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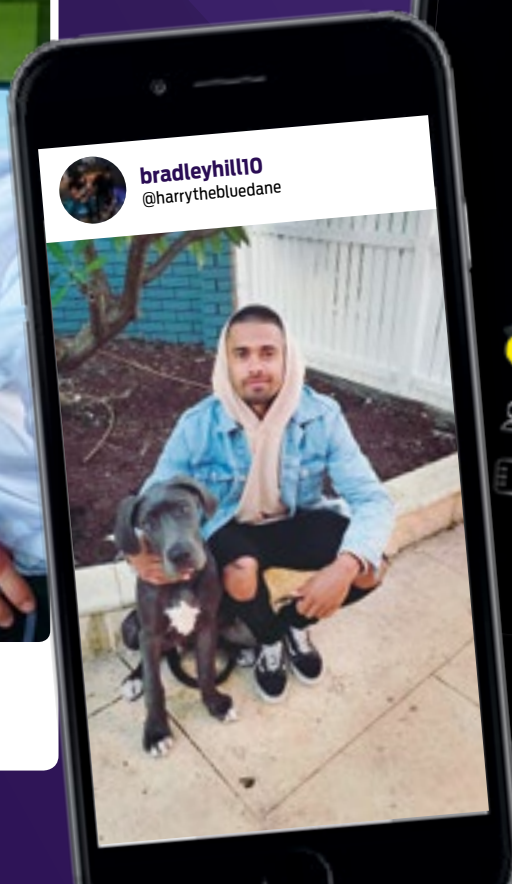


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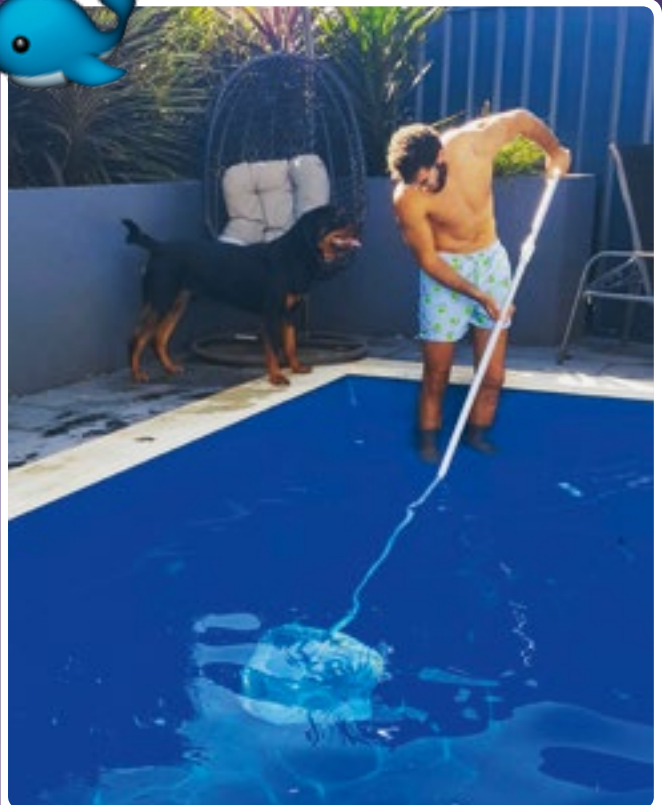
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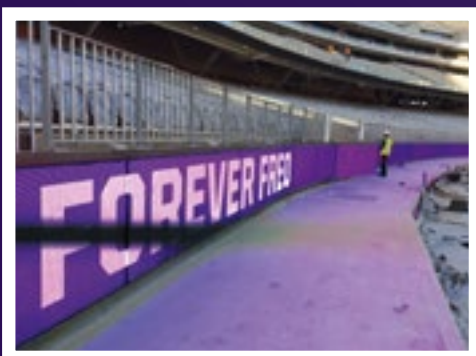
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# THE NEW PERTH STADIUM

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PERTH STADIUM AND THE SURROUNDING STADIUM PARK IS MORE THAN 80 PER CENT COMPLETE AND REMAINS ON SCHEDULE TO OPEN AHEAD OF THE 2018 AFL SEASON



**T**here are 1200 workers on site fitting out the internal areas of the stadium, with the state-of-the-art changerooms, food and beverage outlets and premium product areas the primary focus of construction.

More than 53,000 of the stadium's 60,000 seats have been installed and it's worth noting for fans that the general admission seats are 50cm wide (as wide as two bench seats at Domain Stadium) with cup holders positioned on the seat backs.

Installation of the two 340m<sup>2</sup> screens, located at the western and eastern ends, is complete and are the largest stadium screens in the Southern Hemisphere.

Site works to prepare the playing surface for turf rollout are well underway and include installation of the drainage and irrigations systems, with roll out taking place in the coming weeks.

Installation of the LED stadium lighting system has commenced and incorporates 15,000 LED lights to create a completely immersive lighting experience for the venue, which is adaptable to club requirements, meaning lots of purple!

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# OUR NEW HOME

## OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**I**t's the start of a proud new era for the Fremantle Football Club and the City of Cockburn.

On 19 May, Cockburn ARC officially opened with more than 300 invited guests at a VIP event.

And the \$109 million complex does so much more than house Fremantle's new elite training and administration facility.

It integrates the Fremantle Football Club and the community; so don't be surprised if you find yourself in a swimming lane alongside Freo players or meet them in line for a coffee at the Plunge Café.

There are nine water areas, three waterslides, a six-court basketball stadium, three group fitness studios, function rooms available to hire and a huge health club space.

It's also a hub for Freo fans to watch training, access membership services and shop at the new Freo Dockers ISC Superstore – which stocks everything from the latest range of club apparel and accessories, as well Speedo swimwear and a range of other sports equipment.

The complex has earned high praise from all areas of the football community, including AFL chairman Richard Goyder.

"The new facilities at Cockburn Central are unbelievable. The whole football club should be immensely

proud of what has been built here.

Speaking at the opening, senior coach Ross Lyon said he was thrilled with the facility.

"It's very impressive, it's great that it has a community aspect and we have our own dedicated resources as well," Lyon said.

