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Pat Litherland and captain Renee Forth  
for the inaugural women's derby in April.



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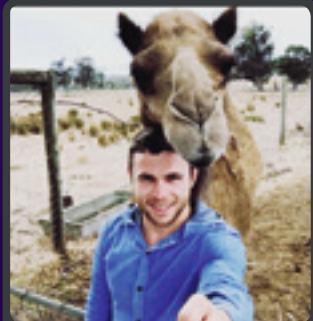
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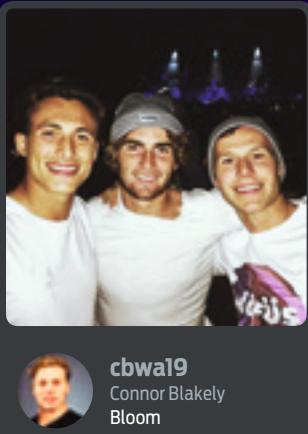
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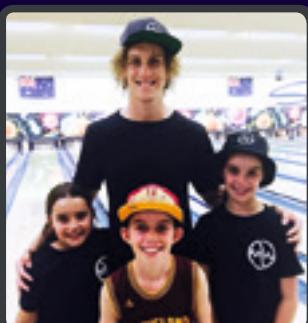
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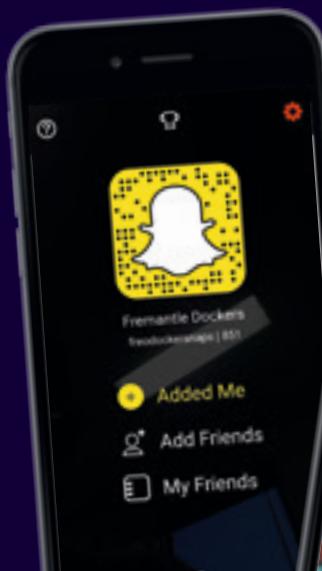
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**TRICKS OF THE TRADE:**  
Freo Newsroom hosts Garrick Ibbotson, Michael Barlow and Tendai Mzungu with Blake "Bilko" Williams.

## FREO NEWSROOM JOINS THE CIRCUS

Docker TV hosts Tendai Mzungu, Garrick Ibbotson and Michael Barlow caught a sneak peak of the tricks and flips Nitro Circus had on display during their 10-year anniversary tour in May.

The trio put their kicking skills to the test when they fired off 40-metre drop punts towards a moving target — freestyle motocross rider Blake "Bilko" Williams.

Williams is part of the death-defying squad of freestyle motocross and BMX riders, skaters and stuntmen at Nitro Circus.

Williams described the Nitro Circus world tour as "two and a half hours of organised chaos".

"Not your average circus," he said. Williams, a passionate Collingwood supporter was quick to join the Purple Army, wearing a guernsey given to him by the club.

**To watch the full FREO NEWSROOM report head to Docker TV.**

# PURPLE POCKET

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE FREMANTLE DOCKERS

### LONGLEY'S LESSONS

Three-time NBA champion and Australian sports hall of famer Luc Longley provided invaluable insight when he visited the Freo Dockers on 18 May, according to Tommy Sheridan.

"Luc's obviously a three-time champion with the Bulls, but the start of his career wasn't pretty," Sheridan said.

"He preached the message about how things don't always start well but how you respond is important because your character doesn't shine until you face adversity."

"It was a great experience, and very humbling to have a sportsman who's achieved what Luc has to share his wisdom with us."

Having experienced the highs and the lows of life in the NBA, Longley said his message to the players was simple.

"It was a message of support," Longley said.

"We spoke about perseverance, controlling what you can and keeping focused on the small things, as they add up to make a real difference."

**GUIDANCE FROM A GREAT:**  
Lachie Neale, Ryan Nyhus, Matthew Uebengang, Tommy Sheridan and Brady Grey with NBA legend Luc Longley.



**BE OUR GUEST:**  
Fremantle President Steve Harris and high profile sports agent Jeff Moorad.

### SHOW HIM THE MONEY!

One of the inspirations for the classic sports film Jerry Maguire, Jeff Moorad enjoyed his first live AFL game on Saturday 7 May when Freo took on GWS at Domain Stadium.

The high-profile American sports agent said that while he had seen a few games on television, the live experience from the President's Suite was far more enjoyable. "TV doesn't do it justice," Moorad said.

"Being here in person gives a fan a real feel for the great athletes these players are."

"The size of the field is stunning. I'm used to the NFL in the US, so this field is larger than anything I have ever seen."

When asked if he had a favourite Freo player, there was no doubt in Moorad's mind.

"The most amazing player I've seen isn't actually playing tonight, your seven-footer (211cm) Aaron Sandilands. Which is pretty stunning to me. His height is just unbelievable."





**TAKING SHAPE:**  
The view from above the  
new elite training and  
administration facility at  
Cockburn Central West.

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time-lapse video on  
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# FREMANTLE DOCKERS **FOUNDATION**



## SECURING OUR FUTURE

In June 2015, the Fremantle Football Club launched the Fremantle Dockers Foundation to support key club projects, including the new elite training and administration facility at Cockburn Central West. It aims to engage and support the community through strong alliances with key charity partners and a focus on the club's corporate social responsibility through programs such as the Fremantle Dockers Community Goals program.

During the past twelve months our members and supporters have generously donated to the foundation and we thank all those donors for their contribution.

As the financial year draws to an end, the club is calling on members and supporters to donate to the Fremantle Dockers Foundation and help secure our future.

Show your support and help secure our future. Donate today.  
[fremantlefcc.com.au/foundation](http://fremantlefcc.com.au/foundation)

**LEADERS TOUR:** Members of Fremantle's leadership group received a facility update in April.



## NEW FACILITY ON TRACK

Works on our new elite training and administration facility at Cockburn Central West are on track to be completed by March 2017.

During the past few months the building structure has evolved to now showcase the size and scale of the facility. Builder Brookfield Multiplex has made some major advancements in the steel structures and the precast concrete panels, with the overall project now approximately 40 per cent complete.

Glazing has been installed in the club's administration and football department areas, along with the internal wall partitioning. The main AFL training oval is now fully constructed, thanks to our co-major sponsor, Programmed, who have done an exceptional job in delivering a world-class oval.



