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SUNS 2024 AFL SQUAD



Fourth Row: Ben Ainsworth, Ben Long, Rory Atkins, Alex Sexton, Bailey Humphrey, Jy Farrar, Wil Powell, Alex Davies, Brayden Florini, Malcolm Rosas Jnr, Connor Budarick, Darcy Macpherson

Third Row: Sam Day, Ethan Read, Levi Casbault, Charlie Ballard, Ben King, Jack Lukosius, Ned Moyle, Mac Andrew, Jed Walter, Caleb Graham, Joel Jeffrey, Sandy Brock, Brandon Ellis

Second Row: Lachie Weller, Sean Lemmens, Nick Holman, Noah Anderson (Vice-Captain), Touk Miller (Captain), Damien Hardwick (Coach), Jarrod Witts (Captain), Sam Collins (Vice-Captain), David Swallow, Matt Rowell, Sam Flanders

First Row: Oskar Faulkhead, Jake Rogers, Tom Berry, James Tsitas, Will Graham, Lloyd Johnston, Hewago Oea, Bodhi Uwland, Sam Clohesy, Will Rowlands, Jack Mahony

SUNS 2024 AFL FIXTURE



OPENING ROUND v RICHMOND



3:20PM, March 9

People First Stadium

ROUND 1 v ADELAIDE



7:10PM, March 16

People First Stadium

ROUND 2 v WESTERN BULLDOGS



12:00PM, March 24

Mars Stadium

ROUND 4 v GWS GIANTS



12:30PM, April 7

Adelaide Hills

ROUND 5 v HAWTHORN



7:30PM, April 13

People First Stadium

ROUND 6 v SYDNEY SWANS



1:00PM, April 21

SCG

ROUND 7 v WEST COAST



1:00PM, April 28

People First Stadium

ROUND 8 v BRISBANE LIONS



7:10PM, May 5

Gabba

ROUND 9 v NORTH MELBOURNE



7:30PM, May 11

TIO Stadium

ROUND 10 v GEELONG



7:30PM, May 16

TIO Stadium

ROUND 11 v CARLTON



1:45PM, May 25

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 12 v ESSENDON



4:00PM, June 2

People First Stadium

ROUND 13 v ST KILDA



7:30PM, June 8

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 15 v FREMANTLE DOCKERS



2:00PM, June 23

Optus Stadium

ROUND 16 v COLLINGWOOD



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 17 v NORTH MELBOURNE



TBC

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 18 v PORT ADELAIDE



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 19 v GWS GIANTS



TBC

Giants Stadium

ROUND 20 v BRISBANE LIONS



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 21 v WEST COAST



TBC

Optus Stadium

ROUND 22 v ESSENDON



TBC

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 23 v MELBOURNE



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 24 v RICHMOND



TBC

MCG







BYE ROUNDS: RD3 & RD14

*ALL TIMES LOCAL

SUNS 2024 VFL FIXTURE



ROUND 1 v RICHMOND		
	11:05AM, March 23	People First Stadium
ROUND 3 v BOX HILL HAWKS		
	2:30PM, April 13	People First Stadium
ROUND 4 v SYDNEY SWANS		
	9:35AM, April 21	Tramway Oval
ROUND 5 v PORT MELBOURNE		
	11:05AM, April 27	ETU Stadium
ROUND 6 v BRISBANE LIONS		
	12:05PM, May 5	Brighton Homes Arena
ROUND 7 v SOUTHPORT SHARKS		
	1:05PM, May 12	People First Stadium
ROUND 9 v CARLTON		
	10:25AM, May 25	IKON Park
ROUND 10 v WERRIBEE		
	12:15PM, June 2	People First Stadium
ROUND 11 v SANDRINGHAM		
	12:05PM, June 8	RSEA Park
ROUND 13 v ESSENDON		
	11:05AM, June 22	People First Stadium
ROUND 14 v FRANKSTON		
	TBC	Kinetic Stadium
ROUND 15 v WILLIAMSTOWN		
	TBC	People First Stadium

ROUND 16 v RICHMOND		
	TBC	TBC
ROUND 17 v GWS		
	TBC	TBC
ROUND 18 v BRISBANE LIONS		
	TBC	People First Stadium
ROUND 19 v COBURG LIONS		
	TBC	People First Stadium
ROUND 20 v ESSENDON		
	TBC	TBC
ROUND 21 v CASEY DEMONS		
	TBC	People First Stadium

BYE ROUNDS: RD2, RD8, RD12

*ALL TIMES LOCAL

Chairman - Bob East

East has more than 20 years' experience in the tourism, hospitality and property industry. He established the Mantra Group with a core group of executives under a private equity model in 2006. Over 12 years the Mantra Group was developed into the largest Australian-based hotel company, growing from 41 properties in 2006 to

more than 140 properties in 2018. He has chaired Tourism Australia, Tourism Events Qld and co-chaired the ASEAN business and tourism summit. He is an inaugural SUNS board member, was inducted as a Gold Coast Life Member in 2020, and replaced Tony Cochrane as chairman in 2023.



CEO - Mark Evans

A senior leader in professional sport, Evans was appointed Gold Coast's CEO in 2017 after working as a successful administrator at Hawthorn and with the AFL as the competition's football operations manager for four years. Under his leadership, the Gold Coast SUNS were successful in acquiring an AFLW license in the first

round of competition expansion. As a business the Gold Coast SUNS have set consecutive membership records under Evans and grown its commercial profile in the industry. Evans and East played key roles in landing Damien Hardwick as the club's Senior Coach.



GM Football Performance - Wayne Campbell

After a decorated playing career with Richmond which included 297 games, four club best and fairests and two All-Australian selections, Wayne Campbell moved into coaching and administration in the AFL industry. His experience includes coaching, strategy and management, serving as the Head of Umpiring at the

AFL and the Giants' General Manager of Football for four years which included the 2019 AFL Grand Final. In his role at the SUNS, Campbell oversees the football department and works closely with Senior Coach Damien Hardwick.



GOLD COAST SUNS BOARD

Simon Bennett

Simon joined OMB Solicitors in 1996 as an Associate and then became a Partner of the firm in 1999. He is a QLS Accredited Specialist in Property Law and also specialises in Commercial Leasing including providing structuring advice, drafting all forms of contracts and agreements. Simon was elected as the Gold Coast Ambassador from

2002 to 2004, is the chairman of The Southport School (TSS) Audit and Risk Committee and former chairman of the Gold Coast Community Fund. He joined the GC SUNS board in May 2016.



Martin Rowland

Martin has been self-employed since the age of 22 when he started a civil construction company in Melbourne. Originally focussed in building backbone infrastructure in the telecommunication sector, Martin's business expanded into other utility sectors. Having

been involved with the GC SUNS as a sponsor and corporate member since its inception, Martin joined the board in May 2016.



Damien Walker

Damien Walker was appointed to the SUNS board at the commencement of season 2022. Damien is an experienced executive who has a broad background in strategic planning, industry development and public policy. He was formerly Director-General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure,

Local Government and Planning, in the Queensland Government. Damien has also served on a number of boards in the areas of economic development, trade and investment.



Kurt Tippett

Originally from the Gold Coast, Kurt had a decorated 11-year AFL career with the Adelaide Crows and Sydney Swans, playing 178 games across both clubs. His career highlights include winning the leading goalkicker award at Adelaide in 2010, and Sydney in 2013. After retiring from AFL football, Kurt has forged a career in

property and business development in the Gold Coast region. He also spent time with the SUNS in 2021 as a part-time ruck coach. Kurt has a Master of Commerce degree from Sydney University and joined the SUNS board in 2023.



Jess Mellor

Jess joined the SUNS board in 2023 and is currently Chief Operating Officer for The Star Entertainment Group on the Gold Coast, a position she has held since June 2019. Jess has risen through the ranks in key roles at large scale integrated resort projects, earning herself the highly acclaimed award of AFR BOSS Young

Executive of the Year in 2021. Jess holds a number of qualifications, including an Executive Masters in Business Administration, a Bachelor of Property and Sustainable Development, has graduated from the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is currently studying a Bachelor of Laws.



Mark Witheriff

Mark joined the Gold Coast SUNS board in 2023 as one of the most prominent commercial property agents on the Gold Coast, with over 25 years of experience. Currently serving as Managing Director of CBRE's Gold Coast office, Mark is known for his unsurpassed track record in the sale of major assets on the Gold Coast,

and has successfully sold over \$2bn in commercial property in the region. Mark has lived and built business networks in South-East Asia and still travels extensively throughout the region, including China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Korea.



Helen Edwards

Helen Edwards joined the Gold Coast SUNS Board of Directors in June 2023. Helen has two decades of experience in the audit and assurance industry on the Gold Coast, working as a Senior Audit Manager for Crowe Australasia, and more recently as Founder and Managing Director at Solitaire Audit Solutions.

In addition to running her own practice, Helen is currently contracted with the Queensland Audit Office as the Investigations Manager - Parliamentary Services Department. Helen is Chair of the Finance and Audit subcommittee for the Gold Coast SUNS board.



Senior Coach - Damien Hardwick

Senior Coach Damien Hardwick joined the SUNS at the end of 2023 and boasts an esteemed record as both a coach and player. He played 207 games at Essendon and Port Adelaide, winning a Best and Fairest and the 2000 flag with the Bombers before also tasting premiership success with the Power in 2004. He transitioned into the

coaching space in 2005, firstly as an Assistant at Hawthorn and was appointed to the Richmond Senior Coach position in August 2009. Hardwick led the Tigers across 14 AFL seasons during which time he coached Richmond to eight finals series including premierships in 2017, 2019 and 2020 and was named AFLCA Coach of the Year in 2017.



Assistant Coach (Midfield): Shaun Grigg

Shaun Grigg joined the SUNS as an assistant coach at the end of 2023 after spending four years with Geelong as both a Development Coach (2019-21) and Assistant Coach (2021-23), helping the Cats to claim the 2022 Premiership in that time. As a player, Grigg tallied 214

games with both Carlton and Richmond. He played nine seasons under Damien Hardwick at Richmond, including the Tigers' 2017 Premiership.



Assistant Coach (Defence): Josh Drummond

Josh Drummond has been with the SUNS since the 2019 season, serving in the various roles of Assistant Coach, Defence and Tackling Coach and VFL Head Coach where he guided the club to its first VFL Premiership in 2023. Following a 94-game career at the Brisbane Lions, Drummond joined former teammate Brad Scott at

North Melbourne where he coached for six seasons in a variety of roles. He initially joined the Kangaroos as a Development Coach before moving into an Assistant Coach role where at different times, he oversaw both the defensive and midfield groups.



Assistant Coach (Forwards): Brad Miller

Brad Miller joined the SUNS ahead of the 2022 season after most recently working as the Director of Coaching at Sydney University. Prior to that, he spent six years at the GWS Giants, overseeing the club's exciting forward line and forming part of the coaching structure which took the Giants to its first AFL Grand Final in 2019. Miller

has also spent time at the Melbourne Football Club as a development coach for two seasons before joining the Giants. Originally calling Brisbane home, Miller had a 157-game career with Melbourne and Richmond spanning 11 years from 2002-12 after being drafted from the Mt Gravatt Football Club.



