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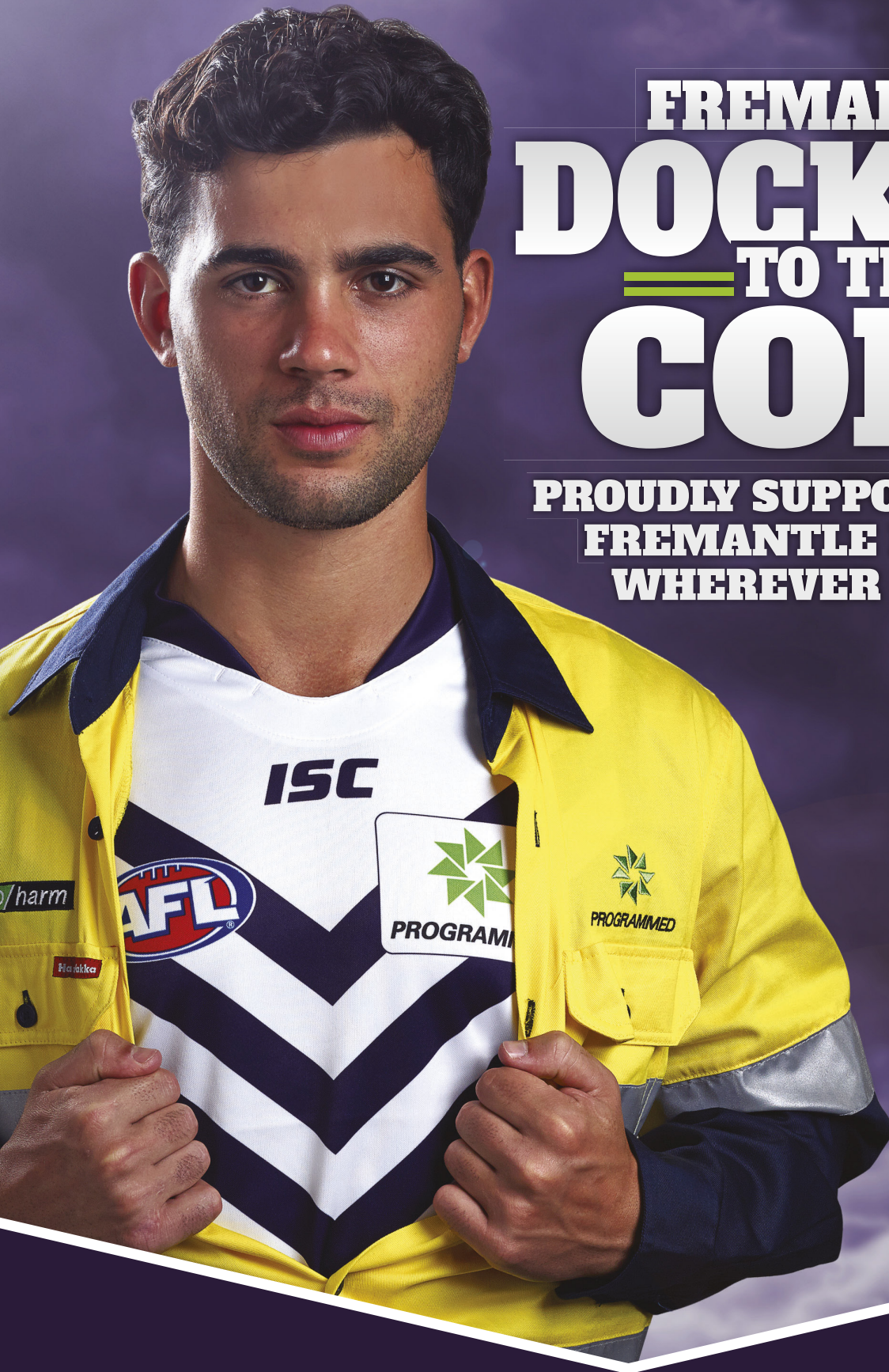
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Nice to see the boys happy to pose for photos at the tennis #legends



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The boys with their cousins, were pretty stoked today to watch freo train.



Matthew Pavlich @mattpav29
Absolute honour and privilege to be doing this for a 9th year. Humbled by the trust and faith our driven and committed playing and leadership group continues to have in me. Looking forward to another chapter. #skip #foreverfreo



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@foxfooty -No Rest for the @freedockers boys after last nights @afl NAB Challenge win.



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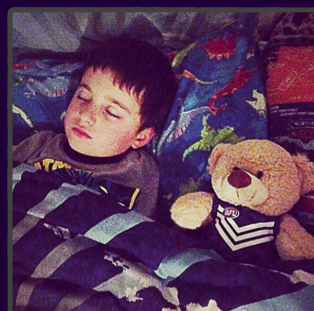
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Times Square snow globe.



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Love it! My kind of cape too!



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Snootin with pav bear! #dockersbiggestfan



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Quick 9 holes down at Dunsborough Lake!



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Look out for the B52
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on the streets of Freo
#fixie #clown



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Had the young fella wanting to be amongst the boys and watch
training this morning. And before we left, get a photo next to the
oldboys locker.. #37 #fatherjohn #liljohnno #lilspanky



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Little Jack looks
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with his Docker Tot
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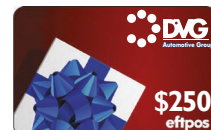
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PURPLE POCKET

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE FREMANTLE DOCKERS

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS: Jacob Ballard, Tom Vandeleur, Alex Pearce and Brady Grey celebrate their lawn bowls win.



BOWLED OVER FOR CHARITY

The Melville Bowling and Recreation Club held a successful Starlight Purple Haze Lawn Bowls fundraiser on Saturday 7 February for the Starlight Children's Foundation. Starlight is one of Freo's principal charity partners and the event raised more than \$7000 towards the Purple Haze total. More than 200 people attended the entertaining evening as guests were treated to musical acts Wanderlust, Adam Garrett and Fremantle star Luke McPharlin. Freo youngsters Jacob Ballard, Tom Vandeleur, Alex Pearce and Brady Grey were the tournament winners, while Chris Mayne's team took out the title of 'Best Dressed'.

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**THE EVENT
RAISED MORE
THAN \$7000
FOR STARLIGHT.**

DAY OUT: A young fan meets Nat Fyfe.



ALL SMILES: Some young Freo fans at the Family Day.



DUFFIELD'S SKETCHY START

Freo defender Paul Duffield made a 'sketchy' start to 2015 when he posed for artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi. It was all in the name of charity and for PlusLife, one of the club's new community event partners. PlusLife is a not-for-profit bone and tissue bank and Duffield is its player ambassador, trying to raise awareness about the charity. The Portraits of Life art exhibition is its upcoming community event and Vodesil-Baruffi's painting of Duffield will be auctioned off to help raise money for PlusLife. The artist will spend up to 40 hours painting the original sketch and she's planning a second image of Duffield to enter in the Archibald Prize.



BEST DRESSED: Chris Mayne's team.

FAMILY FUN DAY

More than 2000 Freo fans packed into Fremantle Oval to see the club's first intra-club hitout of the season. While it was a good opportunity to see some of Freo's new recruits in action, there was also plenty of fun for the family around the ground. There was face painting and the kids got to meet Johnny and Jenny Docker. To top off a fantastic afternoon, the players then signed autographs for the Purple Army and joined in quite a few selfies!

WORK OF ART: Artist Jana Vodesil-Baruffi and Paul Duffield.





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IT NEEDS TO BE ABOUT
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AND WHAT'S BEST
FOR THE TEAM.**

LUKE McPHARLIN




LUKE McPHARLIN
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The finish line on a brilliant career is within sight for **LUKE McPHARLIN**, but the champion Fremantle Docker still has a few chapters to write yet.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

At the end of the 2014 season, Luke McPharlin sat down with Fremantle senior coach Ross Lyon, sports science manager Jason Weber and club physiotherapist Dr Jeffrey Boyle to discuss his future in the AFL.

The club had just been knocked out of the premiership race by Port Adelaide. McPharlin could only watch the game because of a calf injury that held him back.

It was a similar story for the champion defender in 2012, when a hamstring strain in the final home and away game robbed him of a place in the club's 2012 finals assault.

He'd only just made it back in time in 2013 to play in Freo's Grand Final after missing rounds 16 through to 22.

Father-time, it seemed, was on track to remain undefeated.

"There were certainly a few moments last year when I really reflected on whether it was a good time to retire," McPharlin admits.

A career in the balance was nothing new to McPharlin. He'd been at the crossroads before, all the way back at the beginning. When he arrived at Freo in 2002 from Hawthorn, he came packaged with an osteitis pubis problem that threatened to derail his AFL dream before it even had a chance to get going.

It was Fremantle's physio Boyle, who has been with the club since its first season and who was confident he could help McPharlin overcome the troublesome issue. McPharlin took Boyle's advice to choose a rest and management program over major surgery. Boyle was again pivotal in influencing McPharlin's decision at the end of 2014 to go on into a 16th season of AFL. He, along with Lyon and Weber, swayed McPharlin away from retirement.

"Everyone pointed to this notion that I could physically get myself going," McPharlin says.

"Given that I had a really strong program and a bit more management focus this year, it could all work out.

"They were able to convince me of that, so I was more than happy to continue."

Lyon has suggested the defender will be managed throughout 2015, with the prospect of sitting out some games a distinct possibility.

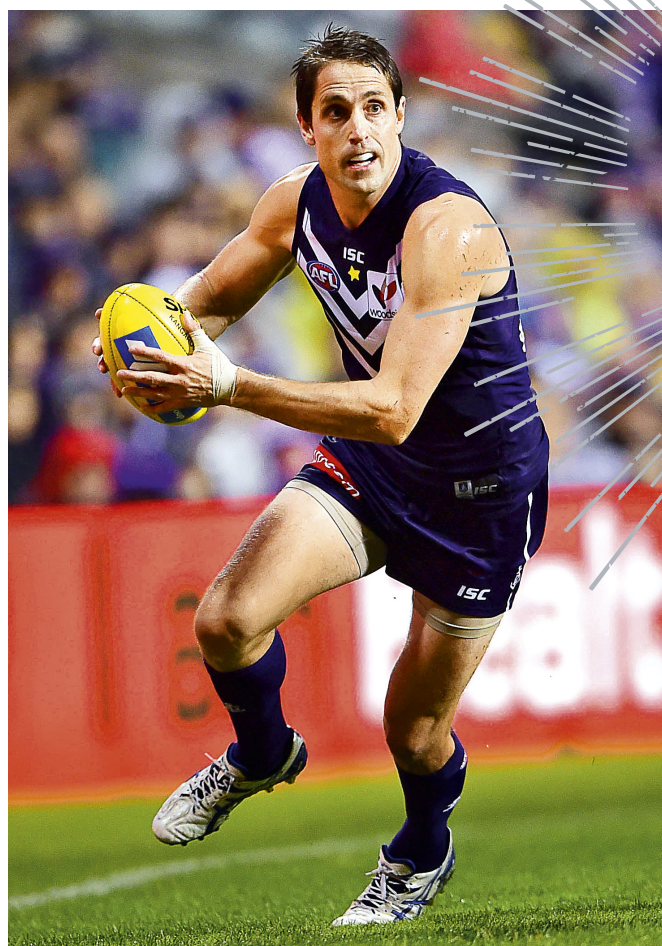
"You always want to play every game, but the past couple of years I've had to concede a little bit that my body is getting older, and perhaps a full AFL season might be out of the realms of possibility," McPharlin says.

But with a gruelling pre-season campaign now behind him, McPharlin has great confidence in his ability to withstand another season and, more importantly, contribute to the team right up to the final siren of 2015.

"Everything is going very well, the leg strength has been excellent and all the running has been really good," he says.

"I'm in a good place physically and mentally for the AFL season, but it can't be about me, it needs to be about the football team and what's best for the team. I'll certainly put my hand up for every game, but there are a lot of factors and a lot of other people that will also contribute to that decision."

