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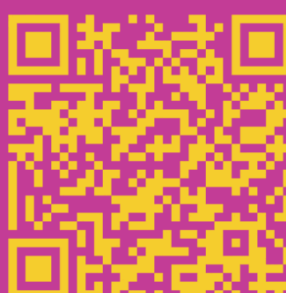
## LEAGUE HOME & AWAY SEASON

ROUND	DATE	VS	LOCATION	TIME
1	Thursday 28th March	West Perth	Pentanet Stadium	7:10pm
2	Saturday 6th April	East Fremantle	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
3	Saturday 13th April	South Fremantle	Fremantle Community Bank Oval	2:10pm
4	Saturday 20th April	Subiaco	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
5	BYE			
6	Saturday 4th May	Swan Districts	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
7	Saturday 11th May	Perth	Mineral Resources Park	2:30pm
8	Saturday 25th May	West Coast	Mineral Resources Park	11:10am
9	Saturday 1st June	Peel Thunder	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
10	Sunday 9th June	East Perth	Sullivan Logistics Stadium	2:10pm
11	BYE			
12	Saturday 22nd June	Perth	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
13	Saturday 29th June	East Fremantle	East Fremantle Oval	2:30pm
14	Saturday 6th July	South Fremantle	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
15	Saturday 13th July	Swan Districts	Steel Blue Oval	2:30pm
16	BYE			
17	Saturday 27th July	East Perth	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
18	Saturday 3rd August	Peel Thunder	Lane Group Stadium	2:30pm
19	Saturday 10th August	West Perth	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
20	Saturday 17th August	West Coast	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:30pm
21	Saturday 24th August	Subiaco	Sullivan Logistics Stadium	2:30pm



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# 2024 WOMENS FIXTURES

## LEAGUE HOME & AWAY SEASON

ROUND	DATE	VS	LOCATION	TIME
1	Saturday 2nd March	Swan Districts	Revo Fitness Stadium	4:10pm
2	Saturday 9th March	South Fremantle	Fremantle Community Bank Oval	2:00pm
3	Sunday 17th March	East Fremantle	Revo Fitness Stadium	3:50pm
4	Saturday 23rd March	East Perth	Sullivan Logistics Oval	4:10pm
5	BYE			
6	Friday 5th April	West Perth	Pentanet Stadium	8:05pm
7	Saturday 13th April	Subiaco	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
8	Sunday 21st April	Peel Thunder	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
9	Saturday 27th April	Swan Districts	Steel Blue Oval	12:10pm
10	BYE			
11	Saturday 11th May	South Fremantle	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
12	Saturday 18th May	West Perth	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm
13	Saturday 25th May	East Fremantle	Sullivan Logistics Stadium	2:10pm
14	Saturday 1st June	Peel Thunder	Lane Group Stadium	2:15pm
15	Sunday 9th June	Subiaco	Sullivan Logistics Stadium	12:50pm
16	Saturday 15th June	East Perth	Revo Fitness Stadium	2:10pm

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## FROM THE CEO

As another season approaches at Revo Fitness Stadium, there is a bit to look forward to. True to our Purpose, we seek constant improvement across all aspects of the club in our quest to be the best in our Leagues, while serving and empowering our community. A significant amount of work has gone into the establishment of key Values in our new Strategic Plan and I urge every member of the Tiger family to look for opportunities to embrace and embody these.

### CONNECTION

We have a **SHARED PURPOSE** with alignment across our programs and a deep affinity with our zones.

### CALIBRE

Our **PEOPLE, FACILITIES & PROGRAMS** are of the highest quality, we take pride in our behaviours and performance.

### CARE

We **INVEST** in each other – the crest on the jumper is more important than the number on the back.

In our immediate rear view, another strong financial result in season 2023. Our well-funded and exceptionally staffed football programs continue to give our stakeholders the best possible environment. Over 20,000 people attended our WAFL & WAFLW matches, not to mention the 100+ non-football related functions and events with over 15,000 attendees, further demonstrates our club's significant community footprint. On field, a Colts Premiership, a narrow grand final defeat for our WAFLW side, and yet another finals campaign for our WAFL League will all drive us again in their own way. We can look forward to our successful 2023 colts pushing through into our senior ranks. And whilst our league in both WAFL and WAFLW didn't achieve the ultimate success, rest assured all stones are being upturned to improve in 2024.

I thank everyone for their ongoing support and see you at the Footy.

### Darcy Coffey







Anthony Davis and Ella Slocombe during our combined training session



Amberly Osborne and Oliver Eastland during our combined training session



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# FREDERICK READY TO EXPLODE

By Ken Casellas

Growing up in suburban Adelaide, Marty Frederick and his twin brother Michael were avid soccer fans, and it was an errant Australian football which led to them taking up the national winter game and developing into star performers.

The 23-year-old Marty Frederick is now looking forward to his next stage in life, playing exciting football for Claremont.

He recalls that when he and Michael were kids and were playing at home, a football came over the fence and landed in the backyard. "We didn't really know what it was, but we started kicking it," he said. "We then learnt how to kick a drop punt and later that year we started playing footy."

The parents of the twins arrived in Australia in 1998, seeking a better life. They came via a refugee camp in Kenya where they spent two years after fleeing war-torn South Sudan. The twins were born in Adelaide on May 17, 2000.



