

# US Footy

## Ten Year Commemorative Book



*The First Ten Years of Australian Rules Football in America.*

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# President's Report

"If you dream it, you can do it." Walt Disney

Over ten years ago a group of ten Australians and Americans met in a barn in Indiana over a beer or two and dreamed about starting an Australian Rules Football League in the USA.

From this gathering and the hard work of many, the USAFL celebrates its tenth year of operation. A dream became a reality and a game born in Australia is quickly establishing itself as a strong minor sport in the land of professional sport.

Our tenth National Championships are being played in the city where the first game was played - Louisville, Kentucky. Our Championships have grown over the years from a small gathering of clubs to a significant number that produce economic benefits to the host club and city, but more importantly the gathering of teams is a chance to celebrate football and the league on an annual basis. If you haven't been to the USAFL Championships you are missing a great celebration of grass roots sport.

At these Championships we will celebrate those players, coaches, umpires and officials who have been integral to the success of the USAFL. We will remember past matches and past Championships. The stories will be told of those fantastic road trips and the characters that make being part of a football team one of the great experiences of life.

We would like to thank Rich Mann for his tireless work in the organization of these Championships. Our thanks also go to Will Sandman and the Louisville Kings for their enthusiasm and hard work on the ground in Louisville. Special thanks to Julie Upton, our diligent and industrious Office Manager, who always works above and beyond the hours she is paid for. Finally, we would like to express our grateful appreciation to Tom Ellis for the magnificent Tenth Ten Year Commemorative Book that he has created.

The USAFL would certainly not have grown as strong without the support of the AFL. The AFL has assisted the league financially, which has allowed the league to take up the challenges of running a national sporting organization in the USA. The AFL's enthusiasm, encouragement and willingness to discuss ideas has always been welcomed. Their support of our Championships and coaching development of players and umpires has been of extreme importance to the promotion and progress of our game. To David Matthews, AFL's General Manager-Game Development, and his team we offer our thanks and appreciation for your support at all levels and the efforts you put in developing our great game.

The USAFL has been fortunate to have the support of some outstanding people in the world of football and business. They form part of our Australian Advisory Board, our US Advisory Board and our Ambassador program. Their input and valuable advice have assisted the league in many ways and we thank them for giving us their time and effort so enthusiastically.

Our league has had great sponsorship over the years from many sponsors, as have our clubs, and we thank them all. One company has been involved with the USAFL League since 1999 Championships--Coopers Beer. "Real Aussie Football, Real Aussie Beer". Seeing the potential, they came on board and have become great partners and have backed the league with substantial sponsorship nearly 10 years. To Glenn Cooper and Terry Miniken we extend our gratitude for your strong and unyielding encouragement and assistance over these first ten years. We look forward to a continuing and successful partnership in the future.

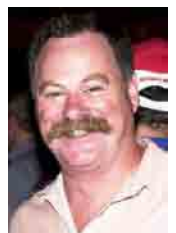
We all look forward to the Nationals in Louisville and renewing old acquaintances on and off the field. With special guests Stephen Silvagni and Kevin Sheedy, two of the most decorated men in the game, I am sure it will be a sensational weekend of football.

I have been lucky enough to be involved with the USAFL for five years as a coach and a member of the Board. It is clear to me that at board and club level we have a magnificent group of volunteers who are behind the growth and development of the game. Tireless people who do what it takes to get their teams on the field week after week. Impressive people who give up time for the love of the game. Leaders whose actions say "It can be done!" To them we say thank you for your vision, persistence and hard work and for making this tenth Anniversary possible.

So thank you Rich Mann, Geoff Cann, Gary Flesher, Mike Powers, Peter Beare, Gino (from Indianapolis), Jason Eustice, Jim Cooper, James Campbell, Paul O'Keeffe, Sam Ingram and John Harrell for taking the time and having the vision and leadership to get us started that day. I hope you can look with justifiable pride on how far we have come.

Good luck to all sides now and in the future.

**Robert Oliver**  
**USAFL President**  
**2006 - 2007**



## Paul Roos - Sydney Swans

A number of years before I was appointed coach of the Sydney Swans I enjoyed my first victory as a senior coach, leading the American national team against Canada in Chicago, Illinois. It was an amazing experience and one that I always look back on with the fondest of memories. It was also the pinnacle of the year I spent in the U.S. in 1999 helping spread the AFL word by conducting coaching clinics in California, South Carolina, Chicago, Boston, Denver and New York.

The last thing I thought I would be doing when I set off to the U.S. with my American wife and kids for a ten month holiday was helping expat Aussies teach Americans how to play football. I didn't even know the game existed in the U.S.

It was inspiring to see so many Aussies so passionate about our game and it was a pleasure to pass on my knowledge through the weekend coaching clinics. The Americans were incredibly keen to learn and improve in all the skills of AFL football, and some of the athletes I encountered were very impressive. I became not only a coach at many of the clinics (sometimes coaching both teams) but also umpired the games and even got to play in one in Denver.

I congratulate all that have been involved in the promotion of Aussie rules in the U.S. I know it has been time consuming and the work probably seems never-ending. I can assure all involved that I always keep an eye on what's happening in the U.S. Who knows--maybe one day an American may play in the AFL. It is certainly not beyond the realm of possibility. Equally, maybe one day I may be back to further help the push of footy in the U.S.

Keep up the good work and don't forget about your old U.S. coach.

Good luck.  
**Roosy**



## Kevin Sheedy - Essendon Bombers

Dreamtime is not just an important part of Australian folklore, but also Australian football folklore. The young Aboriginal footballers who have dared to dream the ultimate dream, to play in the AFL, have made an enormous contribution to our home-grown game.

There's another dreamtime of which I am very fond. It's those idle moments when away from the rough and tumble of the game, when I start to think not just about where our great game has been – which is a terrific journey – but where it might go. Really, that's anywhere.

Not that long ago, there were a lot of people who never thought we would have a national competition; well they've been proven wrong. This year, the AFL has had the biggest crowds in its history; that's people going to Australian football matches all over Australia – from Perth to Sydney, and from Darwin to Launceston.

I have often raised the possibility of having AFL teams based outside Australia, especially the West Coast of America. It doesn't worry me that plenty of people reckon I've been a bit out in the sun too much when I set forth these ideas. I would think that there were just as many people saying that basketball would never catch on when, in 1891, Dr. James Naismith first came up with his idea to keep young Christian men fit.

Airplanes are getting bigger and faster, it may not be too far in the future that we can travel between Melbourne and Los Angeles in the time it now takes to go from Melbourne to Perth.

So the time may also not be far away when we might have an AFL team based in California. Until that happens, there is a very important job to be done all over the United States – lighting the flame of Australian football in America and keeping it burning, no matter how hard the winds of the NFL and the NBA might blow, or those of the non-believers here in Australia.

I think it is absolutely fantastic that the USAFL is celebrating ten years. The ten people who first had the idea a decade ago over a beer in a barn in Indiana deserve all our thanks, as do the people who have continued to grow the game in America.

It doesn't surprise me the growth continues to be exponential because our game is the most exciting version of football that mankind has managed to come up with. Many Americans already recognise that. I believe, and I dream, that many more will.

Paul Kelly, the bloke who wrote Leaps and Bounds (the song about the MCG), and who apart from barracking for Adelaide is generally a pretty good sort of fella, has another song called "From Little Things Big Things Grow".

If it isn't already, it should be the USAFL's anthem.

Congratulations, many happy returns and may there be many, many more.

**Kevin Sheedy**





# National Results

Year	Location	Division 1	Division 2	Div 3	Women
1997	Cincinnati	Cincinnati			
1998	Cincinnati	Boston Demons			
1999	Cincinnati	Boston Demons	Leigh Valley/Baltimore Washington		
2000	Los Angeles	Denver Bulldogs	-----		
2001	Washington DC	San Diego Lions	New York Magpies		
2002	Kansas City	Denver Bulldogs	Orange County Bombers	Philadelphia Hawks	
2003	Kansas City	Denver Bulldogs	Milwaukee Bombers	Kansas City/New York B	Exhibition
2004	Atlanta	Denver Bulldogs	Arizona Hawks	Cincinnati/Pittsburgh	Exhibition
2005	Milwaukee	Denver Bulldogs	Golden Gate Roos	Minnesota Freeze	Atlanta Lady Kookaburras
2006	Las Vegas	San Diego Lions	Baltimore Washington Eagles	Las Vegas/Orange County B	Atlanta Lady Kookaburras





## East V West All Stars



The first East West All Stars Match was held in Long Beach California in 2003. The idea was the brainchild of San Diego Coach Scott Nicholas, to bring the best players from the USAFL together once a year for an East West Challenge. The concept has grown over the years to become an important recruiting ground for our National Men's team the Revolution. A match where our best home grown players could play with and against quality opposition.



The first game saw the East run out winners in both matches. The teams were coached by Scott Nicholas, West and Robert Oliver, East. Alan Nugent was the Captain of the Victorious East while the West was led by Cameron O'Brien. Guy Luminato from NY was voted best afield.

This was the first of 4 East West Matches. The games have been played with great spirit and have become stand out competitions.

EvW II was played in Atlanta and both matches were close affairs. Both games were again won by the East. The All Star 2<sup>nd</sup> match went down to the wire and was won by in the last seconds of the game.

EvW III took place in Dallas and looked after the East had won the first match to be going the same way as in previous years. However the West and coach Tom Ellis had other ideas. After establishing a 4 goal lead in the first minutes of the match it looked like they would run away with the match. The East however fought back and had the score level at the half. However the West were too good and ran out winners by 2 goals to break the ice with a well deserved victory.

EvW IV took place this year in Florida with the East having a new coach, Jason Becker and the West being coached again by Tom Ellis. There was only one match played in this year's East West. In a hard fought and thunderstorm interrupted match the West ran out clear winners by 35 points.





