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CROWS RESERVES NEED NAME CHANGE

By any measure this has been a massive fortnight for the SANFL.

Over the last 14 days we have had Westies looking for a new coach and the Eagles a new CEO plus their #1 ruckman Craig Parry has been deregistered before winning an appear last night.

In some positive news we are about to see first female field umpire in SANFL League ranks with Eleni Glouftsis due to control the North v Glenelg game on Sunday.

And them of course there is the vote to include a Crows reserves side for the 2014 SANFL league season with questions still lingering over Port Adelaide's structure next year.

This issue takes the time to look at a wide range of ramifications this addition of a 10th team will bring.

In writing the article I have already discovered one thing, **we need to give the Crows RESERVES a unique name.**

Constantly through my feature story I have needed to distinguish between the Crows AFL and SANFL sides.

My only real option has been to identify them as the Crows RESERVES.

This creates a major branding issue for the SANFL for every time the new Crows gets mentioned so does the "RESERVES" tag.

Does the SANFL really want to suffer the VFL experience and have its league competition regularly linked with the word "RESERVES" in almost every media story?

The SANFL competition is still, in the main, a league where all but one side exists with the main purpose of winning the premiership.

It's hard to get that message out with the need to constantly bring in the term "RESERVES" every time the Crows side is mentioned.

Far better to give this new team a unique name for what, after all, is a unique footy competition.

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RAMIFICATIONS : THE SANFL IN 2014

By Phil Herden

Last week the SANFL League Directors voted with a 6-2 majority to invite the Adelaide Football Club to have their AFL reserves players form a 10th team in the SANFL league competition.

This will result in the most dramatic change to the SANFL since the Crows AFL entry in 1991.

So how different will the 2014 SANFL season look?

Here is my take on what lies ahead.

All of these theories are based on the current structure where the Crow's reserves are the 10th SANFL team and the Power retain the status quo.

- Off season recruiting

For most SANFL clubs the recruiting process has already started as each looks at current list deficiencies.

Each club will have a greater degree of certainty regarding it's list with no Crow's players coming in and out, but the status quo currently applies re Power players.

Some clubs will need to recruit more than others to offset the loss of Crow's listed players.

Following is a list of Crow's listed players who have played five or more games at SANFL league level this season. (as at end of Round 20).

CENTRAL

Ian CALLINAN (12 games played)
Ben DOWDELL (9 & 6 South)

EAGLES

Luke THOMPSON (14)
Cam ELLIS-YOLMEN (10)
Jared PETRENKO (6)
Nick JOYCE (6)

GLENELG

Sean McKERNAN (5 & 1 South)
Jarryd LYONS (9)
Sam SHAW (6)

NORTH

Lewis JOHNSTON (9)

NORWOOD

Mitchell GRIGG (13)

PORT MAGPIES

Graham JOHNCOCK (12)

SOUTH

Kyle HARTIGAN (16)

STURT

Tim McIntYRE (14)
Brodie MARTIN (10)
Matthew JAENSCH (8)
Sam KERRIDGE (7)
Angus GRAHAM (15)
Richard TAMBLING (14)
Rory ATKINS (7)

WEST

Brad CROUCH (5)

Both Norwood and West are currently under recruiting restrictions due to Salary Cap breaches in 2012. Late last week the SANFL advised that both clubs can recruit outside of their zone to replace home grown Crow's listed players. For West that is three players, Norwood two..



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- SANFL Salary Cap

Whilst initially proposing a \$20,000 drop off in Salary Cap due to a shorter season, the package voted on last week had no change to its current figure.

Nominally every time an AFL player played an SANFL game a figure was attributed towards the salary cap, even though there was no physical payment made.

Now, with having none of those players in their own side, clubs won't have to worry as much about AFL changes impacting their nominal spend, however, for clubs struggling financially finding the extra real money will be an added challenge.

On the flip side the number of minor round matches will decrease by 10% so there should be a flow on effect in match payments for each club.

- SANFL Club Membership Packages

Off the field most clubs are already working on their 2014 membership packages.

Given that the number of minor round games per club is reducing 10% from 20 to 18, you would hope this would be reflected in the cost of a season ticket.

Currently there is no reduction in the number of home matches.

There has been a lot of outrage expressed by many SANFL fans to the change in structure, in particular those with home match or season tickets.

