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Welcome to the 2011 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships, being hosted again at Sydney's Blacktown International Sportspark, home of the 18th AFL club, the Greater Western Sydney Giants. After the successful introduction of the World XVIII and South Pacific teams in 2010, both will field teams again this year in Division Two. Two additional Division Two matches were played at the Gold Coast and Launceston prior to all teams converging in Sydney. This will enable the traditional Division Two teams to play against each other over the championships.

The 2011 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships in Sydney feature a three-match, round-robin series in each division at both the Blacktown International Sportspark complex and Bruce Purser Reserve. The division winners will be determined from these matches, plus the additional two matches for Division Two.

Both the international teams will play three matches, one against each other and two against the traditional Division Two teams. They have entered the championships on an invitational basis and cannot qualify to win the title, but it is an important opportunity for the game to showcase its international development as the search for young talent expands. A lengthy selection process was

established with the AFL's international affiliate bodies to finalise these two squads.

This carnival is the beginning of the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program and is recognised as one of the most successful development initiatives in Australian sport. The championships provide most of the 250 selected players with their first opportunity to test themselves against the best emerging young footballers.

The AFL again welcomes the NAB as the major sponsor of the championships. NAB not only sponsors the entire NAB AFL Rising Stars Program, but NAB AFL Auskick and the NAB Cup in the AFL pre-season.

There is no doubt this carnival will be a football and life-enhancing experience for players, inspiring them to pursue their dreams. In the case of the international players we trust they will represent their countries with pride and spread the word about our great game.



David Matthews
General Manager – National
& International Development



Kevin Sheehan
National & International
Talent Manager



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COVER: (Left to right) Ryan Griffen (Western Bulldogs), Jack Darling (West Coast Eagles), Michael Hurley (Essendon) and Kieren Jack (Sydney Swans) all used the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships as a springboard to the AFL.

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Better people, better players



AIS-AFL Academy is advancing future stars.

The AIS-AFL Academy provides an ideal environment for player development.

The elite program is a joint commitment made by the AFL and the Australian Sports Commission, through the Australian Institute of Sport, to support our best young players in their football, schooling and personal development.

In 2011, the 15th intake of 30 players will be offered AIS-AFL Academy scholarships. More than 400 players have already benefitted from this program, which includes the chance to represent Australia at youth level.

Past graduates of the AIS-AFL Academy include Jarrad McVeigh (NSW/ACT), Cyril Rioli (NT), Michael Osborne (Qld), Alan Didak (SA), Grant Birchall (Tas), Chris Judd (Vic Metro), Jarryd Roughead (Vic Country) and Joel Corey (WA). David Swallow, the No. 1 selection in the 2010 NAB AFL Draft, is also a graduate.

The AIS-AFL Academy is a non-residential program allowing scholarship holders to remain at home while completing their secondary schooling. Over the course of the year they will gather as a national squad for camps held predominately during school holidays.

Michael O'Loughlin, a Sydney Swans premiership player and AFL life member, heads the program and the selection of players under a set of formulated guidelines. Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Display the potential to play Australian Football at the elite level.



Hawthorn captain Luke Hodge is a graduate of the AIS-AFL Academy.

NAB supporting elite youth

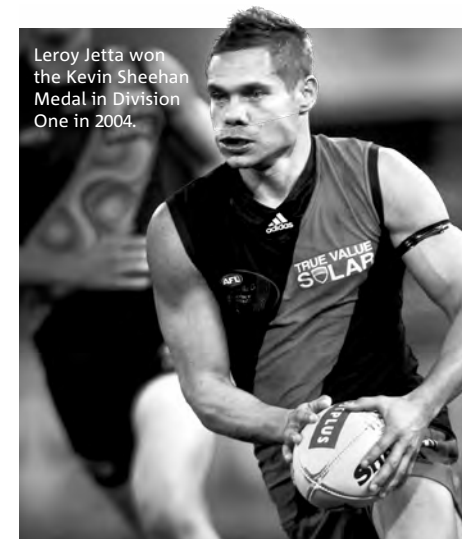


Kevin Ramsdale
General Manager
Brand & Sponsorship,
NAB

For the best part of a decade, NAB has been a major partner of the AFL, and in 2011 this long association continues with a focus on identifying and supporting young Australian footballers around the country.

Through the NAB AFL Auskick program, the NAB Cup and the NAB AFL Rising Star Award, we are associated with some of the highest-profile, most widely regarded football programs in the country. What links these programs to NAB is a shared, simple and enduring belief in potential.

One of the key stepping-stones along the AFL pathway is the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships. We are very much dedicated to supporting this program and the wonderful



Leroy Jetta won the Kevin Sheehan Medal in Division One in 2004.

opportunities it offers the most promising young talent in the country.

On behalf of NAB, I wish everyone involved in this year's championships all the very best.

MESSAGE FROM JOEL SELWOOD

Throughout my career, I've been fortunate to receive a lot of support along the way. In particular as a young player, the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships played a fundamental role in my progression towards becoming a professional footballer.

The NAB AFL Under-16 Championships really is an elite competition. It provides talented young footballers with the opportunity to reach their potential before advancing to the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships, NAB AFL Draft Combine and ultimately, the NAB AFL Draft.

I'm one of many AFL players lucky enough to progress through the NAB AFL Rising Star Program and I'm thankful for the opportunity the program provided me to showcase my talent.

Just a few years ago I was in a similar position to the players in the competition this year. I wish the players in the 2011 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships all the best and hope to see you on the main arena in the years to come.



Joel Selwood
NAB AFL Ambassador

Welcome to GWS Giants HQ

It has certainly been a 'Giant' year at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney.

On July 1, the headquarters of the Greater Western Sydney Giants (formally known as Blacktown Olympic Park) was renamed Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney.

It has been another incredible year at the sports precinct, with a combination of sporting and community events ensuring the atmosphere is never dull. Thus far in 2011, Blacktown has hosted the NAB Cup, Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) carnival, NAB AFL Under-18 Championships, Intensive English Centers (IEC) Cup, and a number of Giants NEAFL home games.

Thousands of AFL fans in western Sydney flocked to Blacktown International Sportspark for the 2011 NAB Cup. The ground was packed to its 10,000-person capacity, with the orange army out in force to see the Giants take on the Sydney Swans and Gold Coast for the first time.

The PSSA carnival saw over 300 of the state's best primary school footballers gather for a three-day AFL carnival. And in June 2011, the Giants welcomed over 150 migrants to Blacktown for the IEC Cup. The AFL runs the IEC Cup to provide new arrivals with the chance to experience

a different sport as they make friends and settle into their new home. The event captured national media attention and cemented the precinct's role as a western Sydney sporting hub.

The park is also on its way to being an elite training and administration facility. Work is almost complete on the Giants' new base, with a number of staff already in the new building.

SKODA STADIUM

Construction has also begun on Skoda Stadium at Sydney Olympic Park, the new home ground of the Greater Western Sydney Giants in 2012.

Giants members and fans will enjoy an intimate 25,000-seat boutique stadium for a number of Giants home games next year, complete with state-of-the-art facilities and contemporary fit-out.

The upgrade to the multi-purpose stadium is the most exciting stadium development in Sydney since the 2000 Olympic Games and will make a unique addition to Sydney's sporting landscape, with unrivalled corporate hospitality and interactive fan experience.



Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney has established itself as a top-flight venue since opening in 2009.

Making Giant strides



Young Greater Western Sydney star praises NAB AFL Under-16 Championships and looks to make history.

It has been a massive year for the AFL's newest recruit, the Greater Western Sydney Giants. The club has been busily preparing for what promises to be a 'giant' first year in the AFL, with recruiters keeping a close eye on the talented youngsters across Australia who will round off the club's inaugural list in 2012.

Adam Treloar knows the pressures and excitement of the AFL talent pathway all too well.

Treloar starred alongside Giants teammates Tom Bugg and Dylan Shiel in the 2009 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships, averaging 21 disposals, eight handball receives and 11 contested possessions across four games.

"I remember that we (Vic Country) won all four games in the championships. We were the favourites to win the carnival, and we did. Dylan Shiel, Tommy Bugg and I were all on the same team.

"We had a really good carnival, then the three of us were selected for the AIS-AFL Academy squad.

"Without the under-16 carnival, I wouldn't be where I am today. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that I'd be here now. I didn't even think that I'd make the under-16 team."

Treloar said the introduction of the GWS Giants and the Gold Coast Suns gives more budding AFL stars the chance to land on AFL lists, with the under-16 championships the perfect vehicle to allow youngsters to shine.

