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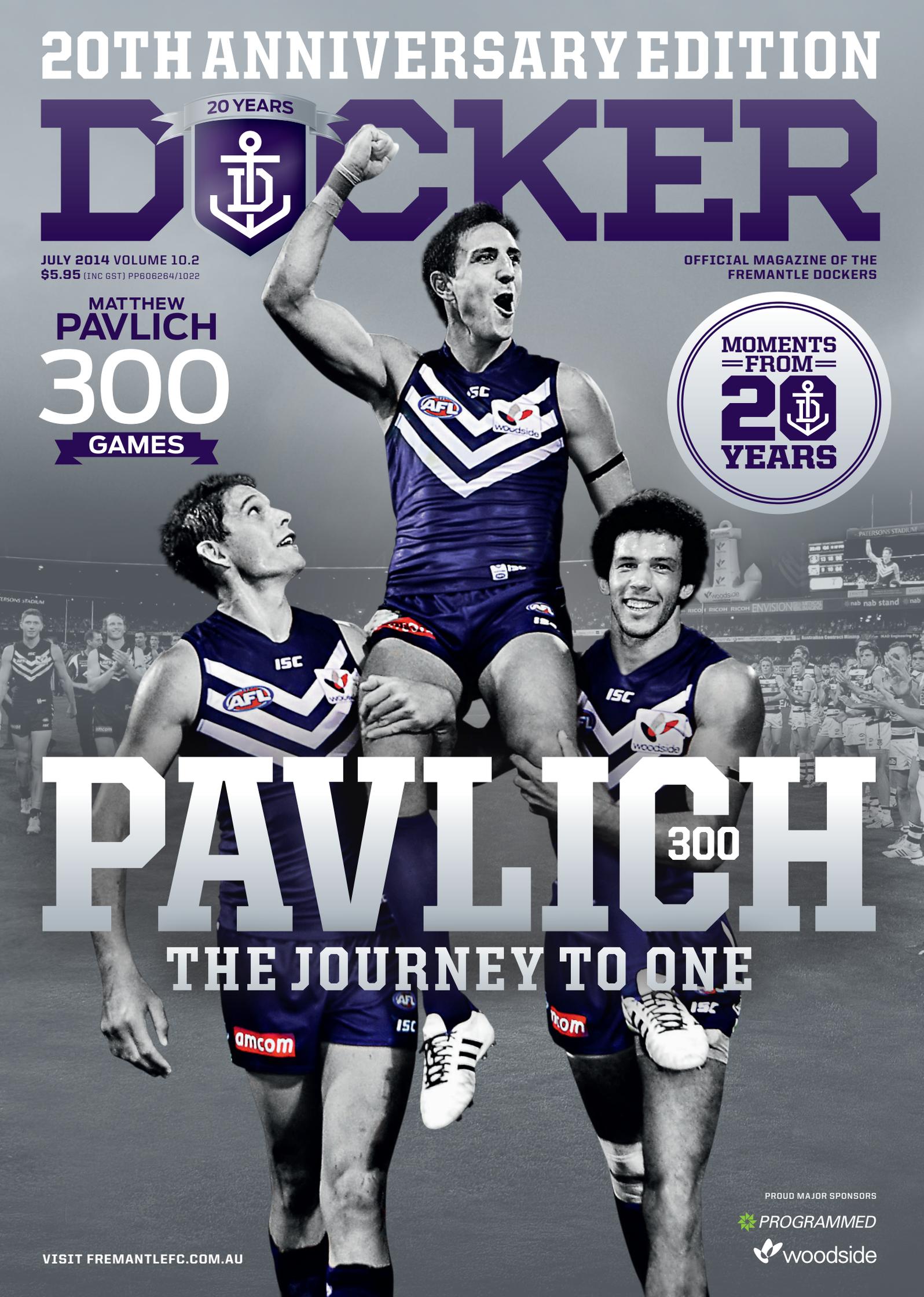
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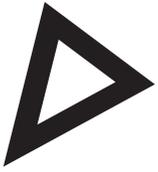
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 Matthew Pavlich celebrates after his 300th game.

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A look at what's been happening in the #gofreo world.



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The lads relaxing pre flight. @tommy_sheridan wanted me to put this up to see how many hits he would get
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 Avery was #ThereForPav
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 of the day they invent a teleport
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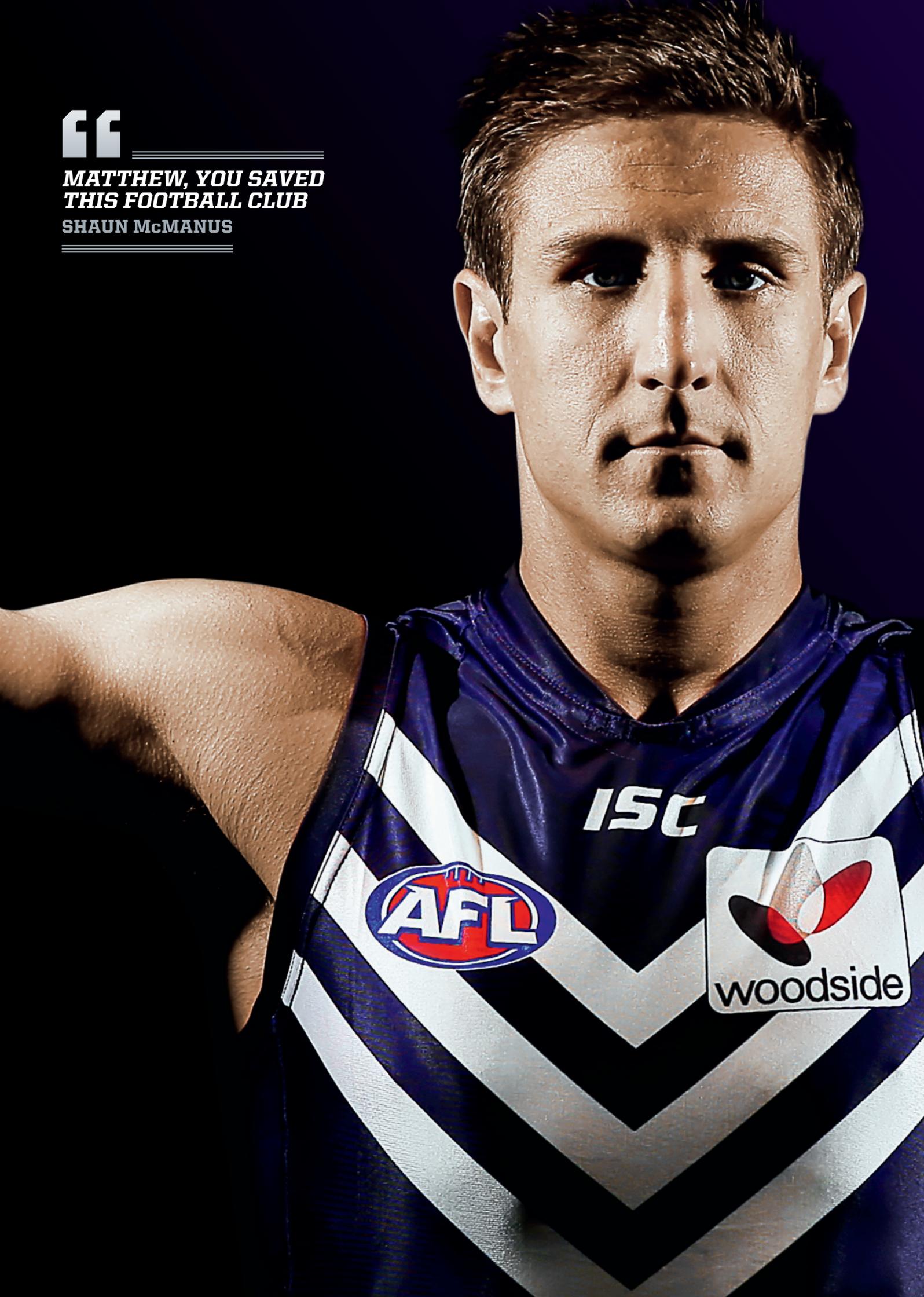
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THE JOURNEY TO

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In 2014, **MATTHEW PAVLICH** became the first WA-based player to reach 300 AFL games. The qualities that got him there - dedication, leadership, a team-first mentality and skill - were forged well before the greatest player in Fremantle Dockers' history arrived at the club.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

LEGEND: Matthew Pavlich is unquestionably the best player in the club's history

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HE WAS JUST SO
TEAM-ORIENTED,
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AROUND WITH HIS
TEAMMATES AND
SUPPORT THEM.

STEVE PAVLICH



WINNER: Pavlich is carried off on the shoulders of Aaron Sandjilands and Zac Clarke in game 300, with Geelong also showing their respect.

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ot wanting to place any pressure on him, Steve Pavlich told his seven-year-old son he didn't have to play Australian Rules football if he didn't want to. But the expectation was inescapable for Matthew.

His father was a South Australian footballer who played for SANFL side West Torrens from 1967, when he was a 14-year-old playing under 17s, until his retirement in 1987. Steve later coached the reserves, and he would take Matthew to West Torrens' home ground Thebarton Oval every weekend to watch the Eagles play at all levels.

Matthew spent much of his childhood wandering around the club grounds and inside the change rooms. When father and son would return home to Kidman Park, not far from the Thebarton gates, the football day was not finished.

"He'd come watch the game I was coaching, and then back home it'd be 'lets have a kick dad'," Steve says.

"He loved the game."

Matthew loved sport in general.

"He grew up always having a ball to play with," Steve says.

"It became natural; it was either a tennis ball, or a cricket ball, or a football or a basketball. He always had a ball."

Matthew liked the other sports, but he didn't have much of a choice with football. It was in his blood. When his younger sister Jesse was in school, she was tested at the Australian Institute of Sport to see what sport she was best suited for. The result was Australian Rules.

Matthew also loved soccer, but at age seven he had to choose between it and Australian Rules.

"He played soccer first and he was a good soccer player," Steve says.

"I told him if he didn't want to play footy, he didn't have to.

"But he said, 'no dad, I want to play footy'."

And so, Matthew Pavlich joined the under 8s football team at St Francis Lockley's Primary School. There was only one problem - the team needed a coach.

"The principal said we needed parents to put their hands up because there were no teachers who could do it," Steve says.

"If they couldn't find a parent, the kids wouldn't play."

Steve could feel Matthew's eyes turn towards him, as if to suggest his dad might be the man for the job.

"I said to Matthew I didn't want to be a standover coach and I'm sure someone will put their hand up," Steve says.

"So we sat there waiting for someone to put their hand up.

"No one did, so I became his first coach in footy."

For Steve, it was a different perspective on coaching, but one he valued greatly.

"Many of these kids didn't have any idea how to catch a ball," he said.

"It was a great learning curve for me and really enjoyable after coaching at SANFL reserves level."

Matthew played his first game at Flinders Park Primary School, which was near his Kidman Park home. Having come from a soccer background, where there was no offside rule at junior level, he initially struggled to grasp the concept of playing in one position.

"In soccer, he would run from goals to goals," Steve says.

"On the bigger football game, he was trying to do the same thing that he did at soccer, get to every contest.

"At quarter time he was bright red and I thought he was going to collapse.

"I told him 'you're going to kill yourself doing that'."

Steve's advice to his son was to run smarter rather than further.

"I told him not to try and read where the ball is going to be the first time, to try and be where the ball is going to be the second time and that way you won't have to get to every contest," he says.