# FREMANTLE DOCKERS FOUNDATION

SECURING OUR FUTURE

## DONATE TODAY TO THE FREMANTLE DOCKERS FOUNDATION

End of financial year is just around the corner, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible and you can donate today by visiting [fremantlefc.com.au/foundation](http://fremantlefc.com.au/foundation)



## VICTOR GEORGE KAILIS OVAL

The Victor George Kailis family is synonymous with Fremantle and they have been proud inaugural members and supporters of the Fremantle Dockers since the club's inception. As the club sets about raising funds to support our new facilities at Cockburn Central West we have had great support from families such as the Kailis', who have generously donated to the Fremantle Dockers Foundation.

In recognition of their generosity, the club is pleased to announce that the AFL ground at our new facility will be known as the Victor George Kailis Oval, named in recognition of the Kailis family's generous support.



**IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR GENEROSITY, THE CLUB IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE AFL GROUND AT OUR NEW FACILITY WILL BE KNOWN AS THE VICTOR GEORGE KAILIS OVAL.**

**VALUABLE:** Victor and George Kailis have made a significant contribution to the Fremantle Dockers Foundation.



### LOYAL MEMBERS:

The Derby Club have launched a campaign to raise funds for the foundation.

## DERBY CLUB LECTURE THEATRE

The Derby Club is known as the 'club within the club' and was established in 1995 as a business-networking group to support the Fremantle Football Club.

As well as enjoying camaraderie and friendship, members of the Derby Club raise funds to support the club's key projects and programs.

On Sunday 24 April at the Fremantle v Carlton game, the Derby Club launched a campaign to raise funds for the Fremantle Dockers Foundation.

In recognition of this support, the lecture theatre at the club's new facility will be called the Derby Club Lecture Theatre.

It will be a state-of-the-art lecture theatre in the heart of the facility that will be used by the players, coaches, staff, guests and the community.

To find out how you and/or your company could be recognised at the club's new facility, please contact Lucinda Ardagh on (08) 9433 7164.

To make a tax deductible donation to the club's end of financial year fundraising campaign please visit [fremantlefc.com.au/foundation](http://fremantlefc.com.au/foundation).





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## FOOTY FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

**B**odhi Derrick was diagnosed with Autism at the age of five. Bodhi's parents found it difficult to find a team environment where their son fitted in. That was until they were introduced to Starkick, a football program for children with special needs.

The program, run by the Coolbinia Junior Football Club, has allowed Bodhi to be part of a team and play the game he loves... Aussie rules.

Like many Starkick participants, Bodhi eats, breathes and sleeps footy. His mother Tam is very grateful for the program and believes it has made the transition into mainstream sports easier for her son.



"Being part of Starkick means everything to Bodhi. He cannot hide his enthusiasm and excitement before game day," she said. "The Starkick program is so uplifting for both the participants and families."

The initiative was developed by Coolbinia Junior Football Club president Rob Geersen to create more sporting opportunities for children with special needs.

"Starkick is all about inclusion through football and providing opportunities for special needs children that so many of us take for granted," Geersen said.

"Our goal is that one day every child, no matter their needs and



**BODHI'S STAR:** Starkicker Bodhi Derrick with Stephen Hill at Domain Stadium in March.

# A MILLION REASONS TO SMILE

**T**he kindness and generosity of Freo fans has led to more than \$1 million being raised for the Starlight Children's Foundation since the first Purple Haze Game was played in 2003.

In its first year \$14,000 was raised for the children's charity and in 2016, Freo members, fans, staff and players rallied to donate a record \$189,904.45 for the annual match, proudly supported by Fremantle Ports.

Efforts came from far and wide with long-time Purple Haze supporters, the Dowson family of Kalgoorlie, raising a huge total of \$66,365. The Fremantle Dockers Sirens supporter group also showed enormous support, raising more than \$25,000 through a number of social events.

This year's match saw Freo take on the Gold Coast Suns in round 2 at Domain Stadium and in a stunning effort, more than 145 volunteers

assisted on the day to rattle tins and sell the much-loved Starlight wands.

In the lead up to the game, Starlight ambassadors Chris Mayne, Matt de Boer, Garrick Ibbotson, Alex Silvagni, Lachie Neale, Lachie Weller and Aaron Sandilands spent time visiting kids on the wards at Princess Margaret Hospital and attended several fundraising events to help raise the profile of the game and vital funds for the charity.

The team lost to the Suns, but there were heart-warming scenes at the end of the game as the players acknowledged the Starlight wish kids on ground and formed a guard of honour as they led the team off the field.

**The Fremantle Dockers Foundation is proud to have Starlight as a principal level 'Friend of the Foundation.'**



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no matter where they live, will have the opportunity to play the greatest game in the world."

Bodhi and other Starkick participants were invited to the Freo Family Fun Day on Saturday 12 March to form a guard of honour on ground for the Freo players as they prepared to take on Geelong in the NAB challenge.

"To line up and cheer the players as they ran onto the ground is an experience that will stay with them for life," Geersen said.

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# GIVEN THE CHANCE

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Renee Forth captained the Fremantle Dockers in the inaugural women's derby between Fremantle and West Coast on Saturday 9 April. Here she shares her experience, the challenges that came with it and what the historic match means for women's football.





**“TO LEAVE THE GROUND TO A STANDING OVATION OF WA FOOTBALL FANS INSTILLED A CONFIDENCE IN ME ABOUT WHERE WOMEN’S FOOTBALL IS HEADING.**

**RENEE FORTH**



**HISTORY MADE:**  
Forth leads Freo out in  
the first ever women's derby.

**T**here was a moment in the game where everything stood still. It sounds clichéd but when you're a part of something so historic it's important to let it sink in, even just for two seconds until the umpire throws the ball up again.

To be able to take a look around Domain Stadium during the first ever women's derby between Fremantle and West Coast on Saturday 9 April, and be able to quietly think "How good is this?" is a moment that will remain with me, not only as a football player, but as a person.

I didn't see the game as a reflection of how far women's footy has come, but rather a celebration of what the future holds.

That's not to say I wasn't nervous. After all, it wasn't too long ago that I called Geraldton home, my main focus was soccer and what seemed like large responsibilities now paled in comparison to those that lay ahead as the captain of the Freo team in the first ever women's derby.

