



Southern Districts Football Club

A Brief History

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FORWARD

The Southern Districts Football Club first competed in the NTFL in the early eighties fielding a team in Sunday 'C' Grade. And in the 1981/82 season under 15s entered the competition. The following year the 'C' Grade became the NTFA which changed names in their future and was until last season was known as TEAFA.

In the 1982/83 season the club entered a team in the under 13s. In the 1984/85 season a team was entered into the under 17s competition. The following season the seniors team moved from the NTFA back into the NTFL and competed in the Reserves grade. The same season saw a under 19s side enter the NTFL.

In the 1987/88 season the SDFC finally had a team in every grade of the NTFL competition when the club entered into the League grade. The same season the junior grades ages were changed from under 13s, 15s, 17s, 19s to under 14s, 16s, 18s.

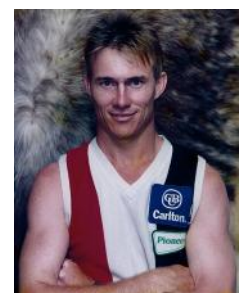
The club already had talented juniors coming through its ranks with players like Nathan Buckley, Steven Koops, Fabian Francis, Gilbert McAdam, Roger Smith and Bradley Copeland. Who all went on to be drafted in the VFL (now AFL). Junior sides also were already competing in Finals series and Grand Finals with no luck until the 1988/89 when the under 16s broke through with the premiership and most of those players went onto the next season to take the under 18s flag as well.

The future looked bright and the club is continuing in that tradition today.

Team photo of some of the original 'C' Grade players in the early 1980s. Third from left bottom Rob Hangan who is now Vice President and his son played League football last season and forth from left top Club Life Member Alan Smith who has been and still is involved at the club at all levels. Alan's son Roger was the clubs first player to be drafted to the VFL (now AFL). Alan's older son Greg is also a Player Life Member.



Left Pic: Some of the Coaching staff in 1987/88. Left to right Life Member Brian Hood, Life Member Alan Smith, Fred Chambers, Frank Carbone and Bill Feeney (Snr) who's son is Bill Feeney (Jnr) is a SDFC and NTFL Player Life Member



Shane Shewring

LIFE MEMBERS

Club Life Members

Brian Hood
Duncan Beggs
Robert Shewring
Theresa Francis
Alan Smith
Darryl Copeland (Snr)
Nick Day
Kenny Hewitt
Neil Francis
Carl Cotton
Russell Fink
Alan Hagan
Sid Rusca
Bill Ivory
Anthony Venes
Ray McCasker

Player Life Members

Mathew Beggs
Greg Smith
Robbie Rusca
Shane Shewring
Fabian Francis
Darryl Copeland (Jnr)
John Secrett
Ben Sage
Brad Copeland
David Hewitt
Danny Benger
Bruce Jarmyn
David Flanagan
Bill Feeney (Jnr)
Jason Cockatoo

NTFL Player Life Members from SDFC

2000/01 - Shane Shewring
2001/02 - Gabby Weetra
2003/04 - Bill Feeney (Jnr)
2004/05 - Bruce Jarmyn



Both Sid's sons are
Player Life Members

Pic left: Life Member Sid Rusca. Both Sid's son's Robbie and Shannon are club champions. Robbie played in the first SDFC League side as a teenager and played for the NT at many levels, he was also heavily involved in junior coaching and development. He played his last season in the 2006/07 Reserves side that made the SDFC clubs only Reserves Grand Final. Shannon has won the NTFL Gunderson Medal and Nichols Medal. A representative player for the NT at many levels also. He played in the clubs first League Premiership as a teenager before being drafted to the Brisbane Lions. Since Shannon returned from the AFL he has continued to stamp his mark on the NTFL. No doubt the club's supporters look forward to watching Shannon again this season.

The SDFC Committee in the 1987/88 Season with Life Member Duncan Beggs as President (bottom second from right). Duncan's son Matthew is the first Player Life Member. Top left Life Member ny Hewitt who's brother David is a Player Life Member. Top right is Life Member Nick Day, Nick coached the Premiership winning under 18's side in 1989/90 and next to him is Life Member Bob Shewring. Bob's son Shane **pic bottom right of last page:** is a Player Life Member and the club's first NTFL Player Life Member. Bottom second & third from left Life Members Neil & Teresa Francis who's Son Fabian is a Player Life Member and was the second SDFC player drafted to the VFL (now AFL). Bottom right, Life Member Darryl Copeland (Snr). Both his sons Darryl (Jnr) and Brad are Player Life Members. Brad is one of the club's first junior All Australian Players and a junior NT representative Captain. Brad was also one of the early players drafted from SDFC to the VFL (now AFL).



VFL/AFL

The Southern Districts Football Club has a proud history of producing VFL/AFL Players. Along with this the club has produced many players who have gone on to play in the SANFL, WAFL, QAFL and the current VFL as well.