VFL Head Coach & Head Of Development: Tate Kaesler

Tate Kaesler came to the SUNS prior to the 2019 AFL season after serving ten years at the Adelaide Crows. In his time at the SUNS Kaesler has worked as a Development Coach, Assistant Coach and VFL Coach. Having played for SANFL clubs North Adelaide and Sturt, Kaesler retired in 2007 and immediately

served as an assistant coach for the Under 20 South Australian State Team before joining the Crows in a development role the year after. In his time at the Crows, Kaesler held roles in recruiting, development and team defence.



Development Coach: Nick Malceski

Nick Malceski returned to the SUNS at the end of 2023 after stints with the club as both a player and coach previously. Malceski was on the coaching panel from 2017-2020 as both a Development Coach and the club's NEAFL Coach. As a player Malceski reached 210 games, with 176 for the Sydney Swans - including the

2012 Premiership, and 34 games in two seasons for the SUNS at the end of his career. He was named the AFLQ Senior Coach of the Year in 2021. Malceski currently occupies the role of Development Coach, working closely with the younger players and the VFL squad on game days.



Development Coach: Richard Douglas

Douglas joined the SUNS in 2023 having held positions as Director of Football at St Peters College and midfield coach at SANFL outfit Glenelg following an esteemed playing career. He retired in 2019 as a one-club player having played 246 games for the Adelaide Crows which

included a Malcolm Blight Medal in 2020. Douglas works closely on developing the club's youngest players alongside Tate Kaesler and Nick Malceski.



GM - Player Talent & Strategy: Craig Cameron

Craig Cameron has been in the football industry since 1995, working with Fremantle and then the Melbourne Demons. After 10 years at Melbourne, Cameron moved to become Richmond's List Manager in 2008, then took on the role as General Manager of Football at the Tigers from 2009-2013, where he played a role in hiring Damien Hardwick as

Richmond's Senior Coach. In 2016, Cameron joined the GWS Giants as List Manager before joining the Gold Coast SUNS in 2017 as General Manager of List & Strategy. In his current role as GM - Player Talent & Strategy, Cameron oversees the recruiting and list management department for both AFL and AFLW.



National Recruiting Manager: Kall Burns

Kall Burns was one of the Gold Coast SUNS' first-ever staff members, originally volunteering as a sports scientist in 2010. In his time at the club, Burns has held several roles including football analysis, opposition scouting and recruiting. In 2018 Burns was promoted to National Recruiting Manager, overseeing the club's

recruiting department across Australia. Burns and his team monitor the top SUNS Academy prospects alongside the best underage talent in the country to identify players for the club to target in each year's National and Rookie drafts.



Director Of Coaching - Academy: Rhyce Shaw

Rhyce Shaw joined the club prior to the 2021 AFL season as the Head of Development after stints at both North Melbourne and the Sydney Swans. Following three seasons as an Assistant Coach at the Swans, including being named as NEAFL Coach of the Year in 2018, Shaw was appointed an Assistant Coach at North Melbourne in

2018, before rising to interim Head Coach in 2019. Shaw was appointed North Melbourne's Senior Coach for the 2020 season. At the end of 2023, Shaw was promoted to the position of Director of Coaching - Academy, where he will oversee the development of coaches coming through the SUNS Academy regions.



Executive Team

Chief Commercial Officer & Deputy CEO: Simon Fitzgibbon

Chief Financial Officer: Michael Mallinson

GM - Commercial: Andrew Thomas

GM - Football Performance: Wayne Campbell

GM - Player Talent & Strategy: Craig Cameron

GM - Media, Communications & Digital: Thomas Beverley

Acting GM - Consumer & Community: Dominique Burgess

GM - People & Organisational Development: Megan Green

GM - People First Stadium: Tim Carey

Key Football Support Staff

High Performance Manager: Alex Rigby

Head Physiotherapist: Lindsay Bull

Club Doctors: Barry Rigby, Luke Eggleston, James McDougall

Football Operations Manager: Darcie Finlayson

Performance Director: Peter Berbakov

Gold Coast Talent Academy: Kath Newman, John Deitz, Jarrod Cotton, Casey Haw, Jess Sedunary, Lachlan Sosinski

Season By Season Record

Year	Played	Won	Lost	%	Position
2023	23	9	14	91.7	15 th
2022	22	10	12	102.8	12 th
2021	22	7	15	76.8	16 th
2020	17	5	11	90.1	14 th
2019	22	3	19	60.5	18 th
2018	22	4	18	60	17 th
2017	22	6	16	76	17 th
2016	22	6	16	78.2	15 th
2015	22	4	17	72.9	16 th
2014	22	10	12	93.7	12 th
2013	22	8	14	91.7	14 th
2012	22	3	19	60.1	17 th
2011	22	3	19	56.3	17 th

Leadership Group

- 2011:** Gary Ablett (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Campbell Brown, Maverick Weller, Michael Rischitelli, Marc Lock, Zac Smith, Daniel Harris
- 2012:** Gary Ablett (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli, Karmichael Hunt, Andrew McQualter, Zac Smith, David Swallow
- 2013:** Gary Ablett (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli
- 2014:** Gary Ablett (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli (vc), David Swallow (vc), Dion Prestia (vc), Tom Lynch (vc)
- 2015:** Gary Ablett (c), Michael Rischitelli, Nick Malceski, David Swallow, Dion Prestia, Tom Lynch
- 2016:** Gary Ablett (c), Tom Lynch (vc), Steven May (vc), Dion Prestia (vc), Michael Rischitelli, Nick Malceski, Jarrod Harbrow, Matt Rosa, David Swallow, Jaeger O'Meara
- 2017:** Tom Lynch (c), Steven May (c), Michael Rischitelli, Matt Rosa, David Swallow, Michael Barlow, Touk Miller
- 2018:** Tom Lynch (c), Steven May (c), Touk Miller, Jarrod Witts, David Swallow, Michael Barlow, Matt Rosa, Pearce Hanley
- 2019:** David Swallow (c), Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (vc), Pearce Hanley (vc), Alex Sexton, Jarrod Harbrow, Brayden Fiorini, George Hortlin-Smith
- 2020:** David Swallow (c), Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (vc), Sam Collins, Brayden Fiorini, Alex Sexton
- 2021:** David Swallow (c), Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (vc), Sam Collins (vc)
- 2022:** Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (c), Sam Collins (vc), David Swallow, Noah Anderson, Nick Holman, Sean Lemmens
- 2023:** Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (c), Sam Collins (vc), David Swallow, Noah Anderson, Nick Holman, Sean Lemmens
- 2024:** Jarrod Witts (c), Touk Miller (c), Sam Collins (vc), Noah Anderson (vc)

Club Administrators

Year	Chairman	CEO	Senior Coach	Captain/s
2024	Bob East	Mark Evans	Damien Hardwick	Jarrod Witts/Touk Miller
2023	Tony Cochrane/Bob East	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew/Steven King	Jarrod Witts/Touk Miller
2022	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew	Jarrod Witts/Touk Miller
2021	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew	David Swallow/Jarrod Witts
2020	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew	David Swallow/Jarrod Witts
2019	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew	David Swallow/Jarrod Witts
2018	Tony Cochrane	Mark Evans	Stuart Dew	Tom Lynch/Steven May
2017	Tony Cochrane	Andrew Travis/Mark Evans	Rodney Eade/Dean Solomon	Tom Lynch/Steven May
2016	John Witheriff/Tony Cochrane	Andrew Travis	Rodney Eade	Gary Ablett Jnr
2015	John Witheriff	Andrew Travis	Rodney Eade	Gary Ablett Jnr
2014	John Witheriff	Andrew Travis/Travis Auld	Guy McKenna	Gary Ablett Jnr
2013	John Witheriff	Travis Auld	Guy McKenna	Gary Ablett Jnr
2012	John Witheriff	Travis Auld	Guy McKenna	Gary Ablett Jnr
2011	John Witheriff	Travis Auld	Guy McKenna	Gary Ablett Jnr

Individual Records

BOLD DENOTES CURRENT SUNS PLAYER

Games Records

220	David Swallow	2011 –
192	Jarrod Harbrow	2011 – 2021
173	Touk Miller	2015 –
166	Alex Sexton	2012 –
150	Sam Day	2011 –
145	Sean Lemmens	2014 –
132	Michael Rischitelli	2011 – 2019
131	Tom Lynch	2011 – 2018
125	Jarrod Witts	2017 –
123	Steven May	2011 – 2018

Most games as captain/acting captain

96	Gary Ablett Jnr	2011 – 2016
86	Jarrod Witts	2018 –
60	David Swallow	2014; 2018 – 2021
38	Steven May	2016 – 2018
37	Tom Lynch	2014 – 2018
36	Touk Miller	2021 –

Goals records (GC SUNS)

254	Tom Lynch	2011 – 2018
162	Alex Sexton	2012 –
129	Ben King	2019 –
124	Gary Ablett Jnr	2011 – 2017
124	Brandon Matera	2011 – 2017

Most goals in a match

8.1	Tom Lynch	v Carl, R2 2018
7.2	Charlie Dixon	v NM, R14 2015,
7.0	Tom Lynch	v Carl, R4 2017,
6.3	Harley Bennell	v Geel, R14 2014,
6.2	Alex Sexton	v NM, R23 2022
6.2	Charlie Dixon	v GWS, R5 2013
6.2	Charlie Dixon	v Bris, R5 2015
6.0	Brandon Matera	v Haw, R3 2017
5.2	Jack Lukosius	v Geel, R3 2023
5.2	Tom Lynch	v Bris, R19 2015
5.2	Tom Lynch	v Bris, R4 2016
5.1	Ben King	v Syd, R6 2021
5.1	Ben King	v Bris, R20 2023

Head-to-Head Records

Opponent	Record (W-L-D)	Highest Score	Lowest Score	Largest Winning Margin	Largest Losing Margin	Most Recent Win	Last Five
Adelaide	18 (3-15)	18.8 (116) (R14 2022)	18.11 (119) (R10, 2014)	53 (R3, 2020)	95 (R17, 2019)	R12, 2023	LWWLW
Brisbane	25 (7-18)	22.7 (139) (R16 2016)	6.7 (43) (R16, 2020)	64 (R5, 2015)	91 (R21, 2019)	R20, 2023	WLLLL
Carlton	18 (7-11)	17.6 (108) (R4 2017)	4.3 (27) (R13, 2020)	54 (R3, 2016)	119 (R2, 2011)	R4, 2022	LLWWL
Collingwood	14 (3-11)	14.6 (90) (R7 2022)	5.12 (42) (R16, 2023)	24 (R7, 2021)	97 (R10, 2012)	R7, 2021	LLLLW
Essendon	14 (2-1-11)	17.19 (121) (R1 2016)	4.6 (30) (R22, 2021)	61 (R1, 2016)	139 (R6, 2011)	R1, 2016	LLLDL
Fremantle	14 (5-9)	19.12 (126) (R2 2016)	5.9 (39) (R2, 2014)	36 (R9, 2022)	50 (R15, 2011)	R9, 2022	LWLWW
Geelong	15 (3-12)	18.16 (124) (R7 2017)	4.12 (36) (R11, 2018)	40 (R14, 2014)	150 (R20, 2011)	R3, 2023	WLLLL
GWS	17 (5-12)	21.22 (148) (R5 2013)	4.2 (26) (R12, 2018)	83 (R23, 2013)	108 (R12, 2018)	R17, 2021	LLWLL
Hawthorn	17 (5-12)	21.13 (139) (R3 2017)	6.4 (40) (R9, 2015)	86 (R3, 2017)	99 (R4, 2014)	R15, 2023	WLWWL
Melbourne	17 (3-14)	16.18 (114) (R7 2013)	4.6 (30) (R20, 2021)	60 (R7, 2013)	98 (R20, 2021)	R5, 2014	LLLLL
North Melb	19 (10-9)	19.11 (125) (R14 2015)	7.13 (55) (R1, 2018)	63 (R14, 2020)	59 (R12, 2011)	R6, 2023	LWWWL
Port Adelaide	15 (1-14)	15.14 (104) (R5 2011)	3.2 (20) (R23, 2017)	3 (R5, 2011)	115 (R23, 2017)	R5, 2011	LLLLL
Richmond	13 (6-7)	15.7 (97) (R12, 2016)	4.8 (32) (R12, 2020)	24 (R7, 2023)	92 (R16, 2019)	R7, 2023	WWWLL
St Kilda	18 (5-13)	15.10 (100) (R6, 2021)	7.5 (47) (R2, 2012)	53 (R19, 2014)	95 (R11, 2012)	R18, 2023	WLLLL
Sydney	16 (4-12)	17.11 (113) (R19, 2013)	4.12 (36) (R16, 2011)	40 (R6, 2021)	87 (R23, 2021)	R8, 2022	LLWLW
West Coast	16 (5-1-10)	16.17 (113) (R9, 2023)	5.10 (40) (R14, 2012)	70 (R9, 2023)	126 (R14, 2012)	R9, 2023	WWWLW
West Bulldogs	16 (4-12)	18.11 (119) (R10, 2014)	4.10 (34) (R8, 2012)	45 (R10, 2014)	71 (R3, 2011)	R11, 2023	WLLLL

