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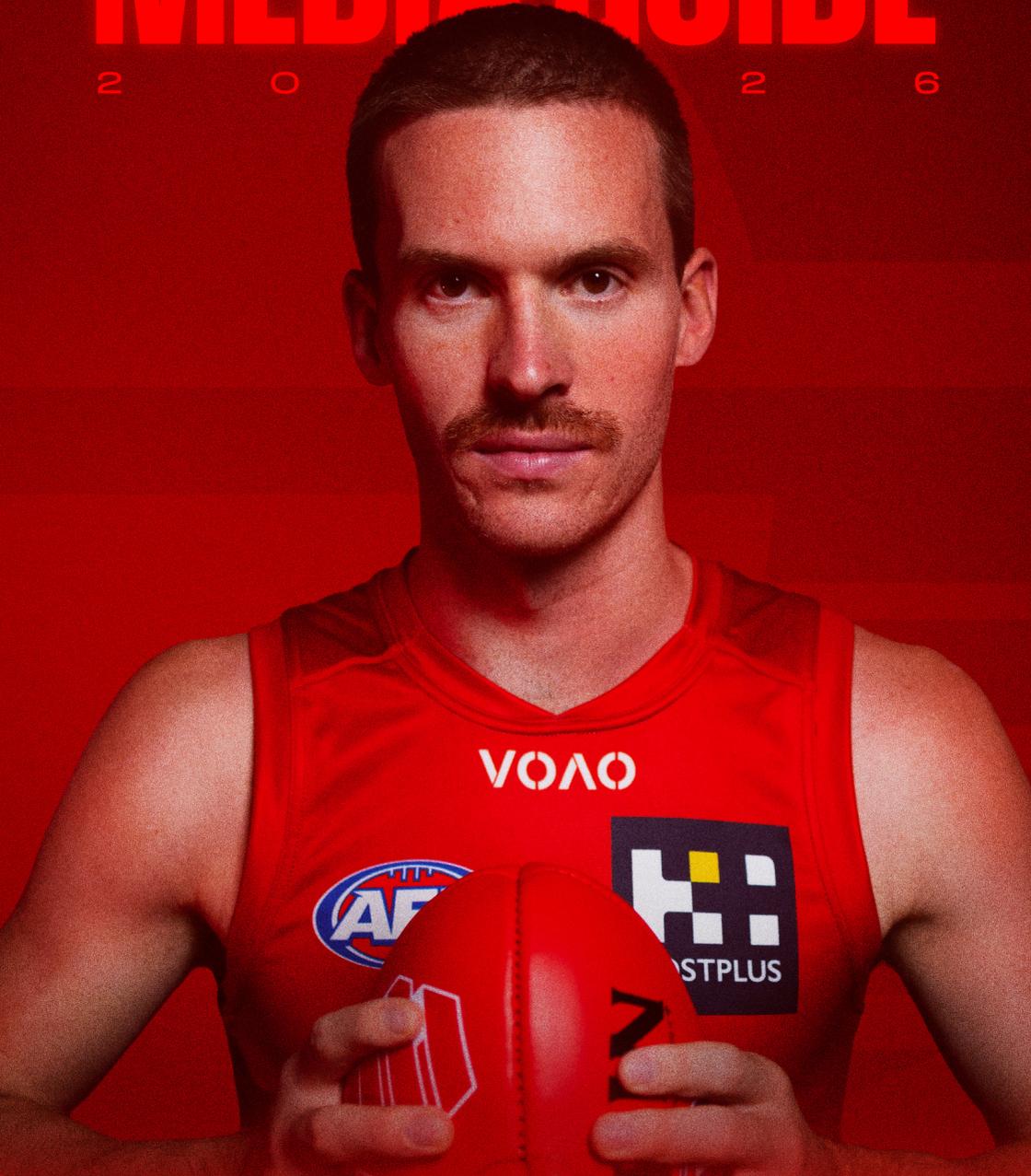


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SUNS 2026 AFL SQUAD



BACK ROW: Bailey Humphrey, Jai Murray, Nick Holman, Zak Evans, Alex Davies, Jamarra Ugle-Hagan, Asher Eastham, Sam Clohesy, Lachie Gulbin, Will Graham, Bodhi Uwland, Ben Long

3RD ROW: Caleb Graham, Charlie Ballard, Elliott Himmelberg, Cooper Bell, Ethan Read, Ned Moyle, Max Knobel, Mac Andrew, Caleb Lewis, Oscar Adams, Jed Walter, Joel Jeffrey, Jy Farrar

2ND ROW: Daniel Rioli, Jarrod Witts, Ben King, Matt Rowell, Touk Miller (vc), Damien Hardwick (Senior Coach), Noah Anderson (c), Sam Collins (vc), Wil Powell, Christian Petracca, Lachie Weller

FRONT ROW: Leo Lombard, Zeke Uwland, Dylan Patterson, Avery Thomas, Ben Jepson, Beau Addinsall, Koby Coulson, John Noble, Jake Rogers

2026 AFL FIXTURE



OPENING ROUND v GEELONG



7:05PM, Fri 6 Mar

People First Stadium

ROUND 1 v WEST COAST



5:10PM, Sun 15 Mar

People First Stadium

ROUND 2 v RICHMOND



1:15PM, Sat 21 Mar

MCG

ROUND 4 v MELBOURNE



3:15PM, Sun 5 Apr

MCG

ROUND 5 v SYDNEY



3:45PM, Sat 11 Apr

Norwood Oval

ROUND 6 v ESSENDON



1:15PM, Sat 18 Apr

People First Stadium

ROUND 7 v HAWTHORN



12:15PM, Sat 25 Apr

UTAS Stadium

ROUND 8 v GWS



7:20PM, Sun 3 May

People First Stadium

ROUND 9 v ST KILDA



6:40PM, Sat 9 May

TIO Stadium

ROUND 10 v PORT ADELAIDE



7:40PM, Fri 15 May

TIO Stadium

ROUND 11 v NORTH MELBOURNE



1:15PM, Sat 23 May

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 13 v BRISBANE



5:15PM, Sat 6 Jun

People First Stadium

ROUND 14 v GEELONG



7:40PM, Fri 12 Jun

GMHBA Stadium

ROUND 15 v HAWTHORN



7:40PM, Fri 19 Jun

People First Stadium

ROUND 16 v FREMANTLE



TBC

Optus Stadium

ROUND 17 v COLLINGWOOD



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 18 v ADELAIDE



TBC

Adelaide Oval

ROUND 19 v WESTERN BULLDOGS



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 20 v CARLTON



TBC

Marvel Stadium

ROUND 21 v MELBOURNE



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 22 v GWS



TBC

Manuka Oval

ROUND 23 v BRISBANE



TBC

Gabba

ROUND 24 v ST KILDA



TBC

Marvel Stadium

BYE ROUNDS: RD3 & RD12

*ALL TIMES LOCAL

2026 VFL FIXTURE



ROUND 1 v WERRIBEE



11:05AM, Sun 22 Mar

People First Stadium

ROUND 3 v SOUTHPORT



12:05PM, Sat 4 Apr

Fankhauser Reserve

ROUND 4 v ESSENDON



9:00AM, Sat 18 Apr

People First Stadium

ROUND 5 v ST KILDA



2:05PM, Sun 26 Apr

RSEA Park

ROUND 6 v GWS



2:35PM, Sun 3 May

People First Stadium

ROUND 8 v FRANKSTON



11:05AM, Sat 16 May

People First Stadium

ROUND 9 v NORTH MELBOURNE



2:05PM, Sat 23 May

Arden St Oval

ROUND 11 v BRISBANE



1:30PM, Sat 6 Jun

People First Stadium

ROUND 12 v GEELONG



11:05AM, Sat 13 Jun

GMHBA Stadium

ROUND 13 v BOX HILL



3:00PM, Fri 19 Jun

People First Stadium

ROUND 14 v CASEY



TBC

TBC

ROUND 15 v SYDNEY



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 16 v TASMANIA



TBC

TBC

ROUND 17 v FOOTSCRAY



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 18 v CARLTON



TBC

TBC

ROUND 19 v CASEY



TBC

People First Stadium

ROUND 20 v GWS



TBC

TBC

ROUND 21 v BRISBANE



TBC

People First Stadium

BYE ROUNDS: RD2, RD7, RD10

*ALL TIMES LOCAL

CLUB LEADERS



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 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 originally in the communications and player development departments at Melbourne before switching to Hawthorn, where he was General Manager of Football Operations from 2004-13, and then to AFL headquarters in the same role from 2013-17. Last year's finals appearance was due reward for a near-decade of graft.



GM Football - Craig Cameron

Cameron initially joined the SUNS at the end of 2017 as General Manager – List & Strategy after holding several senior roles at GWS, Richmond, Melbourne and Fremantle. His tenure on the Gold Coast has encompassed milestones including the club's inaugural AFL finals campaign, its introduction into the AFLW competition and the selection of more than 45 players from the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy to its senior lists.



GOLD COAST SUNS BOARD

Simon Bennett

Simon Bennett was admitted as a Solicitor in 1993 after obtaining an Honours Degree in Law from Bond University. 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, was the former 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.



Damien Walker

Damien Walker was appointed to the SUNS board at the commencement of season 2022. Walker 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. Walker 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 Tippett 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, Tippett 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. Tippett has a Master of Commerce degree from Sydney University and joined the SUNS board in 2023.



Jess Mellor

Jess Mellor joined the SUNS board in 2023. Rising early through the ranks in key roles in corporate Australia, Jess was most recently Chief Executive Officer for The Star Entertainment Group on the Gold Coast. Jess holds a number of qualifications, including an Executive Masters in Business Administration and a Bachelor of Property and Sustainable Development, is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was awarded the highly acclaimed AFRBOSS Young Executive of the Year in 2021.



Mark Witheriff

Mark Witheriff 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. Witheriff 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 in a mid-tier firm, and more recently as Founder and Managing Director at Solitaire Audit Solutions. Helen's extensive client sector experience includes a wide range of for-profit and not-for-profit organisations. In addition to running her own practice, Helen is currently contracted with the Queensland Audit Office as the Senior Investigations Manager - Parliamentary Services Department. Helen is the Chair of the Finance and Audit subcommittee for the Gold Coast SUNS board.



Marie Festa

Marie Festa has over 25 years' experience in corporate, not-for-profit and ASX listed companies. She is currently a Partner of corporate advisory firm, Bespoke Approach. Marie has held various roles including CEO and executive management positions in the areas of corporate affairs, stakeholder engagement, crisis management, investor relations, government relations, sustainability, human resources, change management and innovation. She was also the CEO of the not-for-profit organisation, Chief Executive Women with her career spanning several sectors including property, fintech, retail, mining and transport logistics. Marie joined the Gold Coast SUNS Board in May 2025.



COACHES & STAFF



Senior Coach: Damien Hardwick

Senior Coach Damien Hardwick joined the SUNS at the end of 2023 and led the SUNS to consecutive club-best seasons in 2024 and 2025, including its maiden finals appearance last season. 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 led Richmond to eight finals series including premierships in 2017, 2019 and 2020 and was named AFLCA Coach of the Year in 2017. Hardwick also coached Victoria in the one-off State of Origin match in 2020.



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 began his stint at GWS as NEAFL coach, leading the Giants to its first NEAFL Premiership. 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: Richard Douglas

Richard 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.



