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“Your support is vital to ensure SANFLUA remains a viable entity that can support its Umpires, and also provide them with opportunities to socialise with Umpires they might not get a chance to. We’re here to look after the needs of all our Umpires and with a strong member database we’re better equipped to achieve this.” SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins

2018 SANFLUA DATES

- Saturday April 14th:
After Match Catch Up at The Gilbert Street Hotel
- Saturday May 26th:
Movie - Dinner Night at Café Brunelli & Palace Nova Eastend Cinemas (Rundle Street)
- Saturday June 9th:
Ten Pin Bowling Night at Kingpin Norwood
- Saturday June 23rd:
After Match Catch Up at The Gilbert Street Hotel
- Sunday June 24th:
Life Members Luncheon at Seven 22 (Port Road)
- Saturday July 21st:
Quiz Night at Walkerville Bowling Club
- Saturday August 18th:
After Match Catch Up at The Gilbert Street Hotel
- Thursday August 23rd:
Annual Dinner at Adelaide Oval
- Sunday September 23rd:
SANFL Grand Final After Party at The Gilbert Street Hotel
- Saturday October 6th:
Presidents Lunch at The Gilbert Street Hotel

PRESIDENTS PEN - MATTHEW CUMMINS

They say time flies when you’re having fun. It’s hard to believe we’re over halfway into season 2018. It’s been fantastic to hear Shane speak about the professionalism and high level of performances for the year. It’s testament to everyone’s dedication to their umpiring.

Our new training venue has been a topic of high discussion this year and rightly so. The facilities are not what we’d hoped. We’ve slowly been making inroads into solving some of the problems. There is a lot more work to be done and I’m confident the SANFL and SANFL Umpiring Department are doing all they can to improve the venue. With so many stakeholders involved, these things don’t always move as fast as we’d like. Any major updates will be communicated with you as they happen.

It’s important I acknowledge the work that Shane has been doing in the background to improve the facilities. Communication between myself and Shane is constant and he’s always open to feedback. Congratulations to all umpires who have achieved milestones so far this year. We’ve had significant milestones across all disciplines including some SANFL League Debut’s. 2018 is shaping to be the year of the future with debut milestones covering all three disciplines of umpiring.

Our social events have kicked off for the year. I want to thank all members who have attended them. They are a fantastic way to mingle with umpires who we wouldn’t normally get a chance to do so. We’ve seen a great spread across all disciplines, from our elder tribe to the younger brigade. Keep an eye on our social media platforms and your email inbox for news on all the upcoming social events, including our 71st Annual Dinner which will again be held at Adelaide Oval, on Thursday August 23rd.

Our pre-game attire is always a hot topic of discussion. Over the summer months SANFLUA was in talks with the SANFL Umpiring Department on this issue and whilst we didn’t get the result (polo shirts) that the majority of our members preferred, it has opened communication lines on how we can best move forward to ensure we look more like a team (another preferred option from our members) on Match Days. We’ll have more on what this might look like further down the track, including the possibility of online ordering of exclusive SANFLUA attire.

In the meantime, if there is any topic or issue that you’d like to discuss or have me discuss with the SANFL Umpiring Department please do not hesitate to let me know. You can contact me via email president@sanflua.com.au and I’m more than happy for you to approach me out on the track, before or after training.

Continue to enjoy your umpiring as we head into the wet winter months. Run well.

Matt Cummins
President

MOVIE DINNER NIGHT



Saturday 26th May was our annual Movie Dinner night held at Cafe Brunelli and Palace Nova Cinemas on Rundle Street. 24 members, partners and friends turned out to enjoy a few drinks, magnificent food and great company. A few eager movie buffs enjoyed the Palace Nova whilst others kicked on at local establishments. We hope to see more of our members at the SANFLUA After Match Catch Up on the 23rd of June at The Gilbert Street Hotel.

TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT

Saturday June 9th was the SANFLUA's Ten Pin Bowling Night held at KingPin Norwood. 45 members, partners and children turned up to enjoy the night. There were some exceptional skills on display as all who attended enjoyed a terrific evening of fun and laughter. The SANFLUA thanks KingPin Norwood for looking after everyone and we thank the President for shouting the first round. Thank you to those who attended and we look forward to seeing more of your at our future events.



AROUND THE DISCIPLINES - MAY

Given the change in training venue and the challenges that has caused, our Umpires have certainly made a solid start to the 2018 SANFL Season across all disciplines. This was something that was noted by SANFL CEO Jake Parkinson when he visited our Training venue during May. All Umpires are to be congratulated on their efforts so far.

