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WELCOME

ANZAC DAY GAME-HONOUR EARNED

Welcome to our ANZAC Day edition of FOOT-e TIMES SA.

Personally I have always found it difficult to equate the link between fighting for a football and fighting for your country without trivialising the later.

I just hope that all football fans take some time today, to remember the sacrifice made by so many before us.

I am glad that the SANFL

chooses to reserve this special game for those who played in last year's Grand Final.

It is an honour that should be earned.

I also think the move to suburban grounds is the correct one as well.

From my own experience it was an honour to have the game at Woodville last year and I am sure it will be a special occasion for the Redlegs today.

Lest We Forget.

A reminder that our AFL Reserves Survey is closing on Sunday.

If you haven't had your say yet make sure you do before the end of the round.

We will start publicising the results next week.

See you at the SANFL!

Phil Herden
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BOB QUINN—A TRUE SANFL ICON

By Peter Argent

If you quickly peruse Bob Quinn's raw statistics, 198 games, 414 goals, three premierships and a pair of Magarey Medals, either side of World War II, you could quickly surmise that this Port Adelaide footballer was a champion of the game.

But there is so much more to the quietly spoken and humble man, born into the game at Birkenhead on the Port River, who was the son of a former Magpie's club captain from the late 1800s, Jack Quinn.

Starting at senior level as an 18-year-old in 1933, Quinn quickly developed into one of the leading rovers in the game.

By 1936 he was a premiership player, and the following year he was runner up to North Adelaide's, Harold "Dribbler" Hawke, by one vote for the SANFL's highest individual honour.

The Rooster's talent from Curramulka on the Yorke Peninsula recorded 37 votes under a 5-3-1 system, while Quinn claimed 36.

An initial Magarey Medal came the following year and in 1939 Quinn was captain-coach of the Alberton based Magpies.

After injuries sustained during his war service, it was feared that he may never play again.

Despite severe problems with his leg, arm and face, Quinn did return to the game wearing a leather strap on his arm.

He participated in 12 games with the combined Port/Torrens side in 1944, which concluded with Quinn playing with a broken arm in the second semi final against Sturt/South.

When the SANFL returned to its proper eight team competition in 1945, he won his second ...

second Magarey Medal by a huge margin.

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In his final year, 1947, Quinn, now 32, won his fourth best and



Bob Quinn



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fairest at the Magpies.

Post his playing days, Quinn coached on the Yorke Peninsula and the SA state team for the 1953 Carnival.

He was one of four brothers to play SANFL league football before the Second World War.

Bob also had five sisters.

Eldest sibling, Jack Junior, was the first to play for Port Adelaide.

The second son, Tom, played 59 games for Port Adelaide between 1928 and 1930, including the 1928 flag before his transfer to the Geelong Cats in the VFL.

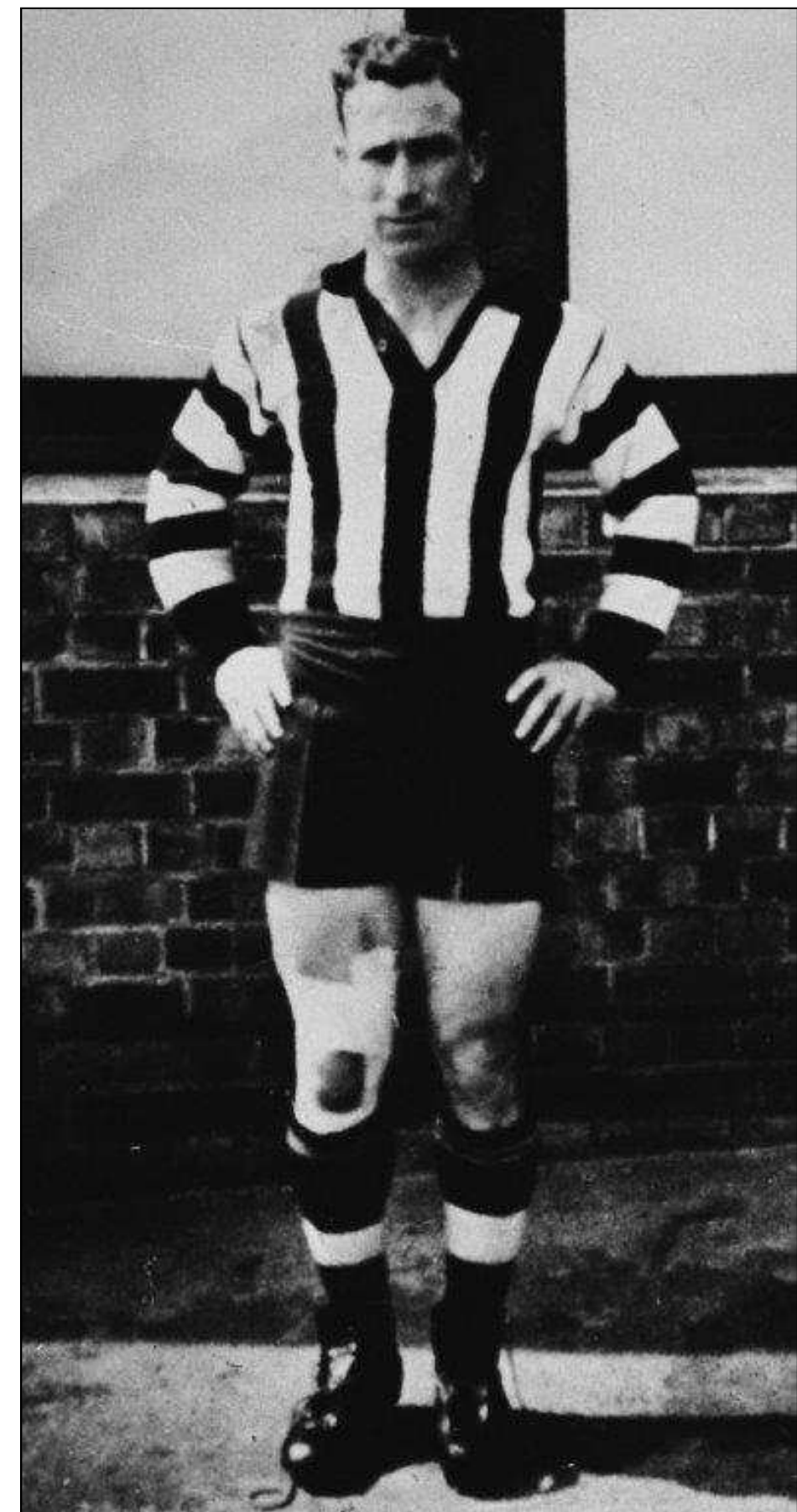
Tom "Magpie" Quinn was a dual best and fairest at Kardinia Park (Carji Greeves medallist '36 & '37), was a key member of the flags in 1931 and 1937 and was on the bench (as an emergency) in the Cats Team of the Century.