**Matthew Rankine
with Foxtel Cup
Images : Peter Argent
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Membership renewal figures will be the first indicator of any loss of SANFL club support.

- Renewing SANFL & Club Sponsorships

This will be another interesting area to follow.

The SANFL and many clubs appeared very concerned with the Crow's threat to play in the SAAFL, and the impact that would have on media coverage and sponsorship.

It is hoped that the entry of the Crows into the competition will increase general interest and in the process encourage sponsors to be involved.

- Foxtel Cup Schedule

If the Foxtel Cup continues in its current structure, then the League's top two sides would again be

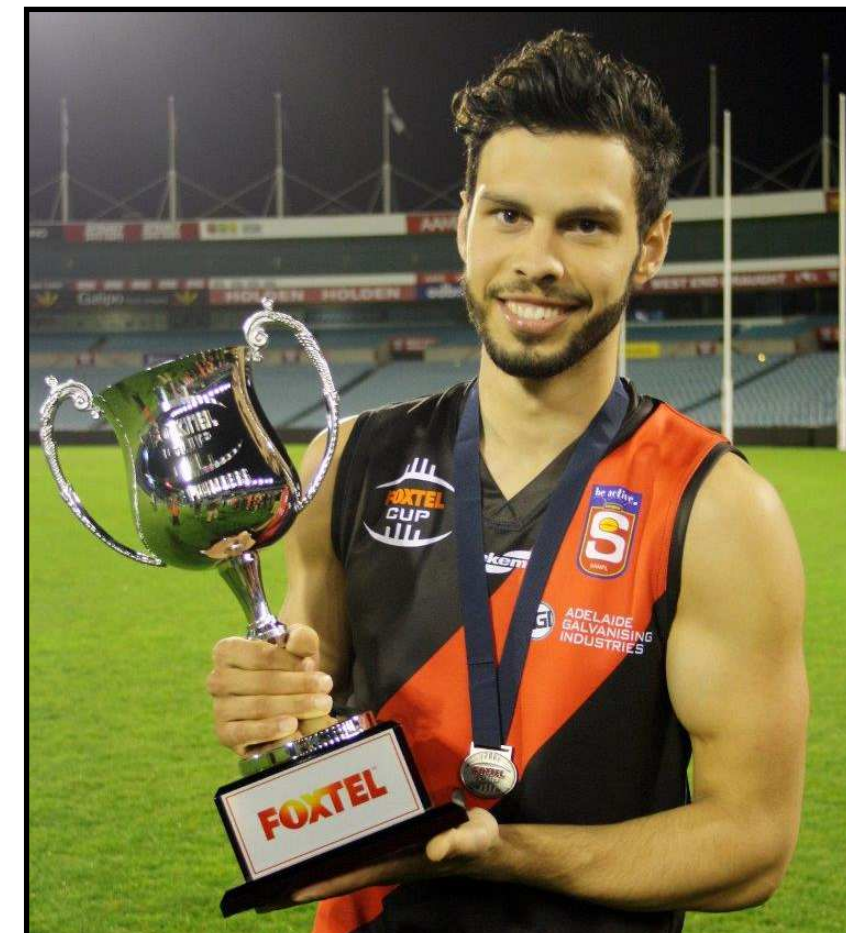
invited to participate.

The SANFL season structure agreed to last week allows for only two byes during a 20 round SANFL season, but to participate in the Foxtel Cup a club would need three, as West Adelaide received this year.

One way around that would be to have the two participants play each other to open the season a week before the rest. The WAFL did this last year. However, both clubs would be coming off a very short off-season from the Grand Final, and they are usually scheduled to meet on ANZAC Day.

Of the twenty rounds planned during the season five rounds would require a Foxtel Cup related bye.

With 10 teams in the SANFL competition two clubs would need to have a bye around each Foxtel Cup match.



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- Crow's Drafting Policy

On November 21st the 2013 AFL National Draft will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

Due to penalties from the Kurt Tippett saga, the Crows will have many challenges to work through at the draft.

A new one is that they will need to make choices, in the knowledge that all players they draft will be participating at either SANFL or AFL league level next season

So many draftees in recent years have started their AFL journey in the SANFL reserves. Now that will no longer be possible, instead, some four months after being drafted, they will be battling in the hardest and most physical competition outside of the AFL.