Some of the responsibilities were confronting, but they were welcomed.

Whether it was establishing camaraderie between teammates who had only recently played against each other in the State competition, or adjusting to the bright lights of the media scene that accompanied such a significant event.

Each possessed its own difficulty, but that's exactly what playing football is about, confronting and overcoming challenges and I believe every player that took part did just that.

Many of us did not have football available to us at a younger age. We came from different sporting backgrounds and converged on a national game that can be difficult to learn, but it showed the importance of resolve and surrounding yourself with people who allow you to grow.

The extent of the quality of people I was surrounded by dawned on me on a crisp Thursday night at Fremantle Oval on 7 April.

We had converged at Freo HQ to receive our match guernseys and hold a training session. To look around and see the enthusiasm my teammates had for the game was outstanding.

To hear our names called out by Lee Spurr and be presented with our playing jumpers really drove home the fact we were contributing to something special, not just for us, for the betterment of Australian sport.

For young girls to be able to watch women's football on TV and know there will be a competition available for them at the highest level is an incredibly powerful thing.

As for the game itself, words sometimes fail to truly explain the feeling out on the ground that day.

Walking down the race, shoulder-to-shoulder in the Freo colours and being able to stare out and see thousands of like-minded fans who came to appreciate and help grow women's footy was remarkable.

The game itself didn't go the way we would've liked. We weren't composed when we needed to be, and as a whole we probably didn't adjust to the big stage of Domain Stadium quickly enough on the day. But that's not to say there weren't positives.

After the game we spoke about making the most of the experience, enjoying the memories and remembering the feeling of the leather in your hands, what it felt like leaving your boot and the roar of the crowd after a big tackle.

I saw the passion for women's football first hand and that's exactly what we want... the chance to be included and to play the greatest game on earth.

Being part of the first ever women's derby is an experience none of us will take for granted and to contribute to something from the ground up was an incredible honour.

Women's football will only continue to grow and as captain of the Fremantle Dockers women's team on that historic day, I can't wait to see the talent continue to flourish and take its place on the biggest stage of all.



**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
Forth saw the experience as an exciting look into the future of women's football.

# THE FREO TRANSITION



# WELLER, LANGDON + BLAKELY

In the middle of a quiet suburban street in Fremantle live three 20-year-olds with a love of sport and passion for football.

STORY » NED BALME

**A**t the end of 2014, three budding young footballers in Lachie Weller, Ed Langdon and Connor Blakely, converged on Freo from across the country after being selected by the Fremantle Dockers in the AFL National Draft.

Weller made the move from Queensland after being selected with pick 13, Langdon (pick 54) moved from inner city Melbourne, while Bunbury-boy Blakely had some familiarity with the area, having been recruited from Swan Districts with pick 34.

Moving interstate at a young age can be a daunting experience, especially when combined with the

challenge of transitioning to AFL football, but Langdon said Blakely's familiarity with WA was a great help.

"It actually turns out I met Connor at the draft camp, but neither of us remembered it until we were drafted together," Langdon laughed.

"All three of us had a brief conversation when we got to the club and we got along really well from the first day."

"Lachie and I were living with a host family and Connor was living with family in City Beach who we got to know. We were eventually going to move closer to our footy, so we all decided to move in together near Freo."

Being a WA boy and having already experienced the move

from Bunbury to Perth, Blakely said it was important to make Langdon and Weller's move west as seamless as possible.

"If the roles were reversed, I know they would have done the same for me," Blakely said.

"I had plenty of family living around Perth, so to be able to take them over there and have dinner was good and it allowed them to speak with people outside of footy, which is pretty important."

"If you're just meeting people within the football world it can get a bit repetitive, so having the opportunity to meet my friends and family gave them an opportunity to refresh away from footy." ▶▶



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CONNOR BLAKELY

**FRIENDLY COMPETITION:**

The ping-pong table  
was a popular addition  
to the household.

Transitioning from under-18 competition to the AFL environment always poses its challenges, but Langdon said being able to share the experience with his housemates was invaluable.

"You're never going to be absolutely ready for an AFL pre-season, no matter where you come from," he said.

"You get home from training, you're absolutely knackered and all you want to do is sleep, but we all kept each other accountable in our down time.

"It was pretty tough, so we all rode the highs and lows of that together."

Weller said being able to go through their first pre-season as a collective was beneficial and its significance has only been magnified now they've spent more time together at the club.

"The first pre-season was definitely very tough," he said.

"But it's all the more rewarding now that we've got to the stage where we're able to push to play football together.

"We've been through it now and are definitely better players for it."

While their first pre-season together strengthened their friendship and their resolve, there are still moments of competitiveness between the three.

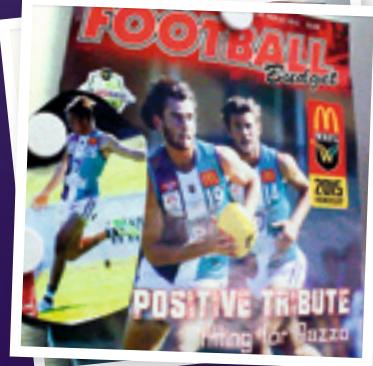
As professional athletes, they're often on edge, unwilling to back down and as you walk out of the main hallway of the house into the living area, you can't help but notice the centrepiece of their household competitiveness.



  
**PING PONG**  
T A B L E

"We're a pretty competitive bunch," Weller said.  
"When we first moved in we had the choice of a Playstation 4 or a ping-pong table, and we like to test each other, so we went for the table."

While the most animated confrontation between the three may result from deciding who's given the role of referee, Langdon said the competition does have the propensity to spill over into other sports.  
"As you can imagine, some of the table tennis games get pretty competitive between us," he said.



"We're always looking for ways to compete, whether it's shooting a basketball around or throwing the American football, we usually find a way to make it competitive."

Blakely said his own personality, combined with the sporting background of both Weller and Langdon made competition inevitable.

"We all love our sport and live an active lifestyle and obviously they're from a pretty good pedigree with both Lachie and Ed's brothers in the AFL," he said.

"Out on the track we push each other a fair bit and that transitions into our living situation, so I guess it was meant to be."

The competition in the household isn't just reserved for sports but also for fridge space.