# Individual Medal Winners

## Best & Fairest The Paul Roos Medal

Division 1		Division 2	Division 3	Womens Division
1997	Richard Mann-Cincinnati Dockers			
1998	Paul Grierson - Santa Cruz Roos			
1999	Brett Webster-Boston Demons			
2000	Larry Butterfield-Denver Bulldogs			
2001	Rich Mann Denver Bulldogs/Brett Webster-Boston Demons		Martin Coventry-North Carolina Tigers	
2002	Chris Steiglere - San Diego Lions		Martin Coventry-North Carolina Tigers	
2003	Dave Thurmond-Orange County Bombers/Matt Dainauski-Denver Bulldogs	Ross Siegel-Milwaukee Bombers	Matt Suelling-Kansas City Power	
2004	Luke Woolrich-Milwaukee Bombers/Mark Seccuil-Orange County Bombers/Ben Harling-Denver Bulldogs	Liam McGroarty-Philadelphia Hawks	Justin Valley-Cincinnati/Pittsburgh	
2005	Paul Smith-Milwaukee Bombers	Dustin Jones-Florida Redbacks	Mickey Kleinhenz-Baton Rouge Tigers	
2006	Andrew Bridges-New York Magpies	Eric Perry-Minnesota Freeze	Michael Ablett-Las Vegas Gamblers	Eva McNilies&Jennifer Sarbacker-Atlanta Lady Kookaburras

## Most Consistent

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Womens Division
1999	Tom Ellis-Denver Bulldogs		
2000	Boston Demons		
2001	Tom Ellis-Denver Bulldogs		
2002			
2003	George Lakomy-Boston	Michael Waller-Baltimore Washington Eagles	Justin Davis-North Carolina Tiger
2004	Brendan McDonald-San Diego Lions	Jason Heathcote-North Carolina Tigers	Tim Martindale-Mojave Greens
2005	James Brunmeier-Milwaukee Bombers	Chris Carroll-St. Louis Blues/Donnie Lucero-Orange County Bombers	Sean Patton-New York Magpies/Troy Redman-Baton Rouge Tigers
2006	Martin Mondia-San Diego Lions	Stuart Grills-Vancouver Cougars/Martin Coventry-Seattle Grizzly	Holly Wenrich-Florida/Danielle David-Milwaukee

## Best on Ground Grand Final Geoff Cann Medal

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Womens Division
1997	Geoff Cann-Cincinnati Dockers		
1998			
1999			
2000	Kyle Weir-Denver Bulldogs		
2001	Cameron O'Brien-San Diego Lions		
2002	Dave Newitt- Denver Bulldogs		
2003	Ben Harling-Denver Bulldogs		
2004	Tom Ellis-Denver Bulldogs	Jared Brunmeier-Milwaukee Bombers	Mark Scott-Kansas City Power
2005	Mike LaValley-Denver Bulldogs	Liam McGroarty-Philadelphia Hawks	Correll Bilbrew-Kansas City/Louisville
2006	Jack Cameron-San Diego Lions	Dwayne Marshall-Baltimore Washington Eagles	Mitchell Jenkins-Las Vegas Gamblers
			Jennifer Sarbacker-Atlanta Lady Kookaburras



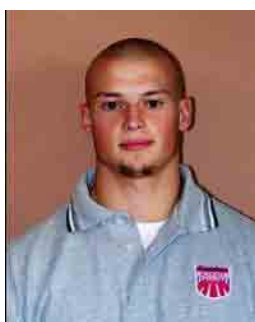
## Essendon Scholarship Winners



Dustin Jones  
2001



Jeremy Kraus  
2002



Josh Loring  
2003



Jared Brunmeier  
2004



Chris Carroll  
2005



## Macquarie Scholarship Winners

Tim Weir  
2003

Justin Valley  
2004

James Brunmeir  
2005

Danny Harrison  
2006

Andrew Lamont  
2007

The Scholarship recipients have attend Macquarie University in Sydney for one semester, receiving free tuition and free accommodation. The winners have played for the Macquarie University Kookaburras in the Sydney Football Association and have received the opportunity to learn the game from Macquarie's experienced coaching staff. The Kookaburras were SFA premiers in 1998, 1999 and 2000. Macquarie University is a premier destination for U.S. college students, and it has hundreds of U.S. students participating in exchange programs and study-abroad programs every year. The Macquarie Kookaburras and the SFA have years of experience teaching footy to Australians and non-Australians alike. A number of the scholarship winners also participate in internships involving sports management.

The scholarship has paid for one semester of free tuition at Macquarie University as well as accommodation for the duration of the semester. The students have been responsible for travel and visa-associated costs.

The Scholarship has allowed a number of our current and future Revolution players to learn the sport at a higher level and to experience living in Australia. The USAFL thanks Macquarie for the five years they sponsored the scholarship. We hope this leads to a number of different higher education scholarship throughout Australia.

## USAFL Board Members - 1997-2007

In September, 1997 the USAFL was founded at the first USFootya National Championships. Since then, the USAFL has been helmed by a dedicated group of leaders from across the country. Those in attendance included Paul O'Keeffe (as facilitator), Rich Mann, Geoff Cann, Gary Flesher, Mike Powers, Peter Beare, Jason Eustice, Jim Cooper, James Campbell, Sam Ingram and John Harrell.

President	Secretary	Treasurer	VP East	VP Central	VP West	Member At Large
1998 Paul O'Keeffe	Mike Powers	Elizabeth Ballagh	Rich Mann	Rich Mann	Rich Mann	
1999 Paul O'Keeffe	Paul Whiting	Rick Martinez	Paul Clark	Rich Mann	Adam Hand	
2000 Rich Mann	Sheri Archer	Cameron Murray	Michelle Giabardo	Tim Powell	Chris Olson	Paul O'Keeffe
2001 Rich Mann	Sheri Archer	Ryan Richardson	Sue Weeks	Todd McIntosh	Ryan Richardson	Paul O'Keeffe
2002 Jon Lenicheck	Chris Adams	Ryan Richardson	Jeff Farnham	Jim Martin	Wayne Calliss	Paul O'Keeffe
2003 Mark Wheeler	Tim Blankenmeyer	Chris Adams	Robert Oliver	Jim Martin	John Meier	Ryan Richardson
2004 Mark Wheeler	David Payne	Chris Adams	Robert Oliver	Jim Martin	John Meier	Ryan Richardson
2005 Mark Wheeler	David Payne	Andrew Bednall	Greg Narleski	Jim Martin	John Meier	Randall Upton
2006 Robert Oliver	Matt Jagger	Andrew Bednall	Rob Beyersdorf	Jim Martin	Tom Ellis	Rich Mann
2007 Robert Oliver	Matt Jagger	Andrew Bednall	Rob Beyersdorf	Jim Martin	Tom Ellis	Rich Mann

## Portfolio Members - 1997-2007

Sheri Archer	Greg Everett	Kevin Joseph	Robert Oliver	Julie Upton
Stephen Arnott	Tony Fairhead	Pamm Kellett	David Payne	Mark Wheeler
Brent Bacon	Shane Frearson	Robert Kelly	Wayne Pollock	Max Wittmann
Jim Baldwin	B.J. Gambaro	Wayne Kraska	Tim Powell	
Andrew Boyle	Steven Gain	Trevor Lovitt	Mike Powers	
Jim Bradley	Mike Gardiner	Rich Lozano	Paul Roos	
Warrick Burgmann	Rob Giabardo	Richard Mann	Denis Ryan	
Andrea Caesar	Brian Green	Matt Muller	Rob de Santos	
Steve (Sid) Caesar	Gary Hill	Scott Nicholas	Chris Steigler	
Adam Coleman	Kathryn Hogg	Jeff Norris	Wendell Stephenson	
Matt Dainauski	Scott Hunt	Alan Nugent	Leigh Swansborough	
Marcus Dripps	Roger Jolly	Paul O'Keeffe	Dean Thomas	

## Vision

In the next ten years, the USAFL's goals include;

- 🏈 That the USAFL will be recognized as the best run amateur Australian Football league in the world, including Australia.
- 🏈 Reaching 10,000 participants in 10 years.
- 🏈 Working towards having 1% of the U.S. population knowing what Aussie Rules is about.
- 🏈 Keeping the game community based.

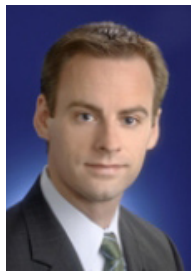
## The US Footy Executives



**Robert Oliver**  
President



**Andrew Bednall**  
Treasurer



**Matt Jagger**  
Secretary



**Jim Martin**  
Vice President,  
Central Region



**Rob Beyersdorf**  
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Eastern Region



**Tom Ellis**  
Vice President,  
Western Region



**Rich Mann**  
Member at  
Large

## Portfolio Members



**Matt Muller**  
Webmaster



**Brian Green**  
National Umpire  
Coach & Director



**Matt Dainauski**  
National Director  
of Coaching



**Shane Frearson**  
Sponsorship  
Director



**Kathryn Hogg**  
Women's Portfolio  
Director



**Denis Ryan**  
USFooty Kids  
National  
Co-ordinator



**David Payne**  
Armed Forces  
Development



**Paul O'Keeffe**  
International  
Liaison



**Kevin Smith**  
Media Relations

## Australian Advisory

The USAFL is pleased to announce the creation of the Australian Advisory Board. The Advisory Board's mission is "to promote the interests of the USAFL in Australia." The USAFL is concluding its tenth year of existence at the 2007 National Tournament. This is the perfect time to seek the support of football partners in Australia that can help the USAFL continue to grow the game in America. During its formative years, the USAFL was able to grow simply from the recruitment of American players. As this growth has stabilized, a new wave of growth will come through creative and meaningful relationships with Australian individuals and businesses that have a tie both to the sport and America.

The Advisory Board's members will include friends of the USAFL in Australia who have experience in both business and football, and who are willing to advise the USAFL on business in Australia, the inner workings of the game in Australia, and their general understanding of all things football.

The membership will include between five and seven individuals from throughout Australia who can advise the USAFL on how to become a better partner of the AFL, access broader support in Australia, and publicize its existence to people moving to America.

The USAFL is privileged to have Terry O'Connor as the inaugural chairman, with Tony Fairhead, Tom Potter, Peter Schwab and Paul Roos as directors.



**Terrence O'Connor**  
AM QC  
Chairman



**Tony Fairhead**  
Director



**Tom Potter**  
Director



**Peter Schwab**  
Director



**Paul Roos**  
Director

## American Advisory

Now in its tenth year of existence, the USAFL has begun to reach out toward business and community leaders with an understanding of the issues facing the game locally, and the ability to contribute background support to the USAFL Executive Board. The ideal Advisory Board member is someone who can work as part a team on an as-needed basis in assisting and guiding projects, supporting major strategic issues that the USAFL encounters, and helping manage the growth of the game.

The goal is to grow to a minimum number of eight specialists who cover the key professional areas that the USAFL will encounter as it grows, including finance, contracts, business, and sponsorships. The two founding members of this committee, Adam Coleman and Rob Parry, came on board in 2006, and the membership now includes Laurence Gratton and Gary Lerch.



**Adam Coleman**  
Chairman



**Rob Parry**



**Laurence Gratton**



**Gary Lerch**



## Ambassadors

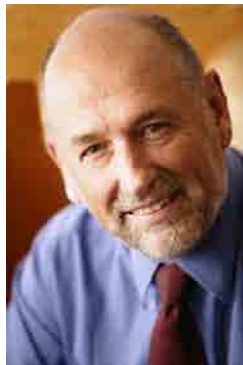
The USAFL is pleased to announce that Robert DiPierdomenico ("Dipper"), Colin Carter, Ian Dicker, Michael Voss, Leigh Matthews, Rod Grljusich ("Grilla") and Wayne Clark have agreed to become the inaugural members of the newly formed USAFL Ambassadors Program, which is being launched as part of the USAFL's tenth anniversary celebrations of its relationship with the AFL.

