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2023 SANFLUA DATES

SATURDAY 6TH MAY @ 6 PM

POST GAME CATCH UP #1 AT THE ASTOR HOTEL

SUNDAY 21ST MAY FROM 12:15PM

LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHION BRITANNIA HOTEL

SATURDAY 27TH MAY @ 6:15 PM

TEN PIN BOWLING AT KINGPIN NORWOOD

SATURDAY 24TH JUNE @ 6 PM

POST GAME CATCH UP #2 AT THE ASTOR HOTEL

SUNDAY 9TH JULY @ 12:30PM

LAWN BOWLS AT TORRENSVILLE

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST @ 6PM

POST GAME CATCH UP #2 AT THE ASTOR HOTEL

THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST @ 6:30PM

75TH ANNUAL DINNER AT THE NATIONAL WINE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

GRAND FINAL PARTY AT THE CATHEDRAL HOTEL

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Here we are, well over halfway through the season and what a year it's been so far. I'd like to commend my committee members for the hard work they have put in over the last few months to continue to bring the SANFLUA across as a welcoming and successful Association. This is reflected in our current membership numbers which have reached an amazing 103 members. As well as our 79 current life members who remain an integral part of why the Association is so well managed today. It is important as members that we encourage those that haven't joined yet to do so. This not only helps the Association, but more numbers result in more representation across the whole of the SANFL umpiring community. More representation helps the SANFLUA get strong messages across to the SANFL in issues that we are faced with.

Our number one issue at the moment and has been for the last 5 Years is our training venue. Due to the immense amount of rain Adelaide has received over the past few months has resulted in the training track being mostly unusable. From an Association stand point this is just unacceptable. With the track being out of use we have been forced to run on surrounding park lands and footpaths. Poor lighting and unsuitable surfaces have resulted in numerous injuries which most likely would have been avoided having a properly prepared surface. The SANFLUA continues to fight for better training conditions with it being brought to the SANFL's attention on numerous occasions. I understand things don't happen overnight but without any real change it is hard to keep putting up with the same old crap. So we need to remain united in our push for change and I commend all three disciplines for their perseverance through these tough times. I really hope that we can work together to drive a front for things to improve.

You'll hopefully have seen our invites come out for our 75 th Annual dinner. This year it will be held at the National Wine Centre on the 31 st of August. I thank those that have already RSVP'd but if you haven't yet I strongly encourage you to do so as the committee is working extremely hard to make it a very successful night.

I'd like to congratulate the 2023 SANFLW Grand Final umpires on their appointment to the big dance. Any grand final appointment is a massive achievement and you should be very proud of the way you conducted yourselves throughout the game. To those that have reached career milestones so far this year I congratulate you also and hope you enjoyed your day.

Please make sure if you do have any issues that you would like raised and do not feel comfortable taking them to the SANFL umpiring department or SANFL HR, I am always here to listen and offer help wherever I can. You can trust in knowing all issues are dealt with in confidentiality and we strive to get the best result for you. Feel free to catch me on the track or get in contact with me with the details bellow.

Good luck for the remainder of the season and all the best.

All the best,

Braden Ford

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It was fantastic to hear the positive reception from many SANFLUA members and Life Members for Ball Up Edition 1. In my first year of holding the Publications portfolio, I wanted to continue the fantastic work Mat Wilson has done for many years in creating Ball Up. It is no doubt a bigger job than I thought but it is also one that is enjoyable. I will continue to tinker with the layout of Ball Up in each edition and strive to make it to my best ability.

As you would have noticed in edition 1, Craig kindly helped out with creating a quiz and Q and A with a life member. My aim here is to include life members into each Ball Up and have our current day umpires and support staff learn more about a life member in each edition. In saying this, Craig has been on holiday during the time edition 2 was created so Craig's Q and A will not be featuring in this edition. But it will return for edition 3 and beyond. This edition of Craig's Quiz is general SA football and cricket knowledge but this will change to SANFLUA trivia for edition 3 and beyond. Craig, thank you for your help! And to everyone reading this, I hope you enjoy each edition of Ball Up.

