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The Victorian State Government has provided a ringing endorsement of the VFL, announcing a \$10 million redevelopment package in the state budget.

Eight VFL venues will share the \$10 million, which will be used to upgrade their facilities and amenities, which will, in turn, benefit players and the community.

On the back of Australian Football's 150 Years celebrations, it is a great result for Victorian football and in particular the VFL.

Clearly, the government's investment will help ensure the future viability of clubs while delivering better sporting facilities for the local community.

In seeking funding for VFL venues, the AFL and AFL Victoria had to demonstrate there would be benefits not only to football, but also to the community.

The funding will not only help VFL clubs become more economically sustainable, it will also ensure there is a clearly defined and structured pathway that will stimulate participation and nurture talented young footballers.

These VFL clubs are the hubs of each talent region and it is

Funding secures future



\$10 million revamp for VFL venues

important for the game's future that they have the necessary infrastructure for the players.

Thankfully, the government supported the initiative.

When the commitment of the AFL, AFL Victoria, individual VFL clubs and local councils is added to the government package there will be a substantial influx of money to the infrastructure of VFL grounds.

For example, Williamstown's historic Point Gellibrand ground will receive a \$3 million injection that will deliver more public seating, while its heritage-listed grandstand will be redeveloped with a new social room and new changerooms.

Box Hill will receive \$600,000 to develop a function room on top of its existing changerooms, and will also upgrade its coach's boxes and canteen.

And Sandringham will use its allocated funds to extend its

pavilion, improve its lighting and assist the council to replace the concrete fence along its ground's Beach Road side.

AFL Victoria will communicate with the clubs to ensure plans are ready and everyone is committed to the funded projects. It is hoped the works can begin before the end of this financial year.

Congratulations to Gavin Brown, the VFL Collingwood coach, for his induction into the Australian Football Hall Of Fame.

It's another endorsement of the VFL that it numbers two Hall Of Fame members, Brown and Port Melbourne coach Gary Ayres, among its coaching fraternity.

Certainly, it's been a big few weeks in more ways than one for the VFL.

John Hook

Football Operations Manager, AFL Victoria



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COVER: Werribee Tigers spearhead James Podsiadly will be hoping for another bag of goals to celebrate his 150th game against Frankston.



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Casey Scorpions coach Greg Hutchison left Bellerive Oval last month disappointed his side had lost but convinced he had seen a potential top-10 draft prospect.

After watching teenager Aaron Cornelius kick four goals to catapult Tasmania to a 19-point win over his side, Hutchison had no doubt the Devils key forward would be on an AFL list next season.

"He's a top-10 draft pick for sure," Hutchison said.

"He was simply outstanding against us. He's got great hands, is very good overhead, attacks the ball. There's a lot to like about him."

Hutchinson is not alone in his assessment.

Cornelius, 17, created such an impression at last year's NAB AFL Under-18 Championships that he was named full-forward in the

Choosing the Devil

Cornelius flagged as top-10 draft pick

All-Australian team and gained an AIS-AFL Academy scholarship.

During its tour to South Africa, the Academy squad played against a hybrid team from Perth. Cornelius played on Fremantle's Michael Johnson and most observers agreed he did extremely well.

Tasmania coach Daryn Cresswell is more tempered in his assessment, but acknowledges Cornelius oozes talent.

"He may have the best pair of hands I've seen," Cresswell said.

But Cresswell was quick to point out Cornelius has several deficiencies that he needs to work on. He said Cornelius had been inconsistent this season, but that was expected given it was his first full season against mature-aged players.

Cresswell said he gave

Cornelius an introduction to the VFL late last year to help him gain a feel of the competition.

In one of those matches, Cornelius played on Mitch Thorpe, a Tasmanian who was Hawthorn's first selection at the 2006 NAB AFL National Draft. Cornelius held him to one goal.

"He was one of the players I had in my plans for 2008 right from the end of last season," Cresswell said.

Cornelius missed the round six match against North Ballarat because he was representing Tasmania in the qualifying rounds for the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships. His availability in the coming weeks will depend on the success of the Tassie Mariners, who Cornelius co-captains.

While he may be a name on most recruiters' lips, Cornelius is not getting too far ahead of himself.

The Year 12 student was "really enjoying" playing in the VFL and said it was "a bit of a thrill" to play on "blokes that you see the next week on TV playing in the AFL".

"It's all pretty exciting," Cornelius said.

And, for that matter, so is Aaron Cornelius.

Tasmania's Aaron Cornelius, 17, is an outstanding key-forward prospect.





Werribee spearhead James Podsiadly is still going strong ahead of his 150th VFL game.

The AFL's loss

Podsiadly 150 and still going strong

Ask Werribee coach and former 10-year AFL player Simon Atkins why James Podsiadly didn't get the chance to play AFL and he can't explain it.

Atkins, who played with Footscray and Fitzroy, said some recruiters claimed Podsiadly was a one-dimensional forward.

In the lead-up to Podsiadly's 150th VFL game this weekend, Atkins said it was a criticism he did not accept.

"There's plenty of blokes at AFL (level) making good money at being a forward," Atkins said.

"He (Podsiadly) has got power, he's got strength, he's quick, takes a pack mark and usually his goal conversion is really good.

"I just don't know. If he had been taken as an older-age footballer, the club would have been rewarded for it.

But Podsiadly, previously rookie-listed by Essendon and Collingwood, doesn't get bogged down in what-if scenarios. He's enjoyed his time in the VFL, especially at Werribee, where his legend continues to grow.

"I had my chance and it wasn't me," Podsiadly said. "I'm pretty happy with what I'm doing outside football, I feel I've been lucky."

Podsiadly, in his final year of an exercise science course, said he was proud of his achievements over his nine VFL seasons.

JAMES PODSIADLY

Age: 26

Clubs: Essendon, Williamstown, Werribee

Games: 149 **Goals:** 308

Honours: Werribee captain 2007-08; Werribee best and fairest 2005; Frosty Miller medallist 2005; VFL representative player 2005, 2007; VFL Team Of The Year 2005-06.

He is particularly proud of representing Victoria in 2005 and 2007, and would dearly love to pull on the Big V again when Victoria travels to Adelaide later this month to tackle South Australia.

Playing for Werribee also means a lot to Podsiadly as he demonstrated when he turned down a big-money offer from an SANFL club several seasons ago.

"Pods' showed a lot of faith in our football club and hopefully we can give something back to him," Atkins said.

Atkins said Podsiadly was one of those rare players who could change the course of a game on his own – as he showed against the Northern Bullants in round five.

But Podsiadly is still hoping to add several more chapters to his VFL career, beginning with helping Werribee return to the finals.

"We're going to get better," he declared.

Just as Podsiadly, himself, seems to be getting better and better with age.

This story is straight from the vault of *Ripley's Believe It or Not*.

Peder Whelan was once sent home from an under-14 try-out camp because he was considered too small.

Nothing unusual there, you say. Agreed, plenty of players' size, or lack of it, impacts on their progress.

But, here's the twist. Whelan, 22, now stands 207cm.

Yes, Whelan is the tallest VFL-listed player and only Fremantle's Aaron Sandilands, whom Whelan refers to as a "giant", and Western Bulldog Peter Street, are taller.

Whelan, who has made an immediate impact in his first season with Frankston, admitted he was a late bloomer.

In Year 10, he grew from about 180cm to 193cm, then did not stop.

"I think I stopped last year," said Whelan who was last officially measured when he attended a screening session with Collingwood in 2006.

