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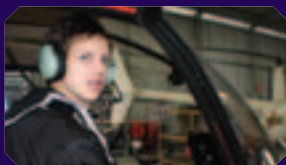
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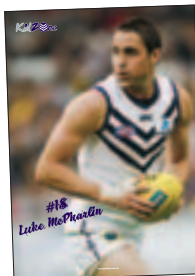
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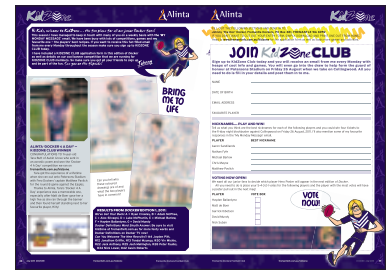
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# PURPLE POCKET

Compiled by Kasey Ball and Costa Kastanis



## THE 'KIDS' ARE FIRED UP FOR THE REDKITE CUP

REDKITE AMBASSADORS Ryan Crowley and Nick Suban didn't just have fun with the kids at PMH earlier this month, they were the kids.

With his face painted like a lion, Suban got into the spirit of the day helping to teach the kids on the ward how to juggle while Crowley got involved with the balloon modelling.

With the Redkite Cup on hand, the silverware that's up for grabs when Freo take on Sydney each year, the boys joked about regaining the bragging rights over the Swans in round 17 at the SCG.

Redkite is a principal charity partner of both the Fremantle Dockers and Sydney Swans and the two teams have been playing for the Redkite Cup since 2008, with the ledger sitting at two-a-piece.‡



## BRING A MATE TO TRAINING DAY

EARLIER THIS SEASON, Freo players got the opportunity to bring a friend or family member to training to see just how a day in the life of a professional footballer unfolds.



Some players, such as Nat Fyfe and Jay van Berlo brought their dads. It was just like back in the junior days for 'Fyfey' as his father gave him a few tips on how he could improve his game.

Greg Broughton was joined by his young nephew Tyler, who is a spitting image of the Freo defender.

Stephen Hill's younger brother Bradley, 17, was also present and he showed some of the traits that have made his older sibling such an exciting AFL player.

The visitor's even got to sit in on a yoga session with the players.

The day was an initiative from leadership group member Paul Duffield.‡



## BACK TO BULLCREEK

GARRICK IBBOTSON TOOK a trip down memory lane earlier this year when he visited his old stomping ground, Bullcreek-Leeming Junior Football Club, to have a kick with some eager young footballers aspiring to one day make it to the top level, just as he has done.

Ryan Crowley and Zac Clarke joined 'Ibbo' for the visit and, inside the club rooms, Crowley couldn't help but notice photos of Ibbotson looking a fair bit skinnier than he is today.

"You've got no guns," Crowley joked about Ibbotson's lack of biceps in his pic from yesteryear.

'Ibbo' said it was nice to go back to the old club, where it had all started for him.

He said he would always cherish his time at Bullcreek-Leeming, even though he never played in a premiership throughout his junior career.

"The best thing about playing footy anywhere is the enjoyment that you

get from playing with your mates," he said.

"We played in three grand finals and lost all three, but just being able to come down here, hang out with your mates, play footy and ride your bike home afterwards, it's simple stuff but it's very enjoyable and I'll remember it forever."‡





## GROVER GIVES BACK

IN MAY, A FEW OF FREO'S Indigenous stars paid a visit to an unusual breeding ground for promising athletes, Banksia Hill Detention Centre.

Antoni Grover, Jon Griffin and Michael Walters spoke to a large group of detainees about their potential careers and discussed the challenges

they faced when growing up and how football changed their lives.

The visit also included a training session to help kick-start the season for Banksia Hill Detention Centre's football team, the Banksia Hill Roos – a group of detainees who train together as a team and play visiting school teams.

Grover said he enjoyed giving something back to the community and hoped that the detainees would benefit from Freo's visit.

"I'm very lucky and fortunate to be in the position I'm in," he said.

"I grew up in Balga and I've seen a lot of boys struggle and find themselves in the position these boys are in today.

"It's good to get some confidence into these boys and hopefully inspire them to get their lives back on the right track."‡



## INDIGENOUS ROUND CEREMONY

IN RECOGNITION OF the fact that the Fremantle Dockers have the second largest contingent of Indigenous players in the AFL and as part of the celebrations of Indigenous Round, a "Smoking Ceremony" was performed at the club on Monday 16 May. It was a cleansing ceremony of "rebirth and renewal" and was performed by Indigenous elders and dancers. All players and club staff were in attendance in an effort to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture. It was also done to provide a platform for further dialogue on reconciliation and the great vehicle that AFL football is in terms of achieving this aim.‡



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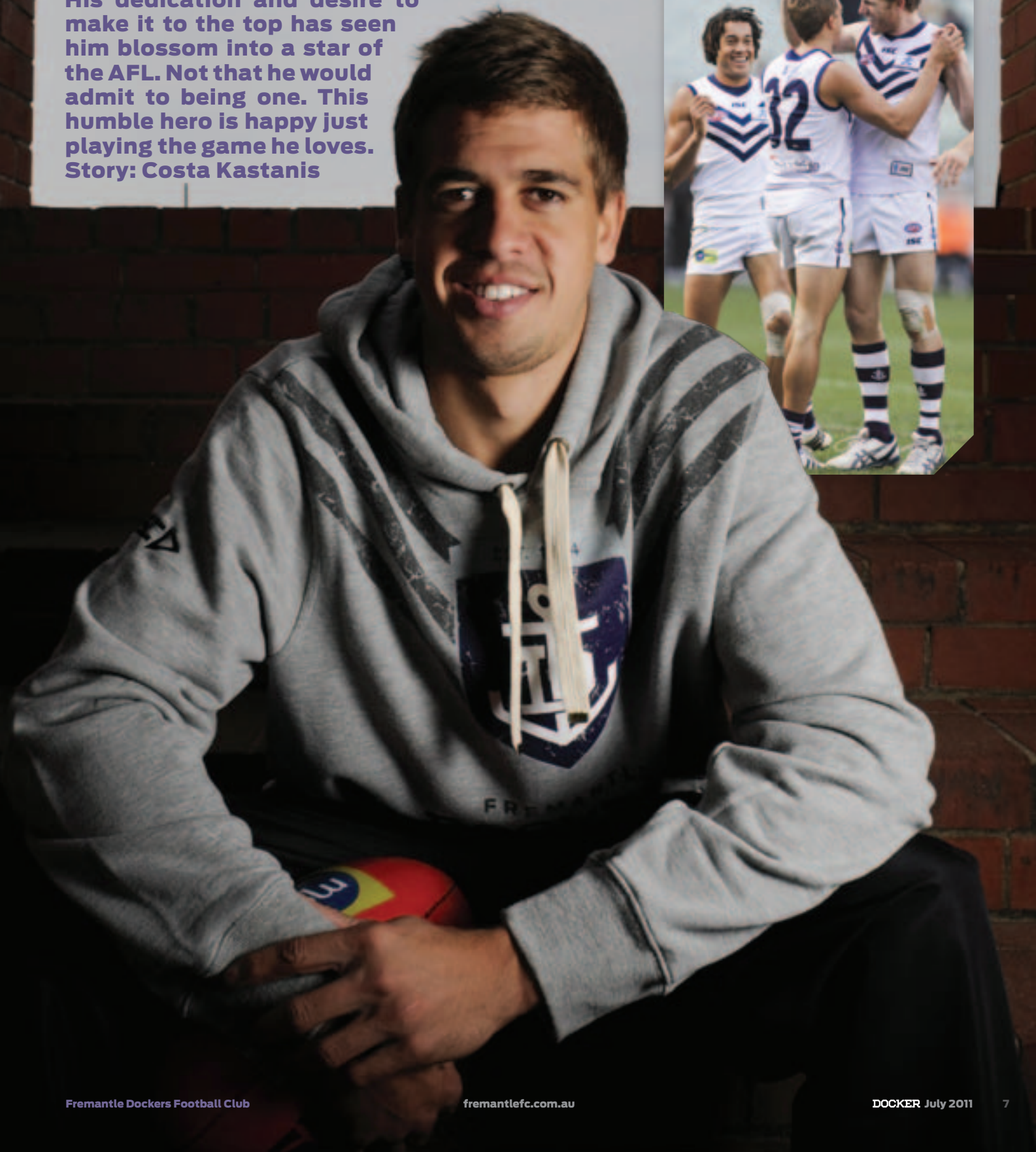
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# THE BEGINNINGS OF A HUMBLE HERO

Stephen Hill could kick a football well when he was just 2-years-old. His dedication and desire to make it to the top has seen him blossom into a star of the AFL. Not that he would admit to being one. This humble hero is happy just playing the game he loves.  
Story: Costa Kastanis



**A**N OLD JUNIOR FOOTY coach once gave 12-year-old Stephen Hill some words of advice, words that have stayed strong in the now 21-year-old's mind.

