



NEWSLETTER September 2012

2012 Geelong Cats: The Finals are here!

From the President...

Dear Perth Cats Fans,

What a wonderful year so far for all of us at the Perth Cats, as WA based mad Geelong Cats supporters. We've had overwhelming support from our members and I personally would like to thank each and every supporter for coming to each game, and for supporting our WA pre-match functions. We have also had a number of Geelong based supporters make the trip over and feel at home with the Perth Cats.

Without the Geelong Cats Football Club supporting the Perth Cats from afar we would not have the tools or resources at our disposal we needed this year to make our events this year the best ever. So a massive thanks to Alison Reilly, Brian Cook, Gareth Andrew, Nick Carr and the entire organization of the Geelong Cats Football Club for recognizing the tireless efforts of the Perth Cats Committee and its members.

Our special guests this year including Cameron Ling, John K Watts, John Harms, Tim McGrath, Brian Cook, and John 'Sam' Newman have been unbelievable and we cannot thank them, our fantastic promotions agency and the Geelong Cats Football Club enough for supporting our members who have supported us for years.

This is it Cats Fans, another chance to follow our boys on their journey to another Premiership. Thank you to every single person for supporting and making 2012 another widely successful year for the Perth Cats, and therefore contributing to the success of our beloved Geelong Cats Football Club.

We need your support more than ever at the 2012 Home of the Perth Cats – the Op's Tavern in Osborne Park, so come on down for each and every Cats game this finals series and cheer on our champions!

GO THE MIGHTY CATS!

Mark Syrkiewicz



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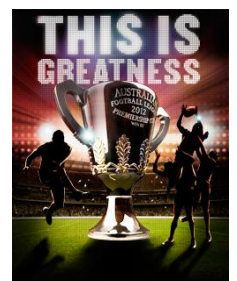
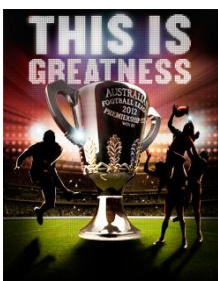


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History might suggest that teams need to finish in the top four to be any chance of winning the premiership but if ever a team would buck that trend it would be the winner of this game. Fremantle is executing its game plan smoothly and is hitting solid form, while the Cats are proven finals performers who seem to be coming good right when it counts.

Share your passion with other Cats minded fans at OP's Tavern this Saturday 8 September from 5:45PM - for live big screen coverage of the game.





Johnson decision an example of the nanny state

Martin Blake – The Age/Real Footy - September 4, 2012



Steve Johnson (foreground) makes his ill-fated contact. Photo: Channel Seven

COMMENT by Martin Blake

It's the system that nailed Steve Johnson. Once the match review panel watched the videotape of him laying a block on Dan Hannebery at Geelong last Saturday and decided it was a reportable offence, he was in trouble.

That's because Johnson's record included a tripping incident against Richmond in round four this year (adding 78 points to his base penalty), and the loading from a three-match suspension for whacking Steven Baker of St Kilda in 2010. We all remember that incident, when Baker goaded him and their tete-a-tete ended as it was always going to end, with Johnson snapping.

And once Johnson was assessed at a 240-point misdemeanour Geelong had nowhere to go, either. Had the Cats chosen to challenge the MRP's finding at the tribunal, they risked losing him for not just one but two finals (assuming Geelong goes through this week). It was a risk they were not prepared to take.

Had it not been for the loading and the carryover points, he would have been assessed at 120 demerit points, pleaded not guilty for a 25 per cent discount, and walked away with a reprimand.

That's the system and it is worth noting that the incomparable Stevie J has some recent history in the area of body-checking. He did it to Chris Newman in the Richmond game and escaped. Johnson, in his new role as a permanent midfielder, has been pushing the boundaries with his body-checking, as the Hannebery incident shows. He went a fraction too far, and he picked on an unsuspecting player. But that's where logic gets thrown out, in my view.

In this case, the system never needed to be used. Surely the Johnson bump on Hannebery, silly and unnecessary as it was, does not constitute a reportable offence in a rough, tough, rugged game like Australian football. Surely a free kick to Hannebery, who was winded but suffered no lasting injury, solves the problem and metes out the necessary sanction upon Johnson.



It is such a contradiction to think that a little shoulder into the sternum of an approaching player, intended as a block for that player's opponent (in this case, the passing Joel Selwood), can draw a suspension from a final when there is so much more overtly dangerous conduct going on around it.

I love watching Stevie J play. He is unique with his all-seeing awareness on the field, and loveable in the fact that he messes things up sometimes, too. Now he won't be there against Fremantle on Saturday, and I'm wondering if we have a Nanny State.

Here's my question. Is it actually good for footy that he's watching a final from the stands?
The answer is pretty obvious.