Whelan journeyed to Frankston for a try-out in his first season out of junior football, but decided he would be better served fine-tuning his game at local club Mornington.

Several times over the course of the past few years Whelan considered trying out with Frankston, but stuck with Mornington.

Whelan stands TALL

New Frankston ruckman's late start

But after overcoming knee problems and with his younger brother Dale making the Dolphins list last season, Whelan decided to join Frankston for the 2008 season.

"I wanted to play with my brother and I thought I would just see how I would measure up to a really good standard and see if I could go the next step," Whelan said.

Certainly, Whelan arrived at Frankston with modest goals, aiming to break into the senior side at some stage during the season and play three games.

With the first third of the season now behind us, Whelan has had to reset those goals.

With Chris Oliver injured, Frankston coach Brett Lovett fast-tracked Whelan into the senior team.

And Whelan has impressed his coach with his deceptive speed and skill but his football brain, in particular, has stood out.

"He hits the ball to the right spots and at the right time," Lovett said.

Whelan was a standout for the Dolphins in their round five match against Port Melbourne, quickly making the jump from the Mornington Peninsula Football League to the infinitely quicker and more skilful VFL.

"It's good to compete against the guys who are on AFL lists or who have played AFL," he said.

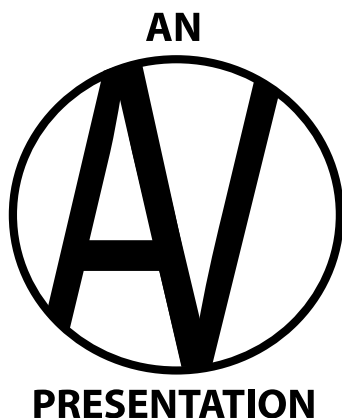
"I'm enjoying that side of it, I'm just happy to hold my own."

Ruckman Peder Whelan has made an immediate impact at Frankston.





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Few, if any, matches provoked – and continue to provoke – as much controversy as the 1971 VFA Grand Final between Dandenong and Preston.

At the heart of the controversy is a free kick field umpire Jim McMaster awarded to Dandenong full-forward Jim 'Frosty' Miller in front of goal before the opening bounce.

Miller kicked a goal from the free kick. It would prove telling as Dandenong won the Grand Final by six points.

Preston lodged a protest, but the VFA Board voted to accept McMaster's decision.

More than 36-years later, Peter Weightman, the Preston rover who was in the middle of the Junction Oval as the drama unfolded, has no doubt a free kick should not have been awarded.

"Barry Leslie (the Preston full-back) never physically intimidated anybody," Weightman said. "If someone bumped Barry he would be in a jostle, but he never threw a punch."

"'Frosty' took a dive, there's no doubt about it. I saw the incident."

While the '71 Grand Final rates as one of the most explosive moments in VFA/VFL history, the Bullants, formed in 1882 and admitted to the VFA in 1903, have a proud history. And Weightman, who attended his first match at Cramer Street as a two-year-old, has been there for half a century of it.

For 19 years, Weightman played and then coached the Bullants in a collective 268 senior



Bullants' proud tradition

1971 Grand Final controversy still burns



The Bullants 1984 premiership side, featuring assistant coach Peter Weightman (second from left, back row) and coach Ray Shaw (centre).

games. His eight years, split over two stints, is the longest tenure of any Preston coach.

He was also an assistant coach under Ray Shaw, when Preston won back-to-back premierships in 1983-84.

But it is his time under Hawthorn premiership coach Alan Joyce, who took Preston to the first of its four VFA flags in 1968, which provides some of his fondest memories.

"I remember 'Joycey' would ask every player 'Do you want to play for Preston?'," he said. "For me it was a no-brainer. I had followed the club since I was two."

Weightman played alongside many great players, including J.J. Liston Trophy winners Laurie Hill, Dick Telford and Ray Shaw. Impressively, Preston boasts more Liston Trophy winners (11) than any other club.

Weightman nominated Jamie Shaw, the prolific goalkicker of the late 1980s who averaged 5.34 goals per game – the best in VFA/VFL history – as the most gifted player he coached.

In recent years the club has undergone several name changes, adding even more chapters to the rich history of the Bullants.

Casey regains its sting

Scorpions to continue strong start to 2008

Greg Hutchison has taken his young Casey Scorpions team to third on the ladder.



After losing a number of its quality, experienced VFL campaigners at the end of last season, the Casey Scorpions were discounted as a 2008 finals contender by most pundits.

Not only did they lose five-time best and fairest winner Steve Harrison, last year's captain Nigel Carmody, ex-Kangaroo Troy Makepeace and 2006 best and fairest winner David Biaggi, they did not replace them with any big-name off-season signings.

New coach Greg Hutchison was left with a raw group of young players, who he could top up with whatever players were available from the club's AFL affiliate St Kilda.

Despite this, the Scorpions find themselves sitting in third position after six rounds and have a golden opportunity to consolidate their standing this Saturday against Collingwood.

The Magpies have only two wins this season after a difficult start to their life as a stand-alone VFL club.

Casey enters this match buoyed by its 118-point win against Northern Bullants in round six, and it is hard to see Collingwood troubling it.

Tasmania is undefeated at home this season and will be looking to continue that record when it hosts Sandringham this Saturday.

While the Devils have always struggled against the Zebras, they will fancy their chances against a Sandringham team that is coming off a disappointing 64-point loss to Williamstown.

Sandringham will rebound but Tasmania is capable of causing an upset.

Slowly, but surely Geelong is climbing its way back up the ladder after a slow start to the season, and it's unlikely the Coburg Tigers will be able to stop its ascent.

After dropping its first two matches by more than eight goals, Werribee has got its season back on track with three wins from its past four matches with its only loss in that stretch against ladder-leader North Ballarat.

Werribee can put itself in the eight for the first time this season when its treks to Frankston, which will still be reeling from its narrow loss to Bendigo. Dolphins captain Shaun Pollard faces the unenviable task of trying to subdue James Podsiadly in his 150th match.

Meanwhile, North Ballarat ventures to Cramer Street to meet the Northern Bullants and should have too much overall class.

And, in round seven's other games, Port Melbourne should continue the Box Hill Hawks' misery by extending their losing streak this season to seven, while the Bendigo Bombers, despite being at home, should be overpowered by a Williamstown side that is getting stronger by the week.

For a footballer mental strength is often just as an important as any of his god-given physical attributes and talent. The ability to deal with adversity often determines whether a player can forge a successful, long-term career.

Nathan Batsanis, the Oakleigh Chargers'

Nathan Batsanis has fought back after being cut from Port Adelaide's rookie list.



Hawk to fly again

Batsanis OK now he's beaten OP

2006 best and fairest winner, knows a thing or two about adversity.

Batsanis headed to South Australia last year bursting with enthusiasm after being rookie listed by Port Adelaide.

After an encouraging pre-season, Batsanis entered the season full of hope. Six weeks later, though, the then 19-year-old's world was turned on its head.

He came down with osteitis pubis and as hard as he tried to play through it, he eventually succumbed to the debilitating condition.

"At the end of the year they (the Power) said my groin wasn't up to scratch and there were 15-16 players of my height (178cm) and size (78 kg) going for the same spot," Batsanis said.

"It was a bit frustrating because I had a good first half of the year. Everything was going well then OP (osteitis

pubis) kicked in and that ruined my season.