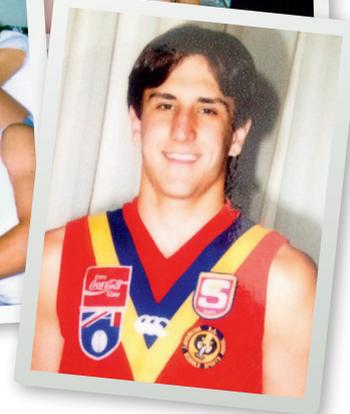
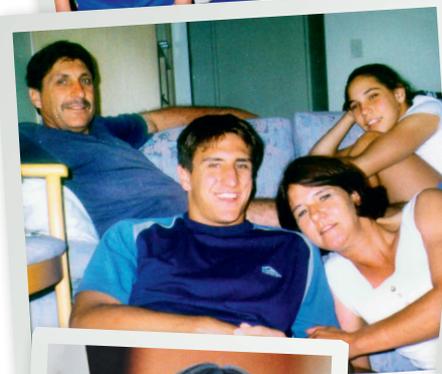
"After that, he settled into it. It seemed to come natural to him, being able to read that second kick, which held him in good stead for his future development.

"Funnily enough, we can probably credit soccer for his incredible work ethic on the footy field."

Some of Matthew's other characteristics began to emerge in his first year of football. Steve recalls the leadership his son displayed on and off the field throughout that season, leadership, he says, was incredibly rare in someone so young.

"I used to spend most of Friday night trying to figure out how every child would get equal time on the ground and how we'd rotate so I didn't have all the good players on at the same time," he says.

"Matthew was supportive, he didn't mind coming off or playing less to give someone else a go. And if we were playing a side not as strong, he'd ask to play full-back."



MEMORIES: Top: Matthew lines up for St Francis Lockley's in 1989; 2nd row left: before his first mini-league game; 2nd row right: after a win with Sacred Heart; 3rd row left: The family back in the mid 90s; 3rd row right: In his SA State jumper; Bottom: Upper school at Sacred Heart

Matthew would also take on the unofficial role of assistant coach to his father.

"He'd go out there on game day and help line the team up," Steve says.

"'Forward pocket, you're standing there, you're standing there', and then he'd spread out the midfielders."

Steve says Matthew was clearly a standout player in the team, but what impressed the coach most was his willingness to share and not dominate, when he easily could have.

"He was very good on the field at that level but he was just so team-oriented, he'd go out of his way to share the ball around with his teammates and support them," he says.

"If there was a kid who couldn't catch the ball, if that kid took a

mark for the first time, Matthew would be over to that child and patting him on the back."

Steve eventually took a step back once the school got some more teachers who could coach the football team. There were countless moments throughout his primary school years in which young Matthew displayed his potential. Mother Jan recalls her personal favourite - a passage of play out at Woodville that left onlookers questioning if what they'd just seen actually happened.

"A lad from the opposition had the ball and he was in the process of kicking it," she says.

"He dropped it from his hand onto his foot, but it didn't get to his foot. Matthew intercepted it, turned around immediately and kicked a goal.

"He's read the ball off this lad's hands. His reflexes were that good,

that between the player dropping the ball from his hands to getting to his foot, he's nabbed it. It left everyone stunned."

Some onlookers in his early years even questioned whether Matthew should have been playing.

"I remember a game for St Francis where Matthew was playing well," Jan says.

"This lady from the opposition team was standing near us and she was getting very angry.

"She demanded that she see his birth certificate because she didn't believe that he was young enough to be in the side.

"It was so funny. I just stood there and didn't say anything."

Matthew supported West Torrens throughout his early years. The club merged with Woodville to become Woodville-West Torrens in 1991, the same year the Adelaide Crows became SA's first AFL team.

Ten-year-old Matthew played in the very last mini-league game West Torrens participated in at Football Park before the merger.

After primary school, he attended Sacred Heart College, where he joined the football team and kicked a goal with his first kick in his first game. He also played for Woodville-West Torrens' development squad. Matthew always played against older kids in his junior days.

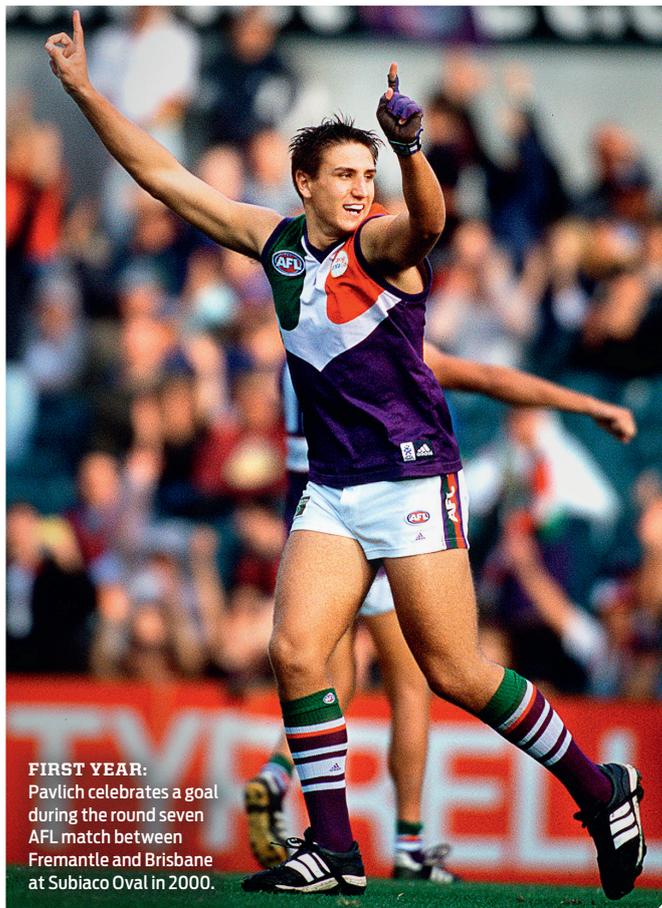
"At 14 he was playing under 17s for Woodville-West Torrens and in the under 16s State team," Steve says.

Despite being the 'little kid' by virtue of his age, Matthew's performances on the field were big.

"I remember a game when he was in year 10 playing for Sacred Heart's First XVIII, which is usually upper school kids," Jan says.

"He kicked 13.1.
"For a year 10 to be playing First XVIII and kick 13 goals, it did annoy the opposition a little bit I think, especially the older kids."

One of Matthew's greatest on-field attributes was his ability to play whatever role his team needed him to. Steve remembers a Sacred Heart game in year 11 against Assumption College during the annual school exchange in Adelaide.



FIRST YEAR: Pavlich celebrates a goal during the round seven AFL match between Fremantle and Brisbane at Subiaco Oval in 2000.

Matthew had kicked six goals to half-time playing at centre half forward, but it wasn't enough.

"They were really struggling at three-quarter-time, so they threw Matthew into the ruck," he says.

"He just had an outstanding last quarter and turned the game around."

Teacher Tony Goodrich coached Matthew in year 11 and 12 at Sacred Heart. He remembers a humble lad who was 'one out of the box'.

"It was obvious to me that he was an exceptional talent," he says.

"It's rare for a year 11 to be able to have such a profound influence on a game, but Matthew could.

"Instead of having to devise tactical solutions to issues, I'd turn up to the footy and just sit back and enjoy the show."

But it wasn't Matthew's exploits on the field that stood

I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK. I HAVE BEEN FOR EVERY GAME MATTHEW HAS EVER PLAYED.

JAN PAVLICH ON MATTHEW'S DEBUT



out as Tony's most vivid memory. In year 12, Matthew was playing State 18s and for Woodville-West Torrens, meaning he wasn't always available for his school side.

An annual clash was coming up against Assumption College, in Melbourne, which was a significant date on Sacred Heart's football calendar. Matthew's State duties had been completed and the opportunity was there for him to play.

"He declined the offer," Tony says. "He didn't want to take somebody else's place who had been a regular member.

"There are kids who have been drafted to the AFL on the basis of their performance in that game, but he thought it was the right thing to do.

"That's always stuck with me as a really good measure of the content of his character."

The year before Matthew played for SA in the 1998 under 18s carnival – the springboard to AFL selection – he hit a road bump.

Near the end of 1997 he was diagnosed with osteitis pubis (OP).

"For three or four months he wasn't allowed to do anything," Steve says.

"For someone who loves sport so much, it was tough to take."

But Matthew was determined to overcome the injury, and he was willing to do whatever it took.

"He was shattered, but he was very disciplined," Steve says.

"He did everything the physio asked of him. He did all his exercises, everything he could to make himself right.

"To be 15, and see the commitment he made to get himself right, it was very impressive."

Matthew beat the OP and he took his place in the SA under 18s team in 1998.

With his birthday falling on 31 December, he played as a 16-year-old. Matthew impressed and his name was being circulated loudly in discussions for the upcoming AFL Draft.

Jan remembers a State game out at Prospect Oval, when a man approached her.

"He handed me a card, and he said, you're going to need this,"

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she says. "It turns out he was a player manager."

Matthew was technically still a year away from draft age, but clubs back then were allowed to select one underage player turning 17 in the draft year. The interest was large. Steve says he and Jan received letters from Geelong, West Coast, Collingwood, and local clubs Adelaide and Port Adelaide. But Steve and Jan were determined for Matthew to stay in SA and finish his final year at Sacred Heart.

"Clubs offered him a lovely family to live with and a new school to finish year 12 at, but we said we'd prefer for him to stay in Adelaide and do that," she says.

"So we were hoping Adelaide or Port Adelaide would take him."

But come draft day, neither SA club selected Matthew, both electing to draft taller players.

"That was disappointing for him," Steve says. "He thought the Crows or Power would pick him up."

In 1999, Matthew played at league level for Woodville-West Torrens under coach Mark Mickan.

His first two kicks in his first game for the team were goals. Matthew later represented his state at SANFL level and helped beat Victoria in a memorable match at the MCG.

Steve will never forget what coach Michael Noonan told him after the match.

"He came up to me and said: 'You've got a special son, there.'"

Towards the end of what Steve described as a big year for Matthew was the AFL Draft, again.

This time, there was no doubt that Matthew would be drafted. The only unknown was, where?

"He got a letter from nearly every club," Steve says. "Matthew now realised he was going to go early in the draft."

The selfish side of his parents wanted him to stay in SA, or go to Victoria, which wasn't too far away.

But there was strong interest coming from the West. Fremantle was loaded with early picks in the draft. The club had selections one, four and five. It was already committed to taking local product Paul Hasleby with one. Collingwood, which entered



OUR PAV: Matthew leads the team through the banner for his 300th game with daughter Harper Rose in his arms

the draft with picks two and three, was going to take ruckman Josh Fraser with its first selection.

"Collingwood were pretty keen on Matthew, so we thought that is where he was going to go with pick three," Steve says.

But the Magpies decided to trade that pick to Richmond for selection seven and ruckman Steven McKee.

"I didn't think Richmond, who had Brendon Gale, Matthew Richardson and other big players, would go for Matthew," Steve says.

"It looked like he was going to go to Freo."

Steve was correct. Freo Dockers recruiting manager Phil Smart called out player 4391: Matthew Pavlich, Woodville-West Torrens.

"It was a weird feeling," Jan says.

"You're elated that he's been selected, but you know he's going to WA and it's a long way away."

And so Matthew left Adelaide bound for Fremantle. Jan has ensured

that, to this day, his bedroom remains just as her son left it. A picture of his idol Tony Modra is pinned on a board above his bedhead, along with autographs from other Adelaide Crows' players, a Pearl Jam concert ticket and sports carnival ribbons he'd won over the years.