The month of May saw many more Milestones across all three disciplines once again. The SANFL took on the WAFL in this year's State League Match which was held at Adelaide Oval as a curtain raiser to the first Showdown of the year. All Umpires who officiated made their State League Match debuts. Congratulations to Field Umpires Andrew Crosby and Jamie Broadbent, Boundary Umpires Damian Robinson, Brayden Thiel and Sam Royans and Goal Umpire Rhys Negerman. Rowan Hundertmark was the Field Umpire Emergency whilst Matthew Williams was the Emergency Goal Umpire. All performed well.

Boundary Umpire Isaac Fishlock officiated in his 1st SANFL League Match in Round 7. Isaac is a part of a group of young up and coming Boundary Umpires of which we're sure more will make their debuts very soon. Isaac Umpired the Prospect Oval clash between North Adelaide and South Adelaide. Well done.

An historic milestone occurred in Round 9, with the debut in the goals by Allana Bruno. Allana officiated her 1st SANFL League Match at Richmond Oval when West Adelaide played Sturt. In doing so, Allana became the first female goal umpire to officiate in a SANFL League Match. Allana has been a regular appointment during the first two seasons of the AFLW competition which has given her some added experience. All of this experience helped her during the early rounds as she performed well at Reserves level, which ultimately led to her call up to League level. Keep an eye on our social media platforms and website as SANFLUA will be catching up with Allana very soon.

Umpires for this year's underage Championships have been announced. Representing us at the U18's Championships are Tom Bryce (F), Gerard Carter (B) and Michael Button (G). At the U16 Championships, Jackson Nokes (F), Josh Hardy (F), Jai Francis (B), Kier Francis (B) and Emilie Hill (G). The U18 Girls Championships will see Rory Husler (F), Steve Evanson (B) and Alisha Macheck (G) flying the SA flag. Congratulations to all selected Umpires and good luck.

The Advertiser's match report of the Round 7 clash between Central and Sturt made for interesting reading. Our Boundary Umpires were printed as being the Field Umpires for that match. We're not sure if there is any truth to the rumours that Dylan Speck, Matt Herrmann and Scott Hargreaves all requested the Field Umpires Match Payments.

As a reward for joining up as a member for 2018, SANFLUA provided all three disciplines a chance to score some movie tickets. All they needed to do was join up at the Members BBQ (or prior) and they'd all be placed in a draw to win. Jamie Broadbent (FU), William Carter (BU) and Michael Button (GU) were the lucky winners. Congratulations guys.

The month of May also saw the addition of Red Bull to our always expanding Sponsor/Donations list. Providing cases of Red Bull drinks to be shared amongst our members, Red Bull will also donate some gear for us to use at our Quiz Night on July 21st, as well the possibility of supplying us a DJ for the After Grand Final Party. All of this saves SANFLUA significant costs as well as providing us an opportunity to raise funds.

Our Annual Movie/Dinner night was held at the end of May with a solid representation across all disciplines. We'd love to see some more of our members at our events so if you get a chance, come along. Our events are always a great night and they are a great chance to mingle with people from other disciplines; don't forget we have our second After Match Catch Up on Saturday June 23rd at The Gilbert Street Hotel.

Stay tuned for more from Around The Disciplines next month and learn more about our Umpires during season 2018.

By Matthew Cummins



Allana Bruno before her historic SANFL League debut



Red Bull providing cases of drinks to be shared amongst our members



Josh Hardy in action during the North Adelaide v South Adelaide Reserves Match at Prospect Oval

2018 SA V WA STATE GAME

WA 15.12 (102) DEF SA 11.10 (76)



"Being selected to umpire a state game is such an honour as it is such a prestigious appointment to achieve. It is right up there with a Grand Final. Being able to run around and share the experience with the other guys is definitely one you won't forget for a while."
Brayden Thiel (Boundary)



"Being selected for the state game was an incredible and rewarding achievement. Which many haven't had the chance to be a part of as part of their umpiring career and therefore I felt very privileged to be a part of it. The day itself was uplifting with the spectacular weather and the crowd flocking in prior to the showdown. The game was very fast paced, with players wanting to take the game on and play on at every opportunity. The WA players certainly knew 'Cros' and I were the SA based umpires, giving plenty of friendly advice throughout. Well deserving winners were the WA boys, as SA ran out of legs in the last quarter, similar to myself. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year."
Jaime Braodbent (Field)



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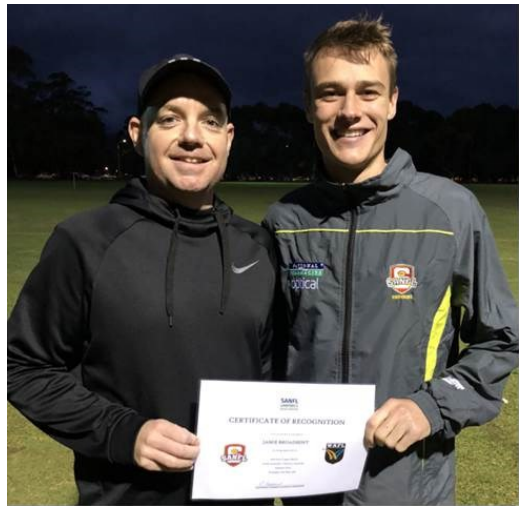