A strong performer in interstate fixtures, the Cats were also keen to lure Bob across the border to the Victorian competition as well, especially after his stellar match in a state game against the "Big V" at Adelaide Oval in 1938.

Bob donned the state jumper on 15 occasions, and kicked 26 goals.

The youngest of the quartet of brothers, George also played for Port Adelaide before being killed in action in Egypt in 1942.

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Bob's son, Robert junior, became a third generation Port Adelaide league footballer and also played over 50 league matches for the Panthers.

While his other boy, Greg, played to reserves level and was an elite wicketkeeper with West and East Torrens, winning seven SACA A grade Charlie Walker wicket-keeping trophies.

A 4th generation of the Quinn clan, Simon played 140 games with South from 1990.

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Robert Quinn enlisted in the Australian Army in June, 1940, as a Warrant Officer Class 2 and was shipped out to fight in the North African campaign.

Showing the same courage and endeavour that he displayed on the football field, Warrant Officer Quinn was awarded the Military Medal for bravery at the Siege of Tobruk.

On August 3, 1941, one of the famous "Rats of Tobruk" Quinn took command of the 10th platoon and defied German troops. This Western Desert Campaign confrontation in North Africa lasted 241 days between Axis and Allied forces.

Maintaining control of Tobruk (a coastal port in Libya) was crucial to the Allied war effort. Quinn also saw battle in the Pacific.

Quinn was honoured as a life member of the Port Adelaide Football Club in 1944, whilst still playing.

He was joint number one ticket holder at the Power in 1997.

As expected he was a member of the Port Adelaide Football Club Hall of Fame in 1998, a life member of the SANFL in 2002 and an inaugural member of the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996.

When the new Alberton Oval grandstand was built in 1972, it was named the RB Quinn Stand in his honour.

Finally the SANFL acknowledged his outstanding service with a Bob Quinn medal, initially awarded in 2002, it is presented to the best player on ground at the annual SANFL ANZAC Day

match, played between the Grand Finalist from the previous season.

Stoic to the end, Quinn finally passed away aged 93 after a long battle with illness

Footnote

– It is now time for Quinn to be the second South Australian to be elevated to "legend" status in the AFL Hall of Fame, after Barrie Robran (2001).

Footnote II

- Had the 1937 Magarey Medal count been conducted under the current 3–2–1 system, Quinn would have beaten Hawke 24 votes to 23 to put himself alongside Barrie Robran, Lindsay Head, Len Fitzgerald, Dan Moriarty and James Allan as triple SANFL Magarey Medallists. Fellow Magpie Russell Ebert won four.



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MY DAD, MY HERO

By Peter Argent

Greg Quinn, a SANFL under 19s and reserves footballer of quality in his own right, spoke with reverence about his father, SANFL great and war hero Robert Berima "Bob" Quinn.

"You can have all the other events through the year like Christmas Day, Easter, Valentine Day, for me the best day of the year is ANZAC Day," Greg explained, "Not just because of what dad did, but all of those people that fought".

"Dad was my hero".

"For the first 31 years before I got married I lived with my parents. It was like being with a superstar. Dad was quiet, but he had a presence when he entered and especially in the pubs he ran, he didn't suffer fools".

"While it was hard being in the hotel game, he always loved being around his children."

Greg also confirmed the fact that his father could have been lost to our game after the war, when war surgeons had originally decided to amputate a leg.

"Dad received a serious shrapnel wound to his inner thigh and they were going to sever his leg pretty high up," Greg continued. "The doctor realized who it was and they changed their minds".

"After he recuperated, he was sent back to Papua New Guinea, where he received injuries to his arm and face."

Greg Quinn did get to be personally involved in our Australian football code with his father, as Bob was coach Bohdan Jaworskyj's, chairman of selectors, at Tea Tree Gully, when the now defunct SAFA competition was at its zenith in the 1970's.

"Being Bohdan's chairman of selectors, Dad was virtually the assistant coach," Greg said.

"He kept drilling into us that the small men had to be fit. Dad talked about, was almost obsessive about, the rovers being the fittest player in the team, along with being courageous and team orientated".

"I have a photo of dad with his arms crossed in 1938 – that year he won the Magarey Medal – and he was 'cut'. Being a wharfie down at the Port he was doing plenty of manual labour during the week."

There were certainly plenty of sporting stars in Greg's heritage, as his mother Massie's brother, Charlie Walker, was South Australian wicketkeeper, who went on the 1930 and 1938 Australian tours of England.

The SACA now presents the Charlie Walker Trophy to the best wicket-keeper in Adelaide Grade Cricket, which Greg won seven times, during his playing days with East Torrens.

