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THE TAG OF A CHAMPION

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AND I WANT  
TO GO WELL  
AND I WANT  
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TO GO WELL**

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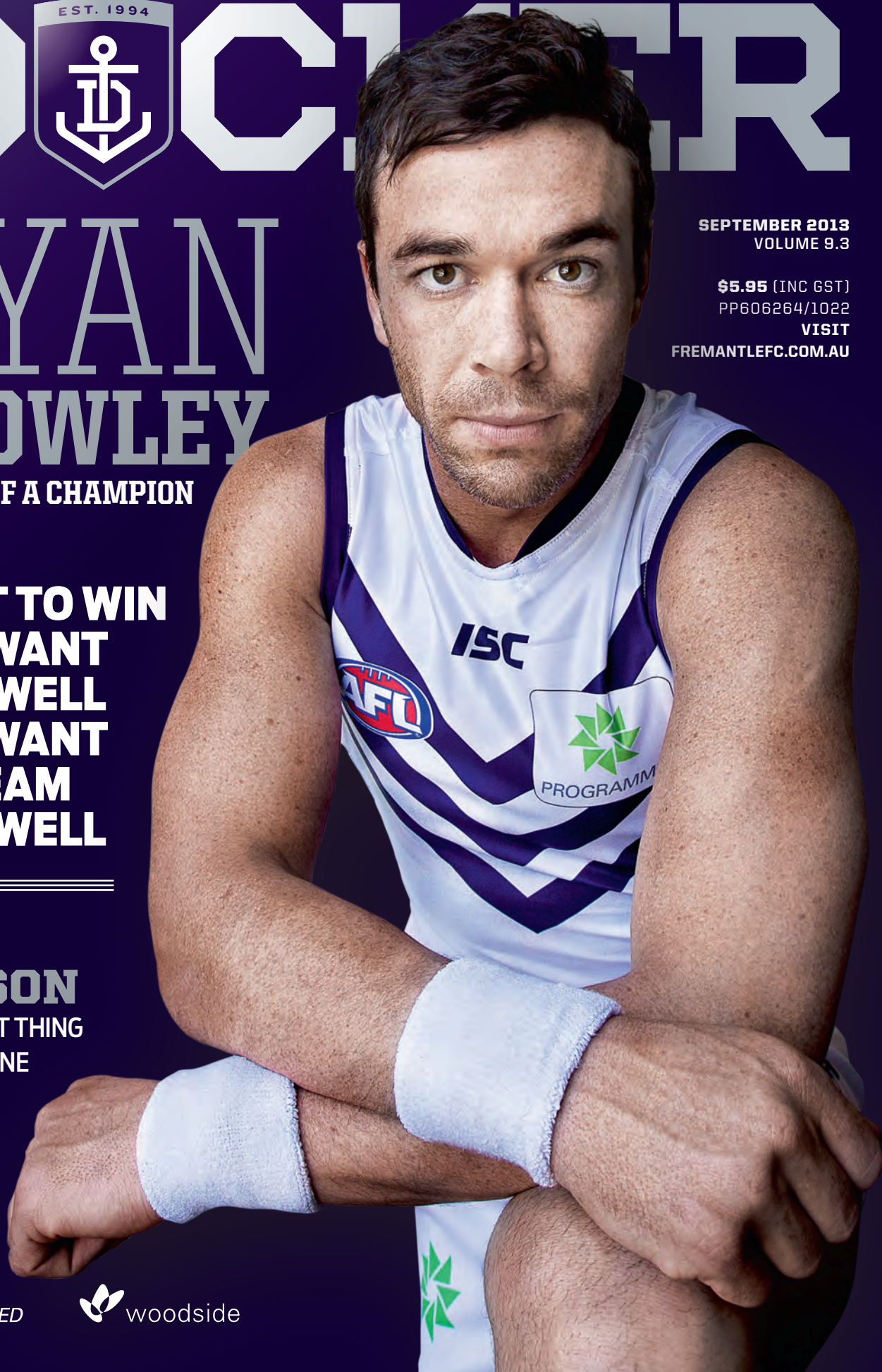
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Zac Dawson and the  
man who made him  
believe again.

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# The Freo insta-space twitter-sphere

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



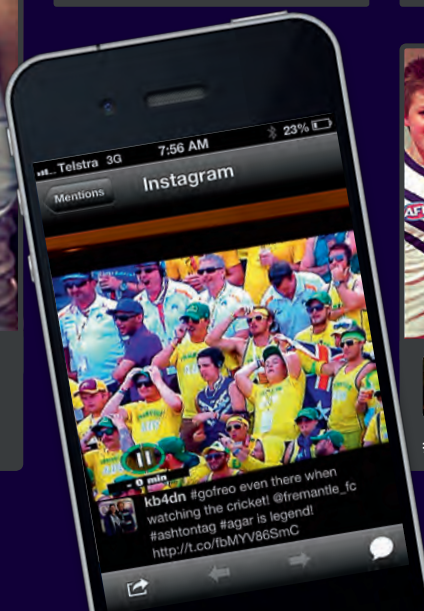
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Look who Freo fan  
Maria spotted at the gym  
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Lees biggest fans #34  
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Daddy/daughter time!



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Our little freo lucky charm  
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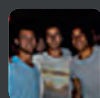
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The Terminator! #i'llbeback



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**ALL SMILES:**  
The first year players get a happy snap after finishing their AFL Apprenticeship Program.



## GRADUATION DAY

First year players Josh Simpson, Tanner Smith, Alex Howson, Max Duffy, Jack Hannath, Craig Moller and Matt Taberner graduated from their AFL Apprenticeship Program in August.

The program, which commenced in January this year, aims to equip the players with skills in communication and leadership as well as time and financial management.

Player development co-ordinator Liam Casson has seen the players develop off-field and recognises the benefits of the program.

"You see guys at the start of the program who are quite reserved, then by the end they have come out of their shell, so that's always nice to see," Casson said.

"It's been fascinating to watch friendships form... they are a real close-knit group."

# PURPLE POCKET

What's been happening in the world of the Fremantle Dockers



**ZEST FOR LIFE:**  
Nick Suban and Tendai Mzungu catch up with young gun Mason Hambling in Melbourne.

## A YOUNG FREO HERO

When Tendai Mzungu and Nick Suban met Mason Hambling in Melbourne on Saturday 17 August, they couldn't believe just how much energy the youngster had.

Mason was diagnosed with Burkett's Leukaemia in April this year and has so far undergone six rounds of chemotherapy treatment since his diagnosis.

The three-year-old spent an hour with Mzungu and Suban, kicking the footy and enjoying time away from his treatment at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital.

The players were in absolute awe of his zest for life and love for his Freo Dockers.

## LOVE YOUR FREO

There were some big names at Patersons Stadium to watch us take on the Kangaroos on Sunday 23 June.

Perth-born international comedian and musician Tim Minchin enjoyed the win with the players in the rooms after the game, along with Australian actor Samuel Johnson.

Johnson, whose sister Connie has breast cancer, is riding his unicycle around the country to remind every Australian woman to be 'breast aware'.

His aim is to raise \$1 million towards breast cancer research and, at the same time, break the world record for longest distance travelled on a unicycle.

The round 13 half-time experience was one he will cherish for a long time.

"Going around Patersons Stadium in Perth was absolutely phenomenal... I even got a standing ovation from the fans," Johnson told Channel Ten's The Project.



**THURSA'S TRIP TO FREO:**  
Thursa Leary meets her favourite player Luke McPharlin at Freo HQ.



**POST MATCH CATCH UP:**  
Matthew Pavlich, Tim Minchin and Samuel Johnson join the celebrations in the change rooms after the round 13 win.