Development Coach: Hugh Greenwood

Hugh Greenwood joined the SUNS coaching ranks in 2024 after retiring from a playing career which spanned 121 games across the Adelaide, Gold Coast and North Melbourne. Greenwood represented the SUNS from 2020-2021, playing 32 games in two seasons. The Tasmanian is a former national basketball representative and played college basketball with the University of New Mexico before reigniting his football career with the Crows as a 23-year-old. Since moving into the coaching ranks at the club, Greenwood has held the position as Development Coach whilst also providing assistance to the AFLW program.



Development Coach: James Tsitas

James Tsitas transitioned into a coaching role following three seasons on the SUNS AFL list after joining as an SSP selection in 2022. Tsitas played five AFL matches and has captained the club's VFL team for several seasons following a storied state-league career in Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Off field, he runs The Fitness Cheatcode, an interactive online group training business which was founded during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.



RECRUITING & LIST MANAGEMENT

List 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, before becoming the club's List Manager late in 2025. Burns and his team monitor talents within the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy and the best underage talent in the country to identify players for the club to target in each year's National and Rookie drafts.



Executive Team

- Chief Commercial Officer & Deputy CEO:** Simon Fitzgibbon
- Chief Financial Officer:** Michael Mallinson
- GM – Commercial & Consumer:** Andrew Thomas
- GM – Media, Digital & Marketing:** Thomas Beverley
- GM – People & Organisational Development:** Megan Green
- GM – Community, Education & Retail:** Jane McGough
- GM – Women's Football:** Erin Phillips

Key Football Support Staff

- High Performance Manager:** Alex Rigby
- Head Physiotherapist:** Andrew Weller
- Club Doctors:** Barry Rigby, Luke Eggleston
- Head of Player Engagement & Wellbeing:** Brad Reid
- Gold Coast Talent Academy:** Kath Newman, Jarrod Cotton, John Deitz, Casey Haw



Season By Season Record - Home & Away Season

Year	Played	Won	Lost	%	Position
2025*	23	15	8	124.9	7 th
2024	23	11	12	99.1	13 th
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

* PLAYED FINALS ^ INCLUDES DRAW

Leadership Group

2011: Gary Ablett Jnr (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Campbell Brown, Maverick Weller, Michael Rischitelli, Marc Lock, Zac Smith, Daniel Harris

2012: Gary Ablett Jnr (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli, Karmichael Hunt, Andrew McQualter, Zac Smith, David Swallow

2013: Gary Ablett Jnr (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli

2014: Gary Ablett Jnr (c), Nathan Bock (vc), Michael Rischitelli (vc), David Swallow (vc), Dion Prestia (vc), Tom Lynch (vc)

2015: Gary Ablett Jnr (c), Michael Rischitelli, Nick Malceski, David Swallow, Dion Prestia, Tom Lynch

2016: Gary Ablett Jnr (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 Horlin-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)

2025: Noah Anderson (c), Touk Miller (vc), Sam Collins (vc), Ben King, Wil Powell, Matt Rowell

2026: Noah Anderson (c), Touk Miller (vc), Sam Collins (vc), Ben King, Wil Powell, Matt Rowell

Club Administrators

Year	Chairman	CEO	Senior Coach	Captain/s
2026	Bob East	Mark Evans	Damien Hardwick	Noah Anderson
2025	Bob East	Mark Evans	Damien Hardwick	Noah Anderson
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

Record Home Attendances

BOLD = RECORD SET IN 2025

33,388	v Fremantle	R3 2018, Perth Stadium
27,914	v Carlton	R2 2011, Gabba
25,501	v Brisbane Lions	R7 2011, Gabba
24,032	v Collingwood	R16 2014, People First Stadium
23,302	v Collingwood	R18 2011, People First Stadium
23,029	v Collingwood	R16 2024, People First Stadium
22,831	v Collingwood	R18 2025, People First Stadium
22,483	v Collingwood	R16 2023, People First Stadium
22,086	v Richmond	OR 2024, People First Stadium
21,759	v Essendon	R12 2024, People First Stadium

Membership Tallies

2025 - 30,107

2024 - 26,157
2023 - 23,359
2022 - 21,422
2021 - 19,460
2020 - 16,236
2019 - 13,649
2018 - 12,108
2017 - 11,665
2016 - 12,854
2015 - 13,643
2014 - 13,478
2013 - 12,502
2012 - 11,204
2011 - 14,064

#1 Ticket Holders

Male: Bruce Coulson

Female: Jill Mathieson



Individual Records

BOLD = CURRENT SUNS PLAYER
ITALIC = RECORD SET IN 2025

Games Records

249	<i>David Swallow</i>	2011 – 2025
214	Touk Miller	2015 –
192	Jarrold Harbrow	2011 – 2021
186	<i>Alex Sexton</i>	2012 – 2025
165	Jarrold Witts	2017 –
158	<i>Ben Ainsworth</i>	2017 – 2025
155	Sam Day	2011 – 2024
149	<i>Sean Lemmens</i>	2014 – 2025
138	Nick Holman	2018 –
135	Sam Collins	2019 –
134	Charlie Ballard	2018 –

Most games as captain/acting captain

102	Jarrold Witts	2018 – 2024
96	Gary Ablett Jnr	2011 – 2016
60	David Swallow	2014; 2018 – 2021
54	Touk Miller	2021 – 2024
38	Steven May	2016 – 2018
37	Tom Lynch	2014 – 2018

Goals records (GC SUNS)

255	Ben King	2019 –
254	Tom Lynch	2011 – 2018
164	<i>Alex Sexton</i>	2012 – 2025
137	<i>Ben Ainsworth</i>	2017 – 2025
124	Gary Ablett Jnr	2011 – 2017
124	Brandon Matera	2011 – 2017
117	Sam Day	2011 – 2024
111	<i>David Swallow</i>	2011 – 2025
94	Charlie Dixon	2011 – 2015
92	Harley Bennell	2011 – 2015

Most goals in a match

81	Tom Lynch	v Carl, R2 2018, Marvel Stadium
72	Charlie Dixon	v NM, R14 2015, People First Stadium
71	Ben King	v Ess, R24 2025, People First Stadium
70	Tom Lynch	v Carl, R4 2017, Marvel Stadium
6.3	Harley Bennell	v Geel, R14 2014, People First Stadium
6.2	Ben King	v West Coast, R1 2025, Optus Stadium
6.2	Alex Sexton	v NM, R23 2022, Marvel Stadium
6.2	Charlie Dixon	v GWS, R5 2013, UNSW
6.2	Charlie Dixon	v Bris, R5 2015, People First Stadium
6.0	Brandon Matera	v Haw, R3 2017, People First Stadium

Most goals in a season

71	Ben King	2025
66	Tom Lynch	2021
55	Ben King	2024
47	Ben King	2021
46	Tom Lynch	2014
44	Mabior Chol	2022
44	Tom Lynch	2017

Most disposals in a match

53	Gary Ablett Jnr	v Coll, R10 2012, MCG
49	Gary Ablett Jnr	v Coll, R17 2013, People First Stadium
45	Gary Ablett Jnr	v Ess, R3 2012, People First Stadium
45	Gary Ablett Jnr	v NM, R6 2017, Marvel Stadium
45	Gary Ablett Jnr	v Haw, R15 2014, UTAS
43	Sam Flanders	v GWS, R19 2024, Engie Stadium
42	Noah Anderson	v GWS, R16 2025, Engie Stadium

Most disposals in a Season

752	Noah Anderson	2025
680	Sam Flanders	2024
675	Gary Ablett Jnr	2012
668	Touk Miller	2021
666	Noah Anderson	2024
655	Gary Ablett Jnr	2013
626	Touk Miller	2022

All-Australians

Matt Rowell - 2025 - Interchange

Noah Anderson - 2025 - Midfield

Touk Miller - 2022 - Wing

Touk Miller - 2021 - Interchange

Tom Lynch - 2016 - Forward pocket
Gary Ablett Jnr - 2014 - Rover
Gary Ablett Jnr - 2013 - Rover (vice-captain)
Gary Ablett Jnr - 2012 - Rover (vice-captain)
Gary Ablett Jnr - 2011 - Rover (captain)

Rising Star Nominations

BOLD = CURRENT SUNS PLAYER
ITALIC = RISING STAR WINNER

Ethan Read - R21, 2025	Ben Ainsworth - R22, 2017
Will Graham - R16, 2024	Peter Wright - R15, 2016
Bodhi Uwand - R12, 2024	Touk Miller - R16, 2015
Jake Rogers - R7, 2024	Adam Saad - R5, 2015
Mac Andrew - R20, 2023	Jack Martin - R23, 2014
Bailey Humphrey - R9, 2023	Kade Kolodjashnij - R10, 2014
Elijah Hollands - R21, 2022	Tom Nicholls - R16, 2013
Joel Jeffrey - R10, 2022	Jaegar O'Meara - R5, 2013
Jeremy Sharp - R18, 2021	Josh Caddy - R16, 2012
Noah Anderson - R7, 2020	Trent McKenzie - R17, 2011
Izak Rankine - R6, 2020	David Swallow - R14, 2011
Connor Budarick - R3, 2020	Zac Smith - R7, 2011
Matt Rowell - R2, 2020	Brandon Matera - R5, 2011
Ben King - R19, 2019	

Brownlow Medal

BOLD = CURRENT SUNS PLAYER
ITALIC = BROWNLOW MEDAL WINNER

Total Votes (SUNS)

122 votes - <i>Gary Ablett Jnr</i>
89 votes - Matt Rowell
83 votes - Noah Anderson
74 votes - Touk Miller
32 votes - Tom Lynch
27 votes - Aaron Hall
26 votes - Harley Bennell
25 votes - David Swallow
23 votes - Dion Prestia
21 votes - Ben King

Individual season records

39 votes - Matt Rowell - 2025
28 votes - <i>Gary Ablett Jnr - 2013</i>
27 votes - Touk Miller - 2022
25 votes - Noah Anderson - 2025
25 votes - Matt Rowell - 2024
24 votes - Gary Ablett Jnr - 2012
23 votes - Gary Ablett Jnr - 2011
22 votes - Gary Ablett Jnr - 2014
22 votes - Noah Anderson - 2023
17 votes - Touk Miller - 2021

AFLPA 22Under22 Team Selections

Mac Andrew - 2025 - Full back	Tom Lynch - 2015 - Forward pocket
Mac Andrew - 2024 - Full back	Adam Saad - 2015 - Half back
Noah Anderson - 2023 - Interchange	Kade Kolodjashnij - 2015 - Half back
Noah Anderson - 2022 - Wing	Trent McKenzie - 2014 - Back pocket
Izak Rankine - 2022 - Forward pocket	Steven May - 2014 - Centre half back
Ben King - 2021 - Full forward	Kade Kolodjashnij - 2014 - Half back
Jack Lukosius - 2021 - Wing	Harley Bennell - 2014 - Wing
Wil Powell - 2021 - Back pocket	Dion Prestia - 2014 - Rover
Jack Lukosius - 2020 - Back pocket	David Swallow - 2014 - Interchange
Izak Rankine - 2020 - Forward pocket	Rory Thompson - 2013 - Full back
Ben King - 2020 - Interchange	Trent McKenzie - 2013 - Half back
Peter Wright - 2017 - Ruck	Tom Nicholls - 2013 - Ruck
Jack Martin - 2017 - Half forward	Jaegar O'Meara - 2013 - Ruck rover
Jack Martin - 2016 - Interchange	Dion Prestia - 2013 - Interchange