"Dad was a good cricketer as well, and was always picked in Port Adelaide representative sides when they would play the district teams," Quinn concluded.

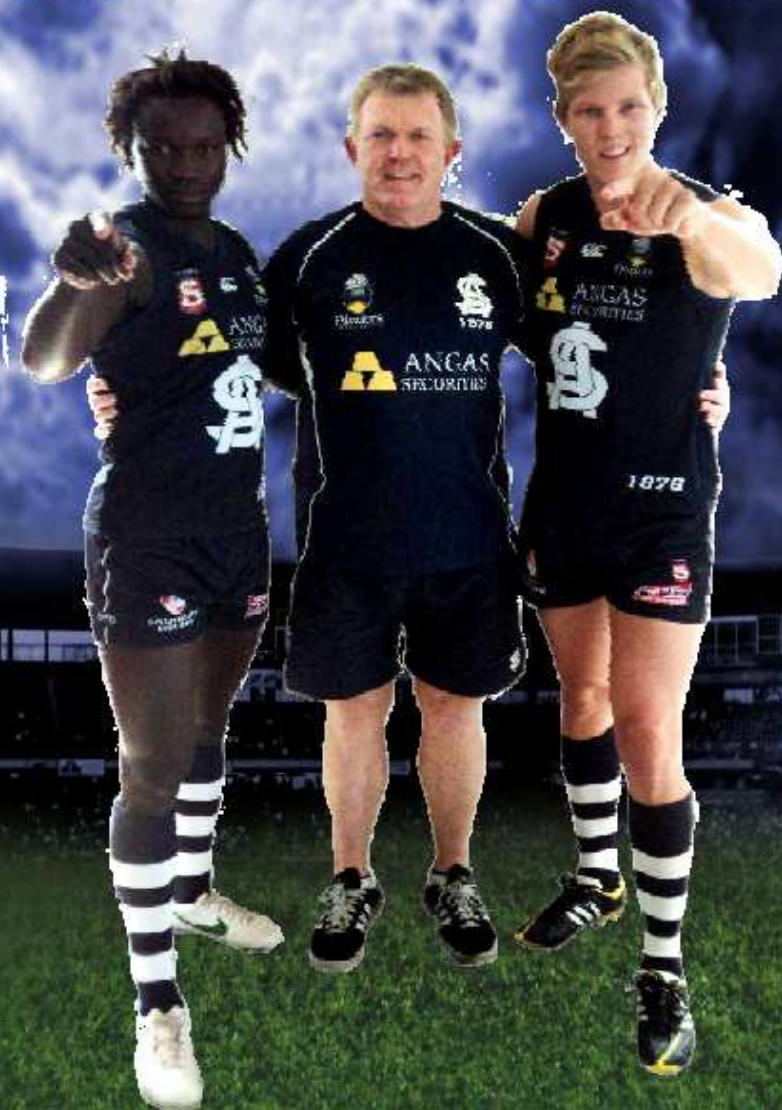
"He was a bit of a keeper' and loved the game".

"Dad and mum were very supportive of my cricket as well."



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THE MOST DECORATED QUINN MEDALLIST

By Peter Argent

Before this year's Anzac Day conflict between the Grand Finalists from 2012, the Central District Football Club had played in the previous 12 clashes on this special day.

In 2002 the Bob Quinn Medal was inaugurated and James Gowans was the first winner, but the person who has been honoured the most with this medal is current co-captain of the Bulldogs, Paul Thomas.

"Thomo" as his team mates call him is a six time premierships player, four of them as the team's leader, and he collected the state League's highest individual honour, the Magarey Medal in 2004.

But equally he has won the Quinn Medal for best on ground in the ANZAC Day clash no less than four times, twice before his single season stint at Essendon and another two occasions after his return, 2003, 2004, 2008 and 2011.

"It is really humbling having your name called out as the winner," Thomas said.

"We talk about going to war on the football field, but you know that Bob and many of his mates put their lives on the line. He was a warrior on the footy field and a warrior in real life".

"ANZAC Day is a huge game and there is Finals type atmosphere.

"To be recognized for performing well in a big game like this sits comfortably. It also means that we would have generally won the game."

There is a pair of Norm Russell (Central District best and fairest)

Medals in '04 and '09 in Thomo's trophy cabinet and Advertiser Team of Year selection seven times. Along with SANFL state representation over seven years including captaincy of the past two.

Intriguingly Thomas played a couple of different roles in the years he won the medal.

Back in 2003 in Roy Laird's first year in charge he was asked to tag and shut down Damien Squire.

Paul Thomas

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The middle two were as a running half back and in 2011 Thomas was a goal kicking on-baller.

He also played eight AFL games with the Bombers in '05, before being the last person Essendon



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delisted before their '06 campaign.