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75TH ANNUAL SANFLUA DINNER

This year marks our 75th Annual Dinner, in which will be held at the prestigious National Wine Centre of Australia on the corner of Botanic and Hackney Roads. The dinner is on the 31st of August for a 6:30pm start time. The SANFLUA Committee have put in enormous effort to organise this year's Annual Dinner and a special mention must go to our President, Social Secretary and Social Event organisers. Being the 75th time this event has been held, the Committee decided to look into a site that can cater for a higher number of people and one that rivals the Adelaide Oval for charm and prestige.

This night is always held in high regard and enjoyed by everyone that attends. It is a great opportunity to mingle with our life members, as well as running umpires/support staff that we sometimes do not get the chance to at training or on gameday. For all current SANFLUA members and life members, please check your emails and RSVP as invitations to the 75th Annual Dinner have now been sent.

By SANFLUA Committee.



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2023 STATE GAME

On the 19th of May, the annual State Game was played at Adelaide Oval, on a Friday afternoon. As usual these days, SANFL versed WAFL in a close encounter. State Games are no doubt prestigious games to be appointed too and are a reflection of one's hard work and good form early in the season. SANFLUA would like to congratulate Mitch Scott, Sam Morgan, Dylan Whan, Dylan Speck and Matthew Cummins on being appointed to this year's State Game. The WA umpires that joined them were Ben Laycock, Jaco Jansen Van Rensberg and Luke Caifano, congratulations to our WA counterparts!

We also caught up with veteran goal umpire Matthew Cummins for an insight into this year's State Game.

Without sounding cliché, to be appointed to the State League Match between SANFL and WAFL was a complete surprise and totally unexpected. However, it was an appointment I was honoured to take.

Having umpired two State League Matches previously gave me knowledge of what to expect, particularly with regards to how the week would unfold. The SA based Umpires attended the State Team Dinner the Thursday night before the match at Adelaide Oval and were given an opportunity to train with the SANFL team.

The opportunity to officiate on Adelaide Oval is always a privilege. The game was a curtain raiser to the Port Adelaide/Melbourne AFL Match. Unfortunately, this meant a non-existent crowd for most of the match, however a tight contest ensured the match was memorable.

Overall, the experience was an enjoyable one. The WAFL Umpires were great people and the entire umpiring team on the day were superb. SANFL took the win and both teams and the umpiring crew enjoyed a couple of drinks at the after-match presentations, which were held in great spirits.

STATISTICS OF THE 2023 STATE GAME UMPIRES

Field Mitch Scott (SA) 126 SANFL League matches

Sam Morgan (SA) 93 SANFL League matches

Ben Laycock (WA) 188 WAFL League matches

Boundary Ben Williams (SA) 77 SANFL League matches

Dylan Whan (SA) 95 SANFL League matches

Dylan Speck (SA) 72 SANFL League matches

Jaco Jansen Van Rensburg (WA) 36 WAFL League matches

Goal Matthew Cummins (SA) 300 SANFL League matches

Luke Caifano (WA) 58 WAFL League matches

By Matt Cummins.

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KING PIN BOWLING NIGHT IS BACK!

One of the most popular SANFLUA social events made its return this year, in Ten Pin Bowling. This is always one of the bigger social events SANFLUA puts on and it was great to see a big turnout, with 41 people in attendance. Even more impressive were the number of younger umpires turning up, mixed in with many senior umpires too. And let's not forget some coaches (Steven Paunovic and Peter Honeyman), as well as some partners that came along too! It was good to see everyone mixing in really well and talking to umpires they don't always get the chance too, which is a big reason why we have these popular social events.

A little birdie told me before the game that Tom Mayo is a decent bowler and that he would notch up 170! Fair to say this wasn't the case on the night but a respectable score in the 120's was achieved. Maybe Mayo needs the bumpers up to get closer to 170.

As always with our bowling event, the SANFLUA provided the first drink of the night to each attendee, and this was met with open arms by everyone (or should we say open hands). After the bowling finished, the majority of people migrated to The Republic for more drinks and a bit of a kick on. Another special mention goes to our Prez who was able to sneakily leave early and to Beechy who we heard went back into the city for further kick ons!

A special thankyou is in order for King Pin Norwood for having us again and to all those that turned up!

By SANFLUA Committee.



