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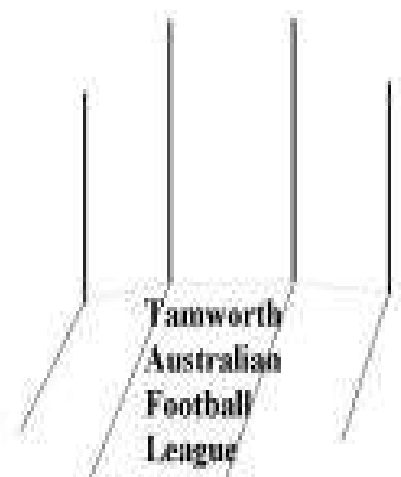
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# The Country Energy

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# Editors Comments

## Round 2

The New England Nomads started their season well with a win over the Tamworth Swans, the Cats had a really good first half against the Gunnedah Bulldogs however they would want to forget the second half of that game. The last time these 2 teams met was in round 14 at Tamworth's NO.1 and the very undermanned Cats were thumped by 170 points, with Weston Whitby kicking a Country Energy TAFL record 19 goals. The Cats have been able to recruit more people to the club this year and will be buoyed by their early effort against the Bulldogs, but will be no match for the Nomads at home. The Nomads struggled in the first quarter against the improved Swans and, if it was not for the Swans giving away a free kick late in the first quarter, they would have been goalless for the quarter. Nomads' Coach, Brendan Meehan, urged his players to play with more intensity after quarter time and slowly they clawed their way back into the game, finally getting in front in the last quarter. They then showed that they could withstand a late charge from the Swans and win under pressure.

Nomads to win by 72 points.

The Swans host the Inverell Saints in a game between 2 round 1 losers. Neither team was beaten by much, and both will be looking to open their winning account for 2009. The last time the Swans and the Saints met was in round 11 last year at NO.1 Oval with the Saints beating the Swans by 56 points. In fact, the Swans have not beaten the Saints since their thumping win in the 2006 preliminary final. The Saints were not disgraced against the Kangaroos and showed that they will still be a force this year. They are still getting used to a new coach and I am still confident that they will play finals this year. The main reason the Swans lost to the Nomads was their undisciplined acts that resulted in 3 direct goals to the Nomads. Coach Rick Watt will be instilling in his charges this week the importance of staying focused and disciplined. If they can do this, they will play finals this year.

Swans to win by 15 points.

In the match of the round the Gunnedah Bulldogs will be hoping to make the Kennel a fortress this year and their first challenger will be the Tamworth Kangaroos. The last time these 2 met was in round 12 in Tamworth last year and the Kangaroos had a compelling 84 point victory. The Bulldogs travelled down to the Cattery last week with only 19 men and lost Scott Hardy to injury in the first quarter. So the fact that they completely out-played the Cats in the second half shows that you underestimate the Bullies at your peril this year. The Bulldogs were simply awesome kicking 17 goals 8 behinds in the second half, while keeping the Cats to just 4 behinds at the same time. The Kangaroos had a workman type win against the Saints and showed that they will not be easy beats this year, even with their player losses from last year. I have a feeling, though, that this is going to be the year of the Bulldog.

Bulldogs to win by 30 points.

Darrell Benfield  
Editor

# Ladder

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Position	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	%
1	Gunnedah Bulldogs	1	1		-	152	44	4	345.45
2	Tamworth Kangaroos	1	1		-	99	88	4	112.50
3	New England Nomads	1	1		-	94	89	4	105.62
4	Tamworth Swans	1		1	-	89	94	0	94.68
5	Inverell Saints	1		1	-	88	99	0	88.89
6	Muswellbrook Cats	1		1	-	44	152	0	28.95

## This Week's Games



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# New England Nomads



Bellevue Oval was a great place to be last weekend. And not just because of the sunshine and blue sky.

The day kicked off with a well-attended and enthusiastic Auskick session before the main event, the match between the Nomads and the Swans. It was good to see a large Swans' squad, say hello to some familiar faces and finally get the season proper under way.

The Nomads started slowly, going 25 points behind in the first quarter, but improved quarter on quarter as the players got to know each other and their roles. Going into the final quarter the Swans led by three points, but that wasn't quite enough as the Nomads ended up victorious by five points.

