



## **2025 MARSH AFL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS - U16 BOYS ALL AUSTRALIAN TEAM**

### **Back Pocket: Tevita Rodan**

Victoria Metro/Calder Cannons/Aberfeldie

Date of Birth: 18/02/09; Height: 179cm

Small defender/midfielder with speed, agility and clean hands who played with energy and zest in defensive and midfield roles. Averaged 20 disposals (7.7 contested), four tackles, 3.3 clearances and used the ball creatively to open up the play. Is the son of former Richmond and Port Adelaide star David Rodan who played 185 games in the AFL. Is eligible as a father-son to the Power, where his father played 111 games, in 2027.

*Player Ranking Points: 100.1 (average per game)*

### **Full Back: Harvey Chapman**

South Australia/Sturt/Goodwood Saints

Date of Birth: 10/08/09; Height: 194cm

Tall defender whose intercept marking and precise kicking on his preferred left foot were weapons as he provided great drive from the defensive half. Captained South Australia and led by example, averaging 21 disposals at 81% efficiency with 5.3 marks and ten rebound 50s. Produced a dominant performance against Western Australia in the opening round, picking up 32 disposals.

*Player Ranking Points: 131.1*

### **Back Pocket: Gus Trigwell**

Northern Territory/Northern Territory Academy/Nightcliff

Date of Birth: 12/12/08; Height: 180cm

Left-footed small defender who provided the Northern Territory with consistent rebound over the three matches, averaging 21.3 disposals at 71.9% efficiency and 4.7 marks to be one of their best players in each game. Showed the ability to play one-on-one and defend as well as create with his run from defence.

*Player Ranking Points: 115.4*

### **Half Back Flank: Louis Salopek**

Victoria Country/Dandenong Stingrays/Frankston Dolphins

Date of Birth: 16/02/09; Height: 184cm

Versatile defender and midfielder who excelled at winning contested ball, which was highlighted by his clean hands and courage in the clinches. A left-footer, he excelled in the midfield against Victoria Metro then showed his ability to play defensive roles and provide rebound from the back half. Averaged 24 disposals (nine contested) 4.7 clearances and 4.7

tackles. Is the son of former Port Adelaide midfielder Steven Salopek, who played 121 matches with the Power, and is eligible as father-son selection in 2027.

*Player Ranking Points: 95.2*

### **Centre Half Back: Tom Steinfort**

Victoria Country/Geelong Falcons/South Melbourne JFC

Date of Birth: 29/08/09; Height: 194cm

Tall defender and forward who is mobile and a very strong overhead mark, which he displayed at both ends of the ground before being injured early in the final game against Western Australia. Averaged 13 disposals and 5.5 marks in games against Victoria Metro and South Australia. Is the son of former Geelong and Collingwood midfielder Carl Steinfort, who played 65 games with the Cats and 27 games with the Magpies, but is not eligible as a father-son selection for either club.

*Player Ranking Points: 90.0 (across two matches)*

### **Half Back Flank: Jackson Bridge**

Brisbane Lions Academy/Sherwood

Date of Birth: 16/07/09; Height: 187cm

Composed defender whose ability to intercept mark and use the ball effectively on the rebound for the was prominent throughout all three games for the Brisbane Lions Academy. He averaged 18 disposals at 75% efficiency and 8.7 marks, winning the MVP award for the Lions as well as the Alan McLean Medal as the best and fairest player in Pool B.

*Player Ranking Points: 129.6*

### **Wing: Taj Garrett**

South Australia/Sturt/Imperial

Date of Birth: 05/01/09; Height: 183cm

Prolific ball-winning midfielder who can play on the inside or outside, using his footy IQ and work ethic to win the ball. Was one of South Australia's best players throughout the Championships, averaging 27.7 disposals (13 contested), 4.7 clearances and 2.7 tackles as he used his elite running capacity to get from contest to contest.

*Player Ranking Points: 138.4*

### **Centre: Max Gulliver**

Tasmania/Tasmania Devils/Glenorchy

Date of Birth: 04/11/09; Height: 178cm

Small midfielder whose speed and agility to burst from stoppage was exciting, as was his precision field and goal kicking. He averaged 27 disposals in back-to-back outstanding performances against the Northern Territory and Gold Coast Suns Academy, playing a major role in Tasmania's title-winning campaign in Pool B. Despite being injured in the opening moments of his third match, his performances were so eye-catching in the opening two games he was rewarded with the honour of being selected as the All Australian Team captain.