Back yourself in. Take them on and run, he was told.

"I guess that's what I still do now," Hill says.

Good guess.

Hill has become one of the most explosive players in the competition, taking the game on like few have dared to imagine since his AFL debut in round 1, 2009.

Contrary to the crowd noise he generates on a footy field, with his breakneck speed and gifted left foot, Hill is quiet, unassuming and humble off it.

Good with a secret is how a former official at his old WAFL club West Perth once described him.

## BOXER

The twinkle in Hill's eye that set the ball spinning towards future stardom first happened at Sunday League footy, where he used to go and watch his dad, also named Stephen Hill, play for Wanneroo.

"I wanted to be like him and play football," Hill says.

Hill snr was a very good athlete, representing his state in football





when he was 16 as well as being an accomplished boxer and high-jumper.

Young Hill would play football, starting out at Auskick level before joining the junior ranks at northern suburbs club Quinns District.

It's here that one of Hill's earliest football memories exists, on the grass of Anthony Waring Park.

"I remember playing my first under 9s game," he says.

"I got put up a year from where I was meant to be so I was pretty nervous."

His favourite memory from his days at Quinns happened a few years after that.

This time, a 12-year-old Hill, playing under 14s, won a grand final.

"That was a great feeling, playing against guys two years older than me and winning it," he says.

"I remember kicking a goal in that game. I was pretty flattered."

That was Hill's first and only premiership in his footy career to date.

#### DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

If his junior footy coach was responsible for lighting the fuse that would scorch stadium after stadium today, it's his mother, Stephanie Gray, who drove Hill to where he is today – literally.

"She would always take me down to training and to all my games," Hill says.



Pre-draft days with mum Stephanie

**I NEVER LIKED BEING LATE. I'M THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO ALWAYS LIKES TO BE SOMEWHERE EARLY AND MAKE SURE I'M PRIMED AND READY TO GO.**

"I'm very thankful to her for where I am today and I owe her a lot."

Hill's parents separated too long ago for him to remember it happening.

"I lived with mum and my brother and four sisters, so I was often away from my dad," he says.

"We used to go and see him every couple of weekends though.

"He was still there for me and was always supportive, coming to my footy games and giving me tips."

Gray says Hill has always been a kind-natured boy who cares deeply for his family and friends.

But she adds that he also has a competitive side to him that has driven him to succeed from a very early age.

"He would always be the first one down to footy training when he was young," Gray says.

"And he never missed training.

He always made sure he would go and he always listened to his coaches."

Hill says he always couldn't wait to get to training and get his hands on the footy before the session began.

#### PRIMED

"I never liked being late," he says.

"I'm the type of person who always likes to be somewhere early and make sure I'm primed and ready to go."

Hill's talent led to an invitation to join West Perth's development squad when he was 14.

A few years later at the 2008 AFL Draft, a rangy young kid from Clarkson trumped the expert's predictions when he was selected by the Fremantle Dockers with pick three.

A dream that began all those years ago was realised and Stephen Hill set course for stardom.

Just keep backing yourself Stephen. Back yourself and run.⚡



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Luke McPharlin



# SEASON 2011: ROUNDS 1 TO 4



## ROUND 1 v BRISBANE

Saturday 26 March 2011, Gabba, 7.10pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>8.14</b>	<b>13.16</b>	<b>(94)</b>
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Brisbane	4.5	8.6	10.7	14.8	(92)
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Goals: Mayne, Walters 2

Handballs: Fyfe 16

Marks: McPharlin 6

Subbed in: Robertson

Crowd: 23,373

Kicks: Fyfe, Lower, Suban 13

Disposals: Fyfe 29

Tackles: Mayne 9

Subbed out: Palmer

Debut: Pitt

## ROUND 2 v GEELONG

Saturday 2 April 2011, Patersons Stadium, 5.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>10.18</b>	<b>(78)</b>
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Geelong	5.3	8.6	10.9	13.11	(89)
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Goals: Bradley 3

Handballs: Pavlich 14

Marks: Mundy 12

Subbed in: Palmer

Crowd: 37,004

Kicks: Mundy 21

Disposals: Mundy 29

Tackles: Suban 6

Subbed out: Lower

## ROUND 3 v ADELAIDE

Saturday 9 April 2011, AAMI Stadium, 2.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>11.13</b>	<b>(79)</b>
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Adelaide	0.3	2.5	4.9	7.12	(54)
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Goals: McPhee, Mayne 2

Handballs: Bradley 17

Marks: McPharlin 9

Subbed in: Walters

Crowd: 33,414

Kicks: Hill 18

Disposals: Mundy 30

Tackles: Mayne 7

Subbed out: Sandilands



## ROUND 4 v NORTH MELBOURNE

Sunday 17 April 2011, Patersons Stadium, 2.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>18.19</b>	<b>(127)</b>
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North Melbourne	4.3	8.6	9.10	14.14	(98)
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Goals: Ballantyne 4

Handballs: Mundy 18

Marks: Ballantyne 7

Subbed in: Ibbotson

Crowd: 34,779

Kicks: Pavlich 22

Disposals: Pavlich 34

Tackles: Mundy 9

Subbed out: Suban







Dear Fremantle Dockers,

I have to say how much I appreciated the Len Hall pre-match ceremony, and the game that followed (a win). The hospitality was superb and your staff were so considerate and helpful. One of our association members was in the lighting of the flame and when your MC, who was very good, asked the people to stand for the Ode they stood as one while I recited the Ode, and the Last Post and Reveille were played.

I saw an Anzac Day football match over East but nobody stood for the Ode.

This is the 70th year since the Siege of Tobruk, alas most of the survivors have passed on.

Once again thanks for a wonderful evening.

Yours faithfully

John JJ Wade

(Battle of Crete, War Veteran)

## A 1941 MEMORY... BY JJ WADE

In 1941 on our way to the Western Desert we met another WA Battalion at Mersa Matruh, the 2/11 Battalion, so we had a game of football. There were some good players who had played in some of our WA teams.

I forget who won but we had some great fellowship and some great stories were told.

The 2/11th went on to Greece and Crete, where the casualties were very high and many were taken prisoner.

We, the 2/28th Battalion, went on to Tobruk where we became the first to take the invincible tag off the German panzers in the longest siege in modern times.

Of course we had the general in charge (Sir Leslie Morshead) who has gone down in history as Australia's greatest general in the field in WWII.

The following year Morshead took us to El Alamein and another great victory, then home to more training and on to Lae and Finschhafen in New Guinea after which I was discharged, having suffered three wounds and a few other complaints.

Elite forces can be beaten by hard, tough resolute men. We were used to hard times having grown up in the depression years, where some saw more meal times than meals.





# SEASON 2011: ROUNDS 5 TO 8

## ROUND 5 v WESTERN BULLDOGS

Monday 25 April 2011, Patersons Stadium, 6.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>12.13</b>	<b>(85)</b>
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Western Bulldogs	2.3	6.7	7.8	11.12	(78)
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Goals: Bradley, van Berlo 4

Handballs: Pavlich 18

Marks: Ibbotson, McPharlin 9

Subbed in: Pitt

Crowd: 37,551

Kicks: Ibbotson 21

Disposals: Mundy, Fyfe 29

Tackles: Mundy, Palmer 7

Subbed out: Crichton

## ROUND 6 — BYE



## ROUND 7 v RICHMOND

Saturday 7 May 2011, MCG, 4.10pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>13.11</b>	<b>14.15</b>	<b>(99)</b>
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Richmond	3.2	9.7	17.7	23.10	(148)
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Goals: Bradley 4

Handballs: Pavlich, Mundy 14

Marks: Sandilands, Mayne 6

Subbed in: Robertson

Crowd: 34,090

Kicks: Pavlich 19

Disposals: Pavlich 33

Tackles: Mundy, de Boer 6

Subbed out: Ballantyne



## ROUND 8 v WEST COAST

Sunday 15 May 2011, Patersons Stadium, 2.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>(63)</b>
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West Coast	4.1	9.5	10.9	14.12	(96)
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Goals: Fyfe, Mayne 2

Handballs: Fyfe, Mundy 13

Marks: McPharlin 9

Subbed in: Pitt

Crowd: 40,567

Kicks: Fyfe, Mundy 15

Disposals: Fyfe, Mundy 28

Tackles: Pearce 12

Subbed out: Lower





# SEASON 2011: ROUNDS 9 TO 12



## ROUND 9 v PORT ADELAIDE

Saturday 21 May 2011, AAMI Stadium, 2.40pm

**Fremantle** 7.3 13.8 19.11 21.16 (142)

Port Adelaide 2.2 5.3 11.4 14.6 (90)

