

FRIDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY FOOTBALL

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SYDNEY SWANS



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FRIDAY 19TH MAY

7PM AT HENSON PARK

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WELCOME

SUANFC would like to extend a warm welcome to all Members, players, sponsors and supporters present from both clubs this evening. Tonight is an historic occasion for our club on two fronts, being the first time that we have hosted the Swans at a home venue in our six years in the NEAFL, and also being our first NEAFL home game under lights. We are delighted to have this opportunity to showcase our club and the NEAFL itself to a wider audience, and we hope that you enjoy the evening.

For those of you unfamiliar with SUANFC, we compete not only as the only Sydney club-based side in the NEAFL, but also across six grades in the Sydney AFL. We are based out of Sydney University Oval No. 1, which is where we play the majority of our matches in the Sydney competition. Our teams range from the elite level in the NEAFL, to our Sydney AFL Premier Division side, through to players new to the game in our Division Five side, as well as an Under 19s program. We have in excess of 250 registered players and anyone is welcome to join, irrespective of their level of skill or experience.

Our history is a long and storied one, with the first University side to play being formed in 1887 – however, more recently we have been involved in the NEAFL since 2012. Following on from some lean early years, we have qualified for the last two preliminary finals and are looking to build on these results in 2017. We are currently experiencing our best ever start to a NEAFL season and tonight's game shapes to be one of the biggest challenges in our recent history.

Following on from tonight's match, we have a number of events taking place between now and the end of the season with Pride Round at No. 1 Oval on June 17, and Old Boy's Weekend on June 23/24 covering both a rematch of tonight's game at the SCG on the Friday and on the following day hosting a Sydney AFL clash against North Shore. We will also be hosting the traditional Peter Ramus Cup clash against Western Suburbs on July 15. We also have a number of NEAFL games at Henson Park coming up with clashes against the Brisbane Lions (July 1), Aspley (July 29) and NT Thunder (August 5).

Tonight you will find our Merchandise marquee selling SUANFC supporter memberships and apparel. For further information on everything SUANFC related, check out our website at www.suanfc.com. You can also keep up-to-date with the happenings of the Students via Twitter (@SUANFC) and Facebook (Sydney University Australian National Football Club).

We are also very excited tonight to play host to our local junior clubs Drummoyne Power, Glebe Greyhounds, Newtown Swans and Moore Park Tigers and look forward to their Under 10s taking the field at Half Time. Pay close attention because we could be getting a sneak preview of the 2027 SUANFC NEAFL lineup!

Lastly, we would like to thank Bendigo Bank Pyrmont for their ongoing support of our football club and for being tonight's event sponsor. Based at 148 Harris Street, Pyrmont, Garry Noel and his team will take care of all of your financial needs from opening your child's first savings account to helping you secure a personal loan or mortgage. We also urge you to support the locals that support the Students – we thank our 2017 sponsors CplusC, Bendigo Bank, Urbanest, Newground, Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness, Dixon Advisory, Forest Lodge Hotel, ISC Sport, SportsLab, Funkified, The Rubbish Taxi, Chempower, Ralph's Café and Young Henrys.

MATCH PREVIEW

What a way to kick off Round 8, with one of the most exciting NEAFL matches of this so far absorbing 2017 season. Ladder leaders Sydney University, fresh off smashing the Southport last week, return to the inner west to host the second-placed Sydney Swans, coming off a similar result in Canberra. For the winner, top spot is the spoils. The loser will have to settle for the second. Settle in for a fascinating Friday night of footy.

As mentioned, Sydney enjoyed an encouraging week of footy also last round, leaving the nations' capital with a 121-point victory over the Canberra Demons. Seven multiple goal kickers was a positive for the Swans, but with the musical chairs that their selection has proven to be this year, finding consistency will be at the top of their priority list. With some of the Swans' best thus far this season, such as Brandon Jack, Jeremy Laidler and Aliir Aliir, all on the precipice of AFL selection, Sydney University know they will be battling an in-form side threatening to end their unbeaten run.

RECENT ENCOUNTERS

Round 21, 2016: Sydney 10.8 (68) d Sydney University 5.13 (43) at BISP

Round 9, 2016: Sydney 15.13 (103) d Sydney University 6.8 (44) at the SCG

Round 12, 2015: Sydney University 18.8 (116) d Sydney 5.11 (41) at the SCG

TALKING POINTS

1. These two sides booted a combined 43 goals against their opponents last week – 25 from the Sydney, 18 from Sydney University. Collectively, they also kept their opponents to 11.21. With both teams boasting an equally as proficient offence and defence, it will be interesting to see who gains the ascendancy on either side in these areas.