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2018 SA V WA STATE GAME

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“Umpiring the state game this year was such a good opportunity to run a high quality game with a few good mates. Was something I’d be hoping to do for some time now and it was goal I set my self for this year. It was an honour to be selected to represent our state and something I will remember for a long time.” Sam Royans (Boundary)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Field Umpire Jaime Broadbent with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Field Umpire Andrew Crosby with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Emergency Field Umpire Rowan Hundertmark with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Boundary Umpire Damien Robinson with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Boundary Umpire Sam Royans with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Boundary Umpire Brayden Theil with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Goal Umpire Rhys Negerman with his State Game Certificate



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Emergency Goal Umpire Matthew Williams with his State Game Certificate

“Being given the opportunity to umpire the state game at this stage of my career was a tremendous honour. Growing up as a youngster you constantly hear the stories about the interstate rivalry in our sporting code; and now becoming a part of it means a great deal to me personally and my extended family. The thrill of attending Adelaide Oval and umpiring in front of a home crowd was awesome. Hopefully this will lead to many more accomplishments in my umpiring career.” Rhys Negerman (Goal)

SANFL UMPIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEES

First Year Academy

- X Annual Dinner (drinks + 3 course meal provided)
- ✓ Subsidised social events
- ✓ Discounts and special offers from our sponsors
- ✓ Discounted umpiring equipment (eg. whistles & score cards)

\$25 annually *

Associate & Trainer

- X Annual Dinner (drinks + 3 course meal provided)
- ✓ Subsidised social events
- ✓ Discounts and special offers from our sponsors
- ✓ Discounted umpiring equipment (eg. whistles & score cards)

\$35 annually *

Academy (U16 & U18)

- ✓ Annual Dinner (drinks + 3 course meal provide)
- ✓ Subsidised social events
- ✓ Discounts and special offers from our sponsors
- ✓ Discounted umpiring equipment (eg. whistles & score cards)

\$100 annually

Full (League & Reserves)

- ✓ Annual Dinner (drinks + 3 course meal provide)
- ✓ Subsidised social events
- ✓ Discounts and special offers from our sponsors
- ✓ Discounted umpiring equipment (e.g.. whistles & score cards)

\$165 annually

*denotes that the Annual Dinner is not included in this Membership category.

2018 MEMBERSHIP MOVIE DRAW

In conjunction with our 2018 Membership BBQ the Committee decided to reward our members by placing every person that signed up at the BBQ, or before it, in a draw to win a \$20 Hoyts voucher thanks to Hoyts Cinema at Norwood. Due to the overwhelming response on the night, we extended that reward further, by providing a \$20 Hoyts voucher per discipline.

On behalf of the committee, we congratulate SANFLUA Members Jaime Broadbent, William Carter and Michael Button on winning the Hoyts vouchers.

The Committee thanks all its Members who joined on the night. It's great to have you on board. You can still sign up as a member for this year. It's never too late. Head over to our Sign Up Now page and get on board.

<http://www.sanflua.com.au/join-sign-up-now/>

By signing up as a member via the **Online Membership Portal** you will create a personal SANFLUA membership account. A membership account provides access to your own personal dashboard where you can view and update your details plus renew your annual membership

We look forward to seeing you all at our Social Events in 2018.

By SANFLUA Committee



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Field Umpire Jaime Broadbent with his Hoyts Movie Voucher from the 2018 Membership Draw

SANFLUA Social Secretary Terence Carter presenting his Brother William Carter with his Hoyts Movie Voucher from the 2018 Membership Draw



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Goal Umpire Michael Button with his Hoyts Movie Voucher from the 2018 Membership Draw

ROUND 9 MILESTONE: 1ST LEAGUE MATCH

BRUNO BREAKS THE BARRIER

On Saturday the 3rd of June, at City Mazda Oval, a young Allanah Bruno stepped over the white line for her first time at League level. In doing so, she became the first ever female goal umpire to officiate at this SANFL grade. It was a moment in time that I know Allanah was proud of, along with her fellow umpires and her family.

The build up to game was always going to be a big event. We always try to tell all our umpires that it is just another game, but when you have television crews turning up at your house or radio interviews, it was always going to be a bit different. Allanah took all this in her stride and promoted females in umpiring and the SANFL extremely well.

