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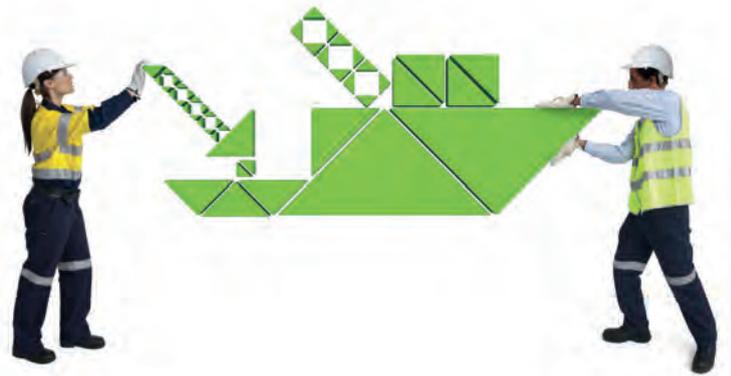
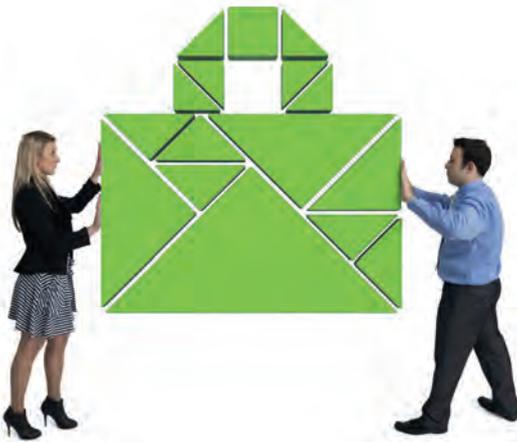
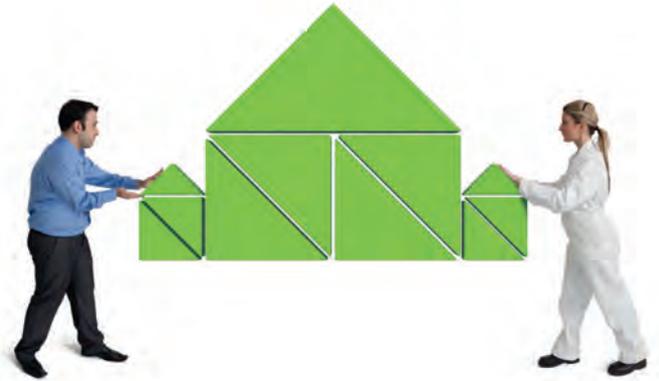
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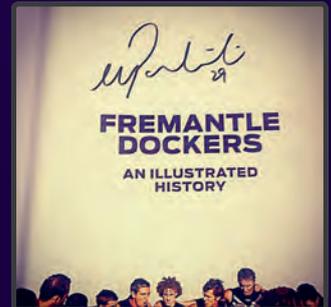
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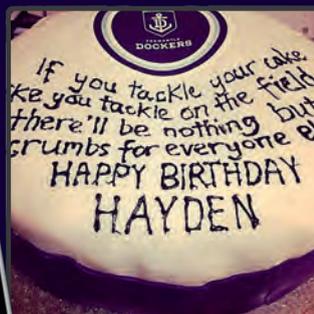
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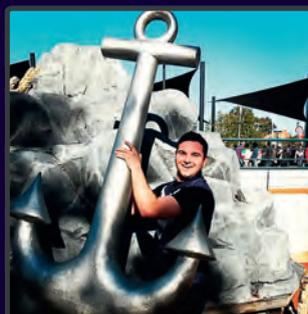
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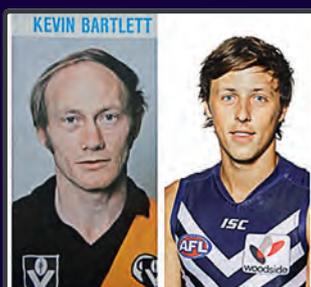
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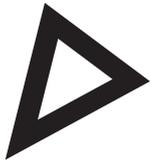
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#MYMATENICK GAINS MOMENTUM

Hayden Ballantyne makes no secret of his man-love for Nick Suban. 'Ballas' is frequently caught on social media uploading photos of 'Subes' using #mymatenick. The phenomenon has gained momentum and a cheer squad emerged at the club's recent open training session. More than 1000 fans packed into Fremantle Oval to attend the session in July. All the players posed for photographs and happily signed autographs at the final open training for the home and away season.



PURPLE POCKET

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE FREMANTLE DOCKERS

AUSSIE RULES THE WORLD

Fremantle assistant coach Brett Kirk stars in a new Australian movie, which sees the former AFL superstar take the game across the globe. 'Aussie Rules The World' sees Kirk embark on an international mission through to the war torn streets of Jerusalem to meet the unlikely Palestinian/Israeli 'Peace Team' and onto India as he searches for a piece of open field in cricket-mad Mumbai. 'Kirky' also meets the Los Angeles Dragons, risking football without helmets and the Kwa Zulu Natal Eagles, who sing of their bravery before each game. The film brings together a spectacular display of footy styles, songs, languages, passion, tears and commitment that are beginning to shape the way the game is played forever. The Freo Newsroom hosts Ryan Crowley, Garrick Ibbotson, Michael Barlow and Tendai Mzungu along with a host of other players and staff attended the WA premiere at Cinema Paradiso in Northbridge.



ICE TO MEET YOU

The USA and Canadian ice hockey teams were recently in Perth for a series of games at Perth Arena and several Freo stars took the opportunity to meet some of their top players at training. Fremantle captain Matthew Pavlich returned the favour and invited the internationals into the changerooms after the team's win against Greater Western Sydney in round 17.



RIDING THE WAVES

From Kadina to South Beach, **CAM SUTCLIFFE**'s passions have been water and footy. Fremantle gives him the chance to do both.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

Cam Sutcliffe doesn't like the spotlight, he prefers to blend into a crowd rather than stand out in one. The serene setting of South Beach in Fremantle, where he resides, allows the 22-year-old the opportunity to walk around in his boardies and just watch the world go by.

The beach is an escape from the fast-paced world of AFL.

"I love getting down there during summer and mucking around on the pontoon," Sutcliffe says.

One of the hobbies he's acquired since moving to Western Australia

In late 2011 has been surfing, introduced to him by former Freo Docker and keen surfer Jay van Berlo.

There isn't much swell at South Beach, so Sutcliffe enjoys heading off to Trigg Beach to catch a wave or two.

"Up until late last year I hadn't bought a board," he says.

"A mate forced me into it. I bought the board and went out every day for a week trying to improve my skills."

Sutcliffe was born in Naracoorte, South Australia, the same town that produced Lachie Neale and former teammate Alex Forster.

The closest thing he had to an ocean was a small lake, which is one of the only things he still remembers from that period of his life.

"We used to go down there a fair bit and we thought it was a pretty big swim to go out onto the pontoon and jump off," Sutcliffe says.

When he was seven, his family moved to Kadina, two hours north of Adelaide. Sutcliffe describes it as a 'big country town' and the hub of the York Peninsula where "all the big festivals happen".

With the ocean close by, Sutcliffe grabbed every opportunity to be near the water.

"Dad always went for long runs along the ocean and he used to ask me if I wanted to go with him," he says.

"I'd always jump at the opportunity. At that point in time

he was a lot faster than me. Time might have changed that."

While he loved the beach, football was his other passion, and playing in the AFL was his dream.

He lined up for the Kadina Bloodhounds until he was 17, when he moved to Adelaide to join SANFL side Woodville-West Torrens (WWT), the same club Matthew Pavlich came from.

Sutcliffe was left frustrated when he wasn't selected for South Australia's under 18's side in 2010.

"I was pretty disappointed," he says in a manner that suggests he thought he should have been picked.

"My final year in under 18's I started the season very poorly.

"From halfway through the year I started playing better footy and I thought I was a chance to be drafted, but unfortunately I wasn't."

The doubts that he'd never make it to the AFL began to creep in.

"I suppose when you're playing in the top under 18's level, that's when you get drafted, or that was the perception at least," he says.

