

STURT FOOTBALL CLUB

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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The year in numbers

3806
Members



40,000+
Unley Oval patrons
Season 2024

30+
Primary School visits
SANFL/Sturt



\$7,000
Community Grants for
City of Unley groups



12+
kindergartens & ELC
participated in Sturt's
First Kick Program

390
Junior male & female
players



\$2.5 M
contribution Unley Oval
upgrades since 2014



7000
patrons
Sturt v Norwood
King's Birthday

136
volunteers





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Jason Kilic



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Chris Thredgold



David Reynolds



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AM



Kate Harris
(Appointed
Aug 2024)



Grant Nancarrow



Nicolle Flint
(Resigned
Aug 2024)



Corey Gray
(Resigned
Mar 2024)

President Report



Season 2024 was a year of dedication and hard work for Sturt Football Club, and while our efforts on the field did not yield the ultimate success we aimed for, our senior teams showed resilience and determination throughout the season.

Unfortunately, the results did not meet our expectations, but we are confident in the response of our football department. Under the strategic guidance and commitment from our coaching and support staff, there is a clear focus on refining and strengthening our performance standards for the upcoming season. Looking ahead, I am confident that these adjustments will position us well for a positive 2025 season.

Off field, Sturt Football Club has once again delivered an impressive performance. We are pleased to report our eleventh consecutive operating surplus, an achievement that underscores our commitment to sound fiscal management and prudent operations.

Over the past decade, Sturt has become recognised as the best financially managed club in the SANFL. This consistency reflects our team's diligent efforts and the unwavering support of our members, sponsors, and the broader Sturt community. Nonetheless, the current landscape presents new financial challenges, particularly with rising costs across all programs and, at times, diminishing returns on our football investments. These factors highlight the importance of sustaining and growing revenue streams to ensure continued success on and off the field.

A significant challenge the Club faces is the future of our hospitality venue, Jack's on Unley. With the City of Unley's decision to sell the site as part of the Unley Central development project, we are now working diligently to find an optimal solution for relocation.

Jack's on Unley has played an essential role in our Club's financial stability and community engagement, and we are fully committed to securing a new venue that aligns with our vision for the future. Our priority is to maintain our debt-free status, a position we have proudly held for the past four years while finding a new hospitality home that supports long-term growth without overextending our financial resources. The situation remains fluid, but our approach is methodical, and we are optimistic about achieving a solution that supports our goals.

In addition to this focus, our Club continues to invest in facilities at Unley Oval and Urrbrae Agricultural High School, ensuring our teams have access to leading resources in the SANFL. We know that a solid foundation is critical for the success of our programs, both in developing future talent and in fostering an environment that supports the holistic needs of our players.

President Report continued

By focusing on continuous improvements to our infrastructure, we are securing the Club's future and enhancing the experiences for our players, supporters, and community members alike.

In closing, I would like to extend my gratitude to all who make our Club what it is today - our members, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters. Your passion and loyalty keep us motivated and forward-thinking.

With an eye on sustainable growth, a strong community presence, and a commitment to both financial stability and football excellence, we enter the next season with optimism and determination. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together in 2025.

Jason Kilic
President



CEO Report

Reflecting on the 2024 season, it's clear that while there were moments of promise, we did not meet the standards we set for ourselves across our senior women's, men's, and wheelchair teams.

It is disappointing not to have achieved greater success on the field, but I remain confident in the strength of our people and systems. We are committed to learning from this year's challenges and making the necessary adjustments toward premiership success.



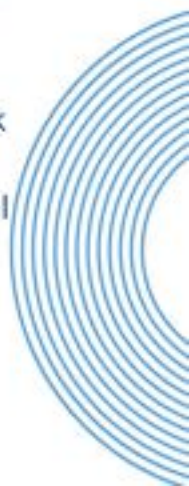
One area where we have consistently excelled is in junior development. Meeting all KPIs once again, our pathway program has gone from strength to strength over the last decade. This success is a credit to all involved in nurturing the next generation of Sturt players, who will undoubtedly play a crucial role in our future success.

Off the field, we continue to achieve excellence. I am proud to announce that the Club has posted another surplus this year, our eleventh in succession, a testament to exemplary financial management.

Our President Lunches in the Thomas Room were a major highlight, with most events selling out. The Thomas Room has been a game changer, offering our supporters the best viewing and hospitality experience in the SANFL.

Despite challenging weather on several occasions, our match attendance was the highest in the league, a testament to the passion of our supporters. The SANFL Super Match, Trim's Cup against Norwood on King's Birthday holiday Monday, attracted 7,000 patrons. We extend our gratitude to the SANFL and the City of Unley for their support and look forward to hosting this event again in 2025.