"The new sides give these kids a massive opportunity to be drafted.

"This carnival is a great opportunity to showcase talent, especially for the kids from NSW, Tasmania, Queensland and the Northern Territory. These teams play in the second division, so the carnival makes it more likely that recruiters from different clubs will get to see them play.

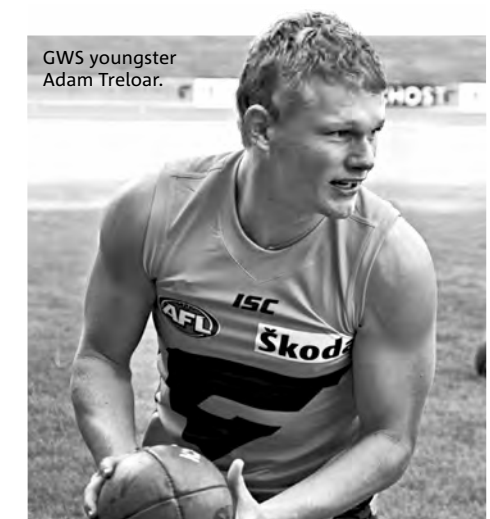
"If they play well in this carnival they might get the chance to play in their under-18 state sides, or even become a part of the AIS-AFL Academy," Treloar said.

Treloar was the fifth player to join the GWS Giants in late 2010 and has been living in Sydney and training full-time under Kevin Sheedy and Mark Williams ever since.

After spending six months at the Giants, Treloar is settling in well to his new home, and speaks highly of the environment he lives in and the people he has met.

"The Giants are like a big family. We have a really good bunch of guys in the playing group, great staff and just generally a great vibe around the club.

"We've got a chance to be part of history as the first team to ever play for this club. I feel privileged and proud to be a part of it, and some of the kids playing under-16s might get a chance to join us in a couple of years," he said.



GWS youngster Adam Treloar.

South Australia

Coach: **DAREL HART** Team Manager: **DAVID HILTERBRAND**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Jacob PRESCOTT	17 AUG 95	172	78	Central District/Tea Tree Gully
2	Campbell COMBE	15 SEP 95	173	74	North Adelaide/Crystal Brook
3	James BATTERSBY	7 NOV 95	173	75	Sturt/Payneham
4	Riley KNIGHT	27 MAR 95	174	63	Woodville-West Torrens/South Clare
5	Dwayne WILSON	17 JAN 95	176	66	Sturt/Murray Bridge Imperials
6	Jack EVANS	6 FEB 95	175	72	West Adelaide/Edwardstown
7	Ryan DIJKSMAN	18 FEB 95	175	67	West Adelaide/Unley Jets
8	Ashley AYLES	22 APR 95	177	72	North Adelaide/BMW
9	Alex NEAL-BULLEN	9 JAN 96	177	68	Glenelg/Plympton
10	Alex SPINA	27 JUN 95	177	69	North Adelaide/Gaza
11	James AISH	8 NOV 95	179	66	Norwood/Payneham
12	Trent DUMONT	30 JUN 95	181	77	Norwood/Golden Grove
13	Sean DAVIDSON	18 JUN 95	184	77	Port Adelaide Magpies/North Haven
14	Nick FAVRETTO	19 MAY 95	184	80	West Adelaide/Goodwood Saints
15	Sebastian WIECH	4 NOV 95	182	75	Sturt/Goodwood Saints
16	Luke REYNOLDS	9 JAN 95	196	78	Port Adelaide Magpies/North Haven
17	William NORTHEAST	19 AUG 95	170	64	Woodville-West Torrens/Moonta
18	Liam JACKA	5 JUN 95	178	69	North Adelaide/Fitzroy
19	Darcy NOLL	17 OCT 95	179	70	North Adelaide/South Augusta
20	Callum WILKIE	10 MAR 96	186	73	North Adelaide/Walkerville
21	Rhys BARRETT	2 JAN 95	183	74	West Adelaide/Happy Valley
24	Luke DUNSTAN	29 JAN 95	181	79	Woodville-West Torrens/South Clare
25	Corey GRAY	7 FEB 95	181	73	Glenelg/Penola
26	Brae McCONNELL	17 JAN 95	187	74	Central District/Salisbury West
27	Matthew SCHARENBERG	18 SEP 95	188	83	Glenelg/PHOS Camden
28	Luke ANDRUSZKIEWICZ	19 JUNE 95	192	75	Sturt/Mount Barker
29	Darcy HOURIGAN	18 SEP 95	186	90	South Adelaide/Strathalbyn
34	Mitchell HARVEY	17 AUG 95	193	95	North Adelaide/Broadview
35	Ryan SIMISTER	23 FEB 95	192	90	West Adelaide/Happy Valley
41	Henry VOIGT	21 FEB 95	193	80	Sturt/Goodwood Saints

Team SA nurturing talent

Experienced coaching panel looks to relive 2010 triumph.

The SANFL and SANFL clubs continue to work together to identify the best football talent in the state. All associations are keen for talented players in South Australia to be given the opportunity to progress along the SANFL/AFL talent pathway.

The SANFL under-16 competition is the foundation of the under-16 state team; this is a demanding competition that allows the coaching panel to view the under-16 players in an extremely competitive environment.

The 2011 training squad was selected by the under-16 state coaches, in conjunction with SANFL clubs. At the conclusion of the SANFL under-16 competition, a squad of 52 players was selected to continue training for the coming NAB AFL Under-16 Championships in Sydney. A reduced squad of 30 players was then selected to continue in the SANFL state program after an internal trial held at Woodville-West Torrens. The final squad of 25 was selected after two trials against SANFL clubs and one against Sacred Heart College.

Darel Hart will coach the team, with help from Tim Weatherald (SANFL under-16 assistant and 2002 Magarey medallist), Chris Smelt (SANFL under-16 assistant), Neil Morris (West Adelaide), David Hilterbrand (manager) and Brenton Phillips (SANFL high performance manager and 1993 Magarey medallist).

In his first year as head coach in 2010, Hart guided the SA team to its first championship win. Hart has put together a talented coaching panel as well as selecting a skilful and competitive group of players for the 2011 carnival. As is always the goal, South Australia hopes to have excellent representation in the AIS-AFL Academy. Players such as Alan Didak



MATTHEW PAVLICH

SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO FREMANTLE

Matthew was destined to play AFL. From a great footballing family, he played two years in the SA under-16s in 1996 and 1997. His reading of the play and his marking were features.

BRUCE WINTER
SANFL DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

(Collingwood), Shannon Hurn (West Coast) and Ben Rutten (Adelaide Crows) are just a few who have started their AFL careers in the SANFL under-16 program.

The SA team would like to thank the SANFL, SANFL clubs and Port Adelaide Power and Adelaide Crows for their extensive support and encouragement. It would also like to acknowledge major sponsor McDonald's.

Vic Country

Coach: **SCOTT LUCAS** Team Manager: **JOCK WHITING**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Lewis TAYLOR	17 FEB 95	172	69	Geelong/Terang Mortlake
2	Aaron CHRISTENSEN	9 APR 95	173	54	Geelong/Lara
3	Billy HARTUNG	24 JAN 95	175	66	Dandenong/Red Hill
4	Clayton Mc CARTNEY	11 JUN 95	175	67	Dandenong/Cranbourne
5	Angus SCOTT	18 JUN 95	174	64	Dandenong/Edithvale-Apsendale
6	Lachlan CHANNING	14 FEB 95	175	67	Gippsland/Maffra
7	Blake PEARSON	16 JAN 95	175	70	Dandenong/Endeavour Hills
8	Darcy GARDINER	22 SEP 95	190	78	Geelong/St Joseph's
9	Paul DREHER	2 JAN 95	177	73	Geelong/Ocean Grove
10	Jarman IMPEY	9 JUL 95	173	74	Murray/Shepparton Bears
11	Alex HICKEY	6 JAN 95	179	74	Geelong/Geelong Amateurs
12	Jake SHARP	11 JAN 95	184	69	Murray/Myrtleford
13	Jake THOMAS	9 MAY 95	198	80	Gippsland/Sale
14	Nicholas BOURKE	22 FEB 95	184	73	Geelong/Kolora/Noorat
15	Alex MOLONEY	30 JUN 95	187	75	Geelong/Terang Mortlake
16	Dallas WILLSMORE	29 MAY 95	190	77	Ballarat/Walpeup Underbool
17	Scott DIXON	11 JAN 95	185	82	Geelong/Geelong Amateurs
18	Isaiah MILLER	7 JAN 95	184	74	Bendigo/Sandhurst
19	Jack LESLIE	27 APR 95	195	92	Gippsland/Sale
20	Jordan MANGAN	19 MAR 95	192	77	Bendigo/Kyneton Tigers
21	Aaron HEPPELL	13 JAN 95	176	73	Gippsland/Leongatha
22	Alex CARR	4 FEB 95	177	70	Gippsland/Maffra
23	James TSITAS	3 MAR 95	180	77	Geelong/Grovedale
24	Nathan DRUMMOND	19 JAN 95	182	81	Murray/Shepparton Bears
25	Ryley NORRIS	3 JAN 95	181	78	Ballarat/Alexandra
26	Luke MARCHESI	14 FEB 95	182	74	Bendigo/Strathfieldsaye
27	Luke ROWE	24 JUN 95	189	75	Dandenong/Somerville
28	Jonty ENTWISLE	5 MAR 95	190	75	Bendigo/Newstead
29	Nathan DYSON	12 JAN 95	189	77	Bendigo/Lockington
30	Darcy LANG	21 NOV 95	176	68	Geelong/Colac Tigers

Game's heartland produces

Scott Lucas to continue the fine country tradition.