2. This match takes on an added importance when looking ahead to next week, as both sides enjoy relatively friendly home fixtures. For Sydney University, they host the Canberra Demons, whom their opponents this week beat by a whopping 20+ goals the week before. For the Swans, they play host to the Gold Coast Suns, who were soundly beaten by Aspley in their last match. It's a big chance for both sides to gain some momentum as we enter the middle stages of the season.

3. All eyes will be on former Sydney Swans pair Xavier Richards and Jack Hiscox as they line up against their former AFL club for the first time this season. Richards has only played the two NEAFL games this year while Hiscox has played every match. Both players still have aspirations to return to AFL level, and a big performance in a top-of-the-table Friday night blockbuster is sure to make everyone stand up and notice.

ROOKIE WATCH

Forward-turned-midfielder Jordan Dawson has been in scintillating form for the Swans in recent weeks. The 20-year-old South Australian collected 40 disposals and booted two goals against Canberra last week. He's played one AFL match this year – against Collingwood in Round 3 – and continues to press for more opportunities at AFL level with strong performances in the NEAFL.

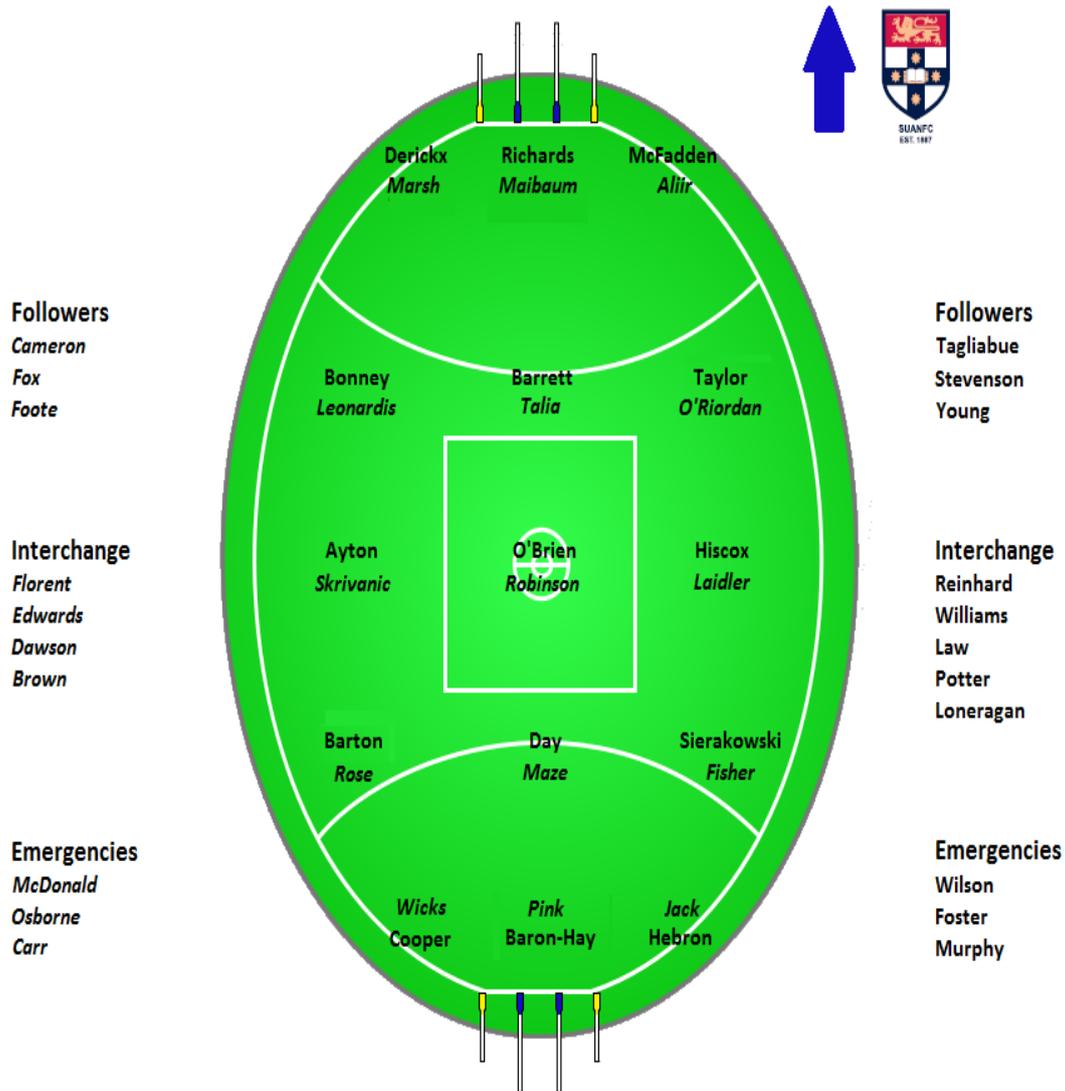
STATS THAT MATTER

Sydney University are the highest-scoring team in the competition this year with an average of 17 goals per game, but it hasn't always been the case against the Swans. They haven't kicked more than six goals against the Swans since Round 12, 2015, which was also the last time they beat them.

PREDICTION

Sydney University by 24 points.

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COMPETITION LADDER

Team	P	W	L	%	Pts
Sydney Uni	6	6	0	170.9	24
Sydney	6	5	1	176.2	20
Brisbane	6	4	2	121.8	16
Aspley	7	4	3	115.6	16
NT Thunder	6	3	3	114.6	12
Gold Coast	7	3	4	101.1	12
Canberra	6	3	3	67.6	12
GWS	6	1	5	71.5	4
Redland	6	1	5	68.5	4
Southport	6	1	5	58.4	4

North East Australian Football League

Sydney University vs. Sydney Swans

19 May 2017, Henson Park – 7:00pm



1 Jack HISCOX
 2 Xavier RICHARDS
 3 Tom AYTON
 5 Zac O'BRIEN
 7 Tim BARRETT
 8 Damien BONNEY
 9 Jacob DERICKX
 11 Nick FOSTER
