



# RAIDERS RAMBLE

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## CLUB ROUNDUP

Funnily enough after three rounds we are deep into the 2020 season. This year the senior teams will only play eight matches before the finals commence. Certainly interesting times with the teams playing each other once and no chance for a second shot to turn around any close defeats.

The A Grade opened the ledger against Torrens Valley last weekend and were always going to put in a strong performance after pushing last years premiers, Gumeracha, all the way the preceeding week. Unfortunately that Gumeracha game came at a bit of a cost with some injuries to a couple of players and this is where the depth of any club is put to the test.

Looking back over the first few weeks there are a couple of names in the A Grade team that are consistently in the best players these include Jackson Hooper, Alfie Wenk and Zac Hean.

Jackson Hooper has the added responsibility of being this years A Grade Captain. Congrats on the appointment. It's also worth mentioning that Alfie Wenk celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday against Gumerachs, congrats Alfie.

To the credit of those involved a number of players stepped up from the B Grade as a result of the injuries and President Simon Bryars donned the jumper for the B Grade. No stats, wanted more game time. (Go Figure)

While that might seem a cheap shot it's worth noting that Squizzy is doing plenty around the club and there is always need for more help from those that are available. So here's a call out to anyone that's looking to volunteer some time, I'm sure there are plenty of small jobs that could use and extra hand.

This week sees us host Meadows at Aztec Oval. Both teams are placed in the middle of the ladder with one win each so it should be a good contest.

Good luck to all the teams on the weekend.

## SPONSORS/LIFE MEMBERS DAY



This years Sponsors and Life Members Day will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Aztec Oval when we face Kersbrook.

Sponsors and Life Members will be provided with complimentary drinks during the A Grade game and food at half-time.

Please RSVP by 30<sup>th</sup> July to the club for catering.



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## B Grade Performance

In his second year as B Grade coach Sam Ryan has already seen a raft of changes to his team. Given the nature of this years season a number of players from 2019 have had to make the move from his team to the A Grade. Sam offered some insight into how he felt so far this year. His takeaway points from the first couple of rounds saw him say "...the boys are hungry and keen as ever for success. No signs of a premiership hangover, I've been really impressed with the full team 100% effort ... Also exciting, new off field team members with Johnny Fitzgerald as Assistant Coach, Taylah mason as Team Manager and Sopie Pick returning as trainer for 2020. Team work makes the dreamwork!"

So far Sam has been impressed with first year Captain Haiden Cook, Josh Kelly and Will Healey after his BOG against Gumeracha. Sam will be looking for an improvement in disposal efficiency as the year goes on.

## SIX ? for NICOLE HEALEY



**Who do you support in the AFL?** Port and Crows – except when they play Port.

**Where is your best holiday destination?** Bali

**If you were trapped on a desert island what would you want to find?** A library

**What is your favourite food?** Salt and Pepper Squid

**What is your go to song?** Any Queen song.

**Name 3 people you would like to have dinner with?** My Brother, my Nan and Leigh Matthews

## SIX ? for SAM RYAN



**Who do you support in the AFL?** Saint Kilda

**Where is your best holiday destination?** Santorini – Greek Islands

**If you were trapped on a desert island what would you want to find?** Charlie Birnie

**What is your favourite food?** Bubba Pizza Hombre Schnitzel

**What is your go to song?** Any Hilltop Hoods song.

**Name 3 people you would like to have dinner with?** Nick Riewoldt, Delta Goodream and Keith (Manos) Isgar

## FOOTY VAULT - Port Adelaide News Fri 11 Jun 1915

"Alberton Church United Football Club trip to Bridgewater. On Monday last the members of the Alberton Church United Football Club made a visit to Bridgewater and played a match with the local club. They journeyed from Adelaide by motor, and it rained incessantly until the party arrived at their destination; the route taken was via Norton Summit. On arrival lunch was partaken at the Bridgewater Hotel, after which the real fun began, the average portion of the ground being about two inches under water, no player keeping his equilibrium for many seconds..." for the record the visiting team won 8 goals 9 behinds to 4 goals 9 behinds.