Stuck to the front door of the fridge sits an old edition of the *WAFL Football Budget* with Blakely in full stride, footy in hand, with Weller in support.

Intruding on their cover photo is a roughly cut out image of Langdon playing for Peel Thunder that he had cut out of the same magazine, and stuck next to them on the fridge.

The image of all three side by side on the fridge door in Peel Thunder colours provides a constant reminder of not only their friendship but also the importance of their first year playing together.

Whether it's the 45 minute drive to Mandurah, or the northern expedition to HBF Arena in Joondalup, the three make the most of their time in the WAFL and it has proved to be crucial to improving their friendship and football.

"Playing together for Peel has been huge, it was probably the biggest part of the growth in our relationship," Langdon said.

"Obviously, we all wanted to be playing for Freo at the time, but we all knew we had to bide our time and earn our spot, so we ended up playing together with Peel for about three quarters of last year.

"You become pretty close mates when you're playing and driving all over Perth together."

Blakely championed Langdon's assessment of the importance of playing together at Peel, but disagreed with his recollection of who did most of the driving.

"You work out their strengths, weaknesses and it's an invaluable experience to play WAFL together and help us transition to AFL" he said.

"We had a rotation policy with the driving to and from the games."

"But recently, Ed wanted to institute the "rock off" policy to see who drives because he obviously backs himself in paper, scissors, rock, so more often than not we do that now."

In 2015, after 17 rounds of waiting, the household received its first debutant with Lachie Weller selected to face GWS in round 18.

Weller said after becoming so close with both Langdon and Blakely, he felt strange being the first to receive the senior call up, but his fears were quickly alleviated by the support given by his teammates.

"When I first moved in I thought it could get a bit competitive, like if one or two of the guys are playing AFL and the others aren't, but we never had any of those clashes," he said.

"They were really excited for me and that goes throughout the house, we're all thrilled for any little or big win we have."



Langdon's debut came against Melbourne in round 22, while Blakely followed in round 23 against Port Adelaide.

Langdon said for the entire house to go from WAFL players to AFL debutants in the space of a little over a month was a memorable experience.

"It's a pretty special moment because you all ride the journey together," he said.

"You feel proud of them because you're aware of how much work they've put in, especially being with them 24/7."

"Lachie debuted first, then myself and Connor, it was nice having all our first games together and it was a pretty excited household over those few weeks."

Now, midway through the 2016 season, all three have played at AFL level and it seems there is very little time for reflection about their journey, according to Weller.

"You get a lot of people saying that this is probably the best time

of your life, so we try to reflect a bit when we have the time," he said.

"That being said there'll be plenty of time to look back on it when we're older and I'm sure we'll look at it as a pretty special time in our lives."

Langdon said it was important that each of the three young Freo Dockers were aware of the opportunity they had received.

"It's an amazing situation," he said.

"We're all striving for the same goal and we're aware that not many people get to be in this situation, so we're very grateful for the opportunity."

While he acknowledged the periods of reflection are often exciting and always humbling, Blakely admitted the goals of the Freo youngsters lie further than just being able to say they played together.

"We want to play a lot of AFL footy but the coaching staff are never going to hand out games just because we're young," he said.

"We have to earn it and we're fully aware of that."

"We've all had fairly good opportunities so far and hopefully we'll play a lot of good footy together for the rest of our careers."

**CALLING FREO HOME:**  
The three helped each other adjust to life in Western Australia.

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Our round five match against Carlton on Sunday 24 April marked the 21st annual Len Hall Tribute Game.

The match is named in honour of Len Hall (1897-1999), WA's last surviving Gallipoli veteran and is played in recognition of those who have served and continue to serve in Australian and New Zealand armed forces.

This year the club acknowledged returned and fallen ANZACs from the Vietnam War of 1962 to 1975 and remembered the Battle of Long Tan, in its 50th anniversary year.

More than 34,000 Freo and Carlton fans put aside their on-field

allegiances throughout the pre-match veterans motorcade, that was accompanied by a rousing rendition of "I Was Only 19" sung by Peter Heaney, as well as the traditional Anzac observance ceremonies.

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# SEASON SO FAR

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## ROUND 1

v Western Bulldogs

Sunday, 27 March, 1.10pm  
Etihad Stadium

### FREMANTLE

**0.2 1.5 4.7 5.8 (38)**

WESTERN BULLDOGS

7.1 9.7 10.11 15.13 (103)

### OVERVIEW

Fremantle couldn't overcome the fast starting Western Bulldogs, whose seven-goal first quarter set them up for a round one victory.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Pavlich, Taberner, Walters, Suban, Weller 1

**DISPOSALS** Neale 32

**MARKS** Sheridan 11

**TACKLES** Ballantyne 5



## ROUND 2

v Gold Coast Suns

Saturday, 2 April, 4.40pm  
Domain Stadium

### FREMANTLE

**4.4 6.7 11.10 14.16 (100)**

GOLD COAST SUNS

4.3 11.6 16.9 19.12 (126)

### OVERVIEW

The second quarter proved the difference in an otherwise tight contest, and Freo had their hands full with Suns' forward Tom Lynch, who kicked five on the day. Fyfe had another stellar performance, with 34 disposals and three goals.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Ballantyne 4

**DISPOSALS** Fyfe 34

**MARKS** Spurr 9

**TACKLES** Hill 7



**ROUND 3****v West Coast**Saturday, 9 April, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium**FREMANTLE****3.3 3.7 4.10 8.11 (59)**

WEST COAST EAGLES

2.1 4.7 7.11 12.20 (92)

**OVERVIEW**

West Coast survived a fourth-quarter surge from Freo, who got within a goal early in the final term. Matthew Pavlich wowed the derby crowd with an early goal of the year contender with his banana from the boundary.

**KEY STATS**

**GOALS** Pavlich 3  
**DISPOSALS** Neale, Fyfe 26  
**MARKS** D.Pearce, Spurr, Ibbotson, 8  
**TACKLES** Fyfe 10

**ROUND 4****v North Melbourne**Sunday, 17 April, 4.40pm  
Etihad Stadium**FREMANTLE****2.7 7.12 12.14 14.17 (101)**

NORTH MELBOURNE

5.4 10.6 14.9 20.12 (132)

**OVERVIEW**

North Melbourne kicked the first four goals of the game but Freo fought back in a spirited effort that saw a close game until the Kangaroos finished off with a six goal final quarter.