Matthew touched down at Perth Airport and made his way to Aquinas College to join his new team for a pre-season training session.

"We'd just got home from a funeral, and we got a call from the club," Jan says.

"They said he was in intensive care after passing out during his first training session. 'Not long after that he was in a car accident, he ran into the back of teammate Troy Cook.'"

But Matthew soon settled in and did exactly what he'd done in every football team he'd played in – he impressed. His parents received another phone call during the week of the club's round 5 game against

Melbourne at the WACA in 2000. But this time, Matthew was on the other end and the news was good.

"He rang up and said 'I'm in mum and dad'," Jan says.

"I was a nervous wreck. But then again, I have been for every game Matthew has ever played."

The club flew Matthew's family to Perth to watch their son make his AFL debut.

"We saw him when he emerged from the race," Steve recalls.

"His eyes were large and staring with great focus. Then he took this deep breath, you could see how excited he was."

He kicked two goals with his first two kicks in AFL football. The words of Fremantle legend Shaun McManus, in a special presentation in the rooms before Matthew's 300th game, sum up what he accomplished in the ensuing 14 years:

"Matthew, you saved this football club," McManus said. 🏈



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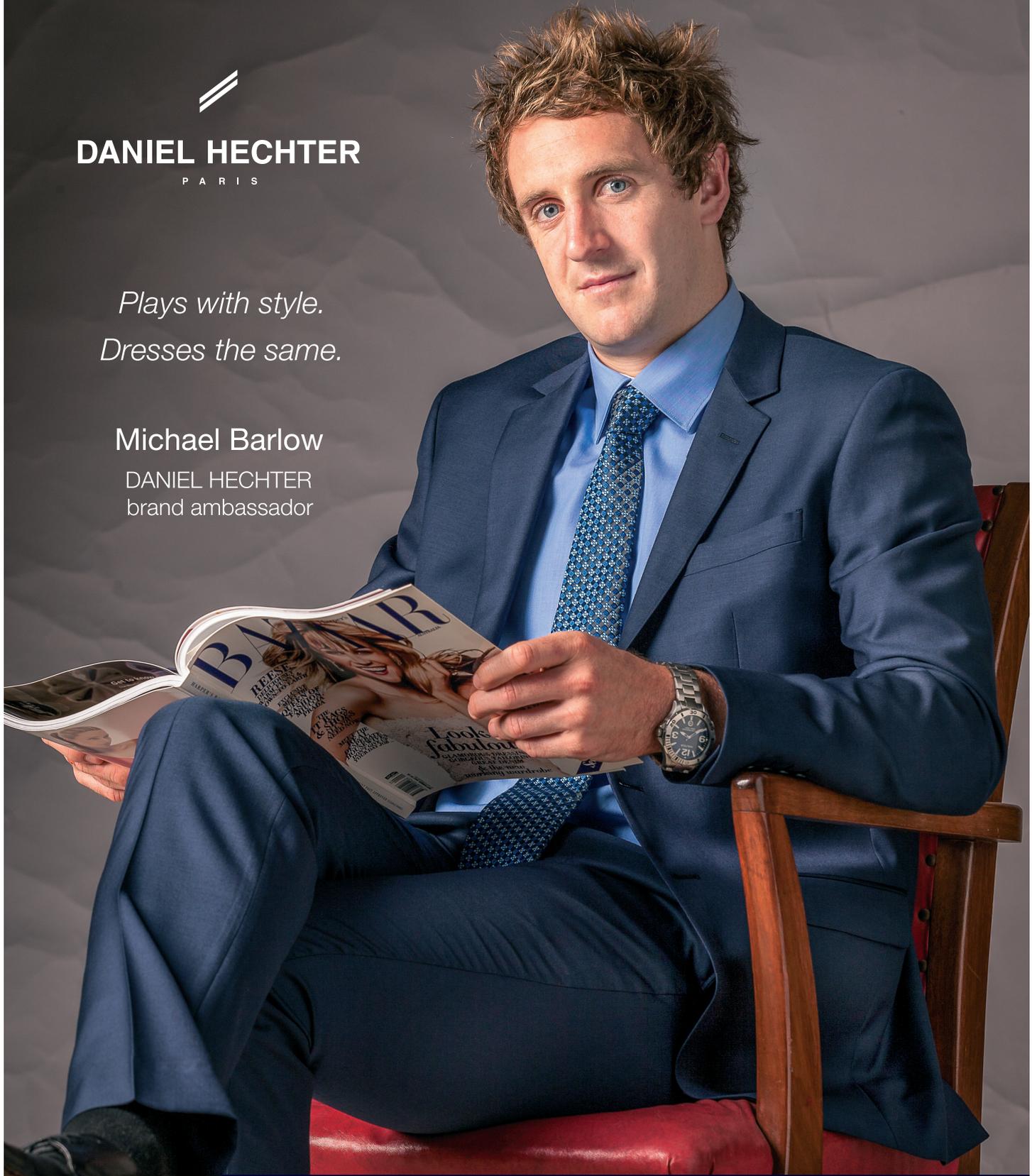




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LITTLE VICS:
Michael Johnson
with some young fans
at Junction Oval.



VICS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT

The support from Fremantle's Victorian fans never waivers and a great example of this was at the Victorian Supporters Function at Junction Oval in April.

The playing group was greeted by eager fans keen to have a photo and chat with their favourite Freo players.

Hayden Ballantyne met his 'mini me', while Matthew Pavlich was asked to sign a cast an injured fan was wearing to protect a broken arm.



PURPLE POCKET

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE FREMANTLE DOCKERS

HONOURING THE ANZACS

The club's development group, along with senior development/assistant coach Simon Lloyd and senior player Jon Griffin, paid their respects on Anzac Day at the Monument Hill dawn service in Fremantle. Peel Thunder coach Cam Shepard and Fremantle development coach Simon Eastaugh also took part.

Lloyd said it was part of the development program each year to participate in the dawn service.

"On the way up to Monument Hill I could hear the conversations between the guys and there was a lot of talk about great grandfathers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles who had served," Lloyd said.

"It really got everyone thinking about what's come before them.

"To have the playing group at the dawn service they were able to reflect and think about the sacrifice, courage and mateship of those that have served and given their lives for Australia and New Zealand."



KICKETT RETURNS

Past player Dale Kickett visited the club on Wednesday 28 May to join in the club's Reconciliation Week activities. Kickett retired in 2002 after playing 135 games for Fremantle. The Indigenous star's family were part of the Stolen Generations and Kickett spoke about the direct affect that had on his life.

Development coach Roger Hayden said it was great to have past players come back to the club and support its initiatives. Current player Michael Johnson recognised the contribution Kickett had made to the club.

"What made me fit into the club really quick was having those Indigenous guys like Dale here," Johnson said.

“WHAT MADE ME FIT INTO THE CLUB REALLY QUICK WAS HAVING THOSE INDIGENOUS GUYS LIKE DALE HERE.”

MICHAEL JOHNSON

#THEREFORPAV

There was plenty of support for Matthew Pavlich leading into his 300th AFL game, and a great deal of it came from the guys who work closest with him.

As well as encouragement on the track, 'Pav's' teammates joined in the social media conversation, sending messages and photos of support to their captain.

Thank you to the thousands of fans who were #ThereForPav on social media and at the game. 🏈

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT



Michael Barlow @mbarlow21 - May 15
Dedicating my profile pic for the week to the great man..... Steve Pavlich... You produced a gem 🏈 ipav300 @mattpav29

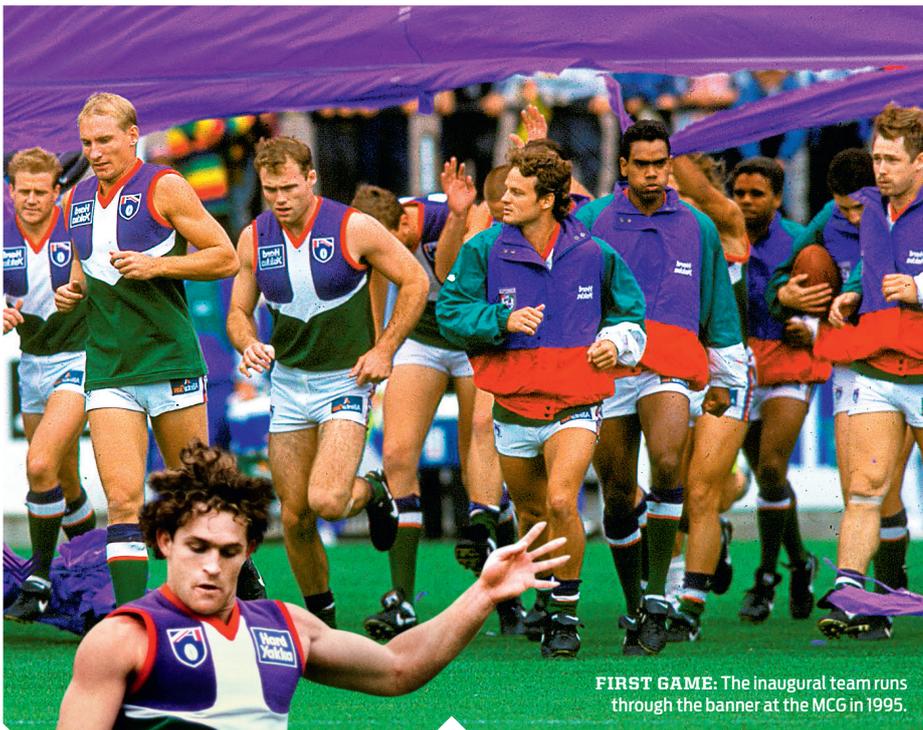
Matt de Boer @mattdeboer9 - May 16
Hoping to see a packed house tomorrow #ThereForPav to honour his Herculean career. @mattpav29

Lachie Neale @LachieNeale27 - May 17
Really looking forward to tonight, a special moment for @mattpav29 what a champion of the game he has been. Hoping to see a full house!

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G R E A T FREMANTLE MOMENTS

In recognition of the 20th season of the Fremantle Football Club, Docker takes a look back at some of the most unforgettable moments in the first two decades of the club's existence. Through courage, brilliance, defiance, jubilation and realisation, fans can reflect on the instances where those who have represented this proud club 'owned the moment'.



FIRST GAME: The inaugural team runs through the banner at the MCG in 1995.

AFTER THE SIREN VICTORY

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1997
SUBIACO OVAL

Fremantle were down by one point against Brisbane at Subiaco Oval when Quenton Leach popped up to mark close to goal. The siren sounded, leaving him with a simple scenario. Goal, and Freo would have its first after the siren win. A point would mean a draw. Leach calmly slotted the major and instigated a jubilant celebration.



JOYOUS: The team celebrates Quenton Leach's after-the-siren winner.

BREAKING THROUGH THE BANNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 1995
MCG

The Fremantle Dockers, led by inaugural captain **Ben Allan**, broke through the banner for the first time as an AFL club. The opponent was Richmond at the MCG. The man whose name will forever

be inscribed in Fremantle Dockers' history was Todd Ridley, who calmly slotted a first quarter set-shot for the club's first ever goal. Freo lost a hard fought contest 12.13.85 to Richmond's 12.18.90.

FIRST CAPTAIN: Ben Allan in 1995.



ON THE BOARD: Tony Modra was pivotal in Freo's first ever Derby win.

