



2025 MARSH AFL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - U18 BOYS ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Back Pocket: Jacob Farrow

Western Australia/West Perth/Joonchalup Kinross

Date of Birth: 21/09/07; Height: 188cm

Smooth-moving defender/midfielder who is composed with the ball in hand and a precise kick on his preferred left foot. One of the real surprise packets of the Championships, he showed a touch of class and good speed averaging 19 disposals at 89% efficiency, with 3.5 tackles. Was outstanding against the Allies with 30 disposals and nine marks.

Player Ranking Points: 107.8 (average per game)

Full Back: Harry Dean

Victoria Country/Murray Bushrangers/Lavington Panthers

Date of Birth: 13/11/07; Height: 193cm

A left-footed tall defender he intercepted well with his impressive ability to read the cues and instinctively know when to mark or spoil. Rarely beaten in one-on-one contests and used the ball neatly on the way out. Averaged 15.2 disposals at 85% efficiency and 6.2 marks to be amongst Victoria Country's best players in all four matches. He is the son of Carlton dual-premiership star and 248-game Peter Dean, making him a father-son prospect for the Blues.

Player Ranking Points: 92.7

Back Pocket: Lachlan Carmichael

Allies/Sydney Swans Academy/North Shore Bombers

Date of Birth: 27/08/07; Height: 183cm

A composed intercept player across half back, he was prolific in winning the ball and creative with his ball use. Also showed he could also push into the midfield and lift his team. Was outstanding for the Allies to win their MVP award after averaging 24.8 disposals at 81.8% efficiency, with five marks and 3.8 tackles to top off his underage career after being an All Australian at under-16 level in 2023. A graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy, he is also a member of the Sydney Swans Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 118.8

Half Back Flank: Dylan Patterson

Allies/Gold Coast Suns Academy/Palm Beach Currumbin

Date of Birth: 01/09/07; Height: 183cm

A super quick wingman or half back who excites with his energy and zest to create opportunities for his team. His speed and ability to step his opponents is a real weapon and enables him to break lines consistently. Averaged 19.8 disposals at 73.4% efficiency across the

Championships, with his match-winning flair on full display in the Allies' exciting win over Western Australia. An All Australian at under-16 level in 2023, he was a member of the 2025 Marsh AFL National Academy and is also a member of the Gold Coast Suns Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 98.8

Centre Half Back: Willem Duursma

Victoria Country/Gippsland Power/Foster

Date of Birth: 21/06/07; Height: 191cm

A versatile defender/midfielder who showed his strength overhead and ability to pinpoint his passes by foot with precise kicking. He set up the ball movement for Victoria Country with his slick delivery by hand and foot and was dominant throughout the Championships, averaging 24.2 disposals at 75% efficiency and 5.2 marks. Capped his carnival with an outstanding best on ground performance in the victory over Victoria Metro and was rewarded with Country's MVP award. Another to be All Australian at under-16 level in 2023. He is the youngest of four siblings, with older brothers Xavier (Essendon) and Zane (North Melbourne) both in the AFL ranks and sister Yasmin being an AFLW player for Carlton. Another graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 128.4

Half Back Flank: Josh Lindsay

Victoria Country/Geelong Falcons/Newtown & Chilwell

Date of Birth: 07/04/07; Height: 183cm

A left-footed defender with a lethal boot. He was a strong performer for Victoria Country, with his speed and decision making setting up the play from down back. Courageous in the air and a standout leader, he averaged 21.8 disposals at 76% efficiency. Selection in the All Australian team adds to an outstanding year after winning the Australia U18 team's best player medal against VFL outfit Coburg earlier in the season.

Player Ranking Points: 92.4

Wing: Harley Barker

South Australia/Sturt/Mount Barker

Date of Birth: 02/05/07; Height: 187cm

A wingman whose weapons include speed, overhead marking and penetrating kicking. A beautifully balanced player, he averaged 16 disposals at 73% efficiency and was among South Australia's best players in wins over Western Australia and Victoria Country. His reward of All Australian selection is some compensation after unfortunately injuring his ACL with Sturt immediately after South Australia's title-winning campaign had ended. However, AFL clubs will not forget his elite speed after completing the 20m sprint in a time of 2.86 seconds during pre-season testing to rank in the top 10 nationally. Another graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 86.8

