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INTRODUCTION

AFL VICTORIA TAC CUP & AFL VICTORIA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS GEELONG FALCONS



With the expansion of the Victorian Football League to the Australian Football League, a junior structure known as the Victorian State Football League was established in 1992. Commencing with six Metropolitan based teams, including the **Geelong Falcons**, it was expanded to a twelve-team competition incorporating seven Metropolitan-based teams and five regional-based teams (Ballarat **Rebels**, Bendigo **Pioneers**, Geelong **Falcons**, Gippsland **Power** and Murray **Bushrangers**), before the addition of two Interstate based teams (NSW/ACT **Rams** and Tasmanian **Tassie Mariners**) in 1996 which took the competition to a 14-team structure. Since 2000, both the Northern Territory and Queensland have participated in the competition for two rounds with the TAC Cup expanding to a mini AFL structure and National competition. Since 2003, the NSW Rams and Tassie Mariners have reverted to a part-time development State involvement.

2009, witnessed the inclusion of the new AFL team, Gold Coast, into the TAC Cup as the club continued its transition to the VFL in 2010 and then AFL in 2011. This was repeated by the inclusion of Greater Western Sydney (GWS) in 2010.

Note: As of 1997, the word 'state' was deleted from the Competition title and following a further name change in recent years, is now referred to as the "AFL Victoria - TAC Cup".

The Geelong Falcons, as a foundation team, was also the inaugural Premiers with victory in 1992 under the coaching of Terry Bright (who went on to coach with both Geelong Cats and Fremantle Dockers Football Clubs) and Paul Armstrong who was the original Falcons Regional Manager who then progressed to administration in AFL ranks, initially at Geelong, then with the Western Bulldogs and Richmond and more recently with the AFL Coaches Association.

As a successful Under 18 development program, AFL Victoria also requires a comprehensive support staff structure to ensure that it provides for all facets of football administration and development in this modern era of professional level football. In this instance, the Geelong Falcons embodies a professional, elite youth football program with Michael Turner (formerly Geelong FC) as AFL Vic Talent Manager supported by a very skilled and dedicated support staff including coaches (head coach Daniel O'Keefe, and a range of specialist coaches including skills coaches, fitness coach, ruck coach, rehabilitation coach, weights coach, High Performance Manager, U15 & U16 squad coaches), medical personnel (doctor, physiotherapist, podiatrist, nutritionist), training staff (head trainer, support trainers, masseurs) and managers (team manager, property manager & player welfare manager).

On match day additional support staff such as statisticians, Champion Data, interchange steward, time keeper, team runners (x2) and other general match day duty staff are required (approximately 35 personnel in all). Recruiting personnel are also engaged to identify emerging talent/new recruits and liaise with the catchment area clubs. In all, around 60 people are required to support the team and its annual program.

As a pathway to the AFL draft, the Geelong Falcons represent the senior level of this program, beginning with (zoned) 2 x Under 15 squads and an Under 16 squad (including girls' programs), with programs through local interleague carnivals and clinics supported by a strong preseason program to capture a list of 50 players identified for a season's program at the Falcons at TAC Cup level.

In addition to the elite level of development and competition, an extensive junior development program is provided throughout the AFL Barwon zone. AFL Auskick, AFL Player Appearances (Primary & Secondary schools, Auskick Centres and Junior Clubs), AFL Auskick Rules & Grid Games, Primary School Lightning Premierships, Secondary School Competitions (MCC Herald-Sun Senior & SmokeFree Junior), Coaches Associations, Coach Education and Junior Club Development/Fostership Programs, Recreational Football, AFL 9s and Youth girls football are organised and promoted to include as many participants as possible in the foundation plan of the football development program across AFL Barwon's zoned area – effectively ranging from Lara to Colac.

Football development in the Geelong Falcons zone is very comprehensive and coordinated and the zone is proud of its achievements over the past 26 years. The Geelong Falcons are VERY proud of the fact that our program is rated by the AFL as the #1 club/Academy program in Australia on three fronts:

- Most players drafted: 126 players (at the completion of the 2016 Draft).
- Most players on AFL lists. Throughout AFL Season 2016 there were 40+ Falcons on AFL club lists, while 25-30 Falcons regularly played throughout the Home & Away AFL season.
- Awards and honours won by our former players: Brownlow Medalists (x4), All Australians, AFL captains (x7), Best & Fairest winners, Premiership players and captains (Cameron Ling x 1, Luke Hodge x 3).



"BE PROUD TO BE A FALCON"



GEELONG FALCONS' TALENT MANAGER'S REPORT 2017

AFL Victoria's TAC Cup competition has been in existence since 1992 and has developed a reputation as the best junior sporting structure in Australia. The twelve AFL Victoria Academy programs are well resourced by AFL Victoria with each of the regions given a similar budget to conduct the talented player pathway.

The TAC Cup has 12 teams/regions which play in the state competition with the developing states of NSW/ACT, Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory playing a series of games to prepare their squads for the AFL U18 National Championships. This competition is a mini AFL competition for elite footballers in Victoria and Australia which has access to a well-structured and professionally managed academy development program.



Season 2017 saw the Geelong Falcons win its 3rd Premiership after a 17-year drought and add to the club's trophy cabinet containing the 1992 and 2000 TAC Cup Premierships. In my time as the Geelong Falcons' Talent Manager, I believe the 2017 team was the most talented group of players the club has witnessed and this proved true as they went on to win the Premiership. The 2017 TAC Cup Grand Final was a special occasion in itself, played on a Sunday night, under lights at Etihad Stadium and broadcasted live on *Fox Footy*, with this Grand Final played to a standard befitting the venue and occasion – particularly when the game was decided on an after-the-siren kick for goal!

Our team objectives each year are to make the finals; get players drafted to the AFL or develop on to VFL clubs, and to help all our squad players reach their full potential as young men. In season 2017, we were able to achieve these objectives again. In regard to the AFL Draft, we have had an average of nearly 5 players drafted each year making the Falcons the most drafted club in Australia in providing players to the AFL. In 2017, we would expect to have a very strong draft result with a number of players to be drafted/'rookied' again, enhancing our reputation as the leading AFL player development program.

As for the players reaching their full potential, I believe we work very hard to help our players achieve realistic goals. Players can only play to the mental & physical ability they have. Some are capable of making the AFL, others VFL and most, hopefully go back to their local clubs better for the experience. By way of example, in this year's GFL Grand Final between St. Marys and St. Josephs, there were 30 ex-Falcons players that played in this match.

Well done to all our squad players in 2017 and the support we get from the parents. We all have to be realistic about our son's capabilities or we risk the Geelong Falcons program becoming a negative and degenerating effect on our players, which is not acceptable to me, Daniel O'Keefe or any other Falcons staff member.

The Geelong Falcons have a rich and productive history in the TAC Cup:

- Premiers 1992, 2000 & 2017.
- Grand Finalists 1994, 1998.
- Preliminary Finalists – 1996/2009/2013/2016.
- Finalists 1993/1995/1996/1999/2001/2003-08/2010-12/2014 and 2015.
- 126 players drafted in 26 years (average approx. 5 per year)
- 2017 Draft – very strong draft potential
- The TAC Cup provides a very high percentage of draftees to the AFL each year, with at least 60% of drafted players in the 2016 Draft to come out of the TAC Cup program.
- 7 x Geelong Falcons voted in Top 25 of 25 years of TAC Cup competition (with Gary Ablett Jnr voted #1).

Congratulations and a special thank you to our 1st year Head Coach Daniel O'Keefe and his coaching group on a developing a squad that delivered the club its 3rd Premiership, but throughout the season developed players that produced a brand of football that I consider the best I have seen in the club's 26-year history. An outstanding achievement! In this regard, congratulations to Danny and Football Manager Dean Pearce who have continued to pursue best practice through innovation for this football program. Danny and the Match Committee have had an open and supportive approach to players and parents, with strong communication skills and honest assessments. We at the Falcons are always HONEST – so you know where we stand even though some do not always agree – we communicate and all staff are honest.

Thank you to all our support staff who obviously are too many to mention but all play important roles on and off the field. We have a staff of 50+ who all work for the Falcons because they have the desire to help our players reach their full potential. All our staff represent every value this club has – Honesty, Friendship, Loyalty, Selflessness and for giving their time for the development of our players – your sons.

Achievements in Season 2017:

- Finals – 2nd on ladder; 3 x Finals with 3 wins and a Premiership.
- 10 players – David Handley, Sam Walsh, Matthew Ling, Joshua Jaska, Tom McCartin, Cassidy Parish, Gryan Miers, James Worpel (VC Captain), Ethan Floyd and Ned McHenry played for Vic Country in the AFL National U18 Championships.
- Four players - David Handley, Cassidy Parish, Gryan Miers and James Worpel (Team Captain) named in the TAC Cup Team of the Year.
- Players represented the State at U16 & U15 Level.
- James Worpel selected in NAB/AFL Academy squad 2017 and then participated in the 2017 NAB/AFL Academy program, eventuating with 2017 All-Australian selection.
- Sam Walsh and Ned McHenry (Level 2) and Cooper Stephens (Level 1) selected in NAB/AFL Academy squad 2018.
- 3 x Falcons girls selected as Under 18 Girls All-Australians.
- The development of our players as young men and women.
- Making friends with players, parents and staff that will hopefully last forever.
- Draft 2017 –TBC.

Thank you for the support from AFL Barwon General Manager Lee Hartman and staff, and all our Leagues and Clubs. We see ourselves as a link between the player and family, their school and local club in the transition from underage football to senior football – AFL/VFL/VCFL. We are a partnership helping each other along a career pathway – credit for success must be shared with all concerned. Also, a note of thanks to Katie Geerings who has been central to the formation of our TAC Cup Girls team this year.

Acknowledgement must also be given to the staff who conduct our Under 16 and Under 15 development squads. The Geelong Falcons are only as strong as the players recruited to and developed through this junior structure. Cameron Loftus and staff (Under 16), Barry Orvis (Under 15) head their development squads and we thank them and their staff for the dedicated service they give year after year.

We acknowledge the support of our sponsors who are listed throughout this report. Major sponsor of the TAC Cup “TAC”; our Major sponsor 2017 – REX GORELL FORD; Our Premier sponsors SUBWAY, KFC, Glynn Harvey Fruit & Vegies, Werribee Football Club, MORRIS FINANCE, Enzo’s Pizza, Deakin University and AFL Barwon. Corporate Sponsors McHarry’s Buslines, Rodpak, Andrew Katos MP and Buckley’s Entertainment Centre.

Also, all our Gold Sponsors who have supported us for many years. Without the continued and new support of our sponsors the Geelong Falcons program could not provide the resources and staff that we do as each sponsor is an integral part of our support network. Special thanks to Rex Gorell Ford, our Major Sponsor over the past 14 years. Rex Gorell Ford provides a Ford Ranger to the Geelong Falcons, which provides significant savings in our budget to allow us to provide improved and new resources to our staff and players throughout the region.

Thank you to the media for their promotion of the club throughout 2017. The Herald Sun [Jay Clark], Geelong Advertiser [Nick Wade], Colac Herald [Ben Martin] and K-Rock, particularly the sterling work by Tom King and Bradley Green. Thank you also to the staff at AFL Victoria for their leadership and encouragement, in particular Steven Reaper (CEO), Paul Hamilton (State Talent Manager) and Lee Fraser (Vic Country Pathways Manager).

Best wishes to those players and parents leaving us in 2017 - your support and contribution has been appreciated. We wish the players all the best in their careers on and off the field and we hope you will reflect on your Geelong Falcons experience as a positive influence for your future. Finally, congratulations to the players who were drafted and good luck in your AFL careers.

Michael Turner
AFL Victoria: Talent Manager
Geelong Falcons: 1995-2017



COACH'S REPORT – 2017

We had an incredible season in 2017. We were known for our aggression at the contest and the opposition. We outnumbered better than anyone else. Half way through the season we also found a knack on the outside that became formidable in our attack. We tinkered with minor things along the way but the process and our core method stayed true the entire journey. We had the deepest spread of goal kickers in the competition, the most brutal midfielders and were the hardest team to score against. Our competitive advantages stretched all over the ground.



18 wins and 3 losses, in what will go down as possibly the greatest season that the Geelong Falcons have ever undergone. In a year where we had an unbelievable 10 players represent Victoria Country at the National Carnival and we played 50 Falcons players throughout the season. Did we over-achieve? Or did we simply reach our potential? We accomplished so much in season 2017.

Every night of the week building up to our Grand Final, it was hard not to imagine what would happen if we won and where we would be when the siren sounded. Thoughts like how amazing it would be if you could share that time with the bench and get out onto the ground with players as soon as it sounds, or the last 10 minutes of the game the coaches in the box could use that time to celebrate with each other.

But how wrong would I be. What I never dared to dream was that when that final siren sounded, we still wouldn't know who was the Premier. The last 15 seconds have every emotion possible. A moment in time that we will never forget.

From round 16, we knew every game was going to be an extremely tough challenge. As a playing group, we spoke about how good we needed to play to inevitably be crowned premiers. Our best footy of the year came in this period – vs Eastern Ranges (Rd 17), vs Gippsland (EF) and the second half against Dandenong (PF). Internally, we agreed that this was Falcons footy at its best and we earmarked it as our '4th gear', suggesting we had been in 3rd all season - a confidence boosting thought that played a big part of our pre-game talks. The players were always encouraged that we had yet another gear to find, and if we did that then we would be unstoppable. That was exciting enough just to think about.

As coach, knowing that our 4th gear for a whole game is good enough to win the flag, what we got was something beyond extraordinary - and it couldn't have come at a better time. Our third quarter in the GF could possibly go down in history as one of the most pivotal 25 minutes of Falcons football that anyone will ever remember. To beat a side 50 points to zero in a shortened quarter is extremely rare and hardly ever seen in any round. Throw in the fact the opposition was littered with future AFL stars and were in front by 20 points at HT plus the added pressure of it being a GF. When you sit back and reflect on this, maybe we skipped '5th gear'? Did we go straight into overdrive? Either way, it was a total dominance you can only ever dream of as a coach. At HT we backed the 23 players in. We stuck true to what had worked all year. The group were challenged and the question was put to them "how much do you want it?" You could see it in their eyes, they were going to leave no stone unturned, they had come too far to leave without the prize. Regardless of how the game ended, I'm convinced we deserved to win because of our 3rd term - it isn't called the Premiership quarter for nothing!