After Sutcliffe was overlooked in the Rookie Draft a few weeks later, he entered pre-season training with WWT determined to give himself the best chance of realising his dream.

"I just went out on the track and decided that I would train harder and give myself the best opportunity to play league football for Woodville-West Torrens," he says.

Michael Godden, who is still their coach today, was an important figure in Sutcliffe's development.

"I worked alongside Michael and he always gave me tips and ways to improve my football," Sutcliffe says.

"He helped progress my football from a one-way style to getting back in defence and helping out, that two-way ability that you need to play AFL."

Sutcliffe played league in round one and throughout the year, but he missed out on their Grand Final-winning side at the end of the season.

Seventy picks into the 2011 National Draft, Sutcliffe's thoughts were turning towards the upcoming Rookie Draft.

"I was at home with my mum and dad and step-mum and all my brothers and sisters, thinking I'd missed out again," he says.

"The very next pick I was taken by Fremantle and it was pretty hectic from there on."

Sutcliffe was soon on a plane bound for Perth, where Freo recruiter Neil Ross picked him up from the airport. The new Freo Docker's destination was Scarborough and his first 'host family' – Matthew and Lauren Pavlich.

SERENE SETTING:
Cam Sutcliffe loves
South Beach.



Sutcliffe admits his generation of players at WWT wasn't overly aware of the Freo captain's feats during his SANFL days.

"I knew he had played there, but we were a different generation," he says.

"I was 10 years younger so he wasn't widely spoken of around the club, how many games he'd played and so forth."

"The first night I just sat down on the couch with him and Lauren, had a chat and got to know each other.

"He took me to training and showed me the ropes. We have a pretty good friendship now."

Living with Pavlich made it clearer to Sutcliffe why he is considered an AFL great.

"From his diet to recovery, such as going for walks with the dog after dinner and going to the beach, I saw a lot of things he does that helps you become a better footballer when you're not at the club," Sutcliffe says.

Most of Sutcliffe's early days at Freo were spent playing for East Fremantle in the WAFL, and when he did earn an AFL call-up it was usually as the newly-introduced substitute.

With Freo steaming towards September at the tail end of 2013, defender Garrick Ibbotson was a late

withdrawal from the round 19 match against Carlton at Etihad Stadium, and he didn't play again that season.

Sutcliffe, who had played his footy as a midfielder, was given a challenge.

"I had to come in to fill a half back role because Garrick was playing there and doing very well," he says.

Sutcliffe played every game from there right up until the Grand Final, and he's been a regular member of the back six ever since.

"I got that opportunity against Carlton, it was a new role for me to fill, but I feel I've progressed from there, knowing the role and what I need to do for the team."

Interestingly, Hawthorn's Brian Lake, who won the Norm Smith Medal in the Grand Final against Fremantle, was also drafted with the 71st pick and hailed from Woodville-West Torrens.

Sutcliffe lives with teammates Nat Fyfe and Alex Silvagni in a South Beach townhouse.

He shares a passion for surfing with Fyfe, but he also recognises the pair are starkly contrasting people.

Fyfe is the AFL superstar – well spoken and used to the constant gaze of the cameras.



BACK SIX: Sutcliffe has become a regular in Freo's defence in 2014.

Sutcliffe is shy and quiet and, by his own admission, not as experienced at public speaking.

He says living with Fyfe can be "difficult" at times, but it's also helped him become a better footballer.

"Nat's pretty demanding around the household," Sutcliffe says.

"He likes to do extra recoveries and he's always trying to force me out of the house to go for a walk or go for a surf. He's similar to 'Pav' in that regard.

"He has a great football brain, ask him any question and he can help you out."

As for renowned head banger Silvagni, Sutcliffe says he and Fyfe have learned to live with his dubious musical tastes.

"I come home and he's listening to some blaring death metal music, so I just have to walk out or go hide in my room," he says.

Whether he's playing on the football field, walking around South Beach or riding a wave at Trigg, Cam Sutcliffe probably won't be noticed by too many people. But he won't care, that's just the way he likes it. 

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Memories on display

A brand new mural recognising the Fremantle Dockers' 20 AFL seasons has been kindly donated to the club by the Harbour Masters committee.

The mural highlights an image from each season and is on display at Fremantle Dockers HQ.

New Harbour Masters president Eugene D'Orsogna and secretary June MacDonald have both been part of the committee since its inception in October 1996.

Freo midfielder Matt de Boer was on hand to meet both D'Orsogna and MacDonald as the mural was unveiled.

D'Orsogna reminisced over some of his favourite moments in Freo's 20 years.

"Great memories, very good memories," D'Orsogna said.

"The Pav moment (300 games) is great because he's been around the club so long.



IT'S DIFFICULT TO PICK A FAVOURITE ONE, THEY ALL MEAN SOMETHING.

JUNE MACDONALD

"The Essendon final (in 2003) also stands out because it was our first final and here in Perth."

MacDonald also took the time to think about the journey so far.

"It's difficult to pick a favourite one, they all mean something – but Pav's 300th game, the Grand Final and the 1995 start do stand out," MacDonald said.

"I mean we nearly won our first match, we only lost by five points to Richmond at the MCG. "That was something very positive and I remember we all went down to the old Fremantle Jail to watch it there because that's where all the supporters went for the first match.

"Nobody knew a soul there, it was amazing."

The Harbour Masters are 1000 foundation members of Freo who made a financial contribution of \$1000 to help form the club. There are 595 Harbour Masters who are still financial today. 📍

2015 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Thank you for your valuable support of the Fremantle Dockers in the 2014 season. We are pleased to announce that for the first time in the club's 20-year history, we have sold out of reserved seat memberships at Patersons Stadium. This means that the process for current and new members to acquire reserved seat memberships within the stadium has been reviewed for 2015 and the process is outlined below:

- » Members should receive their 2015 membership pack and renewal information in early October 2014.
- » Firstly, all current reserved seat members will be required to renew their membership seats during the priority renewal period (6 October to 27 November 2014)

to retain their seat. Members who have not renewed by 27 November cannot be guaranteed of securing their existing seat.

- » Due to the current size of membership and capacity of Patersons Stadium, we are only able to consider seat changes for members with medical conditions, restricted view seating and/or single seats not together. These members will need to renew their membership and submit a seat change request form by 27 November 2014. All members who have submitted the seat change request form will be notified of the status of their request during February 2015.
- » Other members may request a seat change but these are unlikely to be able to be fulfilled.



- » Any non-renewed reserved seat memberships will be offered to members in February 2015, based on years of membership through an online Interactive Seat Map. Members will receive an email

with the link to purchase reserved seat memberships during the priority period. Please ensure that your email address is up to date in order to receive this opportunity. 📍

PUMPED UP: Live the Dream participants got to experience the gruelling part of being an AFL player, participating in a boxing training session followed by a football training session.



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FOOTY STARS IN THE MAKING: The Live The Dream participants had a chance to show their footy skills on Patersons Stadium before the Fremantle v Greater Western Sydney match.



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BOOT CAMP: Purple clothing was switched for army greens when the Live the Dream participants took part in the boot camp at the Irwin Barracks.



PROUD SPONSORS: Decmil Strategic Executive Ray Sputore explains why Decmil loves being involved.

G EXPERIENCE"

Bunbury's Max Websdale wanted to make his late father and brother proud when he participated in the Fremantle Dockers' Live the Dream program, proudly sponsored by Decmil.

The 16-year-old lost his dad in 2011 and his brother in 2013.

"They contributed so much to my life, and they will keep contributing because I want to make them proud of me," he said.

"Without them in my life has made me a stronger person because I have had to support my mother and sisters.

"I have never done anything like the Live the Dream experience before."

Sixteen young Australians were nominated by school

teachers and football coaches for their leadership qualities and for being outstanding role models in their communities.

The participants spent five days living the life of an AFL footballer and were shown the ropes by Live the Dream player mentors Chris Mayne, Zac Clarke, Colin Sylvia, Tommy Sheridan, Hayden Crozier, Nick Suban, Paul Duffield and Stephen Hill.

The second day of the program involved a boot camp session at the Irwin Barracks in Karrakatta. As well as physically challenging the participants, the day helped them form a bond.