Marty developed quickly and played for the Portland amateur club as an early teenager before graduating at the age of 15 to the Woodville-West Torrens side in the SANFL competition. As a 16-year-old he became a member of Port Adelaide's Multicultural Next Generation Academy and he represented South Australia in the national 18's carnival in Adelaide and Melbourne before being taken by Port Adelaide as a rookie in the 2018 AFL national draft.

As a youngster, Frederick's heroes included Daniel Motlop and David Rodan, and he looked up to South Sudanese AFL players Aliir Aliir and Majak Daw as pioneers.

"I spent four years with Port Adelaide and played in 14 AFL matches," Frederick said. "The highlight was my debut in an Anzac Day night fixture against St Kilda at Adelaide Oval (round six in 2021). This was pretty special and was one of the best moments of my career."



Playing on a half-back flank, he took six marks, had eight kicks and made 15 handpasses to be strong contributor to his side's 54-point victory.

Throughout his career Frederick has been an explosive rebounding defender, who plays with tremendous flair and relishes the physical side of the game.

"Probably my footy smarts are my greatest asset," he said. "Footy IQ is the main one; if you're not smart enough to play the game then you are not going to get the ball and have an impact.

"I just try to play my own way and have not modelled myself on any particular player. All of my coaches have helped me to learn the game and have guided me in the right direction."



Frederick was extremely disappointed when he was delisted by Port Adelaide at the end of the 2022 season. He then joined Sturt and played in the losing SANFL grand final against Glenelg at Adelaide Oval last year.

"Just about all the WAFL clubs spoke to me before I decided to join Claremont," said Frederick, who has played with a troublesome left knee over the past two years. He tore the meniscus in the knee and has been working assiduously in a strict rehabilitation program over the past three months.

"I'll be ready for round one, and I'm keen to get out there," he said.

Frederick's twin Michael was selected by Fremantle Dockers in the 2019 national draft, and he has developed into a brilliant forward who has scored 63 goals in 58 matches for the Dockers.

A highlight of Michael Frederick's career came after he snapped a goal against the West Coast Eagles at Optus Stadium last April and celebrated with a spectacular back-flip.

"Nah, I won't be doing that at Claremont," said Marty Frederick. "I'm just too heavy."





## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the start of a new season! It is with great pride and excitement that I write this report as we embark on another thrilling journey of football excellence. As we prepare to all gather at Revo Fitness Stadium for season 2024, we are surrounded by the rich history and tradition of our beloved club, we are reminded of the passion and dedication that unite us all in our pursuit of greatness.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of our players, coaches, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. It is your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts that make



our club what it is today. Our women and men's sides are a formidable force, bound by a common goal to strive for excellence on and off the field.

As we look to the season ahead, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie before us with courage and determination. Let us draw inspiration from the triumphs of the past and the promise of the future, knowing that each game presents a chance to showcase our talents and represent our club with pride.

To our players, I say this: you are the heart and soul of our club. Your dedication, skill, and teamwork are the driving forces behind our success. As you take to the field, remember the values that define us – integrity, respect, and resilience. Play with passion, play with purpose, and play for each other. Together, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

To our coaches and staff, I extend my deepest appreciation for your tireless efforts in preparing our team for the challenges ahead. Your expertise, guidance, and leadership are instrumental in shaping our players into champions both on and off the field. As mentors and role models, you inspire us all to reach new heights of excellence.

To our supporters, sponsors, patrons, I say this: you are the lifeblood of our club. Your unwavering loyalty and passionate support fuel our spirits and drive us forward, no matter the obstacles we may face. Whether cheering from the sidelines or following us from afar, your presence gives us strength and motivation to succeed.

**Go the Tigers!**  
**Grant Povey**



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# SUMICH MAKES A FRESH START

By Ken Casellas



Zane Sumich, who has spent the past three years with the West Coast Eagles WAFL side, has been recruited by Claremont, primarily to fill a void as an important goalkicker in the absence of tall key forwards Jack Buller (recruited early last season by the Sydney Swans), Steve Miller (serious knee injury), Timm House (retired) and Max Minear (planning to go travelling).

"I thought that this would be a good chance to move," said the 25-year-old Sumich. "West Coast was good, and I don't regret going there. But I thought I needed a fresh start.

"Ash Prescott and Kepler Bradley came to me and said they would like to have a chat, saying that the club was in good shape and on the improve. And that made my decision easier. I have played in most positions, and I expect to start off as a forward."

Sumich played as a junior with South Coogee before moving to Winnacott where he was a member of two under-age premiership sides on his way to South Fremantle where he appeared in 41 colts matches between 2015 and 2017.

He then played in South's reserves side in 37 matches, as well as making his only league appearance for the club during the 2019 season, playing as a defender opposed to Sharod Wellingham.

"In the colts I started as a midfielder before going forward," he said. "But there was a stage during a game that the side needed a defender, and I went back --- and I played as a backman for four or five years.

"Then, joining the West Coast WAFL side (in the middle of the 2021 season) was an opportunity. I thought I could play league football, but it was hard to get into South Fremantle's side because of the players they had. West Coast said they needed a key back, so I thought why not have a crack. "Playing at full-back was a good experience. It was tough and I learnt a lot playing on good forwards."

Sumich, who was West Coast's captain in 2022, was the side's main defender, playing at full-back before an injury caused him to move into attack.

"I had hurt my knee, and it was touch and go whether I would be able to play in the round 13 match against Perth last year," he said. "I started back but was unable to move quickly or change direction, so coach Rob Wiley told me at half-time that I would play at full-forward.