Goals: Bradley 3

Handballs: Palmer, Mundy 16

Marks: Crowley, McPharlin 10

Subbed in: Mzungu

Crowd: 16,274

Kicks: McPharlin 18

Disposals: Fyfe 30

Tackles: Crowley, de Boer 9

Subbed out: Ballantyne

Debut: Mzungu



## ROUND 10 v ST KILDA

Saturday 28 May 2011, Patersons Stadium, 1.10pm

**Fremantle** 0.3 1.5 4.10 7.14 (56)

St Kilda 4.4 8.8 12.9 15.12 (102)

Goals: Broughton 2

Handballs: Fyfe 13

Marks: McPharlin 8

Subbed in: Robertson

Crowd: 35,483

Kicks: Broughton 18

Disposals: Broughton 27

Tackles: Duffield, Mundy 8

Subbed out: Crichton



## ROUND 11 v HAWTHORN

Sunday 5 June 2011, MCG, 1.10pm

**Fremantle** 3.1 8.4 12.8 13.11 (89)

Hawthorn 3.4 6.5 9.8 17.9 (111)

Goals: Hill 3

Handballs: Broughton 11

Marks: Broughton 7

Subbed in: Palmer

Crowd: 31,925

Kicks: Broughton 18

Disposals: Broughton 29

Tackles: Lower, Griffin 7

Subbed out: Pearce

## ROUND 12 v ESSENDON

Sunday 12 June 2011, Patersons Stadium, 2.40pm

**Fremantle** 6.3 9.4 13.6 15.8 (98)

Essendon 1.1 2.6 5.7 9.10 (64)

Goals: Pavlich 3

Handballs: de Boer, Duffield 15

Marks: McPharlin 14

Subbed in: Hinkley

Crowd: 35,824

Kicks: Ibbotson 22

Disposals: Ibbotson, McPharlin 28

Tackles: de Boer, Duffield 9

Subbed out: Mundy





# SEASON 2011: ROUNDS 13 TO 16



## ROUND 13 v MELBOURNE

Sunday 19 June 2011, MCG, 1.10pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.10</b>	<b>8.12</b>	<b>(60)</b>
Melbourne	6.5	10.7	14.12	22.17	(149)

Goals: Johnson 3  
Handballs: Barlow 15  
Marks: Barlow 8  
Subbed in: Bucovaz  
Crowd: 19,092

Kicks: Duffield 13  
Disposals: Barlow 25  
Tackles: Pavlich 6  
Subbed out: Grover  
Debut: Bucovaz



## ROUND 14 v BRISBANE

Saturday 25 June 2011, Patersons Stadium, 5.40pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>12.16</b>	<b>(88)</b>
Brisbane Lions	4.1	7.5	10.5	10.5	(65)

Goals: Pavlich 5  
Handballs: Broughton 13  
Marks: Silvagni 9  
Tackles: Broughton, Pearce, de Boer 7  
Subbed in: Hayden  
Crowd: 30,330

Kicks: Broughton, Pavlich 19  
Disposals: Broughton 32  
Subbed out: McPharlin  
Debut: Mellington

## ROUND 15 v GOLD COAST

Saturday 2 July 2011, Patersons Stadium, 1.10pm

<b>Fremantle</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>17.10</b>	<b>(112)</b>
Gold Coast	4.1	7.5	8.8	9.8	(62)

Goals: Ballantyne, Mzungu, Pavlich 3  
Handballs: Broughton, Fyfe 15  
Marks: Griffin, Hill, Pavlich 9  
Subbed in: Mellington  
Crowd: 28,646

Kicks: Pavlich 19  
Disposals: Broughton 32  
Tackles: Broughton 11  
Subbed out: Crowley

## ROUND 16 — BYE





# STEPHEN HILL 50 GAMES



IT'S ARGUABLE that there hasn't been a Fremantle Docker generate more excitement in his first 50 games than what Stephen Hill has produced.

The 21-year-old has been a regular fixture on the highlights reel ever since making his debut in round 1, 2009.

He is either breaking loose of would-be tacklers and bounding down the wing, or unleashing his raking left-foot kick to blast a goal from outside 50.

Hill's 50th game didn't generate too many of those highlights, but that didn't matter because Freo got up for a memorable seven-point win over the Western Bulldogs in front of a parochial Purple Army at Patersons Stadium.

Hill enjoyed his Powerade shower after the match in what was, hopefully, the first of many milestone games for the budding superstar.

# CHRIS MAYNE 50 GAMES



CHRIS MAYNE REACHED his 50-game milestone in the round 15 match against Gold Coast at Patersons Stadium.

The 22-year-old debuted in 2008, playing 17 games in a promising first year of AFL. He was struck down with injury the following season, managing only five games.

Mayne has consolidated his spot in Freo's forward line this season, playing every game.

His tackling pressure in the forward half is a vital ingredient in the side's plans.

Mayne joined the leadership group this year and, given an injury-free run, you can expect him to play more milestone games for the Fremantle Dockers in coming years.

# MATT DE BOER 50 GAMES



MATT DE BOER, the reigning Best Clubman at the Freo Dockers, also played his 50th AFL game against the Gold Coast in round 15, racking up 16 touches and kicking a goal.

De Boer is an inspiration for his teammates, with his willingness to do the one-percenters a highlight of his game.

After being picked up via the Rookie Draft, de Boer debuted in 2009. He made giant strides in 2010, playing 17 games for the club mainly as a defensive-minded forward.

De Boer has continued in that role in 2011, also being given the job on some star midfielders.

He is another member of Freo's leadership group who is showing the benefits of multiple years in the AFL system.



# RYAN CROWLEY 100 GAMES

RYAN CROWLEY CELEBRATED his 100th AFL game in round 4 against North Melbourne at Patersons Stadium with a Powerade shower, following Fremantle's 29-point victory.

While Crowley didn't bother the statisticians too greatly, he made sure some of the Kangaroos' key midfielders didn't either.

Reaching the 100-game mark is testament to Crowley's persistence and determination to realise his AFL dream.

Originally from Victoria, Crowley was picked up by Freo in the 2002 AFL Draft, but he was delisted without having played an AFL game.

He was given a reprieve by being placed on the club's Rookie list, from where he was promoted back onto the main list in 2005 and since reached his 100-game milestone.



# ADAM McPHEE 50 FFC GAMES

IN ROUND 2 AGAINST Geelong at Patersons Stadium, Adam McPhee played his 192nd AFL game, which was his 50th for the Fremantle Dockers.

McPhee started his career at Freo, playing 25 games in his first two seasons at the club in 2001 and 2002 before moving to Essendon, where he was All Australian in 2004.

He returned to Fremantle in 2010, but struggled to make an impact early on. Then, McPhee's role in the team changed to that of a tagger, which he instantly excelled at.

One of his best performances was the blanketing job he did on eventual Brownlow Medallist Chris Judd in round 13 last year.

McPhee has continued in the role this season, although the side couldn't get up for his 50th, losing a tight contest to the Cats.

Unfortunately, a knee injury has grounded the 28-year-old until at least the second half of the season, leaving him three appearances short of the 200 AFL games mark.





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# MILESTONE MAN

2011 IS A SPECIAL year for Matthew Pavlich, who has been nothing short of exemplary since he booted two goals with his first two kicks in AFL footy in his debut match against Melbourne at the WACA in 2000.

It's a year when he ran out onto Patersons Stadium, as he had done 237 times previously, with his teammates in round 2 to make a club-games-record-equalling 238th appearance.

Pavlich played a great game in the midfield, with 28 possessions and a goal.

A week later, Pavlich lined up for game number 239 and sole ownership of the record. Ironically, he achieved this milestone in the city he grew up in: Adelaide.

With his family and friends looking on at AAMI Stadium, Pavlich played his part in a 25-point win over the Crows and was chaired off the ground on the shoulders of teammates Antoni Grover and Luke McPharlin.

2011 was also the year that Pavlich played his 100th game as captain of the Fremantle Dockers after taking over the job fulltime in 2007.

He achieved the mark in round 11 against Hawthorn at the MCG, when the team took it to the Hawks for four quarters but couldn't hang on for the win.

And, if all goes to plan, Pavlich will break Peter Bell's most-Freo-games-as-captain record of 107 in round 20 against St Kilda at Etihad Stadium.

The icing on the captain's year of milestones was undoubtedly his 250th AFL game, which he played against new boys Gold Coast in front of an adoring home crowd at Patersons Stadium in round 15.

Pavlich was as prominent as ever in a 50-point win, with the crowd cheering wildly for every one of his 25 disposals, nine marks and three goals, which were kicked when the match was up for grabs.

The skipper gave us a prequel to his 250th with what was his best performance of the year to date in round 14, when he took over a game against the Brisbane Lions at Patersons Stadium to get his side over the line with a five-goal, 28-possession master-class.

Pavlich has been arguably the greatest player to ever pull on a Fremantle Dockers' guernsey in the club's 17 seasons. The milestones he has achieved in 2011 should be seen as testament to the professionalism and dedication he has displayed from the very moment he stepped foot into the club.

Hopefully, the encore to this absolute champion's career sees him reach the 300-game milestone and beyond.