"We've come down here and there is massive scope for growth. Everything is modern and state of the art and it has created a real vibrancy for the whole group."

Fremantle president Dale Alcock paid tribute to City of Cockburn, mayor Logan Howlett, CEO Stephen Cain and the city's elected members.

"Thank you for being a most valuable partner of the club," he said.

"We share a vision of delivering for the community and by working together we have achieved something great and this is just the start – as we will continue to do great things together with our collaborative approach to the community."

Alcock said the club had a vision of being the best club in the AFL with Fremantle's purpose being to engage, entertain and win.

"This facility helps us enormously in these three areas, it allows us to engage with the community and our partners, and to entertain our members and supporters," Alcock said.

Cockburn ARC is located at 31 Veterans Parade, approximately 600m from the Cockburn Central



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A REAL VIBRANCY  
FOR THE  
WHOLE GROUP."**

**ROSS LYON**

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**KITTED UP:** Yardgee Dockers in their new Freo jumpers.



SECURING OUR FUTURE

# BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS

**T**he Fremantle Dockers Foundation has continued its work in the community while facilitating crucial club projects, including the once-in-a-generation move to Fremantle's new elite training and administration facility at Cockburn Central.

Fremantle moved into its new home on Monday 20 February with the facility setting the bar high for professional sport in Australia.

Through the generous support of fans and donors, the Fremantle Dockers Foundation has also continued its work with key charity partners.

The effort in the first half of 2017 was highlighted by the Starlight Purple Haze Game, proudly supported by Fremantle Ports.

The opening round clash against Geelong at Domain Stadium saw more than \$147,000 raised for the Starlight Children's Foundation, helping to brighten the lives of seriously ill children and their families.

## YARDGEE DOCKERS KITTED UP

The Yardgee Dockers can lay claim to being the best dressed in the East Kimberley Football League with the Fremantle Dockers Foundation providing uniforms for their 2017 season.

The team based their name on Fremantle due to the large number of Freo supporters from Halls Creek, but were unable to source a full set of jumpers with the side occasionally wearing a mix of Freo's home and away jumpers.

The foundation was able to step in and donate jumpers for the side, as pictured above.



## PLAYERS' MENTORING MESSAGE

On Thursday 1 June, Fremantle players **Cam McCarthy**, Brady Grey and Lara Filocamo hosted 48 students as part of the '12 Buckets' University Aspiration Program.

'12 Buckets' works to help equip school-aged children from at-risk and disadvantaged areas with the support and connections needed to build a strong future.

The Freo players shared their own experiences of growing up and going through high school, and spoke about the value of making smart choices.

The students were treated to a tour of Fremantle's new facility at Cockburn Central and were put through their paces with a football training session from Grey, Filocamo and other Freo players, followed by lunch provided by Beyond Bank.





## FOUNDATION ROUND

This year the annual Fremantle Dockers Foundation Round is scheduled for round 20 against the Gold Coast Suns on Saturday 5 August.

The foundation is proud to support 14 community organisations in 2017 as 'Friends of the Foundation'. The Foundation Round will enable the club to share with our members and supporters the important work of these aligned charity partners.

During the past 12 months, our members and supporters have generously donated to the foundation and we thank all of those donors for their important contribution.

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## AFL CHAIRMAN ADMIRES "WORLD CLASS" FACILITY

Newly appointed AFL chairman Richard Goyder was recently given a tour of Fremantle's elite training and administration facility by Fremantle CEO Steve Rosich.

The chairman, who took over from Mike Fitzpatrick in April, is a proud former Fremantle board member, serving from 2006 to 2011 during a time when the club first started researching its options for a new home base.

"I was at the club during a time when this was just a dream," Goyder said.

"It's exciting. It's an awesome facility and you can only dream of being a young player drafted to the Fremantle

Football Club, male or female, and having these facilities."

Goyder said the new facility was especially exciting for Fremantle's members and supporters.

"My message for members and supporters would be to get around the club," Goyder said.

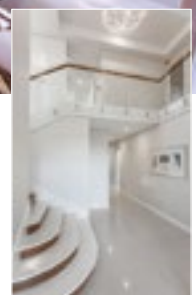
"This is an amazing facility.

This will bring out the best in the coaches, the players and the administration.

"The club needs the support of all of their fans and I think this is now the preeminent sporting facility in the country."



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# UNCOVERING THE NEXT BIG THING

STORY » TOM FEE

FROM PERTH TO THE KIMBERLEY, FREMANTLE'S NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY IS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT FREO STAR.

**F**orget diamonds and pearls – Fremantle is working on uncovering the Kimberley's next great export.

The Kimberley region is one of a handful allocated to Fremantle's Next Generation Academy, which engages multicultural and indigenous footballers across Western Australia.

The NGA works through two phases. The participation phase engages boys and girls aged 11-16, while the talent phase focuses on boys aged 14-18 and is designed to give participants the best preparation to make it through to the AFL.

Through the Kimberley, Fremantle have exclusive access to developing and signing indigenous players from an area renowned for its football talent.

There are already a handful of players from the Kimberley forging their way in the AFL, including Fremantle defender Joel Hamling, as well as Carlton's Sam Petrevski-Seton.

One member of the academy is 17-year-old Jason Carter, who joined the program in January and trained with the club for a two-week period.

Carter hails from Wyndham, more than 3000km north of Perth near the WA/NT border, and is currently completing year 12 as a border at Aquinas College.

Known for his pace, Carter was named in the All Australian team at the 2016 under-16 national championships, where he turned heads with a running goal from half back against South Australia.

Carter said the most valuable part of being part of Fremantle's NGA was the education.

"I was born and bred a Freo fan and I've always looked up to the

players, so getting the chance to train with them has been great," Carter said.

"It's been amazing, just having coaches like (development coach) Roger Hayden pass his knowledge on to me, it really helps me move forward with my career in football."

With a dream of making it at AFL level, Carter was sent to boarding school by his parents, and is hopeful that Fremantle's NGA can help facilitate more opportunities for talent in the region.