**KEY STATS**

**GOALS** Fyfe 4  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 35  
**MARKS** Spurr 9  
**TACKLES** Barlow 9

**MILESTONES**

150 GAMES Zac Dawson

**ROUND 5****v Carlton**Sunday, 24 April, 2.15pm  
Domain Stadium**FREMANTLE****2.5 4.8 6.12 9.14 (68)**

CARLTON

2.5 4.9 6.10 10.12 (72)

**OVERVIEW**

Carlton won a tightly contested game of football off the back of four final quarter goals, and some key contributions from forward Liam Jones. Lachie Neale was at his prolific best but Freo were unable to overcome errors that proved costly.

**KEY STATS**

**GOALS** Walters, Crozier 2  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 35  
**MARKS** Neale 10  
**TACKLES** Barlow 14

**DEBUT**

Darcy Tucker





## ROUND 6

### v Adelaide

Saturday, 30 April, 1.40pm  
Adelaide Oval

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#### FREMANTLE

1.3	2.11	3.14	8.16 (64)
ADELAIDE			
2.4	5.5	9.10	14.13 (97)

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#### OVERVIEW

Freo put up a spirited effort in their loss to a powerful Adelaide squad. Small forward Michael Walters kicked three goals and had 29 disposals, while Lachie Neale was a ball magnet, racking up 40 touches.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS Walters 3  
DISPOSALS Neale 40  
MARKS Mayne, Taberner,  
Sutcliffe, Spurr 7  
TACKLES Barlow 8



## ROUND 7

### v GWS Giants

Sunday, 7 May, 6.10pm  
Domain Stadium

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#### FREMANTLE

5.1	7.2	9.8	11.11 (77)
GWS GIANTS			
5.1	10.4	13.6	14.11 (95)

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#### OVERVIEW

Freo took on an up and coming Greater Western Sydney unit, narrowly losing the closely contested game. Chris Mayne was a handful in the forward line, kicking three goals, while Lachie Neale was busy once again with 33 touches.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS Mayne 3  
DISPOSALS Neale 33  
MARKS Ibbotson 8  
TACKLES Spurr 9



## ROUND 8

### v Hawthorn

Saturday, 14 May, 2.10pm  
Aurora Stadium

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#### FREMANTLE

3.0	7.2	7.4	11.9 (75)
HAWTHORN			
4.3	6.6	14.13	17.14 (116)

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#### OVERVIEW

Freo played a tightly contested game against the reigning premiers but were unable to overcome an eight-goal third quarter that set up the win for Hawthorn. Lachie Neale continued to find the football with 38 touches, while Michael Walters was influential with 26 disposals and two goals.

#### KEY STATS

GOALS Walters 2  
DISPOSALS Neale 38  
MARKS Taberner 7  
TACKLES Mayne 9



#### MILESTONES

100 GAMES Tendai Mzungu



## ROUND 9

### v Richmond

Saturday, 21 May, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.9 (45)</b>
RICHMOND			

#### OVERVIEW

Wet weather and a howling breeze made for difficult conditions as Freo fell to Richmond by 38 points. Lachie Neale was a standout once again with 37 disposals while Hayden Ballantyne kicked three goals, including a memorable snap from 50m out on the boundary.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Ballantyne 3  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 37  
**MARKS** Neale 7  
**TACKLES** Neale 9

#### MILESTONES

100 GAMES Clancee Pearce



## ROUND 10

### v St Kilda

Saturday, 28 May, 4.35pm  
Etihad Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

<b>3.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.7 (67)</b>
ST KILDA			

#### OVERVIEW

After a slow start, Fremantle fought their way back into the game and took the lead at three quarter time, but the Saints firepower proved too much in the end. Lachie Neale led the way with 31 touches while young duo Connor Blakely (25) and Hayden Crozier (24) both finished with career high disposals.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Taberner, Weller, Langdon 2  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 31  
**MARKS** Crozier 10  
**TACKLES** Pavlich 8

#### DEBUT

Sam Collins



## ROUND 11

### v Essendon

Saturday, 4 June, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

<b>5.1</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>20.6 (126)</b>
ESSENDON			

#### OVERVIEW

Freo's youth and experience combined to put together a four-quarter effort and come away with a 79-point win over the Bombers. Lachie Neale (42) and David Mundy (33) led from the front while Hayden Crozier impressed in his newfound role across half back with 23 touches and 14 marks. Sam Collins impressed in his second game with 24 disposals and was solid in defence.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Lachie Neale 42  
**DISPOSALS** Pavlich, Mayne, Walters 3  
**MARKS** Crozier 14  
**TACKLES** Suban 9



# WELCOME ABOARD

The Fremantle Dockers have strengthened the club's 2016 sponsorship portfolio through the signing of six new official sponsors for the 2016 Toyota AFL season. The club is proud to welcome WFI Insurance, Beyond Bank, Choices Flooring, McDonald's®, Independent retailers IGA and Solargain and we look forward to working with them into the future.



**#MACCASISWAFOOTY:** Tendai Mzungu and Michael Barlow help launch the partnership with footy legend Barry Cable and McDonald's® franchisee Grant Smith.

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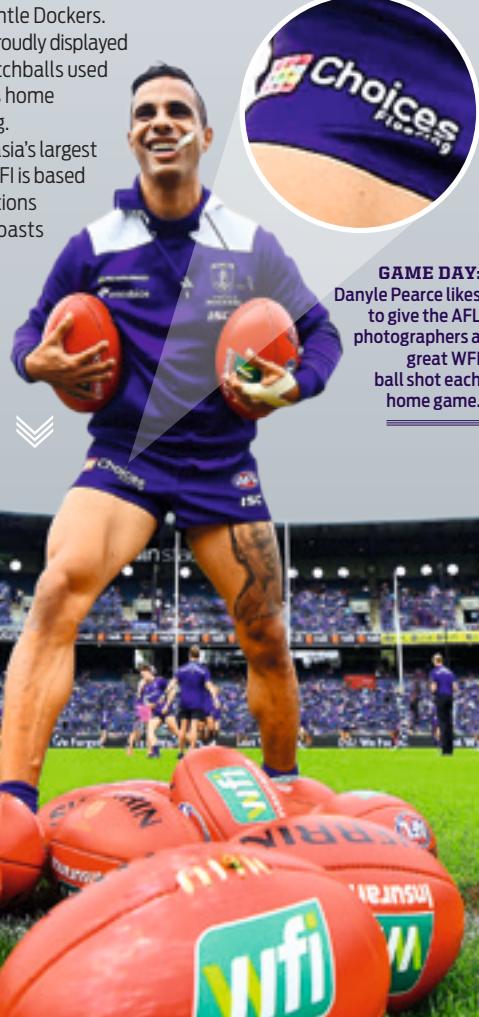
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**GAME DAY:**  
Danylo Pearce likes to give the AFL photographers a great WFI ball shot each home game.

