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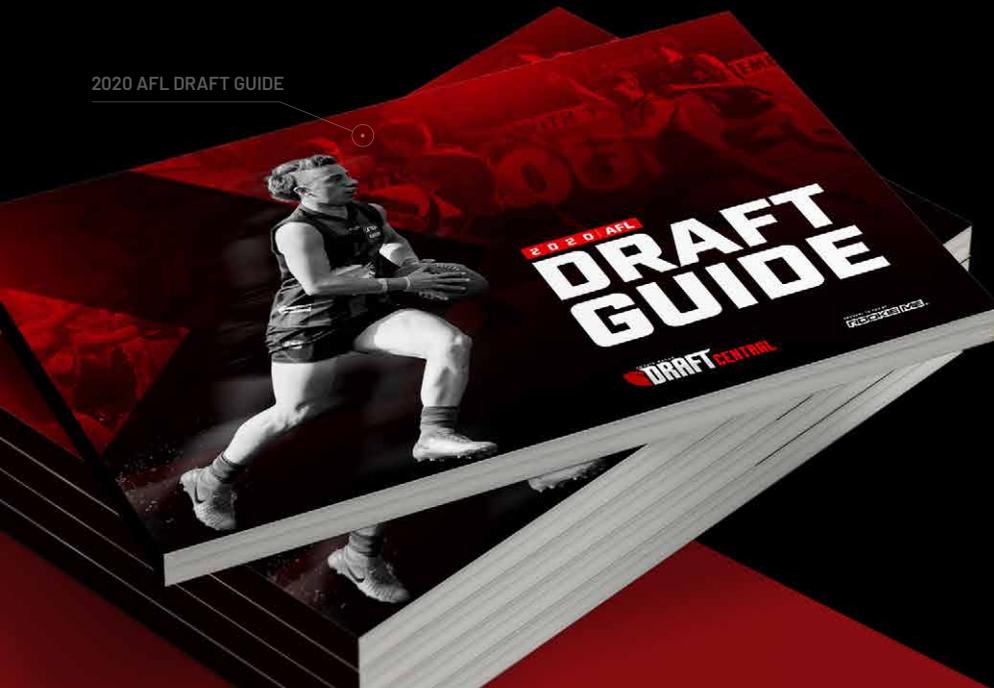
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- › Rookie Me Central's expectation of the range where the player is likely to be taken in the AFL Draft.

KEY NUMBERS

- › The key numbers section is a look at some key statistics from the players' relevant competition and year the statistics are taken from. An example is NAB League '19, which means NAB League 2019.
- › In the case of RMC points, they stand for Rookie Me Central points, which take into account a similar scoring to the AFL Fantasy/Dream Team scoring, without factoring in free kicks or behinds to focus on the more key areas.

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS

- › The on-field data is the opinion of the individual writer who has composed the profile. The six key areas are as follows:
 - › Disposal (how effective the player is in distributing the ball cleanly)
 - › Contested (how well the player fares in contested situations)
 - › Athleticism (how athletic the player is, taking into account speed, agility, verticals and endurance)
 - › Consistency (how often the player puts out a high-level performance)
 - › Versatility (whether or not the player is able to play in a multitude of positions and roles)
 - › Ceiling (the potential upside and growth of a player)

THE BOTTOM LINE

- › An overall one-sentence summary on the player for readers who want an ultra-quick overview of that particular prospect.

FULL PLAYER PROFILES & PLAYER NEWS

- › Every Draft Combine invite has a link back to their full AFL Draft Profile on Rookie Me Central, as well as any articles they have been mentioned in on the site.

TOP 30 PLAYERS TO WATCH

DATA COLOUR CODING

Throughout the 2021 AFL Draft Guide, players are assigned colour coding on a range of attributes. The below advisory grid explains how to decipher each colour.

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- ELITE**
The attribute is considered a major strength of the player compared to the draft class
 - ABOVE AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered a strength of the player compared to the draft class
 - AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered an area of minor improvement compared to the draft class
 - BELOW AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered an area of major improvement compared to the draft class

Jye AMISS

DOB: 31/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 195cm **WEIGHT:** 85kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + LEADING PATTERNS
- + MARKING ON LEAD
- + GOAL KICKING
- + CONSISTENCY
- + RATE OF DEVELOPMENT

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED MARKING
- AROUND THE GROUND IMPACT

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 8 - 20

THE BOTTOM LINE

One of the most deadeye key forwards coming through the junior ranks, Amiss only played three games across the year where he didn't kick multiple goals.

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Busselton and East Perth product Jye Amiss could not have done much more across the course of the season to put himself into first round, and possibly top 10 calculations. The fast rising forward kicked 51 goals and 15 behinds in the WAFL Colts, only being held to less than two goals on two occasions. Amiss is a difficult match-up for defenders and given his ability to get separation on the lead with ease, it takes a tight opponent to keep him from getting off the leash. Even with few opportunities, Amiss can take toll.

As far as pure key forwards go, arguably none have been as consistent and reliable than Amiss in 2021. His goalkicking is sound and he has shown a really positive rate of improvement this year to put himself well amongst the first round conversation. He has already been heavily linked to local West Australian clubs, who currently boast three picks in the above range, after likely bidding.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	10.9 WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	5.1 WAFL COLTS 2021
INSIDE 50s	3.4 WAFL COLTS 2021
RMC POINTS	69 WAFL COLTS 2021

Mac ANDREW

DOB: 12/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 200cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: DANDENONG STINGRAYS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: RUCK / KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + ATHLETICISM
- + UPSIDE
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- RAW
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION TOP 10

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

An athletic ruck capable of just about anything, with ridiculous athleticism and versatility around the ground.

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Mac Andrew is a Melbourne Next-Generation Academy (NGA) member, and one of the most exciting players in the 2021 AFL Draft crop. Whilst Andrew is tied to the Demons, it seems a foregone conclusion that he will not be in red and blue next year, having had an outstanding season despite it being cut short. His vertical leap and athleticism helped him often dominate ruck contests, and whilst he still remains a raw talent with a very lightly-built frame, Andrew has enormous upside for the future.

Andrew is a raw ruck/forward with plenty of upside who is expected to go in the Top 10 picks on AFL Draft night. There is even some conjecture he might go in the Top 5, and whilst he is an incredibly raw talent to go that high, the foundations and potential of Andrew make him one of the brightest prospects for the future, and in a draft light-on with quality falls, Andrew presents a point of difference with his ability to play ruck or forward.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	12.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
HITOUTS	2.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	58 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Tom BROWN

DOB: 30/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 74kg

CLUB/STATE: MURRAY BUSHRANGERS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

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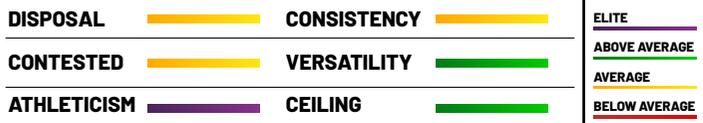
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + ATHLETICISM
- + REBOUNDING
- + FOOTY SMARTS
- + READING THE PLAY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED WORK
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

A smooth-moving half-back who reads the play well, and is a good decision maker by hand or foot, working hard in transition to provide drive out of the defensive 50.

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Tom Brown is an athletic half-back from the Murray Bushrangers, who is the son of Geelong Cats' Paul, but not eligible for the father-son rule due to his father not reaching the 100-game minimum requirement. The clean running defender, who can also push up the ground and play off a wing, has some eye-catching outside traits, and nice footy smarts to-boot. His athletic abilities combined with his smarts and ability to read the play make him a natural outside player, with his strength and contested work areas to improve on.

Brown is an exciting running talent who can provide that transitional play for a side, be it slotting in at half-back or on a wing. He knows how to win the ball in defence, rebound it out and switch play to the open side if required. He needs to build up his strength to be able to compete against stronger bodies, which is why Brown is suited to an outside or flank role. His footy smarts and reading of the play allow him to succeed in this role.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50s	2.4 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	65 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Sam BUTLER

DOB: 02/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 184cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

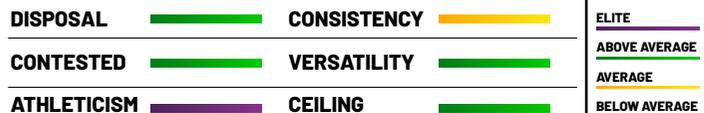
STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + ACCELERATION
- + FORWARD CRAFT
- + DEFENSIVE WORK
- + ATHLETICISM

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- DECISION MAKING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 15 - 30

THE BOTTOM LINE

A clean and clever utility who can play through the midfield or up forward, Butler is damaging around goals with some elite acceleration, and the defensive traits to match his offensive output.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Sam Butler is a midfielder/forward out of the Greater Western Victoria (GWV) Rebels and the brother of St Kilda forward, Dan. The crafty talent is really impressive both ways, able to win the ball offensively, and also defensively, to be the complete package from that sense. Gifted with blistering acceleration, the areas of improvement include backing himself to take the game on more - not just giving off the quick handball - and gaining greater consistency by foot going forward.

Butler can play inside or outside, high or deep forward, and his traits lend themselves to any role he is given. Unlike many small forwards who hit the scoreboard regularly, Butler is not afraid to work hard and apply himself to contests he might never get a stat for, doing the team thing. As a whole, Butler looms as a value pick, likely in the second round, as it is more of making a few tweaks to the way he goes about it, rather than wholesale changes.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	4.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	64 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Finn CALLAGHAN

DOB: 26/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 189cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + ENDURANCE
- + DISPOSAL EFFICIENCY
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + EVASION

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 2 - 5

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

Callaghan is a prototypical athletic tall midfielder, possessing a long penetrative left foot kick and high level evasion skills, he has long been considered a top prospect and looms as one of the earliest selections in the 2021 AFL Draft.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



[PLAYER NEWS](#)



RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Finn Callaghan is widely considered to be part of the upper echelon of players in the draft class, with the Sandringham midfielder stepping up through the year and relishing his move to a more inside role at NAB League and State representative level. The move led to a sharp rise for Callaghan as he had more opportunity to show off his speed, evasion and composure along with an increase in disposal numbers. Earning comparisons to former Dragon Josh Kelly and Bulldogs star Marcus Bontempelli, Callaghan is largely viewed as a top four prospect and will be looked at heavily by clubs in that range.

When it comes to what Callaghan is going to offer at AFL level, he has a broad range of traits that will allow him to play in a multitude of roles, starting on either flank or a wing and gradually moving to a more inside role as he builds size and confidence, with his endurance already at a good enough level to get games early in his career, and his ball use looking to be a high standard.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.5 NAB LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	4.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	87 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Campbell CHESSER

DOB: 27/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

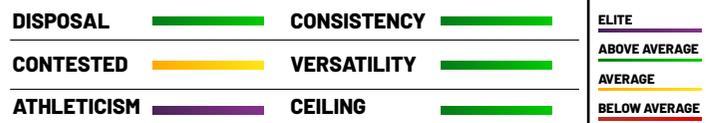
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + KICKING
- + CLASS
- + VERSATILITY
- + OUTSIDE RUN

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME
- TACKLING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 12 - 25

THE BOTTOM LINE

A speedy and productive mover on the outside, Chesser breaks the lines from half-back or the wing but has also shown a good balance in his ball winning.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Coming into the year widely regarded as a top 10 prospect, Campbell Chesser suffered a meniscus injury in his second NAB League outing of the season, limiting his opportunities across a highly anticipated top-age campaign. What Chesser had shown in the previous fixture and his Under 16s year, was his clean ball use and athleticism, allowing him to stride through the midfield with his classy ball movement going forward. To complement this, Chesser is a two-way runner, winning possession in the defensive 50 and moving it on well, then generally running hard to impact up the field in the same passage of play.

With consistency hard to come by, he slid down the order a touch but remains a player with serious athletic weapons and the footballing nous to match. On top of that, the 18-year-old is a great character who presents well and brings elite standards which clubs will love. He is a first round candidate and may well be a bargain any further down the line.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	18.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	4.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	68 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Toby CONWAY

DOB: 24/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 205cm **WEIGHT:** 97kg

CLUB/STATE: GEELONG FALCONS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: RUCK

DRAFT ANALYSIS

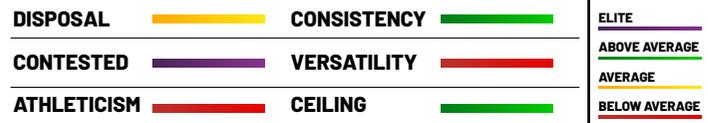
STRENGTHS

- + RUCK WORK
- + WORK RATE
- + ENDURANCE
- + CONTEST MARKING
- + POSITIONING

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- KICKING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong and smart ruck, who has a high endurance base and work rate that helps him get around the ground into ball-winning positions, as well as being a dominant force at stoppages.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Toby Conway is the number one pure ruck choice in the 2021 AFL National Draft. The Geelong Falcons big man stands at 205cm and 97kg, and is hard to beat at stoppages with his sheer strength and ruck smarts. He can take a contested mark, and positions himself well around the ground to be an outlet option and target, though is still improving areas of his game such as his kicking and developing that forward craft. Not the most athletic of players, Conway plies his trade through strength and work rate which is evident in his game by wearing down opposing rucks.

Conway is just a hard working ruck who wears down opponents. He is competitive in the air and at ground level, and is someone who can find the ball around the ground as much as at the stoppages. He can win his fair share of clearances, and given the chance in a good development program, Conway is someone who has the ability to grow further and establish himself as a strong ruck at the elite level.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
HITOUTS	22.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	69 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Nick DAICOS

DOB: 03/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 72kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

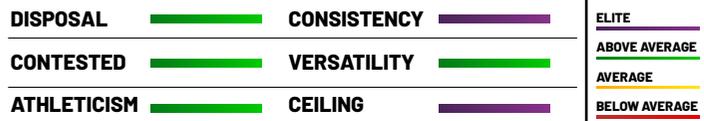
STRENGTHS

- + CONSISTENCY
- + PRODUCTION
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + DECISION MAKING
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- IMPACT PER KICK
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 2 - 3

THE BOTTOM LINE

Daicos has an unrivalled understanding of the game; able to bring his teammates into it and anticipate where his next possession will come from, leading to utter domination.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Having entered his top-age season riding a wave of hype, Nick Daicos has delivered on so many levels. The Collingwood father-son prospect comes from elite pedigree and carries a name lodged deep into Magpie folklore, meaning he is already a fan favourite among the black and white army. Faced with arguably more expectation and attention than any other draft prospect in recent memory, the impressive 18-year-old has taken on each challenge with aplomb and is rightly considered one of the best two prospects nationwide. He captained the AFL Academy and Oakleigh Chargers, dominating each game he played with elite decision making and production through midfield.

The 18-year-old has signed a two-year extension on top of his original two-year draft deal, and can look forward to forging his future in black and white. He hasn't had any profound senior experience of yet, but has trained with the Collingwood group and will likely have no issue transitioning into the top flight early.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	35.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	2.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	136 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Sam DARCY

DOB: 19/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 204cm **WEIGHT:** 75kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO

POSITION: KEY POSITION UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + ATHLETICISM
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + AERIAL IMPACT
- + READING THE PLAY

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 2 - 4

THE BOTTOM LINE

Darcy is a fast-developing tall talent who can play in each key position post, is athletic, and marks the ball cleanly.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

The Western Bulldogs are set to land another top-end tall talent in Sam Darcy this year. Also out of the Oakleigh Chargers, the 18-year-old shot into top three contention with undeniable form early in his 2021 campaign, showcasing great athleticism and skill for a player of his size. He now measures up at 204cm after a substantial growth spurt, and uses every inch of his reach to prove a dominant aerial player.

Since booting six goals for Vic Metro in a trial game this year, Darcy has been destined for a top three bid. Given he is the best tall available, top three honours would not be out of place and the Bulldogs once again will end up with a premium key position prospect. In terms of where he plays at the next level, there looms very stiff competition for spots in the Bulldogs' spine, but Darcy's versatility bodes well for early selection on any of the three lines. Ultimately though, he looks best suited to the ruck-forward role.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	6.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
HITOUTS	6.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	78 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Arlo DRAPER

DOB: 30/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 75kg

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CLASS
- + AGILITY
- + VERSATILITY
- + STOPPAGE CRAFT
- + OVERHEAD MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- DEFENSIVE RUNNING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 10 - 20

THE BOTTOM LINE

A classy midfielder/forward with impressive skills and agility, who has the ability to push forward and impact the scoreboard.

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Draper is a versatile and classy prospect who appears set to be an early-round selection come draft night. A soccer convert, Draper spent time at all three levels of SANFL football this season. He also recovered from a mid-season high ankle sprain to represent South Australia. Draper spent most of the first half of the season in the Under-18s, where he averaged 24 disposals, four marks, five tackles, 6.6 clearances and over a goal in nine games.

Draper is one of the leading SA draft prospects, whose class through the midfield, down back and in attack should see him come into consideration in the mid-to-late first round. Considered a high upside pick, Draper would be an attractive prospect for clubs looking to add some polish and versatility to their list. Draper would ideally require a season of state league development, but expect him to push for a senior debut after adding some strength and enhancing his running game.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.1 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	6.6 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	102.7 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Neil ERASMUS

DOB: 02/12/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg

CLUB/STATE: SUBIACO / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

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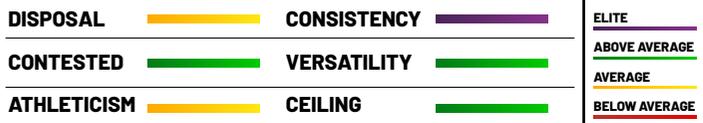
STRENGTHS

- + ACCUMULATION
- + CONSISTENCY
- + ENDURANCE
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- EXPLOSIVE SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 6 - 12

THE BOTTOM LINE

A prolific tall ball winner who utilises his strength overhead to impact up forward, Erasmus is a prototypical goal kicking midfielder.

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Subiaco and Hale School product Neil Erasmus starred in the 2020 WAFL Colts Grand Final with a four-goal haul to put his name in lights, and hasn't missed a beat since across multiple competitions. Erasmus finds the footy with ease when playing through the midfield as he balances his inside and outside work superbly, finding ways out of trouble with his evasion and clean hands. To go with this midfield craft, Erasmus is able to play as a target up forward, with his leading patterns and marking two traits which help him hurt the opposition in attack.

With his effectiveness in the forward line as a strong marker with good leading patterns, Erasmus is one that should be able to play at AFL level early on for whichever club picks him up, and will be able to rotate through the midfield as he builds to a more permanent role through the guts. His endurance base and consistency bode well alongside his aerial tricks and scoreboard impact, all traits which have him firmly in top 10 contention.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	28.0 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	7.8 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
TACKLES	4.0 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	106.5 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Josh FAHEY

DOB: 11/11/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: GIANTS ACADEMY / NSW-ACT

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

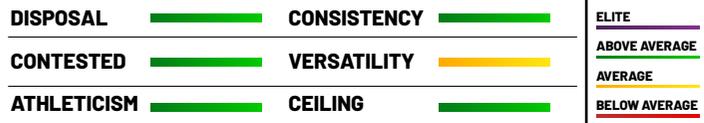
STRENGTHS

- + REBOUNDING
- + TACKLING
- + RUN AND CARRY
- + SPEED
- + KICKING PENETRATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- EXPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 35

THE BOTTOM LINE

The leading Northern Academy prospect for 2021, Fahey's dash out of defence and his penetrating left-foot kick are two of his biggest weapons.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Playing across and impressing in multiple levels of competition this year, Josh Fahey has stepped up in most of the games he has been a part of in 2021. Selected in the AFL Academy for 2021, the Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Academy member won the MCC Presidents medal against Geelong VFL in April as the best player for the Under 19 side. Like in many of his performances, such honours were earned through Fahey's dare and dash off the half-back line, as well as his defensive work in a team which was blown out by over 100 points.

GWS will have first access to Fahey come draft time. His academy status may impact where a bid comes in and while the Queanbeyan native is arguably a top 25 talent, he may slide down the order due to the bidding system. It will likely matter little as he looks a good shout to end up in charcoal and orange, bringing some depth to the defence and potentially allowing others to roll further afield more permanently.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.3 <small>VFL 2021</small>
MARKS	3.3 <small>VFL 2021</small>
TACKLES	2.3 <small>VFL 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	55.7 <small>VFL 2021</small>

Josh GIBCUS

DOB: 04/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 87kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: KEY DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + CLOSING SPEED
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + COMPOSURE

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- PRODUCTION

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 4 - 10

THE BOTTOM LINE

The standout key defender in this year's draft pool, Gibcus is an athletic intercept marker with sticky hands who defends just as well as he can attack.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

With the most ideal combination for a modern day key defender, Josh Gibcus possesses a great leap to go with good speed but most importantly, he knows how to use it in his game. Although his traits could be used up forward and even in the ruck, which he has done on the odd occasion, it's down back where his eye-catching traits are highlighted best. Gibcus shares plenty of traits with 2020 top five pick Denver Grainger-Barras, which is another reason why he is a likely top five draft chance this year as one of the crop's big improvers.

It is hard not to get excited about Gibcus with the energy and athleticism he can showcase each week. Not many of the teams with top 10 picks this year are screaming for key defenders, but a club like Sydney could push up the order to nab him and he could be a real steal if he slides outside the top 10. With all his key traits, it would seem unlikely he lasts too long.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	12.8 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.9 NAB LEAGUE 2021
REBOUND 50s	3.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	54 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Josh GOATER

DOB: 02/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: CALDER CANNONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER/UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

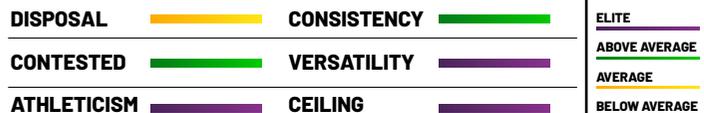
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- ENDURANCE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 10 - 20

THE BOTTOM LINE

One of the best athletes in the draft who knows how to use it on a footy field, Goater is an explosive midfielder who can escape congestion unlike any other prospect in the draft pool.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Josh Goater could be anything. The 190cm, 79kg midfielder has spent time all over the ground this year at numerous different levels, but has been mostly played in the midfield where he can use his speed and clean hands to win clearances and exit out of stoppages with relative ease. Goater played one game with Essendon VFL, snagging a goal and showcasing his athleticism as a Will Hayward style of forward.