Isaac Pearson, from Kilaben Bay in NSW, is the captain of his under 17's football team, the Lake Macquarie Dockers. He is also a level one qualified coach and currently coaches an Auskick team.



SMILES ALL ROUND: The participants and player mentors gathered together for a happy snap at the closing ceremony of the program.

The 16-year-old said the army boot camp was a bit of a struggle. "We had to push a few trucks across a footy field and go through an obstacle course," he said.

"It was pretty full on, but it was a good time, we saw everyone's strengths and weaknesses and now we all really get on well."

Decmil Strategic Executive Ray Sputore said the program allowed Decmil to give back to the community.

"We have a similar values alignment as Freo," he said.

"For us we are very proud and excited to be involved in the program.

"It gives us an opportunity to give a little bit back and allows us to see how the participants develop their potential and hopefully gives them the skills to progress.

"We love being involved." 



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AN 'ORDINARY MAN'

He never wanted to stand out in a crowd, and while that seems impossible for a man 211cm tall, **AARON SANDILANDS** prefers a low profile and the family life.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS



It would be difficult to find a size adjective that hasn't been used with Aaron Sandilands' name over the course of the ruckman's distinguished career.

From the day he ducked his head and walked through the door into Fremantle headquarters, words such as 'massive', 'huge', 'gigantic' and 'colossal' have been synonymous with 'Spider', a nickname reserved for those of prodigious height in the AFL.

While he admits he's "different" by virtue of being taller than most, the person inside Sandilands' 211cm frame prefers to be an ordinary man, not the, pardon the phrasal adjective, 'larger-than-life' football celebrity.

"I still see myself as a normal person," he says.

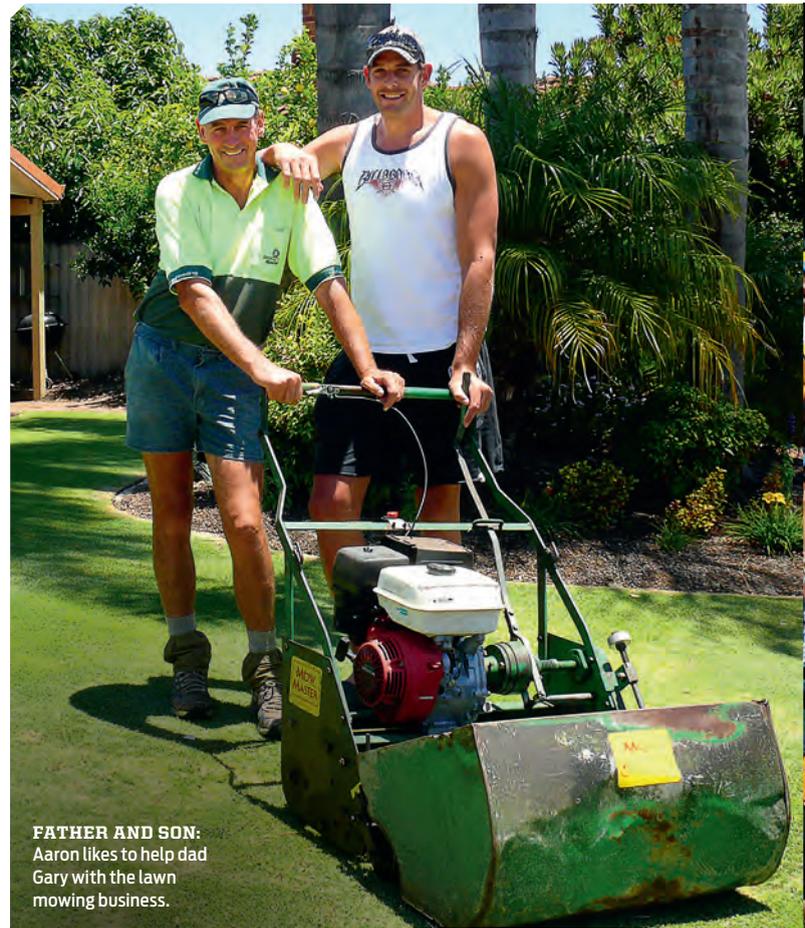
"I've got a beautiful wife, a beautiful daughter and a great family in the background.

"I don't see myself any different to a normal person."

Sandilands and wife Jenny are expecting their second child in late October.

He's never been completely comfortable with the labels associated with his stature, but he's learned to live with them.

"I suppose there's not much you can do about it when you're the height I am, there's not too many people around that tall," Sandilands says.



FATHER AND SON: Aaron likes to help dad Gary with the lawn mowing business.

It didn't take long for the opposition to notice Sandilands when he started out in the AFL. He recalls a game in his early years when he was warming up along the boundary line.

"Back then you didn't get a lot of game time so you had to do a heap of running up and down the side of the boundary," he says.

"An opposition player told me to go back to The Addams Family.

"I actually had a bit of a chuckle about that, it was pretty funny."

Aside from being called 'Lurch', he's also copped plenty of attention from the Fremantle fans over the years, but Sandilands doesn't mind.

"Our fans are very passionate and very loyal," he says.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time they're just coming up to say hello. They support us so well so when they come up for a chat, you're more than happy to do it because of what the club means to them and how much we love the club ourselves."

Sandilands has every right to walk metaphorically taller than most. No one would begrudge him for having even the faintest hint of self-assurance.

But there's no strut in Sandilands' stride. It's not in his nature. Instead, he walks with a slight, unassuming stoop.

The old saying 'the apple doesn't fall far from the tree' might have something to do with that.

"It's just the way I've been brought up," Sandilands says.

Gary and Trudi Sandilands raised Aaron and siblings, Chad and Nikki, on a farm in Mount Barker, 359km south of Perth.

"My parents are both humble people and I've always been taught to respect everyone and respect your elders," Sandilands says.

"I always thought I was very fortunate just to get the opportunity to be on an AFL list, let alone play."

Sandilands' father, who was also a ruckman in his day, is one of his best mates.

"He's a very humble, honest guy and he's a huge family man," Sandilands says.

"We have a very tight family. He loves seeing all of his kids succeed in whatever we do and he's been a big part of my football career."

The Freo ruckman looks forward to the AFL off-seasons when he spends some quality time with his father. He even works for him.

"Before Freo, I was a lawn mowing contractor with dad for three years," Sandilands says.

"I just love getting back on the lawnmower and helping him out. It's an enjoyment thing as much as anything."



DADDY'S GIRL:
Sandilands with
daughter Sloane before
his 200th game.

Pushing the mower gives Sandilands some of the normality he craves and he plans to one day get back into the business with his dad.

Gary says it's just his son's nature that brings him back to his grassroots.

"Football has never changed him at all," he says.

"He's always remembered where he comes from and he's always been very humble and appreciative of what he's got."

Sandilands was drafted to the Fremantle Dockers in the 2002 Rookie Draft.

The early days were difficult because he needed time to find his feet and put some meat onto his 'skinny' 110kg frame.

But he maximised his chances of making it in the AFL by adopting a professional mindset.

"I wanted to make the most of it, and to do that I had to tick every box," he says.

"I was never the most skilful player or the best runner, so I had a huge amount of work to do when I arrived at the footy club.

"I knew if I didn't improve, I wasn't going to be here for very long."

Sandilands ticked boxes, lots of them. He became one of the AFL's elite ruckmen, a three-time All Australian and Doig Medallist.

He has dominated many games over his career. The great Geelong teams of the past eight years can account for what Sandilands is capable of.

One of his greatest efforts came against the seemingly unbeatable Cats in 2008, when Sandilands picked up his young Freo teammates and almost carried them to an Anzac Day boilover against the reigning premiers.

Geelong was again victim to Sandilands in the 2013 Qualifying Final when his ruck master class catapulted Freo into a home Preliminary Final and ultimately a maiden Grand Final.

But in these stunning performances and throughout his career, you'll never see Sandilands celebrate excessively. There's no Hayden Ballantyne scream, Matthew Pavlich fist-pump or Michael Walters leap.

If he kicks a goal, it's straight back to business.

"Half the time I'm that worn out I just focus on getting back to the centre bounce and trying to win the ball for the midfield again," he says.

"I just think it's part of my personality, I am happy but I don't need to show it on the outside as much."

It could also be because Sandilands is a shy guy.