MODRA STAMPS FREO'S AUTHORITY

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1999
SUBIACO OVAL

The game was not over on the clock, but every Fremantle supporter knew it was done as a contest when Tony Modra squeezed a remarkable shot through the big sticks under severe West Coast pressure. When 'Mod's' realised he'd kicked the goal, he stamped both hands into the Subiaco Oval turf, and with it he stomped out any hopes the Eagles had of maintaining a perfect Derby record.

PLAYER 4391

1999 AFL NATIONAL DRAFT



It was the 1999 National Draft, and Freo had already picked up Paul Hasleby with its priority selection. While Collingwood selected Josh Fraser with number two, Richmond then chose Aaron Fiora with pick three. The next moment could go down as the one of most important in the first 20 years of the Fremantle Dockers. Club recruiting boss Phil Smart called out the name of a South Australian from Woodville West-Torrens – Player 4391, **Matthew Pavlich**.

KICKETT STANDS TALL

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2000
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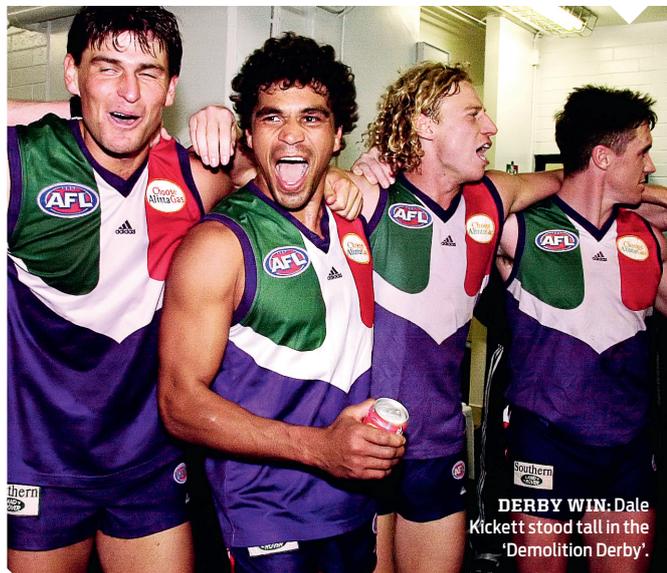
It ultimately cost him nine weeks on the sidelines, and an opportunity to be a life member at Fremantle, but Dale Kickett was not going to let the Eagles rough up his younger teammates, as they had attempted with first year player Matthew Pavlich before the ball had even been bounced. In one of the wildest brawls seen in the modern game, Kickett seized the moment to stand up for his comrades. A fired up Freo came back from a huge deficit to win the 'Demolition Derby' by a point.



ALL HAIL 'THE WIZ'

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2002
SUBIACO OVAL

It went perfectly to script. **Jeff Farmer**, who had left Melbourne to join Fremantle in 2002, won a free kick just as the final siren sounded and with his new team one point behind his old one. The Wiz converted, ran towards the fans and jumped onto the Subiaco Oval railing. He raised both arms towards the sky, as if to soak in all the adoration pouring in from the Fremantle supporters.



DERBY WIN: Dale Kickett stood tall in the 'Demolition Derby'.

McMANUS DEFINES COURAGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2001
SUBIACO OVAL

It typified everything Shaun McManus was about. Running with the flight of the ball after a kick inside 50 from teammate Andrew Shipp, McManus had eyes only for the Sherrin. As he leapt into the air to mark, West Coast's David Worrpanda launched himself into the Freo midfielder and applied a bone-jarring bump that would have incapacitated a lesser man. Not 'Shauny Mac'. It took him a while just to get back on his feet, but he gathered himself and kicked the set-shot through the big sticks from a tight angle.



McPHARLIN SETS UP LONGMUIR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2005
SUBIACO OVAL

While it was Justin Longmuir who marked right on the siren against St Kilda and then sent Subiaco into delirium by goaling, the moment that mattered most in this unforgettable chapter of Freo history occurred further up the ground, just before Longmuir's mark. It was Luke McPharlin who ran down a St Kilda player who was about to clear his team to safety. McPharlin won the free kick and then pumped the football deep into the forward line with just seconds to go. Without this brilliant play, victory belonged to the Saints.



'DUFF' SINKS 'THE GREATEST TEAM OF ALL'

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2010
SUBIACO OVAL

Coming off a 14th placed finish in 2009, Fremantle faced up to one of the greatest teams to ever play



DUFF:
Paul Duffield against the Cats.

THE 'HEART & SOUL' DEPARTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2008
SUBIACO OVAL

Rarely has a player been loved as much by both teammates and the fans. Shaun McManus was not the best player in the league. He wasn't the fastest, nor the strongest. He was, however, second to none for courage, resilience and passion. So when the moment arrived for him to say goodbye to his beloved fans, 'Shaun Mac' made sure he did it in style. Following a big Derby win, perched upon the shoulders of Matthew Pavlich and Ryan Crowley, he raised both arms triumphantly towards the sky and let out an almighty roar.



SHAUN McMANUS:
There was barely a dry eye at Subiaco as a favourite son left the field for the final time.

the game – Mark Thompson's dual premiership winning Geelong. In a scintillating encounter, the young Freo Dockers sent a shockwave across the AFL with an incredible win. The moment that sealed it arrived when defender Paul Duffield received a handball from Stephen Hill deep in the fourth quarter and calmly slotted the goal to send Subiaco into frenzy.

'THAT GOAL'

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013
QUALIFYING FINAL
SIMONDS STADIUM, GEELONG

Stephen Hill made an instant impact in his first AFL game in round 1, 2009. He won a free kick and a 50m penalty at the opening bounce and blasted through a raking left-foot goal that had teammates coming from everywhere to congratulate him. Five seasons later he was again involved in one of the most memorable moments in club history. However, Hill's 65th career goal was markedly more significant than any he'd ever kicked. It was the five-bounce classic that began after Aaron Sandilands had bashed the ball towards the boundary line, only for Hill to enter through the interchange gate at the perfect time. The end result, another left-foot dagger, sunk Geelong at Simonds Stadium and catapulted Fremantle into a home preliminary final. And much like his first goal in 2009, 'Hilly' was mobbed by his teammates, while the scenes back home in WA were joyous.



GRAND FINAL WEEK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-28, 2013

The siren had not sounded, but the result was beyond doubt. The enormity of what their players were just minutes away from confirming was not lost on any of the 43,249 supporters in attendance at Patersons Stadium for the 2013 Preliminary Final. A chant of 'MCG, MCG' broke out around the ground, making hairs stand up on the back of anyone wearing purple. Inside the rooms after the game, Shaun McManus embraced Matthew Pavlich and said 'Thank you, from the bottom of my heart'. It seemed like one moment led to the next. It kicked off a week that no one involved with the club in any way would ever forget. There were the 10,000 fans that turned up for Tuesday's training session, and the overwhelming send-off at Perth Airport on Thursday. On Friday, Melbournians could not escape the overwhelming chant of 'FREO' that echoed across the CBD during the Grand Final Parade. Captain Matthew Pavlich then joined



CAPTAINS: Luke Hodge (left) and Matthew Pavlich.

his Hawthorn counterpart Luke Hodge in placing one hand on the Premiership Cup and lifting it in front of the massive crowd. For many Freo fans, that moment made what had seemed a dream all week long, feel suddenly real. On the big day itself, the purple passion was never more

evident than during the supporters' march from Federation Square to the MCG. Then came THE moment. 'Freo, Way to Go' played proudly around the 'G' as Matthew Pavlich led the team out onto the ground and through the banner to contest the 2013 AFL Grand Final.

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ELITE TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITY UPDATE

The latest developments in the Fremantle Dockers elite training and administration facility.

The City of Cockburn's new regional physical activity and education centre – which will house the Fremantle Dockers new elite training and administration facility (ETAF) – has taken another major step forward via a \$10 million funding commitment announced by Premier Colin Barnett.

The club's new ETAF will be integrated with the community project at Cockburn Central West, which has a total project cost of \$106 million.

The funding commitment was detailed in the State Budget

and outlined by Mr Barnett and Treasurer Mike Nahan in an announcement at the project site on Friday 9 May.

In addition to the \$10 million allocation announced in the Budget, the State Government has also contributed the land plus \$2.4 million via a community sport and recreation facility grant.

"There is a demand in the community to see high quality and co-located sporting and recreational facilities," the Premier said.

"The project is large, diverse and will be a world class facility for sport and recreation. The Fremantle Dockers intend to also locate on

this site which I'm sure will be great for their supporter base and their membership base.

"The public money from the tax payers through the State Budget is going straight to the City of Cockburn for the community facilities, it is not going to the Fremantle Dockers as such.

"Developing this whole facility allows various components to be shared and obviously facilitates the Dockers also coming here."

Fremantle CEO Steve Rosich said the funding benefited all partners involved in the project and, ultimately, the community.

"It is the last piece in the funding jigsaw for the community aspects of this project," Rosich said.

"We are responsible for funding our own dedicated club facilities in the project. But by working together with the partners in this project, we were able to get a greater impact from the investment that is being spent and, therefore, bring the total cost of the project down.

"Cockburn is a very innovative city and we are proud to partner with them on this project."



AN ARCHITECT'S IMPRESSION:
The aerial views and the gym and pool facilities of the ETAF; WA Premier Colin Barnett with Michael Walters and Luke McPharlin at the project site.

The announcement complements the previously announced \$10 million in Regional Development funding from the Federal Government.

Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the landmark \$106 million community sporting facility project was the largest of its kind ever undertaken in WA by a local government authority.

"The announcement of further funding is a testament to the value seen by the State Government in developing regional sporting facilities in an innovative and collaborative manner," Howlett said.

"We're very pleased with the partnerships that have developed to deliver a world class recreation and educational facility at Cockburn Central West.

"It's a great outcome for our community and reflects the long held vision of the city to meet the growing need for improved facilities that provide for healthy, active and

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"Partnering with the Fremantle Dockers Football Club, Curtin University and a comprehensive list of State and local based clubs to deliver a facility that will set a benchmark across Australia reflects Cockburn's capacity to add value to its investment decisions for the benefit of its community.

"This is a win for the entire region. This facility will provide a comprehensive range of lifestyle opportunities, attract visitors from afar, create more local jobs and expanded options for education through the involvement of a tertiary institution."

Fremantle president Steve Harris said, as well as housing the club's new training and administration base, the important community asset would deliver a world class facility to the region.

"It is a world-class project that will provide a tremendous benefit to what is a rapidly growing region and place the club at the forefront of integrated elite sporting and community facilities in Australia," Harris said.

"The Cockburn Central West site, which is within the greater Fremantle region, also provides greater prospects for future expansion, community engagement and supporter interaction."

AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan also welcomed the funding commitment.

"The WA Government's funding support for this impressive community sporting and recreational facility is commendable because it will benefit both the local region and also the Fremantle Dockers," McLachlan said.

"The State Government commitment will greatly assist in making this world class centre a reality."

Harris also said it was important to note where the Government's \$10 million funding commitment was being directed.

"The State Government's \$10 million funding commitment will be directed towards the community accessible facilities at Cockburn Central West and not for club exclusive facilities," he said.

"The amount of funds secured so far for the project from all levels of government - local, state and federal - reflect what an outstanding community project this is."

Harris added the project was in the "detailed design phase".

"At this stage, we anticipate that a builder will be appointed by the end of the year," he said.



CHARTING FREMANTLE DOCKERS HISTORY



In the club's 20th season in the AFL, the Fremantle Dockers are releasing an illustrated history that chronicles the first two decades of the club's existence. The man charged with compiling and writing the publication has been involved with the club since its inception.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS



THE FIRST DOCKER: Les Everett reminisces on the very first club publication, which he edited in 1994.