It has been a long journey for Allanah to reach this huge milestone. From her first days at the Centre of Excellence she knew there would be a lot of hard work if she was to reach her dreams. She worked hard with John Hutchinson and his team and was rewarded with the Stan Wickham award as well as the U16 and U18 Grand Final in 2015. Allanah was promoted to the senior list in 2017, where she continued to work hard on improving her umpiring and consistency in performances. Allanah was also selected to umpire the AFLW, which I believe was a great opportunity to improve her craft. Allanah continued to umpire in the AFLW in 2018 also.

Allanah has always been driven to improve. Whether that be pre-season phone calls or one on one chats. Being the best she can possibly be is a goal Allanah works very hard on.

Consequently, with all that hard work, it was quite apparent Allanah was ready to step up to the League ranks and with that stood behind the goals for the first time in Round 9. In a close game of football, Allanah performed exceptionally well. Most evident before the game was how relaxed and composed she was. This was taken out onto the field and she looked the part very much. I am sure there was some nerves, but the way she handled them is a credit to her improvement as a goal umpire.

Huge congratulations to Allanah and all the best for a long senior goal umpiring career. You never know, with continual hard work one day the big boys might come knocking!

By Darren Trengove (SANFL Head Goal Umpire Coach)

I caught up with Allanah to ask her about her first SANFL League match. This is what she had to say;

“I found out that I was umpiring my first League game when the appointments were read out at training to the goal umpiring group. The build-up leading into my game is something I’ll never forget. As the day approached, I tried not to overthink the game or change my usual preparation.

Although, it felt different not having the usual start time of 11:30am for a Reserves game. On game day, the other umpires made the game even more enjoyable. Tom Sharpe, the other goal umpire, made the day run very smooth for me. In the first half of the game, I was adapting to the players increase in pace and I could certainly feel the difference in football.

To begin with, I had two straight over the head goals. I quickly felt very comfortable by the second half. My head coach Darren advised me to enjoy to the moment, which really allowed me to cherish my first league game. It will be an experience I’ll never forget.”



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Allanah Bruno with her 1st League Match Certificate

ROUND 9 MILESTONE: 1ST LEAGUE MATCH

BRUNO BREAKS THE BARRIER

First started Umpiring with?

I began umpiring with the SANFL in 2013. I was 14 years old when I began goal umpiring.

What made you take up umpiring?

My father and brother are both umpires and they encouraged me to give it a try. I have always loved football so umpiring was a fantastic way to become involved in the sport.

Career highs and lows?

During my goal umpiring career, I have experienced many ups and downs. This is all part of the development process and they have shaped my umpiring capabilities.

Most memorable moment?

My most memorable moment was my first interstate trip for U/16's Championships in 2016. This was a super fun week and gave me the opportunity to further my skills and meet a bunch of legendary people.

Most influential Coach?

I wouldn't be able to pinpoint just one coach as each coach that I have worked with has provided a pivotal role in bettering my performance over the years.

Most influential fellow Umpire?

Current AFL Goal Umpire, Steven Axon.

What do you like most about being an Umpire?

The blue mooner decisions and hard games that get the heart pumping.

What can you not go without doing on match day?

I always eat some chocolate on my way to the game.

What's your favourite sport outside of Australian Football, why?

I'm a big fan of track and field athletics. I have always loved it growing up.

What's your best sporting experience outside of football?

6th place in Nike SBA Skate Competition 2012
3rd place in Volcom Skate Competition 2013
3rd place in Volcom Skate Competition 2014.

What are some benefits of being a SANFLUA member?

The social aspect is great. Getting down to the events that SANFLUA hold during the season, as well as the SANFLUA Dinner at the end of the year has been a fantastic way to socialise with umpires from each discipline.

Occupation?

I am a full-time student studying Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Health Sciences.

Favourite Food?

I love burritos and chocolate.

Favourite Movie?

Street Dreams

Favourite Music Artist/Band?

Indie/alternative, acoustic and old school music.

3 People you'd like to have dinner with?

Sean Malto, Matthew Centrowitz and Mo Farah

Favourite Holiday Destination?

Prague, Czech Republic and USA. I haven't been to either but I would like to.

Most admired person and why?

Sean Malto. Growing up, he was my idol. His attitude is very positive, and his work ethic is incredible. He is always composed and he is so persistent to get better.



Allanah Bruno in the changeroom prior to making her League Debut at City Mazda Stadium (Richmond)

ROUND 10 MILESTONE: 1ST LEAGUE MATCH

DORSEY ON DEBUT

Taylor Dorsey joined the SANFL at the start of the 2017 season after a short introduction to umpiring with the Amateur League.

From the early days with the SANFL Taylor demonstrated the behaviours & commitment that are crucial to succeed within the SANFL boundary ranks.

In Taylor's first year he officiated in the U/18s Grand Final. This clearly gave him a taste to go the extra step & he presented himself in significantly better condition ready for season 2018, this had him promoted to the Senior Squad for the 2018 season.

