



**December 1, 2014:  
Pre-Season Training**

The Club is pleased to announce that Joel Edwards has been re-appointed as League Coach for the Saints in season 2015.

Joel has advised the 2015 pre-season training program will commence on Wednesday 21 January 2015 at 5:30pm at Richard Guelfi Reserve. Players are required to bring along their runners, boots and a water bottle to each session.

The first session will be followed by a BBQ for the players, where the full pre-season schedule will be provided.

The 2015 season is poised to be a big one for the Saints, with a renewed enthusiasm in B-Grade, and a desire to build on the success of 2014.



All players are encouraged to bring along their mates and improve the depth of the club - the more players, the better.

**March 6, 2015:  
WAAFL Fixtures Released**

The West Australian Amateur Football League (WAAFL) has released fixtures for the upcoming 2015 season.

The Saints will kick off its premiership campaign with a Round 1 clash versus Scarborough Eagles at Richard Guelfi Reserve on April 11.

This will be followed by a first ever visit to Wembley Magpies new home ground, Pat Goodridge Reserve, in Round 2.

The Saints will not have to wait long to face their arch rivals, Kingsway Roos, with a grand final re-match scheduled in Round 3 on Anzac Day.

All clubs will have a mid-season break after Round 7 to coincide with the June long weekend.

The Saints will play three away games in four rounds between Round 7 and 10, but will finish the season with five of the last eight games at home, including a final round clash versus Swan Athletic at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints have recruited well over the off-season, and are looking forward to making a strong push for finals in the first season back in B Grade.



**Adam Edwards**, winner of the Club's Fairest & Best in 2014

**March 14:  
Pre-Season Campaign Kicks Off**

The Saints have opened their pre-season campaign with a tough encounter against Hamersley-Carine Hawks at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The League side dominated play early, with Adam Edwards kicking the first goal of the game in the opening minute. With the assistance of the wind, the Saints kicked the first five goals on the game before conceding their first goal late in the quarter.

The Hawks provided a better contest kicking with the breeze in the second quarter, and continued that pressure for the remainder of the game. However, the Saints were able to maintain the ascendancy through the numerous midfield options.

While there were no official scores kept, the game provided an excellent opportunity to implement various tactics and try players in different positions in preparation for the coming season.

In the earlier game, the Reserves side were also able to give a good account of themselves under new coach, Tony Smith, and will be looking forward to building on that momentum heading into the second practice match next week against Noranda Hawks.



Saints' midfielder **Jayden Roth**

**March 21:  
Pre-Season Matches vs Noranda Hawks**

The Saints have continued preparations for the 2015 season with another tough encounter, this time against Noranda Hawks at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

Despite being positioned two grades down from the Saints, Noranda jumped out of the blocks early and kicked the first two goals of the game. The Saints steadied with a few goals and were able to match their opponents, but some inaccurate kicking in front of goals prevented them from taking the lead.

Once again, no official scores were kept for the game, but both teams gave a good account of themselves and showed they would be serious finals contenders in their respective grades.

The League game was preceded by a number of Reserves/Thirds games, which gave a good chance for the entire squad to get some match practice. In the first game, the Hawks held sway for most of the game and outscored the Saints by about four goals, while a flourish of late goals gave the Saints a narrow advantage in the second game.

The Saints will wrap up their preparations next week with a third and final practice match against Willetton Blues at Richard Guelfi Reserve.



Saints defender **Paul O'Neill**



**March 28:**

**Pre-Season Win vs Willetton Blues**

The Saints have wrapped up preparations for the 2015 season with a convincing performance against Willetton Blues at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints went in the game with up to seven of their first team unable to play due to work commitments. However, the Saints were able to cover the absences admirably, including a number of players that played in the earlier Reserves games, and cameo performances from coach Joel Edwards (three goals) and last year's skipper, Damien Lloyd.

Despite there being no official scores, the Saints were clear winners, set up by an impressive seven-goal second term.

In the earlier Reserves/Thirds games, the Saints were not able to match their opponents. However, the shortage of playing numbers in the League side required many players to play both games against their opponents, who were able to field two separate sides.

The squad will now enjoy a week's break over Easter, and then shift their focus to their Round 1 opponents, Scarborough Eagles. The Eagles have held the upper hand over the Saints in recent clashes, but with the new season, the Saints will be looking to reverse this trend.



Saints' utility **Shea Mathanda**

**April 2:**

**Saints To Field a Third Senior Team**

The Saints have been given approval by the WAAFL to field a Third senior team in 2015

The Thirds will play in E2 Grade, and will replace the Bassendean Swans, who were forced to withdraw due to lack of playing numbers.

The Thirds will start the season against Collegians in Round 1, and will play three night games during the season (at Brentwood Booragoon, Warnbro and Noranda).

**April 11:  
Saints Hold Off Scarborough in a Thriller**

The Saints have held off a late surge by Scarborough Eagles to run out 2-point winners in their Round 1 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The first quarter was a tense struggle, with both teams kicking a number of early goals. However, the Saints grabbed the ascendancy with a late goal from the boot of Damien Lloyd.

The Saints kicked into gear in the second quarter, and were able to build a buffer when new recruit, Ryan Maldenis, kicked his second goal of the game. The Eagles pegged back the lead to just 15 points by half time.

Scarborough cut the lead again to just 8 points in the third term, but a brilliant set shot goal from Stewart Horton late in the quarter allowed the Saints to take a handy 14-point lead at the last break.

The Saints' only goal in the final term came after a 50-metre penalty, allowing Shea Mathanda to convert from short distance. The Saints' attempts to run down the clock in the last quarter backfired when Scarborough pounced on a loose ball to kick a late goal, cutting the deficit to just two points. But some desperate defending allowed the Saints to clinch the victory and celebrate their first game back in B-Grade. The final scores were Stirling 10.10 (70) to Scarborough 10.8 (68).



Saints' recruit **Ryan Maldenis**

In the Reserves game, the Saints were able to match their opponents early, but could not convert their chances on the scoreboard. In contrast, a seven-goal blitz in the third term allowed Scarborough to run out convincing winners.

The Saints will travel next week to Pat Goodridge Reserve to take on the Wembley Magpies. The Magpies will be keen to make amends after a disappointing 33-point loss to Wanneroo Roos.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.3.21	7.6.48	9.8.62	10.10.70
Scarborough	2.2.14	5.3.33	7.6.48	10.8.68

**Goals: Stirling** - Damien Lloyd 2, Ryan Maldenis 2, Adam Edwards 1, Cameron Grover 1, Stewart Horton 1, Joel Julian 1, Shea Mathanda 1, Rory Muller 1. **Scarborough** – Matt Gordon 4, Matthew Bannister 2, Michael Dawes 1, Mitchell Deluca 1, Aidan Parker 1, Kyle Watts 1



## April 18: Dark Day for Saints

As the saying goes, a week is a long time in football. After the excitement of the Round 1 win against Scarborough, the Saints have been brought back to earth with an embarrassing 144-point loss to Wembley Magpies in their Round 2 clash at Pat Goodridge Reserve.

It was always going to be a tough day for the Saints, with up to eleven players from last week's League and Reserves squads unavailable for selection due to work and personal commitments. Nevertheless, the Saints simply could not match the Magpies, who showed superior skills and running all over the ground.

The Saints' first goal came from the boot of Aaron Sweet midway through the first term. This was followed by 75-minute goal drought, with Alex Kostadinovski kicking a goal on debut late in the last quarter.

A number of records were set during the game, but for all the wrong reasons. The Saints final score of 2.7 (19) was their lowest score against the Magpies, the Magpies' score of 25.13 (163) was the highest score conceded by the Saints, and the 144-point margin was the Saint's worst ever losing margin against any team in their 18-year history.

In the Reserves game, the Saints were competitive early, but were completely outclassed by a 10-goal second quarter from the Magpies. The absences had an impact on the Thirds team, who were only able to start their game against Brentwood-Booragoon with 15 players. Despite a valiant effort, they were not able to make up the deficit.

The Saints will need to regroup quickly before facing their arch rivals, Kingsway Roos, next week in a rematch of last year's Grand Final. The Roos are also having difficulties adjusting to B-Grade, having lost their two opening games by an average of 45 points.

### Scoreboard:

Stirling	1.1.7	1.4.10	1.7.13	2.7.19
Wembley	4.5.29	9.6.60	16.10.106	25.13.163

**Goals: Stirling** - Alex Kostadinovski 1, Aaron Sweet 1. **Wembley** – Timothy Noakes 9, Dylan Morgan 4, Mathew Seal 4, Caden Allison 3, Nathan Johns 2, Adam Bowker 1, Andrew O'Brien 1, Jordan Tait 1.



Alex Kostadinovski kicked a goal in his League debut.

**April 25:  
Saints Lose ANZAC Battle to Roos**

The Saints have suffered a heartbreaking 4-point loss to Kingsway Roos in their Round 3 clash at Kingsway Reserve.