Our venue, Jack's on Unley, continues to thrive under the leadership of Toni Boscence and her resolute staff. The decision to outsource the kitchen a couple of years ago has proven successful, with Chef Simon Davie now providing excellent, competitively priced meals. Feedback, since Simon took over, has been overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to welcome back patrons who may have stayed away due to past experiences. Jack's financial success has also enabled us to give back to the community, with monthly \$500 grants awarded to City of Unley community groups. This initiative has been well received and has had a significant impact on small clubs and organisations.



CEO Report continued

Despite some legal setbacks, we are expecting that the Unley Central development will proceed in the coming years. This includes the site where Jack's on Unley is located. The Club continues to diligently explore options for its relocation and/or alternative revenue streams.

We are excited about our partnership with Urrbrae Agricultural High School, SANFL, and the State Government on Stage I of our second oval project. This stage involves the installation of four 150 LED lights, goal posts, and goal netting. We are also lobbying government for funding of Stage II, which will include changing rooms, public toilets, an electronic scoreboard, education room, and canteen.

Completion of this second oval facility will provide many benefits to our football programs including hosting women's and junior games when cricket is being played at Unley Oval and an additional winter training facility to help protect the integrity of the Unley Oval surface.

I would like to thank members who have shown their support for the City of Unley's motion to investigate the installation of a permanent perimeter fence at Unley Oval. We remain hopeful that a sensitive, aesthetically pleasing design with multiple openings will be installed to complement the improved infrastructure at the oval, to which the Club has made significant financial contributions in recent years.

Our sponsors are the backbone of our Club, and we extend our sincere thanks to all, including major sponsors Morris and Thomas Farms. It is encouraging to receive feedback that our members and supporters actively support our sponsors' businesses.

While our sponsors are the backbone of the Club, our members are truly our lifeblood. It's pleasing to see that our membership remains among the highest in the league. We are incredibly grateful for the loyalty and support our members have shown throughout the 2024 season, and we eagerly look forward to welcoming them back in 2025.

Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient Club, and I look forward to what the future holds for us.

Sue Dewing
Chief Executive Officer



Will Snelling - 34 votes

(Harry Boyd NFC - 34 votes)



Oscar Merrett

2024 McCallum-Tomkins Medallist

18 votes



Brad Jefferies

2024 Reserves Magarey Medallist

17 votes



Senior Men's Coach Report

Season 2024 had everything. We had a tough start, playing our first four games away from Unley. With inconsistent performances early on, we managed to win two of those four away games. We began to play some great football, finding consistency and winning 13 games in a row.

Finishing second on the ladder with 15 wins and 3 losses, missing out on top spot by just 1.2%. It marked the most wins in a season during my time as coach. This set us up to give ourselves the best chance of going deep into September.

However, football can be ruthless, and losing both finals was disappointing. We wasted the opportunity we had worked so hard to create.



Despite the season not ending as we had hoped, we believe we're moving in the right direction.

Congratulations to Casey Voss, Will Snelling, Will Coomblas, Connor McFadyen, and Amos Doyle, who all represented the club in the SANFL State team against the VFL and/or WAFL.

We continued to focus on the development of the playing group, and it was great to see Angus Anderson, Hugo Kittel, and Will Spain make their league debuts. Flynn Perez, Sam Conforti, and Will Snelling also played their first games for the club. Snelling capped off an outstanding season by winning the SANFL Player of the Year, the Magarey Medal, and P.T. Morton Medal. Connor McFadyen moved forward after joining the club as a defender and kicked 35 goals, becoming our leading goal kicker.

Captain James Battersby played his 200th SANFL game, a tremendous achievement.

The Reserves had an outstanding season, showing great development. Brad Jefferies won the Reserves Magarey Medal, despite playing only 13 home-and-away games.

We also saw the retirement of premiership players. Steven Slimming, with 150 games, and Guy Page, who played his 200th game during the season. Both were exceptional players, great leaders, and wonderful people who will be missed.

Marty Mattner
Senior Coach

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James Battersby (C)

Guy Page (VC) **Tom Lewis (VC)**

Steven Slimming **Henry Carey** **Will Snelling**

Guy Page (VC)

Tom Lewis (VC)

Steven Slimming

Henry Carey

Will Snelling

Senior Women's Coach Report

Season 2024 saw our SANFLW League team finish with seven wins and seven losses to finish in 5th place after the minor round and narrowly missing out on a finals berth. A slow start to the season was costly and whilst it was extremely disappointing to not play finals, the team was able to win the last four games of the season as we continue to build towards the club's first SANFLW Premiership.

During the off-season we will look to improve our program by adding players and coaches whilst ensuring our junior development program continues to develop League players.

Our SANFLW Development League team had a lot of player turnover from the previous year. To highlight this, 17 players played their first senior game for Sturt in 2024 and 12 of these were products of our junior program.