"It was pretty disappointing. Obviously, I got the opportunity then it was gone. I'm pretty strong in that area where I can fight back."

Free of osteitis pubis, Batsanis trained throughout the 2008 pre-season with Hawthorn in a bid to relaunch his AFL career. It wasn't to be, but Batsanis was encouraged when Hawthorn coach Alastair Clarkson rang him to say the Hawks were keen to keep an eye on him and suggested he play with Box Hill Hawks.

The idea appealed to Batsanis, who had been impressed during pre-season with Barry Mitchell, the Hawks' new development coach and also Box Hill's coach.

South Australian club Woodville-West Torrens and several other VFL clubs contacted Batsanis, but he eventually signed with Box Hill.

"I had got to know Barry (Mitchell) really well while I was there," Batsanis said.

"In the end it was pretty easy. I went straight down to Box Hill. I have an opportunity at Box Hill where I can impress the guys at Hawthorn or another (AFL) club."

Batsanis has settled well into the VFL, though Box Hill's start to the season has been below expectations as it adjusts to its new coach and game plan.

But Batsanis says it would be folly to suggest the club can't fight back. And if anyone knows about fighting back it's Batsanis.

VFL statistics

ROUND 6 SENIORS

AFTER ROUND 6	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	PTS
North Ballarat	6	5	1	0	674	490	137.55	20
Williamstown	6	5	1	0	775	565	137.17	20
Casey Scorpions	6	4	2	0	703	529	132.89	16
Geelong	6	4	2	0	683	627	108.93	16
Sandringham	6	3	3	0	706	588	120.07	12
Coburg Tigers	6	3	3	0	680	592	114.86	12
Port Melbourne	6	3	3	0	661	619	106.79	12
Tasmania	6	3	3	0	554	596	92.95	12
Werribee Tigers	6	3	3	0	587	674	87.09	12
Northern Bullants	6	3	3	0	533	619	86.11	12
Frankston	6	2	4	0	485	573	84.64	8
Bendigo Bombers	6	2	4	0	538	689	78.08	8
Collingwood	6	2	4	0	493	691	71.35	8
Box Hill Hawks	6	0	6	0	463	683	67.79	0

2008 VFL GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Nicholas Sautner	(Sandringham)	23	(2)
James Podsiadly	(Werribee Tigers)	23	(3)
Scott Simpson	(Geelong)	17	(-)
Dean Galea	(Williamstown)	15	(1)
Justin Berry	(Frankston)	14	(3)
Michael Wundke	(North Ballarat)	14	(3)
Adrian Bonaddio	(Port Melbourne)	14	(1)
Robin Nahas	(Port Melbourne)	14	(3)
Paul McMahon	(North Ballarat)	13	(5)
Cleve Hughes	(Coburg Tigers)	12	(2)
Jarryd Allen	(Casey Scorpions)	12	(1)
Paul Colbert	(Northern Bullants)	12	(2)
Patrick Rose	(Williamstown)	12	(3)
Callum Urch	(Williamstown)	12	(1)
Wayde Skipper	(Williamstown)	12	(3)



VFL action on ABC-TV

ROUND 8 Saturday, May 24 Williamstown v Box Hill Hawks	ROUND 9 Saturday, June 7 North Ballarat v Frankston
ROUND 10 Saturday, June 14 Casey Scorpions v Sandringham	ROUND 11 Saturday, June 21 Tasmania v Werribee Tigers

Coburg Tigers	4.2	8.6	13.14	17.19	(121)
Collingwood	3.3	6.5	8.6	10.8	(68)

GOALS: Coburg Tigers - Bowden 3, F. Caruso 2, Pettifer 2, Tivendale 2, Hughes 2, Schulz, Liddle, N. Caruso, Cartledge, Polak, Horne.

Collingwood - Lonie 3, Dawes 2, Reid 2, Frost, MacAffer, Barham.

BEST: Coburg Tigers - Tivendale, Polak, Oakley-Nicholls, Liddle, Bowden, Polo.

Collingwood - Barham, Dyas, Stanley, Colbert, MacAffer, Frost.

Box Hill Hawks	5.4	7.8	8.11	13.12	(90)
Geelong	3.1	5.4	10.6	16.8	(104)

GOALS: Box Hill Hawks - Moss 3, Clarke 2, Morrell 2, Stokes 2, Shore, Kenna, Gibson, Dowler.

Geelong - Varcoe 3, Byrnes 2, Davenport 2, Moles 2, Laidler, Firman, Hogan, Donohue, McKenna, D. Simpson, Prismall.

BEST: Box Hill Hawks - Kenna, Renouf, Dawson, Kennedy, Clarke, Stokes.

Geelong - Varcoe, Byrnes, Prismall, D. Johnson, Tenace, Firman.

North Ballarat	5.1	8.3	13.4	18.7	(115)
Tasmania	0.4	2.8	7.11	9.12	(66)

GOALS: North Ballarat - McMahon 5, Jo. Smith 3, Wundke 3, Spolding 2, Roach 2, Sewell, McHugh, Clifton.

Tasmania - Charlesworth 2, Bongetti 2, Vearing, T. Plummer, Creese, Shackleton, Langford.

BEST: North Ballarat - Stephenson, Grima, Goodes, Clifton, Roach, Swallow.

Tasmania - Gilmour, S. Plummer, George, Geappen, Smith, Bielski.

Werribee Tigers	7.3	11.9	14.14	16.19	(115)
Port Melbourne	3.2	7.4	12.4	15.10	(100)

GOALS: Werribee Tigers - Rockefeller 3, Podsiadly 3, Sinclair 2, Barlow 2, Warren 2, Riggio, Obst, Gleeson, McMahon.

Port Melbourne - Nahas 3, Thomas 2, Baird 2, Bonaddio, Pearce, McLaren, Pitt, Cotchett, Fanning, Cain, Spriggs.

BEST: Werribee Tigers - Davies, Young, Gibson, Warren, Castello, Rockefeller.

Port Melbourne - Spriggs, Baird, Pitt, Livingston, Nahas, Robbins.

Bendigo Bombers	4.5	8.7	9.10	12.11	(83)
Frankston	0.3	1.9	7.13	11.14	(80)

GOALS: Bendigo Bombers - Bellchambers 2, Atkinson 2, Coghlan 2, Laycock 2, Crameri, Reimers, Meade, Johnson.

Frankston - Lourey 3, Berry 3, Murray, Dickson, Limbach, Proctor, Morris.

BEST: Bendigo Bombers - Laycock, Jetta, Reimers, Holmes, Pears, Crameri.

Frankston - Marigliani, Lourey, Kennedy, Pollard, Winterton, Berry.

Casey Scorpions	4.3	13.9	16.9	25.14	(164)
Northern Bullants	0.2	1.5	4.8	6.10	(46)

GOALS: Casey Scorpions - Ferguson 7, Steven 3, L. Fisher 2, Rix 2, Garrubba 2, Wall, Jones, McQualter, Blake, Geary, Allen, O'Bryan, Dunne, McEvoy.

Northern Bullants - Colbert 2, Lappin, Joseph, Hampson, Teague.

BEST: Casey Scorpions - Ferguson, Jones, Silvagni, Wall, Blake, Taylor.

Northern Bullants - Austin, Anderson, Iacobucci, Ackland, Lappin, Boundy.

Williamstown	3.1	8.6	12.10	19.16	(130)
Sandringham	1.4	3.6	8.10	9.12	(66)

GOALS: Williamstown - Little 3, Skipper 3, Rose 3, Ward 2, Harbrow, Galea, O'Keefe, McDougall, Urch, Ray, Stretton, Bre. Johnson.