The Mission of the USAFL Ambassadors is to promote the interests of the USAFL and the growth of Australian Football in America. The membership is comprised of individuals who can help promote the USAFL in Australia and America, and have the capacity to assist the USAFL in a number of different arenas.

The mixture of players, administrators and media expertise will greatly enhance the future of footy in the America, and the USAFL is excited to have such a distinguished group of individuals as the first crop of Ambassadors.



**Robert DiPierdomenico**  
(aka 'Dipper')



**Colin Carter**



**Ian Dicker**



**Michael Voss**



**Leigh Matthews**



**Rod Grljusich (Grilla)**



**Wayne Clark**

# American Revolution



## Team History • Est. 1999

The American Revolution is the Men's National team of the USA. To be eligible for selection a player must be a US Citizen and have played their first game in America. The Revolution came into existence in 1999 when the first International match was held between the USA and Canada (note: eligibility rules were slightly less stringent in the early days and Australians with a green card could participate). This team was coached by Paul Roos and set the Revo's off on a winning way.

In 2000 the team traveled to Toronto and played the Canadians again. In 2001 the team took its first trip abroad and traveled to London for the Atlantic Alliance Cup. This was the first ever true International Tournament with teams from England, Denmark, Ireland and Canada competing. The Americans did well and squeaked through on percentage to come second.

2002 saw the first International Cup held in Melbourne. 11 countries competed and the USA came a very credible fifth. The Irish team won in an upset beating both New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, countries with a long history of footy. The trip set the standard for future traveling teams.

A number of games were held in 2003 and 2004 in the lead up to the 2005 International Cup. In 2004 the Canadians went back up to Toronto and took two teams. The strength of numbers of the Revo's was a testament to the growth of American players throughout the league.

The 2005 International Cup, once again held in Melbourne, saw the USA team jump two places to finish third. Along the way the USA beat arch rivals Ireland twice. However, they lost by a solitary goal to Papua New Guinea and were beaten by New Zealand in the semi-final. The gap was narrowing.

2006 was a quite year for the Revo's. The year started with the first Revo versus Aussie Expat game as a curtain raiser to an AFL pre-season match at UCLA. The expats won – but the Revo's showed greater speed and fitness around the ground. The next game did not occur till 207 when in January the Revos played Canada in Houston. This was the true start to the 2008 International Cup. In August this year the Revos traveled to Vancouver to once again face off against Canada. This was a huge match for Canada as they beat the Revo's after nine years of trying.

The Revo's attention now turns to Melbourne and the 2008 International Cup. The aim is the match the final and play on the MCG and then hold aloft the Cup.



1999



2005





# Arizona Hawks

Sister Club: Hawthorn Hawks



## Team History • Est. 1999

The Phoenix Scorpions began in the summer of 1999 when a few intrepid souls braved the Arizona heat to learn Australia's Greatest Game. Founding president Andrew "Floyd" Ashworth gathered together a handful of curious Americans and somehow taught them the fundamentals of Australian Rules Football. The interest in that first year inspired the leadership core of the club to create the nation's first Metro Footy competition in 2000. That first season saw the creation of a four team prototype Metro competition which became the model for other teams to follow. The Arizona Australian Football League is now the longest continuous Australian Football competition in the U.S. In 2003 the Phoenix Scorpions became the Arizona Hawks and a sister club of the AFL Hawthorn Hawks.

In 2005 the Hawks saw another emerging facet to the tradition of ground-breaking programs-- the Lady Hawks began competing, first during the AZAFL Metro competition, and then against other clubs. In 2007, the Hawks and AZAFL once again re-tooled their metro comp, moving to a 12-a-side competition on a slightly larger field.

The Hawks have proudly produced six USFooty Revolution players. Jeff Purcell (2-time Revo Captain), Brad Pope, Jay Mueller, Jared Schrieber, Chad Martin and Rob Lutostanski.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward: Darren Toohey  
Forward Pocket: Maurice "Mo" Maharaj  
Forward Pocket: Michael "Mental" Levenbaum  
Center Half Forward: Matty Bracher  
Half Forward Flank: Andrew "Floyd" Ashworth  
Half Forward Flank: Jeff "Fingers" Purcell  
Wing: Rodney "Minimal" Drinen  
Wing: AJ Koernig  
Center: Chad Martin  
Center Half Back: Danny "D-Train" Reidy  
Half Back Flank: Brad "Porkchop" Palumbo  
Half Back Flank: Dave "Donger" Pack  
Full Back: Jared "Kaiser" Schrieber  
Back Pocket: Charlie Hollingsworth  
Back Pocket: John "Pops" Meier  
Ruck: Jay "Ferris" Mueller  
Rover: Brad Pope  
Ruck Rover: Troy Anderson  
Interchange: Rob "Berto" McCandless  
Interchange: Dave "Clean" Haydon  
Interchange: Neil "Dilfy" Dilts  
Interchange: Josh Ashley  
Interchange: Mike "Beast" Spielman  
Interchange: Tom "Bobby" Passwater

# Atlanta Kookaburras



## Team History • Est. 1998

Played: 122 Won: 57 Lost: 65

The Atlanta Kookaburras Australian Rules Football Club is a thriving self funded and governed 501(c)(3) organization bringing the exciting game of Aussie Rules football to the people of Atlanta to enjoy, either as participants or spectators. The club has already had a colorful and successful ten-year history with many great achievements on and of the field.

The Kookaburras hosted the 2004 USAFL National Championships and put on a wonderful weekend of football for 750 players and special guests from 27 different teams. With a traveling schedule that often takes the team to many corners of the USA, there is plenty for the average sports lover to like about the club. The social activities and after game parties are another way we not only enjoy the sport, but also each other's company. Many of those good times are also shared by visiting teams and supporters; friendships are forged and good times are a' plenty.

In 2005 the club also started the Atlanta Lady Kookaburras, who till this date remain undefeated and have two National titles to their name. Along with the emerging local league--the Atlanta Australian Rules Football League--you can see there is much to do for club administrators and players alike.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Brent Bacon
Forward Pocket	Marty Hyder
Forward Pocket	Justin Biggs
Center Half Forward	David Croft
Half Forward Flank	Mike Frost
Half Forward Flank	Kan Heffernan
Wing	Jason Lehman
Wing	Barry Collins
Center	Steven Thomson
Center Half Back	Curtis Jones
Half Back Flank	Ben Crist
Half Back Flank	Alp Oran
Full Back	Anthony Ellis
Back Pocket	Alan Mobley
Back Pocket	Mike Powers
Ruck	BJ Gambaro
Rover	Wayne Kraska
Ruck Rover	Bjorn Farrugia
Interchange	Pete Eckman
Interchange	John Martin
Interchange	Brent Kewly
Interchange	Heath Moore
Interchange	Tim Roberson
Interchange	Ron Sheffield

Coach

Steven Thomson



# Baltimore Washington Eagles

Sister Club: West Coast Eagles



## Team History • Est. 1998

From a phone call by Jason Eustice from Kansas City, a challenge was put down on the Australian Embassy to pull a Aussie Rules football team together to play his Midwest All-Stars team. This challenge was taken seriously by the Embassy of Australia in Washington, DC, and at a regular end of week meeting, several members discussed the possibility of putting a team together over a few cold Australian refreshments. During this traditional custom, many an Australian male is said to have become "a Legend in his own time", hence the Embassy Legends Team was born. Thus, on the July 25, 1997, the Embassy of Australia's Legends Football Team was formed to play its first game of football on July 27th, 1997, against the Mid West All-Stars team.

Over the next year and a half under the watchful eyes of President Tom Fahey and Coach Allan "Plugger" Purdie, the Washington Eagles grew in numbers and participated in a number of games against teams from Boston, New York, North Carolina and the Broadview Hawks from the Canadian Australian Football Association. They went on to recruit a group of 19 players, and contact the AFL's West Coast Eagles about helping out with jumpers and other equipment. The rest, as they say, is history.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Michael "Tiger" Fay (A)
Forward Pocket	James Boyd
Forward Pocket	Danny Carr
Center Half Forward	Cameron Ashe (A)
Half Forward Flank	Josh Worner (A)
Half Forward Flank	Garth Elliott (A)
Wing	Rob Brunton
Wing	Byron Spradlin
Center	Denis Ryan (A)
Center Half Back	Mick Dunne (A)
Half Back Flank	RJ Wheelock
Half Back Flank	Kevin Stanley
Full Back	Dean Clatworthy (A)
Back Pocket	Dave Schall
Back Pocket	Steve Huppaty (A)
Ruck	Michael Waller
Rover	Dwayne Marshall (A)
Ruck Rover	Jay Hunter
Interchange	Peter "Whothe" Allen (A)
Interchange	Dave Stewart (A)
Interchange	Paul McIntyre (A)
Interchange	Joe Mullen
Interchange	David Waldron
Interchange	Armando "Gus" Horsey
Coach	Matt Bishop
Assistant Coach	Denis Ryan
Manager	Sue Weeks, "Outback" Al Diano

# Baton Rouge Tigers



## Team History • Est. 2004

Played: 11 Won: 7 Lost: 4

Founded in 2004, the Baton Rouge Tigers are the creation of Pat 'Vanilla Gorilla' Muller, Rob 'Zulu' Montanarro and Mick 'Shirly' Coyne. Spawning from humble origins after a few heart starters at the local pub, the Tigers were conceived. Each week on a leisurely Sunday afternoon, 'footy' slowly infects the locals of Louisiana's state capitol. Most are screaming out for an escape from the tedium of traditional sports and the boys from Oz deliver with their tenacious and thrilling brand of football. Three years in and only one visit to the emergency room, the colossal juggernaut that is the Baton Rouge Tigers is at full pace and on target to monopolize the competition in the foreseeable future.



## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Neil Stebbing (AUS)
Forward Pocket	Girth Patterson (USA)
Forward Pocket	Anthony Civitarese (AUS)
Center Half Forward	Matty Boyd (USA)
Half Forward Flank	Michael Bruckner (USA)
Half Forward Flank	Tristan Samuels (AUS)
Wing	Seb Prohn (USA)
Wing	Nathan Lane (AUS)
Center	Pat Muller (AUS)
Center Half Back	Mick Kleinhenz (USA)
Half Back Flank	Paul Napoitano (USA)
Half Back Flank	Nick Piechocki (USA)
Full Back	Rob Montanaro (AUS)
Back Pocket	Ryan Myer (USA)
Back Pocket	L.J. Eve (USA)
Ruck	Troy Redman (AUS)
Rover	Mick Coyne (AUS)
Ruck Rover	Jimmy Trevaskis (AUS)
Interchange	Sean Sobotka (USA)
Interchange	Pat Bilder (USA)
Interchange	Aaron Adamson (USA)
Interchange	Mick Lawrence (AUS)
Interchange	Guy St. Amant (USA)
Interchange	Jeff Phillips (USA)
Coach	Pat Muller
Assistant Coach	Jimmy Trevaskis
Manager	Leanne Redman



# Boston Demons

Sister Club: Melbourne Football Club



**Team History • Est. 1997**  
**Played: 83 Won: 55 Lost: 28**

One Fall afternoon in November, 1997, six blokes met in The Burren Pub in Somerville, Massachusetts to form a Football Club. Most of them had not met one another before but a message managed to get around and the group met with the common goal of starting a club so that they could have a kick of the footy and a couple of beers afterwards.