Country Victoria is often described as the heartland of Australian Football, where football clubs are an integral part of rural and regional communities. And as we've seen over the years, within these communities so many great players are produced.

The pathway for young country footballers is well defined, with the players' initial development taking place at their local country clubs. The talented players then progress through their respective regional under-15 V-Line squads, moving onto TAC Cup under-16 development squads, and, ultimately, to the TAC Cup under-18 competition.

Along the way, 25 young country players are given the wonderful opportunity to represent country Victoria at the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships each year.

The team's preparation has always been limited by geographic constraints, but the squad selected from the Bendigo under-16 carnival has been given the best opportunity to test and prove itself at national level. From last year's under-16 Country team, both Lachlan Whitfield and Jake Stringer were recipients of AIS-AFL Academy scholarships.

Scott Lucas, the ex-Essendon star centre half-forward — originally from Camperdown in country Victoria — will coach the Country under-16 team and is excited at the opportunity to mentor this elite group.

The side's 2011 preparation has mirrored the past two years, with a final camp at the AIS leading into the championships. Team staff believe the squad has a great platform from which to be competitive from the first game. Generally, the team and players improve over the championship, and it is satisfying to see



CAMERON LING

VIC COUNTRY TO GEELONG

Cameron was a fantastic leader at that age group. He played with exuberance, and all the team seemed to lift when Cameron was playing well. He showed great ability to mark the ball as well, playing in the forward line.

STEPHEN WELLS
GEELONG RECRUITING MANAGER

the majority of the Country boys progressing to become good TAC Cup players.

The Country team acknowledges the support of the AFL Victoria's talent program and the TAC sponsorship, and is proud to support the TAC's campaign of making 120 hours of driving training a goal of all learner drivers.

Vic Metro

Coach: **ANDREW NICHOL** Team Manager: **STEPHEN STEWART**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Jay KENNEDY-HARRIS	21 MAR 95	170	60	Oakleigh Chargers/Kew Comets
2	Scott McINERNEY	19 AUG 95	175	63	Eastern Ranges/Knox
3	Aidan FRANETIC	20 JAN 95	179	69	Oakleigh Chargers/Ashburton
4	William MAGINNESS	13 JAN 95	179	67	Oakleigh Chargers/Glen Iris
5	Joshua KELLY	12 FEB 95	178	64	Sandringham Dragons/East Brighton
6	Daniel GREENWOOD	11 AUG 95	175	77	Eastern Ranges/Vermont
7	Nick EVANS	1 JUN 95	176	66	Eastern Ranges/Norwood
8	Aaron CHRISTENSEN	15 NOV 95	187	70	Calder Cannons/Sunbury Lions
9	Jack BILLINGS	18 AUG 95	180	70	Oakleigh Chargers/Kew Comets
10	Mitchell KEEDLE	21 FEB 95	182	66	Eastern Ranges/Norwood
11	Jason COOKE	6 FEB 95	181	68	Calder Cannons/Sunbury Lions
12	Mark ORR	18 FEB 95	193	96	Western Jets/Melton
13	Mitchell HONEYCHURCH	2 AUG 95	172	62	Eastern Ranges/Vermont
14	Alex SPENCER	19 APR 95	191	81	Sandringham Dragons/East Brighton
15	Jake GREISER	22 AUG 95	178	83	Western Jets/Keilor
16	Brett BEWLEY	14 APR 95	180	75	Western Jets/Darley
17	Luke McDONALD	9 FEB 95	187	77	Oakleigh Chargers/Kew Comets
18	Max HAYES	29 JAN 95	189	84	Sandringham Dragons/East Brighton
19	Ben LENNON	5 JUL 95	187	76	Northern Knights/Macleod
20	Julian SOCCIO	15 APR 95	185	71	Northern Knights/Greensborough
21	Christian SALEM	15 JUL 95	181	80	Sandringham Dragons/Hampton Rovers
22	Matt HUCKSTEPP	24 JUL 95	188	79	Western Jets/Greenvale
23	Daniel ERASMUS	2 MAR 95	189	87	Eastern Ranges/Rowville
24	Elliot LE GRICE	7 AUG 95	190	84	Sandringham Dragons/Hampton Rovers
25	Jack EDWARDS	11 FEB 95	190	82	Eastern Ranges/Rowville
26	Lachlan HOWES	10 FEB 95	191	78	Sandringham Dragons/East Sandringham
27	William CONSIDINE	14 NOV 95	193	78	Calder Cannons/St Bernard's
28	Harley ARMSTRONG-WESTON	17 MAY 95	194	75	Western Jets/Caroline Springs
29	Cameron CONLON	3 JUL 95	197	82	Northern Knights/St Mary's
30	Thomas BOYD	22 AUG 95	196	100	Eastern Ranges/Norwood

Platform to exciting pathway

Metro boys take up challenge.

The NAB AFL Under-16 Championships have always been a great platform from which metropolitan players experience, for the very first time, the requirements and challenges that are part of the AFL Victoria State Academy program and the NAB AFL Talent Pathway.

AFL Victoria regions work in conjunction with metropolitan leagues and schools to ensure talented young players across Melbourne have clear opportunities to enable them to play at the highest level they can achieve.

Local leagues play junior representative matches at under-14 and under-15 level, with AFL Victoria talent programs commencing with under-15 development squads and the under-16 metropolitan carnival held in late April.

From this carnival format, the next step in the development pathway is the Vic Metro under-16 Academy program in which 50 players are initially invited. This year's selection process resulted in 25 players being chosen to participate in the 2011 championships.

An exciting initiative in 2011 has been the introduction of the NAB AFL Under-16 Combine, which creates a springboard into the program.

Andrew Nichol will again coach the Metro under-16s. In his first season, he drew from his extensive teaching/coaching experience to create a strong learning and educational focus, which is the mantra of the Academy program.

The Metro squad has had a thorough preparation, and after an internal trial and two matches against Vic Country and a game against the AFL Vic Metro futures squad, the final 25 players have earned the honor to represent Victoria Metro.

AFL Victoria acknowledges the support of the AFL and AIS in the preparation of the squad,



CHRIS JUDD

VIC METRO TO CARLTON

As a 16-year-old, Chris was a standout. He kicked four goals against WA from a wing and completely dominated. He was super-quick, had elite foot skills and ran and carried the ball. Chris wasn't hard to spot from the crowd.

TREVOR WOODHOUSE

WEST COAST RECRUITING MANAGER

as well as providing the opportunity for players to be awarded AIS-AFL Academy scholarships and represent Australia internationally.

AFL Victoria appreciates the wonderful support of the TAC, and is delighted to promote the 'L120' message of encouraging learner drivers to complete 120 hours of driving experience in all conditions before obtaining their licence.