The start of the game was preceded by players from both teams lining up for the playing of the last post and a minute's silence as a sign of respect for those that have served our country.

The first quarter was an even battle, with the Roos holding an 8-point lead at the quarter time break. The Saints pegged back the lead when Jayden Roth kicked a goal in the opening minute of the second quarter. The scores remained close until a three goal burst in four minutes by the Saints midway through the term allowed them to gain the ascendancy. Justin Wood was superb up forward, marking strongly and kicking three goals in the term to allow the Saints to take 13-point lead at the main break.

The Roos kicked the opening goal of the third term, but when Aaron Sweet kicked his second goal at the 12-minute mark of the third term, the Saints had opened up a game-high lead of 20 points. The Roos fought back after that point, kicking four of the next six goals in the term, including a goal only seconds before the siren, to reduce the Saints' lead to only 5 points at three-quarter time.

The Saints were wasteful in front of goal in the final term, but appeared to have the game won with an 8-point lead at the 21-minute mark. However, two late goals by the Roos allowed them to inch ahead and win a tight ANZAC Day battle by just 4 points. The final scores were Stirling 13.11 (89) to Kingsway 14.9 (93).



Saints' midfielder **Aaron Sweet**

In the Reserves game, the Saints fought bravely against last year's premiers, but were no match for the fast running Roos. The Saints best stretch came in the third term, when they were able to match the Roos goal for goal. But the Roos overran the Saints in the last term, running out winners by 53 points.

In the Thirds game, the Saints went down to Forrestdale Falcons at home. Despite the loss, the Saints celebrated the 100-game milestone for Troy Mellidis. Troy has been a loyal servant to the Club since 2006, with a career highlight of winning the WAAFL E-Grade Fairest & Best Medal in 2008.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	2.1.13	8.4.52	12.6.78	13.11.89
Kingsway	3.3.21	6.3.39	11.7.73	14.9.93

**Goals: Stirling** - Justin Wood 3, Ryan Maldenis 2, Jayden Roth 2, Aaron Sweet 2, James Di Pasquale 1, Adam Edwards 1, Joel Julian 1, Beau Parry 1. **Kingsway** – James Del Borello 5, Rhys McAlister 4, David Fasolo 1, Brennan Pearce 1, Matthew Kelly 1, Dean Page 1, Mitch Hunter 1

**May 2:  
Saints Charge to Victory Over Bulls**

The Saints have returned to the winner's circle with a 21-point win over Maddington Bulls in the Round 4 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

In the first ever meeting between the two teams, the Saints dominated from the start, kicking four first quarter goals and holding their opponents to just three behinds for the quarter.

However, despite looking like a potential blow-out, the Bulls provided a much better contest after quarter time. Both sides scored three goals in the second quarter, but the Saints were inefficient in front of goal, and could have held a much greater lead than 31 points at half time.

The physical intensity increased in the second half, with both sides willing to put bodies on the line for the ball. The Saints made the most of their entries into the forward 50, kicking three straight goals for the quarter, but the Bulls outscored the Saints to cut the deficit back to just 22 points at the final break.

The Bulls kicked the first two goals of the final term, and thoughts turned to the last quarter fade out against Kingsway last week. However, Aaron Sweet steadied the ship for the Saints, kicking three goals in the last 15 minutes of the game to ensure a victory. The final scores were Stirling 13.14 (92) to Maddington 10.11 (71).

The win sees the Saints jump into 6th spot on the ladder, equal with Wanneroo and Wembley on two wins.

Attention now turns to the Round 5 clash versus 8th-placed Collegians Blues. The Saints will be playing their first game against the Blues since 2009, and their first ever game at Collegians' temporary home ground at Allen Park. A win will be vital to the Saints' chancing of making the finals in 2015.



**Dean Abramo** sends the Saints forward into attack.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	4.4.28	7.10.52	10.10.70	13.14.92
Maddington	0.3.3	3.3.21	7.6.48	10.11.71

**Goals: Stirling** - Aaron Sweet 5, Cameron Grover 2, Ryan Maldenis 2, Beau Parry 2, Damien Lloyd 1, Mitchell Reid 1. **Maddington** - Vincenzo Napoli 4, Gabre Denton 2, Dwayn Bolton 1, Joel Johansen 1, Steven Pisano 1, Drew Robinson 1



**May 8:  
Ben Mollett's 150<sup>th</sup> Game**

This week's Round 5 clash versus Collegians will hold special significance for the Saints, as one of its favourite sons, Ben Mollett, will play his 150th game in the red, white and black guernsey.

Ben was recruited to the Club in 2007 by the League coach at that time, Chris Gerreyn, who had previously coached Ben at Kalgoorlie City Kangas in the Goldfields Football League. Ben immediately proved his worth in the side, playing a key role in the forward line and regularly being amongst the goal kickers, including a 5-goal haul versus University in 2008.

Ben kicked 91 goals in his first four years at the Saints, but he showed his versatility in 2011 by taking a key role in the Saints back line. It wasn't until 2014 that he returned to the forward line, where he led the Saints goal kicking in that year with a season-high 26 goals.

In addition to his versatility, Ben has showed great resilience during his time at the Saints, playing 51 consecutive League games between 2007 and 2009, and a further 56 consecutive League games between 2009 and 2012. Ben has finished in the top 10 in the Fairest & Best in 2011 (7<sup>th</sup>) and 2013 (6<sup>th</sup>), and finished in the top 10 of the Players' MVP Medal in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Ben's current games tally includes 147 League games and 2 Reserves games, during which time he has booted 130 goals for the Saints. This is in addition to 94 WAAFL games played at other clubs earlier in his career.



All supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer Ben and the boys onto victory against the Collegians Blues at Allen Park in Swanbourne. The Reserves start at 12:35pm and the League at 2:30pm.

**May 9:  
Last Quarter Blitz Sinks Saints**

The Saints have missed an opportunity to jump into the top five, going down to Collegians Blues by 33 points in their Round 5 clash at Allen Park.

It was clear from the outset that it was going to be a tough battle all day, as both teams went goal for goal in the first quarter to draw level at the first break.

Rory Muller kicked a goal less than a minute into the second quarter, and when League debutante, Jonathon Milner kicked a goal soon after, the Saints appeared to have the upper hand. But the Blues, led by former Freo Docker Byron Schammer, kicked a number of goals themselves, and turned the deficit into a 7-point lead at half time.

The Collegians stretched the lead to 13 points early in the third quarter, but the Saints pegged it back with a long shot on goal from the 50-metre arc by Ryan Maldenis. There was a drought of goals for the remainder of the third quarter, but when Aaron Sweet kicked truly from a set shot after the three-quarter time siren, the scores were level once again.

Unfortunately, this was as close as the Saints came, as Collegians kicked three goals within the first eight minutes of the final term to set up the victory. Adam Edwards gave the Saints a glimmer of hope when he kicked a goal at the 10-minute mark, but another three goals from Collegians ensured a victory for them. The final scores were Stirling 9.9 (63) to Collegians 14.12 (96).



**Jonathan Milner** scored a goal in his League Debut for the Saints.

In the earlier game, the Saints were not able to celebrate Ben Mollett's 150<sup>th</sup> game with a victory. Collegians outplayed the Saints for the first half, and the Saints played their best football in the third term by keeping the Blues goalless. However, the Blues dominated again in the last quarter to run out victors by 58 points.

The Saints now face 5<sup>th</sup>-placed Wanneroo Roos at Richard Guelfi Reserve, which becomes a must-win game if the Saints want to play finals football in 2015.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.2.20	6.4.40	8.7.55	9.9.63
Collegians	3.2.20	7.5.47	8.7.55	14.12.96

**Goals: Stirling** - Aaron Sweet 3, Adam Edwards 1, Ryan Maldenis 1, Shea Mathanda 1, Jonathan Milner 1, Rory Muller 1, Beau Parry 1. **Collegians** - Stefano D'Orsogna 4, Michael Pracilio 3, Liam Connolly 1, Declan Cormack 1, Jack Dowland 1, Patrick Jannings 1, Ben Lindsay 1, Nicholas Rogers 1, Tim Rose 1



**May 16:  
Saints Beaten by Roos**

Another last quarter fade out has been the difference between the Saints and Wanneroo Roos, with the Saints going down by 29 points in their Round 6 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

On a day that was impacted by wet and windy conditions, scoring opportunities were always going to be scarce. Kicking with the wind, the Saints registered an early goal from the boot of Aaron Sweet, but were held for the rest of the quarter to finish the first term behind by 5 points.

The Roos made most of the opportunities with the wind in the second term, kicking three goals to one to take a 23 point lead at the main break.

Playing coach, Joel Edwards, got the revival going early in the third term, kicking a goal after a skilful mark in the goal square. Rory Muller dominated in the third term, picking up possessions at both ends of the field and kicking a goal. By the three-quarter time siren, the Saints had reduced the deficit to only 2 points to set up a battle in the last term.