Sandringham - Summers 2, Sautner 2, Maric 2, P. Johnson, Buckley, Crowe.

BEST: Williamstown - Jolley, Ward, Street, Skipper, Harbrow, Meyer.

Sandringham - Biddlecombe, Summers, Crowe, Buckley, Valenti, Holland.

ROUND 5 RESERVES

AFTER ROUND 5	P	W	L	D	B	F	A	%	PTS
Coburg Tigers	4	4	0	0	1	559	256	218.36	16
Williamstown	4	4	0	0	1	596	318	187.42	16
Sandringham	5	4	1	0	0	645	450	143.33	16
Frankston	4	3	1	0	1	461	354	130.23	12
North Ballarat	5	2	3	0	0	541	496	109.07	8
Northern Bullants	4	2	2	0	1	346	394	87.82	8
Box Hill Hawks	4	2	2	0	1	356	447	79.64	8
Casey Scorpions	4	1	3	0	1	390	415	93.98	4
Werribee Tigers	4	1	3	0	1	316	414	76.33	4
Port Melbourne	5	1	4	0	0	345	676	51.04	4
Bendigo Bombers	5	0	5	0	0	331	666	49.70	0

2008 VFL RESERVE GOALKICKERS (PROGRESSIVE)

Trent Zomer	(Sandringham)	17	(3)
Nick Lynch	(Coburg Tigers)	15	(-)
Adam Cook	(Williamstown)	14	(8)
Matthew Little	(Williamstown)	13	(-)
Bill Driscoll	(North Ballarat)	13	(2)
Robbie Gregg	(North Ballarat)	11	(-)
Simon Seddon	(North Ballarat)	11	(2)
Jonathan Mullins	(Port Melbourne)	11	(2)
Joseph Gazzo	(Coburg Tigers)	10	(-)
Michael Lourey	(Frankston)	9	(-)
Guy Martyn	(Sandringham)	9	(-)
Luke Potts	(Frankston)	9	(2)
Jonathon Mercuri	(Northern Bullants)	9	(3)

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Werribee Tigers	4.1	7.3	9.5	12.13	(85)
Port Melbourne	4.0	8.7	10.12	16.15	(111)

GOALS: Werribee Tigers - Wilsen 3, Kennedy-Hunt 2, Barrett 2, Bloomfield, Prismall, West, Cordy, Delaney.

Port Melbourne - Francis 3, Mullins 2, W. deBruin 2, Burstin 2, Hassett 2, O'Farrell, Sheldon, Dare, Angus, Livingstone.

BEST: Werribee Tigers - Saker, Magnabosco, Kennedy-Hunt, Cordy, Quigley, Wilsen.

Port Melbourne - Schultz, N. Nixon, Francis, W. deBruin, Sheldon, Croft.

Bendigo Bombers	0.2	1.3	2.4	7.4	(46)
Frankston	5.8	6.11	15.17	22.23	(155)

GOALS: Bendigo Bombers - Harrington 4, Anderson, S. Young, Thomson.

Frankston - Calteri 5, White 3, Corp 3, Potts 2, Barker 2, Clark 2, Oliver 2, Keely, Davis, Comben.

BEST: Bendigo Bombers - Wanganeen, Bristow, Ayton, D. Young, Harrington, Thomson.

Frankston - Collins, Dunne, Barker, Corp, McCall, Keely.

Williamstown	7.1	13.4	20.10	29.13	(187)
Sandringham	7.1	12.5	12.8	12.10	(82)

GOALS: Williamstown - Cook 8, Chiu 3, O'Shea 3, Keddel 2, Reid 2, Mulligan 2, Wood, Lyons, Jenkins, Cravino, Young, Dullard, McKenzie, Lynch, White.

Sandringham - Zomer 3, Cleeve 3, Gilchrist 2, Eaton, Lyall, Vickers, McConnell.

BEST: Williamstown - Cook, Langlands, Cravino, Reid, Grossman, White.

Sandringham - Monaghan, M. Johnston, Gilchrist, Plymin, Cleeve, B. Liddell.

Casey Scorpions	1.3	7.6	9.9	12.14	(86)
Northern Bullants	6.4	8.9	12.13	17.13	(115)

GOALS: Casey Scorpions - Terry 4, Haretuku 3, Fridman, Youle, McGrath, Vernon, Galvin.

Northern Bullants - Mercuri 3, Jacobs 3, Meese 3, Connely 2, O'Donnell 2, Shields, Totino, Powell, Quinton.

BEST: Casey Scorpions - Unsworth, Vernon, McDonald, Parker, Haretuku, Terry.

Northern Bullants - D. Davies, Spiteri, Meese, Totino, Powell, Gannon, Jacobs.

Box Hill Hawks	3.2	8.5	11.8	14.9	(93)
North Ballarat	3.2	6.3	12.4	13.6	(84)

GOALS: Box Hill Hawks - Breese 2, Neil 2, Suckling 2, O'Sullivan 2, Angelopoulos, Bull, Bayliss, Papaluca, Wright, Daniher.

North Ballarat - Seddon 2, Horbury 2, Driscoll 2, Hall 2, Micallef 2, Peace, Tickner, Chester.

BEST: Box Hill Hawks - O'Sullivan, Marcus, Bull, Bayliss, L. Daniher, Sandilands.

North Ballarat - Limb, Driscoll, Taylor, Bell, Hartigan, Peace.

VFL action on radio

ROUND 7

Saturday, May 17

Casey Scorpions v Collingwood

Sunday, May 18

Frankston v Werribee Tigers

ROUND 7

Saturday, May 17

Geelong v Coburg Tigers

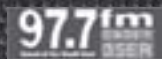
Sunday, May 18

Northern Bullants v North Ballarat

ROUND 7

Sunday, May 18

Box Hill Hawks v Port Melbourne



The running man

One Bomber's inspiring journey to the AFL

Adrian Hickmott was three games into the 2006 season as coach of Rumbalara, a team of mostly indigenous people in the Murray Football League, when he witnessed something he'd never seen before at senior level.

Hickmott, an 11-year AFL player at Geelong and Carlton, watched one of his players – so frustrated at what was unfolding – take himself from the ground.

Coaching from the boundary, Hickmott called him over, but the young player walked away. With his focus back on the match, Hickmott thought nothing more of it until five minutes later when he decided to bring the player back on to the ground.

"I went to speak to him and he wasn't there," Hickmott said. "I asked if he had gone to the toilet, but someone said see that white car leaving the ground, he's driving it."

Two years later and the player who made that quick getaway was making his AFL debut for Essendon against Port Adelaide at Telstra Dome in round seven.

His name? Jarrod Atkinson.

Soon after his 'runner'

Atkinson returned to Rumbalara, won its best and fairest, gained

a pre-season with the Bendigo Bombers, making their list and playing 14 VFL games, before earning a rookie spot

with Essendon and making his AFL debut.

It is, Hickmott, says a great story.

For Hickmott, it illustrates how someone, who worked hard to overcome his frustrations and made football his priority, succeeded.

Hickmott said he spoke to Atkinson, then 21, the week after his early exit in a bid to convince him to stay in the structured confines of Rumbalara, which is attached to the Academy of Sport Health and Education.

"It wasn't about Adrian Hickmott convincing him, it was about Jarrod Atkinson deciding what road he wanted to take," Hickmott said.