McPharlin has plenty to keep himself occupied when kicking footballs and nullifying superstar AFL forwards is no longer in his job description. He's been married to wife Kalinz for eight years now and they have two daughters, five-year-old Willow and three-year-old Bronte.



And it's taken almost 10 years, but he's almost completed a pharmacy degree at Curtin University.

"It has been going for a long time," McPharlin admits.

"I had a conversation at the end of last year with someone high up in pharmacy at Curtin University and they reminded me that I had been at Curtin for nearly a decade and hadn't got anything to show for it yet.

"I imagine in the next couple of years I'll be able to wrap up that degree."

But he hasn't given a lot of thought to what he'll do with it.

"I hear hospital pharmacy can be quite interesting, and of course retail can be quite lucrative," McPharlin says.

"I'll look at those options when the time is right."

He's also a renowned musician.

"It's always been a strong passion of mine, I've had the good fortune to play with a lot of different musicians over the years," McPharlin says.

"Music is always going to be a big part of my life, albeit it's been a bit diminished in recent years given I have a young family, and football and study take priority.

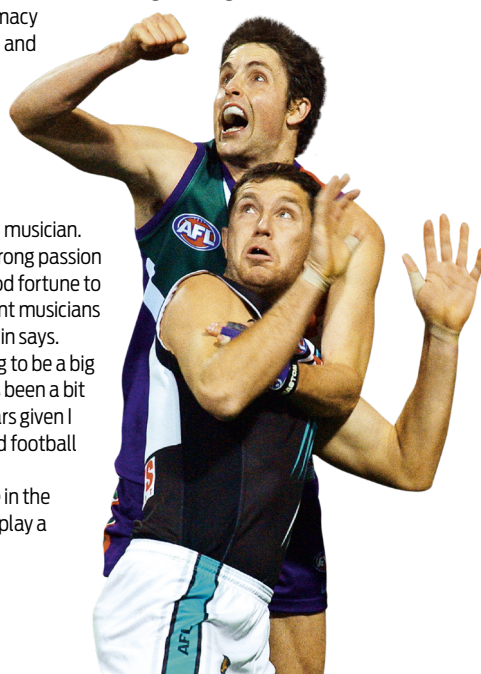
"I certainly see a time in the future where music will play a bigger role."

McPharlin is also an active member of the Bahai community. He's followed its principles since he was 18.

"I made a decision when I was a young man that I was either going to step away from it entirely or I was going to commit to it," he says.

"I made a decision to commit to it and everything that comes with that."

Unity, the equality of the sexes and the elimination of the extremes between wealth and poverty on Earth are some of the principles of the Bahai religion. McPharlin believes his Bahai faith has given him an important grounding in life.



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LUKE McPHARLIN

"The principles of the Bahai faith strongly resonate with me," he says.

"These are all themes that I'm very passionate about and thankfully through the Bahai community I'm able to play a role in hopefully alleviating these issues in the world, albeit on a small scale.

"It's a very strong part of my life and my family's life. I certainly hope my daughters will gain the strength that I've gained from it."

While the 33-year-old knows the end of his football career is near, he's not peeking too far over the horizon just yet.

"I can't say I really feel any emotions at this point," McPharlin says.

"I'm sure if I finally do make the decision at some point I could be overcome with emotion, but I've never been someone who's been overly emotional about anything.

"I think that my football feels like a bit of a blur, the past 15 years. I haven't really had much time to sit back and reflect on those years given it's always been about the next moment and the next game.

"I'm sure there'll come a time when I will reflect and look back."

McPharlin admits that, whenever the end does arrive, he will leave a very proud man.

"I think it's the notion that you put yourself in an environment where the standards are so incredibly high and you are challenged at such a high level, which you won't find in many other environments," he says.

"To be able to withstand that pressure and expectation and also the physical and mental demands of playing AFL football for such a long time is personally pleasing.

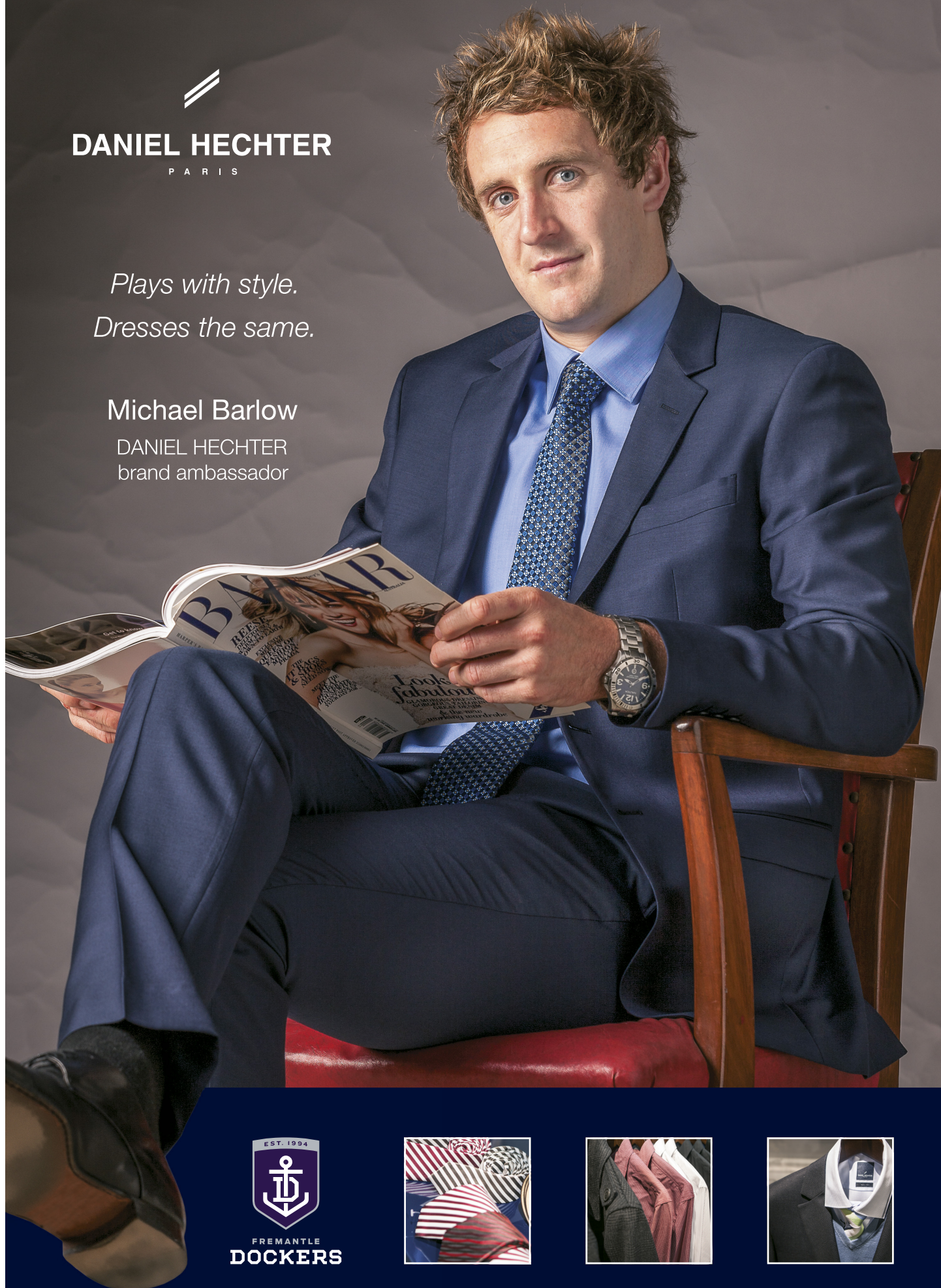
"I've been able to endure them for such a long period, and I feel that will hold me in good stead for life's challenges to come."



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FREO'S FUTURE BASE GATHERS MOMENTUM



The Fremantle Dockers' future base reached its next major step in January with the announcement of Brookfield Multiplex as the preferred tenderer to complete the final design and negotiate the guaranteed maximum price to build the Cockburn regional physical activity and education centre.

The world-class community centre will house the club's Elite Training and Administration Facility.

With the project progressing well, the City of Cockburn and the club will now continue on an interactive tender process with Brookfield

Multiplex to refine the design and budget for the \$106 million project.

Fremantle Dockers general manager of strategic projects Brad Paatsch said Freo was looking forward to progressing the facility with the project team.

"The club is very pleased with the progress of the project to date and importantly with the recent appointment of Brookfield Multiplex as the preferred builder," he said.

"We're very excited by the design and continue to work with our project partners in the City of Cockburn, the State and Federal governments and Curtin University to bring this truly outstanding project to fruition.

"All being well, we hope to execute a contract with Brookfield Multiplex by the middle of the year, with building commencing shortly after."

Brookfield Multiplex will deliver the entire building project, except the geothermal heated pools, which will be delivered by another contractor.

The move would take place in early 2017 ahead of playing home games at the 60,000-seat new Perth Stadium at Burswood, which is due to be completed by the start of 2018.

"The benefits to the community as a whole at the new facility will be significant as will be the benefits to club players, staff and members," Paatsch said.

In addition to continuing the planning for the Cockburn regional physical activity and education centre, the club is progressing through a number of options to maintain a presence of some description in Fremantle.

"We are continuing to work with the City of Fremantle and other key stakeholders to explore options for an ongoing presence at Fremantle Oval," Paatsch said.

"We have worked with a consultant over the last 12 months to look at different possibilities and arrangements at Fremantle Oval that will benefit the Fremantle community and also the club."

WELCOME TO DOMAIN STADIUM



Freo fans will need to get used to one major change, with the WA Football Commission announcing that Patersons Stadium is now known as Domain Stadium for the next three years.

The new partnership is with Australia's largest real estate media business, The Domain Group.

The Fremantle Dockers will play eleven home games at Domain Stadium in season 2015. WAFC CEO Gary Walton said he was delighted that Domain had agreed to become the stadium naming rights sponsor.

"Domain is a leading national brand, and their involvement with the WAFC will allow us to continue to deliver world-

class experiences for the West Australian community following the expiry of the Patersons Securities naming rights partnership at the end of 2014," he said.

"As stadium managers we have a real commitment to maintaining an extremely high standard and Domain's contribution will provide a significant boost in this area."

"In 2015 we will also be showcasing our stadium management expertise with globally experienced partners Delaware North, Live Nation and Ticketmaster.

"A major part of this will be the complete overhaul of our food experience, including the menus and the retail outlets."

ALL ABOARD TO BURSWOOD

The first images of the \$100 million new Perth Stadium train station have been released as development on the surrounding area of Fremantle's future home ground continues.

Freo fans will be able to make use of the public transport system at Burswood, which will rival the public transport options at some of the world's most popular sporting venues, according to Transport Minister Dean Nalder.

"The new station will allow for a train to leave the station every few minutes after a capacity-event crowd and will feature three island platforms with six platform faces for passenger loading," he said. "Aesthetically, the colour will complement the design of the new Perth Stadium, which has a striking bronze coloured facade. A wide roof reaches out from the enclosed concourse to protect passengers from the weather. Public art will also be incorporated into the final design."



Fremantle Dockers general manager of strategic projects Brad Paatsch said the club was impressed by the artist's impression of the stadium station.

"It's a very innovative design and should ensure a positive public transport journey to the new Perth Stadium," he said.

"In regards to the new stadium itself, we continue to work with our football partners and the State Government in developing the design and we are very excited about the look of the venue and the facilities it will provide to our members.

"Positive discussions are also continuing with the State Government as to the commercial terms of the club's use of the stadium.

"It will have great outcomes in terms of seating, member facilities and associated products for Fremantle members."

Construction of the new stadium started in December 2014.

It is due to be completed for the start of the 2018 AFL season.



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SHAPING THE FUTURE

Fremantle's young players took on a great challenge in January.
They learnt a lot about both themselves and each other.
STORY » COSTA KASTANIS



It was a journey of self-discovery. Three days in the Victorian countryside, reliant on their own preparation and each other to navigate through a series of challenges.

