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Sunday September 21: Calder Cannons v Oakleigh Chargers

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Welcome to Grand Final Day

Grand Final Day, is there a better day on the football calendar?

Welcome to a fabulous footy feast, showcasing the very best of Victorian football with the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup Grand Finals.

It's the pinnacle of the respective seasons and a climax to what has been an extraordinary finals series in both competitions.

Footscray Bulldogs made it to their first Grand Final in their first season as a standalone entity in the Peter Jackson VFL, and waiting for them is reigning premiers Box Hill Hawks.

And, in the TAC Cup Grand Final, Calder Cannons is in its ninth Grand Final in 14 seasons while Oakleigh Chargers is in its third Grand Final in four years.

Best wishes to all those involved with the Calder Cannons, Oakleigh Chargers, Box Hill Hawks and Footscray Bulldogs.

Given this is the final editorial for year, on behalf of everyone involved at AFL Victoria, I would like to thank and acknowledge all our key partners and particularly:

- Nick and Paul Jackson from Peter Jackson, the naming right partner of the VFL competition for the past four seasons who are continuing in 2015.
- The TAC organisation, CEO Janet Dore and her team for their 23 year support of the TAC Cup competition.
- Dairy Australia, a premier partner who support the VFL final series.
- Our other premier partner, Toyota.
- Also our broadcast partner, the ABC, a massive thank you for showcasing the VFL competition to footy fans around the state.

This weekend and next also sees Grand Finals played in just about every Victorian football league. From AFL Victoria, thank you to a veritable army of volunteers throughout the state at Peter Jackson VFL, TAC Cup, metropolitan and country community leagues who help support and carry the game to such great heights. It's greatly appreciated.



As we reach the end of the season, we are reviewing our overall State participation figures that show positive growth again in Victoria from 2013 to 2014.

Preliminary figures indicate an expected increase of more than 3,000 players in community club football from 2013.

Female club football continues to increase in popularity, with a growth of 26% from 2013. In addition, female participation in Auskick has grown nearly 15% in the past 12 months.

These increases are a positive reflection of the dedication and commitment of thousands of club and league staff and volunteers right across Victoria.

The strength of the Victorian football pathway is further illustrated by the fact that 17 of the 23 nominations for this year's AFL NAB Rising Star originated from Victoria, including the top three place getters - Lewis Taylor (Geelong Falcons), Marcus Bontempelli (Northern Knights) and Luke McDonald (Oakleigh Chargers and VFL club Werribee).

In addition, seven of the eight 2013 VFL players who were listed on AFL clubs after the 2013 season played capitalised on their opportunity to play at least one AFL game in 2014.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the tireless and dedicated efforts of the Presidents and General Managers of all sixteen VFL clubs and AFL teams for their support of the VFL competition and AFL Victoria generally. Also, thank you to the twelve TAC Cup Talent Managers and head coaches who do such a good job identifying and developing young talent in their region.

I hope you enjoy a great day of TAC Cup and Peter Jackson VFL football.

Grant Williams
AFL Victoria General Manager



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What's happening today

Welcome to the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup Grand Finals. Let's take a look at what's happening both on and off the field at Etihad Stadium today:

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| 8.30am: | Locker Room Café open for TAC Cup family and friends (via Gate 2) | 1.00pm: | TAC Cup Grand Final presentations |
| 9.50am: | TAC Cup Clubs on ground warm up | 1.25pm: | Lap of honour by victorious TAC Cup team |
| 10.00am: | Gates Open (Gates 1,2,3 & 7) | 1.40pm: | VFL teams on ground warm up |
| 10.20am: | TAC Cup umpires enter the arena | 2.00pm: | VFL umpires enter the arena |
| 10.25am: | TAC Cup teams enter the arena | 2.05pm: | VFL teams enter the arena |
| 10.27am: | National Anthem | 2.11pm: | National Anthem (Darren Coggan) |
| 10.29am: | Captains coin toss | 2.14pm: | Captains coin toss |
| 10.30am: | TAC Cup Grand Final commences | 2.15pm: | Peter Jackson VFL Grand Final |
| | | 4.55pm: | VFL Grand Final presentation |



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AFL Victoria on show

Today marks the official end for everyone involved in the TAC Cup and Peter Jackson VFL, but also represents a special occasion for a number of AFL Victoria's program areas.

Three very special events will be held at Etihad Stadium today to highlight three important program areas that drive participation in our great game.

Indigenous stars take next step

AFL Victoria's Indigenous Programs enjoyed a huge 2014 with the Laguntas squad, and Kickstart male and female initiatives providing a pathway and an invaluable development opportunity for young indigenous footballers.

Members of the Kickstart boys and Youth Girls programs will be presented with their jumpers, while performances in the Laguntas program will also be recognised.

Indigenous Program Manager Aaron Clark said the event would also be a chance to offer insight in to the overall purpose of these initiatives.

"Our purpose is to provide attendees with a holistic view and insight into the Indigenous programs that operate in Victoria and create a platform to have their voices and opinions heard within the industry," he said.

AFL Victoria Indigenous State Gathering

11.30am – 2.00pm

Endeavour Room

Features: Gilbert McAdam and Music from Amy Dowd

Multicultural Ambassadors recognised

The AFL Multicultural Community Ambassador Program aims to further engage multicultural communities through a network of community ambassadors.

Today at Etihad Stadium, six community ambassadors will be recognised for their outstanding contribution throughout the year with a regional community ambassador award.

One community ambassador will then be named Victorian ambassador of the year.

The function will also celebrate the notable achievements in the Multicultural Program this year.

2014 saw the launch of three new multicultural squads based out of the Dandenong Stingrays, Geelong Falcons and Northern Knights to compliment the Majak Daw Squad – based at the Western Jets.

These squads help engage kids from a multicultural background who are new to our game and fastrack their development to allow them to transition into the mainstream talent pathway.

This year will also be remembered for the Victorian All Nations U15 Squad's victory at the AFL Multicultural and Indigenous National Championships in Coffs Harbour and the debut of a combined multicultural and indigenous team at the V/Line Cup.

AFL Victoria Multicultural Programs End of Year Celebration

10.30am – 12.00pm

Crest Room

Features: David Rodan, Patrick Karnezis, Makaj Daw and dance performances from Pride of the Cook Islands.

AFL Victoria Schools Excellence Awards

The third event today will celebrate the important work of Coles AFL School Ambassadors, along with the many in school programs that play an important role in engaging with young footballers and encouraging their participation in our great game.

The winners of the respective school competitions; Herald Sun Country Cups, Herald Sun Country Shield, Herald Sun Shield (Senior Girls) and Herald Sun SHIELD (Senior Boys) will also be recognised, along with SEDA students who have showed outstanding commitment to AFL Victoria School initiatives.

Richmond captain Trent Cotchin will be on hand to present the awards and talk about the importance of school programs in inspiring the next generation of football stars.

AFL Victoria Schools Excellence Awards

12.00pm – 2.00pm

Accolade Room

Features: Trent Cotchin



Head to Head with AFL Victoria General Manager Grant Williams

The Record sits down with AFL Victoria General Manager, Grant Williams to capture his thoughts on the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup competitions as he prepares to take on a new challenge with the AFL.

Record: How do you reflect on season 2014?

Grant Williams: It has been a year where Victorian football, particularly the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup, again took positive steps forward in many areas. From a football perspective the consensus is the standard showcased each week in both competitions improved from its high level of past seasons.

Clubs continue to improve the football programs they offer and engagement activities they pursue with their local communities.

It has been particularly pleasing to see the crowds increase, especially at traditional venues in Punt Road and Whitten Oval in the Peter Jackson VFL.

Once again, it is great to see so many TAC Cup and VFL graduates progress to the AFL and not just achieve their dreams of playing at the elite level, but leave a significant imprint.

Undoubtedly, one of the real highlights of the season has been the continued growth of women and girls playing football at all levels and the ongoing development of the Victorian Women's Football League.

As we reach the end of the season, we are reviewing our overall State participation figures that show positive growth again in Victoria from 2013 to 2014. Preliminary figures indicate an expected increase of more than 3,000 players in community club football from 2013. Female club football continues to increase in popularity, with a growth of 26% from 2013. In addition, female participation in Auskick has grown nearly 15% in the past 12 months.

These increases are a really positive reflection on the hard work, dedication and commitment of thousands of community league and club staff and volunteers right across Victoria.

Record: What were some of the highlights of the Peter Jackson VFL & TAC Cup?

VFL

GW: The inclusion of standalone VFL clubs Coburg



and Williamstown and the AFL club standalone teams Footscray and Richmond have added to what was an extremely competitive season with the final eight and the positions within it not being until the final home and away round.

Certainly the return to traditional venues - Punt Road and the Whitten Oval - resonated well with fans that supported their teams in large numbers.

Williamstown, celebrating its fantastic 150th year anniversary, won the Foxtel Cup, inducted more than 50 people into its Hall Of Fame, reaching the Preliminary Final and winning the Development League premiership.

Also of note was Port Melbourne celebrating 140 years as a club, and Werribee 50 years.

Legendary coach Gerard FitzGerald added to his status when he broke Bill Faul's record for the most games coached - his mark of 313 games had stood for 60 years.

Hawthorn's Alex Woodward win in the J.J. Liston Trophy, Box Hill Hawks teammate Sam Grimley and Port Melbourne's Daniel Connors for tying in the Jim 'Frosty' Miller Medal. Port Melbourne captain John Baird and teammate Sam Fleming played their 200th game while other teammates Marcus Marigliani and Toby Pinwill played their 150th. Coburg captain Nick Carnell played his 150th and Williamstown captain Ben Jolley his 175th. Congratulations to them all.

We extend our best to the nine VFL players who have been invited to the State combine testing next month and the players who will represent the VFL against the touring Irish team in mid-November.

TAC Cup

GW: Another positive year for the TAC Cup competition with a strong, talented group of emerging players involved with all the clubs. Many of those players were involved in the Vic Metro and Vic Country Academies and represented their State in the NAB AFL U18 Championships - an experience which I am sure they'll derive much benefit.

Overall, AFL Victoria is indebted to a veritable army of volunteers throughout the State at Peter Jackson VFL, TAC Cup, community metro and country leagues who help support and carry the game to such great heights.

Record: Explain some of the key trigger points that reaffirm the view that Victorian football is in good shape?

GW: In addition to the overall participation growth figures provided above, many positives can be taken from both the TAC Cup and Peter Jackson VFL this year. Firstly, it was pleasing to note so many of last year's TAC players that graduated to AFL lists and then progress to make their AFL debuts. Another resounding positive was highlighted by the fact that 17 of the 23 nominations for the AFL's NAB Rising Star originated from Victoria, including the three first place getters - Lewis Taylor (Geelong Falcons), Marcus Bontempelli (Northern Knights) and Luke McDonald (Oakleigh Chargers & Werribee).

It was also positive that seven of the eight 2013 VFL players who were listed on AFL clubs after the 2013 season played at least one AFL game in 2014.

Record: Should we read anything into the fact that Victoria did not win either the NAB AFL U18 Championships or VFL State representative match?

GW: While both Vic Country and Vic Metro performed well they weren't able to match eventual winner South Australia for consistency throughout the Championships. It was very positive, however, that 12 Victorian players were named in the U18 All Australian team. Across the two Victorian teams we played more players than ever before under the new expanded match format with those players exposed to the national level and standard which can only be advantageous to their development. The upcoming drafts in November will also provide an indication of Victoria's performance in 2014.

The VFL State representative match against South Australia was in the balance until late in the final quarter. The very high standard of the game certainly underscored the available talent in the competition.

Record: With Bendigo bowing out of the Peter Jackson VFL are you comfortable there is the right number of clubs going forward?

GW: Firstly, I would like to acknowledge Bendigo chairman Tim Dickson and coach Aussie Jones who have worked tirelessly along with others for the past two years to better establish a viable and sustainable club. Ultimately, it was not able to be achieved, but it wasn't through a lack of effort or energy on behalf of Tim or Aussie.

I am not sure that there is a "right" number of clubs. It is up to each club to maintain a viable and sustainable club model that provides an attractive, welcoming environment for players and that will continue to engage and embrace its local community.

Record: Do traditional VFL clubs have anything to fear that the competition is morphing into an AFL reserves competition?

GW: The Peter Jackson VFL continues to evolve. There is a possibility that more AFL clubs will field a standalone team in the VFL, St Kilda are on record as saying that they would like to do so in the next few years.

During review discussions over the past few years with all AFL and VFL clubs, it was agreed that competition needed to accommodate the preferred team structure a participating club might choose.



The strong feedback from VFL clubs was that they wanted to play in a competition that had AFL listed players participating which ultimately means a competition with a combination of AFL teams and VFL clubs. The overall view was that Clubs should have the right to say how they want to structure themselves within the Peter Jackson VFL competition and providing they are able to continually show they have a viable and sustainable model, then the choice is theirs.

There is a good mix of aligned VFL/AFL clubs, standalone VFL clubs and standalone AFL teams which was reflected in the four clubs that participated in last week's Preliminary Finals.

The crowded football landscape in Victoria and the presence of the AFL clubs and their players makes the VFL a truly unique competition that offers all players a level of competition only surpassed by the AFL. It also presents challenges and requires compromise and understanding from all parties on many occasions.

Record: Why is it so important for the Peter Jackson VFL to have a Development League under pinning it?

GW: While there is aligned VFL/AFL clubs there needs to be an underpinning competition to support those clubs. Additionally, a Development League team for standalone

VFL clubs provides opportunity for them to develop players for their senior team and maintain an overall club environment.

The Development League also provides a stepping stone for young players who have exited the TAC Cup competition. And, as we have seen in the past, players like Sam Dwyer have been able to use the competition to learn their craft and become better players.

Record: Explain the benefit of interstate representative teams playing in the TAC Cup?

GW: It provides the TAC Cup competition with a footprint in other States and Territories along with additional personal development and a snapshot of what may lie ahead as an AFL player in terms of preparation for travelling interstate.

The TAC Cup plays an important part in developing players for the AFL and this is just another way it can through the involvement of NSW/ACT, Queensland, Tasmania and Northern Territory.

Record: What are some of the challenges that lie ahead for the Peter Jackson VFL & TAC Cup?

GW: For the Peter Jackson VFL the challenge is to continually remain relevant and important part of the talented player pathway in Victoria as the competition

evolves. Over the past few years, the Peter Jackson VFL has provided 33 players through the various AFL drafts with 26 of these players progressing to make their AFL debut.

The VFL clubs and the TAC Cup competition teams need to maintain a high performance environment and program within their club that provides a holistic approach to the development of the player and the person. We can't forget that the Victorian football network contributes 50% of the new talent drafted into the AFL competition each year.

Record: With your move to the AFL into a national role supporting all State bodies and the development of the game internationally, how do you reflect on your four seasons as AFL Victoria General Manager?

GW: I have absolutely loved just about every minute of my involvement in Victorian footy over the past four seasons. It's been a terrific honour and experience to have been the General Manager of AFL Victoria.

The management team and staff at AFL Victoria along with the volunteer base that support our programs, competitions and Academies have been a fantastic and I thank them for supporting me during my time. They work hard and extremely dedicated and passionate about the game. I would also like to thank the great people that are involved in the extended network of AFL Victoria partners, VFL and TAC Cup clubs, metro community leagues, country region commissions and the many other dedicated stakeholders within Victorian football that have positively contributed to my time in the role and made me so welcome.

It is with mixed feelings that I

move on as there are many challenges ahead for AFL Victoria and the best thing about being involved in football is the people you meet and work with by being involved. The priority and passion people have for the game make working in it all the more rewarding and unique.