However, as they did last week against Collegians, the Saints conceded three goals in the opening 10 minutes of the last term to put themselves out of reach. The Roos put the result beyond doubt with another two goals, before Ryan Maldenis kicked the Saints' only goal of the term in the final minute of play.

The Roos ran out winners by 29 points, the final scores being 11.16 (82) to 7.11 (53).

In the Reserves, the Saints came agonizingly close to their first win of the season, but fell short at the final hurdle. After trailing by 17 points at three quarter time, the Saints doubled their score in the final term and looked to have the game won after hitting the lead in the 23-minute mark. However, the Roos went forward from the centre bounce and, despite the Saints' appeals for a head high tackle, the Roos kicked a goal in the dying seconds of the game to win by just 2 points.



**Rory Muller** was one of the Saints best players in Round 6

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	1.5.11	2.7.19	6.10.52	7.11.53
Wanneroo	2.4.16	5.11.41	6.12.54	11.16.82

**Goals: Stirling** – Aaron Sweet 4, Joel Edwards 1, Ryan Maldenis 1, Rory Muller 1. **Wanneroo** – Andrew Knox 2, Thomas Shadbolt 2, Michael D'Agostino 1, James Finchett 1, John Ingham 1, Adam Speed 1, Justin Speed 1, Anthony Tsalikis 1, Keegan White 1



**May 20:  
Paul O'Neill's 150<sup>th</sup> Game**

The Saints will celebrate another major milestone during this weekend's Round 7 clash versus Whitford, as one of its most valuable players, Paul O'Neill, runs out for his 150<sup>th</sup> game for the Club.

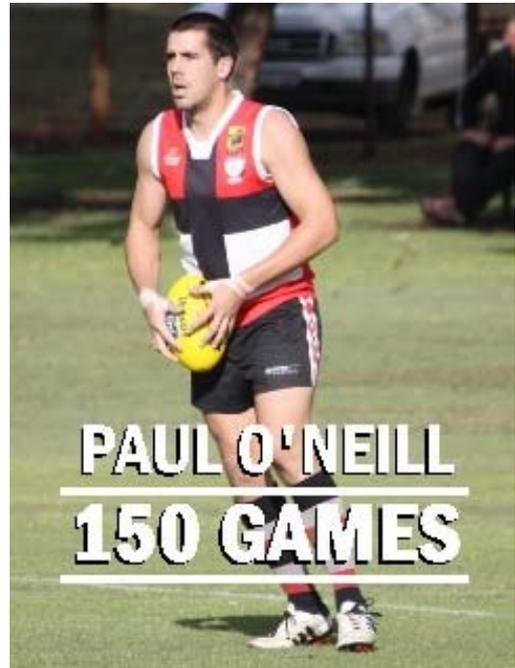
Paul joined the Club in 2007 in the Colts side and played every game that year. His strong leadership skills were recognised early, being named Colts captain in 2008. Paul's strong form in the Colts was rewarded with a League debut in Round 13 of 2008 (coincidentally against Whitford) at the age of just 17 years and 335 days.

Following his League debut, Paul became a regular fixture across the Saints' half back line, reaching the 50-game milestone without missing a game. Paul's breakout game came in Round 4, 2010, with a best-on-ground performance versus powerhouse rivals, North Beach Tigers.

Since that time, Paul has remained a pillar of strength across the Saints backline. During his nine years at the club, he has only missed nine games of football through injury, including a run of 56 consecutive games from 2007 to 2009, and 55 consecutive games from 2012 to 2015.

Paul's current games tally includes 113 League games, 5 Reserves games and 31 Colts games.

All players and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer Paul and the boys onto victory against Whitford Warriors at MacDonald Reserve. The Reserves start at 12:35pm, with the main game starting at 2:30pm.





**May 23:  
Saints Fall to Whitford**

The Saints have slumped to their third consecutive loss, going down to Whitford Warriors by 42 points in the Round 7 clash at MacDonald Reserve.

Playing with an attacking flair, the Warriors were able to kick the opening three goals of the game before Justin Wood marked strongly in the goal square to kick the Saints first goal.

Whitford led by 24 points at quarter time, and continued extending their lead in the second quarter. The Warriors kicked six goals in both quarters, while Damien Lloyd was the only Saint to kick a goal in the second quarter.

The Saints fought back bravely after half time, playing their best football in the third term. Justin Wood added his third goal for the game early in the quarter, while Damien Lloyd kicked three of the Saints' six goals to reduce the margin back to 37 points at three quarter time.

However, despite outscoring the Warriors in the second half, the Saints could not overcome the damage done in the first half. The final scores were Stirling 10.10 (70) to Whitford 17.10 (112).

The loss puts the Saints in the bottom two, and will require all players to lift to ensure the club is not relegated to C-Grade.

The silver lining for the Saints was their ability to fight back after a deficit, while Damien Lloyd's 5-goal haul was the highest by a Saint at MacDonald Reserve.

The Saints will now enjoy a week's break before turning their attention to Hamersley-Carine, who dropped to 4th place on the ladder after a 6-goal loss to Scarborough.



**Jake Deering** sends the Saints into attack from the wing.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	2.2.14	3.5.23	9.7.61	10.10.70
Whitford	6.2.38	12.4.72	15.8.98	17.10.110

**Goals: Stirling** - Damien Lloyd 5, Justin Wood 3, Adam Edwards 1, Ryan Maldenis 1. **Whitford** - William Clemett 3, Joshua Donaldson 3, Michael Waddington 3, Jared Butt 2, Max Walters 2, Jack Catrall 1, Dylan Eiffler 1, Mathew Hurley 1, Steven Waddington 1

**June 3:  
Richard Guelfi's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrated**

The Saints will be celebrating another milestone this weekend, but a milestone of a different kind. The 6<sup>th</sup> June 2015 will mark the date of the 100th birthday for Saints legend, Richard Guelfi, after which the Club's home ground is now named.

From his very early years, Mr Guelfi – known to his friends as Richie – was a devoted activist in community affairs. He was sometimes known as “Mr Osborne Park”.

The Guelfi Family had been farmers in Osborne Park, which was mainly rural in character at the time of Richie's birth in 1915. The family farmed near Njookenbooroo Swamp and King Edward Road. In 1935 the family purchased 35 acres of land in Poincaire Street, where they ran pigs and also had a market garden. After schooling at St Kieran's School in Tuart Hill, Richie joined the family in farming and continued to farm the Poincaire Street property until 1961 and then witnessed its transition to become part of the suburb of Stirling.

Richie was involved in public affairs from age 19, when he joined the Osborne Park Progress Association. He remained a member until the Association was disbanded in the 1950s. He was also a member, a one time President, Life Member and Patron of the Osborne Park Agricultural Society. His father Frank, had been one of the founding members of the Society when it was originally formed and registered in 1910 as the Osborne Park Agricultural Society and Progress Association.

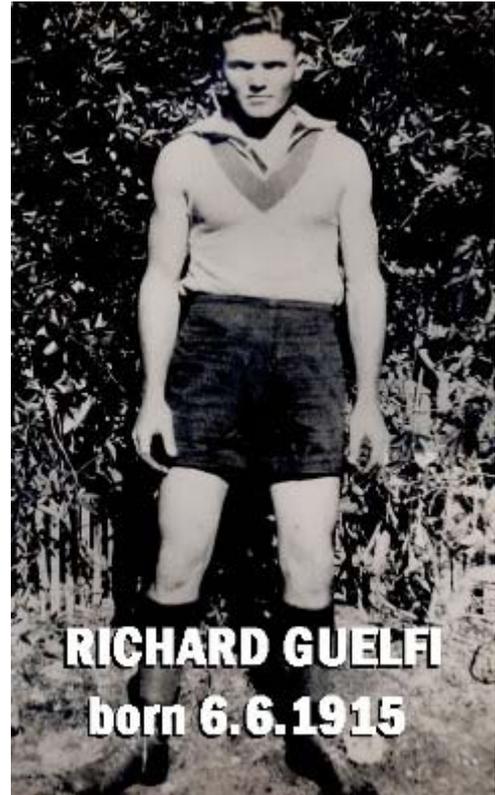
Richie was also a member of the Osborne Park St John Ambulance Brigade from 1949 to 1960 and participated in the different activities of the Brigade.

In 1962, Richie was elected as a Councillor to the Shire of Perth. He served as a Councillor until 1971, when the Shire of Perth transformed into the City of Stirling, and was elected the City's inaugural Deputy Mayor.

Among other credits were Richie's founding membership of the Osborne Park Bowling Club and his encouragement of the Club's activities. He was a playing member of the Club and an enthusiastic supporter for development of the sport and the promoting of its appeal to young people.