Western Australia

Coach: **JON SHARP** Team Manager: **SHANE YARDLEY**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Sheldon TAYLOR	20 MAR 95	176	82	South Fremantle/Aquinas College
2	Pierce DAWSON	25 MAR 95	182	83	Peel/Frederick Irwin
3	Mason WHITEHEAD	16 APR 95	176	60	Claremont/Scarborough
4	Jacob CONIGLIO	25 JUL 95	171	69	Swan Districts/Bassendean
7	Richard ABRAHAM	16 JUN 95	174	76	Swan Districts/Bassendean
8	Hayden KENNEDY	27 APR 95	174	69	Subiaco/Kalgoolie
11	Herman HUMPHRIES	25 JUL 95	184	68	Swan Districts/Carey Park
12	Jack MARTIN	29 JAN 95	185	64	Claremont/Towns Geraldton
13	Tony KALIMERIS	3 JUL 95	183	74	East Perth/Beechboro
14	Thomas HODGSON	12 MAR 95	182	69	East Perth/Ballajura
15	Sam GARSTONE	1 JUN 95	193	74	Swan Districts/Upper Swan
16	Dominic SHEED	10 APR 95	183	79	Subiaco/John Paul College
18	Beau CHATLEY	3 FEB 95	189	80	East Perth/Manjimup
19	Ben SOKOL	28 OCT 95	185	84	South Fremantle/CBC Fremantle
20	Matt PIGGOTT	30 AUG 95	190	74	Peel/Halls Head
23	Thomas VANDELEUR	20 MAR 95	189	83	South Fremantle/Aquinas College
24	Jarrad JANSEN	2 MAY 95	188	82	East Fremantle/Bullcreek Leeming
26	Bryce DENYSIUK	16 MAY 95	196	86	Subiaco/Coolbinia
27	Jake SOLOMON	9 MAR 95	195	75	East Fremantle/Bullcreek Leeming
31	Laurence GRESKOS	8 APR 95	187	76	Swan Districts/Upper Swan
34	Blake ACRES	7 OCT 95	186	78	West Perth/Edgewater/Woodvale
35	Dylan LOO	24 JUN 95	182	72	Perth/Wesley College
38	Rhys ANZELINO	11 JAN 95	181	66	Peel/Mandurah Catholic
40	Brenden ABBOTT	1 JAN 95	185	93	Claremont/Royals Albany
43	Jesse HOGAN	12 FEB 95	191	95	Claremont/Marist
44	Scott JONES	20 MAY 95	198	85	East Perth/Busseton

A continuous evolution

One hundred-plus draftees highlight academy's success.

Western Australia's state academy structure has proven to be a successful model, playing a significant role in 100-plus players being drafted in the past five years as well as providing development benefits through WAFL pathway programs.

Producing AFL-ready players has been a strength of the academy, with 80 per cent of players taken in round one of the 2010 NAB AFL Draft playing in their first year. Additionally, after nine rounds of the AFL season, four West Australians had been nominated for the NAB Rising Star Award.

The state academy program continues to evolve, providing players improved medical and strength programs, skill development and workload monitoring systems.

Leading the state academy is respected coach Jon Sharp and assistants Larry Cavallo, Mark Pashby, John Hancock and Darren Kowal. All coaches within the under-16 academy are proud products of the WAFL coaching pathway offered by the WA Football Commission. The pathway allows coaches exposure to an elite environment in order to further enhance their skills. The WAFC wishes Sharp and staff all the best in the championships, and congratulates Jon on an outstanding tenure as state 16s head coach.

Specialist staff roles within the state academy include ruck coaches Jay Burton and Steve Wasley, conditioning coach Sam Robertson, physiotherapists Shani Blay and Steve Gravina, Dr Lionel Lim and chairman of selectors Shane Yardley. It is fortunate to have the experience and dedication of quality people who have the aim of ensuring the playing group enjoys the experience



DANIEL KERR

WESTERN AUSTRALIA TO WEST COAST

The thing that stood out the most with Daniel was his work rate. He could maintain this for four quarters, and his ability to get in and under the contest to win the ball was outstanding.

SCOTT BALLEM

FORMER WA TALENT MANAGER

and maximise their involvement in this elite football program.

The success of the Academy has been due to the solid work and great relationships at the WAFL clubs in developing WA footballers. The WA Football Commission recognises and appreciates the contribution made by WAFL colts coaches, player development managers, and WAFL club environments in producing players who are able to compete with such high standards on the national stage.

NSW/ACT RAMS

Coach: **TOM HARLEY** Team Manager: **ALI FARAJ**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Elijah EDWARDS	31 AUG 95	164	59	Batemans Bay
2	Patrick KILLALEA	2 APR 95	170	66	Mangoplah-CUE
3	Yarran JAFFER-WILLIAMS	12 OCT 95	171	64	Glebe
4	Michael GIBBONS	15 MAY 95	172	66	Coolamon
5	Joshua VAN LUENEN	17 JAN 95	173	65	Camden
6	Matthew KELLY	28 JUN 95	174	70	Belconnen
7	Samuel CLYNE	6 DEC 94	174	67	Wentworth
8	Nick KELLY	28 JUN 95	174	66	Belconnen
9	Jack STEELE	13 DEC 95	176	67	Belconnen
10	Brenton LOUDON	7 MAY 95	178	60	Deniliquin
11	Doug BOND	19 MAY 95	178	61	Deniliquin
12	Lloyd PERRIS	2 JAN 95	179	70	St George
13	Errol SERTBAS	18 OCT 95	179	73	Manly
14	Rhys HEALY	4 APR 95	179	72	Belconnen
15	Beau HEENEY	30 DEC 94	180	77	Cardiff
16	Jake BARRETT	8 NOV 95	180	69	Temora
17	Tom KEOGH	15 MAR 95	183	71	Eastlakes-MCU
18	Chris JANSEN	12 JUL 95	184	72	Belconnen
19	Michael RYAN	24 JAN 95	185	72	Eastlake
20	Shane POTTER	3 FEB 95	186	79	Figtree
21	Isaac DAMME	15 MAY 95	186	74	Eastlakes-MCU
22	Kieran ELLIS	30 JAN 95	186	71	Albury
23	Jedd CLOTHIER	4 MAY 95	187	80	Narooma
24	Ben HALSE	12 APR 95	187	73	Eastlake
25	Jackson POLA SMITH	24 APR 95	188	71	Manly
26	Andrew WALL	11 JUL 95	188	77	Wentworth
27	Jack CODD-MILLER	6 FEB 95	188	72	Western Suburbs
28	Henry DELVES	8 APR 95	191	81	Griffith
29	John HAGGERTY	6 FEB 95	192	77	Western Suburbs
30	Fraser HAWKINS	14 APR 95	194	88	Finley

Results starting to show

Talented player program lands 18 youngsters on AFL lists.

Since last year's NAB AFL Under-16 Championships in Blacktown, the AFL NSW/ACT talented player program has continued to grow and develop.

With 18 NSW/ACT players listed by AFL clubs in 2010, and a total 46 recruited from the program in the last four years, the player pathway is achieving outstanding results.

The Sydney Swans and GWS Giants academies are now fully operational and providing athletes with access to first-class coaching, tuition and training. Talented players' development can now be fast-tracked, with more time and resources devoted to improving their football skills.

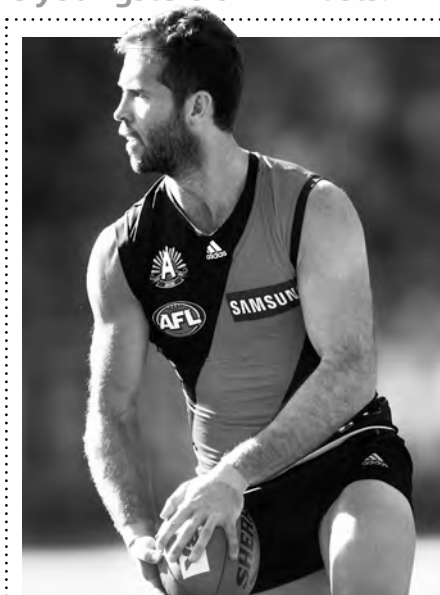
More than 300 volunteers throughout the NSW/ACT region have helped provide an opportunity for the 25 players representing the RAMS this week to showcase their talents.

With seven talent zones, three Joss state zone trials, club academies, the Future Stars program and the NSW scholarship program, there are a number of steps players must go through in order to be selected.

This year, the under-16 RAMS have had the privilege of working under the coaching and mentoring of former Geelong premiership captain Tom Harley.

Harley's knowledge of the game and leadership credentials are a valuable asset to the program and assist player development immensely. Since his retirement in 2009, Harley has been working with the AIS-AFL Academy players to best prepare them for life in the AFL, among other roles in the media and with AFL NSW/ACT.

Harley's commitment to growing the talent pool in the the region is second to none, and



MARK McVEIGH

NSW/ACT RAMS TO ESSENDON

He was a standout at the carnival. He had a leg injury, but was still a dominant player. He got tagged, but was reading the play so well and still gaining plenty of possessions.