Having taken on board & reacted to all feedback Taylor made his league debut in Round 10 at Richmond, where the final score had the teams separated by only 1 point – a game to remember for many reasons!

Taylor has had to work hard to achieve League football in such a short time & is a great example of his focus & commitment & I believe he has a long umpiring career ahead that will include many more League games.

By Quentin Brewer (SANFL Head Boundary Umpire Coach)

I caught up with Taylor to ask him about his first SANFL League match. This is what he had to say;

“Coming out to training Monday afternoon fresh from turning 21 the previous weekend, it was a dream come true when I heard Quentin tell the whole SANFL squad that I would be making my League Debut come the weekend. Going up and shaking Quentin's hand, thanking him for the opportunity, the nerves did set in but I knew I was ready.

The week leading up to the game, was nothing but the usual but it's one I won't be forgetting. Saturday finally arrived and it was time to get serious. With the experience of Brayden Thiel and Martin Elsegood running alongside me, they were quick to settle my nerves as we walked out to a massive crowd, cheerleaders and team songs, something I had never been used to.

As the ball was bounced, the speed of the game was shown immediately, it was another gear. Soon to follow was my first throw in League footy. I took a little longer than usual to throw it, but with a crowd member telling me to “Throw it in already”, I gathered my breath and it came off perfectly, I ran off with a smile. After a few more throws in the first quarter, I realised it was not just another game of footy, it was a whole lot faster. Throughout the day the game was fierce, tough, and to a new high standard, with Norwood coming out victorious over West by a single point (95-94).

Walking off the ground, realising I had just made my League Debut, looking at my family smiling and waving, my first game was utterly special. It will be a game I look back on and will never forget.”



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Taylor Dorsey with his 1st League Match Certificate

ROUND 10 MILESTONE: 50TH LEAGUE MATCH

TOM BRINGS UP HALF A TON

Thomas Bartholemew Cornelius Burke first became interested in umpiring after a visit from an SANFL Umpire Development Officer in 1998. He completed his basic umpires course, then began umpiring in the North Adelaide Junior Football Association, rising through the ranks. Tom umpired with some very good umpires, some of them including Corey Bowen. Tom spent a year umpiring two games every Sunday with Corey. They would umpire the U/12s at midday and then the U/16s at 3:00pm. As the games were often at different grounds, and Corey had his driver's licence, Corey was able to drive Tom between matches (Tom was too young to drive – not much has changed though, he still doesn't own a car). The car trips between grounds were always a highlight for Tom because they always went via a Hungry Jack's drive through.



Tom Burke in action at Prospect Oval during Season 2017

Whilst Corey went on to find a personality and umpire in AFL, Tom decided that he would give umpiring a rest for a few years and concentrate on dominating the local competition, winning flags along the way with his gracious long locks of hair. He tells me he was a very good player.

When Tom returned to the SANFL in 2008 (through the Independent Schools), he did a handful of U17's game before joining the SANFL Academy in 2009. It was here that the rigorous pressure of SANFL umpiring had taken its toll on Tom and he lost his hair. Either that or his bike helmet was on too tight. For many years, Tom would ride from his job as a lawyer, 45minutes to training, run the house down on the track, then ride the 45 minutes home. Rain, hail or shine, Tom would be on the bike (much to the bewilderment of Theron). As a result of this, he became a beast and continues to get fitter each year, whilst always remaining positive.

Tom did an extended apprenticeship at Reserves level, giving him the necessary tools to umpire his first league game in Round 1 of 2014. Fittingly, Corey was also appointed to that game but much to Tom's disappointment, there was no pre-game visit to the local Hungry Jack's. Through his hard work and dedication to umpiring, Tom thoroughly deserved his opportunity at the big league. Since then, he has now notched up 50 massive League games along the way. He is one of his own harshest critics, but also one of the nicest blokes I know (equal with the great David Soberiaj). He is an absolute pleasure to run with and a fantastic bloke on and off the track, being BOG at 3 consecutive end of season functions. Congrats on 50 League Games Burkey, with many more years to come. A true legend of the BWC contingent.



By Michael Sboro (SANFL Field Umpire)

SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Tom Burke with his 50th League Match Certificate

ROUND 10 MILESTONE: 100TH LEAGUE MATCH

WILLIAMS CELEBRATES HIS CENTENNIAL

It was the 'Class of 2005' at the Independent Schools Panel with Coach Steve Howell, where I met and had the pleasure to get to know Matthew. Amongst the class included the young aspiring Goal umpire's James Gwydir, Thomas Sharpe, Steven Rypp and Brian Glennon.

At one of the theory classroom sessions, the guest speaker that Steve Howell invited was a young talented Steve Axon who had been newly appointed to the AFL Goal Umpiring Panel in 2005. Steve Axon's presentation to the class with inspirational, impressionable and gave an insight to what it takes through dedication, persistence and natural ability at the highest level, leaving an ever lasting impression on all present within the class room.

