

MIDFIELDER Tom Gribble has capped off his remarkably consistent season by being a runaway winner in the Geelong Falcons' best and fairest award.

Gribble, who turned 18 just over a week ago, only missed polling a vote in one of his 19 appearances for the season.

He finished on 107 votes, well clear of runner up James Tsitas (67) with Daniel Watson also rewarded for his excellent season by finishing third on 64 votes.

Gribble's win is a timely reminder to AFL recruiters about his talents in the lead up to next month's national draft on the Gold Coast.

"It's a great honour to join some great names like Jimmy Bartel, Jack Steven and Nathan Foley in winning this award," Gribble said.



Tom Gribble – 2012 Geelong Falcons Best & Fairest

"The boys that I played with this year made me look good I suppose. They've certainly helped me get to the position that I'm in and I'll forever be in debt to all the coaches at the club.

"Hard work does pay off in the end."

Gribble, the Falcons sole representative in the TAC Cup Team of the Year, was also named the Falcons best in their finals campaign - that included a 40-possession haul in their elimination final win over Murray.

The 181cm Gribble - who paid tribute to his parents Andrew and Sharron - says he's trying not to think about the possibility of being drafted by an AFL club with his main focus over the next fortnight is on his VCE exams.

In other awards presented on the night, Zak Sherman was named most consistent, hard-running on-baller Josh Saunders received the coaches award, key forward Mason Wood was recognised by high performance manager Levi Turner while ruckmen Cam Williams (most dedicated) and Darcy Fort (most improved) were also acknowledged.

Wood was also the Falcons' leading goalscorer with 23 for the season from 14 games.

Captain Sam Scott was with the Regional Manager's award by Michael Turner while Football Operations Manager Dean Pearce chose goalkicking midfielder Lewis Taylor as the recipient of his award.

Hampden-region based coach Paul Henriksen was awarded the prestigious Noel Edgerton Award for his services to the club for more than a decade.

Falcons' best and fairest top 10: Tom Gribble 107 votes, James Tsitas 67, Daniel Watson 64, Zak Sherman 60, Mason Wood 60, Lewis Taylor 51, Josh Saunders 46, Cam Williams 42, Darcy Fort 36, Darcy Lang 30.