 12 Aaron DAY
 13 Jordan LAW
 15 Tom YOUNG
 17 Jackson POTTER
 21 Lewis STEVENSON
 22 Sam TAGLIABUE
 23 Kane MURPHY
 24 Tim BARTON
 26 Will SIERAKOWSKI
 29 Will TAYLOR
 30 Callum McFADDEN
 33 Nathan COOPER
 34 Ned REINHARD
 35 Ryan HEBRON
 38 Darcy BARON-HAY
 40 Matt WILSON
 45 Jonathan WILLIAMS
 46 James LONERAGAN

1 James ROSE
 6 Jordan FOOTE
 11 Jeremy LAIDLER
 13 Oliver FLORENT
 17 Darcy CAMERON
 19 Shaun EDWARDS
 21 Jack MAIBAUM
 27 Daniel ROBINSON
 30 Tyrone LEONARDIS
 31 Harry MARSH
 32 Michael TALIA
 33 Brandon JACK
 36 Aliir ALIIR
 38 Colin O'RIORDAN
 42 Robbie FOX
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JACK'S BACK! HISCOX COMES HOME

After joining SUANFC in 2011 after playing his junior football at the Glebe Greyhounds, it didn't take long for Jack Hiscox to turn heads with the athleticism that saw him claim a national 800 metre athletics title as a youngster. After dividing his time between the Students and the Swans Reserves, in 2014 Jack was invited to the AFL Draft Combine and proceeded to smash the 3km Time Trial record en route to being drafted as an Academy player by the Swans. It was a big ask for a young man to crack a spot in a powerful Swans side brimming with talent, and despite managing to make his AFL debut against Richmond at the MCG in 2016, Jack was delisted by the Swans at the end of the season. But the Swans loss was our gain and we couldn't be happier to have Jack on board for our 2017 campaign. We sat down with Jack to chat about his experiences of the past two years and his hopes for the Students in 2017.

How do you feel that your football has improved from spending two years in the AFL system?

I've definitely developed as a player and feel really comfortable within myself and the skills and assets that I can bring to the team. I feel a new found confidence coming out of the AFL cause it teaches you that if you don't back yourself 100% of the time, you'll get left behind the pack. My football knowledge and ability to read the game has grown out of sight and I find myself able to make an impact on games after playing and training with the best of the best.



What differences have you noticed at SUANFC coming back to the club after two years away?