When I asked Matthew who is your biggest influence is, mentor, favourite current or past goal umpire? Matthew indicated that he has 'been lucky to learn from some of the best Goal Umpires in the state – Mostyn Rutter, Ante Perkovic & Steve Axon are the people I looked up to when I was starting my career'. Matthew to some of the Senior Panel is perhaps best known as and called 'Junior', in reference to his similar height, stance, style and flair to Ante Perkovic. He has always demonstrated the ability, displayed the development in his skills, knowledge and the ability to work at 100% grow to another level.

Progressing on from Independent Schools joining the SANFL Academy list in 2006 with his confidence growing with every game, with Under 17 / Under 19 grade matches impressing to be rewarded and appointed to Under 17 Grand Final in 2006 and the Under 19 Grand Final in 2007.

Matthew had impressed and achieved with greatness at junior level, his consistent performances at Reserves level, his 1st Reserves match was in round 18 2007 – North vs. Norwood, he was elevated to the League squad in 2009 with his 1st League game - Round 8 Sturt vs South at Unley Oval.

At the end of 2009 season Matthew was awarded selection with the Reserves Grand Final.

I asked Matthew some questions to gain his perspective and thoughts on the important milestone in his Goal Umpiring career.

Q. Your pre-game routine? What is it?

"I always check that my gear is ready the night before a match, and make sure everything is packed well in advance on match day. I like to get to the ground early enough to be able to watch the 3rd quarter of the Reserves and get a feel for the conditions. I don't start to get changed until about 20-25 minutes to walk; anymore is too early and you end up sitting around staring at the clock."

Q. Your memorable game/games or any other game/games that stand out?

"During a League match at Elizabeth in 2010 a spectator jumped the fence to indicate a goal next to me before jumping back behind the fence! The 2013 Elimination Final between Central District and North Adelaide was my first and only League Final at Football Park. Being appointed as Emergency for the 2016 Grand Final is one of my biggest highlights. Umpiring a high quality match at Encounter Bay in 2017 was enjoyable – any country match or footy trip is always a lot of fun."

Q. Best advice given to you early on in your Umpiring career?

'Luck is to get what you want. Success is to keep what you've got.' This quote would often be displayed on the noticeboard near the change rooms early in my career'.



Goal Umpire Matthew Williams giving a goal in front of the Port Adelaide faithful at Alberton Oval in 2018

ROUND 10 MILESTONE: 100TH LEAGUE MATCH

WILLIAMS CELEBRATES HIS CENTENNIAL

Q. What do 100 League games mean to you?

I feel lucky and honoured to reach the 100 League game milestone. I consider it to be a privilege to umpire one League game, so to have been fortunate enough to umpire 100 is special. You don't get many chances for personal reflection during your career as you're continually focussed on your next match and next decision. I think that once I have retired I'll look back on this milestone and these 100 matches as a great highlight.

Matthew's attitude, attendance, willingness to learn early on was the best in the class and has proven to this day a good role model with on field or off field.

In 2011 Matthew had a year off from goal umpiring, as he began a new job with his hours worked did not allow him to attend training which he made the decision to step away from umpiring in 2011 season.

A change in company late in 2011 provided more flexibility in his work hours, Matthew bumped into Joe Buselli who is always happy to offer some advice, not just about umpiring but life in general. Joe made Matthew think about some aspects of his life in a different perspective. The most important piece of advice was that the longer you stay out of umpiring, the harder it is to get back into it. Matthew took that advice and was determined presenting himself for pre-season training in 2012 with fresh optimism and desire.

Matthew has been a remarkable friend to me since he started with the SANFL. He always has a wise perspective and will always listen, which I have thoroughly appreciated.

Matthew's other achievements include:

50th League game – round 9 2015 Glenelg vs. North at Glenelg Oval
Reserves Grand Final in 2009 and 2015

5 League Finals total

1st Reserves game – round 18 2007 – North Adelaide vs. Norwood at Prospect Oval

Awarded – 2013 Most Improved Goal Umpire Award

S.A. representative at the National Under 18 Championships
in 2007 and 2015 with distinction.

1st League Final – Elimination Final 2012 Centrals vs. North
Adelaide at Football Park

100th Reserve game – round 9 2018 West Adelaide vs. Sturt
at Richmond Oval

Congratulations on the 100th game – Round 10 Glenelg vs
North Adelaide Monday 11th June 2018 at Glenelg Oval.
North Adelaide again, there is a common theme!

Celebrate what's great.

By Matthew Oxford (SANFL Goal Umpire)



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins
presenting Matthew Williams with his 100th
League Match Certificate

MILESTONES: ROUNDS 6 - 10

The SANFLUA would also like to congratulate the following Umpires on their milestones.