One of these opportunities came on Saturday 20 May, when Fremantle hosted a talent day in Broome where more than 150 boys and girls aged 11 to 14 years were showcased to Fremantle's talent scouts.

Carter spoke highly of the football talent in his region.

"Ever since I was a little kid I've always wanted to play AFL and my parents could see potential there," Carter said. "They made the

decision to move me down to boarding school, both for my football career and to help get an education.

"There's some great talent coming through now and some of the younger kids that are down (in Perth) for school are really putting themselves out there.

"The academy will definitely help give them a chance to showcase what they've got."

Fremantle's NGA isn't just for the Kimberley region, with the club also working on developing players from multicultural backgrounds all around the State.

The AFL has allocated five WAFL club regions to Fremantle's NGA, including East Fremantle, South Fremantle, Peel, West Perth and Claremont, as well as the Mid-West, Lower South-West and Wheatbelt districts.



**TALENT DAY:**  
The club was on the lookout in Broome in May.



**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:**  
Jason Carter at Freo's new facility.



Two players who are already under Fremantle's wings are 14-year-olds Chris and Brandon Walker.

The twins are part of East Fremantle's development squad and were thrilled to come down to Fremantle to train with Bradley Hill and Brady Grey.

"It's great being at Fremantle, it's a huge club and they can really help you improve," Brandon said.

"You've got actual AFL players coming down and talking to us and teaching us a lot about our football.

"We can watch them as they go about it and think that one day we could be doing what they do.

"It's inspiring knowing that if we keep pushing we might be able to use these facilities and become as good as them one day."

The pair were born in Ghana and moved over to Australia when they were four.

Brandon said he enjoyed playing football with the NGA, with different playing styles coming together from a variety of backgrounds. "It's great

because everyone can show a lot of different skills and tricks, some that you haven't seen in the game before," Brandon said.

"It's amazing to think that maybe one day we can be doing this at AFL level and inspiring kids of all backgrounds to take up the game."

The pair shone in Fremantle's NGA Derby against West Coast in April, where Freo notched a 13.13 (91) to 11.3 (69) victory in the Carlton Draught Derby curtain raiser at Domain Stadium.

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**JASON CARTER**

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# LIVING AND CHASING A DREAM

**A determined individual on and off the field, Brady Grey is doing everything to keep his footy dream alive.**

**STORY » TOM FEE**

**L**ike every aspiring footballer, Brady Grey had dreamed about playing on the game's biggest stage. As an extra motivator for his burgeoning career, Grey booked a trip to the 2016 Toyota AFL Grand Final at the MCG and watched on as the Western Bulldogs realised a dream that had been a lifetime in the waiting.

The Tuesday following the Grand Final, Grey was delivered a crushing blow.

After spending three years at Fremantle for just three AFL appearances, he was delisted.

He'd never had the chance to play on the MCG or even sing the team song after a win.

Little did the Tasmanian know that in just six months time, he would be enjoying these experiences on multiple occasions as part of a rollercoaster start to Fremantle's season.

But the road back wasn't easy.

After being delisted, the 21-year-old was given the opportunity to prove himself by continuing to train with the club.

If he impressed, he would be re-listed via the 2016 National or Rookie drafts.

"It was really tough, especially dealing with that uncertainty and the unknown," Grey said.

"I didn't know what life would look like for me months down the

track - whether I would remain a football player or whether I would still be living in Perth.

"But the club was really good in allowing me that opportunity to train on." The task was made even harder with Grey battling an ankle injury at the time.

If he was going to impress the recruiters, he wasn't going to be able to do it with his football.

"Not being able to train was the hardest part," Grey said.

"Everything I did had to be in the gym. I had to get noticed by doing hard work and staying positive.

"I wanted to know that whatever happened I had done everything I could, so if it didn't work out I'd still be able to sleep at night knowing I gave it everything."

The good news arrived for Grey on Monday 28 November, 2016, when he was taken by Freo with pick 38 in the Rookie Draft.

But it didn't take Grey out of limbo. To have any chance of selection he'd need to be elevated to the senior list.

"I looked back and Fremantle had a history of guys forging careers from off the rookie list, so I knew it was possible," Grey said.

"Nat Fyfe was really supportive as well as Alex Pearce, the guys that I was close with during the season - we did the rehab sessions together for the majority of the pre-season and they were with me right the way through."

The entire experience gave Grey a new perspective on the game he loves. If success wasn't going to come on the field, he was going to do everything in his power to find a way off the field.

So when Fremantle was awarded a licence for a team in the inaugural NAB AFL Women's competition, Grey took the chance to cut his teeth as a coach.

"At Freo it's drilled into you that footy doesn't last a lifetime," Grey said.

"I guess with what happened last year and getting delisted, I knew I still wanted to be involved in football.

"I did my level two coaching certificate and fortunately enough I was offered a position with the women's team, and I jumped at the chance to get involved.

"It was nice, not knowing much about women's football, to dip my toe in and learn about the players and the structures.

"It's given me aspirations post-career to get involved in the coaching side of things, I just really enjoyed developing and working with a team chasing that one goal."

"Hopefully some of the things I've taught them they can take back to club football and we'll have a better year next year."

At the culmination of the women's season, Grey continued his coaching work with Fremantle's Next Generation Academy.



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BRADY GREY



He found himself following from the sidelines as Fremantle's academy defeated West Coast in a curtain raiser for the round six Carlton Draught Derby.

"It was tough watching them pre-game as I was busy getting into the zone for my own game," Grey said.

"For a while they were struggling but they came good to win.

"There's some really talented players coming through."

While working on developing the careers of others, Grey's own elevation back into AFL ranks came quickly.

After Fremantle lost the opening two games of the season, the coaching staff made significant changes, opting for youth with Grey one of six inclusions for the round three clash with the Bulldogs.

"I signed the papers to get promoted (to the senior list) on the Wednesday so I knew I was a chance to play," Grey said.

"It felt like a bit of a debut again – it was all of the reward for the eight months that I had off.

"It was nice to get out and run around in the purple again. I never gave up hope that I could do it but there were times when it looked a bit further away than it was."

Despite it feeling like a debut, Grey said he wasn't nervous pre-game.