That's what the Fremantle Dockers' younger players faced during the Emerging Leaders Experience, which aimed to place the players in a competitive

environment to test their leadership and team capabilities. The club has put a lot of resources and time into developing its emerging leaders.

Back in 2011 it sent its then-development players, including Nat Fyfe, Hayden Ballantyne, Stephen Hill, Alex Silvagni, Anthony Morabito, Nick Suban and Michael Barlow, to Melbourne for the inaugural Emerging Leaders Experience. It was established as a scholarship

in conjunction with engineering company RCR Tomlinson in memory of the late Jeff Hogan, who was a former director at RCR Tomlinson and a passionate supporter of the club.

The 2015 location was Mt Beckworth, 35km north of Ballarat, where the group of 12 faced a variety of challenges over three days from 14-16 January. They were split up into two teams comprising a random mix of the club's younger players.

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**IT'S AN EXERCISE
ON LEARNING
ABOUT YOURSELF,
WHEN YOU'RE
TAKEN OUT
OF YOUR
COMFORT ZONE.**

SIMON LLOYD



FREO ON TOUR:
Alex Pearce, Jacob Ballard,
Craig Moller, Federation
University guide Richard,
Lachie Weller, Connor
Blakely and Josh Deluca.



They had to accumulate points through a series of challenges and decision-making exercises that included orienteering, rock climbing and compass and map reading.

Senior development coach/assistant coach Simon Lloyd was one of the coaches who was involved in the camp, but only to observe.

"We allowed the group to make their own choices which was reflected in their decisions and behaviours," he says.

Lloyd says the preparation began almost two months before the camp.

"They were briefed and given a series of guides and booklets that they had to study," he says.

"They had to recall that information when it became necessary on the camp.

"It was all based around their own planning and preparation. They had to do the lot. It was as much about self-management as anything."

As part of the preparation the players had to supply their own tents and food for the camp.

First-year player Connor Blakely says the players shopped for food the night before they left for Victoria.

"We got a large amount of food and divided it into six bags," he says.

"Overall, I think we prepared pretty well, which was good."

Blakely said the rock climbing challenge was among the toughest tasks the players faced.

"There was one wall that was pretty easy and most people had a crack at it," he says.



"But there was another one that was just about straight vertical without many rocks to put your feet and hands on.

"That was pretty tough. I didn't quite make it to the top."

Blakely says everyone involved gained a lot out of the experience.

"I think just the constant movement to the next challenge for two days and pushing on was something that benefitted us a fair bit," he says.

"Our mindset was just to keep moving and complete as many tasks as we could.

"I think that will hold us in pretty good stead for the rest of the year."

Lloyd says the club learnt a lot about the players from their performance on the camp, but more

importantly, he adds, the players learnt more about themselves.

"The best thing is we exposed them to a thorough review," he says.

"We're a team that values high accountability, so post-camp we gave open and honest feedback as to how players performed through the different challenges.

"It's an exercise in learning about yourself and how you perform when you're taken out of your comfort zone.

"I'd like to think each individual who went away learnt something about themselves that they can transfer into their careers as AFL footballers."

Blakely says he definitely learnt a lot about himself at the camp.

"Mine was pretty positive," he says.

THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE GROWTH, AND WE THINK IT WILL BE A SIMILAR CASE FOR THE 2015 CLASS.

SIMON LLOYD



"The main thing for me was to be more confident with my opinion.

"There were times when everything wasn't going according to plan.

"The feedback to me was to be more confident and speak up more."

Lloyd says the main findings to come out of the club's review were that those who prepared better, performed better.

"We expect elite professionalism and those that prepare and give great effort without compromise are the ones that usually get the results," he says.

Lloyd adds that the resources the club has put into developing its emerging leaders have been well worth the investment.

"There's no point having these things unless there's something that's going to be transferable to what they do in the immediate future and something down the track," he says.

"It's all about personal growth and the way we look at things, you're either going one of two ways – you're either growing or you're in decline, so we like to constantly challenge the players from day to day to grow.

"What we've seen from the group that went away four years ago, I know there are definitely individuals within that group that treated it as a great opportunity to learn about themselves and each other.

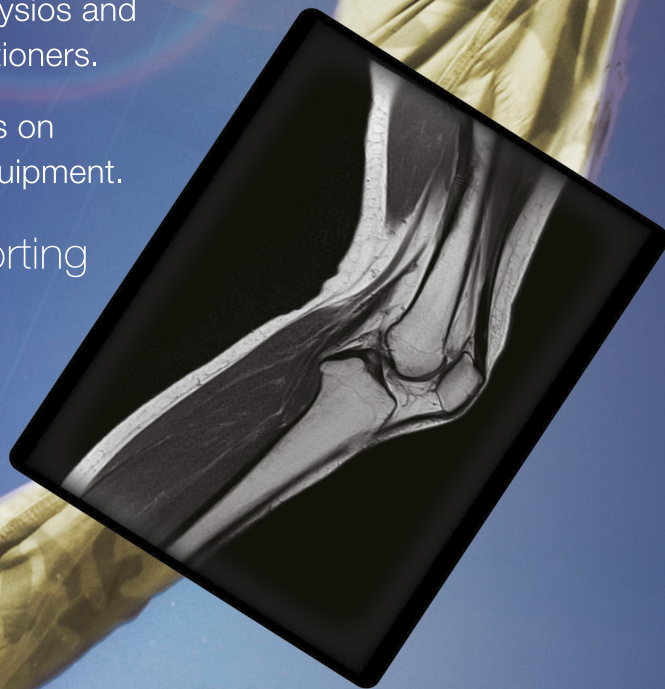
"Through the review and feedback, there's always going to be growth, and we think it will be a similar case for the 2015 class."

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TAYTEN'S MAYNE MAN

All the Dowson family ever wanted to do was cheer up the lives of sick children.

In an ironic twist of fate, it was their daughter who needed a reason to smile.

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SEE HER.

HAYLIE
DOWSON



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ife makes no promises to be fair. If it did, Phil and Haylie Dowson would not find their youngest daughter Tayten confined to a hospital bed with a serious illness.

Since 2009, the down-to-earth couple from Kalgoorlie have achieved extraordinary feats, raising more than \$100,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation through the Fremantle Dockers' Starlight Purple Haze Game.

But, for everything they've done to help sick children, fate saw it fit to put their daughter in a position of need. In December 2012, Tayten, then five, had felt unwell. It was suspected she had a case of gastro, but on a family holiday to Tasmania in January 2013, she collapsed.

Tayten was flown to the closest paediatric emergency facilities in Adelaide. On 26 January, Australia Day and her sixth birthday, Tayten was diagnosed with an aggressive bowel disease called ulcerative colitis.

It's meant constant travel between her home in Kalgoorlie and Perth for treatment.

In late 2013, Tayten was laying down in her hospital bed at PMH. Dozens of games and toys surrounded her, but none could pique her interest.

She hadn't smiled in a very long time. Being stuck in isolation at Perth's Princess Margaret Hospital had fractured her spirit.

Then, someone familiar with curly, blonde locks walked into her room. It was Fremantle Docker Chris Mayne, who Tayten had befriended two years earlier during the football club's Community Camp visit to Kalgoorlie.

Haylie says Tayten became attached to Mayne as soon as she'd laid eyes on him back in 2011.

"She was besotted with his hair," Haylie says.

"She just loved him. She thought he was amazing.

"Chris just has a special knack with the kids and she bonded with him from that moment on."



STARRY NIGHT: Chris Mayne and Matt de Boer carry off the Starlight wish kids after the 2014 Purple Haze game.

So when Mayne entered her hospital room two years later, Tayten put all her worries aside. Haylie says it was a moment the family would treasure forever.

"It was the first smile she'd had in such a long time being away from home and in hospital," she says.

"Nothing could make her smile, but as soon as Chris walked through the door, she was just so star struck that he'd taken the time to come see her."

Mayne had been on an end-of-season footy trip to Bali when he found out about Tayten's condition. He wasted no time going to see his little friend.

"He'd literally gotten off the plane and he came in to see us at PMH," Haylie says.

"That was off his own back, it wasn't club coordinated, he just

said he wanted to come in and support us. That meant the world to us."

He, too, will never forget the look on her face.

"I don't know how she was that day, but to see her face light up, she went from laying down to pretty much sitting on the end of the bed ready to play, no matter how sick she was," Mayne says.

The pair played games, and Mayne even drew Tayten a picture.

"He never looked at his watch once, he wasn't worried where he had to get to next," Haylie says.

"It was gorgeous."

The irony of needing Starlight's assistance is not lost on Haylie.

"It's something that has been so close to our heart," she says.

"That we would do so much and see the smiles and joy of the

outcome of the money that's raised, and all of a sudden, it's us using the service."

Haylie remembers vividly the day in the Adelaide clinic when Tayten was diagnosed.

"We were in the Starlight room with our sick child," she says.

"I sunk into the chair and lost it."

But she says the family now sees their situation in a different light.

"We look at Starlight and think, after everything we've done, it's now giving our family a big smile," she says.

"We're here getting the benefits of what it's all about. It's ironic. We often think it's unfair, but Tayten shows us that it can be dealt with."

Mayne is an ambassador for Starlight. He's touched the lives of countless sick children. He attributes his passion for helping kids because

of his own struggles after being born with a cleft palate.

"That's the reason I signed up to be a Starlight ambassador," he says.

"I feel that I have a connection with kids, I feel I'm a big kid myself.

"When we have footy clinics, I bond really well with kids.

"That's something that I want to be remembered for as well, someone who gave back and had a bond with kids."

Mayne and Tayten have now spent a lot of time together, catching up at every opportunity.

They've shared frozen yogurt at Tutti Frutti and just sat down together to talk about life.

Tayten also emails Mayne often, although an 'I love you' message sent from her mother's inbox did cause some confusion once.

"She'd send him emails after his games if he'd been hurt, asking him if he was ok," Haylie says.

"He'd write back 'I'm ok Tayten, but thanks for asking'.

"And whenever Tayten is feeling a bit flat, he allows me to contact him and he'd then give her a bit of a pep up."

Tayten gave Mayne a friendship ball for Christmas. He, in return, drew her a picture with a short message on it. It's her thoughtful nature and selflessness that really blows Mayne away.

"Haylie told me how Tayten has a spare moment of time and thinks, 'what can I do for Chris?'," Mayne says.

"Most people, when they have time, they normally think about themselves. 'Why me, why this?'. 'Her first thought is 'what can I do for Chris?'. It makes you a little bit emotional."

Mayne says it's given him enormous satisfaction to know he's making such a profound impact on Tayten's life.

"Every time I see her now she always has a massive smile on her face," he says.

"To be able to bring that out of her, knowing the tough time she's going through, it's a proud moment for myself."



BONDING TIME:
Tayten Dowson
and Chris Mayne
hang out in Freo.

So close has he become with the Dowsons, Mayne doesn't see his time with Tayten as obligatory through his role as a Starlight ambassador and a community role model.

"I've found out that it's not a case of giving back to the family, it's like they are my family now," he says.

"It's about seeing little Tayten, someone that's become part of my life, seeing that she's ok."

The feeling is mutual from the Dowsons. Haylie says Tayten adores Mayne so much, she had hoped to marry him one day. But given their age difference, Tayten has settled for Mayne to be her "best friend in the whole world".

"She just loves him so much," Haylie says.

"He's the drop of medicine that she needed in the couple of years that she's been chronically unwell.

"He can take away all of her pain and all of her fear. The only side effect is happiness. Every small child has a hero. Hers just happens to play for the Fremantle Dockers."

2015 Starlight Purple Haze GAME
Fremantle Dockers
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Port Adelaide
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RYAN MURPHY

Where are you living these days?

Not too far from Freo, in Palmyra.

What do you do for work?

I work in fumigating and exporting grain on vessels and I head up the Western Australian side of things.