The individuals were Paul Whiting, Paul Clarke, Adam Mutton, Rob Burgess, John Roe II and Dean Jackman. After saying G'day to one another and getting the table filled with the first round of Guinnesses and beers, they proceeded to form the Boston Demons Australian Rules Football Club.

This was the First Board Meeting of the Demons and at the end of the meeting a board was elected, a coach was appointed and the first training session was scheduled. They decided to call themselves the Demons because a mate of theirs, Darren Louttit (the newly appointed coach) once played with the Melbourne Demons, the oldest established football club of any code in the world. They reckoned it was fitting and they might also be able to leverage his relationship with the club, and perhaps get a couple of handouts, especially and hopefully some guernseys.





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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	R. Buress (AUS)
Forward Pocket	G. Narleski (USA)
Forward Pocket	G. Lakomy (USA)
Center Half Forward	D. Louttit (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	D. Morton (USA)
Half Forward Flank	M. Geoghan (USA)
Wing	A. Nugent (AUS)
Wing	A. Vanica (USA)
Center	A. Mutton (AUS)
Center Half Back	S. Mackey (AUS)
Half Back Flank	E. Evon (USA)
Half Back Flank	W. Skinner (AUS)
Full Back	B. Rinklin (USA)
Back Pocket	H. McDaniel (USA)
Back Pocket	J. Katstra (AUS)
Ruck	S. Fairweather (AUS)
Rover	A. Stratford (AUS)
Ruck Rover	B. Webster (AUS)
Interchange	J. Alyward (USA)
Interchange	J. Gain (USA)
Interchange	C. Perkins (USA)
Interchange	T. Bourke (AUS)
Interchange	L. Chamberlain (AUS)
Interchange	S. Keane (AUS)
Coach	D. Louttit
	S. Nicholas

## Team History • Est. 1998

In 1998, Aussie Rules first emerged in Chicago under the guise of "The Mob", a joint effort made up mainly of ex-pat players from Chicago and Milwaukee. As footy grew, the Mob became 2 clubs, the Milwaukee Bombers and the Chicago Swans. Chicago affiliated with the Sydney Swans and played as the QANTAS Chicago Swans. A few years later a new club was created, the ill-fated Illinois Ironmen. Soon, an Ironmen breakaway group formed the Southport affiliated Chicago Sharks, an organization much better prepared to grow Aussie Rules in Chicago.

After a couple of years of competing against each other, the clubs soon realized that we were all here for the same reason... to play footy in and for Chicago.

The Swans and Sharks worked together in 2004 to establish a local Metro League. "Metro" became a major part of the Chicago season, now used as a feeder system to the higher-level MAAFL/Nationals squads, and is also a great recruiting tool. With mainly U.S. born participants, a handful of Aussies, a Welshman and possibly some Canadians, 2007 Chicago Footy now comprised of the Metro competition and a representative team (Chicago United) under an umbrella organization, the Chicago Australian Football Association...playing "Big City Ball".



## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Pete Ternes (USA)
Forward Pocket	Rod Berry (AUS)
Forward Pocket	Andrew Ehlers (USA)
Center Half Forward	Warrick Burgmann (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Alex Rocco (USA)
Half Forward Flank	Eric Schwantje (USA)
Wing	Andrew Latessa (AUS)
Wing	Craig Miller (USA)
Center	Ronnie Miller (USA)
Center Half Back	Brent Bacon (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Paul Drake (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Kan Kastilahn (USA)
Full Back	Chris Robbins (USA)
Back Pocket	Jeff Fisher (USA)
Back Pocket	Todd Holmberg (USA)
Ruck	Al MacGlashan (AUS)
Rover	Daniel Buberis (AUS)
Ruck Rover	Carl Brazendale (AUS)
Interchange	Deri Morgan (USA)
Interchange	Jeremy Morgan (USA)
Interchange	Warren Rocco (USA)
Interchange	Robbie Wilson (USA)
Interchange	Jamie Arbuckle (AUS)
Interchange	Michael Plant (AUS)
Coach	Paul McMahon (AUS)
Assistant Coach	Paul Drake (AUS)
Manager	Rich Noty

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# Cincinnati Dockers



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**DOCKERS**  
Australian Rules Football Club

## Team History • Est. 1997

The Cincinnati Dockers are members of the Mid-American Australian Football League (MAAFL) and host of the 1997, 1998, and 1999 United States National Championship. The Cincinnati Dockers were established in May 1996 as one of the original three clubs (along with Indianapolis, Louisville) in the Midwest Australian Football League. The founder and inaugural president was Geoff Cann, an Australian living in Cincinnati with his wife Jocelyn. He has since left the club to return to Australia. The Team is captained by American Aaron Leitzky, and is coached by American Kyle Strenski.

Cincinnati played in the very first game of Aussie Rules in the U.S. against Louisville in Kentucky on September 30th, 1996. These two teams will again play at this years National Championships. The game will be played at two P.M. on Saturday. No doubt this will be a highlight of the weekend, due to it's historical meaning.



## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Simon Hogan
Forward Pocket	Kevin Murray
Forward Pocket	Frigge
Center Half Forward	Jeremy Krause
Half Forward Flank	Todd McClamroch
Half Forward Flank	Matt Reise
Wing	Micheal Hanavan
Wing	Dave Bristow
Center	Rich Mann
Center Half Back	Brian Daley
Half Back Flank	Travis Obrien
Half Back Flank	Kyle Strenski
Full Back	Sam Pope
Back Pocket	Jeff Hoeverener
Back Pocket	Reuben Gordon
Ruck	Aaron Leitzky
Rover	Jeff Cann
Ruck Rover	Greg Tompos
Interchange	Ritter
Interchange	Ron Miller
Interchange	Brian Ringer
Interchange	Mark Peach
Interchange	Wes
Coach	Dan Ryan

# Dallas Magpies

Sister Club: Collingwood Magpies



## Team History • Est. 1997

The Dallas Outlaws were created in 1997 by a few restless Australians and a couple of adventurous Americans itching to "have a kick" of the footy. After the euphoria of finally getting to play the game of footy again wore off, the fellas thought that it might not hurt to get a little more serious and align themselves with a well established football club in Australia, the Collingwood Magpies.

In short, the Dallas Magpies (named after our sister club) was born. It was time to get down to business.



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## Team History • Est. 1997

**Played: 112 Won: 97 Lost: 15**

Established in 1997, the Denver Bulldogs spent their first year as a 'virtual football club' as potential members swapped emails and discussions about forming a club. In 1998 the inaugural kick was held; only two players showed. From these humble beginnings, the Bulldogs have evolved into the premier Aussie Rules Football Club in the USA, winning five USAFL Division One national championships, including an amazing four in a row from 2002 to 2005.

Over the years, Denver has travelled extensively, probably the most in the USAFL. The Bulldogs have been all over the USA and into Canada. Denver has had several of its players selected to the Revolution beginning with the inaugural team in 1999.

Matt Dainauski, Tom Ellis, Charley Ellis, Kyle Weir, Jim Baldwin, Rich Mann, Chris Candelaria, and Jeff Fisher have all worn the colors of the USA in international competition. In addition, Denver has provided many players to the West Team in the annual East/West all star games.

Denver's history includes several players reaching and surpassing the 100 game milestone. At this years nationals, Tom Ellis and Charley Ellis both reach the century mark joining Matt Dainauski, Chris Candelaria, and Jim Baldwin.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Matt Dainauski (USA)
Forward Pocket	Willi Taylor (USA)
Forward Pocket	David Kennedy (USA)
Center Half Forward	Jed Farley (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Ben Harling (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Pete Treyvaud (AUS)
Wing	Lochlan Wornes (AUS)
Wing	Alex Rocco (USA)
Center	Kyle Weir (AUS)
Center Half Back	Brendan Feddema (USA)
Half Back Flank	Rich Mann (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Charley Ellis (USA)
Full Back	Tim Hilditch (AUS)
Back Pocket	Tom Ellis (USA)
Back Pocket	Rob Burrs (USA)
Ruck	Jim Baldwin (USA)
Rover	Chris Candelaria (USA)
Ruck Rover	Dave Newitt (AUS)
Interchange	Kevin Barnes (USA)
Interchange	Geoff Grubb (USA)
Interchange	Mike LaValley (USA)
Interchange	Bruce Durell (AUS)
Interchange	Sasha Sibree (AUS)
Interchange	Matt Richards (AUS)

Coach  
Assistant Coach

Rusty Waugh (AUS)  
Paul Renouf (AUS)