"I was just at the right place at the right time when I kicked three goals in the third quarter." Sumich then scored three goals against Swan Districts in a round 15 match at Bassendean Oval in an interrupted season restricted to eight matches because of hamstring problems in both legs.

"The plan now is to be ready for round one this year," he said in mid-February after returning from America where he enjoyed watching the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers 25-22 after extra time in the Super Bowl at the fabulous Allegiant Stadium in Paradise, Nevada.





## FROM THE COACH

Hi everyone, I trust like us you are looking forward to the footy season starting again. The off season and the festive season is our pre-season, a time to do the reps and earn the trust of each other by digging in and working hard and smart.

We have approximately 24 new players moving into the senior program and three to four new coaches and football staff, people of the highest calibre, and this has brought a new wave of excitement, enthusiasm, personality and ideas.

From a coaching/conditioning aspect it has been about educating and training our game plan, behaviour under pressure and continuing to build our collective physical capacity.

We are blessed to have such a driven group of players who have really taken the lead on this and contribute in so many ways to making each other and us better. The competition and standard of practice sessions have been very good, with the players lapping up everything thrown at them with a big smile and gritted teeth. A combination of fun and fury is a good way to describe it.

I would like to give a big warm welcome to a few new staff members into the Claremont family --- Tony Walters, who will be coaching

our midfield, and welcome back to Ben Dyer, who will working with Tony overseeing the stoppages. Mark Cossom will be coaching with Darren Harper and Damian Crimmins with the development team. Michael Dobbin is working with Jake Shaw and the strength and conditioning team. Andrew Foster will be spending more time with his young family this year. He was not only a great player and teammate, he has been an outstanding part of the coaching team over the past three years. Thanks, Fozzy.

As I write this, we are about four weeks away from round 1 and getting close to pitting ourselves against opposition teams, the way we roll at Claremont is on process over results, a continuous way of being, striving to get one per cent better every day, collectively. We are laser focused on being a united and connected team, both seniors and development – as ONE CLUB, playing an exciting brand of footy built on winning the ball and offense off the back of defence. A clear IDENTITY. Look forward to seeing you at the football club. Stay safe.

Fighting Fury.

**Ashley Prescott, the coaching team and playing group**





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## TALENT DEPARTMENT

Following a successful year for our talent programs last year that was highlighted by the club's 17th Colts Premiership, we are eager to recreate those successes as the new season commences. The yearly turnover at Colts level is such that we approach 2024 with a fresh and exciting bunch of players who are all looking to make their mark in the Claremont jumper. In fact, when the Colts started preseason training in early December, not a single player from last year's Colts premiership team was on the track! This is a strong example of the club's 'promote from within' mantra that sees us push a high number of graduating colts up to our senior program each preseason, with the remainder of the Grand Final team lucky enough to have been training with the WA State 18s Program over the last three months.

Regardless, the group have hit the ground running under new coach Ricki Smith, with our fitness testing indicators at an all-time high and the group displaying a strong competitive edge at training. For the first time since prior to COVID, we were able to undertake a Colts Preseason Camp which was a fantastic way to break up a long block of training.

Ben Willett is again leading our Futures Program and the boys have made a strong start to their carnival in recent weeks. It has been brilliant to have recently returned senior player Alec Waterman take on the role of Forward line coach for our Futures team – Alec's passion and investment have been highly valuable. Similarly, to have Jack Bradshaw back at the club working in a specialist coaching role with our Colts Program has also been sensational.

From a regional perspective, we look forward to once again supporting the Great Southern Storm and the Kimberley Spirit with their various activities and carnivals throughout the year. Our annual Colts Home & Away fixture in Albany will take place in Round 17, with our Futures team having already travelled to the region in February.

There are too many names to mention of the amazing people who each play their role in delivering our talent programs every year, but I would like to give a special shoutout to Ben Willett on being nominated for Life Membership of the Claremont Football Club at our AGM late last year. Ben is a stalwart of our talent programs – in fact last year's Grand Final victory was his fifth premiership as our Colts Team Manager!

I look forward to another exciting season at Tigerland. See you at the footy – Go Tiges!

**Jordan Smith**  
Talent Manager







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# WATERMAN HAS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By Ken Casellas



Powerful forward Alec Waterman is back at Claremont, declaring that he has unfinished business this year after his footballing journey took him away from the club for three years.

"Unfinished business; that's what we're here for, and that's to win," he said. "It is a driving force for everyone."

The 27-year-old Waterman has sad memories from playing his most recent match for the Tigers, the WAFL grand final at Fremantle Oval in October 2020 when he kicked three of his side's six goals in the low-scoring encounter which saw the Bulldogs triumph by a mere three points.

"And after that, when I was away, the club lost the 2022 grand final to West Perth by two goals," he said.

It was after the loss in the 2020 grand final that Waterman was drafted by Essendon, and he played 22 AFL matches and scored 27 goals in two seasons for the Bombers before he was delisted at the end of 2022.

He loved his experience with Essendon and

playing in front of massive crowds at the MCG where 84,205 spectators enjoyed his terrific four-goal performance against Collingwood in an Anzac Day contest in April 2022.

Essendon drafted him after he had played so brilliantly for Claremont in 2020 in a shortened WAFL season of eight qualifying rounds and two final-round matches due to the coronavirus pandemic. He scored 26 goals and was the leading goalkicker in the WAFL and also won Claremont's fairest-and-best award, the E. B. Cook Medal, finishing two votes ahead of Jye Bolton.