Perhaps of most importance is the long time association with the Osborne Park Football Club. He joined the Club in 1931, won the fairest and best in 1936, and was a member for over 60 years. It is fitting that the home ground of the Osborne Park Football Club (and now Stirling Football Club) was re-named by the City of Stirling as “Richard Guelfi Reserve” in 1996. The naming of the reserve recognises the devotion that Richie had for football and for the development of sporting opportunities and sporting facilities generally throughout the City.

Mr Richard Sebastian Guelfi passed away at Osborne Park Hospital, after an illness of some months, on 4 October 2001 at the age of 86 years. However, his contribution to the Club will forever live on.



**June 6:  
Hawks Swoop to Victory over Saints**

The Saints have suffered their fourth consecutive loss with a heartbreaking 9-point loss to Hamersley Carine Hawks in the Round 8 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

In front of parochial crowd, who were attending the Club's annual Past Players' Day, the Saints drew first blood with a goal from the boot of Damien Lloyd. However, both teams struggled to capitalize on entries into the forward 50, with the Saints leading by the narrowest of margins at the first break.

It took 13 minutes into the second quarter before the Saints added another, with Michael Franceschini booting his first major for the season. The Hawks returned fire with three goals to pull out to a 10-point lead, but the Saints kicked two majors in the last 4 minutes of the term, including a magnificent solo run and snap shot goal from Rory Muller, to take a 5-point lead into the main break.

Shea Mathanda goaled early in the second term, and the Saints looked set to open up a handy lead of their own. However, in keeping with the tempo of the game, the Hawks fought back to rest back the lead. Cameron Grover kicked a goal in the last minute of the third term, and the Saints led by 7 points at the last break.

The Hawks kicked the first goal of the last term, but Ben Mollett marked strongly and kicked truly to give the Saints a 6-point lead at the 6-minute mark of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Unfortunately for the Saints, the Hawks kicked the next three goals to given themselves a 2-goal buffer. The Saints were given a glimmer of hope when Damien Lloyd kicked his third goal at the 20-minute mark, but the Hawks steadied again to run out winners, 11.10 (76) to 9.13 (67).



**Marcus Filocamo** made his League Debut for the Saints.

The loss is a concern for the Saints, who are now entrenched in the relegation zone approaching the half way mark. The only silver lining was the promotion of Marcus Filocamo to the League side after a string of strong performances in the Reserves side.

The Saints will now face the toughest road trip in B-Grade, playing Swan Athletic at the homeground at Fawell Park.

In the earlier games, the Reserves were soundly beaten by their counterparts, but the Thirds, who were bolstered by the inclusion of a number of former League players, were able to chalk up their first win of the season against Coolbinia-West Perth.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	1.3.9	4.9.33	7.13.55	9.13.67
Hamersley-Carine	1.2.8	4.4.28	7.6.48	11.10.76

**Goals: Stirling** - Damien Lloyd 3, Adam Edwards 1, Michael Franceschini 1, Cameron Grover 1, Shea Mathanda 1, Ben Mollett 1, Rory Muller 1. **Hamersley-Carine** – Brayden Jones 4, Tim Champion 3, Peter Mondello 2, Mark Nind 1, Justin Joyce 1



**June 13:**  
**Swans Too Strong for Saints**

Round 9 was another tough day for the club against the benchmark of the competition, Swan Athletic Swans. The Saints battled on throughout the game, but were soundly beaten by 94 points at Fawell Park.

It was an even opening 20 minutes of the contest, with Ben Mollett, Ryan Maldenis, Jesse Kirwen kicking majors for the Saints. The 8-point quarter time lead for the Swans was extended early in the second quarter, setting the scene for the rest of the game. The Swans were able to move the ball quickly, while the Saints struggled to enter their forward 50. The Saints only goal of the quarter came in the final minute courtesy of second-gamer, Marcus Filocamo.

The Swans completely dominated the centre clearances in the third term, and put the Saints' defenders under constant pressure with numerous entries into the forward 50. Ryan Maldenis kicked a fantastic snap shot goal from deep in the forward pocket at the 12-minute mark to reduce the margin back to 5 goals. But the Swans added another 4 goals to extend the lead to 58 points and put the result beyond doubt at three quarter time.

The Swans kicked the first goal of the last quarter, but Jesse Kirwen looked to add some respect to the scoreboard with two quick goals. Unfortunately for this Saints, this triggered a 5-goal run in a 10-minute stretch for the Swans. Joel Julian added another for the Saints, but a goal on the final siren for the Swans resulted in a 94-point loss.

The loss means the Saints slip to a 2-7 record at the half way mark of the season, ahead of a clash against top of the table neighbours, Scarborough Eagles at Millington Reserve in Round 10.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.1.19	4.3.27	5.5.35	8.5.53
Swan Athletic	4.3.27	8.7.55	14.9.93	22.15.147

**Goals: Stirling** - Jesse Kirwen 3, Ryan Maldenis 2, Marcus Filocamo 1, Joel Julian 1, Ben Mollett 1. **Swan Athletic** – Gavin Munt 9, Arron Russell 4, Jeremy Polich 3, Jacob Snedden 2, Mitchell Brown 1, Luke McPherson 1, Rahim Rohizat 1, Christopher Smith 1



Saints midfielder **Cameron Grover**

**June 20:  
Eagles Too Good for Saints**

A second half fade out has proved costly for the Saints, as they went down to ladder leaders Scarborough Eagles by 93 points in the Round 10 clash at Millington Reserve.

The Saints went into the game missing five of their starting 22, but this gave the opportunity for a number of players to make the step up from Reserves to League, including a much deserved League debut for Dennis Bettles.

There were signs early in the first quarter that it would not be a good day for the Saints, as Scarborough kicked the opening three goals of the game within the first 15 minutes. However, Ben Mollett kicked the Saints opener at the 20 minute mark, followed by a goal from Ryan Maldenis just before the quarter time siren to cut the margin back to 9 points.

Justin Wood converted from a strong mark within the opening minute of the second term, and the lead had been cut to just 3 points. However, the Eagles showed why they were serious premiership contenders by adding three goals in 5 minutes to stretch the lead back to almost 4 goals.

Marcus Filocamo then played a hand in two quick goals, one off his own boot and then a quick clearance out of the middle to Justin Wood, and the margin was reduced again to just 13 points. Unfortunately this was as close as the Saints would come for the rest of the day. The Eagles kicked another two goals, and a third goal on the half time siren (from a 50 metre penalty) pushed the lead to 21 points by the main break.



**Dennis Bettles** is the ninth Saint to make his League Debut in 2015.

Another two goals inside the opening 5 minutes of the third term saw Scarborough stretch the lead again. A brief shower midway through the term made conditions difficult for both sides, and neither side was able to score a major for 15 minutes. The Saints only goal for the term came from a snap shot courtesy of Ryan Maldenis, but this was amongst another four goals from the Eagles.

Scarborough kicked another five goals in the last term, while Luke Champion was the Saints' only contributor to the scoreboard in the final term.

Surprisingly, despite the wet weather conditions, the Saints score of 8.1 (49) set a new record for goal-kicking efficiency (89%). Even more surprisingly was that the Saints only blemish on the scoreboard was a poster in the second term.

The Saints now slump to a 2-8 win-loss record for the season. What started as a race for the finals will now be a race to avoid relegation, as the Saints remain in 9<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder. The Saints have another tough test next week, facing off against Wembley Magpies at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.1.19	4.3.27	5.5.35	8.5.53
Scarborough	4.3.27	8.7.55	14.9.93	22.15.147

**Goals: Stirling** - Ryan Maldenis 2, Justin Wood 2, Luke Champion 1, Marcus Filocamo 1, Damien Lloyd 1, Ben Mollett 1. **Scarborough** – Daniel Flaherty 6, Matt Gordon 4, Jalen McGee 2, Samuel Miles 2, Aidan Parker 2, Mason Whitehead 2, Ben Bizzaca 1, Michael Dawes 1

**June 27:  
Saints So Close ... Yet So Far**

The Saints made a remarkable comeback late in the game, but fell short by just 5 points in their Round 11 clash against Wembley Magpies at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

With memories still fresh from the embarrassing Round 2 loss against Wembley, it looked like the Saints were going to have another miserable day, as the Magpies kicked four unanswered goals in the first term to lead by 24 points at the first break.

The Magpies added another two goals in the second term before the Saints got their first, courtesy of Ryan Maldenis at the 12 minute mark. This was followed by a magnificent solo effort from Damien Lloyd, who kicked three goals in five minutes to put the Saints back in the game. However, the Magpies kicked another goal before the half time siren to put the margin back to 19 points.

The third term was an even battle, with both sides going goal for goal for the first 15 minutes. There was a goal drought in the latter part of the quarter, but the Magpies managed to extend their lead again to 25 points with a goal just before the three quarter time siren.

Unlike the previous weeks, the Saints were determined to be competitive in the final term, starting with a goal from skipper Adam Edwards within the first three minutes. Paul O'Neill was switched from his normal half back line to the half forward line, and added a lot of drive out of the middle, resulting in goals from Ryan Maldenis (his third) and Aaron Sweet (his second).