Goater has the tools to become one of the best players to come out of the 2021 draft crop and if his kicking was cleaner and running capacity higher, there is no doubt he could be a top five pick. With the best players in the modern game possessing height, athleticism and flair, Goater possesses all of these exciting traits. If he cannot improve his running capacity to a high level and become that midfielder clubs crave, he should at least become an exciting half-back or half-forward prospect with his mix of athleticism and footballing talent.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	88 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Ben HOBBS

DOB: 16/09/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED WORK
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + ACCUMULATION
- + CONSISTENCY
- + CLEARANCES

IMPROVEMENTS

- OUTSIDE GAME
- KICKING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 5 - 10

THE BOTTOM LINE

A hard-nosed, hard-working inside midfielder who loves to compete both defensively and in a ball winning sense.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Ben Hobbs is a prototype inside midfielder who thrives on the contested ball and never takes a backwards step. A readymade midfielder who could step straight into a lineup from Round 1, Hobbs has been likened to Collingwood's Taylor Adams for his fierce attack on the ball, and high levels of defensive pressure, ball-winning abilities and consistency across the board. Like Adams, the knock on Hobbs is his outside game and primarily further improving his kicking to be more potent, but as a whole, Hobbs' ability to dominate around the stoppages is rarely matched in this draft crop.

Ben Hobbs is the best pure inside midfielder in the draft. He has areas to improve on, mainly outside the contest, but from an inside perspective, he will be a consistent ball winner and his effort will never waver. Expect him to land somewhere inside the Top 10 in the AFL Draft and be able to push for selection early in his debut season.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	5.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	86 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jason HORNE-FRANCIS

DOB: 21/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

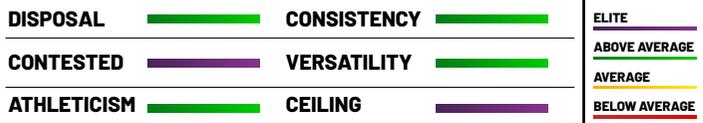
STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED BALL
- + DEFENSIVE EFFORT
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + EXPLOSIVENESS
- + PHYSICALITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

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THE BOTTOM LINE

A midfielder with next to no weaknesses whose power bodes well for tough ball winning and impressive aerial marking, as well as damaging scoreboard impact.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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NICK HOOK PHOTOGRAPHY

DRAFT PROFILE

Regarded by many as the premier talent of the 2021 draft class, Jason Horne-Francis is one of the most complete prospects in recent memory. The South Australian midfielder entered the season with lofty expectations having already made his League debut as a 17-year-old. The pick of the bunch at every level he's played at, Horne-Francis took his game to new heights this season with South Adelaide.

Horne-Francis appears likely to join North Melbourne with pick one in the national draft and, in doing so, become the first South Australian taken with the first pick since his mentor Bryce Gibbs headed to the Blues in 2006. He could walk into any AFL side in Round 1 next year and immediately fill a role. His repeat efforts at ground level and physicality are tremendous, however it's Horne-Francis' natural swagger, power and ability to impact the scoreboard which have seen him draw comparisons to the likes of Patrick Dangerfield and Nat Fyfe.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.5 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	3.2 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	77.7 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>

Blake HOWES

DOB: 07/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD / WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + ATHLETICISM
- + UPSIDE

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- CONTESTED GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 40

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A highly athletic forward with the capacity to play further afield, Howes catches the eye with his highlight reel moments in the forward half.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

As an AFL Academy member, Vic Metro representative and Sandringham Dragons product, Blake Howes was able to impact across every level of football he played in 2021, showing off his impressive athleticism when given the opportunity. The 190cm talent was mostly played as a half-forward for the year, but was gradually afforded more opportunities up on the wing as the season went on, suggesting there is a fair amount of development left for him in that area of the ground.

Howes will likely be a pick made on upside, with his array of developable traits and continued rate of development all very promising. His athleticism is high-level across the board, but he was also able to show his footballing nous with increasing success throughout the season. Versatility is another big tick for Howes, and has a high ceiling in terms of what he could become in an elite environment. He looks set to be taken somewhere within the second round and could push into top 25 contention.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	15.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	1.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	64 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Matthew JOHNSON

DOB: 16/03/2003 **HEIGHT:** 193cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg

CLUB/STATE: SUBIACO / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

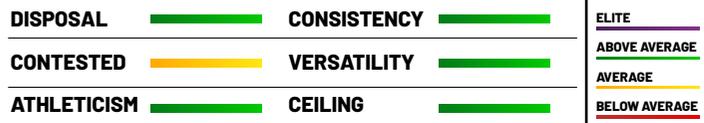
STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + COMPOSURE
- + AGILITY
- + SKILLS
- + SIZE

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- CONTESTED GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 10 - 20

THE BOTTOM LINE

A wonderfully composed player and a slick mover, Johnson is one of the most reliable prospects in the draft with ball in hand.

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At over 190cm, Subiaco's Matthew Johnson is a very desirable midfield prospect. Players of his prototype have been all the rage in past years with the likes of Patrick Cripps and Marcus Bontempelli, but Johnson shares more similarities to Jackson Macrae and Hugh McCluggage who rely more on their skills and smarts, rather than their height to make an impact on the footy field. Johnson has great skills and clean hands and moves like a player 10cm shorter, with his agility rare to see in players of his height.

There are not many players in the draft more reliable with ball in hand than Johnson, who supporters would feel comfortable with when he is in possession by hand or foot. Although an improved attack on the ball and production could help him become a more well rounded player, Johnson is still a safe bet for a club looking to bolster its midfield in the first round of the draft.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	21.3 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	4.5 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
TACKLES	5.8 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	93.2 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Mitch KNEVITT

DOB: 08/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 193cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg

CLUB/STATE: GEELONG FALCONS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + VERSATILITY
- + ENDURANCE
- + ATHLETICISM
- + ACCUMULATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- COMPOSURE
- GROUND LEVEL WORK

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 15 - 30

THE BOTTOM LINE

A big-bodied inside midfielder with some terrific athletic traits, Knevitt has the power, endurance and vertical leaping to cause all sorts of headaches both through the midfield and up forward.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Mitch Knevitt is an exciting prospect who the Geelong Falcons touted as one to watch in 2021, and the tall midfielder/forward did not disappoint. Standing at 193cm, Knevitt is a good size, and coupled with his rare mix of athleticism and endurance makes him a damaging prospect. His contested marking is superb, and if his second half of the season is anything to go by, the Falcons tall built his consistency. If he can iron out a few kinks with his work under pressure, he will be a high upside prospect at the next level.

Knevitt is anticipated to go somewhere in that second round, with a number of clubs viewing him as a Top 25 prospect. He could go as high as late first round, or slide later in the second round, but his end to the year, and his unsurprising testing results at the recent AFL Vic Country Draft Combine where he finished in the top few for both the 20m sprint and 2km time trial, means he will likely be closer to the former than the latter.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	4.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	87 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jesse MOTLOP

DOB: 23/11/2003 **HEIGHT:** 177cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH FREMANTLE / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + FORWARD CRAFT
- + SKILLS
- + AGILITY
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + FOOTY SMARTS

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- PRODUCTION

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 35

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A crafty small forward who doesn't need a lot of the ball to make the opposition pay, Motlop is a natural footballer with a great goal sense and smarts.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Jesse Motlop is a clever small forward, with plenty of the sort now in vogue in the top 20 of the draft after the success of young stars Cody Weightman and Kysaiah Pickett. There is a chance that Motlop could follow suit, and while he is eligible for Fremantle's NGA, the Dockers cannot match a bid inside the top 40 which looks very likely. It also means Motlop will likely be leaving his home state, which his father Daniel had to do back when he was drafted - going on to play 83 games for Port Adelaide and 47 for North Melbourne, though Jesse is not father-son eligible.

One of the best small forwards in the 2021 draft, Motlop has the belief and skillset to really make his own name at AFL level, with his natural flair and play style sure to make him a fan favourite for any club that picks him up. Motlop's senior experience and pedigree should help him have an earlier impact at AFL level compared to others in this year's draft and any club looking for a small forward to come in soon will be rewarded with Motlop.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	8.6 WAFL LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	2.8 WAFL LEAGUE 2021
GOALS	1.1 WAFL LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	42.5 WAFL LEAGUE 2021

Josh RACHELE

DOB: 11/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg

CLUB/STATE: MURRAY BUSHRANGERS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

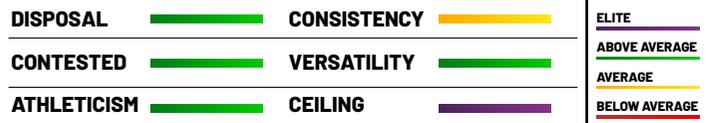
STRENGTHS

- + SKILLS
- + SMARTS
- + FINISHING
- + ATHLETICISM
- + X-FACTOR

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- DEFENSIVE WORK RATE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 6 - 12

THE BOTTOM LINE

A mercurial forward who has drawn comparisons to GWS star Toby Greene, Rachele boasts unbelievable smarts, skills, and a keen eye for goal.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the most freakishly talented players in this year's draft crop is Josh Rachele, a dynamic midfielder-forward out of the Murray Bushrangers. Rachele comes from an elite soccer background, bringing the quick feet and smiling goal celebrations one would expect, but also a hard edge when rolling through midfield. With a slick turn of speed and sublime skills, the 18-year-old has an awesome highlight reel and bucketloads of potential.

Rachele is a player who, at his best, has top five potential. As the leading small forward in this year's cohort, his stocks will be boosted even further and he will likely tempt clubs inside the top 10. Work rate and consistency are essential in the modern game, but can easily be developed in an elite environment. Rachele will be drafted based on what he does so well, and there are plenty of traits which fans will quickly come to enjoy. He's a bums-on-seat type of talent, and one capable of pulling off what others simply cannot.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	18.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	6.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	2.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	92 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Matthew ROBERTS

DOB: 31/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + PRODUCTION
- + CONTESTED BALL
- + WORK RATE
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + FOOTY SMARTS

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 45

THE BOTTOM LINE

Roberts is a hard-working midfielder or half-forward with a high football IQ who is able to impact the scoreboard on a regular basis.

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Matthew Roberts is one of several talented draft prospects out of South Adelaide this year. A 'footballers footballer', Roberts has been high on the radar of AFL recruiters for several years, having represented South Australia at consecutive Under 16 National Championships alongside club teammate Jason Horne-Francis. In his bottom-aged season last year, Roberts proved a class above the SANFL Under 18 level, winning an abundance of the football and regularly impacting the scoreboard. However, Roberts' season took a hit when he suffered a syndesmosis injury whilst playing college football with St. Peter's, leaving him sidelined for over two months.

Roberts has been a standout junior in South Australia for a number of years and looks set to join an AFL list via the National Draft. One of the hardest workers in the draft pool, Roberts is a fundamentally sound midfielder and a regular goalkicker when rotated forward.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	11.1 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	1.7 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	2.9 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	54.9 <small>SANFL LEAGUE 2021</small>

Josh SINN

DOB: 07/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

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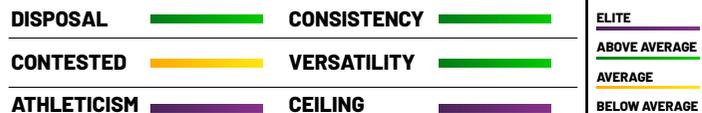
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + RUN AND CARRY
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + READING THE PLAY
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 12 - 20

THE BOTTOM LINE

A line-breaking half-back who has shown promising development in midfield, Sinn's greatest strengths are his speed and kick penetration.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Sandringham Dragons leader Josh Sinn came into his top-age season as one of the nation's most highly touted prospects, pegged for top 10 status. He captained an undefeated Vic Metro side in Under 16s and looked every bit the damaging talent he has proven to be, offering a run and gun style off half-back with the added bonus of midfield work. His final outing came for Vic Metro, which was cut short due to an ankle injury, but the diligent and versatile dasher showed enough as a top-ager to suggest he will safely remain a first round selection.

While arguably a top 5-10 talent coming into the year, Sinn has slid slightly down the order on the back of an interrupted season. One of his two greatest weapons, his kicking, was not as effective as it could have been this year, but Sinn delivered on most other promises to showcase the damaging player he can be. Hamstring and ankle injuries may put question marks over his durability, though will unlikely see him slide out of the first round.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.6 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	3.4 NAB LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	4.2 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	70 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Tyler SONSIE

DOB: 27/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 181cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: EASTERN RANGES / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

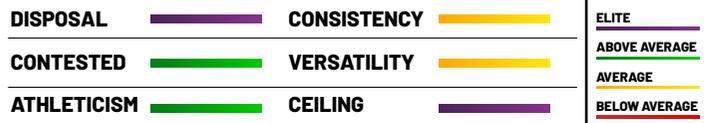
STRENGTHS

- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + KICKING
- + CLEARANCES
- + COMPOSURE

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- GUT RUNNING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 10 - 25

THE BOTTOM LINE

A clean and damaging player possessing the best two-sided kick in the draft pool, Sonsie is a stoppage specialist with slick hands and smarts who can also go forward and kick goals.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Tyler Sonsie is a balanced midfielder able to win clearances in close, but also hurt the opposition on the outside with his clean and crisp skills. Proving he could match it against senior players with a 24 disposal and two goal game in his only VFL outing for Box Hill, he may be one of a few Victorian prospects to debut at AFL level next year. Likened by recruiters to Richmond champion Trent Cotchin, such a comparison is evident in his stoppage work; able to win first possession with quick anticipation and clean hands to set up midfield thrusts, but also every chance to go forward and kick goals on his right and left boot.

At his best, Tyler Sonsie is a top five talent who is able to win the ball at stoppages to great effect while also going forward to kick multiple goals. We have seen his best at Under 16 level and a in couple of games this year, but it is the down games that could have him going lower than his talent would suggest. If he fulfils his potential, Sonsie could be an elite midfielder of the future.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	23.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	83 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Zac TAYLOR

DOB: 31/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 74kg

CLUB/STATE: CALDER CANNONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + SKILLS
- + SMARTS
- + KICKING
- + EVASION
- + WORK RATE

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- INSIDE GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A crafty small prospect with outstanding vision, skills and decision making, Taylor has no trouble finding the ball and makes things happen in possession.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Zac Taylor produced incredible numbers towards the back-end of 2021. Having made a steady start to the year rotating forward from midfield, he began to take full toll around the ball. The 180cm talent took out Calder Cannons' best and fairest award and was named in the NAB League Team of the Year, capping a super campaign which has seen him rise into second round contention. With clean skills and one of the best kicks going around, Taylor is a creative player who can hurt the opposition with ball-in-hand.

A player who suits the modern game with his quick thinking and efficient ball use, Taylor is one of the more intriguing small prospects. With the toughness, ball winning ability, and work rate to play midfield, he may have to find his way in there through other roles but has the versatility to do so. The draft crop is very even, and Taylor looms as a second round option who could provide great value given his professionalism and growing ability.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	26.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.9 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	4.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	117 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jacob VAN ROOYEN

DOB: 16/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 194cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg

CLUB/STATE: CLAREMONT / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

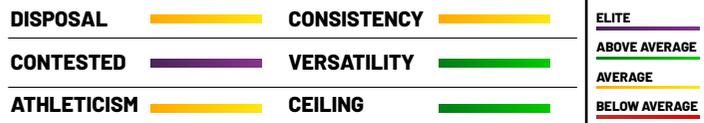
STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + PHYSICALITY
- + STRENGTH
- + VERSATILITY
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- ENDURANCE
- FOUR-QUARTER PRODUCTION

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 12 - 25

THE BOTTOM LINE

A physically imposing key forward who can also swing to defence, van Rooyen offers ominous aerial presence and contested nous.

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CLAREMONT FC

DRAFT PROFILE

There are few draft prospects this year who boast the level of physicality Jacob van Rooyen does. The Claremont product came into 2021 as one of the most highly fancied tall talents, and ended his WAFL Colts career having played in back-to-back grand finals. Having staked his name as a strong-marking and competitive forward at club level, van Rooyen showcased a different string to his bow playing as a defender while representing Western Australia's Under 19s.

Many a West Australian club fan has been following the progress of van Rooyen in 2021 with hopes of seeing him become a marquee local pick come draft time. Both Fremantle and West Coast are well positioned with early picks, but perhaps the Dockers hold the most realistic selection (currently 19) for van Rooyen. He could also tempt other clubs in for a physically developed key position player in round one, having proven his value in the back-end of the season.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.1 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	5.2 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
GOALS	3.8 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	83.7 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Nasiah WANGANEEN-MILERA

DOB: 22/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 187cm **WEIGHT:** 71kg

CLUB/STATE: GLENELG / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + FOOT SKILLS
- + CLASS
- + COMPOSURE
- + EVASIVENESS
- + DECISION MAKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- INSIDE GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 6 - 12

THE BOTTOM LINE

Wanganeen-Milera is a classy wingman of exceptional footballing pedigree who uses the ball as well as anyone in the draft crop.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



[PLAYER NEWS](#)



GLENELG FC

DRAFT PROFILE

Glenelg's Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera shot into first round calculations off the back of a wonderful year with Glenelg and a couple of standout showings with South Australia. The wingman is the nephew of 1993 Brownlow Medallist Gavin Wanganeen and the son of Terry Milera, who spent time on St Kilda's list. Wanganeen-Milera started the season as a likely draftee, but his stocks steadily rose throughout the season as he continued to impress in the yellow and black.

He appears likely to be taken in the mid-stages of the first round, with some even suggesting the wingman could attract attention in the top 10. His upside has been made clear for all to see. Composure, evasiveness and skills are attributes which you either have or you don't, and Wanganeen-Milera has them in spades. Clubs are always looking to add more quality ball users, and Wanganeen-Milera has proven his class across a number of levels. He will appeal to any team looking for some outside polish.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	15.8 <small>SANFL RESERVES 2021</small>
MARKS	3.9 <small>SANFL RESERVES 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	2.4 <small>SANFL RESERVES 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	66.5 <small>SANFL RESERVES 2021</small>

Josh WARD

DOB: 15/08/2003 **HEIGHT:** 181cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTHERN KNIGHTS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ENDURANCE
- + CONSISTENCY
- + DURABILITY
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + DECISION MAKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION TOP 10

THE BOTTOM LINE

A classy midfielder capable of consistently winning mountains of possessions, Ward is a centre bounce mainstay with his clean skills and work rate.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

[PLAYER NEWS](#)



RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the steepest risers in this year's draft pool, Josh Ward has earned his place among the top 10 calculations on the back of a consistently high level of output. The Northern Knights midfielder was utilised on the outside and at half-forward for Vic Metro's Under 16 side in 2019, but that changed in 2021 as he skippered the Under 19s and featured at the heart of a stacked centre bounce group. Also plying his trade for Melbourne Grammar, Ward's form throughout multiple competitions was recognised when he was named captain of the Team of the Year.

His balance of competitive ball winning and clean skills bode well for an all-round and reliable midfield game, one which many clubs will value at the top end of the draft. Recruiters often look at a prospect's reliability and repeatable skills, both of which Ward has in spades. He has come from the precipice of round one contention to firmly plant his name in Top 10 calculations, offering plenty of safety as a high-end selection.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	30.2 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.2 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	5.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	101 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jack WILLIAMS

DOB: 01/12/2003 **HEIGHT:** 195cm **WEIGHT:** 94kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST FREMANTLE / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / RUCK

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + VERSATILITY
- + GOALKICKING
- + LEADING PATTERNS
- + WORK RATE

IMPROVEMENTS

- SPEED
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 50

THE BOTTOM LINE

A versatile tall prospect who thrives aerially and consistently kicks goals up forward, while also rotating through the ruck or even to defence.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

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PIXELL PHOTOGRAPHY

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the many promising West Australian tall prospects in this year's crop, Jack Williams is an aerially astute ruck-forward with great versatility. The East Fremantle product was included in this year's AFL Academy and turned out for the squad in April, before going on to notch 40 goals from 15 WAFL Colts games. As the spearhead of a Sharks side which ran deep into finals, it was almost inevitable that Williams also earned state Under 19 representative honours, translating his goalkicking prowess to the national stage.

While there are a couple of knocks on his game overall, Williams is one of the more natural key position prospects available. He reads the ball well in flight and is a viable marking target, as well as a proven goalkicker. Having put in a body of work across a full season, including representative action, he should be in good stead to attract some interest onwards of the second round.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.5 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	5.9 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
GOALS	2.7 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	79.8 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Darcy WILMOT

DOB: 31/12/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 75kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTHERN KNIGHTS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

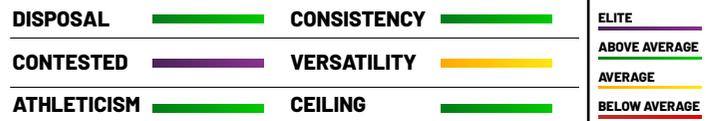
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + RUN-AND-CARRY
- + READING THE PLAY
- + TOUGHNESS
- + VOICE

IMPROVEMENTS

- MIDFIELD CRAFT
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 15 - 25

THE BOTTOM LINE

A tenacious and brave half-back whose most flashy weapons show on the attack, as he breaks the lines with great speed and ball use.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

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DRAFT PROFILE

Small-medium defenders can often be dime a dozen, but Darcy Wilmot is one with eye-catching points of difference. The Northern Knights rebounder blends flair and toughness with his pacy forward forays and astute intercept efforts, making for an exciting and well rounded game in defence. He represented Vic Metro at Under 16 level and repeated the feat in this year's Under 19 challenge match, continuing his rise towards top 20 status in 2021.

With the speed of the game at an all-time high and skilful running players in vogue, Wilmot is the type of prospect a few clubs will be in for at the end of the first round. His character is unflappable and he is a tough customer who also provides flair that fans love, making him a desirable talent in multiple aspects. With plenty of scope for improvement to go with his exciting attributes, Wilmot will push for top 20 honours and not last much longer than that.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	15.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50s	3.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	54 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

AFL DRAFT SELECTIONS

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*AS OF POST TRADE WEEK

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2	2,517	20	912	38	465	56	194	74	-
3	2,234	21	878	39	446	57	182		
4	2,034	22	845	40	429	58	170		
5	1,878	23	815	41	412	59	158		
6	1,751	24	785	42	395	60	146		
7	1,644	25	756	43	378	61	135		
8	1,551	26	729	44	362	62	123		
9	1,469	27	703	45	347	63	112		
10	1,395	28	677	46	331	64	101		
11	1,329	29	653	47	316	65	90		
12	1,268	30	629	48	302	66	80		
13	1,212	31	606	49	287	67	69		
14	1,161	32	584	50	273	68	59		
15	1,112	33	563	51	259	69	49		
16	1,067	34	542	52	246	70	39		
17	1,025	35	522	53	233	71	29		
18	985	36	502	54	220	72	19		



NATIONAL DRAFT COMBINE INVITES A - Z

DATA COLOUR CODING

Throughout the 2021 AFL Draft Guide, players are assigned colour coding on a range of attributes. The below advisory grid explains how to decipher each colour.