We fielded the youngest team in the competition with an average age of 19. Despite only winning one out of seven games, the exposure to senior level will fast-track these players development and I am confident we will see several League players come from this group in the future.

Congratulations to retirees, Kate Harris and Jaimee Wittervan on great careers. Both players have had a tremendous impact on the SANFLW program over a long period of time. I would like to wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

There were several individual achievements during the 2024 season including four players representing the SA U18 team – India Rasheed, Monique Bessen, Sophie Thredgold and Edwina Thornquest while three players represented the undefeated SA Under 16 side – Erin Conn, Charlotte Copson and Skout Young.

Isobel Kuiper and Alisha Gepp represented South Australia in the first ever SANFLW State Game against Western Australia, where I was also the assistant coach.

India Rasheed and Monique Bessen were named in the SANFLW Team of the Year. Rasheed also won the Powerade Breakthrough Player of the Year Award and finished 3rd in the SANFLW League Best and Fairest count.

I would like to express a heartfelt thanks to all staff and volunteers who put so much time and effort into this program, it is greatly appreciated and I thoroughly enjoyed working with you all this year.

Michael O'Connor
Senior Coach

Kate Harris (C)

Alisha Gepp

Amy Brooks-Birve

Georgia Swan

Hannah Prenzler



Under 18 Report

Season 2024 marked a significant change in leadership within our junior development programs. I stepped into the role of Under 18 Head Coach, with a focus on further enhancing the Centre of Excellence Program.

Greg Crowden was appointed as Under 16 Head Coach and Football Development Manager, strengthening our commitment to player development.



The Under 18 squad had an outstanding season, securing 13 wins and demonstrating impressive growth across the board. Despite regular player changes, with up to 12 changes some weeks due to availability and college commitments, the team remained consistent throughout the year. This adaptability highlights the depth and local talent within our recruitment zones, including SANFL Juniors and the Hills Football League.

A special congratulations to Oscar Merrett, who won the prestigious SANFL Under 18 Best and Fairest McCallum Tomkins Medal and proudly represented the club at the Magarey Medal Night.

Sturt was also represented at the State level during the Under 18 National Carnival by the following players:

- Alex Dodson
- Harley Barker
- Ned Atkinson

Additionally, Alex Dodson received an invitation to the National AFL Combine, while Jacob Molier was invited to the State AFL Combine.

Seven of our players were invited to the Under 17 Futures Program, showcasing the ongoing talent within our pathways:

- Blake Thredgold
- Louis Kellaway
- Noah Roberts-Thomson
- Jett Dahlitz
- Harley Barker
- Ryan Davies (Under 16)
- Kale Matthews-Hampton (Under 16)



Under 18 Report continued

We were also proud to have two players represent Sturt in the Marsh AFL National Futures Match on AFL Grand Final Day:

- Harley Barker
- Kalen Russell

Throughout the season, 53 players represented Sturt at the Under 18 level. This high number is a result of managing player availability during the college football season, with approximately one-third of the squad unavailable during this period. To address this, we select a pre-season squad of approximately 60 players to ensure sufficient coverage throughout the year.

While talent remains the primary consideration for selection, we also consider school and age factors. Some talented college players may miss selection due to their similar availability with other players, limiting opportunities for consistent participation. To maintain balance, we keep the number of college players in the squad between 20 and 25.

Looking ahead, we are excited to see 17 players from this year's Under 18 squad progress into the Senior Men's Program, where they will have the chance to trial for the 2025 Senior List. This continued pathway from junior to senior football underpins our strong development focus and ensures a bright future for our club.

Scott Prebble
Talent Manager



Under 16 Report

The 2024 campaign started in November 2023 with 93 lads invited to trial for the 2024 program. Daniel Merrett was the newly appointed Under 16 coach, assisted by Chris Brown, John Zantvoort, and Dion Shinas.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School, The Summit and Cornerstone College were utilised as pre-season training venues. The squad trained up until Christmas, when cuts reducing the squad to 66 were made for the resumption of training in the new year.



Squad selection continues to be an ongoing challenge, given the number of college lads we have in our program. The balance is a fine line, and indeed during the season we experienced a game where three Under 14 lads were included and we played one short to field a team. Injuries, availability and the school system all playing a part in that.

Daniel Merrett left the club at the end of January, and I took up the position on 19 February. Training continued through to trial games and the squad had made clear gains with their development.

Matches started in late March, with our early home games scheduled for Thebarton Oval due to the Thomas Farms Oval turf redevelopment. We continued to train at Mt Barker until lack of light forced us to train under temporary lights at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. It was great to return home to Unley in the last week of April.