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

I still catch up with quite a few, Kepler Bradley is one of my good mates. Also David Mundy, Paul Duffield, Luke McPharlin and Scotty Thornton, so a fair few.

Do you keep an eye on the current Freo team?

I do, I watch them as much as I can when I get a chance. It's good to see the boys right up there and hopefully this year they can get right up there again.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

We recently had a little boy, so obviously the family time I get to spend with little Reuben and my wife Jaimee. Other than that, I try to get out on the mountain bike as much as possible and keep myself fit.

Do you have a favourite player?

I'd have to say Nat Fyfe probably and also Michael Walters, I love the way he goes about it.

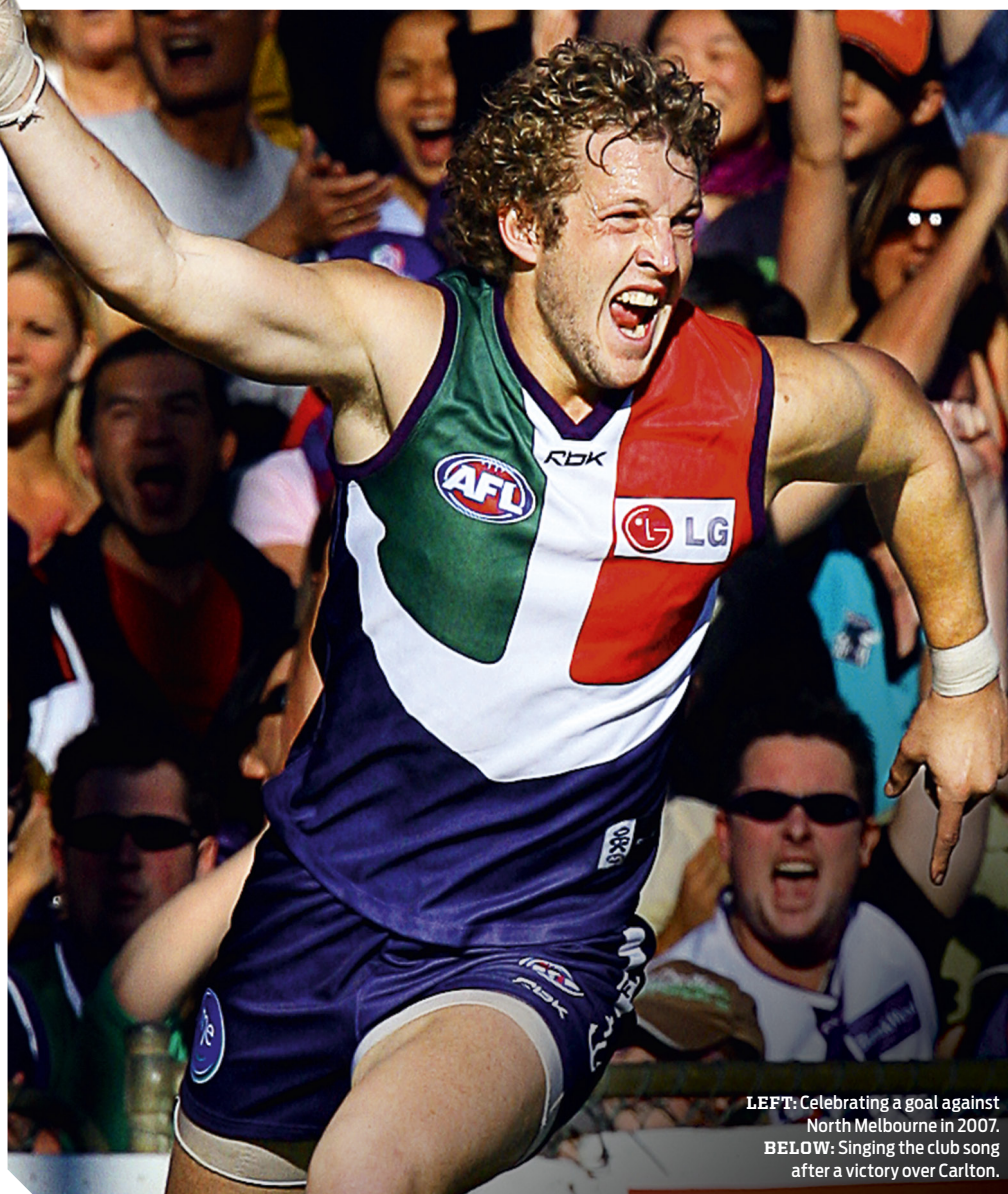
Best memory from your time at Freo?

It would have been 2006 and making the Preliminary Final against Sydney, that would have been the best memory. Also winning our first final at home at Subiaco against Melbourne, that would be right up there.

What do you miss most about your time at Freo?

I think mainly just the boys in general and being around that group of players every day, coming in and enjoying your time at the club. Also walking out on to Subiaco Oval to play a game of footy in front of 40,000 screaming fans. 🏈

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LEFT: Celebrating a goal against North Melbourne in 2007.
BELOW: Singing the club song after a victory over Carlton.

WHERE HAVE THEY DOCKED?

RYAN MURPHY

Ryan Murphy debuted in Freo's first-ever win over Adelaide at Football Park and he went on to kick 50 goals in a 48-game AFL career. His wife Jaimee gave birth to the couple's first son Reuben last year and he is currently enjoying life after footy.



MATTHEW PAVLICH TESTIMONIAL



The career of Fremantle's greatest player will be celebrated on a historic night later this year. The Fremantle Dockers

will hold a testimonial dinner for captain Matthew Pavlich on Friday 26 June at Crown Perth's Grand Ballroom.

It will be just the second player testimonial in Fremantle's 21-year history, following Shaun McManus' in 2005.

This season will be Pavlich's 16th in the AFL, and his ninth consecutive year as club captain, where he will add to his 167 games as skipper.

Pavlich has played his entire AFL career at Fremantle and is a six-time best and fairest winner, six-time All Australian as well as being the club's record games and goals holder.

Guests will be treated to a



LEGEND:
The Fremantle Dockers will celebrate the career of 'Pav'.

sumptuous three-course meal, premium beverages and hear from influential past and present players from Pavlich's career.

The night will be topped off with special entertainment that will have guests up and dancing the night away.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to celebrate the career of a true club legend.

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 22 April at 9am WST from www.fremantlefc.com.au/club/events.

Tickets are strictly limited and the event will sell out.

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2015 HBF School Holiday Program	Tuesday 14 April	Fremantle Oval	4pm -7pm	Open Training Session 2	Wednesday 8 July	Fremantle Oval	9am
Open Training Session 1	Wednesday 15 April	Fremantle Oval	9am	Members' Lunch <small>Round 22 v Melbourne</small>	Sunday 30 August	Bill Walker Room	1.10pm
Carlton Draught Away Derby Function <small>Round 3 v West Coast</small>	Sunday 19 April	The Vic	12pm	Fremantle Dockers Grand Final Brunch	Saturday 3 October	Grand Hyatt	10.30am
Members' Dinner <small>Round 4 v Sydney</small>	Saturday 25 April	Bill Walker Room	4.40pm	Doig Medal Presentation Dinner	Saturday 10 October	Crown Perth	6.30pm
Members' Dinner <small>Round 8 v North Melbourne</small>	Saturday 23 May	Bill Walker Room	4.10pm	Annual Members' Meeting	Tuesday 24 November	SFFC	6.30pm
Matthew Pavlich Testimonial <small>Proudly Presented by Channel Seven Perth</small>	Friday 26 June	Crown Perth	7pm	Junior Christmas Party	December	Fremantle Oval	TBC

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Back: Tendai Mzungu, Cam Sutcliffe, Paul Duffield, Jacob Ballard, Connor Blakely, Chris Mayne
Middle standing: Alex Silvagni, Tanner Smith, Matt Taberner, Michael Apeness, Jack Hannath, Zac Clark
Middle sitting: Lee Spurr, Stephen Hill, Michael Johnson, Nat Fyfe, Luke McPharlin, Ross Lyon (seated)
Bottom: Brady Grey, Josh Deluca, Nick Suban, Danyle Pearce, Lachie Neale, Hayden

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...rke, Aaron Sandilands, Craig Moller, Jon Griffin, Alex Pearce, Zac Dawson, Sean Hurley, Anthony Morabito
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FREMANTLE FIXTURE

RD	OPPONENT	DATE	LOCAL TIME	VENUE	HOME/ AWAY	THEMED GAMES
1	Port Adelaide	Sunday 5 April	4.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	Starlight Purple Haze
2	Geelong	Sunday 12 April	1.10pm	Simonds Stadium	Away	
3	West Coast	Sunday 19 April	2.40pm	Domain Stadium	Away	Away Carlton Draught Derby
4	Sydney	Saturday 25 April	6.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	Len Hall Tribute
5	Melbourne	Sunday 3 May	1.10pm	MCG	Away	
6	Essendon	Saturday 9 May	6.10pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
7	Western Bulldogs	Sunday 17 May	1.10pm	Etihad Stadium	Away	
8	North Melbourne	Saturday 23 May	5.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
9	Adelaide	Saturday 30 May	7.10pm	Adelaide Oval	Away	AFL Indigenous Round
10	Richmond	Friday 5 June	6.10pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
11	Gold Coast	Saturday 13 June	1.40pm	Metricon Stadium	Away	
12		Bye				
13	Collingwood	Thursday 25 June	6.10pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
14	Brisbane	Sunday 5 July	2.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	Christmas in July
15	Hawthorn	Sunday 12 July	3.20pm	Aurora Stadium	Away	
16	Carlton	Saturday 18 July	5.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
17	Richmond	Saturday 25 July	4.35pm	MCG	Away	
18	GWS Giants	Sunday 2 August	2.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	
19	St Kilda	Sunday 9 August	4.40pm	Etihad Stadium	Away	AFL Multicultural Round
20	West Coast	Sunday 16 August	2.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	Home Carlton Draught Derby
21	North Melbourne	Sunday 23 August	1.10pm	Etihad Stadium	Away	
22	Melbourne	Sunday 30 August	2.40pm	Domain Stadium	Home	Member Thank You
23	Port Adelaide	TBC	TBC	Adelaide Oval	Away	



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FIXTURE PREVIEW

We take a look at the big games ahead.

The 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership season kicks off with a massive Starlight Purple Haze game against Port Adelaide on Sunday 5 April at the newly named Domain Stadium. The Power conquered Fremantle in a classic Semi-Final in 2014. This match promises to start the season with a bang.

Freo's tough opening sees it travel to Geelong's Simonds Stadium in round 2 on 12 April for a Sunday game. David Mundy will be eager to get back out on the Cattery after his after-the-siren shot there last year to win the game just missed. These two teams have played some classics in recent seasons and will hopefully add another chapter here.

West Coast is next in the first Carlton Draught Derby of 2015 on Sunday 19 April. The Eagles will have the majority of the crowd support given it's their home

game, but Ross Lyon's Freo has proven too strong in recent times. One thing is for certain; matches between the two teams have been incredibly hard-fought regardless of ladder positions and this should be no different.

A testing month to open 2015 culminates with a massive match on Anzac Day against Sydney at Domain Stadium on Saturday 25 April. The Swans would still be smarting from their Grand Final defeat to Hawthorn last year. They beat Freo in the 2014 Qualifying Final on their way to the decider. These two uncompromising sides always provide an epic battle and another tough match should eventuate here.

Matches against Melbourne (MCG), Essendon (Domain) and the Western Bulldogs (Etihad) are followed by a night clash with rising North Melbourne at Domain Stadium on Saturday 23 May. The Kangaroos made a Preliminary Final last year and have one of the most talented lists in the AFL.

Indigenous Round this season takes Freo to Adelaide for a match against the Crows at Adelaide Oval

on Saturday 30 May. Adelaide have battled injuries in recent times, but they are loaded with talent and could rise sharply in 2015. Any team containing the likes of Patrick Dangerfield, Rory Sloane and Taylor Walker presents an enormous challenge.