**H**AYDEN BALLANTYNE GREW up riding horses and had thoughts of becoming a jockey. There was only one problem – he was getting a bit too big. That didn't upset him too much, because he loved football more anyway. But as Ballantyne made his way through his junior sides and was overlooked in three drafts, the feedback he got was ironic "People kept telling me I was too small," said the 174-centimetre Fremantle forward, who felt frustrated by the thought that his biggest flaw was something he couldn't do anything about. "The genes got me both ways."

It's history now that Ballantyne won a Sandover Medal in 2008 and was then drafted by Fremantle. He is closing in on 40 games and 60 career goals, but has not exactly crept quietly through his first two and a bit seasons.

### PERSISTENCE

There are as many YouTube clips of Ballantyne playing the pest than kicking tearaway goals or dragging opponents to the ground in a tackle or chasing them into corners. "I don't do myself many favours when it comes to that stuff," conceded the 23-year-old, but his reputation distracts from a story that is more about persistence than peskiness, and Ballantyne hopes people don't think that's all there is to him.

"Too small" was not the only note beside Ballantyne's name when he was first overlooked as a teenaged Peel Thunder player six years ago. He'd never done a proper pre-season and he had struggled to follow one good game with another. But he felt he could get better at both and, leading into 2008, set about it.

In his fourth year as a welder – he'd picked up a knack for it, mending fences as a kid on his horse trainer father's property – he would get up at 5.00am on an average day, be at work by 6.00am, finish at 4.00pm and be at training by 5.00pm, to spend half an hour on the track alone, taking shots for goal. "A lot of my bosses weren't happy because they always thought I was putting footy before everything else all the time," he said.

"Which I was, really. People were telling me, 'You're not going to get to the AFL', but that didn't stop me from wanting to. My motivation was pretty high, then it dropped away for a while, but then you think about it. When the



# BALLAZ

**Hayden Ballantyne was told he'd never make it. People told him he wouldn't. His genes said he couldn't. But all that mattered was he wanted to, and he did. The feisty Freo Docker tells *The Age's* Emma Quayle how he defied the doubters.**





question is, 'Do you want to be welding for the rest of your life or do you want to play AFL?' it's pretty obvious what you want to do. I didn't think it would happen, but I had hoped it would."

When it did, Ballantyne needed to take another deep breath. The wrist he'd hurt in 2006 and thought was a little bit sore but not too bad, turned out to need a bone graft and a few months on the sidelines. He was told to stop, before he'd even started, and felt frustrated for new reasons. "It went forever," he said of his lost pre-season, "and I'm not really the type who can sit there quietly and watch footy. I got pretty aggravated."

### HEARTBREAKING

His energy was drained again when, in the last round of last year, the foot he'd thought was a little bit sore but not too bad snapped during the first quarter and kept him out of Fremantle's first finals series since 2006. Again – at the end of a 19-game season this time, and a year that had convinced him he could play – he struggled to watch on. "It was heartbreaking," Ballantyne said. "It's something I don't want to have to go through again. There was nothing

I could really do about it, but now I've just got to make sure it never comes back again. I'm not worried about it, but I have to be a bit smart with it."

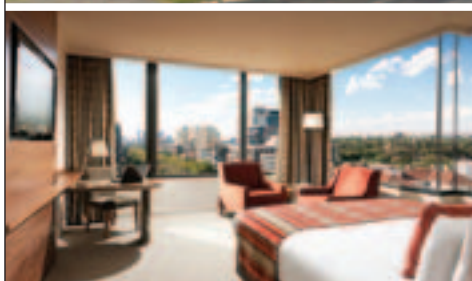
Ballantyne has always been busy, energetic and bursting with the desire to do something. Incidentally, on a power/weight ratio, the small forward is Fremantle's second-best bench presser. But his solid first half of the season – including a four-goal game in round 4 against North Melbourne – has come after another almost non-existent summer.

Seeing his podiatrist, getting his feet strapped properly and wearing the right orthotics have become crucial moments in his week.

Ballantyne went all-out for his chance, and has no plans to change that approach. But there's much more to him than that. "Now that I'm there, I'm doing everything I can to stay there," he said.

I'm probably a bit full-on at times, but I just love playing footy. I always think, 'How good would it be to get as fit as some of the other guys in the AFL, to be able to do a bit more?' That makes me just want to go full-on with all of the little details, to get better and do everything I can to get to that level."‡

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# HIGH FYFE

**Nat Fyfe's career has taken flight in 2011 in just his second season in the AFL. When he's not on an opponent's shoulders *taking* a hanger, Fyfe can often be found *in* a hangar — at Jandakot Airport. Story: Costa Kastanis**



**I'VE JUST COMPLETED MY FIRST EXAM ON AERODYNAMICS. I PASSED, WHICH IS GOOD.**

**F**REO YOUNG GUN Nat Fyfe has been doing a fair bit of flying in 2011. He's soared above packs to pluck mark after mark with his big hands, and he has sky-rocketed into Brownlow Medal calculations with a stunning second season of AFL footy.

So it should come as no surprise to learn that the 19-year-old is studying to further his aeronautical abilities – literally. He's studying to become a helicopter pilot.

"I started my training with Rotorvation Helicopter Services back in March," Fyfe says.

"Usually it only takes seven or eight months to finish, but because I'm playing footy at the same time, it's going to take me a couple of years."

Fyfe's love for flying sprouted wings very early on in his life.

His first realisation that he wanted to take over the controls of an aircraft one day came when a family friend, who had his helicopter license, took Fyfe for a ride.

"I just fell in love with it," Fyfe says.

"At school, when the question came up 'what do you want to do when you're older', apart from footy, this was something that I was pretty keen

on doing, so I investigated what I needed to do to get into it."

Fyfe's always had an eye on the sky, curiously gazing at passing aircraft and anything else that could fly.

"I've always been fascinated with planes and helicopters and flying," he says.

"Now that I've started to travel a fair bit, flying over East to play, it's something I really want to get into."

"I was lucky enough that the AFL and Freo helped me get a leg up into the industry."

## **AERODYNAMICS**

Fyfe is currently finishing the theory element of his training, which he is doing via correspondence.

"They give me the course and I go away and teach myself," he says.

Fyfe has been doing most of his flight training during his time away from the football club or, ironically, on the plane after away games.

Once he feels confident enough to sit an exam, he is able to go and do it.

"I've just completed my first exam on aerodynamics," he says.

"I passed, which is good."

"Now I'll move on to part two, which is aircraft general knowledge."

Fyfe says there isn't much of a prerequisite for any aspiring aviators out there who want to fly.

"You don't really need much at all," he says. "Just a passion."

## **MISCONCEPTION**

Fyfe hails from the country town of Lake Grace in the South-West of WA and he wants to clear the air about what his family does for a living.

"It's a common misconception that everyone from the country or outside of Perth are farmers. That's not true in this case," he says.

His parents run a transport business which he says has been a massive part of his life growing up.

"We have five trucks which we use to transport everything from sheep to water – everything you can think of basically," he says.

He still heads down to Lake Grace every off-season to give his father a helping hand.

"We've always helped dad from a very young age," he says.

"I've got my road-train licence so I do a bit of driving and I work with my brother pretty closely."

"It's something that I love getting back to and doing."





Fyfe says a typical day at work is fairly basic, but it's good physical labour.

"If you're looking at carting livestock, you go out and load up, take it to the destination and unload," he says.

"It's probably where I developed a work ethic early as a young kid."

### SCENIC FLIGHTS

Fyfe says having the family business back home gives him a good fallback, post-footy.

"It's something that I'm still passionate about," he says.

"Whether I'll go into it later in life is another question, but it's something that I'll definitely have a lot to do with all through my footy career."

And he hasn't decided exactly what he will do with his pilot's license when his playing days are over, but there's no shortage of options.

"There are a lot of avenues you can take with it – mustering of cattle and scenic flights, things like that," he says.

"At the same time, I'd love to be able to use it for pleasure and just fly around Australia."

For now, Fyfe is more than happy to keep earning his frequent flyer points on the footy field.✂

# Around the world with the Gala Dinner Auction

IT WAS BON VOYAGE as the Fremantle Dockers 2011 Gala Dinner Auction took more than 700 guests on a wild ride around the world on Wednesday 8 June, departing from Burswood's Grand Ballroom.

Auctioneer Tiny Holly inspired some wonderful bidding efforts on the main auction items, which included a snappy Hyundai i30 supplied by DVG Hyundai, a trip for two to the Brownlow Medal count and a show-and-tell school appearance with Aaron Sandilands and Hayden Ballantyne.

To begin the tour, guests arrived in Shanghai, China, where ME Bank State

Manager Drew Healy welcomed all by speaking the local language. "Shid ma Ho" he said, or "Go Dockers" translated into English. After sampling the local cuisine, the travellers were treated to an impressive performance from the Chinese Community Centre Lion Dancing Troupe.