Perth Cats Function, Friday August 10th 2012



Cats' legend and media superstar John "Sammy" Newman was king of the Cats kids when he appeared at our Eagles v Cats pre-game function.

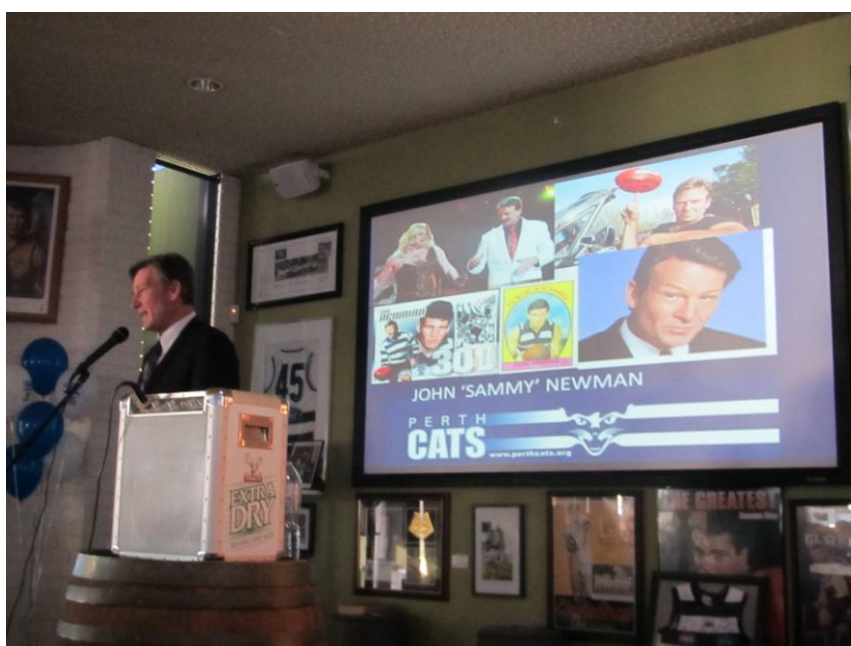
Sam entertained our Friday afternoon crowd at OPs Tavern on August the 10th. Wearing an expensive suit and colourful sneakers, Sam was typically outspoken and irreverent and not even AFL Chief Andrew Demetriou or the Olympic Games were exempt from comment! Unfortunately Billy Brownless was unable to attend due to last minute complications but has given his word he'll be back for a Perth Cats' function next year.



Earlier Geelong Cats CEO Brian Cook enlightened the fans about various inspiring topics, including the future of Simonds Stadium when it's completed with a new grandstand and lighting towers. Look out for night games down at Kardinya Park next season Cats fans!



Cats' Boss Brian Cook makes a point.



Sam Newman was a hit with all Cats' fans.



2012 Cats Signed Guernsey Raffle Winner!

What an unbelievable result last week for our Guernsey draw, when Gareth from our own Ops Tavern managed to pick his own ticket out fair and square!

Gareth kindly offered to redraw the raffle, but with the general consensus giving their approval, we can all now proudly gaze on the 2012 signed Guernsey while watching the Cats play! Couldn't have asked for more than that.

Well done to a deserved OP's Tavern and personally to Gareth for all his and Michael's support of the Perth Cats. That frame of Woosha can go out the back now!



Five Cats get All Australian squad selection

Tom Peters www.geelongcats.com.au

Five of Geelong's finest have been selected in the 40-man All Australian team.

Captain Joel Selwood, forward Tom Hawkins and defenders Tom Lonergan, Harry Taylor and Corey Enright were all selected in the squad. The Cats and Adelaide Crows both had the most selections in the squad with five.

The final team of 22 will be selected next week.





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Get to know Steve Motlop

Steve Motlop has made the most of his recent opportunities. Find out more about the young Cat.



Name: Steven Motlop

Sportsperson (other than AFL) you love watching the most:
Didier Drogba

Coach's pet: James Kelly

Favourite footy commentator:
Dennis Cometti

Whose autograph did you get as a kid: Wayne Carey

Describe your perfect day off: sleep in

Who inspires you: my family

Best advice received:
mind own business

What scares you most: frogs

If you weren't a footballer, what would you like to be: a singer

First job: at Sportsco

Three things you would like to do after your footy career: travel, watch Floyd Mayweather fight and go to a Young money concert

Greatest non-football achievement: being an uncle

How would your best friend describe you: as his best friend

One thing you can't eat: oysters

What domestic chore do you refuse to do: clean my room

Which event would you prefer to attend - Olympics or World Cup: World Cup

Favourite Australian personality: Anthony Mundine

iPhone, Blackberry or Android: iPhone

Best book read: Ali

Favourite TV show: Survivor

Favourite band / musical artist: Michael Jackson

Favourite movie: Friday

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