# USAFL Team of the Decade



**Coach: Denis Ryan**

**Balt. Washington**

**Asst. Coach West: Scott Nicholas**

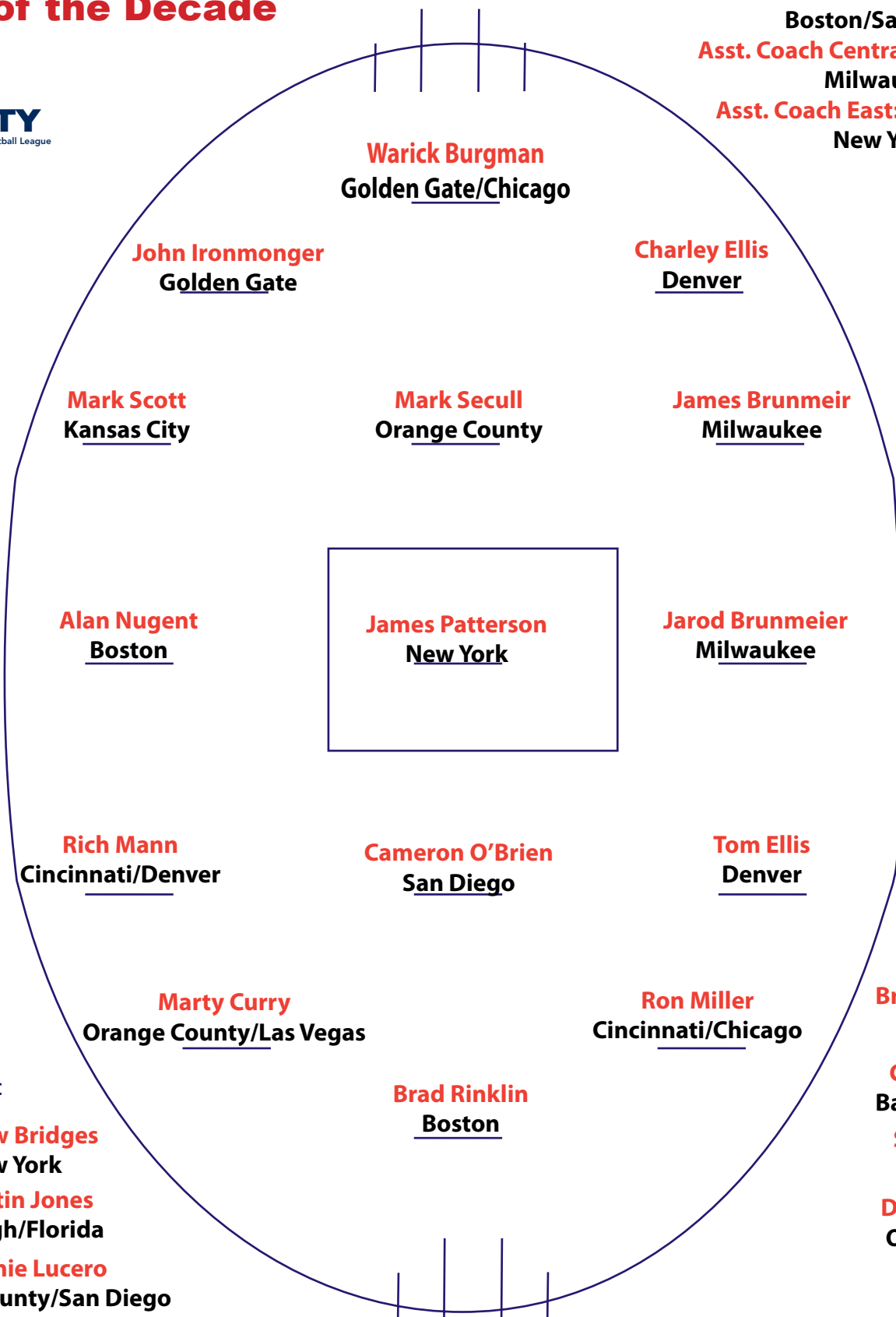
**Boston/San Diego**

**Asst. Coach Central: Colin Langley**

**Milwaukee**

**Asst. Coach East: Robert Oliver**

**New York**



Interchange:

**Benny Harling**  
**Denver**

**Brendan McDonald**  
**San Diego**

**Cameron Ashe**  
**Balt. Washington**

**Stu Rackman**  
**Dallas**

**Dave Thurmond**  
**Orange County**

**Deron Lien**  
**Inland Empire**

**Jay Hunter**  
**Balt. Wash/Philadelphia**

**Jeff Purcell**  
**Arizona/OC/Seattle**

Rucks:

**Andrew Bridges**  
**New York**

**Dustin Jones**  
**Lehigh/Florida**

**Donnie Lucero**  
**Orange County/San Diego**

## Umpires of the Decade

**Center:** Steve Hasker, Steve Arnott, Max Wittman

**Boundary:** Jeff Persson, Craig Warner, Doug Algate, Seth McElvaney

**Goals:** Jen Algate, Bruce Pizaro

**Guest AFL Umpire:** Hayden Kennedy

**Visiting Australian Umpire:** Jeff Pedretti

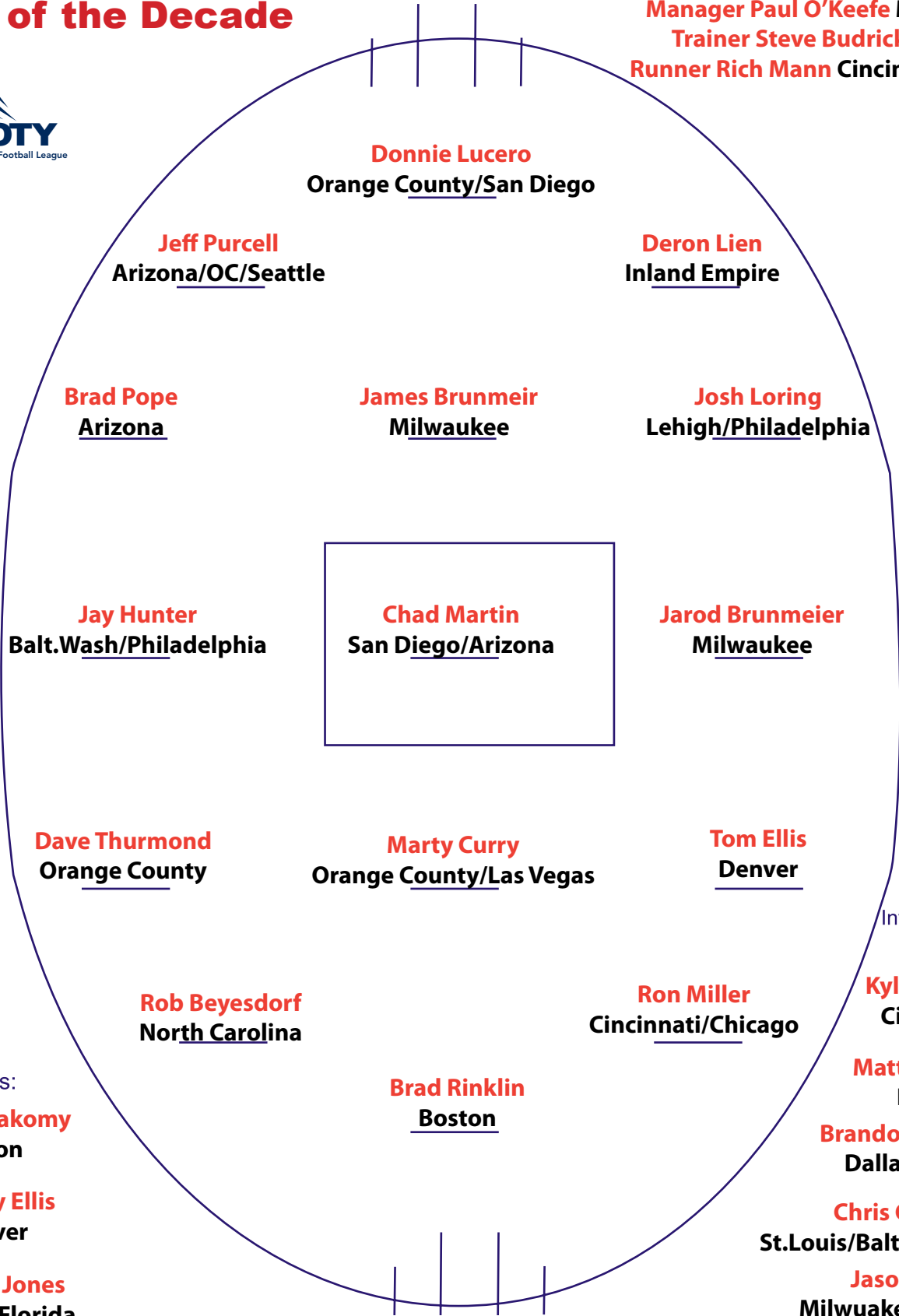
**Umpire Coach:** Brian Green



# USAFL All-American Team of the Decade



Head Coach Alan Nugent-Boston  
Asst. Coach Denis Ryan-Balt./Washington  
Manager Paul O’Keefe Milwaukee  
Trainer Steve Budrick Boston  
Runner Rich Mann Cincinnati/Denver



Rucks:  
**George Lakomy**  
Boston  
**Charley Ellis**  
Denver  
**Dustin Jones**  
Lehigh/Florida

Emergency:  
**BJ Gambaro**  
Atlanta  
**Jon Loring**  
Lehigh/Philadelphia

# Florida Redbacks




## Team History • Est. 2000

The Redbacks were born when New York native Marc Karver moved to Tampa and met up with Australians Jason Eustice, Ben Hancock and Steve Darlington at a 2002 Grand Finals Party in Sarasota. Marc grew to love Australian football while at Vanderbilt University. For a number of years he played with various USAFL teams before moving to Tampa from Denver. Upon his arrival, he looked to start a team in Florida.


At 5 a.m. on that fateful day, Marc, Jason, Ben and Steve decided to start the Redbacks. With training starting off as four guys having a kick every weekend, the team started to grow as they slowly gathered other Australians who were missing the sport they grew up with, and Americans who were being taught how to play.

Marc met Trevor Stokes while working at the University of South Florida a few weeks later. Trevor, originally from Fremantle, WA, had been living in the U.S. for many years and was only able to get his Aussie Rules fix by following his beloved Dockers from half way around the world. Marc asked Trevor to come play but Trevor (wisely) declined and offered to coach instead. With that, the Redbacks were born.





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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward  
 Forward Pocket  
 Forward Pocket  
 Center Half Forward  
 Half Forward Flank  
 Half Forward Flank  
 Wing  
 Wing  
 Center  
 Center Half Back  
 Half Back Flank  
 Half Back Flank  
 Full Back  
 Back Pocket  
 Back Pocket  
 Ruck  
 Rover  
 Ruck Rover  
 Interchange  
 Interchange  
 Interchange  
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 Interchange

Rob Davies  
 Cameron Freeman  
 Jason Eustice  
 Ben Hancock  
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 Jarred Fegan  
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 James Scott  
 Alex Mirakian  
 Greg Cooper  
 Perry Vaught  
 Jeff Austin  
 Mustapha Turay  
 Dustin Jones (Captain)  
 Anthony DeLuise  
 Janni Miroseovich  
 Mario Formosa  
 Steve Darlington  
 Alister Wilson  
 Randall Shervington  
 Sean Ransom  
 Chris McIver  
 Greg Banlowe

# Fort Lauderdale Fighting Squids



## Team History • Est. 2005

In April, a group of Australians met in Downtown Fort Lauderdale to discuss the formation of an Australian Rules Football Club based in South Florida. The plan for the new club was to make it a social and sporting club where people from not only Australia, but the whole world, could meet and enjoy the social aspect of a true Aussie Football Team.

Our Mission is to put together a USAFL team to play against Tampa and Sarasota in the Florida Metro League, with the intention to send players to the National Championships as part of the Florida Redback's. While playing is our first intention, we also hope to surround ourselves with a group of people who love a beer, socialize and enjoy everything that makes living in South Florida the best place in the United States

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# Golden Gate Roos



## Team History • Est. 1997

The Golden Gate Roos are a representative team selected from the clubs competing in the Golden Gate Australian Football League: San Francisco, Oakland, Marin and San Jose.

The GGAFL was formed in 2002 as the next step in the evolution of the Santa Cruz Roos. This changed a single team (San Francisco's Bay Area representative in the CAFL) into a full-scale local league with four competing teams.

The Santa Cruz Roos first participated in the National Tournament in 1997 and, as either the Santa Cruz Roos or Golden Gate Roos, a Bay Area team has attended each tournament since.