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AFTER MATCH CATCH UP #2

Our second After Match Catch Up was held on the 24th of June at The Astor Hotel. As Always, The Astor is a relaxed environment where umpires, coaches, partners, Life Members and friends can enjoy a nice night out and some beverages. Around 15 members and partners attended the event, which ran alongside the SANFLW Golden Whistle. We heard that this made for a big night in town post both events. Thank you to The Astor for continuing to have us, whilst being busy with their other private functions. Please drop into the Astor Hotel for a drink and a meal at any time, it is a great place to relax!

By SANFLUA Committee.



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LIFE MEMBERS LUNCHEON

The annual Life Members luncheon was held at Norwood's Britannia Hotel on Sunday with a strong number of Life Members and their partners in attendance. It was amazing to see so many familiar faces as well as newly inducted Life Members joining us for the afternoon on reminiscing and laughter. Life Members rep Craig Trewartha explaining to the group in his welcoming remarks that the RSVP response he received was a true indicator on how well regarded the Life Members lunch is.

Newly elected SANFLUA President Braden Ford and Secretary Aaron Bennett came along to meet & greet Life Members as well provide an update on all things SANFLUA in early 2023. The new venue was a massive success with fantastic feedback experienced on the service, meals, and function area. A big thank you to the Britannia Hotel for hosting us and for their generous 25% off next meal vouchers which were distributed amongst the guests.

A huge thank you to Craig Trewartha for organising the day and to all that joined us for the occasion. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming SANFLUA events including the prestigious 75th Annual Dinner, more information to come in the next few weeks.

By Aaron Bennett.

SANFLUA Secretary.



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SANFLW GRAND FINAL 2023

On Sunday the 11th of June, at Prospect Oval, the SANFLW Grand Final was played out in front of over 3000 people. South Adelaide played Central District in what became an instant classic!

Paul Smith, Joshua Abbott, Cameron Scott and Cooper Williams (E) were the field umpires appointed to the game.

Naomi Andersen, Jude Heeps, Emma Jones and Tristian Rogers ran the boundary.

Leo Condo, Thomas Oxford and Patrick Backshall (E) were in the goals.

The SANFLUA congratulates each umpire involved in the match, as Grand Finals are hard to come by. Being appointed to a Grand Final is not only reward for a great season but it shows the dedication of those that were chosen for the game. To all those that umpired on the day, well done and congratulations, you have big futures ahead of you.

By SANFLUA Committee.



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SANFLW GOLDEN WHISTLE

The SANFLW Golden Whistle was held on the 24th of June and by all accounts was a well enjoyed night had by those in attendance. The SANFLUA would like to thank the league for organising and catering for this event, which in turn showcases SA umpiring. Thanking umpires for their continued commitment and hard work to umpiring in this state is a big part in enticing people to become umpires in the first place and events like this go a large way in doing just that. The night itself was enjoyed by many and we heard that the festivities continued well into the night.

The SANFLUA would like to congratulate the following umpires on their awards;

SANFLW Golden Whistle – Joshua Abbott.

Josh started umpiring in with the Sturt Umpiring Panel before moving into SANFL in 2013. He then moved to the Adelaide Footy League, umpiring senior men's footy for a number of years. In 2018, he established himself in the SANFLW squad and has since umpired 42 SANFLW games, including the 2022 and 2023 Grand Finals.

SANFLW Silver Whistle – Tristan Rogers.

Tristan started umpiring in the SANFL under age competitions over a decade ago and has since crafted his trade in Division 1 of the Adelaide Footy League. This year he showed strong commitment to SANFLW and umpired 10 minor round games and 2 finals, including the Grand Final.

SANFLW Golden Flags – Leo Condo.

Leo started umpiring in 2022 with a locally based Adelaide Footy League club. Leo displayed natural talent on his first night on SANFL training in mid-2022 and has since worked through the U16 ranks to SANFL Men's Reserves. He umpired 2 games on most weekends this year and umpired to a high level in SANFLW, umpiring this year's Grand Final.

By SANFLUA Committee.



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VALE ANTONIO LO LACONO

It has been a little while now, around 12 weeks or so when the Football Community lost one of its own. I'm sure many of you have spoken about the incident that took Antonio's life as it was widely covered in the media at the time.