When Mitchell Reid scored a goal at 13-minute mark of the last term, the Saints had brought the score back to level for the first time since the opening minutes. As in the third term, goals were hard to come by in the last part of the last quarter.



**Michael Franceschini** was one of the Saints best in defence.

Wembley scored a goal against the run of play at the 20 minute mark of the term, and despite a number of entries into the forward line, the Saints couldn't manage to kick the last winning goal. The Saints outscored their opponents in the final term for the first time in 2015, but could not prevent the loss. The final scores were Stirling 10.7 (67) to Wembley 11.6 (72).

The Saints must now regroup and face a do-or-die clash against arch rivals Kingsway Roos, in a game that could make the difference between staying in B-Grade, or relegation to C-Grade.

**Scorecard:**

Stirling	0.2.2	4.3.27	6.5.41	10.7.67
Wembley	4.2.26	7.4.46	10.6.66	11.6.72

**Goals: Stirling** - Damien Lloyd 3, Ryan Maldenis 3, Aaron Sweet 2, Adam Edwards 1, Mitchell Reid 1.

**Wembley** - Daniel Reid 4, Shaun Bryant 3, Matthew Blackley 2, Tim Noakes 1, Joshua Richards 1



**July 2:  
Scott Anderson's 100<sup>th</sup> Game**

The Saints will celebrate another milestone this weekend in the Round 12 clash versus Kingsway, as Scott Anderson runs out for his 100<sup>th</sup> game wearing the red, white and black guernsey.

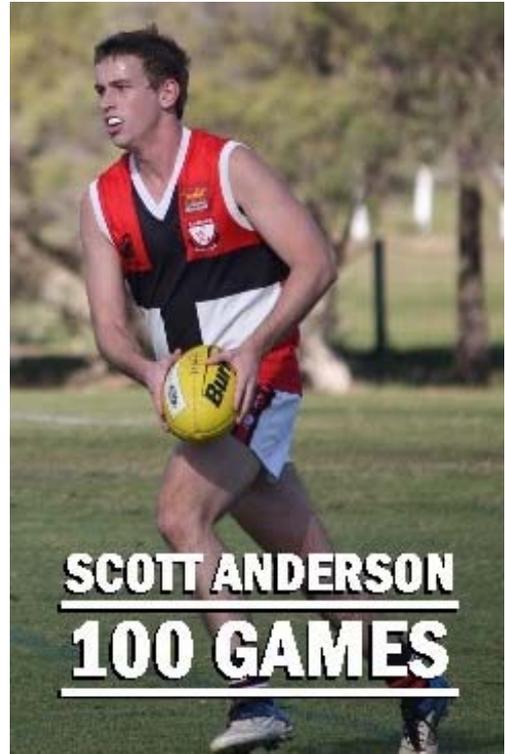
Scott played 33 games for the North Beach Tigers in 2008-2009 before joining the Saints in 2010. He immediately proved his worth, playing a pivotal role for the Reserves team in the back pocket and half back line.

Scott's consistency of performances in the Reserves and on-field leadership was rewarded by being named Captain of the Reserves team in 2013. Wearing his trademark number 2 guernsey, he played every Reserves game that year. Despite being pitted against much taller and heavier opposition, Scott always stood tall for the Saints, as he finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Reserves Fairest & Best.

A succession of strong performances in the Reserves early in 2014 saw him being rewarded with his League Debut in Round 8 versus High Wycombe Bulldogs at Scott Reserve.

During his six years at the Club, Scott has only missed eight games of football, including a run of 41 consecutive games between 2010 and 2012. His current games tally (excluding his games at North Beach) includes 1 League game, 80 Reserves games and 18 Thirds games. Scott's commitment to the Club and willingness to help is demonstrated by the fact that his tally includes playing two games in one day (Reserves and Thirds) on six separate occasions.

All players and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer Scott and the boys battle our arch rivals Kingsway Roos at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Reserves game starts at 12:35pm, while bouncedown for the League game is at 2:30pm.



**July 4:  
Saints in Dangerous Territory**

The Saints have sunk deep into relegation territory after going down by 62 points in the Round 12 clash versus Kingsway Roos at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Roos made the most of the wet conditions early by kicking the opening few goals of the game. Adam Edwards got the Saints on the board, followed by a major from Damien Lloyd, to see the Saints trail by only 6 points at the first break.

The Roos, led by former Saints coach Kingsley Hunter, got the jump again in the second term, kicking two goals in the first 8 minutes to extend the lead to 3 goals. When Damien Lloyd scored his second goal, the lead was cut back to just 2 goals. Unfortunately for the Saints, this began a 58-minute goal drought that saw the game slip completely out of reach.

The Roos scored another two goals in the second term to lead by 27 points at the main break, and then kicked four unanswered goals in a rain-affected third term to extend the lead to 56 points at the three-quarter time siren.

The Saints backline, led by Paul O'Neill and Matt Carlyon, worked tirelessly in the last half, but could not stop the constant attack by the Roos midfield and forwards. The Roos scored another four goals in the final term to stretch the lead to a game-high 72 points.

The Saints' goal drought was finally broken by Mark Kelly's goal at the 19-minute mark of the final term, and further goals to Rory Muller and skipper Adam Edwards added a bit of respect to the scoreboard. By the final siren, the Roos had run out convincing winners, 15.14 (104) to 6.6 (42).



Saints' defender **Matt Carlyon**

The loss means the Saints will need to win a minimum 3 of the remaining 6 games to avoid relegation back to C Grade. This starts with the Round 13 clash next week versus fellow cellar-dwellers Maddington Bulls at Harmony Fields.

**Scorecard:**

Stirling	2.3.15	3.3.21	3.4.22	6.6.42
Kingsway	3.3.21	7.6.48	11.12.78	15.14.104

**Goals: Stirling** - Adam Edwards 2, Damien Lloyd 2, Mark Kelly 1, Rory Muller 1. **Kingsway** - James Del Borrello 3, Michael Chandler 3, Brennan Pearce 2, Jaye Taylor 2, Blayd Notarangelo 1, Michael Hutchings 1, Matt Richards 1, Tim Strong 1, Corey Dempster 1.



**July 11:  
Saints Break The Drought**

Three first-half goals from Sam Day has helped the Saints to a 46-point victory over Maddington Bulls in their Round 13 clash, ending an 8-game losing streak stretching back to Round 4.

In their first ever game at Maddington's Harmony Fields, the Saints had the jump early on the Bulls. A late goal from the Bulls brought the margin back to just 6 points at the first break.

The second term was a different story, with the Saints dominating from the bounce. Dean Abramo kicked his first goal as a Saint within 3 minutes, and when Joel Julian kicked truly at the 7-minute mark, the Saints had opened up a handy 20-point lead. Sam Day added majors in the 13th and 18th minute, while the Bulls only goal came in the final minute of play before half time.

With Sandro Brezar dominating in the ruck, the Saints midfielders were able to get plenty of centre clearances in the third term. A six-minute burst midway through the third term, yielded four goals for the Saints, including two from skipper Adam Edwards. When Mark Kelly goaled late in the term, the Saints had set up a 38-point lead heading into the final quarter.

There was a goal drought for both teams early in the last quarter. The drought was broken by Luke Grassi, who booted his first League goal for the Saints since Round 18, 2012. The Saints cruised to a comfortable victory, with the final scores being 16.14 (110) to 9.10 (64).

The win keeps alive the Saints' hopes of avoiding relegation, while the loss for the Bulls almost guarantees them of playing C-Grade football in 2016.



**Sam Day** kicked three goals in the first half for the Saints.

The Saints will now face Collegians Blues in a crucial Round 14 clash at home. The Saints have an unblemished record against the Blues at Richard Guelfi Reserve, and will need to maintain that streak if they want to stay in B Grade.

**Scorecard:**

Stirling	4.2.26	8.7.55	13.8.86	16.14.110
Maddington	3.2.20	4.4.28	7.6.48	9.10.64

**Goals: Stirling** - Sam Day 3, Adam Edwards 2, Ryan Maldenis 2, Ben Mollett 2, Aaron Sweet 2, Dean Abramo 1, Marcus Filocamo 1, Luke Grassi 1, Joel Julian 1, Mark Kelly 1. **Maddington** – Steven Pisano 3, Cody Robinson 3, Gabre Denton 1, Tian Kee 1, Jason Maiolo 1.



**July 16:**

**Luke Grassi's 100<sup>th</sup> Game**

The Saints will celebrate another major milestone this weekend in the Round 13 clash versus Collegians, as Luke Grassi plays his 100<sup>th</sup> game in the Saints colours.

Luke joined the Club in 2009, playing in the Colts side under John Batten. He continued in the Colts side and racked up more than 50 games in his first three years at the club. He remains only one of three players that have played more than 50 Colts games (the others being Jack Farquharson and Luke Nimmett).