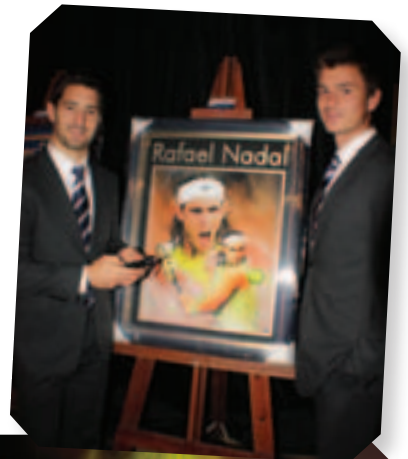
The guests were ready for the bright lights of Manhattan after a fair bit of in-flight auction bidding. Then, in a New York minute, it was back aboard Fremantle Dockers Airlines.

The final stop on the world tour took our travellers to lovely Paris, where songstress Sophie wooed everyone with a

few love songs and her accompanying burlesque dancers.

The evening was a great success and the Fremantle Dockers would like to thank its loyal sponsors, corporate partners, members and fans for their continued support of the event.

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club headquarters this year, make sure you are there on Wednesday 20 July from 10am-11am as the team prepares for the Carlton Mid Derby.

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then wander into town for some shopping, a movie or perhaps some lunch with the seagulls at Fishing Boat Harbour.

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## GROUPS AT THE FOOTY

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# WELCOME TO THE PURPLE PATCH!

We asked our supporters to email us photos for 'The Purple Patch' at [purplepatch@fremantlefc.com.au](mailto:purplepatch@fremantlefc.com.au) and we have received some fantastic shots! Here are some of the great entries sent for this edition of *Docker*.



## WHAT MIAMI & FREO HAVE IN COMMON...

I am an avid Dockers supporter living in the USA at the moment (that avid that I still have a season membership). I get up early to watch every game the Dockers play, to cheer the boys on from the land of Uncle Sam. My wife took this photo of me at South Beach. No not South Beach, Fremantle – South Beach, Miami Florida. Go Dockers!

*Daniel Franchina, Beaconsfield (via USA)*



## A LONG WAY TO THE TOP

This is me last year at the Taipei 101 in Taiwan.

It is the second tallest building in the world and I decided to head to the top... just like Freo will do this year!

*Paul Sime, Perth*



## JORDAN'S JIGSAW

This is a photo of my grandson Jordan Kelly who was a Docker for a Day last year. We found this great jigsaw puzzle of the Dockers in their first ever season at an opshop and now it is displayed proudly on the wall.

*Daren Kelly, Maddington*



## LONDON TIME

Purple Patch receives entries from far and wide and we always enjoy pics of fans displaying the purple proudly at iconic landmarks. Here is Kelly Twight spreading the Dockers' love at the famous Big Ben in London.

*Kelly Twight, Wellard*



## TINY TIPPER

My 4-year-old son is a mad Dockers supporter and does footy tipping every week... he even got eight right one week which beat the rest of the family and most of his school. Here are some pictures of him loving his footy at the home of the Dockers... Freo Oval.

*Jayne Ricciardello, Bedford*



## WEDDING 'BELL'

My husband Charlie is a true Perth boy, a mad Dockers supporter and HUGE Peter Bell fan. For our wedding, the groomsmen got together and arranged a signed Peter Bell jumper to present to him at the reception.

He continued the night in true Dockers' style with the theme song playing for the garter toss.

Although we live on the other side of the country I am sure our future kids will become passionate Dockers supporters just like Charlie! *Caitlin Holliday McLennan, NSW*





### TREK TREK TREKKERS – SHOW 'EM HOW WE ROCK!

This is my son Joseph and I at Annapurna Base Camp in Nepal during our trekking trip there last October. Every Aussie made comments about the Dockers when they saw us in the gear. We even got photographed by Korean tourists!

*Laurie Coffey, Doubleview*



### FOOTY'S FUN AT THE 'G

This is me and my brother Harry on the way to the MCG to see our favourite team, the Fremantle Dockers, play against Richmond. We are members of the Dockers and we live in Melbourne.

My Dad still keeps his seat at Patersons Stadium and tries to get back as often as he can to cheer on the mighty Dockers.

*David (and Harry) Goddard, Melbourne*



### DRESS CODE IN ALASKA?

A true Freo fan sports the gear no matter what the circumstances... or even climate it seems. As proven here by Ian Cordingley wearing his SLEEVE-LESS Freo guernsey while cruising the Inside Passage in Alaska.

*Ian Cordingley, Leeming*



### THIS CHEERSQUAD IS MIGHTY LOUD!

Ivy, 8 weeks old, became a Dockers' member this year. She went to her first game earlier this year all decked out in her purple gear and loved it... She even managed to get some sleep through the cheer squad cheering!

*Krystle Leach, Marangaroo*

### NEW 'RECUTE'

This is Oliver the newest and cutest Dockers recruit. Ollie is 5-months-old and loves his Freo gear. He is very proud to be a little Docker.

*Michelle Geer, Kardinya*



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# Club song vote to coincide with member-elected director poll

**T**HE MEMBER POLL planned for mid-2011 to determine the club's song for 2012 and beyond will now be held in late November.

The decision will allow the member poll to be held in conjunction with the annual vote for a member-elected director, which takes place in November each year, making it a more efficient process.

Further details regarding how and when members will be able to vote on the song will be communicated via the club's website and in the Final Siren edition of *Docker* magazine, which is due in households two weeks after the club's last game for the 2011 season.



As advised in *Docker* in March, the options to be considered for adoption post-2011 include the retention of the existing club song, a re-worked version of the current song or the adoption of a new song.

Ken Walther, who wrote the current song, is re-working his original version for consideration in the members' vote on the song.

The club has also commissioned suitably qualified professional

recording artists, who will work within AFL intellectual property rights and copyright, to assist in the production of a shortlist of potential new club songs.

In the weeks prior to casting their vote, members will be given ample opportunity, via the club's website, to listen to the current version and the re-worked version of the song along with a short-list of potential new club songs.

Members will be able to vote to either retain the current song, replace it with a re-worked version or vote for a new song from the short list of potential new club songs.†



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# WA's AFL teams in the WAFL

**F**REMANTLE and West Coast have made a joint submission to the WA Football Commission and the WAFL outlining an opportunity for the two AFL clubs to field standalone teams in the State league from season 2012 onwards to make WA football stronger for the future.

Since Fremantle entered the AFL in 1995, and West Coast the expanded VFL in 1987, players not selected for senior representation have been hosted by WAFL clubs.

On 31 May, the two AFL clubs presented the submission to the WA Football Commission, stating that having their own teams in the WAFL from 2012 onward would allow Fremantle and West Coast to maintain control of their listed players and keep pace with their AFL competitors.

At a breakfast briefing on 2 June the submission was presented to representatives from the nine WAFL clubs and other football stakeholders.

In the submission, Fremantle and West Coast presented a case that the

State League also stood to benefit significantly from having two AFL teams in the WAFL.

The key reasons for pursuing this important strategic imperative for our club set out in the 52-page document include:

- Provides the AFL clubs with the best opportunity to play finals football and win premierships
- Allows direct control over their employees/assets
- Fast tracks the development of their players
- Provides better management of player welfare and injuries
- Improves operational efficiencies and logistics of player movement
- Saves costs in terms of staff resourcing at multiple venues
- Allows players to focus on AFL game style and tactics
- Keeps pace with AFL competition
- Better manages the induction process of players
- Assists in player retention

- Promotes better team cohesion, bonding and club culture


On Saturday 11 June, the WAFC, in conjunction with the WAFL Council of Presidents, advised Fremantle and West Coast that they would not support the proposal in its current form.

However, the WAFC and the WAFL Council of Presidents made a commitment to have ongoing discussions about the submission.

"We are committed to addressing these issues while considering the needs of the AFL clubs and will engage in discussion to progress these points," WAFC Chairman Frank Cooper said.

Fremantle Chief Executive Officer Steve Rosich said he looked forward to progressing the key points outlined in the joint submission.