In 2010, Les Everett met Fremantle Dockers executives with the aim of compiling a written history of the club, which subsequently morphed into the concept of publishing the material in book format to coincide with Freo's 20th season in the AFL in 2014.

Everett was the obvious candidate for the job because of his ties to the club, dating back to 1994. A writer for the Fremantle Herald and the Football Budget at the time, he fell into the one-man job of creating a member magazine for the new AFL team. The first *Docker* was a 24-page, tabloid style publication that was released in November of 1994, before Fremantle had even played a game in the AFL.

"I was tasked with introducing people to what sort of a club it would be, and in many cases, introducing the players to the fans," Everett says.

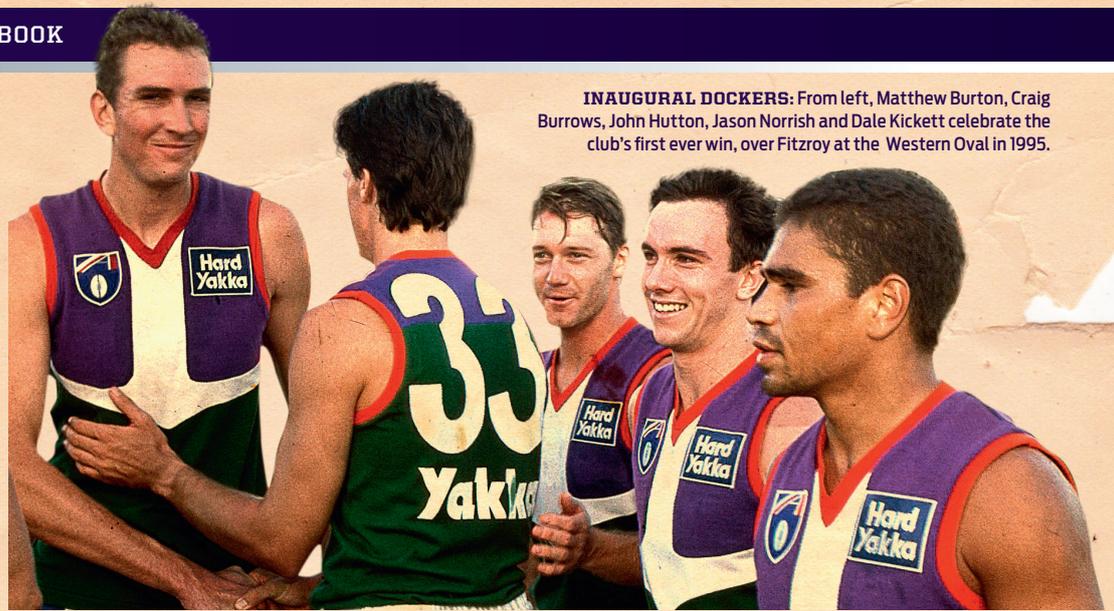
While he never officially worked for the club, Everett saw himself as an 'insider-outsider'. He took ownership of the early *Docker* magazines and club Year Book.

"The first Year Book set a blueprint and it's followed on now," he says.

"I was always thinking, if someone's looking back in 100 years, it should be a good reference for them."

Beginning in 2003, Everett spent three seasons on the club's board as a member-elected director. Originally from Boulder in the Goldfields, he has spent countless hours over the past four years interviewing past and present Fremantle players, coaches and officials.

He estimates he's spoken to about 50, with each interview having to be



INAUGURAL DOCKERS: From left, Matthew Burton, Craig Burrows, John Hutton, Jason Norrish and Dale Kickett celebrate the club's first ever win, over Fitzroy at the Western Oval in 1995.



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transcribed and sorted into sections he'd use and those he'd discard.

"I got to a point in 2012 where I had piles and piles of interview transcripts," Everett says.

"There was this one rainy day in my hotel room in Melbourne when I transcribed my interview with Matthew Pavlich.

"It went all day and well into the night."

Getting the Slattery Media Group on board as the publisher helped Everett make some sense of the thousands and thousands of words.

"I went from having this huge mountain of papers in front of me that I didn't know what I was going to do with, to everything then just falling into place and becoming logical," he says.

"I ploughed through it then."

Despite all the hard work that was required, Everett thoroughly enjoyed speaking to Fremantle Dockers players and officials from all eras.

Among his favourite interviews for the history book was a conversation with former president Rick Hart.

"There's something about the way Rick Hart speaks," Everett says.

"His story about the famous 'truth' meeting in 2006, when the season looked like it was going off the rails, and the players getting together over a couple of beers and a bonfire at his farming property in Serpentine, was really funny."

Among the more controversial was a chat with former Freo coach and current National Party member

Damian Drum at Parliament House in Melbourne.

"He had such a fractured relationship with the CEO David Hatt," Everett says.

"That was an era that I was very close to and one I remember very vividly."

It was decided the stories from the players in the book would be in the first person. Everett says speaking to current stars was also very interesting and rewarding.

"One in particular was Michael Johnson – there's something about his sincerity and what he'd gone through, it's a great story and I really enjoyed speaking to him," Everett says.

"Some players were mystified when approached about an interview for the book.

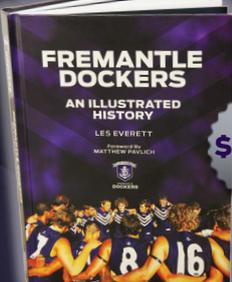
"Why do you want to speak to me?" they said. They weren't aware how important they've been to the club."

With the history book now complete and awaiting release, 59-year-old Everett is looking forward to the next chapter of the club's history.

Whether it's him or somebody else that writes them, he hopes there'll be some more great stories to add to a 40 or 50-year history publication down the track.

"The way it's been structured, people can just add to the book," he says. "Hopefully, there's a premiership to write about."





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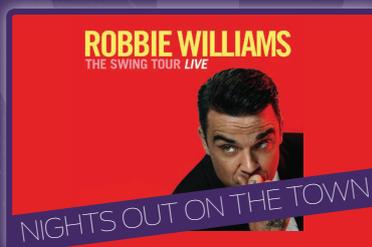
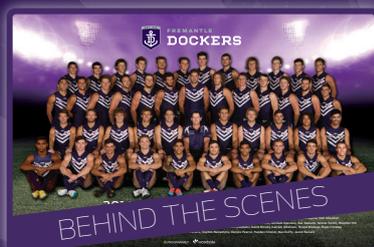


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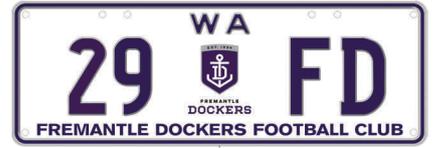
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TWO HUNDRED UP:
David Mundy and Aaron Sandilands played their 200th games in Carlton Draught Derbies in 2014

One is the biggest player to have played the game, the other perhaps one of its most underrated midfielders. Both played their 200th games in 2014 after enduring some growing pains early in their careers.

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

There have been parallels in the careers of Freo stars Aaron Sandilands and David Mundy. Nowadays, they are as important as any player to Fremantle's structure. But the journey to stardom took time and patience for both.

Sandilands was rookie drafted in 2002, but he was raw and had not quite figured out how to turn his body into his strength.

Mundy made a promising start to his career, winning the Beacon Award as the club's best first year player in 2005, when he played as a defender. He moved into the midfield in 2009 after a raft of retirements, but he struggled to make an impact.

Sandilands stood 211cm tall from his debut, but he seemed to grow metaphorically with every season he played. He was selected into his second straight All Australian team in 2009. The big kid from Mount Barker became a mountain of the game and was considered the best ruckman in the league.

In 2010, following three years of struggles that saw Fremantle finish 11th, 14th and 14th, Mundy made significant improvement that helped change the team's fortunes.

After a season at the midfield coalface, he realised he needed a bigger tank. So he got one, smashing all his personal bests for running in the pre-season. With 'Sandi' at the peak of his powers in the ruck, the club unearthed a ruck/rover combination to rival any in the league.

On the back of sensational seasons by both Sandilands and Mundy, a young Freo team bounded into the finals and eclipsed 2008 premiers Hawthorn in an Elimination Final. Mundy was best on ground with 25 possessions, mostly won in the trenches under Sandilands' feet.

The Doig Medal count in that season

THE 200 CLUB

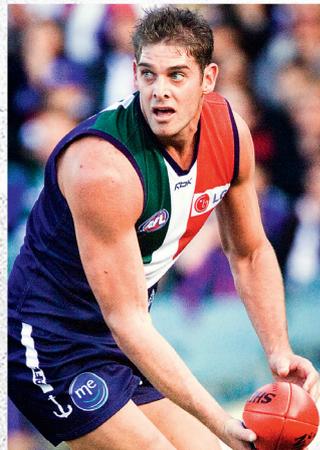
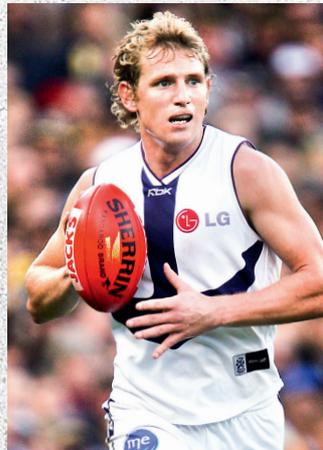


BIG WINNER: Zac Clarke and Matthew Pavlich had the honour of carrying the ruck champion off in game 200; And below, Mundy (2005) and Sandilands (2003) in their debut years.

reflected the pair's value at Freo. Mundy won the club champion award, just ahead of Sandilands, who was named in his third consecutive All Australian team. But 2011 saw an injury crisis hit Freo. Among the most prominent names to miss multiple weeks were Sandilands and Mundy.

The ruckman went down in round 9 against Port Adelaide with an injury not many had heard of back then – turf toe. He played just one game in the ensuing 10 weeks as Freo went 3-6 in matches without its colossus.

Mundy looked on track for an even better year than his Doig Medal winning 2010. He averaged



Mundy was a standout performer in a tough loss. In 2013, Mundy was at his brilliant best from go to whoa, while Sandilands missed the first 14 rounds before spluttering towards September. Then, with Freo facing football's most ominous task – a final at Simonds Stadium in Geelong – 'Sandi' was unleashed. He destroyed the great Cats with a monumental display of ruck work.

Freo qualified for its maiden AFL Grand Final. Seemingly down and out at half-time, two men stood tall at the coalface and refused to go down without a fight. Sandilands and Mundy willed Freo back into the match from the stoppages, with Sandilands controlling the ruck and Mundy winning clearance after clearance.

Mundy had 28 disposals, seven clearances and eight tackles for the game, while Sandilands finished with 44 hitouts in a heartbreaking loss to Hawthorn. In the first half of 2014, both stars have stayed fit and performed strongly. Sandilands has been touted as an All Australian again, while Mundy has been typically brilliant.

The season has also seen the leadership group members reach their 200 game milestones – both against the West Coast Eagles. Sandilands enjoyed a win in his double century match in the round 7 Carlton Draught Derby. Sandilands enjoyed a win in his double century match in the round 7 Carlton Draught Derby, while Mundy also tasted success in round 15. The respect each man has for the other is clear.

"I've said it before, Aaron is the best ruckman in the competition, bar none," Mundy said earlier in the season.

"It's obviously beneficial for the midfield when he's so dominant."

Sandilands labelled Mundy a crucial member of the side and a great teammate.

"The work he does around the midfield is superb and his on and off field leadership has been excellent," the ruckman said.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time he gets to the right spot and makes my job look easy. I love having him under my feet."

