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## Team Photos - Order Forms



**Don't forget to collect your photo order forms - these are due back to your Team Manager next week!**

**Photo Date:** Photos will be taken at our home ground on Sunday 18 July. Further info on times will be advised later.

## Nine home games this Sunday

There will be 9 home games scheduled for this Sunday - 4 games across the road on Oval 12 and 5 on Oval 11.

Our Ground Manager Dave Ashby has said he will be around however it will be a very busy day; so pls help out where you can.

## REMINDER: School Holidays - footy dates

- Sunday 27 June: YES, football's on
- Sunday 4 July: NO football
- Sunday 11 July: YES, football's on

Traditionally, we have seen many teams struggle to field a team over the 1st & last holiday weekends, so if you intend taking off can you pls leave a day later / return a day earlier so that you're not away on either of these two Sundays.

*\*\*Check with your Team Manager regarding training sessions during the holidays.*

## Gala Event - major club fundraiser

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**CRICKET - FOOTBALL - ATHLETICS**

**Date: Saturday 24 July**

**Time: 7.00pm - midnight**

*Venue: St Kilda Town Hall - Main Entrance, 99 Carlisle Street,*



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**Tickets:** \$120 per person includes food, wine/beer & entertainment (on tables of 10)

***Dress in Red and White or Dress to Impress***

Join us for a one-off night of dining and entertainment while supporting this great cause. There will be special celebrity guests from football, cricket and athletics along with our MC for the night, John Rothfield, aka Dr Turf.

Dress up, have some fun, raise some money for the clubrooms, and enjoy the company of the great people from the Districts.

For information contact Sandra Cheevers:  
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[download Gala Event flyer \(pdf\)](#)

**Profile on SMD talent: Johnson Bros**



Five year club veteran Hugh 'Honky' Johnson is mature way beyond his 13 years but his dream is still to follow his brother Will into the AFL, except if he had his choice it would be for the Swans.

Brother Will, now 20 was drafted to play with St Kilda last year making him the first South Melbourne player to play AFL since Danny Jacobs!

Will, a four year club veteran last played for South Melbourne back in 2003 also for the under 13s.

That's the same team that Hugh plays for this year with the same bright and cheery attitude taking everything in his stride and making the most of every opportunity.

Legend has it, in last year's AFL draft Will turned on the television to watch to see how his mate David Astbury would go. When Astbury was selected for Richmond at pick 35, Will turned off the television and went outside.

His sister Paris called him back and he got the shock of his life to see at pick 77 he was selected to play for St Kilda.

Brother Hugh says he has "watched just about every one of

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Will's games" and says what makes him so good is "his fitness and he just plays the ball really well as backman, follows the ball really well and keeps his opponent away from the ball."

Asked if he learned everything he knew from Will, Hugh replied "not really, maybe when I was young he used to help me."

If that's the case then the talent must be in his genes thanks to mum Trudi, Dad Rene or maybe grandfather Rick who aged 86 picked up five medals in the World Masters games last year.

Trudi was a netballer and still is a keen tennis player while Rene made his name in ice-hockey.

Will Johnson learned his football under one of South Melbourne's legendary coaches, Vince Balestra of OK Electrics fame.

Sadly back then Under 13s was the end of the road in junior football at Souths and it was up to a school coach to push Will into the Sandringham Dragons after school.

Trudi and Rene are devoted followers of their children's sports and love junior district football the best.

They thought Will might end up being a professional golfer.

Trudi explains "What made Will, was his reaction when anything went wrong. His first year at Sandy was terrible but each time he got knocked back he just kept trying harder and now he is in the AFL."

St Kilda coach Ross Lyon says much the same thing telling the Herald Sun "He's a great story; he's really persisted to get his opportunity."

Brother Hugh has played backman most of his junior career having played in a higher age group until this year. "I like playing against bigger bodies," he said in an interview with the club newsletter.

Hugh has a booming kick, a fearsome tackler and reads the play like his Swans hero Adam Goodes but asked whether he will play AFL he says "I'd like to but if I don't make it then I'd like to do physio or something sports related."

For a 13 year old with a brother drafted to the AFL that is an extraordinarily level headed approach which tells you either way he will make it.

(Article written by John Durie; collaborator Mary-Anne Nunan)

## **MATCH RESULTS**

No games played last Sunday

[download Club Song](#)

## **THIS WEEK'S FIXTURE**

For games to be played: 19 & 20 June 2010

[download fixture \(pdf\)](#)

*\*\*Got some great snaps from the game or training that you'd like to share? Email [janette\\_sofronidis@hotmail.com](mailto:janette_sofronidis@hotmail.com)*

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