Antonio played football from under 6's right through to under 16.5's when he was diagnosed with high pressure on the optic nerves and was subjected to around 9 Lumbar Punctures to relieve the pressure on his brain etc. It was discovered that the many concussions that he attained during his playing career was the cause. During his time in footy he played alongside long-time friend Justen Kern who also wanted to give footy away at much that same period due to the bodies getting much heavier and more solid. It was suggested that both boys who loved the game so much changed their paths and take up umpiring which would see them both be able to continue in the game but not be subjected to body clash injuries.

Both Antonio and Justen were enrolled to do the basic umpires course at Football Park and soon after were performing in many games per weekend within the SANFL Juniors system.

Antonio progressed rather quickly and his name was forwarded from the Para Hills Panel to Garry Wyld at the Academy and from there in his first year was selected to officiate the Under 15 Championships Grand Final, now that's no mean feat I might add.

After that Grand Final Antonio struggled emotionally to be involved with the game if he couldn't actually play himself so he chose to walk away which was very much to the disappointment of Garry, as we knew he was held in high regard and probably could've made it to AFL level within the fraternity.

Antonio moved to the country for work and after a couple of years away from the game he started getting involved with Waikerie FC through friendships and it was inevitable he couldn't stay away from playing and as such played a full season for the Magpies without any major incident. He eventually moved back to the city and still wanted to continue playing so he chose to move to Birdwood FC alongside many others he'd played with during his junior years in the game.

Sadly, in Birdwood's first "A grade" game for points which was held at Gumeracha Oval Antonio's head clashed with an opposition player and from that he never recovered. He passed on the oval doing what he always loved doing.....playing footy.

Over 1000 people attended his Funeral at Harrison's Ridgehaven home.

The photo that I have chosen to show was one I took during the Power Point presentation and has both Antonio and Justen together at their Year 12 Graduation. Antonio was Justen's Best Friend and he continues to struggle with Antonio's passing to this day.

So much of the South Australian football world loved him and he's such a great loss to all of us who knew him.

There are probably many teams up there that need a great umpire, well they're in good hands now.

Written by Manfred Kern, UA Photographer.



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CRAIG'S QUIZ

1. Which colour scheme has NEVER been used by South Australian inter-colonial/state football teams?

- (a) Red, white & blue
- (b) Red & yellow
- (c) Purple and white

2. What did SACA ban patrons from taking to Adelaide Oval in the 1947/48 football and cricket seasons?

- (a) A chair to sit or stand on
- (b) A box with ice and drinks (i.e. an esky)
- (c) A portable radio

3. The first SAFA match for premiership points was played on Adelaide Oval on 18 May 1878 between Norwood and South Adelaide? Why was it late starting?

- (a) Neither team brought a ball
- (b) The Norwood team were late arriving at the ground
- (c) The teams could not agree on who would umpire the match

4. How many people attended the meeting at the Prince Alfred Hotel on 31 May 1871, at which the South Australian Cricketing Association was formed?

- (a) 20
- (b) 40
- (c) 60

5. In May 2013 what significant object, just outside the oval, was added to the State Heritage Register?

- (a) Memorial Oak tree
- (b) The John Creswell name arch in the Creswell Gardens
- (c) The fountain now in the Pennington Gardens

ANSWERS

1. B

2. C

3. B

4. C

5. A

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60 SECONDS WITH....

Jared Murton

Nickname: J-Rod
Joined SANFL: 2018
Recruited from: Joined SANFL directly from Basic Umpires Course
Before a game I always: Relax and have a chat with fellow umpires
Favourite umpiring moment: It's hard to decide between my League debut, umpiring the 2022 Reserves GF, and winning the Most Improved Goal Umpire award last year. All three moments are certainly very memorable!
Away from umpiring, I am: A laboratory technician for Viterra
One thing you couldn't live without: Footy; especially umpiring, with the friends and memories that I've made
Favourite Food: Lasagne
Favourite Song: I like listening to a range of music, but the one song I do enjoy the most is Blinding Lights by the Weeknd

