



**November 21, 2012:**

### **Tony Ricciardello Appointed League Coach**

After an extensive advertising and interview process, the Club is pleased to announce that **Tony Ricciardello** has been appointed as the new League coach for the 2013 season.

Tony brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously coached the Club's Colts and Reserves teams, in addition to being a premiership coach at junior level. Tony also has a strong playing background, having played football at West Perth colts and reserves, in addition to a number of years at the former Hellenic Football Club in the WA Amateur Football League.

Following his appointment, Tony indicated "I'm excited about my new role and I'm really looking forward to the challenge. Stirling Saints has a long and rich history as a successful football club and has a solid standing in the football industry. As great as it is to have the coaching position, I'm under no illusion that now the real hard work begins."

The Saints will be looking to Tony to assist in rebuilding the Club after a disappointing season in 2012. The Club will be starting its pre-season campaign with a number of fitness-based sessions leading up to the Christmas break.

All current and prospective players are invited to these sessions on Tuesday 11 December 2012 and Tuesday 18 December 2012, to be held at Richard Guelfi Reserve starting at 6pm.

**March 16, 2013:**

### **Practice Match versus Swan Athletic**

The Saints will begin the pre-season campaign with a practice match versus Swan Athletic Swans.

The Saints will be looking to impress in their first outing under newly appointed League coach, Tony Ricciardello, who will be keen to send the Saints on the path back into A-Grade.

Their opponents, Swan Athletic, finished their first season back in A-Grade with a 6-12 win-loss record, and narrowly avoided being relegated back to B-Grade.

The games will be played at Richard Guelfi Reserve, with Colts starting at 10:45am, Reserves at 12:35pm and League playing at 2:30pm.

**March 18:**

### **WAAFL Fixtures Released**

The West Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL) has released the fixtures for the upcoming 2013 season.

The Saints will begin its premiership campaign with a Round 1 clash versus West Coast Cowan at Richard Guelfi Reserve. This will be followed with an away clash versus Scarborough Eagles and then a home game versus newly-promoted Bullcreek Leeming Bombers.

The Saints play 5 home games in the first 8 rounds, but then play 6 of the next 9 games away, before a final round home game versus Willetton Blues.

The Club's Thirds team will face a tough start to their campaign in E2 Grade with a night game away to North Fremantle Magpies at Gil Fraser Reserve.



### April 13: Tigers Too Strong for Saints

The Saints have lost the opening match of the season, going down to West Coast Cowan Tigers at Richard Guelfi Reserve by 26 points.

Starting the game with three League debutants in **David Bawden**, **Beau Parry** and **Justin Ricciardello**, the Saints made a slow start on the scoreboard, while the Tigers kicked three first quarter goals to take a 16-point lead into the first break.

The Saints raised the tempo in the second quarter and matched their opponents around the ground.

Each side kicked three goals for the quarter, with the Tigers extending their lead slightly to 18 points by the main break.

The Saints pegged back a goal early in the final term, but could not gain the ascendancy, finishing the game 8.6 (54) to the Tigers 11.14 (80). While there are certain points of the game that require improvement, first year coach Tony Ricciardello indicated that the Saints endeavour and attack on the ball was good, and should hold them in good stead for the rest of the season.

The Saints must now switch their attention to the Round 2 clash versus Scarborough Eagles at Millington Reserve.



**David Bawden** was one of three Saints making their League debut

### April 20: Saints No Match for Eagles

The Saints have suffered their second loss of the season, falling to ladder leaders Scarborough Eagles at Millington Reserve by 52 points.

The Saints started with a mostly unchanged side from Round 1, with the exception of Mark Kelly who was brought back into the side. However, the Eagles were the far superior side in the first quarter, kicking 5 goals to 2, and taking a 23-point lead into the first break.

The second quarter was a different story, with Damien Lloyd adding 2 more goals to his first quarter goal. The Saints kept the Eagles scoreless and reduced the lead back to only 4 points at the main break.