These two superstars of the competition will be called upon to push past 200 games and play a significant part in Fremantle's quest to return to finals action in 2014.

28 disposals a game in the first nine rounds, but he was injured early in a round 12 game against Essendon at Patersons Stadium and missed the next eight games. He briefly returned for a round 22 match against North Melbourne but did not play again as Freo crashed out of the finals race.

Ross Lyon took over the senior coach reigns in 2012, but Mundy's struggles continued. Off-season surgery after the 2011 season restricted him for the first half of 2012 as he battled to build fitness.

He missed the first two games of the year and did not reach 20 disposals on nine occasions up to round 18.

Sandilands sustained a recurrence of the turf toe injury in round 11 against Richmond at the MCG and missed the next eight games.

However, Fremantle made a huge surge towards September after the midway point of the season, and there was no surprise to see the momentum build on the return of both Sandilands and Mundy.

The midfielder averaged 27 disposals and 6.5 clearances in the last seven games and also polled Brownlow Medal votes in four of Fremantle's last five games. Sandilands resumed normal service in the last month and the pair helped propel Freo into a Semi-Final showdown in Adelaide, where



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A review of the first 15 rounds of the 2014 season

SEASONS SO FAR

20 YEARS



ROUND 1

v COLLINGWOOD

Fri, 14 March, 7.50pm

Etihad Stadium

37,571

FREMANTLE

2.3 8.7 14.10 17.14 **[116]**

COLLINGWOOD

2.4 2.8 3.13 5.16 **[46]**

OVERVIEW

Fremantle started the season with a bang, overwhelming the Magpies with a scintillating performance at Etihad Stadium. Hayden Ballantyne kicked three goals, while Aaron Sandilands was dominant.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 3
DISPOSALS: Barlow 29
MARKS: Pavlich, Sandilands, Barlow 7
TACKLES: de Boer 10
SUBBED IN: Neale
SUBBED OUT: Fyfe



ROUND 2

v GOLD COAST

Sat, 29 March, 4.40pm

Patersons Stadium

35,583

FREMANTLE

4.1 5.5 8.9 12.15 **[87]**

GOLD COAST

2.1 3.5 4.8 5.9 **[39]**

OVERVIEW

Freo ran over the top of the Suns thanks to another ruck master class by Aaron Sandilands. He had a career high 58 hitouts as Freo went 2-0.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Mzungu, Walters, Barlow 2
DISPOSALS: Mundy 33
MARKS: Duffield, Barlow 7
TACKLES: de Boer 9
SUBBED IN: Sheridan
SUBBED OUT: Hannath





ROUND 3

v HAWTHORN

Fri, 4 April, 7.50pm,

MCG

43,583

FREMANTLE

1.2 2.8 5.10 11.13 [79]

HAWTHORN

6.2 12.5 17.7 21.11 [137]

OVERVIEW

Freo's 2013 Grand Final conquerer Hawthorn got the best of Ross Lyon's men again at the MCG, winning comfortably thanks to a first quarter blitz.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Pavlich 4
DISPOSALS: D.Pearce 31
MARKS: McPharlin 8
TACKLES: de Boer 9
SUBBED IN: Sheridan
SUBBED OUT: Ibbotson



ROUND 4

v ESSENDON

Sun, 13 April, 2.40pm

Patersons Stadium

36,722

FREMANTLE

2.1 6.3 13.4 18.5 [113]

GOLD COAST

2.1 4.2 5.4 9.6 [60]

OVERVIEW

Fremantle won running away on a warm day in Perth as the Bombers wilted under the pressure barrage it encountered. The damage was done in the third quarter, when Freo piled on seven straight goals.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Pavlich 3
DISPOSALS: McPharlin 31
MARKS: McPharlin 13
TACKLES: de Boer 8
SUBBED IN: Simpson
SUBBED OUT: Mundy



ROUND 5

v SYDNEY

Sat, 19 April, 4.40pm

SCG

25,376

FREMANTLE

2.2 2.4 8.6 11.9 [75]

SYDNEY

2.1 5.7 11.10 13.13 [92]

OVERVIEW

Sydney won a typically tough tussle between the sides at the SCG. Nat Fyfe was excellent for Freo, while Matthew Pavlich kicked four goals.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Pavlich 4
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 32
MARKS: Pavlich 9
TACKLES: Clarke, Mayne 6
SUBBED IN: Suban
SUBBED OUT: Taberner





ROUND 9

v GEELONG

Sat, 17 May, 5.40pm

Patersons Stadium

 38,565

FREMANTLE

5.3 7.11 10.15 13.18 [96]

GEELONG

0.3 3.5 6.7 9.10 [64]

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ROUND 11

v WESTERN BULLDOGS

Sun, 1 June, 3.20pm

Etihad Stadium

 14,913

FREMANTLE

4.2 8.3 9.6 13.11 [89]

WESTERN BULLDOGS

1.4 2.8 5.12 6.15 [51]

OVERVIEW

Freo celebrated Indigenous Round with a good win over the Western Bulldogs at Etihad Stadium. Stephen Hill honoured the occasion with a brilliant four-goal display from the midfield.

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TACKLES: Barlow, Duffield 8
SUBBED IN: Ibbotson
SUBBED OUT: Sheridan



ROUND 12

v ADELAIDE

Sun, 8 June, 2.10pm

Patersons Stadium

 35,389

FREMANTLE

1.4 3.9 8.13 12.18 [90]

ADELAIDE

3.2 4.5 5.6 7.8 [50]

OVERVIEW

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MARKS: Pavlich 12
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ROUND 13

v RICHMOND

Sat, 14 June, 1.45pm

MCG

 22,074

FREMANTLE

3.1 7.5 13.8 16.9 (105)

RICHMOND

1.3 5.9 7.11 12.13 (85)

OVERVIEW

Hayden Ballantyne equalled a career-high effort with six goals against a spirited Tigers' outfit. Freo withstood the challenge to emerge winners at the MCG.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 6
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 33
MARKS: Barlow 7
TACKLES: Barlow, Duffield, Clarke 5
SUBBED IN: Sylvia
SUBBED OUT: D.Pearce



ROUND 14

v BRISBANE LIONS

Sat, 21 June, 5.40pm

Patersons Stadium

 25,152

FREMANTLE

2.2 9.3 12.7 15.15 (105)

BRISBANE

0.1 0.1 2.3 3.4 (22)

OVERVIEW

A superb first half in driving rain drowned out any hope Brisbane had at Patersons Stadium. The Lions could only muster one rushed behind from three entries inside 50 as Freo cruised to victory.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 5
DISPOSALS: Neale 34
MARKS: Mayne 7
TACKLES: Hill 10
SUBBED IN: C. Pearce
SUBBED OUT: Spurr



ROUND 15

v WEST COAST

Sat, 28 June, 2.40pm

Patersons Stadium

 40,490

FREMANTLE

3.3 5.4 10.6 13.10 (88)

WEST COAST

4.2 5.9 5.12 11.15 (81)

OVERVIEW

Fremantle overcame a huge Eagles challenge to kick away late in David Mundy's 200 game.

KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne, Hill 3
DISPOSALS: Hill 32
MARKS: Duffield 9
TACKLES: Fyfe, Suban 7
SUBBED IN: C. Pearce
SUBBED OUT: Sylvia



PLAYING FOR A GREATER PURPOSE

Indigenous Round provided the Fremantle Dockers with an opportunity to embrace and celebrate Indigenous culture.

STORY » ROSIE DUFFY



“
SOMETIMES THERE'S A
GREATER PURPOSE THAN
THE TEAM OR THE CLUB,
OR YOUR OWN FAMILY.

ROSS LYON





PRIDE: Led by its Indigenous stars, Freo run out for the 2014 Indigenous Round match against the Bulldogs.

HONOURED: Freo's banner featured the Sorry Day flower and recognised the Stolen Generations.



Following the round 11 win over the Western Bulldogs at Etihad Stadium senior coach Ross Lyon chose to focus on the efforts of Indigenous stars Stephen Hill, Michael Johnson and Danyle Pearce.

Lyon spoke of their ability to play with a real purpose and represent all Indigenous Australians.

"They had the opportunity to express themselves, and it was no coincidence at three quarter time it was Stephen Hill, Michael Johnson and Danyle Pearce that really got us

going, and we acknowledged that after the game," Lyon said.

"Sometimes there's a greater purpose than the team or the club, or your own family. They represented their people today and I thought it was absolutely super.

For the Freo trio, the game wasn't about them at all, they didn't want the spotlight. It was for their families and for all Indigenous Australians, in particular those who were part of, or affected by, the Stolen Generations.

The words 'Honouring the Stolen Generations', visible on the club's banner as the players ran out onto the playing arena, was the theme for the match. Forming a guard of honour for the players was a group of very special people.

Thanks to club major sponsors Programmed and Woodside, Indigenous elders who were part of the Stolen Generations were flown to Melbourne from Broome, Halls Creek, Derby, Beagle Bay, Wyndham and Perth to watch the game. Along with five Victorian Indigenous elders, they formed a guard of honour for the players.

The Kimberley Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (KSGAC) spokesman Mark Bin Bakar was part of the guard of honour. He travelled from Broome and said it was something he would never forget.

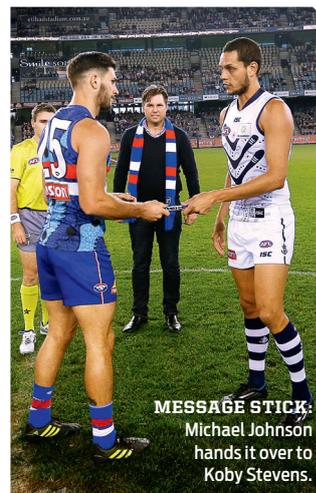
"I think, for myself and the elders, it was an honour," he said.

To be invited into the stadium to be in the guard of honour has been such a great experience for them.

"This is probably the highlight of their lives really."

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MESSAGE STICK: Michael Johnson hands it over to Koby Stevens.

Watching from their seats, the elders watched Johnson, pass a message stick to Koby Stevens from the Western Bulldogs at the coin toss. The message stick is

one of the oldest forms of communication and it acts like a passport. A message stick shows, in symbols, the country that people are travelling from and what business they would like to engage in, with the permission of the local custodians.

Fremantle's message stick was designed by Indigenous artist Richard Walley and was painted purple and white at one end and blue, red and white at the other to represent the two teams.

The symbols also represented that the Freo Dockers were coming for 'good business'.

And good business it was as Fremantle defeated the Western Bulldogs by 30 points.

Freo favourite Stephen Hill had a standout game kicking four goals from 24 disposals.

Fremantle players wore a specialised Indigenous guernsey, which was designed by leading Indigenous artist Richard Walley and Fremantle development coach Roger Hayden.

It featured the National Sorry Day flower in recognition of those impacted by the Stolen Generations.