"I think my personality is the shy type," he says.

"It takes me a fair amount of time to get to know someone, but that's the person I am, when I get to know someone I open up a bit more."

Sandilands regularly opens up his heart for children, particular those in need of a smile.

He's been an ambassador for the club's principal charity partner, the Starlight Children's Foundation, since 2003. His genuineness is matched only by the look of awe in kids' faces when he walks into a room.

"I've been so fortunate to be involved with Starlight," Sandilands says.

"It just puts everything in perspective. It makes you realise how fortunate you are when you've got a fit and healthy 18-month-old daughter."

So after more than 200 AFL games banging bodies with some of the biggest and toughest opponents the sport has to offer, you'd think there'd be nothing left that could shake Sandilands.

Wrong.

"I actually get a lot more nervous having to do a press conference than playing AFL," he says.

"I feel more comfortable running out and playing a game than fronting the media. It's something that doesn't come very natural to me.

"A lot of the time you get asked questions about yourself that sometimes are hard to answer."

While cameras and interviews aren't his thing, it doesn't mean that Sandilands doesn't appreciate some of the benefits that come with celebrity status.

"The feeling when you run out on the oval, especially at our home ground, and you've got 40-odd-thousand Fremantle people all wearing purple and cheering you on, it definitely makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up and it makes you feel alive," he says.

"The adrenalin rush that you get out of that is pretty special."

So, where does Sandilands see himself in 10 years time, long after his AFL career has finished?

"That's a good question," he says.

Safe to say, a media career is in the 'extremely unlikely' basket.

"Probably back on a lawn mower alongside the old man, watching the Fremantle boys run around," Sandilands says.

"You love this footy club that much, it's been that big a part of your life, you always want to be a part of it for as long as you can."

Aaron Sandilands will forever be a giant part of the Fremantle Football Club. 

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The 'whole of club' approach between the Fremantle Dockers and Peel Thunder has been working well for both parties. STORY » CHRIS CORREIA

In 2012 it was announced that the Fremantle Dockers would align with Peel Thunder, meaning all Freo-listed players not selected for AFL duty would line-up for the one club in the WAFL.

This has been the first full year of the partnership in action and the new 'whole of club' approach has seen improvements on and off the field for Peel.

Fremantle's senior development coach/assistant coach Simon Lloyd says the aim was to create a strong culture for both parties.

"We're constantly striving to improve and through the partnership, mirror what we see at AFL level to the best of our abilities," he said.

"That includes the education of the playing group, to the support of resources provided to all players by doctors, physios, conditioning staff, IT staff, dieticians and trainers.

"All of those people are heavily invested in making sure this works.

"What we are striving to do is make sure that you're able to go watch a game of Peel playing and see some likeness of what you'd see at AFL level for Fremantle."

Week in, week out, there are Peel players putting their hands up for selection for Fremantle, but the partnership has also unearthed some new local talent.

"We've become a better defensive outfit in comparison to last year and there's a large contingent of homegrown Peel Thunder players who have played league," Lloyd said.

"Peel Thunder have had six debutants this year and the future looks bright for local players in the Mandurah area coming through the system."

Peel senior coach Cam Shepherd was



READY FOR BATTLE: Jon Griffin speaks to his teammates in the huddle.

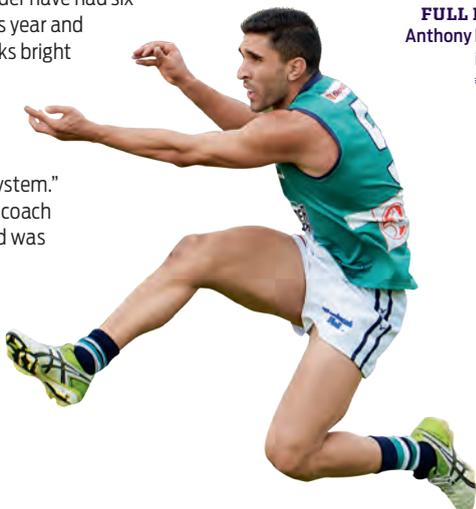
also recently given a one-year contract extension, which is good for continuity.

"Cam is in his second year as senior coach and he, like the team, is improving and is one that is constantly looking for ways to develop himself and get better," Lloyd said.

"We speak to Cam, Brad Bootsma (GM football operations) and Bill (Kostandas) their CEO almost daily.

"Between all parties involved, this is a real strength and that's why the relationship works; there is open and honest dialogue and no hidden agendas. There is no doubt this is increasing our capacity to develop younger players." 

FULL FLIGHT: Anthony Morabito in action.




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FOR THE FANS

Exciting times are ahead for Perth footy fans with the next step taken before construction of the new stadium.

STORY » CHRIS CORREIA

The new Perth Stadium design plans have been revealed, promising to make it one of the most fan friendly venues in Australia.

The 60,000-seat first-class stadium will be built in Burswood on the banks of the Swan River at the cost of approximately \$820 million.

WestStadium has been announced as the builder after contract negotiations were locked in with the State Government.

Fremantle chief executive officer Steve Rosich said the club had input into the design of the new stadium.

"It is a terrific design and it was very exciting to see the first images," Rosich said.

"It's really pleasing that, at first glance, a lot of the aspects we discussed with the Government and the project team have been included in the design."

The stadium will have five tiers with 85 per cent of the seats under cover.

Every seat will feature a cup-holder, and there will be 70 food and beverage outlets as well

as 4G Wi-Fi coverage across the entire stadium.

The exterior design will feature a bronze facade to reflect WA's geology while the interior will be lit up by state-of-the-art LED lights to display purple for Fremantle home games.

The venue will also house two of the biggest video screens in the country at 240 square metres each.

One-thousand TV screens will also be strategically located throughout the interior of the stadium so fans never miss the action.

An integrated public transport approach around Burswood will include rail, bus and pedestrian solutions.

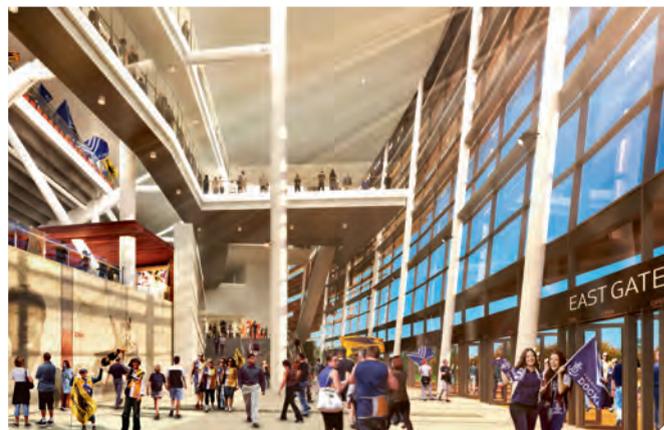
Rosich said discussions between the State Government, WA Football Commission, Fremantle Dockers and West Coast are ongoing as far as memberships, ticketing and commercial arrangements was concerned.

"We've started that process now and hopefully it can be resolved, if not by the end of this calendar year (then) early next year," Rosich said.

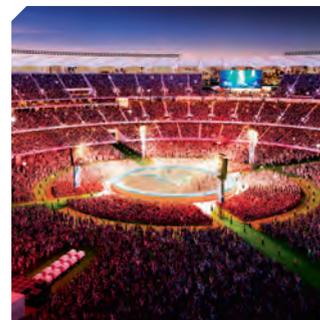
"At the moment we sit at about 38-39,000 reserved seat members at Patersons Stadium and we think we can increase that at the new stadium."



FOOTY FEVER: A look at how a Western Derby would be at the new Perth Stadium.



WORLD CLASS: Inside and out, the new Perth Stadium will be one of the country's premier sporting venues.