*Player Ranking Points: 204.0 (across two matches)*

**Wing: Charlie McClennan**

Sydney Swans Academy/Northern Beaches

Date of Birth: 16/03/09; Height: 178cm

Midfielder who won the ball on the inside and outside and rarely fumbled, using his quick hands and vision to create for his team. Played at a consistently high level, averaging 25.7 disposals (12.7 contested), 6.3 marks, 6.7 clearances and 5.7 tackles and a goal a game to be one of the Swans; stars in all three games.

*Player Ranking Points: 149.8*

**Half Forward Flank: Duke Marshall-Orr**

Sydney Swans Academy/Coffs Harbour

Date of Birth: 03/04/09; Height: 186 cm

Powerful medium forward who is strong in the air, quick off the mark and has natural goal sense, all features on display in the Championships. Averaged 18 disposals (10 contested), 6.3 marks and two goals per game to feature among the Swans' best players in each game. Hailing from northern New South Wales, he is now doing his education at Melbourne Grammar.

*Player Ranking Points: 140.4*

**Centre Half Forward: Zemes Pilot**

South Australia/South Adelaide/ Port Noarlunga

Date of Birth: 08/06/09; Height: 192 cm

Exciting forward/midfielder who is quick and agile, strong overhead with innate goal sense. Was an influential playmaker in South Australia's narrow loss to Western Australia and then its close win over Victoria Country. He averaged 19 disposals (11 contested), 4.5 marks and 1.5 goals before missing the final game with a calf injury. Has First Nations and African American heritage and is a member of Port Adelaide's NGA program.

*Player Ranking Points: 150.2*

**Half Forward Flank: Kai Ivins**

South Australia/Norwood/Payneham Norwood Union

Date of Birth: 14/09/09; Height: 183cm

Medium forward/midfielder who missed South Australia's opening match due to injury before producing a best on ground performance against Victoria Country and then backed it up with another productive showing against Victoria Metro. Averaged 22.5 disposals (11 contested), 4.5 marks and two goals to be one his team's stars.

*Player Ranking Points: 131.0*

**Forward Pocket: James Artemis**

Western Australia/East Fremantle/Hammond Park

Date of Birth: 05/03/09; Height: 176 cm

Quick and tenacious utility who wins the ball in a contest and is creative with his hands. Applies great pressure on the opposition and averaged 8.7 tackles, along with 17.3 disposals. Was rewarded with Western Australia's MVP award for his consistent contribution to the team over the three matches.

*Player Ranking Points: 104.1*

**Full Forward: Jake Miller**

Victoria Metro/Western Jets/ Yarraville Seddon

Date of Birth: 07/05/09; Height: 195cm

Mobile tall forward who presents well as a target with his strong hands and then uses his relaxed and accurate kicking technique on his preferred left foot to convert. Booted nine goals in the Championships, including four against South Australia in an impressive performance in the final match. Captained Victoria Metro to the Pool A title to add to his exciting introduction to the National Championship scene.

*Player Ranking Points: 84.0*

**Forward Pocket: Max Thompson**

Victoria Country/Bendigo Pioneers/Nyah Nyah West

Date of Birth: 06/03/09; Height: 175cm

Small forward who lit up Victoria Country's forward line with a best on the ground performance against Victoria Metro, booting five goals from 19 disposals in a great display of forward craft. Always looked dangerous throughout the three games, averaging 15.7 disposals and 5.7 marks, while kicking 10 goals to top the goal kicking in Pool A. Was rewarded with Victoria Country's MVP award.

*Player Ranking Points: 125.1*

**Ruck: Axel Walsh**

Western Australia/East Perth/Mt Lawley Inglewood

Date of Birth: 20/01/09; Height: 201cm

Ruckman who could not have been more impressive in his team's 12-point win over South Australia in challenging wet conditions to open the Championships, racking up 23 disposals, seven marks (five contested) and 29 hitouts. He was again very impressive against Victoria Metro before he suffered a PCL injury late in the match, which ruled him out of the final game. He still managed to average 21.5 disposals (16 contested), six marks, 4.5 tackles and 27 hitouts to be one of the standouts of the Championships.