The Nomads' effort across all four quarters was very good, a marked contrast to many of last season's matches where three quarters' work was often undone during one sloppy period. Sam Trotman got in on the goal scoring, but his four goals were outdone by surprise, surprise, a Weston Whitby five-goal haul. At the other end of the ground, Nick Schultz led a good defensive display superbly. However, the outstanding performance of the afternoon came from debutante Adam Wright who excelled all afternoon in a variety of roles.

After a few rounds to get into the swing of playing matches instead of interminable pre-season training, both of these teams should be pretty competitive.

It's good to be back.

Ron Crump  
Secretary  
New England Nomads AFC



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The Muswellbrook Cats commence their on the road assault on the 2009 CETAFL premiership with their first road trip of the year to take on the Armidale Nomads at home in Armidale. The Cats will be looking to make amends for their round one loss to the Bulldogs with a strong showing in round two at Armidale. Expect strong performances to come from round one players' player, Dave Howard, and multiple goal kicker, Stuart McAdam, again taking to the field as we take on the Nomads.

Although soundly beaten in round one, it was a positive hit out for the Cats as we put into play our structures that we have been working on pre-season in game conditions. These worked well under match conditions with the Cats taking it right up to the Bulldogs well into the second half of round one.

After another strong week on the training track the Cats will almost be at full strength with the only injury from round one being a strained knee ligament to Todd Ackland, who is out for a possible 6 weeks. With the team starting to gain some match condition and find some real form, the Cats are bound to be a handful in Armidale this weekend.

Scott Cook  
Secretary  
Muswellbrook Cats

# Tamworth Swans



## SOUTHGATE INN

If anything was learnt from the first round of the Country Energy Tamworth Australian Football League for 2009, it is that there won't be many easy games this year. This hits home for the Swans this week, who host the 2007 Premiers and 2008 Runners-up in the Inverell Saints. Some inexperience and ill discipline cost the Swans against the Nomads, and they will get no favours from one of the most physical and committed teams in the Country Energy TAFL.

We have not beaten the Saints since possibly the Club's best ever performance in the 2006 Preliminary Finals, but did lead the Saints at the main break in Tamworth last year and are confident of showing a yet improved showing this week. Glenn Squires and Andrew Stevenson impressed in their first match last week and will be all the better for the experience, while Nathan Bradburn has come back stronger and determined. Anthony Wallace and Richard Green returned to training this week and will add some experience to the front line, and Aaron and Josh McRae are also back and will add some mongrel at the contested ball.

This week will pose some interesting selection choices for Rick Watt, as he is in the (for Swans coaches) unfamiliar position of having more than 22 fit players at his disposal. With this depth in the Club we will be stronger and stronger as the season progresses, but are confident of breaking the duck this weekend. If Richmond can jag a win, surely we can.

Josh McKenzie  
President  
Tamworth Swans AFC



# Inverell Saints

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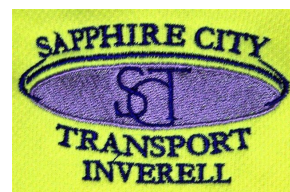


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# Gunnedah Bulldogs



A few pointers for the paper regarding this weekend's match.

- \* Country Energy TAFL Round 2.
- \* Playing Tamworth Kangaroos this Saturday at Wolseley.
- \* Game commences at 2:00pm.
- \* Roos were 2008 Tamworth AFL Premiers; Runners Up in 2007. Together with Inverell, have been the benchmark of the League for 3 or 4 seasons.
- \* They have lost a number of players from last year but are still very determined, formidable opponents.
- \* Roos defeated Inverell in close game in Round 1.
- \* Gunnedah crushed Muswellbrook by 108 points.
- \* Gunnedah without Scott Hardy (2008 Best & Fairest), Josh Edwards (unavailable), Mick Stevenson (unavailable), Arlo Pryor (foot) and Adam Rees (knee)
- \* Gunnedah inclusions - Paul Christie; Peter Chapman; Chris Hayden; Josh Hack; Mark Ewington (Leading goal kicker 2008); Pat Lebreux (subject to fitness)
- \* Strength will be in fitness; ability all around the ground.
- \* Longest kick competition at half time - sponsored by Country Energy. Prizes to be given.
- \* Anyone wishing to become a Social member is welcome to join. See Committee Members for details.

We have a website on Sporting Pulse - [afltamworth.com.au](http://afltamworth.com.au) Site has many photos, history and general news.