"We are continuing to work proactively with the WAFC and the WAFL clubs to ascertain how we can best address this important strategic imperative for our club in the best interests of football in Western Australia," he said.‡



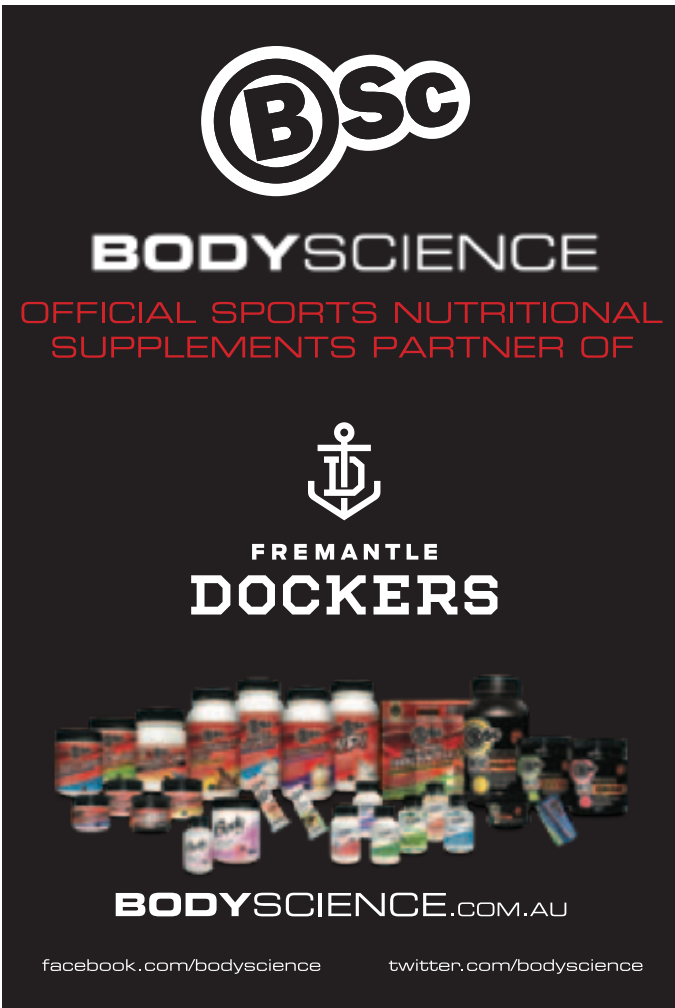
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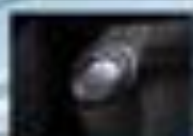


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# Where have they docked? DANIEL BANDY

An inaugural Freo Docker, Daniel Bandy kicked the first goal of his AFL career against the Western Bulldogs in 1995. He kicked his last ever goal ten years later playing against Fremantle, ironically for the Bulldogs. In-between he was a popular ruckman/forward who played 150 AFL games, 105 of which were for Fremantle. *Docker* caught up with the 35-year-old.



## Where are you living nowadays?

I'm living down at Dawesville, close to the beach and the estuary, living the water life with my family.

## What are you doing for a living out there?

I'm actually in the real estate caper for a company called Port Bouvard Real Estate. It's a very interesting job at the moment because it's quite a tough market.

## How did you get into that?

When I was living in Melbourne I did a course over there. I've always had a bit of a passion for it and decided that I'd get into it once I was established in a community. I've been here for a few years now and been involved in a lot of community based stuff with my children.

## Tell us about your family?

I've been married to my lovely wife Alice for eight years now. I've got a beautiful 7-year-old boy, Jesse, and my daughter Indiana is four. Jesse's in year 2 at the local Dawesville Catholic Primary School and Indiana's at kindy. We are expecting one in the next two or three days, too, which will be born by the time this goes to print. We don't know the gender yet.\*

## What did you do right after retiring from AFL in 2005?

When I retired I took a bit of time off and moved back to Perth. I was living in Melbourne because I'd had a stint with the Western Bulldogs. I got a job at the Fremantle Football Club and I worked there for a year as an account manager in the corporate scene. I'd always been involved in football, so I thought it was time to do something different. I ended up getting a job as a sales marketing manager at The Cut Golf Course in Mandurah. Golf's always been a side passion for me.

## Did you continue playing footy after you retired from AFL?

Yeah I played a couple of years for Claremont in the WAFL. I had a couple of good, fun years there with some ex-teammates. I played in the grand final but missed out unfortunately. I then took a year off and played at South Bunbury in the South West League. I hadn't played for two years and I decided to put the boots on again this year at the age of 35 with South Mandurah in the Peel League. Most of the players are about 15 years younger, which is quite scary. But I'm just enjoying the old football scenario, hanging out with the lads. Training isn't really a priority for someone in my age bracket.

## What is your best memory from your time at Fremantle?

I suppose there are two that stand out. I remember the first training session, but the memory that really stands out was our first Derby win. I was a part of the first team that beat West Coast, which was pretty special. They'd had the wood on us for quite a few years and we had a great win and we celebrated at the Left Bank afterwards. We didn't have too much finals footy action in my time there, so things like that seemed to stick out more than others.

## Do you still catch up with any former teammates?

Yeah I catch up with a few of the boys every now and again. I see Jason Norrish, Jess Sinclair, Luke Toia and Tony Modra, who I speak to quite regularly. Obviously, once you get a family, it makes it hard to keep up with everyone, but with Facebook and Twitter these days it's easier to keep in contact.

## Do you still support the Freo Dockers today?

Absolutely. They're my number one team. Freo gave me an opportunity and I'm definitely purple through and through.

## Who is your favourite current Freo Docker?

Nat Fyfe. He has terrific attributes. He's very skilful. I love the way he takes the football in the air and he racks up possessions. He's got a good 10-year-plus career ahead of him at the footy club.

## One word to describe the following former teammates.

**Jess Sinclair:** Fabio

**Peter Bell:** professional

**Clive Waterhouse:** erratic

**Matthew Pavlich:** a beauty

**Shaun McManus:** can I put heart and soul in one word? Go with passionate.

**Tony Modra:** talented‡

\*Daniel and his wife Alice welcomed son Lennox Bandy in to the family on Friday 24 June.



# New stadium to rival Etihad

**W**HEN the new Perth Stadium is completed in 2018, Fremantle Dockers' members

will be able to watch their team at a 60,000 seat venue in the style of Melbourne's Etihad Stadium, with similar views, amenities and comfort.

The capacity range will more than adequately provide for members, corporate seating, general admission and visiting team supporters.

On Tuesday 28 June, Premier Colin Barnett announced that WA's new multi-purpose \$700 million stadium would be built on the Burswood Peninsula.

"Burswood Peninsula is unconstrained by surrounding development and Government-owned, which will allow us to achieve the vision of a world-class stadium precinct," the Premier said.

## STATE-OF-THE-ART

"The new stadium will be the centrepiece of an emerging eastside precinct at the gateway to Perth and is within walking distance of a range of potential transport options including footbridges, ferries, and trains.

"The new Perth Stadium will deliver a high quality, state-of-the-art facility all West Australians can be proud of."

The final cost will be determined after a design process has been completed. However, the current indicative cost for the stadium is approximately \$700 million, excluding costs associated with upgrades to transport infrastructure.

Sport and Recreation Minister Terry Waldron said a steering committee would be established to oversee the project.

"The committee's first task will be to create a master plan for the stadium precinct, including a decision on the exact location and a detailed costing of the project," he said.

"It will look at details such as possible retractable seating, adequate amenities, the style and size of seats and the allocation of seats to members, corporate, public and supporters of visiting teams."



**Having a ball: Premier Colin Barnett and skipper Matthew Pavlich on the site of the new Perth Stadium.**

AFL commission chairman Mike Fitzpatrick said the stadium would provide a tremendous boost for AFL in WA and deliver millions of dollars in revenue for the State.

"The new stadium at Burswood will be a world-class facility, provide world-class amenities and be an unparalleled experience for fans."

Fitzpatrick said the stadium would allow the Fremantle Dockers and West Coast to grow their member base.

Fremantle Chief Executive Officer Steve Rosich said that as part of the transition to the new stadium, the club would provide its loyal members with priority access to the stadium once it was completed.

"We look forward to working with the Government and the steering committee to help deliver a stadium that will not only be a great asset for the State but also for our football club and our highly valued members," Rosich said.‡

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# Record breaking Haze



IT'S BEEN NINE YEARS in the making but Fremantle members and supporters achieved something quite remarkable at the start of this season when they created a Purple Haze that helped raise more than \$70,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

The Haze swept across WA throughout March and settled on Patersons Stadium on Saturday 2 April when Fremantle took on the Cats in its first home game of the season.

The first ever Purple Haze Game was held in 2003 and raised \$14,000 for Starlight. Nine years on, and with a total of almost \$350,000 now raised, it's clear that the Freo faithful have a soft spot in their hearts for this worthwhile event.

The vibe within the stadium was electric as thousands came to cheer on a new season decked in weird and wonderful purple

outfits. There were some very impressive efforts, most of which were acknowledged in the annual 'Purple Play Off' on ground at half time.

From the Dowson family in Kalgoorlie who rallied their community to raise over \$12,000, to the non-playing Freo squad members who hit the precinct rattling tins to raise almost \$5,000 in 20 minutes. It was an amazing effort by everyone

involved to reach an overwhelming final total of \$70,946.75, smashing the previous mark of \$45,172.

To our proud supporter Fremantle Ports, as well as the match-day volunteers, Purple Haze Party hosts, player ambassadors and match-day donors, the record was achieved as a result of your hard work and generosity.

Season 2012 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Starlight Purple Haze Game... maybe we can aim for \$100k for the 10-year celebrations!⚓



# Community Matters



## COPS 'N' DOCKERS

THERE ARE THINGS that money just can't buy, and if you've ever seen Jersey Shore you will know that there are some things that money should never, ever buy. And then there are things that money can buy, but only if you're in just the right place at just the right time.