The team finished top of the table after the minor round, with 13 wins from 17 games. The losses were in the weeks that the team was compromised with the school football competition. One match saw 16 changes to the team. For the second year running, the defence was a dominant force in the competition, averaging only 46 points against for the season. A total of 60 lads were given the opportunity to play a game, including three Under 14, and six were unavailable due to injuries sustained in the pre-season.

The finals series was a mixed bag, starting slowly, but also realising this team had not played together since early July. The team had only one change for the three finals, forced by injury, which in turn helped with cohesion. The Grand Final was a tight contest early, but the game was always in our control where we dominated in the last 12 minutes.

A Presentation Night was held in the Thomas Room, to celebrate our season award winners and the Premiership.

Greg Crowden
Development Manager



Sturt 9.16 (70)

South Adelaide 6.10 (46)



Under 14 Report

The 2024 campaign started in November 2023 with a group of around 80 lads trying out for the newly created 2024 SANFL Under 14 competition.

The competition guidelines classed the fixture as "development" therefore no ladder, or scores to be advertised.

Given the competition started and concluded before club and school football commenced, a squad was able to be chosen on ability, and no consideration needed for school availability. A final squad of 35 lads were chosen, 18 from our country zone, and 17 from the metropolitan zone.

Training was conducted on Tuesday at The Summit, Mt Barker, and Thursday at Urrbrae Agricultural High School, as stand-alone sessions. This added pressures to our training and support staff, given some of them were required at times at the Under 16/Under 18 sessions, held at the same time, at different venues.



The season commenced on 23rd February, and concluded 13th April, with most games fixtured for Thebarton Oval. Each team played each other once during the season.

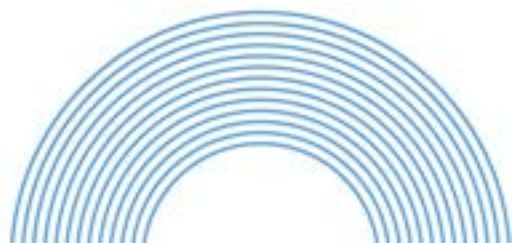
Coach Brenton Dalby had mapped out what each match team would look like, from information gathered on individual's availability before the season started. This, subject to injury, gave each lad an opportunity to display their craft in different positions during the campaign.

It was evident from early in the competition that the Sturt team was playing at a level equal to the best, or the best in the competition, and this continued for the seven games.

The skill execution and decision making was highly recognised by the SANFL talent department, as was a number of our individuals. It didn't matter how the team was positioned, or which lads formed the team, the quality of football was consistent. The team went undefeated for the length of the competition, and a small celebration was held in the Thomas Room for players and families.

The program was facilitated in a highly successful manner, all coaches and parents complimentary on how it was run. Three new coaches were brought into the Sturt system for this program, and will be valuable acquisitions in the Development group moving forward.

Greg Crowden
Development Manager



Stanley H. Lewis Trophy

Sturt secured its fifth Stanley H. Lewis Trophy and first in 16 years as SANFL's best performed club in 2024.

In the fourth year of points being awarded for Women's and Under 16 matches, Sturt finished with a significant tally of 3800, ahead of runner-up Glenelg with 3600.

With its Hostplus SANFL League and Reserves teams finishing second, Sturt's tally was also boosted by its Under 16s finishing at the top of the table.

Central District tallied 3400 to round out the top three, finishing clear of Norwood on 3150 in fourth and fifth-placed South on 2475.

Sturt most recently won the Stanley H. Lewis Trophy in 2008 with other successes coming in 1983, 1978 and 1968.

The Trophy, named after past SANFL Chairman Stanley Heathcote Lewis, has been awarded since 1962 to the club which has displayed excellence across all grades of football.

Points are awarded for each win across the minor round, with 100 points allocated for a Men's and Women's League victory, 50 points for the Reserves and Under 18s and 25 points for the Under 16s. In the event of a draw, half of the points allocated for a win in that grade are awarded to each club involved.



CLUB	MEN'S LEAGUE	WOMEN'S LEAGUE	RESERVES	U18	U16	TOTAL
Sturt	1500	700	625	650	325	3800
Glenelg	1100	950	600	700	250	3600
Central	1200	900	325	700	275	3400
Norwood	1500	750	700	150	50	3150
South	400	1100	475	200	300	2475
Eagles	800	400	450	500	100	2250
North	800	200	350	450	300	2100
West	500	600	75	250	100	1525
Adelaide	800	-	-	-	-	800
Port	400	-	-	-	-	400

Wheelchair Report

The 2024 season was a challenging year regarding consistency of player availability which meant lots of changes to the team on a weekly basis and players playing in several different positions, some of which they had never played before.

After making the difficult decision to retire in the lead up to the season, Steven Avery took the reins as coach. His passion and dedication shown towards the team is unmatched and he was able to ensure there was a sense of belonging for all team members.