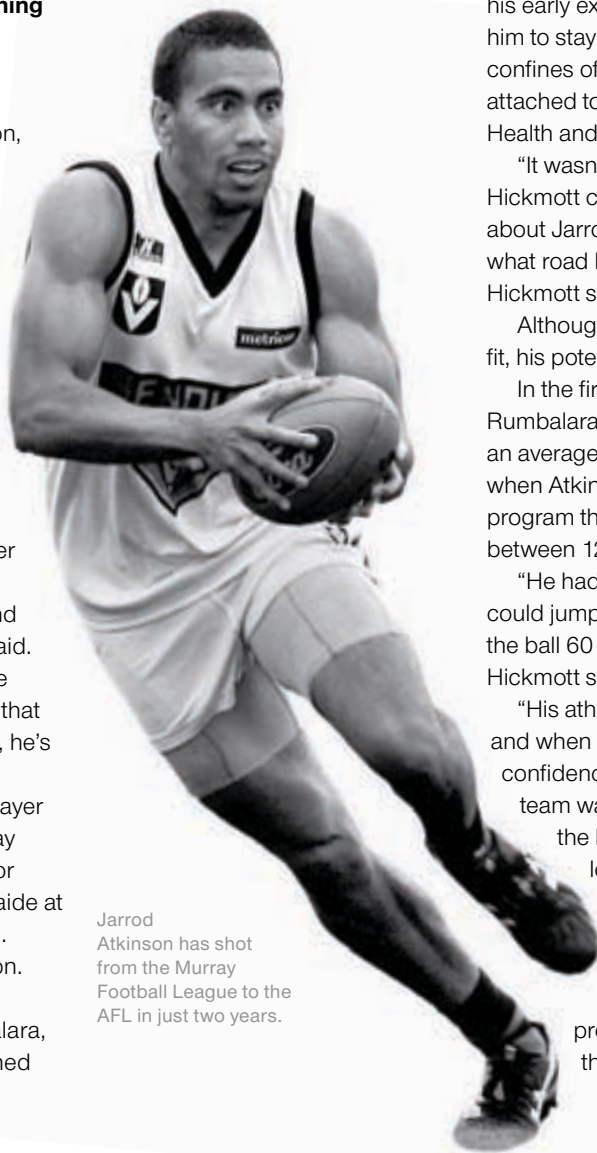
Although Atkinson wasn't fully fit, his potential was readily evident.

In the first half of the season, Rumbalara lost its matches by an average 80-100 points, but when Atkinson committed to the program that losing margin fell to between 12-20 points.

"He had the speed and he could jump over heads and kick the ball 60 metres and hit a target," Hickmott said.

"His athleticism really stood out and when he got himself fit his confidence grew and grew. The team was happy to feed him the ball so he could run the length of the ground."

Hickmott said aspiring footballers should see the Jarrod Atkinson story as proof they could live out their dreams.



Jarrod Atkinson has shot from the Murray Football League to the AFL in just two years.

One of the first players that Daryn Cresswell contacted when he was appointed Tasmania coach was Brodie Moles.

Although listed by the Devils in 2005, Moles had slipped off most people's football radar when he did not play in the VFL that season nor the following season.

Hampered by a knee injury, Moles played sporadically with Glenorchy in a local league. But Cresswell saw one of those games and instantly had Moles in his plans for Tasmania in 2007.

It's history now Moles played 12 games for the Devils last year, impressing the Western Bulldogs and North Melbourne enough to be offered a pre-season before Geelong rookie listed him.

For Cresswell, Moles is a terrific story of a mature-aged player given the chance to play at the AFL level after just one season in the VFL.

"Brodie Moles is a star," Cresswell said. "He has all the attributes to play AFL."

"Now that he's at Geelong he'll develop further. He played against us in round three and you could just see that he's come on so much."

Moles, 22, was surprised Geelong selected him in the NAB AFL Rookie Draft as his only contact with the reigning premier had been a five-minute telephone conversation with its recruiting manager Stephen Wells.

"Geelong was the last club I thought would want to draft me," Moles said.

Me and the top Cats

Moles loving life as a Geelong rookie

"I'm very privileged and happy to be at Geelong."

One of the fringe benefits for Moles is that he trains with Geelong's AFL-listed players and can tap into the knowledge of Brownlow medallist Jimmy Bartel, Gary Ablett jnr and Joel Corey.

"It's amazing," Moles said.

"You can go up to any of those guys and they are only too willing to lend you a hand," he said.

Geelong's VFL coach Leigh Tudor said Moles had soaked up all the advice given to him by the coaching staff and players and, as a result, had improved.

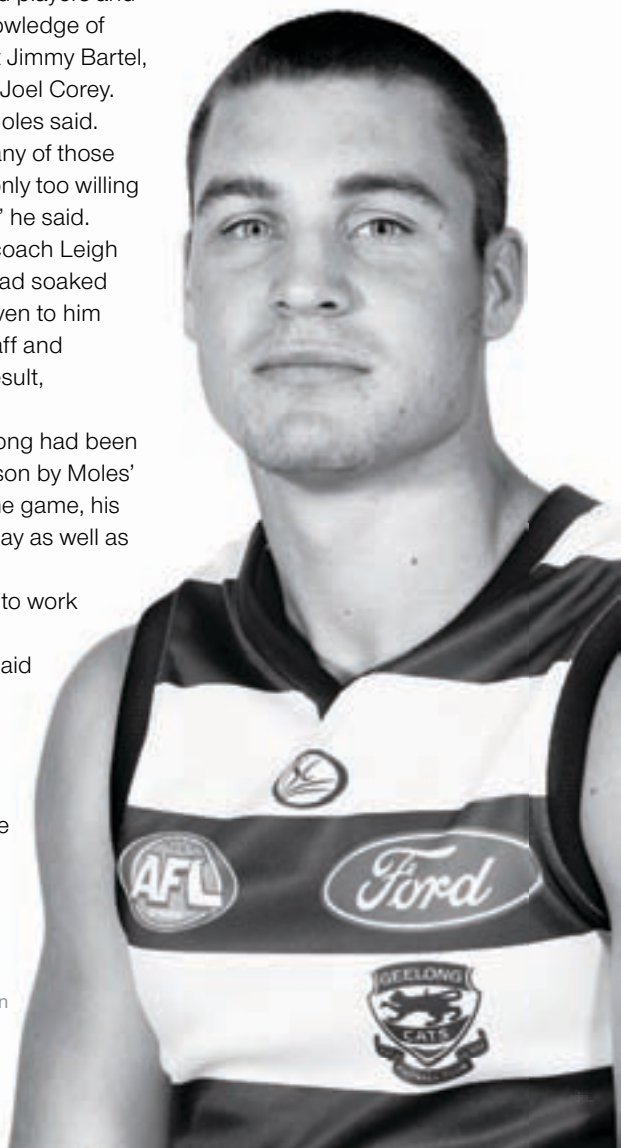
Tudor said Geelong had been impressed last season by Moles' understanding of the game, his ability to read the play as well as his skill level.

"There was a lot to work with," Tudor said.

Importantly, he said Moles transferred what he learned on the training track into matches and become an effective contributor for the Cats in the VFL.

Impressive form with Tasmania last year paved the way for Brodie Moles' selection as an AFL rookie.

What is a good story will become even better if Brodie Moles continues to impress and is elevated to the Cats' AFL list.



VFL club notes



Port Melbourne

Throughout the season we encourage everyone to buy the *VFL Record* for all the news at the Borough.