Centre: Dyson Sharp

South Australia/Central District/Barossa District

Date of Birth: 23/05/07; Height: 187cm

A powerful, strong-bodied midfielder who knows how to dominate clearances, using his strength, power and footy nous to win contests. A competitive beast, he averaged 27 disposals at 76.6% efficiency, along with 11 contested possessions, five tackles and six clearances. Was not only the captain, but also the star of South Australia's title-winning team and was awarded its MVP as well as the Larke Medal for the best and fairest player of the Championships. Was duly named captain of this year's All Australian team. Already a dual All Australian at under-16s level, it completes a remarkable underage career where he represented his state with great distinction. Another graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 155

Wing: Matthew LeRay

South Australia/Central District/Golden Grove

Date of Birth: 22/02/07; Height: 189cm

A well-built and powerful wingman, he showed throughout the Championships the ability to read the game extremely well and consistently find the footy. Very strong and courageous overhead, as well as a penetrating kick on both sides, he averaged 16.8 disposals at 67% efficiency and 5.8 marks and provided great drive for the Championship-winning team. A dual-sport athlete, he represented South Australia in cricket at the U17 National Championships as a leg-spinner. Another graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 87.1

Half Forward Flank: Sam Cumming

South Australia/North Adelaide/Wentworth

Date of Birth: 27/07/07; Height: 186cm

A medium midfielder with an enormous work rate and appetite for the contest, he also has clean hands and is both strong and brave overhead. Whether forward or midfield he was consistently in the action, averaging 17 disposals at 76% efficiency, 3.5 marks, 3.3 tackles and a goal a game to be one of his team's most consistent players. Originally from Wentworth in the Sunraysia Football League, he moved to Adelaide for school and was part of the Marsh AFL National Academy this year.

Player Ranking Points: 89.4

Centre Half Forward: Cooper Duff-Tytler

Victoria Metro/Calder Cannons/Woodend-Hesket

Date of Birth: 22/08/07; Height 200cm

An exciting dual-sport athlete, he won a gold medal while playing basketball for Australia at the 2023 FIBA Asian Cup at under-16 level. However, he decided to pursue a football career after impressing as a potential future star through the Victorian pathway programs in recent years. A gifted athlete, he covers the ground extremely well and becomes an extra midfielder after taking the ruck contest. He showed not only his ruck craft but the versatility to go forward in the Championships, averaging 14.5 disposals and four marks with 14 hitouts, as well as kicking three goals. Always looked a dangerous target up forward for his team.

Player Ranking Points: 93.2

Half Forward Flank: Fred Rodriguez

Western Australia/South Fremantle/Fremantle City Dockers

Date of Birth: 10/07/07; Height: 184cm

A beautifully balanced midfielder, his distribution on both feet is elite. It very creative with clean ball handling skills and great composure with ball in hand. A hard two-way runner he was outstanding in Western Australia's thrilling win over Victoria Country and in their loss to Victoria Metro. Averaged 18 disposals at 78% efficiency and won his team's MVP award. A graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 107.8

Forward Pocket: Mitch Marsh

South Australia/West Adelaide/Kangarilla

Date of Birth: 15/02/07; Height: 191cm

A medium forward, he brought elite athletic abilities which allowed him to become a strong marking target for teammates streaming forward. Was outstanding in South Australia's hard-fought win over the Allies, finishing with four goals and eight marks. He backed it up with a best on ground performance in the victory over Victoria Country at Marvel Stadium, kicking five goals. He is the son of former Adelaide and Richmond player Ben Marsh, who was a premiership player with the Crows in 1998. Is not eligible to join either club under father-son rules given his dad managed only 55 AFL games after being restricted by injury.

Player Ranking Points: 100.2

Full Forward: Aidan Schubert

South Australia/Central District/Gawler Central

Date of Birth: 21/12/07; Height: 198cm

An athletic tall forward who presented well as a target in attack for South Australia, with his clean hands overhead a feature throughout the Championships. Together with his elite work rate, he also converted extremely well. Kicked four goals against the Allies and three goals against Victoria Metro to be one of the outstanding players of the carnival. He averaged 17 disposals and seven marks, while kicking 10 goals across the four matches, as well as supporting his team in the ruck.

Player Ranking Points: 132.9

Forward Pocket: Lachy Dovaston

Victoria Metro/Eastern Ranges/Blackburn

Date of Birth: 29/05/07; Height: 177cm

A small midfielder/forward with speed and evasiveness, he uses his high footy IQ to read the play and find the loose ball. Dynamic around goals and a penetrating and accurate kick, he kicked nine goals for the Championships and averaged 12.8 disposals and 3.5 tackles. A four-goal haul against the Allies was his best return. An All Australian at under-16 level in 2023, he went on to present to pre-season testing in great condition, recording a time of 7.81 seconds in the agility test to rank eighth nationally.