ROD CARTER

FORMER NSW/ACT COACH

he has been a decided bonus for the AFL NSW/ACT talented player program this year.

Through the hard work of all coaches, staff and volunteers, players now have the best possible pathway to provide them with an opportunity to play AFL at the elite level.

The NAB AFL Under-16 Championships allow players and staff to show the progress they have made, reinforcing the commitment to the AFL that exists across NSW/ACT.

Northern Territory

Coach: CAMERON ROBERTS Team Manager: KERRIE HOGAN

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Abraham ANKERS	8 APR 95	164	58	Federal
2	Jordan BRISTON	17 JUL 95	183	64	Nightcliff
3	Reece PECKHAM	23 NOV 94	188	84	Pioneers
4	Ben FULLER	17 MAY 95	183	72	Federal
5	Josh BARTON	1 NOV 95	175	60	Waratahs
6	Brett TOTHAM	31 JAN 95	178	77	Wanderers
7	Peter CHISHOLM-ESPIE	02 OCT 95	178	75	Southern Districts
8	Shane McAULIFFE	24 JUL 96	170	63	Pioneers
9	Joel SEDEN	15 FEB 95	171	64	Wanderers
10	Aaron POLLARD	2 JUL 94	176	70	Darwin
11	Lachlan McDONALD	18 JAN 95	180	80	Rovers
12	Allistair DARCY	15 JUN 95	186	65	Waratahs
13	Daniel SIMPSON	31 JAN 96	171	64	Waratahs
14	Kayle COSSACK	9 SEP 94	186	65	Katherine
15	Jesiah McGARVIE	8 JAN 95	182	73	Nightcliff
16	Erin WASLEY-BLACK	20 JAN 95	189	73	Rovers
17	Lane JACKSON	4 MAR 95	184	57	South Alice
18	Willie RIOLI	4 JUN 95	179	70	St Marys
19	Sam SMITH	23 DEC 94	188	80	Waratahs
20	Bradley JOHANSEN	5 JAN 94	188	76	Pioneers
21	Jerome MOTLOP	18 APR 95	164	62	Wanderers
22	David RICHARDSON	5 MAY 94	177	63	Southern Districts
23	Joel HOGAN	26 FEB 95	182	70	Palmerston
24	Jack ABREY	15 FEB 94	187	73	Rovers
25	Tristan KAPITULA	11 JUL 95	178	65	Palmerston
26	Dylan GORDAN	21 JUL 95	184	63	Palmerston
27	Amyas ROSS	19 OCT 95	185	75	Waratahs
28	Jack HENNING	8 JAN 95	184	77	Southern Districts
29	Leonard GORDON	6 AUG 95	185	65	St Marys
30	Zac WESTERBERG	1 MAR 94	191	78	Waratahs

Thunder keeps on rumbling

NT youngsters live the dream of reaching AFL level.

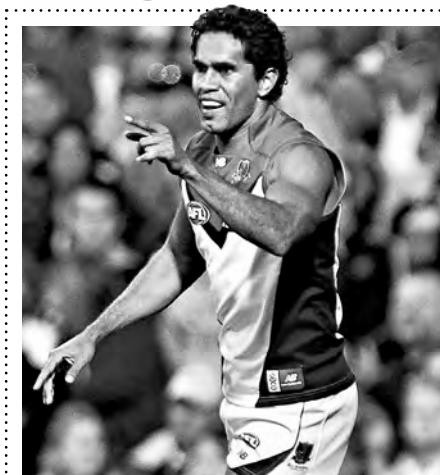
The 2011 Northern Territory Football Club under-16 team has been put together from players all over the region. The 30 players selected hail from all corners of the NT, including the Tiwi Islands, Katherine, Galiwinku and major centers Darwin and Alice Springs. A selection series was held in April in Darwin, where aspirants played a series of matches for final selection in the squad of 30.

This year's team is coached by ex-Geelong and current NTFC senior player Cameron Roberts, who brings valuable experience to the position. He will be assisted by AFLNT regional development managers Tavis Perry and Stephen Symmonds, and Cameron Hotton, who is general manager of the Tiwi Bombers in 2011. Hamish Simpson (ex-Geelong) and Clontarf Academy mentor Gove Eylandt will assist in the on and off-field education of the youngsters.

Kia Naylor (Bodyfit NT) again oversees training services, which includes medical, strength and conditioning, rehabilitation and education about physical and mental preparation, performance and recovery.

In previous years, the majority of the squad was at a disadvantage due to being 'out of season'. However, since the inception of the state academy program, and with the NTFC senior team playing in the NEAFL and the continued growth and involvement of Bodyfit NT and the Northern Territory Institute of Sport as well as a continuity of NT programs, there has been a marked improvement in the players' preparedness to compete on the national stage.

The NTFC under-16 players are hoping to follow in the footsteps of past NT players who have progressed to the AFL, such as Xavier and Raphael Clarke, Cyril Rioli, Mathew Stokes, Alwyn



AARON DAVEY

NORTHERN TERRITORY TO MELBOURNE

Quick, balanced and skillful, Aaron performed exceptionally well at the carnival. Daring for his size, he could always rely on his pressure. People didn't truly appreciate how good his defensive skills were.

MARK MOTLOP

FORMER NT UNDER-16 COACH

and Aaron Davey and Tom Logan. This is the start of a dream that players want to live.

The state academy program is well supported by the AFL, Tattersall's, NTIS, Coca-Cola Amatil, McDonald's and KooGa. Their long-term commitment is much appreciated, along with the backing of affiliated NT leagues and clubs.

A special thank you to all parents and Thunder support staff for their efforts to ensure players in the state academy program have the opportunity to do their best at the 2011 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships.

Queensland

Coach: **RAY WINDSOR** Team Manager: **ROBBIE HULL**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Ethan ALEXANDER-CRACKEL	25 MAR 95	174	64	Labrador
2	Ori NILMO	11 Nov 95	168	62	PNG
3	Isaac ROKEBY	23 FEB 95	171	65	Pyramid Power
4	Hamish DAVIDSON	29 JUN 95	177	69	Panthers AFC
5	Isaac CONWAY	29 MAY 95	181	76	Sandgate
6	Lewis RADFORD	11 JAN 95	178	71	Everton
7	Nick DAVIDSON	7 AUG 94	180	82	Mt Gravatt
8	Liam DAWSON	23 JAN 96	185	75	Redcliffe
9	Jack GOODALL	2 MAR 95	187	77	Port Douglas
10	Lachlan NILAND-ROWE	15 APR 95	186	72	Aspley
11	Zac SOUTHERN	3 JUN 95	189	74	Nambour
12	Jarred ELLIS	18 APR 95	185	76	Broadbeach
13	Jarred KLESSENS	17 APR 95	185	84	Surfers Paradise
14	Aden RUTLEDGE	12 JUN 95	190	80	Sandgate
15	Jordon BOURKE	11 NOV 94	191	80	Morningside
16	Cain TICKNER	17 APR 95	192	73	Noosa
17	Nick JACKSON	16 DEC 95	191	81	Aspley
18	Tye HUGHES	27 MAR 95	190	81	Dalby Swans
19	Angus WATTS	17 APR 95	191	78	Labrador
20	Steven MILLS	10 APR 95	192	73	Panthers AFC
21	Jackson GRAY	17 MAR 95	200	77	Kawana
22	Matt UEBERGANG	6 JAN 95	191	77	Ipswich
23	Jermaine WARDLE	5 NOV 94	188	85	Manunda Hawks
24	Caleb HAY	28 APR 95	195	76	Northern Rivers
25	Ben BISSETT	30 DEC 95	188	75	Morningside
26	Hayden BERTOLI-SIMMONDS	2 MAY 95	179	66	Morningside
27	Nick SELMAN	18 OCT 95	186	74	Maroochydore
28	Bill PENDLEBURY	19 MAY 95	179	81	Morningside
29	Sam GRIBBLE	23 FEB 95	178	71	Sandgate
30	Josh STILLER	20 JAN 95	178	76	Sandgate

Young Scorpions aim high

A big year for Queensland footy.

The Australia Post Queensland Young Scorpions have a proud recent history at the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships.

The Young Scorpions, to be coached for the second year by ex-Brisbane Bears player Ray Windsor, have been winners of the Division Two title four times in the last seven years, as well as twice being runners-up. They will be keen to improve on their 2010 performance, where they were narrowly beaten by Tasmania in the Division Two decider.