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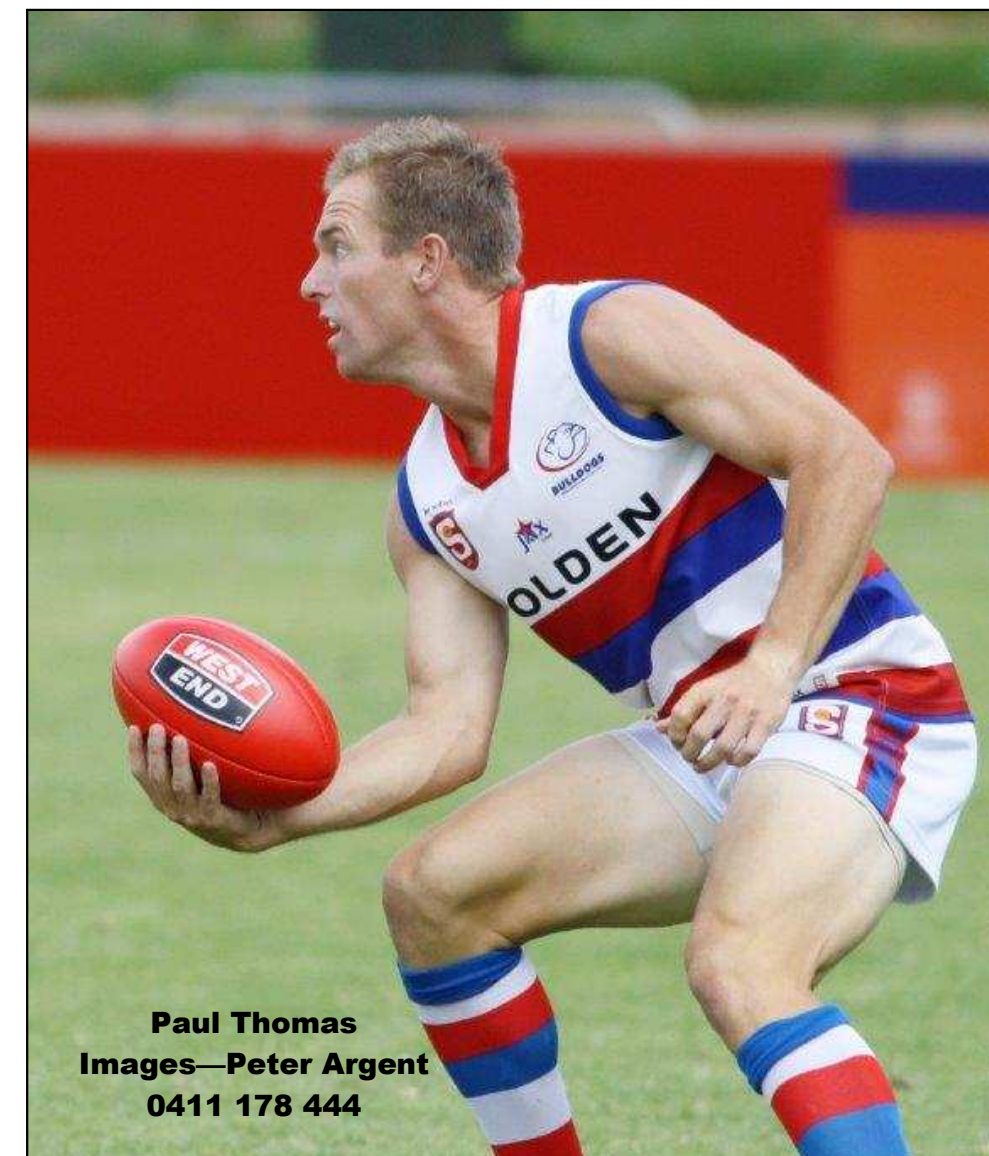
"We lost to Geelong the week before and I did not keep my spot," Thomas explained. "But to be around one of the clubs participating and seeing everything at close quarters was huge".

"While parts of the MCG were being rebuilt and there wasn't a capacity crowd, it was still amazing to watch live".

"Dad (159-game Bulldog's player in the 1980s) Jamie came across and watched it with me".

SANFL Bob Quinn Medallists

- 2002 - James Gowans (Central)
- 2003 - Paul Thomas (Central)
- 2004 - Paul Thomas (Central)
- 2005 - Luke Powell (Eagles)
- 2006 - Mark Passador (Eagles)
- 2007 - Chris Gowans (Central)
- 2008 - Paul Thomas (Central)
- 2009 - Chad O'Sullivan (Central)
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- 2012 - Ryan Williams (Central)



Paul Thomas
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WHAT WE LEARNT FROM ROUND 4

Peter Argent

There is plenty of talent in the new generation of the SANFL.

On Friday night The Eagles added indigenous teenage talent, Malcolm Karpany, to league ranks. He didn't get a lot of the ball, but when he did get it, his poise and composure were impressive.

Others to take note of include James Battersby and Ziggy Vitkunas at the Double Blues

Sam Boulderstone has shown plenty of potential in his first two games with Norwood after coming out of country football. While after moving from the Redlegs to North, Tom Langford, has displayed plenty to excite the Rooster's faithful.

Nick Homburg and Tom Keough have both been industrious for the ladder leading Bloods.

Young Jake Johansen debuted for the Magpies as a 16-year-old in Round One.

Sam Underwood is an exciting new talent for the Bays, and while the Bulldogs are zip and four there are a number of players who have shown promise.

They include Brock Castree, Josh Glenn, Tim Meulendyks from Hamilton in Victoria and Sam Colquhoun, along with marking forwards, Broughton Mundoora lad, Dylan Hewett and Hummocks Watchman Eagle, Dallas Hill.

Bloods went back to defensive style.

Winning justifies everything, but it was sad to note the Bloods versus North Adelaide game at City Mazda Stadium was a defensive game, where both coaches played plenty of players behind the ball.

North had seven different individual goal kickers and the game only had 15 majors for the match.

Pleasingly the game was close and decided by the smallest of possible margins.

At both quarter and half time, West led by two and a half goals, while the Roosters grabbed the lead by four points at lemon time.

It isn't a pure competition.

The Eagles inflicted the Redlegs first loss of 2013, and much of

of the credit must go to the "Ins" from the AFL clubs

Bernie Vince was Woodville-West Torrens leading possession winner, while Port Victoria lad, Jarrad Redden, was a great foil for Craig Parry in ruck.

WAFL Sandover Medallist Kane Mitchell, who really needs to work on his kicking skills, was another inclusion by the Eagles whilst Nick Salter played in the Reserves match as well.