-  **ELITE**
The attribute is considered a major strength of the player compared to the draft class
-  **ABOVE AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered a strength of the player compared to the draft class
-  **AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered an area of minor improvement compared to the draft class
-  **BELOW AVERAGE**
The attribute is considered an area of major improvement compared to the draft class

Leek ALLEER

DOB: 21/08/2001 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 84kg

CLUB/STATE: CENTRAL DISTRICT / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + VERSATILITY
- + UPSIDE

IMPROVEMENTS

- RAW
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

An athletically gifted and versatile tall defender with plenty of development left, whose intercept marking ability catches the eye.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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MARK BRAKE/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the rare over-age players among this year's National Combine list, 20-year-old Leek Alleer has shot right into draft contention on the back of a terrific 2021 campaign. Having played SANFL Under 18s as an over-ager last year, it took the athletic prospect one Reserves game before he earned a League berth for Central District in Round 7, this year. Credit to his rapid rate of improvement, Alleer found a home in defence and immediately caught the eye with highlight reel intercept marks and incredible athleticism, both of which have him pegged as a viable key defensive option in the 2021 AFL Draft.

With tall prospects at a premium in this year's crop, clubs may be in for Alleer earlier than expected. His extra year of development and exposure in the SANFL's top flight is a nice advantage over other prospects in the same range, and Alleer could be one who improves out of sight at the elite level. There is an element of crystal-balling to his selection though, with plenty to work on.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	8.9 SANFL LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.4 SANFL LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	1.6 SANFL LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	47.2 SANFL LEAGUE 2021

Angus ANDERSON

DOB: 31/12/2003 **HEIGHT:** 188cm **WEIGHT:** 85kg

CLUB/STATE: SWANS ACADEMY / NSW-ACT

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

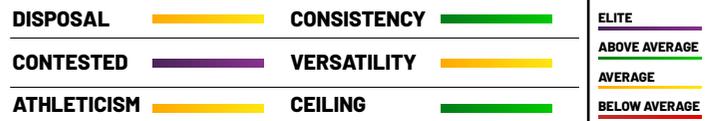
STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED GAME
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + CLEARANCES
- + WORK RATE
- + SIZE

IMPROVEMENTS

- VERSATILITY
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A big-bodied inside midfielder who thrives at the contest with imposing size and clean hands, and runs out games well.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

[PLAYER NEWS](#)



DRAFT PROFILE

Sydney Swans Academy captain Angus Anderson has put his hat in the ring for AFL Draft contention this year, on the back of a journey spanning three states and a wealth of experiences. The inside midfielder also impressed on-field, turning out for the Swans Academy and VFL team, while also earning Allies squad selection. Anderson's contested game and work rate are among the strengths which have helped him stand out among his peers.

Sydney will be delighted that a player of Anderson's standing has come on so strongly, having had intermittent contact with the academy over the years but gained great experience with VFL and NAB League clubs. His work rate is undeniable and as skipper of the Swans Under 19s, Anderson is his club's leading Academy product in 2021. He was the only one to earn a combine invite and could become the latest in a long line of successful graduates somewhere later among the intake.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	3.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	1.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	78 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jamieson BALLANTYNE

DOB: 16/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + OUTSIDE GAME
- + AGILITY
- + COMPOSURE
- + SPREAD
- + VISION

IMPROVEMENTS

- TACKLING
- INSIDE GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A classy wingman who thrives when both manufacturing and operating in space, while running hard and using the ball well on the uptake.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of a number of GWV Rebels who added extra depth to the top-end quality this year, Jamieson Ballantyne provided some great outside run and spread for his team. Playing predominantly off a wing, Ballantyne not only found plenty of the ball in transition, but was able to move it on and usually put it into dangerous areas. His composure and vision with ball-in-hand were noticeable, whilst it is just completing the defensive aspects of his game that could build his overall profile.

Pure outside players are often not high draft picks without being elite distributors. Ballantyne is good without being great in the latter, and it is more his intrinsic qualities such as his composure and vision - the lead-up to the disposal - that make him an impressive draft prospect. It is anticipated he has earned an AFL Draft Combine off the back of his good form, and whilst he does have to work more on his inside game and defensive pressure, offers some nice traits for a club looking for that type of player.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.2 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.9 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	4.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	70 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Sam BANKS

DOB: 02/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 187cm **WEIGHT:** 71kg

CLUB/STATE: TASMANIA DEVILS / TASMANIA

POSITION: DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

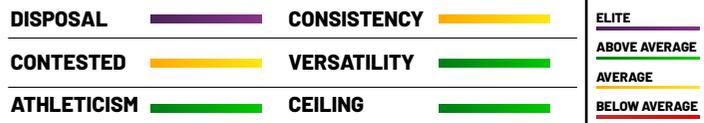
STRENGTHS

- + KICKING
- + DECISION MAKING
- + ATHLETICISM
- + UPSIDE
- + REBOUNDING

IMPROVEMENTS

- INSIDE GAME
- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A smooth-moving half-back who can roll through the midfield, Banks is a great decision maker with pinpoint kicking.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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LINDA HIGGINSON/SOLSTICE DIGITAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Sam Banks has been a highly-touted Tasmanian prospect for a number of years now since winning the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award for the Division 2 carnival at the 2019 AFL Under 16 Championships. Banks was a clear star for the Devils, and whilst the past two years have been tough on the Clarence ball-winner, he is a player who remains capable of being a really damaging asset when given the opportunity. With the right development, Banks is a player who in the future, could defy what is looming as a mid-to-late draft selection.

His strengths - decision making, kicking and athleticism - make him such a damaging prospect with ball-in-hand. Though his question marks - inside game and defensive pressure, amplified by a skinnier frame - are what have him lower down in the AFL Draft pecking order. He has shown enough over the journey to potentially be a bargain pick for a club willing to iron out his areas of improvement and utilise his strengths.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	21.8
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50S	6.0
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	83
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Rhett BAZZO

DOB: 10/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 195cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg

CLUB/STATE: SWAN DISTRICTS / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + READING THE PLAY
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + DISTRIBUTION
- + COMPOSURE
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- REPEAT EFFORTS

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 20 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

A promising swingman who thrives aerially, Bazzo looks most comfortable down back where he can read the play, intercept, and distribute by foot.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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THE SPORTS PHOTO

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the premier tall prospects heading into the year, Rhett Bazzo could well prove a value selection come draft time. The Swan Districts swingman shot to prominence in 2019 after earning All Australian honours at the Under 16 National Championships, before going on to don state colours at Under 18 and 19 level in consecutive years. Able to play at both ends of the ground, the 195cm talent stands up in big games and is a terrific aerial feature.

Bazzo is a player who comes from good pedigree and has been able to test himself against high level opposition throughout his junior career. He stood up on the big stage this year and has some handy tools as a key defender, with the added bonus of being able to swing forward when required. With his aerial ability, versatility, and skills on the ball, clubs may consider him later in the second round and back themselves to extract his promising traits more consistently at the next level.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	10.6 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	3.9 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
INTERCEPTS	3.4 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	51.1 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Cooper BEECKEN

DOB: 24/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 191cm **WEIGHT:** 75kg

CLUB/STATE: GLENELG / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER / WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

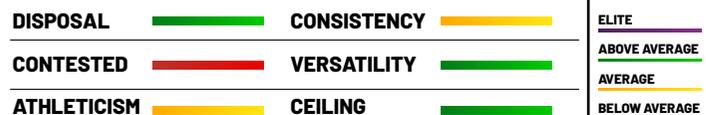
STRENGTHS

- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + FOLLOW-UP WORK
- + DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- + DISPOSAL EFFICIENCY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **LATE**

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

Defensively focused, Beecken stands out with his intercept marking and pressure around the contest, both across half-back and on the wing.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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GLENELG FC

DRAFT PROFILE

Cooper Beecken burst onto the scene at the end of 2020 after an impressive performance in the SANFL Under 17 Futures game, where he was near best on ground playing in defence. The 190cm product was a key fixture for Glenelg's Under 18 team, whose impressive season finished in Grand Final defeat. Beecken was one of his side's better performers in the disappointing loss, finishing with 21 disposals and five marks. After previously playing in defence, Beecken spent significant time on the wing this season, where his ability to intercept and apply himself defensively shone through.

Beecken is a quality interceptor and his work to apply pressure around the contest once the ball hits the deck is impressive. Where he can really unlock his game is with the development of his offensive output – turning efficiency into damage. If Beecken can become more aggressive by foot, it adds another dimension to his game that could really catch the eye at the next level.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.7 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
REBOUND 50s	2.3 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	69.4 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Eric BENNING

DOB: 14/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 85kg

CLUB/STATE: CLAREMONT / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / RUCK

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + FOLLOW-UP WORK
- + UPSIDE

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- RAW

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION LATE

THE BOTTOM LINE

A mobile ruck-forward who has developed quickly over the last year, showing promise with his aerial game and versatility.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

Fremantle's NGA production line rolls on in 2021, with Claremont tall Eric Benning the latest graduate to gain attention. The 18-year-old has shown marked signs of improvement throughout his top-age campaign to become a genuine draft chance. At 196cm, Benning's leap is useful in the ruck but his dynamic athleticism also makes him a threat up forward, with his exciting mix of traits pointing towards enormous upside. He was a key member of Claremont's Colts side and represented WA in 2021, adding to the state's raft of key position options.

While there are improvements to be made for Benning, he remains a strong chance of attracting a bid within the National Draft. If not, Fremantle will essentially get a free hit on him as a rookie. His current size points towards more of a forward-oriented role with rotation through the ruck and if that's the case, Benning will need to hit the scoreboard more often. Given how far he has come in 2021, he has the potential to do so.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	11.2 WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	2.2 WAFL COLTS 2021
INSIDE 50s	17.0 WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	67.8 WAFL COLTS 2021

Will BELLA

DOB: 31/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 98kg

CLUB/STATE: SUNS ACADEMY / QUEENSLAND

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / RUCK

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + STRENGTH
- + BODYWORK
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + SET SHOT GOALKICKING
- + VERTICAL LEAP

IMPROVEMENTS

- MOBILITY
- ENDURANCE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A solidly built tall forward who owns the attacking 50 with his strong frame, clean hands, and booming set shot goalkicking.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

[PLAYER NEWS](#)



RUSSELL FREEMAN/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

Will Bella is the standout tall forward out of the Gold Coast Suns Academy in 2021, presenting as a late option with his readymade frame and forward craft. Hailing from Mackay, Bella has already made the move south and represented the Suns across multiple levels this season, in their NAB League stint and up in the VFL. His power and goalkicking nous draw comparisons to the likes of Jack Darling and Charlie Dixon, who are very much at home inside forward 50.

With Gold Coast essentially selling away its picks in the National Draft, Bella's most likely route to the Suns will come via the rookie intake. Fellow academy members Bodhi Umland and Austin Harris will arguably be in contention before him, but the Suns could always do with some ruck-forward depth and going with a home-grown talent like Bella is a handy option to have at such a cost. He has a readymade physical makeup, but can add more dynamism to his game to be a multifaceted tall forward.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
HITOUTS	9.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	82 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Miller BERGMAN

DOB: 25/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 188cm **WEIGHT:** 65kg

CLUB/STATE: DANDENONG STINGRAYS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + AGILITY
- + OUTSIDE GAME
- + PENETRATING KICK
- + MARKING
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- COMPOSURE
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

One of the most versatile players in the draft crop, offering weapons in his overhead marking and kick penetration on each line.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Miller Bergman is one of the most versatile players in the AFL Draft crop, having played on all three lines from deep in defence, to attack and along a wing as well. Standing at 188cm, Bergman is a good size with nice upside as well, but weighing in at just 65kg at season's start, Bergman is still very lightly framed. This lends itself to an outside game, and his areas of improvement are built around bulking up and also being a little more composed at times under pressure, but his strengths are incredibly eye-catching.

Bergman is a talented mover who can play any outside role on the ground. His foot skills allow him to play in defence and along a wing, with his penetrating kick also doing damage to opposition zones. Throw in his marking - he averaged 4.6 marks per game for the Stingrays - and he can certainly provide a target as well. His set shot goalkicking, whilst not vital for his game, is also reliable and he converted well with a record of 7.1 for the season, and those goals coming in three different games.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.7 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.6 NAB LEAGUE 2021
GOALS	1.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	74 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Isaac BIRT

DOB: 04/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 182cm **WEIGHT:** 71kg

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + ENDURANCE
- + RUN AND CARRY
- + FOOT SKILLS
- + CONTESTED MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- INSIDE GAME
- UNPROVEN VERSATILITY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

Birt is a clean-kicking wingman with some eye-catching traits who threw his name into draft calculations with a strong season at South Adelaide.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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NICK HOOK PHOTOGRAPHY

DRAFT PROFILE

After playing a vital role in South Adelaide's success this season, Strathalbyn's Isaac Birt has emerged as one of the state's best outside-leaning midfielders. In 16 Under 18 matches, Birt averaged 20.6 disposals, 6.8 marks and 5.1 clearances per game, and his match-winning performance against Norwood in Round 10 earned him player of the round honours. Birt willed his team over the line away from home with a dominant final term, finishing the day with 31 disposals, two goals, 11 marks (three contested), five tackles, eight inside 50s and a nine-point victory.

Birt has displayed a range of exciting traits on the wing for South Adelaide this season. He has the capacity to impact games with his speed and clean kicking, particularly going inside 50. Birt is a terrific all-round runner who makes good decisions with ball in hand. He is courageous in the air and a strong overhead mark. Although he hasn't proven himself in another role, Birt has the traits to find a spot at either end of the ground.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	20.6
	<small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	6.8
	<small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	5.1
	<small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	91.1
	<small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Josh BROWNE

DOB: 03/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST FREMANTLE / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ACCUMULATION
- + CONSISTENCY
- + WORK RATE
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + LEADERSHIP

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- HURT FACTOR

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

An ultra consistent midfielder who accumulates mountains of possessions and can hit the scoreboard game in, game out.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

You would be hard pressed to find a more consistent performer at club level than Josh Browne this year, who averaged 32.4 disposals across 14 WAFL Colts games. The East Fremantle and state Under 19 vice-captain is no stranger to racking up plenty of the ball, and did so each week for the Sharks while also hitting the scoreboard. His remarkable season was capped by earning the Jack Clarke Medal as the Colts' fairest and best player in 2021, polling in eight outings including five best afield performances. With leadership quality and obvious ball winning ability, Browne looms as a handy depth option among a midfielder's draft.

Browne's ball winning nous is undeniable. With such a high output throughout the year and clear improvements in targeted areas, he could be one club's trust to continue to iron out his deficiencies in an elite program. If he continues to build his tank and composure, he stands a chance of being a value selection late in the draft.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	32.4 WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	4.0 WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	3.1 WAFL COLTS 2021
DC POINTS	108.5 WAFL COLTS 2021

Jase BURGOYNE

DOB: 15/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: WWT EAGLES / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ACCUMULATION
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + DECISION MAKING
- + POISE
- + KICKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- DURABILITY
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A smooth mover through traffic who always seems to have time and space, Burgoyne is patient with the football and rarely wastes a possession.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

Fresh off winning Eagles' Under 18 best and fairest in 2020, Jase Burgoyne looked primed for a big year. Frustratingly, a knee injury caused him to miss a large chunk of the pre-season and groin troubles slowed his momentum towards the back end of 2021. The son of 240-game player Peter, Burgoyne has nominated to join Port Adelaide as a father-son selection in the upcoming National Draft. At this stage it seems likely that Burgoyne will find his way to the club.

A typically smooth mover through traffic, good decision maker and effective user by foot, Burgoyne projects as a skilful, offensive weapon at AFL level. Likely to operate in his favoured half-back position or along the wing, Burgoyne has the tools to be an effective rebounder, playing a critical role in transitioning from defence to attack. Highly likely to end up at Port Adelaide as a father-son selection, a bid will likely come in the second half of the draft where it is expected the Power will match.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	28.8 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	5.9 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.3 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
DC POINTS	107.1 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Anthony CAMINITI

DOB: 09/12/2003 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTHERN KNIGHTS / VIC METRO

POSITION: KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + MOBILITY
- + LEADING PATTERNS
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- EXPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A mobile tall forward who shot on the scene this season, showcasing sound overhead marking and shrewd leading patterns.

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DRAFT PROFILE

The Northern Knights were stoked to bring Anthony Caminiti into their program this year, and it was easy to see why after his five-goal NAB League debut in May. The athletic key forward slotted into Northern's front six when Carey Grammar had a bye during the APS season, and did enough over both competitions to that point to be a late inclusion in June's Victorian representative trials. With more promising form, he earned a draft combine invite and looms as a tall prospect with high upside among this year's cohort.

In a draft crop dominated by midfielders, clubs may be more willing to take chances on developing tallers a little higher up the order. In Caminiti's case, he'd be an ideal late-round or rookie option given his upside and rate of development, with exciting traits which can be enhanced at the next level. He is mobile and comfortable in possession, adding a bit of dynamism to go with his goalkicking and marking ability.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	11.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	2.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	55 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Judson CLARKE

DOB: 17/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: DANDENONG STINGRAYS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

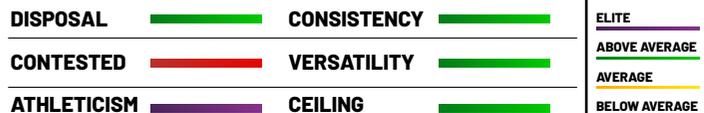
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + AGILITY
- + GOAL SENSE
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + RUN AND CARRY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME
- TACKLING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

One of the quickest players in the draft pool, Clarke is hard to catch once he gets going, and his surge style of play and nous around goal make him a desirable player for the modern game.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

Judson Clarke knows one way – and that is to attack at all costs. Clarke spent most of his time playing NAB League with Dandenong Stingrays and AGSV football with school Yarra Valley Grammar, excelling in both competitions as a dangerous forward who could also roll through the midfield. Clarke shows some comparisons to Carlton’s Zac Fisher as an elusive left-footer and looks set to be taken in a similar draft range to Fisher.

There aren’t many more exciting small forwards in the draft as Judson Clarke with his eye-catching speed and goal sense, and there wouldn’t be many other forwards who better fit the style that modern football is heading in. Clarke’s draft range will be interesting to see and if his game can translate to the elite level, he could be a top notch small forward in the AFL for the next 10 years. He could just as easily make a home on the wing or even off half-back as a rebound defender if a club saw that as an option.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.6
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.6
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	4.2
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	75
	<small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Lukas COOKE

DOB: 26/09/2003 **HEIGHT:** 195cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg

CLUB/STATE: WWT EAGLES / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + MOBILITY
- + LEADING PATTERNS
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + GOALKICKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A mobile forward who thrives aerially with his reach and overhead marking, while also finding the goals consistently.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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ON THE BALL MEDIA

DRAFT PROFILE

Lukas Cooke is a mobile tall forward who really set the SANFL Under 18s competition alight for Woodville-West Torrens in 2021. Showcasing his smarts inside 50, ability to create separation on the lead, clean hands overhead and ability to pull down contested marks, he provides plenty of scoring opportunities. Cooke is a player who could be looked at given his size and while he still has areas to work on such as his defensive pressure and composure, he could represent value later in the draft.

It would not be a shock to see Cooke last until the Rookie Draft depending on where teams rate him, and their needs for a tall. Though given the lack of 195cm-plus talents, Cooke could well be snatched up earlier within the national intake, but it will be a case of whether or not a club rates him as that tall over a hybrid forward, or a more versatile player.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.6 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	5.9 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
GOALS	2.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
DC POINTS	78.9 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Paul CURTIS

DOB: 04/03/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg

CLUB/STATE: WESTERN JETS / VIC METRO

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + SMARTS
- + GOAL SENSE
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + ONE-ON-ONES
- + X-FACTOR

IMPROVEMENTS

- ENDURANCE
- MIDFIELD CRAFT

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A crafty small forward capable of producing match-winning bursts, Curtis brings x-factor and high level smarts to the attacking 50.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

In one of the toughest positions to play, Paul Curtis has made a habit of producing the goods as a lively small forward. The Western Jets product shot onto the radar in 2021 with super spurts of form, proving a difference maker in his side's front half with terrific smarts and goal sense. He is an all-action type of player when the ball is in his area, applying good tackling pressure and getting creative with ball in hand. His form warranted Vic Metro Under 19 selection this year, and Curtis capped his season with NAB League team of the Year honours.

Curtis is one of the more exciting small forwards available in this year's intake, with his ability to impact both on the lead and at ground level offering diverse avenues to goal. He improved as the year wore on and consistently kicked multiple goals, with scope to continue his development and eventually spend more time further afield. He is one who could take great strides in an elite environment.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	12.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	2.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	60 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Youseph DIB

DOB: 25/03/2003 **HEIGHT:** 174cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO

POSITION: SMALL UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + AGILITY
- + TOUGHNESS
- + TACKLING
- + GROUND BALLS

IMPROVEMENTS

- SIZE
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

Dib has proven himself to be one of the more versatile prospects in the 2021 draft pool, playing across all thirds of the ground to a high level.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Collingwood NGA candidate Youseph Dib has performed at every level he's played, even back in the Under 16s championships where he earned himself All-Australian honours. Dib is one of the few 18-year-old prospects to have played at VFL level this year, running out four times for Collingwood, averaging nine disposals and kicking 4.3 playing predominantly as a small forward. On top of such runs on the board as a forward, Dib's performances for the Chargers in the midfield and the backline have also been promising, giving Pies fans plenty to get excited about.