Despite the challenges mentioned above, the team was still able to put in some strong performances to finish the minor round in 3rd position with four wins and five losses, missing out on second place due to percentage. We were able to maintain 3rd position by winning the 3rd place play-off match against Central District.

Mat Gregory announced his retirement at season's end. He has been a tremendous asset to our Wheelchair team and has arguably been the best Wheelchair football player in the competition in the four years of its existence.

Finally, I would like to thank Sturt Football Club for giving me the opportunity to work at this great club with so many great people, it is a great privilege.

Jackson Lane
Wheelchair Team Manager



Trims Cup

The King's Birthday SANFL Super Match at Thomas Farms Oval was a spectacular success, drawing 7,000 fans for the inaugural Trim's Cup clash between Sturt and Norwood. Sturt emerged victorious with a convincing 28-point win, thrilling the home crowd in what has quickly become a marquee event.



Supported by the City of Unley, Trimmer and Oxford Terraces were transformed into a vibrant festival space, partially closed off for the Kick 'n' Sip Festival.



Food trucks, wine and gin stands created a festive atmosphere, while DJ LEZEN spun energetic tunes, adding to the excitement both on and off the field. Festoon lighting and outdoor heating helped create a warm, lively setting as fans soaked up the action. The great rivalry between Sturt and Norwood continues to be celebrated in style.

Social Responsibility

At Sturt Football Club, social responsibility is integral to who we are and how we operate. As a club deeply connected to the community, we recognise the importance of giving back and making a positive impact both on and off the field. Through various initiatives, we strive to create a more inclusive, sustainable, and supportive environment for all.



Our Double Blues go Green initiative highlights our commitment to environmental sustainability. By implementing eco-friendly practices, such as reducing waste and promoting recycling at our facilities and events, we aim to minimise our environmental footprint.



Programs like First Kick reflect our dedication to fostering youth development by encouraging young players to take their first steps in football. This initiative offers a fun, inclusive, and accessible way for children to engage in sport, promoting physical activity and teamwork.

The Jack's on Unley Community Grant demonstrates our desire to support local organisations and initiatives that align with our values, offering financial assistance to groups making a difference in our community.



Additionally, our involvement with charitable causes such as the Salvation Army Giving Tree & Red Shield Appeal, the Hutt Street Centre, and the Catherine House Undie Drive underscores our commitment to helping those in need. By providing support and resources, we actively contribute to improving the lives of vulnerable members of our community.

These initiatives are a testament to Sturt Football Club's ongoing dedication to social responsibility, reflecting our mission to be a positive force both within football and beyond.

Morning Tea with Marty

Sturt Football Club hosted two "Morning Tea with Marty" sessions during 2024, exclusively for members over 50. The events, held in the Thomas Room, attracted over 120 attendees each and featured special guests including Will Snelling, Kiera Mueller, Christine Halbert, Sue Dewing, Chris Trapp, and senior coach Marty Mattner.



Attendees enjoyed insightful discussions and updates from the Club while savouring a delightful morning tea, served on elegant vintage tea sets supplied by My Vintage High Tea.



Marty Mattner lent his culinary skills to help bake scones for the occasion, adding a personal touch to the event. These relaxed yet informative gatherings were a great success, offering a unique opportunity for members to connect with the Club in a more intimate setting. We look forward to hosting more "Morning Tea with Marty" sessions in the future.

An aerial photograph of Unley Oval, a large green sports field. The field is marked with white lines for a soccer pitch and has several tall white goalposts. Long shadows are cast across the grass, suggesting it is either early morning or late afternoon. In the background, a dense residential area with many trees and houses is visible, followed by the city skyline of Adelaide, Australia, under a clear blue sky.

The City of Unley, in partnership with the Office for Sport, Recreation, and Racing, undertook to upgrade the playing surface of Unley Oval. This redevelopment, reflected the Council's commitment to providing a regional, premier, high-quality open space for all users.

Best & Fairest Award Winners

LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (P.T. Morton Medal)	Will Snelling
Runner Up Best & Fairest	Casey Voss
3rd Best & Fairest	Will Coombas
James Thredgold Jewellers Players' MVP Award	Will Snelling
Bob Marshall Best Team Man Award	Rory Illman
Leading Goal Kicker	Connor McFadyen
Len Fitzgerald Best Emerging Talent Award	Zac Becker

WOMEN'S LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest	Alisha Gepp & Isobel Kuiper
Runner Up Best & Fairest	India Rasheed
3rd Best & Fairest	Sarah Wallace
James Thredgold Jewellers Players' MVP	India Rasheed
Best Emerging Talent Award	Sophie Thredgold

RESERVE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (Josh Deegan Medal)	Liam Puncher
Runner Up Best & Fairest	Charlie Molan
Best Team Man Award	Charlie Fryer

WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest	Lily Smart
Runner Up Best & Fairest	Jaimee Wittervan
Players' MVP	Ruby Cunningham

WHEELCHAIR LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest	Mat Gregory
Runner Up Best & Fairest	Johnny Phanratry

UNDER 18 AWARD WINNERS

Best & Fairest (Simon John Pfeiffer Medal)	Felix Katsaros
Runner Up Best & Fairest (Jackson Marsh Memorial Trophy)	Blake Thredgold
Best Team Man Award (Frank Dodd Memorial Trophy)	Sam White

UNDER 16 AWARD WINNERS

Most Valuable Player	Austin Huxtable
Runner Up	Taj Garrett



2024 Best & Fairest

Service Awards

Recognising the dedication of officials and volunteers who have reached significant milestones in their years of service to the Club. Their hard work and loyalty are the foundation upon which our Club stands.

10
YEARS

Paul Harris

10
YEARS

Tom Lancaster

10
YEARS

Brett May

10
YEARS

Phil Radosolovich

10
YEARS

Kristian Ricci

10
YEARS

Paul Scott

10
YEARS

Shahram Shahrokhi

10
YEARS

Tara Smith

10
YEARS

John Zantvoot

30
YEARS

Scott Rickards

Brenton Miels' Award

The Brenton Miels' Award is given to those who display selfless dedication and passion for the Double Blues. In 2024 we recognised John & Tracey Frankhuisen

They have dedicated much of their lives to our Club through their generosity including hosting the annual player camps at their Adelaide Hills property.

Several recruits have stayed at their Adelaide property, which overlooks Adelaide Oval, offering a home away from home as they settle into life at Sturt.

Their generosity, hospitality, and unwavering support have made an immeasurable impact on Sturt Football Club, and we are truly grateful to John & Tracey.



SANFL State Team



Will Coombas



Amos Doyle



Connor McFadyen



Will Snelling



Casey Voss

SANFLW State Team



Alisha Gepp



Isobel Kuiper

The Advertiser Team of the Year



James Battersby



Will Coombas



Luke Edmonds



Tom Lewis



Will Snelling



Casey Voss



Monique Bessen



India Rasheed

Men's League Debutants



Angus Anderson

Player No: 1296

Debut: Round 2



Sam Conforti

Player No: 1293

Debut: Round 1



Hugo Kittel

Player No: 1298

Debut: Round 13



Flynn Perez

Player No: 1297

Debut: Round 2



Will Snelling

Player No: 1294

Debut: Round 1



Will Spain

Player No: 1295

Debut: Round 1

Women's League Debutants



Ruby Cunningham

Player No: 88

Debut: Round 7



Grace Powell

Player No: 87

Debut: Round 3



Summer Ross

Player No: 84

Debut: Round 1



Edwina Thornquest

Player No: 85

Debut: Round 1



Sophie Thredgold

Player No: 86

Debut: Round 1

Milestone Games



James Battersby
200 games
(SANFL)



Lachlan Burrows
50 games



Henry Carey
100 games



Jared Dakin
50 games



Luke Edmonds
100 games



Molly Fletcher
50 games



Oliver Grivell
50 games



Isobel Kuiper
50 games



Guy Page
200 games



Steven Slimming
150 games

Powerade Breakthrough Nominees



Ned Walter - Round 3
Playing across half-back, the 22-year-old was a calming presence for the Double Blues as he collected 23 disposals and seven marks against North.



Nick Sadler - Round 12
In just his fourth League match, the smooth-moving wingman played his role nicely to collect 16 disposals and snap a classy goal in his team's win against West Adelaide.



Zac Becker - Round 17
Displaying great poise and an ability to read the play from defence, the 21-year-old hauled in 12 marks to go with his 21 disposals in the Double Blues' win against Central.



India Rasheed - Round 2
The ultra-talented Double Blues midfielder relished spending more time in the midfield this season, averaging an impressive 24 disposals, five clearances and five inside 50s in her 12 Hostplus SANFLW League outings.