## FREO ALL THE WAY FOR THURSA

Passionate Freo supporter Thursa Leary met her favourite player Luke McPharlin in August at Freo HQ.

A member since 1994, the 90 year-old is hoping for success.

"It would be great to see a premiership in the coming years," Thursa said.

"To see Luke out there playing would be lovely."

Thursa has attended most home games over her 19 years of membership and recently, her three-year-old great grandson Peter attended his first game.

He only lasted until half time, but if Thursa has her way, he'll be a Docker for life.



# THE BRAVEST THING I'VE EVER DONE

**Zac Dawson had lost the passion for the game he loved.  
One man's belief in him helped him find it again.**

**STORY » COSTA KASTANIS**

**I**n an episode of Docker TV's 'The Burning Question', the players were asked what the bravest thing they had ever done was. Zac Dawson's answer was to play AFL.

It wasn't skydiving, nor asking for his girlfriend Sheena's hand in marriage.

There was a time in Dawson's life when playing Aussie Rules was all he ever wanted to do, just as his grandfather from his mother Maureen's side, Ken Barclay, and his uncle, Stuart Barclay, had done for Essendon in the old VFL.

Zac's father, Peter Dawson, remembers a skinny kid, usually "six inches" taller than anyone on his team, who couldn't go anywhere without a footy in his hand.

"He excelled at Auskick, and he was best and fairest every year in the juniors, under 12s, 13s, 14s, 16s," Peter says.

It seemed football was all young Zac wanted to do. He captained his school side, Essendon Grammar, and the Doutta Stars, a local club in the Essendon District Football League.

All the while maintaining honours level in all his school subjects.

At 16 he would join TAC Cup side Calder Cannons, a club that has produced Brownlow Medallist Dane Swan, Norm Smith Medallists Ryan O'Keefe and Paul Chapman,

and Fremantle club champion Ryan Crowley.

He trained every day of the week and played Saturdays and Sundays. A bit excessive if you ask his father.

"It was too much football, but he loved it, the more the better," Peter says.

So if playing football was Zac Dawson's great passion, why did he consider playing AFL the bravest thing he'd ever done?

It can be traced back to an infamous day in 2006, when in just his fourth AFL game for his new team Hawthorn, the club he'd supported his entire life, Dawson was blown aside by a big bad wolf named Anthony Rocca.

The Collingwood goliath booted eight goals, and a quiet 18-year-old who didn't like the limelight was thrust into the role of whipping boy by the Hawks' fans and the media.

"I think I was in the paper every day

for a month, and nothing was ever positive," Dawson says.

"It was a lot to take on board as a young guy."

Dawson played 10 more games that season for a total of 14 at Hawthorn, but the stigma from his fourth never went away.

He was delisted at the end of the 2006 season, residing in a football wasteland for the next two years.

The scars from a tumultuous two years at Hawthorn had taken their toll and the game he'd

devoted eight days a week to as a youngster wasn't fun anymore.

"Mentally, I'd had enough of not being given an opportunity, so I started to doubt myself a lot at that stage, that I wasn't good enough," Dawson says.

Not everyone shared those sentiments. One man looked beyond the media scrutiny and fan opinion and saw something he could work with.

The then St Kilda coach Ross Lyon approached Dawson at the end of the 2008 season to see if he was interested in being rookie-listed by the Saints.

But Dawson was at the crossroads of his football career, and the

indicator was pointing towards not playing AFL again.

"I'd pretty much said to him I wasn't that keen when he first asked me," he says.

Lyon implored Dawson to speak to his family and friends before deciding which road to take.

"I think that was the best advice because I spoke to my parents and they said, if you don't take this opportunity, then in a year or two's time you're going to wonder 'what if?'" Dawson says.

"I didn't want to live my life like that, so I made sure I was going to give it 100 per cent and that's what I told Ross, that I was 100 per cent committed and I would give it everything I had.

"Ross instilled that belief into me, that he believed I could be a good player, that's all I needed to hear."

Zac Dawson was an AFL player again, and although the spectre of his Hawthorn days lingered, he didn't care anymore.

The person that mattered most, his senior coach, was on his side.

"To have someone in your corner at that early point, where he had nothing to gain, he didn't know me from a bar of soap, to have that belief from him straight away, that was the biggest thing for me," Dawson says.

**IN PURPLE:** Dawson is a crucial cog in the league's best defence.







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I KNOW I'M  
NOT THE  
PRETTIEST  
PLAYER...

ZAC DAWSON



"As a player that's all you need, someone in your corner, someone that's going to push for you and go into bat for you when things go bad, and that's what he's done."

The history books show that St Kilda, with Lyon at the helm and Dawson a key backman in the league's best defence, went to the edge of greatness twice.

But for the bounce of the ball, on two occasions, the Saints could have been much more than bridesmaids in 2009 and 2010.

Geelong's Matthew Scarlett entered footy folklore for his fourth-quarter toe poke to teammate Gary Ablett with scores level that changed the destiny of the '09 decider.

It was Dawson who left his man and spoilt a certain mark and inside 50 to Ablett. Cruelly, the spillage went in Scarlett's direction, and just seconds later Paul Chapman kicked the winning goal.

The decision to come off his opponent and spoil did not pay off, but Dawson has no regrets, because he knows he did exactly what Lyon would have wanted him to do.

"If that spoil had gone five metres left or right, things could have been totally different," Dawson says.

**HAPPY ZAC:**  
Dawson is relishing playing under Ross Lyon again.



"It always comes down to an inch or a millimetre in those sorts of games and you always wonder what if, but personally, I have no regrets, I feel like I did my job and played my role for the team."

Playing his role for the team has been the foundation of Dawson's relationship with Lyon.

"That's the beauty about Ross, everyone in the team knows exactly what they have to do, and they know exactly what their role is," Dawson says.

"No one has to go out and reinvent the wheel when they go out to play. I know I'm not the prettiest player to watch, but as long as I know that I'm doing my job, I don't worry about what everyone else thinks."

Peter Dawson draws comparison with his son and a footballer in the 1980s named Kevin Walsh, who played for Essendon under Kevin Sheedy.

"Early in his career, he was booed off the ground and the press was always saying he's not good enough," Peter says.

"He ended up becoming an All Australian and a premiership player.

"Sheedy always said the one thing the press failed to realise about Walsh was that he always did what he told him to do.

"That's exactly what Ross says about Zac.

"Ross has been a guiding light, he gave Zac belief, and that's why Zac respects him so much."



The bond between coach and player continues in the west, where Dawson joined Lyon at the Fremantle Dockers at the end of 2011.


Two solid seasons in the heart of the Fremantle defence bookended a surprise 2012 wedding to Sheena in Las Vegas, which he calls the 'happiest and funniest day of his life'.

Dawson only informed his friends, who were on holiday with him, of the wedding plans the night before the ceremony. His mates in turn added their own little surprise, rocking up for the nuptials **dressed as a banana, a cactus and a joker.**

Should Lyon lead Fremantle to the ultimate success, it will be the happiest day of Dawson's professional life.

"It's the pinnacle of your career, something you always strive for, but until we get there, I won't know," he says.