Whilst not being nominated by the Pies, all it means is that Dib has been overlooked for the National Draft. Whilst another club could select him without the Pies matching a bid, no doubt in an ideal world, the Magpies will be able to pick up Dib as a rookie. Though some clubs may be tempted to place a bid in the incredibly even National Draft given his competitiveness, versatility, and athletic attributes.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	52 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Kade DITTMAR

DOB: 14/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 86kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED BALL
- + CLEARANCES
- + AGGRESSION
- + STRENGTH
- + TACKLING

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A bull-like inside ball winner who loves the tough stuff, inflicting damage with his strength and tackling.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

A full season of football has been a long time coming for Kade Dittmar, but that is exactly what he achieved this year. He represented Western Australia at Under 16 level and after spending his fair share of time on the sidelines, repeated the feat as an Under 19 in 2021. While arguably his best football was played at representative level, the 18-year-old also managed to crack the WAFL League and Reserves grades on the back of his bullocking Colts form, and impressed all season with his level of intensity in midfield.

One of the most imposing inside ball winners out of Western Australia, Dittmar can look to add polish to his game and diversify his skillset. His physical approach and aggression around the ball bode well for immediate impact in senior grades, but ironing out his disposal and ability to consistently impact games will be a couple of steps in his development. His hardness may attract suitors late on, or within the rookie intake.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	18.5 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	3.1 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
GOALS	1.0 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
DC POINTS	87.5 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Ryan EYERS

DOB: 22/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 198cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: MURRAY BUSHRANGERS / NSW-ACT

POSITION: RUCK/KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + DEXTERITY
- + FOLLOW-UP WORK
- + UPSIDE
- + ATHLETICISM

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A mobile ruck-forward with good reach who follows up well at ground level with clean hands and great dexterity.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Ryan EYERS is a Murray Bushrangers product developed predominantly as a ruck throughout his junior years, before further building his forward craft this season across eight NAB League outings. Able to play both positions, EYERS is not a high production talent but offers solid follow-up work for a player of his size and can impact both aerially and at ground level. He earned Allies squad selection for the last two years and a draft combine invite in 2021.

Albeit with limited opportunities over the past two years, EYERS is a player who has been able to show his potential in spurts, earning recognition along the way. If looked at towards the latter stages of the draft or as a rookie, it would be for the developmental aspects of his game and the points of difference he brings as a tall prospect. There are plenty of strings he can add to his bow, but the core of a modern day ruck-forward is present.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	8.8 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	2.1 NAB LEAGUE 2021
HITOUTS	6.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
DC POINTS	37 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Morgan FERRES

DOB: 13/03/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg

CLUB/STATE: STURT / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM-TALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ENDURANCE
- + WORK RATE
- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + ATHLETICISM

IMPROVEMENTS

- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A hard working, endurance-based forward who might be undersized at 190cm, but he is a strong contested mark with good athletic capabilities.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Morgan Ferres is a player who had two of the most dominant Under 18s performances of the season for Sturt, booting a mind-boggling 13.8 in those games, also averaging 17.5 disposals, 9.5 marks in two big wins. He went up to Reserves level where he found the going a little tougher, averaging a goal a game, but nonetheless his work rate and athleticism were still adaptable against senior bodies. He is far from the finished product with some areas to clean up, but overall Ferres presents as a player whom clubs might take a chance on later in the draft.

Ferres is a medium-tall forward who plays that tall role despite standing at 190cm. His two performances at Under 18s level were out of this world, and he was still a solid contributor for his age at Reserves level. Whilst he is far from the complete package, ironing out some inconsistencies and areas to improve, he is one who might be picked up late in the draft, or perhaps as a rookie with a long-term view on his scope as a player.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	9.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
GOALS	6.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
DC POINTS	125 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Harrison GRINTELL

DOB: 04/11/2002 **HEIGHT:** 175cm **WEIGHT:** 71kg

CLUB/STATE: GIANTS ACADEMY / NSW-ACT

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + WORK RATE
- + REPEAT EFFORTS
- + TACKLING PRESSURE
- + FINISHING
- + EVASION

IMPROVEMENTS

- ACCUMULATION
- DISPOSAL CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A zippy small prospect with sound evasive technique who can hit the scoreboard and enjoys applying tackling pressure.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of just a handful of Draft Combine invitees from NSW-ACT this year, Harrison Grintell is another academy option for Greater Western Sydney (GWS) to consider. The 175cm small forward offers traits expected of his role; with enough speed and agility to prove elusive with ball in hand, combined with his smothering pressure and hunger for tackles. The 2002-born talent represented the Giants in the NAB League and VFL throughout 2021, consistently hitting the scoreboard and showcasing his work rate in one of the toughest positions to play.

Grintell's work rate and development as a small forward may garner attention from other clubs later in the draft, but he would be a handy rookie addition for GWS should he slide through. With one more year under his belt than most budding draftees, Grintell has shown glimpses at across multiple levels and is a promising type.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	2.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	4.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	62 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Cooper HAMILTON

DOB: 24/09/2003 **HEIGHT:** 184cm **WEIGHT:** 83kg

CLUB/STATE: BENDIGO PIONEERS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ENDURANCE
- + CONTESTED BALL
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + KICKING
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- ACCUMULATION
- SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A hardened ball winner with clean hands, penetrative kicking and elite running capacity, Hamilton brings a bit of grunt to each passage of play.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Cooper Hamilton made up half of one of the stories of 2019, making his NAB League debut at 15-years-old alongside twin brother, Hugh. It came after he secured Under 16 All Australian honours, and he has since represented the AFL Academy, before earning a spot in the 2021 APS Football Merit team with Caulfield Grammar. Hamilton's elite running capacity is arguably his greatest strength, and was showcased at this year's draft combine as he finished the 2km time trial in 5:48 - the second-fastest time ever registered at the yearly testing events.

Having garnered attention throughout the pathways, Hamilton did not quite reach the heights he perhaps would have liked as a top-ager, but still has plenty of handy assets as a footballer. He has mixed it with some of the best in his representative duties and will know what it takes to be elite. With such an elite weapon as his endurance, he stands a chance of being picked up late or within the rookie intake.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	1.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	4.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
DC POINTS	45 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Austin HARRIS

DOB: 30/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 178cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: SUNS ACADEMY / QUEENSLAND

POSITION: SMALL UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

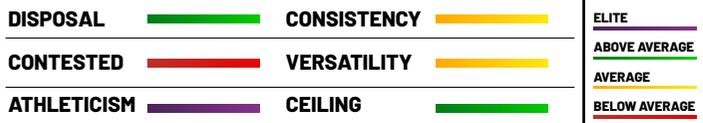
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + AGILITY
- + KICKING
- + REBOUNDING
- + FLAIR

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED WORK
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A dashing outside player who adds a touch of flair with each possession and offers useful variety in his kicking.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Arguably the most well known prospect tied to Gold Coast's Academy this year, Austin Harris is an eye-catching type. He shot onto the scene during 2019's Under 16 National Championships, earning All Australian honours as Queensland's Most Valuable Player (MVP) in Division 2. Since then, the 178cm talent has played on all three lines across multiple competitions; plying his trade for the Suns Academy and VFL side, the AFL Academy, and Broadbeach in the QAFL throughout an injury-interrupted 2021.

Gold Coast's draft and list concessions will carry on into this year's draft intake and gives a prospect like Harris a great chance of landing on the senior list at no cost. Given his experience as an AFL Academy member and state representative, he is arguably in the box seat to be pre-listed via the academy, but would also be a handy rookie addition. In an elite environment, filling out his frame and becoming more consistent will allow his more flashy traits to shine.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	21.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
REBOUND 50S	6.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	81 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Brady HOUGH

DOB: 05/03/2003 **HEIGHT:** 189cm **WEIGHT:** 71kg

CLUB/STATE: PEEL THUNDER / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + WORK RATE
- + DISPOSAL
- + POISE
- + UPSIDE

IMPROVEMENTS

- EXPOSURE
- MIDFIELD CRAFT

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 35 - 50

THE BOTTOM LINE

A versatile prospect who makes poised decisions with ball in hand, Hough is one of this year's biggest draft bolters.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Brady Hough has come a long way in the space of a year, rapidly rising to become Peel Thunder's top prospect and a surprise bolter among the West Australian hopefuls. Having shown promising form at Colts level, the 18-year-old earned state Under 19 selection and even cracked the League grade in his final WAFL outing for the year, taking to the level like a duck to water with 22 disposals, nine marks and a goal. With the versatility to play on flanks at both ends of the ground or on either side of midfield, Hough catches the eye with his class on the ball and work rate off it.

Hough has shot into draft contention and has plenty of traits which recruiters love. His exposed form over a full season of football and exposure to higher levels of competition should work in his favour, as well as his versatility. He looks most likely to attract interest in the third round, but could sneak a little higher up the order given his range of pros.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	22.1
	WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	5.2
	WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	3.4
	WAFL COLTS 2021
RMC POINTS	94
	WAFL COLTS 2021

Hugh JACKSON

DOB: 03/05/2003 **HEIGHT:** 181cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + GROUND BALLS
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + STOPPAGE CRAFT
- + ACCUMULATION
- + CONSISTENCY

IMPROVEMENTS

- LEFT FOOT DOMINANT
- VERSATILITY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A natural accumulator of the football, Jackson wins possession both inside and outside the contest and consistently distributes to teammates in space.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

Hugh Jackson was the premier ball winner in the SANFL U18s competition this year, averaging 34 disposals across his first 11 games, before a quieter end to the year saw his season average drop a fraction below 30 per game. He collected a season-best 41 disposals in Round 6 against eventual premier Woodville-West Torrens, only to match it just three weeks later with another 41 possessions and 12 clearances, in a best on ground display. His early season form was rewarded with selection in South Australia's Under 19s squad where he has featured in representative games against Western Australia and the Allies.

Jackson's finish to the season didn't reach the same heights as his early performances, with a role change, increased level of competition and extra attention from opponents all factors in his dip in form. Still a ball magnet when given opportunities through the midfield, Jackson will draw interest from AFL clubs, likely in the latter rounds of the National Draft or as a Rookie selection.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	29.3 SANFL U18S 2021
MARKS	5.6 SANFL U18S 2021
CLEARANCES	4.8 SANFL U18S 2021
RMC POINTS	107.7 SANFL U18S 2021

Tyreece LEIU

DOB: 13/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 194cm **WEIGHT:** 93kg

CLUB/STATE: EASTERN RANGES / VIC METRO

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

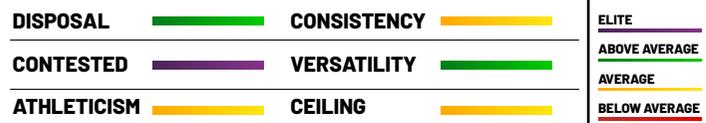
STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + SIZE
- + MARKING
- + READING THE PLAY
- + CONTESTED BALL

IMPROVEMENTS

- DURABILITY
- EXPLOSIVE SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong-bodied inside midfielder capable of providing marking presence at either end of the ground, with sound reading of the play and clean hands.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Tyreece Leiu started season 2021 at the centre bounces, rotating forward as usual before finding an unlikely home in defence, where his intercept ability was unearthed. With all three lines covered across his junior career, the big bodied 18-year-old is a versatile talent who provides strength at the contest and has adjusted well to different roles thus far. Having been part of Vic Metro's undefeated Under 16 side, he was set to done the Big V again this year but missed due to injury.

Coming into the year, Leiu was expected to be a handy point of difference in Eastern's midfield, feeding the classy movers to the outer. Having done some nice things up forward before finding a home in defence, he has gone on to prove his versatility and find new ways to impact games. Which role suits him best in the eye of recruiters may impact his draft range, but he would be a handy pick in the third or fourth rounds.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50S	3.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	87 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Shay LINKE

DOB: 08/05/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: CENTRAL DISTRICT / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: FORWARD / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ENDURANCE
- + LEADING PATTERNS
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + WORK RATE

IMPROVEMENTS

- EXPLOSIVENESS
- IMPACT BY FOOT

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong runner with a great endurance base, Linke outworks his opponents and uses his size to mark and accumulate possessions between the 50 metre arcs.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

Shay Linke has risen through the ranks at Central District this year, playing all three grades and notching six games of SANFL League. Linke drew interest at the end of the 2020 season with a strong performance in the SANFL Futures game and carried that momentum into 2021, where he dominated the first three weeks of the U18 competition. His 27.7 disposals and 10 marks a game earned him the Round 2 Player of the Week and a call up to Central's Reserves side. After a month of solid reserves football, Linke earned himself a SANFL League debut against West Adelaide, which resulted in just the third win for the Dogs in 2021.

Linke's size and endurance are very much desirable traits and that combined with his overall work rate and aerial capability, form an intriguing skillset. He could potentially draw interest towards the back end of the National Draft or as a Rookie selection. If he doesn't find a home at an AFL club in 2022, Linke is well placed to play some consistent SANFL League football.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.5 SANFL RESERVES 2021
MARKS	3.7 SANFL RESERVES 2021
TACKLES	5.0 SANFL RESERVES 2021
TACKLES	72.6 SANFL RESERVES 2021

Kai LOHMANN

DOB: 06/05/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

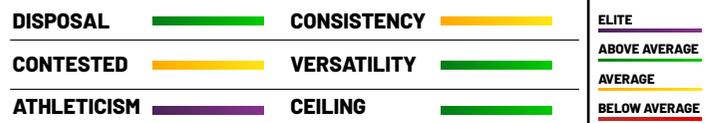
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + EVASION
- + MARKING
- + ATHLETICISM
- + CLEAN HANDS

IMPROVEMENTS

- ACCUMULATION
- OFF-BALL WORK

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

An elite athlete who has a combination of speed, evasion and vertical leap, making him a damaging forward who is clean overhead and can also get things done at ground level.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Kai Lohmann is an exciting talent out of the Greater Western Victoria (GWV) Rebels who has come on in leaps and bounds this year. The athletic talent can do some serious damage with ball in hand, and is clean in the air and at the coalface. He does have areas to improve such as his off-ball work and accumulation, but his overall potential is quite high and could be one of the bolters in the draft.

Lohmann is tipped to go mid-draft, with some clubs viewing the Rebels speedster as a second round option. He has plenty of upside, and his athletic traits and ability to make things happen - particularly through evasion - are what sets him aside from some others. He does have areas to improve on, but he made noticeable strides in 2021, and is someone, who, with the right environment, could flourish and be a value selection in the future.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	14.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	63 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Ned LONG

DOB: 05/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 192cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTHERN KNIGHTS / VIC METRO

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + ENDURANCE
- + BODYWORK
- + TACKLING
- + SMARTS

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong-bodied midfielder with great endurance who also loves a goal, Long was one of the most damaging players in the NAB League before injury cut his season short.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Ned Long is a tall and strong midfielder who uses his size to advantage in the midfield and up forward, while also proving hard to stop around the ground with his powerful running. Injury cut his year unfortunately short right before he could represent Vic Metro and help enhance his draft stocks like teammate Josh Ward was able to. Sharing comparisons to Josh Dunkley and Kyle Langford in terms of size and ability to play midfield and forward, it is that exact aptitude forward of centre that is his staking point compared to other taller midfielders.

Long is a tough player to rate as he has plenty of AFL level traits with his endurance, size and smarts. His scope for development is slimmer and there are queries on his speed and kicking, along with the injury concern this year which could see him go later than his form would suggest. A team that needs more taller midfielders could do with a player like Long and with his frame and endurance, he could still feature playing AFL games in 2022.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	22.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
TACKLES	5.7 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	96 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Connor MACDONALD

DOB: 13/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 184cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg

CLUB/STATE: DANDENONG STINGRAYS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

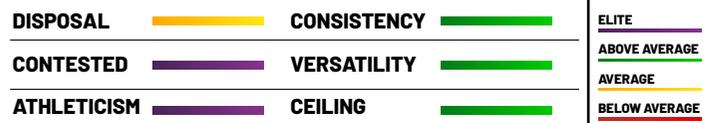
STRENGTHS

- + ACCELERATION
- + ACCUMULATION
- + INSIDE GAME
- + ATHLETICISM
- + STOPPAGE POSITIONING

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- FINISHING

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

A accumulation inside ball-winner who produced an outstanding season for the Stingrays, able to catch the eye with his stoppage work and athleticism, as well as defensive pressure.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Connor Macdonald is an inside midfielder with a speedy burst out of congestion and some nice all-round athleticism. With some terrific inside skills, as well as his decision making generally being on-point, it is more about ironing out Macdonald's kicking and finishing execution than anything else. With the Dandenong Stingrays this year he picked up no less than 24 disposals from his four games, including two matches of 30-plus disposals in what was an outstanding showing of consistency.

Macdonald is an accumulating inside midfielder who has a nice blend of offensive and defensive traits. At his best, Macdonald is a run and carry player who can pump the ball inside 50 and be a valuable option in transition. His kicking and finishing execution, or finesse if you like, could definitely be ironed out, but from a big picture perspective, the Stingrays midfielder has enough about him to suggest to clubs he can improve and be a potent threat on offence.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	29.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	6.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	7.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	121 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Charlie MOLAN

DOB: 23/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 187cm **WEIGHT:** 86kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + WORK RATE
- + VERSATILITY
- + CONSISTENCY
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + DEFENSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- HURT FACTOR
- EXPLOSIVE SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 30 - 60

THE BOTTOM LINE

Arguably the most well-balanced player in terms of footballing traits, Molan puts out consistent four-quarter efforts and can play anywhere on the field making him the most versatile player going around.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Charlie Molan is a coach's dream. The Greater Western Victoria (GWV) Rebels utility is the ultimate team player and one of the most guaranteed locks for playing a role his side needs. His defensive accountability, work rate and versatility make him perfect as that plug-and-play type who can go in any position on the field, and make few mistakes. He might not be the most flashy player and create those memorable offensive moments that everyone can relate to, but if you want a player that gives 100 per cent effort each and every game, and rarely makes a massive blue, then Molan is that player.

He might not bear the elite explosive traits of some others, but for sheer consistency and few flaws, Molan is a far safer draft prospect than a lot of others, and expect a club to take a chance on him. He would undoubtedly impress clubs through the interview stage, and could easily be a leader in the future, and willing to take on any role that is thrust upon him at any level.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.9 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	4.1 NAB LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	3.3 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	66 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Andy MONIZ-WAKEFIELD

DOB: 26/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 73kg

CLUB/STATE: NIGHTCLIFF / NORTHERN TERRITORY

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + EVASION
- + AGILITY
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + SHORT KICKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- ENDURANCE
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A lively ball winner with clean hands and crafty evasive skills, who can also make an impact around goal.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

One of the Northern Territory's brightest prospects this year is Andy Moniz-Wakefield, who is also tied to Melbourne's Next Generation Academy (NGA). He was a key member in the NT Thunder Academy's midfield during a two-game NAB League stint this year, and also turned out for an improvised Allies team before his South Australian draft combine dig. With slippery work around the ball and the ability to kick goals, Moniz-Wakefield adds a bit of spark to the play.

With one of Melbourne's NGA products set to go within round one, the Demons have the opportunity to take one of their own in Moniz-Wakefield, should they see fit. He would most likely attract interest with a late selection and if not nominated by Melbourne, may also be a rookie option. There are some very handy natural footballing elements to Moniz-Wakefield's game but also plenty to improve on, making him a developmental type.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	23.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	2.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Cooper MURLEY

DOB: 20/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 178cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: NORWOOD / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

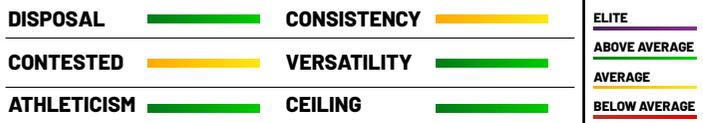
STRENGTHS

- + PRODUCTION
- + SPEED
- + ENDURANCE
- + SKILLS
- + CLASS

IMPROVEMENTS

- SIZE
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 50

THE BOTTOM LINE

Murley is a speedy, attacking-minded midfielder who can win his own ball and use his athletic traits to damaging effect on the outside. He runs all day, uses the ball efficiently and can also fill a role up forward.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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ON THE BALL MEDIA

DRAFT PROFILE

Cooper Murley captured the attention of AFL recruiters last season after producing a stunning bottom-age year in Norwood's premiership-winning Under 18s side. This season, the AFL Academy member was forced to overcome an ankle injury in April, before playing four Reserves games with the Redlegs, where he averaged 12 disposals and three marks. Upon returning to the Under 18 set-up, he reminded onlookers of his high-end talent and class. Murley's season was unfortunately cut short when he sustained a broken collarbone in the opening minute of the Redlegs' Round 13 clash with the Panthers, effectively ending his season prematurely.

Murley's 2021 campaign didn't quite go to plan, with ankle and collarbone injuries denying him of the chance to push into first round calculations. However, recruiters will not have forgotten the AFL-quality traits he so frequently displayed throughout 2020.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	28.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	6.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	4.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	116 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Mitch OWENS

DOB: 24/09/2003 **HEIGHT:** 190cm **WEIGHT:** 85kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: WING / UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + COURAGE
- + TWO-WAY EFFORT
- + EXPLOSIVENESS

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- EXPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 15 - 30

THE BOTTOM LINE

A fast-developing utility with explosive athletic traits who puts in a shift running both ways, and catches the eye with gutsy aerial efforts.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of a couple of St Kilda NGA prospects pushing for Top 30 contention is Mitch Owens, a rising talent out of the Sandringham Dragons. His aerial work is impressive at 190cm and his gutsiness overhead translates to similarly relentless defensive effort. Owens was a late call-up to this year's Vic Metro vs. Vic Country Under 19 Challenge match and took full toll, collecting 29 disposals and seven marks in a breakout performance.

Owens has proven a real surprise packet this year as one of the biggest improvers among the overall draft pool. His exciting traits are blended with terrific work rate and a desire to compete, which is a mix recruiters are sure to love. Speaking of, some have suggested he could come into consideration within the first round, which would see St Kilda unable to match a bid for him under the new NGA rules. It will prove a tight call, though Owens' value arguably sits a little further down the order. The Saints will surely match if given the opportunity, likely in the second round.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	18.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.2 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	71 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>



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Blayne O'LOUGHLIN

DOB: 11/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 171cm **WEIGHT:** 74kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: SMALL DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + PRODUCTION
- + KICKING
- + DECISION MAKING
- + CONSISTENCY
- + REBOUNDING

IMPROVEMENTS

- SIZE
- DEFENSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A consistent small defender of terrific footballing pedigree, O'Loughlin provides excellent rebound off half-back with clean skills and sound decision making.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

Blayne O'Loughlin is a crafty small defender who has been one of the most consistent performers in the SANFL Under 18 competition across the past two seasons. The nephew of Sydney Swans champion Michael, O'Loughlin is eligible to join the Adelaide Crows as a member of the club's NGA, however was recently overlooked by the Crows as a National Draft nomination. O'Loughlin impressed last season with the Roosters as a bottom-ager, finishing fourth in the McCallum-Tomkins Medal count. His strong form and consistency continued into 2021, averaging 35 disposals in the opening three Under 18 matches to earn a promotion to the Reserves side.