During the season, James Worpel (Co-Captain) mentioned he was unsure how we would go this year, given we had a new head coach and another four new assistant coaches. He had every right to have those apprehensions. A big thank you to my three line coaches. To Luke Daffy, David Farrell and Jayden Pitt, the time, effort and care you have put into this program is forever valued. Coaching a TAC Cup program is heavy work, but I was able to share the load with you throughout the year. All three remarkably rarely missed a training session for the entire season and because of this the players benefitted greatly.

Michael Bright, Jesse Drever and Michael Di Domenico were also instrumental in the development of our players and program. Again, your time and care for our players was amazing. A special shout out to Luke Primus who finished his time with the Falcons as a wonderful assistant coach at the end of last season, but jumped back on board to purely help and support myself and Jayden (midfield coach). In the end, Luke played a pivotal role as runner in our last 6 games.

To our Medical and High-Performance Team, led by Rach, Emily and Matt. Firstly, to get the players as fit as they could possibly be over summer was extraordinary and no doubt correlated with being fit and healthy at the pointy end of the season. We literally 'ran away' from an abundance of opposition teams this year in the second half of games. We did however, have quite a few longer-term injuries throughout the season but were all rectified and treated professionally. To have our best side available with no real niggles deep in September is both rare and greatly appreciated from a coach's point of view. So, a big thank you to the Medical Team: Rach, Emily, Timmy, Col and all others involved. Also, a huge thankyou to our High-Performance Team: Matt, Maddie, Dana, Dylan and Brad.

To Jack, Peter, Shuggy and Billy, again thank you for your invaluable services this season. It is certainly much appreciated from all. To Mick Turner and Dean Pearce, your support for me as a first-year coach was nothing but superb. To be honest, I was quite conscious about people telling me how to do things or what to do, purely because it was my first year in comparison to outgoing super coach Andy Althorpe who had everything down pat. You left me to my own devices and backed me in. In saying that, you were still there to steer me in the right direction when guidance was needed. Thank you.

What a year for Parents and Families. Playing only 6 of 21 games in Geelong due to lack of home ground availability, meant we had no option but to jump in the car or bus and travel a lot this season. Your unconditional support and love for your sons hasn't gone unnoticed and I personally appreciate your care and effort. Personally, it's quite special to see you all after a game and hear of your gratitude towards myself and the other coaches is touching. Congratulations to you all for raising superb young men and allowing us to engage in their lives.

To the Players of 2017. You have achieved so much in such little time and I couldn't be prouder. To the players that have been extremely unlucky to miss out on playing in the GF this year, congratulations on having the strongest character anyone could ever ask for. You and your families should be extremely proud and I know your teammates have the upmost respect for you all. To our bottom-age players, I'm looking forward to season 2018 already. What we have is a blueprint for success. We know exactly what we need to do and how much effort is required. We will provide you the environment to succeed.

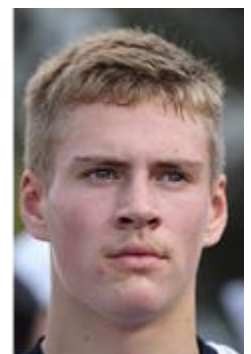
To the 23 Premiership players, there is no more deserving bunch of young footballers. You deserve what you achieved. That one Sunday night will remain in your memory forever and no one can take that from you. 10/20 years from now, I can't wait to replay the game with you all. You are the most resilient, selfless and accountable group anyone coach could ever ask for. Wherever your football career takes you, I'm sure you will hold the same values you have embraced in this program and with that will come success. Because of you, a special bond has formed amongst an abundance of people, a bond that will grow every year. Congratulations for being the third Falcons team in 26 years to complete the full journey. Thank you all for creating a legacy that will now be etched into the walls of Highton Reserve.

Once a Falcon, always a Falcon... especially the ones with a medal around their necks!

Daniel O'Keefe

Head Coach

Geelong Falcons: 2017-



FOOTBALL MANAGER'S REPORT – 2017

What. A. Season. 2017. This season proved to be an exceptional year on a number of fronts. To begin, the club successfully launched its Youth Girls Academy (YGA) to participate in the inaugural TAC Cup Girls competition. While there was undoubtedly an element of 'discovery learning' for our YGA manager (Katie Geerings) and Head Coach (Jason Armistead) in establishing this team, some aspects of elite level youth football remain true – if you build a solid athletic base and work hard on skill development you'll have a very competitive team. And so it proved for the Falcons Girls. In all truth, our girls were a little stiff not to finish unbeaten and perhaps win the comp in light of the truncated and unbalanced draw. Nonetheless, Katie, Jason, Neville and Natasha Daffy should be proud of this team's achievements and feel validated that the foundations of the Falcons YGA program are well set.



It goes without saying that 2017 proved to be an historic season for our Under 18 Boys program after winning our 3rd TAC Cup premiership and ending a 17-year premiership drought. Our initial assessment of the 2017 list during the pre-season was not dissimilar to our view of 2016's list. However, it quickly became evident to the coaching/HP staff and club management that this group possessed exceptional athletic attributes with a real desire to dominate a game both inside and outside the contest. In hindsight, the TAC Cup testing results from early March (where more half of the group were still running beyond a 14 Beep!) held up right throughout the season, as this team routinely 'ran away' from its opposition in matches after quarter/half-time.

In maintaining such elite standards, credit must go to our three co-captains – James Worpel, Cooper Stephens and Charlie Francis – in leading player buy-in to the club's trademarks. Secondly, the work of our High-Performance team (led by Matt Critchley) and medical crew (directed by Physio - Emily Brown and Head Trainer - Rachel O'Brien) were fundamental in ensuring the club enjoyed a healthy and very fit team through to the pointy end of the season. To have experienced no significant injuries to key personnel throughout the year was a remarkable achievement (with a touch of 'lady luck'!) which I thought was another factor in the club finally experiencing the ultimate success.

To that end, after 2-3 years of tinkering, I reckon the Falcons HP team hit the sweet spot in getting the balance right between strength/power development while enabling a playing group to run harder for longer. An achievement such as this highlights the quality and commitment made by the Falcons support staff. Aside from 'Critch' as HPM, the work of Dylan McInnes in Strength & Conditioning, Brad Spicer (in a rehab, return-to-play role) with Madeline Crawford and Dana Cramer's diligence in addressing our Sports Science/Analytics, has been fundamental to the Falcons' fitness program achieving athletic excellence. When coupled with the support of our Trainers/Medical staff (led by Emily and Rachel and supported by erstwhile chaps in Timmy Malberg and Col Watson), the Falcons staff continue to deliver a comprehensive, professionalised service to its playing group.

2017 also proved to be an outstanding year for our coaching group. It was a remarkable achievement for an entirely new coaching set-up to have achieved premiership success in its first year. To Daniel O'Keefe (DOK) as a 1st year Head Coach, Luke Daffy (Defence), Jayden Pitt (Midfield) and Dave Farrell (Forwards), I extend my congratulations for the manner in which they quickly gelled together and went about the business of developing a playing group to achieve the ultimate in team success. In my role as Football Manager, it was a great learning experience to engage with DOK and the coaching crew on how they see the game, player selection issues and general discussion on how we can get better as a Football Program. In this regard, I echo Mick's comments in that part of our success at Under 18 level stems from earlier development at Under 15 and Under 16 level. It has not gone unnoticed that Cameron Loftus (Under 16 Head Coach) and Barry Orvis (Under 15 Co-ordinator) oversaw success again with their respective Falcons teams at this level this year. Well done!



Aside from claiming the 2017 TAC Cup Premiership, the club witnessed/achieved a number of other highlights/milestones:

- On Round 16 vs Gippsland Power, the Geelong Falcons were the first TAC Cup team to play 500 TAC Cup games. The Falcons players celebrated this milestone in appropriate fashion by winning 17.10 (112) to 6.12 (48).
- Hayden Elliot (42 games) and Cassidy Parish (38 games) became top-10 Falcons, for games played at the club.
- Gryan Miers' haul of 50 goals in the 2017 season, saw him finish third in terms of goals kicked in a season by a Geelong Falcons player – behind Scott Lucas (55 in 1994) and Ben Broad (54 in 1996).

As is the case for any TAC Cup campaign, the often-unnoticed role the players' parents play has been crucial to the Geelong Falcons' success this season. Firstly, the strong values and standards each player brings to the Falcons speaks volumes for the character and principles originating from their parents. Such grounding I think lays a great foundation for our boys and girls to cope with the challenges that invariably come their way at the elite level of footy. It is a credit to every parent to have dutifully supported their sons/daughters throughout the 2017 season while balancing school, football and family commitments. On behalf of the Falcons' staff, we thank all parents for their support.

Season 2018 promises to be yet another challenging and exciting year as our commitment to the TAC Cup Girls program will extend from its initial 5-game season to 11 games next year. With the attendant pressures on our staff, access to facilities and available time, these are issues that Mick and I are acutely aware of and will continue to address with AFL/AFL Victoria to ensure the Falcons program remains the pre-eminent elite youth football program in the country.

In closing, I wish those players departing the Falcons program all the very best for what the future holds – whether it be at an AFL or VFL club or indeed should you return to your local footy club; I'm sure you will enjoy prosperous careers in the sporting arena and/or your chosen working career. To those that will remain with the Falcons into Season 2018, I look forward to working with all staff and players for another season of good fun!

Dean Pearce

***Football Manager
Geelong Falcons: 2012-17***



CLUB PERSONNEL 2017

Talent Manager
Football Manager
Head Coach
U18 Assistant Coaches

Development Coaches

Welfare/Leadership Development/Social Media Runners
High Performance Manager
HP Assistants

Team Manager
Property Manager
Doctor
Physiotherapist(s)

Head Trainer
Senior Trainers (Supervisors)
Asst Trainers

Time Keeper
Umpire Escort

Under 16 Program

Under 15 Program

Youth Girls Academy (YGA) - Manager
YGA Head Coach
YGA Assistant Coaches

Recruiting Coordinator (All Programs)

Michael Turner
 Dean Pearce
 Daniel O'Keefe
 Luke Daffy
 Jayden Pitt
 Dave Farrell
 Luke Primus
 Mick Di Domenico
 Michael Bright
 Nathan Murray
 Jesse Drever
 Brad Spicer/Dylan McInnes
 Matt Critchley
 Dylan McInnes
 Brad Spicer
 Madeline Crawford
 Dana Crameri
 Peter Hester
 Evelyn Winter/Jack Stevens
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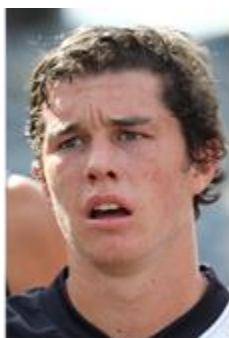
2017 Asst Coaches
 (from top): Luke Daffy,
 Jayden Pitt, Dave Farrell

Cameron Loftus (Head Coach), Frank Fopiani, Michael Bright, Mick McManus, Ron Imanse, Shaunn Rock, Barry Orvis, Jack Stevens, Peter Mulheron

Barry Orvis, Brendan Forssman, Frank Fopiani, Natasha Daffy, Damian McMahon, Jason Armistead, Paul Listro, Neville Daffy, Anthony Pekovic, Michael King, Mathew Mathieson, Bailey Forssman, Mitch Gray, Sam Reid

Katie Geerings
 Jason Armistead
 Neville Daffy, Natasha Daffy

Sean Atkinson



GEELONG FALCONS 2017 - JUMPER LIST

No.	First Name	Surname	DOB	Height	Weight	Local Club/School
1	Lachlan	NOBLE	02-Aug-99	171	68	South Barwon
2	Samuel	TORPY	28-Jun-00	167	62	St. Marys
3	Zedekai	COPLAND	18-Jul-00	172	71	Barwon Heads
4	Gryan	MIERS	30-Mar-99	177	73	Grovedale
5	Jack	HENDERSON	01-Oct-99	176	69	St. Marys/Geelong College
6	Doyle	MADIGAN	30-Jul-00	176	63	Torquay
7	Harry	BENSON	12-Jun-99	180	72	St. Marys
8	Edward	McHENRY	13-Jul-00	176	67	Barwon Heads/Geelong College
9	Frazer	O'GORMAN	28-Jul-99	180	66	Colac
10	Baxter	MENSCH	30-May-00	177	70	Newtown & Chilwell
11	Mitchell	CHAFER	25-Apr-99	178	75	St. Marys
12	Bayley	COCKERILL	15-Sep-99	177	77	Lara
13	Ethan	FLOYD	15-Jul-99	179	70	Colac
14	Riley	HAYDEN	18-Jul-00	176	71	Leopold
15	Lachlan	HANDLEY	6-Oct-00	179	68	Geelong West Giants
16	David	HANDLEY	01-Sep-99	181	76	Geelong West Giants
17	Cooper	STEPHENS	21-May-99	180	72	Colac
18	Zack	MONGELLI	15-Feb-00	180	74	St. Josephs
19	Matthew	LING	21-Apr-99	182	74	St. Marys
20	Brayden	HAM	25-Apr-99	180	65	St. Marys
21	Harrison	LING	21-Apr-99	182	77	St. Marys
22	Samuel	WALSH	2-Jul-00	182	68	St. Josephs
23	Titit	NYAK	10-Apr-99	185	70	North Geelong
24	Sam	WOLFENDEN	03-Nov-99	180	67	St. Albans
25	Logan	TAYLOR	1-Mar-00	182	74	Ocean Grove
26	Jarrold	WALTERS	10-Apr-99	183	81	Colac/Geelong Grammar
27	Charlie	FRANCIS	24-Aug-98	185	81	Queenscliff
28	Colm	O'CONNOR	24-Feb-00	183	73	St. Marys
29	Oscar	HAMPSHIRE	30-Aug-00	183	77	Grovedale
30	Oscar	BROWNLESS	16-Feb-00	186	73	Geelong Amateurs/Geelong College
31	Cooper	CARTLEDGE	5-Dec-00	187	76	Leopold
32	Jack	WALTERS	22-Dec-98	188	70	Anglesea
33	Zachary	WALTER	28-Feb-99	186	80	Barwon Heads
34	Peterson	KOL	14-Feb-98	185	68	St. Marys
35	Ezrah	ROBERTSON	06-Oct-99	186	73	Apollo Bay
	Campbell	TANIS	19-Jul-00	176	68	Colac
36	Jack	BAKER	06-Jan-99	186	86	Grovedale
	Charlie	SPRAGUE	08-May-00	186	73	Barwon Heads/Geelong College
37	Brady	CAMPI	16-May-00	188	70	Grovedale
38	James	WORPEL	24-Jan-99	185	84	Bell Park
39	Connor	IDUN	29-Jul-00	189	86	Drysdale
40	Hayden	ELLIOT	10-Apr-98	192	87	St. Albans
41	Tom	McCARTIN	30-Dec-99	192	86	St. Josephs
42	Cassidy	PARISH	04-May-99	190	84	Winchelsea
43	Joshua	JASKA	26-Feb-98	193	76	Anglesea
44	Jordon	REID	20-Jun-99	194	99	Torquay
	Sam	CONWAY	17-May-99	202	84	St. Marys/Geelong College
45	Rick	READ	08-Feb-99	192	92	Geelong Amateurs
46	Adam	GARNER	12-Jan-99	194	93	Colac
47	Ben	THOMAS	08-Sep-99	196	91	St. Marys
48	Blake	SCHLENSOG	25-Sep-00	195	90	Grovedale
49	Dane	HOLLENKAMP	22-Oct-99	200	83	Torquay
50	Jack	GRIGSBY	3-Feb-00	198	85	Geelong West Giants