The obvious question is the SANFL:

- 1.) Predominately a feeder competition for the Adelaide AFL based clubs?
- 2.) The second best competition outside the AFL.
- 3.) Some of both?

Travis Tuck lays a tackle
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ANZAC Day should be a “hum-dinger”.

Weather permitting, the clash between Norwood and West has the potential to be a great game, if Andy Collins and Nathan Bassett let their respective sides attack.

Both have a great midfield, and strong defences.

Each also have a number of forwards who can be match winners, including Jon Beech, Aaron Fielke and Taite Silverlock from West, while Matt Panos and veteran Ben Warren both can snaffle a bag.

Phil Herden

The weakest link is pretty strong.

Looking at the many one sided

results in the AFL on the weekend, one positive advantage the SANFL has is that the level of competitiveness across all nine clubs is pretty high.

Yes, Central are 0-4, but when you consider they got within 15 points of League leader West and 9 points of 2nd placed Norwood they have certainly not been easy beats.

Eagles & Panthers find redemption.

After both sides copped demoralising losses at the hands of the Bloods in recent weeks, the Eagles on Friday Night and then South on Saturday gave their supporters some hope for the season.

Now it's the Bulldogs turn to

be in the hot seat but they will have to wait another week to respond, with the bye this round.

Don't have the broadcast spot next to the coach's box.

Listeners on the weekend copped some unexpected "Adults Only" special comments, courtesy of one of the SANFL coaches who popped his head out of the enclosed coach's box to yell out his thoughts on a particular umpiring decision.

Sharing emotion is one thing, but the only problem was the radio crew were mere metres away so it all came through the commentators' microphones. Not a good sound all round.

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WHAT WE LEARNT

Phil Aspinall

BAD KICKING IS BAD FOOT-BALL

Making the most of opportunities inside your attacking half is such a key element of our great game. Unfortunately for a couple of sides that struggled with kicking for goal in Round 4, the ultimate price was paid with missing out on the 2 points.

At City Mazda Stadium last Friday night, North Adelaide had 10 more inside 50's and 3 more scoring shots on goal. Going down to the Bloods by just the solitary point, an inaccurate final tally of 7.15 highlighted the importance of finishing off in front of the big sticks.

The next night, down at the Bay, the winless Central District finished the night on 10.14, with a couple more scoring shots than the Tigers. Despite being more dominant for the majority of the night, the 'Dogs still went down by 10 points, in part, due to a return of 2.6 in the 2nd term.

'DOGS BREAKING WRONG RECORDS

In recent times, Central fans have become accustomed to breaking SANFL records. Their side can lay claim to the longest consecutive run of Grand Final appearances, the most consecutive 2nd Semi Final victories, the highest winning Grand Final margin, just to name a few.

The list could go on, but 2013 is bringing about a few changes to the Bulldogs history books, for all the wrong reasons. The

Round 3 loss at home against Norwood meant the 'Dogs had started a new season with 3 consecutive losses, for the first time since 1990.

Losing to Glenelg consigned them to an underwhelming and somewhat surprising 0-4 start, the club's worst since the 1967 season, where they actually lost their first 5 games of the year. 'Dogs fans are certainly frustrated with their side at present, but opposition fans are no doubt delighted.

A WEEK IS A LONG TIME IN FOOTBALL

After being totally outclassed and embarrassed at home by West Adelaide the week before, to the tune of 106 points, the Panthers bounced back with a

solid win against the Double Blues. This important victory was set up with a solid third term, netting eight goals to three.

Spearhead, Michael Wundke, also proved this point. A regular goal kicker for South, the former Ken Farmer Medallist bounced back with an impressive 15 disposals, 7 marks and 5 goals 2. This was after being held goal less and restricted to just 3 disposals the week before by Joel Tippett.

Finally, the same thing can be said for my own predictions. In last week's FOOT-e TIMES SA, I suggested that the Redlegs were showing strong early season form to potentially dominate the competition and play out the entire season undefeated. How wrong I was.

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Don Cooper

Heavy 'Legs' can't outrun a flock of hunting Eagles!

It was like watching an episode of David Attenborough's wildlife adventures at the Parade on Friday night, as Michael Godden's men circled the reigning premier for nearly a quarter before isolating them into open spaces like a helpless prey and finally going in for the kill to record one of their greatest triumphs since the 2011 Grand Final.

The Eagles were savage in their approach and had a clear intent to strike at the 'Legs' Achilles heel – that being to take them away from their usually devastating structures and force a state of confusion, particularly in defence, which turned Norwood into a reactive as opposed to a punishingly proactive outfit.

The Eagle's brains trust certainly used the week off to their advantage and their plans were perfectly executed by the twenty one players who took to Coopers' Stadium.

And although some pundits may say the cause was vastly helped by the inclusion of a number of AFL

listed players, for mine, it was the intensity and commitment of the entire group which contributed to the Eagle's win.

But just on that note, all kudos to those who came into the line-up and played their hearts out for the jumper they were wearing on the night - and not solely for the opportunity to instigate a rapid wardrobe change for their next outing

Passion and poise is the recipe to great leadership!

Being privy to the team huddles at Coopers Stadium on Friday night I learnt that the ingredient to successfully leading the Eagle's troops onward to victory

comprised a blend of unbridled gusto and calculated calm. With the mid-field engine room gathered closely at the three quarter time break, both Craig Parry and captain Luke Powell were the driving force in setting the expectations for the final 20 minutes of playing time.

No surprises that "Pazz" was the one full of vehement venom, while the number 7 provided the balancing advice around the strategy required to translate the final break lead into victory. But what struck me as most pertinent from this scenario was the respect given to both – one who has more than earned his stripes as one of the competition's most revered ruckman ..