He has impressed with the Roosters, displaying terrific consistency, production and high levels of skill and smarts. O'Loughlin can be trusted to make intelligent decisions with ball in hand and boasts a number of important traits as an attacking-minded defender.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	28.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
REBOUND 50S	5.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	102.7 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Lochlan PATON

DOB: 18/11/2003 **HEIGHT:** 182cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: WEST PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: FORWARD / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + WORK RATE
- + DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- + TOUGHNESS
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A tough yet clean ball winner who works hard defensively, and has transitioned well into a pressure forward role from his usual midfield post.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

Delivering on the representative stage is something which often propels draft prospects, and deliver is exactly what Lochlan Paton did when his moment arose. He capped his top-age season in style with a match-winning goal for Western Australia, two years after his promising Under 16 campaign was disrupted by injury. The West Perth product has transitioned from a tough midfielder to a hard running half-forward in 2021, earning plaudits for the way his defensive appetite and work rate have translated to the new role.

Paton is a player who competes well and has some handy footballing traits. While it took some time for him to find his feet, he took on the challenge of diversifying his skillset in terms of his on-field role and ended the season strongly to help his chances of garnering attention either late in the National Draft or as a rookie. With the crop so even in that range, a club which values his work rate and mix of strengths may take the chance.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	20.2 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	4.2 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
TACKLES	4.9 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
DC POINTS	88.7 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Corey PRESTON

DOB: 18/12/2002 **HEIGHT:** 181cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: EASTERN RANGES / VIC METRO

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + KICKING
- + DECISION MAKING
- + VERSATILITY
- + ATHLETICISM
- + POSITIONING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

Arguably the most impressive 19-year-old out of Victoria, Preston uses the ball cleanly in all thirds of the ground and makes good decisions to get his teammates involved in the game.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Having earned a surprise draft combine invite in 2020 despite the absence of a regular NAB League season, Corey Preston came back in 2021 and showed people exactly why he was given that opportunity with such limited exposure. Representing Vic Metro, Eastern Ranges and Footscray VFL in 2021, Preston has shown off his versatility and clean kicking skills at all levels of competition, proving capable of kicking goals up forward or being a damaging rebounder out of the backline.

Having proven unlucky not to be afforded the opportunity to prove his worth last year, Preston has come back in 2021 and justified the attention he received. He is rated highly internally by the Eastern Ranges and has the qualities to be an effective player in multiple roles at the next level. The extra year of experience has treated Preston well and as one of the better performed 19-year-olds in Victoria, he stands a chance of tempting a club late in this year's intake.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	1.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	67 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Lachlan RANKIN

DOB: 05/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 182cm **WEIGHT:** 68kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

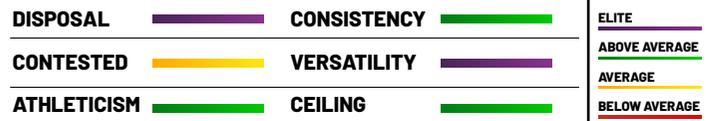
STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + KICKING
- + VERSATILITY
- + SMARTS
- + EVASION

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- INSIDE GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 35 - 60

THE BOTTOM LINE

A versatile prospect with high-level smarts and evasion, Rankin showcases clean skills in every third of the ground.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

A mainstay throughout the elite talent pathway, Lachlan Rankin has picked up plenty of representative honours along his junior footballing career. The versatile Oakleigh Chargers product was part of Vic Metro's Under 16s and 19s campaigns, while also earning a late call-up to the AFL Academy squad in April and being named in the 2021 APS Football Merit Team. The 18-year-old's clean hands and skills are indicative of his pure footballing talent, backed by clever evasive technique and a terrific sense of surrounding.

As far as natural footballers go, Rankin is one of the cleverest and most efficient in this year's crop. He works hard and makes things happen in possession with quick thinking, factors which also suit the pace of the modern game. Given his accolades and glimpses of class this year, he could well rank around the second round for some clubs, but will likely offer great value a little later on.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	11.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	1.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	56 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Lewis RAYSON

DOB: 14/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 69kg

CLUB/STATE: GLENELG / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

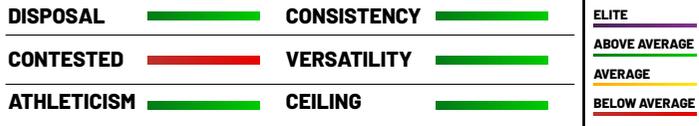
STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + VERSATILITY
- + LEADERSHIP

IMPROVEMENTS

- MIDFIELD CRAFT
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 30 - 50

THE BOTTOM LINE

Rayson is a dashing half-back who turns defence into attack through line-breaking run and carry and penetrating kicking. A capable intercept mark, he has also shown promise through the midfield.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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DRAFT PROFILE

Lewis Rayson produced a strong season for Glenelg's Under 18s and performed admirably for South Australia to solidify himself as one of his state's best half-back prospects. Regarded for his line-breaking speed and penetrating foot skills, Rayson was a key pillar in the success of the Tigers' Under 18s this season, who claimed the minor premiership before falling to Woodville-West Torrens in the decider.

A well-rounded prospect with few glaring weaknesses, Rayson's versatility has seen him play as a half-back who can quickly turn defence-into-attack, a wingman who can cut through opposition lines with a penetrating kick and as a dynamic inside midfielder who has provided something different to the on-ball rotation at both club and state level. Whilst clubs will need to add some size to his frame, Rayson's strong athleticism, neat skills and handy versatility should see him come into consideration during the second round of the national draft.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	26.7 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	6.6 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
INSIDE 50S	4.7 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	103.4 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Ethan REGAN

DOB: 09/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 191cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MEDIUM-TALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

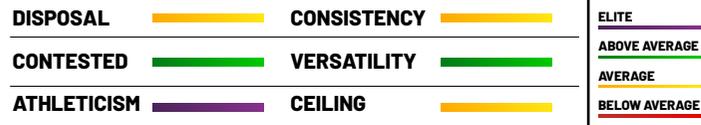
STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + IMPACT-PER-POSSESSION
- + UPSIDE

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- PRODUCTION

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

An explosive tall athlete who impacts both aerially and at ground level, Regan is the ideal forward link-up player.

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MARK BRAKE/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the many exciting Next Generation Academy (NGA) products out of Western Australia this year is Ethan Regan, tied to the West Coast Eagles' pathway program. At 191cm, he offers dynamism in spades with explosive athletic traits and the versatility to play a range of roles. He burst onto the scene this season after an injury interrupted bottom-age campaign, producing exciting moments for East Perth and WA's Under 19 side as a high half-forward. With some eye-catching traits and plenty more to develop, Regan is a long-term prospect with considerable upside.

Regan could be placed onto the Eagles' Category B rookie list if no bids come within the National Draft. Should that be the case, he could repay the West Australian side in a massive way as essentially a free hit. His high ceiling and athletic profile will likely have intrigued other club recruiters though, and the back-end of the draft is incredibly even, so a bid may come into play.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	12.3 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	4.4 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
TACKLES	2.4 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
DC POINTS	58.6 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Josh RENTSCH

DOB: 14/09/2003 **HEIGHT:** 197cm **WEIGHT:** 100kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / RUCK

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + ONE-ON-ONES
- + STRENGTH
- + LEADERSHIP
- + AGGRESSION

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- GROUND LEVEL WORK

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A powerful key forward who dominates aerially with his strength, but also shows his leadership quality with unselfish play inside 50.

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DRAFT PROFILE

Josh Rentsch is this year's version of the monster key forward who is simply too big and too strong for his opponents at junior level. Sizing up at 197cm and 100kg, Rentsch is a player who caused all sorts of headaches for the opposition defences trying to contain him. Being one of the strongest contested marks in the latest AFL Draft crop, Rentsch can pull down grabs with or without contact, and usually has the ability to ragdoll his opponents. Naturally, Rentsch lacks athleticism given his size, and at times his set shot consistency can be an issue, which makes him more of a late-to-rookie selection.

Josh Rentsch is not too dissimilar to Charlie Dixon in the way he presents and with his strengths and areas of improvement. He can clunk massive contested marks, and work over opponents in one-on-one contests, and gets plenty of looks on goal. Any team looking for a readymade key forward who is a natural leader, will consider Rentsch.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	12.4 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
GOALS	1.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	66 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jai SERONG

DOB: 16/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 192cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg

CLUB/STATE: GIPPSLAND POWER / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: TALL UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

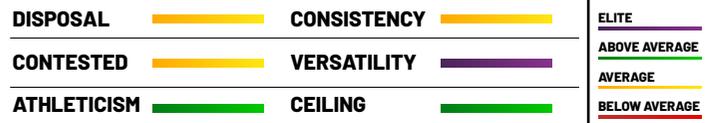
STRENGTHS

- + MARKING
- + UPSIDE
- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A skinny tall with plenty of upside, Serong shows great ability overhead but also some nice traits at ground level having played in most positions this year, showing his versatility in each third of the ground.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

It is hard to believe that Jai Serong is the brother of Fremantle rising star Caleb Serong, with both sharing very different looks and playing styles; Caleb being the shorter and stockier midfielder, whereas Jai is a taller and lankier key position player. However, they do show some similarities in their leaps and overhead marking, along with their clean hands at ground level which is what has seen Jai spend time in the midfield despite his size.

Serong is certainly a player with upside given his light frame and adaptability, and could be a long burn for a club who takes him as the risk would likely pay benefits. Serong's frame and untapped potential should appeal to clubs who could mould him into anything at the next level, whether that's as a third tall forward or defender, or a taller midfielder with clean hands at stoppages. Although he is no guarantee to get drafted this year, there are promising signs he could become a dynamic player for the future.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	16.7 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	3.9 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	66 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Angus SHELDRIK

DOB: 07/11/2003 **HEIGHT:** 179cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg

CLUB/STATE: CLAREMONT / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED BALL
- + STRENGTH
- + WORK RATE
- + TOUGHNESS
- + CONSISTENCY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY
- ATHLETICISM

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong inside bull who bustles through congestion, and provides consistent ball winning output through sheer will and determination.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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MARK BRAKE/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

Angus Sheldrick has played himself into top 30 contention on the back of a remarkably consistent body of work. The Claremont product and Christ Church Grammar skipper had an early finish to his 2020 campaign, but has shown marked resilience and a strong rate of development in 2021 through his desire to work and improve. He is a player who hardly has a bad outing and can be turned to in the trenches, producing game-winning efforts by making the best of what he has.

There is much to be said about a player who consistently gets the job done and can be relied upon in tough spots. Sheldrick has proven reliable across multiple levels this season to greatly boost his draft stocks. Having forced his way into Western Australia's starting midfield, Sheldrick made every post a winner in 2021 and his attitude was top notch along the way. Clubs will love his readymade traits and work ethic, with enough still to develop.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	25.8 WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	3.2 WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	4.1 WAFL COLTS 2021
RMC POINTS	101.9 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Hamish SINNOTT

DOB: 25/11/2003 **HEIGHT:** 186cm **WEIGHT:** 67kg

CLUB/STATE: GWV REBELS / VIC COUNTRY

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER / WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + AERIAL SMARTS
- + POSITIONING
- + RUN AND CARRY
- + SPEED
- + ENDURANCE

IMPROVEMENTS

- DURABILITY
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A raw outside type with good running capacity and evasive skills, Sinnott is a prospect who gets play moving in transition.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Hamish Sinnott is a lightly-built hard-working runner out of Camperdown for the Greater Western Victoria (GWV) Rebels. The medium defender/wingman is an outside ball user who is quite raw in terms of his overall AFL Draft profile, but is a late-birth (November 25) who should he get picked up in the National Draft, would be celebrating his 18th birthday. He is clean overhead and works hard around the ground, playing in a very aggressively running manner. Whilst more of a rookie type, Sinnott does have some nice speed and endurance which helps him impact contests, and provide options around the ground.

Sinnott is still a raw prospect with plenty to improve on, but he does catch the eye with his ability to evade opponents and aggressively try and keep the ball moving in transition. Still a very light prospect who has areas to iron out, Sinnott works hard, and has a good balance of athleticism and endurance and it will hold him in good stead for the future.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.4 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50S	2.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	47 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Baker SMITH

DOB: 26/08/2003 **HEIGHT:** 194cm **WEIGHT:** 81kg

CLUB/STATE: TASMANIA DEVILS / TASMANIA

POSITION: TALL DEFENDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

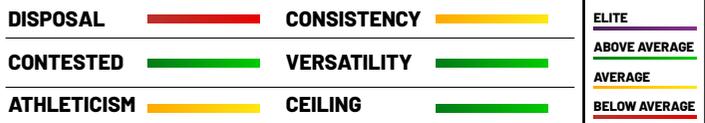
STRENGTHS

- + AERIAL ABILITY
- + GROUND BALLS
- + VERSATILITY
- + DEFENSIVE SMARTS
- + REBOUNDING

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong tall defender who is as impressive in the air as he is at ground level, and is more than capable of nullifying an opponent on any given day.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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RUSSELL FREEMAN/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

Baker Smith is a Tasmanian defender who is capable of going forward on occasions, and is the leading tall prospect on the Apple Isle. From a defensive standpoint, Smith has plenty to like, with his aerial ability, as well as his second efforts and hard ball wins eye-catching. If he adds more strength to his frame and is able to reduce his liability by foot, Smith is a player with potential.

Smith is more of a rookie prospect at this stage, though it would not be an entirely surprising feat to find a club take a chance late in the AFL National Draft. His kicking does need work, and he does need to add more kilograms to his frame, but his off-ball work and defensive accountability when in marking contests will attract his fair share of suitors. He has the ability to win the ball in multiple ways, and could grow into his role at half-back, potentially playing more of a lockdown key defender role to suit those strengths one-on-one.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	11.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	3.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
REBOUND 50S	2.9 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	42 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Jake SOLIGO

DOB: 25/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 179cm **WEIGHT:** 80kg

CLUB/STATE: EASTERN RANGES / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

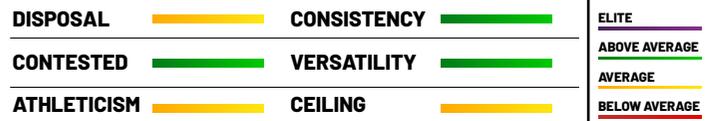
STRENGTHS

- + WORK RATE
- + ACCUMULATION
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + AGILITY
- + KICK PENETRATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY
- HURT FACTOR

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A hard working and agile ball winner who racks up plenty of possessions and can also pinch hit up forward.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of Eastern's standout prospects throughout the pathways, Jake Soligo formed a promising midfield partnership with fellow Ranges Tyler Sonsie and Tyreece Leiu from Under 16s to 19s at NAB League and representative levels. As one of the region's leaders in 2021, the small midfielder-forward stood tall with his two-way work rate and quick skills around the contest. He recently took out the Pennington Medal as Eastern's best and fairest, capping a top-age campaign where he featured in the Big V once more, and at VFL level for Richmond.

In a draft stacked with midfield depth, Soligo will hope he has done enough to attract some interest after the first couple of rounds. Clubs will likely value his work rate and smarts at the contest, with hopes of enhancing his disposal and benefitting from his character. Having waxed with top talent and progressed through high levels in the pathway, Soligo stands in good stead.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	22.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	6.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	6.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	89 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Will SPLANN

DOB: 25/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 195cm **WEIGHT:** 90kg

CLUB/STATE: TASMANIA DEVILS / TASMANIA

POSITION: KEY FORWARD / DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + MARKING
- + STRENGTH
- + VERSATILITY
- + POSITIONING
- + LEADING PATTERNS

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- ATHLETICISM

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong marking target who has found form at either end of the ground and plays an uncomplicated style of game.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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LINDA HIGGINSON/SOLSTICE DIGITAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Will Splann is a tall forward who showed some nice strengths in 2021 to put his name on the radar of AFL clubs with his NAB League Boys season. Standing at 195cm and 90kg, the key position utility is a player who has an uncomplicated way of playing football, particularly when up forward. He is clever when inside 50, able to find the space to lead into, and clunk marks with his clean hands. Splann is still finding his consistency within games and from game-to-game, as well as lacking that athleticism which would see him considered much higher given his other traits.

Splann is definitely more of a rookie prospect with areas of improvement that like many key position players will see him lower on the boards, but he has shown enough to suggest he has the ability to translate it at a more senior level. The tall North Hobart player is one of only a few key position prospects on the eastern side of the country.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	8.5 NAB LEAGUE 2021
MARKS	3.8 NAB LEAGUE 2021
INSIDE 50s	2.0 NAB LEAGUE 2021
RMC POINTS	43 NAB LEAGUE 2021

Hugh STAGG

DOB: 11/04/2003 **HEIGHT:** 180cm **WEIGHT:** 79kg

CLUB/STATE: GLENELG / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED BALL
- + STRENGTH
- + POWER
- + EXPLOSIVENESS
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

Stagg is a strongly-build inside bull who catches the eye with his raw power and explosiveness, and is also a noted goalkicker when used across half-forward.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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GLENELG FC

DRAFT PROFILE

Hugh Stagg enjoyed a wonderful 2021 season at club level, leading the Glenelg Under 18s to the minor premiership before falling short in the Grand Final. Stagg proved vital to the Tigers' engine room dominance throughout the season, with his brute strength and explosiveness adding a point of difference to the on-ball rotation. In 14 matches, he averaged 24.1 disposals, 3.4 marks, four tackles, 4.4 clearances, six inside 50s and 1.7 goals per game to easily win the McCallum-Tomkins Medal as the Under 18 competition's best and fairest player.

Stagg captured the attention of draft watchers with his ability to rip the ball from a contest and accelerate away with explosive speed. A natural goalkicker, he has shown an ability to find the big sticks across half-forward and provide a genuine impact when thrown on-ball. Although his kicking and composure can let him down at times, Stagg possesses natural power and explosiveness which cannot be taught.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.1
CLEARANCES	4.4
INSIDE 50s	6.0
RMC POINTS	99.1

Ned STEVENS

DOB: 07/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 196cm **WEIGHT:** 85kg

CLUB/STATE: SUNS ACADEMY / NORTHERN TERRITORY

POSITION: RUCK / KEY FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + VERSATILITY
- + FORWARD CRAFT

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- EXPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A raw and mobile ruck-forward with clean hands and promising athletic traits, which collectively see him thrive aerially.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RUSSELL FREEMAN/AFL PHOTOS

DRAFT PROFILE

Pegged as one of the Northern Territory's top talents coming into 2021, Ned Stevens has battled through an injury interrupted campaign. The versatile 196cm prospect relocated to the Gold Coast this year as he linked with the SUNS Academy, training with the senior squad and getting a taste for the top flight. He was named in this year's AFL Academy but missed out on April's showcase fixture, instead managing some late-season games with Labrador in the Q AFL Reserves and representing Queensland's Under 19 side against Tasmania.

Having earned plenty of plaudits coming into the year, 2021 hasn't quite turned out as expected for Stevens with injuries and a lack of opportunity coming his way. Tied to the Gold Coast Academy, SUNS staff may prefer to see a bit more of what the 18-year-old can produce over an extended run, especially given he has already relocated locally. He earned AFL Academy selection and a draft combine invite though, so the interest is there.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	6.8 <small>NTFL 2020</small>
MARKS	1.4 <small>NTFL 2020</small>
HITOUTS	2.6 <small>NTFL 2020</small>
DC POINTS	25.6 <small>NTFL 2020</small>

Jahmal STRETCH

DOB: 16/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 181cm **WEIGHT:** 62kg

CLUB/STATE: CLAREMONT / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: SMALL FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + X-FACTOR
- + SPEED
- + SMARTS
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + VERTICAL LEAP

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- RAW

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

An electric prospect with all the tools to be an elite small forward, boasting speed, smarts, a defensive appetite and definitive X-factor.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

One of the most exciting and fast-improving talents in this year's crop is Jahmal Stretch, a native of the fabled Halls Creek region. The Claremont product had not played a heap of organised football prior to his 2021 WAFL Colts campaign, which saw him boot 16 goals in 14 games and earn state Under 19 representative honours. With many of the traits necessary to compete as an elite level small forward, Stretch has shown a terrific rate of development to stamp his draft credentials this year.

While a raw and prospective option, Stretch could well prove a high-reward selection at the draft table given his upside and proven rate of development. He has all the natural nous and athletic traits suited to small forward play, all of which could help him become a seriously dangerous goalsneak down the line. He will need time to develop, but can do things others simply cannot, so should garner attention with a late or rookie pick.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	8.2
	WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	2.9
	WAFL COLTS 2021
GOALS	1.1
	WAFL COLTS 2021
RMC POINTS	42.4
	WAFL COLTS 2021

James TUNSTILL

DOB: 18/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 76kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

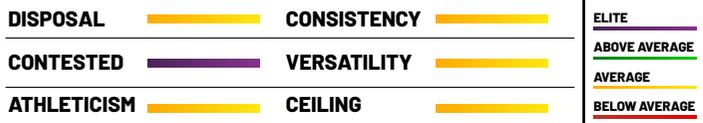
STRENGTHS

- + CLEAN HANDS
- + ACCUMULATION
- + WORK RATE
- + DECISION MAKING
- + CONTESTED WORK

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- FOUR-QUARTER CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

40+

THE BOTTOM LINE

A hard-working midfielder who is equally as dangerous in the thick of the contest as he is receiving the ball on the outside and kicking forward.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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PIXELL PHOTOGRAPHY

DRAFT PROFILE

East Perth midfielder James Tunstill has enjoyed a consistent year at the WAFL Colts level, while also performing well for the West Australian Under 19s when during this year's improvised National Championships. Tunstill provides a good level of balance through the midfield, able to be an in-and-under ball winner who feeds the ball to runners, but just as capable of holding his space and making a run to receive the handball on the outside.