SCORING RECORDS

Highest Scores (Game)

21.22 (148)	v GWS Giants	R5 2013, UNSW
22.14 (146)	v GWS Giants	R23 2013, People First Stadium
22.7 (139)	v Brisbane	R16 2016, People First Stadium
21.13 (139)	v Hawthorn	R3 2017, People First Stadium
20.14 (134)	v GWS Giants	R6 2014, People First Stadium
19.12 (126)	v Fremantle	R2 2016, Subiaco Oval
19.11 (125)	v St Kilda	R9 2014, Marvel Stadium
19.11 (125)	v North Melb	R14 2015, People First Stadium
18.16 (124)	v Brisbane	R7 2011, Gabba
18.16 (124)	v Geelong	R7 2017, People First Stadium
17.19 (121)	v Essendon	R1 2016, People First Stadium
18.11 (120)	v North Melb	R7 2014, Marvel Stadium
18.11 (119)	v W Bulldogs	R10, 2014, People First Stadium
17.16 (118)	v Geelong	R14 2014, People First Stadium
18.10 (118)	v Brisbane	R5 2015, People First Stadium

Highest Scores (Quarter)

1st quarter	8.4 (52)	v St Kilda, R9 2014, Marvel Stadium
2nd quarter	8.5 (53)	v West Coast, R9 2023, Optus Stadium
3rd quarter	10.2 (62)	v Hawthorn, R3 2017, People First Stadium
4th quarter	8.4 (52)	v GWS Giants, R5 2013, Manuka Oval

Largest Winning Margins

86 points	v Hawthorn	R3 2017, People First Stadium
83 points	v GWS Giants	R23 2013, People First Stadium
70 points	v West Coast	R9 2023, Optus Stadium
67 points	v Hawthorn	R11 2022, TIO Stadium
67 points	v North Melb	R23 2022, Marvel Stadium
67 points	v Hawthorn	R15 2023, People First Stadium
64 points	v Brisbane	R5 2015, People First Stadium
63 points	v North Melb	R14 2020, People First Stadium
62 points	v North Melb	R12 2022, TIO Stadium

club champion

Year	Club Champion	Runner-Up	Third Place
2023	Noah Anderson	Sam Collins	Matt Rowell
2022	Touk Miller	Noah Anderson	David Swallow
2021	Touk Miller	Wil Powell	David Swallow
2020	Sam Collins	Touk Miller	Jarrow Witts
2019	Jarrold Witts	David Swallow	Darcy Macpherson
2018	Jarrold Harbrow	Touk Miller	Lachie Weller
2017	Gary Ablett Jnr	David Swallow	Jack Martin
2016	Tom Lynch	Jarrold Harbrow	Jack Martin
2015	Tom Lynch	Kade Kolodjashnij	Steven May
2014	David Swallow	Tom Lynch	Dion Prestia
2013	Gary Ablett Jnr	Dion Prestia	Jaegar O'Meara
2012	Gary Ablett Jnr	Harley Bennell	Danny Stanley
2011	Gary Ablett Jnr	Nathan Bock	Michael Rischitelli



2023 SUNS Club Champion top 3:
Matt Rowell, Noah Anderson, Sam
Collins (L to R).

Players' Player

2023 – Matt Rowell
 2022 – Touk Miller
 2021 – Touk Miller
 2020 – David Swallow, Touk Miller
 2019 – David Swallow, Touk Miller
 2018 – Jarrod Harbrow
 2017 – David Swallow
 2016 – Jarrod Harbrow
 2015 – Tom Lynch
 2014 – Steven May
 2013 – Danny Stanley
 2012 – Kyal Horsley
 2011 – Michael Rischitelli

Emerging Player

2023 – Sam Flanders
 2022 – Noah Anderson
 2021 – Jeremy Sharp
 2020 – Noah Anderson
 2019 – Charlie Ballard
 2018 – Alex Sexton
 2017 – Jesse Joyce
 2016 – Peter Wright
 2015 – Kade Kolodjashnij
 2014 – Steven May
 2013 – Rory Thompson
 2012 – Harley Bennell
 2011 – Karmichael Hunt

Most Professional

2023 – Levi Casbault
 2022 – Ben Ainsworth
 2021 – Brayden Fiorini
 2020 – Touk Miller
 2019 – Jack Bowes
 2018 – Darcy Macpherson
 2017 – Michael Barlow
 2016 – Dan Currie
 2015 – Andrew Raines
 2014 – Michael Rischitelli
 2013 – Rory Thompson
 2012 – Kyal Horsley
 2011 – Michael Rischitelli

Leading Goalkicker

2023 – Ben King (40)
 2022 – Mabior Chol (44)
 2021 – Ben King (47)
 2020 – Ben King (25)
 2019 – Alex Sexton (39)
 2018 – Alex Sexton (28)
 2017 – Tom Lynch (44)
 2016 – Tom Lynch (66)
 2015 – Tom Lynch (43)
 2014 – Tom Lynch (46)
 2013 – Gary Ablett Jnr (28)
 2012 – Gary Ablett Jnr (26)
 2011 – Danny Stanley (20)

AWARD WINNERS

Jarrold Harbrow Community Award

2023 – Brodie McLaughlin
2022 – Not awarded
2021 – Jarrod Harbrow
2020 – Not awarded
2019 – Jarrod Harbrow
2018 – Jarrod Harbrow
2017 – Touk Miller, Peter Wright
2016 – Jarrod Harbrow
2015 – Tom Nicholls
2014 – Charlie Dixon
2013 – Zac Smith
2012 – Jarrod Harbrow
2011 – Alik Magin

SUNS Academy Player/s of the Year

2023 – Jed Walter & Kiara Bischa
2022 – Brinn Little & Alana Gee
2021 – Bodhi Umland & Teagan Levi
2020 – Not awarded
2019 – Connor Budarick & Ellie Hampson
2018 – Bailey Scott
2017 – Brayden Crossley

Life Members

2016 – John Witheriff
2016 – Bob Gordon
2016 – Dr Alan Mackenzie
2018 – Jarrod Harbrow
2019 – Michael Rischitelli
2020 – David Swallow
2020 – Bob East
2020 – Paul Scurrah
2021 – Alex Sexton
2022 – Touk Miller
2022 – Gary Ablett
2023 – Tony Cochrane
2023 – Sam Day
2023 – Rory Thompson

SUNS Academy AFL Graduates

- Andrew Boston
- Jarrad Ellis
- Bradley Scheer
- Max Spencer
- Connor Nutting
- Brayden Crossley
- Jesse Joyce
- Jack Bowes
- Lachie Weller
- Caleb Graham
- Jacob Dawson
- Jacob Heron
- Connor Budarick
- Malcolm Rosas Jnr
- Patrick Murtagh
- Matthew Conroy
- Hewago Oea
- Alex Davies
- Joel Jeffrey
- Aiden Fyfe
- Rhys Nicholls
- Lloyd Johnston
- Bodhi Umland
- Jed Walter
- Ethan Read
- Jake Rogers
- Will Graham
- Sam Clohesy

