 12pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 38pts  
**Collingwood** 93pts  
**Port Melbourne** 30pts  
**North Ballarat** 34pts  
**Williamstown** 27pts  
**Box Hill Hawks** 23pts

LAST ROUND: 7



## Adrian Dunn

Herald Sun

**Geelong** 4pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 26pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 14pts  
**Port Melbourne** 18pts  
**Sandringham** 3pts  
**Williamstown** 11pts  
**Box Hill Hawks** 5pts

LAST ROUND: 7



## John Hook

Football Operations Manager,  
AFL Victoria

**Geelong** 7pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 30pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 15pts  
**Port Melbourne** 9pts  
**North Ballarat** 7pts  
**Williamstown** 10pts  
**Tasmania** 6pts

LAST ROUND: 5



## Michael Sharkie

The Age

**Geelong** 13pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 16pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 24pts  
**Port Melbourne** 19pts  
**Sandringham** 1pt  
**Williamstown** 14pts  
**Box Hill Hawks** 15pts

LAST ROUND: 3



## Lady Luck

**Frankston** 10pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 13pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 30pts  
**Port Melbourne** 29pts  
**North Ballarat** 23pts  
**Williamstown** 24pts  
**Tasmania** 1pt

LAST ROUND: 5



## Tony Leonard

3AW

**Frankston** 10pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 33pts  
**Collingwood** 22pts  
**Northern Bullants** 49pts  
**Sandringham** 12pts  
**Werribee Tigers** 24pts  
**Tasmania** 5pts

LAST ROUND: 2



## Chris Mitchell

Herald Sun

**Frankston** 12pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 18pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 33pts  
**Port Melbourne** 21pts  
**Sandringham** 27pts  
**Williamstown** 16pts  
**Tasmania** 3pts

LAST ROUND: 2



## Peter Schwab

AFL Victoria CEO

**Frankston** 12pts  
**Coburg Tigers** 30pts  
**Casey Scorpions** 13pts  
**Port Melbourne** 10pts  
**North Ballarat** 14pts  
**Williamstown** 15pts  
**Tasmania** 8pts

LAST ROUND: 5

## LEADERBOARD

Ross Booth	92	Adrian Dunn	84
Lady Luck	92	Scott Cummings	78
Phil Cleary	90	Chris Mitchell	78
Paul Amy	89	Michael Sharkie	78
Peter Schwab	88	Tony Leonard	73
John Hook	86		