Damien Lloyd kicked the opening goal of the third term, allowing the Saints to take the lead for the first time in the game. However, this was as close as the Saints got, as the Eagles stepped up a gear and kicked 11 of the next 14 goals of the game. By the final siren, the Eagles finished 16.13 (109) to the Saints 8.9 (57).

The loss was particularly disappointing for **Chris Ioppolo**, who played his 100th game for the Club. Chris started at the Club in 2002 in the Colts and made his League debut in 2004 at 19 years of age. Injuries kept Chris out of football for a couple of seasons, but he has been a regular League player since rejoining the Club in 2010. Chris won the Reserves F&B in 2012 from only 7 games and played the remainder of the season in the League side.



**Chris Ioppolo** played his 100th game for the Saints.

The Saints must now switch their attention to the Round 3 clash versus Bullcreek-Leeming Bombers at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Saints haven't played Bullcreek-Leeming since the 2006 season.

### April 27: Bombers Fly Up over Saints

The Saints early season woes continued with a 27-point loss to newly-promoted Bullcreek-Leeming Bombers at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints had seven of their first team unavailable for selection, but this allowed two players, **Matt Devenish** and **Mitch Cappello**, to make their League debut.

The first quarter was an even encounter, with both teams kicking two goals. The Saints got the early jump in the second quarter, but the Bombers were strong enough to fight back with a series of goals that allowed them to take a 9-point lead at half time.

The Bombers form improved in the third term and they looked set to blow the game wide open, but a great snap shot goal by debutant Matt Devenish allowed the Saints to cut the margin back to 26 points at the last change.

The Saints were given a glimour of hope in the last term when Michael Franceschini goaled twice in quick succession, but the Bombers steadied again to maintain their lead, finishing the game 13.17 (95) to the Saints 10.8 (68).

The Saints have a tough task in coming up against third placed Wembley in their Round 4 clash at Henderson Park, with the Magpies in strong form after a 20-goal hiding of High Wycombe Bulldogs in Round 3.



**Mitch Cappello** kicks forward in his League debut.

### May 4: Magpies' Last Quarter Blitz Sinks Saints

The Saints' inability to pull together a four-quarter effort once again proved the telling factor, as they were overcome by 64 points in their Round 4 clash versus Wembley Magpies.

Henderson Park has not been a happy hunting ground for the Saints in recent years, and the early signs were not promising as the Magpies dominated with five first quarter goals. The Saints' only major in the first term came from a spectacular running goal from Frank Rossi after a 50-metre penalty.

The second term was more evenly matched, with Damien Lloyd kicking two of his three goals in the quarter. However, the Magpies still managed to outscore the Saints and stretched their lead to 35 points at half time. The Saints' intensity improved significantly in the third term, and they were able to apply some scoreboard pressure with goals from Mark Baker, Nick Trichet and Chris Ioppolo.

When Damien Lloyd booted his third goal after the three quarter time siren, the Saints had reduced the margin back to 19 points and a comeback looked possible. However, this was as close as the Saints came, as the Magpies steamrolled home with seven unanswered goals to finish the game 16.14 (110) to 7.4 (46).

The Saints now face seventh placed Hamersley-Carline Hawks at home in their Round 5 clash, which will be a must-win game if the Saints are to stay in touch with the Top 5.



**Mark Kelly** sends the Saints into attack from the wing.



**May 11:**  
**Strong Start, but Still No Joy for Saints**

Despite their strongest start to a game this year, the Saints could not sustain a four quarter effort, and were once again overrun in the last quarter, this time going down to Hamersley-Carine Hawks by 21 points at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints got off to a flying start in the first quarter, kicking five goals to one, with two each from Matt Devenish and Brandon Calladine.

The second quarter was a completely different story, however, with the Saints struggling to make any useful entries into the forward 50. The Hawks kicked five unanswered goals for the term to allow them to take a 10-point lead at the main break.