In closing, I'd also like to welcome and wish the best to Steven Reaper, a former TAC Cup, VFL and country football player of some note, who I have worked with at AFL Victoria for the past few years and congratulate him on his appointment as AFL Victoria General Manager.



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Williamstown AFL Victoria Development League Premiers

At three quarter time of the AFL Victoria Development League Grand Final, the time keepers would have been preparing for a possible golden point finish, looking at the scoreboard and knowing the recent history of these Grand Final games.

With the previous two Grand Finals being decided by golden point and only seven points separating Williamstown and Box Hill Hawks at three quarter time, a tied score at the end of four quarters was a realistic possibility.

Fast forward 30 minutes and Williamstown had claimed back to back Development League premierships comfortably by 35-points. Dylan Conway was the star kicking eight goals and walking away with the Fred Hill best on ground medal.

Conway opened the game kicking three of the first four goals for Williamstown, helping them to an early lead.

Two goals to Box Hill Hawks stemmed the initial run by the Seagulls via Sam Cust and Peter McEvoy, both who had been damaging the previous week.

Shaun Wyatt kicked two late goals to help Williamstown to a 21-point quarter time lead.

Box Hill kicked the first goal of second quarter, with ruck Tom Goodwin drifting forward, but Conway replied with his fourth and fifth goals to push the lead back out to 26-points.

While Tom Gordon and McEvoy both added their second goals for the Hawks, the Seagulls proved to have too many scoring options up forward. Anthony Anastasio finished the term strong with two of last four goals, while Wyatt kicked his third and Conway his sixth for a 34-point half time lead.

Box Hill challenged in the third kicking the first two goals of the term, but that man Conway answered once more with his seventh to give Williamstown some breathing space.

The Hawks increased their run out of the middle, and McEvoy benefitted up forward kicking three goals for the term, taking his tally to five in what was proving a shootout with Conway down the other end, reducing the deficit to just seven points at three quarter time.

If Conway had not already had his name on the best on ground medal, he did after he kicked his eighth of the game to give Williamstown the perfect start to the final term.



Wyatt was not going to be overshadowed; kicking his fourth. Ben Casley joined the party to put the game beyond doubt as the Seagulls had marched out to a 29-point lead at 22-minute mark.

It was fitting end to the match, with Conway passing to Wyatt who kicked his fifth to see the Seagulls home by 34-points.

Conway and Wyatt were the standouts for Williamstown, joined by ruck Jake Reiser and Michael Gibbons in the best players.

Tom Miles was the standout for Box Hill, along with Mitch O'Donnell, McEvoy and Goodwin.

Williamstown	6.5	12.6	13.11	18.18 (126)
Box Hill Hawks	3.1	6.8	12.10	13.13 (91)

GOALS:

Williamstown: Conway 8, Wyatt 5, Nastasi, Casley, Walker, McConnon, Adams

Box Hill Hawks: McEvoy 5, Gordon 4, Goodwin, Cust, Cassidy, Soccio,

BEST:

Williamstown: Conway, Wyatt, Greiser, Gibbons, Bench, Owen,

Box Hill Hawks: Miles, O'Donnell, McEvoy, Goodwin, Cassidy, Gordon

Footscray win Prelim dog fight



Footscray was the first team through to today's Peter Jackson VFL Legendairy Grand Final after a 32-point win over Port Melbourne in the Preliminary Final.

The Bulldogs hit the front just before three quarter time and did not look back, kicking 10 goals to five in the final term to reach their first VFL/VFA Grand Final since they left the competition at the end of 1924.

The game started at a frenetic pace with Tory Dickson on the board within the first two minutes, only to be quickly answered by Hugh Sandilands and Chris Michaliades who gave Port Melbourne the lead.

The remainder of the term went goal for goal, as both teams saw their key play makers hit the scoreboard up forward with Sandilands adding his second, Julian Rowe adding his first and Liam Jones and Jack Redpath both providing targets up forward for the Bulldogs midfield.

Despite the dominance of Tom Campbell in the ruck with Footscray leading the hitouts 10-4 in the first term, it was the Port Melbourne midfield that started to get on top in the second term as the Borough kicked the first three goals of the quarter.

Adrian Bonaddio started to make his presence felt up forward kicking his first goal, then Rowe added his second and Chris Cain his first as their lead jumped out to 22-points.

Jones kicked two goals to finish the quarter to help Footscray back within 10-points at half time.

The game was on the line in the third term, with the margin not moving beyond two goals for the entire term. Christian Howard got the Bulldogs off to the best possible start with his first, but Sam O'Sullivan was quick to reply to see Port back out to a 10-point lead.

The tails of Footscray started to have an influence, as the Bulldogs kicked three of the last four goals of the quarter to move into the lead by three points entering the final term. Redpath, Ayce Cordy and Campbell all finished with goals to end the term and set it up for a thrilling finale.

Michael Fogarty increased the Footscray lead early in the final term, and Lin Jong extended it further to 15-points with a snap up forward. Port Melbourne were not going to lie down, as Tom O'Sullivan then Michaliades both goaled to cut the deficit back to just three points.

From that point on it was all Footscray as they kicked



seven of the last 10 goals of the game to run away with the win. Jones kicked his fourth, Redpath his third, Jong and Goodes kicked their second and despite Rowe for Port Melbourne kicking two late, it was the Bulldogs by 32-points.

Lin Jong showed why he has been elevated to the senior list at the Western Bulldogs with a great game in the middle, supported by the experience of Footscray best and fairest winner Brett Goodes and Liam Jones up forward.

Sandy Robinson in the ruck, Dan Noonan at full back and Julian Rowe up forward were the best for Port Melbourne.

Footscray Bulldogs	4.1	6.4	10.8	20.10 (130)
Port Melbourne	4.4	7.8	9.11	14.14 (98)

GOALS:

Footscray Bulldogs: Jones 4, Redpath 3, Goodes 2, Jong 2, Howard, Russell, Campbell, Fogarty, Hayes, Honeychurch, Cordy, Dickson, Grant

Port Melbourne: Rowe 4, Sandilands 2, Cain 2, Bonaddio 2, Michaliades, O'Sullivan, Wooffindin, Connors

BEST:

Footscray Bulldogs: Jong, Goodes, Jones, Talia, Fogarty, Johannisen

Port Melbourne: Robinson, Noonan, Rowe, O'Sullivan, Magner, Pleming

Hawks soar into Grand Final



Box Hill Hawks' quest for back-to-back Peter Jackson VFL premierships remains on track after scraping past a gallant Williamstown in the second preliminary final last weekend.

The Hawks will meet Footscray today with a full complement of AFL-listed players to choose from thanks to Hawthorn playing in the AFL Preliminary finals on the same weekend.

In a war of attrition, the Hawks survived a courageous come-back from the Seagulls at North Port Oval who threatened to post their second miraculous victory in as many weeks.

But with the likes of Ben McEvoy, Xavier Murphy and Luke Lowden standing tall in the moments that mattered, the reigning premiers held on to triumph by 7-points..

After a week of controversy surrounding his inclusion, McEvoy stamped his authority with a commanding second half and a huge pack mark in the dying stages.

Lowden was also instrumental, kicking four goals, including one from the deep on the boundary line to give his side a decisive 11-point lead late in the match.

There were some nervous moments for coach Marco Bello though as youngster James Sicily gave away a 50m penalty which allowed the Seagulls to creep within one straight kick.

But after the semi-final heroics, there was to be no repeat of the fairy tale finish for the Seagulls who will be left to lament some wasted forward 50 entries in the final term.

With captain Ben Jolley playing the game of his life, the underdogs powered forward time and time again.

And, while there were goals to Ben Bese and Sam Critchely (three for the match) too often the Seagulls kicked long and into the arms of Box Hill defenders.

Ayden Kennedy was a tower of strength in the back half but his season could be over after taking a huge contested mark at the top of the defensive goal square, injuring his knee in the process.

The tension built as the Hawks defender was carried from the field but it was Xavier Murphy who rose above it at the restart.

The clever midfielder steadied with the pressure on his shoulders, kicking his third goal on the run and breaking the deadlock.

Murphy's work at the coalface was crucial, helping Alex Woodward and Mitch Hallahan make the most of the first use provided by McEvoy, Lowden and Sam Grimley.



Seagulls ruckman Nick Meese battled manfully against the trio and did his reputation no harm with a four quarter performance.

But while Jolley found the ball at his feet like he'd brought his own, Kane Lambert was well held by Jordan Kelly.

The young star willed himself into the game in the final quarter but ultimately it was Kelly who took the points in one of the battles of the day.

Williamstown hard-man Ed Carr did a similar job on Sam Iles, keeping the prolific ball winner from having a huge say on the outcome

The dashing Adam Marcon and Willy Wheeler had their moments for the Seagulls, while Nick Sing and Jack Charleston both produced telling goals in the third quarter to drag their side back into the match.

But with the superior depth and a bevy of tall, the Hawks were able to prevail and book the grand final date with the Bulldogs.

Box Hill Hawks	4.2	8.4	12.5	15.10 (100)
Williamstown	4.3	6.3	11.6	14.9 (93)

GOALS:

Box Hill Hawks: Lowden 4, Murphy 3, Grimley 2, Sicily 2, Woodward, Cheney, Willmore, Papadopoulos
Williamstown: Critchley 3, Ferguson 2, Charleston, Clouston, Marcon, Bese, Woods, Johnstone, Lambert, Fahey, Sing

BEST:

Box Hill Hawks: McEvoy, Woodward, Hallahan, Murphy, Kennedy, Lowden
Williamstown: Marcon, Davies, Banner, Lockwood, Bese, Carr

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Cannons and Chargers storm in to Grand Final



The Calder Cannons and Oakleigh Chargers marched into today's Grand Final with both sides posting emphatic preliminary final victories over the Dandenong Stingrays and Sandringham Dragons respectively.

The two best teams throughout the TAC Cup home-and-away season cemented their credentials last Saturday at Visy Park with dominant displays.

Cannons blow away opposition

The Stingrays proved no match for an impressive Cannons' outfit in the early match, succumbing by 53-points.

The Cannons' aerial dominance proved too much for the Stingrays with the pre-game favourites extending their lead at every break to prevail 15.12 (103) to 7.7 (49)



Josh Cauchi

While the Cannons' abundance of key tails proved critical it was livewire Josh Cauchi that benefited most, nailing four goals to prove why he is one of the most dangerous smalls in the competition.

Damien Cavka contributed three of his own, with Jayden Foster Hisham Kerbatieh and Zak Wunhym also finishing with two apiece.

Further up the field and it was Jack James, Nick O'Kearney and Matthew Goodyear that were the standouts, handling the pressure of the big final with ease.

Clever forward Jack Lonie led the Stingrays' charge with three goals, while Mitchell White and Kyle Gray did their reputations no harm with four-quarter performances.

Calder Cannons	4.2	8.5	11.8	15.12 (102)
Dandenong Stingrays	1.1	3.5	5.6	7.7 (49)

GOALS:

Calder Cannons: Cauchi 4, Cavka 3, Foster 2, Wunhym 2, Kerbatieh 2, Moore, Wright

Dandenong Stingrays: Lonie 3, Capiron, Rice, Wilson, Lamb

BEST:

Calder Cannons: James O'Kearney, Kovacevic, Goodyear, Cauchi, Smith

Dandenong Stingrays: White, Gray, Kempster, Geurts, Pawel, Lonie

Chargers hit top form

Keen to press their own claims on premiership favouritism, the Chargers wrestled control of their clash with the Dragons after quarter time to run away with a 74-point triumph.

Just seven points separated the teams at the first break but a six-goal-to-zero second term from the Chargers put the game beyond doubt.

After a tighter third quarter, the Chargers repeated the dose in the final stanza to win 17.12 (114) to 5.10 (40).

Key forward and likely Collingwood father-son recruit Darcy Moore showed glimpses of why the Pies faithful have reason to smile with three goals and taking one of the best marks ever seen in the TAC Cup.

Tough nut Liam Kinsella also bagged three.

But best-afield was Alex Urban who ran riot through the midfield and also hit the scoreboard with two majors.

Kade Answerth and Marc Pittonet also shone for the winners and loom as key men when the Chargers meet the Cannons today.

For Sandringham Brayden Maynard shone as their best performer, while Sean McLaren posted two goals.



Liam Kinsella

Photo: Joshua Choveaux

Oakleigh Chargers	3.3	9.5	11.8	17.12 (114)
Sandringham Dragons	2.2	2.5	5.7	5.10 (40)

GOALS:

Oakleigh Chargers: Moore 3, Kinsella 3, De Goey 2, Urban 2, Gowers, Waddell, McLean, Halsall, Sinclair, Pittonet, Beasley

Sandringham Dragons: McLaren 2, Clayton, Maynard, Neiwand

BEST:

Oakleigh Chargers: Urban, Answerth, Pittonet, Moore, McLean, Kinsella

Sandringham Dragons: Maynard, Bazzani, Balic, Vickers-Willis, Langdon, Pavlou

Gambling's Not a Game

Is your club interested in free education sessions on the risks associated with gambling, as well as free support and advice on responsible gambling practices in your club?

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In response to this, AFL Victoria is supporting the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation to promote its responsible gambling program for sporting clubs across the state.

The sporting clubs program aims to counter the growing culture of gambling in sport by supporting clubs across Victoria to take a responsible approach to gambling.

Specifically the program aims to:

- Help clubs preserve the essence of their sport by separating gambling from sports
- Shift the focus back to the 'love of the game' not the odds
- Minimise exposure to gambling activities and advertising to youth under 18 years of age
- Increase awareness of the risks associated with gambling
- Help prevent problem gambling and related harm
- Raise awareness of Gambler's Help services

Clubs joining the program are asked to sign a Responsible

Gambling Charter as a demonstration of their commitment to taking a responsible approach to gambling. Benefits for clubs who participate in the program include:

- Free support and advice on responsible gambling practices
- Free education sessions delivered to your club
- Support to minimise the risks associated with gambling at your club
- Assistance in creating a club culture that will help attract new participants to your club, and retain those you already have
- Support to become a community leader in responsible gambling practices
- Community recognition for being a responsible gambling club

AFL Victoria encourages all clubs to sign up to the program, as we believe gambling is a growing concern for youth and sporting clubs across the state.

The program offers clubs a fantastic opportunity to increase their awareness and knowledge of the risks associated with gambling for free.

**For more information contact Ms Bonnie Swan,
Senior Partnership Coordinator at the Foundation
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Young Guns show plenty of firepower

The AFL Victoria Young Guns match was played last weekend, with a number of young talented players reveling in the spotlight.

Over 160 VFL players, top age TAC Cup players, U23 VFL players and representatives from community football competitions from around the state were nominated to participate in the match, with the two final teams selected based on the interest from AFL clubs.

There was plenty to play for, with these young, emerging players having the chance to exhibit their skills and enhance their careers in the perfect conditions at North Port Oval.

The Green team ran out winners over Black in a highly skilled and up tempo game, final score 17.14 (116) to 6.6 (42).

After a tight first quarter the Green team held a slight advantage over Black at the first break. But it didn't take long for Green to take control of the game with the likes of Adam Saad (20 disposals), Ben Cavarra (19 disposals), Nick Rippon and Ozgur Uysal (23 Disposals, 8 clearances, 11 inside 50's) providing plenty of run.

A six goal to nil second term set up the win for Green, they slotted through another eight goals to Black's four in the second half to win by 74-points.

Michael Powell (4 goals) and Declan Keilty (2 goals) provided solid targets up forward for Green, while Duom Dawam (2 goals, 4 marks, 20 hitouts) was strong overhead and in the ruck around the ground.

