



2014 NAB AFL Under-18 All-Australian Team

Defenders:

Harrison Wigg South Australia/North Adelaide/Broadview FC 179cm 74kg

DOB – 14/10/1996

Small defender with elite left foot kick which helped set up his team on the rebound and from kick ins. Reads the play exceptionally well averaging 18.8 disposals at 79.3% effectiveness and won SA's MVP capping off an outstanding championships.

Ed Vickers-Willis VIC- Metro/Sandringham Dragons/Melb Grammar 190cm 82kg

DOB - 23/3/1996

Tall defender with excellent athleticism enabling him to play on the taller forwards. Makes good decisions defensively when spoiling and marking, as well as setting up the play from the back half. Had very consistent championships, averaging 16 disposals at 81.2% efficiency, 4.2 marks and 3.4 rebound 50s.

Josh McGuinness Tasmania/Lauderdale FC 189cm 72kg

DOB - 20/9/1995

Medium defender who reads the game exceptionally well, has sure hands and uses the ball neatly by hand and foot on the rebound, linking up consistently through the middle of the ground. Had impressive championships, averaging 26 disposals at 84.6% efficiency, 5 marks and 5.7 rebound 50s.

Darcy Tucker Vic Country/North Ballarat Rebels/Horsham Saints 183cm 76kg

DOB – 23/1/1997

Medium defender with excellent speed and rebound using his long left foot to advantage. Bottom aged player who excels one on one, tackles strongly and is a prolific ball winner. Averaged 20.7 disposals at 80.6% efficiency and 5 rebound 50s per game.

Caleb Marchbank Vic Country/Murray Bushrangers/Benella Saints 193cm 85kg

DOB – 7/12/1996

Very competitive tall defender with excellent mobility and repeat efforts. Anticipates well in coming off his man to support his defence and is strong overhead. Can also push forward and provide a marking target for his team. Averaging 13.5 disposals, 4 marks and 3 tackles.

Angus Brayshaw Vic Metro/Sandringham Dragons/Hampdon FC 187cm 86kg

DOB - 9/1/1996

Medium defender/midfielder who distributes the ball very effectively by either hand and on both feet. Clearances specialist who reads the game exceptionally well using his athleticism to get to and away from stoppages. Averaged 21.8 disposals, 5 Inside 50s and 4 tackles.

Midfield:

Paul Ahern Vic Metro/Calder Cannons/Keilor FC 181cm 77kg

DOB – 1/8/1996

Smooth moving midfielder with excellent balance and running capacity. Has an innate ability to make the difficult look easy. Is dangerous when he pushes forward and can kick long goals on the run. Has an excellent mix of speed and endurance and can play inside or outside. Averaged 17 disposals at 71.8% efficiency, 3 clearances and 1.4 goals per game.

Christian Petracca Vic Metro/Eastern Ranges/Beverley Hills JFC 186cm 92kg

DOB – 4/1/1996

Powerful inside midfielder/forward who is strong overhead and is a clearance star. Breaks tackles with his elite agility and tackles strongly. Vic Metro MVP and Larke Medallist. Kicking has become a real asset. Averaged 25 disposals, 5.4 marks and 5 clearances.

Billy Stretch South Australia/Glenelg/Henley FC 181cm 70kg

DOB – 8/9/1996

Medium midfielder with elite running capacity, using his speed and endurance to great effect. Generally uses the ball smoothly, has courage and is a consistent ball winner. Excellent leadership and football character. Averaged 17.7 disposals at 76.4% efficiency, 4 marks and 8 handball receives.

Peter Wright Vic Metro/Calder Cannons/Mooney Valley FC 203cm 102kg

DOB - 8/9/1996

Ruckman/Tall Forward who is a long, accurate shot for goal and sound overhead mark. Mobile player who's ruckwork is impressive, using his height to advantage. Very good below his knees and has great running capacity. Averaged 11.6 disposals, 4.2 marks and 20.6 hitouts per game in championships.

Isaac Heeney NSW/ACT/Cardiff FC 186cm 82kg

DOB – 5/5/1996

Hard edged medium midfielder who excels in the one on one and contested situations. Very good clearance player averaging 5 per game together with 23.7 disposals at 73.2% efficiency and 4.7 tackles. Won Harrison Medal for B & F in Division 2.