Waterman played 30 colts matches for Claremont in 2013 and 2014, mainly as a robust midfielder. He was a leading light in the 2013 colts grand final when he was awarded the Mel Whinnen Medal as the best player. He finished with 22 disposals, seven inside 50s, two goals and five tackles.

In June 2014, Waterman showed his class as an inside midfielder for Western Australia in a national 18's championship game against the Vic Metro side at Leederville Oval, when in a losing cause, he had 35 disposals (17 contested) and ten clearances.

Those sorts of outstanding displays led to the West Coast Eagles choosing him as a father-son selection in the 2014 AFL draft. But sadly, he suffered various health and injury issues and did not appear in an AFL match before being delisted at the end of 2016.

East Perth was West Coast's host club and Waterman played eight league matches for the Royals. Debilitating illnesses forced him out of action in 2016, 2017 and much of 2018.

Waterman played eight reserves matches for the Tigers in 2018, and 22 league games the following two seasons during which he scored 45 goals.





When he left Essendon, Waterman decided to join the West Coast Eagles WAFL club in a bid to reignite his AFL career with the Eagles.

"I made it clear to Claremont at the time that I wanted to try my luck at West Coast for one year," said Waterman. "Initially, Claremont were disappointed, but they were super and completely understanding that I was keen to give that one last go (in an AFL side).

"Things didn't work out. West Coast's AFL squad suffered a lot of injuries early last season, but I was injured in a round five WAFL match against Perth at Lathlain Park and missed the rest of the season. I got cleaned up, a big knee to the chest at the start of the third quarter"

"It felt like a normal hit, and I played the rest of the game with a sore back. Nothing showed up on the original X-rays when I was told that I had sore ribs and some bruising, and that I would be back in action in a week or two. "After three or four weeks I was doing a

fitness test, and my chest was pretty sore.

It was then that a CT scan discovered a big spiral fracture at the top of the sternum. I then had the option of having a plate inserted or taking six months off.

"I decided against having the operation, and it was about seven or eight months before I resumed running."

Waterman, who is working as a curator at Hale School and is doing some coaching with Claremont's futures squad, resumed full training early in January and is looking forward keenly to playing both as a deep forward and a high half-forward.

"After missing a few years of football, I wasn't fit enough to play as a midfielder," he said. "So, I went to play as a forward which is a more challenging role. It is a bit more complicated and there is more to think about. I want to be a player capable of having a big impact on a game."