- Round 7 SANFL

^ Isaac Fishlock (Boundary Umpire) on his SANFL League debut North Adelaide v South Adelaide at Prospect Oval on Saturday 19th May.

- Round 10 SANFL

^ Cory Herrmann (Boundary Umpire) on his SANFL League debut Glenelg v North Adelaide at Glenelg Oval on Monday 11th June.

^ Denotes not a member of the SANFLUA



SANFLUA President Matthew Cummins presenting Isaac Fishlock with his 1st League Match Certificate



Cory Herrmann (centre) with his match day colleagues for his League debut between Glenelg v North Adelaide at Glenelg Oval

APPROACHING LEAGUE MILESTONES (ROUNDS 11 - 15)

Steven Murphy - 300 (299)

^ Daniel Hoskin - 150 (147)

Jaime Broadbent - 45 (50)

Toby Medlin - 200 (196)

Chris Bull - 150 AFL (149)

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2018 Social Calendar



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 14 April



Movie - Dinner Night
Brunelli Rundle Street | Saturday 26 May



Ten Pin Bowling Night
Kingpin Norwood | Saturday 9 June



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 23 June



Quiz Night
Walkerville Bowling Club | Saturday 21 July



After Match Catch Up
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 18 August



Annual Dinner
Adelaide Oval | Thursday 23 August



Grand Final After Party
Gilbert Street Hotel | Sunday 23 September



President's Lunch
Gilbert Street Hotel | Saturday 6 October



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2018 Life Members Lunch



Sunday 24 June at 12.30pm

Seven22 (Eagles Bar and Bistro)

722 Port Road, Beverley

RSVP by Email to info@sanflua.com.au by 17 June

All Life Members in attendance will be go into the draw for a Door Prize



2018 Golden Whistle
Awards Evening
Friday 12th October



Save the Date

FIELD MARSHALL

We have reached June and the half-way mark of the season. This season has gone quicker than Nick Ghan over 200 metres. It seems like only yesterday it was January and preseason had just begun. We have settled in at our new surroundings and many umpires are enjoying training so close to the CBD.

The South parklands have been a venue which has been easy to access due to it being in a central location. As a result, bike riding has become a growing trend amongst many field umpires. For a long time, Tom Burke was the only one who regularly rode his bike; but that group has grown. Michael Schramm and Andrew Crosby have recently joined the peloton of field umpires who ride to and from training. Theron has also been riding his bike to and from work as well. He has, however, experienced some difficulty finding a bike lock big enough for his Penny Farthing.

Games night is always a popular event. Once a month, for a brief moment, everyone thinks they have some sort of sporting ability. After a few minutes, it is easy to see why we became umpires. With the World Cup about to begin, soccer was played. Some can take games night rather seriously, with a couple of younger umpires almost coming to blows over the result of a match. But the surprise packet on the night was David Sobieraj. His lack of skill and prowess ended up being an asset as he was able to bamboozle his opponents with all of the mistakes that he made.

You don't play grand finals in May, unless you are part of the Under 16 competition. Congratulations to Tom Carey, Jake Beaumont and Alexander Reardon for officiating in the Under 16 Grand Final. All 3 performed well. We all look forward to their future achievements in SANFL.

Andrew Crosby, Jamie Broadbent and Rowan Hundertmark represented the field umpires in the State game and they all did a fantastic job. Umpiring the State game was the second bit of good news that Jamie had received in a short space of time, as he was also the recipient of 2 free tickets to the movies, courtesy of Hoyts Cinemas. Jamie won his prize to the movies as part of SANFLUA's membership drive lottery. Jamie plans on seeing the new Star Wars movie: The Umpire Strikes Back.

Until next time, that's all from Field Marshall.

BOUNDARY BOLTER

Already nine rounds into 2018 and we've had plenty of young fellas getting a go which is always good to see. After Ball Up #1 we were warned there may be high numbers of two umpire systems on the boundary and wow there's probably been more than last year already. We are certainly seeing whose fit enough to be up with the big boys this year!

First off, massive congratulations to the boundary umpire who claims he's done about 70 reserve games on getting his first crack at league level in round seven. Isaac has put in his fair share of time in reserves so it's great to see him get rewarded for his consistency. Fish isn't one to shy away from letting the boys know when he's had a good game by chewing everyone's ear off at training about it and by the sounds of it he hasn't had a bad one yet in 2018. BB has heard that Fish may have paid for half of Tommy's Europe holiday that coincidentally came at the same time Isaac got onto the League panel. Speaking of Tommy ditching us and heading over to the warmer temperatures of Europe, one would have thought missing four weeks of footy isn't the best way to get into the coach's good books. Have fun coming back through the two's!