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2017 SEASON - MATCH SUMMARIES

Rd	Date	Opponent	Venue	Scores	W/L
1	March 25	GWV Rebels	Simonds Stadium, Geelong	20.9.129 – 5.17.47	W
2	April 1	Dandenong Stingrays	Simonds Stadium, Geelong	19.16.130 – 8.5.53	W
3	April 8	Murray Bushrangers	Queen Elizabeth Oval, Bendigo	13.16.94 – 5.8.38	W
4	April 22	Eastern Ranges	Marie Wallace Oval, Bayswater	14.18.102 – 8.2.50	W
5	April 29	Oakleigh Chargers	Warrabee Park, Oakleigh	11.15.81 – 7.8.50	W
6	May 6	Western Jets	Burbank Oval, Williamstown	15.9.99 – 11.9.75	W
7	May 13	Northern Knights	Simonds Stadium, Geelong	16.16.112 – 7.5.47	W
8	May 19 (N)	Calder Cannons	Spring Creek Reserve, Torquay	11.11.77 – 11.7.73	W
9	June 3	Gippsland Power	Central Reserve, Colac	10.5.65 – 9.16.70	L
10	June 18	Bendigo Pioneers	Queen Elizabeth Oval, Bendigo	11.21.87 – 3.9.27	W
11	June 25	Sandringham Dragons	Trevor Barker Oval, Sandringham	2.5.17 – 9.12.66	L
12	July 8	Oakleigh Chargers	Central Reserve, Colac	6.8.44 – 12.12.84	L
13	July 16	Western Jets	Central Reserve, Colac	14.22.106 – 8.6.54	W
14	July 30	GWV Rebels	MARS Stadium, Ballarat	14.14.98 – 5.12.42	W
15	August 5	Gippsland Power	Morwell Recreation Reserve, Morwell	17.10.112 – 6.12.48	W
16	August 20	Murray Bushrangers	MARS Stadium, Ballarat	12.11.83 – 9.7.61	W
17	August 21	Eastern Ranges	Waurm Ponds Campus, Deakin University, Geelong	11.16.82 – 3.6.24	W
18	September 3	Dandenong Stingrays	Victoria Park, Abbotsford	6.16.52 – 6.8.44	W
EF	September 10	Gippsland Power	MARS Stadium, Ballarat	16.11.107 – 3.4.22	W
PF	September 17	Dandenong Stingrays	Simonds Stadium, Geelong	13.14.92 – 7.11.53	W
GF	September 24 (N)	Sandringham Dragons	Etihad Stadium, Docklands	13.11.89 – 13.9.87	W

AFL VICTORIA – TAC Cup – 2017: Ladder

	CLUB	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST	%	POINTS
1.	Oakleigh Chargers	15	3	0	1653	993	166.47	60
2.	Geelong Falcons	15	3	0	1570	953	164.74	60
3.	Dandenong Stingrays	12	6	0	1554	1299	119.63	48
4.	Sandringham Dragons	11	7	0	1360	1104	123.19	44
5.	Murray Bushrangers	10	8	0	1574	1380	114.06	40
6.	Eastern Ranges	9	9	0	1286	1405	91.53	36
7.	Gippsland Power	8	10	0	1273	1408	90.41	32
8.	Northern Knights	7	10	1	1164	1382	84.23	30
9.	Calder Cannons	6	12	0	1229	1564	78.58	24
10.	Western Jets	6	12	0	1139	1465	77.75	24
11.	GWV Rebels	5	12	1	1272	1565	81.28	22
12.	Bendigo Pioneers	3	15	0	1176	1732	67.90	12

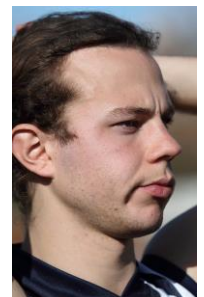


GEELONG FALCONS GOAL KICKERS - 2017

Player	2017	TAC Cup Total
Gryan Miers	50	53
Adam Garner	35	37
Lachlan Noble	34	42
David Handley	28	31
Mitchell Chafer	13	16
James Worpel	12	23
Jordon Reid	11	11
Harry Benson	10	10
Tom McCartin	9	9
Frazer O'Gorman	9	16
Cassidy Parish	7	13
Ned McHenry	6	6
Sam Walsh	6	6
Charlie Sprague	5	5
Bayley Cockerill	4	7
Ethan Floyd	4	9
Jack Henderson	4	4
Oscar Brownless	3	3
Sam Torpy	3	3
Hayden Elliot	2	7
Dane Hollenkamp	2	2
Ben Thomas	2	3
Cooper Cartledge	1	1
Brayden Ham	1	1
Riley Hayden	1	1
Rick Read	1	1
Jack Walters	1	1

2017 MORRISH MEDAL

Player	Votes
Winner: Jack Higgins (Oakleigh Chargers)	22
Gryan Miers	15
James Worpel	13
Cassidy Parish	11
Sam Walsh	6
Bayley Cockerill	5
David Handley, Harry Benson	4
Cooper Stephens, Jarrod Walters, Mitchell Chafer, Tom McCartin	3
Adam Garner, Ned McHenry, Rick Read	2
Brayden Ham, Connor Idun, Lachlan Noble, Joshua Jaska	1
Falcons Votes Total	80



GEELONG FALCONS HONOUR ROLL

Games played 1992-2017

	Pre-15	15	16	17	Total
Glenn Hanegraaf	51				51
Mitch Fisher	49				49
Cameron Ling	46				46
Max Augerinos	19	10	15		44
Zac Ledin	43				43
Hayden Elliot		5	19	18	42
Adam Wilkinson	40				40
Chris Lynch	39				39
Aaron Nawrocki	39				39
Andrew Siegert	38				38
Chris Baumgartner	38				38
Andrew Scott	38				38
Cassidy Parish			19	19	38
Sam Stavenuiter	37				37
James Bartel	37				37
Paul Sullivan	37				37
Harry Benson			13	21	34
James Worpel			15	16	31
Lachlan Noble			7	21	28
Ethan Floyd			11	16	27
Cooper Stephens			11	15	26
Mitchell Chafer			5	19	24
Adam Garner			3	20	23
Gryan Miers			5	17	22
Frazer O'Gorman			9	11	20
Charlie Francis			12	7	19
Matthew Ling			5	14	19
David Handley			3	15	18
Joshua Jaska				18	18
Bayley Cockerill			6	11	17
Cooper Cartledge				16	16
Connor Idun				15	15
Jack Walters			6	8	14
Brayden Ham				14	14
Jack Henderson				13	13
Tom McCartin				13	13
Sam Walsh				13	13
Ned McHenry				11	11
Oscar Brownless				10	10
Rick Read				9	9
Blake Schlensog				9	9
Jarrod Walters				9	9
Jordon Reid				8	8
Sam Torpy				8	8
Riley Hayden				7	7
Dane Hollenkamp				7	7
Sam Conway				6	6
Harrison Ling				6	6
Zach Walter			2	4	6
Doyle Madigan				6	6
Charlie Sprague				6	6
Ben Thomas			2	3	5
Logan Taylor				5	5
Sam Wolfenden				5	5
Jack Baker			2	2	4
Zedekai Copland				4	4
Campbell Tanis				4	4
Peterson Kol				2	2
Baxter Mensch				2	2
Colm O'Connor				2	2
Titit Nyak			1		1
Jack Grigsby				1	1
Oscar Hampshire				1	1
Lachlan Handley				1	1
Zach Mongelli				1	1



**2017 Best & Fairest
Norris Harding Medal Winner – Cassidy Parish**



B & F VOTES -2017

1	Cassidy Parish	92
2	Sam Walsh	77
3	James Worpel	61
4	Lachlan Noble	59
T-5	Harry Benson	58
	Joshua Jaska	58
7	Cooper Stephens	50
8	Jack Henderson	49
9	Connor Idun	48
T-10	Gryan Miers	47
	Adam Garner	47



CLUB TROPHY WINNERS to 2017

NOEL EDGERTON AWARD (Outstanding Service to the Club)

1992	Kieran Murrhly	1993	Leigh Pettigrove
1994	Nigel Browning	1995	Rick Embelton
1996	Dr. Steven Baker (Club Doctor)	1997	Norris Harding
1998	Pat Meade	1999	Peter Burke
2000	Lloyd Anstee	2001	Ray Pigott
2002	Peter Banks/Tim Malberg	2003	Colin Werrett
2004	Frank Pike/Bill Dalziel	2005	Damien Christensen/Leigh McLusky
2006	Clive West	2007	Tim Malberg
2008	Evelyn & Jack Winter	2009	Sharron Dunoon
2010	Shane Dawson	2011	Ashley Connoley
2012	Paul Henriksen	2013	Bill Scott
2014	Ron Imanse	2015	Peter Hester
2016	Cameron Loftus		



Sam Walsh

BEST & FAIREST (Norris Harding Medal)

1992	Vince Cappadona	1993	Wade Chapman
1994	Tony Brown	1995	Paul Hood - 265 Votes
1996	Jacob Rhodes - 268 Votes	1997	James Dalton - 207 Votes
1998	Marc Dragicevic - 259 Votes	1999	Mike Beardsley - 214 Votes
2000	James Bartel - 199 Votes	2001	Dominic Gleeson - 275 Votes
2002	James Allan - 263 Votes	2003	Nathan Foley - 167 Votes
2004	Tim Sheringham - 196 Votes	2005	Marcus Crook - 205 Votes
2006	Daniel O'Keefe - 419 Votes	2007	Jack Steven - 358 Votes
2008	Chris Lynch - 326 Votes	2009	Joe Dare - 435 Votes
2010	Michael Sodomaco - 103 Votes	2011	Jai Sheahan - 60 Votes
2012	Thomas Gribble - 106 Votes	2013	Alex Hickey - 77 Votes
2014	Teia Miles - 68 votes	2015	Harrison Kol - 67 votes
2016	Jack Blood - 70 votes	2017	Cassidy Parish - 92 votes



James Worpel

RUNNER - UP

1992	Glenn Gorman/Daniel Fletcher	1993	Glenn Gorman
1994	Shaun Baxter	1995	Joe McLaren - 197 Votes
1996	Steven Clarke - 235 Votes	1997	James Rahilly - 198 Votes
1998	Ged Brody - 164 Votes	1999	Tim Clark - 202 Votes
2000	Matthew Irving - 174 Votes	2001	James Bartel - 234 Votes
2002	Josh Rudd - 198 Votes	2003	Sam Dwyer - 163 Votes
2004	Jordan Lewis - 191 Votes	2005	Jacob McGuane - 203 votes
2006	Michael Rockefeller - 254 Votes	2007	Andrew Scott
2008	Ben Cunnington - 256 Votes	2009	Zac Ledin - 412 votes
2010	Luke Dahlhaus - 71 Votes	2011	Zak Sherman, Jackson Merrett - 58 Votes
2012	James Tsitas - 67 Votes	2013	James Tsitas - 68 Votes
2014	Darcy Parish - 56 votes	2015	Will Sexton - 61 votes
2016	Max Augerinos - 60 votes	2017	Sam Walsh - 77 votes

3RD BEST & FAIREST

1993	Andrew Sharp	1994	Peter Bird/Gavin Colville
1995	Peter Featherston - 188 Votes	1996	Chris Heffernan - 221 Votes
1997	Sam Talarico - 197 Votes	1998	Adam Harris - 163 Votes
1999	Jonathan Brown - 199 Votes	2000	Amon Buchanan - 158 Votes
2001	Paul Sullivan - 156 Votes	2002	Tim Boyle - 166 Votes
2003	Will Richardson - 135 Votes	2004	Sam Dwyer - 163 Votes
2005	Jackson Sheringham - 176 votes	2006	Flinn Chisholm - 245 Votes
2007	Jaxson Barham	2008	Luke Delaney - 239 Votes
2009	Ben Cunnington - 397 votes	2010	Tom Ruggles/Luke Mahony - 61 Votes
2011	Jordan Keras - 55 votes	2012	Daniel Watson - 64 Votes
2013	Lewis Taylor - 57 votes	2014	Max Augerinos - 55 votes
2015	Darcy Parish - 58 votes	2016	Joel Bennett - 52 votes
2017	James Worpel - 61 votes		



Gryan Miers

LEADING GOALKICKER

1992	Adam Richardson (35)	1993	David Tanis (27)
1994	Scott Lucas (55)	1995	Korey Fulton (24)
1996	Ben Broad (54)	1997	Cameron Ling (34)
1998	Cameron Ling (46)	1999	Cameron Ling (34)
2000	Matthew Irving (46)	2001	Travis Moloney (37)
2002	Jake Carmody (30)	2003	Blair Tournier (22)
2004	Blair Tournier (32)	2005	Jonathan Simpkin (25)
2006	Daniel O'Keefe (32)	2007	Guy O'Keefe (21)
2008	Patrick Dangerfield (35)	2009	Jackson Bright (25)
2010	Joshua Walker (31)	2011	Jai Sheahan (36)
2012	Mason Wood (23)	2013	Scott Dixon (23)
2014	Aaron Christensen (29)	2015	Brett Blair (34)