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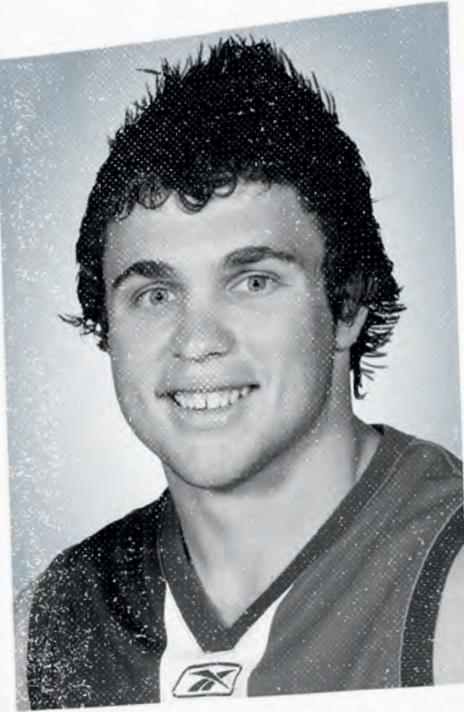
"I'm also particularly pleased to announce that the successful negotiations for this contract have confirmed that the capital cost of the stadium is around \$40 million less than what was originally budgeted."

Rosich hoped Fremantle could host the stadium's first match once it is completed.

"Hopefully, we can play there in round one, 2018," he said.

A WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FEEL:
 The new Perth Stadium will sit on the banks of the Swan River, creating an outstanding WA landmark.





Hayden Ballantyne
National Draft, Pick 21

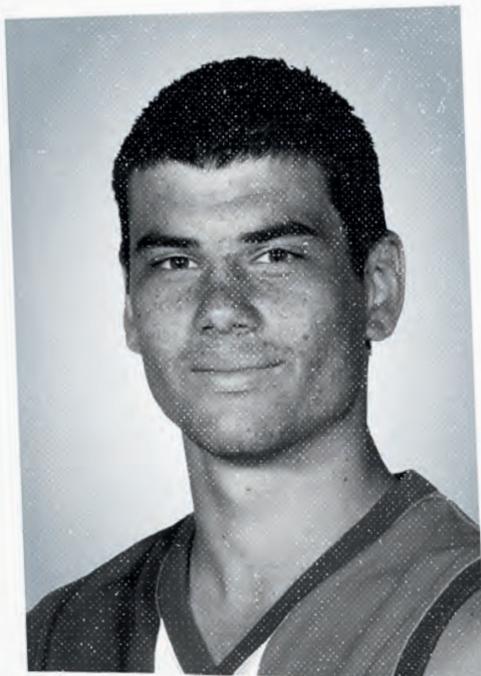


Greg Broughton
Rookie Draft, Pick 74



Zac Clarke
National Draft, Pick 37

THE CLASS OF



Clancee Pearce
Rookie Draft, Pick 48



Tim Ruffles
National Draft, Pick 68



Nick Suban
National Draft, Pick 24

GOOD CROP: Six of Freo's 2008 draftees played in the 2013 AFL Grand Final.

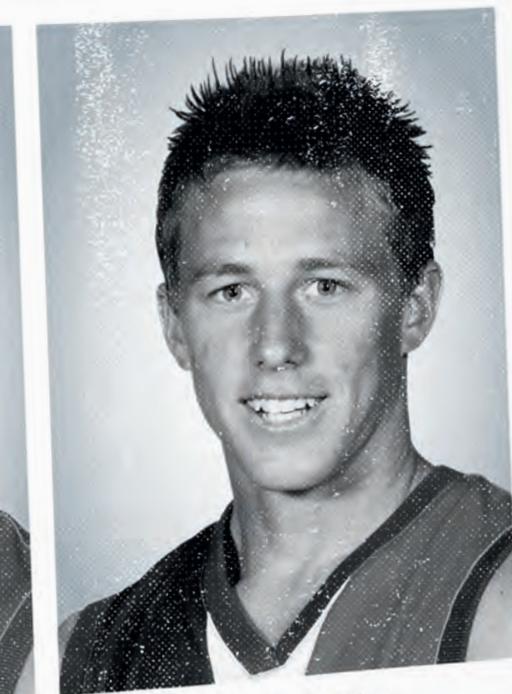


Matt de Boer
Rookie Draft, Pick 19

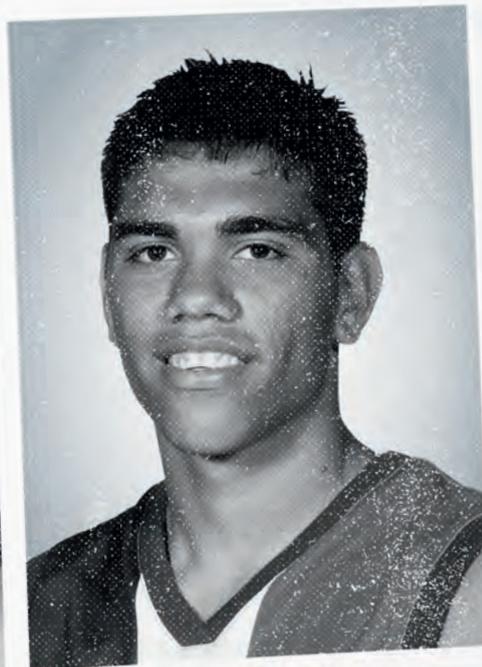


Stephen Hill
National Draft, Pick 3

OF 2008



Jay van Berlo
Rookie Draft, Pick 62



Michael Walters
National Draft, Pick 53

At the end of the 2008 season, the Fremantle Dockers set about climbing back up the AFL ladder. The drafts were a good place to start.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

Fremantle's 2013 AFL Grand Final team included six players who were drafted to the club in the same year – 2008.

Almost one-third of the club's line-up in the biggest game of its existence arrived in the same draft year, highlighting the importance of that period in Freo's history.

General manager of player management Brad Lloyd recalled how the club decided during a fateful list management meeting at the end of the 2008 season that it had to be "ruthless".

Through retirements, trades and delistings, Fremantle shipped out 14 players.

"It was pretty clear to the list management committee that we had a mature list and we were down at the bottom end of the ladder, so we decided it was important to refresh the list," Lloyd said.

"We were also mindful that there were two new teams, Gold Coast and Greater Western Sydney, approaching in the coming years.

"We decided to get moving."

Freo went into the 2008 National Draft armed with multiple picks from which to begin the club's rebuild.

There was no particular focus for the recruiting team.

"With so many players set to arrive at the club it was important that we aimed at getting the best available players," Lloyd said.

"We mainly focused on quality."

The club's first pick came at number three. Melbourne and West Coast had already nabbed Jack Watts and Nic Naitanui.

Freo took West Perth midfielder Stephen Hill.

"We were in the fortunate position that we had so many picks and we had established that it was a quality draft," Lloyd said.

"At the top end there were some really good players to choose from, including Nic Naitanui, Hamish Hartlett, Michael Hurley, Chris Yarran, Daniel Rich, Ty Vickery, Jack Ziebell and Steele Sidebottom. It was a really strong group.

"Stephen Hill was a player that our WA recruiting arm, led by Phil Smart and John Nykyforak, had watched closely, and he'd really grown as a player throughout the course of the year.

"We thought his speed, both offensively and defensively, would be a good compliment to our list. There was a real strong push from our WA recruiting arm to draft Stephen."

The club's next pick came at number 21, and it was used on a 21-year-old who in previous drafts had been considered too small to make it at AFL level.

"Hayden Ballantyne had played State junior footy but he'd really come on in that 2008 season as a small forward, kicking a number of goals for Peel," Lloyd said.

"He was a player we wanted to get into the club.

"As the draft approached nearer, the information from our WA recruiters was to ensure we secured him on our list, and the recommendation was to take him early and make sure another club didn't snap him up.

"We pushed him up to take him at pick 21."

After picking two West Australians, the club looked to Victoria next and selected Vic Country Under 18 captain Nick Suban at number 24.

"We really prioritised kicking in the draft



CLARKE: Emerging as a quality ruckman.



SUBAN: A fierce competitor and prodigious kicker.

WALTERS: One of the best small forwards in the AFL.



and Nick was someone who was a quality player at North Ballarat with beautiful foot skills, good smarts and game sense," Lloyd said.

"We had a tough selection through that middle range of the draft but we thought Nick would really compliment the list with his kicking."

While the focus was to take the best available talent, the club identified the need to bring a ruckman into the fold and selected Victorian tall Zac Clarke with pick 37.

"Zac was a bit of a development player," Lloyd said.

"We saw him in a game at Preston playing for Oakleigh where he really showed his athleticism on the wing. He also went forward and took a strong pack mark.