His standout year in the Colts was in 2010, where he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fairest & Best voting.

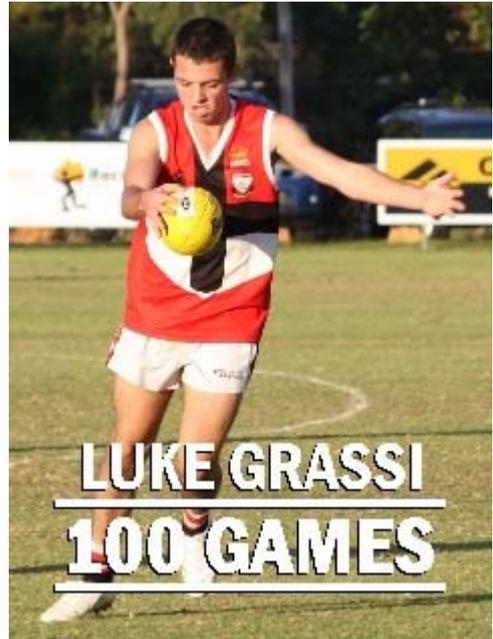
Luke graduated to the seniors in 2012, and made his League Debut at the age of 20 years 59 days in the Round 2 clash versus Kalamunda at Richard Guelfi Reserve – a game that the Saints won by 8 points. Luke subsequently became a regular part of the League side, playing 26 games in the top side over the next two years.

In 2014, Luke followed former Saints Assistant League Coach, Wayne Bonjour, to Robinson Reserve where he played 15 games for the Osborne Park Amateur Football Club. However, Luke returned to the Club in 2015, where he has continued his good form in the League side.

One of Luke's strengths is his resilience and consistency of performances. During his six years at the Club, he has only missed five games of football, including a run of 73 consecutive games between R11, 2009 and Round 10, 2013.

Luke's current games tally includes 30 League games, 16 Reserves games, 2 Thirds games and 51 Colts games.

All players and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer Luke and the boys onto victory against Collegians Blues at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Reserves start at 12:35pm, with League game starting at 2:30pm.



**July 18:  
Collegians Hold Off Saints**

The Collegians Blues have withstood a late challenge from the Saints to run out 26-point winners in the Round 14 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The visitors got off to a reasonable start and held sway for most of the first quarter, but a late goal from Rory Muller closed the gap to 15 points at quarter time.

Skipper Adam Edwards kicked a goal within the first few minutes of the second term to close the gap further, but this was followed by a goal drought for both sides. The only other goal for the term was kicked by Collegians at the 20 minute mark. The Blues did have more scoring shots than the Saints, which allowed them to stretch their lead to 19 points by the main break.

Collegians scored an early goal in the third term, but the Saints were able to return fire quickly when Damien Lloyd converted from a set shot 40 metres out from goal. The Blues inaccuracy in the second term was turned around in the third term, kicking two straight goals from a limited number of entries on to the forward 50.

The Saints were frustrated in the third term from a number of seemingly unexplainable decisions from the men in orange, resulting in a number of heated exchanges between players (and supporters).

The Saints hopes of turning around the 21-point three-quarter time deficit were boosted when Adam Edwards kicked his second goal at the three minute mark, and when Damien Lloyd kicked his second goal only three minutes later, a comeback was on the cards.

Sadly, though, the 9-point margin was a close as the Saints would come, as the Blues piled on three unanswered goals in quick succession to put the result beyond doubt. The final scores were Collegians 11.11 (77) to Stirling 7.9 (51).

The loss for the Saints, together with Kingsway's win over Maddington, now leaves them two games and percentage clear of 8<sup>th</sup> position, meaning that the Saints will need to win at least 3 of the last 4 games to remain in B Grade.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.2.20	4.3.27	5.7.37	7.9.51
Collegians	5.5.35	6.10.46	8.10.58	11.11.77

**Goals: Stirling** - Adam Edwards 2, Damien Lloyd 2, Rory Muller 1, Aaron Sweet 1, Justin Wood 1

**Collegians** - Tom Foley 4, Tim Rose 2, Declan Cormack 1, Harry Doyle 1, Peter Mark 1, Patrick Mellor 1, Samuel Reynolds 1



**Damien Lloyd** kicked two goals for the Saints



**July 25:**

**Roos Bound Away from Saints**

A first quarter blitz by Wanneroo Roos has set up a convincing 65-point victory over Stirling Saints in the Round 15 clash at Wanneroo Showgrounds.

The Saints started the game with five changes from last week's League side, which is indicative of the Saints' horror run of injuries in 2015. It did, however, provide the opportunity for another two players – Ricky King and Tim Pental – to make their League debuts for the Saints.

The Roos jumped out of the blocks and kicked the opening five goals of the game. The Saints first major came from a set shot by Damien Lloyd at the 19-minute mark of the term, but the Roos added another goal shortly after to take a 31-point lead at quarter time.

The Saints opened the second term much better, with Alex Kostadinovski converting for a goal within the first two minutes of the quarter. However, both teams struggled with the poor ground conditions for the remainder of the quarter, and goals were hard to come by. Rory Muller provided the Saints with a number of dashing runs out of the back line, but it wasn't until the 20-minute mark that the Saints were able to add another goal, again from the boot of Damien Lloyd.

The Roos completely dominated the third term, kicking five goals to one, to take an unassailable 51-point lead by the three quarter time siren.

The Saints made a much better start to the last quarter, with a strong mark and goal from Justin Wood inside the first minute. Aaron Sweet and Cameron Grover also added final quarter goals, but the Roos were still able to outscore the Saints. At the final siren, the scores were Wanneroo 18.13 (121) to Stirling 8.8 (56).

The Saints will now need to win all three remaining games to have any chance of remaining in B-Grade. The battle starts next week with a home game against Whitford Warriors.



Saints captain **Adam Edwards**

**Scoreboard**

Stirling	1.1.7	3.4.22	5.6.36	8.8.56
Wanneroo	6.2.38	8.5.53	13.9.87	18.13.121

**Goals: Stirling** - Damien Lloyd 3, Cameron Grover 2, Alex Kostadinovski 1, Aaron Sweet 1, Justin Wood 1. **Wanneroo** - Kane Moulton 6, Blake Arnold 5, Justin Speed 2, Jason Salecic 2, Dustin Burns 1, Ben McKenzie 1, Tom Shadbolt 1



**July 30:  
Sam Day's 100<sup>th</sup> Game**

The Saints will celebrate another major milestone this weekend in the Round 16 clash versus Whitford Warriors, as Sam Day plays his 100<sup>th</sup> game for the Club.

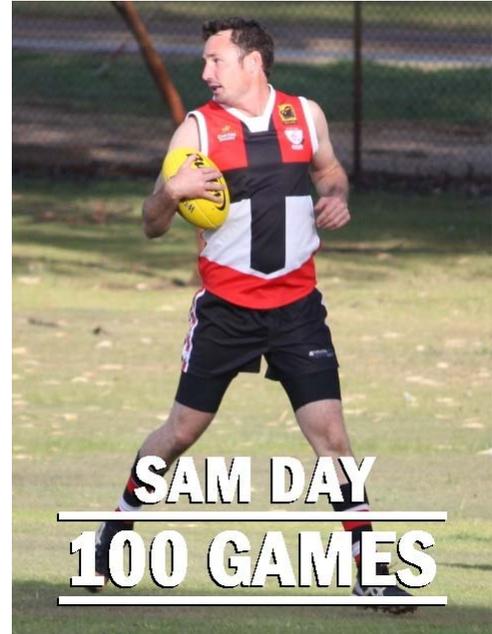
Sam joined the Club in 2008, playing in the Thirds side under Damon Eaton. For the first few years, his services were shared evenly between the Reserves and Thirds, playing mostly in the Reserves in 2009, and then primarily in the Thirds in 2010 and 2011. After a string of consistent performances in 2012, Sam's talent was rewarded with a run in the League side, making his League Debut in the Round 7 clash versus Willetton Blues at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

Sam's strong form has been recognised consistently in the Club voting, and includes finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2008 Thirds F&B (from just 6 games), 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 2010 Thirds F&B (from 9 games), 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2011 Thirds F&B and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 2014 Reserves F&B (from 8 games).

One of Sam's well known strengths is his ability to take a strong mark and kick a goal. During his eight years at the Club, he has booted 98 goals for the Saints, including a bag of 7 goals in the Round 3 Reserves game in 2014, and two bags of 6 goals in the Rounds 7 and 9 Thirds games in 2011. In 2011, he kicked a season high 29 goals and was also the Reserves leading goal kicker in 2013.

Sam's current tally includes 17 games and 8 goals in the League side, 39 games and 33 goals in the Reserves side, and 43 games and 57 goals in the Thirds side. Sam would have reached the 100-game milestone some years ago, however he divides his time between playing football and serving our country in the Army Reserves.