With his coaching experience and familiarity with Fremantle's game plan, he believed he was capable of delivering on the field.

"I felt ok because going in I knew what my role was going to be," Grey said.

"I'd been playing the same role at Peel for the first four weeks of the season, so it was just a matter of matching the higher standard.

"I knew that if I gave my effort and constantly tried to put pressure on and play my role I'd be ok."

Grey and his fellow young Dockers delivered on the night, toppling the reigning premiers in a stunning upset at Domain Stadium.

After three years of waiting, Grey finally got his chance to sing the club song.

"When I was rehabilitating from my injury, I just kept picturing singing the song one day," Grey said.

"That's what got me through some of the tough days.

"To finally get the opportunity to play again and to win, it was a bit overwhelming.

"But I really hope it's something that we can continue to do this season. It would be nice to sing it a few more times."

Grey didn't have to wait long, with Fremantle winning six of the following seven games after his inclusion – including two wins at the MCG.

Both MCG victories came in thrilling fashion, with Cam McCarthy sealing a win at the death in round four against Melbourne and David Mundy kicking a goal to win after the siren against Richmond in round eight.



**LOUD AND PROUD:** Brady Grey sings the Freo song for the first time.

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**BRADY GREY**

"When I went to the Grand Final, it was because I wanted to experience what it was like on the biggest day of all," Grey said.

"Playing the few games that we've played at the MCG this year we've been able to go there and get the result.

"It still has that aura about it and you kind of lift a little playing there. It's a good experience."

"Seeing Dave (Mundy) kick the winning goal against Richmond was great. You could see the pure emotion from the boys when we got the result.

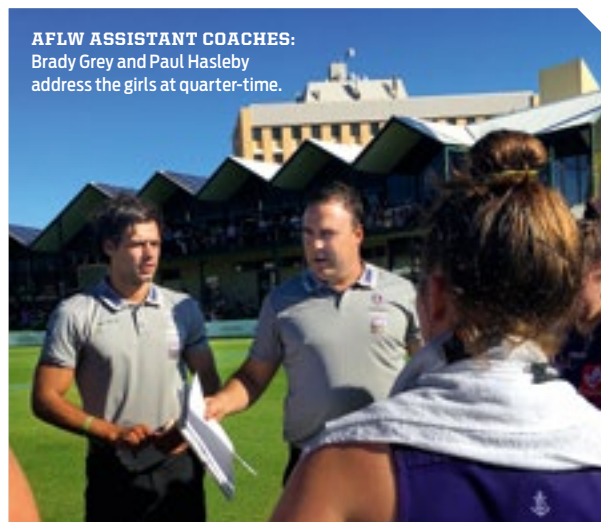
"It's just that special feeling about playing AFL football.

"Every time you get to run out, no matter where you play, every chance you get to play at the top level is a blessing.

"Whether it's Domain Stadium in front of our home fans, or on the MCG on the biggest ground in Australia, it's always an amazing experience."



**OFF THE FIELD:** Brady Grey takes a skill session at a local school.



**AFLW ASSISTANT COACHES:** Brady Grey and Paul Hasleby address the girls at quarter-time.



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# DANA'S TRIUMPH

**D**ana Hooker created history at Fremantle's inaugural AFLW Fairest and Best awards night at Ambrose Estate in April, becoming Freo's first female club champion.

Hooker won the award in a thriller, pipping captain Kara Donnellan by a single vote, with Donnellan missing the final round through injury.

Lara Filocamo finished third, adding to her fourth placed finish in the league's best and fairest award.

Amy Lavell was named the Best Clubwoman and Donnellan was voted in by her teammates for the Players' Award - but it was Hooker who stole the show on the evening.

On the field, Hooker led Fremantle in many key statistical categories, including disposals, kicks and marks, and was second in inside 50s.

Off the field, Hooker juggled life as a paediatric occupational therapist and as a new mum - giving birth to her daughter Alice three months before the inaugural AFL Women's draft in October.

"It's beautiful and I'm going to treasure it for the rest of my life," Hooker said about her medal.

"To be the very first Fremantle Fairest and Best for the Women's league is something really special."

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**IT'S BEAUTIFUL AND I'M GOING TO TREASURE IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE."**

DANA HOOKER



**FREO'S BEST:** Dana Hooker with runner-up Kara Donnellan (L) and third placed Lara Filocamo (R).



## THE TOP FIVE

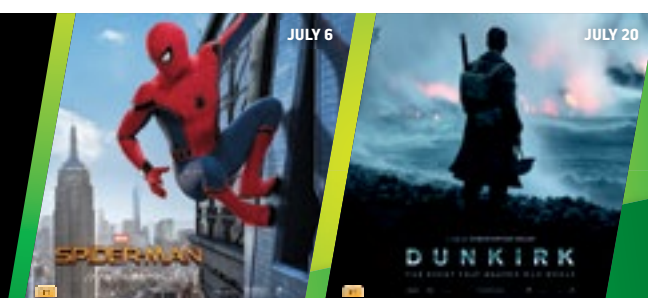
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Kara Donnellan	72 votes
Lara Filocamo	56 votes
Ebony Antonio	53 votes
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# THE SEVEN

## CONNECTION

**N**at Fyfe's association with the no.7 is well known at Fremantle and the 2015 Brownlow Medallist was more than happy to share it when Freo were granted a licence in the inaugural AFL women's competition.

Wearing seven at Fremantle may come with its own set of expectations, but as a member of the WAWFL Team of the Decade from 2000-2010, Amy Lavell was more than capable of making the number her own.

To Lavell, her connection with the number came through one of her best friends – a Freo fan whose favourite number was seven.

Sadly, she would never see Lavell pull on the chevrons, passing away a year before the AFLW was established.

So when numbers were allocated to Freo's inaugural side, Lavell requested her friend's favourite number as a tribute.

Because of this tribute, Lavell found she had someone else at the club looking out for her.

Ahead of Fremantle's AFLW home opener on Sunday 12 February at Fremantle Oval, Lavell arrived and opened the locker that she shared with the Fremantle men's captain.