Tom Stewart was a stand out for Black, showing a fierce determination to win every contest. Sam Heavyside (2 goals) and Jake Arts (8 tackles) were also among the best.

BLACK	2.2	2.2	5.4	6.6 (42)
GREEN	3.3	9.6	14.10	17.14 (116)

BLACK

Best: Tom Stewart (South Barwon), Sam Heavyside (Bendigo Gold), Nick Prowse (Port Melbourne), James Darke (Torquay), Daniel Willis (Shepparton), Jake Aarts (Bendigo Gold)

Goals: Sam Heavyside (Bendigo Gold) 2, Chris Jones (Eastern Ranges), Zach Ballard (Northern Knights), James Darke (Torquay), Connor Brown (Murray Bushrangers) 1

GREEN

Best: Ozgur Uysal (Coburg), Adam Saad (Coburg), Nick Rippon (North Ballarat), Jake Sharp (Werribee), Duom Dawam (Western Jets), Michael Powell (North Ballarat)

Goals: Michael Powell (North Ballarat) 4, Duom Dawam 2 (Western Jets), Declan Keilty (Gippsland Power) 2, Bryce Curnow (North Ballarat), Nick Rippon (North Ballarat), Adam Saad (Coburg), Ozgur Uysal (Coburg), Aaron Cotte (Eastern Ranges), Tyrone Armitage (Manly Warringah), Thomas Gribble (Werribee), Jesse Palmer (North Ballarat Rebels), Sam Bennett (North Ballarat Rebels) 1



AFL Victoria year in review



In the blink of an eye, another football season has come and gone.

A summer break will be a welcome sight for some after one of the busiest years on record, but one thing is for sure, 2014 won't be forgotten easily.

Across the breadth of state-league and community football there has been a number of significant highlights.



Women's Football continues to grow

This year was the first in which the administration of the Victorian Women's Football League was undertaken at AFL Victoria.

The move, supported by the former members of the VWFL entity, provided the clubs of the nation's best and largest female football competition the opportunity to access a new level of administration, marketing, media and operational support.

As agreed with the former members, the VWFL has shifted from a regionally based structure to a divisional one, providing a new entry level competition and resulting in teams of similar ability competing against one another on a more regular basis.

With experienced football administrator Darren Flanigan at the helm, a range of new initiatives were launched.

Umpires from the State League Umpiring Squad are now

charged with officiating Premier Division VWFL matches, while the competition has also gained access to VFL standard grounds.

Crowd figures at final series matches increased significantly, and new partners: Cottons and the CFA have become key supporters of the competition along with Melbourne FC.

There are high hopes the VWFL competition will continue to prosper while also harnessing the growth in Youth Girls football in 2015 and beyond.

Country region commissions in place

Victoria has taken enormous strides over the past 12 months in the restructure of country football, a move that gives local people a greater say in their direction and development of football in their region.

All 13 region commissions, which formed part of the recommendations outlined in the 2011 Review in to Country Football, are now in place, more than 18 months ahead of the time estimated for them to be established.

Attention now turns to ensuring the region administration centres (RAC's) support the affiliated leagues, clubs and umpiring groups, and develop and execute strategic plans that reflect the individual needs of each region.

Draft hopes high

While Victoria's Metro and Country Academies fell short of winning the NAB AFL U18 Championships, this year is tipped to become one of the best yet for Victoria's talent pathway.

A significant number of young Victorians are expected to be given a chance at the elite level in November's NAB AFL Draft, with many of the top prospects developing both as people and footballers in the TAC Cup competition.



The expected draft results will reinforce the success of those young Victorians who made their name in the AFL this season.

Seventeen of the 23 NAB Rising Star nominees in 2014 were graduates from Victoria's talent pathway, including the top three place getters in Lewis Taylor (Geelong Falcons), Marcus Bontempelli (Northern Knights) and Luke McDonald (Oakleigh Chargers & Werribee FC).

Representative football revived

This year also proved landmark one for representative football with the holding of the Metro Championships triple header and Country v Metro blockbuster.

The battles between Melbourne's six premier community leagues ensured the season started with a bang as bragging rights went on the line.

The Victorian Amateur Football Association secured the No.1 ranking after defeating the Eastern FL in the 1v2 play-off.

The Northern FL soundly defeated the Essendon and District FL, while the Western Region FL overcame the Southern FL in the battle between 5v6.

The Championships paved the way for the AFL Victoria Community Cup which saw a combined Metropolitan senior side take to the field against AFL Victoria Country for just the second time in history.

The Brian Royal coached Metro side proved too good for Peter Knight's Country team in a memorable encounter at Werribee's Avalon Airport Oval in July.

The result however was dwarfed in importance by the best community league players from across Victoria having the opportunity to test themselves against their peers.

A second Victoria Country representative side, along with an U19s squad, also participated in matches against the Victorian Amateur Football Association on the same day, with the country boys winning both games at Geelong's St Albans Reserve in convincing fashion.

Player Payments Working Party

As many would be aware, AFL Victoria during the past 12



months has established a Working Party to assess possible solutions/systems that may reduce the burden of rising player payments and ensure clubs become sustainable for the future.

While it is the responsibility of clubs to manage their own financial situation and ensure their financial position is sustainable, a safe guard that encourages greater financial responsibility and the investment of both time and funds in game development opportunities, in particular junior development programs, is the ultimate goal of the Working Party.

More than 430 clubs across Victoria responded to a survey on the issue and the Working Party is now working hard to produce a set of guidelines, regulations or systems that will hopefully be examined through a series of case studies in 2015.

Reaper appointed General Manager

The end of the season also acts as a changing of the guard in the leadership of AFL Victoria with Steven Reaper assuming the role of General Manager.

The former Victorian Country Football League Chief Executive Officer succeeds Grant Williams who is transitioning into a national role within the AFL.

Reaper brings to the role extensive industry experience both as a player and as an administrator. His appointment will be effective from Monday, 22 September and he will assume leadership for what is both a significant and strategically important 'heartland' market for the AFL.

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VFL to play International Rules

AFL Victoria has announced the initial Peter Jackson VFL squad that will host Ireland in a practice match leading up to the AFL International Rules game in November.

2014 VFL State coach, three-time Springvale premiership player and 2013 Box Hill Hawks premiership coach Damian Carroll will be in charge of the team.

The squad features 12 players that represented the VFL against SANFL earlier in the year, along with some of the competition's most talented up and coming players including Frankston's Ben Cavarra, Shannon Taylor and Fothergill Round Medalist Nic Newman, Coburg's Adam Saad and Williamstown's Adam Marcon, Kane Lambert and Jake Owen.

The VFL squad will also include four players from the VAFA who played the Irish last year on their home turf as well as one player from each of the AFL Victoria Metro and Country teams – Jackson Geary (Golden Square) and Thomas Paule (Old Melburnians) – who took part in the AFL Victoria Community Cup representative match played earlier this year.

The game will be played on Sunday November 16 at Sandringham's Trevor Barker Beach Oval, with the players needing to adapt to the international rules format.

"The match will provide a unique opportunity for these players to experience the hybrid form of the game, and to test themselves against an overseas team," AFL Victoria State League Manager John Hook said.

"The game is a great chance to promote the quality of players in the VFL, the clubs they represent and the competition itself."

In selecting the initial squad, the coaching team of Carroll, Williamstown assistant Adam Potter, Box Hill Hawks

assistant Patrick Hill and Bendigo coach Aussie Jones looked at players best suited for this format of the game.

The first training session for the squad will be on Tuesday November 11.



BOX HILL HAWKS: Mark Lock, David Mirra



CASEY SCORPIONS: Evan Panozza



COBURG LIONS: Lech Featherstone, Adam Saad, Daniel Venditti, Ozgur Uysal



COLLINGWOOD: Lachlan Ferguson



ESSENDON: Ben Duscher



FOOTSCRAY: Nick Lower



FRANKSTON: Ben Cavarra, Nicholas Newman, Shannon Taylor



NORTH BALLARAT: Nick Peters, Nick Rippon



PORT MELBOURNE: Chris Cain, Tom O'Sullivan, Toby Pinwill, Luke Tynan, Shane Valenti



SANDRINGHAM: Myke Cook, Kenny Ong



WERRRIBEE: Jye Bolton, Tom Gribble, Scott Sherlock



WILLIAMSTOWN: Anthony Anastasio, Scott Clouston, Ben Davies, Jack Johnstone, Ben Jolley, Kane Lambert, Cameron Lockwood, Adam Marcon, Jake Owen

Community players: Jackson Geary - Golden Square FNC, Thomas Paule – Old Melburnians





BOX HILL: Congratulations to our Senior VFL Team for qualifying for successive Grand Finals. We look forward to seeing all our loyal Box Hill Hawks supporters cheer on the lads, in

their quest to go back-to-back! We would also like to congratulate our Development Team who played off in a Grand Final last Saturday. Whilst the ultimate prize eluded us again, we would like to thank all our players and staff for their fantastic efforts throughout Season 2014. We look forward to seeing all our loyal supporters back at The Pavilion at City Oval tonight, for our Grand Final after-match. Meals will be available to purchase from 6pm with drinks at bar prices. The BHHFC online Community Auction continues and there are fantastic items up for grabs. To view all auction items, please log on to www.clubbid.com.au/boxhillhawks. The 2014 Col Austen Trophy Presentation Night will be held on Friday 3rd October 2014, The Pavilion at Box Hill, Cnr Whitehorse & Middlesborough Roads, Box Hill. Ticket price is \$130 Inc GST (Includes 2 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks). Tickets can be purchased at www.boxhillhawks.com.au or contact the office on 9890 9442.



FOOTSCRAY: The Footscray Bulldogs secured a berth in the Peter Jackson VFL Grand Final with a decisive 32-point win

against Port Melbourne last weekend. The last time Footscray played in the VFL/VFA competition was 90 years ago, winning a one-sided Grand Final against Williamstown in 1924, by 55 points. 90 years on, and in their maiden season in the contemporary VFL competition, the Bulldogs remarkably play off in a Grand Final against Hawthorn's VFL team Box Hill Hawks – a team they joined the AFL competition (formerly VFL) in 1925 with. Footscray has been the dominant team in the second half of the season in 2014, and enter the Grand Final with form on their side, but with memory of their only loss in 15 outings, against Box Hill in Round 14. After an announcement early in the week of an impending upgrade to the Victoria University Whitten Oval and more home games at the venue to come in 2015, the VFL team's foray into the Peter Jackson VFL has been a success on many levels. The Club thanks all its loyal members, fans and sponsors for their dedicated support in 2014 and look forward to continuing the journey next season and beyond.



CALDER: The Cannons would like to wish all players, staff and families at the Oakleigh Chargers good luck for today's game. We hope that it is a hard fought and close game, worthy

of the Grand Final. We thank the TAC for their continued support of the competition, and all at AFL Victoria for your support and organisation throughout the year. A special thank you to the Cannons staff, parents and supporters for a fantastic year and one that we are very proud of, we hope you can all join us at RAMS Arena after the game to commemorate it. The Cannons have had a very successful year in 2014, our 20th season in the TAC Cup, and we hope that after today, win or lose, everyone involved has taken something out of this season, and has enjoyed their time at our club. Go the Mighty Cannons!



OAKLEIGH: Congratulations to all the players and staff of the Chargers for making it into our third TAC Cup Grand Final appearance in four years the TAC Cup. This

achievement is one that we are all very proud of and is a credit to all people involved at the Club. We wish the playing group who represent the club today all the very best of luck and we know you will all wear the jumper with the pride and passion it deserves and represent the club and yourself to the best of your ability. It's a good opportunity to thank all our support staff, volunteers and parents for their excellent efforts throughout the season and your valuable contributions to our football programs are very much appreciated. Presentation night will be held on Friday 10th October at the Mulgrave Country Club from 7pm. All Staff, Parents, Players and Partners are invited to celebrate the counting of the Best & Fairest Votes for this season. Ring the club for bookings. A Special thank-you to Sue Foley and Dennis Tarrant of the Bendigo Bank Murrumbidgee for their continued support of our club as our Major Sponsor. Our partnership is greatly appreciated and pivotal to the success of our club. Thank you to all our other great sponsors for their continued support: Mulgrave Country Club, Camp Australia, Telstra South Melbourne, Diadora, Musashi, Genuine Print, Grilled Carnegie, Denmark Café.

VFL Grand Final Predictions

Who has the media tipped for the premiership flag this year? Find out their thoughts:

DARREN BOYD (ABCTV):

Box Hill Hawks by 7 points.

I think their premiership experience from 2013 will prove more valuable than the Bulldogs memories of 1924!

Norm Goss Medal - Jordan Kelly

HEATH BUCK (K-Rock):

Footscray has been the form side of the competition in the back half of the season. They enter the big one choc full of confidence.

Norm Goss Medal - Lin Jong

BRENT DIAMOND (The Age):

Box Hill Hawks by 22-points.

The Hawks have too many match-winners to pick from. They're in an even better situation than last year given Hawthorn's depth. Hawks inside midfielders Alex Woodward and Mitch Hallahan will be the keys.

Norm Goss Medal - Alex Woodward

JAMES HUNTER SMITH (Herald Sun):

Footscray by 1 point.

This game is a flip of a coin for me, but I'm going for the Bulldogs (just). The match-ups should be fierce all over the ground, especially with the battle of the tails, but I think Footscray's forwards will get the job done.

Norm Goss Medal - Jason Tutt.

NIGEL CARMODY (VFL Radio):

Footscray by 14 points.

These are two teams are so evenly matched, that picking a winner seems unfair. Pressed for an answer, the Bulldogs get the nod as I think their outside game and leg speed can prove to be the difference late in the game.

Norm Goss Medal: Jason Tutt

PAUL AMY (Leader):

It's a toss of the coin and it lands on ... **Footscray**.

Despite getting little from a few of their senior players, they won the Preliminary Final in style and their forward set-up is Superman-strong.

Norm Goss Medal - Brett Goodes, he's a VFL champion.

LIAM TWOMEY (Star News):

Footscray.

It would be great to see Footscray go all the way in its first year as a standalone club. The Bulldogs have been great all year and just need one more four quarter effort.

Norm Goss Medal - Brett Goodes

JARROD POTTER (Star News):

Box Hill Hawks by 15 points.

Even though the injury cloud is starting to rain on Box Hill's parade, the Hawks have got the arsenal needed to get the job done over Footscray.

Norm Goss Medal - Billy Hartung will fly down his wing all afternoon and take the best on ground.

HOWARD LEIGH (Herald Sun):

Box Hill Hawks to win back-to-back flags.

The Hawks physical strength is likely to tell in the long term against Footscray's dazzling speed and skill.

Norm Goss Medal - Mitch Hallahan

MARK STONE (SEN):

Box Hill Hawks.

Seasoned team has been there before. On ball brigade tough and hard, just a hunch maybe? Expect a close one though.

Norm Goss Medal - Brett Goodes



Footscray Bulldogs v Box Hill Hawks



Who said there's no romance in football?

Footscray Bulldogs, in its first season as a standalone club in the Peter Jackson VFL, has reached the VFL Grand Final - the first time the club has played in a Grand Final since 1961.

And, who's waiting for the Bulldogs? Box Hill Hawks, the affiliate of Hawthorn, the club that inflicted a 43-point defeat on the Dogs in that 1961 Grand Final.

Footscray's sole premiership was record 60 years ago so understandably the Whitten Oval is alive with expectation.

While Footscray did not finish on top of the ladder a compelling case could be made that no club played better in the past four months of the home and away season.

After dropping three of its first five games, Footscray has gone on a tear, winning 14 of its past 15 games, including spirited wins in the Qualifying Final against Williamstown and the Preliminary Final against Port Melbourne.

