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**Eagles plan to pounce on Saints**

By GREY MORRIS

WANDERERS midfielder Josh Cubillo says hard work and four quarters of tough, no-nonsense football is required to unseat NTFL flag favourites St Marys.

Cubillo, the former North Adelaide and Sturt star, is a crucial cog in Wanderers’ bid for a 12th senior flag.

But the sceptre of 18 players in green and gold jumpers is blocking his view of the premiership cup.

“Saints are so well disciplined, all of their players know their tasks and how much they have to give on match days,” Cubillo said.

“We’ve had a good and healthy rivalry over the years and that’s certainly going to be added to this weekend.”

A premiership player in 2011 when Wanderers upset St Marys in the grand final, Cubillo said concentration lapses were something the Wanderers players had to get out of their system.

“It’s something that has let us down this season and against Saints it can be fatal,” he said.

“We need to pinpoint targets if we want to take advantage of the run on we have.”

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By JESS WEBSTER

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