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while the other commanded the full attention of his peers through a history of uncompromising selfless acts. The latter added to this on Friday night after taking a hefty blow to the mid-riff, but shaking off the effects to take his place on the field of battle for the closing stages.

The Panther's defence can finally take "heart again" – mainly thanks to the exploits of Kyle Hartigan.

With Ron Fuller's troops under the spotlight for their inability to repel opposition attacks, the rangy 195cm Crow's listed defender was instrumental in South Adelaide's confidence building victory over the Double Blues at Envestra Park on Saturday afternoon, and now looms as a key stakeholder in the navy blues' revival.

Hartigan had great rebound support from the likes of former Sturt player John McDonald and the unheralded Tarak Redigolo, while skipper Josh Thewlis was also busy through those parts in addition to playing another role further up the ground.

The main point to come out of the Panther's win was they appear to have rebuilt their "spine" which had previously been lacking any backbone at all.

Big Men Fly @ Richmond

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With Michael Wundke at full-forward, new Collingwood VFL recruit, Brett Eddy, at Centre-Half-Forward, a gun mid-field boasting Joel Cross, Toby Stribling and Nick Liddle and Hartigan at Centre-Half-Back, the Panthers can now view themselves as a legitimate rival as opposed to a group of wishful thinkers.

It's amazing what a win can do for a side, and although facing the prospect of playing four top five sides from 2012 over the next month, they are now in a better psychological position to attack these matches with a winning frame of mind as opposed to being in merely survival mode.



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After building a reputation as a free scoring side in the opening three rounds of the season, the Bloods' were forced to manufacture a grinding win over the Roosters at City Mazda Stadium on Friday night.

In doing so, West Adelaide not only proved it could prevail without the likes of Domenic Cassisi, Robbie Gray and Rory Laird in the side, but also it could adapt to a different style of game where required.

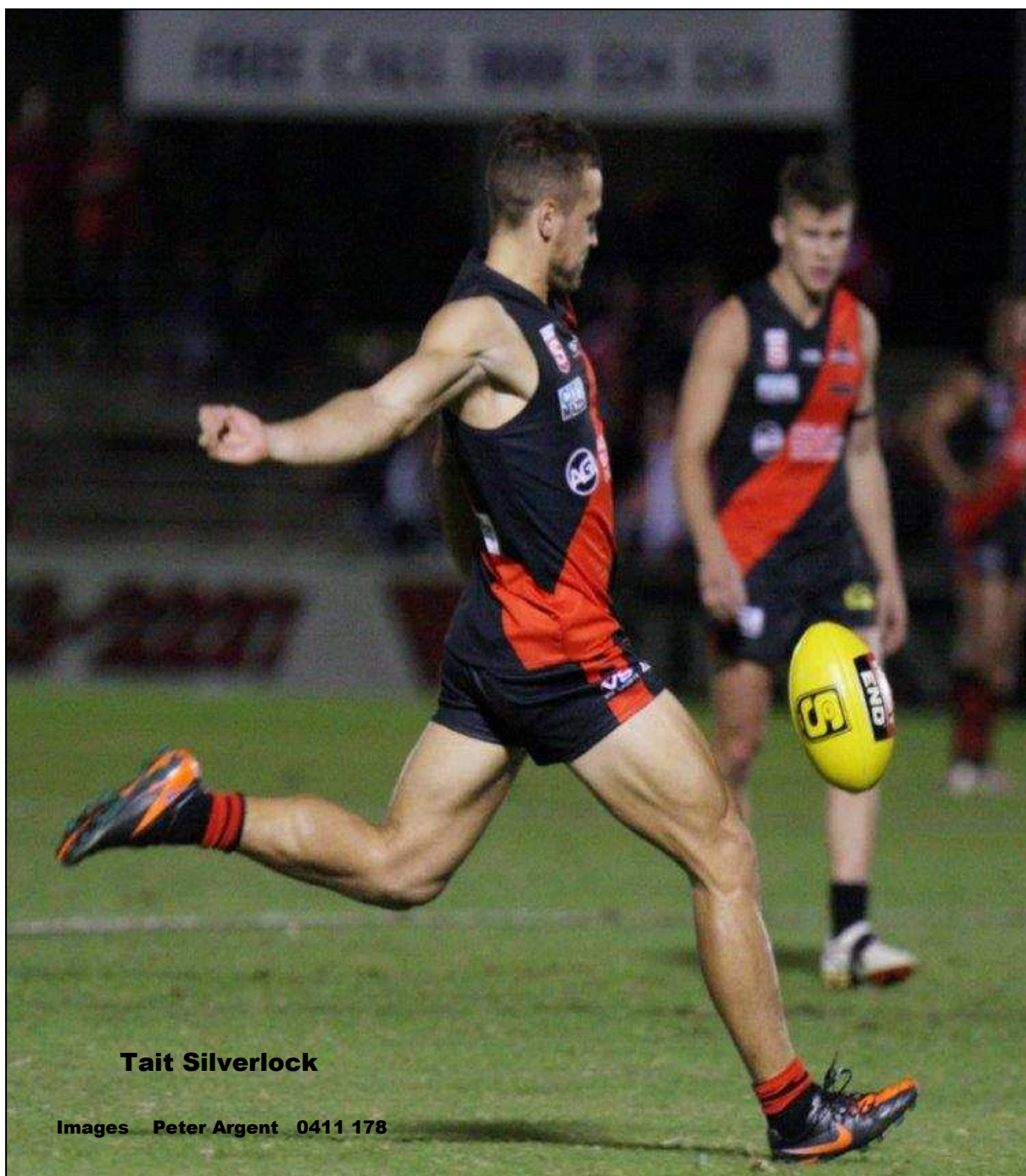
That's the sort of test which separates the great sides from the also rans, and make no mistake the Bloods will now be fully fired up for the massive ANZAC Day clash against the Redlegs on Thursday at Coopers Stadium.