On the inside of the door was a post-it note. It read: Amy, Good luck for the game, wear the 7 well! When you have nothing left in the tank, you keep going you good thing. You crawl if you have to, bloody roll if you have to! Good luck, Nat.

The note wasn't the first interaction between the pair.

At the jumper presentations at the Junior Christmas Party last December, Fyfe and Lavell shared a conversation about the upcoming season.

"He was very welcoming," Lavell said.

"He wanted to know what I was doing and what I did with my life and what I wanted to get out of the season," Lavell said.

"It was quite nice to know how much he cared about what we were going through. He thought the new women's league was really exciting."

As a member of the inaugural leadership group, Lavell used her connection with Fyfe to model her own leadership style.

"He's the ultimate professional and that's what I want to be," Lavell said.



**SEVENTH HEAVEN:** Lavell and Fyfe are happy to share the no.7.

"I want to lead from the front and show our younger girls that they can do good things with their footy."

"And when it got tough on the field, I was able to notice that I could keep going and inspire my teammates as well."

"That's when the note stuck in the back of my mind. Like Nat, I wanted to lead and gee-up the girls through my communication."

Lavell said it was fitting that she was able to find an extra dimension to her football through her friend.

"I can only imagine how much playing for Fremantle would mean to her if she was still here today," she said.

"So it had a lot of significance for me and was a big driver of my season."

"She was fighting chronic lung failure for about 10 years and finally got the chance for a double lung transplant but it didn't take."

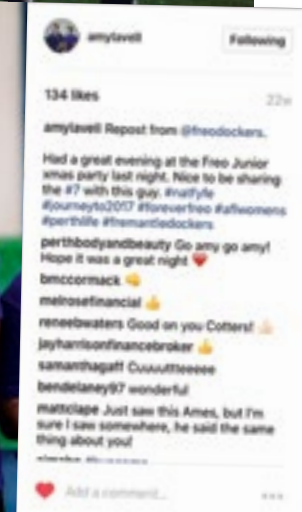


"So I want to try and be more of an ambassador for organ donation."

"It's about telling your family your priorities, so if something were to happen to you they would know you are happy to donate."

Through football I hope to raise awareness because she was also a big advocate for it."

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**IT WAS QUITE NICE TO KNOW HOW MUCH HE CARED ABOUT WHAT WE WERE GOING THROUGH."**

AMY LAVELL



HILLS HUMBLLED BY

# *Turns Stars*





# Light Wish

When a young Freo fan from the Tiwi Islands made a wish to meet Stephen and Bradley Hill, all three were given an experience they would never forget.



“**H**e could have picked anyone, or chosen anything to do – but he wanted to meet us.” These were the thoughts that stuck in the mind of Stephen Hill when 17-year-old Tim Timaepatue decided his Starlight Wish was to meet him and his brother, Bradley.

So when Tim arrived from the footy mad Tiwi Islands ahead of Freo's round one clash with Geelong at Domain Stadium, he was treated to a VIP experience – which included being picked up from Perth Airport in a limousine.

Stephen broke the news to Tim that he would toss the coin as a part of the festivities for the annual Starlight Purple Haze Game, proudly presented by Fremantle Ports.

“When we told him his face just lit up and he had a massive smile,” Stephen said.

“You could tell how excited he was. It was a special moment.”

Even with a significant language barrier – traditional Tiwi is the main dialect of the Tiwi Islands – there was little that could get between Tim and the Hills.

When Tim arrived for training on the Thursday before game-day, he greeted Bradley with a secret handshake.

At training, he warmed up by playing kick to kick with the players and took part in some of the lighter drills.

He enjoyed a chat with senior coach Ross Lyon and many of the players took the time to say hello.

“He was a great kick of the footy,” Bradley said.

“I think up in Tiwi all they do is play footy, so they can all kick a football.

“We had a little kick around at training and he enjoyed it a lot.”

“**HE AND SONNY HAD A DANCE BATTLE, SO YOU COULD TELL HE HAD A GREAT TIME.**”

**BRADLEY HILL**

At lunch, Tim took a seat at an empty table, triggering a group of players to get up and sit with him.

Even after the players knocked off for the day, several stuck around for a marathon basketball session on the courts at Freo's new training and administration facility at Cockburn Central.

“A few of the other boys came out and we were just having a bit of fun,” Bradley said.

“After we had lunch we got a bit of music on the basketball court and Tim even had a little dance with us.

“He and Sonny had a dance battle, so you could tell he had a great time.”

Thanks to the generosity of Freo fans, players and stakeholders, the club raised \$147,880 for the Starlight Children's Foundation helping seriously ill children and their families – bringing the grand

#### DREAM COME TRUE:

Tim Timaepatue with Michael Walters, Joel Hamling, Bradley Hill, Michael Johnson, Danyle Pearce and Stephen Hill.





total to \$1.18 million from 15 years of Starlight Purple Haze games.

One of the more imaginative Purple Haze Pledges in 2017 came via defender Lee Spurr, who put forward \$200 if former Fremantle captain and Fox Footy commentator Matthew Pavlich could kick a goal from the 50m arc while in his suit and leather shoes.

Pavlich agreed and upped the ante with \$500 of his own money.

While live on the broadcast, Pavlich stepped up and slotted the goal (after missing a practice shot) and gave the crowd his signature fist pump one final time.

But the day belonged to Tim and fellow Starlight kids Orlena and Beau - the nephew of Michael Walters.

Despite the loss, the kids beamed as they came off the ground with the players.

Orlena was pushed in her wheelchair by Aaron Sandilands, Beau was on his uncle's shoulders and Tim was at the side of the Hill brothers.

In the end, it was clear Tim wasn't the only one who took a lot from the experience.

"Experiences like this make you think of when you were growing up and looking up to your own heroes," Stephen said.

"So to have other younger kids looking up to us, it's a good role to have and, hopefully, I can be a good role model to others."


"It was awesome to meet him," added Bradley.

"Stephen and I were both proud and surprised that he wanted to meet us out of anyone.

**“**  
**EXPERIENCES LIKE THIS MAKE YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU WERE GROWING UP AND LOOKING UP TO YOUR OWN HEROES.”**

**STEPHEN HILL**

"And meeting him and just seeing his big smile - it's something you can't forget.