There are a number of ex AFL players that have to come the SDFC to play over the years. Most recently ex Sydney Swan & Collingwood player Robbie AhMat, ex Richmond recruit Kyle Archibald who won the Chaney Medal for best on ground in the 2006/07 SDFC League Premiership winning side, and Brisbane Lions Premiership players Darryl White and Chris Johnson.

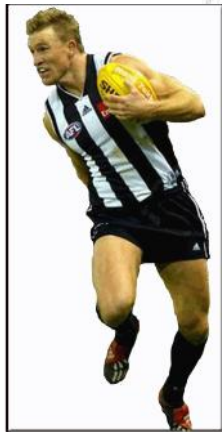
Former SDFC players who went onto to be Drafted into VFL/AFL Clubs



Michael O'Loughlin



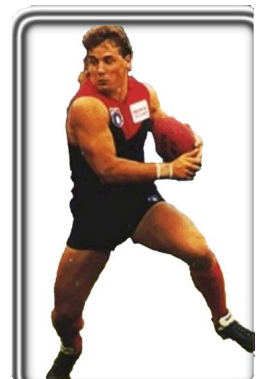
Adrian McAdam



Nathan Buckley



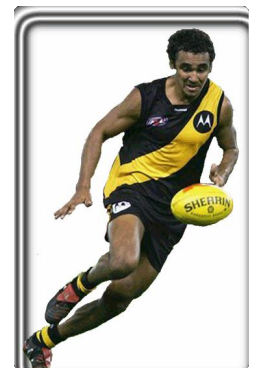
Jared Brennan



Allen Jackovich



Steven Koops



Richard Tambling

- Gilbert McAdam
- Roger Smith
- Bradley Copeland
- Fabian Francis
- Adrian McAdam
- Allen Jackovich
- Nathan Buckley
- Michael O'Loughlin
- Shaun Lew Fatt
- Shannon Rusca
- Aaron Shattock
- Steven Koops
- Jared Brennan
- Richard Tambling
- Anthony Corrie
- Malcolm Lynch
- Troy Taylor
- Steven May

Gilbert McAdam



Anthony Corrie

Fabian Francis



Shannon Rusca

Aaron Shattock



Malcolm Lynch

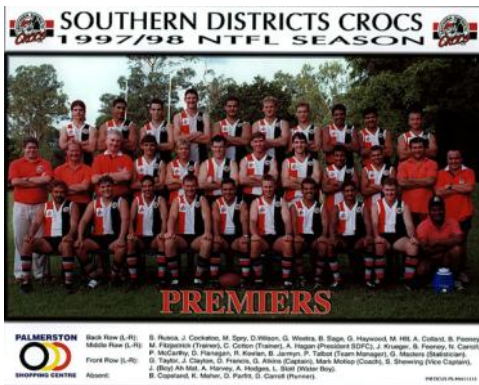


PREMIERSHIPS

The SDFC has a proud history of playing in many finals series and Grand Finals especially Junior Grand Finals. In total the club has played in twenty six Grand finals. Although the club has only won seven Premierships out of all these appearances. But the teams have done the club proud on each occasion. The League side has also won the pre season carnival called The Umpires Carnival on three occasions, including in the 1990/90 season in which Nathan Buckley won the Percy Ellis trophy for best on ground in the Grand final. And in 2001/02 in which Jason Cockatoo won the Percy Ellis Trophy. Bruce Jarmyn has also won the Percy Ellis Trophy in a Umpires Carnival.

SDFC Premierships

1988/89	Under 16's
1989/90	Under 18's
1999/00	Under 14's
1997/98	League
2006/07	Under 16s
2006/07	League
2007/08	Under 18s



Premiership Coaches

1988/89	Under 16's	Nick Stevens
1989/90	Under 18's	Nick Day
1997/98	League	Mark Motlop
1999/00	Under 14's	Steve Smith
2006/07	League	Michael McLean
2006/07	Under 16's	Dean Skipper
2007/08	Under 18's	Matt Cannard/ Andrew Hodges

PLAYER ACHEIVMENTS

The SDFC has the honor of many players reaching the peak of the competition awards. Individuals efforts by can also be celebrated by team mates who play along side these champions. Players like Kelvin Maher who won back to back Nichols Medals, Shannon Rusca who won a Gunderson Medal at 13 years old and then playing at the highest level a Nichols Medal, Braedon Talbot who won a Gunderson Medal and then a Hickman Medal in consecutive seasons and Nakia Cockatoo who has won the Lew Fatt Medal and the Gunderson Medal in the last two seasons.