Declan Nunn

Nickname: Decs / Deccas
Joined SANFL: 2020
Recruited from: Independent Schools
Before a game I always... put deep heat on my legs no matter if I need it or not
Favourite umpiring moment: This would have to be my first year in umpiring at SANFLJ when I was 13 years old. I was lucky enough to umpire an under 11 grand final at Thebarton oval and went on to get best first year umpire in my juniors panel later that year
Away from umpiring, I am... studying architecture full time as well as a grocery duty manager
One thing you couldn't live without: can't live without golf no matter the weather condition
Favourite Food: Salt and pepper squid
Favourite Song: Recently my favourite song has been life is good by Future and Drake, but this changes almost every day

Daniel Charles

Nickname: Dan
Joined SANFL: 2021
Recruited from: SANFL Juniors
Before a game I always... drink a coffee
Favourite umpiring moment: Falling backwards whilst umpiring and breaking my wrist. Always makes for a good story
Away from umpiring, I am... studying a bachelor of Exercise Physiology
One thing you couldn't live without: Running
Favourite Food: Acai Bowl
Favourite Song: Way down by Ocean Alley
Favourite Movie: Step Brothers
Favourite Holiday Destination: Vanuatu
My hero is: Brett Robinson as I admire his discipline and dedication to distance running
The item highest on my bucket list is: Complete an iron man

Leo Condo

Nickname: Annacondo
Joined SANFL: 2022
Recruited from: Adelaide Footy League
Before a game I always... Take some minutes to myself before we walk onto the ground... walk around the change room or fiddle with something
Favourite umpiring moment: Lots to choose from here... Travelling to Melbourne & the Gold Coast for the AFL U16 Championships and the 2023 SANFLW Grand Final when Caitlen Teague kicked the match winner would be the top two
Away from umpiring, I am... a high school student and working in hospitality
One thing you couldn't live without: Family and friends
Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese
Favourite Song: A few to choose from... I'll go with You're the Voice - John Farnham
Favourite Movie: Toy Story 2

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MATTHEW 'CUMMO' CUMMINS CRUISES TO 300 LEAGUE GAMES

The way Matthew Cummins or 'Cummo' and myself greet each other these days has changed a lot since he first joined the SANFL prior to the 2006 season. I'm certain the first night we met it was done with a pleasant introduction and a handshake. Fast forward 17 years and the adjectives we use are questionable, but always done with a smile.

Since meeting for the first time, we were mates instantly; and luckily, we still are. Sure, we've had our ups and downs across that timeline but our love for the game, goal umpiring and our honesty with one another has stood the test of time.

Cummo's on-field accolades speaks for itself, but what it doesn't show is the times and occasions we have spent together off the field that I will remember more than anything else. For me it's the birthdays, engagements, weddings, birth of our children, pre-match coffees, post-match ciders, late nights, end of season trips and Sunday brunches that I will treasure the most.

Unfortunately, I cannot cram 17 years' worth of stories into this article, but I will share one that shows the respect we have for one another. Earlier this season I was due to travel to Port Lincoln for the Round 6, West Adelaide v Norwood match. A month out from that game Peter Honeyman (SANFL Goal Umpire Head Coach) advised me that Cummo would be doing his 300th that same round. As such, I immediately asked to instead remain in Adelaide, due to the fact that being at my mates 300th celebration is far more important to me than a game on the Eyre Peninsula

A week or two went past and then Cummo messaged me one morning asking me to let him know when I was available to chat. I thought this was going to be one of our usual dissections of Umpiring discussions but instead he asked if I would be his match day colleague for his milestone game. Anyone who truly knows me well enough knows I'm a softy at heart and hence I got a lump in my throat and my eyes welled up as I said, "I'd be honoured".

As I've gotten older in this caper (and as mentioned above) I've come to realise that the memories you make away from the field/training are far more important than the game itself. To be a part of a significant milestone of someone you hold in such high regard and admire as a person, friend, husband and father is something I will treasure for a longtime to come.

When we are older, I know I'll look back on my time with the SANFL and feel honoured to have shared it with you, knowing I was always in great company. Keeping leading the way, no matter what you do. I know Peta and Rylee are very proud of you.

By Mathew Wilson.