# 2024 MENS SENIOR SQUAD

2



LAWRANCE  
EVANS

HT: 181CM  
WT: 74KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 10

3



BAILEY  
ROGERS

  
HT: 186CM  
WT: 84KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 136

4



ANTHONY  
TREACY

HT: 182CM  
WT: 82KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 42

5



DECLAN  
MOUNTFORD

HT: 183CM  
WT: 79KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 82

6



JOEL  
WESTERN

HT: 173CM  
WT: 73KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 38

7



RONIN  
O'CONNOR

HT: 193CM  
WT: 93KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 30

8



ALEC  
WATERMAN

HT: 183CM  
WT: 93KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 35

9



JACK  
MAIBAUM

HT: 195CM  
WT: 94KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 19

10




LACHLAN  
MARTINIS

HT: 184CM  
WT: 83KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 95

11



JYE  
BOLTON

  
HT: 187CM  
WT: 89KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 152

12



ZANE  
SUMICH

HT: 192CM  
WT: 93KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 32

13



BENJAMIN  
ELLIOTT

HT: 183CM  
WT: 85KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 35

14



SAMUEL  
ALVAREZ

HT: 185CM  
WT: 80KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 19

15



KIERAN  
GOWDIE

HT: 200CM  
WT: 101KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 16

16



BENJAMIN  
CLARKE

HT: 194CM  
WT: 84KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 6





17



**CALLAN  
ENGLAND**

HT: 184CM  
WT: 80KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 86

18



**ANTHONY  
DAVIS**

HT: 196CM  
WT: 91KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 56

19



**TALON  
DELACEY**

HT: 185CM  
WT: 84KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 22

20



**MENNO  
INVERARITY**

HT: 183CM  
WT: 80KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 1

21



**OLIVER  
EASTLAND**

HT: 199CM  
WT: 100KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 97

22



**KIM  
KANTILLA**

HT: 184CM  
WT: 78KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

23



**MANGURU  
FREDERICK**

HT: 181CM  
WT: 83KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

24



**ERIC  
BENNING**

HT: 197CM  
WT: 90KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 1

25



**OLIVER  
SHELDRIK**

HT: 183CM  
WT: 88KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 35

26



**STEVEN  
MILLER**

HT: 198CM  
WT: 98KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 29

27



**ALEXANDER  
MANUEL**

HT: 188CM  
WT: 90KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 101

28



**LOUIS  
PASSERA**

HT: 190CM  
WT: 84KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 15

29



**COEN  
JACKMAN**

HT: 194CM  
WT: 94KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 2

30



**MITCHELL  
BARRON**

HT: 179 CM  
WT: 88KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

31



**TYRON  
SMALLWOOD**

HT: 179CM  
WT: 78KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 68

32



**GEORGE  
GRAHAM**

HT: 195CM  
WT: 90KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 6

33



**ZAC  
MAINWAIRING**

HT: 180CM  
WT: 80KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 27

34



**RILEY  
DISISTO**

HT: 190CM  
WT: 84KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0





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| <b>35</b> |  <b>DECLAN<br/>HARDISITY</b><br>HT: 189CM<br>WT: 86KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 106 | <b>36</b> |  <b>LOGAN<br/>GUELFİ</b><br>HT: 182CM<br>WT: 86KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 4    | <b>37</b> |  <b>MAX<br/>MUMME</b><br>HT: 180CM<br>WT: 75KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 2         |
| <b>38</b> |  <b>KAI<br/>DEHAVILLAND</b><br>HT: 182CM<br>WT: 81KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0    | <b>39</b> |  <b>JOSHUA<br/>HOWARD</b><br>HT: 188CM<br>WT: 85KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0   | <b>40</b> |  <b>TRISTAN<br/>BALLARD</b><br>HT: 188CM<br>WT: 90KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0   |
| <b>41</b> |  <b>SAMUAL<br/>VAN ROOYEN</b><br>HT: 193CM<br>WT: 85KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0 | <b>42</b> |  <b>DYLAN<br/>MULLIGAN</b><br>HT: 196CM<br>WT: 91KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0 | <b>43</b> |  <b>SAMUEL<br/>GILBEY</b><br>HT: 188CM<br>WT: 80KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0    |
| <b>44</b> |  <b>FELIX<br/>ROGERS</b><br>HT: 175CM<br>WT: 78KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 1     | <b>45</b> |  <b>FINN<br/>MOLONEY</b><br>HT: 187CM<br>WT: 86KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 1  | <b>46</b> |  <b>BAILEY<br/>BANFIELD</b><br>HT: 182CM<br>WT: 76KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0 |
| <b>47</b> |  <b>LOUIS<br/>WILSON</b><br>HT: 184CM<br>WT: 82KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0     | <b>48</b> |  <b>WEST<br/>LOVE</b><br>HT: 199CM<br>WT: 97KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0     | <b>49</b> |  <b>JASPER<br/>PEACE</b><br>HT: 191CM<br>WT: 84KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0    |
| <b>50</b> |  <b>HARRY<br/>COLE</b><br>HT: 187CM<br>WT: 81KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0       | <b>51</b> |  <b>MAX<br/>ROHR</b><br>HT: 197CM<br>WT: 86KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 0      | <b>52</b> |  <b>COREY<br/>MITCHELL</b><br>HT: 170CM<br>WT: 63KG<br>LEAGUE GAMES: 1  |





53



ASHTON  
BRYANT

HT: 180CM  
WT: 78KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

54



CAMPBELL  
ROGERS

HT: 192CM  
WT: 89KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

55



SEAN  
WILLIAMS

HT: 186CM  
WT: 87KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

56



HEATH  
RAVENHILL

HT: 189CM  
WT: 87KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

57



BENJAMIN  
EVANS

HT: 181CM  
WT: 83KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

59



LUKE  
BROWN

HT: 200CM  
WT: 82KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

60



JOE  
MATTHEWS

HT: 191CM  
WT: 86KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

61



MAX  
WILLSON

HT: 178CM  
WT: 75KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

62



JACK  
BURTON

HT: 200CM  
WT: 89KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

63



JACK  
MUSIKA

HT: 175CM  
WT: 74KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

64



TOBY  
HALL

HT: 187CM  
WT: 77KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

65



BAILEY  
VAN DER STRUYF

HT: 183CM  
WT: 83KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

66



ZANE  
VERBRUGGEN

HT: 183CM  
WT: 72KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

67



RYAN  
LAZAR

HT: 170CM  
WT: 70KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

68



SEBASTIAN  
BALLARD

HT: 185CM  
WT: 95KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

70



DARCY  
REDMAN

HT: 190CM  
WT: 85KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

71



EDWARD  
GREENAWAY

HT: 179CM  
WT: 76KG  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0



# ROGERS IS READY TO GO

By Ken Casellas



Champion Claremont midfielder Bailey Rogers is an understated, uncomplaining superstar who fought through the pain barrier for most of last season when he was suffering from ankle and Achilles problems.

Pre-match injections in his left ankle relieved the pain and enabled him to play in the side's final ten matches after he was on the sidelines for five weeks, following the ankle injury he sustained in the round six match against Swan Districts.

"Needles are never much fun, but they did the job on match days," said Rogers. "During the week it wasn't very nice when the ankle flared up and I had to train without pain-killers.

"I was pretty keen to get to the end of the year and reset my body and be ready for this year. I've had a troublesome right Achilles for the past two years, and when I was recovering from my ankle the right Achilles blew up again. And then I had

trouble with my left Achilles. Rogers underwent an operation in September when bone chips were removed from his ankle. "The ankle was pretty inflamed, so they had to fix that and got the swelling to disappear. I had an eight-week recovery period before I was up and running by the start of December.

"It's now two years since I've been pain free, and I'm feeling as good as new and getting my fitness back. My aim is the same as every year, and that's to win a premiership. We definitely have the squad to do it --- with a good share of experience and some exciting young guys."

The 26-year-old Rogers has developed into an elite midfielder who has also shone in attack, scoring 41 goals in the past two seasons.

A veteran of 136 league matches, Rogers was a colts player in 2013-14-15, and in the first six seasons of league football he was an outstanding defender before he developed into a dynamic midfielder over the past three years.

He represented Western Australia in interstate matches in 2021 and 2022, and in 2021 he won the Sandover Medal and the E. B. Cook Medal as Claremont's best player. He finished third behind Kane Mitchell and Declan Mountford in the 2019 club fairest-and-best award and was runner-up to Jye Bolton in 2022.

His 20-year-old brother Campbell is hoping to graduate to league ranks this year after playing 25 matches for the colts and 31 for the reserves side. A left-footer, Campbell Rogers is a tall, strong-marking and dependable key defender.