NTFL League Best & Fairest The Nichols Medal



NTFL's most prestigious player individual honor

Nichols Medal



Bruce Jarmyn

1989/90 - Brently Hughes
1998/99 - Adrian Collard
1999/00 - Kelvin Maher
2000/01 - Kelvin Maher
2001/02 - Bruce Jarmyn
2006/07 - Shannon Rusca
2009/10 - Matt Cannard

NTFL Reserve Grade Best & Fairest The Mitch Lee Medal

1989/90 - Ashley Manicaros
1990/91 - Jon Secrett

NTFL Under 18's Best & Fairest The Abala Medal

1996/97 - Jason Kreuger
2008/09 - Jack O'Shaunnessy

NTFL Under 16's Best & Fairest The Hickman Medal

2001/02 - Tom Fittock
2005/06 - Braedon Talbot
2006/07 - Rhys Mason
2007/08 - Dean Staunton

NTFL Under 14's Best & Fairest The Gunderson Medal

1984/85 - Mathew Beggs
1988/89 - Junior Andrews
1991/92 - Steven Koops
1992/93 - Shannon Rusca
1994/95 - Nathan Corpus
1999/00 - Aaron Motlop
2003/04 - Braedon Talbot
2009/10 - Nakia Cocaktoo

NTFL Under 13's Lew Fatt Medal

2008/09 - Nakia Cockatoo
2009/10 - Brice Sharp

PLAYER ACHEIVMENTS

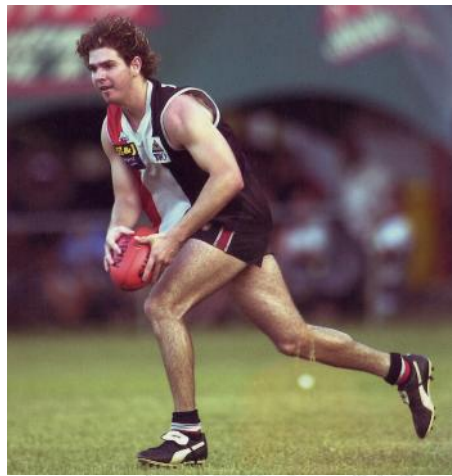
League ABC Player of the Year

- 1998/99 - Adrian Collard
- 1999/00 - Kelvin Maher
- 2006/07 - Shannon Rusca
- 2009/10 - Matt Cannard



Shannon Rusca

- 1992/93 Gunderson Medal
- 2006/07
Nichols Medal
ABC Player Of the Year
NT News Player of the Year



Dean Staunton

- 2007/08
Hickman Medal



Rhys Mason

- 2006/07
Hickman Medal

Matt Cannard

- 2009/10
Nichols Medal &
ABC Player of the Year



League NT News Player of the Year

- 1989/90 - Ian Cox
- 1998/99 - Adrian Collard
- 1999/00 - Kelvin Maher
- 2006/07 - Shannon Rusca

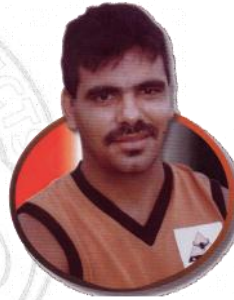
Kelvin Maher

- Nichols Medal
- 1999/00 & 2000/01
- 1999/00 NT News Player
of the Year
&
ABC Player of the Year



Adrian Collard

- 1998/99 Nichols Medals
- 3rd on SDFC all time list
of Leading Goal Kickers
189 goals in 80 games



Bruce Jarmyn

- 2001/02 Nichols Medal
- SDFC & NTFL
Player Life Member



Brice Sharp

- 2009/10 Lew Fatt Medal

Nakia Cockatoo

- 2008/09 Lew Fatt Medal
- 2009/10 Gunderson Medal



PLAYER ACHEIVMENTS



Nathan Buckley
1989/90 Haritos Medal



Lindsay Lawler
2009/10 Haritos Medal
2008/09
NTFL Rising Star



Dwayne Whitehurst
1998/99 At Shaw &
2000/01 Russell Jeffrey Medal's

Troy Taylor
2006/07
Russell Jeffrey Medal



Best On Ground In Grand Final

League Chaney Medal

- 1995/96 - Graham Taylor
- 1997/98 - Gerard Atkins
- 2006/07 - Kyle Archibald

Under 18's Haritos Medal

- 1989/90 - Nathan Buckley
- 2007/08 - Mark Gillard
- 2009/10 - Lindsay Lawler

Under 16's Russell Jeffrey Medal

- 2000/01 - Dwayne Whitehurst
- 2006/07 - Troy Taylor

Under 14's AT Shaw Medal

- 1998/99 - Dwayne Whitehurst

NTFL Season Leading Goal Kickers

League

- 1988-89 Allen Jakovich - 104
- 1996-97 Gerard Atkins - 67
- 1998-99 Gerard Atkins - 66
- 2005-06 Ashley Wedding - 69
- 2006-07 Ashley Wedding - 117