Zac Dawson is training almost every day of the week and playing on weekends, the game he loves is fun, again. 🍌



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# SEASON REVIEW



A REVIEW  
OF THE LAST  
12 ROUNDS  
OF THE 2013  
SEASON

**150 GAMES:**  
Ryan Crowley  
is chaired off  
the ground by  
Garrick Ibbotson  
and Chris Mayne.



## ROUND 12 v BRISBANE

Saturday 15 June, 2.40pm, Patersons Stadium



### FREMANTLE

3.4 6.7 8.9 12.14 (86)

### BRISBANE

2.1 3.7 4.9 6.10 (46)

SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



**TIGHT  
HOLD:**  
Crowley  
tagged Lion  
Simon Black.

### OVERVIEW

Ryan Crowley's 150th game was celebrated with a win over Brisbane in a typically clinical victory for Ross Lyon's men.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS:** Mundy, Mayne, Johnson 2  
**DISPOSALS:** Barlow 32  
**MARKS:** Ibbotson 11  
**TACKLES:** Mundy 5  
**SUBBED IN:** Crozier  
**SUBBED OUT:** Silvagni  
**CROWD:** 33,384

**RYAN  
CROWLEY**  
150 AFL  
GAMES



## ROUND 13 v NORTH MELBOURNE

Sunday 23 June, 1.20pm  
Patersons Stadium

**TENDAI  
MZUNGU**  
50 AFL  
GAMES

### FREMANTLE

1.3 5.6 7.6 10.7 (67)

### NORTH MELBOURNE

0.2 1.3 3.5 4.5 (29)

### OVERVIEW

Fremantle held the high-scoring Kangaroos to just one goal in the first half on the way to a comfortable victory.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS:** Suban 2  
**DISPOSALS:** Barlow 31  
**MARKS:** McPharlin 13  
**TACKLES:** de Boer 11  
**SUBBED IN:** Crozier  
**SUBBED OUT:** Hannath  
**CROWD:** 31,637

SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



**50 FOR TENDAI:**  
Mzungu played  
his 50th AFL game  
at the age of 27.







## ROUND 14 v GEELONG

Saturday 29 June, 7.40pm  
Simonds Stadium

### GEELONG

3.4 5.7 7.16 11.19 (85)

### FREMANTLE

0.2 4.2 4.2 7.2 (44)

#### OVERVIEW

Geelong was simply too good from start to finish against a Fremantle side missing midfield stars David Mundy and Michael Barlow. The Cats could have won by more if not for inaccurate kicking at goal.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Walters 3  
DISPOSALS: D. Pearce 24  
MARKS: McPharlin 11  
TACKLES: Ballantyne, D. Pearce 7  
SUBBED IN: Michie  
SUBBED OUT: Duffield  
CROWD: 26,743  
DEBUT: Viv Michie

SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



**FINDING IT:**  
Danyle Pearce had a team-high 24 disposals.



## ROUND 15 v ST KILDA

Saturday 7 July, 1.20pm  
Patersons Stadium

### FREMANTLE

3.1 6.2 11.6 15.10 (100)

### ST KILDA

2.2 7.3 9.3 11.4 (70)

#### OVERVIEW

The lowly Saints gave good cheek for three quarters, but Fremantle eventually ground out a hard-fought win.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Ballantyne 5  
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 35  
MARKS: Johnson 12  
TACKLES: de Boer 5  
SUBBED IN: Sheridan  
SUBBED OUT: Sandilands  
CROWD: 34,064

SCAN FOR  
MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



**SKIPPER RETURNS:** Pav played his first game since round 3.

**DERBY SUCCESS:**  
The team celebrates the win over the Eagles.



CARLTON MID DERBY

## ROUND 16 v WEST COAST

Sunday 14 July, 2.40pm, Patersons Stadium



### WEST COAST

2.3 6.5 11.8 14.9 (93)

### FREMANTLE

4.2 6.4 11.6 19.7 (121)

SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



**HILLY 100:**  
The speedster in action.



#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle withstood a spirited West Coast challenge for three quarters and bounded away for a big win in Stephen Hill's 100th game.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Walters, Pavlich, Mayne 3  
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 30  
MARKS: Ibbotson, Fyfe 8  
TACKLES: Mayne 9  
SUBBED IN: Sutcliffe  
SUBBED OUT: C. Pearce  
CROWD: 39,839

**STEPHEN HILL**  
100 AFL GAMES





## ROUND 17 v RICHMOND

Sunday 21 July  
1.10pm, MCG

### RICHMOND

3.3 4.6 9.9 12.12 (84)

### FREMANTLE

2.2 2.5 6.6 8.9 (57)

#### OVERVIEW

It was a disappointing first trip to the MCG in 2013, with the Tigers too good on the day. Freo were never out of it, but the Tigers led all the way.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Mzungu 3  
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 27  
MARKS: Spurr, Walters 8  
TACKLES: Mundy 8  
SUBBED IN: Sutcliffe  
SUBBED OUT: Silvagni  
CROWD: 40,125

SCAN FOR  
MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



FRESH:  
Sutcliffe was  
the sub.



## ROUND 19 v CARLTON

Saturday 3 August  
7.40pm, Etihad Stadium

### CARLTON

3.1 6.2 11.6 12.8 (80)

### FREMANTLE

4.3 7.5 12.10 17.14 (116)

#### OVERVIEW

A scintillating pressure display overwhelmed Carlton. Small forwards Hayden Ballantyne and Michael Walters led from the front.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Walters 4  
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 30  
MARKS: Mayne 7  
TACKLES: Clarke, D.Pearce 6  
SUBBED IN: Sheridan  
SUBBED OUT: C. Pearce  
CROWD: 30,457



SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



SET-SHOT:  
Barlow shoots  
on goal.



## ROUND 18 v ADELAIDE

Saturday 27 July, 5.40pm  
Patersons Stadium

### FREMANTLE

3.2 6.5 9.8 11.9 (75)

### ADELAIDE

2.4 2.6 5.9 7.11 (53)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle was below its best but did enough to register a home win over the Crows and remain hot on the heels of the top four.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Fyfe 4  
DISPOSALS: Fyfe 29  
MARKS: Mayne 10  
TACKLES: de Boer 7  
SUBBED IN: Sutcliffe  
SUBBED OUT: Taberner  
CROWD: 28,765

SCAN FOR  
MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



SUBAN:  
Hitting form.





**MAYNE CENTURY:**  
The milestone man with the fans.

## ROUND 20 v GWS

Sunday 11 August, 2.40pm, Patersons Stadium



### FREMANTLE

6.7 8.9 15.12 24.13 (157)

### GWS

0.3 5.3 5.5 6.8 (44)

SCAN FOR MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



**GREAT GOAL:**  
Ballaz after kicking a ripper.

### OVERVIEW

Fifteen individual goal kickers almost equalled the AFL record of 16 – but the club's greatest winning margin of 112 was broken in the 113 point win over GWS.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS:** Neale 3  
**DISPOSALS:** Barlow 27  
**MARKS:** Duffield, Mzungu 9  
**TACKLES:** Mayne 11  
**SUBBED IN:** Sutcliffe  
**SUBBED OUT:** Ballantyne  
**CROWD:** 31,390

**CHRIS MAYNE**  
100 AFL GAMES



WEAR WHITE NIGHT

## ROUND 22 v PORT ADELAIDE

Saturday 24 August  
5.40pm, Patersons Stadium

### FREMANTLE

5.4 10.4 15.7 21.8 (134)

### PORT ADELAIDE

1.1 1.3 4.4 9.6 (60)

### OVERVIEW

A sea of white at Patersons Stadium witnessed an uncompromising display of pressure football as Fremantle crushed finals team Port Adelaide in the member recognition game.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS:** Ballantyne, Pavlich 4  
**DISPOSALS:** Neale 28  
**MARKS:** Duffield 9  
**TACKLES:** de Boer 11  
**SUBBED IN:** Sheridan  
**SUBBED OUT:** Suban  
**CROWD:** 35,565

SCAN FOR MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



**ZAC CLARKE**  
50 AFL GAMES

**RUCK BATTLE:**  
Clarke and Lobbe had 73 hit outs between them.



## ROUND 21 v MELBOURNE

Sunday 18 August  
1.10pm, MCG

### MELBOURNE

0.2 4.5 5.5 5.8 (38)

### FREMANTLE

4.5 9.6 14.11 20.13 (133)

### OVERVIEW

Freo was clinical in its 95-point defeat of lowly Melbourne at the MCG.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS:** Ballantyne, Pavlich 4  
**DISPOSALS:** Mundy 34  
**MARKS:** Duffield, Walters 11  
**TACKLES:** Barlow 7  
**SUBBED IN:** Sheridan  
**SUBBED OUT:** Sandilands  
**CROWD:** 13,768

SCAN FOR MATCH HIGHLIGHTS



**BARRA:**  
Mundy in action against the Dees.





## ROUND 23 v ST KILDA

Saturday 31 August 1.45pm, Etihad Stadium



### ST KILDA

4.4 9.6 12.9 16.16 (112)

### FREMANTLE

0.0 4.3 5.5 6.5 (41)

SCAN FOR MATCH  
HIGHLIGHTS



#### TOUGH DAY:

Ross Lyon  
addresses his team  
after the final siren.