Super Draw Day will be held on Sunday, July 20 in the social rooms at TEAC Oval. Only 100 tickets are available at \$100 a person; each admits three people on the day. The day includes great entertainment with John Garfield from 12-3pm, a huge buffet luncheon with door prizes ranging from \$2000 to \$100.

Club info: pmfc.com.au.



North Ballarat

The North Ballarat Football Club Annual Ball is on Saturday, June 28 at 7pm at the Doherty Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre. Tickets are \$60 and include great entertainment – Jellybean Addiction – and a two-course meal. Bookings essential, along with payment, no later than Friday, June 13. Bookings: 5339 0944 or info@theroosters.com.au.



Box Hill Hawks

Welcome to Reach out for Kids (ROK) Foundation representatives. ROK is a community organisation whose mission is to enhance the lives of children, young people,

and families within Whitehorse. It supports them with expert advice, information and counselling. For more information visit rok.org.au.

The Box Hill Hawks Ball is on Saturday, June 28 at Crown. Tickets \$110 for three-course meal, drinks and entertainment. Bookings: 9890 9442.

Tune into 3WBC 94.1 FM for all Box Hill Hawks home games live from 1pm.



Sandringham

Our next home game is in round eight before the Northern Bullants game. Includes a two-course lunch for \$25, with drinks at bar prices. Bookings essential.

The Club Auction night will be held at Caulfield Racecourse on Saturday, July 26. Donations of auction items are accepted and appreciated. Motorola mobile phones available at wholesale prices. Call for information on 9598 8629.



Northern Bullants

Welcome to all supporters who have attended our family day at NAB Oval. The club would like to thank all those involved including NAB, Metlink, Crazy John's and Open Family Australia.

The Crazy John's mascot will be in attendance today with giveaways, there will be a face-painter for the children, while one lucky family will win an NAB \$250 Visa Gift Card and Metlink will hold a half-time kicking competition, when the kids can win a Sherrin football.

Also, vote on the Crazy John's Supporter's Choice Award by SMS on 0450 193242.



Williamstown

The next president's luncheon is on Saturday, May 24 in round eight against the Box Hill Hawks. The guest speaker is the Reverend Tim Costello. It will start at 11am. Tickets are \$35 and include a two-course meal and complimentary beer, wine and soft drink. The match-day sponsor is Hinbro Milk.

The Williamstown Football Auction is on Saturday, July 26 at 7.30pm at The Yarraville Club. Tickets \$35 and include main, silent and Dutch auctions, music trivia and entertainment.

The Williamstown Mid-season Ball is on Saturday, July 12 at 7.30pm at Crown Casino. Tickets \$120 and include a three-course meal, player auction and Steven Greene as compere.

Bookings: 9390 0611 or bcurry@westernjets.asn.au.

Watch out for V TV each week on Ford's theoval.com.au. The show features all the latest VFL news, with hosts Dwayne Russell and Nigel Carmody previewing the coming matches.



Coburg Tigers

The president's luncheon is held at every home game in the social club. The next is on Sunday, May 25 in round eight against the Bendigo Bombers. Enjoy a roast meal with salads and accompaniments for \$25 (kids \$15). Phone Tracey on 9354 8228 by 3pm on the Wednesday prior to the match to book.

Look out for 2008 merchandise at the merchandise stand – team photos are now available.

Want to be a corporate sponsor, player sponsor or member of the Coburg Football Club? Phone today to join the Fighting Tigers in 2008!

Club info: coburgtigers.com.au. Emailed newsletter: contact tgoss@coburgtigers.com.au.



Casey Scorpions

The Casey Scorpions have four home games in May and June at Casey Fields. All members, supporters and guests are welcome to attend the president's luncheon at any home game. Bookings are essential.

Friday, July 25 is the date of the Scorpions' Gala Ball and Auction Night. It will feature Johnny D's *Hidden Agenda* magical act, a big, bold and funny caricature artist, auction items at more than \$10,000 and a DJ.

Bookings: 5996 1111. Club info: scorpions.com.au.



Frankston

The Dolphin Bistro is open every home game from 12-2pm offering a three-course luncheon for only \$20 or \$15 for Senior Card holders. Bookings advisable on 9783 7888.

Our annual Champagne Day will be held on Sunday, May 25 (Frankston versus Tassie) in the social rooms. The cost is \$25 for three courses and includes complimentary champagne. Bookings essential on 9783 7888.

For all the Dolphins' latest news visit frankstonfc.com.au and to find out what's happening in town go to visitfrankston.com.



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The Scorpion King

Matthews youngest captain for 40 years



Kyle Matthews journeyed back in time during the VFL split round at the start of the month.

With Casey Scorpions rostered on the first weekend of the split round five, Matthews, who missed the first four matches this season with a strained medial ligament, took the opportunity to have a hit-out.

Matthews returned to his junior club Ringwood in division two of the Eastern Football League. Not surprisingly, the 22-year-old, a member of the VFL Team Of The Year in his only

two seasons in the competition (2006, 2007), racked up countless possessions as Ringwood ran out 88-point winners.

Just how far Matthews has come since he arrived at the Scorpions as a skinny, unheralded player in 2006 was plain for all to see.

"You realise the difference," Matthews said. "It's definitely made me a better player."

In addition to being named in the VFL Team Of The Year, Matthews finished third in the Scorpions' best and fairest last year.

And, this year, Matthews was appointed Scorpions captain, the youngest player to be given the honour in the past 40 years, according to club general manager Brian Woodman.

With the club's previous two captains and most experienced players Steve Harrison and Nigel Carmody both departing in the off-season, Matthews found himself the most experienced player at the club with just 36 VFL games.

Matthews, whose link with the club goes back to his grandfather Tommy Turner, the club's head trainer in the 1970s.

He had not even contemplated he would be considered as captain of the club, but when coach Greg Hutchison ran the idea past him during the pre-season he jumped at it.

"I didn't think I would get it, but I'm pretty honoured with the position," Matthews said.

"It really is a big honour. Following Steve (Harrison), who won five best and fairests, and Nigel (Carmody), who was captain last year, they're pretty big shoes to fill.

"'Hutchy' said I didn't need to change anything as a player, just be myself and play as I have in the past, but it does put a little extra pressure on you"

Unfortunately, after straining a medial ligament three days before the season, Matthews was not able to take the field in his new role until round five.

But with the injury behind him, Matthews is focused on leading the Scorpions into the finals.

AFL Victoria community news

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Allan Chandler – Coburg Districts Football Club

This week's AFL Victoria Volunteer of the Week is Allan Chandler from the Coburg Districts Football Club.

Allan has been a tireless worker at the club over the past 25 years, having served as a trainer, treasurer, team manager, property manager, fundraiser, secretary, Western Region Football League (WRFL) club delegate and Footscray District Football League/WRFL inter-league program team manager. He is in his 13th consecutive year as president, having previously served in that position for seven years.

During Allan's presidency, he has introduced and overseen a number of new initiatives both on and off the field, but he is best known for his leadership, work ethic and passion. He is inclusive and receptive to the ideas of others and the high standards he sets for himself are a benchmark for the rest of the club.

His determination and hard work has not only earned him loyalty and respect, it has also inspired those around him.

AFL Victoria would like to congratulate Allan on his ongoing contribution to the Coburg Districts Football Club.

To nominate for Volunteer of the Week and Club of the Week awards, email Darryl Collings at darryl.collings@aflvic.com.au.

