



## 2013 NAB AFL Under-18 All-Australian Team

### DEFENDERS

#### **Zac Jones (Vic Country – Dandenong Stingrays/Mt Eliza)**

Height: 181cm      Weight: 74kg      Age: 18 years

Hard-edged medium defender who is both close checking and provides good run from defence. Competes well in the air for his size. Won the Vic Country MVP and averaged 16.6 disposals at 76 per cent efficiency and five marks. Brother of Melbourne FC star Nathan Jones.

#### **Darcy Gardiner (Vic Country – Geelong Falcons/Queenscliff)**

Height: 192cm      Weight: 84kg      Age: 17

Close checking tall defender who excels one-on-one with his strong marking and effective spoiling. Only player to close down South Australian tall forward Darcy Hourigan and can also be used to effect up forward. Is eligible for the Draft as he turns 18 in September.

#### **Liam Dawson (Queensland – Aspley)**

Height: 188cm      Weight: 78kg      Age: 17 years

Dashing medium defender who is strong overhead and a penetrating kick. Capped off a great championships for a bottom ages player winning the Queensland MVP and being one of three players to share the Harrison Medal in Division Two. His 24 disposals in round five was outstanding against the Northern Territory.

#### **Clem Smith (Western Australia – Perth/Wesley College)**

Height: 177cm      Weight: 67kg      Age: 17 years

Explosive small defender whose outstanding recovery, agility and second efforts were very impressive in averaging 19 disposals, five marks and three tackles in his four matches. He won Western Australia's MVP as a bottom-aged player which indicates his elite potential.

#### **Matt Scharenberg (South Australia – Glenelg/PHOS Camden)**

Height: 190cm      Weight: 89kg      Age: 17 years

Composed tall defender who reads the game superbly and is strong overhead. He averaged six marks and 21.6 disposals to jointly share South Australia's MVP award. Excellent decision maker and user of the ball by hand or foot. An Under-18 All-Australian in 2012, he is eligible for the Draft as he turned 18 in September. Runner up in Larke Medal for best and Fairest in Division One.

**Kade Kolodjashnij (Tasmania - Launceston)**

Height: 188cm      Weight: 76kg      Age: 17 years

Polished medium defender who reads the game extremely well across half-back and used his natural leap to take intercept marks with courage and great judgement. Averaged 27.4 disposals in an outstanding championships which saw him share the Harrison Medal in Division Two. Draft eligible as he turns 18 in August with his twin brother Jake, who is also a Draft contender.

**MIDFIELDERS****Billy Hartung (Vic Country – Dandenong Stingrays/Mornington)**

Height: 176cm      Weight: 71kg      Age: 18 years

Small midfielder with elite endurance and penetrating right foot. His ran and carry and ability to rake the game on was impressive in averaging 16.2 disposals across the championships. Composed player with good decision making ability. Uses pace to lay tackles averaging three per game.

**Dominic Sheed (Western Australia Subiaco/Mines Rovers)**

Height: 183cm      Weight: 82kg      Age: 18 years

Medium midfielder with prolific ball winning ability, rarely fumbles and excels at stoppages. Averaged 27.8 disposals across the championships including 34 possessions and four goals in a best on ground performance against Vic Country. Won the Larke Medal for the Best and Fairest in Division One .

**James Aish (South Australia – Norwood/Payneham Norwood Union)**

Height: 183cm      Weight: 74kg      Age: 17 years

A smooth moving medium midfielder with rare game sense and use of the ball – particularly by hand. Composed under pressure has won the AFL Under-16 Best and Fairest award and already a senior premiership player with Norwood. Averaged 15.8 disposals at 87.3 per cent efficiently after a delayed start to the year due to shoulder surgery. Draft eligible as he turns 18 in November.

**Toby Nankervis (Tasmania – North Launceston)**

Height: 199cm      Weight: 100kg      Age: 18 years

Vastly improved ruckman who imposed himself on the championships with dominant performances in the ruck and up forward. Averaged 21.4 disposals, 8.4 marks and 18 hitouts. He kicked seven goals when he played forward in the championships. Mobile and strong overhead he was part of the triple winning Harrison Medallists in Division Two.

**Luke Dunstan (South Australia – WWT/South Clare)**

Height: 185cm      Weight: 83kg      Age: 18 years

Medium midfielder who is super at clearances which his elite clean hands and vision. Runs all day and used his preferred left foot to great effect. Averaged 22.4 disposals, four clearances and four tackles across the championships to lead South Australia to its first Under-18 title. Joint winner of the South Australian MVP award.

**Josh Kelly (Vic Metro – Sandringham Dragons/Brighton Grammar)**

Height: 182cm      Weight: 73kg      Age: 18 years

Left footed medium midfielder with elite kicking ability and endurance. Makes great decisions with the football and is versatile. He averaged 27 disposals and 4.2 tackles across the championships. Joint winner of the prestigious Ben Mitchell Medal awarded for excellence in the AIS-AFL Academy. Son of former North Melbourne midfielder Phil Kelly, who crossed to the Kangaroos after winning two Sandover Medals in Western Australia.