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## FROM THE WOMEN'S COACH

The women have been training since the start of November and were able to finally run out for Round 1 of the WAFLW season which saw League take home the Dhara Kerr Memorial Trophy while the Rogers Cup narrowly went down to a fast starting Swan Districts.

Early pre-season saw yet another step up in standards of fitness, football ability and professionalism. We had a huge turnover of Rogers Cup Players with most of the newbies taking the step up from the Female Development Squad program, which was coached by Lucinda Fransen, along with Claire Ortlepp, Jayme Harken & Charlotte Adams. The senior women were also bolstered by some new recruits in Anjelique Raison, Jess Ritchie and the return of a former club B&F winner Emily Bonser. On top of this we've had some Rogers graduate into the senior program, a couple of PFL and a couple of Irish ladies who had played Gaelic joined the squad as well as Laura Cinnani from our Albany zone who made her debut in Round 1 after winning the GSFLW B&F playing for Railways.

But, as is the revolving door of Claremont, where there were players in there were players out. Mackenzie Webb signed with West Coast during our off season, then in mid December we saw Ella Slocombe & Matilda Sergeant picked up in the AFLW draft to North Melbourne and West Coast Eagles respectively. This is on top of Jasmine Stewart and Matilda Dyke who signed to AFLW clubs throughout our 2023 home & away season. Nevertheless, the standard remained at an all time high as we geared up to reclaim the premiership

and continue to develop quality Rogers Cup players for the future.

In January we took three buses and for the first time included our Rogers Cup to our annual Albany Training Camp. The players ran clinics with local junior girls in Mount Barker, Denmark & Albany. The coaches ran a workshop for local coaches of female footy and had an open training session with a few local GSFLW players joining in. The players also used this time to set up their values and vision for 2024.

Our Leadership Group grew due to the demand of so many good senior players wanting to do their part for the club. Rachel Ortlepp was announced Co-Captain again, this time being joined by Adele Arnup. Jayme Harken will be Vice Captain and the leader of a pod while Emily Bonser, Jacinta Valentini, Matilda Husband, Rebecca Tuckey, Taylah Orzel & Kobi Nachols round out the Leadership Group as Pod Leaders. This year we have also extended the Rogers Cup Leadership Group where we have seven leaders who will rotate the captaincy throughout the season. These are; Jayde Musika, May Nicholson, Jemimah Port, Amy Evans, Esther Cooney, Jess Freame & Harper Gamble.

In the lead up to Round 1 we had multiple Claremont representation in the WAFLW All Stars vs U18s match which gives recruiters an extra chance to look at players that may make their way onto an AFLW list. Representing the WAFLW All Stars were Jayme Harken, Anjelique Raison, Eva O'Donnell, Bridie Garlick and Coach Jack Schwarze. On the U18s side was Juliet Kelly, Bec Anderson and Coach Kate Orme.

Claudia Wright is one of only three WA girls in the National 18s Academy and is now back playing footy after a long battle with recurring injuries. Hannah Seaborn has been given the early invitation to the 16s state squad. There are a record number of 6 female coaches completing their level three coaching course and of those, 3 of them are Claremont Coaches in Kate Orme, Nat Szelid & Jasmine Cookson.

Now we are turning the attention to our in-season. The standard of the entire competition has increased which is the best thing for us as it will only help push us to new heights. Our goal remains as always to win the premiership and be the best club in the league and even the country. There are no limits to how much we want to grow.