"That was probably the best part of it all, just having a good laugh and enjoying our time together." 







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# THE SEASON 2017 SO FAR



## ROUND 1

### v Geelong Cats

Sunday 26 March, 4.40pm  
Domain Stadium



#### FREMANTLE

2.2 4.6 6.9 10.13 (73)

#### GEELONG

5.1 11.3 14.5 18.7 (115)

#### OVERVIEW

The Cats were too classy for Freo in the 15th Starlight Purple Haze game. Nat Fyfe (28 disposals) and Aaron Sandilands (48 hit-outs) tried their best to lift the home side, however the Cats ran out eventual 42-point winners.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Walters, McCarthy, B. Hill, Suban, D. Pearce, Langdon, Blakely, Neale, S. Hill, Fyfe  
**DISPOSALS** Mundy 31  
**MARKS** Spurr 9  
**TACKLES** Griffin 6  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



## ROUND 2

### v Port Adelaide

Sunday 2 April, 4.10pm  
Adelaide Oval

#### FREMANTLE

2.1 3.3 7.4 8.8 (56)

#### PORT ADELAIDE

7.3 11.8 18.9 22.13 (145)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle couldn't overcome the fast-starting Port Adelaide side, whose seven-goal first quarter set them up for victory at Adelaide Oval.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Kersten, Griffin, D. Pearce, Weller, Mundy, Neale, B. Hill, Fyfe  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 34  
**MARKS** Spurr, B. Hill 7  
**TACKLES** Mundy 9  
**MILESTONE** Danyle Pearce 250 AFL games  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Lachie Neale



## ROUND 3

### v Western Bulldogs

Saturday 8 April, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

4.4 6.7 8.10 13.11 (89)

#### WESTERN BULLDOGS

1.3 5.6 10.12 10.13 (73)

#### OVERVIEW

After making six changes, including debutants Griffin Logue and Harley Balic, Fremantle stunned the reigning premiers. Michael Walters shone with two final quarter goals while mids Nat Fyfe, Stephen Hill, Lachie Neale and David Mundy led the way with 30-plus disposal performances.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Walters 3  
**DISPOSALS** Fyfe, S. Hill 33  
**MARKS** B. Hill 8  
**TACKLES** Mundy 7  
**DEBUT** Harley Balic, Griffin Logue  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe







## ROUND 4 v Melbourne

Saturday 15 April, 1.45pm  
MCG

FREMANTLE				
3.2	6.4	13.8	16.10	(106)
MELBOURNE				
2.5	9.7	9.10	15.14	(104)

### OVERVIEW

A seven-goal to none third term set up a thrilling win as Fremantle survived a rollercoaster ride against Melbourne. The Dees kept coming to take the lead again in the fourth quarter but a desperate Cam McCarthy toe-poke got Fremantle over the line. Midfielders David Mundy and Lachie Neale combined for seven goals while rotating through the forward line.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Neale 4  
**DISPOSALS** Weller 27  
**MARKS** B. Hill 7  
**TACKLES** Grey, Mundy 7  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Lachie Neale



## ROUND 5 v North Melbourne

Saturday 22 April, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

FREMANTLE					
2.3	2.6	4.10	9.13	(67)	
NORTH MELBOURNE					
2.3	6.5	7.7	9.8	(62)	

### OVERVIEW

Once again Fremantle climbed off the mat to secure a come-from-behind victory. Brothers Bradley and Stephen Hill starred in the midfield while Michael Johnson was at his vintage best in defence, while kicking a vital late goal. The win was sealed by a stunning snap by new recruit Shane Kersten.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Langdon 2  
**DISPOSALS** Mundy 30  
**MARKS** B. Hill 8  
**TACKLES** Neale, S. Hill 7  
**MILESTONE** Bradley Hill  
100 AFL games  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Stephen Hill



## ROUND 6 v WCE

Saturday 29 April, 6.10pm  
Domain Stadium

FREMANTLE					
1.2	3.2	6.4	9.8	(62)	
WEST COAST					
7.2	10.5	13.6	16.7	(103)	

### OVERVIEW

After a string of comeback wins, Fremantle were unable to claw back the difference after the Eagles started with a seven-goal to one opening term. Freo's younger players Ed Langdon (32 disposals) and Connor Blakely (29 disposals) fought valiantly in the midfield.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** McCarthy 3  
**DISPOSALS** Langdon 32  
**MARKS** Hamling, Langdon 7  
**TACKLES** Neale 8  
**MILESTONE** Aaron Sandilands  
250 FFC games, Michael Walters  
100 FFC games  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Lachie Neale





Three men in dark grey suits and purple striped ties are walking towards the camera on a paved outdoor area. The man in the center is slightly ahead of the other two. In the background, there is a modern building with large windows and a green field.

# DANIEL HECHTER

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## ROUND 7 v Essendon

Sunday 7 May, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium

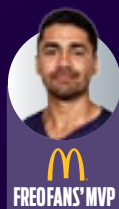
FREMANTLE				
2.2	5.6	11.10	17.14	(116)
ESSENDON				
4.3	7.7	11.12	11.13	(79)

### OVERVIEW

Fremantle staged another come-from-behind win, turning a 27-point deficit in the second quarter into a 37-point victory. Matt Taberner kicked four goals in his first game for Freo in 2017 while Bradley Hill put up career-best numbers for disposals (37) and marks (16).