*Player Ranking Points: 188.7*

**Ruck Rover: Baxter Sruk**

Victoria Metro/Eastern Ranges/Rowville Hawks

Date of Birth: 18/07/09; Height: 182cm

Left-footed powerful midfielder whose work rate and prolific ball-winning ability were on show throughout the Championships. This was highlighted by his four goals from 27 disposals against South Australia in a best on ground performance to seal Victoria Metro's title win. Was rewarded with his team's MVP as well as winning the best and fairest medal in Pool A. Averaged 23 disposals (eight contested) and two goals to stand out in an impressive Victoria Metro team.

*Player Ranking Points: 137.6*

**Rover: Koby Bewick**

Victoria Metro/Calder Cannons/Strathmore

Date of Birth: 10/01/09; Height: 177cm

Exciting midfielder who also showed the versatility to play as a rebounding defender, using his creativity and smart ball use to set up the play. He averaged 23 disposals at 71% efficiency with eight inside 50s and 2.3 rebound 50s, highlighting his work from the middle and down back. Is the son of Essendon dual premiership star Darren Bewick, who played 238 games for the Bombers and has been a prominent and successful development coach at youth level over many years.

*Player Ranking Points: 125.2*

**Interchange: Angus Abbonizio**

Western Australia/Subiaco/Wembley Downs

Date of Birth: 18/03/09; Height: 184cm

Medium midfielder who is a prolific ball winner and uses his footy nous and game sense to position himself to gather the uncontested ball or win it in a contest on the inside. Rounded off his Championships with a best on ground performance against Victoria Country. Averaged 24 disposals, including 10 handball receives, 2.7 clearances and five tackles to be one Western Australia's best players.

*Player Ranking Points: 113.9*

**Interchange: Monte Cairns**

Sydney Swans Academy/North Shore Swans

Date of Birth: 03/07/09; Height: 185cm

Left-footed midfielder with a touch of class who covers the ground well and is a neat distributor. Was among his team's best performers in all three matches, averaging 22.7 disposals (12.7 contested), six clearances and 5.7 tackles, as well as kicking four goals to win the Swans' MVP award.

*Player Ranking Points: 153.5*

**Interchange: Cooper French**

GWS Giants Academy/Anslie

Date of Birth: 28/03/08; Height: 178cm

Small forward/midfielder who was remarkably consistent throughout the Championships. Was one of the GWS Giants Academy's best in all three matches, with his ability to find space as well as run to support and outnumber all features of his game. Showed fine fundamentals in averaging 22 disposals (6.7 contested) and 6.7 marks to also rewarded also with his team's MVP award.

*Player Ranking Points: 120.9*

**Interchange: Sam Husband**

Tasmania/Tasmania Devils/North Launceston

Date of Birth: 17/09/09; Height: 180cm

Powerfully-built midfielder who uses his speed and strength to win the ball and then burst through the corridor to open up the play. Capable of playing on the inside and outside with his contested ball winning and neat disposal. He averaged 20.3 disposals (10 contested) and 3.3 clearances to be an important member of Tasmania's title-winning team.

*Player Ranking Points: 145.6*

**Interchange: Harper McCullough**

Victoria Metro/Oakleigh Chargers/Beaconsfield

Date of Birth: 29/05/09; Height: 176cm

Contested ball-winning midfielder/forward who was a consistent player, averaging 18.7 disposals (10 contested) at 73% efficiency, 5.3 clearances and eight tackles. A smart ball user and an aggressive tackle, he set the standard for Victoria Metro throughout the Championships and made an important contribution in their title win.

*Player Ranking Points: 159.0*

**Coach: Ash Close**

Victoria Metro

**Captain: Max Gulliver**

Tasmania

**SELECTORS**

**Kevin Sheehan** (AFL Talent Ambassador – Chair), **Paul Hamilton** (AFL National Talent Development & Competitions Manager), **Tarkyn Lockyer** (AFL National Academy Manager) and AFL club representatives **Liam Woodland** (Fremantle), **Stephen Wells** (Geelong Cats), **Kade Nanscawen** (Gold Coast Suns) and **Adrian Caruso** (GWS Giants)