The Saints broke a 30-minute goal drought early in the third quarter when Adam Edwards kicked his second for the game, and follow up goals from Rory Muller and Nick Trichet allowed the Saints to take a narrow 2-point lead heading into the final term.

The Saints had a reasonable chance in the last term when Damien Lloyd took a spectacular mark and conversion from the goal square. But once again, the Hawks pulled away to record a 12.13 (85) to 9.10 (64) victory.

The final scoreline did not reflect the closeness of the contest, as the Hawks managed to score a number of goals in the dying minutes of the game, but the loss means the Saints have now slumped to a 0-5 record, along with North Fremantle and High Wycombe.

The results were a disappointing finish to the day, as the Club celebrated the milestones of three veterans in **Joel Edwards** (200th WAAFL game), **Damon Eaton** (150th Club game) and **Jeremy Lloyd** (150th WAAFL game). **Damien Lloyd** also played his 50th game for the Club.

The Saints now travel east to face Kalamunda Cougars in the Round 6 clash at Ray Owen Reserve.



**Clinton Strauch** clears  
from the Saints back half.



**May 18:**

### **Last Quarter Fade-Out Sinks Saints**

The Saints once again struggled to put together a four quarter effort, and were outclassed by a fast finishing Kalamunda Cougars, who ran out winners by 67 points in the Round 6 clash at Ray Owen Reserve.

Playing against the ladder leaders at their home ground was always going to be a tough task, and things were made tougher with the late withdrawal of a number of key players, including reigning F&B Frank Rossi and key defenders Jake Deering and Matt Carlyon. However, this did allow **John Corfias** and **Stewart Horton** to make their League debuts.

The Cougars got the early jump to reach a lead of 21 points at quarter time. The Saints played much better in the second and third quarters, and when they scored the opening goal of the last quarter, the margin had been reduced back to 19 points.

But this was as close as the Saints would come, as Kalamunda piled on eight last quarter goals to run out comfortable winners, 16.17 (113) to 7.4 (46).

Despite the disappointment, the Saints now have three winnable games in the next three rounds, playing against High Wycombe Bulldogs (10th placed) at home, North Fremantle Magpies at home (8th placed) and Willetton Blues away (7th placed) in the Rounds 7, 8 and 9 respectively. The Saints must win these games if they are to have any chance of avoiding relegation.



Saints midfielder **Adam Edwards**

**May 25:**

### **Dark Day for Saints on Franceschini's 200<sup>th</sup>**

On a day that was supposed to mark the milestone of a club champion, the Saints once again failed to deliver, going down to fellow strugglers, High Wycombe Bulldogs, by almost ten goals at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

**Michael Franceschini** was celebrating his 200th game for the Club, and started on a high note by kicking the Saints' first goal. However, the Bulldogs made a lightning start and kicked seven first quarter goals to stun the Saints.

The Saints outscored the Bulldogs in the second quarter to reduce the margin to 25 points at the main break. However, the Bulldogs once again broke away and kicked goals freely with most entries into the forward 50.

The Saints matched their opponents in the last term, but the damage had already been done. The final scores were 21.9 (135) to 12.5 (77).

The result was especially disappointing for Michael "Junior" Franceschini, who joined the illustrious 200-club. Michael joined the Saints as a Colt in 2000, and it wasn't long before making his League debut in Round 8 of the same year versus West Coast at the age of 18 years 42 days. Michael has been a regular part of the League team since his debut, and has always displayed amazing versatility, being able to hold down positions in defence and attack.

Michael and his brother Paul now become the first set of brothers in the Club's 91-year history to have played more than 200 games. Given that Michael and Paul's father, Frank Franceschini, also played 128 games for the Club, the combined tally of 534 games shows what a significant contribution the Franceschini family has made to the Club.