Now, here's the irony. Guess which club snapped that winning streak? Yes, that's right Box Hill Hawks.

The reigning VFL premiers edged out Footscray in a thriller back in Round 14, winning by seven points at Whitten Oval.

It's worth noting several aspects about that match.

Firstly, Box Hill Hawks' score of 15.6 was the highest any club has kicked against Footscray since Round 3 and until the Preliminary Final when Port Melbourne kicked 14.14.

Included among the Bulldogs better players that match were Clay Smith and Shaun Higgins, neither of whom will play.

Footscray had 15 AFL listed players in that match compared to Box Hill Hawks 11. The VFL Hawks had the services that match of David Hale, but Footscray won't have to worry about him today.

But, the Bulldogs will have to concern themselves with a Box Hill Hawks team that is likely to include as many as 18 AFL listed players.

Box Hill Hawks boasted 15 AFL listed players when they defeated Williamstown in the Preliminary Final, but with aligned club Hawthorn playing in a Preliminary Final on the same weekend all fit Hawks are available for selection.

What that means is that Ryan Schoenmakers and Matt Suckling, who did not play because of a knee injury in recent weeks, could come into the Box Hill Hawks team.

And, then there's the wild card of will Hawthorn give Cyril Rioli a run with Box Hill Hawks or will they play him in its Preliminary Final team in his first game back from injury?

There is plenty for Footscray to digest there.



Tom Campbell



Ben McEvoy

Footscray fielded 18 listed Western Bulldogs players last week in its impressive come from behind win against Port Melbourne, including Matt Austin, Tom Campbell and Jason Johannisen who all played in the AFL in the past couple of months.

Campbell, who led the J J Liston Trophy count at the time he was called up to play for the Western Bulldogs, shapes as a pivotal player as he goes head-to-head with Ben McEvoy.

McEvoy was instrumental in literally lifting Box Hill Hawks over the line against a gallant Williamstown late in the Preliminary Final.

Both big men exert their influence not only at the stoppages, but also around the ground and their ability to kick goals makes them key players.

Apart from the McEvoy/Campbell match up, both clubs have strong marking key position forwards, who have been dominant, especially during the finals.

Box Hill Hawks have Sam Grimley, who shared the Jim 'Frosty' Miller medal for the leading goal kicker in the VFL. Grimley kicked four goals in the Qualifying Final and two in the Preliminary, but should have kicked more.

Providing a great foil for Grimley is Luke Lowden, whose four goals against Williamstown, including a match winner from the boundary after applying a great tackle was inspirational.

But, Footscray also have potential match winners in Liam Jones, Jack Redpath and Tory Dickson. And, Ayce Cordy is another big man who can prove dangerous near goals.

Jones kicked four goals against Port Melbourne, Redpath three while Dickson kicked one but was involved in others.

Certainly, the inclusion of Schoenmakers and Suckling will provide depth and, more importantly height to the defence, especially with Ayden Kennedy suffering what shaped as a season-ending knee injury late in the last quarter of the Preliminary Final.

Footscray will rely on Austin and Michael Talia to combat Box Hill Hawks defence with Jordan Russell and Jason Johannisen to provide the run and carry from the back half.

But, both defence's task will hinge on the ability of the respective midfielders to win the clearance and limit the supply source.

Not surprisingly, both midfields are powerful. Liston Trophy winners Mitch Hallahan, Alex Woodward and Ben Ross as well as Luke Andrews, Billy Hartung and Sam Illes can all roll through the midfield for the VFL Hawks.

Footscray has the emerging Lin Jong, Mitch Honeychurch, Brett Goodes, Cameron Howard and Sam Darley that can be thrown into the midfield mix.

As evidenced from their last encounter, coupled by the fact that when they did lose - Box Hill Hawks biggest losing margin from four home and away losses was 11-points and Footscray's last two losses were by a combined nine points - the Grand Final is poised to be an epic.

But, Footscray, which won the VFA premiership 90 years ago before joining the VFL, can celebrate its first season by bringing a flag back to the Whitten Oval.



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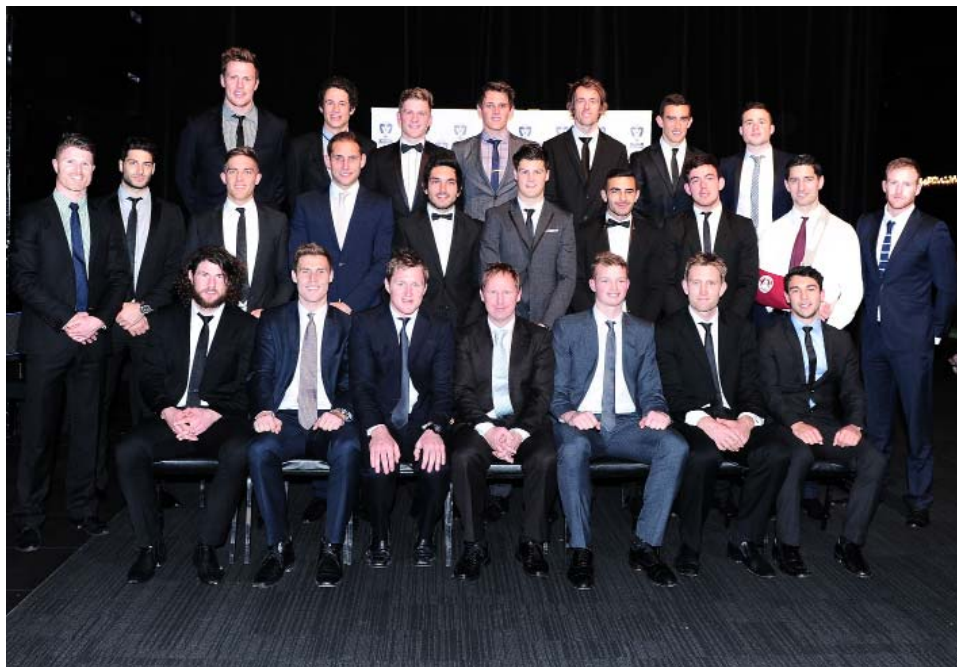
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VFL Team of the Year

The Peter Jackson VFL Team of the Year was named at J.J. Liston Trophy night at the start of September, and featured a changing of the guard.



Just five players from the 2013 side received selection in this year's Team of the Year, with a host of first timers being honoured for their stellar seasons in the competition.

Ladder leaders Port Melbourne led all clubs with seven selections, with Sam Pleming gaining his fifth Team of the Year honour, in what has turned out to be his final year in the league.

At the other end of the scale at Port Melbourne, Tom O'Sullivan was rewarded for a breakout year, beating a number of the competition's more high profile midfielders to make the team.

Williamstown was given more to celebrate than just its 150th anniversary, with six players making the side. Captain Ben Jolley was named in the side for the fifth year in a row, with Adam Macron receiving his second

selection after injury issues in 2013.

Standalone clubs dominated selections, with 18 players in the team, most notable the young crop of talent from Coburg in Ozgur Uysal, Adam Saad and forward Lech Featherstone, plus Frankston young guns Nic Newman and Ben Cavarra.

The honour of VFL Team of the Year coach went to Andy Collins who returned to the VFL this year to lead Williamstown as they went standalone. Collins spent time most recently in the SANFL, and helped Williamstown to a top four finish, only knocked out of the final race last weekend by Box Hill Hawks at the Preliminary Final stage.

Let's take a look at the Peter Jackson VFL Team of the Year:

Adam Saad	From the defender to midfielder, Saad took his game to another level this year, rewarded as joint best and fairest winner at the Lions.
Daniel Noonan	A key to why Port Melbourne was the best defensive side in the competition. The man on the last line of defence for the VFL.
Brad Mangan	Returned to the VFL after time in the AFL and SANFL. Reliable defender for the Seagulls this season
Nic Newman	The Fothergill-Round Medal winner - breakout season averaging 24 disposals a game giving Frankston run off half back
Sam Pleming	200 game VFL player, fifth time selected in Team of the Year. Captained VFL State team and three time State representative and always the general of defence.
Luke Tynan	First season at Port Melbourne after moving across from Casey. Has slotted into the Borough backline seamlessly.
Ben Davies	Returns to Williamstown this season after two years away at local level. Has lost none of his skills while away.
Toby Pinwill	Hard at it midfielder, again a key to the engine room at Port Melbourne helping develop the next crop for the Borough.
Jye Bolton	After playing just 10 senior games in two seasons at Werribee, Bolton became a midfield regular at the Tigers in 2014 playing all 20 matches.
Ozgur Uysal	Like Saad, another former Calder Cannon who has established himself as a regular senior player in 2014 for Coburg.
Lech Featherstone	Leading goalkicker in local EDFL competition in 2013, enjoyed his first VFL season with 35 goals as a key target for Coburg.
Adam Marcon	The 2012 Northern Blues best & fairest and VFL Coaches Player of the Year, switched to Williamstown after an injury plagued 2013 and was a regular in the Seagulls best.

Chris Cain	Once again a key to the Port Melbourne midfield this season, his ability to push forward made him a difficult matchup for opposition sides.
Scott Clouston	The former Brisbane Lions player in second VFL season, turned from defender at Werribee to forward at Williamstown with 31 goals.
Daniel Connors	Equal winner of the 'Frosty' Miller goal kicking title in 2014 with 38 goals. Key target for Port but injury cost him State spot and more goals mid season.
Nick Meese	Undersized Williamstown ruckman who is a fierce competitor and shouldered the ruck duties for the club this season.
Ben Jolley	Honoured with VFL lifemembership after his 175th VFL game this year, leader at the Seagulls and again received State selection.
Nick Lower	Reliable co-captain of Footscray this year - carved up the State game and has been a key reason for the Bulldogs making it through to finals.
David Mirra	Premiership captain at Box Hill Hawks, enjoys the challenge of taking on the key defenders for opposition sides.
Nick Rippon	Second year of senior football at Roosters, became a reliable midfielder this season for North Ballarat.
Ben Cavarra	Seamless transition from TAC Cup to VFL this year. Showed plenty of class in the young Dolphins midfield throughout the season.
Tom Gribble	Accumulator of the football. Has a good football brain and gets to the right spots and delivers efficiently by hand or foot.
Tom O'Sullivan	Developed into a regular senior footballer for Port Melbourne this year with his ability to win the ball. Was not out of place with likes of Valenti, Pinwill etc.
Jarred Moore	Vital cog in the middle for Werribee this season. Named Tigers captain and deservedly so, leading by example with his attack on the football.

PETER JACKSON VFL

2014 TEAM OF THE YEAR



COACH: ANDREW COLLINS
WILLIAMSTOWN



FOLLOWERS

INTERCHANGE



NICK MEESE
Williamstown

BEN JOLLEY
Williamstown

NICK LOWER
Footscray

DAVID MIRRA
Box Hill Hawks

NICK RIPPON
North Ballarat

BEN CAVARRA
Frankston

TOM GRIBBLE
Werribee

TOM O'SULLIVAN
Port Melbourne

JARRED MOORE
Werribee

Footscray Bulldogs Player Profiles



1. Jarrad Grant

An athletic forward with a penchant for the mercurial, Grant's clean hands and combination of speed, agility and height add a versatile element to the Footscray forward set-up.



15. Jason Tutt

A power runner with pace to burn, Tutt is a renowned line-breaking midfielder with a penetrating kick. Greatly improved this year inside the contest, Tutt knows how to find the goals.



19. Liam Jones

A genuine power forward, the spring-heeled Jones has been a handful at the level for defenders. A strong contested grab, with explosive speed, Jones has averaged over two goals per game this VFL season.



20. Daniel Pearce

Aggressive and feisty, Pearce is a line-breaking small defender, that has the tools to push into midfield. Has had an injury-interrupted year, but is finding form at the right time of year.



22. Mitch Honeychurch

Honeychurch is one of the Dogs' emerging crop of quality youngsters. Ferocious at the contest, the midfield/forward has been a prolific ball winner and regular scoreboard contributor.



29. Tory Dickson

A sharp-shooter around goals, Dickson is a crafty medium-sized forward that has evolved the defensive side of his game. A pectoral injury interrupted his season, but hasn't missed a beat since returning late in the year.



30. Christian Howard

Howard's weapon is his damaging left boot, also bringing line-breaking pace across the wing and half-back. With a strong endurance base, he's one of the Dogs' offensive outside runners.



31. Tom Young

Young is a mid-sized defender, with a good turn of speed, clean hands and willingness to take the game on. Providing a versatile defensive option, Young has proven capable of a lockdown role.



32. Michael Talia

An athletic key defender, Talia is the grandson of Bulldogs premiership player Harvey Stevens. A pure competitor, Talia is strong overhead and at his best finds plenty of the ball.



33. Sam Darley

Rotating between the midfield and defence, Darley possess slick skills and a damaging turn of speed. Played a lot of his junior football as an outside runner, but has continued to develop a more of a hardened edge.



34. Alex Greenwood

Greenwood is a clearance specialist, with clean hands and a neat left foot. Well adept at winning his own football, Greenwood has impressed with his defensive ethic.



39. Jason Johannisen

With speed to burn, Johannisen has proven damaging in open space, and is a key offensive weapon for Footscray. With neat foot skills, Johannisen can play back, but has increasingly found his home on a wing.



43. Jack Redpath

A brutish power-forward, Redpath provides an imposing physical presence in the Dogs' forward six. With strong hands, Redpath is Footscray's leading goal-kicker this season.



44. Brett Goodes

The heart and soul of the Footscray line-up, Goodes won the Dogs' best and fairest this season. A two-time VFL premiership player at North Ballarat, the big-bodied midfielder brings experience, grunt and poise to the young line-up.



45. Tom Campbell

Third in the JJ Liston Trophy, Campbell has been the preeminent tap ruckman at the level this season. Improving in his forward craft, Campbell size and strength has provided a handful for opposition defenders when he's moved off the ball.



46. Lin Jong

Fearless and fast, Lin Jong has built his game as a run-with player, but is emerging as a line-breaking playmaker. A big-body around the ball, Jong was best on ground in the Dogs' Preliminary Final win.



47. Mark Austin

A dour defender, Austin provides a more experienced head in a young Dogs back-six. Athletic and selfless, Austin spent the back half of the season at AFL level before returning for the VFL Finals.



49. Ayce Cordy

Cordy is a versatile tall that has played a dual ruck/forward role in 2014. Completing his first injury free season since arriving at the Kennel, Cordy natural agility, and cleanliness below his knees is unique for a player 204cm tall.



50. Brent Prismall

VFL listed, Prismall is polished midfielder with AFL experience behind him. A member of Footscray's leadership group, the 27-year-old adds composure to the young Bulldogs lineup.



51. Jase Perkins

Perkins is a strong-bodied, medium forward who is known for his goal sense. A hit-up target, Perkins has averaged a goal a game in his first VFL season.



54. Nick Jamieson

Neat by hand and foot, the VFL-listed Jamieson is an accomplished ball-winner that has provided good depth to the Footscray midfield. In his first season at the level, Jamieson has proven a keen contributor.



55. Nick Lower

Tough and uncompromising, Lower is the experienced, midfield general of the Footscray line-up. Thriving on the contest, Lower earned VFL Team of the Year selection and co-captained Footscray in its first year as a standalone side.



56. Will Hayes

Slight in stature, Hayes has emerged as a smart midfield/forward in his first year out of the TAC Cup. Clean by hand and foot, the 19-year-old has good endurance and a keen goal sense.



57. Michael Fogarty

Hard and tough, Fogarty is the rugged midfielder coaches love. A diligent role player, and strong over the football, Fogarty was named in the best afield in Footscray's Preliminary Final victory.