In a draft laden with midfielders, Tunstill is another who has played his way into contention in 2021. His body of work across a full season both in WA's Colts competition and at representative level may see clubs look to take a chance on his talents, especially when so many other prospects have not had the opportunity to produce such a portfolio. Tunstill's impressive improvements and ability to adapt to different styles in midfield make him an intriguing player who offers developable traits.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	21.6 WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	3.3 WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	3.2 WAFL COLTS 2021
RMC POINTS	82.6 WAFL COLTS 2021

Bodhi UWLAND

DOB: 07/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 185cm **WEIGHT:** 84kg

CLUB/STATE: SUNS ACADEMY / QUEENSLAND

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER / MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

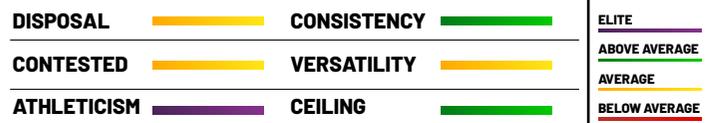
STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + TACKLING
- + POWER

IMPROVEMENTS

- MIDFIELD CRAFT
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION N / A

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A strong-bodied prospect who flies for intercept marks in defence, but can also roll through midfield and launch attacks with his long kicking.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

One of the leading Queensland prospects in 2021, Bodhi Umland took out Gold Coast's Academy Player of the Year award this season after a terrific campaign across multiple levels. He represented the SUNS Academy in the NAB League and also featured seven times at VFL level. His campaign was cut short by stress fractures in his back, ridding Umland of one last chance at state representative honours, but the powerful defender/midfielder showed plenty across the several games he managed. A high-flying marker, hard tackler, and booming kicker, the 18-year-old does things which catch the eye.

You can assume with relative safety that Gold Coast will commit to its Academy Player of the Year, and at this point it seems the SUNS will definitely take Umland as a rookie should he slip through the National Draft. Other clubs may be tempted to place a bid given his range of traits and scope to improve, especially given how even the mid-to-late range of the draft is this year.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.0 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	4.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	5.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	97 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Dante VISENTINI

DOB: 13/02/2003 **HEIGHT:** 201cm **WEIGHT:** 88kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: KEY POSITION UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + AGGRESSION
- + PHYSICALITY
- + COACHABILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- PRODUCTION

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A competitive and coachable key position prospect, Visentini enjoys getting involved physically and is capable of playing on all three lines.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

While the 2021 draft crop has long been lauded for its wealth of midfield talent, Dante Visentini is a tall prospect looking to throw his name in the hat. The Sandringham Dragons product backed up his Under 16 Vic Metro representation with Under 19 honours in 2021, proving a versatile fixture in both squads with his ability to play in each key position post. His aggression and physicality make for desirable traits a lot of tall players learn over time, and should hold him in good stead along with his willingness to learn and take on information as he goes.

Competitive key position players who relish the physical side of the game are sometimes hard to come by in the junior system, but Visentini is one with those traits built-in. He can still enhance his athletic profile and increase his production in each game, but showed steady improvement throughout 2021 and has the added value of being able to play multiple positions. Still, he is most likely to feature late in the draft or as a rookie.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	10.3 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
HITOUTS	8.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	50 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Patrick VOSS

DOB: 29/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 194cm **WEIGHT:** 84kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / NSW-ACT

POSITION: UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + PHYSICALITY
- + TACKLING
- + VERSATILITY
- + READING THE PLAY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING
- AGILITY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

One of the most physical prospects in the draft pool, Voss has proven himself as a marking threat at both ends of the ground.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Academy member Patrick Voss has impressed onlookers in his school and NAB league performances throughout 2021, making a name for himself with his physicality and ferocious approach to the contest. A tall talent capable of playing in all areas of the ground, Voss has found ways to bring his best traits in a variety of roles, none more so than his strength, making a habit of fending off opponents and laying heavy tackles.

Versatility and physicality are two key traits which Voss can win recruiters over with, able to bring a level of presence in each position he plays. Whether he be a marking target up forward, an interceptor down back, or a strong body in midfield, Voss has proven he has value on each line and is a terrific role player – true of the utility mould. He has some athletic attributes to work on and can add some finesse to his powerful traits, but remains a reliable figure who would be up for the rigours of senior football.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	13.1 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.4 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
TACKLES	3.9 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	61 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Corey WARNER

DOB: 07/10/2003 **HEIGHT:** 182cm **WEIGHT:** 74kg

CLUB/STATE: EAST FREMANTLE / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ENDURANCE
- + RUN AND CARRY
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + INSIDE-OUTSIDE BALANCE
- + BURST

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY
- COMPOSURE

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 30 - 50

THE BOTTOM LINE

Warner is a hard running midfielder who can play both inside and out, breaking forward with purpose and a penetrating left-foot kick.

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DRAFT PROFILE

The hard running midfielder skipped Aquinas College in the PSA football competition this year, while also cracking WAFL League level for four-consecutive games with East Fremantle. He then returned to the Sharks' Colts side and was a key figure in their run to the preliminary final, providing plenty of run and willing his side forward in big moments. Able to play on either side of midfield, Warner is most often utilised on the wing and featured there for Western Australia's Under 19s, capping off a strong season where he showed great potential across all competitions.

Warner's work ethic and ability to produce positive forward drive make him an asset from either side of midfield, but most likely on the outer. With a bit of polish to add to his end product, Warner has clear improvements to make but has a set of skills which will likely tempt clubs around the late-second to third round of this year's intake.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.0 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
MARKS	3.6 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
TACKLES	2.7 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	85.8 <small>WAFL COLTS 2021</small>

Bryce WATSON

DOB: 28/01/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 70kg

CLUB/STATE: SWAN DISTRICTS / WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION: SMALL-MEDIUM DEFENDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + REBOUNDING
- + READING THE PLAY
- + KICK PENETRATION
- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + DEFENSIVE VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A versatile defender who mops up at ground level and can intercept aerially, Watson offers an attacking style off half-back.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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THE SPORTS PHOTO

DRAFT PROFILE

Bryce Watson is one of the biggest bolters out of Western Australia this year. The small-medium defender is able to impact in a variety of ways in defence but arguably does his best work on the rebound, breaking lines with his dash and piercing kicks. Having endured an injury-interrupted bottom-age campaign, Watson broke out in 2021 to earn state Under 19 representative honours and a draft combine invite, while placing third in Swan Districts' Colts best and fairest count in a premiership year.

Watson is a player with strong upside and his rate of development in 2021 has seen him bolt into draft contention. Having a full season under his belt, including representative action, the Swan Districts product has an advantage over many other rebounding defenders around the nation with similar traits. With an exciting style, versatility, and easily developable areas for improvement, Watson could be a shrewd late pick who rewards a willing club down the line.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.1
	WAFL COLTS 2021
MARKS	3.7
	WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	1.9
	WAFL COLTS 2021
TACKLES	67.7
	WAFL COLTS 2021

Luca WHITELUM

DOB: 16/06/2003 **HEIGHT:** 188cm **WEIGHT:** 77kg

CLUB/STATE: CENTRAL DISTRICT / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: FORWARD / UTILITY

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + FOOT SKILLS
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + LEADERSHIP
- + ATHLETICISM
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

Whitelum is a medium-tall forward with neat skills, an enticing aerial ability and a well-rounded athletic profile who performed well across several grades this season.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT PROFILE

Luca Whitelum has enjoyed a strong season in the SANFL with Central District and at college level with Sacred Heart. Under Whitelum's leadership, the team went through the season undefeated to claim the Messenger Shield on top of victory in the All-Schools knockout Grand Final. Once the college season wrapped up, Whitelum made his SANFL Reserves debut with Centrals and held his spot as the Bulldogs made it through to this year's decider. Playing the final five Reserves matches, Whitelum looked comfortable at the level, booting three goals and averaging 14.4 disposals, 5.2 marks and three tackles.

Whitelum has snuck under the radar this season, spending much of the year playing school football but finishing his campaign solidly with Central District. He performed well in the Reserves and, if he isn't drafted, will be expected to play League football next year. An impressive all-round athlete, Whitelum has some traits which will appeal to AFL recruiting staff.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	17.5 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	4.3 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
TACKLES	3.3 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	74.8 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

James WILLIS

DOB: 10/07/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg

CLUB/STATE: NORTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

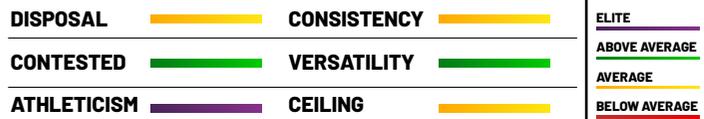
STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + ATHLETICISM
- + EXPLOSIVENESS
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + INSIDE-OUTSIDE BALANCE

IMPROVEMENTS

- FINISHING
- KICKING AT SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION **Rookie**

THE BOTTOM LINE

A dynamic footballer blessed with speed and power, Willis has the ability to impact the game from multiple positions.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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DRAFT PROFILE

Another product of SANFL club, North Adelaide, James Willis presents as one of the more versatile prospects in this year's draft class, boasting an impressive combination of speed, power and explosiveness. Splitting time between the midfield, wing and half-forward, Willis has performed at a high level in each of the roles he's been required to fill. A pillar of consistency for the Roosters' Under 18s side, he averaged 24 disposals and just shy of a goal a game throughout his 2021 campaign, which was rewarded with selection in South Australia's Under 19s squad. Injury prevented him from securing a representative berth, but his form throughout 2021 earned him a Draft Combine invite.

If Willis is to find an AFL club next year it will likely be in the latter part of the National Draft or as a Rookie selection. His strong build and ability to succeed in a number of roles suggests that he may be able to compete for a debut early if given the opportunity on an AFL list, but there is plenty he can iron out before then.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	24.3 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
MARKS	5.1 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
CLEARANCES	3.8 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>
RMC POINTS	103.1 <small>SANFL U18S 2021</small>

Marcus WINDHAGER

DOB: 16/05/2003 **HEIGHT:** 183cm **WEIGHT:** 82kg

CLUB/STATE: SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS / VIC METRO

POSITION: MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + POWER
- + VERSATILITY
- + CLEAN HANDS
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- ACCUMULATION
- KICK CONSISTENCY

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION 25 - 40

THE BOTTOM LINE

An explosive midfielder with clean hands and a great turn of speed who can also roll forward and hit the scoreboard.

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RM CENTRAL

DRAFT PROFILE

St Kilda's top Next Generation Academy (NGA) members have supporters and list managers alike sweating this season, and Marcus Windhager is one of them. The Sandringham Dragons product proved somewhat of a surprise packet this year having undergone a knee reconstruction in 2020, showcasing a high rate of development both for the Dragons and with Haileybury College in the APS Football competition. His elite basketball background is highlighted by clean handling and a powerful turn of speed.

A player whose stocks rose significantly in 2021, Windhager is likely to land at the Saints following an NGA bid around the second round. His powerful athletic profile, stoppage nous, and ability to roll forward are among his appealing traits which point towards top 30 contention, and he should prove relatively safe from the all-important 20-mark. The bidding system may see him slide, but his upside is undeniable.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	15.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	2.8 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.5 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
DC POINTS	57 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

Karl WORNER

DOB: 16/06/2002 **HEIGHT:** 188cm **WEIGHT:** 78kg

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO

POSITION: WING

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + OUTSIDE RUN
- + ENDURANCE
- + OVERHEAD MARKING
- + SHORT KICKING
- + SIZE

IMPROVEMENTS

- EXPANSIVE KICKING
- SPEED

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS



DRAFT PROJECTION

Late

THE BOTTOM LINE

A tall 19th-year wingman with clean hands overhead, neat short kicking skills, and strong running capacity.

[FULL DRAFT PROFILE](#)



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DRAFT PROFILE

After losing out on a top-age season, Karl Worner made the most of his 19th-year campaign with the Oakleigh Chargers in 2021. Also tied to Richmond's VFL squad, the hard running wingman impressed with his ability to rack up possessions and impact on the outside. He managed a handful of NAB League appearances and was outstanding in the Victorian trial games, leading to Metro selection and a draft combine invite as his state's season was cut short. With nice size and footballing traits, Worner is a 2002-born prospect to watch.

Worner is one of the few 19-year-olds with a draft combine invite and his key traits are effective over multiple roles and while not overly flashy, he provides good balance on a wing and the ability to chain play on the attack with clean use in the short range. Clubs which look to exploit that kind of style may look at Worner with a late or rookie pick, especially with that added year of experience under his belt.

KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS	18.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
MARKS	5.2 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
INSIDE 50s	3.6 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>
DC POINTS	69 <small>NAB LEAGUE 2021</small>

2021 NEXT GEN, NORTHERN ACADEMY + FATHER-SONS



Mitch Owens (St Kilda) is rumoured to have a bid placed on him inside the Top 20 which would rule St Kilda out from matching. However if a bid comes at Pick 21 or later, the Saints can match.



NEXT-GENERATION ACADEMY

ADELAIDE

Isaiah Dudley*
Blayne O'Loughlin*

FREMANTLE

Eric Benning
Jesse Motlop+

ST KILDA

Mitch Owens+
Marcus Windhager

COLLINGWOOD

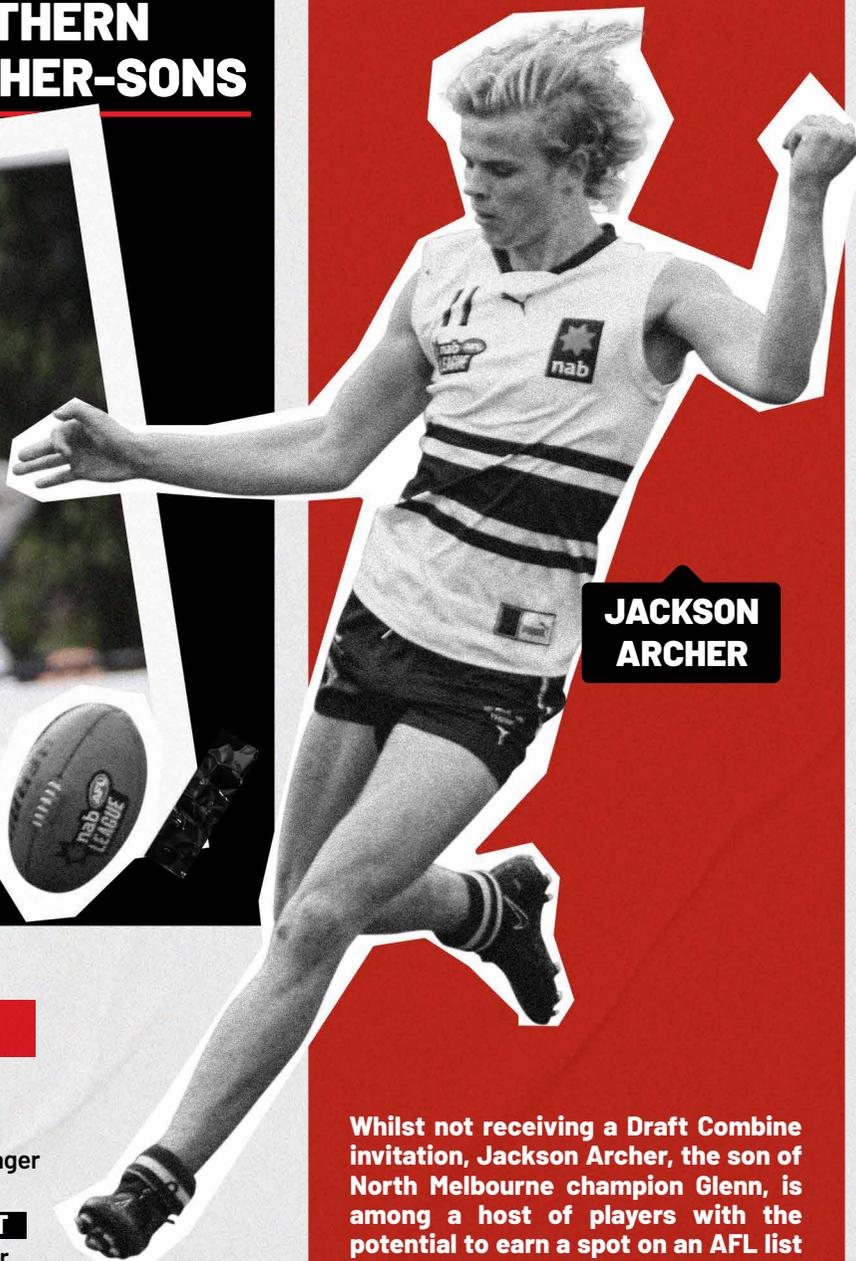
Youseph Dib*

MELBOURNE

Mac Andrew+
Andy Moniz-Wakefield

WEST COAST

Richard Farmer
Ethan Regan



JACKSON ARCHER

Whilst not receiving a Draft Combine invitation, Jackson Archer, the son of North Melbourne champion Glenn, is among a host of players with the potential to earn a spot on an AFL list in the drafts later this month.

FATHER-SONS

COLLINGWOOD

Nick Daicos

MELBOURNE

Taj Woewodin

NORTH MELBOURNE

Jackson Archer

PORT ADELAIDE

Jase Burgoyne

WESTERN BULLDOGS

Sam Darcy

NORTHERN ACADEMY

GOLD COAST SUNS

Will Bella
Austin Harris
Bodhi Uwland

SYDNEY SWANS

Angus Anderson

GWS GIANTS

Josh Fahey
Harrison Grintell
Paddy Voss

NOTE :

Not all Next-Generation, Father-Son and Northern Academy eligible players have been named. Due to the extensiveness of these lists, we have limited it to those with Draft Combine invites.

* indicates club has chosen not to nominate them
+ indicates player is a potential to be taken prior to bid-matching eligibility



**OTHERS TO
CONSIDER**

Oscar ADAMS

23/07/2003 | 198cm/85kg | Key Defender/Ruck
GLENELG/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A raw developing tall, Adams has the strength to overpower players at junior level, but is still ironing out his consistency. He has some nice athleticism which helps set him apart from many other key defenders who can roll through the ruck, and an extra few centimetres at 198cm. Whilst he could lift his production and consistency, he has a great attack on the ball, and can impact defensively aerially or ground level.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- CONSISTENCY

Zac BECKER

21/09/2003 | 190cm/92kg | Medium Defender
STURT/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Producing a remarkable season for the Double Blues at Reserves level where he played seven games and averaged 18 disposals, four marks and eight rebound 50s, he represented South Australia at the Under 19s carnival. He did not quite have the same impact, with solid performances playing at both ends. He still knows how to find the football and provide that anchor out of defence, just needs more consistency holding grabs.

STRENGTHS

- + REBOUNDING
- + ACCUMULATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- MARKING CONSISTENCY
- SIZE

Sandy BROCK

14/12/2002 | 198cm/86kg | Key Utility
PEEL THUNDER/NORTHERN TERRITORY

A fast-developing tall who shone in his first senior WAFL season, Sandy Brock has handy athletic traits. Recently added to the Gold Coast Suns Academy and chosen as a pre-listed player, Brock is a long-term project player for the Suns. He showed promising displays in defence where his closing speed and raw potential shone. He can also pinch-hit in the ruck, and has plenty of potential left in him as a late developer.

STRENGTHS

- + STRENGTH
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- RAW

Braden ANDREWS

23/02/2003 | 189cm/36kg | Medium Utility
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS/VIC METRO

Andrews is a member of the AFL Academy, whose 2021 season did not quite go to plan. After playing the first three games of the season, Andrews missed a large chunk of the season, not playing NAB League Boys again until July 11, where he picked up 14 disposals in the Chargers' big win over Dandenong Stingrays. Not a huge ball winner, Andrews does have the smarts and skill to impact a game and can play anywhere.

STRENGTHS

- + VERSATILITY
- + FOOTY SMARTS

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE

Sam BREUER

26/06/2003 | 183cm/80kg | Midfielder/Defender
GWV REBELS/VIC COUNTRY

Breuer has enjoyed a pretty strong season, averaging 17 disposals, three marks and five tackles, able to play across multiple positions. Showing composure with ball-in-hand, Breuer has an ability to win the ball and distribute with a nice turn of pace, and has never shirked a contest. He started the season in defence and then spent time in the midfield where he began to impact the game more.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + COMPOSURE

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- HURT FACTOR

Greg CLARK

24/05/1997 | 193cm/94kg | Inside Midfielder
SUBIACO/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Clark has been thereabouts in AFL Draft circles since captaining Western Australia back in his draft year of 2015. The natural leader has continually gone back to the state league, but enjoyed his best year ever in 2021, averaging 27 touches and 6.8 tackles. He saved his best for last though, being the turning point in the WAFL League Grand Final with 10 touches and a goal in the third term to win the Simpson Medal.

STRENGTHS

- + INSIDE GAME
- + ACCUMULATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- SPEED
- VERSATILITY

Jackson ARCHER

01/09/2003 | 183cm/70kg | Small-Medium Defender
NORTHERN KNIGHTS/VIC METRO

A North Melbourne father-son, the Roos have chosen to nominate the son of Shinboner legend Glenn, with the younger Archer showing similar traits to his father. Archer is a no-nonsense defender, who, despite not weighing in at any great level, is not afraid to compete with much bigger and stronger opponents. His competitiveness and defensive accountability standout, and it is about improving his production.

STRENGTHS

- + DEFENSIVE TRAITS
- + COMPETITIVENESS

IMPROVEMENTS

- OFFENSIVE OUTPUT
- PRODUCTION

Jack BRISKEY

18/01/2002 | 194cm/81kg | Key Utility
LIONS ACADEMY/QUEENSLAND

The Lions Academy tall came close to earning his AFL chance last year with Collingwood, training with the Magpies throughout the summer before being told he had missed the cut. He returned back to Queensland where he fronted up for the Lions Academy against the Suns, picking up 17 touches and seven marks. It is still unclear where he fits at AFL level, but he has the potential to play at either end.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- UNCLEAR BEST POSITION

Luke CLEARY

05/03/2002 | 189cm/80kg | Medium Defender
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

A consistent performer all season, Cleary showed onlookers exactly why he earned a combine invite. The top-ager impressed with his positioning behind the ball which allowed his intercepting game to thrive, following up with safe kicks. Cleary may not be the flashiest or most damaging defender from the draft pool, but he's shown that he's a reliable and composed figure under pressure in defensive 50.

STRENGTHS

- + KICKING EFFICIENCY
- + POSITIONING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED GAME
- HURT FACTOR

Josh CRIPPS

13/08/2002 | 199cm/94kg | Ruck/Key Forward
EAST FREMANTLE/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The taller, key position brother of Carlton co-captain Paddy, Josh Cripps is a 19th-year ruck/forward who returned from an ACL tear which scuppered his top-age campaign. The East Fremantle product is a capable contested marker and produces at a good tick, averaging 15.6 disposals, 9.1 hitouts, 4.2 marks, and 1.3 goals per his 12 WAFL Colts games this season. He is stronger than he is mobile, but boasts handy skills for his size.

