

TRUE BELIEVERS NEWSLETTER



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True Believers, what a season it has been thus far. When we held the TB's Players lunch in June, we were going in to the Round 14 bye with only 4 ½ wins. Now, as we prepare for the September luncheon, the mighty Saints are coming home with a wet sail and finals look like a real possibility!

The TB membership for 2011 was closed early in the season when we reached our target of 50 members derived from the commercial property industry. We have had strong interest from new potential members and are looking at what membership numbers we will have next year. Any TB who would like to nominate new members, please contact one of the committee – contact details below.

THE PLAYERS LUNCH - 24 JUNE 2011

The inaugural 'Players Lunch' was held on 24 June at No. 1 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda. We had 135 TB members and their guests attending at what was an outstanding success all round. Danny Ryan and Paul Hudson, the two StKFC Development Coaches, spoke to the group about the season and in particular the Club's development players including the True Believers own Tom Simpkin and Jamie Cripps.

Our celebrity auctioneer on the day, "Robbo", entertained, thrilled and shocked us and ultimately did a fantastic job with the auction items achieving the following:

- Tom Simpkin Jumper acquired by Darren Behrendorf for \$525
- Jamie Cripps Jumper acquired by Peri Macdonald for \$500
- Rd 23 Corporate Box acquired by Grant Tishler for \$3,000
- StKFC Callaway Golf Bag acquired by Graham Hemingway for \$700

Great bidding TB members and a special mention to James Weaver who won the raffle (the StKFC Callaway Golf Bag) only to donate it back for auction – outstanding!

Thanks also to Danny Ryan and Paul Hudson for coming to speak to the group and to the Club for providing the auction and raffle items.

We should also mention the special performance from the other "Robbo" in the room that day; that is, Ian Robertson; when he wrapped up the lunch with an unbelievable rendition of (and dance to) "When the Saints Go Marching In" - Members are encouraged to search YouTube for more on this!

TB members will be pleased to know that on the day we raised:

- \$8,438 for the Saints; and
- \$300 for the St Kilda Sacred Heart Mission

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to making the day such a success.

ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB SENIOR PLAYER MENTORING PROGRAM

The TB's have been invited by the club to participate in the Club's senior player mentoring program. The program which is run by Danny Ryan, involves mentoring senior players on life and business outside of the football world.

It is a great opportunity for TB members to engage with senior players from the Club and to assist the players and the Club achieve their full potential across football, business and life generally.

Any TB member who is interested in participating in this program please contact Peri at pmacdonald@australand.com.au or on 0458 -492 910.

MEMBER BENEFITS

TB Members have attended the following events so far in 2011 through our Player Sponsorship Benefits:

EVENT	MEMBERS	
Player Lunch Linen House Centre 4 May 2011	Magda Zeiba, Shannon Stewart, Phil Arbon, Peri Macdonald	
Rd 7 Executive Function Saints v. Carlton	Adam Woodward, Geoff Tampling, Mark Delaney, Andrew Briggs, Edgar Gottschalk, Ian Robertson, Neil Cumming, Robert Anderson, Andrew Kirkland, James Weaver	
Rd 9 Player Sponsors Function Saints v. Melbourne	Andrew Ballantyne, Graham Hemingway, Hamish Sutherland, Jeff Robinson	
Player Sponsors Cocktail Party 16 August 2011	James Weaver, Grant Tishler, Chris Piasente, Steve Joffe	



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TRUE BELIEVER SPONSORED PLAYER UPDATE

TOM SIMPKIN Age: 21 Height: 191 CM 1	Weight: 90 KG	
		No.
Games	2	7 AUTH
Kicks	7	
Handballs	9	
Marks	7	
Disposals (Total)	16	No. my
Disposals (Ave per Game)	8	
Goals	-	
Behinds	-	

Tom debuted against Collingwood in Rd 11 and was pitted against Chris Dawes and Travis Cloke. He did exceptionally well against two of the leading forwards in the game and was subbed off late in the third quarter.

Since being dropped for Rd 13, he has been performing solidly for Sandringham and banging on the door for senior selection. He was named as an emergency for Rd 19.

JAMIE CRIPPS

Age: 19 Height: 183 CM Weight: 73 KG		
Games	4	
Kicks	16	
Handballs	10	
Marks	3	
Disposals (Total)	26	
Disposals (Ave per Game)	6.5	
Goals	7	
Behinds	2	

Jamie debuted against Adelaide in Rd 6 and kicked a goal with his first touch in AFL footy. Playing as the substitute in 3 of his 4 games he has shown a natural ability to find the ball and kick goals.

Unfortunately Jamie was diagnosed with compartment syndrome in his calves and hasn't played since Rd 9 requiring an operation to fix the problem. The good news is that the operation was a success and the Club is excited about Jamie's potential now that he has had this debilitating injury fixed. Initially ruled out for the remainder of the 2011 season, there is a small chance that Jamie may still make it back this year.

TRUE BELIEVER NETWORKING

The TB members Directory has been finalised and should have been received by members (by email) please advise one of the committee if you haven't received it.

Remember, just about everything (including business) is better when you can do it with another Saints fan!

UPCOMING EVENTS

 The True Believers "That One Lunch in September" Luncheon is to be held on 16 September 2011 - Stay tuned for further details.

This will be our major fund raising event for 2011 so all members please make an effort to come along and bring as many guests as possible

 We will be holding a "Members Only" lunch in November/ December – hopefully this will be a great opportunity for the TB's to reflect on the success of 2011.....

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See you at the September lunch and Go Saints!!