58. Darcy Fort

Fort is a raw ruck prospect, super competitive both in the air and when the ball hits the ground. His follow-up efforts as well as his willingness to stay involved in the contest make him invaluable around the stoppages.



59. Mitch Jensen

The small running defender has been a regular fixture for Footscray since arriving from the Calder Cannons. A true pressure player, Jensen thrives on the defensive aspects of the game, and is neat by foot.



64. James Hayes

The older of the Hayes twins, JD is a tidy midfielder with clean by foot skills. Boasting good speed and strong endurance, Hayes has been an exciting, young addition to the VFL list.



65. Jordan Russell

Appointed to a dual playing and development coach role at Footscray, Russell brings poise and experience to the young side from 125 AFL games. A calm, level head in the Dogs' back six, Russell's main weapon is his disposal by foot.



68. Anthony Barry

A hard running midfield/half-back, Barry is a popular team man and experienced at local level. A role-player, with good hands and a football brain, Barry is complete with a good endurance base and turn of speed.



73. Lukas Markovic

The prototype lockdown, key defender, Markovic is at home on Footscray's last line. Co-captain of the Bulldogs alongside Lower, Markovic brings experience from four years on the Club's AFL list, and a passion to see his teammates grow.



Footscray Bulldogs



Coach: Chris Maple

Captain: Nick Lower & Lukas Markovic

1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr

*AFL Primary Listed Player #AFL Rookie Listed Player

NO.	PLAYER	DOB	HT	WT	PREVIOUS CLUB	G	B
1	Jarrad Grant*	06-Jul-89	193	85	Frankston Bombers/Dandenong U18		
15	Jason Tutt*	15-May-91	177	81	Ainslie (ACT)/NSW-ACT U18		
19	Liam Jones*	24-Feb-91	198	98	North Hobart (Tas)/Tasmania U18/Scotch College		
20	Daniel Pearce*	22-Jan-93	181	76	Bulleen-Templestowe/Oakleigh U18		
22	Mitch Honeychurch*	02-Mar-95	176	68	Vermont/Eastern U18		
29	Tory Dickson*	26-Sep-87	184	85	Beaconsfield/Frankston (VFL)/Noble Park/Bendigo (VFL)		
30	Christian Howard*	19-Mar-91	187	83	Sacred Heart College (SA)/Glenelg (SANFL)		
31	Tom Young*	26-Apr-92	192	90	Campbelltown (NSW)/NSW-ACT U18/Collingwood		
32	Michael Talia*	11-Feb-93	194	94	Greenvale/Calder U18		
33	Sam Darley*	15-Feb-93	186	82	North Hobart (Tas)/Tasmania U18/GWS Giants (AFL)		
34	Alex Greenwood*	24-Oct-93	178	78	Vermont/Eastern U18		
39	Jason Johannisen*	08-Nov-92	180	79	Willetton (WA)/East Fremantle (WAFL)		
43	Jack Redpath*	13-Dec-90	194	100	North Kyneton/Kyneton		
44	Brett Goodes*	17-Feb-84	183	89	North Ballarat (VFL)/Williamstown (VFL)		
45	Tom Campbell*	02-Nov-91	200	106	Wesley College/Sandringham U18/Old Scotch (Vic)/Bendigo (VFL)		
46	Lin Jong*	04-Jun-93	188	89	Mulgrave/Oakleigh U18		
47	Mark Austin*	24-Feb-89	195	96	Jeparit-Rainbow (SA)/Glenelg (SANFL)/Carlton (AFL)		
49	Ayce Cordy*	06-Aug-90	204	99	Ocean Grove/Geelong College/Geelong U18		
50	Brent Prisma	14-Jul-86	185	82	Geelong (AFL)/Essendon (AFL)/Williamstown (VFL)		
51	Jase Perkins	12-Jan-89	186	86	Werribee (VFL)/Port Melbourne (VFL)		
54	Nick Jamieson	03-May-93	180	80	Old Scotch		
55	Nick Lower (C)	23-Jun-87	188	88	Port Adelaide (AFL)/Fremantle (AFL)/Western Bulldogs (AFL)		
56	Will Hayes	05-Jun-95	179	72	Melbourne Grammar/Sandringham U18		
57	Michael Fogarty	30-Jul-91	184	83	Spotswood		
58	Darcy Fort	06-Aug-93	204	96	Geelong U18/Werribee (VFL)		
59	Mitch Jensen	01-Mar-95	184	73	Calder U18		
64	James Hayes	05-Jun-95	181	75	Melbourne Grammar		
65	Jordan Russell	06-Nov-86	188	88	Carlton (AFL)/Collingwood (AFL)		
68	Anthony Barry	23-Sep-86	185	82	Frankston (VFL)		
73	Lukas Markovic (C)	05-Jan-87	193	97	Box Hill (VFL)/Western Bulldogs (AFL)		

MATCH UMPIRES:

Field Umpire Jack Edwards (29)

Field Umpire Nick Brown (3)

Field Umpire Brent Wallace (21)

Eng Field Umpire Shaun Gleeson (8)

Boundary Umpire James Scully

Box Hill Hawks



Coach: Marco Bello

Captain: David Mirra

1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr

*AFL Primary Listed Player #AFL Rookie Listed Player

NO.	PLAYER	DOB	HT	WT	PREVIOUS CLUB	G	B
1	David Mirra (C)	20-Mar-91	186	89	St Simons/Scoresby/Eastern Ranges		
2	Marc Lock	21-Jun-91	191	88	Southport/Gold Coast Suns		
5	Luke Andrews	22-Jan-91	178	76	Knox/St Kevins OB/Oakleigh U18		
7	Sam Iles	19-Jun-87	182	80	Collingwood/Box Hill Hawks/Gold Coast Suns		
16	Sam Collins	15-Jun-94	194	90	Donvale/Oakleigh U18		
20	Patrick Lawlor	04-Mar-93	180	78	Vermont/Eastern Ranges		
23	Xavier Murphy	23-Nov-91	178	73	Murrumbidgee JFC/Sandringham Dragons/De La Salle OC		
27	Julian Soccio	15-Apr-95	188	84	Greensborough/Xavier College/Northern U18		
30	Jordan Walker	30-Dec-94	185	80	Donvale/Eastern U18		
34	Jordan Kelly*	27-Jun-93	191	85	Edithvale-Aspendale/Dandenong Stingrays		
35	Sam Grimley*	03-Jan-91	199	96	Northern Knights		
36	Derek Wanganeen#	05-Feb-91	176	75	Port Adelaide (SANFL)		
38	Mitch Hallahan *	23-Aug-92	183	84	Sorrento/Dandenong Stingrays		
39	Alex Woodward*	11-Jun-93	181	77	Noble Park/Sandringham U18		
40	Billy Hartung*	24-Jan-86	177	75	Mornington/Dandenong U18		
41	James Sicily*	06-Jan-95	186	77	Keilor/Western U18		
42	Kaiden Brand*	08-Apr-94	198	84	Berri (SA)/West Adelaide (SANFL)		
43	Dallas Willsmore#	29-May-95	191	82	Walpeup-Underbool/St Pats College/North Ballarat U18		
46	Kurt Heatherley#	01-Jan-95	193	88	New Zealand/Sandringham U18		
49	Nik Papadopoulos	29-Dec-93	183	80	Wantirna South/Scoresby		
54	Peter McEvoy	27-Jul-91	195	86	Wodonga Raiders/North Hobart/Tasmanian University		
61	Angus Litherland *	12-Oct-92	192	90	Ongerup (WA)/Claremont (WAFL)		
63	Kyle Cheney*	25-Aug-89	187	90	Warrack Eagles/North Ballarat Rebels/Melbourne (AFL)		
64	Matt Suckling*	25-Jul-88	187	86	East Wagga-Koorringal (NSW)/Wagga Tigers (NSW)		
66	Ben Ross#	21-Sep-88	181	80	Bunyip/North Melbourne (AFL)/Werribee (VFL)		
70	Luke Lowden*	22-Feb-91	204	102	Dookie United/Wunghnu/Shep Bears/Sandringham Dragons		
71	Cyril Rioli*	14-Jul-89	177	80	St Mary's (NT)/Scotch College		
73	Tim O'Brien*	28-Mar-94	193	81	West Gambier (SA)/Glenelg (SANFL)		
75	Ryan Schoenmakers*	08-Nov-90	195	94	Tea Tree Gully (SA)/Norwood (SANFL)		
77	Ben McEvoy*	11-Jul-89	200	103	Dederang-Mt Beauty/Murray U18/St Kilda (AFL)		

Boundary Umpire Brendan Elvey
Boundary Umpire Jordan Andrews

Boundary Umpire Jake Robertson
Goal Umpire Matthew Dervan

Goal Umpire Steven Piperno
Emg Goal Umpire Simon Plumridge

Box Hill Hawks Player Profiles



1. David Mirra

Box Hill Hawks Captain, quality defender. Twice VFL Representative and 3 times in VFL Team of the Year. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



27. Julian Soccio

First year for the former Northern Knight. Has great ability to run and carry and will be in contention as the 23rd player.



2. Marc Lock

Third season at Box Hill Hawks after being on Gold Coast Suns list. Hard working and runs all day. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



30. Jordan Walker

Member of Eastern Ranges Premiership in 2013. Has poise and good ball use. Versatility to play many positions puts in contention as possible 23rd player.



5. Luke Andrews

Tough in and under midfielder. After injury ravaged 2013 has forced his way back in 2014 playing 10 senior games and the two finals to date.



34. Jordan Kelly

Third season on the Hawthorn list. Early in season played primarily as a defender but latter half of season has seen him move through the midfield. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



7. Sam Iles

Former club best & fairest who then spent couple of seasons with Gold Coast Suns. Has been outstanding contributor, twice named in VFL Team of the Year. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



35. Sam Grimley

Tall forward whose back end of the season and finals has seen him in good form and kicking goals. Late charge saw him tie in the Frosty Miller Medal. Member of the 2013 VFL Premiership.



16. Sam Collins

Second season for the former Oakleigh Charger. Ability to play at either end of the ground or even ruck has seen him play 12 senior games this season plus both finals.



36. Derek Wanganeen

Hawthorn rookie who made his AFL debut in 2014. Has shown consistent form since moving into defence during season 2013. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



20. Pat Lawlor

Consistent performer at either Senior or Development level. Versatile whether playing forward, back or through midfield.



38. Mitch Hallahan

Another consistent year for the 2013 J J Liston medallist saw him rewarded with games at AFL level. Outstanding clearance player who never stops trying. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



23. Xavier Murphy

Small forward who works and runs hard all day applying pressure and regularly hits the scoreboard. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



39. Alex Woodward

After two knee reconstructions had enormous impact in first senior year, winning the 2014 J J Liston medal and also rewarded with AFL debut. Tough midfielder who excels at clearances.



40. Billy Hartung

Exciting first year on the Hawthorn List has seen him show his explosive pace at both AFL and VFL level. As well as his run and carry uses the ball very well.



41. James Sicily

Another quality first year Hawthorn listed player who has looked very comfortable in the forward half. Strong overhead mark for his size and can impact scoreboard.



42. Kaiden Brand

Second season on Hawthorn list. Spent most of 2013 playing in the Development League but in 2014 has regularly held a spot in defence in the senior side.



43. Dallas Willmore

First year Hawthorn rookie. Started season initially in Development League but by mid-season had forced way into senior side and held his spot. Hard running is key to his game.



46. Kurt Heatherley

Signed by Hawthorn as an International Scholarship holder in 2009 after a strong background in cricket, basketball, rugby and athletics. Has held senior spot for most of the year as defender.



49. Nik Papadopoulos

Now in second season at Box Hill. Made a surprise call up as 23rd player late in the season and then got recalled for Preliminary Final. Dangerous quick small forward if gets opportunity.



54. Peter McEvoy

First season at Box Hill, has been a goal kicking revelation in Development League, leading goalkicking and winning A J Todd Medal. Made senior debut in qualifying final where he kicked 2 goals. Hard leading with strong hands.



61. Angus Litherland

Third season on Hawthorn list for this strong defender. His consistent 2013 and pre-season form has seen him rewarded at AFL level in 2014. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



63. Kyle Cheney

Veteran who can slide seamlessly between AFL and VFL. Quality defender who reads play well and sets up plays from defence. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



64. Matt Suckling

Attacking weapon for Hawthorn off half back. After missing season 2013, his 2014 has been interrupted again by niggling injuries and may need to come back via VFL to gain recall.



66. Ben Ross

Taken by Hawthorn in the 2013 Rookie Draft. The 2011 J J Liston Trophy Winner has performed well this season at both AFL and VFL level. Classy midfielder with speed and good ball use.



70. Luke Lowden

Young Hawthorn ruckman who made his AFL debut in season 2014. Playing his best football for the season at the moment, be that in the ruck or when down forward. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



71. Cyril Rioli

Dynamic Hawthorn small forward whose last two seasons have been hampered by injury. May need this game to be a chance for Hawthorn in the AFL Grand Final if they make it.



73. Tim O'Brien

Second year Hawthorn player whose continued development saw him rewarded with his AFL debut. Strong leading forward who is good overhead. Member of 2013 VFL Premiership.



75. Ryan Schoenmakers

Key position Hawthorn player. Played mainly AFL this season after recovering from knee injury in 2013. Used as both a defender or forward.



77. Ben McEvoy

Strong marking excellent tap ruckman recruited by Hawthorn for 2014. Has good endurance and ability to cover lots of ground. Can push forward and kick goals but will also push selflessly back into defence.





Calder Cannons v Oakleigh Chargers



The two standout teams in the TAC Cup competition meet this weekend, with Calder Cannons and Oakleigh Chargers going head to head in the season finale.

It is the first time since 2010 that the top two teams from the home and away season meet in a Grand Final.

Over recent years the number one position on the TAC Cup ladder has been a poisoned chalice, with Calder Cannons (2011), North Ballarat Rebels (2012) and Geelong Falcons (2013) all not making it to the Grand Final.

The second placed team has fared better, winning two of the last three Grand Finals. (Eastern Ranges 2013 and Sandringham Dragons 2011).

But 2014 is different, with the TAC Cup finale ticking all the right boxes featuring the top two teams on the ladder at season's end, two likely top 10 draft picks playing (Peter Wright and Darcy Moore) and of course the competition leading goal kicker (Jayden Foster) who is closing in on 50 goals for the season.

The Calder Cannons were chasing Oakleigh all season on the ladder, only claiming top spot in the final round to set up their finals campaign.

Calder went antagonisingly close to a Grand Final berth last year, but was cut off by Dandenong Stingrays. This year they were able to overcome the Stingrays in another Preliminary Final, to have their shot at a seventh TAC Cup title.

After claiming the TAC Cup title in 2012 –the clubs second premiership win – Oakleigh missed the finals in 2013. This year saw them as the dominant side all season, only toppled for top spot on the ladder in the final round of the season – by their finals opponent Calder – after they dropped back to back matches to finish the year.

Both teams had no trouble accounting for their Preliminary Finals opponents, with Calder 53-point winners over Dandenong and Oakleigh accounting for Sandringham by 64.

Despite the big win for Calder, the main concern was the sight of key tall Peter Wright heading to the bench in the final term, bringing into question his spot in the Grand Final.

Calder coach Andrew Jago was quick to state that Wright would be taking his spot in the Grand Final.

“Wrighty obviously pulled up a little bit sore.

“We are confident he will play – we have spoken to the medical staff about it. He did a recovery Sunday, we had him assessed and he is good to go.”

With a full quota to select from, both coaches have some tough decisions to make regarding the final sides that will take to the field. While there a number of players in contention, coaches don't like to upset a winning line-up.