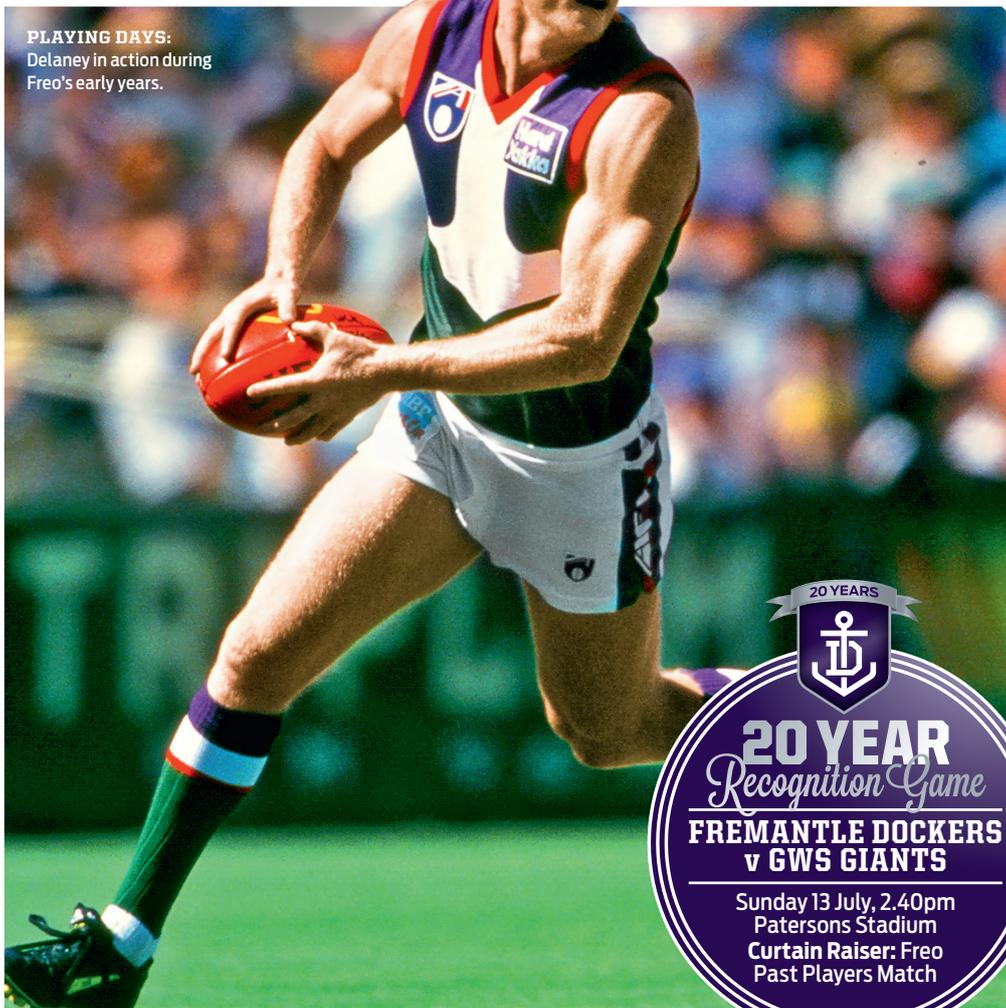
The Stolen Generations are the generations of Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their families by governments, churches and welfare bodies to be brought up in institutions or fostered out to white families.

Almost every Aboriginal family has been affected in some way by the policies of child removal. Taking children from their families was one of the most devastating practices since white settlement and has profound repercussions for all Aboriginal people today.



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PLAYING DAYS:
Delaney in action during
Freo's early years.



20 YEARS

20 YEAR
Recognition Game
**FREMANTLE DOCKERS
v GWS GIANTS**
Sunday 13 July, 2.40pm
Patersons Stadium
Curtain Raiser: Freo
Past Players Match

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TONY DELANEY

You'll be playing in the 20 year recognition game at Patersons Stadium.

How did that come about?

I was approached by the club, advising they would like the past players to be a part of it, and I thought it will be a nice idea.

Whether my body will allow me to get on the field or not is another story.

Have you been keeping fit, how do you think you'll go?

Put simply, no good!

Can you tell us about the bee sting incident at the WACA?

I found out about a year before I got to Fremantle that I was highly allergic to bees. After a training session at the WACA one afternoon I trod on a bee. So I went back into the rooms to let the doctor know and explained I was going to get incredibly sick very soon. They pulled out their adrenalin and gave me a shot. Twenty minutes later they were on the phone to the ambulance, so it was a close call but I had the right blokes there. They had all the right stuff and, basically, they kept me alive. 🐝

WHERE HAVE THEY DOCKED? TONY DELANEY

Docker catches up with one of the original Freo Dockers, Tony Delaney, who played 28 games for the club from 1995 to 1999.

Where are you currently living?

I live in Palmyra, which is just down the road from Fremantle Dockers HQ and I work for the Clontarf Foundation as a development manager.

Can you tell us about your family?

I have a wife, Jade and two daughters, Hazel and Ivy.

Do you still play football?

No, my last two years playing footy were up in Broome in 2006 and 2007.

Can you share one of your favourite memories from your time at the club?

I think playing in the first ever Freo game was something that sticks out as a very fond memory. There's not too many blokes who can say they played in the very first game.

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

I do, I work with a couple of guys at Clontarf like Andrew Wills, Craig Callaghan and Andrew McGovern. I also see a few socially every now and then.

Compared to when you were playing, how far do you think the club has come?

I think the club and the AFL in general have come a long, long way from where we were playing back in the mid to late 90s. The way players conduct themselves on and off

the field is a lot more professional and their requirements are obviously a lot more full on these days.

Who is the best Freo player you played with?

Dale Kickett. I played with him at Essendon as well and he's just one of those guys that, back in the early days, really set the standard on the field for his ferocity at the ball. He was a very well rounded player who barely played a bad game.

How did you feel seeing Fremantle qualify for the grand final in 2013?

I was super proud, and I loved it.

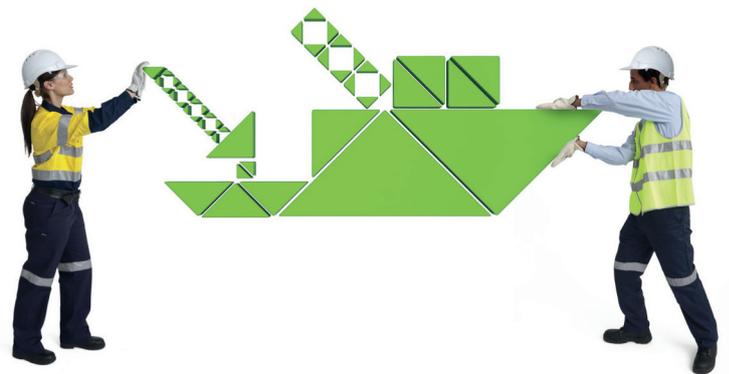
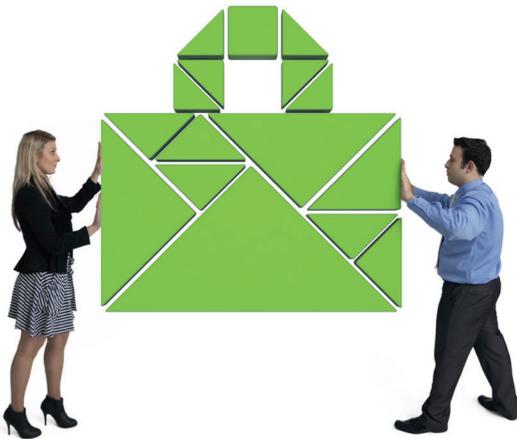
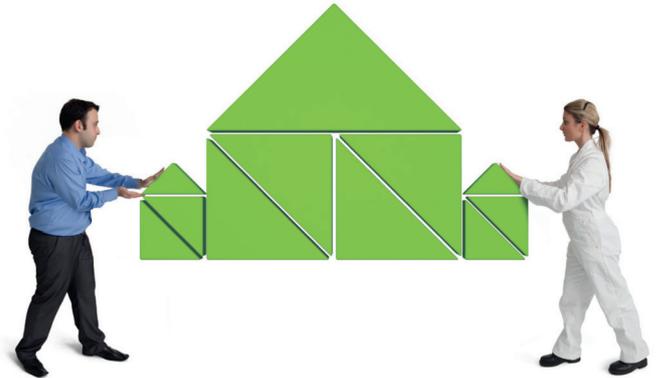
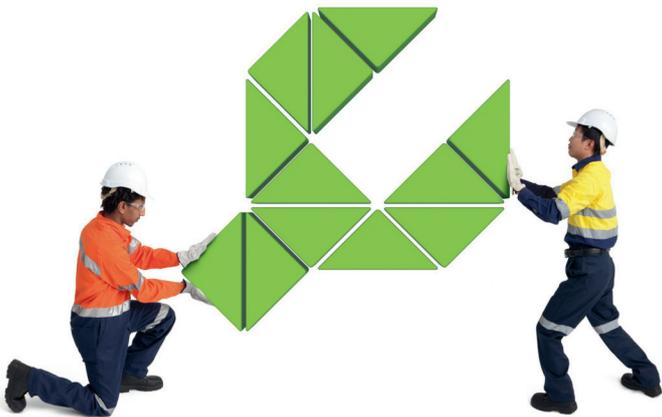
Who do you like watching play in the current team?

I think Nat Fyfe plays like a midfielder but can also play a centre half forward role or full forward role. He's a tough player and very exciting to watch.





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FREMANTLE SIGN PROGRAMMED AND FYFE



KEY SIGNINGS: Programmed managing director Chris Sutherland with Nat Fyfe.

On Thursday 26 June, the Fremantle Dockers made two big contract announcements – the signing of co-major sponsor Programmed for a further four years, and superstar midfielder Nat Fyfe’s three-year deal.

Both extensions are imperative to the club’s desire to attain sustained success. From an on-field perspective, Fyfe is one of the best talents in the land. Player retention has always been a big focus at Freo, and keeping the Lake Grace product in purple was a priority. And without strong sponsorship, no elite sporting organisation could compete at the highest level.

Programmed joined the Fremantle Dockers as a corporate partner in 1995 and will now enter its seventh season as co-major sponsor. Its managing director Chris Sutherland

said the company shared similar values to Freo. “Programmed invests with Fremantle because of their passion, blue collar work ethic and team focus that aligns with our values and with the teams of our blue collar field employees all across the nation,” he said.

Sutherland said Programmed were also very happy to see the club retain one of its biggest draw cards.

“Programmed is really excited that Nat Fyfe has also extended his contract in line with us, as he is very popular among all our staff and customers,” he said.

Fyfe said Freo was the best fit for him.

“I love playing here,” he said.

“The culture that’s building here at the club is really strong, it’s a player driven culture with high accountability and high standards.

“It’s been great to be a part of and I’m keen to be a part of it for years to come.”

SMILES TO INSPIRE

“Courage is often the still voice at the end of the day that says through the tears, I’ll try again tomorrow.”

At the opening of the 2014 AJ Diamond Club Bravery Awards ceremony, Dr David Blythe called upon the above quote from American author Mary Anne Radmacher to summarise the courage of the 12 recipients. Dr Blythe said the 12 award winners, who had been nominated by doctors and nurses who cared for them on the wards of either Fremantle Hospital, Rockingham General Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital or Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital, were truly remarkable.

“I think when we think of bravery, we think of people who are rescued

or people who are involved in fire fighting or in the military,” he said.

“I think this is a different sort of bravery, it’s a very special sort of bravery.”

Fremantle’s first year players Brady Grey, Michael Apeness, Alex Pearce, Michael Wood and Jacob Ballard presented the 12 young West Australians with their awards.

Grey detailed the story of two-and-a-half-year-old Tremainne Bennell, who spent time on the wards of both Princess Margaret Hospital and Rockingham General Hospital while being treated for a range of infections.

Tremainne has had 10 times more needles and antibiotics than the average person his age, and due to his long history of ear infections,

has partial hearing loss and wears a cap that’s been specially fitted with hearing aids. Grey said he, along with his teammates, were honoured to be part of the ceremony.