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED MARKING
- + PRODUCTION

IMPROVEMENTS

- SPEED
- EXPOSURE

Charlie DEAN

19/06/2001 | 195cm/86kg | Key Defender
WILLIAMSTOWN VFL/VICTORIA

Winner of the prestigious Fothergill-Round-Mitchell Medal this year, Charlie Dean is one of the top mature-age prospects available. In his debut VFL season, the Sandringham Dragons graduate impressed down back for Williamstown with his work rate, astute reading of the play, and marking ability. Having shown promise but ultimately been overlooked in his top-age season, Dean now seems primed for a crack at the top level with a couple more years under his belt.

STRENGTHS

- + MARKING
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- AGILITY
- CONSISTENCY

Richard FARMER

16/07/2003 | 175cm/72kg | Small Forward
SUBIACO/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Speedy Subiaco small Richard Farmer is one for West Coast fans to keep an eye on, as he is part of the Eagles' NGA. The nephew of former Fremantle and Melbourne livewire Jeff mixed his time between the Lions and Hale School in 2021, earning stints in midfield but looking most dangerous in the forward half. He brings energy to the play and weaves around opponents to make things happen on the attack.

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED GAME
- + FOOT SKILLS

IMPROVEMENTS

- SPEED
- SCOREBOARD IMPACT

Saxon CROZIER

14/11/2002 | 190cm/80kg | Outside Midfielder
LIONS ACADEMY/QUEENSLAND

Crozier is a top-age Under 19s player who was thereabouts last year in terms of draft calculations. Whilst the 190cm midfielder was unable to get on a list, he worked his way back into developing areas of his game such as on the inside, having been a strong outside presence. Whilst still not a contested player, Crozier has a penetrating boot and good decision making, with an ability to play multiple roles on the ground.

STRENGTHS

- + PENETRATING KICK
- + OUTSIDE GAME

IMPROVEMENTS

- ON-FIELD SPEED
- CONTESTED WORK

Ben DE BOLFO

21/06/2002 | 189cm/86kg | Medium Defender
NORTHERN KNIGHTS/VIC METRO

A 19-year-old prospect who became a key part of Northern's side in 2021, De Bolfo is as solid as they come. He fares well in marking contests and can intercept across the backline, while also proving a sound distributor by foot on the rebound. While not the most flashy or athletic player, he is a reliable figure for coaches and teammates to look towards, presenting notable consistency and leadership quality.

STRENGTHS

- + DEFENSIVE GAME
- + RELIABILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- HURT FACTOR

Ronald FEJO JNR

16/12/2001 | 178cm/70kg | Wing
WEST ADELAIDE/NORTHERN TERRITORY

An NT native who captured attention upon his move to SA, Ronald Fejo Jnr has plenty of class and footballing pedigree. He represented the NT Thunder Academy and Allies this season on the back of an eye-catching SANFL Reserves campaign with West Adelaide, where he briefly cracked the League grade. With carving agility and great foot skills, Fejo is a real threat going forward on the outside.

STRENGTHS

- + AGILITY
- + CLASS

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- CONSISTENCY

Justin DAVIES

29/04/2003 | 194cm/92kg | Tall Defender
DANDENONG STINGRAYS/VIC COUNTRY

Davies is a no fuss, reliable and strong key defender who thrives in one-on-ones and rarely gets beaten over the course of four quarters. The Vic Country representative improved in 2021, seemingly becoming more dangerous as an interceptor each game, whilst also adding to his versatility with some time spent up in the forward half of the ground where his strong marking and body work shined.

STRENGTHS

- + AERIAL GAME
- + DEFENSIVE TRAITS

IMPROVEMENTS

- HURT FACTOR
- PRODUCTION

Isaiah DUDLEY

30/04/2003 | 166cm/69kg | Small Forward
CENTRAL DISTRICT/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Adelaide NGA prospect will be available in the open draft after the Crows chose not to nominate Dudley. The pocket rocket might be the smallest with a Draft Combine invitation at 166cm, but he has the skill, smarts and goal sense to make it as a dangerous forward. Likewise, Dudley brings the heat inside 50, and whilst his consistency and strength are areas he has to build, overall he has plenty of traits to catch the eye.

STRENGTHS

- + NATURAL TALENT
- + DEFENSIVE PRESSURE

IMPROVEMENTS

- SIZE/STRENGTH
- CONSISTENCY

Joel FITZGERALD

08/08/2003 | 186cm/73kg | Medium Defender
NORTHERN KNIGHTS/VIC METRO

Boasting one of the highest productions in the NAB League this season, Northern Knights' Joel Fitzgerald was a mainstay in the defence. He just ticked a lot of boxes, racking up the ball at will, playing as the loose defender and then receiving a lot of ball to drive the Knights down the field in transition. He does play an accumulating-friendly role, and could impact the game greater with a higher contested game.

STRENGTHS

- + PRODUCTION
- + MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- HURT FACTOR
- CONTESTED WORK

Felix FLOCKHART

05/11/2001 | 202cm/80kg | Ruck/Key Forward
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

An over-ager under the new rules considering the NAB League went to an Under 19s competition, the recently turned 20-year-old was able to exercise his extra couple of years, and strength through the NAB League. Whilst still not a complete profile, and could improve his ground level work, Flockhart is a player who can play both ruck and forward roles through his strength and ability to lead out and mark.

STRENGTHS

- + RUCK WORK
- + VERTICAL LEAP

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- GROUND LEVEL WORK

Kaden HARBOUR

26/09/2003 | 175cm/74kg | Small Forward
EAST PERTH/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Harbour proved a headache for opposition defenders, with his urgency to win the ball in the forward 50 creating pressure and opportunities for him to lay tackles. The small forward averaged 12.2 disposals and four tackles a game in the Colts to go with his 17 goals, and whilst stringing consistent performances is something he will be working on in the future, he's shown plenty of promise in his appearances.

STRENGTHS

- + TACKLING PRESSURE
- + FORWARD CRAFT

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- PRODUCTION

Caleb LEWIS

29/09/2003 | 196cm/86kg | Key Defender
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

A key position prospect who has played on all three lines across his junior career, Caleb Lewis looks most at home in defence. With a sound aerial game and reading of the play, he has proven to be a terrific intercept marker while also adding strings to his bow in improved one-on-one work. His output looks low on paper, and he can increase it, but Lewis catches the eye at his best.

STRENGTHS

- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + AERIAL GAME

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION/IMPACT
- CONSISTENCY

Luke GIACOMETTI

19/04/2003 | 185cm/78kg | Medium Defender
SWANS ACADEMY/NSW-ACT

Giacometti is a real diamond in the rough with some great upside and one player to keep an eye on for the future if not picked up this year. He has the footy smarts and ability to position himself well at half-back and intercept the ball, then is not afraid to move it in transition. He played three games for the Swans averaging 19 disposals and 2.7 marks before not having the chance to expose himself at a higher level.

STRENGTHS

- + FOOTY IQ
- + INTERCEPTING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- EXPOSURE

Harvey HARRISON

10/10/2003 | 181cm/71kg | Midfielder
NORTH ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Harrison did his best work late in the year for his state, earning a representative jumper and holding his spot in the Croweaters' lineup. He has elite speed and evasion, as well as an impressive vertical jump leading him to dominate the Draft Combine with a slick time of 2.845 seconds. At Under 18s level this year, Harrison averaged an impressive 25.2 disposals and 4.5 tackles but only managed the one senior game.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + WORK RATE

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- STRENGTH

Max LITSTER

06/07/2002 | 184cm/83kg | Medium Defender
WWT EAGLES/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Top-ager Litster returned to competition having not played at all last year, and started in the Eagles' Reserves where managed 17 games averaging 19.1 disposals. He also racked up 4.8 marks and 4.8 rebound 50s in what was a really consistent year for him, impacting in the air time and time again. He can still build on his defensive pressure, averaging just 1.3 tackles per game, and consistency with his disposal.

STRENGTHS

- + AERIAL ABILITY
- + ATHLETICISM

IMPROVEMENTS

- DISPOSAL CONSISTENCY
- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE

Lachlan GRUBB

07/12/2002 | 177cm/75kg | Wing/Forward
CENTRAL DISTRICT/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The incredibly speed and agile Grubb missed out on being drafted last year, but came back with Central Districts this year and put together a consistent season. Managing a couple of League games but primarily playing through the Reserves, the soon-to-be 19-year-old booted 20 goals in 18 games. Whilst not a huge ball-winner and still quite light, Grubb has some eye-catching traits to be aware of with his speed.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- SIZE/STRENGTH

Brodie LAKE

03/07/2002 | 185cm/79kg | Medium Utility
PEEL THUNDER/NORTHERN TERRITORY

After being one of the most unlucky players to miss out last year, Lake returned to Peel Thunder in Western Australia, having had experience in the NTFL, and for the Suns Academy in past years. He got a chance to represent the Allies against South Australia this year, but it was more his experience at WAFL League level, where he played 18 disposals and showed off his trademark athleticism that might have clubs reconsider.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + INTERCEPT MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- ENDURANCE

Alastair LORD

26/11/2003 | 180cm/76kg | Defender/Midfielder
NORWOOD/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The eye-catching Lord is one who could bolt up draft boards from with his late-season performances. After missing the majority of his season due to injury, Lord managed to play a final round SANFL Under 18s game and then one for the Croweaters. His skill and speed was on full display, and is one who has plenty of upside, with building strength and developing an inside game the next step.

STRENGTHS

- + SPEED
- + SKILL

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONTESTED WORK
- STRENGTH

Jordan LUKAC

18/09/2002 | 196cm/88kg | Key Forward/Ruck
WWT EAGLES/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Lukac is an athletic key forward who was a goal-scoring machine this season, piling on 35 goals in 15 games for the Eagles at Under 18s level. He stepped up to roll through the ruck and rotate forward for the Croweaters, showcasing his vertical leap. Whilst consistent at Under 18s level, Lukac was quiet in his two senior Reserves game despite matching it physically. A future key forward who has some upside.

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + PHYSICALITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- ACCUMULATION

Oscar MORRISON

21/08/2003 | 193cm/86kg | Tall Defender
GEELONG FALCONS/VIC COUNTRY

One of the more underrated prospects this year with plenty of upside is Geelong Falcons' Morrison. The athletic tall defender is that in-between size at 193cm, but plays the rebounding role really well. He can take the grabs, then burst away with rare speed and also have that ability to pinpoint passes. He still has to iron out his consistency and add another string to his bow, but looked more damaging this year.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + INTERCEPT MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- VERSATILITY

Noah PEGORARO

19/06/1997 | 194cm/88kg | Tall Defender
WEST PERTH/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The oldest player to receive a draft combine invite this year is Noah Pegoraro, who earned the same honours as a 22-year-old in 2019. Two years on and after a career-best WAFL campaign, the tall defender achieved top three results in the 20-metre sprint and jumping tests. It translates to his game, with Pegoraro a sound reader of the play and athletic outlet behind the ball, who can also pinch hit in the ruck.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + READING THE PLAY

IMPROVEMENTS

- ENDURANCE
- SCOPE

Tyler MCGINNISS

12/01/2001 | 192cm/83kg | Tall Defender
TASMANIA DEVILS/TASMANIA

A solid size defender at 192cm, McGinness was a late inclusion to the Tasmanian State Combine following a consistent year for the Tasmania Devils. Also having an impressive match against Queensland in at the Under 19 Championships, McGinness has been a gradual developer. He plays the intercept role well at half-back, able to read the play and pull down marks. Averaged 17.1 disposals and 4.6 marks in the NAB League.

STRENGTHS

- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + READING OF THE PLAY

IMPROVEMENTS

- DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- VERSATILITY

Luke NANKERVIS

25/05/2003 | 189cm/76kg | Medium Forward
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

As a talented player with high-level defensive pressure, Nankervis has the athletic profile to be a solid half forward at the next level, and has the scope to transition into a tall midfielder with his agility and quick hands on the inside impressing at times this season. Whilst not hitting the scoreboard every game, Nankervis does plenty to assist in scoring chains with his unselfish forward half play.

STRENGTHS

- + AGILITY
- + WORK RATE

IMPROVEMENTS

- EXPOSURE
- PRODUCTION

Luke POLSON

10/04/2003 | 194cm/92kg | Key Forward/Ruck
PEEL THUNDER/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Tall Peel Thunder utility Luke Polson has some handy athletic traits for a player of his size, able to work up the ground from the forwardline with marks on the lead and follow-up work at ground level. He can also pinch-hit in the ruck and was trialed down back at times, with his form this year also enough to earn a League berth. At 194cm, he is not afraid to move with ball in hand.

STRENGTHS

- + MOBILITY
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- PLAYING WITHIN LIMITS

Judd MCVEE

07/08/2003 | 182cm/72kg | Medium Defender
EAST FREMANTLE/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

One of the smoothest operators in the draft pool, Judd McVee is the kind of player you want rebounding the ball out of defence. He handles the ball cleanly and is efficient in his use by foot, showcasing class to manoeuvre out of tight spots and keep cool in a crisis. With greater consistency and enhanced midfield craft, McVee has the tools to become a tidy player at the top level.

STRENGTHS

- + CLASS
- + CLEAN SKILLS

IMPROVEMENTS

- PRODUCTION
- CONSISTENCY

Sam PAEA

14/07/2002 | 194cm/94kg | Key Forward
CALDER CANNONS/VIC METRO

A promising key forward who finished runner-up in Calder's best and fairest count, Sam Paea had a strong top-age campaign. He earned Vic Metro representation credit to his presentation on the lead and eye-catching aerial ability, which are both aided by his athleticism. Somewhat of a confidence player, he can kick goals in bags and looks dangerous when on song, but can work on becoming more consistent in all areas of his game.

STRENGTHS

- + VERTICAL LEAP
- + OVERHEAD MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- RAW

Cody RAAK

08/10/2002 | 192cm/80kg | Tall Defender
WESTERN JETS/VIC METRO

An intercept machine, Raak announced himself as a genuine Mid-Season Draft contender with a stunning 30-plus disposal game against Calder Cannons in Round 1. The Western Bulldogs NGA member would come into consideration having had some eye-catching performances, locking down that centre half-back role as an undersized tall defender. He has the tools to earn that chance as a top-ager this year.

STRENGTHS

- + INTERCEPT MARKING
- + ACCUMULATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSISTENCY
- VERSATILITY

Bailey ROGERS

22/03/1997 | 185cm/85kg | Medium Utility
CLAREMONT/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

There was little that Sandover Medalist Bailey Rogers did not achieve in 2021. The former defender turned midfielder/forward put together an outstanding year to rack up huge numbers across the board playing midfield, and then hit the scoreboard. He can win it, use it and put it into dangerous areas, with the two question marks being his age (therefore upside) and explosive speed, but he ticks nearly every box.

STRENGTHS

- + PRODUCTION
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- EXPLOSIVE SPEED
- UPSIDE

Jake SOUTH

25/02/2002 | 196cm/90kg | Ruck
SUBIACO/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The undersized top-age Subiaco ruck was able to gain vital experience at the AFL Under 19 Championships, standing up against weaker rucks to dominate around the stoppages. He used his overhead strength and body positioning to control play, and whilst he is not the most athletic player, can still have an impact around the ground. He could iron out his consistency further, but showed some nice signs at the carnival.

STRENGTHS

- + STRENGTH
- + MARKING

IMPROVEMENTS

- ATHLETICISM
- CONSISTENCY

Joel TRUDGEON

13/08/2002 | 193cm/82kg | Inside Midfielder
NORTHERN KNIGHTS/VIC METRO

A tough inside ball winner with supremely clean hands and great competitiveness, Joel Trudgeon was unlucky not to earn representative honours. He skipped the Northern Knights after being overlooked last year, averaging 29.6 disposals, 10 tackles, six marks, and one goal across seven games. He is not as damaging or versatile as others, but is already a good size and has gained VFL experience with Carlton.

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED GAME
- + CLEAN HANDS

IMPROVEMENTS

- VERSATILITY
- HURT FACTOR

Jed RULE

10/06/2003 | 191cm/796kg | Tall Defender
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS/VIC METRO

The Metro U16 representative has somewhat been hidden away from draft watcher eyes in 2021, with his commitments to Carey Grammar in the APS taking up majority of his football. Despite this, Rule has taken his chances at NAB League level to show his strong intercept game both aerially and at ground level, positioning well behind the ball and then using it well on both sides of his body out of the defensive 50.

STRENGTHS

- + DUAL-SIDED
- + INTERCEPTING

IMPROVEMENTS

- OFFENSIVE GAME
- PRODUCTION

Will SPAIN

10/07/2003 | 174cm/66kg | Inside Midfielder
STURT/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A pint-sized inside midfielder from Sturt, Spain is a consistent ball winner who was often responsible for quick handballs out of congestion at state league level. He earned his chance for South Australia, and showed he is able to contribute for four quarters credit to his work rate. With elite-level defensive pressure - laying 46 tackles in three weeks at SANFL level - Spain will stop at nothing to impress.

STRENGTHS

- + DEFENSIVE PRESSURE
- + CONTESTED BALL

IMPROVEMENTS

- OUTSIDE GAME
- SCOREBOARD IMPACT

Cooper WHYTE

24/02/2003 | 181cm/73kg | Midfielder
GEELONG FALCONS/VIC COUNTRY

A midfielder with flair and eye-catching burst from the stoppages, Cooper Whyte provides plenty of drive. He built nicely into 2021 to become one of the Geelong Falcons' prime ball winners, proving penetrative on the attack with his ability to break forward and pump the ball long on his trusty left boot. He had a season-high of 26 disposals and low of eight, so can bridge that gap as a full-time midfielder.

STRENGTHS

- + STOPPAGE BURST
- + KICK PENETRATION

IMPROVEMENTS

- ACCUMULATION
- CONSISTENCY

Ollie SANDERS

30/05/2002 | 177cm/76kg | Midfielder
TASMANIA DEVILS/TASMANIA

One player who has certainly raised his draft stocks this year despite not getting an official first-up combine invite is Sanders. He could not have done much more when earning the representative chance for Tasmania, dominating for the Apple Isle against Queensland, showing off his slick and penetrating kick, as well as his work all over the ground. However, at 177cm, his size and therefore role will be under question at AFL level.

STRENGTHS

- + KICKING
- + PRODUCTION

IMPROVEMENTS

- STRENGTH
- UNCLEAR ROLE

Toby TRIFFETT

24/02/2002 | 188cm/85kg | Inside Midfielder/Forward
LIONS ACADEMY/QUEENSLAND

Triffett was another Lions Academy prospect touted as one to watch in 2021 after some impressive signs in the QAFL last year. As a top-ager he was able to show his wares to AFL clubs. He might not be the flashiest player going around, but he has a high work rate and can win the ball in the midfield and up forward. He has been ironing out some areas of improvement to lift his production rate and increase his hurt factor.

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED GAME
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- HURT FACTOR
- KICKING CONSISTENCY

Taj WOEWODIN

26/03/2003 | 182cm/77kg | Midfielder/Utility
EAST FREMANTLE/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Melbourne father-son prospect has been nominated, and it is not hard to see the appeal. Woewodin is a versatile prospect with good athleticism, workrate and leadership that hold him in good stead heading into the next level, having put out consistent performances across both the WAFL Colts and WA representative level in all thirds of the ground, he'll be a blank canvas for the club to turn into what they want.

STRENGTHS

- + ATHLETICISM
- + VERSATILITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICKING CONSISTENCY
- HURT FACTOR

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 Harrison Grintell – GWS Academy
 Patrick Voss – GWS Academy

QUEENSLAND

Will Bella – Gold Coast Academy
 Austin Harris – Gold Coast Academy
 Bodhi Uwand – Gold Coast Academy

NORTHERN-TERRITORY

Andy Moniz-Wakefield – NT Thunder
 Ned Stevens – Gold Coast Academy

TASMANIA

Sam Banks – Clarence
 Baker Smith – Clarence
 Will Splann – North Hobart

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Leek Alleer – Central District
 Cooper Beecken – Glenelg
 Isaac Birt – South Adelaide
 Jase Burgoyne – Woodville-West Torrens
 Lukas Cooke – Woodville-West Torrens
 Arlo Draper – South Adelaide
 Morgan Ferres – Sturt
 Jason Horne-Francis – South Adelaide
 Hugh Jackson – North Adelaide
 Shay Linke – Central District
 Cooper Murley – Norwood
 Blayne O'Loughlin – North Adelaide
 Lewis Rayson – Glenelg
 Matthew Roberts – South Adelaide
 Hugh Stagg – Glenelg
 Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera – Glenelg
 Luca Whitelum – Central District
 James Willis – North Adelaide

VIC COUNTRY

Mac Andrew – Dandenong Stingrays
 Jamieson Ballantyne – GWV Rebels
 Miller Bergman – Dandenong Stingrays
 Tom Brown – Murray Bushrangers
 Sam Butler – GWV Rebels
 Campbell Chesser – Sandringham Dragons
 Judson Clarke – Dandenong Stingrays
 Toby Conway – Geelong Falcons
 Josh Gibcus – GWV Rebels
 Cooper Hamilton – Bendigo Pioneers
 Ben Hobbs – GWV Rebels
 Mitch Knevvit – Geelong Falcons
 Kai Lohmann – GWV Rebels
 Connor Macdonald – Dandenong Stingrays
 Charlie Molan – GWV Rebels
 Josh Rachele – Murray Bushrangers
 Josh Rentsch – GWV Rebels
 Jai Serong – Gippsland Power
 Hamish Sinnott – GWV Rebels

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Jye Amiss – East Perth
 Rhett Bazzo – Swan Districts
 Eric Benning – Claremont
 Josh Browne – East Fremantle
 Kade Dittmar – East Perth
 Neil Erasmus – Subiaco
 Brady Hough – Peel Thunder
 Matthew Johnson – Subiaco
 Jesse Motlop – South Fremantle
 Lochlan Paton – West Perth
 Ethan Regan – East Perth
 Angus Sheldrick – Claremont
 Jahmal Stretch – Claremont
 James Tunstill – East Perth
 Jacob van Rooyen – Claremont
 Corey Warner – East Fremantle
 Bryce Watson – Swan Districts
 Jack Williams – East Fremantle

VIC METRO

Finn Callaghan – Sandringham Dragons
 Anthony Caminiti – Northern Knights
 Paul Curtis – Western Jets
 Nick Daicos – Oakleigh Chargers
 Sam Darcy – Oakleigh Chargers
 Youseph Dib – Oakleigh Chargers
 Josh Goater – Calder Cannons
 Blake Howes – Sandringham Dragons
 Tyreece Leiu – Eastern Ranges
 Ned Long – Northern Knights
 Mitchito Owens – Sandringham Dragons
 Corey Preston – Eastern Ranges

Lachlan Rankin – Oakleigh Chargers
 Josh Sinn – Sandringham Dragons
 Jake Soligo – Eastern Ranges
 Tyler Sonsie – Eastern Ranges
 Zac Taylor – Calder Cannons
 Dante Visentini – Sandringham Dragons
 Josh Ward – Northern Knights
 Darcy Wilmot – Northern Knights
 Marcus Windhager – Sandringham Dragons
 Karl Worner – Oakleigh Chargers

**ADDITIONAL
 30 INVITEES**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Oscar Adams (Glenelg)
 Zac Becker (Sturt)
 Isaiah Dudley (Central District)
 Harvey Harrison (North Adelaide)
 Alastair Lord (Norwood)
 Jordan Lukac (Woodville-West Torrens)
 Will Spain (Sturt)

NORTHERN TERRITORY:

Ronald Fejo Jnr (West Adelaide)

VIC COUNTRY:

Sam Breuer (GWV Rebels)
 Justin Davies (Dandenong Stingrays)
 Oscar Morrison (Geelong Falcons)
 Cooper Whyte (Geelong Falcons)

VFL:

Charlie Dean (Williamstown)

VIC METRO:

Braden Andrews (Oakleigh Chargers)
 Luke Cleary (Sandringham Dragons)
 Ben De Bolfo (Northern Knights)
 Joel Fitzgerald (Northern Knights)
 Felix Flockhart (Sandringham Dragons)
 Caleb Lewis (Sandringham Dragons)
 Luke Nankervis (Sandringham Dragons)
 Sam Paea (Calder Cannons)
 Jed Rule (Oakleigh Chargers)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA:

Joshua Cripps (East Fremantle)
 Richard Farmer (Subiaco)
 Kaden Harbour (East Perth)
 Judd McVee (East Fremantle)
 Noah Pegoraro (West Perth)
 Luke Polson (Peel Thunder)
 Jake South (Subiaco)
 Taj Woewodin (East Fremantle)

SPOTLIGHT



MARK BRAKE / AFL PHOTOS

Central District's Leek Alleer was one of the eye-catchers at the South Australian National Combine, smashing the all-time running vertical leap with a whopping 107cm, eclipsing the previous record by a whole four centimetres.