“Bruno Laguda, Tanner Nilsson and Aaron Christensen are all keeping those in the squad very honest, and Ben Allan will also certainly come under consideration for this week,” Jago said of the Cannons.



Damien Cavka



Alex Urban

Oakleigh Chargers coach Michael Stinear has similar selection dilemmas, with season regulars having missed during the finals so far.

"Dan Houston, a bottom ager, missed last week due to a small injury, but he trained well last week and unlucky to miss out.

"Alf Oppy has played nearly all games and missed out last week, as well as Cunningham and Phillips two bottom agers that have been emergencies," Stinear said.

"We are pretty lucky with our list management. There are probably only four to five guys that are not available out of a group of 66 that have played for us all year. It will be tough at selection, but coming off that win we will not be making too many changes."

In their Round 15 meeting earlier in the year, the sides looked remotely different than they will for the Grand Final clash, with Calder victorious by 38-points.

"Calder just got a hold of us and did enough to win, but you cannot look too much into it as Calder had four to six players out, maybe even more.

"They are two different sides now, so we have to do our homework a bit more as we have not had a chance to play our two full strength teams," Stinear said.

The battle in the middle of the ground will be tantalising. During the finals Mark Kovacevic and Marc Pittonet have both taken their ruck work to another level, and the players and coaches are looking forward to the match up.

"I think we match up really well across the ground, and that is one (contest) we are looking forward to," Stinear said.

"Knowing Pitts, he certainly loves a challenge, so that is one he has been looking forward to for a little while, and has now got himself into some really good form to be able to ruck against the best."

Jago pointed out the two rucks have plenty of history, vying for the Vic Metro ruck spot against each other.

"Kova is looking forward to the challenge, and has great respect (for Pittonet). They were both in Metro consideration and probably one replaced the other during the Championships."

Up forward, Calder has been damaging during the finals, kicking 40 goals in the two games played. In an ominous sign for the Oakleigh defence, all six Cannons' forwards registered a goal last weekend against Dandenong, as it turned into a raffle each time the side went forward who they would kick to.

From the key forwards in Peter Wright, Cal Moore and Jayden Foster, to the dash of small forwards Josh Cauchi, Hisham Kerbatieh and Damien Cavka, the numerous options will be difficult to contain.

For Oakleigh, Darcy Moore started forward last week working with Lachlan Waddell as the key targets. Toby McLean, Liam Kinsella, Ben Crocker and a host of midfielders drifting forward are also relied upon for the scoreboard pressure.

The match will showcase the great talent present in the TAC Cup competition, with a close game likely between these two top teams.

Calder Cannons Player Profiles

1 Mitch Conn

Energetic 17 year old midfielder who uses the ball well by hand.



3 Roarke Smith

Elusive wing/half back player who makes good decisions.



5 Ben Allan

Vic Metro Representative, elite speed and ball use.



6 Jayden Foster

TAC Cup Leading Goal Kicker, strong mark on the lead and one-on-one.



12 Reilly O'Brien

Veteran of the team, great speed and agility for a big man.



13 Tanner Nilsson

Aggressive midfielder capable of shutting down opposition playmakers.



19 Jayden Eales

Developing ruckman with good skills for his size.



21 James Latham

Held down key back position all season, barometer of the team backline.



27 Tom Gawthrop

Adaptable backman who can either play a role down back or in the ruck.



30 Jack James

Tight checking defender who can play tall and uses the ball well.



31 Matt Goodyear

Vic Metro Representative, inside midfielder with quick hands and ability to break from stoppages.



33 Tom Donoghue

Aggressive midfielder with quick hands in tight and loves the contest.



34 Mark Kovacevic

One of the TAC Cup's leading ruckmen, gives midfielders first use of the ball.



35 Pete Wright

AFL Academy Member, All Australian, TAC Cup Team of the Year, Vic Metro Representative, key forward capable of going in the ruck when needed.



36 Damien Cavka

Running maching who is unmatched in this area, quintessential team man.



39 Touk Miller

Vic Metro Captain, Calder Cannons FC Captain, TAC Cup Team of the Year, clearance player who can go forward, hard to match up on.



40 Matthew Stillman

Reliable 17 year old defender who reads the play well.



42 Josh Cauchi

Crumbing goal sneak who is dangerous with the ball in his hand.



43 Paul Ahern

All Australian, TAC Cup Team of the Year, Vic Metro Representative, enigmatic goal kicking midfielder.



44 Zak Wunhym

Hard ball winner capable of changing a game.



45 Aaron Christensen

Utility with the ability to change a game when used as a goal kicking forward.



46 Nick O'Kearney

AFL Academy Member, 17 year old ball magnet who uses the ball well by hand and by foot.



48 Tom Wallis

17 year old long kicking midfielder.



49 Bruno Laguda

Developing mid sized attacking backline player.



50 Jake Lever

AFL Academy Member who has missed the season with a knee injury.



51 Victor Carboni

Small backman with elite speed and endurance.



52 Tyson Young

Developing 17 year old tall forward.



55 Hisham Kerbatieh

Elusive small forward capable of the unexpected.



56 Luke Ryan

Blue collar, hard working half back.



57 Callum Moore

Exciting, strong leading and leaping forward/ruckman.



Calder Cannons



Coach: Andrew Jago

Captain: Touk Miller

1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr

NO.	PLAYER	DOB	HT	WT	PREVIOUS CLUB	G	B
1	Mitch Conn	19-May-97	174	73	Sunbury Lions		
3	Roarke Smith	11-Sep-96	181	74	Sunbury Kangaroos		
5	Ben Allan	4-Jun-96	178	71	Pascoe Vale		
6	Jayden Foster	1-Jun-95	194	91	Aberfeldie		
12	Reilly O'Brien	20-Aug-95	201	98	Moonee Valley		
13	Tanner Nilsson	7-Dec-96	184	73	Glenroy		
19	Jayden Eales	17-Feb-97	198	86	Sunbury Lions		
21	James Latham	7-Mar-96	188	84	Keilor		
27	Tom Gawthrop	16-Jan-96	193	79	Woodend		
30	Jack James	29-Oct-96	182	73	Gisborne		
31	Matt Goodyear	20-Jul-96	185	77	Gisborne		
33	Tom Donoghue	18-Feb-96	170	78	Rupertswood		
34	Mark Kovacevic	23-Jan-96	204	111	Greenvale		
35	Peter Wright	8-Sep-96	203	102	Moonee Valley		
36	Damien Cavka	3-Jun-96	184	79	Keilor		
39	Touk Miller	22-Feb-96	177	80	Maribyrnong Park		
40	Matthew Stillman	4-Apr-97	181	76	Greenvale		
42	Josh Cauchi	1-Jan-96	170	65	Pascoe Vale		
43	Paul Ahern	1-Aug-96	181	77	Keilor		
44	Zak Wunhym	22-Aug-97	171	72	Keilor		
45	Aaron Christensen	15-Nov-95	189	78	Sunbury Lions		
46	Nick O'Kearney	13-Feb-97	180	69	Keilor		
48	Tom Wallis	14-Feb-97	182	70	Essendon Doutta Stars		
49	Bruno Laguda	14-Apr-97	184	72	Essendon Doutta Stars		
50	Jake Lever	5-Mar-96	192	84	Romsey		
51	Victor Carboni	29-Jun-96	178	74	Aberfeldie		
52	Tyson Young	17-Jul-97	191	81	Airport West		
55	Hisham Kerbatieh	16-May-97	176	73	Hadfield		
56	Luke Ryan	06-Feb-96	184	80	Maribyrnong Park FC		
57	Callum Moore	03-Sept-96	192	81	Aberfeldie		

MATCH UMPIRES:

Field Umpire Thomas Chrystie (30)
Field Umpire Patrick Burns (10)

Field Umpire Daniel Butcher (36)
Emg Field Umpire Adam Havelberg (20)

Oakleigh Chargers

**Coach:** Mick Stinear**Captain:** Darcy Moore

1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr

NO.	PLAYER	DOB	HT	WT	PREVIOUS CLUB	G	B
1	Mackenzie Rivett	17-May-96	181	78	Old Scotch AFC/Scotch College		
2	Jack Sinclair	12-Feb-95	179	78	Old Scotch AFC		
3	Kade Answerth	03-Oct-96	180	75	Caulfield Bears JFC/Caulfield Grammar		
4	Daniel McKenzie	17-May-96	183	77	Blackburn JFC/Caulfield Grammar		
5	William Gowers	10-Jun-96	184	81	Kew Comets JFC/Xavier College		
6	Joshua Halsall	11-Jul-96	177	76	Scotch College		
7	Matthew Jackson	15-Jan-96	189	82	De La Salle AFC		
8	Hugh Beasley	12-Nov-95	190	86	Old Trinity AFC		
9	Jordan De Goe	15-Mar-96	187	82	Ashburton JFC/St Kevins College		
11	Tagan Carter-Taylor	08-Jan-96	171	66	Greythorn JFC/Carey Grammar		
12	David Cunningham	30-Mar-97	182	75	Boroondara Hawks JFC/Melb Grammar		
13	Nicholas Taylor	03-Sep-96	183	76	Balwyn		
14	Marc Pittonet	03-Sep-96	201	100	Kew Comets JFC/Xavier College		
15	Lachlan Waddell	12-May-95	200	86	Old Scotch AFC		
17	Alexander Urban	27-Jul-96	179	78	East Burwood JFC/Mazenod		
18	Liam Patterson	02-May-96	177	74	Blackburn JFC		
19	Daniel Houston	12-May-97	186	78	Greythorn JFC/Camberwell Grammar		
20	Benjamin Crocker	19-Feb-97	185	81	Kew Giants JFC/Carey Grammar		
21	Fraser Pearce	29-Jul-96	186	74	Kew Rovers JFC/Xavier College		
26	Thomas Phillips	07-May-96	181	69	Beverley Hills JFC/Caulfield Grammar		
27	Brody Ledger	14-Jan-96	187	76	Ashburton JFC/De La Salle		
30	Darcy Moore	25-Jan-96	199	93	Kew Comets JFC/Melbourne Uni		
31	Patrick Phillips	01-Oct-97	184	77	Ashburton JFC/Xavier College		
32	Liam Kinsella	19-Jun-96	165	67	Kew Giants AFC/Box Hill SSC		
33	Kyle Dove	22-Apr-95	195	83	East Burwood		
34	Toby Mclean	31-Jan-96	179	70	Narre Warren		
37	Jack Whitehead	26-May-97	191	89	Greythorn JFC/Xavier College		
38	Marcus Higgins	20-Apr-96	189	82	Blackburn		
39	Jack Mahon	22-Dec-96	176	74	East Burwood JFC/Box Hill SSC		
49	Jack Firms	09-Sep-97	193	88	Ashburton JFC/St Kevins College		

Boundary Umpire Lachlan Rayner
Boundary Umpire Ben Macdonald

Boundary Umpire Nick Laurence
Goal Umpire Simon Plumridge

Goal Umpire Sam Walsh
Emg Goal Umpire Paul Trotter

Oakleigh Chargers Player Profiles



1 Mackenzie Rivett

Skilful inside midfielder with excellent poise and skills both sides of his body. Averages 23 possessions and 4 clearances a game.



8 Hugh Beasley

Highly competitive key defender who gets the big jobs done. Averages 17 possessions at 81% efficiency and 6 tackles a game. 5th in competition for contested marks. Vice-Captain, an excellent leader.



2 Jack Sinclair

Explosive midfielder with excellent speed and agility. Averages 23 possessions, 6 tackles and 4 clearances a game. Dangerous around goals.



9 Alfie Oppy

Dependable versatile player with great leadership ability. A great team player who has the ability to shut down small forwards, play midfield or small forward.



3 Kade Answerth

Highly competitive midfielder who plays well in big games. Consistent player who averages 24 possessions, 7 tackles and 4 clearances a game.



11 Tagan Carter-Taylor

Exciting small defender who is rarely beaten and provides run and carry out of defence. Loves a bounce and is capable of switching forward where he can kick goals.



4 Daniel McKenzie

Exciting talent with versatility and elite athletic attributes. Reads the game well and rebounds off half back with speed and precision. Vic Metro representative.



12 David Cunningham

Bottom age player who has great potential. Played 8 games this year and possesses great speed and balance. Vic Metro futures representative with a bright future.



5 William Gowers

Highly skilled and balanced player who can play all areas of the ground. Very good aerialist who can run and carry and has a dangerous kick. Vic Metro representative.



13 Jordan De Goeij

Highly competitive player who can play any position. Wins contested ball and attacks the contest with aggression and intensity. Excellent decision maker and kick, has the ability to turn a game. Vic Metro representative.



6 Josh Halsall

Competitive and dependable player who can play both ends and through the midfield. Averages 15 possessions at 78% efficiency and 5 tackles per game. Can be dangerous around goal.



14 Marc Pittonet

Big, strong and aggressive ruckman who has been in excellent form throughout the finals. Gives team mates first use and shows the mobility to can go forward and kick a goal. Averages 28 hit outs a game. Vic Metro representative.



7 Matthew Jackson

Tall athletic player who is aggressive and has a beautiful long kick. Can play inside and outside midfield and averages 5 tackles a game.



15 Lachlan Waddell

Key position forward who takes a good contested mark and has great athleticism around the ground. Averages 15 possessions and 6 marks a game. Has played some good VFL senior footy this year with Port Melbourne VFL.



17 Alex Urban

Been in excellent form and is a consistent performer. Leads the comp in disposals – 26 possessions a game, clearances, contested possessions and high in uncontested marks and handball receives which demonstrates his inside/outside game. Can go forward and kick goals. TAC team of the Year member, was equal 3rd in the Morrish Medal.



18 Liam Patterson

Much improved player who has a damaging left foot and can kick a piercing ball. Been a great role player and regularly hits the scoreboard.



19 Dan Houston

Bottom age player who reads the game very well and is a one touch player. Has excellent hands and great kick for goal. Kicked a bag of 7 early in the season. Vic Metro futures representative.



20 Ben Crocker

Been added to the AFL Academy program and shows a competitive nature. Able to play at either end of the ground, can shut down opponents down back and prove to be a productive leading forward. Very good one on one player.



21 Fraser Pearce

First year in the TAC Cup, has excellent endurance and explosive running power as a wing or half forward. Ex state basketball player who is improving with each game. Averages 16 possessions and 3 tackles a game.



26 Thomas Phillips

First year in the TAC Cup, best endurance runner at the club. A very driven player who has been a consistent performer since returning from APS. Averages 20 possessions at 68% efficiency and 4 tackles a game.



27 Brody Ledder

A versatile defender with excellent speed who can play on both smalls and tall. Is a good overhead mark and links up well with other defenders on the rebound.



30 Darcy Moore

Club captain who has led the team extremely well all year. Is an excellent athlete for his size who has played equally as well as a key defender or in attack. A great contested mark player who loves the big games. Vic Metro representative, All-Australian and TAC Cup Team of the Year member.



31 Patrick Phillips

First year player who is developing really well. Is an explosive athlete who can play all areas of the ground. Been close to team selection during the finals.



32 Liam Kinsella

Creative in and under forward/midfielder who brings great spirit to the group. Is highly respected for his on-field leadership and communication. Averages 18 possessions, 4 clearances and 4 tackles a game.



33 Kyle Dove

Athletic key position player who has a great development year playing key at either end and in the ruck after 3 seasons of injury. Is an excellent runner with great workrate.



34 Toby McLean

Had an excellent season playing as a half forward and through the midfield. 2nd in the Morrish Medal. Averages 23 possessions at 74%. In top 5 in competition stats for disposals, marks, contested possessions, goals and score assists. A great decision maker who has plenty of special about him.