Cooper Stephens

2016 Brett Blair (40)
BEST IN FINALS
 1992 Matthew Primus/Daniel Fletcher
 1994 Peter Bird
 1996 Jacob Rhodes
 1999 Brendan Coffey
 2001 Nick Maxwell / Matt Maguire
 2004 John Meesen
 2006 Andrew Scott / Thomas Couch
 2008 Luke Rounds
 2010 Brent Macleod / Devon Smith
 2012 Thomas Gribble
 2014 Hugh Goddard
 2016 Jack Blood

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
 1992 Michael O'Leary
 1994 Jeremy Dyer
 1996 Brent Grgic
 1998 Adam Wiseman
 2000 Andrew Siegert
 2002 Pat Travers
 2004 Josh Eddy
 2006 Simon Hogan
 2008 Gabby Denton / Tom Mackenzie
 2010 Troy Davis / Jed Bews
 2012 Darcy Fort
 2014 Harrison Kol
 2016 Trent Thompson

TRAINER'S AWARD/HPM AWARD
 1992 Tim Sherman
 1994 Shane Wembridge
 1996 Damien Villarossa
 1998 Chris McLaren
 2000 Bernard Lynch
 2002 Nathan Foley
 2004 Xavier Moloney
 2007 Zacc Ledin
 2009 Mitch Fisher
 2011 Ryan Monaghan
 2013 Jye Cross
 2015 Harry Kershaw
 2017 **Cooper Stephens**

MOST COURAGEOUS/DEDICATED PLAYER - Shaun Baxter Award
 1996 James Dalton
 1998 Tim Malseed
 2000 Matt Jovanovic
 2003 Casey Tully
 2005 Jonathan Simpkin
 2007 Kane Smith
 2009 Allen Christensen
 2011 Jordan Keras
 2013 Fraser Fort
 2015 Harry Kershaw
 2017 **Tom McCartin**

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER
 1996 Mark Whelan
 1998 Adam Wilkinson
 2000 Cameron Tate
 2003 Tim Sheringham
 2005 Ryan Williams/Jake Johnson
 2007 Jeremy Mugavin
 2009 James Rock
 2011 Cameron Tudor
 2013 George Cameron
 2015 Baden Remmos
 2017 **Lachlan Noble**

COACH'S AWARD/TRADEMARK PLAYER AWARD
 2007 Sam Stavenuiter
 2009 Michael Sodomaco
 2011 Taylor Adams
 2013 Reid Adams

2017 Gryan Miers (50)
 1993 Matthew Primus
 1995 Dan Madden
 1998 Steve Baker / Jay Solomon
 2000 Amon Buchanan
 2003 Jarrod Kayler-Thomson
 2005 Sam Wormald
 2007 Adam Donohue
 2009 Billie Smedts
 2011 Meyrick Buchanan
 2013 Sam Russell / Teia Miles
 2015 Tom Doedee
 2017 **Sam Walsh**

1993 Ben Glynn
 1995 Joe McLaren
 1997 Liam Buchanan
 1999 Leigh Harding
 2001 Joel Reynolds
 2003 John Meesen / Jordan Lewis
 2005 Nicholas Couch
 2007 Chris Lynch
 2009 Luke Dahlhaus / Daniel Semmens
 2011 Andrew Boseley
 2013 Darcy Lang
 2015 Ben McCarthy

1993 Tim Hedley
 1995 Ben McIntosh
 1997 Tim Carson
 1999 Ged Brody
 2001 Gary Ablett
 2003 Luke Buckland
 2005 Josh Eddy
 2008 Patrick Dangerfield
 2010 Joshua Walker
 2012 Mason Wood
 2014 Luke Maddock
 2016 James Worpel

1997 Steven Clarke
 1999 Bill Nicholls
 2002 Tim Callan
 2004 Jacob McGuane
 2006 Timothy Brown
 2008 Hugh Hunter
 2010 Luke Mahony
 2012 Cam Williams
 2014 Nick Dixon
 2016 Lockey McCartney

1997 Rory Priddle
 1999 David Haynes
 2002 Thomas Mullane-Grant
 2004 Hayden Foss
 2006 Peter Hardy
 2008 Daniel Jull / Allen Christensen
 2010 Kieran Paliouras
 2012 Zak Sherman
 2014 Jackson Nelson
 2016 Mitchell Diamond

2008 Ben Bucovaz
 2010 Trent Williams
 2012 Josh Saunders
 2014 Lewis Melican



Tom McCartin



Lachlan Noble



Charlie Francis



Harry Benson



Adam Garner

2015	Joel Bennett	2016	Zachary Zdybel
2017	Charlie Francis		
REGIONAL/TALENT MANAGER'S AWARD			
2000	Tim Muhlebach	2002	Simon Potter
2003	James Allan	2004	Matthew Pitt
2005	Jye Walker	2006	Tim Horan
2007	Simon Jenkins/Liam Jackson/Ben Kirk	2008	Dean Muir
2009	Ben Cunnington	2010	Daniel Semmens
2011	Tom Watson	2012	Sam Scott
2013	Luke Davis	2014	Patrick Bright
2015	Nick Connors & Logan Wagener	2016	Jackson McLachlan & Ben McNamara
2017	Harry Benson		
FOOTBALL MANAGER'S AWARD			
2010	Billie Smedts	2011	Tyler Stack
2012	Lewis Taylor	2013	Billy Beardsell
2014	Baden Remmos	2015	Zachary Zdybel
2016	Patrick Dowling	2017	Adam Garner
LIFE MEMBERS			
2002	Lloyd Anstee, Richard Embelton & Dr Steve Baker		
2006	Tim Malberg, Clive West, Paul McVilly, Peter Banks, Evelyn Winter, Colin Werrett		
2008	Ashley Connoley, Ron Imanse, John McVilly		
2009	Sharron Dunoon		
2012	Paul Henriksen		
2013	Shaunn Rock		
2015	Damien McMahon & Justin Edwards		
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS			
1992	Luke Rayner, James McLure		
1993	Wade Chapman, Glenn Gorman, Glenn Hanegraaf		
1994	Tony Brown, Chris Hemley		
1995	Paul Hood: Morrish Medal, Ben Setchell: Larke Medal		
1996	Lee Roberts, Chris Heffernan, Ben Setchell - V.S.F.L. 1996 Team of the Year		
1997	Matthew Scarlett - U18 All Australian; Cameron Ling - U16 All Australian		
1998	Marc Dragicevic - U18 All Australian; Cameron Ling, David Haynes - Australian U17 reps		
1999	Jonathan Brown - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Cameron Ling - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2000	James Bartel - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Andrew Siegert - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2001	James Bartel - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Tom Davidson - All Aust. Luke Molan - TAC Cup Team of Year, Luke Hodge / Josh Rudd - AIS / AFL Academy Rick Embelton, Lloyd Anstee, Ray Pigott - 10 years service		
2002	James Allan - U18 All Aust/TAC Cup Team of Year Josh Rudd - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2003	Nathan Foley / Pat Travers - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2004	Jordan Lewis - All Australian / TAC Cup Team of Year John Meesen / Tim Sheringham - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2005	Danny Stanley / Clinton Bartram / Travis Boak - AIS / AFL Academy Shaun Higgins, Jacob McGuane - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2006	Lachlan Henderson / Patrick Dangerfield - AIS / AFL Academy Daniel O'Keefe / Ryan Williams - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2007	Chris Kangars / Jaxson Barham - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2007/2008	Ayce Cordy - AIS Academy		
2008	Tom Simpkin		
2009	Ben Cunnington / Gary Rohan / Allen Christensen - TAC Cup Team of Year		
2010	Jayden Pitt - TAC Cup Team of the Year, All-Australian Cameron Delaney - TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2010-11	Devon Smith - AIS / AFL Academy		
2011	Taylor Adams / Andrew Boseley - TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2012	James Tsitas / Darcy Gardiner / Nick Bourke / Lewis Taylor - AIS / AFL Academy Thomas Gribble - TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2013	Hugh Goddard, Patrick McCartin, Jackson Nelson - AFL/AIS Academy Lewis Taylor, James Tsitas, Darcy Gardiner, Fraser Fort - TAC Cup Team of Year Lewis Taylor, Darcy Gardiner - All-Australian; George Cameron - Morrish Medal		
2014	Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Charles Curnow - AFL Academy; Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Patrick McCartin - U18 All-Australian; Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson - TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2015	Alex Witherden - AFL Academy; Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson - U18 All-Australian and TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2016	Alex Witherden - AFL Academy; Brett Blair & James Worpel - TAC Cup Team of the Year		
2017	James Worpel (Level 2) & Sam Walsh (Level 1) - AFL Academy; James Worpel - U18 All-Australian; James Worpel (Capt), David Handley, Cassidy Parish, Gryan Miers - TAC Cup Team of the Year		



Geelong Falcons – Finals Wrap Up

AFL Victoria TAC Cup QUALIFYING FINAL SUNDAY 10th September – MARS Stadium, Ballarat

	QT	HT	3QT	Final Score
Geelong Falcons	4.6-30	7.6-48	10.8-68	16.11-107
Gippsland Power	3.1-19	3.1-19	3.2-20	3.4-22

Geelong Falcons

Goal Kickers: L. Noble 3, G. Miers 3, S. Walsh 2, C. Sprague, F. O'Gorman, D. Handley, J. Worpel, H. Benson, M. Chafer, J. Henderson, A. Garner.

Best Players: E. Floyd, M. Ling, S. Walsh, J. Henderson, G. Miers, L. Noble.



AFL Victoria TAC Cup PRELIMINARY FINAL SUNDAY 17th September – Simonds Stadium, Geelong

	QT	HT	3QT	Final Score
Geelong Falcons	2.4-16	3.6-24	9.12-66	13.14-92
Dandenong Stingrays	2.1-13	5.6-36	6.9-45	7.11-53

Geelong Falcons

Goal Kickers: L. Noble 3, G. Miers 3, D. Handley 2, M. Chafer 2, C. Sprague, C. Parish, H. Benson.

Best Players: J. Jaska, J. Worpel, C. Stephens, S. Walsh, C. Parish, H. Benson.



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AFL Victoria TAC Cup GRAND FINAL

SUNDAY (Night) 24th September – Etihad Stadium, Docklands

	QT	HT	3QT	Final Score
Geelong Falcons	3.4-22	5.7-37	13.9-87	13.11-89
Sandringham Dragons	3.1-19	9.3-57	9.3-57	13.9-87

Geelong Falcons

Goal Kickers: G. Miers 7, L. Noble, A. Garner, J. Worpel, T. McCartin, D. Handley, M. Chafer.

Best Players: G. Miers, E. McHenry, M. Chafer, S. Walsh, D. Hollenkamp, S. Conway.

22 FOOTY FIX

Falcons bag flag in epic thriller

GEELONG Falcons have executed one of the greatest escapes in TAC Cup history to win the premiership by two points in a stunning grand final last night.

Sandringham tall Joel Amartey had a shot after the siren from 15m out on a slight angle after taking a pack mark near the edge of the goal square, but missed, handing Geelong its first flag since 2000.

They say the third quarter is the premiership one and the Falcons proved that last night.

They turned around a 20-point halftime deficit in one scintillating quarter, kicking eight unanswered goals to storm into three-quarter time with a 30-point lead.

It was breathtaking footy, highlighted by one man — Gryan Miers. The small forward slammed home four goals in 25 minutes, having already kicked three in the first half. But the game was far from done.

Sandringham then kicked the only four goals of the final quarter to slice the margin to two points.

Falcons Adam Garner and Lachie Noble had chances to see the game late but kicked minors, and Sandringham also had two more chances, none more so than Amartey's post-siren shot. But it would slice off the boot to the right to give Geelong an unlikely, but well deserved, premiership.

The Falcons started like a side on fire sparked by livewire small forward Miers.

The Vic Country representative has been likened to Luke Dahlhaus and it was not hard to see why when he received a handball tight on the boundary before dribbling the first goal of the game on his opposite foot.

He then gathered minutes later to snare his second with another big swap on the left. Co-captain James Worpel then added to the tally with a mark and goal at the top of the square, giving the Falcons a 17-point lead. But that soon dwindled away on the back of skill errors and turnovers — by quarter-time their lead had been cut to two points.

When Charlie Constable bagged two goals to start the second, the Dragons looked

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on top. Tom McCartin, who had three touches to halftime, kicked his first, but the Dragons would blast four of the next five goals to storm into halftime with a 20-point lead.

It could have been 25 points had Will Walker not hit the post on the halftime siren, but plan A clearly was not working for the Falcons. Only a handful of players were spared at the main break, coach Dan O'Keefe furious with the lack of defensive running.

The Dragons had owned possession, their kick and mark numbers astronomical in comparison to the Falcons' run and handball.

What happened in the next 25 minutes, no one saw coming. McCartin would start the momentum rolling with two big contested marks, before David Handley snared his first goal to cut the deficit to 13 points.

Mitch Chafer then laid a big tackle off the square to gain a holding the ball, setting up Miers for his fourth goal.

Three minutes later, Miers would have his fifth and the halftime margin would be slashed to a point.

But the Falcons were not done there. Chafer would get in on the act with an accurate set shot, before Miers drilled the goal of the day, again tight on the boundary, this time on his right foot with a drop punt.

Adam Garner then marked on the goal line to land his first major, before Lachie Noble marked and drilled his first.

And then Miers would again find himself on the end of the footy to turn his opponent inside out and snap through his seventh.

In 25 minutes of footy, the Falcons would translate a 20-point deficit into a five-goal lead with eight unanswered majors, keeping the Dragons scoreless.

But the drama was yet to be done: the climactic finish making for breathtaking football.



Oscar Brownless dishes off a handball.



Sam Walsh kicks under pressure.



The victorious Geelong Falcons.



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TAC CUP GRAND FINAL

WHAT A WIN: Geelong Falcon Mitchell Chafer holds the cup aloft. Pictures: GETTY

Miers' bag could catapult him to the big league

GEELONG Falcons talent manager Mick Turner has likened Gryan Miers' grand final to Amon Buchanan's five-goal haul that helped him get drafted in 2000.

The Sydney premiership player booted 18 goals over his finals series, including five in the Falcons' last flag in 2000 to put his name in the lights of recruiters.