"He showed glimpses of what he could be capable of in the future so we wanted to make sure we got a tall ruckman into the group and Zac was someone we pushed up to secure.

"He came in from day one as a really good athletic ruckman."

The club's next pick came at number 53, where it snared a player the recruiters knew had tremendous potential.

"Michael Walters was arguably the best player in Australia at 16, with his under 16's carnival," Lloyd said.

"The recruiting staff rated him really highly. Sometimes you have a bit of luck in drafts and we were fortunate that he was still sitting there with our pick in the 50s.

"The story has been well documented that he took a long time to come on, but he's probably doing at AFL level now what he did at 16 in the National Championships.

"It's great to see that he's got himself super fit and is realising his potential, because he always had it."

A few weeks later Fremantle selected two young West Australians



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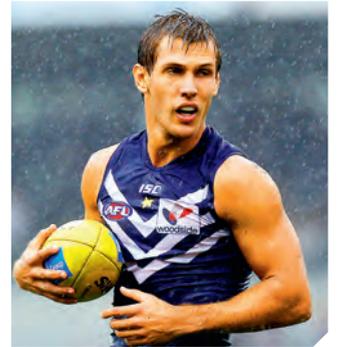




HILL: The excitement machine has had some standout games in 2014.



BALLANTYNE: Enjoying arguably his best year of AFL.



ROOKIES: Pearce and de Boer were promoted to the senior list after being drafted as rookies.

in the Rookie Draft who could have considered themselves unlucky not to have been picked up in the National Draft – Matt de Boer and Clancee Pearce.

“Both Matt and Clancee were All Australians in the 2008 Under 18 Championships,” Lloyd said.

“They’d had strong campaigns and we thought they’d be strong rookies and deserved opportunities.

“Both came in and quickly established themselves at the club, Matt in particular.

“Clancee, over the past two years, has got himself really fit and grown into his role at the club.”

Pearce could have very well been the seventh player from the class of 2008 to represent Fremantle in the 2013 Grand Final, but an achilles injury sustained in the last game of the home and away season cost him his place.

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YOU’LL FIND IT WAS ONE OF THE STRONGEST DRAFTS EVER ACROSS THE BOARD IN THE AFL.

BRAD LLOYD

Lloyd recognised the contribution of 2008 rookie draftee Greg Broughton, who played 68 games for the club from 2009 to 2012 before being traded to Gold Coast.

“We realised that getting so many 18-year-olds in the one year was a little bit of a stretch,” Lloyd said.

“We looked at a couple of mature-agers, and one of those was Greg Broughton. He had a number of good years at the club.”

Other 2008 draftees Tim Ruffles and Jay van Berlo, who are no longer

in the AFL, also debuted in 2009, which made it 11 first-gamers for Freo in that season.

Lloyd agreed that the 2008 draft campaign would go down as one of the most important in the club’s history.

“It started with the list management committee’s commitment to be ruthless with the playing list,” he said.

“It’s never a good time to see so many players leave the club, but 14 new players came

in and we were fortunate that it was a strong draft year.

“You’ll find it was one of the strongest drafts ever across the board in the AFL.”

Lloyd admitted he and every recruiter associated with the club in 2008 felt a sense of great pride on Grand Final day last year.

“There’s always a number of stories that go on behind the scenes and a lot of hard work is done,” he said.

“I think Phil Smart, John Nykyforak, Adam Jones, David Walls and Dave McMullin, along with the remainder of our recruiting network made really strong contributions to the club in that year.

“There’s no doubt they’d have sat back on Grand Final day and enjoyed seeing some of the guys that they’d watched as young players come through and play on the biggest stage of all.”



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STRIDING AWAY:
 Thornton in action
 during his playing days.

WHERE HAVE THEY DOCKED? **SCOTT THORNTON**

Scott Thornton retired from the AFL at the end of season 2010. He played 88 AFL games during his 10 seasons on the Freo list.

Where are you living these days?

Still in Perth, just in Wembley Downs. I live with my wife Briony. We are expecting our first child in January next year.

What do you do for work?

Former Freo Docker Andrew Siegert and I started a home loan property called Loan Monster. We are based in Freo.

Best memory from your time at Freo?

The first final was pretty good fun and I suppose ‘Siren Gate’ was a bit of a laugh. Just hanging out with the guys and having a bit of a laugh and banter, they were the best memories.



A NEW ARRIVAL: Scott and his wife Briony are expecting their first child in January 2015.

Do you catch up with any of the guys you used to play with?

Obviously I see Andrew Siegert all the time and still see a bit of Luke McPharlin and Kepler Bradley. Also Paul Medhurst and James Walker.

Do you have a favourite player?

Probably Kepler Bradley, because he’s a bit uncoordinated and his running style is a bit unusual.

Do you keep an eye on the current Freo team?

Yes, I love watching them play. It’s good seeing what Ross Lyon has done for them. Hopefully they get the cup they deserve this year.

What do you miss the most about your time at Freo?

Probably the weights sessions, because I was always pretty good on the bench press.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I don’t have much, but when I do, a bit of golf is good. 

A look at the last eight home and away rounds

SEASONS



REVIEW



ROUND 16

v MELBOURNE

Sat, 5 July, 7.10pm

TIO Stadium

 9,290

FREMANTLE

2.1 6.3 13.5 15.7 **[97]**

MELBOURNE

0.2 1.5 3.7 4.10 **[34]**

OVERVIEW

Fremantle took on the Dees in Darwin as Michael Apeness made his AFL debut and Anthony Morabito returned to the side after three knee reconstructions.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 3
DISPOSALS: Neale 30
MARKS: Ibbotson 10
TACKLES: Barlow 9
SUBBED IN: Morabito
SUBBED OUT: Apeness



ROUND 17

v GWS GIANTS

Sun, 13 July, 2.40pm

Patersons Stadium

 33,597

FREMANTLE

4.1 9.5 14.5 21.10 **(136)**

GWS GIANTS

1.3 4.5 7.6 9.6 **(60)**

OVERVIEW

In the club's 20-Year Recognition Game, Freo took on the GWS Giants. The home side ran over the top of their young opponents, winning by 76 points.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 5
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 29
MARKS: Mzungu 11
TACKLES: D.Pearce 6
SUBBED IN: Morabito
SUBBED OUT: C.Pearce





ROUND 18

v ST KILDA

Sat, 19 July, 4.40pm

Etihad Stadium

16,594

FREMANTLE

1.1 3.2 5.6 9.6 **(60)**

ST KILDA

4.3 9.6 15.14 17.16 **(118)**

OVERVIEW

Freo's winning run came to an abrupt halt as the Saints were too strong at Etihad Stadium. The visitors never looked like getting back into the game after a slow start.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Pavlich, Fyfe 2
DISPOSALS: Barlow 24
MARKS: Spurr, Pavlich, Mayne, Fyfe 6
TACKLES: Duffield 9
SUBBED IN: de Boer
SUBBED OUT: Griffin



ROUND 19

v CARLTON

Thur, 31 July, 6.10pm

Patersons Stadium

35,401

FREMANTLE

5.1 6.5 8.7 12.11 **(83)**

CARLTON

4.2 4.6 8.11 11.12 **(78)**

OVERVIEW

Thursday night footy was a treat for the fans as Freo beat the Blues by five points. Lachie Neale kicked a late winner after Nat Fyfe inspired the team in the final quarter.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 3
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 28
MARKS: Barlow 10
TACKLES: Suban 7
SUBBED IN: de Boer
SUBBED OUT: Pavlich



ROUND 20

v GEELONG CATS

Sat, 9 August, 7.40pm

Simonds Stadium

26,855

FREMANTLE

1.4 5.5 7.6 11.13 **(79)**

GEELONG CATS

4.2 7.4 11.6 12.9 **(81)**

OVERVIEW

Max Duffy impressed as the sub on debut, kicking two late goals to get Freo back in the game. David Mundy's shot after the siren was just wide, meaning a two-point loss.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Crozier 3
DISPOSALS: Barlow 33
MARKS: Mayne 7
TACKLES: Duffield 9
SUBBED IN: Duffy
SUBBED OUT: McPharlin