Reserves

- 1997-98 Wes Armour - 32

Under 18's

- 2003-04 Bradley Talbot - 41
- 2007-08 David Deveraux - 31

Under 16's

- 1987-88 Barry Shewring - 44
- 1993-94 Steven Koops - 64
- 2002-03 Bradley Talbot - 29
- 2004-05 Cameron Mason - 39
- 2006-07 Steven May - 46
- 2007-08 Swaine Hill - 30
- 2008-09 Swaine Hill - 35

Under 15's

- 2005-06 David Deveraux - 30

NTFL League Rising Star Award

- 2008/09 - Lindsay Lawler

PLAYER ACHEIVMENTS

SDFC Junior Northern Territory Representative Players

U/17's - U/18's THUNDER

- 1992 - Brad Copeland (NT Capt)
- 1994 - Shaun Lew Fatt (NT Capt) (All Australian)
- 1995 - Steven Koops (NT Capt) (All Australian)
- 1997 - Aaron Shattock (All Australian)
- 1998 - Shannon Rusca (NT Capt)
- 1999 - Steven Dewar
- 2001 - Jared Brennan
- 2002 - Anthony Corrie (All Australian)
- 2003 - Richard Tambling
- 2004 - Jono Mullins (All Australian)
- 2004 - Richard Tambling (NT Capt) (All Australian)
- 2006 - Cameron Corp
- 2007 - Kingsley Whitehurst
- 2008 - Malcolm Lynch
- 2009 - Curtly Reid
- 2009 - Dean Staunton
- 2009 - Lindsay Lawler
- 2009 - Steven May



Richard Tambling

U/15's - U/16's THUNDER

- 1997- Steven Dewar
- 1998 - Steven Dewar
- 2002 - Richard Tambling (All Australian)
- 2002 - Jono Mullins
- 2003 - Tom Fittock
- 2005 - Cameron Corp
- 2005 - Braedon Talbot
- 2005 - Kingsley Whitehurst
- 2006 - Curtly Reid
- 2007 - Rhys Mason
- 2008 - Steven May
- 2009 - Jack Hangan
- 2009 - Mathew Duffy
- 2009 - Brett Rice

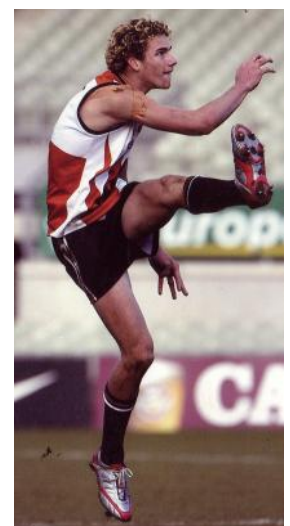
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Nakia Cockatoo (middle row 3rd Player from right)



Patrick Fittock



Jared Brennan



Jono Mullins



J Ralph C Corp P Fittock

PLAYER ACHEIVMENTS**SDFC Junior Northern Territory Representative Players****13's School Sport NT**

1987 - Brad Copeland (NT Capt)
1989 - Shaun Lew Fatt (NT Capt)
1990 - Steven Koops (NT Capt)
1992 - Shannon Rusca (NT Capt)
1999 - Mark McCasker (NT Capt)
2001 - Tom O'Shaughnessy
2001 - Jarrad Motlop
2002 - Lance O'Connor
2004 - Jack O'Shaughnessy
2005 - Justin Costello
2005 - Aaron Craufurd
2006 - Brett Rice
2006 - David Richardson
2007 - Nakia Cockatoo
2008 - Nakia Cockatoo
2008 - Cameron Piening
2009 - Nakia Cockatoo
2009 - Cameron Piening
2009 - Zane Carter
2009 - Keenan Waterbury
2009 - Zac Bailey

15's School Sport NT

1988 - Roger Smith (All Australian)
1990 - Bradley Copeland (All Australian)
1991 - Bradley Copeland (NT Capt)
1994 - Steven Koops (NT Capt) (All Australian)
1996 - Shannon Rusca (NT Capt)
1997 - Steven Dewar
2001 - Richard Tambling (NT Capt) (All Australian)
2001 - Aaron Motlop
2001 - Jono Mullins (All Australian)
2001 - Marty Corrie
2002 - Bradley Talbot
2002 - Travis Carroll
2002 - Maslin Braun
2003 - Cameron Corp
2003 - Jack Ralph
2003 - Patrick Fittock
2004 - Cameron Corp
2004 - Jack Ralph
2004 - Braedon Talbot
2004 - Kingsley Whitehurst
2006 - Rhys Mason
2007 - Steven May (NT Capt) (All Australian)
2007 - Swaine Hill
2007 - Jason Schmitt
2007 - Lindsay Lawler
2007 - Dean Staunton
2008 - Brett Rice
2008 - Jack Hangan
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2009 - David Richardson

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