PLAYING LIST



#	Player Name	DOB	Debut	Recruited From	Games		Goals	
					2023	Career	2023	Career
2	Rory Atkins	12/7/1994	Rd 16, 2015	Maribyrnong Park/Calder Cannons U18/Adelaide	17	135	3	52
3	Sam Flanders	24/7/2001	Rd 11, 2020	Fish Creek/Gippsland U18	14	44	5	14
4	Brandon Ellis	3/8/1993	Rd 1, 2012	West Coburg (Vic)/Calder U18/Richmond	16	247	7	84
5	Alex Davies	18/3/2002	Rd 23, 2021	Cairns Hawks/SUNS Academy	9	25	1	9
6	Alex Sexton	3/12/1993	Rd 8, 2012	Springwood (Qld)/Redland (NEAFL)	8	166	5	162
7	Nick Holman	29/5/1995	Rd 22, 2014	Kyabram/Murray U18	19	110	13	62
8	Brayden Fiorini	22/8/1997	Rd 22, 2016	Greensborough (Vic)/Northern Knights U18	17	93	4	27
9	Ben Ainsworth	10/2/1998	Rd 1, 2017	Morwell (Vic)/Gippsland U18	21	117	21	98
10	Charlie Ballard	23/7/1999	Rd 7, 2018	Mitcham (SA)/Sturt (SANFL)	23	110	1	2
11	Touk Miller	22/2/1996	Rd 1, 2015	Maribyrnong Park (Vic)/Calder U18	13	173	4	51
12	Sam Day	6/9/1992	Rd 7, 2011	Mitcham Hawks (SA)/Sturt (SANFL)	3	150	1	107
13	Jack Lukosius	9/8/2000	Rd 1, 2019	Woodville West Torrens (SANFL)	22	95	39	56
14	Lachie Weller	23/2/1996	Rd 18, 2015	SUNS Academy/Southport/Broadbeach/Fremantle	9	136	0	45
15	Noah Anderson	17/2/2001	Rd 1, 2020	Oakleigh U18/Carey Grammar	23	81	14	29
16	Tom Berry	1/5/2000	Rd 2, 2020	Horsham Saints (Vic)/Ballarat Clarendon College (Vic)/GWV U18	6	26	0	3
17	Jed Walter	8/6/2005	NA	Palm Beach Currumbin/SUNS Academy	-	-	-	-
18	Matthew Rowell	1/7/2001	Rd 1, 2020	Oakleigh U18/Carey Grammar	23	62	7	17
19	Bailey Humphrey	11/9/2004	Rd 4, 2023	Moe (Vic)/Lowanna College (Vic)/Gippsland U18	19	19	11	11
20	Ethan Read	7/7/2005	NA	Palm Beach Currumbin/SUNS Academy	-	-	-	-
21	James Tsitas	3/3/1995	Rd 16, 2022	Grovedale (Vic)/Geelong U18/W-West Torrens (SANFL)	4	5	3	3
22	Ben Long	21/8/1997	Rd 4, 2017	St Marys (NT)/Melb Grammar (Vic)/Northern U18/Foots (VFL)	15	94	0	31
23	Sean Lemmens	2/11/1994	Rd 1, 2014	Salisbury (SA)/Port Adelaide (SANFL)	11	145	0	25
24	David Swallow	19/11/1992	Rd 2, 2011	Rossmoyne (WA)/East Fremantle (WAFL)	23	220	14	100
25	Sam Collins	15/6/1994	Rd 10, 2016	Donvale (Vic)/Oakleigh U18/Box Hill (VFL)	23	104	0	0
26	Will Graham	27/7/2005	NA	Palm Beach Currumbin/SUNS Academy	-	-	-	-
27	Wil Powell	26/8/1999	Rd 15, 2018	Scarborough (WA)/Claremont (WAFL)	18	87	0	13
28	Jarrold Wits	13/9/1992	Rd 6, 2013	St Ives (NSW)/Sydney University/Collingwood	21	165	4	33
29	Jake Rogers	2/3/2005	NA	Broadbeach (QLD)/SUNS Academy	-	-	-	-
30	Levi Casboul	15/3/1990	Rd 17, 2012	Carlton/Dandenong Stingrays (U18)	20	195	24	215
31	Mac Andrew	4/12/2003	Rd 20, 2022	Berwick (Vic)/St Joseph's School/Dandenong U18	17	21	0	0
32	Bodhi Umland	25/7/2003	Rd 1, 2023	Broadbeach (QLD)/SUNS Academy	3	3	0	0
33	Sam Clohesy	12/12/2002	NA	Calder Cannons U18/Werribee	-	-	-	-
34	Ben King	7/7/2000	Rd 9, 2019	Old Haileybury FC/Haileybury College	20	73	40	129
35	Connor Budarick	6/4/2001	Rd 1, 2020	Labrador/SUNS Academy	2	28	0	1
36	Will Rowlands	19/6/2005	NA	Southern Districts (NTFL)/Norwood (SA)	-	-	-	-
37	Oskar Faulkhead	11/2/2003	NA	Bendigo Pioneers/Vic Country	-	-	-	-
38	Lloyd Johnston	21/9/2004	Rd 23, 2023	NT Thunder/Wanderers/Allies U18/SUNS Academy	2	2	0	0
40	Joel Jeffrey	12/3/2002	Rd 20, 2021	NT Thunder/Wanderers/Allies U18/SUNS Academy	7	16	5	15
41	Malcolm Rosas Jnr	27/6/2001	Rd 9, 2021	NT Thunder (NEAFL)/Darwin Buffaloes (NTFL)/Allies (U18)	19	38	19	33
42	Jack Mahony	12/11/2001	Rd 4, 2020	St Kevin's College (Vic)/Sandringham U18/North Melbourne	2	44	0	18
44	Darcy Macpherson	29/10/1997	Rd 7, 2016	Diamond Creek (Vic)/Northern Knights (U18)	23	95	3	29
45	Sandy Brock	14/12/2002	NA	Palmerston (NT)/Peel Thunder (WAFL)	-	-	-	-
46	Caleb Graham	12/9/2000	Rd 21, 2019	Cairns Saints/Palm Beach Currumbin/SUNS Academy	0	37	0	0
47	Hewago Paul Oea	13/11/2001	Rd 16, 2022	SUNS Academy/Papua New Guinea/Allies U18	8	13	3	5
49	Ned Moyle	15/2/2002	Rd 4, 2023	Kew Rovers (Vic)/Xavier Coll/Oakleigh U18/Collingwood VFL	2	2	0	0
50	Jy Farrar	7/12/1996	Rd 18, 2018	Halls Creek/Hale School/North Wangaratta/Scotch OC/Adelaide (SANFL)	9	34	1	3

2 RORY ATKINS

Defender



3 SAM FLANDERS

Midfielder



Personal Info

DOB: 12/7/1994
Height: 185cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Rat
Name pronunciation: Raw-ree At-kins

Bio

Atkins is a versatile footballer who can play either as a rebounding half-back, on the wing or through the midfield. He was given more opportunity in 2023 and was able to play 17 AFL games for the club – his most in a season since crossing from the Adelaide Crows at the end of 2020. He is contracted until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Maribyrnong Park
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Calder Cannons U18; Vic Metro U16, U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 135
Goals: 52
Draft History: 2012 NAB AFL Draft 4th round selection (Adelaide) No. 81; 2020 unrestricted free agent (Gold Coast)
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 15
Debut: Round 16, 2015
Previous AFL Club/s: Adelaide (2015-20: 101 games, 47 goals)

- Became a father late in 2022 with the birth of daughter Daisy
- Bucket list includes a Super Bowl, NBA Finals and travelling the world
- Rory is the host of successful podcast *Chats with Rat*, which was launched in 2024 and is available on all major podcasting platforms.



Personal Info

DOB: 24/07/2001
Height: 182cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Ned
Name pronunciation: Sam Flanders

Bio

Flanders had a breakout 2023 season, playing 14 games and averaging 24 disposals per game (including an injury-affected seven-disposal game). The midfielder overcame a knee injury in Round 4 to break back into the team and demand more midfield minutes as the season wore on, going on to win the Heritage Bank Best Emerging Player Award. Flanders signed a four-year contract extension tying him to the club until the end of 2027.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Fish Creek
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland Power U18; Gippsland Power U18 Best & Fairest; All-Australian U16, U18 2019
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 44
Goals: 14
Draft History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 11
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 1; career votes 1
Debut: Round 11, 2020

- Flanders played basketball as a junior, representing Vic Country. He played against now SUNS teammate Noah Anderson
- He's one of three players at the club from Gippsland and is providing support to junior club Fish Creek after the club's facilities were damaged by vandals.



Personal Info

DOB: 03/08/1993
Height: 181cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Brando
Name pronunciation: Brand-in Ellis

Bio

Ellis is an experienced midfielder who possesses elite running capacity and can also play in defence if needed. Ellis is a two-time premiership player with Richmond and will reunite with former coach Damien Hardwick at the Gold Coast SUNS. Ellis is contracted until the end of 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: West Coburg
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Calder Cannons U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 247
Goals: 84
Draft History: 2011 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Richmond) No. 15; 2019 restricted free agent (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: Richmond Best & Fairest Runner-Up 2014; All-Australian nominee 2014; AFL Rising Star nominee 2012; Richmond premiership sides 2017, 2019
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 35
Debut: Round 1, 2012
Previous AFL Club/s: Richmond (2012-2019: 176 games, 58 goals)

- Can say the alphabet backwards
- Bucket list includes living in Bali, Burning Man and completing an Ironman



Personal Info

DOB: 18/03/2002
Height: 191cm
Home State: Queensland
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Japanese mother
Nickname: Al
Name Pronunciation: Alex Day-veez

Bio

Davies is a SUNS Academy product from Cairns who has been a reliable addition to Gold Coast's midfield in previous years. Now entering his fourth season, the midfielder has played 25 games and adds value with his big-bodied frame at stoppages. He is contracted until the end of 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Cairns Hawks, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 25
Goals: 9
Draft History: 2020 NAB AFL Draft pre-listed Academy selection (Gold Coast)
Debut: Round 23, 2021

- Davies is studying to become a pilot
- Was a junior representative basketball, captaining the Queensland U16 team
- Davies is a SUNS Academy product from Cairns



6 ALEX SEXTON

Defender



Personal Info

DOB: 03/12/1993

Height: 185cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Secco

Name pronunciation: Alex Sexton

Bio

While not playing the amount of AFL games he would have liked in recent years, Alex Sexton has remained an important player in the Gold Coast SUNS setup. Sexton has been with the club since 2012 and is second on the club's all-time goalkicking list behind Tom Lynch. The former crafty forward has been reinvented as a creative half-back in Damien Hardwick's new system and will be looking to add to his games tally in defence this season.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Springwood, Redland

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Queensland U16, U18

AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 166

Goals: 162

Draft History: 2011 NAB AFL Draft local talent access selection (Gold Coast) No. 88

AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS leading goalkicker 2018, 2019; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2019-20

Brownlow Medal: Career votes 3

Debut: Round 8, 2012

- Enjoys golf & fantasy football and his bucket list includes the Masters, Super Bowl and NBA Finals
- Married to wife Beck with a young daughter, Olivia



7 NICK HOLMAN

Forward



Personal Info

DOB: 29/05/1995

Height: 189cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Hollywood

Name pronunciation: Nick Hole-min

Bio

Holman played his 100th AFL game in 2023 and continues to be one of the club's heart and soul players. The hard-nosed forward brings relentless forward pressure and loves playing a selfless role for the team. Holman served his second year in the leadership group for the SUNS in 2023 and despite not having an official leadership role in 2024, will still be an important senior voice inside the club.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Kyabram

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Murray Bushrangers U18 (vice-captain); Vic Country U18; Vic Country joint-MVP 2013

AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 110

Goals: 62

Draft History: 2013 NAB AFL Draft 3rd round selection (Carlton) No. 51; 2018 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 19; 2020 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)

AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2022-23

Debut: Round 22, 2014

Previous AFL Club/s: Carlton (2014-15: 9 games; 0 goals)

- One of the toughest players on the SUNS list, Holman once unknowingly played three quarters of a match with a perforated bowel before spending the next nine days in hospital.
- Bucket lists includes winning a flag, seeing Conor McGregor fight live and going to Las Vegas.



Personal Info

DOB: 22/08/1997
Height: 186cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Brayds, Feta
Name Pronunciation: Brayden Fee-orr-ree-nee

Bio

Fiorini first joined the SUNS in 2015 and has made a reputation as a hard-working and selfless midfielder on the club's list. Fiorini played 17 AFL matches in 2023, his most since 2019 and has played both as an inside midfielder and on the wing. He'll be looking to establish himself as a first-choice player in Damien Hardwick's side. Fiorini, who became a dad in 2023, is one of the SUNS' best clubmen and is contracted until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Greensborough
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Northern Knights U18; Vic Metro U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 93
Draft History: 2015 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 20
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2019-20
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 2; career votes 17
Goals: 27
Debut: Round 22, 2016

- Fiorini & wife Molly welcomed their first child William in 2023
- Dream job after football career is to own a sourdough bakery
- Bucket list includes winning a flag and visiting Europe



Personal Info

DOB: 10/02/1998
Height: 178cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Banger, Sarge
Name pronunciation: Ben Ainsworth

Bio

Ainsworth joined the SUNS with Pick 4 in 2016 and has established himself as a vital link player for the SUNS between the midfield and forward line. The crafty half-forward continues to elevate his game and has now played over 100 games for the club. Ainsworth has elite running capabilities and is also an accurate set shot. He is contracted until the end of 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Morwell
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland U18 (captain); Gippsland Power Best & Fairest 2015; AFL Academy 2016; All-Australian U18 2015
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 117
Draft History: 2016 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 4
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2017
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 3
Goals: 98
Debut: Round 1, 2017

- Enjoys playing golf and won the players' golf tournament in 2022 at Bonville Golf Club
- He's one of three players at the club from Gippsland
- Owns a German Shorthaired Pointer named Fred



Personal Info

DOB: 23/07/1999
Height: 196cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Chaz, Chuck
Name Pronunciation: Char-lee Bal-lard

Bio

The tall defender provided another season of defensive prowess, and played every game of the season for the first time in his career in 2023. Ballard is one of the best interceptors in the AFL and has formed a strong defensive partnership with vice-captain Sam Collins. Heading into his seventh season, Ballard has now played over 100 games for the club and is contracted until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Mitcham, Sturt
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 110
Draft History: 2017 NAB AFL Draft 3rd round selection (Gold Coast) No. 42
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 3
Goals: 2
Debut: Round 7, 2018

- Dream job after football career is a barista
- Bucket list includes going to Japan, playing at Augusta Golf Club & attending a Manchester City game
- Sister Alex plays in the AFLW for Port Adelaide



Personal Info

DOB: 22/02/1996
Height: 178cm
Home State: Victoria
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Father (Wylie) is African-American, Mother (Ruth) is of Jamaican and English descent
Name Pronunciation: Tewk Mill-ah (Rhymes with Luke)

Bio

Miller joined the SUNS in 2014 and has served as captain since 2022. The hard-running midfielder is one of the best in the AFL at his craft and is both a two-time SUNS Club Champion (2021/22) and two-time All-Australian (2021/22). Miller finished third in the Brownlow Medal in 2022.