TEAM RECORDS



Head-to-Head Records

BOLD = RECORD SET IN 2025

Against	P (W-L)	Highest Score	Lowest Score	Greatest winning margin	Greatest losing margin	Most Recent Win	Last Five
Adelaide	21 (5-16)	18.8 (116) (R14, 2022)	6.10 (46) (R5, 2019)	53 (R3, 2020)	95 (R17, 2019)	R4, 2025	LWWLW
Brisbane	30 (8-22)	22.7 (139), (R16, 2016)	6.7 (43) (R16, 2020)	66 (R20, 2025)	91 (R21, 2019)	R20, 2025	LWLLL
Carlton	20 (8-12)	17.6 (108) (R4, 2017)	4.3 (27) (R13, 2020)	54 (R3, 2016)	119 (R2, 2011)	R22, 2025	WLLLL
Collingwood	16 (5-11)	14.17 (101) (R16, 2024)	5.12 (42) (R16, 2023)	24 (R7, 2021)	97 (R10, 2012)	R18, 2025	WWLLL
Essendon	18 (6-1-11)	23.15 (159) (R24, 2025)	4.6 (30) (R22, 2021)	95 (R24, 2025)	139 (R6, 2011)	R24, 2025	WWWWW
Fremantle	17 (6-11)	19.12 (126) (R2, 2016)	5.9 (39) (R2, 2014)	36 (R9, 2022)	50 (R15, 2011)	EF, 2025	WLLLL
Geelong	17 (4-13)	26.8 (164) (R10, 2024)	4.12 (36) (R11, 2018)	64 (R10, 2024)	150 (R20, 2011)	R10, 2024	LWWLL
GWS Giants	21 (5-16)	21.22 (148) (R5, 2013)	4.2 (26) (R12, 2018)	83 (R23, 2013)	108 (R12, 2018)	R17, 2021	LLLLL
Hawthorn	19 (7-12)	21.13 (139) (R3, 2017)	6.4 (40) (R9, 2015)	86 (R3, 2017)	99 (R4, 2014)	R10, 2025	WWWLW
Melbourne	20 (5-15)	18.12 (120) (R3, 2025)	4.6 (30) (R20, 2021)	60 (R7, 2013)	98 (R20, 2021)	R16, 2025	WWLLL
North Melb	22 (12-10)	21.15 (141) (R5, 2025)	7.13 (55) (R1, 2018)	68 (R9, 2024)	59 (R12, 2011)	R5, 2025	WLWLW
Port Adel	17 (2-15)	15.14 (104) (R5, 2011)	3.2 (20) (R23, 2017)	14 (R18, 2024)	115 (R23, 2017)	R18, 2024	LWLLL
Richmond	17 (9-8)	16.11 (107) (R21, 2025)	4.8 (32) (R12, 2020)	84 (R21, 2025)	92 (R16, 2019)	R21, 2025	WLWWW
St Kilda	20 (6-14)	19.11 (125) (R9, 2014)	7.5 (47) (R2, 2012)	53 (R19, 2014)	95 (R11, 2012)	R11, 2025	WLWLL
Sydney	18 (5-13)	17.15 (117) (R7, 2025)	4.12 (36) (R16, 2011)	40 (R6, 2021)	87 (R23, 2021)	R7, 2025	WLLLL
West Coast	19 (7-1-11)	20.16 (136) (R2, 2025)	5.10 (40) (R14, 2012)	87 (R2, 2025)	126 (R14, 2012)	R2, 2025	WLWWW
Western Bulldogs	18 (5-13)	18.11 (119) (R10, 2014)	4.10 (34) (R8, 2012)	45 (R10, 2014)	71 (R3, 2011)	R9, 2025	WLWLL

Scoring Records

BOLD = RECORD SET IN 2025

Highest Scores (Game)

26.8 (164)
23.15 (153)
21.22 (148)
22.14 (146)
21.15 (141)
22.7 (139)
21.13 (139)
20.16 (136)
20.14 (134)
20.10 (130)
19.12 (126)
19.11 (125)
19.11 (125)
18.16 (124)
18.16 (124)

v Geelong
v Essendon
v GWS Giants
v GWS Giants
v North Melb
v Brisbane
v Hawthorn
v West Coast
v GWS Giants
v Brisbane
v Fremantle
v St Kilda
v North Melb
v Brisbane
v Geelong

R10 2024, TIO Stadium
R24 2025, People First Stadium
R5 2013, UNSW
R23 2013, People First Stadium
R5 2025, Barossa Oval
R16 2016, People First Stadium
R3 2017, People First Stadium
R1 2025, Optus Stadium
R6 2014, People First Stadium
R20 2025, People First Stadium
R2 2016, Subiaco Oval
R9 2014, Marvel Stadium
R14 2015, People First Stadium
R7 2011, Gabba
R7 2017, People First Stadium

Highest Scores (Quarter)

10.2 (62)
8.7 (55)
8.5 (53)
8.4 (52)
8.4 (52)
8.2 (50)
8.2 (50)

v Hawthorn
v West. Bulldogs
v West Coast
v St Kilda
v GWS Giants
v Geelong
v North Melb

Q3, R3 2017, People First Stadium
Q3, R10 2014, People First Stadium
Q2, R9 2023, Optus Stadium
Q1, R9 2014, Marvel Stadium
Q4, R5 2013, Manuka Oval
Q3, R10 2024, TIO Stadium
Q4, R14 2015, People First Stadium

Highest Scores (Half)

15.3 (93)
14.6 (90)
14.5 (89)
14.5 (89)
13.7 (85)
13.4 (82)
12.10 (82)
12.10 (82)

v Geelong
v North Melb
v Hawthorn
v Essendon
v St Kilda
v Melbourne
v Geelong
v North Melb

H2, R10 2024, TIO Stadium
H2, R14 2015, People First Stadium
H2, R3 2017, People First Stadium
H2, R1 2025, People First Stadium
H1, R9 2014, Marvel Stadium
H2, R3 2025, MCG
H2, R14 2014, People First Stadium
H2, R5 2025, Barossa Oval

Largest Winning Margins

95 points
87 points
86 points
84 points
83 points
70 points
68 points
67 points
67 points
67 points
67 points

v Essendon
v West Coast
v Hawthorn
v Richmond
v GWS Giants
v West Coast
v North Melb
v Hawthorn
v Hawthorn
v Hawthorn
v Hawthorn

R24 2025, People First Stadium
R1 2025, Optus Stadium
R3 2017, People First Stadium
R21 2025, People First Stadium
R23 2013, People First Stadium
R9 2023, Optus Stadium
R9 2024, TIO Stadium
R11 2022, TIO Stadium
R23 2022, Marvel Stadium
R15 2023, People First Stadium

CLUB CHAMPION

AWARD WINNERS



Year	Club Champion	Runner-Up	Third Place
2025	Matt Rowell	Noah Anderson	Touk Miller
2024	Sam Collins	Bodhi Uwland	Sam Flanders
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	Jarrold 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



2025 Club Champion
 1st place: Matt Rowell
 2nd place: Noah Anderson
 3rd place: Touk Miller

David Swallow Award (Players' Player)

2025 – Matt Rowell
 2024 – Sam Collins
 2023 – Matt Rowell
 2022 – Touk Miller
 2021 – Touk Miller
 2020 – David Swallow, Touk Miller
 2019 – David Swallow, Touk Miller
 2018 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2017 – David Swallow
 2016 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2015 – Tom Lynch
 2014 – Steven May
 2013 – Danny Stanley
 2012 – Kyal Horsley
 2011 – Michael Rischitelli

Emerging Player

2025 – Bailey Humphrey
 2024 – Mac Andrew
 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

2025 – Will Graham
 2024 – Bodhi Uwland
 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

2025 – Ben King (71)
 2024 – Ben King (55)
 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)



Jarrold Harbrow Community Award

2025 – Not awarded
 2024 – Tom Berry
 2023 – Brodie McLaughlin
 2022 – Not awarded
 2021 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2020 – Not awarded
 2019 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2018 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2017 – Touk Miller, Peter Wright
 2016 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2015 – Tom Nicholls
 2014 – Charlie Dixon
 2013 – Zac Smith
 2012 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2011 – Alik Magin

Life Members

2025 – Jarrold Witts
 2025 – Ben Ainsworth
 2025 – Sean Lemmens
 2025 – Andrew Thomas
 2025 – Megan Green
 2025 – Jamie Stanton
 2023 – Tony Cochrane
 2023 – Sam Day
 2023 – Rory Thompson
 2022 – Touk Miller
 2022 – Gary Ablett Jnr
 2021 – Alex Sexton
 2020 – David Swallow
 2020 – Bob East
 2020 – Paul Scurrah
 2019 – Michael Rischitelli
 2018 – Jarrold Harbrow
 2016 – John Witheriff
 2016 – Bob Gordon
 2016 – Dr Alan Mackenzie

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player/s of the Year

2025 – Koby Coulson & Sunny Lappin
 2024 – Leo Lombard & Havana Harris
 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

Player of the Finals Series

2025 – Sam Collins

StreetSmarts SUNS Academy AFL Graduates

Andrew Boston	Rhys Nicholls
Jarrad Ellis	Lloyd Johnston
Bradley Scheer	Bodhi Umland
Max Spencer	Jed Walter
Connor Nutting	Ethan Read
Brayden Crossley	Jake Rogers
Jesse Joyce	Will Graham
Jack Bowes	Sam Clohesy
Lachie Weller	Leo Lombard
Caleb Graham	Lachlan Gulbin
Jacob Dawson	Zeke Umland
Jacob Heron	Dylan Patterson
Connor Budarick	Jai Murray
Malcolm Rosas Jnr	Beau Addinsall
Patrick Murtagh	Koby Coulson
Matthew Conroy	Kalani White
Hewago Paul Oea	
Alex Davies	
Joel Jeffrey	
Aiden Fyfe	

Season Review

Played: 25
Won: 16
Lost: 9
Finished: 6th

Played every game (7):

Noah Anderson
 Joel Jeffrey
 Ben King
 John Noble
 Wil Powell
 Matt Rowell
 Bodhi Umland

AFL debuts (games played in brackets)

R12: Leo Lombard (4)
 R17: Oscar Adams (8)
 R19: Ben Jepson (1)
 R24: Lachlan Gulbin (1)

Highest score: 23.15 (153) v Essendon 8.10 (58), R24, PFS

Lowest score: 5.7 (37) V Geelong 9.7 (61), R13, GMHBA

Greatest winning margin: 95 points -23.15 (153) v Essendon 8.10 (58), R24, PFS

Greatest losing margin: 61 points - 6.10 (46) v Adelaide 16.11 (107), R19, AO

Goals for: 334

Behinds for: 296

Points for: 2300

Average score for: 92

Goals against: 278

Behinds against: 251

Points against: 1919

Average score against: 77

Average winning margin: 38pts

Average losing margin: 25pts

Wins by 7+ points: 13

Wins by 1-6 points: 3

Finals record

Finals Played: 2
Finals Wins: 1
Finals Losses: 1
Finals Draws: 0

Most Goals (Finals)

3	Bailey Humphrey
2	Ben King
2	Ben Long
2	Connor Budarick

2025 Club Champion

72	Matt Rowell
71	Noah Anderson
70	Touk Miller
61	Bailey Humphrey
59	Sam Collins
58	Jarrold Witts
58	Ben Long
49	John Noble
48	Will Powell
47	Ben King

2025 Brownlow Medal

39	Matt Rowell
25	Noah Anderson
8	Touk Miller
7	Ben King
4	John Noble
3	Sam Flanders
3	Jarrold Witts
2	Sam Collins
2	Bailey Humphrey
1	Brayden Fiorini
1	Ben Long

2025 AFL Honours

Noah Anderson	All Australian
Noah Anderson	Goal of the Year
Noah Anderson	AFLCA Champion Player of the Year (joint)
Matt Rowell	Brownlow Medal
Matt Rowell	All-Australian
Sam Collins	All-Australian Squad
Ben King	All-Australian Squad
Ben Long	All-Australian Squad
Ethan Read	Rising Star nominee (R21)
Mac Andrew	22Under22 Team (full back)