And there will be no shortage of practical motivation and incentive, with an undeniable 'your dream is near enough to touch' message emitting loud and clear from the 11 Queenslanders who have debuted in the AFL in the first half of the 2011 season.

Making up a record-breaking class of 2011 are the Gold Coast Suns' Zac Smith, Charlie Dixon, Karmichael Hunt, Marc Lock, Alik Magin, Joey Daye and Rex Liddy, the Brisbane Lions' Claye Beams, Broc McCauley and Bryce Retzlaff and the Western Bulldogs' James Mulligan.

Windsor will have a new-look coaching braintrust in 2011, with only former Glenelg great John Seebohm, father of swimming star Emily Seebohm, back from last year.

New to the panel are assistant coach Paul Grentell, a former senior coach of the Western Magpies in the QAFL State League, and injured Brisbane Lions premiership ruckman Jamie Charman, who has taken on a role working with the Queensland tall.

The Young Scorpions face a revamped fixture this year, with their first game in the championships against NT at Metricon Stadium as a curtain-raiser to Gold Coast's clash with the Bulldogs on June 25.



BRENDAN WHITECROSS

QUEENSLAND TO HAWTHORN

Brendan displayed great leadership on and off the field and his disposal skills and ball winning ability set him apart from the other members of the team.

MARK BROWNING

FORMER AFLQ TALENT MANAGER

The Queensland camp also faces its first clash against the World XVIII team in western Sydney, and games against NSW/ACT and Tasmania.

The Young Scorpions acknowledge the backing of long-time sponsor Australia Post, who do a magnificent job supporting the AFL Queensland Talented Player Pathway.

Thanks also go out to the Queensland Government, AFL Queensland State League clubs and junior competitions, plus AFL Queensland regional and development staff, parents and families for their pivotal support.

Tasmania

Coach: **ADAM SANDERS** Team Manager: **NICK PROBERT**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Ben KILLALEA	27 JAN 95	173	62	Launceston
2	Brendan HAY	7 JUL 95	167	70	Clarence
3	Alex PAYNE	26 JAN 95	172	71	Launceston
4	Daniel WITHERS	30 APR 95	180	60	Launceston/Prospect Hawks JFC
5	Tim CLEAVER	14 AUG 95	175	73	Lauderdale
6	Zac WEBSTER	11 AUG 95	180	71	Glenorchy/Brighton JFC
7	Daniel BLAZELY	20 FEB 95	174	65	Clarence/Lindisfarne JFC
8	Bradley RAYNER	21 JAN 95	174	61	Launceston/Prospect Hawks JFC
9	Thor BOSCOTT	25 DEC 94	178	78	Lauderdale
10	Jayke MURRAY	14 AUG 95	181	73	Clarence
11	Jake SMITH	25 FEB 95	181	75	Launceston/Prospect Hawks JFC
12	Joshua YOOD	14 FEB 95	178	66	Launceston
13	Kody RIDDLE	4 MAR 95	182	68	South Launceston
14	Eli TEMPLETON	19 AUG 95	181	68	Burnie Dockers
15	Mackenzie WILLIS	7 AUG 95	181	77	Hobart
16	Ryan WIGGINS	13 APR 95	188	82	Lauderdale
17	Kade KOLODJASHNIJ	9 AUG 95	185	68	Launceston/Prospect Hawks JFC
18	Jake KOLODJASHNIJ	9 AUG 95	188	78	Launceston/Prospect Hawks JFC
19	Jake MURPHY	23 MAR 95	189	88	Clarence/Lindisfarne JFC
20	Rohan SERGEANT	4 OCT 95	186	75	Launceston
21	Marcus LEE	7 DEC 94	187	75	South Launceston
22	Dylan VISSER	28 MAR 95	193	90	South Launceston
23	Aden JOHNSTON	31 DEC 94	193	72	Lauderdale
24	Alex LEE	28 AUG 95	195	82	Devonport
25	Rohan BONES	30 DEC 94	200	90	Hobart/Kingborough JFC
26	Perry MANNERING	31 MAY 95	170	62	Hobart/Kingborough JFC
27	Dylan GRANT	2 SEP 95	172	62	Glenorchy
28	Brodie DEVERALL	25 MAR 95	176	70	Devonport
29	Braden VAN BUUREN	27 OCT 95	182	70	Devonport
30	Hamish ROBERTSON	15 MAR 95	183	78	North Hobart

Youngsters' map of success

State academy a crucial starting point.

Wearing 'the map' is an honour aspired to by all young Tasmanian footballers, and the first opportunity arrives with the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships. Players from all parts of the state have been selected to represent Tasmania, with a large proportion originating from the Launceston region.

This year has seen a continuation of Tasmania's successful state academy program, which was established in 2009.

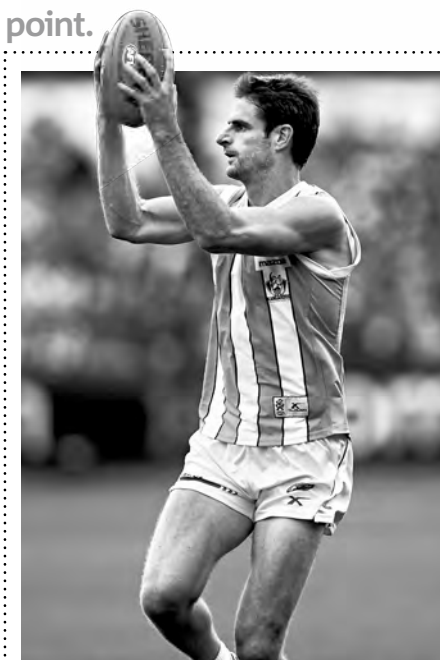
The program identifies a squad in February, bringing all academy players together to train centrally at Aurora Stadium, at three regional training centres, and in camps. The academy is again guided in football by state development coach Adam Sanders and in physical development by strength, conditioning and rehabilitation manager David Kinsella.

The team is ably supported by under-18 state academy coach Mathew Armstrong, ex-Tasmania player Troy Davies and Clarence premiership player and coach Nick Davey.

All players are benefiting from the establishment of the Tasmanian State League in 2009. The competition is lifting the quality of club football and providing a better learning environment for players to hone their skills and develop.

The players representing Tasmania this year are aspiring to follow in the footsteps of recent draftees such as Grant Birchall, Liam Jones, Tom Bellchambers, Maverick Weller, Luke Russell and Josh Green — all of whom started in the Tasmania under-16 team.

AFL Tasmania is grateful for the support of the AFL in continuing to provide funds and resources to keep the game as the most popular sport in Tasmania. The efforts of



BRADY RAWLINGS

TASMANIA TO NORTH MELBOURNE

His ability in the air and to cover so much ground for a 15 or 16-year-old was a feature. His overall attitude and work ethic won him the captaincy in his second year, and he certainly led us well.

GLENN FRAME

FORMER TASMANIA UNDER-16 COACH

Wrest Point State League clubs in assisting the development of Tasmanian players should also be acknowledged.

Coca-Cola has been a terrific supporter of AFL Tasmania's talent programs, and all involved are grateful for their backing. Thanks also go out to players' parents, and staff who willingly give their time to the state program.

World XVIII

Coach: **CHRIS JOHNSON**

Team Manager: **PETER ROMANIW**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	COUNTRY/STATE
1	Charles IRRA	15 JUN 96	165	60	Uganda/SA
2	Jason SILEN	7 AUG 95	168	55	Canada
3	Inacio DA SILVA AMARAL	7 MAR 93	168	65	East Timor
4	Nishan COYNE	13 NOV 94	169	63	Sri Lanka/Vic
5	Sikhulule GAMAKHULU	3 JUL 92	168	60	South Africa
6	Alex JALLOH	5 OCT 95	173	65	Sierra Leone/NSW/ACT
7	Omar ABDALLAH	15 MAY 94	173	74	Lebanon/Vic
8	Mohamed SAAD	21 JUN 94	174	76	Lebanon/Vic
9	Ayanda MOSHOESHOE	5 NOV 96	174	57	South Africa
10	Majok ANEET	1 JAN 93	173	73	Sudan/Vic
11	Adam SAAD	23 JUL 94	175	69	Lebanon/Vic
12	Justin NGUDU	15 MAY 94	175	76	Sudan/NSW
13	Keitumetse MOLELLE	18 DEC 94	176	60	South Africa
14	Brennan LEW-COOKE	31 MAR 95	177	71	Canada
15	Henry PENI	10 FEB 96	178	70	Samoa/Vic
16	Ring MAJOK	26 AUG 95	180	68	Sudan/Tas
17	Basam AJRISH	1 JAN 94	180	78	Syria/SA
18	Bradley XAVIER	16 SEP 96	181	67	India/Vic
19	Alex TIVY	1 SEP 93	183	73	Canada
20	Sami SIR	20 JAN 96	183	65	Turkey/New Zealand/Vic
21	Manuel MARSIL SANTOS DA SILVA	25 JUN 94	171	68	East Timor
22	Dan LANHANE	30 JUL 93	187	77	USA
23	Miki MASAKI	17 JAN 94	187	85	Japan/Vic
24	Jimmy AGANAS	30 APR 95	189	72	Sudan/Tas
25	Tom EXTON	29 SEP 93	190	76	Scotland
26	Muris BARTLEY	8 NOV 92	190	83	Ireland
27	Garang LUAL	15 JAN 95	191	65	Sudan/SA
28	Aliir ALIIR	5 SEP 94	192	82	Sudan/Qld
29	Abraham KUR	31 JUL 93	193	73	Sudan/Vic
30	Anthony DAW	9 SEP 96	196	72	Sudan/Vic
35	Darren LEDOUX	14 AUG 93	198	95	Canada

AFL spreads global wings

World XVIII set to play key role in international growth.