37 Jack Whitehead

First year key defender who possesses great speed and power. Has excellent shut down ability and a booming kick. Vic Metro futures representative.



38 Ambrose Willet-Fatnowna

Been one of the most improved players at the club. A determined running half back who shuts down his opponent and provides great rebound. Is an aggressive player who loves the physicality of the game.



39 Jack Mahon

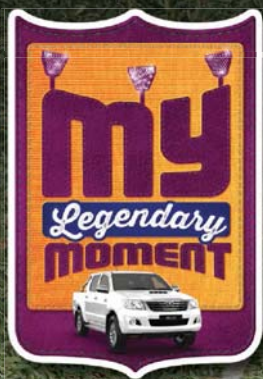
First year top age player with great endurance and has a hard edge to his game. Loves the physical aspects and averages 5 tackles a game. A good decision maker by hand or foot and has an effective kick.



49 Jack Firms

First year key position player who continues to develop well. Played a few games early in the season before injury. Big aggressive player who can play either end and in the ruck.





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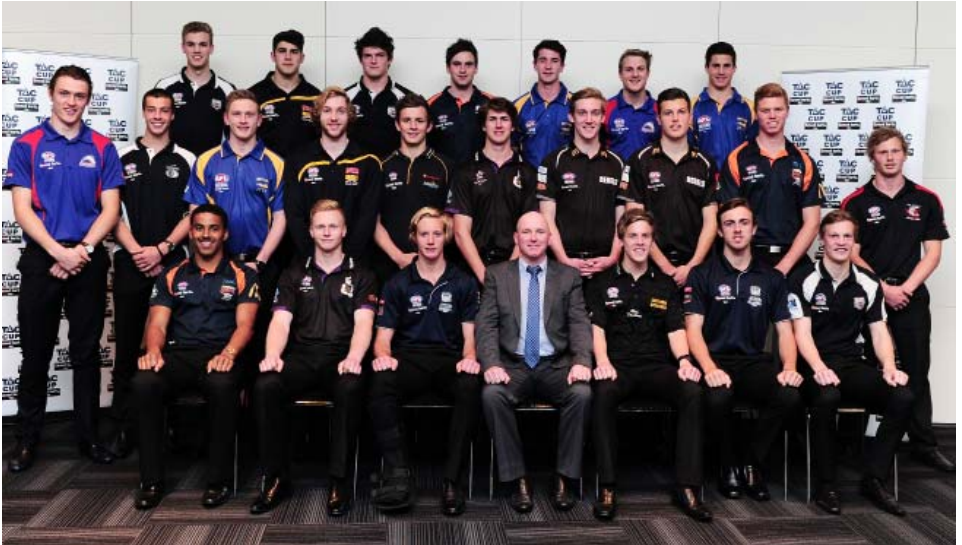
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Oh what a feeling!

TAC Cup Team of the Year

The 2014 TAC Cup Team of the Year was announced at Morrish Medal Night just a few weeks ago, with the cream of talent in the competition recognised in the side.



The TAC Cup Team of the Year has long been a key indicator to draft success, with 18 members of the selected 2013 team drafted to the AFL this year, including NAB AFL Rising Star Lewis Taylor, Rising Star runner up Marcus Bontempelli and number one draft selection Tom Boyd.

The class of 2014 looks to be no different, with a talented crop of player rewarded for successful seasons in the competition.

Such was the even spread of talent this year that all 12 regular TAC Cup teams were represented in the side, along with a NSW/ACT Ram in Isaac Heeney getting the

nod: with the expanded games for the Division 2 NAB AFL U18 Championship teams this season.

Calder Cannon, Sandringham Dragons and Western Jets all feature three representatives, the most of all the clubs.

After claiming MVP honours at the U18 Championships, both Christian Petracca (Metro) and Jack Lonie (Country) feature in the side, along with nine All Australians as well.

Congratulations to all the players selected in the 2014 TAC Cup Team of the year, let's take a look at how the side lined up:



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Daniel Howe	19 year old half back, acquitted himself well at U18 Championships. Can play midfield and was dominant in the finals.
Daniel Nielson	Premier key defender with good body checking skills. Metro rep rarely beaten one on one.
Darcy Parish	Quality small with ability to play inside or outside. Made his name this year as an outside running half back. All Australian.
Ed Vickers-Willis	Athletic balanced defender with very good composure and decision making. All Australian, Metro Rep
Oscar McDonald	Key position player. Consistent performer for North Ballarat with his strong marking in defense.
Corey Ellis	Silky mover with great kicking skills, keeps feet and has a strong all round game. Metro Rep
Jayden Laverde	Exciting tall utility with great overhead marking. Standout in loose ball situations. All Australian, Metro Rep
Alex Carr	2014 Morrish Medal winner, was the lynchpin for the Power midfield this season.
Liam Duggan	Balanced mover with exceptional kicking skills. AIS/AFL Academy- Ben Mitchell Medallist, Metro rep. Outside runner with rock solid character
Christian Petracca	Dynamic game breaker. All Australian, Metro Rep and AIS/AFL Academy member. Remarkable agility and repeat efforts and major ball winner.
Darcy Moore	Athletic swing key position player with the penchant for the freakish. All Australian, Metro Rep. Strong leadership skills and marking ability.
Rhys Mathieson	17 year old inside midfielder. A tough player that has ability to find the football. All Australian selection.
Jack Lonie	The Vic Country MVP, kicked 18 goals this season for Dandenong as a damaging small forward.
Peter Wright	Premier mobile ruckman who is equally effective as a mobile key forward. All Australia, Metro rep and AIS/AFL Academy.

Touk Miller	Strong efficient inside mid with impeccable hands and kicking skills. Rarely loses feet. Strong leader-Metro captain 2014
Rowan Marshall	Key ruckman who is an honest performer and great in the contest. Finished the season well for North Ballarat.
Angus Brayshaw	Uncanny possession accumulator with strong competitive zeal. Able to win hard ball. AIS/AFL Academy, All Australian, Metro Rep.
Nathan Drummond	19 year old utility player that can play all positions, had an outstanding season for Murray.
Billy Evans	Inside midfielder who acquitted himself well at the U18 Championships and had a great year for Bendigo Pioneers.
Kyle Langford	Promising athletic tall with strong aerial ability and great game management. Can play fwd and back and has improved greatly over the year. Metro Rep
Taylor Grace	19 year old ball magnet . Able to accumulate possession and distributes the ball well. Played well in VFL competition with Sandringham in 2014.
Paul Ahern	Balanced forward /mid with quality disposal especially by foot. Has the ability to do the extraordinary. All Australian, Metro Rep.
Alex Urban	Stand out stoppage player of the competition for two years. Has good game management and is very strong at hard ball contest.Metro Rep
Isaac Heeney	NSW/ACT midfielder with exceptional competitiveness and ball winning ability. Work ethic and character unquestionable. AIS/AFL Academy, All Australian



TAC CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

COACH: DAVID LOADER
NORTH BALLARAT REBELS

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ROWAN MARSHALL
North Ballarat Rebels

ANGUS BRAYSHAW
Sandringham Dragons

NATHAN DRUMMOND
Murray Bushrangers



BILLY EVANS
Bendigo Pioneers



KYLE LANGFORD
Northern Knights



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Milk 'mo' mates still enjoy the benefits of milk

With their footy jumpers, curly hair, milk moustaches and cheesy grins, Connor Hanley, Sam Fennessy and Angus Callander were perfect poster boys for milk.

More than a decade ago the bright-eyed, early years' students from Hartwell Primary School in Camberwell were plucked from obscurity to front a promotional campaign espousing the benefits of milk as a healthy drink for active and growing youngsters.

Today, they're still looking the part, still active in sport and still drinking milk!

The trio of milk mates are now aged 17 and 18 and continue to live in the same area, catching up from time to time.

While the teenagers have little memory of the original 2002 photo, all the boys continue to drink milk and enjoy its nutritional benefits. They also remain active in sport including football, rowing and skateboarding.

"Sam still drinks milk every day. I can't feed him enough of it," said his mum Peta.

Angus' mum Robina has kept copies of the photo and original publicity, which encouraged more children to get calcium into their diets from dairy foods.

"It showed 50 per cent of children were not getting their required daily dose of calcium," she said.

The latest recognised research from the national 2007 Kids Eat, Kids Play survey shows the trend has continued, with almost half of Aussie kids aged nine to 11 still not meeting their daily calcium requirement, which is essential for strong bones and growth.

Depending on their age and gender, the Australian Dietary Guidelines state that children need between one-and-a-half and three-and-a-half serves of foods from the dairy food group every day. As well as calcium, dairy foods like milk, cheese and yogurt provide kids with other essential nutrients including protein for growth and development, zinc for brain function and vitamin A for healthy eyes.

According to Dairy Australia Dietitian, Amber Beaumont, "As your child grows, their intake of dairy foods needs to grow too. A great way to make sure kids get what they need



is to start and end their day with dairy, such as a bowl of cereal with plenty of milk for breakfast and a smoothie after school."

Angus remembers the milk moustache being plastered on with a paint brush.

"It felt a bit strange but it was a fun thing to do. Doing the photo again brings back fun memories," he said.

Some things haven't changed in the years between the photos.

"I've always loved milk and have a couple of glasses every day," Angus said.

For more information on dairy and kids health, head to www.legendairy.com.au

KICKS		
Player Name	Team	Kicks
Ben Jolley	Williamstown	18
Adam Marcon	Williamstown	17
Mitch Hallahan	Box Hill Hawks	16
Jason Tutt	Footscray Bulldogs	16
Mitch Banner	Williamstown	16
Marc Lock	Box Hill Hawks	15
Marcus Marigliani	Port Melbourne	15
Sam Pleming	Port Melbourne	15
Kane Lambert	Williamstown	15

HANDBALLS		
Player Name	Team	Handballs
Ben Jolley	Williamstown	23
Lin Jong	Footscray Bulldogs	17
Adam Marcon	Williamstown	16
Ben McEvoy	Box Hill Hawks	14
Luke Andrews	Box Hill Hawks	13
Toby Pinwill	Port Melbourne	13
Mitch Wooffindin	Port Melbourne	13
Alex Woodward	Box Hill Hawks	12
Willie Wheeler	Williamstown	12

GOAL KICKERS				DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE			
SENIORS							
Player Name	Team	Goals	Total	Player Name	Team	Goals	Total
Sam Grimley	Box Hill Hawks	2	44	Peter McEvoy	Box Hill Hawks	5	65
Daniel Connors	Port Melbourne	dnp	40	Thomas Gordon	Box Hill Hawks	4	40
Ben Warren	Werribee Tigers	dnp	39	Andrew Gallucci	Williamstown	-	34
Liam McBean	Richmond	dnp	37	Shaun Wyatt	Williamstown	5	30
Lech Featherstone	Coburg	dnp	35	Max Hayes	Williamstown	-	28
Jack Redpath	Footscray Bulldogs	3	35	Charlie Nastasi	Williamstown	1	25
Trent Dennis-Lane	Sandringham	dnp	35	Dylan Conway	Williamstown	8	24
Tyrone Downie	Bendigo Gold	dnp	31	Billy Hogan	Port Melbourne	dnp	23
Patrick Karnezis	Collingwood	dnp	31	Scott Clarke	Port Melbourne	dnp	22
Scott Clouston	Williamstown	1	31	Sam Cust	Box Hill Hawks	1	21

MARKS		
Player Name	Team	Marks
Liam Jones	Footscray Bulldogs	11
Sam Pleming	Port Melbourne	10
Ben McEvoy	Box Hill Hawks	7
Lin Jong	Footscray Bulldogs	7
Marcus Marigliani	Port Melbourne	7
Mitch Hallahan	Box Hill Hawks	6
Ayden Kennedy	Box Hill Hawks	6
Xavier Murphy	Box Hill Hawks	6
Brent Prismall	Footscray Bulldogs	6
Michael Talia	Footscray Bulldogs	6
Jason Tutt	Footscray Bulldogs	6
David Fahey	Williamstown	6

HITOUTS		
Player Name	Team	Hitouts
Ben McEvoy	Box Hill Hawks	45
Tom Campbell	Footscray Bulldogs	37
Nick Meese	Williamstown	33
Ayce Cordy	Footscray Bulldogs	30
Alexander Robinson	Port Melbourne	22

*AFL **Played Seniors

GOAL KICKERS

Player Name	Team	Goals	Total
Jayden Foster	Calder Cannons	2	47
Jesse Palmer	North Ballarat Rebels	dnp	35
Reece McKenzie	Northern Knights	dnp	35
Peter Wright	Calder Cannons	1	32
Taylor Joyce	Dandenong Stingrays	dnp	30
Toby McLean	Oakleigh Chargers	1	30
Aaron Christensen	Geelong Falcons	dnp	29
Joshua Schache	Murray Bushrangers	dnp	27
Josh Cauchi	Calder Cannons	4	26
Aaron Wilson	Dandenong Stingrays	1	26

MARKS

Player Name	Team	Marks
Taylor Grace	Sandringham Dragons	11
Damien Cavka	Calder Cannons	9
Kyle Gray	Dandenong Stingrays	9
Alexander Urban	Oakleigh Chargers	9
Mitchell White	Dandenong Stingrays	8
Nicholas O'Kearney	Calder Cannons	7
Jacob Weitering	Dandenong Stingrays	7
Joshua Halsall	Oakleigh Chargers	7
Josh Clayton	Sandringham Dragons	7
Kyle Parsons	Sandringham Dragons	7
Edward Vickers-Willis	Sandringham Dragons	7

KICKS

Player Name	Team	Kicks
Nicholas O'Kearney	Calder Cannons	24
Damien Cavka	Calder Cannons	19
Kyle Gray	Dandenong Stingrays	19
Matthew Goodyear	Calder Cannons	18
Mitchell White	Dandenong Stingrays	18
Zak Wunhym	Calder Cannons	17
Thomas Phillips	Oakleigh Chargers	16
Brayden Maynard	Sandringham Dragons	16
Toby McLean	Oakleigh Chargers	15
Alexander Urban	Oakleigh Chargers	15

HANDBALLS

Player Name	Team	Handballs
Taylor Grace	Sandringham Dragons	15
Tom Donoghue	Calder Cannons	14
Mark Kovacevic	Calder Cannons	14
Nicholas O'Kearney	Calder Cannons	14
Jack Mahon	Oakleigh Chargers	13
William Fordham	Sandringham Dragons	13
Tyler Roos	Sandringham Dragons	13
Matthew Goodyear	Calder Cannons	11
Touk Miller	Calder Cannons	11
Harley Balic	Sandringham Dragons	11
Jim Bazzani	Sandringham Dragons	11

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PRELIMINARY FINAL 1

Footscray Bulldogs	4.1-25	6.4-40	10.8-68	20.10-130
Port Melbourne	4.4-28	7.8-50	9.11-65	14.14-98

Footscray Bulldogs

Goal Kickers: L. Jones 4, J. Redpath 3, L. Jong 2, B. Goodes 2, T. Dickson, M. Fogarty, T. Campbell, W. Hayes, J. Grant, C. Howard, A. Cordy, M. Honeychurch, J. Russell
Best Players: L. Jong, B. Goodes, L. Jones, M. Talia, M. Fogarty, J. Johannisen

Port Melbourne

Goal Kickers: J. Rowe 4, A. Bonaddio 2, C. Cain 2, H. Sandilands 2, D. Connors, T. O'Sullivan, C. Michaliades, M. Wooffindin
Best Players: S. Robinson, D. Noonan, J. Rowe, T. O'Sullivan, J. Magner, S. Pleming