## CHOICES FLOORING

The Fremantle Dockers are proud to have Choices Flooring as the official shorts sponsor and gold level sponsor for the 2016 Toyota AFL season. Like many modern success stories, the Choices Flooring group can be traced back to humble beginnings. Established in 1959 under parent brand Newfurn, Choices Flooring (formerly Carpet Choice) now has more than over 140 stores nationwide, with plans of expanding into New Zealand.

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## BEYOND BANK

Beyond Bank Australia is the official banking and community impact partner of the Fremantle Dockers. This partnership will see the Fremantle Dockers and Beyond Bank work collaboratively to positively impact the WA community through leveraging the club's successful Community Goals program. In June the bank will also be launching Fremantle Dockers debit and credit cards.

With more than 195,000 customers and assets under management in excess of \$4.38 billion, Beyond Bank Australia is one of the nation's largest 100 per cent customer-owned financial institutions. It operates 41 branches across Western Australia, South Australia, Wagga Wagga, the Hunter Valley and the ACT, and provides banking services and wealth management. It also supports a range of community endeavours via the Beyond Bank Community Development Program including the Beyond Bank Foundation.



## SOLARGAIN

Solargain has joined the club as a silver level sponsor and will be installing a 100kWp solar PV system for the club's new elite training and administration facility at Cockburn Central West. Solargain will also be undertaking a solar instalment at the current Fremantle Dockers administration building at Fremantle Oval.

Established in Perth in 1995, Solargain has grown to become Australia's largest consolidated solar energy company, with offices stationed across the country to support the commercial and residential markets.



### MEDIA SPOT:

The IGA logo appears on all players' and coaches' media polo shirts.

## IGA

Independent retailers IGA are recognised as the official supermarket partner of the club and feature on the sleeve of the Fremantle Dockers media polo shirts in 2016. IGA retailers across WA are able to offer something unique and local at each store and that includes supporting local suppliers through their network of independent owned stores.

The Independent Grocers of Australia (IGA) is comprised of a network of 1,455 independently owned stores, offering customers quality and value with local convenience. IGA retailers are independent, the largest network of supermarkets in Australia and highly valued by consumers. IGA is an active community

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**OUR NUMBER ONE:**  
CEO Steve Rosich and  
Aaron Sandilands  
announce Richard Walley  
as the club's number one  
ticket holder in March.

# WALLEY'S FREO HONOUR

From taking the field on Fremantle Oval as a young footballer, to his aspirations of gracing the back page of the newspaper, football in Freo has always been an important presence in Richard Walley's life.

West Australian artist and Aboriginal Elder Richard Walley, who was announced as the club's number one ticket holder in March, has a long history with Fremantle that started as a budding young player and blossomed into so much more.

"I'm an old South Fremantle boy," he said.

"After running around on Fremantle Oval as a young lad it was really quite poignant and almost destined that I'd have a strong connection with the Fremantle Dockers."

"For me it's not about one thing, it's not just 'I came and watched the first game', it was more meaningful as it was a passive engagement which then became more hands on."

Walley said he was honoured to be Fremantle's number one ticket holder, citing football's ability to bring people together as well as Freo's history of innovation as a reason for his enthusiasm.

"It's an honour to be in this position, because the football world is a beacon of social engagement," Walley said.

"Every football club, whether it's an AFL or country club, they become a hive of activity for people to come along and interact with all levels and ages."

"The game has no barriers and I think Fremantle over the years has done exactly that, they've brought in people from all ages, all backgrounds and have been very inclusive and very innovative."

Innovation has long been a staple of Walley's personality, being one of Australia's best known artists and teachers of Noongar culture, so it's not surprising that he's used his skills to contribute to the football club that he loves.

He collaborated with former Fremantle player and current development coach Roger Hayden in designing the club's inaugural indigenous guernsey as well as delivering actions such as ceremonies and welcome to country messages as part of Fremantle's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Walley said being able to design the indigenous guernsey, as well as the club's willingness to bridge culture and football, have been important factors in his endless love for the Fremantle Dockers.

"When I grew up it was every footballer's dream to make it onto the back page of the newspaper," he said.

"I played for many years and the moment that made the back page for me was when I designed the indigenous guernsey, so that was very special for me."

**SPORT IS A PIECE OF THEATRE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN**

**RICHARD WALLEY**

"It was also really humbling to do the toss of the coin at a Freo game, and why that was so important was that I was able to do it with the kangaroo skin on."

"So I was able to bring Aboriginal culture into the arena, and we exchanged message sticks with the other team."

"It shows how Freo have been able to embrace the uniqueness of Aboriginal culture."

Fremantle has flourished as a football club that celebrates indigenous culture, having held the record for most indigenous players in a single game (seven, 2003), with Walley saying the strong connection was no surprise to him.

"Fremantle has a large number of Aboriginal players and the reason

for that is that there's a sense of camaraderie and belonging," he said.

"Aboriginal people are experts at building communities and a football club is a family and a community."

"The whole club embraces people, doesn't judge them and that opens the door for people of all races."

"It's a testament to the club, its staff and of course the players."

Being the Freo fan he is, Walley couldn't keep from talking about his favourite players, most notably, one very talented goal sneak.

"I love watching Son Son (Michael Walters) play," he said.

"He can do anything from take a freakish mark, kick a goal or tackle, he can do it all."

"He's got this bubbling, enthusiastic nature about him as well, which we all love."

As for Fremantle in 2016, Walley said he's ready for anything that his first season as number one ticket holder has to offer.

"Sport is a piece of theatre, you don't know what's going to happen," he said.