2025 Stats Leaders

BOLD = CLUB RECORD

Goals

71.23	Ben King
45.26	Ben Long
25.21	Bailey Humphrey
23.14	Ben Ainsworth
19.20	Ethan Read

Tackles

214	Matt Rowell
104	Touk Miller
94	Bailey Humphrey
82	Jarrold Witts
76	Brayden Fiorini

Disposals

752	Noah Anderson
657	Matt Rowell
632	John Noble
569	Touk Miller
471	Joel Jeffrey

Clearances

205	Matt Rowell
174	Noah Anderson
109	Touk Miller
143	Ben Long
135	Bailey Humphrey

Marks

140	Joel Jeffrey
134	Bodhi Uwland
129	Mac Andrew
121	John Noble
120	Wil Powell

Latest Draft & Trade

2025 Trade Period

OUT: David Swallow (retired), Sean Lemmens (retired), Alex Sexton (delisted), Thomas Berry (delisted), Lloyd Johnston (delisted), Malcolm Rosas Jnr (Sydney), Ben Ainsworth (Carlton), Brayden Fiorini (Essendon), Sam Flanders (St Kilda), Connor Budarick (Western Bulldogs), Ben Jepson (delisted)

IN: Christian Petracca (Melbourne), Jamarra Ugle-Hagan (Western Bulldogs)

2025 Draft

Zeke Uwland (Pick 2), Dylan Patterson (Pick 5), Jai Murray (Pick 17), Beau Addinsall (Pick 18), Avery Thomas (Pick 28), Koby Coulson (Pick 46), Ben Jepson (Rookie Draft)

150 AFL & SUNS Games

Charlie Ballard (134)
Wil Powell (130)
Noah Anderson (129)

150 AFL Games

Sam Collins (149)
Nick Holman (147)
John Noble (137)

150 SUNS Games

Nick Holman (138)
Sam Collins (135)

50 AFL & SUNS Games

Bodhi Uwland (49)
Jy Farrar (42)
Alex Davies (40)
Caleb Graham (37)
Sam Clohesy (34)
Jed Walter (30)
Ethan Read (25)
Will Graham (25)

50 SUNS Games

John Noble (25)

50 SUNS Games as Senior Coach

Damien Hardwick (48)

300 AFL Goals

Ben King (255)



Personal Info

DOB: 04/12/2003
Height: 201cm
Home State: Victoria
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Egyptian-born South Sudanese
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

It's hard to believe the springheeled defender is still only 22 and has plenty of growth in him. His reading of the play and willingness to fly for marks is building a significant highlight reel. Averaged 5.4 marks, pulling down 10 in the first QClash and 11 in the home thrashing of Richmond, while his 20 touches and eight marks to go with a game changing goal in the elimination final showed he is not afraid of the big stage. The young gun is linked to the SUNS till 2030.

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 2025): 65
Draft & Trade History: 2021 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 5
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Emerging Player 2024; AFL Rising Star nominee 2023; AFLPA 22Under22 2024, 2025
Goals: 12
Debut: Round 20, 2022
Former guernsey number: 31 (2022-24)

Fun Facts

- Andrew was the first South Sudanese player to be selected in the top 5 of the AFL Draft.
- The 22-year-old earned his second and final successive selection in the AFL Players' Association 22Under22 team last year.
- He is one of three SUNS players to kick a match-winning goal after full-time, alongside Karmichael Hunt and Noah Anderson.



Personal Info

DOB: 25/03/1997
Height: 180cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Nobes
Name Pronunciation: John Noe-bull
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

After moving north in the 2024 Trade Period, the established running defender featured in all 24 of the Gold Coast's fixtures providing a wealth of experience and flare. Across the half-back Noble amassed 30+ touches across six games, lifting his career-best average from 20.4 to 25.3 while taking 4.8 marks and delivering 4.8 rebounds per game to finish eighth in the Club Champion. Noble is on track to play his 150th AFL game in 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Plympton, West Adelaide
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: SANFL State Team
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 137
Draft & Trade History: 2019 Mid-Season Rookie Draft selection (Collingwood) No. 14
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 4; career votes 9
Goals: 11
AFL Debut: Round 17, 2019
SUNS debut: Round 1, 2025
Previous AFL Club/s: Collingwood (2019-2024: 112 games, 8 goals)

Fun Facts

- Noble's father David is the former Senior Coach of North Melbourne after stints at the Brisbane Lions and Adelaide Crows.
- Noble is a motor enthusiast and drives a MK4 Supra.
- He is one of the most successful stories to come out of the mid-season draft after being recruited in 2019.



3 CHRISTIAN PETRACCA

Midfielder

Personal Info

DOB: 04/01/1996

Height: 187cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Trac

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

With more than 200 games of AFL experience since being drafted with Pick 2 in the 2014 Draft, the 2021 Norm Smith medallist and two-time Demons best and fairest has established himself as one of the premiere midfielders in the competition. Joining a prime SUNS midfield and with capabilities of swinging forward, the former Melbourne leading goalkicker is set to turn heads on the Gold Coast.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Beverley Hills (Vic)

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Eastern U18

AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 212

Goals: 202

Draft & Trade History: 2014 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Melbourne) No.2; 2025 Continental Tyres AFL Trade period traded by Melbourne

AFL Honours: Melbourne Best and Fairest Runner Up 2025, 2022, 2021; Melbourne Best and Fairest 2023, 2020; All Australian 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020; Melbourne Premiership side 2021; Norm Smith Medal 2021; Leading goalkicker 2019; AFLPA 22Under22 Team 2018, 2016; AFL Rising Star nominee 2016

Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 16; career votes 130

AFL Debut: Round 6, 2016

SUNS Debut: Yet to debut

Previous AFL Club/s: Melbourne Demons (2025-2025: 212 games; 202 goals)

Fun Facts

- Petracca shares his passion for nutrition and cooking through his performance-based recipe platform OnTrac5.
- Petracca has Italian heritage and is currently studying the language.
- Growing up, Petracca dreamt of becoming an NBA player and witnessing a Game 7 in the NBA Finals is on his bucket list.



4 JED WALTER

Forward



Personal Info

DOB: 08/06/2005

Height: 195cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Jedda

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

One of the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy's biggest talents, Walter enters his third year with 30 games and 29 goals under his belt. Standing tall at 195cm, the 20-year-old provides a real physical presence up forward with his appetite for the contest, along with his second efforts and tackling pressure. The Gold Coaster kicked 18.13 in 16 matches last season, including match-turning trebles against Adelaide and Sydney early in the year and is an exciting prospect to watch develop further this season.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; AFL Academy 2022, 2023; Allies 2022, 2023; All-Australian U18 2022, 2023

AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 30

AFL Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Male Academy Player of the Year 2023

Draft & Trade History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 3

Goals: 29

Debut: Round 2, 2024

Former guernsey number: 17 (2024)

Fun Facts

- Grew up playing in the same junior football team as Ethan Read and Will Graham at Palm Beach Currumbin.
- Despite being the tallest player in the race, he won the 2025 half-time sprint on Grand Final Day.
- Played in the same forward line as Western Bulldogs' Liam Jones for a season at Palm Beach Currumbin.





Personal Info

DOB: 18/03/2002
Height: 193cm
Home State: Queensland
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Japanese mother
Nickname: Al, Albert
Name Pronunciation Alex Day-veez
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

A reliable addition to the SUNS midfield, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product from Cairns served in eight of the Gold Coast's backend fixtures including the club's first finals berth. First called upon by Damien Hardwick to be a 'beast' at the stoppage and work alongside Matt Rowell in Round 20's QC clash, Davies delivered a career-best 30 disposals to go with 10 tackles that saw the SUNS record a 66-point demolition over the Lions.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Cairns Hawks, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 40
Goals: 12
Draft & Trade History: 2020 NAB AFL Draft pre-listed Academy selection (Gold Coast)
Debut: Round 23, 2021
Former guernsey number: 30 (2021)

Fun Facts

- Davies is studying to become a pilot.
- He was a junior representative basketballer, captaining the Queensland U16 team.
- Davies' grandfather flew to Australia from Japan to watch Alex play an AFL match, and was invited to sing the song with the team post-match.



Personal Info

DOB: 25/07/2003
Height: 189cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Bob
Name Pronunciation Beau-dee You-land
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Set to run out for his 50th AFL game in his first game of 2026, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product has become an exciting defensive mainstay in just three seasons. Off the back of an impressive 2024 campaign that saw the young SUN become the least experienced player in club history to place in the Club Champion count, the lockdown defender soared to new heights, lifting his averages to 16 disposals and 5.4 marks.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers, Broadbeach Cats, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 49
Goals: 1
Draft & Trade History: 2022 Rookie Draft Gold Coast Academy selection No. 36
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion Runner-Up 2024; SUNS Most Professional 2024; AFL Rising Star nominee 2024; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy Player of the Year 2021
Debut: Round 1, 2023
Former guernsey number: 32 (2022-25)

Fun Facts

- Uwland has been a SUNS fan since 2011 and has photos of him as a kid with Jarrod Harbow and David Swallow.
- During his 2022 rehab from a serious back injury, Uwland clocked over 3,000km on a stationary bike in the club's heat room and has now missed just two matches in as many seasons.
- He is currently studying a Bachelor of Chiropractic.



Personal Info

DOB: 29/05/1995

Height: 189cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Hollywood

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

One of the longest-serving SUNS in the squad, the 30-year-old forms an integral part of the club. The wingman served in 16 games as a solid and experienced body around the SUNS midfield in 2025 and is in contention to play his 150th AFL game in 2026 before an additional 12 features would tally him to 150 in SUNS colours.

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 2025): 147

Goals: 78

Draft & Trade 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

AFL Debut: Round 22, 2014

SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2018

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

Former guernsey number: 39 (2018-21)

Fun Facts

- 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.
- He became a business owner late in 2024, opening recovery and wellness facility P3 Recovery in Geelong.
- He is an avid golfer and currently holds a handicap of 11.



Personal Info

DOB: 05/10/2006

Height: 179cm

Home State: Queensland

Nickname: Leo

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Selected at Pick 9 in the 2024 Draft with a lengthy list of StreetSmarts SUNS Academy accolades and plenty of VFL experience, the 19-year-old is set to soar at the SUNS. Although a shoulder injury hampered his first season, the tough and combative midfielder who can also cause damage as a forward made his mark with his first major on debut. In the VFL Lombard played a key role averaging 25.2 disposals and five tackles, only dipping below 20 once and peaking with 35 (10 contested), five clearances and seven tackles in round 16 and 31 touches, eight tackles and eight inside-50s the following week.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2024; All-Australian U18 2024; Larke Medal 2024

AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 3

Goals: 1

Draft & Trade History: 2024 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 9

AFL Debut: Round 12, 2025

Former guernsey number: 30 (2025)

Fun Facts

- Lombard has a background in jiu jitsu.
- He has put in a massive off-season, recording a personal best time while winning the SUNS pre-Christmas 2km time trial.
- He was the youngest member of the club's 2023 VFL Premiership, kicking a goal in the grand final at 16 years old.