The Volunteer of the Year and Community Club of the Year will be selected from the weekly winner and announced at AFL Victoria's members dinner in February 2009. The Community Club of the Year also receives \$1500 from AFL Victoria, so get your nominations in now!



Coburg Districts Football Club
president Allan Chandler



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VFL tipsters



Paul Amy

Leader Newspapers

Sandringham 27pts
Geelong 15pts
Casey Scorpions 33pts
Frankston 16pts
North Ballarat 23pts
Port Melbourne 17pts
Williamstown 42pts

LAST ROUND: 4



Ross Booth

ABC-TV

Sandringham 5pts
Coburg Tigers 15pts
Casey Scorpions 55pts
Frankston 5pts
North Ballarat 35pts
Port Melbourne 10pts
Williamstown 50pts

LAST ROUND: 5



Phil Cleary

ABC-TV

Sandringham 11pts
Coburg Tigers 10pts
Casey Scorpions 30pts
Werribee Tigers 18pts
North Ballarat 20pts
Port Melbourne 25pts
Williamstown 30pts

LAST ROUND: 4



Scott Cummings

3AW

Sandringham 15pts
Coburg Tigers 13pts
Collingwood 1pt
Frankston 13pts
Northern Bullants 14pts
Port Melbourne 16pts
Williamstown 25pts

LAST ROUND: 3



Adrian Dunn

Herald Sun

Sandringham 10pts
Coburg Tigers 2pts
Casey Scorpions 12pts
Werribee Tigers 9pts
North Ballarat 16pts
Port Melbourne 6pts
Williamstown 20pts

LAST ROUND: 6



John Hook

Football Operations Manager,
AFL Victoria

Sandringham 7pts
Geelong 10pts
Casey Scorpions 21pts
Werribee Tigers 12pts
Northern Bullants 1pt
Port Melbourne 5pts
Williamstown 30pts

LAST ROUND: 7



Carley Jellett

The Age

Tasmania 13pts
Geelong 28pts
Casey Scorpions 23pts
Werribee Tigers 5pts
North Ballarat 15pts
Port Melbourne 20pts
Williamstown 9pts

LAST ROUND: 6



Lady Luck

Tasmania 13pts
Geelong 14pts
Casey Scorpions 30pts
Frankston 25pts
North Ballarat 15pts
Port Melbourne 26pts
Williamstown 40pts

LAST ROUND: 6



Tony Leonard

3AW

Tasmania 1pt
Geelong 10pts
Casey Scorpions 39pts
Frankston 12pts
Northern Bullants 1pt
Port Melbourne 25pts
Bendigo Bombers 8pts

LAST ROUND: 7



Chris Mitchell

Herald Sun

Sandringham 18pts
Geelong 14pts
Casey Scorpions 10pts
Werribee Tigers 3pts
North Ballarat 39pts
Port Melbourne 2pts
Williamstown 19pts

LAST ROUND: 3



Peter Schwab

AFL Victoria CEO

Tasmania 18pts
Geelong 10pts
Casey Scorpions 24pts
Frankston 2pts
North Ballarat 29pts
Box Hill Hawks 8pts
Williamstown 17pts

LAST ROUND: 4

LEADERBOARD

John Hook	32	Paul Amy	25
Lady Luck	31	Phil Cleary	25
Carley Jellett	28	Adrian Dunn	24
Peter Schwab	27	Tony Leonard	22
Ross Booth	26	Scott Cummings	21
Chris Mitchell	26		



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Ex-Bullant takes flight

New Hawk Morrell happy under Mitchell

Forget the conspiracy theories, there was nothing sinister about Digby Morrell's move from the Northern Bullants to the Box Hill Hawks this season.

After four seasons at the Bullants, the past two as a VFL player and the first two as a Carlton-listed player, Morrell shocked many with his move.

But ask Morrell his reasons for moving and he quickly sets the record straight.

Morrell, 28, said he switched clubs "wholly and solely" to follow Barry Mitchell, his coach at the Northern Bullants, to Box Hill.

Sure, Morrell admits he wasn't a fan of the Bullants' decision to appoint a playing coach in 2008, but he stresses he enjoyed his time at Cramer Street and wishes the club well.

"I have a good relationship with Barry," Morrell said. "I think he's a super coach. He's a very smart operator, he knows when to pull the right moves."

"Personally I thought I needed a bit of a change, to freshen up.

"And it's definitely done that. Apart from being 0-6 (after round six), it has been an enjoyable change."

Morrell says the Box Hill Hawks are much better than their current record suggests.

He shared the pre-season consensus Box Hill would finish in the top half of the ladder given its extensive recruiting, but notes it has been hurt by Hawthorn's extensive injury list, which has limited the number of AFL players flowing back to the VFL so far this season.

"I still think we will definitely be a force," he said. "We will get three to four Hawthorn players back this week and a couple the week after."

"Once we get them back, and if we can get three wins before the half-way mark and then get on a roll in the second half, we can still sneak into the eight."

Morrell, now over the rib injury that restricted him to 11 games last season, admitted his own form had been "a bit patchy".

Given his impact in previous seasons, especially in 2006 when he was a key player in the Bullants' dominant home and away season, Morrell said his two-goal return this season had been "disappointing".

Mitchell has used Morrell in a slightly varied role up the ground, but Morrell believes he, like the team, is far from done in 2008.

"The fitness is definitely there," he said. "It's just about getting my hands on the ball."



Digby Morrell is enjoying his new life as a Box Hill Hawk.

VFL fixture 2008

Round 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Coburg Tigers 27.16 (178) vs. Geelong 16.7 (103)
Bendigo Bombers 18.11 (119) vs. Tasmania 13.12 (90)
Collingwood 12.15 (87) vs. Port Melbourne 11.8 (74)
North Ballarat 19.12 (126) vs. Box Hill Hawks 8.8 (56)
 Werribee Tigers 10.13 (73) vs. **Williamstown 19.15 (129)**

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Frankston 14.13 (97) vs. Northern Bullants 11.15 (81)
Sandringham 18.11 (119) vs. Casey Scorpions 11.16 (82)

Round 2 - Rivalry Round

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

North Ballarat 16.16 (112) vs. Bendigo Bombers 9.6 (60)
Williamstown 25.12 (162) vs. Collingwood 14.10 (94)
Port Melbourne 17.7 (109) vs. Sandringham 16.12 (108)
Casey Scorpions 16.14 (110) vs. Frankston 9.18 (72)

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Geelong 22.8 (140) vs. Werribee Tigers 11.21 (87)
 Box Hill Hawks 12.13 (85) vs. **Tasmania 13.10 (88)**
Northern Bullants 16.11 (107) vs. Coburg Tigers 15.14 (104)

Round 3

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Tasmania 18.17 (125) vs. Geelong 15.11 (101)
Williamstown 24.7 (151) vs. Port Melbourne 17.12 (114)
Northern Bullants 20.8 (128) vs. Collingwood 12.5 (77)
 Coburg Tigers 13.13 (91) vs. **North Ballarat 13.14 (92)**
Casey Scorpions 18.14 (122) vs. Box Hill Hawks 13.11 (89)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Sandringham 13.12 (90) vs. **Frankston 15.12 (102)**
Werribee Tigers 17.13 (115) vs. Bendigo Bombers 14.11 (95)

Round 4

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Geelong 16.16 (112) vs. Williamstown 12.8 (80)
Northern Bullants 11.18 (84) vs. Tasmania 10.14 (74)
Port Melbourne 24.11 (155) vs. Coburg Tigers 15.17 (107)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