Richmond visits Domain Stadium for Friday night football on 5 June. Freo's only Friday fixture in 2015 is a massive match against one of the biggest clubs in the league. The Tigers are also extremely talented and have played some intense matches against Ross Lyon's team in recent seasons.

The long trip to Queensland is next on the itinerary for Freo and a date with Gary Ablett's Gold Coast on Saturday 13 June. The Suns seem primed to make a big impact on the league this year with their young stars having another season of development under their belt.

Freo has the bye in round 12, and the players will use it to recover and then prepare for a night blockbuster against Collingwood at Domain Stadium on Thursday 25 June. The Magpies always come packaged with a big following,

and they'll be confronted by Freo's passionate Purple Army in one of the most eagerly anticipated fixtures of 2015. It's Christmas in July on Sunday the 5th as the improving Brisbane Lions and new recruit Dayne Beams head to Perth. That game is followed by the trip to Tasmania to face the reigning back-to-back AFL premiers Hawthorn at Aurora Stadium on Sunday 12 July.

Freo plays Carlton (Domain), Richmond (MCG), GWS (Domain), St Kilda (Etihad) in the next month, and then the home Carlton Draught Derby on Sunday 16 August.

A second clash with North Melbourne (Etihad) is followed by Member Thank You round against Melbourne at Domain Stadium on Sunday 30 August.

The final game of the 2015 Toyota AFL home and away rounds sees Freo back against the same side it began the season against – Port Adelaide. This time the Power will be playing at home in a game that could possibly have ramifications on the top eight. As this is a floating fixture, the date and time of the game won't be known until closer to the game. 📍



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MILESTONES 2015

A number of Freo stars could have their own special games in 2015.

The 2015 Toyota AFL Premiership season is likely to see a number of Fremantle Dockers reach major milestones. Last season saw skipper Matthew Pavlich play his 300th AFL game, while club stalwarts Aaron Sandilands and David Mundy reached 200.

The biggest milestone in 2015 would be champion defender Luke McPharlin's 250th AFL game. McPharlin needs 12 games to bring up the mark, which he's due to play in round 13 against Collingwood at Domain Stadium.

Having played 12 games at Hawthorn at the start of his career, he's also close to playing 250 games for Fremantle, although McPharlin would have to play all 22 games of the home and away season and two finals to achieve it.

McPharlin's backline partner Michael Johnson is also close to a major milestone. Johnson needs just 10 appearances to hit the double century. He'd play that against Richmond at Domain Stadium if he plays every game up to that point.

Freo's star tagger Ryan Crowley is the other possible double centurion this season. His 200th would come against Collingwood at Domain Stadium.

Last year, Duffield was the only player at Freo to reach 150 games and become eligible for life membership at the club. This season, there are three players edging closer. Both Stephen Hill and Chris Mayne currently sit on 128 career games. That means they could potentially play their 150th games together against Port Adelaide at Adelaide Oval in round 23.

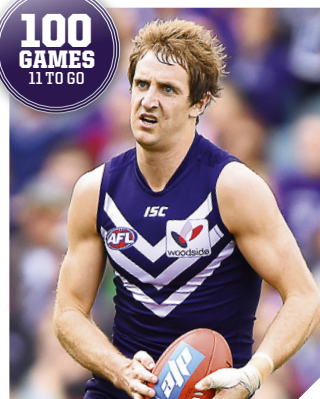
Garrick Ibbotson is one game behind the duo and would gain his eligibility for life membership in the club's first final, should it make the top eight and he plays every game up to that point.



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Nat Fyfe, Michael Barlow, Tendai Mzungu and Clancee Pearce are all nearing 100 games. 'Fyfe' has had huge impact in his first 92 games and could play his milestone in round 8 against North Melbourne at Domain Stadium. Barlow could play his 100th game in round 11 against Gold Coast at Metricon Stadium, while Mzungu's milestone would be played in Tasmania against Hawthorn in round 15 if he plays every game up to that point. Pearce needs 22 games to reach his century, which could potentially happen in round 23.

There are also a number of players who could play their 50th games for Fremantle in 2015. 🏏

THE INSIDE WORD WITH ROSS LYON

Freo senior coach Ross Lyon gives his take on the season ahead.

How have you assessed the new recruits' first pre-season?

Our first-year players as a collective have a really good appetite to work and they have a degree of belief in themselves, but there's no sense of entitlement. They've come in and have worked hard in the short period of time they've been here.

Sean Hurley, Ed Langdon and Josh Deluca have all had some stress reactions where they've had to be backed off. Lachie Weller, Connor Blakely and Ethan Hughes have been able to do 80 per cent, which is what we limit our first-year players to for load management. At the minute, what is shining through is strong character, which we're most pleased about.

How has Luke McPharlin trained in the pre-season?

On the whole, the entire group has done more work this pre-season, and Luke has done 80 per cent of the program, but he's still done more work

than he did last year. He's run personal bests and is in great shape. What we're going to do is let him go for the first half of the season and look to manage him in the second half.

The pre-season program has been changed, could we see alterations to your in-season routine?

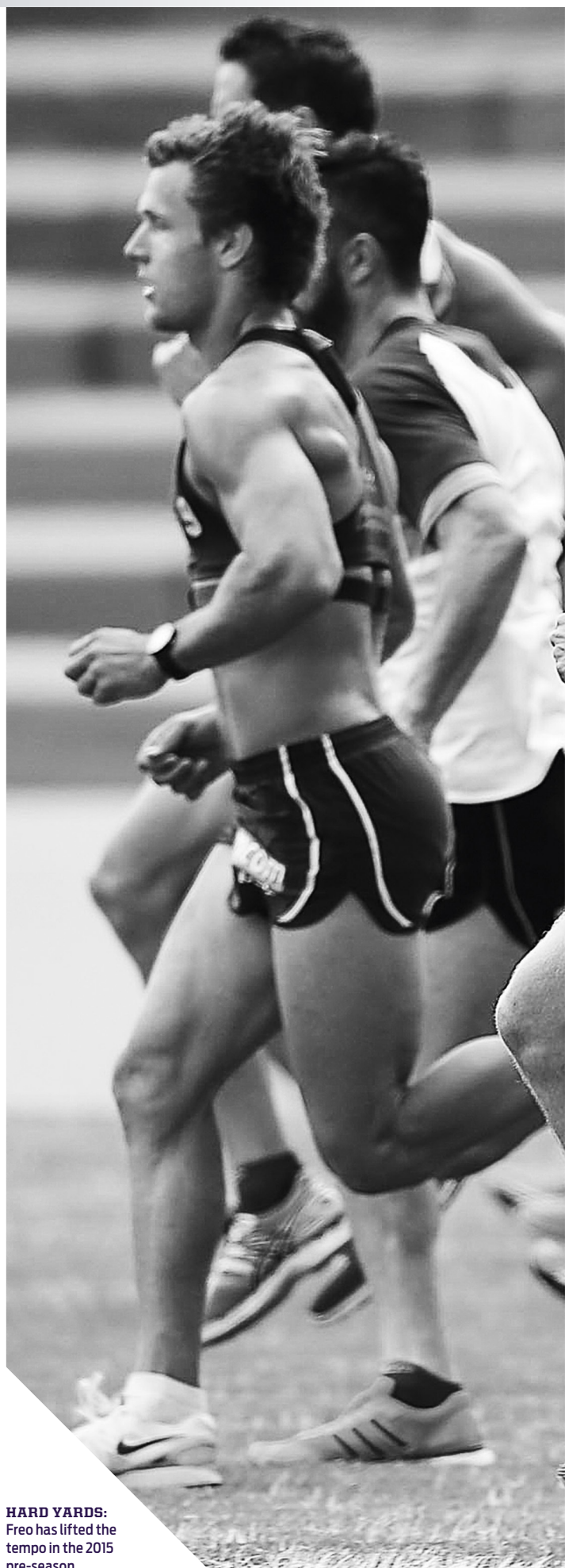
The in-season will be the same; we think we've got a pretty good model. In-season throws up a number of Sunday games, a lot more than we had last year. Eight of those are Sunday to Sunday, so that just shifts what we do around a little bit, but the principles will stay the same.

What can fans expect from the tall forwards this season?

Michael Apeness, Matt Taberner, Jack Hannath and Jon Griffin have been playing up forward in the pre-season, and we've been trialling Aaron Sandilands through there. Taberner is going into his third year, Michael into his second. They have really trained on, they have more power through their body courtesy of the weight work they do with (sports science manager) Jason Weber.

They are both growing with their understanding of how we want them to play. It's challenging for young tall forwards. At the lesser levels they just let you play to your strengths, but AFL defenders tend to body you up more and move you. That's why strength and understanding how to deal with that is important. But we're excited for the near and long-term future with them.

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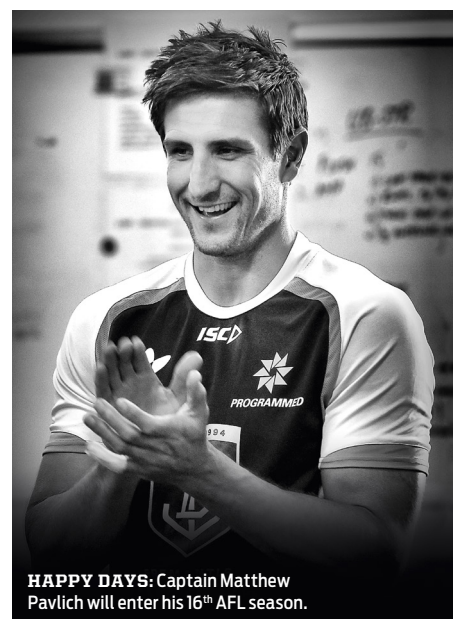
HARD YARDS:
Freo has lifted the tempo in the 2015 pre-season.





BACK ON THE BIKE:
Michael Johnson
training hard.

BOTTOM LEFT: Handball skills with assistant coach Brett Kirk. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** New recruit Josh Deluca put through his paces.



HAPPY DAYS: Captain Matthew Pavlich will enter his 16th AFL season.

“ WE JUST WANT TO SPREAD THE BALL A BIT MORE AND TRY AND KEEP OUR FORWARDS AT HOME MORE. ”

ROSS LYON



We don't expect them to come out and kick 60 goals, but we certainly think they're good, young emerging players.

How are the small forwards tracking?

You talk about Michael Walters, he only played eight games last year. He is in pretty good shape. He had a slight hamstring, but he's been in full training. Hayden Ballantyne finished last season with a broken jaw. They've both had super summers and we expect them to be able to deliver again. Hayden Crozier really grew last year.

He's become a four-year player now and he needs to cement his spot. He took a spot last year and played in the finals. He came through as a 66kg kid, he's 80kgs now and he'll finish about 83 or 84kg, so he's got more development in him.

Where is Zac Dawson at with his injury?

He's had some challenges, in particular his groin area. We've been working to get on top of that. It's a bit slower than we would of liked, but he'll certainly play football this year.

Who is most likely to play in defence if Zac Dawson can't get up early in the season?

Alex Pearce was going really well, we've got high hopes for him, but he had a stress reaction. He had one last year and he had another one this year. Alex Silvagni, Michael Johnson and Luke McPharlin are our tall defenders, and Chris Mayne has been going down there as well. And we know Garrick Ibbotson can play tall as well.

What changes can fans expect to see in the way you play this year?
We just want to spread the ball a bit

more and try and keep our forwards at home a bit more. It's still about the fundamentals; tactically competing is a great starting point and bringing great effort.

What's the competition like for that second ruck spot behind Aaron Sandilands?


Aaron's been a dominant player, but we'd like to use him forward a bit. Both Zac Clarke and Jon Griffin have had the number one spot when Aaron was out injured, so we've got real belief in those guys. They had some injury challenges last year; Zac with a posterior in the off-season and Jon Griffin was coming back from a knee reconstruction. He's fit and firing now, so it's going to be fierce for that spot.