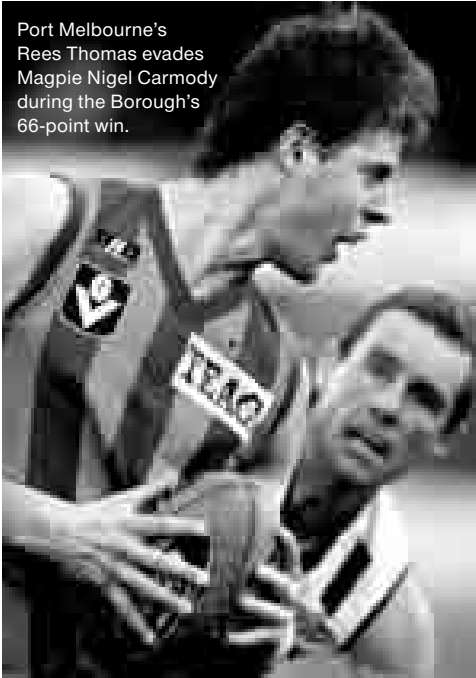


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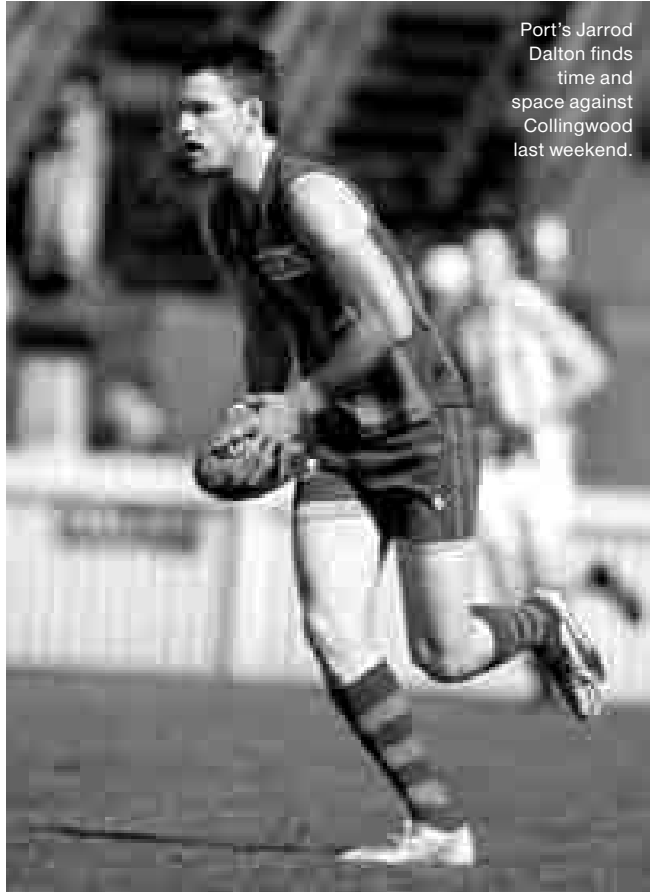


# VFL Round 19 action

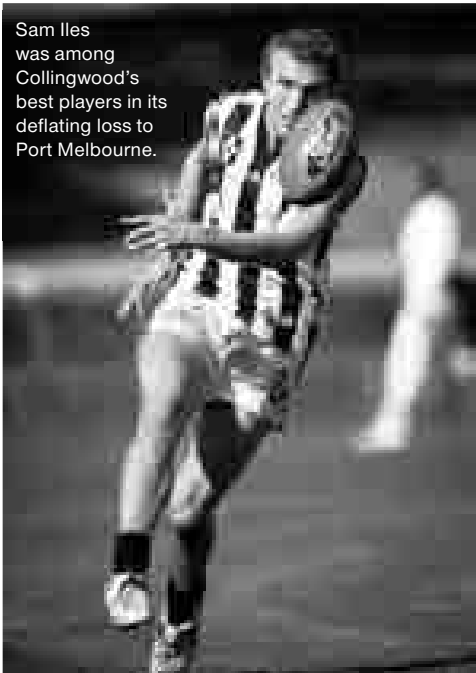
Port Melbourne's Rees Thomas evades Magpie Nigel Carmody during the Borough's 66-point win.



Port's Jarrod Dalton finds time and space against Collingwood last weekend.



Sam Iles was among Collingwood's best players in its deflating loss to Port Melbourne.



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# 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 23.15 (153)** vs. Box Hill Hawks 13.12 (90)  
**Port Melbourne 16.10 (106)** vs. Casey Scorpions 10.16 (76)  
**Werribee Tigers 18.18 (126)** vs. Collingwood 10.11 (71)

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

**North Ballarat 17.15 (117)** vs. Geelong 12.14 (86)  
**Coburg Tigers 22.13 (145)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 13.16 (94)  
**Frankston 23.23 (161)** vs. Tasmania 15.5 (95)  
**Sandringham 15.15 (105)** vs. Northern Bullants 8.12 (60)

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SANFL 25.11 (161) vs. VFL 14.12 (96)

## Round 9

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

**North Ballarat 20.9 (129)** vs. Frankston 14.9 (93)  
 Northern Bullants 10.9 (69) vs. **Williamstown 17.13 (115)**  
 Tasmania 17.10 (112) vs. **Port Melbourne 18.7 (115)**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

**Casey Scorpions 18.9 (117)** vs. Geelong 11.12 (78)  
**Sandringham 11.13 (79)** vs. Collingwood 6.13 (49)  
 Werribee Tigers 10.6 (66) vs. **Coburg Tigers 14.19 (103)**

### MONDAY, JUNE 9

Box Hill Hawks 12.12 (84) vs. **Bendigo Bombers 18.11 (119)**

## Round 10

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14

**Casey Scorpions 14.7 (91)** vs. Sandringham 8.11 (59)  
 Collingwood 6.6 (42) vs. **Northern Bullants 18.9 (117)**  
**Tasmania 15.11 (101)** vs. Coburg Tigers 13.17 (95)  
**Port Melbourne 16.12 (108)** vs. North Ballarat 13.9 (87)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

**Williamstown 18.13 (121)** vs. Frankston 16.11 (107)  
**Box Hill Hawks 13.12 (90)** vs. Werribee Tigers 11.16 (82)  
**Bendigo Bombers 16.21 (117)** vs. Geelong 10.9 (69)

