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Round 13

Sandringham (8th) V Collingwood (9th) @ Trevor Barker Beach Oval (Sandy)

Sunday June 26 - Res 11am & Sen 2pm

The game is to be broadcast live online at
www.vfl.com.au (Aussie Digital – SEN2)
and www.bpmmedia.com.au from 1.30pm

Last time - Round 8, 2010 @ Vic Park

Sandringham - 6.9.45
Collingwood - 8.22.70

Zebras History V Collingwood

Played: 4
Won: 2 - Lost: 2

Presidents Lunch before home games

Sandringham Football Club holds a Presidents lunch before every home game at Trevor Barker Beach Oval. \$30 includes a 2 course meal with drinks at bar prices. We also welcome you to stay inside the renovated social club and watch the game in warm comfort.

Sunday June 26 vs. Collingwood

Saturday July 9 vs. Northern Bullants

Sunday July 31 vs. Werribee

Sunday August 14 vs Box Hill Hawks

We extend an invitation to all members and visitors to attend - Bookings are essential, contact the club on 9598 8629 or sandyfc@bigpond.net.au

Mid Year Review – By Troy Snow

A new coaching panel, a couple of key recruits and finals were on Sandringham's radar at the season's commencement and not much has changed with Sandringham currently sitting inside the top 8 at the half way mark.

Sandringham Coach Brett Lovett said from the beginning of the year finals football was what his intentions were firmly set on and although it has been an up and down year to date, finals are still a real possibility.

The season started with a thrilling come from behind win against Coburg Tigers in which the Zebras kicked two goals in the last two minutes to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. The round one win was followed up with an away Victory against Lovett's former side Frankston before an honourable loss to ladder leaders Port Melbourne. It is evident that Sandringham is improving with a mix of youngsters and St Kilda listed players adjusting to the new game plan that Lovett has introduced.

The season although half over is just beginning for the Zebras who will be looking to take some big scalps heading into the finals series for 2011. The next three weeks look likely to shape the season for Sandringham with vital games against Collingwood and fellow finals contenders North Ballarat and Northern Bullants. Two wins from this tricky trio of games would cement the Zebras in the eight.

BEST WIN

**Round 9 Werribee 17.10.112 def by
Sandringham 24.11.155**

Taking on Werribee at Werribee is always a tough ask, the much improved tigers boasting former Hawthorn player Travis Tuck in the midfield got the jump of the Zebras to take a three goal lead into the main break. I don't know what Brett Lovett said at half time but it worked with the Zebras kicking 10 goals to one in the third term to build a match winning lead. In the end Sandy ran out convincing 43 point winners in what was their first win against a team above them on the ladder.

Goals: Lourey 5, Magner 3

Best: R. Clarke, Irving, Walsh

WORST LOSS

**Round 11 Sandringham 11.17.83 def by
Bendigo 17.7.109**

This was a real opportunity for the Zebras to show they were a serious finals contender against a genuine top four team. Coming off a tight 10 point loss against Casey, Sandringham was keen to put on a good performance but unfortunately they were never in the contest with some inaccurate kicking hurting their chances.

Goals: Johnson 5, Walsh 2

Best: McQualter, Lynch, Eddy

MOST EXCITING GAME

**Round 1 Sandringham 16.12.108 def
Coburg 16.9.105**

How they won this game is beyond me, down and out with 90 seconds remaining they scored two goals in as many minutes with the Siren going as Will Johnson slotted the winner to pinch an unlikely victory much to the delight of the home crowd. It was an even contest all day but a game that will be remembered for all the right reasons down at Sandringham.

Goals: Johnson 4, Siposs 3

Best: Lynch, Steven, Simpkin

Best Players in 2011

Tommy Walsh: Has played on Brendan Fevola and other big name players as well as pinch hitting in the Ruck and up forward kicking a couple of telling goals in round 11. Continues to do the job that is asked of him. Has been an emergency for St Kilda on numerous occasions and can't be far away from senior selection.

James Magner: Sandringham through and through, always puts his head over the pill and plays for the jumper. He has been amongst Sandringham's best all year and has really stepped up with no Gallagher or Geary to help him in the middle. Would be close to leading the club Best and Fairest and surely must be polling some Liston Trophy votes. Has played every game averaging 30 disposals, 9 clearances and 4 tackles. Outstanding.

Robert Eddy: Although he suffered a broken arm early in the season he strengthens Sandringham's team tenfold. He is hard at it and with his AFL experience he is a seasoned campaigner. Expect Eddy to get at least one more opportunity at senior level. Has averaged 22 disposals and 3 tackles in his 7 games this year.

Other Notable Mentions

Tom Lynch, Michael Lourey, Chris Irving, Tom Simpkin, Will Johnson

Players to Watch for remainder of 2011

Marcus Marigliani: Biggest recruit of the offseason, Marigliani is yet to take the field after suffering a PCL injury in the pre season. Watch the smiles come from the Sandringham faithful when he does finally pull on the jumper (likely to be this weekend). He has serious talent and was unlucky to get delisted from Essendon after playing a couple of senior games last season. Has the ability to be the best midfielder in the competition and will lift Sandringham in the second half of the season.