I can't wait for a ripper season, **Jack Schwarze**



# 2024 WOMENS SENIOR SQUAD

1



**CHARLOTTE  
TOMPKIN**

HT: 155CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 11

2



**KATE  
ORME**

HT: 167CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 47

3



**ADELE  
ARNUP**

HT: 173CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 41

5



**EMMA  
LINTON**

HT: 167CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

6



**EMILY  
BONSER**

HT: 162CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 11

7



**RACHEL  
ORTLEPP**

HT: 168CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 55

8



**TAZMA  
HUTSON**

HT: 163CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 6

9



**JAYME  
HARKEN**

HT: 173CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 70



10



**AMALIE  
MOE**

HT: 180CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 6

12



**HAYLEY  
COLVIN**

HT: 170CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 10

13



**JACINTA  
VALENTINI**

HT:  
LEAGUE GAMES: 52

14



**LOUISE  
DINEEN**

HT: 160CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

15



**KOBI  
NICHOLS**

HT: 173CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 30

16



**EVA  
O'DONNELL**

HT: 167CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 10

17



**JESSICA  
RITCHIE**

HT: 179CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 58





18



LAURA  
BRUEN

HT: 183CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

19



MIA  
JACKSON

HT: 181CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

20



LAUREN  
HUTTON

HT: 175CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 1

21



EVA  
CAMPO

HT: 171CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 18

22



MATILDA  
HUSBAND

HT: 185CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 24

23



SARAH  
VINEY

HT: 166CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 31

24



BEC  
ANDERSON

HT: 177CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 7

25



CHARLOTTE  
ADAMS

HT: 165CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 3

26



ANJELIQUE  
RAISON

HT: 182CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 33

27



REBECCA  
TUCKEY

HT: 167CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 13

28



GEORGIA  
WEBB

HT: 177CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 6

29



CLAUDIA  
WRIGHT

HT: 173CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 11

30



CLAIRE  
ORTLEPP

HT: 167CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 65

32



BRIDIE  
GARLICK

HT: 170CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 10

33



JULIET  
KELLY

HT: 173CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 9

34



LAURA  
CINNANI

HT: 168CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 2

36



JENNA  
HAWKER

HT: 177CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0

37



JADE  
BOEKEMAN

HT: 158CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0



42



TAYLAH  
ORZEL

HT: 168CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 9

44



ABBY  
MAYNARD

HT: 172CM  
LEAGUE GAMES: 0



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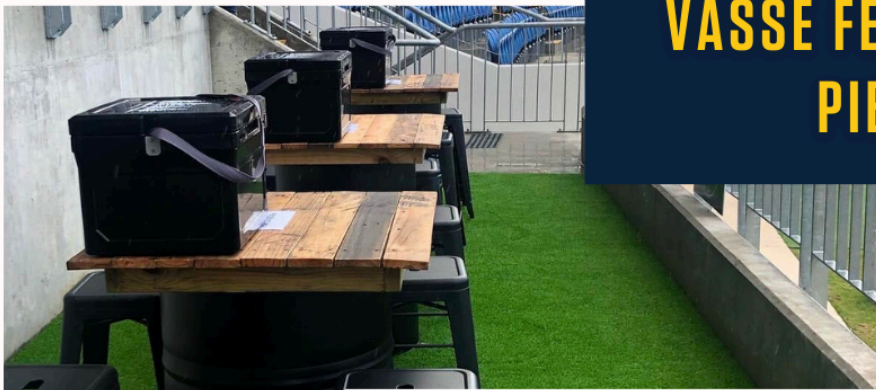
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# LOOKS ARE DECEIVING

By Ken Casellas

When Ben Clarke runs on to the field, football fans would be excused if they expected to watch him line up in the ruck. At 6ft. 4in. or 193cm and weighing about 88kg Clarke looks every inch an athletic ruckman, but, in fact, the 20-year-old is an outstanding prospect as a skilful wingman.

He has thoroughly enjoyed a taste of league football, having made five senior appearances for Claremont, with four matches last year following his debut in round two in 2022 when the depleted Tigers defeated the reigning premiers Subiaco in a major upset.

The left-footed Clarke relishes playing on the wing, saying: "Most opponents on a wing are almost a foot shorter than me, and my height is an asset because it helps when I can get back (into defence) and take marks."

Indeed, the use of a tall wingman can upset opposing teams. It was back in 2007 that the Tigers occasionally confused the opposition by using their No. 1 ruckman Daniel Bandy on a wing.

It was in the round four match against Peel Thunder at Rushton Park that the Tigers sprung a surprise by relegating the diminutive Jack Reagan (172cm and 64kg) to the interchange bench and replacing him on a wing by the towering Bandy.

The Peel coaches were discombobulated, and the Tigers were happy with the experiment which helped to achieve a hard-fought seven-point victory.

Clarke played mainly as a half-back for Scotch College, and it was in 2021 in his first season with the Claremont colts that he played as a wingman, revealing his strengths as a long kicker and aerial ability in marking and spoiling.

Clarke made four league appearances last year and was one of the side's best players in the first semi-final in which East Fremantle beat Claremont by 13 points.

"I have been working on my fitness and have put on a bit of size, adding a couple of kilos to about 88kg," he said. "My goal is to play in the league side in the first-round match against West Perth. My dream position is to have a rotation between wing and half-back."



# BENNING'S REWARDING JOB

By Ken Casellas



Lithe ruckman Eric Benning is back at Claremont after two years on the Fremantle Dockers AFL list, and not only has he been impressing with his wholehearted attitude at training, but he is enjoying a rewarding role off the field. The 20-year-old, who hails from Kununarra and the Waringarri Crows Football Club, is using his experience as an Aboriginal youth leaving a remote town and moving to the city to help youngsters arriving in Perth.

"I'm a support worker for kids coming down to the city to go to school," he said. "I help them to adjust to city life, and it's a rewarding task.

"I've had to do that, making a big move from a small town to a big city. I know what it is like; it's quite daunting. So, I'm able to use my experience to help them." Benning moved to Perth to play for the Claremont colts side in 2021 and was delighted to appear in a couple of

matches at Optus Stadium that year --- as a member of the West Australian under-18 side which met South Australia in a preliminary match before the AFL grand final, and the colts grand final in which Swan Districts came from behind to win by eight points.

He was one of Claremont's best players, having 11 disposals, 25 hit-outs, four tackles and three inside 50s, and then was chosen by the Dockers in the 2021 AFL draft and spent the next two years with that club before being delisted at the end of 2023.

"This was a good experience for myself, family and friends, but unfortunately things didn't work out and I was delisted," he said. "I enjoyed the journey, learning to become professional and finding the balance between enjoying it and having football as your job."







Benning had two seasons of playing reserves football for Fremantle's host club, Peel Thunder. "I played as a ruck-forward in the first year before playing in the back line last season," he said.

He made his debut in league ranks in Peel's round four match against Perth at Lathlain Park in 2022 when he took four marks, had eight disposals, gained 15 hit-outs and three inside 50s as well as four tackles.

"My aim now is to have a good pre-season and hopefully get a spot in the league team," said Benning, a quietly spoken and unassuming athletic ruckman. "When I joined Freo I postponed my studies with Curtin University where I was doing a bridging course, into Sports Science. I plan to resume my studies this year."



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# GOWDIE WANTS TO HELP OUT

By Ken Casellas

Stress fractures in his back have healed and Kieran Gowdie is leaving no stone unturned in his bid to regain full fitness to enable him to share Claremont's ruck duties with Ollie Eastland this year.