#### OVERVIEW

An inexperienced Fremantle side featuring three debutants was comfortably beaten by St Kilda in the last game of the home and away season.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS: Hannath, Simpson, Taberner,  
De Boer, Pavlich, Crozier

DISPOSALS: Crowley 28

MARKS: Crowley 8 Tackles: De Boer 7

SUBBED IN: Craig Moller

SUBBED OUT: Clancee Pearce

CROWD: 22,476

DEBUTS: Alex Forster, Craig Moller, Josh Simpson

## 2013 PREMIERSHIP SEASON LADDER

Pos	Club	P	W	L	D	%	Pts
1	HAW	22	19	3	0	135.7	76
2	GEEL	22	18	4	0	135.6	72
3	FRE	22	16	5	1	134.1	66
4	SYD	22	15	6	1	132.5	62
5	RICH	22	15	7	0	122.8	60
6	COLL	22	14	8	0	115	56
7	PORT	22	12	10	0	102.4	48
8	CARL	22	11	11	0	106.7	44
9	ESS*	22	14	8	0	107.3	56
10	BL	22	10	12	0	119.5	40
11	NM	22	10	12	0	108.1	40
12	ADEL	22	10	12	0	89.6	40
13	WCE	22	9	13	0	95.3	36
14	GCFC	22	8	14	0	91.7	32
15	WB	22	8	14	0	85.1	32
16	STK	22	5	17	0	82.6	20
17	MELB	22	2	20	0	54.1	8
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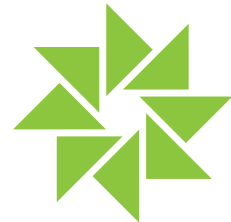
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# 2013 WEAR WHITE NIGHT



**F**remantle players, members and fans were in 'white hot' form on Saturday 24 August for the final home and away fixture at Patersons Stadium for 2013.

Ross Lyon's men put on a great show, defeating Port Adelaide by 74 points, but it was the crowd's performance that had the players talking post-match.

"Seeing the Mexican wave going and the fans making a lot of noise was unreal," dynamic forward Hayden Ballantyne said.

"We couldn't even hear our teammates out there, the noise was that great... Fantastic fans."

Thousands of supporters decked themselves out in white for the club's member recognition round and the players wore the white away strip with hundreds of fan photos placed in their jumper numbers.

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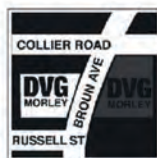
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# DOCKER MILESTONES



**TRIPLE FIGURES:**  
Hill after a Patersons  
Stadium win in his  
100th game.

## STEPHEN HILL 100 AFL GAMES

**I**t doesn't seem like all that long ago Stephen Hill was playing colts football for West Perth Football Club, in the WAFL.

The exciting midfielder chalked up his 100th game in the round 16 clash with West Coast, the same team he won a rising star nomination against in his sixth AFL game in 2009.

Hill's mother Stephanie, the greatest inspiration in his life, presented him with his match jumper in the rooms before his 100th game, with all the players present.

Close family friend, and the man who guided him through his early days in the AFL, Antoni Grover, gave a glowing tribute.

**“ANTONI PRESENTED ME WITH MY JUMPER IN MY FIRST GAME, SO TO BE ABLE TO HAVE HIM THERE TO HELP PRESENT MY JUMPER FOR MY 100TH WAS GREAT.”**

Grover spoke of the pride he had in seeing Hill mature as a footballer and a person.

“Antoni presented me with my jumper in my first game, so to be able to have him there to help present my jumper for my 100th was great,” Hill said.

For Hill, there was nothing more important than having his loved ones there to celebrate the milestone with him.

“It meant a lot, they’ve really supported me,” he said.

The 23-year-old turned it on in typical Hill fashion for the adoring fans at Patersons Stadium.

He had 27 disposals and kicked two goals in a stirring 28-point win over the Eagles.

Fremantle supporters will be hoping there's plenty more games like that in Hill's next 100 games and beyond.



**FULL FLIGHT:**  
Hill on a  
trademark  
dash.





**OUR MAYNE MAN:**  
Mayne acknowledges  
the fans.

## CHRIS MAYNE 100 AFL GAMES

In the week leading up to Chris Mayne's 100th AFL game, a journalist asked him which he'd prefer, to lay 10 tackles or kick five goals in a game.

The answer was predictable: 'Ten tackles, easily,' Mayne said.

Just to allay thoughts he was paying lip service to the media, Mayne went out against GWS at Patersons Stadium and hit the AFL's bottom side with ferocity.

The 24-year-old clamped on 11 tackles and applied a staggering 38 pressure acts – the most in the AFL in round 20.

**“IF THERE'S A  
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TEAMMATES  
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GAME, THEN  
THAT REALLY  
HAUNTS ME.**



**SHOWER:**  
Mayne gets the customary  
Powerade shower.

Forwards have been historically perceived as selfish creatures, more interested in kicking goals than handballs and tackles.

Mayne destroys that stereotype. His unwavering devotion to doing the 'team thing' embodies senior coach Ross Lyon's core mantra of role-play.

He doesn't care who kicks the goals. If one pressure act on the wing knocks over the first domino that creates a Freo goal, he is no less pleased than if he had kicked a miraculous major from the boundary line.

Not that he'd take that shot. Mayne would more likely centre the football to a teammate in a better position to convert.

The reason behind Mayne's maniacal and unselfish approach to his football is fear – fear of letting his teammates down.

"If there's a moment in the game where you feel you could have gone harder or stronger and you cost your teammates a part in the game, then that really haunts me," he said.

And he's equally demanding of his teammates.

"When that moment comes up, knowing that anyone's going to put their head over the ball, anyone's going to go back with

the flight of the ball, if you know that your brother's going to do that, then you know that you can have trust in them," he said.

Mayne became the second number 23 at Fremantle to play 100 AFL games after former club games record holder Shane Parker. 



**ROUTINE:**  
The sharpshooter  
shows off his style.



## TENDAI MZUNGU 50 AFL GAMES


**F**our or five years ago, playing 50 AFL games was the last thing on Tendai Mzungu's mind.

But that's exactly what the former Perth Demons' best and fairest achieved against North Melbourne at Patersons Stadium in round 13.

Fremantle's number 13 made his debut in round 9, 2011, against Port Adelaide at AAMI Stadium, and has played 60 of a possible 61 games since.

His flowing dreadlocks make him instantly recognisable to football fans across the country, but it's not just appearances that have made people take notice.

Mzungu's play in 2013 has been impressive, so much so that Fox Footy expert Gerard Healy rated him one of the favourites to win Fremantle's club champion award, the Doig Medal.

The 27-year-old isn't concerned with personal accolades, he's just happy to be playing the game he loves. 