"There's anticipation, the experience of a game, the result and then you prepare all over again."

"It's about taking yourself on an emotional ride, and I'm enjoying the ride."



# PURPLE PALS

**WHEN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COME AROUND, WHY NOT SPEND A DAY WITH YOUR BEST FREO BUDDIES... THE PLAYERS!**

**O**n Tuesday 19 April, the green grass of Fremantle Oval became a sea of purple, as the Freo Dockers hosted the 2016 HBF School Holiday Program.

More than 350 pre-primary to year six students attended the event that saw more than 20 stations run by the Freo Dockers playing group.

Rachel Munyard, of Beeliar, attended the program with her sons Tom and Jack and said the array of activities available was a real highlight.

"They loved all the different activities and skills that they learned," Munyard said.

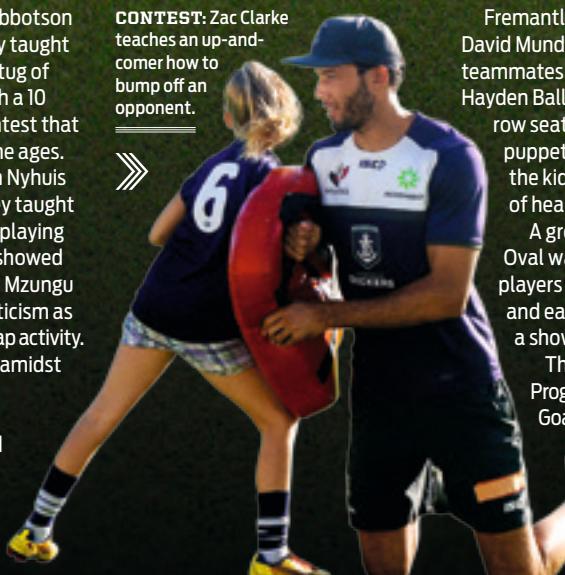
"They weren't focused on learning one thing, and they've just had a really good time, which is great."

Brady Grey and Garrick Ibbotson had their hands full as they taught the kids the fine art of the tug of war, which culminated with a 10-on-two, kids v players contest that proved to be a battle for the ages.

Danyle Pearce and Ryan Nyhuis enjoyed themselves as they taught kids the value of agility by playing dodge ball, while the kids showed Hayden Crozier and Tendai Mzungu a thing or two about athleticism as they oversaw the vertical leap activity.

In warm conditions and amidst plenty of physical activity, everyone in attendance was kept fed and hydrated courtesy of HBF, who supplied water and fruit to the participants.

**CONTEST:** Zac Clarke teaches an up-and-comer how to bump off an opponent.



Fremantle Dockers captain David Mundy, along with teammates Michael Johnson and Hayden Ballantyne, had a front row seat to the Constable Care puppet show and spoke with the kids about the importance of healthy living.

A great day at Fremantle Oval was capped off with the players signing autographs and each child taking home a showbag and a Freo footy.

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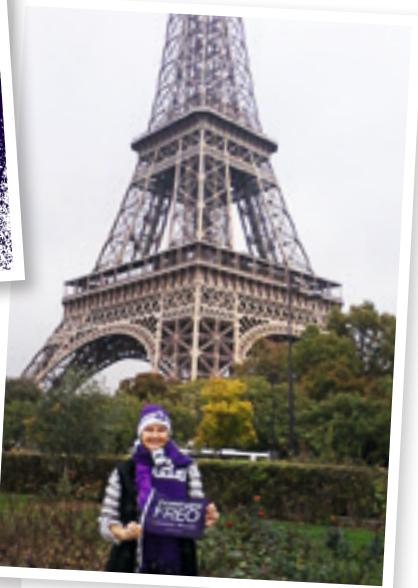
# PURPLE PATCH

Fantastic photos from Fremantle fans!

## FREO IN FINLAND

In January, my husband Kevin and I stayed in a glass igloo at Kakslauttanen, Finland. In the freezing temperatures we still managed to spread the purple joy!

**SU HO  
LEEMING**



## PURPLE CANYON

While on holiday in the USA I introduced the locals to the Purple Power. Here is a pic of me at Canyonlands National Park, near Moab in Utah.

**STEPHEN GREEN  
ALEXANDER HEIGHTS**



## PARISIAN PRIDE

Europe was chilly when I was there, so I made sure I took my favourite winter woollies. At the Eiffel Tower, I was more than happy to display my purple passion.

**LINDA MARSHALL  
HEATHRIDGE**



## FOREVER FREO

Jen and I were married on 28 March 2016. We are one-eyed Freo supporters, even on our wedding day! This picture was taken in the Fremantle Oval grandstand on our special day, in the rain.

**BRAD BEST**  
BALDIVIS



## FROM GREAT HEIGHTS

I recently travelled to the Himalayan Mountains in Nepal with my two sons James and Toby. We made it to the south summit of Mera Peak, roughly 6,400m above sea level. This was an epic adventure lasting 20 days. We carried with us the Freo flag and displayed it with pride.

**EDDY BAJROVIC**  
CLAREMONT



## PURPLE DREAMS

On a recent trip to Carnarvon my son Taj went to the local footy ground each day to practice. He has big dreams of playing for the Freo Dockers.

**JODIE HARRIS**  
BUSHSELTON

## BORN A DOCKER

Six-week-old Abby Ballem became a Docker Tot the day she was born. Purple boots and all!

**ROCHELLE AND SCOTT BALLEM**  
CLAREMONT



## A BRIGHT FUTURE

Mason was born on 26 October 2015. We are already planning to make him Freo's next superstar.

**CHRISTINE DE FLORENCA**  
YANGEUP



## MY MATE FYFEY

My wife bought me a blow-up Fyfe doll for my birthday. What a present! Blow-up Fyfe hitched a ride in the back of my ute and together we cruised around the streets of Geraldton.

**RICK SULLIVAN**  
GERALDTON



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# WHERE HAVE THEY DOCKED? QUENTON LEACH

Quenton Leach played 56 games for Fremantle, including his memorable 'kick after the siren' win against Brisbane at Subiaco Oval in 1997.

#### Tell us about your family?

I am married to the beautiful Shannan and we have three kids together; Ella, Oliver and Jackson. Oliver has just started playing footy, which is pretty exciting.