STATISTICS

Joined SANFL in 2006

8 League Grand Finals

5 Golden Flags

Most dedicated goal umpire in 2017

AFL listed in 2009 – 2 AFL games

SANFLUA Life Member

SANFLUA President 2018-22

1st League game in 2006

100th League game in 2012

200th League game in 2017

300th League game in 2023



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STEVEN MURPHY MOVES INTO 2ND POSITION

One of the most consistent and dedicated goal umpires moved into 2nd position in most goal umpired SANFL League games in Round 10. Steven goes by many names and perhaps his most common nickname is 'Von.' I'll let you work that one out. Steven has umpired for many years and has shown no signs in slowing down. In fact, he was umpiring before I was born, that's how old he is! 366 League games is an achievement that is hard to put into words. And this is excluding his AFL, SANFL Reserves, other state league and underage games, it is crazy to think about. It is safe to say Steven has had many ups and downs during his journey but his commitment to stay with umpiring during his downs is a testament to his character. Some would think Steven paid me to say good things about him but that's not true. If you know Steven, he pays for nothing, in fact, I had to pay him to write on his behalf!

Away from umpiring Steven is someone you can rely on for honest chats about anything and is an all-round top bloke. Steven and myself have become good mates over the years and he is someone I can always approach for advice or general chats about anything. Those that know Steven know he is a busy man and somehow still fits in time to spend with his wife Bec and 28 children, which again, shows how committed he is to everything he does. Steven, thank you for being a great mate and I hope you continue to umpire for many years to come.

By Brad Hammer.



STEVEN MURPHY
Becomes 2nd ALL TIME
SANFL League Games
Goal Umpired

Alton Smith	478
STEVEN MURPHY	366TH
Mostyn Rutter	365
Roger Garrick	350
Ray Mules OAM	314

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FRASER COMES TO TOWN

In round 8 of season 2023 in the North vs South game at Prospect Fraser Town notched up his league debut much to the delight of myself and many other umpires around the SANFL.

Fraser began his umpiring journey in 2019 with the SANFL where it was apparent that he had the umpiring ability to go to many levels higher, if he was willing to put in the work. Fraser was selected to umpire U16's finals in that same year along with a handful of U18's games. In season 2021 Fraser had a taste of both reserves and finals footy umpiring the U18's prelim fuelling his fire to come back ready to take the next step in the following season. 2022 was a breakout year which saw Fraser umpiring consistently at a reserves level and ultimately resulted in Fraser being selected to umpire not only reserves finals but also the reserves grand final. He was officially promoted to the senior squad at the start of 2023 and after a string of many solid reserves performances was rewarded with a league debut, much to his surprise.

On a personal note Fraser deserved the league debut as much as anyone. He constantly shows up week after week always bringing his best effort to the track and to game day. Having been fortunate enough to spend countless hours on the track and at games with Fraser I can confidently say that there aren't many people like him. He takes everything that comes at him in his stride and lives in the moment with an admirable positive attitude. He provides endless banter pre game and never fails to lighten the mood which is something all the lads are incredibly grateful for. Congratulations on the debut Fraser and I'm sure it was just one of many league games to come.

By James Brewer

STATISTICS

Joined SANFL in 2019

1st League game in 2023

Reserves Grand Final in 2022

Under 18 Grand Final in 2021

Under 16 Grand Final in 2019

77 total SANFL matches



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DYLAN WHAN CRACKS THE TON

Dylan, firstly a huge congratulations on getting 100 League games. Now for a bit of history. Since he first started out with the SANFL in 2009, he has worked at Boost juice, a pizza shop, built marquees at White Marquee, a Fruit and Veg shop, became a Professional Poker player, Got a Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology), Bachelor of Health Science (Honours), 6 months of a PhD in Pharmacology, Cert 3&4 in Fitness, Yoga instructor and most importantly amateur golfer and had a break from umpiring in the middle. Now take that how you will but clearly the only thing the guy has been committed to in that time has been his Fiancé. But eventually he got the 100 up. Hopefully your next 100 won't take as long.

Every time Dylan steps on the field he is extremely professional, a team player and upholds a high standard to which he is one of the best current umpires in the SANFL, this has been proven by his multiple finals appearances and 2 seasons of AFLW. Whilst always being a role model for the juniors to look up to.