Thanks,  
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David Chapman  
President  
Gunnedah Bulldogs

# Tamworth Kangaroos

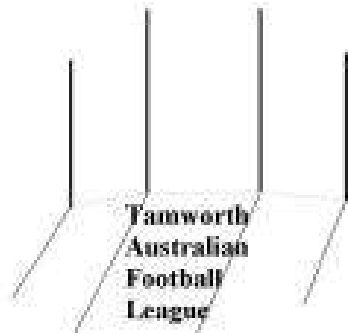
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# Umpires



This week sees new green shirt umpire Jeffery Cristani take to the field at Armidale, good luck Jeff.

At Gunnedah we have a visiting Vic country umpire offering his services to assist our depleted ranks.

Please make Jeff and Barry welcome at your games.

If any club is aware of any ex player or a person that would like to umpire please feel free to pass on my contact details.

## Spirit Of The Laws

### Contest for the ball

#### GENERAL PLAY

*"The player whose sole objective is to contest the ball shall be permitted to do so."*

A player may be fairly met by use of the hip, shoulder, chest, arms and open hand and be pushed or bumped in the chest or side.

Solid but legal bumps are permitted.

#### CONTACT TO THE HEAD

Contact to the head is considered to be illegal.

#### HEAD OVER THE BALL

A free kick will be awarded against a player who bumps or makes forceful contact to an opponent from front-on when that player has their head down over the ball.

#### **Note:**

A player can bump an opponent's body from side-on but any contact forward of side-on will be deemed to be front-on;

A player with their head down in anticipation of winning possession of the ball or after contesting the ball will be deemed to have had their head down over the ball for the purposes of this law.

Graham Brown  
Umpire Coach & Coordinator  
Country Energy Tamworth AFL

# Umpires List

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Name
Graham Brown
Gerry Griffiths
Lindsay Brash
Robin Dobos
Mark Storey
Jeffery Cristani

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# Nomads Team List

Umpire - Lindsay Brash

Number	Name	Goals
2	Reece Whitby	
3	Tom Walsh	
4	Adam Baillie	
7	Matt Green	
8	Dave Donaldson	
10	Weston Whitby	
11	Mitch Ivey	
12	Jarrold Reid	
13	Ben Staunton	
15	Sam Trotman	
16	Sol Hanks	
17	Hamish Pearce	
18	Adrian Walsh	
21	Ben Page	
22	Matt Pett	

Number	Name	Goals
23	Tyrone Dimmer	
26	Mark Clayton	
28	Jamie Vesey	
29	Ron Crump	
31	Jay Wright	
32	Matt Bourke	
33	Clinton Ballagh	
34	Johnathon Frost	
37	Oms Temoso	
39	Dave Bioletti	
40	Caleb Dobos	
41	Nick Shultz	
42	Matt Maxwell	
44	William Webb	
51	Dave Dunlop	

T AFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Nomads					
Cats					

# Cats Team List

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Umpire - Jeffery Cristani

Number	Name	Goals
1	Stuart McAdam	
2	Paul Lanyon	
3	Brian Scott	
4	Adam Griffiths	
5	Adam White	
6	Robert Jordan	
7	Dave Howard	
8	James Russ	
9	Matthew Lomas	
10	Jarrold Jones	
11	Steve Mullane	
12	Daniel O'Hara	
13	Christopher Nichols	
14	Rhys Smith	
15	Todd Achland	

Number	Name	Goals
16	Christopher Russell	
17	Royston Murphy	
18	Nicholas Wilson	
19	Kenneth Garland	
20	Grant Ellis	
21	David Morrissey	
22	Christopher Mayne	
23	Quniton Foxcroft	
24	Grant O'Leary	
25	Mark McLaughlin	
26	Wayne Gunn	
27	Steven Nougher	
36	Adam Warner	
37	Anthony McClean	
51	Dave Dunlop	

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Nomads					
Cats					

# Swans Team List

Umpire - Graham Brown

Number	Name	Goals
1	Dean Hoy	
2	Gavin Knee	
3	Joey Atkinson	
4	Travis Brown	
5	Jason Darcy	
6	Josh McKenzie	
7	Leif Smith	
8	Dean Finlay	
9	Andrew Donohue	
10	Glenn Squires	
11	Damien Wendt	
12	Aaron McRae	
14	Even Griffiths	
15	John Robinson	

Number	Name	Goals
17	Dane Miller	
18	Tristan Jones	
19	Anthony Wallace	
20	Josh Steel	
21	Nick Green	
22	Daniel Butcher	
23	Lachlan Rowling	
24	Sam Shelton	
25	Carl Shave	
26	Janson Doughty	
27	Mitch Forrester	
28	Andrew Stevenson	
35	Mitch Firth	
39	Nathan Bradburn	

CETAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Swans					
Saints					

# Saints Team List

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Umpire - Robin Dobos

Number	Name	Goals
1	Jack Lawton	
2	Tom Williams	
3	Ben Lee	
4	Pete Dunlop	
5	Mick Corcoran	
6	Darren Pithers	
7	Fraser Hughes	
8	Will Kenny	
9	Bruce Wall	
10	Shaun Mansbridge	
11	Mick Corely	
12	Tom Rettallack	
13	Kye Bailey	
14	Gerry Taveira	
15	Dick Gleeson	
16	Beau Ryan	
17	Joe Kimmince	
19	Dan Corcoran	
20	Matthew Harrison	

Number	Name	Goals
21	Jonathon Elphick	
22	Matt McConnell	
23	Chris Whitton	
24	Ben Mutimer	
25	Paul McLeod	
26	Andrew Cameron	
27	James Williams	
28	Alex Dasey	
30	Darren Bailey	
32	Sam Kimmince	
34	Gary Hadland	
35	Justin Pay	
36	Corey Borthwick	
37	Chris Pay	
39	Nick Baird	
40	Mick Viney	

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Swans					
Saints					

# Bulldogs Team List

Umpire - Mark Storey

Number	Name	Goals
1	Andrew George	
2	Stuart McVittie	
3	Richard Avendano	
4	Luke Kelly	
5	Chris Hayden	
6	Michael Stevenson	
7	Paul Brown	
8	David Vidovic	
9	Josh Edwards	
10	Arlo Pryor	
11	Scott Hardy	
12	Adam Rees	
13	Peter Chapman	
14	Matt Baker	
15	Aaron Donnelly	

Number	Name	Goals
16	Adam Waugh	
17	Josh Hack	
18	Pat Lebreux	
19	Ben Middlebrook	
20	Garry Briggs	
21	Daniel Hunt	
22	Duncan Hill	
23	Paul Christie	
24	Mark Ewington	
25	Brendon Lemon	
26	Matt Nazzari	
27	Sam Naismith	
29	John Woolaston	
30	Troy Garling	

T AFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Bulldogs					
Kangaroos					

# Kangaroos Team List

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Umpire - Barry ?

Number	Name	Goals
1	Cameron Douglas	
2	Daniel Overeem	
3	Mitchell Douglas	
4	Col Daye	
5	Marshall Douglas	
6	Ryan Painter	
7	Ben Reyne	
8	Lindin Cini	
9	Drew Murden	
10	Ian Leys	
12	Daniel Ray	
13	Luke Robinson	
14	Ben Kennedy	
15	Gordon Phemister	
16	Brad Snowden	
17	Chris Spencer	
18	Michael Cameron	
19	Jamie Baker	

Number	Name	Goals
20	Daniel Johnson	
24	Riley Schafer-Wilson	
25	Pat Whan	
26	Ben Coombes	
27	Stephen Laub	
28	Michael Felosi	
29	Ian Clements	
30	Andrew Hawkins	
31	Tim Cotter	
32	Mitchell Penberthy	
33	Brenton Horwood	
34	Troy Gross	
35	Daryl Gorton	
36	Neil McLean	
37	Paul Tapper	
38	Vincent Woodgate	
39	Mark Barrow	

TAFL	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Points
Bulldogs					
Kangaroos					

## PLAYERS

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Play by the rules – the rules of your Club and the laws of the game.

Attend training sessions and matches at times advised by the Club. If unable, for a valid reason to do so, players will inform the club as soon, as is practical.

Act respectfully toward the officials and players of their own opposing Clubs.

Respect and follow the directions of coaching staff, match and club officials.

Treat all players with respect, as you would want them to treat you.

Act respectfully towards match officials at all times. Abusive language is unacceptable.

Avoid individual or collective behaviour, which may reasonably be held by spectators to be offensive.

Avoid all acts likely to incite spectators to violence or disorder.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or the Tamworth AFL.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

# **PARENTS & SUPPORTERS**

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Remember that you are for there for the participants to enjoy the game.

Encourage participation, but don't force it.

Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.

Never ridicule mistakes or losses. Supporters are there to support not downgrade.

Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires, administrators and spectators. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Recognise all volunteers who give up their valuable time.

Never publicly criticise umpires, rather raise personal concerns with club officials in private.

Do not use remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability as many such comments are politically incorrect and it is your coach, team-mates, Club and family that are let down with such remarks.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

Abusive language is unacceptable.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Set a good example and display utmost honesty and integrity in all dealings.