It's this extra dimension of flexible game plan which Andy Collins has added to West Adelaide over the summer which makes them such a potent force in 2013 - and they are rapidly establishing themselves on the second line of betting for premiership honours.

But take down Norwood on their

home soil next week and they will quickly move to the front line of favouritism for the Thomas Seymour Hill Trophy.

I just wonder how many spies were sitting among the 4663 patrons at the Parade on Friday night taking notes on how the Eagles brought the competition benchmark to its knees??!!



Tait Silverlock

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WHAT WE LEARNT

John Nankivell

Norwood are not indestructible.

The Redlegs suffered their first loss of the season last Friday night at the hands of the Eagles and were for the first time in a long time thoroughly outplayed.

Norwood were clearly rattled by their pacey more skilful opponents and struggled to stay in the contest after half time. At times they also showed poor discipline, something that is very unusual in this current Norwood side and something they must not do on ANZAC day against West Adelaide.

While they are still premiership favourites and will bounce back, Norwood showed on Friday night that they are not invincible.

The Eagles are looking good.

On the flip side Eagle's fans would have to be very pleased with their 36 point victory at the Parade. Yes, they got a boost from the likes of AFL listed players, Bernie Vince and Brodie Smith, but the team as a whole was very impressive.

They look to have shaken off their malaise of the first two weeks and may just be back in form. Special note goes to Jarred Allmond and Angus Rowntree, both players had a great night and their respective performances in the midfield were first rate

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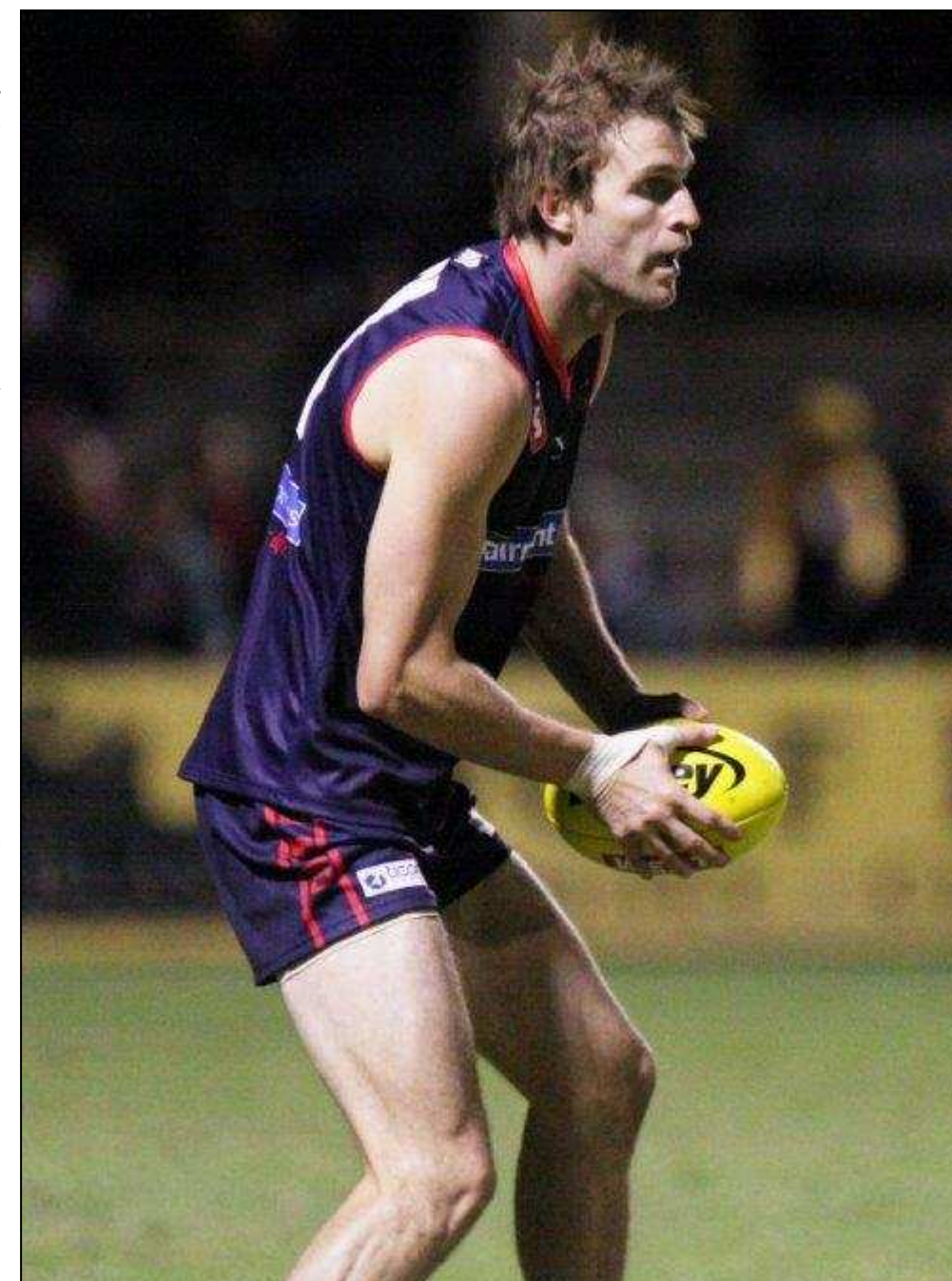
When the going gets tough the tough get defensive.

West and North slugged it out in an intense and very defensive contest at City Mazda Stadium, Richmond on Friday night.

In the end it was the Bloods who prevailed by the barest of

margins, in a game where only 15 goals were kicked between the two sides.