Something about Dylan a lot of people wouldn't see is his commitment to be the best possible umpire he can be whether that be multiple gym sessions a week, consistency with his running, yoga and meditation. Not to be forgotten his mentality to keep coming back stronger and stronger year on year after getting jipped from multiple grand finals which he deserved. With this work ethic he'll have many before he retires.

Lastly thank you for picking myself to run your 100th with you. It was a pleasure if you take away the torrential rain, being at Elizabeth, the low scoring affair and the freezing cold. Apart from that it was great. Here's to the next 100, let's see what other jobs and study you can do between now and then.

By Isaac Fishlock

STATISTICS

Joined SANFL in 2009

2023 State Game

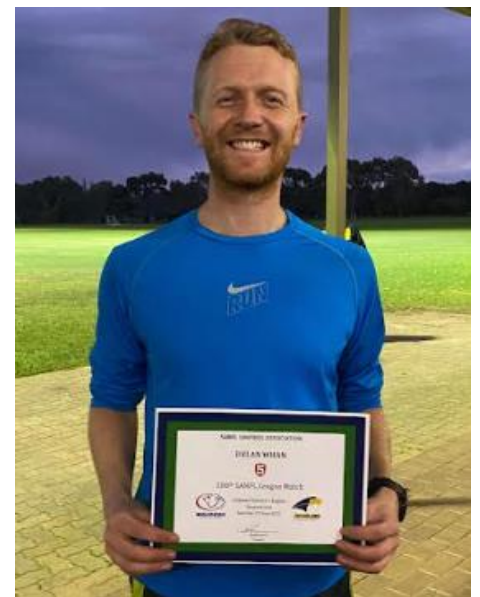
Reserves Grand Final in
2011,14

1st League game in 2011

50th League game in 2015

100th League game in 2023

AFLW Umpire – 11 games



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HARRISON HUGHES BRINGS UP 50

Congratulations to Harrison on officiating his 50th SANFL League match in the round 10 clash between South Adelaide and Adelaide. Harrison has been a consistent performer at senior level following his debut in 2019, and since this time has been setting the standard for professionalism and fitness amongst our field umpire cohort.

While it is well known to anyone who attends training, it would be remiss of me not to highlight Harrison's commitment to running and physical performance. His signature position at the front of the running pack is not simply good fortune or as a kind effort to allow a wind break for those following in his footsteps, but as a result of remarkable consistency over many years. Whether it is an early morning run to beat the heat in off season, or a cold, wet and muddy training night in July, Harrison continues to log kilometres. Most impressively, Harrison has a remarkable ability to drag others with him, and without him, it would have been so much easier for us to slow the reps down and keep it comfortable. I certainly know that there have been times where I have been talked out of a light off season jog and into a begrudgingly beneficial session. I firmly believe that all umpires have trained harder thanks to Harrison's contribution on the track.

Of course, umpiring is much more than just running and Harrison continues to develop and grow his on field skills. Harrison's commitment to umpiring has always been recognised by his peers both informally, as well as with nominations for the SANFLUA's Most Dedicated Award. It has been excellent to follow Harrison's journey and to see him cement himself as a regular at League level more recently.

Harrison makes umpiring an enjoyable place to be, through his ability to simultaneously take training and match day seriously, while also holding its importance lightly. Whether it is an off season run, a coffee before a game, a joke at half time, Harrison is an important part of the umpiring team for the attitude he brings.

It has been a pleasure watching Harrison's first 50 League matches and we all anticipate eagerly his continued umpiring journey. Congratulations!

By Alex Reardon

STATISTICS

Joined SANFL in 2015

Reserves Grand Final in 2020,21

1st League game in 2019

50th League game in 2023

Stan Wickham Memorial Trophy in 2016

165 total SANFL matches

AFLW in 2017



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MANFRED'S MONDAY

The SANFLUA would like to thank our official photographer Manfred for his work over the years and for this season too. Manfred is dedicated to his work and attends as many SANFL matches he can to take photos of our umpires in action. His home ground is Prospect Oval, so keep an eye out for him and his camera during the year! On our social's you would have noticed that Monday is all about Manfred and his 'shot of the week.'

By SANFLUA Committee.