Will this mean the Crows will no longer be able to "invest" in long term projects such as basketball or overseas recruits, or will any such selections be thrown to the SANFL wolves to simply sink or swim?

Also, how many SANFL fans who used to hope their young stars were drafted locally will now wish the exact opposite, so they do not become opposition foes when playing for the Crows (and probably Power) reserves side?

- SANFL Mini Draft

The SANFL Mini Draft usually occurs just before Christmas, a week after the AFL Pre-Season and Rookie drafts.

However, the AFL has moved the date of these two events to Wednesday November 27th just 6 days after the national draft. In 2012 they were on December 11th, three weeks after the national draft.

This year there will be no Crow's recruited players in the mini draft, only Port Adelaide ones.

Based on previous years there will probably be only 4-6 players to draft, meaning only the lowest ranked clubs will collect a pick.

Over time if teams stay in relatively the same positions and the structure does not change, some clubs could end up with a lot of Power listed players, others with hardly any.

- 2014 SANFL Schedule

After the AFL & Foxtel Cup schedules are announced the SANFL will finalise its fixture for 2014, with the usual announcement in early to mid December.

In 2013 the SANFL season ran over 28 weeks, all teams playing 20 games over 23 rounds (3 byes), a week for the state game and ...

four weeks of finals.

Next year the plan announced is to shorten the season by three weeks to a total of 25.

Clubs will play 18 minor round matches over 20 weeks (2 byes) with a state game and still four weeks of finals.

The SANFL has not had an 18 game minor round since 1960, before Central even played league football.

Of those 18 games SANFL clubs will play 10 at home and the other eight away (including Port Magpies at Alberton).

Everybody will play everybody twice, once home and once away with the two games against the Crows both at the SANFL club's home ground.

This means each SANFL club will now have an "equal" draw.



Cam Ellis-Yoleman started in Eagles Reserves
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Traditionally the SANFL has run with a system where two clubs played each other five times over a two year period, three times one season, two times the other. Also each club has two opponents visit their ground twice each season, whilst they had to travel twice to the home ground of two opponents.

These vagaries in the draw have now been eliminated.

The timing of the Crow's Reserves games relative to Crow's AFL matches will be critical to determining how many AFC supporters attend.

You would expect a much different turn up of Crow's fans, depending on if the AFL side was playing in Adelaide or interstate that weekend.

This would especially apply if the Crow's reserves and AFL side both played on the same day.

No SANFL club would want to see that clash of schedule for their allocated Crow's home game, which would surely see only a handful of AFC fans attend.

- Reserves & Under 18's schedule

Previously every club in the SANFL has had three teams participating each week, the League, Reserves and Under 18's.

With a shorter season and the Crows inclusion, an issue arises with these other grades.

In a nine team Reserves and Under 18 competition there would be no other team to play when the League plays the Crows, all other eight clubs will be scheduled in a match.

The SANFL's best U18 players
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This reduces these competitions to possibly just 16 matches. Maybe a round played during the state game or make up games during split rounds could make up the difference.

Should the Power adopt the same mode this would reduce further to 14 games.

However, given it will be an eight team Reserves and Under 18 League, it could be possible for the two clubs without an opponent to play each other and thus build up the number of matches.

The Under 16's already play a reduced schedule.

- Boundaries Commission

The SANFL boundaries were last amended at the end of the 2012 season and traditionally are reviewed every five years.

The current addition of the Crows into the SANFL league should not impact on the current boundaries BUT a similar structure for the Power certainly would.

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- Top Up Players

Top Up players are a fundamental part of the new structure but it is not yet fully resolved.

This could be an article in itself but my understanding of the current parameters are:

1) SANFL clubs to nominate players to be used as top up early in 2014.

2) SANFL retain the right not to nominate players, and if they do, to choose the player they nominate. It is expected to be 2-3 players from all SANFL clubs (except Port).

3) These nominated players would not play for the Crows against their SANFL club.

I cannot see SANFL clubs nominating players who are likely to see ...





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major League action in 2014, they would most likely be Under 18 graduates who would otherwise be developing through the Reserves with the goal of playing League for their club in future years.

The Crows would also have access to one "leadership" player, a past player at the club.

It is a contentious issue especially if you have young players getting "gifted" an SANFL league game before they would normally earn it.