Having played over 150 games for the Gold Coast SUNS, Miller is a Life Member of the football club and one of its most decorated players. Miller will be aiming to get back to his best under Damien Hardwick after a knee injury limited him to 13 games in 2023. He is contracted until the end of 2027.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Maribyrnong Park
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Calder Cannons U18 (captain, 2014); VIC Metro U18 National Championships (captain, 2014)
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 173
Draft History: 2014 NAB AFL Draft 2nd round selection (Gold Coast) No. 29
AFL Honours: 3rd Brownlow Medal 2022; Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2021, 2022; Club Champion Runner-Up 2018, 2020; All-Australian 2021, 2022; AFLCA Player of the Year 2022; AFL Rising Star nominee 2015; Gold Coast SUNS Life Member; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2017-23; Gold Coast SUNS co-captain 2022-24
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 3; career votes 61
Goals: 51
Debut: Round 1, 2015

- In his off-seasons, Miller has trained with Gold Coast Ironman Ali Day
- He is an ambassador for Tackle Your Feelings, a free mental health training program
- His father Wylie is a musician while mother Ruth is a talented marathon runner





Personal Info

DOB: 06/09/1992
Height: 196cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Bear, Daisy
Name pronunciation: Sam Day

Bio

A member of the SUNS' inaugural squad back in 2011, Day managed just three games in 2023. The key forward notched his 150th AFL game in 2023, earning him Life Membership of the Gold Coast SUNS. He remains one of the most experienced players on the SUNS list and is contracted until the end of the 2024 season.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Mitcham Hawks, Sturt (SANFL)
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 150
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18; All-Australian U18 2010
Draft History: 2010 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 3; 2023 NAB AFL Pre-Season Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 2
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 5
Goals: 107
Debut: Round 7, 2011

- Grandfather Ian and Great Uncle Robert both had long SANFL careers while father Tim represented Australia in baseball. Cousin Will plays for Hawthorn.
- He turned down baseball and basketball college offers in the United States to nominate for the AFL Draft
- His bucket list includes a Super Bowl and one last ski holiday with his Dad
- Day recently became a father of two with first son Teddy born in February. Teddy is a little brother to Charlotte who was born in 2022.



Personal Info

DOB: 09/08/2000
Height: 195cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Luko
Name Pronunciation: Jack Loo-koe-shiss

Bio

Lukosius had his best season of his young career in 2023, booting 39 goals in 22 games to finish second in the club's goalkicking behind Ben King. Lukosius has found a home as a third key forward and excels with his elite precision field kicking and booming long boot. He also has fantastic running capacity which has seen him push up and play on the wing at times. The classy forward re-signed in 2022 with the SUNS until at least the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Woodville West Torrens, Henley Sharks
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18; All-Australian U18 2018
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 95
Draft History: 2018 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 2
AFL Honours: AFLPA 22Under22 Team 2020, 2021
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 8; career votes 13
Goals: 56
Debut: Round 1, 2019

- Recently bought his own home on the Gold Coast and lives with teammate Matt Rowell
- Hobbies outside of football include fishing, coffee and going to the beach
- Would like to work overseas and go on an international fishing trip



Personal Info

DOB: 23/02/1996
Height: 182cm
Home State: Tasmania
Nickname: Lach
Name pronunciation: Lock-kee Well-ah

Bio

Weller has had a wretched run with injury in recent years, twice injuring his ACL and having his season cut short. In 2023, he played nine matches before undergoing knee surgery again. Weller is expected to miss the start of the 2024 season. At his best, Weller is a line-breaking half-back who can also play on the wing. He is an excellent ball user who can cause damage on the outside, and is in-range within 60 metres of goal. The SUNS will be hoping to get Weller back into the team fit and healthy in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burnie Dockers, Broadbeach, Southport, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; AFL Academy (captain 2013); Queensland U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 136
Draft History: 2014 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Fremantle) No. 13; 2017 NAB AFL Draft traded by Fremantle
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 3rd place 2018; AFL Rising Star Nominee 2016
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 2; career votes 12
Goals: 45
Debut: Round 18, 2015
Previous AFL Club/s: Fremantle (2014-2017: 47 games, 17 goals)

- Weller is a keen surfer and gardener, his dream job after football is to be a farmer
- Played for Broadbeach Cats as a junior on the Gold Coast and was in the SUNS Academy.
- Father to daughter Marloe and son Rudi
- Brother Maverick previously played for GC SUNS, St Kilda and Richmond.



Personal Info

DOB: 17/02/2001
Height: 191cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Noz
Name pronunciation: No-ah Ander-sin

Bio

Anderson has cemented himself as one of the competition's elite midfielders after a standout 2023 season. Anderson is tough in the contest and can win the hard ball, but also has the balance in his game to cause damage on the outside. He has outstanding game awareness and has a knack of finding time and space where others can't. Anderson played all 23 games in 2023 to win the SUNS Club Champion and also recognition in the AFLPA 22Under22 team for a second consecutive year. In just four seasons at AFL level, Anderson has polled 44 Brownlow Medal votes and is showing no signs of slowing down. He is contracted until the end of 2027 was promoted to the SUNS vice-captaincy in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Hawthorn Citizens JFC, Carey Grammar
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18; Vic Metro U18 (captain 2019); All-Australian U18 2019
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 81
Draft History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 2
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2023; Club Champion Runner-Up 2022; All-Australian nominee 2023; AFL Rising Star nominee 2020; AFLPA 22Under22 Team 2022, 2023; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2022-24
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 22; career votes 44
Goals: 29
Debut: Round 1, 2020

- Father Dean played 150 AFL games for Hawthorn and St Kilda
- Favourite subject at school was History
- Bucket list includes watching Arsenal at the Emirates and visiting coffee farms in South America





Personal Info

DOB: 01/05/2000
Height: 185cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Bez
Name pronunciation: Tom Berry

Bio

Berry joined the SUNS from Brisbane in 2022 and is known as a tough small forward with strong defensive pressure. He played six games in his first season at the SUNS while managing a shoulder injury which required post-season surgery. Berry is contracted until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Horsham Saints, Ballarat Clarendon College
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: GWV Rebels U18; Vic Country U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 26
Draft History: 2018 NAB AFL Draft 2nd round selection (Brisbane Lions) No. 36; 2022 NAB AFL Draft traded by Brisbane Lions
Goals: 3
Debut: Round 2, 2020
Previous AFL Club/s: Brisbane Lions (2019-22: 20 games, 3 goals)

- Berry is a Pink Sports Day ambassador after his mother Jedda passed away in 2013 due to breast cancer. In 2023 Tom & brothers Joel and Jarrod ran a marathon and raised \$90,000 for breast cancer research through Breast Cancer Network Australia
- Would like to be a fisherman after football career.



Personal Info

DOB: 08/06/2005
Height: 195cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Jedda
Name pronunciation: Jed Wol-tah

Bio

Walter joined the SUNS with pick 3 in the 2023 AFL Draft after coming through the SUNS Academy and playing his junior football for Palm Beach Currumbin Football Club. A strong and powerful tall forward, Walter won All-Australian honours at under 18 level for two consecutive years. He has a real physical presence up forward with his appetite for the contest, along with his second efforts and tackling pressure. Was a threatening target up forward for the Allies during this year's National Championships averaging 13 disposals and seven marks as well as kicking 11 goals in four matches to be a vital cog in the title-winning team. Overall, he kicked 29 goals in eight matches.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; AFL Academy 2022, 2023; Allies 2022, 2023; All-Australian U18 2022, 2023
Draft History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 3
Debut: Yet to debut

- Enjoys playing golf
- Grew up playing in the same junior football team as Ethan Read and Will Graham at Palm Beach Currumbin
- Taken at Pick 3 in the 2023 Draft, Walter is the highest draft pick ever out of the SUNS Academy
- Played in the same forward line as Western Bulldogs' Liam Jones for a season at Palm Beach Currumbin.



Personal Info

DOB: 01/07/2001
Height: 180cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Rowelly, Fox
Name pronunciation: Matt Row-l

Bio

Since being drafted by the SUNS with the first overall pick in the 2019 AFL Draft, Matt Rowell has been arguably the club's best contested player. He has elevated his game to be one of the elite AFL contested midfielders and has incredible defensive attributes, evidenced by breaking the AFL's regular season tackle record in 2023. At his best, Rowell can break a game apart and he will be looking to continue to elevate his game under Damien Hardwick in 2024. Rowell is contracted until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Canterbury Cobras, Carey Grammar
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18; Vic Metro U18 2018, 2019; All-Australian U18 2019; NAB League Grand Final Best-on-Ground 2019
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 39
Draft History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 1.
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2020; Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 3rd place 2023
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 12; career votes 25
Goals: 17
Debut: Round 1, 2020

- Bucket list includes climbing the Himalayas
- Favourite subject at school was History
- Lives with Jack Lukosius
- Is an ambassador for Sherrin Australia and has been a collector of Sherrin footballs since he was a kid.



Personal Info

DOB: 11/09/2004
Height: 186cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Hump
Name Pronunciation: Bay-lee Hum-free

Bio

Humphrey joined the SUNS with pick 6 in the 2022 AFL Draft and is a midfielder/forward who has game-winning traits. A powerful and tough player, Humphrey can play both on-ball or deep forward where he's equally capable overhead and on the ground. Humphrey had an outstanding debut season, playing 19 games, where he proved he can handle the rigours of playing in the midfield at AFL level. His performances saw him nominated for the 2023 Rising Star, while the young gun also signed a four-year contract extension until the end of 2028.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Moe Lions FNC
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland Power U18; Vic Country U18 (captain, 2022); Morrish Medal Runner-Up 2022
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 19
Draft History: 2022 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 6
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star Nominee 2023
Goals: 11
Debut: Round 4, 2023

- Humphrey is an ambassador for mental health charity Mindfull Aus. He would like to work in mental health after his football career.
- His bucket list includes sky diving and travelling to 20+ countries
- One of three Gippsland players on the list
- Lives with SUNS AFLW players Maddy Brancatisano, Meara Girvan and Jac Dupuy.