Teach fair play and good sportsmanship.

Never place the value of winning above that of instilling the highest possible ideals and character.

Be reasonable in demands, setting goals and expectations at an attainable level.

Maintain a current knowledge of the rules of the game.

Teach and interpret the laws of the game to the players.

Never ridicule players.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all individuals within the context of my involvement in Australian Football, including refraining from any discriminatory practices on the basis of race, religion, ethnic background, or special ability/disability.

Encourage and create opportunities to develop individual as well as team skill.

Ensure that all players understand the importance of regular attendance at training and positive attitude at training and that team selection throughout the season, including the finals, may be influenced by their training attendance and attitude.

Ensure that injured players are given prompt and competent medical attention and that doctor's orders are strictly adhered to.

Endeavour to keep informed regarding sound principles of coaching and skill development and of factors relating to the welfare on my players.

Display and teach appropriate sporting behaviour, ensuring that players understand and practise fair play.

Display and foster respect for umpires, opponents, coaches, administrators, other officials, parents and spectators.

Abide by the By-Laws, (Rules & Regulations) and the Competition Rules of the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Respect the facilities and equipment of their own and opposing Clubs.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

# ADMINISTRATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Involve others in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to Australian Football.

Create pathways for people to participate and develop through the sport not just as players but also as coaches, umpires and administrators.

Ensure equipment and facilities are safe and appropriate to the ability of the participants.

Establish that qualified and competent coaches and officials capable of developing appropriate sports behaviour and specific skill technique provide adequate supervision.

Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

Assist all participants in Australian Football to know and understand the rules.

Set a conduct example for others to follow.

Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person.

Make no detrimental statements in public (radio, television, print or electronic media) in respect to the performance of any match officials, players, or any policy decisions of the Club or to the Tamworth AFL.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

Always respect the use of facilities and equipment provided.

Ensure on and off the field behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.

Ensure all parents, coaches, sponsors, administrators, officials, medical staff and players, understand their responsibilities regarding fair play in sport.

## OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT

Display fairness and uniformity in applying the rules.

Be honest in your assessment of situations.

Be consistent and courteous in calling all infractions.

Condemn deliberate fouls as being unsporting and promote fair play and appropriate sports behaviour.

The health and safety of the players must be the most important reason to be weighed in during the decision making process.

Use common sense to ensure the 'spirit of the game' for players is not lost by being too pedantic when applying the rules.

Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.

Ensure you remain up to date with any rule changes and/or interpretation of the rules as laid down by the AFL.

Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.

Do not engage in physical and/or verbal intimidation, abuse or conduct toward any player, official, umpire or supporter. Such actions are totally unacceptable.

# Last Round's Results

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## Round 1

Kangaroos 14 15 99

Saints 13 10 88

Kangaroos Goals: A. Hawkins 6, D. Overeem 5, M. Barrow, M. Filosi, B. Coombes

Kangaroos Best: L. Robinson, M. Filosi, M. Douglas, A. Hawkins, P. Tapper, C. Douglas

Saints Goals: C. Whitton 5, N. Baird 2, G. Hadland 2, J. Lawton, B. Ryan, J. Kimmince, M. Viney

Saints Best: J. Lawton, J. Kimmince, C. Whitton, B. Ryan, T. Williams, D. Pithers

Nomads 14 10 94

Swans 13 11 89

Nomads Goals: W. Whitby 5, S. Trotman 4, A. Wright 2, A. Walsh 2, C. Dobos

Nomads Best: S. Trotman, J. Reid, A. Wright, H. Robertson, C. Dobos, N. Schultz

Swans Goals: G. Knee 7, D. Hoy 4, J. Darcy, D. Butcher

Swans Best: L. Rowling, D. Miller, A. Donohue, T. Jonet, N. Green, D. Wendt

Cats 6 8 44

Bulldogs 23 14 152

Cats Goals: S. McAdam 5, G. Ellis

Cats Best: D. Howard, G. Ellis, K. Garland, W. Gunn, A. Griffiths, B. Howarth

Bulldogs Goals: F. Lamb 5, A. George 3, S. Naismith 2, D. Chapman 2, A. Donnelly 2, M. Baker 2, M. Nazzari 2, B. Middlebrook 2, J. Edwards, D. Vidovic, A. Smoverley

Bulldogs best: P. Brown, F. Lamb, S. Naismith, A. George, D. Vidovic, A. Donnelly

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