At the 2006 National Tournament in Las Vegas the GGAFL was able to field two stand-alone teams, a far cry from Warrick Bergmann and Glen Gooding playing kick-to-kick in a park in Santa Cruz.



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## Team of the Decade

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Forward Pocket: Bryn Wright  
Forward Pocket: Mike Lancaster  
Center Half Forward: Warrick Burgmann  
Half Forward Flank: Darrin Romasz  
Half Forward Flank: Mike Cancilla  
Wing: Mel Chen  
Wing: Chris Weaver  
Center: Paul Grierson  
Center Half Back: Andrew Kramer  
Half Back Flank: Jim Leitch  
Half Back Flank: Andrew Lamont  
Full Back: Andrew Davies  
Back Pocket: Garry Epps  
Back Pocket: Kevin Brugaletta  
Ruck: Matt Falkowski  
Rover: Bruce Durrell  
Ruck Rover: Glen Gooding  
Interchange: Rob DeMarco  
Interchange: Rod Bell  
Interchange: John Bekiaris  
Interchange: Luke Quirk  
Interchange: Nick Holsman  
Interchange: Joe Dobrowolski



# Las Vegas Gamblers



## Team History • Est. 2005

Australian football was born in Las Vegas during the 2005 Wild West Shootout. The locals met at that tournament and gathered together after it for a kick. It was then determined to get a team running in the city. After a year of hard work the team affiliated with the USAFL in 2006 and set unprecedented marks in its first year. 2007 has provided challenges with injuries and loss of players, but it has also been a big step forward in getting exposure for the squad. This year, numbers on the team have grown despite attrition from last year, and the team is building relationships with the city that will pay dividends down the road towards the team's success. Over the years this team has built a name for itself by playing with heart and the Gamblers are pressing forward on the path to becoming consistently competitive team in the Southwest.

The Gambler's name was chosen to keep the Vegas identity. The logo features four aces; the best hands possible. The colors were chosen to also represent the city and to keep the hometown flavor in this tradition rich sport. For more info on our team, visit our website at [www.vegasfooty.com](http://www.vegasfooty.com).



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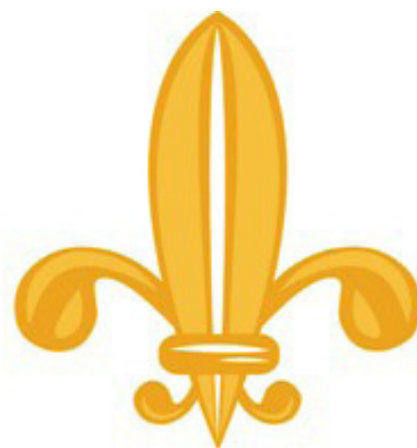


# Louisville Football Club



## Team History • Est. 1996

By 1996 "Papa" John Harrell had already been a fan of Aussie Rules for more than a decade. He had followed the sport on ESPN and then on the internet. While following the game online he began posting on a footy chat room where he met a few other footy fans. They discussed the possibility of recruiting players from their respective cities and then meeting and playing a game. The first game played was between the team in Louisville and the team in Cincinnati. After eleven years of Footy here in Louisville we are very proud to be hosting the tenth anniversary of the U.S. Nationals where the first match ever was played.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Roger Pilkington (Australian)
Forward Flank	"Papa" John Harrell
Forward Flank	John "Pooh/Hamish/Scottish/Willow/Dimes"
Miller	
Half Forward Flank	Brett Kennedy
Half Forward Flank	Todd "The Claw" Boice
Center Half Forward	Chris "Pigdog" Parsley
Wing	Oliver Cantrell
Wing	Chris "The Ripper" Ripperdon
Center man	Patrick "Trick" Choe
Onballer	Jeff "Rubber" Andersen
Ruckman	Ben "The Mother-Rucker" Wilmes
Ruck Rover	Brent McCombs (Australian)
Center Half Back	Jack "Mad Jack" Jacobs
Half Back Flank	Will "Sandy" Sandman
Half Back Flank	Bill "Smoker/Storm Chaser/Thunder Head/Bud" Ley
Back Flank	Andy "The Quite Storm" Moore
Back Flank	Allen "The Horse" Hughes
Full Back	Trevor "Flat-Line" Church
Reserves:	Chris Lindgren
	Timothy "Bam-Bam" Sears
	Mike "Porkchop" Parsley
	Matt Adams
Coach-	Matt Seuling (Australian)
Assistant Coach-	Chris "Pigdog" Parsley
Club Administrators-	"Papa" John Harrell
	Trevor "Flat-line" Church
	Dave "Big Dad/Thumbs" Moehle
	Will "Sandy" Sandman



# Milwaukee Bombers



## Team History • Est. 1997

The Bombers started out as most USAFL clubs did, expat Australians just wanting to have a kick around. In 1997 Paul O'Keeffe formed the Milwaukee Bombers (named after a sister-ship arrangement was organized with the Essendon Bombers). The first training saw three eager participants who were kicked off the American Football field – an inauspicious start for a new club. Milwaukee has always been focused on the development of the American player due to the small number of footy playing Aussies who live in Wisconsin. In the early years this led to some very lean years on the field – but it also forced the club to look to the American players to build the foundation of the club.

In 2001 the club was among the worst performing in the country and could not even field a complete side at Nationals. Under coach Colin Langley a five year plan to get to the Division 1 Championship game as put in place. In 2002 Milwaukee was able to take a complete team to Nationals and made the finals of Division 3. The following year a major leap was made when the club won the Division 2 Nationals Championship with a team that was 80% American. The recruiting and training efforts were coming to fruition. This was also evident in the number of Revolution players that were coming from Milwaukee.

Finally the leap was made to Division 1. 2004 and 2005 saw the glory years of the Bombers. In 2004 the club took two teams to Nationals While the Reserves team was soundly beaten in all its game, scoring only 1 goal, the main team made it to third in the country – just missing out on a finals spot with a narrow lose to New York.

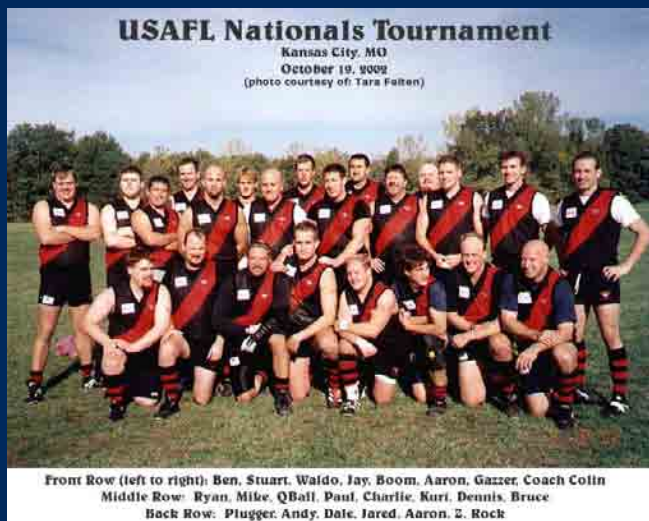
2005 was a banner year. Milwaukee was the last club to host Nationals in its own right. The club had come of age hosting a fantastic championships, fielded two teams, had it first women participants and made the Championship game (losing to a classy Denver outfit).

The club currently boost a metro competition, a women's team and an active social club. From humble beginnings the club has grown with the USAFL.



## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Paul Smith (AUS)
Forward Pocket	Aaron Siegel (USA)
Forward Pocket	Gary Hill (AUS)
Center Half Forward	James Brunmeier (USA)
Half Forward Flank	Jason Becker (USA)
Half Forward Flank	Colin Langley (AUS)
Wing	Mike Hirzic (USA)
Wing	Jared Brunmeier (USA)
Center	Chris Kendell (AUS)
Center Half Back	Paul Raisenen (USA)
Half Back Flank	Bruce Beilfuss (USA)
Half Back Flank	Patrick DeFors (USA)
Full Back	Kurt Landers (USA)
Back Pocket	Stuart Smith (AUS)
Back Pocket	Dave Mead (AUS)
Ruck	Den Rodgers (USA)
Rover	Ross Siegel (USA)
Ruck Rover	Justin Todd (AUS)
Interchange	Paul "Plugger" O'Keefe (AUS)
Interchange	Brad Rymer (USA)
Interchange	Don "Sir Don" Shadian (USA)
Interchange	Kevin Brown (USA)
Interchange	Heath "Heater" Moore (USA)
Interchange	Denis Rybarik (USA)
Coach	Colin Langley (AUS)
Assistant Coach	Rob Parry (AUS)
Team Manager	Andy Ciganek (USA)



# Minnesota Freeze



## Team History • Est. 1999

The Minnesota Freeze was founded in 1999 and originally consisted of informal kick-to-kicks for the next 4 years. In 2004 a concerted effort was put forward to develop two metro footy teams and a more formal training program was developed. These efforts enabled the Freeze to send 6 players on the Milwaukee B team to the Nationals in Atlanta that year. From then onwards the Freeze haven't looked back and have become one of the fastest growing clubs in the country. A debut year with a full team at Nationals in 2005 reaped immediate rewards with a Division 3 championship and they continued that success as Division 2 runners-up in 2006.

In this the tenth anniversary year of the USAFL the Minnesota Freeze are excited to showcase the growth of the league by bringing two teams to the 2007 Nationals.