**Michael Franceschini** played his 200th game for the Club.



### June 8: Magpies Swoop in Saints' 300th Game

For the fourth time in the last five rounds, the Saints have succumbed to a last quarter fade out, this time going down to North Fremantle Magpies by 48 points at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints were celebrating their 300th League game since the merger of Balcatta and Osborne Park in 1998, and were also playing their eighth League debutant for the year in **Daniel Stockwell**.

After a relatively even first quarter, the Magpies slowly extended their lead and made much better use of their entries into the forward 50.

When Justin Ricciardello kicked a goal for the Saints after the half time siren, the Magpies' lead was out to 20 points at the main break.

The tide changed early in the third term with the Saints scoring the first two goals of the quarter. When Jack Manera kicked the Saints third in a row from a soccer kick in the goal square, the lead was reduced down to only 3 points and a victory looked on the cards.

However, North Fremantle dominated from that point onward, kicking 8 of the last 9 goals of the game to run out easy winners. The final scores being 14.11 (95) to 7.5 (47).

The Saints have not won a fourth quarter for the entire season, and must learn to change this pattern if they are to have any chance of beating Willetton Blues in the Round 9 clash next week.



Saints' defender **Matt Carlyon** kicks the ball forward



## June 15: Saints Sink Deeper into Relegation Zone

The Saints' season has gone from bad to worse after suffering a demoralising 89-point loss to Willetton Blues at Burrendah Reserve.

Injuries once again played a significant part in team selections, with more than five of the regular team out of action. However, this has provided opportunities for a number of players to step up and make their League debuts, with **Peter Scutti** being the ninth debutante this season.

The Blues took control early in the match with three quick first quarter goals. Damien Lloyd opened the Saints' account with a soccered goal late in the term to reduce the margin to 15 points at the first break.

The Saints were much more competitive in the second quarter and matched the Blues on the scoreboard with three goals each for the term.

However, the last half was a completely different story, as the Blues steamrolled the Saints, kicking 12 goals to one to run out winners 18.19 (127) to 5.8 (38). The result was the Saints lowest ever score and biggest loss to the Blues.

At the half way mark of the season, the Saints are sitting at the bottom of the B-Grade ladder, and face an almighty task to avoid relegation to C-Grade next year.

The only shining light for the Club at the moment is the continued good form of the Thirds team, who notched up another solid victory against Wesley-Curtin Tigers. Their final score of 21.16 (137) is the Thirds team's highest score since Round 2, 2005.



**Peter Scutti** became the ninth player to make his League debut.



**June 22:**

### **Tigers Run Over Saints**

The Saints' season has hit rock bottom after suffering a massive 131-point loss to West Coast Cowan Tigers in the Round 10 clash at City Beach Oval.

The Saints had no answer for the Tigers, who had numbers around the ball all day and were able to deliver time and time again into their forward 50. The Tigers' forwards were also very accurate in their shots on goal, resulting in a final score line of 27.11 (173), while the Saints could only manage 6.6 (42).

The game set a number of records, but all for the wrong reasons for the Saints. The Tigers' score of 27.11 (173) is the highest ever score conceded by the Saints, eclipsing the previous record set by Fremantle CBC in Round 16, 1999.

The loss was the Saints' 13th in a row, stretching back to Round 15 last year. And the final margin of 131 points was the worst ever loss against West Coast Cowan, and second only to a 135-point loss to Scarborough in Round 14, 1999.

The only shining light for the day was the League debut of **Damian Baker** (the tenth debut for the season), who was rewarded after a number of solid performances in the Reserves and Colts sides.

Damian joined older brother Mark, along with the Lloyd (Jeremy & Damien) and Edwards (Joel & Adam) brothers, to have three sets of brothers playing in the League side for the first time since Round 8, 1998. At that time, there were four sets of brothers in the same side, including the Bilchuris (Chris & John), Caton (Kevin & Glen), Sanzone (Andrew & Paul) and Taseff (Wade & Adam) brothers.