ROUND 21

v HAWTHORN

Sun, 17 August, 2.40pm

Patersons Stadium

 38,506

FREMANTLE

3.0 10.3 15.6 17.8 **[110]**

HAWTHORN

4.7 10.9 11.12 13.13 **[91]**

OVERVIEW

The Grand Final re-match saw Freo prevail by 19 points as Michael Walters returned from a long injury lay-off in an impressive team performance.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Pavlich 5
DISPOSALS: Barlow 31
MARKS: Johnson, Pavlich 8
TACKLES: Fyfe 8
SUBBED IN: Duffy
SUBBED OUT: Crozier



ROUND 22

v BRISBANE LIONS

Sun, 24 August, 1.10pm

Gabba

 17,473

FREMANTLE

4.8 9.10 10.13 15.16 **(106)**

BRISBANE LIONS

0.4 2.5 4.8 6.12 **(48)**

OVERVIEW

Despite Matthew Pavlich being a late out, Freo proved to be too strong for the Lions at the Gabba. Young forward Matt Taberner starred in the 58-point victory.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne, Walters 3
DISPOSALS: Hill, Neale 26
MARKS: Taberner, Ballantyne 10
TACKLES: Suban 9
SUBBED IN: Ibbotson
SUBBED OUT: Spurr



ROUND 23

v PORT ADELAIDE

Sat, 30 August, 1.10pm

Patersons Stadium

 38,209

FREMANTLE

3.3 7.5 13.8 16.9 **(105)**

PORT ADELAIDE

3.3 7.6 9.10 14.13 **(97)**

OVERVIEW

A spot in the top-four was up for grabs in this final-round blockbuster and both teams gave it their all. A stunning four-goal second-half from Hayden Ballantyne lifted Freo to seal the double chance for the finals.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 4
DISPOSALS: Neale 34
MARKS: Mayne, Spurr 8
TACKLES: Mundy 8
SUBBED IN: Crozier
SUBBED OUT: Suban



2014 TOYOTA AFL PREMIERSHIP SEASON

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Pos	Club	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
1	Sydney Swans	22	17	5	0	2126	1488	142.9	68
2	Hawthorn	22	17	5	0	2458	1746	140.8	68
3	Geelong Cats	22	17	5	0	2033	1787	113.8	68
4	Fremantle	22	16	6	0	2029	1556	130.4	64
5	Port Adelaide	22	14	8	0	2180	1678	129.9	56
6	North Melbourne	22	14	8	0	2026	1731	117	56
7	Essendon	22	12	9	1	1828	1719	106.3	50
8	Richmond	22	12	10	0	1887	1784	105.8	48
9	West Coast Eagles	22	11	11	0	2045	1750	116.9	44
10	Adelaide Crows	22	11	11	0	2175	1907	114.1	44
11	Collingwood	22	11	11	0	1766	1876	94.1	44
12	Gold Coast Suns	22	10	12	0	1917	2045	93.7	40
13	Carlton	22	7	14	1	1891	2107	89.8	30
14	Western Bulldogs	22	7	15	0	1784	2177	82	28
15	Brisbane Lions	22	7	15	0	1532	2212	69.3	28
16	GWS Giants	22	6	16	0	1780	2320	76.7	24
17	Melbourne	22	4	18	0	1336	1954	68.4	16
18	St Kilda	22	4	18	0	1480	2436	60.8	16

KEY: Played (P) Won (W) Lost (L) Drawn (D) Points For (F) Points Against (A) Percentage (%) Points (Pts)

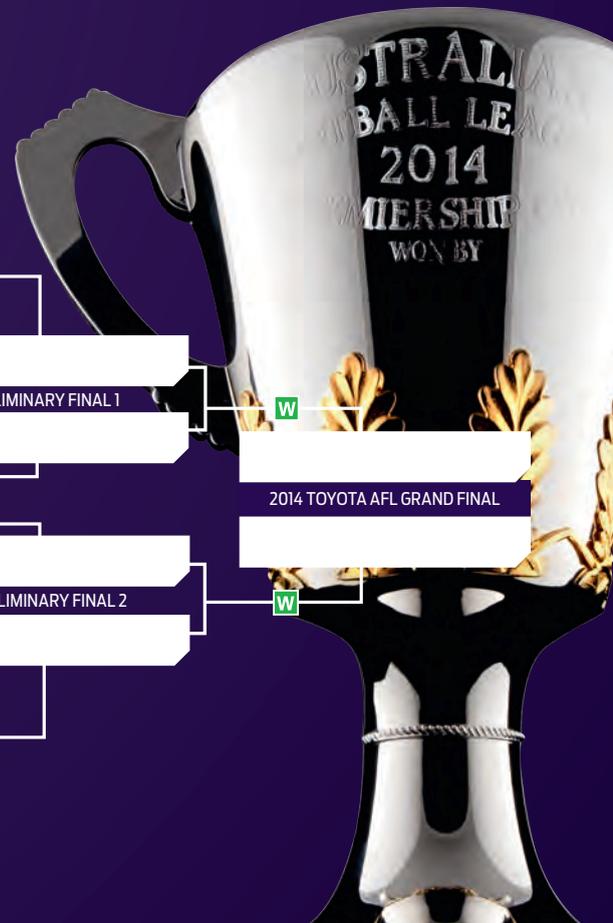
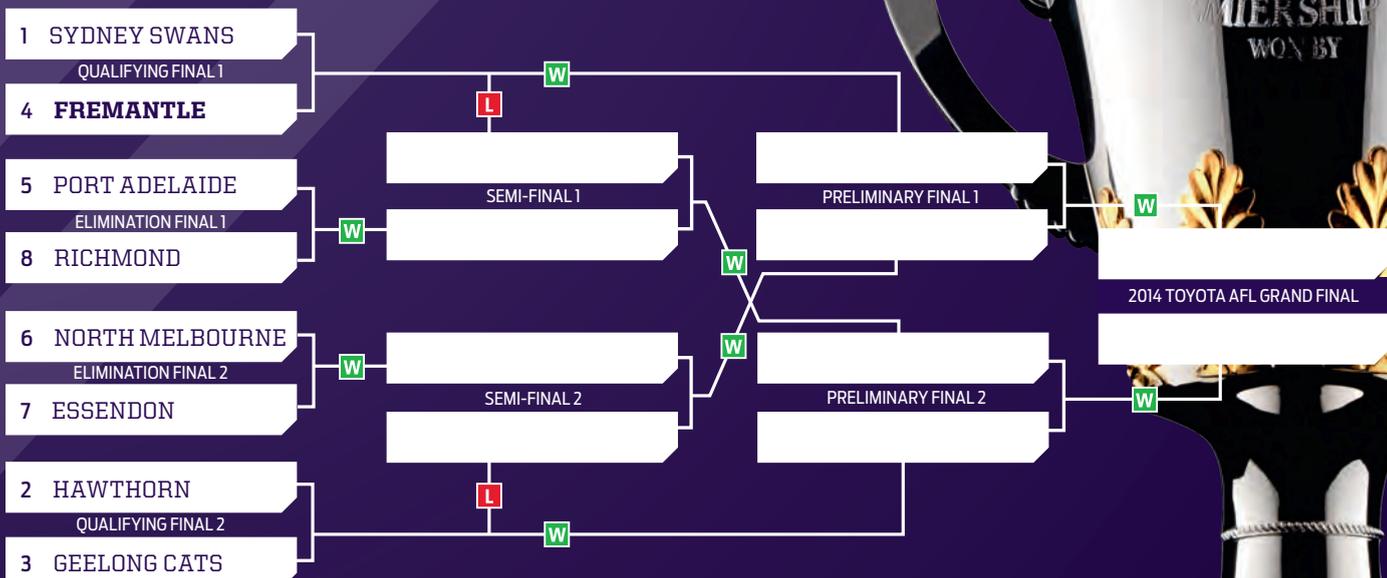


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FREO RECOGNISES 20 YEARS

2014 has been the Fremantle Dockers' 20th season in the AFL and a special gala dinner took place to recognise the milestone.

The Fremantle Dockers recently recognised the club's 20th year in the AFL with a Gala Dinner at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Almost 1000 people were in attendance, including former Freo captains Ben Allan, Peter Mann, Chris Bond, Shaun McManus and Peter Bell as well as current skipper Matthew Pavlich and players Lee Spurr, Ryan Crowley, Chris Mayne and Cam Sutcliffe.