However, I prefer this to having the Crows enter the recruiting market and compete with SANFL clubs for country, suburban and interstate recruits. (And where would these recruits go when not needed anyway?)

The Crows will need top up players, this provides them with minimal impact to SANFL senior lists and helps ensure that the AFC does not dominate their opponents.

Hopefully these junior players experience with an AFL club will also be beneficial to their long term SANFL development.

- Injured Crows Players

Normally when an AFL player comes back from a serious long term injury, they can start their return to football by playing a half at SANFL reserves level.

The sole focus is testing the fitness and getting through the game rather than contributing to any victory.

Now that option is no longer available to Crow's players, they will come straight into an SANFL league match.

Could Graham Johncock be the "leadership" player?
Images Peter Argent
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So in this scenario, will the Crows play them for the full game or sacrifice a rotation in the second half to give them a spell?

Or will we see a substitution rule come into the SANFL?

- Media Coverage & Accreditation

Currently the SANFL league has one telecaster (ABC TV) and two community stations (RPH & LifeFM) that broadcast SANFL games each week. ABC Radio and FIVEaa join in for the Finals.

Because RPH Adelaide usually broadcasts two games a week all four matches are usually covered in some form, as long as they are not all playing at the same time.

With five games now scheduled for most rounds the current structure would see at least one match each round miss out on a broadcast.

Mixed in with the AFL reserves debate is the probable switch of telecast partners from the ABC to the Seven Mate channel.

Mainstream media coverage of the SANFL has been declining bit by bit for years, (hence the launch of this publication **FOOT-e TIMES SA**.)

The addition of a Crow's reserves side is expected to increase this coverage, but will it be so Crow-centric that it swallows up what minimal coverage is currently provided to other clubs?

With five games to cover each week will we still see an Advertiser journalist still allocated to each match, or will we see it replaced with one large article summarising the round, again with a gradual trend to focussing on AFL implications as seen with the VFL?

Will FIVEaa's SANFL show on Sunday somehow fit 10 interviews into



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it's allocated 60 minutes, or will that too "streamline" the coverage to one like the station's Sunday Roast, "SANFL segment", that just concentrates on AFL player performances?

If the SANFL finds the sponsors to get a weekly game on Seven Mate, will part of that support require a regular telecast of the Crow's reserves game rather than an equal distribution of telecasting across the 10 clubs?

Will all the reporters for community media outlets that provide regular and comprehensive SANFL coverage each week (RPH Adelaide, Life FM & FOOT-e TIMES SA) be given AFL media accreditation, so they can get the Crows access required, something they have struggled to get in the past.

- SANFL Pre-season games

Currently the SANFL pre-season is very low key with each club playing 2-3 trial games before the start of the season.

There is no official pre-season competition with opponents set by the League, and then the clubs work out venues and logistics.

Would the Crow's reserves also participate in these trials?

If they do it means all clubs could get equal preparation in terms of numbers of trial games.

Most NAB Cup games run with an extended bench so there would be minimal Crow's surplus players for the SANFL, meaning a lot of the top up players would get an early run.

Who will young fans support in the future an SANFL Club or the Crows?

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- Ten Team Competition

The current SANFL minor round involves 90 games in a minor round season and six Finals matches.

Amazingly the addition of a 10th team over a shorter season will still see a total of 90 games and six Finals.

In terms of resourcing (ie gate staff, security, mini league players, game day volunteers etc), more people will be needed each week but over a shorter period.

A fifth umpiring crew will be required most weeks but they will all do less games through the season.

- Game Day Curtain Raiser

With no Reserves or Under 18 game scheduled there will be no automatic curtain raiser game

when an SANFL club hosts the Crows.

This could present an opportunity to bring in a special game or event from the SANFL club's local zone.

- Supporter Allegiances

How will fans that have traditionally followed both their SANFL side and the Crows in the AFL react when these clubs face each other on the field?

What reception will Crow's players receive on game day from long standing SANFL supporters who opposed their inclusion into the League, at least those supporters who turn up to the match?

These answers will go a long way in determining how successful the changes to the SANFL competition will be.





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- Game Day Rules

Whilst the SANFL mostly follows AFL game rules, there are some subtle differences that distinguish the two competitions.

For starters the SANFL runs a game day squad of 21, 18 on the field with three interchange and no substitute. All other state leagues run with 22.