The midfield has been settled in recent seasons, but could we see someone jump out and challenge for a spot?



We need that. Lachie Neale has immersed himself in there and Hayden Crozier will go through the wing more. Tommy Sheridan is the most obvious midfielder coming through.

We think Nick Suban will continue to emerge. The group is established, David Mundy and Ryan Crowley are the older guys, and probably Tendai Mzungu, but he's still young in AFL footy terms. Michael Barlow started a little bit later as a rookie. Then it's quite young with Stephen Hill and Nat Fyfe.

Clancee Pearce is still only 23 and Walters will go through there. We'd love to see Tommy Sheridan jump up. The maturity in Crozier and Sheridan has been fantastic. They've had great summers and Tommy has led the way with the running. 



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FREMANTLE PLAYER PROFILES

We look at how each player is shaping up for the season and hear from their coaches.

1



HAYDEN BALLANTYNE

DOB: 16/07/1987 **HEIGHT:** 174cm
WEIGHT: 77kg **CAREER GAMES:** 106
CAREER GOALS: 180
DEBUT: Rd 13, 2009 v Collingwood

OUTLOOK

Will look to build on the best season of his career in 2014, which saw him named an All Australian. Ballantyne is dynamite when he has his tail up.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

Exceptional. He came back in really good nick. His pre-season has probably been the best I've seen since I've been here. He's up and running.

2



ANTHONY MORABITO

DOB: 29/10/1991 **HEIGHT:** 189cm
WEIGHT: 98kg **CAREER GAMES:** 26
CAREER GOALS: 14
DEBUT: Rd 1, 2010 v Adelaide

OUTLOOK

Minor knee surgery in January side-tracked the luckless midfielder. Before that, he was building momentum for what is a significant year in his AFL career.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

Has unfortunately had a few minor injury setbacks. He's returning from those and hopefully there'll be bigger and better things to come this year.

3



ZAC DAWSON

DOB: 22/02/86 **HEIGHT:** 197cm
WEIGHT: 92kg **CAREER GAMES:** 141
CAREER GOALS: 6
DEBUT: Rd 21, 2005 Hawthorn v Richmond

OUTLOOK

As tough and determined as defenders come, but he'll enter the season having missed a number of weeks because of a groin injury.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

Pre-Christmas phase was superb but has been a bit sore through the groin since he came back. Has missed a fair bit of training but hopefully should be up and going early in the season.

4



COLIN SYLVIA

DOB: 8/11/85 HEIGHT: 185cm
 WEIGHT: 89kg CAREER GAMES: 163
 CAREER GOALS: 130
 DEBUT: Rd 9, 2004 Melbourne v Nth Melbourne

OUTLOOK

Following a quiet first season at Freo, Sylvia has had a disappointing pre-season. He was sent back to Peel Thunder for failing to meet the standards required of an AFL footballer.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Mark Stone)

As Ross stated earlier in the year, Colin arrived for pre-season in poor condition and hadn't done the work expected of him. He has been sent back to train with Peel Thunder until he meets the physical requirements.

5



GARRICK IBBOTSON

DOB: 15/03/88 HEIGHT: 186cm
 WEIGHT: 81kg CAREER GAMES: 127
 CAREER GOALS: 21
 DEBUT: Rd 11, 2007 v Richmond

OUTLOOK

Ibbotson returned in the middle of pre-season after shoulder surgery at the end of 2014. He has trained well and is primed to play an important role in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

Has had an injury-free pre-season for the first time in a few years. We've exposed him to a few different roles down back and he has responded really well.

6



DANYLE PEARCE

DOB: 7/04/86 HEIGHT: 178cm
 WEIGHT: 76kg CAREER GAMES: 203
 CAREER GOALS: 105
 DEBUT: Rd 18, 2005 P. Adel v Nth Melbourne

OUTLOOK

Now settled in Fremantle after two seasons at the club, he has not missed a game since he arrived. Has been working hard during the pre-season and will hope to enhance his kicking inside 50 in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Mark Stone)

Danyle is in good shape. He's training well and he's having plenty of shots on goal and lots on inside 50 entry work. He wants to improve his efficiency in that area. He's also looking to add to his goal tally this year.

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NAT FYFE

DOB: 18/09/91 HEIGHT: 190cm
 WEIGHT: 90kg CAREER GAMES: 92
 CAREER GOALS: 78
 DEBUT: Rd 5, 2010 v Richmond

OUTLOOK

Now one of the absolute premier players in the competition, the reigning back-to-back Doig Medallist will be critical to Freo's chances this season. Watch for him to swing forward more in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Brett Kirk)

Nathan's actions always speak louder than words. On the field he leads by example, is fierce at the contest and can influence his teammates and change games. This was reflected in him being voted into the leadership group by his peers.

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NICK SUBAN

DOB: 9/05/90 HEIGHT: 182cm
 WEIGHT: 81kg CAREER GAMES: 105
 CAREER GOALS: 45
 DEBUT: Rd 1, 2009 v Western Bulldogs

OUTLOOK

Suban had a good 2014 but will look to improve further this season to maximise his undoubted ability, particularly with his excellent kicking skills.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Mark Stone)

Nick is super-fit and looking to really improve his ball-winning ability. He's working really hard in the drills to break to space hard, be loud and get in positions to win more footy. His contested work is good and he's really working hard on his outside roles.

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MATT DE BOER

DOB: 10/03/90 **HEIGHT:** 186cm
WEIGHT: 86kg **CAREER GAMES:** 115
CAREER GOALS: 43
DEBUT: Rd 6, 2009 v West Coast

OUTLOOK

De Boer had a disappointing 2014, mainly due to injury. Before that he was integral to the team's game plan, so he'll look to rebound after a huge pre-season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Mark Stone)

Matt ran a personal best in his 3km time trial by a significant measure, which is a great achievement. He's come off his summer program extremely fit and is in the best shape of his career. Looking to play forward and midfield this year in a number of roles and add flexibility to our midfield.

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MICHAEL WALTERS

DOB: 7/01/91 **HEIGHT:** 177cm
WEIGHT: 76kg **CAREER GAMES:** 50
CAREER GOALS: 97
DEBUT: Rd 6, 2009 v Port Adelaide

OUTLOOK

An injury in the pre-season has hampered Walters' preparations for 2015, but as he showed last year, he is a training monster and he's sure to be on top of his game sooner rather than later.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

A little bit interrupted pre-Christmas but he's back on track and training really well. He's a class act and he's maintained his fitness through his rehab. Looking very sharp and we're looking forward to him being ready for round one.

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TOMMY SHERIDAN

DOB: 28/10/93 **HEIGHT:** 187cm
WEIGHT: 82kg **CAREER GAMES:** 19
CAREER GOALS: 10
DEBUT: Rd 23, 2012 v Melbourne

OUTLOOK

Turned up in tremendous shape for the pre-season, and that augurs well for a strong season from the talented midfielder.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Marc Webb)

Tom has shown he has the ability to play football at the highest level. This exposure has provided him with knowledge and understanding of what dedication and commitment is required. He has worked hard this pre-season to become one of the elite runners at the club.

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JON GRIFFIN

DOB: 14/01/86 **HEIGHT:** 201cm
WEIGHT: 101kg **CAREER GAMES:** 69
CAREER GOALS: 18
DEBUT: Rd 1, 2007 Adelaide v Essendon

OUTLOOK

Last year was about consolidation after a knee reconstruction in 2013. Griffin will look to reclaim a position in the best 22 this season, but there's plenty of competition among the club's ruck stocks.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Eastaugh)

A real bonus this pre-season, he's been able to train the entire time, both pre and post-Christmas. He's working on all elements of his game, from the ruck to playing in the forward line. It's been very positive.

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TENDAI MZUNGU

DOB: 28/02/86 **HEIGHT:** 182cm
WEIGHT: 84kg **CAREER GAMES:** 63
CAREER GOALS: 40
DEBUT: Rd 9, 2011 v Port Adelaide

OUTLOOK

One of the best runners in the league, Mzungu has only missed one game in the past three seasons. Underrated outside of Freo, he is important to the team's structure.

WHAT THE COACHES SAYS (Mark Stone)

Tendai is extremely fit, as he always is. His ability to cover the ground at training is elite. After having a taste at half-back last year, he's a player we think can play a number of roles for us, from half-back, through the wings and stints up forward. He's set himself for a big year.

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LACHIE WELLER

DOB: 23/02/96 **HEIGHT:** 181cm
WEIGHT: 74kg **CAREER GAMES:** 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

The club's first pick from the 2014 National Draft has displayed good talent during the pre-season, but he may need to bulk up more before he is exposed to AFL level.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Lloyd)

Shown a real willingness to work hard. He's professional and has bought into our football program. On the track he has demonstrated speed and efficient use and an ability to break the lines.

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RYAN CROWLEY

DOB: 5/03/84 **HEIGHT:** 188cm
WEIGHT: 84kg **CAREER GAMES:** 188
CAREER GOALS: 116
DEBUT: Rd 10, 2005 v Geelong

OUTLOOK

Among the elite taggers in the competition, he'll be tasked with stopping the best midfielders the AFL has to offer.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (MARK STONE)

Ryan is looking to once again be the AFL's best tagger and shut down the opposition's best player each week.

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DAVID MUNDY

DOB: 20/07/85 **HEIGHT:** 192cm
WEIGHT: 89kg **CAREER GAMES:** 210
CAREER GOALS: 82
DEBUT: Rd 6, 2005 v Melbourne

OUTLOOK

One of the most crucial components of the Fremantle structure, Mundy is a star and has been for a number of years now. His ball-winning and disposal skills are elite.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Brett Kirk)

In his 12th pre-season, David has continued to focus on improving as a footballer. This drive has seen him continually run a personal best in the 3km time trial. David will look to lead the purple and white by his actions in 2015.



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HAYDEN CROZIER

DOB: 24/12/93 **HEIGHT:** 185cm
WEIGHT: 80kg **CAREER GAMES:** 23
CAREER GOALS: 18
DEBUT: Rd 10, 2012 v Adelaide

OUTLOOK

Began to emerge late in 2014 as a quality forward option. He will be keen to go on with it this year and realise his undoubted potential.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (MARC WEBB)

Finished off well at the end of last year and he hasn't missed a training session. He's looking strong and running well and he's been playing up the ground at times in training.

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LUKE McPHARLIN

DOB: 1/12/81 **HEIGHT:** 192cm
WEIGHT: 90kg **CAREER GAMES:** 238
CAREER GOALS: 115
DEBUT: Rd 5, 2000 Hawthorn v Port Adelaide

OUTLOOK

One of the best AFL defenders of the past decade, McPharlin is close to the end of his career. He's decided to play on in 2015, which is bad news for the AFL's elite power forwards.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (MICHAEL PRIOR)

Has been sensational this pre-season. Had injury concerns toward the end of last year but he hasn't missed a beat. We're very pleased with where Luke is at.

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CONNOR BLAKELY

DOB: 2/03/96 **HEIGHT:** 188cm
WEIGHT: 85kg **CAREER GAMES:** 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

Talented contested ball winning midfielder who has applied himself well over the pre-season. Has a strong body for a young player.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (SIMON LLOYD)

Connor is really taking advantage of learning and being guided by the likes of Mundy, Fyfe and Barlow. In training he's shown composure in traffic and with ball in hand.

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MATT TABERNER

DOB: 17/06/93

HEIGHT: 198cm

WEIGHT: 95kg

CAREER GAMES: 13

CAREER GOALS: 9

DEBUT: Rd 13, 2013 v Nth Melbourne

OUTLOOK

Taberner broke into the team late in 2014 and offered a strong target in attack. He has enjoyed a strong pre-season and should be prominent up forward this season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

Having a really good pre-season as a young tall forward. He's put on four or five kilos and he's looking much stronger. We know he can run, but we're working more on his technique to make sure he doesn't get pushed around in the marking contest.