If you are lucky enough to find yourself at Constable Care's Annual Golf Classic at Mount Lawley Golf Club on 23 September, not only will you have the chance to play 18 holes of golf on a



magnificent course, you will also have the chance to bid on something that would usually require a lifetime of sporting dedication and sacrifice to achieve. You, sitting front and centre between Matthew Pavlich and Mark Harvey, in the 2012 Fremantle Dockers team photo!

In addition to the photo with the team, there is a stack of 'money can't usually buy' items. These include sports car experiences, adrenaline fuelled activities, fantastic holidays and some very special luxury goods, all to be auctioned to raise much needed funds for Constable Care to help teach West Australian kids to do the right thing.

The Constable Care Golf Classic comprises 18 holes of golf at the prestigious Mount Lawley Golf Club, lunch, drinks, and a three course dinner followed by the all important auction.

It is Constable Care's largest annual event, and its most important fundraiser. As always, it promises to be a memorable day out, with the chance to meet some great people and possibly play with some of your Freo heroes.

There's even a contest on every hole and the opportunity to win some fantastic spot prizes. If that's not enough

for you, guest speaker and Freo Dockers legend Peter Bell will be answering your questions, so you can finally ask him how it felt to win the Doig Medal and how he handled the pressure of captaining Freo.

Don't miss out on this great event or your opportunity to be in the 2012 Fremantle Dockers team photo. Tickets for the dinner auction with Peter Bell can be purchased separately if the 19th hole is more your style.

For more information or to register your team please call the Constable Care office on (08) 9272 0000 or email Jessica Waters on [jessica@constablecare.org.au](mailto:jessica@constablecare.org.au) ♡



**An inspiring mother of five, Hayley, has shared her family's story to raise awareness for Redkite. Redkite supports children, young people and their families through the entire cancer journey with real and practical support. Redkite receives no government funding and relies entirely on the generosity of partners such as the Fremantle Dockers Football Club and the wider community.**

## HAYLEY'S STORY

WHEN MY DAUGHTER Sinead was born in August 2009, she seemed perfect, we were delighted. But then our lives changed...

At about 11 weeks, I thought Sinead's forehead looked a bit blue. I asked a specialist about Sinead who said it felt like a build-up of pressure. An ultrasound was organised immediately.

The result totally changed my life: there was a tumour in Sinead's head. She needed surgery without delay. She was only 12 weeks old.

**We were told we would lose her**

We were told that the tumour was growing so fast that if they did



not operate she would not last more than a couple of days. It was an extremely rare brain tumour, with very low survival rates.

A second round of surgery was required. As we sat at the bed, beside our sleeping daughter, one of the nurses told us that we should get ready to lose our baby. 'It's just a question of time,' she said.

**Redkite was there, right from the start**

I'll never forget the day Redkite's Red Bag was delivered, full of items that were just so useful in hospital. Even a notebook. I filled every page of that notebook with details of Sinead's treatment, the medication she was on and the steps we were going through, because you can't remember everything.



## MAYNEY SPREADS THE AUSKICK MESSAGE

THE 2011 AUSKICK SEASON officially kicked off for WA in May when more than 24,000 children around the state began attending their local Auskick centres.

Among the 360 registered WA Auskick centres, the Australian Islamic College joined the Auskick program for the first time.

On Thursday 26 May, Fremantle Dockers forward Chris Mayne, visited the College in Kewdale.

"It's great to see Auskick reach out to boys and girls of all cultural backgrounds," Mayne said.

"Auskick was a great introduction to the game for me and I hope it will be the same for these students. I loved playing Auskick footy as a kid and it's fantastic to see these students getting involved and loving it too," he said.

Being involved in AFL is not new for the students from the Australian Islamic Colleges. Students from both Kewdale and Dianella have been involved in our Community Goals programs for many years, with their school football teams wearing the Fremantle Dockers jumpers donated by the club several years ago.‡



## COMMUNITY VISION ABROAD

IN 2010 ANDREW LEASK WAS working as a volunteer childcare worker in Peru. During his work, he contacted 16 AFL football clubs seeking some support to spread the AFL message to the soccer-mad local kids. He only heard back from one AFL club – the Fremantle Dockers. Andrew was delighted when he opened up a parcel from Australia to find hats, footballs, DVD's and other promotional material to share with the kids.

Andrew was very impressed that Freo took the time to make some children on the other side of the world incredibly happy.

"I couldn't believe how Fremantle could be so generous," he said.

"I have to say I felt very proud that Fremantle was the only club that helped out.

"It is something that will not be forgotten."

This was not a one-off incident either. The Fremantle Dockers have lent a helping hand all around the world, by delivering promotional material to Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and Brazil, to name a few!‡



As the expenses mounted up, the generous people who support Redkite made everyday things possible. Redkite's financial assistance allowed us to fill the car with petrol so David could visit in hospital, get the food on the table for the four boys at home and pay the bills.

### The pain in our baby's head... she just cried and cried

Our baby spent so much time in my arms because every time we put her down she cried uncontrollably - the pain in her head and the pressure of the tumour against the brain was just too much to bear.

After the surgery, there was

chemotherapy, twelve months of it. During 2010, I spent almost my whole life in the hospital. Life outside was just a blur.

### Redkite was there for us when we were at our lowest

One of the best supports for me was my social worker. As a trained professional, she understood the support needed and how hard it is when you think your baby is dying. I think it is great that Redkite funds social workers to support other families going through what we have.

The Redkite Music Therapist often helped distract my youngest boy Rowan with music when his baby sister was having her traumatic

dressing changes or procedures, this was such a big help for me. And as for the Redkite Christmas hampers, they were just wonderful.

### We always had hope

We prayed constantly. And if you were able to see our bubbling 20-month-old little girl now, you'd see that our prayers were answered.

The journey that we had to take as a family was a journey no one should have to go through but Redkite made it much more bearable. David and I feel so sorry for the families Redkite cannot support due to funding constraints. We just hope that you can dig deep and donate to

Redkite, so more families facing cancer can be supported.

Thank you for caring,

Hayley

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# Bravest of the brave

**The Fremantle Dockers honoured 12 brave children and young adults at the club's 17th annual HBF Bravery Awards on Friday 27 May.**

**T**HE 2011 HBF Bravery Awards Ceremony highlighted the amazing strength, determination and courage of some special young people who have passed through the wards of hospitals within the South Metropolitan Area Health Service (SMAHS).

Fremantle first-year players Tendai Mzungu, Jayden Pitt, Peter Faulks, Gavin Roberts and Josh Mellington joined mature-age recruit Nick Lower to share the courageous stories of each of this year's recipients.

A visibly moved Lower said it puts life and footy in perspective when he hears the stories of these young people.

"It's fantastic to see smiles on their faces and if we can make them happy just for one day, it's job done for us," he said.

Acting-Executive Director of Fremantle Hospital Dr David Blythe read this quote from American writer Mary Anne Radmacher to all in attendance:

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'"

"Reading the stories of what these children have been through, I think every one of them will say 'tomorrow I'll try again'," Dr Blythe said of the 12 young recipients looking on.

In his speech, Fremantle President Steve Harris paid tribute to the families and carers of the 12 young award recipients.

"As adults, few things impact us more than seeing young people suffering," Harris said.

"I'm a parent myself and I know what it's like to have kids in hospital. It is traumatic and hard and it's pretty special for you all to be here today."

After all the youngsters had received their medallion and gift pack from senior player Luke McPharlin, HBF Managing Director Rob Bransby addressed the guests.

"I'm honoured to be in the room," he said.

"I sat at home last night and read the stories of these 12 brave



**COURAGE DOESN'T ALWAYS ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE END OF THE DAY SAYING, 'I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.'**  
— MARY ANNE RADMACHER

individuals. I looked around to my 10-year-old daughter and my wife and I thought 'gee, we take a lot of this for granted'."

Bransby said it made him proud to be associated with HBF, a not-for-profit organisation.

"It's all about community. We exist for the community. It's all about giving back and, at the end of the day, all that really matters is your health."

Bransby then announced that HBF had a very special surprise for the 12 award winners - they were all getting an X-Box 360 and a game to take home.

Watching the sheer joy and surprise on the youngsters' faces warmed the hearts of everyone in the room.

Seventeen-year-old Clay Bilton's look of astonishment was worth a thousand words!

Thank you to HBF and Fremantle Hospital for making such an inspiring event possible and congratulations to all the 2011 HBF Bravery Award winners on their remarkable courage.‡

## 2011 HBF BRAVERY AWARD WINNERS:

Amanda Chong, 17, Bullcreek  
Clay Bilton, 17, Bouvard  
Ethan Jackson, 11, Wiluna  
Jamie Lee, 5, East Fremantle  
Jessie Young, 17, Dianella  
Kayla Broxton, 12, Hamilton Hill  
Kaysha Gould, 2, Warnbro  
Phebe Innes, 8, Halls Head  
Sam Hicks, 5, East Fremantle  
Will Morton, 7, Spearwood  
Nina Jeps-Tite, 12, Kelmscott  
Tex Cockie, 5, Leda



Hi Kids, welcome to KidZone... the fun place for all our junior Docker fans!