The 25 metre penalty is also used at SANFL level for minor infractions, including scragging after the contest, instead of the AFL 50m penalty.

Then there are slightly different umpiring interpretations to the same rules used, although that gap is smaller than what it once used to be.

Will any of these differences make way for national uniformity in the years to come?

Hopefully the unique percentage calculation and two premierships points for a win will remain unchanged.

- Last Two Rounds

Currently the last two rounds of the SANFL season are not finalised until late in the year, due to the floating AFL Final round and the first week of AFL Finals.

Given the shorter season and a similar start the SANFL Finals would have started by the last AFL round, so this issue no longer applies.

For example the SANFL can finalise all times for all rounds at the time of fixture release.

Ben Dowdell
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- Finals

You would assume the final five would be retained, and with 10 teams now competing any argument about five clubs being too many to play Finals (in a nine team comp) would no longer apply.

Having 10 teams will make it harder for sides to qualify for the Finals, normally 50% success is enough, now a 9-9 record may still see a side miss the major round depending on other placings.

The biggest move is the likelihood of the minor finals being played at suburban grounds.

This change has nothing to do with the AFL reserves issue, but will bring on a new set of challenges in particular regarding change room, corporate and broadcasting facilities.



One interesting question would be if the Crows "earnt" a home final. Would it simply be played at their opponent's ground?

The yearly debate about which Crow's players would be available for SANFL club duties through the Finals would no longer apply. It would still be an issue for Power assigned players.

- Magarey Medal

It was raised in the mainstream media that it would now become possible for a player to win a Magarey Medal having played for 2 clubs if a "top up" for the Crows.

This possibility is nothing new. As an example Ben Dowdell has played 15 SANFL games this season, 9 for Central District and 6 for South Adelaide.

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Two team voting has already occurred. Steven Salopek collected Magarey Votes for 2 separate clubs in the year when he moved mid-season from Glenelg to Port Magpies whilst on the Power list.

Whilst it is possible that this quirk may continue it is highly unlikely that it will involve a player who could contend for the medal. This is simply because I can't see SANFL clubs nominating any of the best 30 on their senior list as top up players.

Also an AFL listed player has already won a Magarey Medal, Brett Ebert claiming the award in 2013 a year after being drafted by the Power.

- SANFL Grand Final

The shortened season also means that it is guaranteed that the SANFL Grand Final will be held in September prior to the AFL Grand Final.

The 2000 (Sydney Olympics) season aside (Grand Final was September 10th) the last time the league had a September premiership decider was 1979.

Again, 2000 aside, the last time a Grand Final was held earlier than the last Saturday in September was 1920, some 94 years ago.

The SANFL Grand Final will now battle with the AFL Preliminary (or Semi) Finals for publicity and media coverage rather than being the sole footy game on that weekend.

It will also mean that it will no longer be scheduled on the Sunday of October long weekend with the holiday Monday to recover.

What the SANFL league competition is all about.

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Should the Crows or Power earn a home AFL Preliminary Final it could be played at Adelaide Oval less than 24 hours prior to the SANFL's big game.

Whilst this change has not been confirmed, having a 25 week season and an October 5 finish would mean the SANFL season would not start until April 18-20, a highly unlikely scenario.

An earlier finish would also suit the AFL clubs by allowing any listed players involved to have an earlier start to their next pre-season.

Oh and almost as an afterthought, the SANFL Grand Final will, of course, return to Adelaide Oval for the first time in over 40 years, the last decider at the ground being the 1973 classic between Glenelg and North.

- What if Port adopt the same structure as the Crows?

There will be no mini draft, no AFL listed players at any SANFL club and no movement back and forth of players between SANFL and AFL clubs

The Port Adelaide SANFL zone will be redistributed across the remaining 8 SANFL clubs.

The entire Magpies senior playing list would need to find a new club to play for.

All the development and under age squad players would be reallocated to new SANFL clubs depending on zone changes

Officials, coaches and volunteers for all the Magpies sides except the league would no longer have a position.

There would be no SANFL games played at Alberton meaning the 8 SANFL clubs would each play 11 home games and only 7 on the road.

In summary, there are a lot of changes ahead next season, some major, others more subtle.

At FOOT-e TIMES SA we plan to be back again in 2014 and we will do our best to cover them all