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STEVE'S STATS

The SANFLUA would like to thank our official statistician and good friend Steven Paunovic. 'Paun' has been an integral part of the association for many years and we would be lost without his stats! Wednesday is the day to find Steve's Stats on our socials, which provides everyone that follows SANFLUA with interesting stats each round. Paun also records stats for every umpire in the SANFL, which is an amazing feat. On behalf of the association, thank you very much Paun.

By Brad Hammer.

The image is a screenshot of a graphic titled "Steve's Stats - Round 11". It is divided into two main columns: "MILESTONES" on the left and "FUN FACTS" on the right. A small portrait of Steve Paunovic is in the top right corner. The "MILESTONES" section lists league debuts for various umpires across different rounds. The "FUN FACTS" section contains several bullet points about league milestones and umpire achievements.

Steve's Stats - Round 11

MILESTONES

League
100 - Isaac Fabbick (R), Start v Norwood

Reserves
DEBUT - Daniel Darkhata (R), North v West

Under 18
DEBUT - Jack Wray (R), North v West
10 - Nick Mulla (R), North v West

Under 16
DEBUT - Hugh Wootley (R), Norwood v Start
DEBUT - Cameron Scott (R), South v Eagles
DEBUT - Emma Jones (R), Central v Glenelg

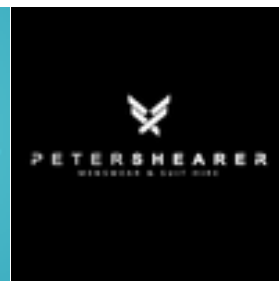
Overall/All Grade Totals:
100 - Tom Burke (R), North v Adelaide Crows - League
100 - Zac Parkard (R), North v West - Reserves
100 - Brad Applebee (R), North v West - Reserves
50 - Matthew Wilson (R), South v Eagles - Under 18

FUN FACTS

- Congratulations to Isaac Fabbick on his 100th League game at Start on Sunday. Isaac began his career competing with SANFL in 2015, and had now completed an entire cycle of 100 SANFL matches. Most of his League games on Adelaide have been non-100th game games (17), with his final non-100th game being Field League on Monday night in David Solomon, and Mike Leath (2) games each. Well done Fabbick - looking forward to the next 100!
- Senior Field League Tom Burke reached up SANFL game 100 on Sunday at Pennington. Tom has been with SANFL since 2008, and has now completed 100 League games. Congrats Tom!
- We welcomed back David Lee to SANFL competing on Sunday at Under 18. David has been from League games since 2011 at the same grade, and 6 was League game number 23. David has now total of his League games at Under 18, and now has 78 SANFL Reserves games and 127 SANFL Reserves total games.
- Field League Zac Parkard, and Boundary League Brad Applebee both ran their 100th SANFL game on the Reserve on Friday. Zac started with SANFL in 2011, and in 2014, it was that his game on together.
- Tom Colford - The King of the Pennington in the goal, having now officiated 21 games at the venue, from his 30 SANFL matches since moving in 2008. Over his time also officiated 18 games with Under and Reserve SANFL League League. Matthew Gifford (100).
- Ethan Fox - 20 SANFL matches so far in his first season up from West Coast. Ethan has run 76 of them with some Southern League matches while working at the other end of the field. Ethan has also run 3-offense until Inge-Meandry on the Boundary ground.
- Michael Burton, completed his 100th SANFL League game, making up, equal most with Geoff's 100th. Michael also ran with last Morgan in Pennington for the first time across all game types.
- Tony Borden, SANFL League game at Woodville, now equal most with 100th game, has also now required Eagles and South in League 11 times each, so what is his 100th match-up between the teams.

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IN THE NEXT EDITION

Stay tuned for another bumper edition of Ball Up! Craig's Quiz will return with some great umpiring trivia. Also, Craig will be on the hunt to find his next Life Member to interview, we can't wait for some stories of the old days. Milestones continue to come by and a past segment will return from previous years.

A special mention also goes to everyone that has helped play a part in creating this edition of Ball Up! In no particular order; Aaron Bennett, Braden Ford, Manfred Kern, Steven Paunovic, Isaac Fishlock, James Brewer, Alex Reardon, Mat Wilson and Craig Trewartha.

By Brad Hammer.