21

MICHAEL BARLOW

DOB: 18/12/87

HEIGHT: 189cm

WEIGHT: 91kg

CAREER GAMES: 89

CAREER GOALS: 59

DEBUT: Rd 1, 2010 v Adelaide

OUTLOOK

A reliable ball-winner in the midfield, Barlow has enjoyed a solid pre-season and should be fit for the start of 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Mark Stone)

Very fit once again. Michael has had a good pre-season in terms of his condition and running. Our indicators suggest he's at an elite level once again and he's looking to improve his versatility around the ground.



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TANNER SMITH [®]

DOB: 8/03/94

HEIGHT: 196cm

WEIGHT: 95kg

CAREER GAMES: 1

CAREER GOALS: 0

DEBUT: Rd 4, 2013 v Hawthorn

OUTLOOK

Smith will be desperate to show he belongs on an AFL list in 2015 after he was delisted and then rookie-listed last year. If Freo has injuries in defence, he could be promoted at some point.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (SIMON EASTAUGH)

He continues to improve in areas such as his kicking and his contested marking. His overall fitness has been a feature for a player his size.

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CHRIS MAYNE

DOB: 2/11/88

HEIGHT: 188cm

WEIGHT: 86kg

CAREER GAMES: 128

CAREER GOALS: 150

DEBUT: Rd 2, 2008 v Hawthorn

OUTLOOK

A brilliant tackler in the forward line, look for Mayne to hit the scoreboard more this year, as he did in his excellent 2013 year.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (MARC WEBB)

Chris is really fit. He ran a personal best in the 3km time trial. He's trained forward and back, which is a great opportunity for him to build his game.

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MAX DUFFY

DOB: 11/04/93

HEIGHT: 184cm

WEIGHT: 82kg

CAREER GAMES: 2

CAREER GOALS: 2

DEBUT: Rd 20, 2014 v Geelong

OUTLOOK

Duffy had shoulder surgery after the 2014 season and resumed full pre-season training in late January. Showed great goal sense in his AFL debut last year and will push for more opportunities.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (MARC WEBB)

Max finished well last year. He's had a bit of a delayed start to the pre-season because of a shoulder injury but he's built himself back into full football and looking like getting back to his best.

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ALEX PEARCE

DOB: 9/06/95 HEIGHT: 200cm
WEIGHT: 92kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

Very promising defender who developed in the WAFL last year. He has the body to play AFL and may very well get his chance this season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Roger Hayden)

Was going really well early in the pre-season with some really good times in his 3km time trial. A stress reaction in his legs forced us to back off a little but he looks a likely type.

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ED LANGDON

DOB: 1/02/96 HEIGHT: 181cm
WEIGHT: 74kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

The brother of Tom at Collingwood, Langdon has impressed with his endurance abilities in the pre-season, but he'll likely start out at Peel Thunder this season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Lloyd)

Has shown a capacity to run hard and find space. Like all our first years, he's being exposed and is learning what it takes to be a hard-core AFL footballer.

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LACHIE NEALE

DOB: 24/05/93 HEIGHT: 176cm
WEIGHT: 79kg CAREER GAMES: 46
CAREER GOALS: 20
DEBUT: Rd 4, 2012 v St Kilda

OUTLOOK

Has emerged as a quality AFL midfielder in the past two seasons and 2015 could be the year Neale takes another big step forward in his development.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Brett Kirk)

His growth was obvious in 2014 and Lachie continues to develop his craft as an effective midfielder. He has continued his drive and commitment during his pre-season training, setting himself up for a big 2015.

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BRADY GREY

DOB: 20/07/95 HEIGHT: 180cm
WEIGHT: 87kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

Grey was close to being named last year but injury ended his year mid-season. Has trained well in the pre-season and could get his chance in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Marc Webb)

He's been trialled in a few different areas. He can play back, mid and forward, so he's had a strong pre-season playing on some of the best small forwards at Freo, he's really looking fit and lean.

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MATTHEW PAVLICH

DOB: 31/12/81 HEIGHT: 192cm
WEIGHT: 99kg CAREER GAMES: 313
CAREER GOALS: 629
DEBUT: Rd 5, 2000 v Melbourne

OUTLOOK

In his 16th AFL season, the club's greatest player will captain the team for a ninth straight year. He has trained very strongly and is looking fit for the start of the season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

Probably the best pre-season I've seen him do at the club. He's had a little baby boy, so he had a few days off, but other than that, in real good nick and looking very sharp.

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ZAC CLARKE

DOB: 28/03/90

HEIGHT: 203cm

WEIGHT: 96kg

CAREER GAMES: 74

CAREER GOALS: 39

DEBUT: Rd 13, 2009 v Collingwood

OUTLOOK

Finished 2014 slowly because of injury but he has trained well in the pre-season. Clarke will face competition for the back-up ruck spot this season, but he should get first crack at it.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

A little bit interrupted pre-Christmas, but post-Christmas he has been outstanding. We're looking for a big year for him. Tracking really well.

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AARON SANDILANDS

DOB: 6/12/82

HEIGHT: 211cm

WEIGHT: 119kg

CAREER GAMES: 216

CAREER GOALS: 83

DEBUT: Rd 1, 2003 v Adelaide

OUTLOOK

Coming off one of the strongest seasons of his career, the champion ruckman will again be a huge force for Freo. He's had a slightly compromised pre-season, but Sandilands should be ready to go for 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Eastaugh)

Has continued to improve his fitness base and has been working on his role within our forward structure as well as the midfield. He continues to make progress to continue his overall game.



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STEPHEN HILL

DOB: 1/05/90

HEIGHT: 183cm

WEIGHT: 82kg

CAREER GAMES: 128

CAREER GOALS: 83

DEBUT: Rd 1, 2009 v Western Bulldogs

OUTLOOK

He enjoyed the most consistent season of his career in 2014. An absolute match-winner when on top of his game, the more often Hill plays at his best, the more dangerous Fremantle will be.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Brett Kirk)

Stephen's dedication to being the best footballer he can be and his commitment to his role for the team are not often publicised. He stood tall on many occasions in 2014 and he will continue to be a driving force in 2015.

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CAM SUTCLIFFE

DOB: 23/05/92

HEIGHT: 186cm

WEIGHT: 83kg

CAREER GAMES: 47

CAREER GOALS: 13

DEBUT: Rd 15, 2012 v Western Bulldogs

OUTLOOK

The young South Australian has become a staple of the Freo defence after starting out as a midfielder. A quiet achiever, he'll continue to grow into one of the most reliable players in the team.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Roger Hayden)

Modified start to the pre-season because of some stress reactions. He's progressed through and is travelling really well now. Developing his leadership qualities as well.

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LEE SPURR

DOB: 27/07/87

HEIGHT: 182cm

WEIGHT: 81kg

CAREER GAMES: 60

CAREER GOALS: 5

DEBUT: Rd 6, 2012 v Gold Coast

OUTLOOK

Always plays on the opposition's dangerous small forwards and more often than not performs a strong job. Entering his second season in the leadership group in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

He's been very professional the way he goes about it on and off the field. He's done the bulk of pre-season and is looking very fit.

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MICHAEL APENESS

DOB: 28/01/95 **HEIGHT:** 200cm
WEIGHT: 101kg **CAREER GAMES:** 2
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Rd 16, 2014 v Melbourne

OUTLOOK

The towering key forward has impressed in the pre-season, taking a number of strong pack marks and using his size to his advantage in contests. Could be ready to show why he was taken so highly in the 2013 National Draft.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Peter Sumich)

Had a very good start to the pre-season. Missed a couple of weeks but after Christmas he got into it again. Competing very well and we're expecting big things. Very fit.

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ALEX SILVAGNI

DOB: 29/09/87 **HEIGHT:** 192cm
WEIGHT: 92kg **CAREER GAMES:** 46
CAREER GOALS: 10
DEBUT: Rd 1, 2010 v Adelaide

OUTLOOK

Silvagni plays the game with tremendous courage and effort. He hasn't cemented a spot in the team yet, but he's all heart and look for him to get more opportunities in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

Has had an uninterrupted pre-season after missing fair chunks of the past few pre-seasons. He's been really fit and should be available come round one.

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MICHAEL JOHNSON

DOB: 20/10/84 **HEIGHT:** 195cm
WEIGHT: 88kg **CAREER GAMES:** 190
CAREER GOALS: 62
DEBUT: Rd 4, 2005 v Richmond

OUTLOOK

The All Australian defender has missed most of the pre-season because of a back injury at the end of 2014. A crucial component of Freo's structure, Johnson is confident he'll be back for the start of the 2015 season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Roger Hayden)

A slow start because of his back injury, but he's progressing really well and getting back to where he was halfway through last year. Slowly building and we should see that rebound and roll-off defence that we are used to seeing.

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JACK HANNATH

DOB: 9/07/91 **HEIGHT:** 201cm
WEIGHT: 101kg **CAREER GAMES:** 15
CAREER GOALS: 7
DEBUT: Rd 5, 2013 v Richmond

OUTLOOK

Has trained a lot as a key forward in the pre-season after filling in as a ruckman and forward in his first two seasons of AFL. Hannath is an impressive athlete and could take the next step in 2015.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Eastaugh)

Has been able to take his fitness, his strength and his football to another level this pre-season, which has been a positive, particularly with his contested marking.

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JOSH DELUCA

DOB: 11/05/96 **HEIGHT:** 181cm
WEIGHT: 80kg **CAREER GAMES:** 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

The young West Australian from Subiaco is likely to develop with Fremantle WAFL partner Peel at the start of the season. He was impressive in the Lions' WAFL flag last season, so he's proven against big bodies.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Lloyd)

Worked diligently through his rehab program before joining the main squad. He's learning about the demands of AFL, and showing a real willingness to learn our game plan.

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CRAIG MOLLER ®

DOB: 22/08/94 **HEIGHT:** 203cm
WEIGHT: 94kg **CAREER GAMES:** 1
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Rd 23, 2013 v St Kilda

OUTLOOK

He's been developing for a few years now, but he's still just 20 and has a lot of weight to put on before he can be considered for AFL ruck duties. Watch his progress.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Simon Eastaugh)

Has been able to take his fitness, his strength and his football up a level this pre-season, which has been a positive, particularly with his contested marking.

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PAUL DUFFIELD

DOB: 5/02/85 HEIGHT: 187cm
WEIGHT: 89kg CAREER GAMES: 157
CAREER GOALS: 33
DEBUT: Rd 5, 2006 v St Kilda

OUTLOOK

A trusty defender for Ross Lyon and now a life member of the club. Duffield has turned 30, but he's still playing near his peak and has plenty to offer Fremantle with his skill and poise.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Michael Prior)

Apart from a rib injury in the NAB Challenge, he hasn't missed a beat during the pre-season and is imparting all his knowledge on the younger players.

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ETHAN HUGHES ^R

DOB: 07/12/94 HEIGHT: 187cm
WEIGHT: 79kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

The Bunbury boy possesses excellent athleticism and has come a long way to be drafted from Swan Districts. Another who will get his chance to impress via the WAFL.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Roger Hayden)

Has shown growth throughout the summer. Has put on 4kg and is really diligent in all that he does. Progressing well.

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TOM VANDELEUR ^R

DOB: 20/03/95 HEIGHT: 192cm
WEIGHT: 92kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

A versatile tall defender with good athleticism, this second season on Freo's rookie list is an important one for Vandeleur if he wants to make an impact at AFL level.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Roger Hayden)

Working through some knee issues in the pre-season. A versatile defender who can swing forward, he needs to keep working hard.

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JACOB BALLARD ^R

DOB: 26/02/1994 HEIGHT: 188cm
WEIGHT: 89kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

Went from strength to strength at Peel last season to become one of the Thunder's biggest ball-winners. He will need to continue in that vein of form to force Freo's selectors to give him a chance at the big time.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Marc Webb)

He came back in outstanding condition and was really strong in the 3km time trial. He's missed a bit of training with a minor setback but once again we're looking for him to play around the midfield.