**FORWARDS****Ben Lennon (Vic Metro – Northern Knights/Ivanhoe Grammar)**

Height: 187cm      Weight: 79kg      Age: 18 years

Medium midfielder who is an outstanding overhead mark, elite kick and has great goal sense. In four matches he averaged 12.5 disposals and kicked seven goals, many at important moments in the game. Wins contested ball as a lead up forward and has excellent game sense

**Cameron McCarthy (Western Australia – South Fremantle)**

Height: 195cm      Weight: 89kg      Age: 18 years

Tall forward with impressive athletic ability showing pace on the lead and good aerial talent. Averaged five marks per game but none better than the game winning mark he took on the siren then goaling from 50 metres against Vic Country in round four. Averaged 2.4 goals and was always dangerous up forward.

**Jack Billings (Vic Metro – Oakleigh Chargers/Scotch College)**

Height: 183cm      Weight: 78kg      Age: 17 years

Medium forward with rare kicking ability on his preferred left side and is dangerous around goals and strong overhead. Reads the ball exceptionally well off hands, making him a threat near goal. Overcame injury to be a very good player in rounds four and five averaging 17.5 disposals and kicked three goals against Vic Country. Now a dual All-Australian, he is eligible for the Draft as he turns 18 in August.

**Lewis Taylor (Vic Country – Geelong Falcons/Terang-Mortlake)**

Height: 173cm      Weight: 73kg      Age: 18 years

Small forward/midfielder with explosive speed and an elite step through traffic. He captained Vic Country and averaged 24.7 disposals at 78.4 efficiency and five clearances. Breaks the lines and uses the ball extremely well on his left and right foot.

**Thomas Boyd (Vic Metro – eastern Ranges/Norwood)**

Height: 199cm      Weight: 102kg      Age: 17 years

Imposing tall forward who dominated early rounds of the competition with his strong marking and accurate long kicking (he kicked nine goals in two games) before injuring his ankle. Difficult to match up on with his speed and size. He turns 18 in August and is therefore eligible for the Draft.

**Darcy Hourigan (South Australia – South Adelaide/Strathalbyn)**

Height: 190cm      Weight: 92kg      Age: 17 years

Strong bodied tall forward with vice-like hands overhead and a long accurate kick on his preferred left side. Mobile and team oriented player who kicked 16 goals across the championships. He averaged six marks and always provided South Australia with an imposing target. Is eligible for the Draft as he turns 18 in September.

**INTERCHANGE****Mitch Honeychurch (Vic Metro – Eastern Ranges/Vermont)**

Height: 175cm      Weight: 65kg      Age: 18 years

Aggressive and super competitive small midfielder who was consistent across the championships averaging 24.8 disposals (11.5 contested possessions) and 5.2 tackles in providing inspiration for his team. Won Vic Metro's MVP to top off a great championships.

**Lloyd Perris (NSW/ACT – St George)**

Height: 179cm      Weight: 74kg      Age: 18 years

Small midfielder with a huge motor and excellent distributor of the ball showing poise by hand and foot. A courageous player who averaged 23.4 disposals at 74.4 per cent efficiency. He won the NSW/ACT's MVP and also shared the Ben Mitchell Medal for his outstanding leadership and skill displayed with the 2013 AIS-AFL Academy.

**James Battersby (South Australia – Sturt/Payne Norwood Union)**

Height: 177cm      Weight: 78kg      Age: 17 years

Very composed small defender/midfielder who used the ball exceptionally well by hand or foot. Played back, in the midfield and forward throughout the championships and averaged 19.2 disposals at an outstanding 86.5 per cent efficiency to be an important member of the championship winning team. Turns 18 in November so is eligible for the Draft.

**Patrick Cripps (Western Australia – East Fremantle/Guilford College)**

Height: 188cm      Weight: 88kg      Age: 18 years

Medium midfielder who excels in the contested and stoppage situations. He averaged 19 disposals, six clearances and three tackles. He showed poise, consistency, vision and clean hands in his use of the ball across the championships.

**Coach:** Brenton Phillips (South Australia)

**Assistant Coach:** Adam Sanders (Tasmania)

**Selectors:**

Kevin Sheehan (chairman) – AFL National & International Talent Manager

Michael Ablett – AFL Academies Development Manager

Michael O'Loughlin - AFL-AIS Academy High Performance Coach

Hamish Ogilvie – Adelaide Recruiting Manager

Stephen Conole – Brisbane Lions Recruiting Manager

Mark Finnigan – North Melbourne Recruiting Manager

Tony Elshaug – St Kilda Recruiting Manager