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Taberner 4  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 40  
**MARKS** B. Hill 16  
**TACKLES** Grey, Neale, Walters 5  
**FREO FANS' MVP:** Bradley Hill



## ROUND 8 v Richmond

Sunday 14 May, 1.10pm  
MCG

FREMANTLE					
2.3	5.6	9.11	10.12	(72)	
RICHMOND					
2.1	5.1	5.5	10.10	(70)	

### OVERVIEW

Michael Walters starred with 38 touches in the midfield but the game will long be remembered for its thrilling finish. Freo were facing a heartbreaking loss when Brandon Ellis goaled to give Richmond the lead with just 21 seconds to play. At the restart, Lachie Neale burst through the middle to set up David Mundy who kicked the match-winner after the siren.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Mundy, Taberner, Kersten 2  
**DISPOSALS** Walters 38  
**MARKS** Kersten, B. Hill 11  
**TACKLES** Sutcliffe, Neale 7  
**MILESTONE:** Lachie Neale  
100 FFC games  
**FREO FANS' MVP:** Bradley Hill



## ROUND 9 v Carlton

Sunday 21 May, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium

FREMANTLE				
1.2	5.4	10.7	13.8	(86)
CARLTON				
4.4	5.6	6.9	7.9	(51)

### OVERVIEW

Carlton got the jump on Fremantle in the wet, kicking the opening four goals before Bradley Hill got Freo rolling with a running goal from the 50. Fremantle finished strongly with 13 of the last 16 goals, with Michael Walters and Hayden Crozier contributing three each.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Walters, Crozier 3  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 37  
**MARKS** Blakely 7  
**TACKLES** Blakely 9  
**FREO FANS' MVP:** Lachie Weller







## ROUND 10

SIR DOUG MICHOLLS  
INDIGENOUS ROUND  
AFL TOYOTA

### v Adelaide Crows

Saturday 27 May, 7.10pm  
Adelaide Oval

#### FREMANTLE

1.0 2.1 4.2 6.7 (43)

ADELAIDE CROWS

5.9 9.18 16.21 20.23 (143)

#### OVERVIEW

Youngsters Lachie Weller, Connor Blakely and Darcy Tucker shone on an otherwise forgettable night at a wet Adelaide Oval. Weller put up season-high numbers with 30 disposals and nine contested possessions. Blakely's 12 clearances bettered his career best of seven and Tucker's eight contested possessions were a career high.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Tucker, Weller 2  
**DISPOSALS** Weller 30  
**MARKS** Hamling 7  
**TACKLES** Blakely 8  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Lachie Weller



## ROUND 11

### v Collingwood

Sunday 4 June, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

2.1 5.5 10.6 12.13 (85)

COLLINGWOOD

3.5 7.9 11.13 15.15 (105)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle were left to rue some wasted opportunities, kicking 2.6 in the final term. Freo's younger players stood tall with Brady Grey and Ed Langdon kicking two goals each and Connor Blakely leading Freo in the middle with 26 touches and six clearances.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Langdon, Grey 2  
**DISPOSALS** Blakely 26  
**MARKS** Hughes, Weller, Neale 6  
**TACKLES** Fyfe 7  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Connor Blakely



## ROUND 12

### v Brisbane Lions

Saturday 10 June, 4.35pm  
The Gabba

#### FREMANTLE

2.2 6.7 7.7 9.10 (64)

BRISBANE LIONS

6.0 11.3 15.11 18.13 (121)

#### OVERVIEW

Brisbane's midfield were dominant at the Gabba despite the efforts of Lachie Neale, who led Freo with 32 disposals, nine clearances and a goal. Bradley Hill also contributed well in the middle with 24 disposals, seven marks and two goals.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Fyfe, B. Hill 2  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 32  
**MARKS** Walters 10  
**TACKLES** Blakely 7  
**DEBUT** Brennan Cox  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Lachie Neale







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# DOMAIN STADIUM MOMENTS

## FREO'S DERBY BREAKTHROUGH

**T**here are few times when an aeroplane celebration is appropriate in football.

But it was spot on as the rain poured down at Subiaco Oval late in the 10th Western Derby between Fremantle and West Coast on 18 July, 1999.

Fremantle were yet to beat their cross-town rival after nine attempts and Brad Wira celebrated duly as he put Fremantle 39 points up late in the final term.

That moment was one of many that stood out to former Freo ruckman Daniel Bandy, who played 105 games for the club from 1995 to 2001.

Another highlight came from Tony Modra, who kicked six goals on the day.

Bandy recalled the famous celebration from the third term.

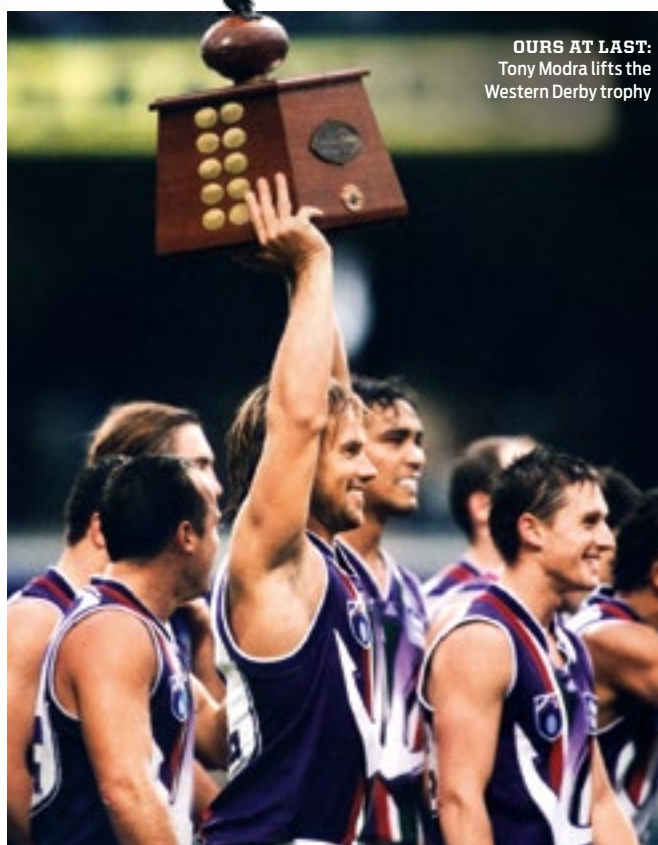
"I'll always remember 'Mods' kicking that goal on the boundary and smacking the ground in celebration," Bandy said.

"He was going up against Ash McIntosh, who was one of the best full backs going around at the time."

Fremantle's celebrations at the siren were relatively muted considering it was the club's first breakthrough in a bitter rivalry.

Coach Damien Drum allowed a wry smile in the coaches' box, while Adrian Fletcher paid tribute to West Coast on the Channel 7 TV broadcast.