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SEAN HURLEY ^R

DOB: 2/03/92 HEIGHT: 193cm
WEIGHT: 92kg CAREER GAMES: 0
CAREER GOALS: 0
DEBUT: Yet to debut

OUTLOOK

The Irishman was one of the best Gaelic footballers back home. He'll hope to transfer his impressive athleticism to the Australian game. Is likely to play for Peel Thunder at first, where he can show just how much he's learnt in the pre-season.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Marc Webb)

He's made the adjustment and been fantastic in the way he's adapted since coming from Ireland. Zac Dawson has taken him under his wing with the potential of Sean being a defender.

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CLANCEE PEARCE

DOB: 23/10/90 HEIGHT: 182cm
WEIGHT: 85kg CAREER GAMES: 78
CAREER GOALS: 31
DEBUT: Rd 11, 2009 v Port Adelaide

OUTLOOK

Pearce never quite got going in 2014 after a very good 2013. Injuries cruelled his season, but he's back up and running now and building towards full fitness. He'll hope to return to Ross Lyon's best 22.

WHAT THE COACH SAYS (Brett Kirk)

2014 was a frustrating season for Clancee, however he has returned to the pre-season period shining bright. He is fit, strong and more than prepared for the 2015 season.

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Michael Johnson
during his
presentation
to players.



MAKING THEIR PEOPLE PROUD

Fremantle's Indigenous players and staff members had an experience they'd never forget in February – the 2015 AFL Indigenous Camp.

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“IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THOSE PAST PLAYERS AND PIONEERS THAT HAVE FORMED THE GAME FOR US.

MICHAEL JOHNSON

A group of Fremantle's Indigenous players and staff recently took part in the weeklong 2015 AFL Indigenous Camp.

The camp presents Indigenous players with a chance to connect with their culture, and discuss some of the biggest issues facing Indigenous players in the AFL.

Freo players to take part included Stephen Hill, Michael Johnson, Danyle Pearce, Michael Walters, Brady Grey, Alex Pearce and Jon Griffin, as well as development coach Roger Hayden.

The first day saw Freo's Johnson give a presentation at Kings Park focused on the stories of Indigenous people who shaped the game and influenced change in Australian culture.

Johnson told aflplayers.com.au after his presentation that he took great pride in speaking to the group.

“It's important to learn from those past players and pioneers that have formed the game for us current players, to deliver the history of Indigenous people and Indigenous AFL players,” he said.

“Hopefully, the players, as well as the AFL Players' Association and club employees, took something out of it.”

Fremantle's Hill enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time with brother Bradley, who plays for Hawthorn, as well as some of the greatest Indigenous names to have played AFL, such as Adam Goodes, Shaun Burgoyne and Cyril Rioli.

The Freo midfielder said he was honoured to take part in the camp.

“We want to make our people proud,” Hill said.

Other sessions throughout the week focused on leadership, financial literacy, industry priorities, cultural activities and even a comedy show.

The camp culminated in a match between the Indigenous All Stars and the West Coast Eagles at Medibank Stadium on Friday 20 February.

West Coast kicked three goals to none in the second half to snatch an eight-point victory, with Stephen Hill among the All Stars' best performers.

Hayden, who has always been strongly invested in Indigenous culture, said everyone involved would treasure the experience.

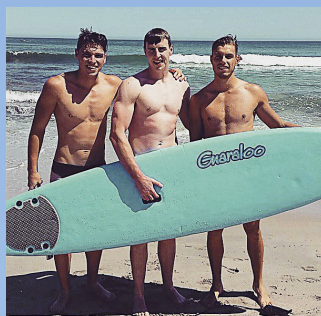
“To represent the Indigenous people and have it here in Perth was great,” he said.

“I heard that 40 per cent of the Indigenous players that have represented teams in the AFL have come from WA. It's great to be a part of the coaching staff and part of the game, it's special for me and my family.”



LEARNING EXPERIENCE: The players visited Rottnest Island during the camp.

THE MIDWEST TURNS PURPLE



Freo teammates Tommy Sheridan and Tom Vandeleur treated Irish recruit Sean Hurley to his first surf lesson in Kalbarri after a friendly local offered them a spare board during the 2015 Australia Post AFL Community Camp.

"I thought she (the local) was joking," Hurley said.

"She offered us her foam board, but I didn't know what that was.

"The lads then gave me a few lessons on how to do a bit of surfing.

"I tried three times and on my third attempt I got up for maybe two seconds."

Although Hurley was almost 15,000km

away from his hometown of Kildare in Ireland, the 23-year old felt right at home on the north west coast of Western Australia.

"Kalbarri is a rural area, it reminded me of home a bit," Hurley said.

"Even the gesture of the lady giving us her board while she was out surfing.

"Also when we went for a bite to eat at the local cafe they were all welcoming. It was nice to get that homely feel."

22 Fremantle players travelled 430km north of Perth to Geraldton and the Midwest, where they visited 26 schools across the region, attended a super clinic with more than 100 children, participated in a sportsman's night and managed to fit in a

gruelling fitness session, all in the space of 32 hours.

For the majority of the playing group it was their first trip to the Midwest region.


First-year player Lachie Weller enjoyed getting out to schools to promote healthy living.

"It's good to see the smiles on the kids' faces," Weller said.

"You don't realise how much they get out of you coming to talk to them.

"It's good to give back to the community and hopefully the kids have taken something out of it."

The players visited schools from Geraldton, Kalbarri, Mullewa, Northampton, Waggarakine and Walkaway.

A second group of players also visited the Midlands region and got to meet plenty of Freo fans in regional WA. 



FREO FANS GIVE BACK

It is well known that Freo fans are extremely generous when it comes to supporting the community and this was evident yet again at the club's Family Fun Day in February.

While the Family Fun Day was all about people heading along to Fremantle Oval to enjoy an afternoon filled with footy and fun, the club put the call out to supporters to help support a special cause. Manna Inc, a Perth based charity and 2015 community event partner of the Fremantle Dockers, provides vital services to the homeless and underprivileged children.

Fans were invited down to the Family Fun Day to provide school stationery for Manna to pass onto students who attend schools in low socio-economic areas. The supplies included glue sticks, pencils and wind-up crayons donated to the Manna Inc volunteers at the main gate.

The response from fans was overwhelming. More than 10 crates

and four boxes were filled with the schools supplied and Manna Inc CEO Nicki McKenzie labelled the support as 'fantastic'.

"We have 20 schools that we currently support and some of the players will be delivering these supplies to a few of those schools, the kids will love it," McKenzie said.

"All the supporters were so fantastic, their generosity has been astounding. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, this stationery is invaluable."

Manna Inc joins Breast Cancer Care WA, the Mental Health Commission, the Dyslexia-Speld Foundation, PlusLife and HeartKidsWA as 2015 community event partners of the Fremantle Dockers. They will sit alongside the club's long-term principal charity partners; Starlight Children's Foundation, Redkite and Constable Care Child Safety Foundation.

GENEROSITY: Freo ruckman Jon Griffin and the Manna Inc volunteers.



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WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH

GRAND GESTURE FOR FREQ

My son Jared Nenke represented Freq at the Grand Canyon during our family holiday to America.

AMANDA NENKE

KUREGIN

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



FREQ AMONGST PHARAOHS

I travelled to Egypt last year and was able to spread a bit of the colour purple at the Abu Simbel temple. Built in 1264 BC close to the Sudanese border, it was a temple built for Ramses II, and we are sure that Egyptian royalty was beyond happy with the Freq representation.

KATE STAIRS

FREMANTLE



BOYS DAY OUT

My dad Les took his three grandchildren, Shawn, Aiden and Russell to the NAB Challenge game against Melbourne at Fremantle Oval in March. Now we hear nothing but football talk, the boys do nothing but play footy and even our food has to be the food of footy players.

SARAH CHAPPEL

KELMSCOTT



DOCKED IN ENGLAND

We visited my parents in the UK and took a Freo shirt over for my English parents. Here's my dad, Ian, in a small seaside town called Whitby in the north of England.

JENNIFER COOPER
GERALDTON

FEELING ROYAL WITH FREO

Over Christmas we ventured off to Europe and during our trip visited Madame Tussaud's London. We couldn't resist the opportunity to introduce the Royal Family to our beloved Freo! I'm certain the Queen will join us as members next season!

SALV, PETA AND KATE CIRAOLO
COOBER



PURPLE PERU

I recently trekked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. We had limited space and weight for clothing and supplies on the trek, but I made sure I could pack my Freo gear! That scarf kept me warm through many long nights.

ALAN GILL
MELBOURNE



FREMANTLE FORT

My six-year-old niece Jessika recently moved into a new house. When asked by her mum how she wanted her new room painted, Jessika replied "Freo". Her room is amazing!

SHARON NENKE
ARMADALE



DOCKERS DIEHARD

While on holiday in Seattle I took it upon myself to educate the locals about AFL and the Freo Dockers. I decided I would also show my passion while attending the Seahawks vs 49er's NFL game.

STEVE LINK
SCARBOROUGH

MUMMY'S FREO BOY!

My grandson, Kai, was signed up as a member a couple of days after he was born on 1 September, 2014. My daughter (Kai's mum) and I are both mad Freo fans.

GRAHAM DORNAN
NORTH LAKE





hi kids,

I'm so excited for another season of football to start! I have been working hard over the past few months to keep my fitness up so I can run around Domain Stadium to see everyone on game day! It's been pretty busy at Fremantle Oval, all of the players have been training really hard in preparation for round one.

It was so great to see plenty of junior fans at the Family Fun Day, I hope you got to say hello to your favourite players! Check out the Family Fun Day photo gallery below to see if your photo made it.

Catch you on the flip side!

JOHNNY
'THE DOC'



Here are the best snaps from the club's Family Fun Day!



MEET THE New recruits

Freo welcomed six new recruits at the end of 2014. To learn some more about them, Johnny 'The Doc' asked them a few questions to find out some of their favourite things...

14 Lachie Weller

Favourite food: Sushi
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite TV show: Modern Family
Pump-up song: Toy Soldiers, Eminem
Favourite sports other than AFL: Wakeboarding
Home state: Tasmania
Sporting hero growing up: Brett Deledio



19 Connor Blakely

Favourite food: Lamb roast
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite TV show: The Walking Dead
Pump-up song: God, Calvin Harris
Favourite sports other than AFL: Cricket
Home state: Western Australia
Sporting hero growing up: Chris Judd and Ricky Ponting



26 Ed Langdon

Favourite food: Apples
Favourite colour: Purple
Favourite TV show: The Inbetweeners
Pump-up song: Mumford and Sons
Favourite sports other than AFL: Soccer
Home state: Victoria
Sporting hero growing up: Roger Federer



39 Josh Deluca

Favourite food: Lasagna
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite TV show: Family Guy
Pump-up song: Lose Yourself, Eminem
Favourite sports other than AFL: Tennis
Home state: Western Australia
Sporting hero growing up: Chris Judd



42 Ethan Hughes

Favourite food: Anything my girlfriend cooks
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite TV show: Entourage
Pump-up song: I don't have one
Favourite sports other than AFL: Motocross
Home state: Western Australia
Sporting hero growing up: Chris Judd



45 Sean Hurley

Favourite food: Spicy chicken wrap
Favourite colour: Blue
Favourite TV show: Family Guy
Pump-up song: Sail, Awolnation
Favourite sports other than AFL: Gaelic Football
Home state: Kildare, Ireland
Sporting hero growing up: Niall Buckley and my brother Padraig



SPOT the difference

5
TO FIND



Spot The Difference solution: Ball is missing; Matthew Pavlich's 'V' has changed colour; Chris Mayne is missing a logo on his shorts; Pavlich now has a tattoo on his arm; Port player 'V' has changed colour; Pavlich's left sock has changed colour; Pavlich now has a tattoo on his arm.

2015 TIPPING COMPETITION

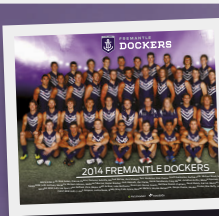
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