Eastland did a remarkable job as Claremont's dominant ruckman last year after Jack Buller was drafted by the Sydney Swans early in the season, and with Gowdie laid low with back problems.

A diet of boxing, swimming and running is helping the 21-year-old Gowdie to regain fitness to join forces with Eastland as a ruck-forward.

"I played as a key forward with the Albany Sharks, but I'm always happy to play where they put me," he says. His best effort was when he kicked 5.1 in a losing match against Mount Barker in Mount Barker in 2019, with four of his goals coming in the final quarter.

Big key position player and ruckman Steve Miller is recovering from an injured right knee and his prospects of playing this year are not particularly bright, and ruckman George Graham suffered a meniscus injury at the end of February and will be missing for several weeks. This leaves Gowdie, Eric Benning, Max Rohr, Jack Burton and West Love as candidates to fill a ruck vacancy.

"There's still a little problem in the back with some of the discs," explained Gowdie. "So, we're trying to strengthen the legs, hips, glutes



and everything in an effort to make sure my back is nice and strong. I'm hoping to be able to play in our final pre-season match.

"I received the stress fractures during the pre-season last year. I was coming back from a knee problem, and I think I was doing too much at training, too early, and this caused the stress fractures."

Gowdie was able to resume playing late in the 2023 season, playing for the reserves side in rounds 17 and 18 and in the league side's final four matches.

"Everything was healed at the end of last season, and I started pre-season training after Christmas feeling good and fit," said Gowdie. "After the first training session I pulled up really sore, with back issues the next day. A scan taken later revealed that I had some disc problems."

For the first two months of the year Gowdie has spent countless hours throwing thousands of punches, with those workouts helping to keep him fit along with plenty of running and swimming. He was in a team of four that took part in the annual Cottesloe to Rottneest swim and was disappointed when unfavourable weather conditions forced the event to be abandoned with his team at the half-way mark.

"I enjoy the boxing," he said. "It releases a bit of stress and pressure."







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Anthony Jones (assistant coach) chatting with the group



Lachie Martinis



# HELLO YELLOW





# KICKETT IS 2024 CLUB LEGEND

*By Ken Casellas*

Few Claremont footballers have been as versatile and as highly decorated as Dale Kickett, who is being honoured as the club's 2024 match-day legend.

In an outstanding 83-game WAFL league career with Claremont Kickett was a three-time premiership player, winner of two prestigious Simpson Medals and E. B. Cook Medal as the side's fairest-and-best player in 1993, as well being the side's leading goalkicker (47) in 1989.

He represented Western Australia in two State of Origin matches and enjoyed a remarkable AFL career of 181 matches --- with Fitzroy (15 matches), West Coast Eagles (two), St Kilda (21), Essendon (eight) and the Fremantle Dockers (135).

Kickett was a speedy and skilful half-forward flanker in his debut season with the Tigers in 1988 when he appeared in 13 matches and scored 15 goals before he booted 47 goals the following year, during which he had a turn at full-forward in the round 18 contest against East Perth at the WACA Ground in August and scored eight goals. In the grand final that year Kickett shone on a centre wing and

scored three goals, with the Tigers overwhelming South Fremantle by 67 points

So brilliant was the youthful Kickett that Fitzroy snapped him up for the 1990 season. But after 15 AFL appearances that year a homesick Kickett decided to return to Claremont, and he starred as a midfielder and centreman, finishing third behind Darrell Panizza and Andrew McGovern in the 1991 fairest-and-best award.

His brilliant performance in the 1991 grand final, including three goals as a half-forward flanker, earned him the Simpson Medal as the best on ground, with the Tigers beating Subiaco by 77 points. He also played two AFL matches for the West Coast Eagles that year, against Carlton and North Melbourne.

He was then recruited by St Kilda for the 1992 season when he scored 20 goals in 21 matches before returning to Claremont for the 1993 season when he played on a wing and in the midfield before coach Gerard Neesham, frustrated at Kickett being heavily tagged as a forward, decided to switch him to a half-back flank where his fearless play and spirited running out of defence led to his success in the Cook Medal. Kickett's brilliance as a half-back in Claremont's five-goal grand final triumph over West Perth earned him his second Simpson Medal --- and led to Essendon recruiting him for the 1994 season.

After eight appearances for Essendon Kickett became an inaugural Fremantle Docker and had the distinction of being the first Docker to register a kick in the first-round match against Richmond at the MCG in 1995. In eight years with Fremantle Kickett chalked up 135 AFL matches and won the Doig Medal as the club's fairest-and-best player in 1997 after being the runner-up in the two previous seasons.

He is a true Claremont champion and one of the club's all-time greats.





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**3RD ROW:** Oliver Sheldrick, Sebastian Ballard, Sean Williams, Declan Hardisty, Heath Ravenhill, Louis Passera, Riley Disisto, Darcy Redman, Harry Cole, Samuel Gilbey, Bailey Rogers, Josh Howard, Finn Moloney, Samuel Alvarez, Alec Waterman

**2ND ROW:** Tyron Smallwood, Felix Rogers, Anthony Treacy, Kai Dehavilland, Bailey Van der Struyf, Benjamin Elliott, Oliver Eastland, Ashley Prescott (Senior Coach), Declan Mountford, Ronin O'Connor, Callan England, Menno Inverarity, Louis Wilson, Zac Mainwaring, Logan Guelfi

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