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## Team of the Decade

Full forward:	Rory Faherty (IRL)
Forward Pocket:	Scott Johnson (AUS)
Forward Pocket:	Aaron Zinnel (USA)
CH Forward:	Ryan Marx (USA)
Forward Flank:	Ryan Evans (USA)
Forward Flank:	Danny Hansen (USA)
Wing:	Roscoe Curry (USA)
Wing:	Zach Weaver (USA)
Center:	Charlie Quirk (AUS)
CH Back:	Jason Becker (USA)
B Flank:	Eric Robb (USA)
B Flank:	Brenton Oldman (AUS)
Full Back:	Jason Bjork (USA)
Back Pocket:	Jake Saba (USA)
Back Pocket:	Chris Secrest (USA)
Ruck:	Eric Perry (USA)
Rover:	Paul Hagenson (AUS)
Ruck Rover:	Andrew Smith (AUS)
Bench:	Kurt Melhoff (USA)
Bench:	Jim Dykstra (USA)
Bench:	Craig Corby (AUS)
Bench:	Ryan McLuen (USA)
Bench:	Steven Rouse (USA)
Bench:	Tony Davis (AUS)
Coach:	Sam Gason (AUS)
Assist Coach:	Dale Williams (AUS)
Manager:	Deb Dickinson (USA)

## Team History • Est. 2003

The Fort Irwin Mojave Greens started playing Australian Rules football in the summer of 2003. 11th ACR Cavalry Troopers (David Payne and Kenneth Sandal) went out one afternoon to have a kick and in one month they formed a team with 19 other Soldiers at Fort Irwin. The Greens won the 2004 California Australian Football League and combined with the Tucson Javelinas to play in the 2004 USAFL Nationals in Atlanta, where SPC Timmy Martindale walked away with a Best on Ground medal. As the deployment cycle hit Fort Irwin the team that had started was changed 3 times until the club folded in spring 2006. Along the way the club sent one player, SPC James Connolly, to Australia where Robert Oliver helped him get to play two games for the Caulfield Football Club near Melbourne. The club also was filmed playing the Orange County Bombers in September of 2005 by Huell Houser, host of California's Gold: [www.calgold.com](http://www.calgold.com). Mr. Houser has often said that this was one of his highest rated programs as it not only discussed the game of Aussie Rules, but also spoke on the small military community of Fort Irwin and the impact that deployments were having on families. Although the club folded as a result of key members being deployed or sent to other duty stations, the effect of the Mojave Greens is still being felt throughout the USAFL. Former Greens Tony Pasqualichio, David Payne, Timothy Wells, and Jeremiah Cain are still active in the game of Aussie Rules. Despite not having one Australian, either playing or coaching, the Greens will go down in history as the first US Military Australian Rules Football Club. GO GREENS



Aug 2005 game photo at UC Riverside versus OC Bombers



Orange County Bombers Chris Olson and Paul Pietsch hold the first clinic at Irwin DEC 2003



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# Nashville Kangaroos



## Team History • Est. 1997

The Nashville Kangaroos have been active in the Nashville area since 1994. Originally, a small group would watch Aussie Rules every Friday night and hold a Grand Final Party annually. In 1997, a second group in Nashville started playing Aussie Rules, and participated in several games in Cincinnati and Washington, D.C. These two groups met and joined forces in September 1997 to host the first annual Australian Grand Final Festival. It was such a success that in December 1997, the two groups decided to form the Nashville Kangaroos. In June 1998, the Club incorporated becoming the Nashville Kangaroos, Inc. In August of 1999, the club obtained 501(c)(3) not-For-Profit status with defined goals of promoting Australian Football in Nashville and the Mid South, promoting Australian/American relations, and hosting the Australian Festival in September of each year.



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## Team of the Decade

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Forward Pocket	Jeff Persson (USA)
Forward Pocket	Grant White (AUS)
Center Half Forward	Adam Carter (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	John Nelson (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	David Walker (USA)
Wing	Justin Allen (USA)
Wing	Lance Van Putten (USA)
Center	Luke Nemeth (USA)
Center Half Back	Chad Huie (USA)
Half Back Flank	Janni Miroseovich (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Bo Link (USA)
Full Back	Justin Davis (USA)
Back Pocket	Ian Fraser (AUS)
Back Pocket	Marcus Dripps (AUS)
Ruck	John Brinker (USA)
Rover	Chris Duffy (AUS)
Ruck Rover	Dee Vsetecka (AUS)
Interchange	Jason Barnes (USA)
Interchange	Will Chrchill (USA)
Interchange	Evan Gardiner (USA)
Interchange	Den McRostie (AUS)
Interchange	Troy Mounts (USA)
Interchange	Toby Persson (AUS)

Coach  
Assistant Coach

John Nelson (AUS)  
Grant White (AUS)

# New York Magpies

Sister Club: Collingwood Magpies AFL

Port Adelaide Magpies SANFL



## Team History • Est. 1998

Played: 109 Won: 72 Lost: 37 Tie: 1

The New York Magpies were formed in 1998 by Eric "Chucky" Kallhovd, an American who fell in love with the game while studying in Melbourne. Off the field the club organizes fund raising events throughout New York City which help to raise funds for the club and various charities.

In addition to competing in the EAFL, the club formed a local league called the NYCAFL in 2002, which contains four teams, The Hudson River Rats, The Suburbon Tollmen, The Times Square Tourists, and the Village Bohemians. Through 2007 there have been 68 NYCAFL games played in the New York Metro area.



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## Team of the Decade

Australian	Non Australian
James Paterson	Ojas Desai
Jarrad Crighton	Chris McIntyre
Guy Luminato	Joe Disceploa
Matt Smith	Walt Lin
Tom Wilson	Tom Hayes
Andrew Bridges	Erik Kallhovd
James Malacky	Tommy Thompson
Anthony Randell	Doug Lewis
Shane Smith	Eric Lerner

Interchange	Interchange
Kym Laube	Adam Mantzaris
Paul Anderson	Mike Dixon
Bruce Cameron	Kenny Carver

Coach	Robert Oliver
Assistant Coach	Shane Devine
Manager	Col Smart



# North Carolina Tigers



## Team History • Est. 1997

The North Carolina Tigers are headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina and actively promote and play Australian Rules Football across the state. The club was founded in November 1997, with the first training session in early Spring 1998. It was founded by an American who figured that the time was right for Footy in the USA.

The Tigers are a USAFL Club and are affiliated with the Eastern Australian Football League (EAFL). The EAFL is comprised of teams from New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Baltimore/Washington, Florida and the North Carolina Tigers. Currently, the Tigers are placed in Division II of the USAFL National standings.

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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Michael Coysh
Forward Pocket	Matt Gordan
Forward Pocket	Scott Morris
Center Half Forward	Jason Heathcote
Half Forward Flank	Justin Davis
Half Forward Flank	Perry Vaught
Wing	Wes McCallister
Wing	Erno Lindner
Center	Martin Coventry
Center Half Back	Chris White
Half Back Flank	Phil Schriebman
Half Back Flank	James Carter
Full Back	Eoin Hunt
Back Pocket	Rob Beyersdorf
Back Pocket	Ben Hess
Ruck	Rim Blankemeyer
Rover	Shawn Doorhy
Ruck Rover	Stephen Harper
Interchange	Andrew Fogarty
Interchange	Will Harvey
Interchange	Wes Hayutin
Interchange	Justin Plumley
Interchange	Nate Poslusny
Interchange	Brian Rister

Coach

Jason Heathcote



# Orange County Bombers

Sister Club: Essendon Bombers



## Team History • Est. 1998

July 19, 1998 marked the birthday of the Orange County Bombers. Born out of a need by the Southern Californian teams to form a competition and the fact that several Los Angeles Crows players lived in Orange County, the "Bombers" became the fourth of the foundation member teams in the USA's first league competition--the CAFL.

The selection of the team icon was a difficult choice. Of course there are a multitude of creatures and characters that could depict the Australian origins of the team, the U.S. base of its future hopes or the Californian aspect of its culture. After careful consideration, The Bombers was selected because it is an icon that includes each of these qualities with the personal touch that it will remind future Bombers of one of their foundation members.

As many would know, Orange County is the home of the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. El Toro has been the home of Marine fighters for many years, a key base in the strategic defense of the USA. We are often reminded of this in war movies such as Independence Day. The Bombers' inaugural Captain and foundation member, Jeff Ward, flew A-4M Skyhawks in the '80s as a captain in Marine Squadron 311, better known as the world famous Tomcats. El Toro was also the home of the VMA-214 Blacksheep of Baa Baa Blacksheep fame. This history is similar to that which led to the naming of the team namesake, the Essendon Bombers.



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward  
Forward Pocket  
Forward Pocket  
Center Half Forward  
Half Forward Flank  
Half Forward Flank  
Wing  
Wing  
Center  
Center Half Back  
Half Back Flank  
Half Back Flank  
Full Back  
Back Pocket  
Back Pocket  
Ruck  
Rover  
Ruck Rover  
Interchange  
Interchange  
Interchange  
Interchange  
Interchange

Chris "Macca" McNeil (AUS)  
Paul "Wiggy" Wiggins (AUS)  
Vince "Cat" Argenzio (AUS)  
Mark "Disco" Secull (AUS)  
James "Thor" Campbell (USA)  
Marty Curry (USA)  
Mark "Bruiser" Larson (USA)  
Brad "Bradels" Wetherall (USA)  
Steve "Cliffy" Cliff (AUS)  
Paul "Peachy" Pietsch (AUS)  
Chris "Jimmy" Olson (USA)  
Kelly "Thomas the Train" Nelson (USA)  
Kurth "KB" Nelson (USA)  
Zachary "Hollywood" Holway (USA)  
Steve "Clip" Cassity (USA)  
Andrew "Big Country" Lindsey (USA)  
David "Uma" Thurmond (USA)  
Adonias "Donnie" Lucero (AUS)  
Michael "Diesel" Hirzic (USA)  
Mike "Hersh" Hertstein (USA)  
Roger "Rog" Carton (USA)  
Darrin "Dazza" Olsen (AUS)  
Matt "Mad Dog" Morgan (AUS)  
Scott "Fish" Fisher (AUS)

Coach  
Assistant Coach

Mark "Disco" Secull (AUS)  
Roger "Rog" Carton (AUS)

# Philadelphia Hawks



## Team History • Est. 1998 Played 83 Won 35 Lost 47 Tie 1

Our Club was founded by Chris Hasson (U.S.) as the Philly Crows in 1998, and consisted of 5 to 6 eager players meeting in the snow and slush down at the lakes in South Philadelphia. In 2002, the mighty Hawthorn Football club (the Hawks) of the AFL saw our successes and growth and asked us to be their sponsored club here in the U.S.

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### Team of the Decade

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Forward Pocket	Jack Henderson (USA)
Forward Pocket	Peter Tingate (AUS)
Center Half Forward	Mark McIlvaine (USA)
Half Forward Flank	John Hevko (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Josh Loring (USA)
Wing	Liam McGroarty (USA)
Wing	Jarrold Smith (AUS)
Center	Anthony Leyton (AUS)
Center Half Back	Paul Robson (USA)
Half Back Flank	Pete Wolk (USA)
Half Back Flank	Andrew Macca (AUS)
Full Back	Pat Miller (USA)
Back Pocket	Michael Campbell (USA)
Back Pocket	Richard Lowe (AUS)
Ruck	Chris Adams (AUS)
Rover	Ryan Kavanagh (USA)
Ruck Rover	Nelson Fanelli (AUS)
Interchange	Tim Weir (USA)
Interchange	Jon Loring (USA)
Interchange	Greg Hodur (USA)
Interchange	David Ulsonka (AUS)
Interchange	Michael Salger (AUS)
Interchange	Nathan Roost (AUS)
Coach	Andrew Lochhead (AUS)
Assistant Coach	Peter Lucas (AUS)
Manager	Larry West (AUS)



# San Diego Lions



## Team History • Est. 1998

The San Diego Lions were formed in 1998 by a small but enthusiastic bunch of homesick Aussies. With club founder Billy Dusting at the helm, the Lions' first official game was in 1998 against LA. The Lions were soundly beaten in that game, but the foundations were laid and the San Diego Lions were born! Fast forward to 2007 and the San Diego Lions are one of the premier clubs in the USFooty Division I competition. Many people have volunteered and committed their time over the years to get the club where it is today, and the San Diego Lions thank and very much appreciate those efforts.