After the success of the inaugural 2010 World XVIII, the 2011 squad is looking to showcase more global talent. Many players were considered, including those nominated by the AFL international affiliates, with diverse nations such as South Africa, the US, Sudan, Canada, Scotland and Ireland represented.

It is little-known that almost 300 Australian Football clubs exist outside Australia, with large participation increases in South Africa, Europe, North America and the Pacific islands.

The ability to provide overseas players with a pathway to compete against the best youth in Australia highlights the AFL's commitment to grow the game in international markets.

AFL international development manager Tony Woods sees great potential for the growth.

"These players will become pioneers for future international talent, and we hope they learn from the experience and develop both as young men and as footballers," Woods said. "The World XVIII team also allows us to celebrate the diversity of our game."

The team will come together before the carnival for a high-performance camp under head coach Chris Johnson (ex-Brisbane Lions star) and assistant Michael Ablett (former AIS-AFL Academy graduate and assistant coach at Sandringham VFL). The squad will be assisted by Brad Johnson (ex-Bulldogs champion) and Michael O'Loughlin (ex-Sydney Swan and current AIS-AFL high performance academy coach).

For Johnson, bringing such a diverse group together is both challenging and exciting.

"It's a great reward for the commitment of the players," he said. "It's an opportunity for a group of young men to experience Australian Football culture, develop as people and play



PEARCE HANLEY

IRELAND TO BRISBANE LIONS

From County Mayo in Ireland, Pearce starred for his country as a 16-year-old against Australia in the International Rules Youth Series. His speed was an outstanding feature through the midfield.

KEVIN SHEEHAN

AFL NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL TALENT MANAGER

within a high-performance environment. It's fantastic that the team has the opportunity to compete, interact and learn from the most talented players in Australia. We hope they can learn from the experience and become advocates for Australian Football."

A number of current AFL players were born outside Australia, including Collingwood's Harry O'Brien (Brazil), Port Adelaide's David Rodan (Fiji) and Sydney Swans Tadhg Kennelly (Ireland) and Mike Pyke (Canada).

South Pacific

Coach: **DAVID LAKE** Team Manager: **ED McCOWAN**

No	NAME	DOB	HT	WT	COUNTRY
1	Donatello MOSES	23 JUL 93	167	62	Nauru
2	Joses LAWRENCE	3 JUN 93	167	75	Papua New Guinea
3	Scott JOHNSON	25 JUL 95	163	50	Papua New Guinea
4	Anthony JOEL	17 MAR 93	168	58	Solomon Islands
5	Wilisoni VESIKARA	8 JUL 94	168	72	Fiji
6	Jeffrey PAULI	24 JUN 93	181	75	Fiji
7	Theo GAVURI	22 FEB 94	168	69	Papua New Guinea
8	Brendan BENO	10 AUG 94	170	62	Papua New Guinea
9	Gideon SIMON	30 OCT 94	172	71	Papua New Guinea
10	Ezra KAUTU	1 AUG 94	180	78	Papua New Guinea
11	Nathan MALBAK	12 DEC 94	167	66	Papua New Guinea
12	Gilmore LAWRENCE	3 JUN 93	168	78	Papua New Guinea
13	Herman TANUVASA	30 JUL 93	176	80	Samoa
14	Samiuela TUITUPOU	16 JUL 93	170	74	New Zealand
15	Lawrie LOGO	4 SEPT 93	178	78	Papua New Guinea
16	Kurt HEATHERLEY	1 JAN 95	189	85	New Zealand
17	Charlton BROWN	16 JUL 94	187	78	New Zealand
18	Rhys PANUI LETH	7 AUG 94	190	85	New Zealand
19	Brandon SUCU	17 DEC 93	186	81	New Zealand
20	Slim COLLINS	25 DEC 93	188	79	Papua New Guinea
21	Major ALPHONSE	27 MAY 94	182	78	Papua New Guinea
22	Larry NAO	27 OCT 93	178	75	Papua New Guinea
23	Kafoa TAUAFE	6 APR 93	182	80	Tonga
24	Sione TUPOU	25 MAY 94	179	78	Tonga
25	Jimzan YOSHI HARRIS	20 FEB 94	183	89	Nauru
26	Heneli FISITIALIA	2 JUL 93	180	78	Tonga
27	Shem TATUPU	30 NOV 95	193	95	New Zealand
28	Ezra GOTUNO	21 OCT 94	175	70	Papua New Guinea
29	Richard STEGMAN	14 MAY 93	180	69	Papua New Guinea
30	Aviata SIUTA	10 APR 93	183	74	Samoa

South Pacific dreaming

Islanders bring excitement aplenty to the table.

Twelve months on from its inaugural NAB AFL Under-16 Championships outing, the South Pacific is building a quality community-based AFL platform and an exciting talent pathway. With 12 million-plus Pacific Islanders living within a three-hour flight of Australia's eastern seaboard, there is huge opportunity for sustained AFL expansion, with AFL programs taking hold and thriving in local communities.

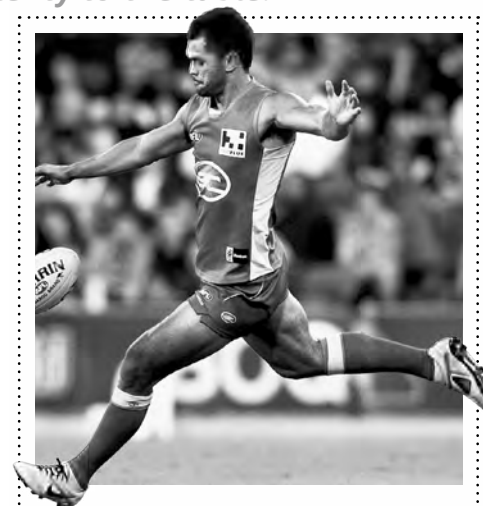
The lessons learned and experience gained in 2010 have filtered back through the Pacific Islands, with an increase in participation (more than 40,000) and talent (13 players at AFL clubs).

The second AFL Oceania Youth Cup was held in Tonga in December, expanding to eight countries and including hit-outs against the Australian Indigenous Boomerangs. PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu joined Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Nauru and New Zealand in the biggest international sporting event held in Tonga.

The tournament was highlighted by the involvement and coaching and playing expertise of Andrew McLeod, Chris Johnson, Nic Naitanui, Israel Falou and Karmichael Hunt.

The selection process was threefold, covering the 200 participants at the Oceania Cup and complimented by AFL PNG Academy and scholarship players, as well as nominated international rookie search program players from all Pacific countries.

Under the direction of head coach David Lake and Asia Pacific manager Andrew Cadzow, and the ever-increasing guidance of individual countries' talent programs, the initial squad of 37 players trained and played in their local communities in preparation for 2011.



KARMICHAEL HUNT

NEW ZEALAND TO GOLD COAST SUNS

When I saw Karmichael playing school football, I couldn't believe his raw power, speed and evasive skills. He had unbelievably clean hands and played with real passion and enthusiasm.

MARK BROWNING

FORMER QUEENSLAND TALENT MANAGER

The team's progress is hampered by massive geographical constraints, but the solid preparation mirrored 2010, with the bonus of playing the Boomerangs, selecting from three additional countries, and having 11 players return from 2010 far more 'footy-wise' and more complete both as leaders and people.