## Round 11

### SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Tasmania 7.14 (56) vs. **Werribee Tigers 17.19 (121)**  
 Collingwood 10.8 (68) vs. **Williamstown 14.18 (102)**  
 Bendigo Bombers 14.15 (99) vs. **North Ballarat 18.4 (112)**

### SUNDAY, JUNE 22

**Sandringham 11.9 (75)** vs. **Port Melbourne 21.16 (142)**  
 Frankston 9.8 (62) vs. **Box Hill Hawks 10.9 (69)**  
 Coburg Tigers 14.14 (98) vs. **Casey Scorpions 23.13 (151)**  
 Geelong 15.10 (100) vs. **Northern Bullants 17.9 (111)**

## Round 12

### SATURDAY, JUNE 28

**Geelong 14.12 (96)** vs. Tasmania 9.14 (68)  
 Box Hill Hawks 13.8 (86) vs. **Collingwood 17.10 (112)**  
**North Ballarat 17.13 (115)** vs. Williamstown 9.14 (68)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29

**Frankston 13.14 (92)** vs. Coburg Tigers 11.5 (71)  
**Casey Scorpions 11.14 (80)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 7.9 (51)  
 Northern Bullants 7.10 (52) vs. **Port Melbourne 15.13 (103)**  
**Werribee Tigers 13.15 (93)** vs. Sandringham 13.9 (87)

## Round 13

### SATURDAY, JULY 5

**Port Melbourne 23.12 (150)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 8.17 (65)

### SUNDAY, JULY 6

**North Ballarat 12.14 (86)** vs. Sandringham 10.10 (70)  
 Collingwood 15.8 (98) vs. **Frankston 16.9 (105)**  
**Williamstown 15.21 (111)** vs. Casey Scorpions 14.11 (95)  
 Box Hill Hawks 9.16 (70) vs. **Coburg Tigers 18.14 (122)**  
 Tasmania 12.14 (86) vs. **Northern Bullants 13.13 (91)**  
**Werribee Tigers 16.18 (114)** vs. Geelong 13.15 (93)

## Round 14

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

**Geelong 20.11 (131)** vs. Box Hill Hawks 11.15 (81)  
**Werribee Tigers 16.12 (108)** vs. Frankston 15.13 (103)  
**Casey Scorpions 20.17 (137)** vs. Tasmania 15.7 (97)  
 Sandringham 15.15 (105) vs. **Williamstown 18.11 (119)**  
 Coburg Tigers 8.10 (58) vs. **Port Melbourne 19.19 (133)**

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

**Bendigo Bombers 14.14 (98)** vs. Northern Bullants 9.12 (66)  
 Collingwood 6.10 (46) vs. **North Ballarat 19.11 (125)**

## Round 15

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

Geelong 7.10 (52) vs. **North Ballarat 29.10 (184)**  
 Northern Bullants 7.14 (56) vs. **Box Hill Hawks 13.14 (92)**

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

**Werribee Tigers 20.11 (131)** vs. Casey Scorpions 13.12 (90)  
 Williamstown 13.14 (92) vs. **Coburg Tigers 16.14 (110)**  
**Sandringham 24.19 (163)** vs. Tasmania 11.10 (76)

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

**Frankston 13.14 (92)** vs. Port Melbourne 9.12 (66)

### SUNDAY, JULY 27

**Collingwood 20.16 (136)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 6.10 (46)

## Round 16

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Geelong 11.11 (77) vs. **Collingwood 11.12 (78)**  
**Box Hill Hawks 14.10 (94)** vs. Casey Scorpions 8.13 (61)  
**Port Melbourne 26.12 (168)** vs. Werribee Tigers 16.12 (108)  
 Tasmania 7.7 (49) vs. **Williamstown 31.14 (200)**

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**North Ballarat 13.18 (96)** vs. Coburg Tigers 8.9 (57)  
**Frankston 18.12 (120)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 9.9 (63)  
**Northern Bullants 13.13 (91)** vs. Sandringham 13.9 (87)