Frankston 12.11 (83) vs. **Collingwood 15.10 (100)**
North Ballarat 19.9 (123) vs. Werribee Tigers 13.16 (94)
 Box Hill Hawks 11.10 (76) vs. **Sandringham 25.14 (164)**
 Bendigo Bombers 14.8 (92) vs. **Casey Scorpions 20.13 (133)**

Round 5

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 (ANZAC DAY)

Coburg Tigers 11.13 (79) vs. Box Hill Hawks 10.7 (67)
Tasmania 17.9 (111) vs. Casey Scorpions 13.14 (92)

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Sandringham 24.15 (159) vs. Bendigo Bombers 13.11 (89)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Williamstown 17.21 (123) vs. North Ballarat 15.16 (106)
 Northern Bullants 12.15 (87) vs. **Werribee Tigers 15.13 (103)**

SATURDAY, MAY 3

Port Melbourne 15.19 (109) vs. Frankston 7.9 (51)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

Collingwood 10.7 (67) vs. **Geelong 19.9 (123)**

Round 6

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Coburg Tigers 17.19 (121) vs. Collingwood 10.8 (68)
 Box Hill Hawks 13.12 (90) vs. **Geelong 16.8 (104)**
North Ballarat 18.7 (115) vs. Tasmania 9.12 (66)
Werribee Tigers 16.19 (115) vs. Port Melbourne 15.10 (100)
 Bendigo Bombers 12.11 (83) vs. Frankston 11.14 (80)

SUNDAY, MAY 11

Williamstown 19.16 (130) vs. Sandringham 9.12 (66)
Casey Scorpions 25.14 (164) vs. Northern Bullants 6.10 (46)

Round 7

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Tasmania vs. Sandringham *Aurora Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Geelong vs. Coburg Tigers *MCG* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Casey Scorpions vs. Collingwood *Casey Fields* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Frankton vs. Werribee Tigers *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. North Ballarat *NAB Oval* 2pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Port Melbourne *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Williamstown *QE Oval* 2pm

Round 8

SATURDAY, MAY 24

Williamstown vs. Box Hill Hawks *Burbank Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Casey Scorpions *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Collingwood *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, MAY 25

North Ballarat vs. Geelong *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Bendigo Bombers *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 Frankton vs. Tasmania *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Northern Bullants *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

SANFL vs. VFL - State Representative Match

SATURDAY, MAY 31 - Adelaide Oval, SA

Round 9

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

North Ballarat vs. Frankston *AUSTAR Arena* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Williamstown *Princes Park* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Port Melbourne *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Casey Scorpions vs. Geelong *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Collingwood *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Coburg Tigers *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Box Hill Hawks vs. Bendigo Bombers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm

Round 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Casey Scorpions vs. Sandringham *Casey Fields* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Collingwood vs. Northern Bullants *Princes Park* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Coburg Tigers *West Park Oval* 1pm
 Port Melbourne vs. North Ballarat *TEAC Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

Williamstown vs. Frankston *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Werribee Tigers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Geelong *QE Oval* 2pm

Round 11

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Tasmania vs. Werribee Tigers *Bellerive Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Collingwood vs. Williamstown *Princes Park* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. North Ballarat *QE Oval* 7pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Sandringham vs. Port Melbourne *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Frankton vs. Box Hill Hawks *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 Geelong vs. Northern Bullants *Skilled Stadium* 2pm

Round 12

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Geelong vs. Tasmania *Skilled Stadium* 1pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Collingwood *Box Hill City Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 North Ballarat vs. Williamstown *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Frankton vs. Coburg Tigers *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Bendigo Bombers *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Port Melbourne *NAB Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Sandringham *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

Round 13

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Port Melbourne vs. Bendigo Bombers *TEAC Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 6

North Ballarat vs. Sandringham *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. Frankston *Princes Park* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Casey Scorpions *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Coburg Tigers *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Northern Bullants *Bellerive Oval* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Geelong *Bartercard Oval* 2pm

Round 14

SATURDAY, JULY 12

Geelong vs. Box Hill Hawks *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Werribee Tigers vs. Frankston *Bartercard Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Tasmania *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Williamstown *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Port Melbourne *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Bendigo Bombers vs. Northern Bullants *QE Oval* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. North Ballarat *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 15

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Geelong vs. North Ballarat *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Northern Bullants vs. Box Hill Hawks *NAB Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Werribee Tigers vs. Casey Scorpions *Bartercard Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Coburg Tigers *Burbank Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Tasmania *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

SATURDAY, JULY 26

Frankston vs. Port Melbourne *Frankston Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Collingwood vs. Bendigo Bombers *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 16

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

Geelong vs. Collingwood *Skilled Stadium* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Casey Scorpions *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Werribee Tigers *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. Williamstown *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

North Ballarat vs. Coburg Tigers *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Bendigo Bombers *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Sandringham *Princes Park* 2pm

Round 17

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Tasmania vs. Frankston *Aurora Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Collingwood vs. Werribee Tigers *Princes Park* 1pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Box Hill Hawks *QE Oval* (ABC TV) 1:10pm

Port Melbourne vs. Williamstown *TEAC Oval* 2pm

Coburg Tigers vs. Northern Bullants *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Casey Scorpions vs. North Ballarat *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. Geelong *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm

Round 18

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Collingwood vs. Tasmania *Princes Park* (ABC TV) 1:10pm
 Coburg Tigers vs. Sandringham *ABD Group Stadium* 2pm
 North Ballarat vs. Northern Bullants *AUSTAR Arena* 2pm
 Werribee Tigers vs. Box Hill Hawks *Bartercard Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Bendigo Bombers *Burbank Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Geelong vs. Port Melbourne *Skilled Stadium* 1pm
 Frankston vs. Casey Scorpions *Frankston Oval* 2pm

Round 19

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Port Melbourne vs. Collingwood *TEAC Oval* 1pm
 Box Hill Hawks vs. Williamstown *Box Hill City Oval* 2pm
 Casey Scorpions vs. Coburg Tigers *Casey Fields* 2pm
 Frankston vs. Sandringham *Frankston Oval* 2pm
 Northern Bullants vs. Geelong *NAB Oval* 2pm
 Tasmania vs. North Ballarat *Bellerive Oval* 2pm
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Werribee Tigers *QE Oval* 2pm

Round 20

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Geelong vs. Frankston *Skilled Stadium* (AFL C/R) 10:40am
 Bendigo Bombers vs. Coburg Tigers *Windy Hill* 2pm
 Collingwood vs. Casey Scorpions *Princes Park* 2pm
 Port Melbourne vs. Northern Bullants *TEAC Oval* 2pm
 Sandringham vs. North Ballarat *Trevor Barker Beach Oval* 2pm
 Williamstown vs. Werribee Tigers *Burbank Oval* 2pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Tasmania vs. Box Hill Hawks *Bellerive Oval* 2pm

VFL Round 6 action



Alister Neville tries to escape the clutches of his Geelong opponent.



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Geelong skipper James Byrne sends the Cats into attack.



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Friday, 16th May

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Hawthorn v Port Adelaide
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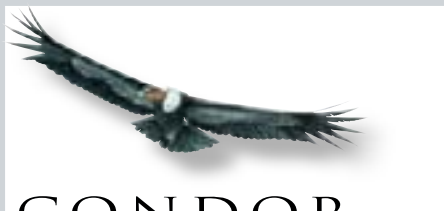


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