#### What do you do for work?

I am the managing director of Natural Water Solutions, who specialise in the development and supply of water sanitisation products.

#### What do you do with your spare time?

Between work and the kids there isn't a lot of spare time. When I have a chance, I love to surf. I also enjoy taking the kids (and the dog) to the beach and the park.

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

Like any team sport, you miss the competitiveness, the close camaraderie between the players and the desire to succeed together.

#### Are you still involved in football?

I had a long break from football. I enjoy watching my old WAFL team Claremont play and catching up with old teammates. I also head down to Freo games every now and then.

#### Do you have a favourite player in the current Freo team?

I really enjoy watching Michael Walters, he is a very exciting player.

#### In 1997 you kicked a match-winning goal after the siren against Brisbane. How well do you remember that moment?

Very well. I remember Clive Waterhouse had a shot at goal prior to me taking that mark. He kicked it out on the full, so the pressure was on.

Peter Mann, Ben Allan and Scott Watters came up to me as I was preparing to kick and gave me a ludicrous amount of advice. I remember thinking 'maybe they should take the shot'. After I kicked the goal there was an overwhelming sense of relief. I don't think anyone would want to be put in that position. I would hate to be remembered as the bloke that missed.

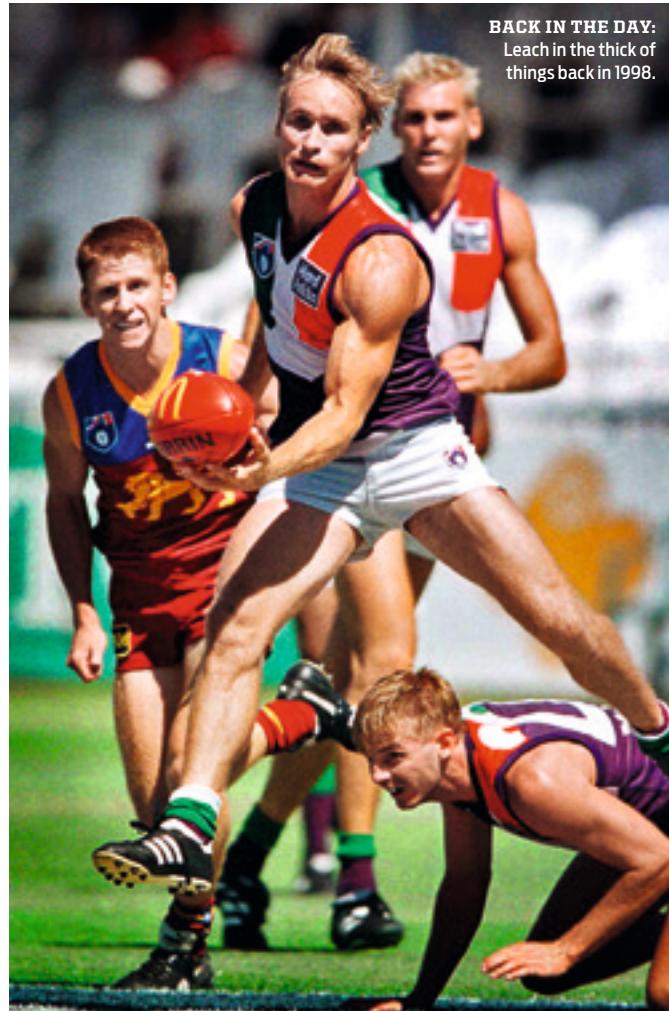
#### Do you keep in contact with any past players?

I stay in regular contact with Peter Mann and Stephen O'Reilly. Every now and then I run into Brad Wira, Luke Toia, Shaun McManus and Daniel Bandy. I was really close with all those guys when we played together.

#### FAMILY LIFE:

Quenton Leach with his children Jackson, Oliver, Ella and his wife Shannan.

**BACK IN THE DAY:**  
Leach in the thick of things back in 1998.



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QUENTON LEACH





hi kids,

I have some exciting news for you. Later this season we will have a brand new inflatable obstacle course playground for all our fans to enjoy at the Market Square Purple Playground before games at Domain Stadium.

It is one of the coolest things Jenny and I have ever seen!

Keep your eye on the website for when we announce the game that it will be at. We are pretty excited.

In the meantime, keep coming to say hi to us at the games. We love meeting all of our fans.

See you on the flipside,

**JOHNNY**  
*'THE DOC'*



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCES

how many can you find?

**Answers:** 1. The colour of the ball has changed from yellow to red. 2. The AFL logo has been removed from the GWS Player's jumper. 3. The G on the GWS Player's jumper has changed from orange to green. 4. The chevron on David Mundys' jersey is missing the third stripe. 5. The bright green highlight in the background has been removed.



# TUCKER TIME

Get to know Freo's round 5 debutant

## DARCY TUCKER

### Nickname:

Tucker, Tucks

**Debut:** Round 5, 2016 v Carlton

**If you weren't a footballer, what would you like to be:**  
A famous singer

**What sport would you like to compete in at the 2016 Olympics:**  
Table tennis

**Favourite restaurant:**  
Grill'd

**Which famous people would you like to meet:**  
LeBron James and Michael Jordan

**Most embarrassing song in your iTunes:**  
Baby by Justin Bieber



## did you know?

1 At the 2011 NAB AFL draft combine Hayden Crozier recorded the second best result in the running vertical jump test at 91cm.

2 This is not the first time Croz has attempted a screamer. Back in 2011 he took mark of the year at the NAB AFL Under 18 Championships.



## MAYNEY'S mac & cheese

You'll need to use a stove, so make sure you have adult supervision when cooking.

- + 400g macaroni
- + 50g butter
- + 2 tablespoons plain flour
- + 2 cups (500ml) milk
- + 2 cups (250g) grated cheese

**Step 1:** Cook the macaroni in a large pan of boiling water according to packet instructions until al dente

**Step 2:** Melt the butter in a medium saucepan and add the flour. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute over medium-low heat

**Step 3:** Gradually add the milk. Stir gently until the mixture comes just to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from the heat, add the grated cheese and stir until melted and smooth.

**Step 4:** Drain pasta and return to the pan. Pour cheese sauce over the pasta and stir until well coated. Season with salt and pepper then ENJOY!