There were also two young guns that got their opportunity the debut at the league level in round ten. Congratulations to Taylor Dorsey who also just celebrated his 21st (hopefully not too many frothies the night before your first game boy) and congratulations to the brother of 'The Future' for getting his first crack this weekend. What's that make Cory if his brother's the future, the present? Surely not?! Tez is happy about junior Hermys promotion as he isn't the only unlucky one that has to run with his younger brothers now, have fun Matty! Whilst most of enjoyed a break or a game in the twos to keep the legs ticking over in between rounds six and seven, we had three of our best umpiring the state game at Adelaide Oval. Well done to Braydos, Sammy and Damo on getting picked I'm sure you did us proud!

Unfortunately, it has been reported that Lachy won't be with us for the remainder of the season with his ongoing hamstring problems and Uni commitments later on throughout the year. We look forward to catching up with you later on in the year and hope to see you out fit and firing at the start of next year. On a happier note we welcome back Ben Williams's brother of Paul who's still running over in Canberra at the moment.

There were some items worthy of noting that came across the Boundary Bolter's desk this week. Firstly, Sammy's choice of footwear this year, the big boy is wearing proper athletic track shoes that just looking at them hurt my calves! The reported reason Matty Herrmann didn't join us last Wednesday night was that he left his shoes at home?? C'mon Matty could have been a little more creative with that one! The debutant himself Isaac Fishlock, BB has had numerous reports from females that he has added into his Tinder bio 'SANFL League Umpire' how's that one going for ya Fishy boy? Another story involving a debutant this time Junior Hermy and his good mate Dyl Speck, according to a reliable source for BB the boys were pretty happy with their efforts down at Glenelg, that after the game they treated themselves to a date night at Krispy Kreme. Just wait until you boys have a two together then I'll allow those sorts of after match antics!

That's all from BB this time; keep up the good work on the track and in games boys and girls.

Boundary Bolter.

GALLOPING GOALIE

GG has got a lot of attention after Edition #1, mainly from James Georgiadis, but I am back! Firstly to get the formalities out of the way, congrats again to Mat Wilson, Tom Sharpe and Matthew Williams on officiating in their 100th matches at League level. Congrats also go to, Rhys Negerman on his first State Game appointment. An even bigger congratulations goes to, Allanah Bruno on being selected to make her Debut in Round 9. Allanah has put in some hard yards over the last season or two, and it has finally paid off. Unfortunately for her, she will be umpiring with Tom Sharpe. Stiff.

With the debut, Allanah and Michael, we'll call them B1 & B2 (I just came up with that, it's good), there has been a lot of media attention. B1 & B2, as well as their Dad, Mario, got their 15mins of fame. Channel 7 ran a story on its 6pm news, and it was thrilling viewing. As he likes to do, somehow Steve Axon got a plug! His head could not get any bigger could it? His body is that small, GG is unsure if it can support it any longer.

SANFLUA Prez and one of the Three Amigos, Matthew Cummins has had a controversial month. First he was heard to be complaining that a certain establishment was out of his preferred Cider for the night; followed a few days later with a certain restaurant running out of his preferred pasta! The two establishments are on their last notice, don't cross a king President. As a group, we just hope he doesn't blacklist Peta this easily.

With the season in full swing, us umpires understand that life is put to one side; except if you are one of two certain senior Goal Umpires. Both Matthew Williams and Brad Hammer have decided to take extended breaks, gallivanting across Australia. We hope the two enjoyed their time and hope to see them in the 'Magoos' for a week or two as punishment.

It has taken far too long for him to make an impression on the year, but Sharpie has hit back from his notable omission from Edition #1 with a few noteworthy efforts. There have been a few milestones so far this season, and Sharpie made sure he let his be known. It was as long as John Farnham's farewell tour! There would have been at least 3 weeks of congratulations, and this was then followed by an extravagant social media post that went viral, GG did not miss it. When the game finally came, his partner for the day, Braden Ford caught him speaking with Sturt's resident photographer asking him to get some candid shots of the day. God did he milk the occasion! Three days later, he was spotted at Glenelg Oval hugging his favourite Budget saleswomen... Nothing wrong with that right? Well, once you get a glimpse you will understand... God does she go on about how lovely "Thomas" is! We all know him, and we all know this is not true.

It isn't often GG gets to take a pot shot at Peter Challen, but here goes. With a rotation on the cards, Pete was placed at a venue that didn't come up to his hefty standards. He quickly had that altered, stating that his Wife Hayley would only watch him if he is umpiring at Glenelg. Turns out that Hayley didn't even go to watch Pete umpire! I think Darren needs to have a firm look at this; we can't have another Hoskin not umpiring at Noarlunga situation on our hands.

Finally, Braden Ford has been spotted again. A few Red Tins and he has put his 6kgs back on, and is back to his 30kg playing weight.

Until next time, remember, GG is always watching.

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