**“ I'M VERY PROUD TO BE A 50-GAME PLAYER AT FREMANTLE. IT'S SOMETHING I'M REALLY PROUD OF AND I HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE TO THANK, BUT I ALSO HAVE A LOT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. ”**

**FLOWING LOCKS:**  
Tendai in action  
in game 50.



**FAN FAVOURITE:**  
Clarke's rise hasn't gone unnoticed by fans.

## ZAC CLARKE 50 AFL GAMES

**Z**ac Clarke brought up 50 AFL games in round 22 against Port Adelaide, which was also the club's member recognition round.

Recognition is something the 23-year-old has received in great quantity in 2013, leading the club's ruck division for a big chunk of the season.


It was an impassioned Ross Lyon that inspired Clarke following the side's round 7 win over Collingwood at Patersons Stadium.

Freo lost Jon Griffin for the season against the Magpies, the ruckman going down with a knee injury early in the contest.

On his way into the change rooms after the game, Lyon looked Clarke squarely in the eyes and said: "You've got to stand up."

Clarke played his first game of the season in the next match – against reigning premiers Sydney at the SCG – and he stood up.

Freo drew with the Swans, but it was a game that showed the AFL the club could match it with the very best.

Also on display was Clarke's skill, resilience and ability to respond when challenged. 

**“ I SAW IT AS A CHALLENGE AND I LOVED ACCEPTING THAT CHALLENGE AND GOING OUT THERE AND DOING THE BEST I COULD. ”**

**STANDING TALL:**  
Clarke took on the Swans' big men at the SCG in his first game of the season.





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# THE TAG OF A CHAMPION

— RYAN CROWLEY —

**A Victorian drafted as a forward, delisted, re-listed and turned into a tagger. Ryan Crowley is now a club champion, life member and Fremantle through and through.**

STORY » COSTA KASTANIS

**I**n 2002, the Fremantle Dockers aggressively sought a trade to bring young Brisbane midfielder Des Headland back home to WA.

Headland had just won a premiership with the Lions, but family reasons saw him ask for a trade back west.

A three-way deal was cooked up involving Fremantle, Brisbane and Essendon.

To compensate for Headland's loss, the Lions received Blake Caracella from the Bombers, who in turn got Adam McPhee from Freo.

While Fremantle got their man in Headland, they were also given Essendon's pick 55 in the upcoming National Draft.

With that selection, the club drafted a 17-year-old Victorian forward from the Calder Cannons named Ryan Morgan Crowley.

Headland became a key player at Freo. Caracella won a premiership at the Lions in 2003, and McPhee was crowned an All Australian with Essendon in 2004.

By comparison, Crowley's first two seasons at Freo were underwhelming. He struggled to even break into Subiaco's WAFL league team, let alone challenge for an AFL debut.

Crowley's best friend at the club, fellow draftee Byron Schammer, was playing AFL football, which made it even harder.

"You really struggle to form those friendships and bond with the teammates when you're so far away from the senior team, you're not travelling with them and there's no family over here," Crowley says.

"You can become a bit homesick."

He was subsequently delisted at the end of 2004, a day he's never forgotten.

"I still remember that day like it was yesterday, the day I got told my footy dream and aspirations were done," Crowley says.

"I don't really remember driving home, there was that much going through my mind.

"By the time I had got home, I didn't even remember how I got there."

But Crowley was given another chance to pursue his dream via the rookie list that same year.

Ahead of a round 10 visit to Kardinia Park in 2005, then-senior coach Chris Connolly approached him at training.

"He came up to me and told me I'd been elevated from the rookie list," Crowley says.

"By the end of training, when he turned the team board around and my magnet was on the board, I nearly fell off my chair.

"It was an exciting time, a boyhood dream."





» Crowley is now the scourge of the AFL's elite midfielders, but no one is drafted as a tagger.

He was an attack-minded midfielder, or, as his under 18s' coach used to joke, a 'wing/full-forward'.

In 2005, Freo needed someone to fill a new role for the team – that of the tagger.

Crowley's best attribute was his tank, a prerequisite for running all day with the league's best midfielders.

"Chris Connolly came up to me and told me there was a role for someone who wanted to take it on for the team," Crowley says.

"I knew I had the tank to do it and I thought it was my ticket into the team."

Crowley's first tagging job was on Carlton star Nick Stevens at the MCG in round 16, 2005. He held the Blue to just 13 disposals.

"Stupidly, I went ok... it evolved from there," he laughs.



**IT'S PERSONAL:** Crowley doesn't like getting beaten.



**BOTH WAYS:** Crowley is no slouch on the offensive end, as this goal shows.

Being a new face on the AFL scene, Crowley had to cop a few sledges from opponents trying to put him off his game.

"Guys would turn around and say things like 'who's this guy playing on me', and 'I don't even know his name, get me the footy Record,'" Crowley says.

His father, Larry, saw the lighter side of his son's new role. "One day, when I was younger, he sat me down and taught me about the defensive side of things, and I told him 'Dad, I won't have to worry about that sort of thing,'" Crowley says.

"He thought it was pretty funny that, all of a sudden, I'm tagging for a living."

There were some important lessons in the early days. Crowley recalls being touched up by then Port Adelaide star Shaun Burgoyne.

"He really tore me apart one day, but they are the games you really set yourself for the next time you play them," he says.

"I remember the next time we played them I was ready to go.

"As soon as the game had finished the week before, I knew he was coming, and I had set myself to have a good crack at him.

"The things he had taught me the last time I played against him, I tried to implement that, and I seemed to go ok."

That competitiveness and sheer disdain of defeat is the other requirement to playing negator.

Crowley considers it personal when he's beaten and says only current teammate Nick Suban might have more 'white line fever' at Freo.

That on-field persona is a far cry from the always-smiling, fine-dining critic-wannabe who often has viewers in stitches with his antics on 'The Freo Newsroom', a Docker TV show he hosts with teammate Garrick Ibbotson.

"It's just the way that I am, and I think that's why people find it strange when they meet me off the field, that I'm not really like that away from footy," he says.

“

**I WANT TO WIN AND I WANT TO GO WELL AND I WANT THE TEAM TO GO WELL, THAT'S MY TRADE, SO I DO TAKE IT PERSONALLY.**

**RYAN CROWLEY**

"I want to win and I want to go well and I want the team to go well, that's my trade, so I do take it personally."

Crowley is entrenched in the Fremantle line-up nowadays, but that wasn't always the case. There was a time, even after he'd found his niche as a tagger, when he never felt he belonged in the big time.

That was until fate threw him a question he had to answer in front of an AFL nation.

The stage was the 2006 Preliminary Final against Sydney at ANZ Stadium.

The team's number one tagger, Matthew Carr, who had the vital role on Swans' superstar Adam Goodes, went down early with a knee injury.

With his club one win away from a maiden grand final appearance, Crowley was called up to perform arguably the most important role in the game.

He held Goodes to 20 disposals, but the experienced Sydney side still emerged victorious.

"Playing on a two-time Brownlow Medallist in a preliminary final, trying to get into a grand final, at the time I was only 20 or 21, I felt like a did a really good job," he says.

"That was probably the time when I felt, if I could do it on the big stage in that sort of a game, then I could do it in the home and away season."

Crowley played his 150th game for Fremantle in round 12, 2013, against Brisbane at Patersons Stadium, leaving him eligible for life membership at the club.



Under Ross Lyon, he has fine-tuned his role to the point where many opponents, such as Richmond captain Trent Cotchin, now rate him the best tagger in the business.

On a recent episode of Fox Footy's Open Mike, 1990 Brownlow Medallist Tony Liberatore praised Crowley, calling him a "wonderful player and a character of the game".

Recognition from a man considered a pioneer and one of the greatest at his art left Crowley 'chuffed'.

"He is a champion of the game, and in terms of tagging and what I do, he is the one, he was one of the first and one of the best," he says.