Personal Info

DOB: 7/7/2005
Height: 202cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Creek
Name Pronunciation: Ethan Reed

Bio

Read joined the SUNS with Pick 9 in the 2023 AFL Draft as one of four SUNS Academy graduates to join the club alongside Jed Walter, Jake Rogers and Will Graham. Read is a mobile and skilful ruckman whose work rate and ball use are outstanding features of his game, along with his aggressive work at stoppages. A member of the Gold Coast SUNS Academy, he was a dominant force for the Allies at the National Championships and earned All Australian honours. Read won the Hunter Harrison Medal for his performances with the Gold Coast SUNS Academy. The medal is presented to the best performed player from the non-Victorian Academy teams who compete in a selection of matches in the Coates Talent League.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; Allies U18 2023; All-Australian U18 2023; Hunter Harrison Medal 2023
Draft History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 9
Debut: Yet to debut

- Played junior football with Jed Walter and Will Graham at Palm Beach Currumbin on the Gold Coast
- Joined the SUNS Academy at 13 years old
- Nicknamed Creek after Gold Coast suburb "Reedy Creek."



Personal Info

DOB: 03/03/1995
Height: 180cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Cheat Code, Code
Name Pronunciation: James Chee-tiss

Bio

Tsitas joined the SUNS ahead of the 2022 season as a Pre-Season Supplemental selection. A former captain and best and fairest winner with the Geelong VFL team, Tsitas came to the SUNS after spending two seasons with Woodville-West Torrens in the SANFL. An inside midfielder who previously won the Magarey Medal as the SANFL's best player, Tsitas made his AFL debut in Round 16, 2022. The midfielder continued to act as VFL captain of the SUNS and played an instrumental role in leading the club to its first ever VFL Premiership, despite missing the decider through suspension. Tsitas is signed until the end of 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Grovedale Football Club
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Geelong Falcons U18; Vic Country 2013
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 5
Draft History: 2021-22 Pre-Season Supplemental selection (Gold Coast)
Goals: 3
Debut: Round 16, 2022

- Has played state-league football in Queensland, Northern Territory, Victoria and South Australia
- Won a Magarey Medal and two SANFL Premierships with Woodville West-Torrens
- Tsitas flew in & out for his own wedding while training through pre-season supplementary selection period with SUNS



Personal Info

DOB: 21/08/1997
Height: 182cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Longy
Name pronunciation: Ben Long

Bio

Long joined the SUNS in a trade after playing six seasons with St Kilda. He has played at both ends of the ground in his AFL career but was settled in defence in his first season with the SUNS. Long is known for being physically strong in the contest and hard to play against. He is one of many SUNS with connections to the Northern Territory and played in both Darwin matches for the SUNS in front of his hometown in 2023.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: St Marys, NT Thunder, Melbourne Grammar
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Northern Knights U18; Northern Territory U18; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 94
Draft History: 2016 NAB AFL Draft 2nd round selection (St Kilda) No. 25; 2022 NAB AFL Draft traded by St Kilda.
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2018
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 4
Goals: 31
Debut: Round 4, 2017
Previous AFL Club/s: St Kilda (2017-22: 79 games, 31 goals)

- Long loves hunting and fishing. Dream job after football is a professional fisherman
- One of the SUNS' best table tennis players
- Bucket list includes travelling Europe, catching a marlin and jumping out of a plane
- Long is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory.



Personal Info

DOB: 02/11/1994
Height: 182cm
Home State: South Australia
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous, Tiwi Islanders ancestry
Nickname: Lemmo
Name Pronunciation: Shorn Lemm-enz

Bio

Lemmens has been with the SUNS since the 2014 season and is a well-respected leader amongst the group. Lemmens had an injury-interrupted 2023 season but prior to that has been a reliable lockdown defender for the club. Lemmens is closing in on 150 games for the Gold Coast SUNS which would make him eligible to receive life membership for the football club. He continues to be a leader amongst the playing group and is one of many SUNS with connections to the Northern Territory through his Tiwi ancestry.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Salisbury, Port Adelaide (SANFL)
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 145
Draft History: 2013 NAB AFL Draft 2nd round selection (Gold Coast) No. 27
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2022-23
Goals: 25
Debut: Round 1, 2014

- Lemmens is a father of two daughters Penelope and Rhaea
- Lemmens is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory
- Enjoys 4WDing & camping.



Personal Info

DOB: 19/11/1992
Height: 186cm
Home State: Western Australia
Name Pronunciation: David Swol-low

Bio

The former skipper is one of the longest-serving SUNS in history after being taken with the club's first ever draft selection at Pick 1 in 2010. Swallow was appointed SUNS co-captain alongside Jarrod Witts in 2019 and served three seasons in the role before relinquishing the duties to Touk Miller. On the field, he is as fearless as they come and has found success as a ball-winning inside midfielder. The club veteran is a Gold Coast SUNS Life Member and notched his 200th game in 2023.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Rossmoyne, East Fremantle
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Western Australia U18; All-Australian U18 2009; Larke Medal 2009; Hunter Harrison Medal 2009; Gold Coast SUNS VFL 2010
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 220
Draft History: 2010 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 1.
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Life Member 2020; Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2014; Club Champion Runner Up 2017, 2019; Club Champion 3rd Place 2021, 2022; AFL Rising Star nominee 2011; Gold Coast SUNS co-captain 2019-21; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2014-23
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 25
Goals: 100
Debut: Round 2, 2011

- Swallow is the current games record holder for the Gold Coast SUNS
- He is a father to two children; Lucy & Charlie. His brother Andrew captained North Melbourne.
- He is one of two inaugural SUNS remaining on the club's list alongside Sam Day.



Personal Info

DOB: 15/06/1994
Height: 194cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Collo
Name pronunciation: Sam Collins

Bio

Collins joined the SUNS in 2018 as a pre-listed player from Werribee, after previously playing 14 AFL games for Fremantle. Since joining the club, Collins has been a revelation as a key defender, going on to win the 2020 SUNS Club Champion. Collins was promoted to the vice-captaincy in 2021 and continues to lead the playing group. The key defender is excellent at preventing his opponent from marking the ball and is also strong at reading the play and intercept-marking. Collins is signed until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Donvale Football Club, Box Hill VFL
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 104
Draft History: 2015 NAB AFL Draft 4th round selection (Fremantle) No. 55; 2018 NAB AFL Draft Special Assistance Pre-listed player (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2020; Club Champion Runner-Up 2023; Gold Coast SUNS vice-captain 2021-24; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2020-24
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 2
Goals: 0
Debut: Round 10, 2016
Previous AFL Club/s: Fremantle (2016-17: 14 games, 0 goals)

- Hobbies include camping, 4WD & gardening
- Bucket list includes becoming a Dad, travelling to Europe and winning a premiership
- Collins is yet to score a goal at AFL level and holds one of the longest games streaks in the competition without a goal.



26 WILL GRAHAM

Midfielder



Personal Info

DOB: 27/07/2005
Height: 186cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Wilbur
Name Pronunciation: Will Gray-um

Bio

Graham joined the SUNS in the 2023 AFL Draft as one of four local Gold Coast SUNS Academy players selected alongside Jed Walter, Ethan Read and Jake Rogers. An inside midfielder as a junior, Graham adapted seamlessly to playing in defence for the Allies and impressed with his clean ball use and dazzling burst of speed. His speed and power shone through at the national Draft Combine where he was ranked second in the 20m sprint (2.92 seconds) and standing vertical jump (78cm) as well as being third in the running vertical jump (95cm) which confirmed his elite athletic profile. Graham is contracted until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin Lions, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18 2023
Draft History: 2023 AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 26
Debut: Yet to debut

- Graham played his junior football alongside Jed Walter and Ethan Read for Palm Beach Currumbin on the Gold Coast
- Signed up as a member in 2011 and has supported the club since
- Wears #26 as it was the same number he wore for the Allies at the U18 National Championships
- Youngest Palm Beach Currumbin player to debut at senior level.



27 WIL POWELL

Defender



Personal Info

DOB: 26/08/1999
Height: 184cm
Home State: Western Australia
Nickname: Powelly
Name Pronunciation: Wil Powl

Bio

Powell joined the SUNS with Pick 19 in the 2017 NAB AFL Draft and has established himself as a versatile player who can be used as a defender or on the wing. Powell has had a rough run with injury in recent years, suffering a terrible fractured ankle that ended his 2022 season pre-maturely, and then again sustaining a ligament injury to the opposite ankle in 2023. Powell will be eager to return to his best in 2024 and put his injury troubles behind him. The hybrid defender is brave and strong overhead, loves to use his pace to break the lines and has shown in previous years how influential he can be to his team's success. Powell is contracted until 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Scarborough, Claremont
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 87
Draft History: 2017 NAB AFL Draft end of 1st round compensation selection (Gold Coast) No. 19.
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion Runner-Up 2021
Goals: 13
Debut: Round 15, 2018

- Bought his first house in 2022 and lives with partner Bailee
- Powell became a father to son Theo in February
- Dream job after football career is a firefighter
- Powell is contracted to the SUNS until the end of 2025.



Personal Info

DOB: 13/09/1992

Height: 208cm

Home State: New South Wales

Nickname: Witty, Witta

Name pronunciation: Jarrod Witts

Bio

The co-captain will once again lead the SUNS in 2024 after another consistent 2023 campaign. The dominant ruck played all 23 games and ranked first in total hit-outs and hit-outs a game. The 31-year-old is well and truly considered one of the game's best ruckmen in the prime of his career. He is a key reason behind Gold Coast's ability to win more often than not at the coal face.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: St Ives, Sydney University, Collingwood (VFL)

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: NSW/ACT Under 18

AFL Games Played (at end of 2022): 165

Draft History: 2011 NAB AFL Draft 4th round selection (Collingwood) No. 67 as NSW scholarship holder; 2016 NAB AFL Draft traded by Collingwood

AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2019; Club Champion 3rd place 2020; All-Australian nominee 2022; Gold Coast SUNS co-captain 2019-2024; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2018-24

Brownlow Medal: Career votes 10

Goals: 33

Debut: Round 10, 2020

Previous AFL Club/s: Collingwood (2011-16: 40 games, 18 goals)

- Grew up playing rugby union in NSW before converting to AFL at 16 years old
- Witts is one of the tallest players in the AFL and the tallest player in SUNS history
- Witts is in contention to break the record for most games as a SUNS captain, currently held by Gary Ablett Jnr (96)
- Was a talented cricketer growing up and played alongside Pat Cummins in a New South Wales representative team.



Personal Info

DOB: 02/03/2005

Height: 172cm

Home State: Queensland

Indigenous/multicultural background: Mum is South African born

Nickname: Jogers, Jake the Snake

Name pronunciation: Jake Rogers

Bio

A Queenslander born and bred, Rogers brings an elite combination of poise, skill and decision making to the SUNS list as an Academy graduate from the Broadbeach Cats. The teenager had a prolific 2023 turning out for the SUNS Academy, AFL Academy, Allies and the SUNS VFL squad.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Broadbeach, SUNS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2023; All-Australian U18 2023

Draft History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 14

Debut: Yet to debut

- Rogers was appointed SUNS Academy captain in 2023
- Rogers is a Broadbeach Cats junior and was one of four SUNS Academy products selected in the first round of the 2024 AFL Draft
- He was named best-on-ground in the AFL Academy's match against Carlton VFL in 2023
- He is a life-long GC SUNS supporter and has photos as a child alongside David Swallow and Jarrod Witts.