While Miers was already on the radar of AFL recruiters, the Vic Country small forward pressed his case in scintillating fashion

last night, bagging seven goals and a best-on-ground medalion.

"Gryan was drafted before tonight," Turner said. "He came out of the woodwork; we won eight games at the start of the year and he played really well, which got him into the Vic Country squad."

"The main thing is you get him through the rest of the year, he plays well enough for Vic Country to hold his reputation and we've won our last nine games. To put on a performance like that tonight

is very similar to Amon Buchanan."

Sam Walsh's 29-disposal game also puts him on the radar as a likely first-round pick when he becomes eligible in 2018.

The 17-year-old has had a season to remember, and Turner couldn't heap more praise on the budding leader.

"He's probably the best presented kid I've ever seen," Turner said. "He's just an outstanding kid and you don't like to label him, but right now he's probably the No.1

draft pick for next year.

"When you look at him, you just say he's going to be an AFL captain. He's just got that aura, the way he presents himself. We've had eight AFL captains out of the Falcons and at his age, he rates as good as anybody."

Turner said he could make a case for up to 20 players who might end up on AFL lists over the next two years.

"They're not all going to get drafted but over two years you might get 15," he said.

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2017 TAC CUP GRAND FINAL IN PICTURES



GEELONG FALCONS SEASON SUMMARY 2017

No.	Player	Games	Kicks	Handballs	Total Disposals	DE%	Marks	Contested Possessions	Uncontested Possessions	Frees For	Frees Against	Tackles	Hit Outs
1	Lachlan Noble	21	199	147	346	61.6	81	137	206	9	7	85	0
2	Sam Torpy	8	51	25	76	68.4	18	32	48	2	3	36	0
3	Zedekai Copland	4	20	12	32	59.4	4	19	14	3	2	13	0
4	Gryan Miers	17	202	87	289	57.8	70	114	168	15	8	62	0
5	Jack Henderson	13	112	115	227	66.5	34	116	113	10	7	60	0
6	Doyle Madigan	6	22	35	57	64.9	9	28	31	4	1	14	0
7	Harry Benson	21	246	192	438	63.7	86	175	269	22	16	148	1
8	Ned McHenry	11	104	101	205	73.7	42	57	149	8	11	42	0
9	Frazer O'Gorman	11	74	54	128	55.5	25	58	71	5	13	44	0
10	Baxter Mensch	2	7	11	18	72.2	4	6	13	0	0	2	0
11	Mitchell Chafer	19	146	140	286	63.6	50	149	138	9	18	52	0
12	Bayley Cockerill	11	151	120	271	61.6	52	105	172	7	9	48	0
13	Ethan Floyd	16	212	82	294	65.6	65	77	208	9	8	20	0
14	Riley Hayden	7	18	33	51	64.7	9	24	29	5	2	15	0
15	Lachlan Handley	1	0	1	1	100.0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
16	David Handley	15	160	72	232	62.9	64	95	134	6	12	84	0
17	Cooper Stephens	15	184	93	277	67.1	37	65	197	8	9	56	0
18	Zack Mongelli	1	2	1	3	100.0	1	0	3	0	1	0	0
19	Matthew Ling	14	118	132	250	71.2	42	88	161	8	6	38	0
20	Brayden Ham	14	95	76	171	70.8	34	61	106	9	2	31	0
21	Harrison Ling	6	25	26	51	62.7	6	17	35	4	5	12	0
22	Sam Walsh	13	182	197	379	65.2	58	141	241	16	17	58	2
23	Titit Nyak	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Sam Wolfenden	5	44	32	76	64.5	13	26	47	3	1	13	0
25	Logan Taylor	5	10	24	34	70.6	5	18	14	2	1	14	0
26	Jarrold Walters	9	42	52	94	79.8	21	46	45	4	3	14	0
27	Charlie Francis	7	26	36	62	72.6	13	33	34	2	17	31	0
28	Colm O'Connor	2	4	11	15	80.0	1	6	9	0	0	4	0
29	Oscar Hampshire	1	5	3	8	50.0	3	2	6	0	0	3	0
30	Oscar Brownless	10	60	87	147	72.8	30	56	89	6	7	32	0
31	Cooper Cartledge	16	43	69	112	80.4	23	50	65	1	7	27	0
32	Jack Walters	8	70	54	124	62.1	22	43	83	9	3	29	0
33	Zach Walter	4	35	19	54	61.1	13	21	35	1	3	6	0
34	Peterson Kol	2	9	16	25	80.0	4	11	17	0	0	6	0
35	Ezrah Robertson	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35	Campbell Tanis	4	20	14	34	64.7	8	10	25	5	1	5	0
36	Jack Baker	2	6	4	10	60.0	3	4	7	1	0	0	0
36	Charlie Sprague	6	31	21	52	76.9	15	19	32	6	0	11	1
37	Brady Campi	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	James Worpel	16	236	103	339	54.6	36	170	177	11	17	109	2
39	Connor Idun	15	54	96	150	78.7	23	81	65	8	9	32	8
40	Hayden Elliot	18	83	94	177	75.7	46	92	90	19	15	53	115
41	Tom McCartin	13	93	62	155	62.6	73	71	89	5	18	30	2
42	Cassidy Parish	19	244	281	525	69.0	62	261	274	11	29	64	0
43	Joshua Jaska	18	75	102	177	79.1	43	68	111	3	9	42	0
44	Jordon Reid	8	32	21	53	62.3	17	31	21	3	10	15	31
44	Sam Conway	6	13	29	42	78.6	6	33	8	7	4	10	75
45	Rick Read	9	46	47	93	63.4	11	45	51	6	6	25	103
46	Adam Garner	20	149	101	250	57.6	98	129	125	8	14	51	68
47	Ben Thomas	3	5	18	23	65.2	3	14	8	1	1	7	22
48	Blake Schlenzog	9	47	31	78	71.8	19	38	42	6	12	33	111
49	Dane Hollenkamp	7	18	50	68	83.8	14	40	31	9	7	17	64
50	Jack Grigsby	1	1	1	2	50.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	8
Totals		3831	3230	7061	7061	68.5	1416	2983	4107	296	351	1605	613

2017 TAC CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

Backs:

Ben Paton
Murray Bushrangers

Mitch Podhajski
Calder Cannons

Joel Garner
Eastern Ranges

Half Backs:

Hunter Clark
Dandenong Stingrays

Oscar Clavarino
Dandenong Stingrays

Nick Coffield
Northern Knights

Followers:

Sam Hayes
Eastern Ranges

Adam Cerra
Eastern Ranges

Paddy Dow
Bendigo Pioneers

Centres:

Lachlan Fogarty
Western Jets

James Worpel (C)
Geelong Falcons

Patrick Naish
Northern Knights

Half Forwards:

Jaidyn Stephenson
Eastern Ranges

Noah Balta
Calder Cannons

Luke Davies-Uniacke
Dandenong Stingrays

Forwards:

Gryan Miers
Geelong Falcons

Cameron Rayner
Western Jets

Jack Higgins
Oakleigh Chargers

Interchange:

Charlie Constable
Sandringham Dragons

David Handley
Geelong Falcons

Lloyd Meek
GWV Rebels

Callum Porter
Gippsland Power

Cassidy Parish
Geelong Falcons

Dylan Moore
Eastern Ranges

Coach

Leigh Brown
Gippsland Power



Gryan Miers



David Handley



James Worpel



Cassidy Parish

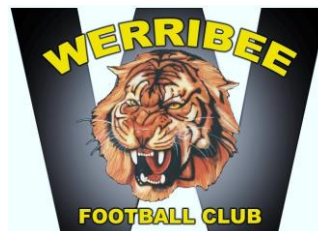
1992-2017: CLUB STATISTICAL RECORDS

CLUB RECORDS

Highest score for:	28.27-195 vs Ballarat Rebels (1st Semi-Final - 1995)
Highest score against:	27.9-171 by Oakleigh Chargers (Round 17 - 2011)
Lowest score for:	2.5-17 vs Sandringham Dragons (Round 11 - 2017)
Lowest score against:	3.4-22 by Gippsland Power (Elimination Final - 2017)
Lowest Winning score:	4.17-41 vs Ballarat Rebels (Round 17 - 1998)
Highest Losing score:	18.12-120 vs Sandringham Dragons (Round 7 - 2004)
Most Goals (Home & Away):	Scott Lucas - 12 vs Southern (Round 17 - 1994)
Most Goals (Finals):	Amon Buchanan - 10 (vs Sandringham Dragons Semi Final, MCG - 2000)
Highest Winning Margin:	163 points vs Ballarat Rebels (Semi-Final - 1995)
Highest Losing Margin:	130 points vs Oakleigh Chargers (Round 17 - 2011)
Lowest Winning Margin:	1 point vs Murray Bushrangers (Round 1 - 2003) 1 point vs Northern Knights (Round 8 - 2003) 1 point vs Sandringham (Round 11 - 2003) 1 point vs Queensland (Round 6 - 2006) 1 point vs Dandenong Stingrays (Round 3 - 2011) 1 point vs Oakleigh Chargers (Round 17 - 2014) 1 point vs Gippsland Power (Round 4 - 2015)
Lowest Losing Margin:	1 point vs North Ballarat Rebels (Round 4-1997, Round 17-2002, Round 17-2008) 1 point vs Gippsland Power (Round 7 - 2003) 1 point vs Eastern Ranges (Round 5 - 2005, Round 12 - 2009) 1 point vs Calder Cannons (Round 16 - 2013) 1 point vs Queensland (Round 16 - 2014) 1 point vs Oakleigh Chargers (Qualifying Final - 2014)
Draws:	vs Dandenong Stingrays (Round 6 - 1999) vs Calder Cannons (Round 15 - 2012) vs Tasmania (Round 10 - 2015) vs Sandringham Dragons (Round 12 - 2015) vs Eastern Ranges (Round 14 - 2015)
Most Scoring shots:	55 (28.27-195) vs Ballarat Rebels (1st Semi-Final - 1995)
Least Scoring shots:	7 (4.3-27) vs Sandringham Dragons (Round 12 - 2014) 7 (2.5-17) vs Sandringham Dragons (Round 11 - 2017)
Most Goals in a quarter:	13 vs Northern Territory (Round 5 - 2000)
Most games:	Glen Hanegraaf - 51

GEELONG FALCONS vs OTHER TAC CUP CLUBS (1992 - 2017)

Opponent	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
Eastern Ranges	51	23	27	1
Dandenong Stingrays	48	27	20	1
GWV Rebels	45	29	16	
Murray Bushrangers	45	25	20	
Sandringham Dragons	41	27	13	1
Western Jets	41	27	14	
Bendigo Pioneers	40	32	8	
Northern Knights	40	25	15	
Oakleigh Chargers	40	24	16	
Calder Cannons	38	24	13	1
Gippsland Power	38	22	16	
Tassie Mariners	15	9	5	1
NSW/ACT Rams	13	11	2	
Northern Territory	4	4		
Queensland	4	2	2	
Gold Coast	2	2		
GWS	1	1		
Totals	506	314	187	5