"It was nice to hear."

But with the good comes the bad. From the game's best player, Gary Ablett, who tweeted his thoughts in 2012, to the opposition cheer squads that give him a weekly serve during on-ground warm-ups.

But Crowley is unhindered by the tags that have been applied to him, seeing them as a sign of respect, rather than contempt.

"I find the better I'm going with my job, the more it comes," he says.

The same can't be said for his grandmother.



**TIGHT TAG:** Brisbane's Simon Black has been one of Crowley's victims this season.

"When she's sitting in the crowd, she still hasn't got used to hearing all the heckling."

Something that did bother Crowley to the core was the pinching allegation from North Melbourne great Brent Harvey in round 13 this season.

Rather than cop the fine, Crowley unsuccessfully challenged the AFL Match Review Panel's hit to the hip-pocket. Not to save the money, but to clear his name.

**“HE'S A WONDERFUL PLAYER AND A CHARACTER OF THE GAME.”**

**TONY LIBERATORE**

"I didn't want to be painted in that picture," he says.

"I just knew if I went there and was honest, hopefully the truth would come out. I stand by defending myself, and that's just how it is."

Crowley is still homesick... when he leaves WA.


A place that had put him through some of the toughest times in his life now means everything to him.

"When I came over here I thought, as soon I finish playing football, I'll go back home," he says.

"The longer that I've stayed here, the more I've realised that it is my home now, I love it here."

He hopes that, after the unimpressive start to his career, he has managed to repay the faith shown to him by the club.

"When you feel the way you do about a football club, and you have feelings and bonds with the people here, it's good to know that you won't be forgotten when you walk out the door," Crowley says.

No one needs the footy Record anymore to know who pick 55 is. 



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# 2013 DOIG MEDAL PREVIEW

This year's Doig Medal promises to be one of the closest on record, with a number of Fremantle stars on all lines enjoying brilliant seasons. Can 2012's runner-up Chris Mayne go one better, or will Ryan Crowley claim yet another scalp by going back-to-back? Emerging superstar Nat Fyfe could ascend to club champion.

If Michael Barlow or Michael Johnson emerged victorious, either would be one of the most popular and deserving Doig Medallist's ever.

\*The statistics listed below are for the 2013 home and away season only and do not include finals.

## CHRIS MAYNE

21 GAMES



Mayne finished a surprise runner-up in 2012, but it would be no shock if he went one better this year. The forward has been tremendous, kicking at least one goal in all but two of the 21 games he played. His ability to create havoc for opposition sides coming out of their defensive 50 has been exemplary, too. He finished among the top players in the league for pressure acts this season. Mayne's relentless attack on the football and absolute willingness to do the team thing will attract plenty of votes again, and that could see him crowned a club champion.

### STANDOUT GAMES

#### Round 9 v Melbourne

23 disposals, 10 marks, 2 goals

#### Round 16 v West Coast

21 disposals, 9 tackles, 3 goals

#### Round 20 v GWS

18 disposals, 11 tackles, 2 goals

### 2013 RANKS AT FREMANTLE

- #2 marks (127)
- #4 contested marks (14)
- #1 marks on lead (31)
- #4 tackles (90)
- #2 goals (35)
- #1 goal assists (24)
- #2 pressure acts (422)

**No. 1  
GOAL  
ASSISTS**

## MICHAEL JOHNSON

21 GAMES



A pillar in the league's best backline, Michael Johnson has been Fremantle's Mr Dependable in 2013. Calm under pressure with the ball in hand and lacking no courage in marking contests, the half-back has played perhaps his best season yet. He was third in last year's Doig and is among the favourites to claim the outright prize this season. A Johnson victory would be one of the most popular in club history, and he would be the third Indigenous player to claim the honour after Dale Kickett (1997) and Troy Cook (1999).

### STANDOUT GAMES

#### Round 8 v Sydney

25 disposals, 7 marks, 1 goal

#### Round 9 v Melbourne

29 disposals, 10 marks

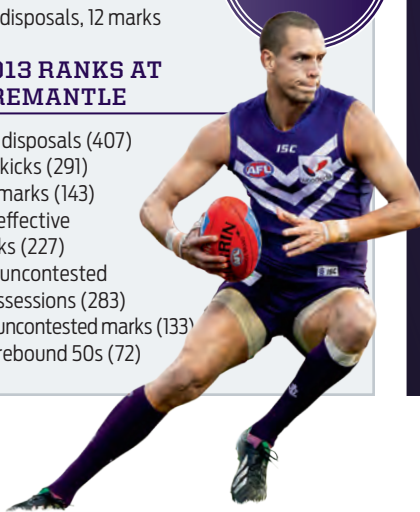
#### Round 15 v St Kilda

29 disposals, 12 marks

### 2013 RANKS AT FREMANTLE

- #6 disposals (407)
- #2 kicks (291)
- #1 marks (143)
- #1 effective kicks (227)
- #3 uncontested possessions (283)
- #1 uncontested marks (133)
- #1 rebound 50s (72)

**No. 1  
MARKS**



## NAT FYFE

19 GAMES



Fyfe took another step forward in his development this year, edging closer to the superstar status he's promised to reach since a breakout 2011 season. Fyfe stamped his class on a number of contests in 2013. He was a contested ball gun again, but the part of his game that really elevated was his contested marking, which he struggled with in 2012 because of his shoulder injury. Fyfe has been anointed a Doig Medallist-in-waiting by the Freo fans since a runner-up finish to Matthew Pavlich two years ago. Despite missing two games through suspension early in the season, this year could see him finally climb the mountain and earn the title of club champion.

### STANDOUT GAMES

#### Round 3 v Essendon

27 disposals, 2 goals

#### Round 15 v St Kilda

35 disposals, 4 marks

#### Round 16 v West Coast

30 disposals, 8 marks, 1 goal

#### Round 18 v Adelaide

29 disposals, 9 marks, 4 goals

**No. 1  
KICKS**

### 2013 RANKS AT FREMANTLE

- #2 disposals (488)
- #1 kicks (300)
- #3 handballs (188)
- #1 long kicks (87)
- #2 contested possessions (256)



## MICHAEL BARLOW

21 GAMES



Michael Barlow enjoyed his best full season of AFL since his stunning debut year in 2010. He missed one game through injury, but he was regularly on the best players list throughout the season. The midfielder won the ball regularly in the engine room, finishing among the top possession getters in the league. While Barlow is unlikely to make the highlight reels, he consistently gives great effort, performing the hard work in packs, which propels Freo into attack time and time again. If he can take home the Doig, it would be difficult to find a man who has worked harder against adversity to become a club champion.

### STANDOUT GAMES

#### Round 1 v West Coast

27 disposals, 9 tackles, 1 goal

#### Round 5 v Richmond

31 disposals, 5 marks, 6 tackles

#### Round 9 v Melbourne

32 disposals, 7 marks, 11 tackles, 1 goal

#### Round 16 v West Coast

26 disposals, 6 tackles, 2 goals

### 2013 RANKS AT FREMANTLE

- #1 disposals (557)
- #1 contested possessions (267)
- #1 handballs (296)
- #1 loose ball gets (102)
- #1 hard ball gets (116)
- #2 handball receives (184)
- #3 clearances (109)

**No. 1  
DISPOSALS**

## DAVID MUNDY

19 GAMES



One of the classiest ball users in the league will feature prominently again in Doig Medal calculations. Mundy is no stranger to the award, having won it in 2010. This has been his best season since that win, with injuries only sidelining him for two games mid-season. He is very highly rated by his teammates and coaches, so expect his consistent year to be rewarded with plenty of Doig votes. Mundy could join Matthew Pavlich as the only current Freo Dockers player to have won more than one Doig Medal.