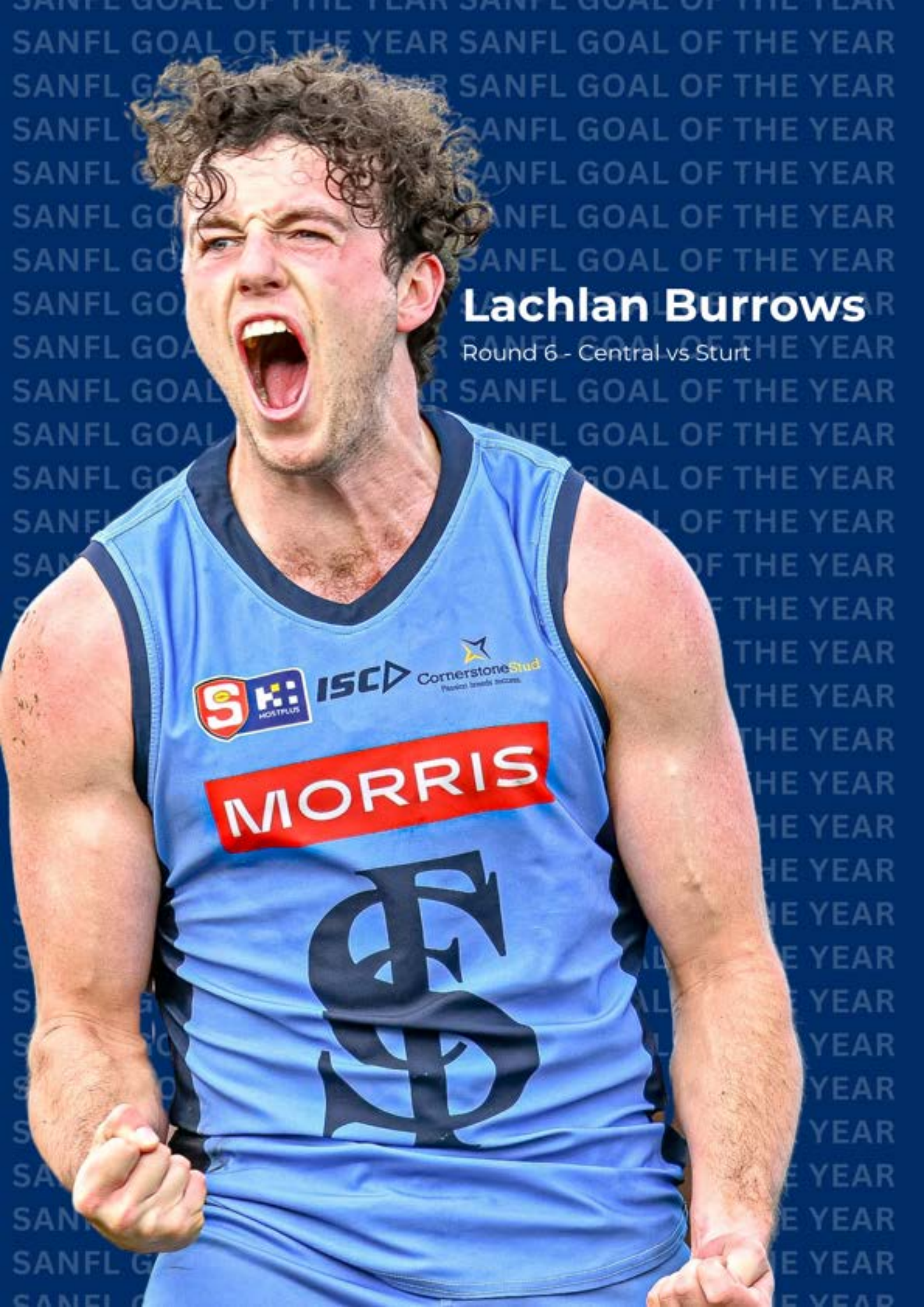
Zara Walsh - Round 4
Playing a key role in the Double Blues' classy win against reigning premier Central, the 19-year-old booted five goals from her 14 disposals and eight marks in a game-breaking display.



Monique Bessen - Round 6
The smooth-moving midfielder has enjoyed a consistent 2024 season, highlighted by her 32 disposals, eight marks and five clearances against South Adelaide.

Thank you for the support in 2024





Lachlan Burrows

Round 6 - Central vs Sturt

2024 League Men Players



1. Sam Conforti



2. Tom Lewis



3. Henry Carey



4. Joel Thiele



5. Josh Hone



6. Connor McFadyen



7. James Mathews



8. Angus Anderson



9. Sam Breuer



13. Flynn Perez



14. Will Snelling



15. Luke Edmonds



16. Jared Dakin



17. Zac Becker



18. Daniel Fahey-Sparks



22. Will Coombas



23. James Battersby



24. Will Spain



25. Guy Page



27. Charlie Fryer



28. Charlie Parker



30. Oliver Grivell



31. Lachlan Burrows



32. Rory Illman



34. Casey Voss



35. Nick Sadler



36. Luke Giacometti



39. Steven Slimming



40. Ned Walter



44. James Richards



45. Amos Doyle



47. Hugo Kittel

Reserve players: Jayden Adams, Ned Atkinson, Malachy Carruthers, Seb Crisafi, Kobbie Dabinett, Oli Duffy, Declan Gladigau, Fraser Greaves, Alex Holt, Hamish Illman, Brad Jefferies, Felix Katsaros, Jesse Landers, Henry Maerschel, Brodie Maloney, Thomas McCormack, Thomas McCourt, Kobe McEntee, Connor Mills, Charlie Molan, Ted Newman, Marcus Pavlic, George Pope, Liam Puncher, Chad Reschke, Joshua Shute, Torsten Skinner, Luca Slade, Willa Taylor, Will Torode, Sam Waltham, Heath Wingard