Personal Info

DOB: 04/04/2002
Height: 197cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Marra
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Former No. 1 draft joined the SUNS in the 2025 Trade Period. A player with high forward craft and IQ that can not only add but compliment the Gold Coast forward line – Ugle-Hagan is an exciting prospect. The versatile key forward has kicked 103 goals across 67 matches since debuting in 2021, and was the Bulldogs leading goalkicker in 2024.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: South Warrnambool (Vic)
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Scotch College (Vic)/Oakleigh U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 67
Goals: 103
Draft & Trade History: 2020 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Western Bulldogs) No.1; 2025 Continental Tyres AFL Trade period traded by Western Bulldogs
AFL Honours: Leading goalkicker 2024; AFL Rising Star nominee 2022
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 10
AFL Debut: Round 17, 2021
SUNS Debut: Yet to debut
Previous AFL Club/s: Western Bulldogs (2021-2025: 67 games; 103 goals)

Fun Facts

- Ugle-Hagan became the second Indigenous player to top the Draft following Des Headland in 1998.
- He is one of five Indigenous players on the SUNS AFL list, with Noongar-Gunditjmarra-Djab Wurrung heritage.
- Ugle-Hagan captained his Lawn Bowls side at Scotch College.



Personal Info

DOB: 23/07/1999
Height: 196cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Chaz, Chuck
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

In 2024, the key backman averaged 2.96 intercept marks to rank equal sixth in the league. He also ranked top 30 for one-percenters, spoils and contested marks. In Round One 2025, the reliable and consistent cog suffered an ACL tear ultimately sidelining him for the season. The tall defender will be eyeing a return alongside Sam Collins and Mac Andrew in 2026 and will aim to run out for his 150th AFL match.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Mitcham, Sturt
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: South Australia U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 134
Goals: 3
Draft & Trade History: 2017 NAB AFL Draft 3rd round selection (Gold Coast) No. 42
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS Emerging Player 2019
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 4
Debut: Round 7, 2018
Former guernsey number: 31 (2018)

Fun Facts

- Ballard's tenure at the SUNS will expand past a decade after signing a contract extension in 2024 until the end of 2029.
- Last year, Ballard proposed to his partner Meg while travelling Europe with one-year-old son Luca.
- Ballard visited both the Manchester United and Manchester City facilities on his travels and as part of his rehabilitation program was assessed by the Man United Physio and trained in the Man City gym.



Personal Info

DOB: 22/02/1996
Height: 178cm
Home State: VIC
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Father (Wylie) is of African-American and Jamaican descent, Mother (Ruth) is of English and Australian descent.
Name Pronunciation Tewk Mill-ah (rhymes with Luke)
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

An enormous 2025 campaign saw the club's vice-captain and Life Member become the first SUN to 5000 career disposals before finishing within a whisker of fellow stars Matt Rowell and Noah Anderson to win his third Club Champion. Played 23 matches, including his 200th in the epic Darwin win over Hawthorn, and had at least 20 touches in all but two games, including 37 (plus seven tackles) against GWS in round 15.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Maribyrnong Park
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Calder Cannons U18 (captain, 2014); Vic Metro U18; Vic Metro U16 (captain)
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 214
Goals: 71
Draft & Trade 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; Club Champion 3rd place 2025; All-Australian 2021, 2022; AFLCA Player of the Year 2022; AFL Rising Star nominee 2015; Gold Coast SUNS Life Member; Gold Coast SUNS co-captain 2022-24; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2017-25; Gold Coast SUNS vice-captain 2019-21, 2025; David Swallow Award (Players' Player) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; Jarrod Harbrow Community Award 2017
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 8; career votes 74
Debut: Round 1, 2015
Former guernsey number: 44 (2015)

Fun Facts

- In his off-seasons, Miller has trained with Gold Coast Ironman Ali Day and is a keen surfer.
- He is on the verge of completing his MBA after almost a decade of study.
- His father Wylie is a musician who inspired the club's All Gas, No Brakes finals campaign, while mother Ruth is a talented marathon runner and earlier this year completed her first Ironwoman.



Personal Info

DOB: 04/06/1998
Height: 198cm
Home State: New South Wales
Nickname: Silas
Name Pronunciation Ell-lee-it Himm-ul-berg
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Himmelberg joined the SUNS in the 2024 Trade Period as a free agent after seven years and 50 AFL games with Adelaide. A strong-marking key forward who can also play in defence and in the ruck, he provides a host of traits to the squad. Produced his best game for the SUNS VFL with 19 disposals, seven marks and four goals but tore his ACL in the opening minutes of the following clash against Box Hill Hawks. He will be eyeing a senior berth in 2026 when fit and firing.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Redland
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 50
Goals: 49
Draft & Trade History: 2016 NAB AFL Draft 3rd round selection (Adelaide) No. 51; 2024 NAB AFL Draft traded by Adelaide
Debut: Round 23, 2018
Previous AFL Club/s: Adelaide (2017-2024: 50 games, 49 goals)

Fun Facts

- His brother Harry is a key defender for the GWS Giants.
- Himmelberg was originally drafted from QAFL club Redland after to moving to Brisbane from Wagga Wagga when he was 16.
- He proposed to partner Georgie in August last year before travelling around Europe in the off-season.



Personal Info

DOB: 23/02/1996
Height: 182cm
Home State: Tasmania
Nickname: Lach
Name Pronunciation: Lock-ee Well-ahh
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Had another interrupted year, missing six weeks with a hamstring injury mid-season, but his 19 games was still his best return since 2018 and included his 150th match. Moved to the wing with the arrivals of Daniel Rioli and John Noble and found his best form in the Round 24 win over Essendon with 26 disposals, five marks and seven inside-50s.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burnie Dockers, Broadbeach, Southport, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; AFL Academy (captain 2013); Queensland U18 AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 161
Goals: 50
Draft & Trade 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: Career votes 12
AFL Debut: Round 18, 2015
SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2018
Previous AFL Club/s: Fremantle (2014-2017: 47 games, 17 goals)

Fun Facts

- Weller is a keen surfer and gardener, his dream job after football is to be a farmer.
- Father to daughter Marloe and son Rudy.
- Alongside Avery Thomas, he is one of two players hailing from Tasmania on the SUNS list.



Personal Info

DOB: 17/02/2001
Height: 191cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Noz
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The equal best player in the competition alongside Bailey Smith, according to the coaches. The first-year captain broke down all sorts of barriers, becoming the second Sun to win the award after Touk Miller, making his first All-Australian team, leading Gold Coast into the finals for the first time and spearheading an historic win over Fremantle in Perth. The tough and skillful midfielder also showed his class with a brilliant run and finish to claim the Goal of the Year.

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 2025): 129
Goals: 54
Draft & Trade 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, 2025; All-Australian 2025; All-Australian squad 2023, 2024; AFLCA Champion Player of the Year (joint) 2025; AFL Rising Star nominee 2020; AFLPA 22Under22 Team 2022, 2023; Gold Coast SUNS captain 2025; Goal of the Year 2025; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2022-25; SUNS Emerging Player 2020, 2022; Victoria AFL Origin 2026
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 25; career votes 83
Debut: Round 1, 2020

Fun Facts

- Father Dean played 150 AFL games for Hawthorn and St Kilda.
- At 23 years-old, Anderson became the youngest current captain in the AFL and led the SUNS to their first finals campaign.
- Bucket list includes watching Arsenal at the Emirates and visiting coffee farms in South America.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/03/2002
Height: 192cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Hoofa
Name Pronunciation: Joll Jeff-ree
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Finally found his best position as he settled into the SUNS last line of defence and played every game, bringing up his 50 while averaging career-bests in disposals (18.8), marks (5.6) and rebounds (4.9). Also hit the scoreboard with five goals on rare forays forward. Hit 30 touches for the first time with 32, 10 marks, 10 rebounds and a goal against Essendon and had similarly brilliant performances against Brisbane and St Kilda later in the season. The Northern Territory product is an exciting prospect for years to come on the Gold Coast.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Wanderers, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; NT Thunder U18; Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 53
Goals: 21
Draft & Trade History: 2020 NAB AFL Draft pre-listed Academy selection (Gold Coast)
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2022; Indigenous All Stars 2025
Debut: Round 20, 2021
Former guernsey number: 40 (2021-25)

Fun Facts

- 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.
- He was one of two SUNS representatives in the 2025 Indigenous All-Stars match, alongside Ben Long.
- Welcomed his first child, Jakiah, with partner Lucy in October 2025.



Personal Info

DOB: 16/04/1997
Height: 179cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Sausage
Name Pronunciation: Dan-yil Ree-ole-lee
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Reunited with his triple premiership coach last year and provided instant experience and leadership to lead the SUNS into September. Rioli's clean hands and speed proved an invaluable addition to the SUNS defensive unit although a late knee injury sidelined the former Richmond best and fairest. He was able to bounce back for the Round 24 Essendon game and the two finals. Rioli became the first in his football-star family to reach the 200-game milestone in Round 19.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: St Mary's, East Point, St Patrick's College U18, Northern Territory U18, Allies U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 202
Goals: 117
Draft & Trade History: 2015 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Richmond) No. 15; 2024 NAB AFL Draft traded by Richmond
AFL Honours: Richmond Best & Fairest 2024; Goal of the Year 2017; All Australian squad 2022; AFL Rising Star nominee 2016; AFLPA 22Under22 Team 2017; Richmond premiership sides 2017, 2019, 2020
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 10
AFL Debut: Round 1, 2016
SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2025
Previous AFL Club/s: Richmond (2016-2024): 183 games, 107 goals)

Fun Facts

- Rioli is an avid fisherman, producing regular content for his YouTube and Instagram channels. He is also set to host a weekly fishing segment on Channel 7NEWS Queensland in 2026.
- Rioli and wife Paris Lawrence, who is a well-known DJ, tied the knot during the off-season.
- Hailing from the Northern Territory, he is closely related to teammate Ben Long and is one of five Riolis to have played in the AFL.



Personal Info

DOB: 01/07/2001
Height: 180cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Rowelly, Fox, Diesel
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

A dream season for inside midfielder, signing a two-year contract until 2027 mid-season and producing the second biggest vote haul in Brownlow Medal history, polling 39 votes to street the field. Played his 100th game, won the Marcus Ashcroft Medal for a mammoth 37 disposals, 15 clearances, 12 tackles and seven entries in the second QClash, claimed his first Club Champion and All-Australian blazer and led his team to its first finals campaign. Averages of 26.3 disposals, 8.2 clearances, 8.6 tackles and 5.6 inside-50s were all career-bests.

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 2025): 110

Goals: 35

Draft & Trade History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 1.

AFL Honours: Brownlow Medal 2025; Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2025; Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion 2025; Club Champion 3rd place 2023; David Swallow Award (Players' Player) 2023, 2025; AFL Rising Star nominee 2020; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2025; All Australian 2025; Victoria AFL Origin 2026

Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 39; career votes 89

Debut: Round 1, 2020

Fun Facts

- Became the club's second Brownlow Medal winner in 2025 to go with his first SUNS Club Champion.
- Played school football with SUNS teammates Noah Anderson and Ben Jepson as well as Collingwood star Nick Daicos.
- Rowell 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
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The third year-talent went to work quietly in the 2024 off-season before featuring in a career-high 23 games in 2025, averaging 15.4 disposals, 4.1 tackles and a goal per game in his finest season to date. The dangerous half-forward earned his first Brownlow votes when he dominated Sydney on Anzac weekend with 18 disposals and four goals, backing up with 20 and 24 in the following two weeks. Added three-goal hauls against the Lions, Richmond and Fremantle in the elimination final. Humphrey took out the SUNS Emerging Player of the Year and a top-four finish for club champion.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Moe Lions FNC

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland Power U18 captain; Vic Country U18 (2022); Morrish Medal Runner-Up 2022

AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 63

Goals: 50

Draft & Trade History: 2022 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 6

AFL Honours: Rising Star Nominee 2023

Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 2; career votes 2

Debut: Round 4, 2023

Fun Facts

- 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.
- Earned his first Brownlow Medal votes with 18 disposals and four goals in the Round 7 win against Sydney last year.