“It puts life into perspective, we live the footy life every single day so it’s nice to take a backward step and get to know people that have had trouble with their lives,” he said.

“As footballers we put our heads over the ball, but for (the recipients) it’s a life or death situation, so there’s stuff that they go through that gets to our hearts.

“It’s really inspiring for us, not only to learn about their stories, but to also feel like we’re a part of them.

“To see the smiles on the kids faces is great, the players definitely took a lot out of it.”



GOOD TIMES: Alex Pearce helps put a smile on the face of Tremainne Bennell.



FRIENDS:
Constable Care with his ambassadors Stephen Hill, Aaron Sandilands and Luke McPharlin.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY ON AND OFF THE FIELD

As West Australians we are very lucky to live in one of Australia's most diverse states. WA is made up of many different people, cultures and traditions.

For example, did you know that West Australians speak more than 270 languages, and 50 of those are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?

Celebrating this diversity in our community and in our classrooms is the topic of Constable Care's brand new puppet show entitled *Celebration*. This exciting and fun-filled performance is all about sharing and learning about new traditions, foods, music, sport and games.

Each year, the first week of July marks NAIDOC Week, which recognises the history, culture and achievements of Australia's

Indigenous and Islander people. Constable Care is proud to have Indigenous player Stephen Hill as an ambassador. Stephen is a great role model and works closely with Constable Care to teach kids to do the right thing.

Here are Constable Care and Stephen Hill's top tips for being a great role model and celebrating diversity in your local community:

Enjoy friendships with many people from lots of backgrounds,

appreciate the similarities and differences that make us who we are and never bully another person.

Live a healthy lifestyle by eating the right foods, exercising regularly, making sure you get enough sleep and setting goals to give you the motivation to achieve more. Support your friends, family and community by showing respect and being responsible at all times.

Redkite Family Fun Day



Redkite held it's annual Family Fun Day before Fremantle's round 12 match against Adelaide at Patersons Stadium.

The day saw 25 families watch Freo's win over the Crows. Second year player Jack Hannath spent time at the Purple Playground before the game to meet Redkite guests, have photos and sign autographs. Hannath said he thoroughly enjoyed being part of the event.

FUN DAY: Jack Hannath with a young Redkite guest.

"It's great to give back," he said.

"There were plenty of Freo fans down there too, so I'm sure they were cheering the guys on," he said.

In the week leading into the game, Redkite player ambassadors Nick Suban, Ryan Crowley and Tendai Mzungu visited Princess Margaret Hospital to ensure the children who were too sick to attend the game didn't miss out on the fun.

"It's great to chat with the kids," Suban said.

IT'S GREAT TO GIVE BACK.

JACK HANNATH

"We have a bit of spare time so instead of sitting at home we like to get down to PMH and interact with the kids and have a bit of fun."

PURPLE PAWS: Freo stars walk their canine friends.



Freo's four-legged fans

RSPCA WA ambassador Matt de Boer joined teammates Lee Spurr, Paul Duffield, David Mundy and Max Duffy at the RSPCA WA Million Paws Walk in May. The Million Paws Walk is the

association's biggest fundraising event and this year more than 10,000 dogs and their owners participated in the walk.

Every direction you looked, there was sure to be a Freo fan and their pet dressed in purple.

The players took part in the 2km walk and then spent time having photos and signing posters for the eager fans.

De Boer, who owns a border collie named Lily, said he enjoyed taking part in the event.

"There were plenty of Freo fans down there, it's good to see them supporting a great cause," de Boer said.

"All money raised from the walk registrations goes straight to the RSPCA and fighting animal cruelty."

FANS SHINE IN STARLIGHT PURPLE HAZE RECORD YEAR

The kindness and generosity of Freo's fans led to yet another fundraising record for Starlight Purple Haze in 2014. A record \$151,163.30 was raised as part of Starlight Purple Haze Game, which took place in round two when Fremantle took on the Gold Coast Suns at Patersons Stadium.

The game which is proudly supported by Fremantle Ports, raises money for one of the club's principal charity partners, The Starlight Children's Foundation.

The 12th annual Starlight Purple Haze game's fundraising effort surpassed last year's total of \$106,100 and the grand total donated to Starlight now sits at \$685,499.20.

Six player ambassadors give a great deal of their time throughout the year to visit children in hospital and help increase the profile of the Starlight Purple Haze Game.

These players are: Aaron Sandilands, Chris Mayne,



Matt de Boer, Garrick Ibbotson, Alex Silvagni and Lachie Neale. The player ambassadors joined the playing group and Starlight Wish Kids to celebrate the win over the Gold Coast Suns.

De boer and Mayne carried two Starlight wish kids, Tayten Dowson and Jackson Menegola, off Patersons Stadium while Aaron Sandilands took the

time to introduce Marley Kiernan to his teammates.

There was a genuine involvement from the players and in a heart-warming scene, the wish kids were included in the circle when the players sang the team song.

Earlier in the day, Starlight had more than 100 volunteers and 15 non-playing Fremantle players tin rattle in the Patersons Oval precinct

STARLIGHT WISH KIDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE CIRCLE WHEN THE PLAYERS SANG THE TEAM SONG.

before bounce down. As well as the game day involvement the support for Starlight Purple Haze this year came from far and wide throughout Australia. The Dowson Family, of Kalgoorlie, helped raised \$55,500, a record 31 schools held Purple Haze Parties, and numerous businesses in Fremantle held Purple Haze Promotions in the week leading up to the Purple Haze Game.

The club is proud to support the foundation as a principal charity partner and looks forward to breaking more records in 2015. 

SPREADING THE FREO PASSION

I'm a Freo member from Adelaide and recently travelled through India. It was hard to resist taking a sneaky pic of me 'owning the moment' at the one and only Taj Mahal!

PATRICK HELLAK

CRAIGMORE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA



FOOTY STAR IN THE MAKING

My nephew Xavier Rushton, aged 7, had a fantastic time at the open training session in April. He loved watching the boys train and picked up a few tricks for his own Auskick training. He loved getting his jumper signed by his favourite player Hilly!

MELANIE WRAY

DOUBLEVIEW



WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH

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

CELEBRATING A FREMANTLE WEDDING

My now wife, Jess and I tied the knot in March after I proposed to her at half time during the Fremantle v Richmond game on August 19, 2012. We took our purple passion to the next level, with Jess' bridesmaids calling her hen's night "Purple Haze Hens", and we had purple as a major part of our colour theme.

ANDREW SAUNDERS

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FORZA FREO!

My wife and I are avid Freo supporters who have been living overseas for seven years now. We follow Freo every year and this year we subscribed to AFLTV online to make sure we were up to date. This photo was taken on the eve of the Carlton Draught Derby from the tranquil location of Cinque Terre, Monterosso, Italy.

DEAN KNOWLES
MILAN, ITALY

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

My sister is touring with the Robbie Williams tour in the UK, working with the audio visual team. She's a big Freo fan so showed her passion on his front-of-house drape the other day. GO FREO!

JOE FORTE
HAMMOND PARK

BORN A DOCKER

New Victorian cheer squad member Evelyn Victoria Roberts was born on Tuesday 13 May, just in time for Pav's 300th game! We thought she'd arrive in time for Indigenous Round but she decided to come early to be #ThereForPav. Evelyn was officially signed up by her foundation member grandfather Bryan Lillis, three days after she was born.

LIZ ROBERTS
PAKENHAM, VICTORIA



THE FOUR-LEGGED FREO

Here is a photo of my husband and our dog, who is named Freo, on Grand Final day last year. We live in New Zealand and he is a very big fan. People are a little confused when they ask the name of our dog. We have to spell her name and explain the meaning behind it. We watch every game live-streamed on the computer.

HELEN HALL
ROTOTUNA, NEW ZEALAND



LIAM'S ONTO A WINNER

I captured a pretty good photo of my three-month-old son Liam during the first Freo win of the season. As you can see, he was 'pumped' with the win.

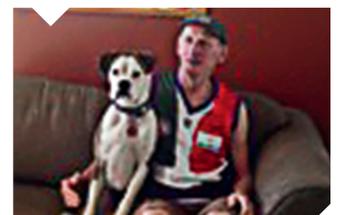
BEC WALTHER
ATTADALE



THERE'S A HILL ON THAT CAKE

My niece Lara is a big Stephen Hill fan. Lara celebrated her 19th birthday recently and her sister knew exactly what type of cake she would like. He might not wear the number 19 but Hilly was the inspiration behind the cake!

NADIA SPINOZZI
WHITE GUM VALLEY



let's connect

Score! My Freo Dockers membership includes Transperth travel.

For more information, please visit transperth.wa.gov.au or call 13 62 13.





hi kids,

I hope you are all enjoying watching the team play every weekend. It's been great to see a lot of our junior fans at Patersons Stadium during our home games. We had a big turnout at the open training session in the April school holidays, and Jenny and I are looking forward to the next session on Wednesday, 9 July at Fremantle Oval.

For those of you that are heading along to the School Holiday Clinic, I'll see you there.

Catch you on the flip side,

JOHNNY
'THE DOC'



HOUSE MATES

Johnny 'the Doc' wanted to learn a little more about housemates Chris Mayne, Lachie Neale and Hayden Crozier.

The trio only live five minutes away from the club so he called in after training one day and had a chat to the 'head of the house' Chris Mayne.



Who is the messiest?
It's probably a tie between both Lach and Croz. They are both really messy.

Who does all the cooking?
I do all the cooking, all the time.
I make a mean spaghetti bolognese!

What's it like living with Hayden and Lachie?
Most of the time it's good fun, it's like living with your brothers. At times it can be challenging as they are both still young and haven't lived out of home before. They are improving everyday.

Tell us about your room?
I have the biggest room in the house and it's also the cleanest.

Do you guys have any pets?
I have a chocolate Labrador called Milo, and Lach has a staffy cross called Stephy.



Hayden Crozier



Lachie Neale



Chris Mayne



SPOT the difference



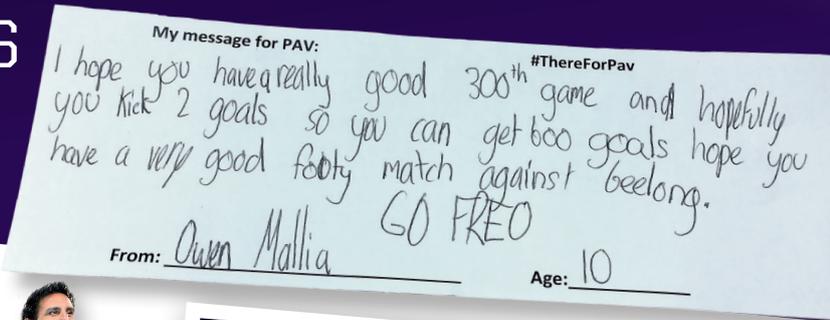
AT PATERSONS STADIUM GATE 8

There has been a lot of action at KidZone at gate 8 before each home game this season. KidZone fans celebrated **Matthew Pavlich's 300th game** by writing messages of support to the captain, had their faces painted and even played guessing games, with jellybeans.

We really liked this message to Pav from **Owen Mallia**.

As well as face painting there is a different activity for our KidZone fans at each home game.

KidZone at gate 8 is open two hours before bounce down at every home game, so make sure you head along and check it out.



CONSTABLE CARE SAYS

“ Now that it's winter, the weather is wet. So when you go to the footy, Take your rain jacket, don't forget! ”



Spot The Difference solution: Clarence Pearce's guernsey changed to blue; substitute's vest changed to yellow; purple stars on banner changed to red; white stars on banner are missing; the letter 'O' is filled in.



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