Personal Info

DOB: 15/03/1990
Height: 199cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Meat
Name Pronunciation: Leave-eye Caz-bolt

Bio

The experienced forward has proven an immediate success arriving at the SUNS following 10 seasons at Carlton. Working alongside young key forwards Ben King and Jack Lukosius, Casboults has proven to be an effective foil, kicking 59 goals across the last two seasons. Casboults still remains as one of the AFL's most dominant targets inside forward 50 and is set to surpass 200 AFL games in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Beaconsfield
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Dandenong Stingrays U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 195
Draft History: 2010 Rookie Draft selection (Carlton) No. 44; 2012 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Carlton) No. 89; 2022 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 3; 2022 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: Carlton leading goalkicker 2017
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 2
Goals: 215
Debut: Round 17, 2012
Previous AFL Club/s: Carlton (2012-2021; 154 games, 156 goals)

- Casboults is a father of; sons Lonnie and Arlo, daughters Goldie and Mini
- Dream job after footy is firefighter
- Bucket list includes travelling Australia and racing a car
- Purchased a caravan in 2023 and enjoys taking the family on camping trips.



Personal Info

DOB: 04/12/2003
Height: 201cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Macca
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Egyptian-born South Sudanese
Name pronunciation: Mac Andrew

Bio

The Egyptian-born Sudanese tall had a breakout season in 2023, playing 17 games and earning a Rising Star nomination late in the year. His remarkable athletic capabilities for a tall defender have been on display and SUNS fans will be excited to have Andrew locked in until the end of 2025. Under Damien Hardwick, Andrew has been trialled in multiple positions, including key defender, ruck and key forward - highlighting his versatility.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Berwick, St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Dandenong Stingrays U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 21
Draft History: 2021 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 5
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2023
Goals: 0
Debut: Round 20, 2022

- Bucket list includes sky diving and travelling back home
- Won five premierships at junior level for Berwick alongside Miller Bergman
- Highest-selected South Sudanese player in AFL Draft history
- Andrew's father grew up alongside former teammate Mabior Chol's father in South Sudan.



32 BODHI UWLAND

Defender



Personal Info

DOB: 25/07/2003
Height: 185cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Bodes, Bod
Name Pronunciation: Beau-dee You-lind

Bio

A graduate of the Gold Coast SUNS Academy, Uwland is a tough defensive utility with the ability to take contested marks and lock down on an opponent. He won the club's Academy Player of the Year in 2021 before his 2022 campaign was cruelled having to spend nine months in a back brace as a result of a stress fracture. He earned his AFL debut in the opening round of 2023 and is a lifelong Gold Coast SUNS fan.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers, Broadbeach Cats, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18; SUNS Academy
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 3
Draft History: 2022 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection No. 36
AFL Honours: SUNS Academy Player of the Year 2021
Goals: 0
Debut: Round 1, 2023

- During his 2022 rehab, Uwland clocked over 3,000km on a stationary bike in the club's heat room
- Uwland has been a SUNS fan since 2011 and has photos of him as a kid with Jarrod Harbow and David Swallow
- Favourite subject at school was Chemistry and he is currently studying a Bachelor of Chiropractic



33 SAM CLOHESY

Midfielder



Personal Info

DOB: 12/12/2002
Height: 189cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Chloe
Name Pronunciation: Sam Close-see

Bio

A former member of the SUNS Academy, Clohesy arrives back at the club after moving to Victoria as a teenager. The electric rebounding half-back progressed through the Calder Cannons system and won the Fothergill-Round-Mithcell Medal as the most promising young talent in the VFL in 2023

Football Background

Junior Club/s: SUNS Academy, Assumption College, Darley, Werribee
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; Calder Cannons U18
Draft History: 2024 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 4
Debut: Yet to debut

- Clohesy played against the SUNS in the 2023 VFL Grand Final for Werribee before being drafted by the club months later
- He was a member of the SUNS Academy as a teenager before relocating to Melbourne
- Worked as a teacher aide in Geelong before being drafted by the SUNS and is currently studying teaching at Griffith University.



34 BEN KING

Forward



Personal Info

DOB: 07/07/2000
Height: 202cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Kingy, Queeny
Name pronunciation: Ben King

Bio

After missing the entire 2022 campaign with an ACL tear, SUNS fans rejoiced as the 202cm tall recaptured his 2021 form kicking 40 goals from 20 games in 2023. The 23-year-old still has plenty of potential to fulfil and will be looking to capitalise on the service set to come from a rapidly developing SUNS midfield. King re-signed with the SUNS in February 2023 for an additional two years, taking his contract to the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: East Sandringham, Old Haileybury FC, Haileybury College
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Sandringham Dragons U18; Vic Metro U18; All-Australian U18 2018
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 73
Draft History: 2018 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 6
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS leading goalkicker 2020, 2021, 2023
Brownlow Medal: 2023 votes 7; career votes 11
Goals: 129
Debut: Round 9, 2019

- Brother Max currently plays for St Kilda
- King re-signed on the Gold Coast in February, taking him to the end of the 2026 season
- Recently purchased his first home on the Gold Coast after formerly living with Matt Rowell and Jack Lukosius
- Despite missing the entire 2022 season with an ACL injury, he is the third-highest goal kicker in SUNS history.



35 CONNOR BUDARICK

Defender



Personal Info

DOB: 06/04/2001
Height: 175cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Budders
Name Pronunciation: Con-nar Budd-a-rick

Bio

The SUNS Academy graduate has had his last two seasons cruelled with separate ACL injuries but managed to return for two games in the back end of 2023. Budarick is one of the club's most reliable lockdown defenders, capable of reaching high speeds and possessing accurate field kicking. At just 22 years of age, the young defender will be eager to earn consistent game time in 2024 and is contracted at the SUNS until the end of 2025.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Labrador, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy (captain, 2019); Allies U18; All-Australian U18 2019; Hunter Harrison Medal 2019
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 28
Draft History: 2020 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection No. 14; 2020 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2020
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 2
Goals: 1
Debut: Round 1, 2020

- Budarick's hobbies include watching movies and lawn care
- Dream job after footy is being involved in real estate



36 WILL ROWLANDS

Forward



Personal Info

DOB: 19/06/2005
Height: 180cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Nickname: Cheeseball
Name Pronunciation: Will Roe-lands

Bio

A powerful, quick midfielder-forward who hits the scoreboard, Rowlands arrives at the SUNS from the Northern Territory with substantial senior experience already under his belt in the NTFL and SANFL. Rowlands was part of the victorious Allies squad at the National Championships in 2023 and is now one of eight players with connections to the Territory across the SUNS AFL list.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Southern Districts, Rostrevor College, Norwood
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: NT Thunder U18; Allies U18
Draft History: 2023 AFL Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 18
Debut: Yet to debut

- Rowlands played alongside Jed Walter, Ethan Read, Jake Rogers and Will Graham for the title-winning Allies team at the Under 18 National Championships
- Lives with Oskar Faulkhead with a host family on the Gold Coast.
- Boarded in South Australia before being drafted and has experience with SANFL club Norwood



37 OSKAR FAULKHEAD

Midfielder



Personal Info

DOB: 11/02/2003
Height: 182cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Faulky, Foamy
Name Pronunciation: Oskar Fork-hed

Bio

Faulkhead joined the SUNS via the 2022 Mid-Season Rookie Draft after playing for the Bendigo Pioneers in the NAB League and Geelong in the VFL as a 19-year-old. A 183cm midfielder who is always a strong runner in the SUNS 2km time trials, Faulkhead is yet to make his senior debut but showed impressive signs in the VFL and was listed as an AFL emergency on occasion in 2023.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Wentworth District, Geelong Grammar, Bendigo Pioneers, Geelong (VFL)
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Vic Country U18
Draft History: 2022 Mid-Season Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 7
Debut: Yet to debut

- Dream job after football career is to own a business
- Bucket list includes going to America and watch an NBA Finals game
- Enjoys cooking and his signature dish is wagyu steak
- Prior to joining the AFL, Faulkhead worked as a development officer with AFL Barwon in Geelong
- He is studying a leadership and business management course through the AFLPA.



Personal Info

DOB: 21/09/2004
Height: 184cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Lloyd
Name Pronunciation: Lloyd Jonn-stinn

Bio

A speedy defender hailing from the Northern Territory, Johnston was added to the SUNS list from the Darwin Academy Zone. The eye-catching, speedy defender earned his AFL stripes with a debut late in the 2023 season following an electric season in the VFL, ending the year as a premiership player.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Wanderers, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; NT Thunder U18; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 2
Draft History: 2023 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection
Goals: 0
Debut: Round 23, 2023

- Wants to become a police officer
- Bucket list includes travelling, getting married and winning a flag
- Lives with Jy Farrar
- Johnston is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/03/2002
Height: 192cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Hoofa
Name Pronunciation: Joel Jeff-ree

Bio

Injury curtailed both the beginning and end of Jeffrey's 2023 campaign during which the livewire forward transitioned into a role across half-back. The Northern Territory product is an exciting prospect for years to come on the Gold Coast having signed an extension that ties him to the club until the end of 2028.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Wanderers, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; NT Thunder U18; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 16
Draft History: 2020 NAB AFL Draft pre-listed Academy selection (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2022
Goals: 15
Debut: Round 20, 2021

- His father Russell was a stalwart across the country, playing 50 AFL games for St Kilda and Brisbane and won numerous premierships in the NTFL and country Victorian leagues
- Joel signed a four-year contract extension at the club in 2023, tying him to the Gold Coast until the end of 2028
- Jeffrey is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory





Personal Info

DOB: 27/06/2001
Height: 175cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Mally
Name Pronunciation: Mal-com Rose-ass Junior

Bio

Possessing lightning quick speed, an elite ability to find the goals and a ruthless tenacity to pressure opposition defenders, Rosas was a key contributor in the SUNS forward line in 2023 playing a career-high 19 games. The Darwin Academy Zone product has 33 goals to his name and will be hoping to continue that form in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: NT Thunder, Darwin Buffaloes, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; NT Thunder U18; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 38
Draft History: 2020 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection No. 31; 2020 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)
Goals: 33
Debut: Round 9, 2021

- Dream job would be professional gamer
- Hobbies include gaming & fishing
- Rosas is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory
- He was the first player selected out of the SUNS' Darwin Academy zone.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/11/2001
Height: 178cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Marns
Name Pronunciation: Jack Mar-nee

Bio

A small and intelligent pressure forward, Mahony was added to the SUNS list in the 2023 Rookie Draft. Arriving from North Melbourne where he played in a wide variety of roles, Mahony will be keen to show off his trademark pressure and clean pair of hands in SUNS colours in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: St Kevin's College, St Kevin's OB
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Sandringham Dragons U18; Vic Metro U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 44
Draft History: 2019 AFL Draft 2nd round selection (North Melbourne) No. 34; 2023 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 23.
Goals: 18
Debut: Round 4, 2020
Previous AFL Club/s: North Melbourne (2020-23: 44 games, 18 goals)

- Mahony played junior football with Ben King, Matt Rowell and Noah Anderson
- Mahony has previously played under SUNS Academy Director of Coaching Rhyce Shaw at North Melbourne, when Shaw was Senior Coach of the Kangaroos in 2020. Shaw was the coach who picked Mahony for his debut in 2020.