TOP 5

NATIONAL COMBINE RESULTS

20M SPRINT (secs)

- Harvey Harrison (SA) 2.845
- Taj Woewodin (WA) 2.898
- Luke Polson (WA) 2.900
- Hugh Stagg (SA) 2.910
- Noah Pegoraro (WA) 2.926

VERTICAL JUMP (cm)

- Corey Warner (WA) 76
- Will Bella (QLD) 75
- Leek Alleer (SA) 75
- Noah Pegoraro (WA) 75
- Lochlan Paton (WA) 73

RUN VERTICAL JUMP (cm)

- Leek Alleer (SA) 107
- Corey Warner (WA) 100
- Josh Gibcus (VIC) 95
- Jahmal Stretch (WA) 93
- Noah Pegoraro (WA) 92

AGILITY (secs)

- Alastair Lord (SA) 7.940
- Bryce Watson (WA) 8.006
- Matt Johnson (WA) 8.061
- Cooper Beecken (SA) 8.070
- Ronald Fejo jnr (NT) 8.080

2KM TIME TRIAL (mins:secs)

- Cooper Hamilton (VIC) 5:48
- Hamish Sinnott (VIC) 5:58
- Mitchell Knevitt (VIC) 6:18
- Kai Lohmann (VIC) 6:19
- Jamieson Ballantyne (VIC) 6:19

2KM TIME TRIAL STRAVA (mins:secs)

- Josh Ward (VIC) 5:57
- Josh Fahey (NSW) 5:59
- Ned Long (VIC) 6:05
- Karl Worner (VIC) 6:07
- Blake Howes (VIC) 6:08
- Connor MacDonald (VIC) 6:08

THE RACE TO BE NUMBER ONE:

WHAT SEPARATES HORNE AND DAICOS?

MEN AGAINST BOYS

The first place distant draft watchers often look when comparing players is the stats sheet. While it's a fairly useful performance indicator, in this case it needs much more context than is afforded through pure numbers. Daicos is miles ahead of Horne on that basis alone, averaging 20 more disposals and managing just under double Horne's goal tally in half the amount of games. He leads the NAB League for total disposals, kicks, and goals, while also topping Oakleigh's charts in a number of other categories. His numbers are ridiculous, there is no denying it, and Horne's don't make for bad viewing either. The difference is the level they're playing at. Victoria's elite talent pathway proudly boasts about providing over half of the total draft pool each year, and while that is fact, the standard of the competition has been a touch sub-par in 2021. That is not to discredit Daicos, talent pathway staff, or any of the footballers who have stuck true to their dream throughout a difficult period, but the game of catch-up remains evident after a year away from competitive action and incredibly rushed preseasons. On the other hand, Horne's 2020 campaign was merely disrupted, as opposed to cancelled. He got a taste of senior football as a bottom-ager and is better for it now, performing consistently in what is arguably the nation's strongest state league at the moment. The 17-year-old has fallen below 10 touches just once in eight games and has impacted with more permanent midfield time. He also performed brilliantly in the SANFL Under 18s competition for two seasons as an under-ager. Through

IT'S the great debate surrounding this year's AFL Draft. Nick Daicos and Jason Horne, the race to be number one. On June 1, Rookie Me Central released its first monthly Power Rankings edition for 2021 and there were plenty of questions raised about the pointy end of the list. Daicos has arrived on the scene with plenty of fanfare and has since dominated both the media landscape, and on-field arena. But one prospect remains in the way him being the outright frontrunner this year - Horne. We take a look at some of the key arguments to spawn on either side of this debate, essentially answer the question of why Horne topped our Power Rankings list and if Daicos stands a chance of snatching the crown.

Note: This was published in July, 2021.

no real fault of his own, Daicos is yet to get an extended run at senior level. He was due to slot into Collingwood's VFL set-up during the NAB League's month-long break, but a lingering coked thigh and overall management of his workload meant that did not come to fruition. The saying goes you can only beat who's in front of you, and Daicos is doing that, but the different levels these two are competing at is a big factor in what their numbers look like.

THE ACADEMY GAME

So these two compete at different levels currently, but what happened when they ran out on the same field this year? The pair was chosen to represent the AFL Academy in a showcase game against Geelong VFL in April, often seen as a good sighter for the year's talent. The Under 19 Academy was trounced by 130 points, with few prospects truly able to enhance their credentials on what was a tough day at the office. Daicos was the AFL Academy captain and carried the role with aplomb having also experienced leadership with Oakleigh in the NAB League. Horne

has too, at representative level no less, but Daicos got the nod here. The second big tick for Collingwood's father-son hopeful was that he ended the game as the Academy's clear highest ball winner. Not only that, but his 26 disposals were double that of Horne. Now the context of competition is out of the equation, surely it's conclusive that Daicos is the better-performed prospect - on pure numbers. It's not quite that simple, as you'll find below.

IMPACT PER POSSESSION

It's all well and good winning bucketloads of the ball, but what are these two doing with it? Horne's lower disposal rates in comparison do not necessarily indicate lesser impact. 15 of his disposals are arguably more damaging than if Daicos had the same number, but the latter's sway on the game comes through sheer accumulation and an uncanny knack for knowing when and where his next possession will come. Horne's penetrative kick and bullet-like passing can be a real weapon, matched with the positive intent to put the ball in ominous areas. His knack for taking

eye-catching overhead marks and laying crunching tackles also point towards his undeniable status as a high-impact player. Daicos is usually a wonderfully clean and clever user of the ball, with the added trait of bringing his teammates into the play. He constantly looks to give and go; kicking short and running hard to get the handball back, or chaining by hand up the field to help bring some fluency to his side's play. It means he is a productive and creative type in midfield, just in a different way to Horne. He is better able to find the ball in all areas of the ground with his work-rate and smarts, but is that kind of accumulation always as impactful as possible? The verdict is out, but he can certainly have an overwhelming effect on the game with his rate of accumulation, popping up everywhere.

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Judging such high-level AFL Draft prospects to the most minute details is often a fickle exercise which does little to actually highlight what they do so well. In this case, it works to better understand some of the key parameters and contexts required to make such judgements. At the end of the year when both likely attract top two selections, and throughout their careers the discussion will rear its head - again and again. Walsh/Roze, McCluggage/Taranto/McGrath, Hodge/Judd/Ball - all examples of exactly that. It never goes away, but hopefully now there is a better understanding of which factors weight in the favour of both Daicos and Horne, for fans, pundits and recruiters alike to make their own judgement calls. It's all subjective.



DOB
21/06/2003

HEIGHT
184 CM

WEIGHT
78 KG

JASON HORNE - FRANCIS

VS



DOB
03/01/2003

HEIGHT
183 CM

WEIGHT
72 KG

NICK DAICOS

CLUB/STATE: SOUTH ADELAIDE / SOUTH AUSTRALIA **POSITION:** MIDFIELDER / FORWARD

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONTESTED BALL
- + DEFENSIVE EFFORT
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT
- + EXPLOSIVENESS
- + PHYSICALITY

IMPROVEMENTS

- KICK CONSISTENCY
- OUTSIDE GAME

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS

DISPOSAL	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>
CONTESTED	<div style="width: 90%; height: 10px; background-color: purple;"></div>
ATHLETICISM	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>
CONSISTENCY	<div style="width: 90%; height: 10px; background-color: purple;"></div>
VERSATILITY	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>
CEILING	<div style="width: 90%; height: 10px; background-color: purple;"></div>

ELITE
 ABOVE AVERAGE
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

A midfielder with next to no weaknesses whose power bodes well for tough ball winning and impressive aerial marking, as well as damaging scoreboard impact.

CLUB/STATE: OAKLEIGH CHARGERS / VIC METRO **POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

DRAFT ANALYSIS

STRENGTHS

- + CONSISTENCY
- + PRODUCTION
- + CLEAN SKILLS
- + DECISION MAKING
- + SCOREBOARD IMPACT

IMPROVEMENTS

- IMPACT PER KICK
- STRENGTH

KEY ATTRIBUTE RANKINGS

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ELITE
 ABOVE AVERAGE
 AVERAGE
 BELOW AVERAGE

“ THE BOTTOM LINE

Daicos has an unrivalled understanding of the game; able to bring his teammates into it and anticipate where his next possession will come from, leading to utter domination.

2021 AFL DRAFT RISERS: WHO TOOK THEIR CHANCES?

LAST year, Rookie Me Central published its Top 21 for 2021 in the 2020 AFL Draft Guide. The Top 21 for 2021 looks to have correctly predicted Jason Horne-Francis as the number one pick for this year's draft, but which players bolted up to join him at the top-end that were not necessarily there 12 months ago?

One of the steepest risers of the lot has been Sandringham Dragons midfielder, Finn Callaghan. The smooth-moving ball winner shot onto the scene after impressive preseason performances, before making good on the hype with a solid NAB League debut in arguably the most watched underage game in recent memory, against Oakleigh Chargers.

From first round contention, to an AFL Academy call-up and now predicted top five honours, the 189cm prospect came from way back to quickly solidify himself among this year's elites. Right there with him is Western Bulldogs father-son candidate Sam Darcy, who rose to become the prime key position candidate among his peers.

The Oakleigh Chargers product is somewhat of a unicorn, enjoying a massive growth spurt to hit heights of 204cm, while maintaining his athleticism and balance. He proved his worth as a clean intercept defender with the Chargers, but mostly impressed with his bags of goals up forward for Vic Metro and Scotch College, all while also rotating through the ruck.

For a draft lauded for its midfield depth,



Glenelg's Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera in action against West Adelaide. The nephew of Brownlow Medallist Gavin Wanganeen is regarded as the most skilful player in the 2021 AFL Draft pool.

there are plenty more tallies to talk about in this context. Melbourne NGA product Mac Andrew was a massive surprise packet this year, breaking the hearts of Demons fans and recruiters as he rocketed into top 10 contention. At 200cm and 70kg, he is as raw as they come but almost unlimited in potential.

Another big improver from Victoria's country regions is the aerially dominant Josh Gib-

cus, who holds comparisons to the likes of Jake Lever with his intercept marking ability. Along with Callaghan and Andrew, he was another who earned an AFL Academy call-up in April and swiftly cemented his status as the number one key defender available.

Rounding out the key position talent is Jye Amiss, one of the most deadeye tall forwards to rocket through the pathway in re-

cent times. He booted a remarkable 51.15 in 15 WAFL Colts outings this season to potentially crack the top 10, having beaten out a wealth of high-level competition in becoming his state's Under 19 spearhead.

Also within reach of the top 10 are Josh Ward and Neil Erasmus. While both are hard-working midfielders in their own right, they offer much different traits to one another.

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GWV Rebels' key defender Josh Gibcus is regarded as the best key position player in this year's draft for his intercept marking and reading of the play.



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Dandenong Stingrays' Mac Andrew came into the season as a potential Melbourne NGA prospect, but will now land at another club after bolting into Top 10 calculations, putting him out of reach for the reigning premiers.



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Sandringham's Finn Callaghan rose from a first round prospect into Top 5 contention on back of a remarkably consistent year despite limited opportunities in Victoria.

Ward's reliability and clean skills impressed this season as he moved to the inside, while Erasmus' size and endurance have proven impressive despite an injury interrupted campaign.

So many prospects have played themselves into contention, and just as Ward and Erasmus did, Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera and Josh Goater have also improved from potential first rounders to likely top 15 picks. The

former comes from elite pedigree and is as classy as they come on the wing, while Goater is a player with pure upside – credit to his athleticism and versatility.

With the mid-to-late range of the draft looming as incredibly even, there are still a number of bolters who have thrown their names in the ring. Mitch Knevitt is one who springs to mind, a relative unknown coming into the year but one who may well feature in round

one after being earmarked as one to watch by his teammates in preseason.

St Kilda NGA hopefuls Mitch Owens and Marcus Windhager have developed nicely and shot up the ranks, with Owens even being considered within the top 20 by some clubs. With a pure weight of football and form behind them, West Australians like Angus Sheldrick and Brady Hough have also made their way into the frame as top 30 candidates, among many others around the nation.

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PLAYERS TO WATCH NEXT YEAR

Harry BARNETT

22/01/2004 | 202cm | Ruck/Forward
WEST ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

It is the land of the giants over at West Adelaide in 2022, and Barnett is one of many viable tall forward options at the Bloods' disposal. For a player who measures up at 202cm, the Westies bigman moves incredibly well and can carry the ball forward, while also posing an obvious aerial threat.

Lachlan COWAN

01/12/2004 | 187cm | Defender
TASMANIA DEVILS/TASMANIA

Arguably the standout Tasmanian prospect for 2022, Cowan has already proven his class among the Devils' setup having found a home in defence. He reads the play well to intercept and is aggressive in his approach, taking the game on with his speed and damaging long kicking on the rebound.

Jed HAGAN

15/10/2004 | 174cm | Midfielder/Defender
EAST FREMANTLE/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

There are few 2022 prospects who have earned the amount of plaudits aHagan has throughout his junior career. The East Fremantle utility split his time between WA's Under 17 and 19 squads, fitting in seamlessly among his elders at full strength, showcasing his clean skills and decision making.

Harry LEMMEY

30/01/2004 | 199cm | Key Forward
WEST ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The leading key position prospect cracked the SANFL League in 2021 and was a state Under 19s spearhead. He draws comparisons to Nick Riewoldt with his blonde mop and marking prowess in attack, but can also pinch-hit in the ruck at 199cm. Another Westies top-five in the making.

Jackson BROADBENT

02/12/2004 | 202cm | Ruck
PEEL THUNDER/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

One of the rare under-agers to have already experienced senior football, Broadbent is a ruck whose upside was unearthed across the course of the season. He managed three-consecutive League digs but looked most effective at Colts level, before also cracking Western Australia's Under 19s.

Adam D'ALOIA

09/04/2004 | 184cm | Midfielder
WWT EAGLES/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

D'Alodia is a well known quantity to keen draft watchers having already stood out at Under 19s level. The mature-bodied ball winner wins mountains of possessions at the contest and is clean and quick by hand. He also stands up on the big stage and was best afield in this year's SANFL Under 18s Grand Final.

Elijah HEWETT

25/05/2004 | 182cm | Midfielder
SWAN DISTRICTS/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Hewett is arguably the best midfielder out of Western Australia in 2022, boasting a speed-endurance mix that recruiters will love. He is tough at the contest and loves to bustle out of tackles, but leans on his running capacity to impact around the ground. With sharper kicking, he looms as a top-end talent.

Noah LONG

23/08/2004 | 178cm | Midfielder
BENDIGO PIONEERS/VICTORIA

A hard working inside midfielder who finds plenty of the footy, Long possesses some of the cleanest hands going around. He attacks the contest with ferocity and while he can sharpen up his kicking, is a fantastic exponent of the handball. He is a tough and consistent competitor.

Jedd BUSSLINGER

11/03/2004 | 195cm | Key Defender
EAST PERTH/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Arguably a more unassuming player, Busslinger strung together a terrifically consistent season which ended with a state Under 19s berth. The tall defender positions well to intercept and is rarely beaten both in the air and at ground level, while also distributing with composure.

Will ELLIOTT

11/06/2004 | 200cm | Ruck/Forward
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS/VIC METRO

Elliott is the son of former Australian cricketer, Matthew. He provides great versatility and upside at 200cm, able to play on each line but looking most comfortable as a ruck/forward. He'll be among Oakleigh's very promising tall fleet in 2022 and could improve rapidly.

Oliver HOLLANDS

16/01/2004 | 182cm | Midfielder
MURRAY BUSHRANGERS/VICTORIA

Fans will recognise the Hollands name from brother Elijah and father, Ben, but Ollie is the next in line ready to make a splash. He's a smaller midfielder at 182cm but is growing quickly, and has some of the flair of his elder sibling with great balance, versatility, and drive on the uptake.

Jaiden MAGOR

16/02/2004 | 185cm | Forward/Midfielder
SOUTH ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A promising talent from South Adelaide, Magor is a player who piles on goals in attack. With a strong frame and clean handling, he is a constant threat inside 50 but also works well up the ground. His key traits also bode well for more midfield exposure in 2022, which could boost his value.

Jhye CLARK

23/07/2004 | 188cm | Midfielder
GEELONG FALCONS/VIC COUNTRY

A classy midfielder who also blends hard ball winning into his game, Clark was a representative standout and made his mark across six NAB League outings. He works hard around the ground but also wins his own ball at the contest, proving an able user with both feet and a clean handler of the ball.

Sam GILBEY

14/05/2004 | 185cm | Defender
CLAREMONT/WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A raw and rangy defender, Gilbey has some serious weapons at his disposal. He is capable aerially and cuts off opposition attacks across half-back, but also looks to make use of his long-range left-foot on the rebound. With plenty of influence going forward, Gilbey turns defence into attack effectively.

Isaac KEELER

23/04/2004 | 197cm | Key Forward
NORTH ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A product of Adelaide's NGA, Keeler will unlikely end up there under the new bidding rules. Nonetheless, he looms as an exciting tall prospect with terrific athletic upside and great potential, having shown his wares for a couple of Under 18s seasons now. He's effective both aerially and at ground level.

Paul PASCU

20/08/2004 | 183cm | Midfielder/Defender
CALDER CANNONS/VIC METRO

Pascu is a hardened midfielder/defender who blends tough contested work with class in possession. Having already cracked the Cannons' side, he translated his strong representative form with bustling rebound running off half-back and very viable rotation through the centre bounce mix.

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Kobe RYAN

17/02/2004 | 182cm | Midfielder
WEST ADELAIDE/SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The midfielder among West Adelaide's array of tall, Ryan is up there with fellow-Blood Lemmey as SA's leading prospect. He runs all day and can accumulate touches across each third, proving poised in possession and efficient with his disposal. Versatility is another key trait, as he can impact on each line.

Jonti SCHUBACK

18/03/2004 | 183cm | Defender/Midfielder
GIPPSLAND POWER/VIC COUNTRY

A classic rebounding defender who can also play on either side of midfield, Schuback offers sound use of the ball by foot over both short and long distances. He is clean and cool in a crisis, but catches the eye most when taking the game on with his run and proactive decision making.

Harry SHEEZEL

13/10/2004 | 183cm | Forward
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

A dangerous and dynamic forward who has shown great proficiency in front of goal, Sheezel makes good things happen when the ball comes his way. At 183cm, he makes clever leads and can provide a marking target, but also showcases terrific evasive skills to create space and get shots away inside 50.

Elijah TSATAS

18/10/2004 | 184cm | Midfielder
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS/VIC METRO

Tsatas made good of what football he managed in 2021 after injury disrupted early on and adjusted quickly to representative level play. He operated mostly off a wing but is capable of playing inside, with his burst of speed and elite kicking skills in full flight making him a player who hurts the opposition.



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TOP PICK
FOR 2022

Will ASHCROFT

06/05/2004 | 183cm | Midfielder
SANDRINGHAM DRAGONS/VIC METRO

Our number one choice for 2022 is Ashcroft, who is set to become next year's 'Daicos'. The talented midfielder comes from famous footballing pedigree (son of Marcus) and is a Brisbane Lions father-son candidate. Much like in 2021, there will be a club-tied talent right at the top, with this Sandringham Dragons midfielder a clean and balanced player who offers grunt and class through the engine room. Already a standout and considered the top prospect for the 2022 AFL National Draft, 12 months out.

George WARDLAW

18/06/2004 | 181cm | Midfielder
OAKLEIGH CHARGERS/VIC METRO

A midfielder with grunt on the inside, Wardlaw bustles his way out of congestion with brawn but also offers great touch with his clean handling and effective release disposals. An incredible talent who is arguably right behind Ashcroft in terms of the number one billing in 2022.





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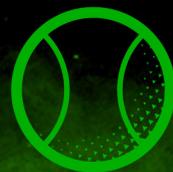
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