All players and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer Sam and the boys onto victory against Whitford Warriors at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Reserves start at 12:35pm, with League game starting at 2:30pm.



**August 2:  
Saints Overrun by Warriors**

The Saints have suffered another disappointing loss against the Whitford Warriors, after being competitive for three quarters in their Round 16 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

Scoring opportunities were rare in the first quarter, with tough defensive skills being the highlight early in the game. It took the Saints until the 20-minute mark of the term to notch up their first goal, with Luke Champion being the unlikely opening goal scorer.

The trend appeared to be broken in the second quarter when Ben Mollett kicked the Saints' second goal within the first two minutes. However, both teams struggled again to add any scoreboard pressure. Whitford booted two goals in the last five minutes of the term to take a handy 13-point lead into the main break.

Cameron Grover kicked the Saints' third within the first minute of the third term to reduce the margin, and when Damien Lloyd and Dean Abramo kicked majors, the Warriors lead was cut to just two points midway through the term. Unfortunately, the Saints did not register another goal for the game, as Whitford kicked another three goals before three-quarter time.

The Saints' backline battled tough all day, with Michael Franceschini, Luke Champion and Mitch Reid being the major contributors. However, this wasn't enough, as Whitford kicked seven unanswered goals in the final term to cruise to an easy 62-point victory.

The loss means the Saints are guaranteed to be relocated down to C1 Grade in 2016.

In the Reserves game, the Saints were no match for their opponents. The silver lining was two goals from Sam Day, which allowed him to reach the unique milestone of his 100th goal in his 100th game for the Saints.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	1.1.7	2.5.17	5.7.37	5.10.40
Whitford	1.3.9	4.6.30	8.9.57	15.12.102

**Goals: Stirling** - Dean Abramo 1, Luke Champion 1, Cameron Grover 1, Damien Lloyd 1, Ben Mollett 1.  
**Whitford** - Joshua Donaldson 5, Adam Hunter 2, Steven Waddington 2, Jared Butt 1, Jack Catrall 1, Nicholas Goswell 1, Jake Marinovich 1, Michael Waddington 1, Blake Whitby 1



Saints' ruckman Sandro Brezar



**August 9:  
Cold Day for Saints**

In the last away game of the season, the Saints were no match for the Hamersley-Carine Hawks, going down by 55 points in the Round 17 clash at Carine Open Space.

While the rain held off for most of the game, it was a cold and windy day, with the temperatures dropping to less than 12 degrees. Kicking with a strong breeze in the first quarter, the Hawks adjusted quickest to the conditions, kicking six unanswered goals to take a 37-point lead at quarter time.

With leading goal-kicker Damien Lloyd out of the side, it took until the 10-minute mark of the second term for the Saints to register their first goal, from the boot of Ryan Maldenis. The Saints played more competitive in the second term, with Rory Muller and Dennis Bettles playing solid defensive football.

The Hawks took advantage of the wind in the third term, kicking another four goals to put the game beyond doubt by three quarter time.

But to their credit, the Saints did not give up the fight in the last term. Skipper Adam Edwards kicked two goals for the term, and when centre-half back Paul O'Neill was shifted forward, he capitalised by marking strongly and kicking his first goal in more than two years. The Saints outscored the Hawks in the final term, but the final margin was still 55 points.



Saints defender Mitchell Reid

The Saints will now focus their attention to next week's clash against 4<sup>th</sup> placed Swan Athletic, with the determination to finish off the season on a positive note.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	0.2.2	3.2.20	4.3.27	7.3.45
Whitford	6.3.39	9.4.58	13.7.85	15.10.100

**Goals: Stirling** - Ryan Maldenis 3, Adam Edwards 2, Paul O'Neill 1, Aaron Sweet 1. **Hamersley-Carine** - Stephen Martin 3, Mitchell Payne 3, Michael Seeds 3, Samuel Palm 2, Brayden Jones 1, Justin Joyce 1, Mark Nind 1, Andrew Vawser 1



**August 13:  
Joel Julian's 100<sup>th</sup> Game**

The Saints will celebrate the last milestone for the year in the Round 18 clash versus Swan Athletic, as Joel Julian plays his 100th game for the Saints.

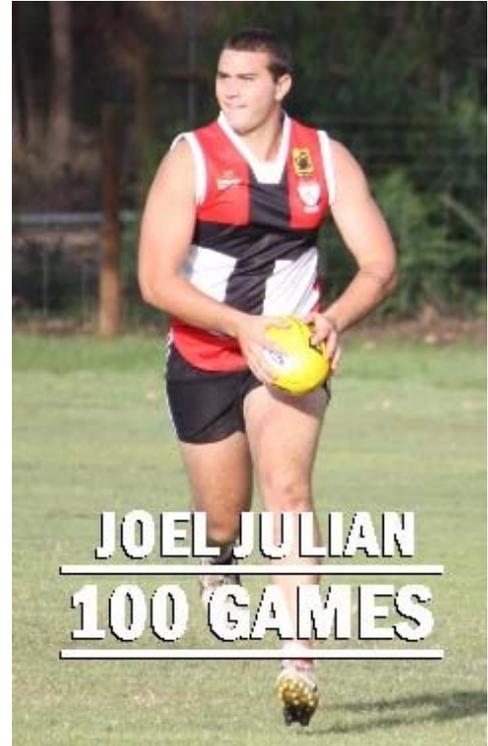
Joel, or "JJ" as he is better known, joined the Saints in 2010, and made his debut as an 18 year old in the opening round versus Mt Lawley Hawks at Richard Guelfi Reserve. However, despite this positive start, JJ spent the majority of his first few years at the Club in the Colts and Reserves, finishing high in the Colts fairest & best voting in both seasons.

In 2012, JJ's strong form in the Colts resulted in him becoming a regular part of the League side, playing primarily in the full back position and wearing his trademark number 27 guernsey.

His standout performance came in Round 9, 2013, where he was voted best on ground in the clash against Willetton at Burrendah Reserve. More recently, JJ has proven his versatility by playing in a variety of positions all across the field.

During his six years at the Club, JJ has only missed 14 games of football. His current games tally includes 57 League games, 22 Reserves games, 5 Thirds Games and 15 Colts games.

All players and supporters are encouraged to come along and cheer JJ and the boys against Swan Athletic at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Reserves game starts at 12:35pm, while bounce down for the League game is at 2:30pm.





**August 15:  
Sweet 6 Not Enough For Saints Victory**

The Saints have come painfully close to ending the season on a high note, but ended up going down by just 6 points in an epic battle against Swan Athletic Swans in the Round 18 clash at Richard Guelfi Reserve.

The Saints were led out onto the ground by Joel Julian, who was playing his 100<sup>th</sup> game for the club, and were able to match their more fancied opponents early. Each side kicked three goals in the opening term, with all three Saints goals coming from the boot of Aaron Sweet.

The Swans got the jump and established a lead early in the second term, but the Saints were again up to the task, with two goals from Cameron Grover and one from Ryan Maldenis. Unfortunately, however, the Swans finished the term with another couple of goals to take a 17-point lead at the main break.

The lead was stretched to 23 points within the first minute of the third quarter, and it looked like the Swans would blow the Saints out of the water. But the Saints were determined to make it a contest, as they kicked the next four goals to take a 1-point lead at the 15-minute mark of the term. The Swans were equal to the task, kicking another three goals in six minutes to hold a handy 17-point lead by three quarter time.

The Swans looked to have the game sewn up after kicking two goals in the first 4 minutes to lead by 29 points. But once again, the Saints were up to the task, with a goal to skipper Adam Edwards, and then a rare goal from the boot of key defender Matt Carlyon (his first League goal for the Saints).

Then came a brilliant solo effort from Aaron Sweet, who booted another three goals to cut the Swans lead to just one point by the 21-minute mark of the final term. The Saints levelled the scores shortly after, and tried valiantly to register a score. However, in pushing forward, the Saints were caught by a counter-attack from the Swans which saw them kick an easy goal with barely a minute to play. The Saints had virtually no time to post a reply, and the siren sounded shortly after the centre bounce to go down by just 6 points.

Despite the disappointment, the Saints finished the season with a somewhat positive performance. The 6-goal haul from Aaron Sweet also set a new record for most goals by a Saints player in all games between the two sides.

**Scoreboard:**

Stirling	3.2.20	6.6.42	10.8.68	15.9.99
Swan Athletic	3.4.22	9.5.59	13.7.85	16.9.105

**Goals: Stirling** - Aaron Sweet 6, Adam Edwards 2, Cameron Grover 2, Ryan Maldenis 2, Matt Carlyon 1, Marcus Filocamo 1, Michael Franceschini 1. **Swan Athletic** – Gavin Munt 9, Chad Davey 2, Julian Eaton 2, Dane Crognale 1, Jake Davis 1, Chris Smith 1.