AFL DRAFT HISTORY

- 1992:** Kieran Murrphy (Essendon), Daniel Fletcher (Geelong), Tim Sherman (Brisbane), Vince Cappadona (Essendon), Luke Rayner (Carlton), Matthew Capuano (Nth Melbourne), James McLure (Collingwood), Scott Allen (Footscray), Matthew Aston (Sydney)
- 1993:** Wade Chapman (Sydney), Glenn Gorman (Sydney)
- 1994:** Scott Lucas (Essendon), Tony Brown (St.Kilda.), Chris Hemley (St.Kilda.), Jeremy Dyer (West Coast), Shaun Baxter (Footscray), Peter Bird (Fitzroy), Nathan Saunders (Hawthorn), Scott Taylor (Footscray)
- 1995:** Simon Fletcher (father/son-Geelong), Joe McLaren (St.Kilda), Nigel Credlin (Fitzroy), Ryan Grinter (St.Kilda), Matthew Primus (Fitzroy - 1993 Falcons list)
- 1996:** Chris Heffernan (No 2 - Essendon), Bowen Lockwood (No 7 - Port Adelaide), Brent Grgic (No 11 - Melbourne), Jacob Rhodes (No 44 - Footscray)
- 1997:** James Rahilly (No 38 - Geelong), Matthew Scarlett (No 45 - father/son - Geelong)
- 1998:** David Clarke (No 21 - father/son - Geelong), Steve Baker (No 27 - St.Kilda), Jay Solomon (No 46 - Western Bulldogs), David Loats (No 51 - Hawthorn), Marc Dragicevic (No 55 - Richmond), Tim Van Der Klooster (No 62 - Nth Melbourne)
- 1999:** David Haynes (No 16 - West Coast), Jonathan Brown (No 30 - father/son - Brisbane), Tim Clarke (No 33 - Hawthorn), Cameron Ling (No 38 - Geelong), Bill Nicholls (No 69 - Hawthorn)
- 2000:** Sam Hunt (No 32 - Essendon), Amon Buchanan (No 52 - Sydney)
- Rookie:** *Andrew Siegert (Fremantle), Tim Clark (Geelong), Sam Chapman (Geelong), Leigh Harding (Nth Melbourne)*
- 2001:** Luke Hodge (No 1-Hawthorn), James Bartel (No 8-Geelong), Luke Molan (No 9-Melbourne), Matt Maguire (No 21-St.Kilda), Tom Davidson (No 27-Collingwood), Joel Reynolds (No 31-Essendon), Gary Ablett (No 40-father/son-Geelong), Leigh Harding (Kangaroos - 1999 Falcons list), Andrew Siegert (Fremantle - 2000 Falcons list)
- 2002:** Tim Callan (No 36-F/S-Geelong), Tim Boyle (No 51-Hawthorn), Lochlan Veale (No 65-Hawthorn), Brent Moloney (Geelong)
- 2003:** Mark Blake (No 38-father/son-Geelong)
- Rookies:** *Nathan Foley (Richmond), Luke Buckland (Geelong), James Allan (Geelong)*
- 2004:** Jordan Lewis (No 7 - Hawthorn), John Meesen (No 8 - Adelaide)
- Rookie:** *Tim Sheringham (Geelong)*
- 2005:** Shaun Higgins (No 11 - Western Bulldogs), Danny Stanley (No 21 - Collingwood), Clinton Bartram (No 60 - Melbourne)
- Rookies:** *Jonathan Simpkin (Sydney)*
- 2006:** Travis Boak (No 5 - Port Adelaide), Danny O'Keefe (No 15 - Sydney), Will Schofield (No 50 - West Coast), Simon Hogan (No 57 - Geelong), Ryan Williams (No 83 - Port Adelaide)
- Rookie:** *Peter Hardy (Port Adelaide)*
- 2007:** Lachlan Henderson (No 8 - Brisbane), Patrick Dangerfield (No 10 - Adelaide), Jack Steven (No 42 - St.Kilda), Adam Donohue (No 60 - father/son Geelong), Jaxson Barham (No 61 - father/son Collingwood), Guy O'Keefe (No 63 - Western Bulldogs)
- Rookies:** *Ed Curnow (Adelaide), Chris Kangars (Geelong)*
- 2008:** Ayce Cordy (No 14 - father/son Western Bulldogs), Luke Rounds (No 46 - Collingwood), Jordan Jones (No 52 - West Coast), Ben Bucovaz (No 56 - Fremantle)
- Rookies:** *Jordie McKenzie (Melbourne) - upgraded 2010, Luke Delaney (Nth Melbourne), Tom Simpkin (St.Kilda) - upgraded 2010*
- 2009:** Ben Cunnington (No 5-Nth Melbourne), Gary Rohan (No 6-Sydney), Jasper McMillan-Pittard (No 16-Port Adelaide), Callum Bartlett (No 27-Brisbane), Allen Christensen (No 40-Geelong), Piers Flanagan (priority pick - Gold Coast)
- Rookies:** *Luke Thompson (Adelaide) - upgraded 2010*
- 2010:** Billie Smedts (15-Geelong), Jayden Pitt (20-Fremantle), Jeremy Taylor (39-Gold Coast), Troy Davis (50-Melbourne), Cameron Delaney (No 69 - Nth Melbourne)
- Rookies:** *Luke Dahlhaus (Western Bulldogs), Joshua Walker (Geelong), Cameron Johnston (Melbourne)*
- 2011:** Taylor Adams (No 13 - GWS), Devon Smith (No 14-GWS), Jackson Merrett (No 31-Essendon), Jay Lever (No 60 - St.Kilda), Jed Bews (No 86 F/S - Geelong)
- Rookies:** *Jai Sheahan (Melbourne), Andrew Boseley (Hawthorn)*
- 2012:** Mason Wood (No 41 - Nth Melbourne), Josh Saunders (No 43 - St.Kilda)
- 2013:** Darcy Lang (No 16 - Geelong), Darcy Gardiner (No 22 - Brisbane), Lewis Taylor (No 28 - Brisbane)
- Rookies:** *Sam Russell (Port Adelaide), Nicholas Bourke (Geelong)*
- 2014:** Patrick McCartin (No 1 - St. Kilda), Hugh Goddard (No 21 - St. Kilda), Teia Miles (No 49 - Hawthorn), Jackson Nelson (No 51 - West Coast), Zaine Cordy (No 62 - Western Bulldogs (F/S))
- Rookies:** *Fraser Russell (Carlton), Lewis Melican (Sydney)*
- 2015:** Darcy Parish (No 5 - Essendon), Charlie Curnow (No 12 - Carlton), Tom Doedee (No 16 - Adelaide), Rhys Mathieson (No 39 - Brisbane)
- Rookies:** *Tom Ruggles (Geelong)*
- 2016:** **Alex Witherden (No 23 - Brisbane), Sean Darcy (No 38 - Fremantle)**
- Rookies:** **Jack Henry (Geelong), Sam Simpson (Geelong (F/S))**



REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Vic Country U18 TEAM - AFL U18 Championships (started 1996)

- 1992:** Kieran Murrhly, Tim Edwards, Leigh McCorkell, Adrian Saltalamacchia, Adam Richardson
1993: Chris Kestles, Matthew Primus, Tim Hedley, Paul King, David Tanis, Glenn Gorman
1994: Ed Richardson, Scott Taylor, Scott Eddy, Peter Bird, Nigel Browning, Gavin Colville
1995: Travis Robertson, Peter Featherston, Paul Hood, Joe McLaren, Jared Gorman
1996: Ben Setchell (C), Scott Faulkner, Leigh Roberts, Rory Priddle, Steven Clarke, Bowen Lockwood, Chris Heffernan, Glen Hanegraaf, Dan Madden
1997: James Dalton (VC), Matthew Scarlett, Tim Van Der Klooster, Rory Priddle
1998: Marc Dragicevic, Cameron Ling(VC), Tim Van Der Klooster, David Haynes, Bill Nicholls, David Clarke
1999: Jonathan Brown, Tim Clark, Leigh Harding, David Haynes, Cameron Ling, Andrew Siegert
2000: Andrew Siegert (VC), James Bartel, Sam Chapman
2001: James Bartel(C), Luke Molan, Travis Moloney, Gary Ablett, Luke Vogels, Brent Moloney, Josh Rudd, Tom Davidson (representing Tasmania)
2002: James Allan, Josh Rudd, Tim Callan, Jesse Smedts, Tom Lyons
2003: Nathan Foley, Pat Travers, Luke Buckland, Will Richardson, Mark Blake
2004: John Meesen, Jordan Lewis, Tim Sheringham, Sam Dwyer, Xavier Moloney, Hayden Foss
2005: Josh Eddy, Danny Stanley, Shaun Higgins, Jonathan Simpkin, Sam Wormald
2006: Travis Boak, Daniel O'Keefe, Jackson Sheringham, Ryan Williams, Lachlan Henderson
2007: Chris Kangars, Guy O'Keefe, Edward Curnow, Patrick Dangerfield, Jack Steven
2008: Allen Christensen, Sam Hughes, Luke Rounds, Ben Bucovaz, Jordan Jones, Tom Simpkin, Ben Cunnington, Lucas Boyd, Luke Thompson
2009: Ben Cunnington, Gary Rohan, Allen Christensen, Tom Mackenzie, Luke Thompson, Josh Grabowski, Jasper McMillan-Pittard
2010: Luke Dahlhaus, Devon Smith, Joshua Walker, Cameron Delaney, Jayden Pitt, Billie Smedts, Mitch Fisher, Taylor Adams
2011: Jay Lever, Sam Gordon, Andrew Boseley, Lachlan Edwards, Jackson Merrett, Taylor Adams, Devon Smith, Ryan Monaghan, Fraser Lucas, Cameron Tudor
2012: Darcy Gardiner, Lewis Taylor, Mason Wood, Cameron Williams, Josh Saunders, Zak Sherman, James Tsitas, Nick Bourke
2013: Darcy Gardiner, Lewis Taylor (C), Hugh Goddard, Paddy McCartin, Joe Maishman, Jackson Nelson, James Tsitas, Nick Bourke, Fraser Fort, Darcy Lang, Jye Cross
2014: Hugh Goddard, Paddy McCartin, Joe Maishman, Jackson Nelson, Zaine Cordy, Teia Miles, Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Nick Dixon
2015: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Will Sexton, Tom Doedee
2016: Jack Henry, Brett Blair, Sean Darcy, James Worpel
2017: **David Handley, Sam Walsh, Matthew Ling, Joshua Jaska, Tom McCartin, Cassidy Parish, Gryan Miers, James Worpel (VC Captain), Ethan Floyd, Ned McHenry**

V.C.F.L. U17 COMMONWEALTH BANK (TEAL) CUP

- 1992:** Luke Rayner (C), Matthew Aston, Nigel Browning, Tim Sherman, Mark Orchard, Matthew Primus, Matthew Capuano, Glen Gorman, Andrew Mensch, Clinton Wright, Scott Allen
1993: Glen Gorman (VC), Glen Hanegraaf, Nigel Browning, Gavin Colville, Lachlan Doyle, Wade Chapman, Edward Richardson
1994: Tony Brown (C), Chris Hemley, Paul Hood, Ricky O'Toole, Glen Hanegraaf, Simon Fletcher, Scott Lucas
1995: Ben Broad, Ben Setchell, Scott Faulkner, Dan Madden, Chris Heffernan, Nigel Credlin
1996: National Championships changed to U18 - (see above) & U16 - (see below)

ALL AUSTRALIAN U17's / U18's

- 1992:** Luke Rayner
1993: Wade Chapman
1994: Tony Brown, Chris Hemley
1995: Ben Setchell - Larke Medallist U17 Commonwealth Bank Cup
1997: Matthew Scarlett
1998: Marc Dragicevic
1999: Jonathan Brown
2000: James Bartel



2001: James Bartel, Tom Davidson
2002: James Allan
2004: Jordan Lewis
2009: Ben Cunningham, Gary Rohan
2010: Jayden Pitt
2011: Taylor Adams
2013: Lewis Taylor, Darcy Gardiner
2014: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Patrick McCartin
2015: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson
2017: **James Worpel**

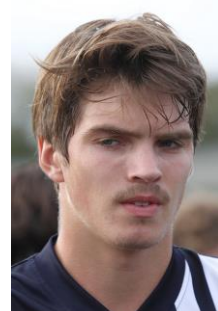


TAC CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

1992: Glen Gorman, Tim Sherman, Luke Rayner, Matthew Primus, Vince Cappadona
1993: Wade Chapman
1994: Tony Brown, Chris Hemley
1995: Paul Hood, Peter Featherston
1996: Chris Heffernan, Leigh Roberts, Ben Setchell
1997: Matthew Scarlett
1998: Marc Dragicevic
1999: Jonathan Brown, Cameron Ling
2000: James Bartel, Andrew Siegert
2001: James Bartel, Luke Molan
2002: James Allan, Josh Rudd
2003: Nathan Foley, Pat Travers
2004: Jordan Lewis, John Meesen, Tim Sheringham
2005: Jacob McGuane, Shaun Higgins
2006: Daniel O'Keefe, Ryan Williams
2007: Chris Kangars, Jaxson Barham
2008: Tom Simpkin
2009: Ben Cunningham, Gary Rohan, Allen Christensen
2010: Luke Dahlhaus, Cameron Delaney
2011: Taylor Adams, Andrew Boseley
2012: Thomas Gribble
2013: Fraser Fort, Darcy Gardiner, Lewis Taylor, James Tsitas
2014: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson
2015: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson
2016: Brett Blair, James Worpel
2017: **Gryan Miers, David Handley, James Worpel, Cassidy Parish**

SENIOR SELECTION - A.F.L. RESERVES

1992: Adrian Saltalamacchia (Carl), Michael O'Leary (Rich), Tim Edwards (Rich), Peter Jacks (Geel), Kieran Murrhiy (Geel/Coll), Matthew Primus (Geel), James McLure (Coll), Cameron Burke (Geel)
1993: Andrew Sharp (Rich), David Tanis (Geel), Tim Hedley (Geel), Ben Glynn (Geel/Rich), Shaun Haverfield (Geel), Chris Kestles (Coll), Paul King (Coll/Geel)
1994: Scott Taylor (Geel/Syd), Scott Eddy (Geel/St.K.), Peter Bird (Syd/St.K.), Jeremy Dyer (Coll/Fitz), Travis Agg (Geel/Fitz), Nigel Browning (Geel/Coll), Gavin Colville (Geel/Rich), Ed Richardson (Geel/Rich), Nathan Saunders (Ess/Geel)
1995: Kaine Marsh (Geel), Paul Hood (Geel), Ricky O'Toole (Geel), Peter Featherston (Fitz), Joe McLaren (Nth Melb), Chris Morgan (Geel), Travis Robertson (Fitz)
1996: Scott Faulkner (Melb), Ben Setchell (Foots/Geel), Glen Hanegraaf (Carl/Foots), Jared Brien (Rich), Drew Steven (Carl), Dan Madden (Carl/Melb), Damien Villarosa (Ess), Leigh Roberts (Melb), Ben Broad (Geel), Quinton Gleeson (Melb)
1997: Chris Baumgartner (Geel), Rory Priddle (Geel), James Dalton (Carl), Ben Jansen (Geel), Andrew Merriman (Coll), Kyle Nestor (Carl), Sam Talarico (Geel), Steven Clarke (Geel), Kane Montgomery (Geel), Matthew Scarlett (Geel), James Rahilly (Geel/Carl), Adam Pitts (Geel)
1998: David Clarke (Geel), Adam Wiseman (Carl), Tim Van Der Klooster (Carl), Tim Cartledge (Carl), Steve Baker (Geel), Chris McLaren (Geel), Jay Solomon (Geel), Alister Rogers (Geel), Luke Theodore (St K)
1999: David Haynes (Carl), Leigh Harding (Ess), Tim Clark (Syd/Ess), Cameron Ling (Ess/Haw), Ged Brody (Carl), Nick Bye (Syd), Aaron Clark (Ess), Patrick Heffernan (Syd), Brad Manczak (Melb), Aaron Rau (Geel), Michael Beardsley (Melb), Cory Bauer (Syd)
2009: VFL "23rd player" – Gabby Denton (Werribee)
2010: VFL "23rd player"- Tom Mackenzie, Mitch Fisher, Michael Sodomaco, Jarryn McCormack, Isaac Baker
2011: VFL "23rd player" – Jordan Keras
2012: VFL "23rd player"- Matthew Higgins, Willis Flanders
2013: VFL "23rd player"- George Cameron, Willis Flanders
2014: VFL "23rd player"- Scott Dixon, Aaron Christensen
2015: VFL "23rd player"- Will Sexton (Werribee), Rhys Mathieson (Geelong)
2016: VFL "23rd player"- **Brett Blair, Lockey McCartney (Werribee)**

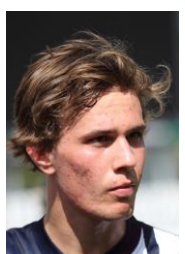


A.F.L. U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Vic Country Representatives – Geelong Falcons