Michael Lourey: Another VFL player who has shown he can play at a high level. A smart forward who is leading the goal kicking for Sandringham this season. He is clever and knows where the big sticks are. If Sandringham are to win finals this is the go to man and he will need to kick bags of five or more to help put some scoreboard pressure on opponents.

Stats leaders after Round 12

Goals

Michael Lourey 21
Will Johnson 18
Ryan Gamble 11

Leading Possessions

James Magner 276
Tom Lynch 175
Tom Walsh 149

Leading Tackles:

James Magner 34
Chris Irving 29
Rick Ferraro 24

In a nutshell

Sandringham has shown that it can mix it with the best, but is still looking for the four quarter performance against quality opposition. Currently sit in eighth position and would be disappointed not to make the finals. With key players coming back and a mix of St Kilda listed players also available the Zebras should make the finals and cause some damage. It has taken half a season to adjust to Brett Lovett's coaching style but the players can't speak high enough of him. The time has come to deliver, stand up and show that Sandringham is a serious finals contender.

Prediction

Zebras to make finals and I would not like to play them in week 1 of this year's final series. Go Zebras!!

Coterie Lunch – Friday 1 July @ 12pm **Guest Speaker – John Silvester**



John Silvester has been a crime reporter in Melbourne since 1979.

Silvester has written for major Melbourne based newspapers such as The Age, the Sunday Herald Sun and others. Silvester has also co-written a number of bestselling books with Andrew Rule, based on crime in Melbourne.

He also appears weekly on 3AW's breakfast program as "Sly of the Underworld".

He has worked with The Sunday Times insight team in London, won an ASEAN-AJA scholarship to study crime and corruption in South East Asia and has given evidence at Royal Commissions on police corruption. Silvester has published more than 20 crime books. He has won a Walkley award, three Quills, a Ned Kelly award for true crime writing and three Victorian Law awards.

Silvester will talk about his experiences with the underworld

\$70pp (incl 3 course lunch)

For bookings contact the club 9598 8629 or sandyfc@bigpond.net.au



Player Profile – Nick Benbow



Recruited from: Frankston/Peel Thunder (WAFL)
VFL Games: 45 - Goals: 22

A man with so much talent who has unfortunately been plagued by hamstring injuries. We saw what talent Nick had last year when he lined up for the Reserves in the finals only to break down yet again. Benbow has had stints with Peel Thunder in the WAFL and was a regular under Brett Lovett at Frankston. Currently Nick is on a running program and we hope to see him back later this year.

Nickname: Bow

Marital status: Girlfriend

Occupation: Greenskeeper

If you were to throw a dinner party, which 9 people would he have on the table?

dead or alive. Gary Ablett Snr, Shane Warne, Arnie, Cameron Diaz, Mariuz Pudginowski, Muhammad Ali, Kelly Slater, Billy Birmingham, Aker

Originally from? Endeavour Hills

Did you grow up playing football or another sport? Played all sports but only footy competitively

What's your schedule like during the week training, work etc...? Work, train, sleep pretty much everyday

Do you still have ambitions of playing AFL football? I did, I have an ambition just to play now!

What has been the most exciting moment for you in footy? 2006 season at Frankston. We had a great team, made the second semi and were knocked out. Should have gone all the way!

What advice would you give aspiring footballers? Enjoy it because you never know how long you have in the game

Funniest teammate? Dylan Jones

Most annoying teammate? Ricky Ferraro because he doesn't shut up

Best practical joke you have played on a teammate: Turning the hot tap in the shower down while there not looking usually gives me a giggle

Zebras on Social Media



The Zebras have their very own Facebook page and Twitter feed. If your on Facebook or Twitter or both follow the Zebs for up to date, News, Photos and Event Info!

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SFC Annual Gala Dinner Auction



Sandringham Football Clubs Annual Gala Dinner Auction is to be held Saturday 16 July 2011 commencing at 7.00pm.

\$60 per person includes a 3 course meal with drinks at bar prices top entertainment by comedian that is to be announced. And of course most importantly there will be Lots of great bargains available! Contact the club for bookings or donations for the night!

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Player of the Year

The winner of the Seniors player of the year will receive \$1500 and the winner of the Reserves will receive \$500 courtesy of Leader Newspapers and Veolia Environmental Services who are sponsoring the award for the 5th year running!

Seniors Round 11 V Bendigo

3- McQualter
2- Lynch
1- Magner

Senior Leaderboard

12 - J.Magner
7 - T.Simpkin, R.Clarke
5 - A.McQualter, T.Lynch
4 - N. Heyne
3 - J.Steven, C.Irving
2 - D.Gallagher, D.Archer
1 - W.Johnson, M.Lourey, A.Smith

Reserves Leaderboard

6 - C.Michaliades
5 - M.Boland, M.Andrews, R.Cathcart
4 - C.Waller, T.Curren
3 - A.Fleming
2 - S.Crocker, R.Jetta, D.Jones,
R.Ferraro, B.Dore, J.Ferguson
1 - T.Mavric, K.Smith-Cameron, M.Wade



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