Player Ranking Points: 93.8

Ruck: Sam Ainsworth

South Australia/Norwood/Tea Tree Gully

Date of Birth: 12/08/07; Height: 198cm

Mobile ruckman who competed fiercely right throughout the Championships for his state, averaging 15.8 disposals, three marks and 15.2 hitouts, providing great supply to his midfield. Was among South Australia's best in wins over the Allies and Victoria Metro with his mobility and follow up at ground level real strengths.

Player Ranking Points: 99.1

Ruck Rover: Oliver Greeves

Victoria Metro/Eastern Ranges/Vermont

Date of Birth: 07/02/07; Height: 191cm

A big-bodied midfielder-forward, he was strong in the contest and creative by hand and foot. A prolific ball winner with a sharp competitive edge, he starred for Vic Metro throughout the Championships, averaging 25.2 disposals at 71% efficiency, 4.5 clearances and 2.8 tackles to win Metro's MVP award and finish runner-up in the Larke Medal. Another graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy, he is a great nephew of Geelong legend Carji Greeves, the first winner of the Brownlow Medal.

Player Ranking Points: 110.8

Rover: Daniel Annable

Allies/Brisbane Lions Academy/Redlands-Victoria Point

Date of Birth: 05/04/07; Height: 184cm

A hard-working midfielder and forward, used his strong work rate and contested ball-winning ability to impact games. Was at his dominant best for the Allies against both South Australia and Western Australia. Averaged 24.8 disposals across his four matches, with 4.3 clearances and 3.8 tackles. Topped off a great underaged career after earlier in the year captaining the Australian U18 team in a match against Richmond's VFL side, where he won the best player medal. A member of both the Marsh AFL National Academy and the Brisbane Lions Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 109.5

Interchange: Koby Coulson

Allies/Gold Coast Suns Academy/Broadbeach

Date of Birth: 31/07/07; Height: 180cm

A midfielder-forward who excels at stoppages. He uses his footy IQ, clean hands and sharp competitive edge to extract the footy. Was agile through traffic and looked confident and composed with ball in hand for the Allies, averaging 24.2 disposals (11.8 contested) with four clearances and 4.8 tackles. A member of the Gold Coast Suns Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 108.2

Interchange: Jesse Mellor

Victoria Country/Geelong Falcons/Geelong West

Date of Birth: 01/04/07; Height: 185cm

Medium forward who is powerful in one-on-one contests and strong overhead, using his body cleverly to out-position his opponents. Has a clever step through traffic and shows innate goal

sense, kicking eight for the Championships, including three against both South Australia and the Allies. Averaged 11 disposals and 2.5 tackles across the Championships.

Player Ranking Points: 81.2

Interchange: Riley Onley

Victoria Country/Murray Bushrangers/Shepparton United

Date of Birth: 30/03/07; Height: 194cm

A tall midfielder who uses his height and reach to excel around stoppages and has a good burst of speed to open up the game. A powerful player who covers the ground extremely well, he was at his dominant best in the final two games of the Championships against the Allies and Victoria Metro. Overall, he averaged 23 disposals (9.8 contested) with 4.8 marks and four clearances. A graduate of the Marsh AFL National Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 111.6

Interchange: Sam Swadling

Western Australia/West Perth/Whitford

Date of Birth: 16/01/07; Height: 187cm

Medium midfielder/forward who has elite kicking skills on both sides of his body and is composed with the ball in hand. Is a creative player who averaged 19 disposals at 74% efficiency, with 2.8 clearances and 2.5 tackles. Produced strong performances against both South Australia and Victoria Metro to feature among his team's best players.

Player Ranking Points: 98.3

Interchange: Adam Sweid

Victoria Metro/Calder Cannons/Pascoe Vale

Date of Birth: 14/09/07; Height: 175cm

A small midfielder with explosive speed and strength who has shown great resilience in recovering from an ACL injury in his 17th year. Was among Victoria Metro's best with four goals against the Allies and then collected 24 disposals in the final match against Victoria Country. Averaged 17.2 disposals at 74% efficiency, with 4.8 tackles and 4.2 clearances. A member of the Bachar Houli Academy, he is also part of Essendon's Next Generation Academy.

Player Ranking Points: 101.0

Coach: Tony Bamford

South Australia

Captain: Dyson Sharp

South Australia

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