Personal Info

DOB: 7/7/2005
Height: 203cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Creek
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

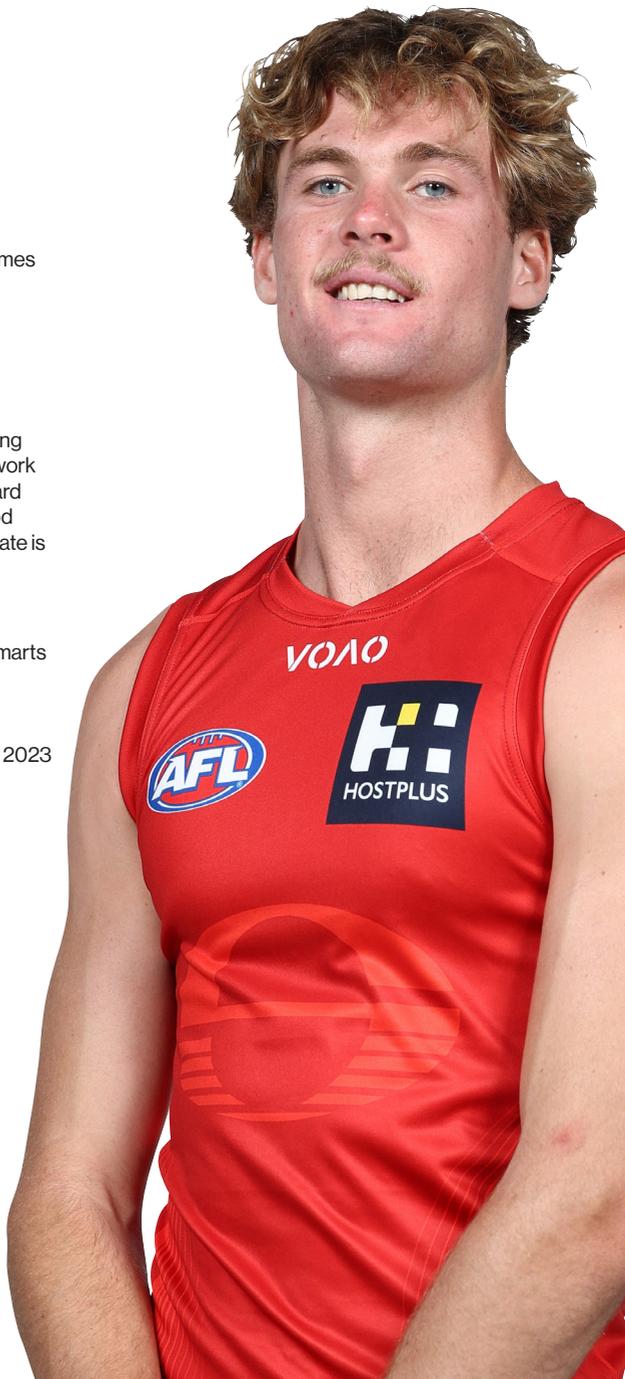
The tall forward – turned wingman, played 21 games in his second season and produced a couple of performances that showcased his undoubted potential with nine marks and two goals against Richmond in round 21 and three goals against Essendon in Round 24. The 202cm prospect is able to run a sub-six minute two-kilometre time trial, and his work rate and ball use are outstanding features of his game, along with his aggressive work at stoppages which provided the versatile forward the opportunity to step in for star ruckman Jarrod Witts. The StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate is locked in until 2028.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18 2023; All-Australian U18 2023; Hunter Harrison Medal 2023
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 25
Goals: 22
Draft & Trade History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 9
AFL Honours: Rising Star Nominee 2025
Debut: Round 4, 2024

Fun Facts

- Grew up playing in the same junior football team as Jed Walter and Will Graham at Palm Beach Currumbin.
- Joined the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy at 13 years old and is nicknamed Creek after Gold Coast suburb “Reedy Creek.”
- Standing at over two metres tall, Read ran a 5:56 2km time trial as an 18-year-old at the 2023 Draft Combine and recorded another sub six minute performance to take out the SUNS 2026 pre-season 2km time trial.



Personal Info

DOB: 21/08/1997
Height: 182cm
Home Territory: Northern Territory
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Longy
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Has become a star under Damien Hardwick, locking himself into a forward pocket and kicking 45 goals to almost double his career tally and make his first All-Australian squad in his 10th AFL season. Kicked four goals on three occasions and nailed five threes as well in a year where he played all but one game. Due to run out for his 150th game this season.

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 2025): 135
Goals: 57
Draft & Trade History: 2016 NAB AFL Draft 2nd round selection (St Kilda) No. 25; 2022 traded by St Kilda.
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2018; Indigenous All Stars 2025; All Australian Squad 2025,
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 1; career votes 5
AFL Debut: Round 4, 2017
SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2023
Previous AFL Club/s: St Kilda (2017-22: 79 games, 31 goals)

Fun Facts

- Long loves hunting and fishing. Dream job after football is a professional fisherman.
- One of the SUNS’ best table tennis players.
- Long is one of four players on the SUNS AFL list with a connection to the Northern Territory and in 2025 represented the Indigenous All-Stars.
- He is closely related to SUNS teammate Daniel Rioli.





Personal Info

DOB: 15/02/2002
Height: 204cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Moyley
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The promising ruck prospect carved up again in the VFL, winning his first best and fairest while averaging 41.5 hit-outs, 18.5 disposals, 4.1 marks and 6.1 clearances. Moyle has proved he has what it takes to step up to the next level and will provide competition for Witts for the number one ruck role at the SUNS. Only three opportunities presented last year and just one was without Witts, when the 206cm giant had 35 hit-outs against Essendon in Round 17.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Kew Rovers, Xavier College, Old Xaverians
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 13
Goals: 2
Draft & Trade History: 2021 Mid-Season Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 5; 2022 NAB AFL Draft rookie elevation (Gold Coast).
Debut: Round 4, 2023
Former guernsey number: 49 (2021-24), 21 (2025)

Fun Facts

- Moyle has earned extensive honours at VFL level with the SUNS, including Team of the Year selection (2022, 2024), a VFL Premiership where he amassed 73 hitouts in the Grand Final against Werribee, and the SUNS VFL best and fairest in 2025.
- The 204cm ruckman's game day ritual includes eating pancakes.
- Moyle is halfway through completing a Bachelor of Commerce.



Personal Info

DOB: 15/06/1994
Height: 194cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Collo
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Collins is one of the AFL's greatest second-chance stories. Since joining the club, Collins has been a revelation as a key defender, going on to become a two-time Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion (2020, 2024) and has consistently finished in the top 5 over the last six years. Collins was promoted to the vice-captaincy in 2021 and continues to lead the playing group. The key defender earned his second consecutive All-Australian squad selection while ranking No.4 in the AFL for intercepts and No.10 for one-percenters.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Donvale Football Club
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 149
Goals: 0
Draft & Trade 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, 2024; Club Champion Runner-Up 2023; David Swallow Award (Players' Player) 2024; Gold Coast SUNS vice-captain 2021-25; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2020-25; All Australian Squad 2024, 2025; Victoria AFL Origin 2026
Brownlow Medal: Career votes 2
AFL Debut: Round 10, 2016
SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2019
Previous AFL Club/s: Fremantle (2016-17: 14 games, 0 goals)

Fun Facts

- Collins welcomed his first child, Ivy, with partner Georgia in 2024.
- Collins is yet to score a goal at AFL level and holds one of the longest game streaks in the competition without a goal.
- He is one of four players to have won multiple SUNS Club Champions alongside Gary Ablett Jnr (4), Tom Lynch (2) and Touk Miller (2).
- Collins is an avid ambassador for GC SUNS Major Charity Partner RizeUp.





Personal Info

DOB: 27/07/2005
Height: 186cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Willbur
Name Pronunciation: Will Gray-um
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

After a dominant 17 features and a Rising Star nomination in his debut season, the StreetSmarts Academy graduate starred in only eight fixtures in 2025 after being sidelined with a shoulder injury in round nine and suffering a hamstring injury just 12 weeks later on return to VFL. The 20-year-old's best performance came in round three, when he had 16 disposals, five marks and two goals in a thumping win over Melbourne, and he is another one who will immediately make the SUNS better with a full pre-season and a clear run with injury.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin Lions, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Allies U18 2023
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 25
Goals: 18
Draft & Trade History: 2023 AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 26
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2024, SUNS Most Professional 2025
Debut: Round 4, 2024

Fun Facts

- Graham was voted as SUNS Most Professional in 2025, despite being injured for more than half of the season with shoulder and hamstring injuries.
- Grew up playing in the same junior football team as Ethan Read and Jed Walter at Palm Beach Currumbin.
- Was an inaugural SUNS member in 2011 and is the youngest Palm Beach Currumbin player to debut at senior level (15 years old).



Personal Info

DOB: 26/08/1999
Height: 189cm
Home State: Western Australia
Nickname: Powelly
Name Pronunciation: Wil Powl
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The 26-year-old started his career at the SUNS as a small forward, but quickly developed into a dependable half-back with crafty kicking skills and in 2026 will look to spend more time in the midfield and maximise his elite ball use and ability to compete and add pressure. Powell stood up in the QClash thrashing of the Lions with a season-best 26 disposals and played a major role in the SUNS' rise into September alongside fellow rebounders John Noble and Daniel Rioli. The SUNS leader is on track to reach 150 matches late this season and is contracted until 2029.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Scarborough, Claremont
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 130
Goals: 15
Draft & Trade History: 2017 NAB AFL Draft end of 1st round compensation selection (Gold Coast) No. 19.
AFL Honours: AFLPA 22Under22 (2021), Gold Coast SUNS Club Champion Runner-Up 2021; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2025; Western Australia AFL Origin 2026
Debut: Round 15, 2018

Fun Facts

- Powell became a father for a second time in 2025, welcoming his second son Hayes.
- He was one of four players to represent the SUNS in February's AFL Origin - the only of that group to play for Western Australia.
- He began a new chapter as a real estate professional late in 2025.





Personal Info

DOB: 13/09/1992
Height: 208cm
Home State: New South Wales
Nickname: Wittsy, Witta
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The former captain is a Club Champion winner and last year claimed the scalps of all the recognised leading ruckmen in the competition, with his 1040 hit-outs (average 43.3) being only the sixth time a player has crossed that milestone and the second to do it twice after Brodie Grundy. The 204cm SUN turns 34 in September but shows no signs of slowing down.

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 2025): 205
Goals: 45
Draft & Trade 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 2018-25
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 3; Career votes 14
AFL Debut: Round 6, 2013
SUNS Debut: Round 1, 2017
Previous AFL Club/s: Collingwood (2011-16: 40 games, 18 goals)

Fun Facts

- Grew up playing rugby union in NSW before converting to AFL when he was 15.
- He became a father for a third time in late 2025, welcoming daughter Winter.
- He was a talented cricketer growing up and played alongside Pat Cummins in a New South Wales representative team.
- In 2024, Witts became the first active SUNS player to graduate from Griffith University earning a Bachelor of business after seven years of study.