"The Pacific players are exciting, athletic and have both the explosive speed and physical power to compliment their captivating skills," says Lake. "They are both pioneers and role models, and their exploits are being watched very closely by all."

Aspiring to the top flight

Umpires look to seize their chance to shine.

The 2011 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships are seen as an integral component of the AFL talented umpire pathway program for those who are striving to develop and potentially make it to the AFL list.

The pinnacle for the umpires is the 'live-in experience' where field, boundary and goal umpires from each state travel to NSW and are given the opportunity to experience what is required to umpire at the highest level.

Umpires will receive coaching and feedback from experienced umpire coaches and will be overseen by Andrew Ball, who is the WAFL umpiring match day coach.

The umpires will also be involved in personal development sessions aimed at improving their ability to deal with the pressures of being an elite umpire and improving their leadership capabilities.

The AFL umpiring department is a strong supporter of the championships as a development opportunity for young umpires aspiring to reach the AFL, explained AFL umpiring manager Jeff Gieschen. "Some of these umpires are the next generation of AFL umpires, and the experiences they have at these championships will hold them in good stead to reach their future umpiring ambitions," he said.

PARTICIPATING FIELD UMPIRES

NAME	REGION/LEAGUE
Mark Worobec	WA
Cameron Johnson-Pfeiffer	NT
Sam Ward	Qld
Jesse Verdichizzi	Vic
Sam Lowe	SA
Joel Harris	Tas
Haydn O'Connor	VFL
Matthew Baigent	ACT

PARTICIPATING BOUNDARY UMPIRES

NAME	REGION/LEAGUE
Brodie Ward	WA
Bradley Lewis	NT
Jamie Lovelock	Qld
Brendan Gherashe	Vic
Ben Hindle	SA
Joshua Enniss	Tas
Phil Barkman	ACT

PARTICIPATING GOAL UMPIRES

NAME	REGION/LEAGUE
Luke Edwards	WA
Shaun Ostler	NT
Kylie Anne Rossiter	Qld
Mitch Gray	Vic
Sam Burston	SA
Brayden White	Tas
Bradley Chamberlain	NSW



Field, goal and boundary umpires all gain valuable experience at the NAB AFL Under-16 Championships.

NAB AFL U16 Championships

Gold Coast, Launceston, June 25; Sydney, July 9-16

ROUND ONE

Saturday, June 25

Qld v NT, Metricon Stadium, Carrara, 8.15am
Tas v NSW/ACT, Aurora Stadium, Launceston, 2.30pm

Saturday, July 9

WA v Vic Metro, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney (BISS), 10am
NEAFL – GWS Giants v Brisbane Lions, BISS, 12.30pm
Vic Country v SA, BISS, 3.30pm

ROUND TWO

Sunday, July 10

Tas v South Pacific, BISS, 10am
World v NT, BISS, 12.30pm
NSW/ACT v Qld, 3pm

Tuesday, July 12

Vic C v WA, BISS, 11.00am
SA v Vic M, BISS, 1.15pm

ROUND THREE

Wednesday, July 13

NT v Tas, Bruce Purser Oval, Rouse Hill, 10am
NSW/ACT v South Pacific, Bruce Purser Oval, Rouse Hill, 12.05pm
Qld v World, Bruce Purser Oval, Rouse Hill, 2.10pm

Friday, July 15

Vic M v Vic C, BISS, 10am
SA v WA, BISS, 12.15pm

ROUND FOUR

Saturday, July 16

Tas v Qld, BISS, 10am
NT v NSW/ACT, BISS, 12.05pm
South Pacific v World, BISS, 2.10pm

AIS-AFL Academy selectors 2011

Michael O'Loughlin AIS-AFL High Performance Coach
Kevin Sheehan AFL Talent & International Manager
Brad Lloyd Recruiting Manager, Fremantle
Dom Ambrogio Recruiting Manager, Gold Coast
Bryce Lewis Recruiting Manager, North Melbourne
Francis Jackson Recruiting Manager, Richmond
Geoff Parker Recruiting Manager, Port Adelaide

Championships committee

Kevin Sheehan AFL Talent & International Manager
Peter Schwab AFL Director of Coaching
Roger Berryman AFL Talent Operations Manager
James Veale AFL Conditioning & Database Manager
Emma Thompson AFL NSW/ACT Executive Assistant

Past winners

DIVISION ONE

1996 Western Australia
1997 Western Australia
1998 Vic Country
1999 Vic Metro
2000 Vic Country
2001 Vic Country
2002 Vic Metro
2003 Western Australia
2004 Western Australia
2005 Vic Metro
2006 Vic Metro
2007 Vic Metro
2008 Vic Metro
2009 Vic Country
2010 South Australia

DIVISION TWO

1996 Vic Country
1997 NSW/ACT RAMS
1998 Queensland
1999 Northern Territory
2000 NSW/ACT RAMS
2001 NSW/ACT RAMS
2002 NSW/ACT RAMS
2003 Tasmania
2004 Queensland
2005 Queensland
2006 Northern Territory
2007 Queensland
2008 Tasmania
2009 Queensland
2010 Tasmania

The medallists

KEVIN SHEEHAN
MEDALLIST
DIVISION ONE

1996 M. Saunders (WA)
1997 D. Headland (WA)
1998 J. Corey (WA)
1999 N. Lonie (Vic-M)
2000 A. Fisher (Vic-C) & A. Sampi (WA)
2001 B. Goddard (Vic-C)
2002 J. Willoughby (SA) & T. Schmidt (SA)
2003 M. Clark (WA) & B. Deledio (Vic-C)
2004 L. Jetta (WA) & G. Grant (WA)
2005 J. Sellar (SA)
2006 H. Hartlett (SA)
2007 T. Scully (Vic-M) & M. Walters (WA)
2008 J. Toy (Vic-M)
2009 A. Treloar (Vic-C) & T. Mitchell (WA)
2010 C. Yarran (WA)

ALAN McLEAN
MEDALLIST
DIVISION TWO

1996 A. Staehr (Vic-C)
1997 S. Angeles (NT) & B. Rawlings (Tas)
1998 M. Osborne (Qld)
1999 R. Cole (NT)
2000 A. Schneider (NSW/ACT)
2001 J. McVeigh (NSW/ACT)
2002 R. Clarke (NT) & R. Clarke (NT)
2003 A. Hall (Qld)
2004 D. Dzufer (Qld)
2005 C. Bird (NSW/ACT)
2006 M. Motlop (NT)
2007 D. Bevan (Qld)
2008 M. Weller (Tas)
2009 J. Allen (Qld)
2010 A. Sexton (Qld)

Game goes global

The 2011 International Cup is set to play a key role in the growth of the game outside Australia.

Nearing the end of a five-year national and international investment cycle, the AFL can look at the emerging footprint in international markets with some satisfaction. The future looks extremely exciting, with the game continuing to be bold and visionary.

At the 2010 AFL industry conference, CEO Andrew Demetriou put out the challenge.

“We are fond of describing Australian Football as the greatest game in the world,” he said. “Now it is time to make it even greater. It will need us to be united in the pursuit of excellence. It will take courage, vision and innovation.”

In a short time frame, the game boasts 65,000 participants across six key regions outside Australia; the majority coming from South Africa and Pacific, where the AFL has targeted the majority of its resources.

PNG leads the way in terms of players at both AFL and second-tier level, and is proof that with time, resources and intent a talent outcome outside of Australia is genuinely within reach. Add to this New Zealand’s Kurt Heatherly and his progress in the last 12 months with Hawthorn, and the future is bright indeed.

Heatherly has recently relocated to Australia on the international scholarship list and continues to impress on his journey toward an AFL career.

This year will also see the fourth International Cup, IC11, to be held in August in Sydney and Melbourne. From humble beginnings in 2002, IC11 has grown to 18 men’s teams and six women’s teams. More than 800 players and officials from 19 countries will travel to Australia to become the 2011 International Cup champion 2011, with the Grand Final an MCG curtain-raiser to the Hawthorn-Western Bulldogs game on Saturday, August 27.

The tournament is a celebration of AFL internationally, and, critically, no expatriate Australian is eligible — teams must field nationals from their country.

In 2008, PNG was crowned champion, however, look to challenges from New Zealand, South Africa, Ireland, the US and Canada. For the first time, the event will also welcome teams from East Timor, France and Tonga, and, once again, enjoy the privilege of witnessing the participation of the Peace Team — a side of Israelis and Palestinians that captured world headlines in 2008.



The World Team selected after the International Cup in 2008.



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