Jake Johansen South Australia/Port Magpies/Henley FC 171cm 63kg

DOB – 13/6/1996

Small midfielder who captained SA to the championship title, showing great leadership capability and zest. Prolific ball winner and playmaker averaging 22 disposals (7.3 contested), 3.8 clearances and 4.7 Inside 50s. Finds space well and was a genuine spark for his team all championships

Forwards:

Callum Mills NSW/ACT/North Shore 185cm 77kg

DOB – 4/2/1997

Medium forward who is extremely strong and brave overhead and very good at gaining first possession at the stoppages. Bottom aged player who reads the game well, is versatile and uses the ball well by hand or foot. Won McLean Medal (Division 2) at AFL U16s in 2013. Averaged 21.3 disposals (9.3 contested) and 3.7 marks.

Darcy Moore Vic Metro/Oakleigh Chargers/Kew Comets JFC 199cm 93kg
DOB – 25/1/1996

Tall forward or defender with excellent closing speed and natural leap. Strong overhead mark and smart around goals, kicking 4 goals vs WA at Simonds Stadium in R5. Averaged 9.2 disposals and 3 marks in roles both forward and back.

Rhys Mathieson Vic Country/Geelong Falcons/Bell Park FC 185cm 80kg
DOB – 10/1/1997

Medium midfielder/forward who wins contested ball, has clean and quick hands and great courage in his attack on the ball. Strong overhead and won championships B & F in Division 1 of the U16 championships in 2013. Averaged 21 disposals (10 contested) and 6 clearances in U18 championships as a bottom aged player.

Jayden Laverde Vic Metro/Western Jets/PEGS 189cm 82kg
DOB – 12/4/1996

Smooth moving medium forward/midfielder with neat left foot kick. Can turn opponents inside out with his agility and is dangerous around goals. Strong overhead and a difficult match up with athletic attributes in forward half or in midfield. Averaged 16.8 disposals at 74% efficiency and 5 marks.

Patrick McCartin Vic Country/Geelong Falcons/St Josephs 193cm 95kg
DOB – 19/4/1996

Tall forward who times his leads well and is a one grab player & strong overhead mark. Imposes himself on games and is dangerous around goals with accurate snaps or with his sound technique for set shots. Averaged 4 marks and 2.3 goals in the championships.

Caleb Daniel South Australia/South Adelaide/Edwardstown 167cm 67kg
DOB – 7/7/1996

Small forward/midfielder who set the game alight against Vic Country and Vic Metro in rounds 5 & 6. Prolific ball winner and smart decision maker who not only kicked important goals but set up others. Elusive and strong in the contest. Averaged 20 disposals at 91.7% efficiency.

Interchange:

Connor Blakely Western Australia/Swan Districts/Bunbury FC 186cm 81kg
DOB – 2/3/1996

Medium midfielder who excels at stoppages and is a prolific ball winner. Runs all day using his impressive endurance base and has good speed. Averaged 21 disposals at 79% efficiency, 7 clearances and 5.5 tackles.

Ben Keays Queensland/Morningside FC 183cm 78kg
DOB – 23/2/1997

Ball magnet with terrific work rate. Uses the ball with great efficiency on his preferred left foot. Can also push forward where he regularly impacts the scoreboard. Was QLD's MVP of the championships. Averaged 23 disposals at 81% efficiency, 5 tackles and 2.3 goals.

Darcy Parish Vic Country/Geelong Falcons/Winchelsea 180cm 73kg
DOB – 25/7/1997

Dashing medium midfielder with great feel for the game, courage and a good ball user. Bottom aged player, not turning 17 until later this month. Averaged 16.2 disposals, 3.6 inside 50s and 2.8 clearances in the championships.

Jack Steele

NSW/ACT/Belconnen

186cm 82kg

DOB – 13/12/1995

Strong and powerful midfielder/forward that can create something out of nothing. Shows excellent poise and balance when in possessions and is a clever user by hand or foot. A very effective lead up player that, once going can be hard to stop. NSW/ACT's MVP in the championships. Averaged 20.7 disposals at 79% efficiency, 5.7 marks and 2 goals.

Coach – Jason Saddington (NSW/ACT)

Assistant Coach – Brenton Phillips (SA)

Selectors:

Kevin Sheehan, Mick Ablett, Brad Johnson (AFL), Rohan O'Brien (WCE), Dom Ambrogio (GCS), Jason Taylor (Melbourne), Stephen Wells (Geelong).