Personal Info

DOB: 02/03/2005
Height: 172cm
Home State: Queensland
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Mum is South African born
Nickname: Snake
Name Pronunciation: Jake Rodge-rs
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The second-year livewire small forward matched his nine games from year one and was the starting substitute for five. Had his best game against West Coast in Round 1 with 13 disposals and three goals, but an ankle injury in round nine cost him two months. Played seven VFL games on return, averaging an impressive 21.7 disposals including 30 touches, six clearances, eight tackles, five inside-50s and a goal against Collingwood. The StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate was recalled for the Round 24 Essendon game and will be eager to taste more of the AFL system this season.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Broadbeach, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2023; All-Australian U18 2023
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 14
Draft & Trade History: 2023 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 14
AFL Honours: AFL Rising Star nominee 2024
Goals: 6
Debut: Round 6, 2024

Fun Facts

- Played junior football with and against Jed Walter, Will Graham and Ethan Read.
- Rogers was appointed StreetSmarts SUNS Academy captain 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: 01/09/2007

Height: 183cm

Home State: QLD

Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indonesian mother

Nickname: Dyl

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Raw speed and attacking instincts put Patterson into the standout top five at the draft. Quick on his feet and explosive from the contest, the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product is just as comfortable taking on opponents and getting out of tight spots. Averaged 430m gained for the Allies on his way to 19.8 disposals, five rebounds and a spot at half-back in the All Australian team, while his 16 touches and five marks per game in four VFL outings for the SUNS came at 84.4 per cent efficiency.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Palm Beach Currumbin; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2025; All-Australian U18 2025; All Australian U16 2023

Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 5

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Known for his explosiveness, Patterson was a prolific junior rugby league player and received offers from several NRL clubs before committing to Aussie Rules as he got more enjoyment from the sport.
- Patterson's father played for the same junior football club as SUNS Senior Coach Damien Hardwick.
- He is the fourth player drafted from Palm Beach Currumbin Lions in the last three drafts.



Personal Info

DOB: 30/11/2006

Height: 199cm

Home Territory: ACT

Nickname: Belly

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

A tall defender originally from Flynn in the ACT's Belconnen district, Bell was a member of the GWS Giants Academy and joined the SUNS after the Giants did not match the bid in the 2024 National Draft. In his first season on the Gold Coast, the 199-cm recruit showed positive signs across 14 VFL games, averaging 8.6 disposals and 3.5 marks mainly in the back half. Took seven marks in the last game to help beat the club who passed on him and had six grabs and 13 touches in a win over a high-flying Casey Demons in Round 14. With good speed, athleticism and ball-handling skills, the young prospect will be eyeing an extension at the end of the season.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Belconnen Magpies, GWS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: GWS Academy; Allies U18

Draft & Trade History: 2024 NAB AFL Draft 3rd round selection (Gold Coast) No. 49

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Away from footy, Bell enjoys playing Xbox, golf and watching other sports.
- Growing up Bell also played rugby league and soccer.





Personal Info

DOB: 24/04/2007

Height: 180cm

Home State: QLD

Name Pronunciation Zeek You-land

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Selected with Pick 2, the StreetSmarts Academy graduate became the highest AFL draft selection out of the Academy and was the first of six to join the SUNS list in the National Draft. The younger brother of SUNS star Bodhi Uwland, he has been likened to Errol Gulden. He is capable of playing on any line and complementing transition football perfectly with his running ability, lethal foot skills and shrewd decision making. He can win his own ball but is better suited to providing outside run and his elite disposal makes teammates give it to him. Averaged 16.5 disposals and 4.5 marks in four VFL matches and had 23 touches a game for the Allies.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2025; All-Australian U18 2024; All Australian U16 2023

Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 2

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Taken at Pick 2 in the 2025 Draft, Uwland became the highest AFL draft selection for a male StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate (previously Jed Walter: Pick 3, 2023).
- Outside of football, he is studying a Law and Commerce degree and begun doing paralegal work during his draft year.
- A kitchen accident as a toddler almost saw him lose a toe on his left foot.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/12/2002

Height: 189cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Chloe

Name Pronunciation Sam Clo-see

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Clohesy's maiden AFL season in 2024 was outstanding, going on to play 20 games in a row after debuting in Round 5 and making the wing role his own. He broke the record for the most disposals on debut for a SUNS player and began his career with back-to-back maximum votes in the Club Champion count. An ankle injury sidelined the 23-year-old for much of 2025, and he will be eager to play more matches in the senior side.

Football Background:

Junior Club/s: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy, Assumption College, Darley, Werribee

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Calder Cannons U18

AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 34

Draft & Trade History: 2024 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 4

Goals: 10

Debut: Round 4, 2024

Fun Facts

- Clohesy was a member of the SUNS Academy as a teenager before relocating to Melbourne.
- Clohesy's game-day ritual involves wearing two pairs of socks, while his off-day reset is all about kicking them off and heading out for a surf.
- Enjoys travelling back to South Africa to visit extended family.





Personal Info

DOB: 07/07/2000
Height: 202cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Kingy
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Improved his 2024 career-best haul of 55 goals to 71 to take out the SUNS leading goalkicker for a fifth time in six seasons and claim second spot in the Coleman Medal. In 2025, King finished No. 4 in the AFL for marks inside-50 and No. 11 for contested marks, making him extremely difficult to stop at 202cm. Booted seven goals for the first time against Essendon to drive the Suns into the finals and added a couple of sixes and two fives while being deadly accurate (71.23).

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 2025): 120
Goals: 255
Draft & Trade History: 2018 NAB AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 6
AFL Honours: Gold Coast SUNS leading goalkicker 2020-2021, 2023-2025; Gold Coast SUNS Leadership Group 2025; All Australian Squad 2025; Victoria AFL Origin 2026
Brownlow Medal: 2025 votes 7; career votes 21
Debut: Round 9, 2019

Fun Facts

- King's final goal of the 2026 season saw him eclipse Tom Lynch's club record as the all-time leading SUNS goalkicker.
- Has missed only a single match in the last two seasons after missing the entire 2022 campaign with an ACL injury.
- He sits alongside Charlie Dixon as the only SUN to kick 6+ goals on three occasions.



Personal Info

DOB: 09/03/2007
Height: 187cm
Home State: QLD
Nickname: Muzz
Name Pronunciation: Jy Mah-ree
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Selected with pick 17, the Burleigh Bombers junior was one of five StreetSmarts SUNS Academy talents to graduate onto the AFL list. One of those players who always seems to have more time than everyone else, he has modelled his game on his new captain Noah Anderson. Murray impressed at the contest for the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy, but he is better known as a running wingman or half back averaging 12.0 disposals and 4.4 marks in eight VFL games to climb the draft board.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; AFL Academy 2025; All Australian U16 2023; All-Australian U15 2022
Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 17
Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Murray is a former State Surf Life Saving champion in paddleboarding and represented North Burleigh Surf Life Saving Club.
- Murray is a lifelong Gold Coast SUNS supporter and one of 17 StreetSmarts SUNS Academy products on the list.
- The 19-year-old's game-day ritual includes eating his mum's homemade lasagna the night before a match.



Personal Info

DOB: 26/03/2000

Height: 192cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Zevans

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Evans is a former Australian Under 19 cricketer who played at first-class level with Victoria and the Melbourne Renegades in the BBL before joining the SUNS late in 2024 as a Category B Rookie. The promising talent showed a marked improvement in his second season, driving him closer to contention of an AFL debut this year. Played 14 VFL matches for averages of 11.9 disposals and 3.6 marks while kicking nine goals including hauls of three against Casey Demons and the Brisbane Lions in the second half of the year, while he had 18 touches and seven marks against the Demons in round two. Signed another one-year deal as he aims to settle in for a long spell in the Sunshine State.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Xavier College

Draft & Trade History: 2024 Category B Rookie Signing (Gold Coast)

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Evans has taken one first-class wicket playing Sheffield Shield for Victoria, as well as 13 wickets in 10 Big Bash League matches.
- Before joining the SUNS at the end of 2024, Evans had last played competitive football at school level for Xavier College in 2018.
- Outside of football, Evans is a keen golfer boasting a handicap of 10 and is currently studying Business Administration.



Personal Info

DOB: 27/6/2004

Height: 209cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Knob

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

After joining the SUNS in the 2024 Rookie Draft, the 209cm ruckman played the first six games in the VFL, averaging 9.8 disposals and 20.7 hit-outs, but hurt his foot in the round eight loss to his former club Box Hill Hawks and missed the rest of the season. Knobel signed a new one-year deal and will be looking for a bit more luck to push towards an AFL debut.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Maffra

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland Power U18, Vic Country U18

Draft & Trade History: 2024 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 4

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- He is the son of former Richmond ruck Trent Knobel.
- Knobel is a keen golfer and holds a handicap of 12.
- He currently lives with captain Noah Anderson and fellow second-year SUN Ben Jepson.





Personal Info

DOB: 09/03/2007
Height: 180cm
Home State: QLD
Nickname: Bozo
Name Pronunciation: Boe Add-inn-saw!
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The Burleigh Bombers junior was one of five StreetSmarts SUNS Academy athletes to graduate onto the club's AFL list. An accumulator who covers plenty of ground and impresses with his one-touch ability, averaging 32 disposals and 7.7 clearances in three Talent League games, as well as racking up 28 touches for the AFL Academy against Richmond VFL. Averaged 18.2 disposals in five VFL matches including 26 (12 contested), eight clearances and four tackles in round 21 against GWS. Finished fifth in the 2km time trial at the Draft Combine (6:15) and was top 10 in both jumping tests.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; AFL Academy 2025; All Australian U16 2023; All Australian U15 2022
Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 18
Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Hailing from the Burleigh Bombers, he is one of five Bombers juniors on the SUNS AFL list.
- Addinsall is completing a Certificate IV Real Estate along with Koby Coulson and Jai Murray.
- Outside of football, Addinsall enjoys fishing, basketball and golf. His bucket list includes hitting a hole in one.



Personal Info

DOB: 24/11/2006
Height: 187cm
Home State: ACT
Nickname: Gilbus
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate was rewarded for a strong first VFL season with an AFL debut against Port Adelaide in Round 24, gathering nine touches and laying five tackles in a solid bow at the top level. Played 15 VFL games and turned heads with four goals from 23 possessions, seven tackles and five inside-50s against the Northern Bullants in round three and earned his AFL chance with three goals against GWS in Round 21. Finished with averages of 10.5 disposals and 3.9 tackles while kicking 13 goals.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Burleigh Bombers, StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 1
Goals: 0
Draft & Trade History: 2024 Rookie Draft Academy Pre-Selection (Gold Coast)
Debut: Round 23, 2025

Fun Facts

- Gulbin has held a single-digit golf handicap and has hit three hole-in-ones.
- He lived in Switzerland for 3.5 years.
- He is one of 17 former members of the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy on the club's AFL list.



Personal Info

DOB: 20/09/2007

Height: 185cm

Home State: Tasmania

Nickname: Birdman

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Drafted alongside the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy quintet with pick 29, the Tasmanian prospect is a competitor who throws himself into every contest. An effective lockdown defender with the ability to play on tall and small forwards with his big jump and closing speed a feature. Top 10 at the Draft Combine for standing and running vertical jumps, 20m sprint and the agility test.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Launceston; Tasmania U18

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Tasmania U18; Allies U18

Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 28

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Hailing from Launceston, Thomas was the only Tasmanian drafted in the 2025 draft crop.
- A naturally-gifted athlete who only committed to football over athletics 18 months ago, he has a personal best 100m time of 11.45, achieved as a 15-year-old, also achieving a 1.70m high jump personal best in 2024.
- Away from football, Thomas is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Education.



