



## 1 March 2019

### Pre-Season Matches

In preparation for the 2019 season, the Saints will be playing in two pre-season scratch matches. The dates and opponents for the matches are as follows:

#### Match 1 vs Goomalling Blues

Thursday 7 March 2019 (6:00pm) at Richard Guelfi Reserve

#### Match 2 vs Hamersley-Carine Hawks

Saturday 23 March 2019 (12:00pm) at Richard Guelfi Reserve

## 12 March 2019

### Season Fixtures 2019

The newly named Perth Football League (PFL) has today released fixtures for the 2019 season.

The Saints will begin the new campaign with an away game against Coolbinia Falcons, and finish with a home game against Dianella-Morley Raiders. This Saints will play against four new teams in C2-Grade, plus another few teams it has not played since the late 1990s.

## 6 April 2019

### Round 1 Review

The Saints have kicked off the new season with a convincing 30-point victory over Coolbinia Falcons at Coolbinia Reserve. It was the first ever game between the two clubs, and the Saints kicked the first three goals of the game to set up an early lead. However, Coolbinia were quick to reply, and the margin was cut to just 8 points at quarter time. Coolbinia maintained pace with the Saints, and a late goal allow them to cut the lead to just one point at half time. However, the Saints pulled away in the second half, kicking eight goals to three to set up the victory. Ben Eaton, who returned to the Club after playing colts 12 years ago, starred up forward with six goals.

#### Scoreboard:

##### League

Stirling 5.3 7.5 11.7 15.9 (99)

Coolbinia 4.1 7.4 8.6 10.9 (69)

Goals: Ben Eaton 6, Matt Cocker 3, Mitchell Hunter 2, Sam Van Diemen 2, Luke Champion 1, Adam Edwards 1

##### Reserves

Stirling 0.0 3.1 4.1 4.3 (27)

Coolbinia 2.2 5.3 10.5 14.7 (91)

Goals: Chris Elliott 1, Joel Julian 1, Nicholas Leopardi 1, Lindsey Vague 1





**12 April 2019**

### Sam Day's 150th Game

The Saints will celebrate another major milestone this weekend in the Round 2 clash versus Quinns Districts Bulls, as Sam Day plays his 150th 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 5th in the 2008 Thirds F&B (from just 6 games), 2nd in the 2010 Thirds F&B (from 9 games), 3rd in the 2011 Thirds F&B and 5th in the 2014 Reserves F&B (from 8 games). Sam finally broke through in 2018, being the stand out winner of the Reserves F&B. His leadership has now been rewarded as the Reserves captain for 2019.

One of Sam's well known strengths is his ability to take a strong mark and kick a goal. During his 11 years at the Club, he has booted 136 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, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Sam's current tally includes 25 games and 12 goals in the League side, 81 games and 67 goals in the Reserves side, and 43 games and 57 goals in the Thirds side. Sam would have reached the 150-game milestone some years ago, however he spent time 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 Quinns Districts at Richard Guelfi Reserve. The Reserves start at 12:35pm, with League game starting at 2:30pm.



**13 April 2019**

### Round 2 Review

The Saints missed a golden opportunity to lead the table, allowing Quinns Districts to comeback and win by 6 points. The Saints were clearly the better side in the first quarter and early part of the second quarter, leading by as much as 49 points midway through the term. Quinns kicked a number of goals shortly before the half time break to give themselves a chance, and then dominated scoring in the second half. The Bulls took the lead within the last few minutes, and the Saints had a few chances to steal back the victory without success. In the earlier game, Sam Day celebrated his 150<sup>th</sup> game by booting 3 goals, but it unfortunately wasn't enough as the Reserves lost by 44 points.

Scoreboard:

League

Stirling 5.2 9.5 10.8 10.10 (70)

Quinns 1.2 4.3 7.7 11.10 (76)

Goals: Damien Lloyd 5, Luke Champion 1, Kieran Guy 1, Mitchell Hunter 1, Chris Leopardi 1, Dean Page 1

Reserves

Stirling 2.2 2.2 5.3 6.4 (40)

Quinns Districts 4.2 5.2 8.2 13.6 (84)

Goals: Sam Day 3, Mark Baker 1, Joel Julian 1, Nicholas Leopardi 1