Today the San Diego Lions are fully committed to continue growing the sport of Australian Rules Football in the USA, as well as preserving and promoting the quintessentially Australian culture that goes hand in hand with the sport. The San Diego Lions are very much looking forward to being part of another exciting decade of Aussie Rules footy in the USA!



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Justin Valley (USA)
Forward Pocket	J Cisneros (USA)
Forward Pocket	A Nelson (USA)
Center Half Forward	C Trickey (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	M Raher (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	J Kurth (USA)
Wing	C Martin (USA)
Wing	A Evans (AUS)
Center	B McDonald (AUS)
Center Half Back	C Richmond (AUS)
Half Back Flank	B Blankenship (USA)
Half Back Flank	C Steiglere (AUS)
Full Back	T Davis (AUS)
Back Pocket	K Fogelman (USA)
Back Pocket	B Ullman (USA)
Ruck	D Trost (USA)
Rover	A Cannane (AUS)
Ruck Rover	D Liddel (AUS)
Interchange	G Green (USA)
Interchange	M Bailey (AUS)
Interchange	J Camerson (AUS)
Interchange	J McClarty (AUS)
Interchange	A Scott (AUS)
Interchange	J Larson (USA)
Interchange	M Mondia (USA)
Interchange	B Nickel (USA)

Coach	S Nicholas (AUS)
Assistant Coach	H Batty (AUS)
Team Manager	W Callis



# Seattle Grizzlies



## Team History • Est. 1998

The Seattle Grizzlies (formerly Cats) were formed on Grand Final Day 1998 when a few Aussies gathered to watch the game. The club now has over 200 players and fans with 60 players playing at least one game in 2007.

The Grizzlies have a Metro football season of 10 games/year and play Vancouver, Portland and other West Coast teams toward the end of the season in the lead up to the USFooty Nationals where they usually compete in Division 2.

Many players, supporters and volunteers have passed through the club in the past 9 years and helped the club to be what it is today and the Seattle Grizzlies would like to thank all of those people for their efforts. The club is looking forward to the next 10 years of footy in the US.

You can keep up to date on the progress of the club at [seattlefooty.com](http://seattlefooty.com)



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## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Darren Hogben (AUS)
Forward Pocket	Nolan Gerlach (USA)
Forward Pocket	David Jolly (CAN)
Center Half Forward	Andrew Donlen (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Josh Anfinson (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Jeff Purcell (USA)
Wing	Colin Murphy (USA)
Wing	Brian Perkins (USA)
Center	Martin Coventry (AUS)
Center Half Back	Jim Trenerry (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Greg Morton (AUS)
Half Back Flank	Charlie Commeree (USA)
Full Back	Steve Grimmett (AUS)
Back Pocket	Clay Atkins (USA)
Back Pocket	Peter Lindsay (USA)
Ruck	Lance Van Loon (AUS)
Rover	Justyn Shevlin (AUS)
Ruck Rover	Stu Grills (AUS)
Interchange	Matt Muller (AUS)
Interchange	Andrew Hammer (AUS)
Interchange	Peter Campion (AUS)
Interchange	Gerard Dunn (AUS)
Interchange	Bill Vanderwaal (USA)
Interchange	Chris Stearns (USA)
Coach	Andrew Donlen (AUS)

# St. Louis Blues

**Sister Club: Carlton Blues AFL**



## Team History • Est. 1997

**Played: 114 Won: 49 Lost: 64 Tie: 1**

Founders Sam Ingram and Dave Nicholls met up in early 1997, and the two decided it would be a great idea to form a footy team—and so the St Louis Blues were born. The Blues became the 7th team to join the United States Australian Football Association, now the United States Australian Football League. The next step in the club's development came when Sam Ingram, a lifelong Carlton supporter, established a sister-club relationship with the Carlton Football Club (the Blues) of the Australian Football League, and incorporated the team in Missouri.

Sam Ingram was the St. Louis president and coach (with a coaching record of 6-12) from its inception until 2000, when American Ryan Richardson assumed both positions (going 5-8 as head coach). In 2001, American Jim Martin took the helm as both president and head coach (going 27-37). Jim continues as the president, while American Dan Sarbacker has been the coach since 2006 (with a current record of 11-7).

The Blues have a history of developing some of the best American talent in the country, with five Americans on the 2005 Revolution team that placed 3rd in the International Cup—the most representatives from any team in the USAFL. One of the players, Chris Carroll, trained with the Essendon Bombers in 2005 as a representative of the USAFL, and also played with Old Haileybury in the Australian amateur leagues. To date, Revolution members from St. Louis have included Darrell Butler, Chris Carroll, Colin Carroll, B.J. Gambaro, Matt Jagger, Dan Kocka, Dan Sarbacker, and Dan Sergott.

The Blues also have a history of developing executives for the USAFL. Ryan Richardson and Cameron Murray both held executive board positions with the USAFL during their tenure with the club, while Jim Martin (Central Vice President) and Matt Jagger (Secretary) currently hold board positions.

St. Louis is a member of the Mid-American Australian Football League (MAAFL), and won back-to-back MAAFL premierships in 2003 and 2004.



## Team of the Decade

Full Forward	Ben Lipman (USA)
Forward Pocket	Rich Lozano (USA)
Forward Pocket	Sam Ingram (AUS)
Center Half Forward	Dean Hall (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Jason Goodger (AUS)
Half Forward Flank	Chris Carroll (USA)
Wing	Joe Schomaker (USA)
Wing	Matt Arrandale (USA)
Center	Dan Kocka (USA)
Center Half Back	Matt Jagger (USA)
Half Back Flank	Colin Carroll (USA)
Half Back Flank	Darrell Butler (USA)
Full Back	John Molnar (USA)
Back Pocket	Mike Gaffney (USA)
Back Pocket	Jim Martin (USA)
Ruck	Dan Sergott (USA)
Rover	Dan Sarbacker (USA)
Ruck Rover	Ryan Richardson (USA)
Interchange	Chris Cicci (USA)
Interchange	Cameron Murray (AUS)



# Women's Footy

Women's football in North America was started in 2003 when Leigh Swansborough and Kathryn Hogg decided to put together a women's exhibition match at the USAFL Championships in Kansas City. The Orange County Bombshells played an All-Comers team put together by USFootyKids director Denis Ryan.

The Bombshells traveled to Phoenix to play the Arizona Lady Hawks and formed the CAFL women's division. Another exhibition match was played at the USAFL Championships in Atlanta. Subsequently, the local players decided to form the Atlanta Lady Kookaburras.

2005 saw the Women's Division included in USAFL Championships. The inaugural competition was contested by Arizona, Atlanta, and Florida. Atlanta played a hard fought final against Florida to capture the first women's championship.

In 2006, Nationals participation increased in teams and number of players per team. The "wrap up" rule (instead of tackling) was also dropped and we are no longer playing with any rule compromises. Atlanta asserted themselves as the team to beat by shutting out Pacific Coast Highway 3.10.28 to 0.0.0. Milwaukee defeated Arizona for third place.



**Teams** Atlanta Lady Kookaburras--Arizona Lady Hawks--Milwaukee Lady Bombers--Calgary Kookaburras  
Minnesota Morigans--Denver Lady Bulldogs--Baltimore-Washington--Florida Fusion

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# USA Freedom

## Team History • Est. 2007

Played: 2 Won: 2 Lost: 0

The USAFL women's national team, the USA Freedom, was established in 2007. We traveled to Vancouver to play the newly formed Canadian Eagles during the 49th Parallel cup. The Americans' experience was enough to overcome the youthful Canadians. The first match was 2x20 minutes with the Freedom winning 7.7.49 to 0.0.0. The second game was 4x15 minutes and the Freedom came out on top again by 14.13.97 to 0.0.0.

The Freedom are looking forward to playing in Australia during the 2008 International Cup.



Kathryn Hogg  
Judith Stein  
Jennifer Sarbacker  
Dewi Mitchell  
Nikki Peoples  
Denise Lafaver  
Christina Murdock  
Stephanie Powell  
Cathy Reinhardt  
Nicole Martiny  
Suzy Thomas  
Michelle Buchicchio  
Ellie Frey  
Diana Pizzari  
Erin Welsh  
Geri Jellison  
Tina Arend  
Audra Woodward  
Dionne Jones  
Ali Van Horn

Minnesota Freeze  
Atlanta Lady Kookaburras  
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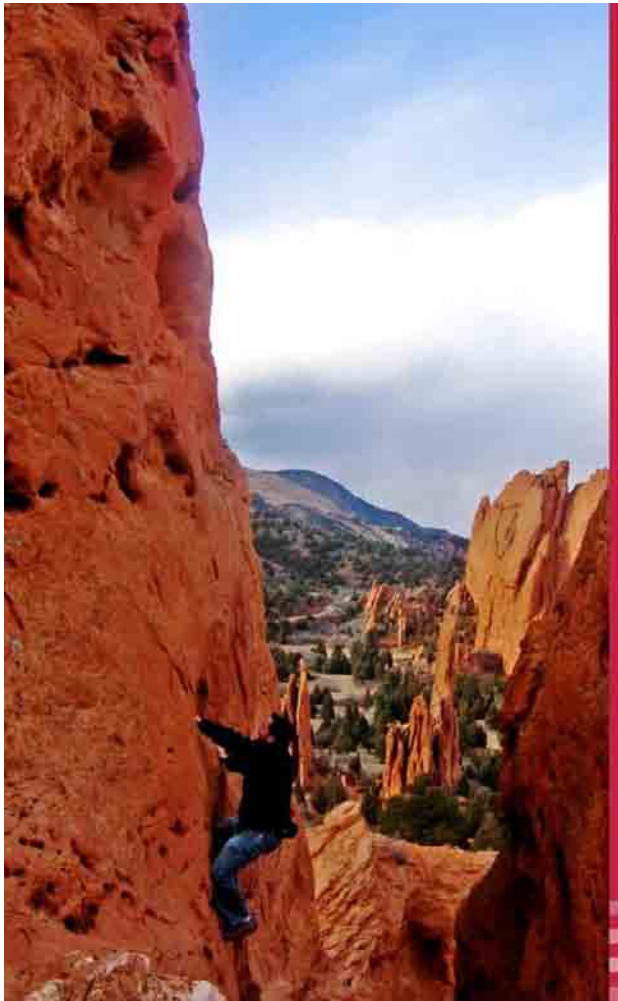
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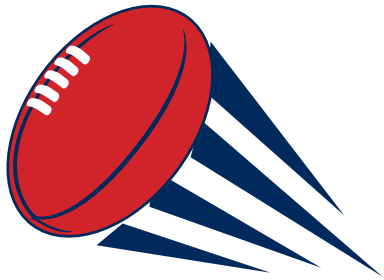
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