I've definitely noticed the club has come a long way since I last played back in 2014, although I only played a game or two that year, and it's definitely for the better. The coaching standard and commitment to the club and its players has improved out of sight, with the club being seen as the pinnacle of football in Sydney with players coming from all places to play for us. The depth in the playing group is just outstanding and competitiveness between the team for spots will keep us in good check all season to make us perform every match. The NEAFL program and resources make it just as good as the Swans and gives a professional feel to the club.

What is your football goal in 2017 - do you have any desire to get back on an AFL list?

Getting drafted into the AFL is definitely a fire that still burns in my heart. I almost feel like I have unfinished business, and that I didn't quite reach my full potential in my two years at the Swans. In saying that, I want to use that desire to succeed personally, but to also impact and play my role for the team week in week out, to achieve our dream of a premiership this season.

Who did you learn the most from at the Swans, and was there anyone you looked up to in particular?

I can't put all the lessons that I learnt over the two years down on paper, but a few key things I took away were that everything that you do matters and is looked at and can make a difference to how you are as a footballer. People can give you advice, coaches can train you and put you through drills, but at the end of the day it comes down to you. Your desire and will to succeed is crucial to your success, and it's a cliché but you have to train harder than your teammates and opposition if you want to get ahead, and at the end of the day shortcuts are only cheating yourself. In regards to influential people, Dan Hannebery as my mentor and Rhyce Shaw as my Individual coach were both fantastic and I can't thank them enough. Hannebery's experience and hardiness was invaluable and amazing to watch and someone to aspire to as a footballer. Shawry's commitment to wanting to help me in any way he could, and driving me to be a better footballer will always be a key reason behind my debut last year. The time, effort and passion he had for me as well as every other player is a real credit to him as an individual and I will always be thankful for his guidance. Saying that, I would love to get one up on him tonight!

What would winning a NEAFL premiership at Uni mean to you?

It would mean everything, to have first been part of this club since 2011 and never have gotten the chance to play in a Grand final with the club, and having some close mates here who I have played with since that time, the memories of a premiership would live on forever. Having played in 3 losing grand finals with the Swans Reserves in 4 years, a premiership here would mean so much more than a premiership with them ever would and I am fully confident that we have the team to win it this year.

Now that you're out of being a full-time footballer, how are you keeping yourself busy?

I work full time at my family-owned pub in Newtown called The Union Hotel as a bartender and am absolutely loving it. Pouring delicious craft beers never gets old!

SUANFC MEMBERSHIP

If you can't pull on the blue and gold hoops and run around on No. 1 Oval, the next best thing is getting on board as an SUANFC Supporter Member as we continue our march toward the Premiership. By getting behind the Students and purchasing a Membership, you will receive the following:

Membership Pack Includes your choice of scarf, beanie or Member cap, a Membership card, bumper sticker, stubby holder and 2017 NEAFL and Premier Division fixture magnet.

Discount on food and drink at home games

Discount on merchandise and club events Discounted prices on all SUANFC merchandise, on-field apparel and official club events including the Tim Driscoll Medal and Cec & Bunty Champion Awards night

Entry into Member's Only prize draws Prizes on offer for include a behind the scenes match day experience at the SCG when we take on the Swans and fully catered "Best Seats in the House" for a game at Henson Park.

Your name in the sheds All Members that join before April 1 will have their names listed on the SUANFC 2017 Members board in the No. 1 Oval home change room. You will also be recognised on SUANFC.com.

Exclusive member emails Prior to every NEAFL home game Members will receive an email with the selected team, info from inside the squad and Member only match day offers.

Cost: Blue Shorts Membership (Sydney based) – \$90

For further information please visit www.suanfc.com or visit our Merchandise marquee tonight.



Want to play footy? For further information on joining a club in your local area:



Drummoyne Power

Location: Drummoyne Oval - Bayswater Rd, Drummoyne
Contact: <http://www.drummoynepower.com>



Glebe Greyhounds

Location: Jubilee Oval – Bicentennial Park, Glebe
Contact: <http://www.glebejafc.org.au>



Moore Park Tigers

Location: Bat & Ball Oval – Moore Park
Contact: <http://www.mooreparktigers.com.au>



Newtown Swans

Location: Alan Davidson Oval – Sydney Park, Alexandria
Contact: <http://www.newtownswans.com.au>

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