After the first few weeks of the season where West seemingly attacked at will; it will be interesting to see if the Bloods stick with their defensive game plan on ANZAC day or go back to all out attack. Time will tell.





James Meiklejohn (Port)

Current Port Adelaide skipper and highly rated big man, James Meiklejohn, has been the backbone of the ruck department since his arrival at Alberton.

Now 28, the 198 cm, 104 kg big man has developed in his tenure at Alberton, since making his **league debut** in Round One, 2005, against South Adelaide at Adelaide Oval.

He won the Magpie's most improved award in both 2006 and 2007. He was the side's best team man in 2009, and his first year as captain of the Magpies was in 2010.

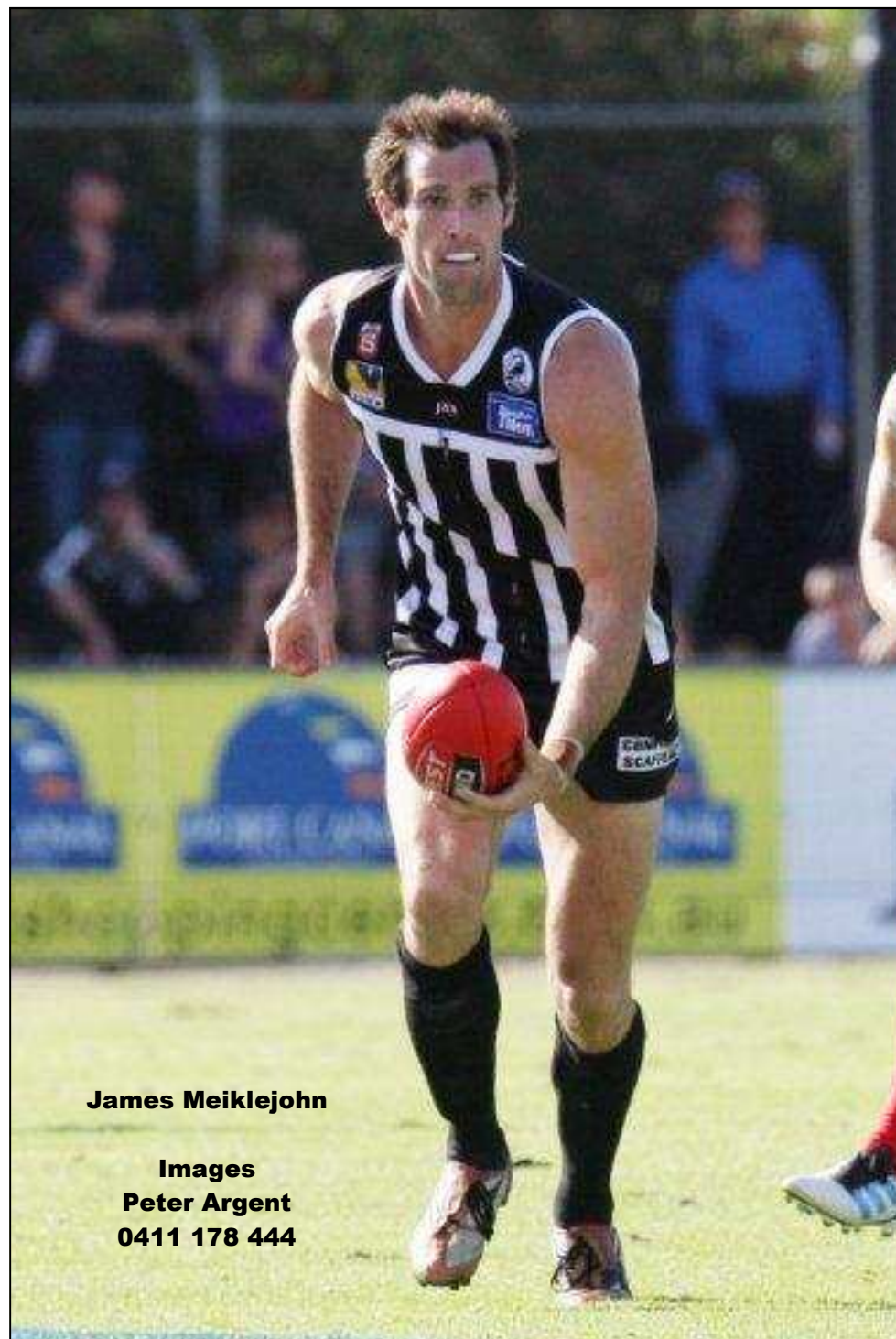
The 2013 campaign marks Meiklejohn's fourth year as the skipper of the men from A l b e r t o n . Originally from Tuggeranong and after going through the NSW-ACT Under 18 program, he was drafted to Sydney in the rookie draft of 2002 Round 7, pick number 71.

He played six games, five in 2003 and a single match against the Power in 2004.

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Luke Habel (Central)

With lightening pace and the ability to break lines, Luke Habel came to the Ponderosa from the famous NSW sporting district of Wagga, playing for Ganmain-Grong-Grong-Matong.

He played in two premierships with Ganmain-Grong-Grong-Matong in the Riverina Football League in 2006 and 2008, before coming across to Adelaide and debuting at league level with the Bulldogs in 2010.

The previous winter he did an apprenticeship playing all 20 games in the reserves at Central District.

His debut was against the Magpies at the Bulldog's home ground on March 27, 2010, with Habel kicking two goals in his initial league appearance.

He was a member of the Central District Grand Final side of 2011, where the Doggies went down to Woodville West Torrens by less than a kick.

Like his father, back in Wagga, Luke Habel has a role in the game on the development side. Now 24, Habel is expected to develop into one of the leaders at Central.

- Peter Argent

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