The team song told a different story, with commentator Dennis Commetti remarking that it was "sung with gusto like never before".



**OURS AT LAST:**  
Tony Modra lifts the  
Western Derby trophy

**I REMEMBER  
THE EUPHORIA  
AFTERWARDS MORE  
THAN ANYTHING."**

**DANIEL BANDY**

"It was like being in a tin of sardines, you had fans hanging off the rafters. The beer was flowing, the elation was there and it was just one of those special nights.

"Most of the players were pretty worn out, but after they had a few beers they enjoyed the occasion.

"It was just great for the town of Freo. It was a great occasion and it deserved to be celebrated the way it was."

Bandy played 45 games at Subiaco Oval in his 150 AFL game career with Fremantle and the Western Bulldogs - and the first derby win remains one of his fondest memories.

"You work so hard and train so hard but unfortunately I didn't get to play finals in my career," Bandy said.

"So when I look back at the big moments this win really stands out. "To be a part of that first win and beat our nemesis was fantastic.

"And to do it with some really good players, guys like Chris Bond, Adrian Fletcher, Clive Waterhouse, Clem Michael, Jason Norrish, Stephen O'Reilly - these are the guys who had been there since day one and did the hard yards.

"Because of that, we got the just rewards on the day." 🍷

When the team left the ground, the real celebrations started.

"I remember the euphoria afterwards more than anything," Bandy said.

"After the siren, it was all about how quickly can we get to The Left Bank - that's what it felt like."

"West Coast dominated us for a number of years. They were a force

to be reckoned with in the 1990s.

"It was good to finally get the monkey off the back."

At The Left Bank in East Fremantle, Freo fans and players let their hair down.

"It was absolutely crazy. We were treated like rock stars," Bandy said.

"It was that busy we had to be behind the bar because we couldn't fit anywhere else.

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## DOCKER TOT

This is my four-month-old son watching the Freo win against North Melbourne in June. We live in Brisbane so Freo Dockers supporters are hard to come by, so he might be watching a few more games solo through-out the years (besides having me next to him of course). His Mum is a Hawks supporter unfortunately, so no support there!

**ANDREW WISE**  
BRISBANE



# Welcome to the PURPLE PATCH *Fantastic photos from Fremantle fans!*

## 'FREO' THE SNOWMAN

My daughter Naomi and grandson Xander went for a trip to the snow and decided to spread the Freo passion in Mt Hotham.

**ANNETTE KERP**  
BEELIAR



## MODEL MATERIAL

The things we do for our children & our club....When I bought my new car recently I received a voucher for Verve portraits... We decided to let our son Caleb direct the styling!

**TANYA MUIA PETKOVIC**  
WEST LEEDERVILLE



## GRAND CELEBRATIONS

Here's your latest recruit! My three-year-old son, Jesse ready to watch his brothers play Auskick in full Freo Dockers uniform. Go Freo!

**MICHELLE GEER**  
SUBURB





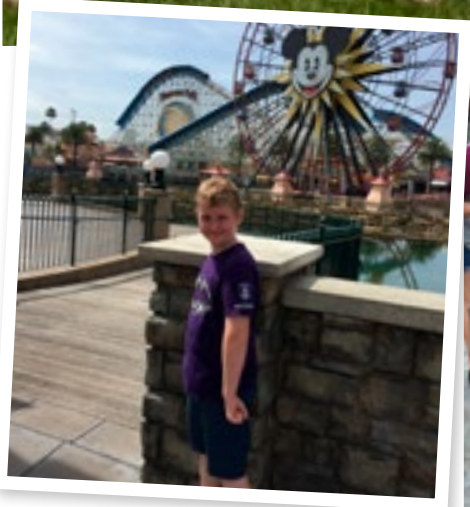
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## IF THE 'PURPLE' SHIRT FITS

We recently took my son, James (8) and Daughter Emily (10) to Disney Land in L.A. James proudly wore his beloved 'Batman' Freo Dockers shirt for the occasion.

**NATALIE BATES**  
SUBURB



## A FREO CELEBRATION

Jim Dropulich is a 19-year member who recently celebrated this 80th birthday. The centre-piece of Jim's celebrations was the Freo Dockers Football cake specially made for the occasion.

**JOHN**  
SUBURB



AIR MAIL



*Wish you were here?*





HI KIDS,

Hope you have been enjoying the footy season so far, some of the close games really got my heart pumping! How cool was David Mundy's goal after the siren against Richmond? It was so awesome when all the guys celebrated at the end of the game jumping on each other.

Hayden Crozier also took an amazing mark and was nominated for Mark of the Year in round four against Melbourne. Croz can really jump!

Jenny and I have loved seeing you all dressed in purple at our home games, and we are looking forward to an exciting second half of the season!

Go Freo! See you on the flip side,

JOHNNY 'THE DO'



## PLAYERS AND THEIR POOCHES

**Player:** Darcy Tucker

**Pooch's name:** Eddie

**Breed:** Labradoodle

**Favourite food:** Kangaroo Meat

**Best trick:** Knuckles



ROUND 3, 2017

## FREO DEFEAT BULLDOGS

Round three was an awesome game to watch, we won our first home game for the season, beating last year's AFL premiers, the Western Bulldogs!

There were seven players who played in their first Freo win in that game, so as you can imagine the Gatorade shower was fun!

It was great to watch the guys celebrate after the big win, especially our two debutants Griffin Logue and Harley Balic!





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



1. Nat Fyfe is wearing a boxing glove on his left hand; 2. Nat Fyfe is wearing flip-flops; 3. Nat Fyfe and Shane Kersten are high-fiving each other; 4. Ed Langdon's chevron on his jumper has been coloured in white; 5. Langdon has a different bandage on his arm.

## PLAYERS FAVOURITE NBA TEAM



In between training and meetings the players spend some of their down time shooting hoops on the basketball courts at Cockburn ARC.

We asked some of the guys who their favourite NBA teams are.



**HAYDEN CROZIER**  
Sacramento Kings



**LACHIE NEALE**  
Golden State Warriors



**MICHAEL WALTERS**  
Chicago Bulls



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