This season I have managed to keep in touch with many of you on a weekly basis with the 'MY MONDAY MESSAGE' email. We have been busy with lots of competitions, games and my favourite one – the players' best recipes. If you want to receive this fun-filled email from me every Monday throughout the season make sure you sign up to KIDZONE CLUB today.

I have included a KIDZONE CLUB application form in this edition of Docker as well as details on our cool banner competition that we are running for KIDZONE CLUB members. So make sure you get all your friends to sign up and be part of the fun. See you on the flipside!

Johnny



BRING ME TO LIFE



## ALINTA 'DOCKER 4 A DAY' – KIDZONE CLUB WINNER

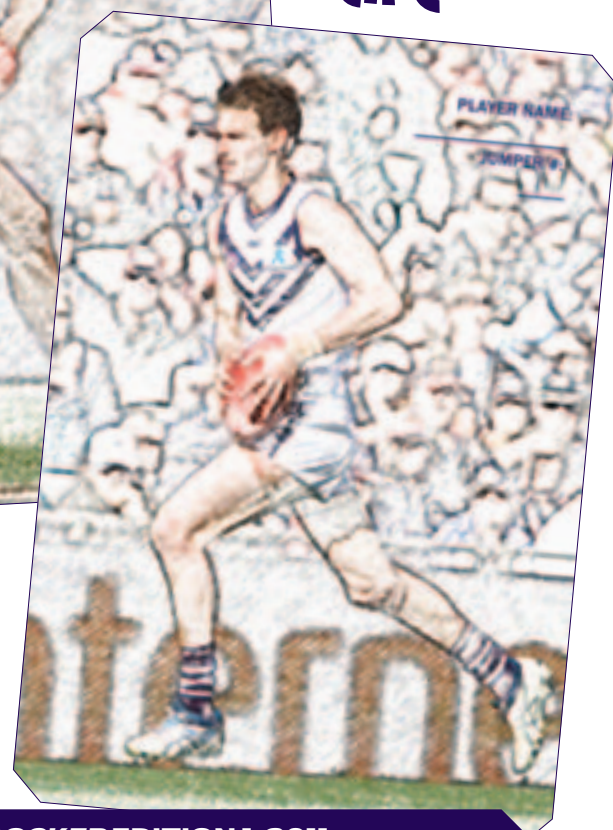
CONGRATULATIONS TO 11-year-old Tara Butt of Aubin Grove who sent in an acrostic poem and won the 'Docker 4 A Day' competition we ran on [fremantlefc.com.au/kidzone](http://fremantlefc.com.au/kidzone).

Tara got the experience of a lifetime when she ran out onto Patersons Stadium with Freo Dockers' captain Matthew Pavlich for the round 8 game against the Eagles.

Thanks to Alinta, Tara's 'Docker 4 A Day' experience was a memorable one, especially after Matt de Boer gave her a high five as she ran through the banner and then found herself standing next to her favourite player, 'Hilly'!



Can you tell who these coloured drawings are of and what the two players have in common?

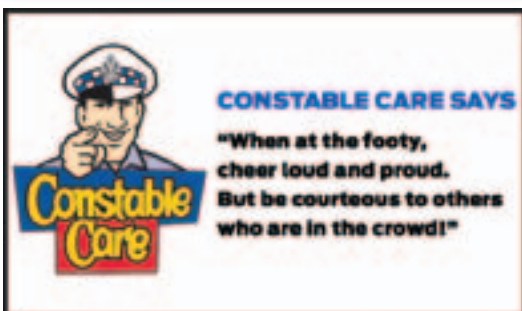


## RESULTS FROM DOCKER EDITION 1, 2011:

**We've Got Your Back:** A = Ryan Crowley, B = Adam McPhee, C = Alex Silvagni, D = Luke McPharlin, E = Michael Barlow, F = Hayden Ballantyne, G = David Mundy

**Docker Definitions Word Sleuth Answer:** Be sure to visit KidZone at [fremantlefc.com.au](http://fremantlefc.com.au) for more footy words and Docker Definitions on Docker TV now!

**Can You Welcome The New Recruits?:** #4 Jayden Pitt, #12 Jonathon Griffin, #13 Tendai Mzungu, #20 Viv Michie, #22 Jack Anthony, #25 Josh Mellington, #28 Peter Faulks, #34 Nick Lower, #42 Gavin Roberts





FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS AND SEND IN TO:

**Johnny 'the Doc' Docker, Fremantle Dockers, PO Box 381, FREMANTLE WA 6959**

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO CUT OUT YOUR ENTRY FORM, SIMPLY DOWNLOAD AND PRINT ONE OUT FROM HOME.

Head to [www.fremantlefc.com.au/kidzone](http://www.fremantlefc.com.au/kidzone) for the application form as well as loads more games and activities.

# JOIN CLUB

Sign up to KidZone Club today and you will receive an email from me every Monday with heaps of cool info and games. You will even go into the draw to help form the guard of honour at Patersons Stadium on Friday 26 August when we take on Collingwood. All you need to do is fill in your details and post them in to me.

NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

EMAIL ADDRESS

FAVOURITE PLAYER

## NICKNAMES... PLAY AND WIN!

Tell us what you think are the best nicknames for each of the following players and you could win four tickets to the Friday night blockbuster against Collingwood on Friday 26 August, 2011. I'll also mention some of my favourite responses in the 'My Monday Message' email.

PLAYER	BEST NICKNAME
Aaron Sandilands	<input type="text"/>
Nathan Fyfe	<input type="text"/>
Michael Barlow	<input type="text"/>
Chris Mayne	<input type="text"/>
Matthew Pavlich	<input type="text"/>

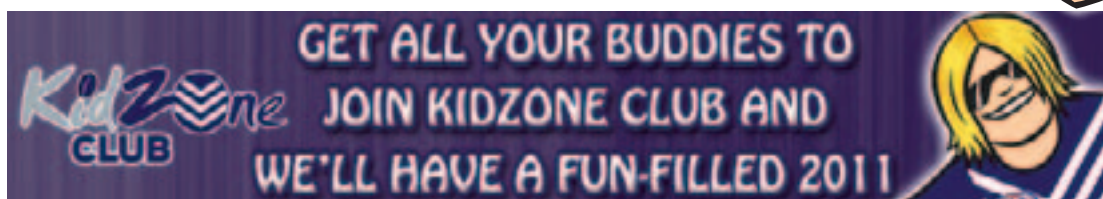
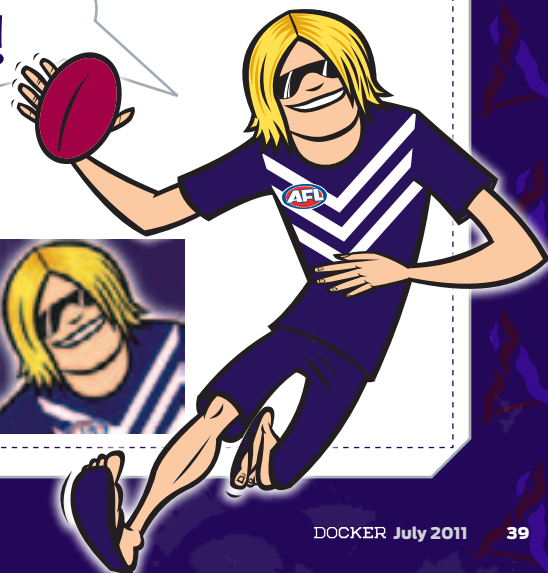
## VOTING NOW OPEN!

We want all our junior fans to decide which player's Hero Poster will appear in the next edition of *Docker*.

All you need to do is place your 5-4-3-2-1 votes for the following players and the player with the most votes will have a poster pull-out in the next mag!

PLAYER	VOTE BOX
Hayden Ballantyne	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt de Boer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garrick Ibbotson	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Mundy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nick Suban	<input type="checkbox"/>

**VOTE  
now!**



# 250

## MATTHEW PAVLICH

On Saturday 2 July 2011, Matthew Pavlich reached a significant milestone when he became the first player to reach 250 games for the Fremantle Dockers.

To commemorate this remarkable achievement, the club has produced a set of limited edition memorabilia pieces which are now on sale.

Fittingly, only 29 framed jumpers have been created to mark the occasion and are already in high demand.

You can secure your piece by heading in to the Team Stores at either Fremantle Oval or Patersons Stadium, by calling (08) 9433 7192 or by visiting the club's Online Team Store at: [www.fremantlefc.com.au/teamstore](http://www.fremantlefc.com.au/teamstore)



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