### STANDOUT GAMES

#### Round 1 v West Coast

27 disposals, 10 tackles

#### Round 12 v Brisbane

27 disposals, 5 tackles,

2 goals

#### Round 15 v St Kilda

26 disposals, 5 marks, 2 goals

### 2013 RANKS AT FREMANTLE

- #3 disposals (457)
- #4 kicks (272)
- #4 handballs (185)
- #3 contested possessions (218)
- #3 tackles (101)
- #3 hard ball gets (90)
- #1 clearances (114)



## RYAN CROWLEY

22 GAMES



If 2012 is anything to go by, Fremantle master tagger and reigning Doig Medallist Ryan Crowley has just as much chance of winning it again this year. Crowley surprised everyone by winning last season, including himself, but no one will be shocked if he goes back-to-back in 2013. He has performed the shutdown roles brilliantly, which is certain to earn him votes from the coaching staff on a regular basis. Listed below are some of the big names Crowley has negated during the 2013 home and away season.

### STANDOUT SHUTDOWN GAMES

#### Round 1 v Western Bulldogs

Ryan Griffen - 10 kicks, 7 handballs

#### Round 7 v Collingwood

Scott Pendlebury - 11 kicks 12 handballs

#### Round 13 v North Melbourne

Brent Harvey - 5 kicks, 6 handballs

#### Round 14 v Geelong

Joel Selwood - 6 kicks, 7 handballs

#### Round 17 v Richmond

Brett Deledio - 8 kicks, 7 handballs, 1 goal

#### Round 19 v Carlton

Marc Murphy - 4 kicks 9 handballs

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# LIVE THE DREAM 2013



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**Over five action packed days, 16 young Australians lived the dream at the Fremantle Football Club. STORY » ROSIE DUFFY**

**S**peaking at the launch of Live the Dream, which is proudly supported by Decmil Australia, senior coach Ross Lyon said the program would not only benefit the participants, but also the player mentors who were involved.

This year's program included females for the first time, with Ashton Cowie and Madison Barnes joining 14 males for the once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Eight Fremantle players mentored the participants throughout the program, which aims to assist in

the development of skills and behaviours and deliver long-term benefits to the individual and their community.

Lyon said the learning process was a two-way street, with his players getting just as much out of the program as the participants.

"We want to produce well rounded people at the club," Lyon said.

"Mentoring roles are really critical and we've learnt the best way to learn is to teach.

"I know these players will take on the responsibilities really seriously and they will want to make sure all the participants in Live the Dream



**POST MATCH:** Chris Mayne with Madison Barnes and Ashtyn Cowie in the change rooms after the GWS win.





**THE DREAM:**  
(Clockwise from left) Michael Walters at the launch with Stephen Herron and Kelman Tullock, Army boot camp at the SAS Irwin Barracks, Training session at Freo Oval, Mitchell Stanley with his mentor Nick Suban.



have an enjoyable week and take a lot from it.

"We know that, through helping others, they will really grow as well.

"It's a critical role of the club to help our players grow and I would like to thank Decmil Australia for not only providing the opportunity for the participants but also for our players."

Live the Dream presents an opportunity for aspiring leaders to become immersed in the culture of

the Fremantle Dockers Football Club and 'live the life' of an AFL player.

The 16 participants came from all around Australia. Mitchell Stanley travelled the furthest, flying from Burnie in Tasmania.

In his application for the program, the 16-year-old said he wanted to become the best footballer possible.

"Football is my number one passion," he said.

"Having an opportunity like this will give me the best possible look into


what it takes to be and play against the best footballers in Australia.

"I think this opportunity will increase my level of professionalism and leadership, which will help me complete my goals."

Decmil Australia managing director, Ray Sputore, said Live the Dream was an opportunity for his company to give back to the community.

"We are extremely strong around our culture, our values and our brand, and for us it's important to demonstrate and live that in everything we do," he said.

"For us it's about learned and shared behaviours and there is a huge opportunity for the participants in the program to experience the opportunity of being immersed in a football club culture.

"It's a great experience." 

## LIVE THE DREAM ITINERARY

### Friday 5 July

- » Official Live the Dream launch
- » Tour of Fremantle HQ
- » Dinner and team building session with player mentors

### Saturday 6 July

- » Army boot camp at SAS Irwin Barracks, Swanbourne

### Sunday 7 July

- » Tour of Patersons Stadium
- » Fremantle v St Kilda match day experience
- » Change room visit post-match



### Monday 8 July

- » Tour of Decmil Australia HQ
- » Leadership and media training sessions
- » Boxing session



### Tuesday 9 July

- » Watch FFC training session
- » Introduction to the Freo squad
- » Training session on Freo Oval

### Wednesday 10 July

- » Official Live the Dream Program closing function



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# A BRAVE FREO TRADITION

Since the club's first season in 1995, the Fremantle Dockers have hosted an annual Bravery Award ceremony in association with the South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS).

In its 19th season, the event was this year sponsored by the A.J Diamond Club, a club coterie group. Freo's first year recruits present the stories of some remarkable young patients and surprise them with some well deserved gifts.

The club and SMAHS acknowledged 12 young West Australians who had passed through the wards of either Fremantle Hospital, Rockingham General Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital or Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital in the previous 12 months.



**BRAVERY CELEBRATIONS:** (Clockwise from top) The players and recipients take to Freo Oval for a group photo, Fremantle Dockers President Steve Harris addresses the guests, 2013 Bravery Awards medallion, Jack Hoffman and Austin Trezise at the ceremony.



Fremantle president Steve Harris put the 2013 awards into perspective by reminding guests that club captain Matthew Pavlich once told a young person's story of courage 13 years ago in his first season of AFL.

The tales of bravery were recounted by Jack Hannath, Tanner Smith, Max Duffy, Josh Simpson, Alex Howson, Matt Taberner and Craig Moller and, as always, the stories touched all those in attendance.

Craig Moller detailed the story of Zane Johnson, who suffered a serious collision at baseball practice that resulted in severe pain and an urgent trip to Fremantle Hospital's Emergency Department.

Zane began the day undecided between supporting Freo or the West Coast Eagles, but he told Moller there was no doubt who he'd be going for now. He was a Freo Docker for life.

Hannath said the event was an emotive experience for him and the other recruits.

"The Bravery Awards have been going since the club's inception and it's a really special day," he said.

"It's something the kids will be able to cherish and something they and their families will be able to take a lot out of.

"It was a great experience for me, and all of the guys."

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# FLYING THE REDKITE

August was 'Redkite month' at Freo with plenty of activity taking place for the club's principal level charity partner.

For Nick Suban, Ryan Crowley and Tendai Mzungu meeting the families and patients receiving assistance from Redkite is the reason they are ambassadors for the charity.

On Friday 9 August Ryan and Tendai headed to Princess Margaret Hospital to visit the patients on ward 3B and bring a bit of 'Freo cheer'.

The first, and youngest, patients they met were 10-week-old twins, Emily and Joshua Perkins. Ryan took a liking to the newborns and was even overheard saying he was feeling a bit 'clucky'.

They visited Abby Layh, who had her purple pyjamas on and was over the moon to be able to meet some players from her favourite footy team.

Dozens of Redkite families were treated to a day out at the footy for the GWS game on Sunday 11 August and attended a pre-game meet and greet with Garrick Ibbotson and Alex Forster.

Eight-year-old Levi Tracy, who is receiving treatment for leukaemia, was given the opportunity to be the 'Docker 4 A Day' and take to Patersons Stadium with the team as they ran through the banner.



**OUT AND ABOUT:** (Clockwise from top) Ryan Crowley and Tendai Mzungu with twins, Emily and Joshua Perkins; Levi Tracy taking to Patersons Stadium as the Docker 4 A Day; Tendai Mzungu, Abby Layh and Ryan Crowley at PMH; Garrick Ibbotson with the Lochhead-Stevenson family.