Aaron Sweet kicked 6 goals for the Saints against Swan Athletic

**August 16:**  
**Ryan Maldenis wins Players MVP Medal**

In his first year at the Club, **Ryan Maldenis** has joined an illustrious group of players by taking out the Players' MVP Medal for 2015.

The award, which is separate from the Club's Fairest & Best award, was instituted in 2006 and involves each League player submitting their nomination at the conclusion of each game for the best player of the round.

The winner of the award is presented with the Players' MVP medal, which is kindly donated every year by one of the club's greatest supporters, Jim Maldenis. The medal is considered to be a very prestigious award to win, and is held in high regard by all players.

Ryan was a clear winner of the award, polling votes in 15 of the 18 qualifying rounds, including five best-on-ground performances, to finish the count with 63 votes.

Defender Matt Carlyon finished in second place on 50 votes, while Aaron Sweet finished in third on 47 votes. Last year's winner, Rory Muller finished fourth on 32 votes, while Sandro Brezar and Michael Franceschini (28 votes) tied for fifth on 19 votes.

Previous winners of the medal include Justin Cunningham (2006), Leon Berthelsen (2007), Brad Trpchev (2008), Joel Edwards (2009), Frank Rossi (2010, 2012 and 2013), Adam Edwards (2011) and Rory Muller (2014).



**Ryan Maldenis, winner of the 2016 Players MVP Medal**

**August 31:**  
**Aaron Sweet Wins WAAFL B-Grade Fairest & Best**

Saints midfielder, Aaron Sweet, has been awarded the highest individual honour in the WA Amateur Football League's B-Grade by being named Fairest & Best for 2015 season.

In front of an audience of more than 930 officials, sponsors, players and supporters from all WAAFL clubs at the Crown Grand Ballroom, Aaron polled 22 votes to finish ahead of 2nd placed Aidan Parker (21 votes) from Scarborough, and 3rd placed Nafyn Pattiarachi (19 votes) from Collegians.

What makes Aaron's win ever more remarkable is the fact that the Saints finished the season in 9th position with just 3 wins from 18 games.

Aaron becomes the fifth Saints player to win a WAAFL Fairest & Best Medal, following in the footsteps of Patrick Erdelyi (1998 E Grade), Rhys Croxford (2005 B Grade), Troy Mellidis (2008 F Grade) and last year's winner, Adam Edwards (2014 C1 Grade).

The club is extremely proud of Aaron's achievements and would like to congratulate him on such a fantastic season.



**Aaron Sweet, winner of the WAAFL B-Grade Fairest and Best for 2015**



**August 30:  
R.I.P. Geoff Wade**

The Stirling Football Club is mourning the loss of one of its all time greatest and most influential members, Geoff Wade.

Geoff joined the Osborne Park Football Club in 1967. After starting in the Club's Seconds (Reserves) side, he was quickly promoted to the senior side, making his League debut on 9 July 1967 (at the age of just 17 years 360 days) in the Round 11 clash versus Scarborough Eagles at Bennett Park.

Geoff became a regular part of the League side from 1968, playing primarily across the half forward line wearing the number 15 guernsey. He was a member of Osborne Park's WAFU grand final sides in 1968 and 1969, and he won was the Club's Fairest & Best trophy in 1972.

Geoff played in the grand final side in 1975, and was there again when the Saints finally tasted premiership success in 1976, a 13-point win over the Wanneroo Roos. He was also part of the Saints' back-to-back League premiership side in 1977, in which the Saints triumphed again over the Roos by just 2 points.

Not content with just playing in the Club's League side, Geoff also coached the Reserves side in 1976 and 1977. Under his guidance, the Reserves side were premiers in both years, winning an amazing 39 out of 40 games in two years.

Geoff reached his 200-game milestone on 6 August 1978, which was a 10-goal win versus Applecross Hawks, and his last game in the League side was the 1978 Grand Final. After this time, Geoff continued to play in the Reserves and Thirds grades, acting as a mentor to the younger players. Geoff concluded his playing career with the Saints at the end of the 1982 season, finishing on a total of 229 games, including 178 League games.

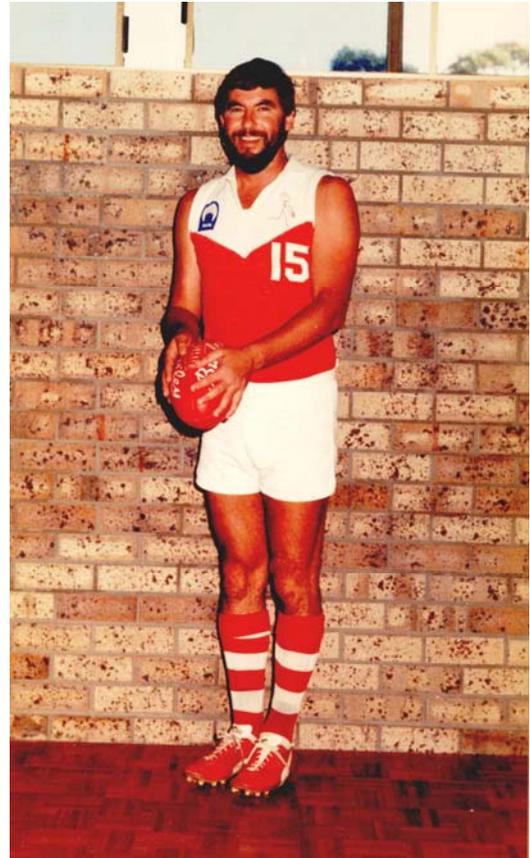
Off the field, Geoff served on the Club's committee for a number of years (including while he was still playing), and he served as the Club's President in 1980 and 1981. Under his presidency, the green light was given to the first stage of development for the Club's new premises at Delawney Street in Balcatta. In 1982, when the Club opened its new premises at Delawney Street, a 70th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee All Star Team was chosen, and Geoff was an almost automatic inclusion on the half forward line.

Geoff resumed his coaching career in 1985, taking control of the Club's Reserves team. Building on his previous success, he coached the Reserves to another premiership, this time in the newly formed Sunday Football League. He led the Reserves side to another grand final in 1986, but unfortunately the Saints could not repeat the previous year's triumph.

Geoff provided more than two decades of active service to the Club, and had a significant influence of the success of the Club during that time. He was a 2-time League premiership player, League fairest & best winner, 3-time Reserves premiership coach, Life Member, Committee member and Club President.

Geoff sadly passed away on Sunday, and the Club wishes to extend its most sincere condolences to his wife Dianne and the entire Wade family. Geoff was a man of integrity and strength, and was truly one of the greatest Saints of all time.

R.I.P. GEOFFREY WILLIAM WADE, 14.7.1949 – 30.8.2015





**September 25:**

**Aaron Sweet Wins Saints Fairest & Best**

Saints midfielder, **Aaron Sweet**, has capped off a brilliant season by winning the Club's Fairest & Best trophy in an exciting vote count held at the Club's annual awards night.

Aaron polled a record 165 votes to win the award, edging out Ryan Maldenis on 143 votes and Rory Muller on 115 votes. It was the first time in the Club's history that the top three vote getters have all polled more than 100 votes. Matt Carlyon, who finished in fourth place on 66 votes, was rewarded with the Coach's trophy. Last year's fairest and best, Adam Edwards, hit a purple patch late in the season to sneak into 5<sup>th</sup> place on 38 votes, while ruckman Sandro Brezar rounded out the top six on 37 votes.

Earlier in the night, **Matt Cocker** polled 58 votes in the Reserves Fairest & Best count to win the DeCinque Trophy. Heading into the final round, there were four players that could have won the award, but Matt finished ahead of Shea Mathanda (56 votes), Stewart Horton (52 votes) and Kyle Gugiatti (51 votes). Ruckman Michael Robinson was rewarded for his consistency by being awarded the Coach's Trophy.

The night culminated in the awarding of life membership to **Joel Edwards** and **Paul Giamov**. Joel joined the Club in 1996 and has played 175 games. He has won the League Fairest & Best three times (2001, 2007 and 2009), the Players MVP Medal in 2009, and was League Captain from 2009 to 2012. He also won the Reserves F&B in 2013 after retiring from League football. In addition to being a champion on-the-field, he took over the reins of League Coach in 2014 and 2015.

Paul joined the Club in 2004, and has played 130 games and kicked 105 goals during that time. He was the first Saint to play 100 consecutive games. Off the field, Paul has served on the Committee since 2006, he developed the Club's website, and is the unofficial statistician and photographer. Paul has also been the Reserves team manager since 2008, the Reserves team runner from 2010-2014 and (boundary) umpire in 2015.

The Club also paid tribute to the tireless efforts of **Daniel Tilby** by awarding him the Club Service Award. In 2015, Daniel was a committee member, bar manager and assistant coach of the Reserves side.



**Aaron Sweet, winner of the Club's Fairest and Best Trophy for 2015**