- 1996:** Melbourne - (VCFL) Adam Wilkinson, Bill Nicholls, Andrew Spengler, Shane Manning
1997: Darwin - (VCFL) Bill Nicholls, Cameron Ling, David Haynes, Lee Purton, Brad Manczak, Martin Sanders, Marc Dragicevic, Ged Brody
1998: Melbourne - (VCFL) Michael Bright, Simon O’Keefe, Andrew Siegert, Ricky Smedts
1999: Melbourne - (VCFL) Dominic Gleeson, Simon Rau, Aaron Nawrocki, Jeremy O’Donnell, Mark Andjelkovic, Luke Molan, Sam Hunt
2000: Luke Hodge, Josh Rudd, Nick Barling, Simon Potter, Brett Moloney, Matthew Kilfoyle, Thomas Mullane-Grant, Matt Maguire
2001: Nathan Braddock, James Allan, Patrick Travers, Jared Kayler-Thompson, Nathan Foley, Sean Bourke
2002: Jordan Lewis, Jordan Woolfe, Tim Sheringham, Renwick Watts, John Meesen
2003: Josh Eddy, Andrew McPherson, Brad Blain, Ben Johnson
2004: Clint Bartram, Travis Boak, Danny Stanley, Timothy Brown, Jacob Neal, Jackson Sheringham
2005: Will Schofield, Jordan Grant, Justin Baxter
2006: Braydee Watts, Lucas Boyd, Jordan Jones, Patrick Dangerfield, Jordie McKenzie, Jack Steven, Ben Bucovaz, Michael Montieth
2007: Luke Thompson, Luke Rounds, Ben Cunnington, Dane Tutton, Dean Gavin, Callum Bartlett
2008: Rory Cahir, Brent Macleod, Fraser Russell, Richard Langham, Gus Pomorin, Daniel Semmens, Billie Smedts, Luke Mahony
2009: Devon Smith, Taylor Adams, Jay Lever, Lachlan Edwards, Sam Gordon, Ryan Monaghan
2010: Brody Mahoney
2011: James Tsitas, Darcy Gardiner, Nicholas Bourke, Alex Hickey, Scott Dixon, Aaron Christensen, Paul Dreher, Lewis Taylor, Alex Moloney
2012: Nick Dixon, Hugh Goddard, Patrick McCartin, Blake McPhee, Jackson Nelson, Steven Presani
2013: Darcy Parish, Max Augerinos, Bailey Biggs, Rhys Mathieson
2014: Alex Witherden, Zachary Zdybel, Darby Schilder, Sean Darcy
2015: James Worpel, Adam Garner, Dane Hollenkamp, Cassidy Parish
2016: Sam Walsh, Oscar Brownless
2017: **Cooper Stephens (Co-VC Captain), Keidan Rayner, Tom Richardson, Jeremy Goddard**

AIS / AFL ACADEMY

- 1997:** Cameron Ling
2000: Luke Hodge, Josh Rudd
2004: Clint Bartram, Travis Boak, Danny Stanley
2006: Patrick Dangerfield, Lachlan Henderson
2007: Ayce Cordy
2009: Piers Flanagan, Sam Gordon
2010: Devon Smith
2011: James Tsitas, Darcy Gardiner, Nicholas Bourke
2012: James Tsitas, Darcy Gardiner, Nicholas Bourke, Lewis Taylor (Level 1)
2013: James Tsitas, Darcy Gardiner, Nicholas Bourke, Lewis Taylor (Level 2); Hugh Goddard, Jackson Nelson, Patrick McCartin (Level 1)
2014: Hugh Goddard, Jackson Nelson, Patrick McCartin (Level 2); Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson (Level 1)
2015: Darcy Parish, Rhys Mathieson, Charlie Curnow (Level 2)
2016: Alex Witherden (Level 2)
2017: **James Worpel (Level 2); Sam Walsh (Level 1)**



GEELONG FALCONS AFL VICTORIA - REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL 2017

In 1996, the AFL/VFL revamped representative junior football in Australia to be more closely aligned to the requirements of the AFL draft which, as of 1999, is for 18YO players and 17YO players born before April 30th, taken from the whole of Australia. NB: As of 1999, there are no restrictions on how many 17YO players are drafted in this category. Hence, State representative teams were changed from U17 Teal Cup to the AFL U18 and U16 National Championships.

AFL NAB U18 National Championships - 2017

Each State in Australia has a representative team in these annual, elite National Championships. Victoria, "the home of football", provides two teams - Victorian Metropolitan ("Vic Metro") team and Victorian Country ("Vic Country"). Both representative sides competed in the revamped structure which was in place from the previous year which incorporated an 'Allies' Team (combined from QLD, NSW-ACT, NT & TAS) in this year's National Championships. This fixture required Vic Country to play four matches - against Vic Metro, South Australia, Western Australia and the Allies. The team was coached by Matthew Battistello.

For the 2017 Championships, Geelong Falcons had an impressive ten representative players in the Vic Country team: David Handley, Sam Walsh, Matthew Ling, Joshua Jaska, Tom McCartin, Cassidy Parish, Gryan Miers, James Worpel (VC Captain), Ethan Floyd and Ned McHenry. In this year's championships, Vic Country finished with a 1-3 win-loss record, while Vic Metro were crowned undefeated National Under 18 champions for 2017.

Results:

Round 1 (June 11): Allies 8.8 (56) def by Vic Country 10.8 (68), Blacktown International Sportspark, Blacktown.

Round 2 (June 24): Vic Metro 15.7 (97) def Vic Country 11.9 (75), Punt Road, Richmond.

Round 3 (June 30): Vic Country 7.11 (53) def by Western Australia 12.10 (82), Etihad Stadium, Docklands.

Round 4 (July 5): Vic Country 9.11 (65) def by South Australia 16.15 (111), Simonds Stadium, Geelong.

VICTORIAN COUNTRY
2017 NAB AFL - U18 Championships

Back Row: Nathan Harris (Development Coach), Brooke Brown (Player Welfare), David Handley, Aiden Quigley, Lochie O'Brien, Sam Walsh, Matthew Ling, Matthew Glossop (High Performance)
 Second Row: Marissa Adams (Head Trainer), Ben Paton, Hunter Clark, Luke Davies-Uniacke, Angus Schumacher, Joshua Jaska, Bailey Williams, Tom DeKoning, Jordon Butts, Tom McCartin, Cassidy Parish, Bailey Williams, Changkuoth Jiath, Paddy Dow, Phil Partington (Team Manager).
 Front Row: Craig Black (Assistant Coach), Leon Higgins (Assistant Coach), Gryan Miers, Laitham Vandermeer, Kane Farrell, Oscar Clavarino (Captain), Lee Fraser (Country Pathways Manager), Mathew Battistello (Coach), James Worpel (Captain), Ethan Floyd, Ned McHenry, Brent Daniels, Leigh Brown (Assistant Coach), Mark Ellis (Chairman of Selectors).
 Absent: Zane Barzan, Jye Caldwell, Lloyd Meek, Jordan Johnston, Cody Hennes, Callan Wellings, Carly Harris (Physiotherapist), Frank Martinez (Property).

Vic Country 10.8.68 Allies 8.8.56 Blacktown International Sportspark	Vic Country 11.9.75 Vic Metro 15.7.97 Punt Road	Vic Country 7.11.53 Western Australia 12.10.82 Etihad Stadium	Vic Country 9.11.65 South Australia 16.15.111 Simonds Stadium
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2017 AFL Victoria U16 Country Carnival – March/April

The Geelong Falcons U16 program aims to introduce the talented players in our region to the next stage of development as they aspire to become TAC Cup level players of the future. Beginning in early December, with squad training at Highton Reserve, we begin with around 50 players that must be cut to 30 prior to the state carnival. With less positions available than at Under 15 or Under 18 level it is very challenging.

We aim to educate the boys on key areas that will help their future development. Nutrition, injury prevention, hydration, correct footwear, stretching, warm ups and cool downs, rehabilitation and core stability are among the key topics covered. A player's attitude is also key, so leadership skills and mentoring experiences are also provided. A player's athleticism (aerobic capacity, speed, agility, endurance) is monitored and individual feedback and advice provided to enhance an individual's capabilities. Coaching specific focus areas include: ball handling, kicking and handball efficiency, ball movement, game sense, decision making as well as structural and tactical awareness. As games begin, goals are set and key performances indicators are emphasised so that players are made aware of the direct link between outcomes and areas of play that are critical for success.

Selection was completed after trials games at Deakin University and the boys had an excellent final hit out against the GWV Rebels prior to the carnival. The selected team continued to train at Highton Reserve on Wednesdays and Fridays in the lead up to our carnival games. The boys were excited to play as curtain raisers to the first 3 TAC Cup Falcons games. This provided players with a great opportunity to prepare and play under similar professional conditions as TAC Cup players. It also included players needing to deal with injury, non-selection, challenges to play often unfamiliar roles for the team and be selfless in their approach.

This year's group were very tight nit and determined to play a 'team-first' way. The boys showed to be very coachable and with excellent character and attitudes. Led brilliantly by developing leaders Cooper Stephens and Keidan Raynor, the players consistently strived to improve their skill level, fitness and understanding of the team game plan. The group's improvement was clearly evident with each game and throughout the carnival the boys remained undefeated. A terrific achievement!

1st Game: Geelong Falcons 16.6 (102) def GWV Rebels 8.1 (49)

Goals: B.Miller 5, B.Edwards 4, T.Richardson 2, W.Batson, J.Goddard, S.Bourke, J.Mullen, N.Conway 1.

Best: B.Miller, J.Goddard, C.Stephens, C.Page, J.Clark, B.Edwards, J.Saltalamaccia.

2nd Game: Geelong Falcons 9.10 (64) def Dandenong Stingrays 9.4 (58)

Goals: T.Richardson 5, C.Karpala 2, J.Dahlhaus, K.Rayner 1

Best: C.Stephens, T.Richardson, C.Karpala, T.Bennett, K.Rayner, J.Goddard, S.Defrancesco

3rd Game: Geelong Falcons 11.9 (75) def Murray Bushrangers 5.5 (35)

Goals: D.Chirgwin 4, B.Edwards 2, C.Stephens 2, J.Goddard, J.Dahlhaus, W.Milgrew 1

Best: C.Stephens, J.Goddard, D.Chirgwin, C.Karpala, J.Clark, L.Smith, J.Mullen, S.Bourke, J.Dahlhaus

2016 NAB AFL U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

After a solid carnival, we were pleased to have 11 Geelong Falcons players invited into the Victorian Country squad, all vying for selection into the team to participate in the 2017 NAB AFL National U16 Championships. After several trial games and training sessions the final squad of 25 was announced. This included two Geelong Falcons and a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our co-captains Cooper Stephens and Keidan Raynor as well as Jeremy Goddard, Lachie Smith, Jesse Clark and Tom Richardson making the final squad. Cooper was announced as captain and joined Oscar Brownless (2016) and James Worpel (2015) as Falcons selected to captain the U16 Vic Country side.

The 2016 team was a wonderful group to work with. Their improvement over the 14-week program was a credit to them. Once again, the Falcons team off the field ensured that the boys experienced this next step in their desire to reach their full potential. Team manager Ron Imanse is key to us being organised and prepared for the carnival and is well supported by Shaunn Rock and our medical team including Justin Edwards, Tim Malberg, Richard Embelton & Colin Watson. The coaching staff of Frank Fopiani, Michael Bright, Tim Hunt, Barry Orvis and Mick McManus was outstanding in their support and advice for the players. Welfare

officer/statistician Jack Stevens must get special thanks for his outstanding effort as does fitness and rehab coach Connor Guinea. Both men added enormously to the education and support of our players. Special thanks also to Sean Atkinson and his recruiting team, to Steve Lucas (bus driver), Dean Pearce (Administration/Football manager) and to Falcons senior coach Daniel O'Keefe for their time and support.

Thank you to the parents of all the players. Without your commitment, your encouragement and the trust that you place in the Falcons staff, your boys would not be able to fully embrace the experience and maximise their time in the program.

Special thanks to Nathan and Ian Murray from Morris Finance who continue to add enormously through their support of the Under 16 Geelong Falcons development program. We appreciate you being involved and hope you enjoy the relationship.

Finally, to Michael Turner, it is a privilege to coach and coordinate the Under 16 program. You provide a lot of trust and empowerment to myself and our group. 2017 was a huge year for Geelong Falcons with the Under 18s winning the flag, the Under 16s not dropping a game and the U15s took all before them in the V-Line Cup. We look forward to continuing to provide our region's best with the opportunity to reach their potential.



Cameron Loftus

*U16 Program Coordinator & Coach
Geelong Falcons: 2012-17*



YOUTH GIRLS ACADEMY (YGA) MANAGER'S REPORT 2017 UNDER 18 GIRLS TAC CUP

In 2017, we welcomed the addition of the inaugural Under 18 TAC Cup Girls program to the Geelong Falcons. The program kicked off with a squad of 30 girls, aged between 16 and 18, who began training in November at Highton Reserve. The squad, coached by Jason Armistead with assistant coaches Natasha Daffy and Neville Daffy, went from strength to strength as they settled in to their first experience in a high-performance football program.

The preseason was an opportunity for the girls to develop strong training standards and with the guidance of their Strength and Conditioning Coach, Maddy Crawford, the girls' fitness levels improved immensely. The team's pace and ability to run during games ultimately turned out to be one of our major strengths.

In their first TAC Cup Girls season, the Falcons Girls team came away with four wins from five games, narrowly losing their fourth game to Murray Bushrangers by 2 points. The skill level of all the girls improved, which was a credit to the girls' willingness to learn from their coaches and to take risks and step outside of their comfort zones. The girls formed a bond off the field and created a culture within the group that was all about acceptance and supporting one another. This clearly carried over to their on-field performances, where the coaches couldn't have been prouder to see the way the girls had each other's backs and celebrated each other's successes.

The celebrations certainly didn't end with their last game, as we had four girls selected to represent the Vic Country team at the National Championships, and three of those girls who went on to make the TAC Cup 'Team of the Year'. Finally, to top off a very successful first year, we had two girls selected in the All Australian team. Congratulations to Nina Morrison, Lucy McEvoy, Denby Taylor and Olivia Purcell on these fantastic accomplishments.

The coaches and support staff would also like to thank Mick Turner, Dean Pearce, Danny O'Keefe and all the staff at the Geelong Falcons for the support provided to the program right from the inception of the Falcons Girls football program. It was fantastic for the girls to be able to share resources and have access to the elite facilities at Highton Reserve and was a major factor in the program being such a success from the outset.

We would also like to thank all of the parents for their commitment to the program, and for the support and trust they placed in the coaching staff throughout Season 2017.