Levi and his family are huge Freo fans and the day was a very special one for them.

His father Mark, said the day would be one Levi would look back on and smile.

"This is huge for him, and it means the world for us to be able to see him experience this," Mark said.

If you would like to help Redkite provide essential support to children

and young people with cancer you can join Club Red.

Club Red members make ongoing monthly donations, ensuring families receive immediate and continued support. 

Scan the QR code for more information



## CONSTABLE CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Constable Care braved the wet conditions on Tuesday 9 June, when he ventured to Fremantle Oval for the club's annual School Holiday Program Super Clinic.

The Constable Care Puppet Show provided a sheltered dry spot for kids to watch and learn.

The show addressed waste reduction, ideas for renewing, recycling and re-using,

caring for the environment and the impact littering can have on wildlife.

Matthew Pavlich and Aaron Sandilands cast a keen eye over the puppet show and had plenty of tips for the kids on waste reduction.

**SHOWSTOPPERS:** Sandilands and Pavlich take questions from the crowd.





# WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH

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



## FLYING THE FREO FLAG

One of my students Logan Pow and I proudly wore our Freo gear during the Como Secondary College Hockey Tour in South Africa.

Andrew Mellor, Como



## DOUBLE TROUBLE

Here are our one-month-old grandchildren, Patrick and Christopher proudly wearing their Freo bibs. Their mother, Robyn, is proud to show off her purple passion all the way from Denver, Colorado.

Pat Lamont, Dongara



## FORZA FREO!

In Era, in the Sondrio region of Italy, my family was able to connect to AFLTV and watch the derby live. What a win!

Janet Lovreta, Balcatta

## PURPLE PRINCESS

My daughter Charlotte waited patiently for the Fremantle v Carlton game at Etihad Stadium in August. It was her first game and she was lucky enough to get a hat from Michael Walters at the end.

Michael Bye, Katamatite, Victoria



## BACK TO THE SCHOOL YARD

My mum Anne was Stephen Hill's canteen lady all throughout primary school at Clarkson Primary School. The photo was taken outside gate 8 before the Indigenous round. My mum is a massive Freo fan and always refers to 'Hilly' as her boy!

Melissa Warren, Clarkson





## BORN FREO

Our second daughter Nikita Lee was born into a Freo family. We have been members for five years now and enjoy watching the games with our two little girls. Next year she will be coming along to all the games where she will be cheering very loudly for the boys.

Donna Childs, Seville Grove

## EST 1994

This is my daughter's 18th birthday cake. She was established in 1994, just like our beloved Freo Dockers. The whole thing was edible... anchor, chains and flags.

Megan Caskey,  
Mt Hawthorn



## AUSKICK DOCKERS

My sons, Oliver and Tristan, in our backyard ready for Auskick in their Freo jumpers! Graeme Jones, Como



## 3-DAY-OLD MEMBER

When Brody Pausin was born in February 2013, it took just three days for him to be signed up as a Freo member, making him our youngest member at the time. Now, six months later, he is as 'hungry for his footy' as ever.

Wal Pausin, Bicton

## CURLY KEEPING WARM

'Curly the Cow' proudly wears her Purple Paws member blanket. As the temperatures in Esperance drop, Curly happily wears her blanket, especially on game days!

Sara Skjold,  
Canning Vale



## OUR LITTLE DOCKERETTE

Meet our little princess, Georgia Campbell. She was born May 16, 2013 and she's already hanging out to attend her first Freo game with Mum and Dad. Nikita Campbell, South Guildford





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# WHERE HAVE THEY DOCKED? BRODIE HOLLAND

## Where are you living these days?

I'm living in Melbourne with my family.

## Tell us about your family?

I've been married for five years now and have three kids, a little girl called Stevie who is three and twin boys, Kip and Bowie who are two years old.

## What do you do for work?

I've got a couple of things happening. I coach a local footy club in the Essendon district footy league which is part time. I also have my own network marketing business.



**DAD'S BOY:**  
Holland with one of twin boys Kip.

## What do you like to do in your spare time?

I don't have much spare time at the moment. If my wife Sarita and I get a few hours to ourselves we like to go and watch a movie or go out for dinner. That's about it. When you have three kids no one really likes to babysit.

## What was your best memory from your time at Freo?

I still remember the first derby win. That was probably the biggest highlight from a team perspective.

## Do you keep in touch with any past players?

I catch up with Jess Sinclair, Heath Black and Trent Carroll from time to time. I played pretty much my whole career with James Clement but I haven't really kept in contact with him. We've all gone our separate ways with work and family but it's

just like old times when you do catch up with your old teammates.

## Do you keep an eye on the current Freo team?

I've kept a close eye on Freo and I've been impressed with how they have been going this year. So, fingers crossed they will have a good chance in September.

## Do you have a favourite player?

There are a couple of players I like. Nat Fyfe has an uncanny ability that not many players have. I like watching Hayden Ballantyne, he gets under the guard of his opponents. He plays with a bit of passion and that's what people like to see when you go to the footy.

## Do you think the game has changed from when you were playing?

I only finished playing five years ago and the game has changed so much. You see how well the defensive structure of Fremantle is and the pressure seems to be a lot more intense. 🏈

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**I STILL REMEMBER THE FIRST DERBY WIN. THAT WAS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST HIGHLIGHT FROM A TEAM PERSPECTIVE.**



**IN ACTION:**  
Holland playing for the Dockers in 1999.

## CAREER STATS BRODIE HOLLAND

### Date of birth

3 January 1980 (age 33)

### Playing Height

181cm

### Playing Weight

81kg

### Position

Midfield

### Drafted

Round 2, pick #26  
1997 National Draft

### Debut

Round 8, 16 May 1998  
Fremantle v Geelong  
Kardinia Park

### Fremantle (1998-2000)

36 Games  
37 Goals

### Collingwood (2001-2008)

118 Games  
104 Goals





# KIDZONE

hi kids,

It's the exciting end of the season and the finals are here! My sister Jenny and I have been training really hard and we are ready to support the team for the finals. I hope you have all enjoyed coming along to Patersons Stadium on game days and practicing your footy skills at the Purple Playground. It's been heaps of fun meeting our KidZone fans down there. If your footy season is almost finished don't forget to stay fit and healthy over the break so you are ready to start fresh next year.

Catch you on the flip side,

johnny 'the doc' docker



## WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?

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g'day kids,

I can't believe the home and away season is over. It's been so great to see our KidZone members at the games during the season. We've also had some pretty cool events down at the club such as the open training sessions and the school holiday super clinic, which was a pretty wet day but still heaps of fun! It's so exciting to be playing in the finals this year, and I hope that you can all support us through the finals series. Whether you're at the games or watching on the TV, make sure you put your purple gear on and cheer as loud as you can.

GO FREO!

mayney



## KIDZONE GALLERY

There has been plenty happening during the year in KidZone. Well done to all the lucky KidZone members who made up the guard of honour for the round 13 game against North Melbourne at Patersons Stadium.

Stay updated with what's happening in KidZone by signing up to 'MY MONDAY MESSAGE'.

'My Monday Message' is an exclusive weekly message for KidZone members from Johnny 'the Doc' Docker and 'Mayney'.

To sign up for 'My Monday Message' simply scan the QR code or head to:



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## MAYNEY'S SUPER SMOOTHIE

½ cup of berries

1 banana, peeled and halved

1 cup milk

1 tablespoon honey

1 Place frozen berries, banana, milk and honey in a blender.

2 Blend until smooth.

3 Pour into a glass and ENJOY!



## CONSTABLE CARE SAYS

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