**Beau Parry** played in positions at both ends of the field.



**June 29:**

### **Eagles Too Good For Saints**

A last quarter fade out has once again proven the difference, as the Saints have gone down to Scarborough Eagles in the Round 11 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Eagles had the better of an even first term, but the Saints were still able to kick two goals, including a rare goal from the boot of defender Paul O'Neill.

The Saints slowed the scoring rate in the second term, but the Eagles were still able to stretch their quarter time lead to 22 points at the main break.

The Saints played their best football in the third term, and had eight scoring shots to only four. Despite the dominance in this term, the Saints were only able to add three goals and reduce the margin to 13 points heading into the final term.

However, this was as close as the Saints would come, as the Eagles booted six unanswered goals in the final term, including a goal after the final siren, to brush aside the Saints by 49 points.

The highlight for the day was **Mitchell Reid**, who became the eleventh player this season to make their League debut for the Saints.

With High Wycombe, Willetton and North Fremantle all winning their respective Round 11 clashes, the Saints now sit three games clear at the bottom of the table. With only seven rounds to go, the Saints are very close to an unwanted piece of history, by dropping into C-Grade for the first time in the Club's history.



The Saints are always well serviced by ruckman **Sandro Brezar**.



**July 6:**

### **Saints Brave, but Still No Match for Bombers**

In a scenario that is becoming painfully familiar, the Saints have once again had a last quarter fade out and received a heavy loss, this time to the Bullcreek Leeming Bombers at Beasley Reserve.

The Saints started with two players making their League debut - Victorian recruit **Adam Caruso** and former Jack Freind Medallist **Matt Turner** - bringing the total number of debutantes to 13 in 12 rounds.

The Bombers got the better start early on, but the Saints pegged back the lead through goals from skipper Damien Lloyd and Mark Baker to go into the first break all level.

The Bombers kicked away again early in the second quarter, but the Saints were able claw back the lead with rare goals from defenders Frank Rossi and Joel Julian.

When Ben Mollett and debutant Matt Turner goaled early in the third quarter, the Saints had turned a 2-point half time deficit into a 10-point lead, and an upset win was looking possible. But this time it was the Bombers who stepped up a gear, and returned with 5 goals of their own to take a 10-point lead into the last quarter.

The Bombers dominated the last quarter, and outscored the Saints by seven goals to one to run out easy winners by 51 points. It was the fifth week in a row (and the seventh time this season) that the Saints have been outscored by 5 goals or more in the last quarter.



Saints forward **Mark Baker** added another goal to his tally.

### July 13: Saints Finally Break Drought in Lucky 13

Despite being unlucky for some, the number 13 has proven extremely lucky for the Saints. The Saints first win in Season 2013 has come in Round 13 on July 13th, defeating arch-rivals Wembley Magpies by 6 points. The win has broken a 15-game losing streak for the Saints, stretching back to Round 16 last year.

Despite fielding a side with six first year players and a further two players making their first league appearance since 2012, the Saints were able to match their more fancied counterparts, with only one point separating the sides at quarter time.

A similarly tight struggle in the second quarter saw both teams head into the main break all even. Wembley kicked an early goal in the third term, but the Saints did not falter. Goals to skipper Damien Lloyd, Mark Baker and second-gamer Matt Turner saw the Saints up by 14 points midway through the third term.

The Magpies pegged back the lead with a couple of goals for themselves, but Chris Ioppolo kicked a great snap shot goal shortly before three quarter time to allow the Saints to take an 8-point lead at the last change.

When the Magpies kicked two early goals in the final term, thoughts immediately turned to last quarter fade outs from previous weeks. But Damien Lloyd soon equalled the score with his third goal of the day. When Peter Scutti kicked truly at the 23-minute mark of the last quarter, the Saints had a narrow one goal lead.

There were some very anxious moments for players and supporters in the final few minutes, but the Saints held their nerve, and when the final siren sounded, there were scenes of jubilation and relief.