Katie Geerings
YGA Manager
Geelong Falcons: 2017-



YOUTH GIRLS ACADEMY (YGA) COACH'S REPORT - 2017

On behalf of the Geelong Falcons Girls Team, we would like to congratulate everyone involved with the Falcons program over the 2017 season. Premiers in the TAC Cup Under 18 Boys and undefeated seasons in the Under 16 Boys and V/Line Cup Boys and Girls programs, shows the commitment and hard work of the players, coaches, and staff at the Geelong Falcons. Our girls have been so grateful and privileged to have been involved in the best junior football program in Australia.



As it was the girls first season, the coaches and players were able to establish our training standards and trademark behaviours, which we can build on into the future. The girl's fitness, game knowledge and skill level dramatically improved over the pre-season and these improvements transferred into the inaugural five-game season.

To Mick Turner and Dean Pearce, we would like to thank you for all of your hard work behind the scenes to include the girls in the Falcons program. To add a new team and make it work so smoothly is a credit to your professionalism and vision. I would also like to acknowledge the guidance and support of Daniel O'Keefe and Cameron Loftus in helping us establish our position at the club.

The girls program was managed by Katie Geerings and we were blessed to have someone that is so experienced working in girls' football. She has overseen the expansion of girls/women's football in the Barwon region over the last few years and her hard work is responsible for the depth of talent that we had to choose from.

I would like to recognise and thank my assistant coaches, Neville Daffy and Natasha Daffy. They provided great support and ideas to ensure we had covered every area of the players' development. Both coaches helped create a positive and inclusive environment at training and on game day. Our strength and conditioning was provided by Maddy Crawford, who also worked with the Under 18 Boy's team. We benefited greatly from her experience working under Matt Critchley and she quickly made her mark on the playing group. It was obvious during the games that the girl's fitness was a major reason for our success during the season.

To all of the other staff and volunteers, including our wonderful trainers, Laura Whyte and Emily Jones and Runner, Matt Johnson, we appreciate everything that has been provided to us and we love your passion for our players.

Outside of the Falcons, I would like to thank Paul Hood and the Geelong VFLW team for allowing our girls access to training with them after our season was completed. We have also had great support from the local media outlets in the region. It was fantastic to see our girls receive recognition for their skill, talent and hard work in the Geelong Advertiser, K Rock Football, Colac Herald, MIXX FM and The Pulse FM.

Finally, I would like to thank the players and families for their trust and commitment to the program. The parents showed great confidence in our ability to coach their daughters and we could not be prouder of the way the girls conducted themselves on and off the field. It was the most enjoyable and rewarding coaching job that I have been involved in and I am looking forward to seeing what the girls can achieve in 2018. Go Falcons!!

Jason Armistead
YGA Head Coach
Geelong Falcons: 2017-



GEELONG FALCONS GIRLS RESULTS – GIRLS TAC CUP 2017

- Game One:** Northern Knights (3.2.20) def by Geelong Falcons (5.8.38)
Game Two: Geelong Falcons (7.4.46) def Greater Western Victoria Rebels (2.5.17)
Game Three: Geelong Falcons (7.7.49) def Dandenong Stingrays (4.5.29)
Game Four: Murray Bushrangers (5.2.32) def Geelong Falcons (4.6.30)
Game Five: Western Jets (4.1.25) def by Geelong Falcons (9.13.67)

AWARDS

- Girls Best and Fairest:** Lucy McEvoy
Girls Best and Fairest Runner Up: Olivia Purcell
Girls Most Consistent: Ruby Benham
Girls Most Improved: Zoe Inei
Girls Trademark Award: Sophie Dinneen
TAC Cup Girls Personal Growth Award: Gabby Deller

GEELONG FALCONS' GIRLS TEAM PHOTO – SEASON 2017



GEELONG FALCONS TAC CUP U18 GIRLS



2017



BACK: Katie Geerings (Manager), Neville Daffy (Asst Coach), Luka Lesosky-Hay, Paris Sharp, Ellie Loughnane, Abbey Chapman, Zoe Inei, Eliza Shannon, Sophie Dineen, Emily Allan, Nina Morrison, Jazlyn Fisher, Madeline Crawford (S&C Coach), Jason Armistead (Coach), Mathew Johnson (Runner).

MIDDLE: Natasha Daffy (Asst Coach), Sachi DeGiacomi, Sophie Baker, Tiarna Pitt, Ellie Nigro, Lucy McEvoy (Capt), Zoe Brauer, Amy Gorell, Mia Sheppard, Kaitlyn Hausterfer, Gabrielle Deller, Annie Haigh, Laura Whyte (Trainer).

FRONT: Hayley Boehm, Olivia Purcell (Vice Capt), Murphy Floyd, Pheobe Lingam, Paige Sheppard, Tiahna Andree-Jansz, Ruby Benham, Ciara Larkins, Emily Jones (Trainer).

ABSENT: Denby Taylor.



GEELONG FALCONS V/LINE CUP - REPORT 2017

We would like to thank everyone for their involvement with the V/Line Cup for season 2017. Like previous years, The Latrobe City Council hosted the representative carnival, with games being played at venues in Moe, Traralgon and Morwell.

The timing of the carnival continued at the end of the junior season, which allows for a more streamlined transition for players into the Falcons under 16 training and Under 18 Girls programs. This also allows all Talent Managers to head to the carnival and get a glimpse of the future talent for their U16 and U18 programs.

The 12-week training programs and the carnival itself exposed our players to guest speakers and a high level of training including strength and conditioning, skill and match simulation which has helped to develop these young players both on and off the field. We thank all of our players for their willingness to contribute to and learn from all aspects of the program.

On behalf of Worksafe AFL Vic Country-Barwon we would like to formally thank:

- Brendan Forssman, Frank Fopiani and Tash Daffy for their outstanding coaching and leadership throughout the program.
- Damian McMahon, Jason Armistead, Paul Listro, Nev Daffy, Anthony Pekovic, Michael King, Mathew Mathieson and Bailey Forssman for their assistance and coaching throughout the program especially at training and on match days.
- Barry Orvis for his dedication and outstanding work in talent ID.
- Mitch Gray for his valued support as the team trainer and Sam Reid from Corio Bay Health Group.
- Brett Anderson and Meg McArthur from Worksafe AFL Vic Country for the management of the Championships.
- The players' parents and supporters for their assistance and support of the players involved with the program.
- The players clubs and coaches for their contribution to the players development and for their support of the program.
- And finally, to the players for their commitment to the game and for wanting to play at the highest possible level of football.

Under 15 Div 1: Match Results

Geelong Falcons 1	3.11	8.13	14.16	19.18 (132)
Peninsula Stingrays	0.0	1.2	1.4	1.4 (10)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons 1: Noah Gadsby 4, Chris Seymour 3, Max Annandale 3, Gennaro Bove 3, Noah Gribble 2, Charlie Lazzaro 2, Cameron Fleeton 2

BEST: Geelong Falcons 1: Noah Gadsby, Tanner Bruhn, Charlie Lazzaro, Gennaro Bove, Cameron Fleeton, Charlie Brauer

Geelong Falcons 1	4.1	6.8	7.9	9.14 (68)
Gippsland Power 1	2.0	2.2	3.2	3.3 (21)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons 1: Connor O'Meara 3, Max Annandale 2, Chris Seymour 1, Joshua Sorgiovanni 1, Gennaro Bove 1, Noah Gadsby 1

BEST: Geelong Falcons 1: Charlie Brauer, Connor O'Meara, Tanner Bruhn, Henry Walsh, Sam Witherden, Lachlan Hood

Div 1 Team of the 2017 V/Line Cup

Tanner Bruhn (Newtown & Chilwell FC), Noah Gadsby (Torquay FC), Charlie Brauer (Barwon Heads FC)



Geelong Falcons 2017 U15 V/Line Cup Division 1 Team



Under 15 Div 2: Match Results

Geelong Falcons 2	0.1	1.2	5.3	6.4 (40)
Yarra Ranges	1.4	2.4	4.6	4.7 (31)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons 2: Trey Wheadon 1, Kynan Manning-Stratton 1, Brady Coutts 1, Noah Lever 1, Griffen Wilson 1, Thomas Hancock 1

BEST: Geelong Falcons 2: Nicolas Ash, Mitchell Knevitt, Griffen Wilson, Indiana Parish, Kyle Skene, Tom Dickinson

Geelong Falcons 2	2.4	6.8	9.16	15.20 (110)
Gippsland Power 2	0.1	0.2	0.2	2.3 (15)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons 2: Kyle Skene 4, Griffen Wilson 3, Alistair O'Donnell 1, Thomas Hancock 1, Tye Mason 1, Brady Coutts 1, Trey Wheadon 1, Noah Allen 1, Nicholas Hau 1, Thomas Reynolds 1

BEST: Geelong Falcons 2: Brady Coutts, Griffen Wilson, Kyle Skene, Tom Dickinson, Noah Lever, Thomas Hancock

Div 2 Team of the 2017 V/Line Cup

Brady Coutts (Colac FC); Noah Lever (St. Josephs FC); Griffen Wilson (St. Josephs FC)



Geelong Falcons 2017 U15 V/Line Cup Division 2 Team



Under 16 Girls: Match Results

Geelong Falcons	0.0	1.1	2.1	3.3 (21)
Peninsula Stingrays	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.1 (19)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons: Tess Craven 1, Emmalyn Nekrep 1, Laura Ryan 1

BEST: Geelong Falcons: Luka Lesosky-Hay, Ella Mahoney, Poppy Schaap, Charlotte Simpson, Daisy Smith, Jerusha Devarakonda

Geelong Falcons	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.0 (24)
Yarra Ranges	1.0	1.2	2.3	2.5 (17)

GOALS: Geelong Falcons: Madeline Chandler 3, Emmalyn Nekrep 1

BEST: Geelong Falcons: Daisy Smith, Laura Gardiner, Jerusha Devarakonda, Poppy Schaap, Luka Lesosky-Hay, Sophie Milsome

Under 16 Girls' Team of the 2017 V/Line Cup

Luka Lesosky-Hay (Torquay FC)
Jerusha Devarakonda (St Joseph's FC)
Poppy Schapp (Geelong Amateurs FC)

Will McGregor, Luke Maher and Katie Geerings

Worksafe AFL Vic Country-Barwon
Football Development Managers

GEELONG FALCONS: SEASON 2017 IN PICTURES





Organisation Chart Season 2017



AFL Head of Talent – Tristan Salter
AFLV CEO - Steven Reaper
AFLV State Talent Manager – Paul Hamilton
AFLV Talent Pathways Manager (Country) - Lee Fraser

Geelong Falcons
AFLV Talent Manager - Michael Turner

Football Manager: Dean Pearce

Geelong Falcons
Head Coach: Daniel O’Keefe

Medical Department
Physio: Emily Brown
 Doctor: Dr. Justin Evans
Manager Medical Services: Rachel O’Brien
 Senior Trainers: Tim Malberg & Colin Watson
 Asst Trainers: Luke Rundle
 Emily Jones
 Laura Whyte
 Jamie Twaddle
 Jenna Funston
 Kris Marshall

U18 Coaching Group
 Asst Coaches: (Defence) Luke Daffy
 (Midfield) Jayden Pitt
 (Forwards) Dave Farrell
 Dev Coaches: Michael Di Domenico
 Michael Bright
 Luke Primus (Ruck/Specialist)
 Nathan Murray (Goalkicking Coach)
 Oppo Analysis/Leadership & SM: Jesse Drever

U16 Academy Program
Coch/Program Coord: Cameron Loftus
 Team Managers: Ron Imanse, Shaunn Rock
 Asst Coaches: Mick McManus, Frank Fopiani, Barry Orvis
 Player Welfare: Jack Stevens
 Fitness/Rehab: Conor Guina

Youth Girls Academy (YGA) Program
Program Manager: Katie Geerings
 Head Coach: Jason Armistead
 Asst Coaches: Natasha Daffy, Neville Daffy
 Fitness/rehab: Madeline Crawford
 Physio: Emily Brown; Trainers: Laura Whyte
 Team Manager: Sean Atkinson

Recruiting
Talent ID Coord: Sean Atkinson (all programs)

HP Department
HPM: Matt Critchley
 Strength & Conditioning (S&C):
 • Dylan McInnes
 • Asst - Deakin intern (TBC)
 Rehab/Injury Management:
 • Brad Spicer
 Sports Science & Analytics:
 • Madeline Crawford
 • Asst – Dana Crameri

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TEAM PHOTO 2017



Back Row: Jarrod Walters, Logan Taylor, Ethan Floyd, Oscar Hampshire, Liam Davies, Zachary Walter, Cooper Cartledge, Titi Nyak, Jack Baker, Brady Campi, Charlie Sprague, David Handley, Ned McHenry.

Standing: Michael Turner, Matt Critchley, Dylan McInnes, Jack Stevens, Baxter Mensch, Brad Spicer, Cassidy Parish, Hayden Elliot, Joshua Jaska, Connor Idun, Ben Thomas, Sam Conway, Dane Hollenkamp, Jack Grigsby, Adam Garner, Rick Read, Tom McCartin, Jordon Reid, Lachlan Handley, Bill Scott, Emily Brown, Peter Hester, Rachel O'Brien, Jamie Twaddle, Gary Shugg, Dean Pearce.

Seated: Nathan Murray, Dana Cramer, Madeleine Crawford, Tim Malberg, Luke Primus, Michael Bright, Dave Farrell, Charlie Francis (Co-Captain), James Worpel (Co-Captain), Daniel O'Keefe (Coach), Cooper Stephens (Co-Captain), Jayden Pitt, Luke Daffy, Michael Di Domenico, Jesse Drever, Riley Hayden, Sam Walsh, Zack Mongelli.

Front Row: Harrison Ling, Sam Wolfenden, Matthew Ling, Samuel Torpy, Mitchell Chafer, Lachlan Noble, Zedekai Copland, Harry Benson, Fraser O'Gorman, Gryan Miers, Brayden Ham, Bayley Cockerill, Doyle Madigan, Campbell Tanis, Finlay Parish.

Absent: Players:



Jack Henderson



Colm O'Connor



Oscar Brownless



Jack Walters



Blake Schlenso

Staff: Justin Evans, Colin Watson, Luke Rundle, Emily Jones, Jenna Funston.

Photo by Brian Bartlett

GEELONG FALCONS - TAC CUP

PREMIERS



GEELONG 13.11 (89) d SANDRINGHAM 13.9 (87)