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2

Box Hill Hawks	4.2-26	8.4-52	12.5-77	15.10-100
Williamstown	4.3-27	6.3-39	11.6-72	14.9-93

Box Hill Hawks

Goal Kickers: L. Lowden 4, X. Murphy 3, S. Grimley 2, J. Sicily 2, K. Cheney, D. Willsmore, A. Woodward, N. Papadopoulos
Best Players: B. McEvoy, A. Woodward, M. Hallahan, X. Murphy, A. Kennedy, L. Lowden

Williamstown

Goal Kickers: S. Critchley 3, R. Ferguson 2, N. Sing, J. Charleston, K. Lambert, A. Woods, S. Clouston, D. Fahey, J. Johnstone, A. Marcon, B. Bese
Best Players: A. Marcon, B. Davies, M. Banner, C. Lockwood, B. Bese, E. Carr

AFL VICTORIA DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 3

GRAND FINAL

Williamstown	6.5-41	12.6-78	13.11-89	18.18-126
Box Hill Hawks	3.1-19	6.8-44	12.10-82	13.13-91

Williamstown

Goal Kickers: D. Conway 8, S. Wyatt 5, J. Walker, C. Nastasi, B. Casley, K. McConnon, R. Adams
Best Players: D. Conway, S. Wyatt, J. Greiser, M. Gibbons, J. Bench, J. Owen

Box Hill Hawks

Goal Kickers: P. McEvoy 5, T. Gordon 4, J. Soccio, T. Goodwin, S. Cust, C. Cassidy
Best Players: T. Miles, M. O'Donnell, P. McEvoy, T. Goodwin, C. Cassidy, T. Gordon

TAC CUP RESULTS - FINALS WEEK 3

PRELIMINARY FINAL 1

Oakleigh Chargers	3.3-21	9.5-59	11.8-74	17.12-114
Sandringham Dragons	2.2-14	2.5-17	5.7-37	5.10-40

Oakleigh Chargers

Goal Kickers: L. Kinsella 3, D. Moore 3, A. Urban 2, J. De Goey 2, T. McLean, B. Gowers, J. Halsall, H. Beasley, L. Waddell, J. Sinclair, M. Pittonet
Best Players: A. Urban, K. Answerth, M. Pittonet, D. Moore, T. McLean, L. Kinsella

Sandringham Dragons

Goal Kickers: S. McLaren 2, B. Maynard, M. Neiwand, J. Clayton
Best Players: B. Maynard, J. Bazzani, H. Balic, E. Vickers-Willis, E. Langdon, N. Pavlou

PRELIMINARY FINAL 2

Calder Cannons	4.2-26	8.5-53	11.8-74	15.12-102
Dandenong Stingrays	1.1-7	3.5-23	5.6-36	7.7-49

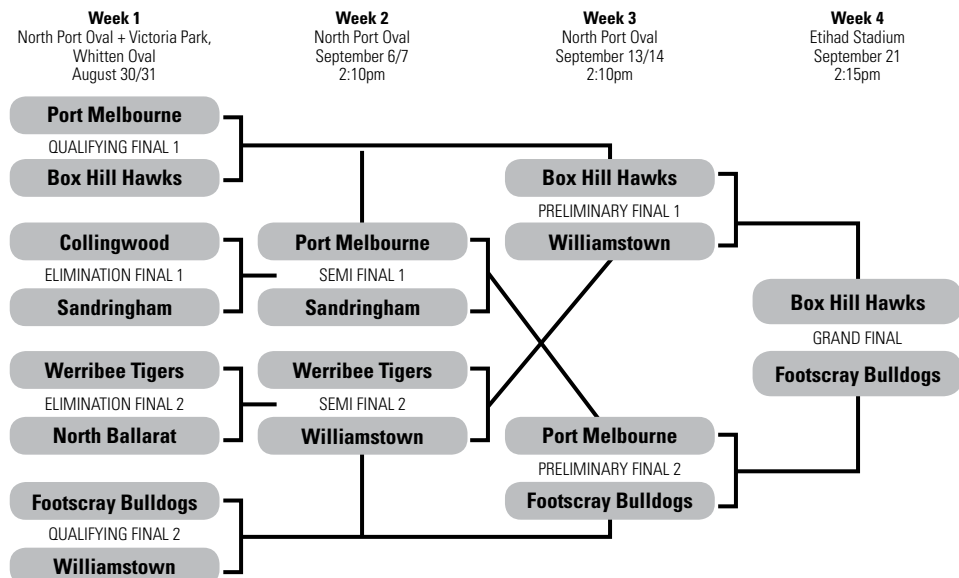
Calder Cannons

Goal Kickers: J. Cauchi 4, D. Cavka 3, J. Foster 2, H. Kerbatieh 2, Z. Wunhym 2, C. Moore, P. Wright
Best Players: J. James, N. O'Kearney, M. Kovacevic, M. Goodyear, J. Cauchi, R. Smith

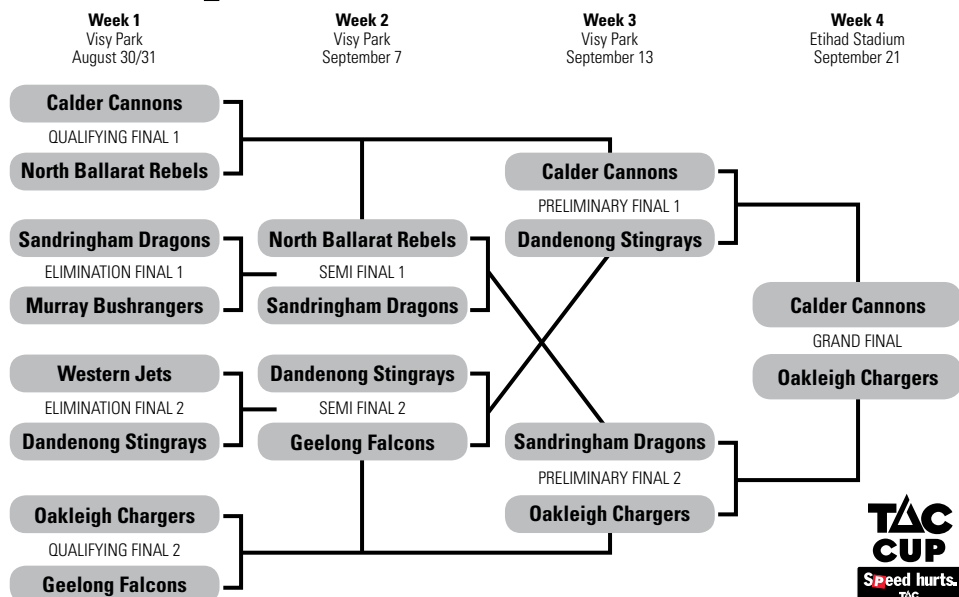
Dandenong Stingrays

Goal Kickers: J. Lonie 3, D. Capiron, B. Rice, A. Wilson, T. Lamb
Best Players: M. White, K. Gray, D. Kempster, S. Geurts, A. Pawel, J. Lonie

2014 Peter Jackson VFL Finals Series Structure



TAC Cup Finals Structure



The Last Word

Check out what has been happening online around the Peter Jackson VFL and TAC Cup



Oakleigh Chargers FC
@OakleighCharger
Here it is again for those that missed it yesterday. Photo courtesy of Penni Answerth. #Mooreofthat #chargers2014
10:59 AM - 15 Sep 2014

Julian Trantino
@jtrantino16
Well done to @OakleighCharger, through to #TACCup GF. Get around Alex Urban, the boy can play!
8:04 PM - 13 Sep 2014



Tim Michell
@tim_michell
What they all play for @TACCup @CalderCannonsFC @OakleighCharger
11:40 AM - 16 Sep 2014

Rahul
@srahul_35
DARCY MOORE JUST TOOK MARK OF THE YEAR!
4:01 PM - 13 Sep 2014

Emma Quayle
@emmasq
Darcy Moore just went whoosh, got up on a guy's shoulders, stayed there 5 minutes, ordered a coffee, read a book then took a speccie #taccup
4:02 PM - 13 Sep 2014

Zenith Sports
@ZenithSports
Fitting result to see both @OakleighCharger & @CalderCannonsFC make next weeks @TACCup Grand Final. Proud to be associated with both clubs
8:54 AM - 14 Sep 2014

Peter Williams
@pawil5
For all those wondering, reports coming in that Darcy Moore is just about to complete that mark #hangtime #taccupfinals
8:26 PM - 13 Sep 2014

Anthony Brady
@AJBrady_Sports
Good luck to the @CalderCannonsFC in next weekend's @TACCup Grand Final. Hope the boys from the Essendon area can bring home the victory!!!
8:27 PM - 14 Sep 2014



Gippsland Power F.C.
@Gippsland_Power
Declan Keilty kicking for goal in the @aflvic young guns game. Kick just wide. Green team on top early.
11:36 AM - 14 Sep 2014



Williamstown FC
@WilliamstownFC

Our two magnificent co-captains! 13 goals between them today!

#PJVFL

1:51 PM - 13 Sep 2014



Ben Ross
@benross21_

5th time lucky! Into a Granny! Great win by the @BoxHillHawks boys today.

5:48 PM - 14 Sep 2014



Taylor Duryea
@DocDuryea

Awesome to see @BoxHillHawks win today and give themselves a chance to become back-to-back VFL Premiers next weekend!!

5:51 PM - 14 Sep 2014



Paul Amy
@PaulAmy375

Players come and go like a two-goal breeze in the VFL. Willy skipper Ben Jolley is a constant. 37 possessions in a losing cause today. Champ

6:31 PM - 14 Sep 2014



darren coggan
@DarrenCoggan

Thrilled to be singing our national anthem this Sunday at the VFL grand final @EtihadStadiumAU @BoxHillHawks @FootscrayVFL @VFLnews

12:06 PM - 15 Sep 2014



Cody Bench
@BenchCody

Well Done To The @WilliamstownFC. And My Brother Josh Bench On Winning The @VFLnews Development League Grand Final!

4:14 PM - 13 Sep 2014



Paul Amy
@PaulAmy375

Farewell to two Port Melbourne and VFL champions, Sam Fleming and John Baird. They retired after the prelin final.

9:31 AM - 14 Sep 2014



@VFLnews



Footscray Bulldogs
@FootscrayVFL

Don't mind waking up to these headlines this morning...we're Grand Final bound. #godogs #PJVFL

10:52 AM - 14 Sep 2014



@FootscrayVFL

VFL Tipsters

Adrian Dunn VFL Record	Footscray
Last Round: 1	Total: 105
Brent Diamond The Age	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 1	Total: 102
Darren Boyd ABC TV	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 1	Total: 109
Heath Buck K Rock	Footscray
Last Round: 2	Total: 100
James Hunter Smith Herald Sun	Footscray
Last Round: 2	Total: 97
Jarrold Potter Star Newspaper	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 2	Total: 103
John Hook State League Manager	Footscray
Last Round: 0	Total: 101
Kiss of Death	
Last Round: 0	Total: 39
Liam Twomey Star Newspaper	Footscray
Last Round: 1	Total: 106

Mark Stone SEN	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 2	Total: 109
Nigel Carmody VFL Radio	Footscray
Last Round: 2	Total: 100
Paul Amy Leader	Footscray
Last Round: 1	Total: 102
Paul Hooper 3WBC	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 2	Total: 108
Peter Jackson Menswear VFL naming rights partner	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 1	Total: 108
Phil Cleary ABC TV	Box Hill Hawks
Last Round: 1	Total: 102

LEADER BOARD

DARREN BOYD	109	PAUL AMY	102
MARK STONE	109	PHIL CLEARY	102
PAUL HOOPER	108	HEATH BUCK	100
PETER JACKSON	108	JOHN HOOK	100
LIAM TWOMEY	106	NIGEL CARMODY	100
ADRIAN DUNN	105	JAMES HUNTER-SMITH	97
JARROLD POTTER	103	KISS OF DEATH	39
BRENT DIAMOND	102		

TAG CUP RADIO TIPSTERS

Rick Morris	LW	TOTAL	Paige Cardona	LW	TOTAL	Gabe Sorrentino	LW	TOTAL	Phil Crooks	LW	TOTAL
	2	77		2	76		1	72		1	68
Calder Cannons			Calder Cannons			Calder Cannons			Calder Cannons		

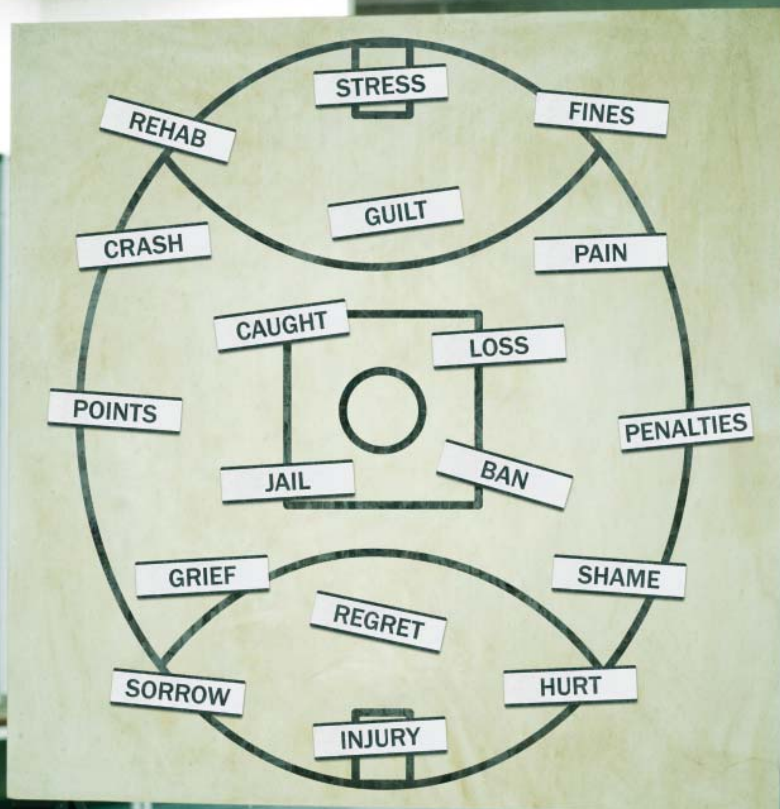
RICK MORRIS: Calder Cannons by 55-points.
Calder dominated the Qual.Final and all players have been contributing. Better forward line and have Wright who can win the match off his own boot.
Best on ground: Damien Cavka

PAIGE CARDONA: Calder Cannons by 7-points.
Both teams are hard running sides, and both have frightening key forwards that'll require close monitoring. The Cannons are littered with A-Graders, but the Chargers boast an even spread of contributors rather than a handful of stars. Cannons for mine, they just have a bit too much cream.
Best on Ground: Damien Cavka

GABE SORENTINO: Calder Cannons by 32-points.
Cannons have an even mix of high skilled and hardworking

midfielders. Their forward line boasts many options, including the likes of Wright, Foster, Cavka and Cauchi. The Chargers have many wonderful players but may not be able to kick a winning score.
Best on Ground: Damien Cavka

PHIL CROOKS: Calder Cannons by 43-points.
Calder have the perfect mix for a dominant football side, tall marking forwards with crumbing forwards at their feet, a midfield that racks up the numbers and contributes on the scoreboard and a tight defence. Oakleigh through Moore, DeGoey, Answerth, McLean, Gowers and Urban will keep the Chargers in this till deep into the third quarter but I expect the weight of constant attack to take its toll.
Best on Ground: Touk Miller



If you speed, you're in
for a tough game.

Speed hurts.

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Calder Cannons 15.12.102 d'Dandenong Stingrays 7.7.49



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