Personal Info

DOB: 29/10/1997
Height: 174cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Dmac
Name Pronunciation: Dar-see Mac-fer-sun

Bio

Transitioning into a defensive role in 2023, Macpherson played all 23 games in a breakout season and earned himself a top ten finish in the SUNS Club Champion race. A hard-working competitor renowned for his pressure, Macpherson has previously finished on the Club Champion podium has returned to the forward line under new coach Damien Hardwick.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Diamond Creek
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Northern Knights U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2023): 95
Draft History: 2016 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 21; 2018 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 3rd place 2019
Goals: 29
Debut: Round 7, 2016

- Dream job after footy is Formula 1 driver
- Something he admires about the club – how connected we are to win a flag
- Played junior football with Brayden Fiorini and was drafted alongside him in the same year
- Has an American bulldog named Floyd.



Personal Info

DOB: 14/12/2002
Height: 198cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Nickname: Cheeky
Name Pronunciation: Sandy Brock

Bio

Brock is the nephew of legendary V8 driver Peter Brock and is a key-position player from the Northern Territory. Standing at 198cm, the 19-year-old has elite speed for his size and has represented the NT Thunder, NT All Stars, and was included in the Under 19 Allies squad. The 21-year-old is yet to make his AFL debut but will be pushing for opportunities after playing a key role in the SUNS VFL defence in 2023.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palmerston, Peel Thunder
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; NT Thunder U18; NT All-Stars; Allies U19
Draft History: 2022 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection No. 35
Debut: Yet to debut

- Bucket list includes sky diving and travelling Europe
- Brock is one of eight players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory
- Studying a Bachelor of Business at Griffith University.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/09/2000
Height: 194cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Crab, Crabby
Name Pronunciation: Caleb Gray-um

Bio

The versatile key-position player was a key cog in the SUNS VFL Premiership tilt, named in the backline in the VFL Team of the Year on the back of 6.9 intercepts and 8.5 marks per game. Hailing from North Queensland and another graduate of the SUNS Academy, Graham has 37 games of AFL experience under his belt and will be eyeing more opportunities at AFL level in 2024. He is contracted until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Cairns Saints, Palm Beach Currumbin, SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SUNS Academy; Allies U18
AFL Games: 37
Draft History: 2018 NAB AFL Draft Gold Coast Academy selection (Gold Coast) No. 71.
Goals: 1
Debut: Round 21, 2019

- Hobbies outside footy include golf, going to the beach and playing P55
- Bucket list includes going to the US, sky diving
- Graham is a SUNS Academy product out of Cairns and was named in the VFL Team of the Year in 2023.



Personal Info

DOB: 13/11/2001
Height: 176cm
Home Country: Papua New Guinea
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Papua New Guinean
Nickname: Ace
Name Pronunciation: Heh-wah-goe - Oii-yah

Bio

Played a career-high eight games in 2023 after breaking through for his debut in 2022, becoming the first player from Papua New Guinea to earn a senior game in the AFL. Oea boasts elite speed and is renowned for creating havoc inside forward 50. At just 22 years of age, 'Ace' has plenty of development ahead of him and is an exciting prospect for the SUNS' future.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: SUNS Academy, Broadbeach Cats
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18
AFL Games: 13
Draft History: 2021 Rookie Draft international selection (Gold Coast); 2023 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast)
Goals: 3
Debut: Round 16, 2022

- In 2023 had his dad, two brothers and sister fly to Australia to watch him play live for the first time. They took part in the team song after the match and it was the family's first time travelling on a plane.
- Learning skills to become a tradie alongside football
- Passionate about community work and growing the game in PNG
- He is the first player to play an AFL game having learnt the sport outside Australia
- Ace moved to Australia when he was 16 and didn't speak any English. He was tutored by former Gold Coast SUNS AFLW player Taylor Smith.



Personal Info

DOB: 15/02/2002
Height: 204cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Moyley
Name pronunciation: Ned Moy-ill

Bio

Moyle has established himself as one of the finest young ruckmen in the country following two seasons on the SUNS list. After being named as Ruck in the VFL Team of the Year in 2022, he made his AFL debut in 2023 before playing a key role in the SUNS inaugural VFL Premiership. He polished off his season in fine style with a remarkable 73 hitouts in the Grand Final win against Werribee.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Kew Rovers, Xavier College, Old Xaverians
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18
AFL Games: 2
Draft History: 2021 Mid-Season Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 5; 2022 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast).
Goals: 0
Debut: Round 4, 2023

- Favourite subject at school was Italian
- Bucket list includes travelling Europe, seeing the World Cup, skiing in Canada
- Moyle lived and trained in Pottsville, NSW for a few weeks when he first joined the club due to Covid-19 border closures.



Personal Info

DOB: 07/12/1996
Height: 191cm
Home State: South Australia
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Fazz, Farrari
Name Pronunciation: Jy Farruh (Rhymes with "Barra")

Bio

The medium-sized defender had an impressive end to 2023 during which he played nine games. He has 34 games under his belt across four seasons and extended his contract early last year through until the end of 2025. He will be looking to make the most of his opportunities in 2024 under new Senior Coach Damien Hardwick.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Halls Creek, Hale School, North Warrattah, Scotch Old Collegians
AFL games played: 34
Draft History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 4th round selection (Gold Coast) No. 60.
Goals: 3
Debut: Round 18, 2018

- Can sign the alphabet in sign language
- Dream job after football is youth worker
- Farrar designed *Our Cultural Journey* – a piece of artwork comprising fingerprints which symbolises the club's members, supporters and the Gold Coast community
- Farrar has a strong connection to his Indigenous heritage, evidenced through his role in the SUNS Media productions *Wadeye: More Than a Game*.



PEOPLE FIRST STADIUM



Construction of the original stadium began in 1986 and opened the following year after the Brisbane Bears were granted a license to play in the VFL. Then known as Carrara Oval, the highest crowd recorded in that era was in 1989 when 18,198 people watched the Bears play Geelong. However crowds dwindled and the Bears moved to the Gabba in Brisbane in 1993. The ground was left without a major tenant and was sold to the Gold Coast City Council. The ground occasionally played host to Rugby League games and in 1996, the Gold Coast Chargers moved full-time to the stadium until 1998 when they were kicked out from the ARL. The venue had main grandstands on either side of the ground, and grassed areas and seating behind the goals, with a total capacity of around 18,000 including 5,300 undercover seats.

People First Stadium (formerly Metricon Stadium & Heritage Bank Stadium) re-opened in mid-2011 following a \$144 million major redevelopment into a 22,500-seat stadium for the Gold Coast SUNS AFL expansion club. The venue also served as the main stadium for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, hosting the athletics, opening and closing ceremonies. Capacity was extended to 40,000 for the Games with the addition of a temporary grandstand at the scoreboard end. All that remains of the old stadium are the six light towers with everything else flattened. Original plans were for two main grandstands on either side with uncovered seating behind both goals, however additional funding allowed for the roof to continue around the Southern end. The major redevelopment transformed the old Carrara Stadium into a world-class venue. As well as being home of the new Gold Coast SUNS Football Club, the venue also plays host to international concert acts, cricket fixtures, and other major events. The stadium is a Stadiums Queensland venue operated by the Gold Coast SUNS. It was designed by Populous and built by Watpac.

Official Capacity

27,500 (Sporting Events)

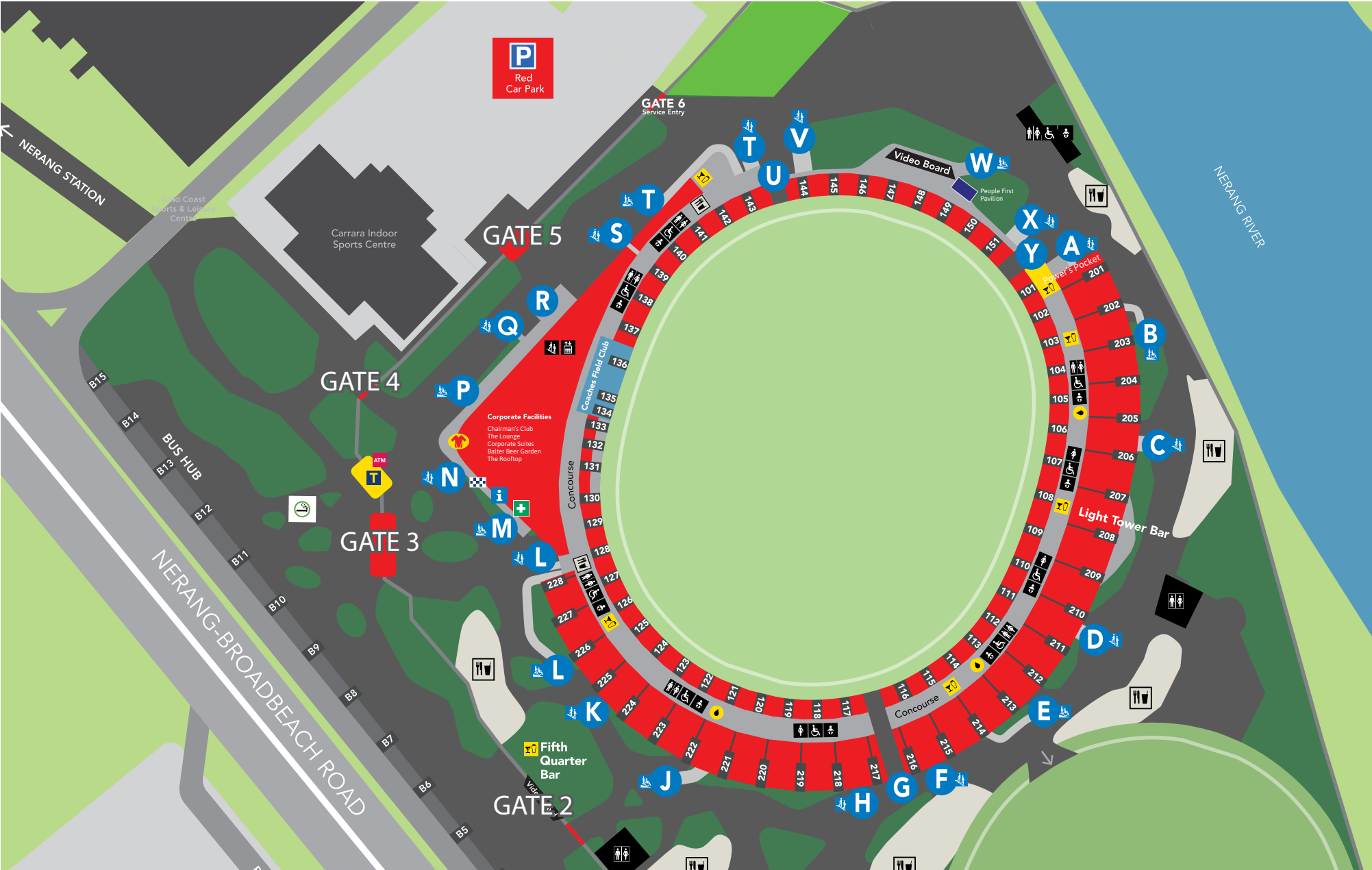
52,500 (Concerts)

Major Events

Foo Fighters; 2018 Commonwealth Games; 45 AFL matches during 2020 season; International cricket & Big Bash League; Queen & Adam Lambert; Guns N' Roses; Harry Styles; Paul McCartney; Spilt Milk; P!NK



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