The final scores were Saints 11.9 (75) to Wembley 10.9 (69). The win capped off a great day for the Club, with the Colts having a 4-goal win (after trailing by 23 points at quarter time) and the Thirds having a 6-point win (after trailing by 20 points at three quarter time), which is a rare treble for the Club.



Saints' young gun **Matt Turner** takes a spectacular mark.

### July 20: Struggling Saints No Match for Hawks

After experiencing the euphoria of a first win last week, the Saints unfortunately could not repeat the dose against northern suburbs rivals, Hamersley-Carine Hawks, and were completely outclassed to the tune of 88 points.

Apart from the loss of champion defender, Giuliano Giordani, due to injury, the Saints went into the game with a largely unchanged side from last week's win. The Saints form in the first quarter suggested that they could potentially cause another upset, and after a low scoring term, went into the first break only 7 points down.

The Saints scored their only goal for the second term early in the quarter. However, after that time, it was a procession for the Hawks, as they seemed to score goals at will.

The third quarter proved even worse for the Saints, with the Hawks scoring seven goals. The Saints' only goal for the quarter came from the boot of skipper Damien Lloyd, who continued his impressive form in front of goal despite the team's low standing.

The Saints were held goalless in the last term, resulting in their lowest ever score and worst losing margin in all 14 battles against the Hawks.



Saints skipper **Damien Lloyd** added another goal to his tally.

### July 27: Saints Overrun by Cougars

The Kalamunda Cougars have proven too much for Stirling to counter, as the Saints suffered an 81-point loss to the ladder leaders in the Round 15 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

In a rain-affected first term, the Saints kept in touch early with the Cougars, with Beau Parry and James DiPasquale scoring goals for the Saints. However, the Cougars effortlessly kicked away to a 3-goal lead by quarter time.

The 5-to-2 goal tally in the first quarter was repeated in the second term, with the Cougars extending their lead to 39 points at the main break.

The Saints' chances of keeping up with Kalamunda took a massive hit when captain and leading goal kicker, Damien Lloyd left the ground through injury early in the third quarter. However, this did provide an opportunity for first year player Beau Parry to provide a focal point up forward for the Saints, and he kicked two goals in the second half to add to his first quarter goal.

While the scoring rate slowed in the third quarter, the Cougars kicked another five goals in the final term to run away easy winners, 18.15 (123) to 6.6 (42).

The result was the Saints' lowest ever score and worst losing margin in all 11 clashes against the Cougars. The loss leaves the Saints four games adrift of 8th-placed Willetton, which means that it is now mathematically impossible to remain in B-Grade, and the Saints will be relegated to C1-Grade for the first time in the Club's history.



The ever-reliable **Ben Mollett** clears the ball from half back.



### August 3:

#### Bulldogs Too Strong for Saints

The Saints have missed their best opportunity for a second win this season, falling to the High Wycombe Bulldogs by 49 points in their Round 16 clash at Scott Reserve.

The Bulldogs were stronger across most facets of the game, and used their home ground advantage to take a 22-point lead into the first break.

The Saints played their best football in the second term, and actually outscored the Bulldogs to reduce the deficit to 21 points at half time.

This deficit was the closest the Saints got, as the Bulldogs outscored Stirling by 4 goals to 2 in the third term.

The scoring pattern was repeated in the final quarter, with the Bulldogs adding another 4 goals to run out easy winners, 17.13 (115) to 10.6 (66).

The Saints now face old enemies North Fremantle Magpies in the second last game of the year at Gil Fraser Reserve.



**James Di Pasquale** is the only Saint to have played every League game in 2013.

### August 10:

#### Magpies Roll Saints to Keep Top-5 Hopes Alive

North Fremantle has kept their finals hopes alive by easily disposing of the Saints in the Round 17 clash at Gil Fraser Reserve. The Saints followed up last week's disappointing effort against High Wycombe with a 94-point drubbing at the hands of North Fremantle.