The audience gave current senior coach Ross Lyon a warm reception as he talked about the growth of the club in his three years at Fremantle.

"We've all seen it, we've seen the members grow, and we're a really serious football club and we're aiming to win a premiership," he said.

"We're trying to win a premiership here for Fremantle, that's what we're in this for."

President Steve Harris told the audience that the hard times the club had experienced over its first 20 years had forged the values that characterised the Fremantle Dockers today.

"We are what we are today as a result of our past," he said.



"Today we are strong, today we are independent and today we are resilient.

"This spirit is at the heart of the Fremantle Dockers, and this spirit is at the heart of every member, corporate partner and every supporter of the club."

Bell made a toast to past, present and future Freo players.

"All the players would like to acknowledge the club for giving us the opportunity to fulfil our lifelong dream of playing AFL football," Bell said.

"We would like to thank the staff, the volunteers, as well as the supporters, you've supported us

passionately and loyally, particularly in the challenging times."

Pavlich, who said he felt like he had grown up with Fremantle, explained what the club has done for him.

"It's an enormous part of who I am...I've learnt so much about myself, performing at a high level, leading a high-performing team, dealing with failure, dealing with success," he said.

"I think the club runs parallel to that, we've grown up and matured and I'm very, very proud to be a Fremantle Football Club player."

Other highlights of the night included the screening of an emotional 20-year moments video, which had the audience reminiscing over two-decades of proud club history.

There was also an auction that included a special leather-bound copy of Les Everett's book, Fremantle Dockers: An Illustrated History, which was signed by both Lyon and Pavlich.

The regular book is officially on sale now and is a must have for any die-hard Docker.

It is available at the Fremantle Team Stores or online at www.fremantlefc.com.au/teamstore RRP is \$49.95.

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HARRI'S 'FOOTY FRIENDS'

Two years ago Nick Suban, Ryan Crowley and Tendai Mzungu visited Redkite patients on ward 3B at Princess Margaret Hospital. On that visit they met with a smiling little boy called Harri Sanger. Harri instantly turned into a Freo fan, and Mzungu, Crowley and Suban, who were compelled by his story, found themselves a new friend.

In 2013, Harri and his family moved to Melbourne. When Freo took on Richmond in round 17 at the MCG, Harri ran through the banner with the team as the Docker 4 A Day. Now living back in Perth, Harri and his mum Danielle came down to a training session in August to catch up with the guys and watch all the action. It was great to see Harri down at Freo Oval with his 'footy friends'!



FOOTY FRIENDS: Tendai, Ryan, Nick and Harri catching up after training.



A Magic Milestone



Constable Care is celebrating a big year, recognising 25 years of serving the Western Australian community. At the 2014 Constable Care Child Safety Awards, to mark this exciting milestone, Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan

presented Constable Care himself with an official 25-year Police Service Medal for a quarter century of diligent and ethical service. Every year Fremantle Dockers principal charity partner Constable Care joins in on the club's family and community events, including a School Holiday Clinic in July, which saw young footy fans enjoy a day of learning skills from their favourite players.

Aaron Sandilands, Luke McPharlin and Matthew Pavlich joined in for a lunchtime performance of Constable Care's puppet show, entitled Celebration, which is about sharing and learning new traditions, sports, games and foods. The Freo Dockers' stars contributed their experiences and lessons, emphasising the importance of always feeling safe, treating everyone with respect and helping your peers.



WATCH AND LEARN: The Constable Care puppet show visited Fremantle Oval for the School Holiday Clinic.



WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH

We asked our supporters to email us photos for 'The Purple Patch' at purplepatch@fremantlefc.com.au and we have received some fantastic shots! Here are some of the great entries.

ANY-WHERE, ANYTIME!

My wife and I climbed to the summit of Mt Kinabalu - 4095 metres - in Borneo. Here we are owning the moment. GO FREO!

JAMIE AND TERESA FARLEY
COOGEE

FREO FAMILY RITUAL

Whenever our family travels we make sure that our Freo tops, beanies, hats and scarves are always packed in our suitcases. We make a special effort to wear the gear as much as possible especially on the days that we are playing. We recently had a family holiday to Makarska, Croatia, where we found a hotel that allowed us to connect our laptop to their lounge TV to watch a Freo game.

THE DE BONI FAMILY
COOGEE



FREO ON THE FRONT LAWN

My neighbours support other teams so I decided to stir them up with some creative lawn mowing! It's not hard to see, I am a die-hard Freo fan!

LEIGH GRECA
ATWELL



DOCKER DUO

My twin daughters Hollie Harper and Scarlett Rose were born in August. Here they are getting the hospital staff into the spirit before the clash against Hawthorn, just hours after being born healthy and beautiful!

JAMES HALL

WILSON



FREO FRIENDS

My dog Lexie and I are huge Freo fans. As you can see we both like to wear our favourite team's colours whenever they play.

ALISON MIJACIKA

ROCKINGHAM



FYFE FAN

My son Dale Sutherland is a huge Nat Fyfe fan. We live in the country so can't make it to many games but as you can see Dale shows his support everywhere he goes. Here he is in our canola crop.

MELISSA SUTHERLAND

DALWALLINU



BREAKING BARRIERS

My grandson Noah Mackinlay and his friend Franklin McLean live in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands of Western Australia, which is made up of nine communities and covers a 250,000 square km area. It is amongst the most remote areas in our country. Noah's dad is the principal at Jameson School. English is not spoken fluently here, but despite this, these two boys still love the Fremantle Dockers. It just goes to show how the Fremantle Football Club crosses many cultures and language barriers everywhere.

LYNNE BROWN

CANNING VALE

FROM GREAT HEIGHTS

I made the trip up the Jungfrau, a mountain range in Switzerland, in my Freo gear. I couldn't resist a photo in front of the peak, which is about 4100 metres above sea level.

MASON CARR

LAKELANDS



hi kids,

Your support this year has been fantastic and it's been great to see so many junior fans head along to KidZone at gate 8 before all our home games.

If your team is in the finals, Jenny and I hope you try as hard as you can and we wish you plenty of luck!

Keep fit over the off-season, and keep practicing your skills and you will be ready to go when pre-season starts!

Catch you on the flip side,

JOHNNY
'THE DOC'

HOUSE MATES

Second-year players Matt Taberner and Craig Moller moved into a house in Hamilton Hill at the start of the year. Johnny caught up with Craig to see how living with 'Tabs' was going.

Who does all the cooking?
We each do our own, but I would have to admit that Matt is a better cook.

WHAT'S THE MOST POPULAR HOUSEHOLD DISH?
Matt cooks chicken and vegies. That's pretty good.

WHO'S YOUR MOST FREQUENT VISITOR?
Tommy Sheridan is about to start paying rent, he's over that often.

WHO'S THE CLEANEST?
Definitely me.

WHAT'S ALWAYS ON THE TV?
FIFA on the PS4, which I dominate at!



Matt Taberner



Craig Moller



SUBAN'S strawberry smoothie

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 cups frozen strawberries
- 1 cup pineapple
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tsp. honey
- 1/2 cup yoghurt

PREPARATION

Place all ingredients in a blender and mix!



FREO FACE WARP

Can you match these Freo faces to their names? We've put the players' numbers next to their **Face Warp** to give you a clue.



HAYDEN BALLANTYNE

NAT FYFE

STEPHEN HILL

CHRIS MAYNE

LACHIE NEALE

CAM SUTCLIFFE



CONSTABLE CARE SAYS

“When travelling to the footy, near or far, always wear your seatbelt, when in the car!”

Face Warp solutions: 32: Stephen Hill; 33: Nat Fyfe; 7: Nat Fyfe; 27: Lachie Neale; 1: Hayden Ballantyne





THANK YOU TO OUR FANTASTIC 48,935 MEMBERS

We'd like to thank our members and supporters for being behind us every step of the way, particularly those who have shared our passion during the past 20 years. We simply could not have done it without you.

Make sure you scan the below QR code and place your smartphone over Matthew Pavlich's mouth to see the full interactive member thank you message direct from 'Pav'.



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