Personal Info

DOB: 27/6/2004

Height: 190cm

Home State: Victoria

Nickname: Wudda

Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Hailing from Heyfield in country Victoria, Eastham had a strong debut season on the SUNS, playing all 18 VFL games to average 15.6 disposals and 5.2 marks in an unfamiliar defensive role to earn himself a second year on the rookie list. The teenager had 20 disposals and seven marks against Sydney, 22 and seven against Coburg, 22 and five against Casey and a season-best 25 and eight against Richmond to show his talent and will look to challenge for a debut in his second year.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Heyfield

Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Gippsland Power U18; Vic Country U16

Draft & Trade History: 2024 Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 17

Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- On arrival to the Gold Coast, Eastham lived with Touk Miller and admired his professionalism and cooking.
- Currently studying a Bachelor of Psychology, with aspirations to live overseas later in life.
- Game-day ritual includes polishing off a packet of Apricot Delights the night before a match.





Personal Info

DOB: 31/07/2007
Height: 180cm
Home State: QLD
Name Pronunciation Koe-bee Cool-son
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

An agile and powerful inside midfielder, Coulson formed the fifth part of the Gold Coast SUNS largest Academy haul with pick 46 in the National Draft. He plays in short bursts and is creative by hand but also gains ground with penetrating kicking. Turned it on for the StreetSmarts SUNS Academy with 28 disposals (11 contested), six clearances and 11 entries against Dandenong and 32 touches (11 contested) and five clearances against Northern, while he averaged 24.3 possessions, four clearances 4.8 tackles and 5.5 entries for the Allies to make the under-18 All-Australian interchange.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Broadbeach; StreetSmarts SUNS Academy
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: StreetSmarts SUNS Academy; Allies U18; Male Academy Player of the Year 2025
Draft & Trade History: 2025 Telstra AFL Draft 1st round selection (Gold Coast) No. 46
Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- The StreetSmarts SUNS Academy graduate is a life long SUNS fan - his father Bruce Coulson is the SUNS No.1 ticket-holder.
- Coulson competed at national level in Oztag.
- His goals for 2026 include earning an AFL debut and to hit an eagle in golf.



Personal Info

DOB: 10/10/2001
Height: 184cm
Home State: Victoria
Nickname: Jeppo
Name Pronunciation Ben Jep-sin
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Plucked from Southport in last year's SSP, the VFL star had a 2025 for his new club, representing the state team in its drought-breaking win over the SANFL and averaging 21.2 disposals (at 80.5 per cent efficiency) in 16 games to eventually finish as runner-up in the SUNS VFL best & fairest. He earned an AFL debut against Adelaide in Round 19 in his favoured wing position, finishing with 12 touches. He is contracted until the end of 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Camberwell, Old Carey Grammarians
Senior Club/s: Coburg, Southport
Junior Representative Teams/Honours: Oakleigh Chargers U18
AFL Games Played (at end of 2025): 1
Goals: 0
Draft & Trade History: 2025 Pre-Season Supplementary Selection (Gold Coast)
Debut: Round 19, 2025

Fun Facts

- Jepson played school football alongside Noah Anderson, Matt Rowell and Nick Daicos.
- He is currently completing a Master's Degree in Education with an eye on teaching beyond his football career
- He made the move to Queensland in 2024 for a lifestyle change and currently lives with captain Noah Anderson and Max Knobel.





Personal Info

DOB: 29/09/2003
Height: 198cm
Home State: Victoria
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

Standing at 198cm, Lewis has showcased his versatility across all three lines during his junior career. Most recently playing for Casey Demons in the VFL and Dingley at local level before being selected in the mid-season rookie draft, the 21-year-old has excelled at both ends of the ground and is known for his aerial power, last year booting 66 goals for Dingley. Slotted in nicely at the SUNS with 19 goals in eight VFL matches and will be eyeing AFL opportunities in 2026.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Dingley; Brighton Grammar
Senior Club/s: Casey Demons (VFL)
Draft & Trade History: 2025 AFL Mid-season Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 14
Debut: Yet to debut

Fun Facts

- Lewis is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce.
- In 2026, he'll move in with SUNS defender Bodhi Umland.
- Bucket list includes Hiking the Italian Dolomites - Europe's most renowned mountain ranges.



Personal Info

DOB: 12/09/2000
Height: 196cm
Home State: Queensland
Nickname: Crab, Crabby
Name Pronunciation: Caleb Gray-um
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The North Queensland StreetSmarts SUNS Academy product has 37 games of AFL experience under his belt and will be eyeing a return to AFL level in 2026. The rock-solid backman featured in the VFL Team of the Year in the 2023 premiership, but could only manage 10 VFL games in 2025 after a knee injury and an achilles issue sidelined him.

Football Background

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

Fun Facts

- Hobbies outside footy include golf, going to the beach and playing PS5.
- Bucket list includes going to the USA and sky diving.
- Graham is a SUNS Academy product out of Cairns and was named in the VFL Team of the Year in 2023, also winning a VFL Premiership in the same year.





Personal Info

DOB: 23/07/2003
Height: 197cm
Home State: South Australia
Nickname: Big O
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

After a spoiled stint with St Kilda across 2022-23, the key defender earned selection back on to an AFL list when the SUNS came calling in last year's mid-season draft. He earned a long-awaited AFL debut in a Round 17 win over Essendon and became a mainstay in the back end of the season, featuring in eight straight matches to begin his career. He enjoyed his best performance with 14 possessions and six marks against Richmond in Round 21.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: South Gambier
Senior Club/s: Glenelg
AFL Games (at end of 2025): 8
Goals: 0
Draft & Trade History: 2025 AFL Mid-season Rookie Draft selection (Gold Coast) No. 7
Debut: Round 17, 2025

Fun Facts

- Before joining the SUNS in the 2025 Mid-season Rookie Draft, Adams played with Glenelg in the SANFL and was a driving force in the club's 2024 SANFL Premiership team.
- Adams is set to commence a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Management.
- As a child, Adams dream job was to play in the NBA.
- Currently lives with SUNS teammate Mac Andrew.



Personal Info

DOB: 07/12/1996
Height: 191cm
Home State: Western Australia
Indigenous/Multicultural background: Indigenous
Nickname: Fazz, Ferrari
Name Pronunciation: Jy Fa-ruh
Pronouns: He/Him/His

Bio

The versatile forward and key cog in the SUNS VFL kicked 16.12 from seven VFL games to catch Hardwick's attention alongside averaging 14.1 disposals and 5.2 marks in 11 matches. Slotted in well scoring three goals in his comeback game against the Lions in Round 20 and followed up with two the following week. The mature 28-year-old earned a consistent run and was selected in both finals in which he played his moments and went on to kick a major against Fremantle.

Football Background

Junior Club/s: Halls Creek, Hale School, North Wangaratta, Scotch Old Collegians
AFL games played: 42
Draft & Trade History: 2019 NAB AFL Draft 4th round selection (Gold Coast) No. 60.
Goals: 13
Debut: Round 18, 2018

Fun Facts

- Dream job after football is youth worker.
- Farrar has a passion for art and designed Our Cultural Journey – a piece of artwork comprising fingerprints which symbolises the club's members, supporters and the Gold Coast community.
- He has a strong connection to his Indigenous heritage, evidenced through his role in the SUNS Media production Wadeye: More Than a Game.
- He and his partner Lateesha welcomed their son Jax last January.



PEOPLE FIRST STADIUM



Construction of the original stadium began in 1986 and venue 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 with seating behind the goals. Total capacity was around 18,000 including 5,300 undercover seats.

People First Stadium (formerly Metricon Stadium) re-opened in mid-2011 following a \$144 million redevelopment into a 25,000-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 was officially unveiled as "People First Stadium" on March 8, 2024 after a year of being called "Heritage Bank Stadium". The stadium is a Stadiums Queensland venue and was designed by Populous and built by Watpac.

Official Capacity

27,500 (Sporting Events)

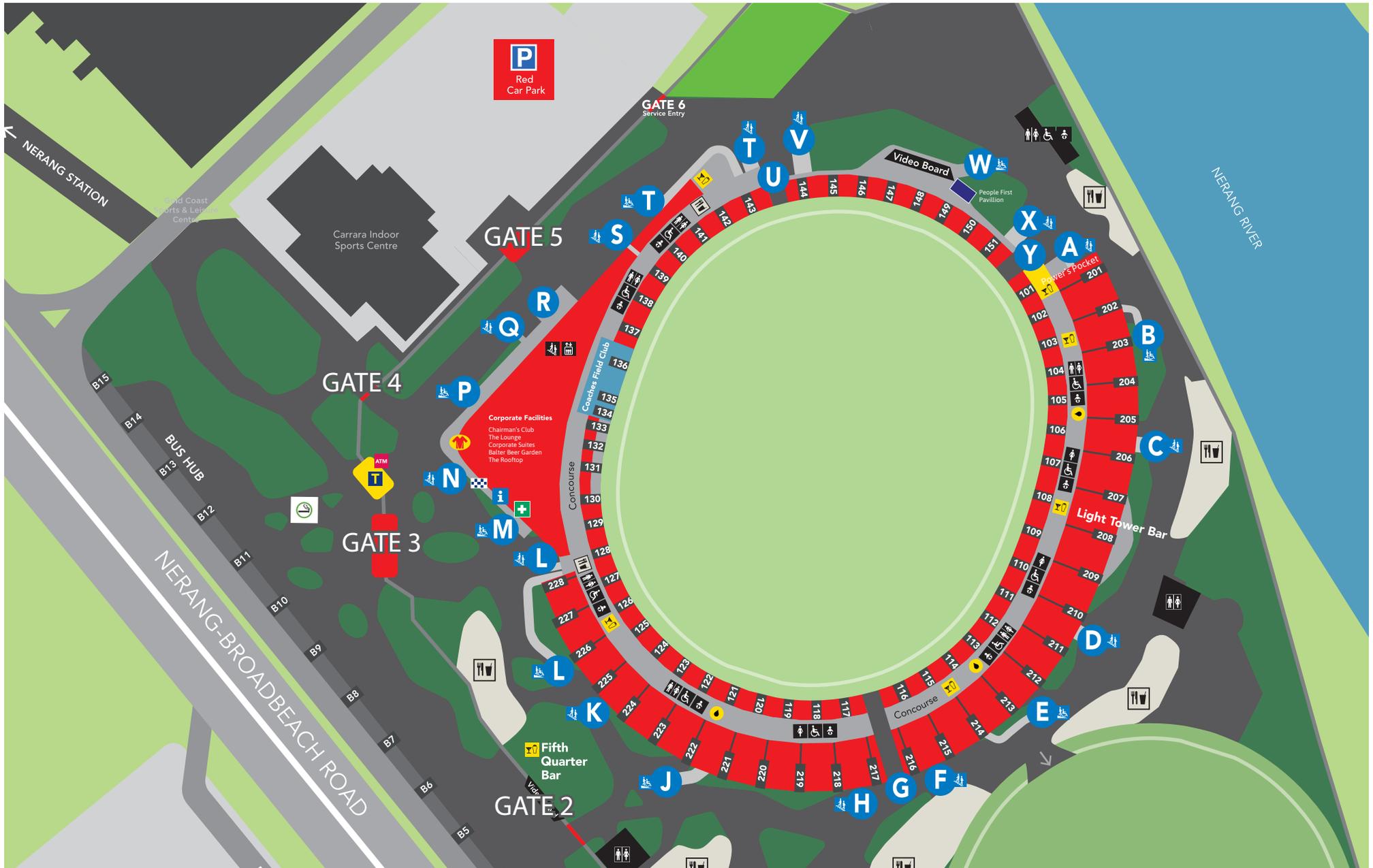
40,000 (Concerts)

Major Events

Foo Fighters, 2018 Commonwealth Games, Queen + Adam Lambert, Guns N' Roses, Harry Styles, Paul McCartney, P!NK, Pearl Jam, Nitro Circus, Spilt Milk, Big Bash Cricket, International Cricket.



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