At a rain-soaked Gil Fraser Reserve, the Magpies got the early start, kicking 5 first quarter goals, while the Saints only goal came from the boot of James Di Pasquale.

The Saints started the second term well and were able to score early with a great mark and goal from Sam Day. But North Fremantle dominated the rest of the quarter to take a 48-point lead at the main break.

North Fremantle completely choked the Saints ability to score in the second half by running in numbers. Their domination around the ground was shown in the Inside-50s count, which was out by as much as 39-13 at three quarter time.

The pattern continued in the last quarter as the Magpies ran out winners, 19.15 (129) to 5.5 (35).

The curtain on the Saints season will fall next week when the Saints play 8th placed Willetton at home. The fixture will coincide with the Saints' annual Past Players' Day and Silver Saints Day. All former players, including Balcatta, AICA and Osborne Park players are encouraged to come down and help cheer the Saints on to victory.



**Jack Manera** has been strong in defence all year.



### August 17: Saints Finish Season on a High

The Saints put aside all of the disappointment of the 2013 season and impending relegation to C1 Grade next year, by defeating Willetton Blues by 10 points in the Round 18 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The game started an hour later than scheduled due to serious injury in the earlier Reserves game, which required an ambulance to be called to the game. When the game got finally started, it was the Saints that burst out of the block with Mark Baker kicking the opening goal in his 100th game. By quarter time, the Saints had established a healthy 21-point lead, and this could have been more if not for some inaccurate kicking in front of goal.

The Saints controlled the ball out of the middle early in the second quarter, with Adam Edwards and Luke Ferraloro dominating. When Damien Lloyd marked strongly to kick his second for the game, the Saints had stretched the lead to 36 points. The Saints faded in the second part of the quarter, and Willetton kicked two quick goals before half time to reduce the lead to 23 points by half time.

The Saints fade-out continued early in the third quarter, and the Blues kicked another two goals to reduce the margin down to 10 points. The Saints' goal drought was finally broken when Frank Rossi kicked truly from a running shot at goal.

Despite not scoring a goal in the last quarter, the Saints were able to withstand a late charge by Willetton to run out 10-point winners. The final scores were 7.16 (58) to 7.6 (48).

The win was a fitting way to end the season, especially for **Mark Baker** and **Sandro Brezar** who were both celebrating their 100th games. In the early game, the Reserves also celebrated two major milestones, with **Jamie Clark** playing his 300th WAAFL game, while **Ryan Murphy** was playing his 100th game for the Club.



First year player **Matt Turner** sends the Saints forward



**September 7:**

### **Damien Lloyd wins Saints Fairest & Best**

**Damien Lloyd** has capped off a stellar season by winning the League Fairest & Best at the Club's annual Fairest & Best function.

The race for the award, now known as the President's Medal, was open to three players heading into the final round. Damien held off his team mates to poll 84 votes, which was nine votes clear of previous F&B winner, Adam Edwards on 75 votes, while last year's winner, Frank Rossi, finished a further six votes adrift on 69 votes. Giuliano Giordani (59 votes) and Chris Ioppolo (52 votes) rounded out the top five.

In accepting the award, Damien paid tribute to the coaching staff and leadership group for guiding the Club through difficult times. He also acknowledged the emergence of a number of younger players, who have the potential to guide the Club back to better times in the near future.

In the lower grades, **Joel Edwards** won the De Cinque Trophy for the Reserves Fairest & Best, after playing a cameo role in only nine of the 18 qualifying games this year. **Micka Black** won the Thirds Fairest & Best, and **Jonathon Milner** won the Jack Freind Medal for the Colts Fairest & Best.

The Club also paid tribute to the tireless efforts of Colts coach, **John "JB" Batten**, by awarding him the Club Service Award. John has been involved with the Club's Colts side for the past nine years, during which time 222 players have played Colts, including 58 players that have gone on to play in the Club's League side.



Saints captain **Damien Lloyd** was the winner of the League Fairest & Best award.