2024 League Women Players



1. Millie McCarthy



2. Isobel Kuiper



3. Georgia Swan



5. Ruby Cunningham



6. India Rasheed



7. Abby Pengelly



10. Alysha Healy



11. Grace Powell



14. Zara Walsh



15. Alisha Gepp



16. Monique Bessen



17. Sophie Thredgold



18. Tahlia Walker



20. Hannah Prenzler



22. Claudia Edmonds



23. Kate Harris



24. Lily Whitcombe



25. Edwina Thornquest



28. Isabella Drew



31. Molly Fletcher



35. Jaimee Wittervan



36. Jasmin Fejo



37. Sarah Wallace



42. Summer Ross



44. Amy Brooks-Birve



55. Georgia King

Development Squad Players: Jade Bayly, Anabelle Borowski, Natasha Christophers, Erin Conn, Amelie D'Arcy, Gemma Grivell, Jess Hocking, Brooklyn Hodgson, Zina Hunt, Keira May, Sophia McArthur, Neriah Milis, Phoebe Neck, Deserae Petersen, Arabella Prowse, Maddie Revell, Saksia Reynolds, Chloe Samuel, Lily Smart, Emily Vivian, Shanique West, Madyson Woods, Skout Young

2024 AFL/AFLW Players



Name: Sam Day
Club: Gold Coast
AFL Games: 155
Drafted: Pick 3,
2010 National Draft
(Gold Coast)



Name: Chad Wingard
Club: Hawthorn
AFL Games: 218
Drafted: Pick 6,
2011 National Draft
(Port Adelaide)



Name: Brodie Grundy
Club: Sydney
AFL Games: 220
Drafted: Pick 18,
2012 National Draft
(Collingwood)



Name: Jordan Dawson
Club: Adelaide
AFL Games: 131
Drafted: Pick 56,
2015 National Draft
(Sydney)



Name: Lewis Young
Club: Carlton
AFL Games: 67
Drafted: Pick 49,
2016 National Draft
(Western Bulldogs)



Name: Callum Coleman-Jones
Club: North Melbourne
AFL Games: 31
Drafted: Pick 20,
2017 National Draft
(Richmond)



Name: Charlie Ballard
Club: Gold Coast
AFL Games: 133
Drafted: Pick 42,
2017 National Draft



Name: Brandon Zerk-Thatcher
Club: Port Adelaide
AFL Games: 77
Drafted: Pick 66,
2017 National Draft
(Essendon)



Name: Shane McAdam
Club: Melbourne
AFL Games: 53
Drafted: Pre-Draft,
2018 Priority Pick
(Adelaide)



Name: Tom Powell
Club: North Melbourne
AFL Games: 68
Drafted: Pick 13,
2020 National Draft



Name: James Borlase
Club: Adelaide
AFL Games: 14
Drafted: Category B,
2020 Rookie Pre-
Selection



Name: Ash Johnson
Club: Collingwood
AFL Games: 27
Drafted: Pick 3,
2021 Mid-Season Draft



Name: Jed McEntee
Club: Port Adelaide
AFL Games: 46
Drafted: Pick 13,
2021 Mid-Season Draft



Name: Zoe Prowse
Club: Adelaide
AFLW Games: 33
Drafted: Pick 17,
2021 National Draft



Name: Jessica Good
Club: Carlton
AFLW Games: 38
Drafted: 2021
Free Agent Selection



Name: Alex Ballard
Club: Port Adelaide
AFLW Games: 16
Drafted: 2022
Expansion Draft



Name: Kiera Mueller
Club: Adelaide
AFLW Games: 27
Drafted: Pick 69,
2022 National Draft



Name: Tom Emmett
Club: Fremantle
AFL Games: 15
Drafted: Pick 41,
2022 National Draft



Name: Loch Rawlinson
Club: West Coast
AFL Games: 1
Drafted: Pick 41,
2023 Rookie Draft

In Memoriam



Malcolm Hill
Player No. 689
7/10/1938 - 17/5/2024



Kevin Hart
11/12/1944 - 9/7/2024



Heather Dillon
18/9/1952 - 22/7/2024



Robert McDonald
Player No. 710
1944 - 24/6/2024



Bruce Jarrett
Player No. 649
19/2/1940 - 16/9/2024



Michael Hogarth
Player No. 868
27/4/1964 - 4/10/2024

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<https://sturtfc.com.au/>

Season records

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