## Round 17

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Tasmania 11.7 (73) vs. **Frankston 17.17 (119)**  
 Collingwood 11.11 (77) vs. **Werribee Tigers 12.10 (82)**  
**Port Melbourne 16.17 (113)** vs. Williamstown 14.19 (103)  
 Bendigo Bombers 2.8 (20) vs. **Box Hill Hawks 21.13 (139)**  
**Coburg Tigers 11.20 (86)** vs. Northern Bullants 11.9 (75)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Casey Scorpions 7.12 (54) vs. **North Ballarat 10.8 (68)**  
 Sandringham 9.13 (67) vs. **Geelong 11.12 (78)**

## Round 18

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

North Ballarat 5.12 (42) vs. **Northern Bullants 7.8 (50)**  
**Coburg Tigers 14.10 (94)** vs. Sandringham 13.10 (88)  
**Collingwood 14.14 (98)** vs. Tasmania 14.12 (96)  
**Werribee Tigers 18.9 (117)** vs. Box Hill Hawks 7.15 (57)  
**Williamstown 23.27 (167)** vs. Bendigo Bombers 1.4 (10)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Geelong 7.12 (54) vs. **Port Melbourne 22.13 (145)**  
 Frankston 10.10 (70) vs. **Casey Scorpions 16.10 (106)**

## Round 19

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

**Port Melbourne 13.21 (99)** vs. Collingwood 4.9 (33)  
 Casey Scorpions 13.10 (88) vs. **Coburg Tigers 14.5 (89)**  
 Box Hill Hawks 14.11 (95) vs. **Williamstown 19.16 (130)**  
**Northern Bullants 16.16 (112)** vs. Geelong 13.14 (92)  
 Tasmania 18.5 (113) vs. **North Ballarat 20.11 (131)**  
 Bendigo Bombers 11.8 (74) vs. **Werribee Tigers 20.20 (140)**

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Frankston 9.18 (72) vs. **Sandringham 20.10 (130)**

## Round 20

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Geelong vs. Frankston *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am  
 Port Melbourne vs. Northern Bullants *TEAC Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm  
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Coburg Tigers *Windy Hill* 2pm  
 Collingwood vs. Casey Scorpions *Princes Park* 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

# Cain is able

## Port young gun is a Borough believer

### **Chris Cain had a sense of déjà vu when season 2008 began.**

For the third time in as many seasons at Port Melbourne, Cain started in the reserves.

Cain, a former Oakleigh Chargers player, had finished last season by playing in both the Borough's finals. And when he played in all this year's senior practice matches, Cain was confident of kick starting 2008 in the seniors.

"Round one was my main aim, but unfortunately after playing all the practice matches, I got dropped," Cain said.

"It was a bit disappointing. It was one of the best pre-seasons I've had. I thought I was ready to go.

"I didn't know what was going to happen after being dropped first round, but I kept working hard."

Cain, who previously missed 10 months of TAC Cup football because of tennis and athletics-related stress fractures to his back, need not have worried.

He was back in Port's senior team for round two and has played every game since.

And, with his body in good shape for the first time in years, Cain has produced a breakthrough season, providing Port with midfield run and regular goals – he's kicked at least one goal in 12 games.

Cain puts his improvement down to his improved work rate when he hasn't had the football.

"It's been the defensive pressure, the tackles, the chase downs, that have helped me," Cain says.

"The difference between my best and worst games is nowhere near as significant as it has been in previous years too.

"I may have been down a day, but it hasn't been terrible."

Cain says that improved consistency has been mirrored in his teammates' performances.

If you were to measure the Borough's season on a graph there would not be any wild rises or troughs – just a steady, consistent line of season-long improvement.

"I think (coach) Gary (Ayres) has imposed that on us as well," he said.

"He hasn't put any restrictions on any players. It's not that he has let us do our own thing, but he has given us the confidence to try what we want."

That confidence has permeated through the playing group, which believes anything is possible in 2008.

Naysayers will say it's impossible for a VFL stand-alone club to win a premiership. But Cain and his Borough teammates are not listening.

Chris Cain says improved consistency has been the key to both his and Port Melbourne's strong 2008 seasons.

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12	Daniel CORP		
13	Dylan WILLIS		
24	Alexander LEE		
25	Brett DORE		
27	James DeGENHARDT		
30	Nick BENBOW		
35	Kelvin BARNES		
36	James McCALL		
37	Trent SHINNERS		
39	Dylan LUXA		
40	Tyson LLOYD		
41	Shayne GILLINGS		
45	Michael LOUREY		
46	Matthew DAVIS		
47	Ricky HARLEY		
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