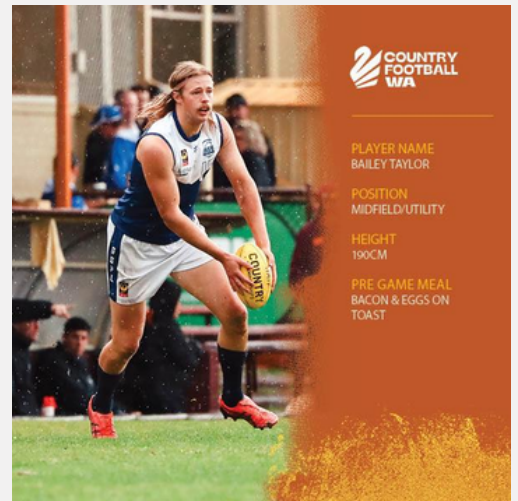
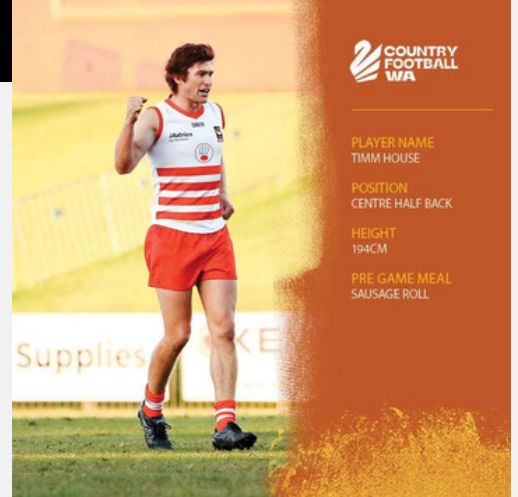


**AUGUST
2024**

COUNTRY FOOTBALL WA

Great Southern

Carnival Footy



EVENTS

WAFC

16-18 Commissioners and CFWA Board Members in GS

17 RDFA Grand Final

29 Dockers Cup Carnival

31 OFA Grand Final

The Nutrien Ag Country Champs is over for another year, with the Great Southern squad going undefeated in Division 3 and defeating Esperance in the Final.

Special mention Kane Pinney taking home BOG honours. Ongerup had a disappointing campaign, just avoiding back-to-back relegation and only winning one game. Both the Great Southern and Ongerup will compete in Division 2 next year.

Congratulations to Bailey Taylor (Albany FC) and Timm House (Gnowangerup FC) on making it into the State Country team, which travelled to Adelaide. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to bring home the win.

Congratulations to Bailey who was also named the West Coast Poly Champion of the Week for Round 12.

Carnival Footy



The Great Southern Storm had a strong showing at the CBH Group Colts Carnival in Mandurah and Pinjarra, finishing third overall, but having the same record as first and second, only missing the grand final on percentage. The Red Dogs did not have any representatives from the Ongerup FA, but had a good carnival, going two wins and two losses, with both losses being less than a goal.

Four players from the Great Southern Storm were named in the All Star 20-Squad. Congratulations to Teague Valli (Royals), Harvey Taylor (Albany), Mitchell Paine (Royals) and Ryan Lazar (Royals).

Volunteer of the Year - Winner

Matthew Gilbert - Mount Barker Football Club

Matthew has been President at Mount Barker FC for four years and served as a committee member in numerous roles for many years prior. He is the second longest serving President of the Club and is also a current player, having played over 100 games for Mount Barker FC including being premiership winning Reserves Captain in 2020.

Matthew consistently gives 100% to his club and leads from the front. He can be seen every weekend setting up the grounds ready for games ensuring everything is in place and ready to go. In 2023 the club held the Great South Football League (GSFL) Men's Grand Final and in 2024 the Women's Grand Final, which is no mean feat for a town with a population of less than 3,000.

Matthew is actively involved in supporting the League and has never missed a committee meeting, which he often has to travel a fair distance to attend. He also volunteered to be the GSFL representative when Country Football WA undertook a review of its paid player policy earlier this year.

As the Sports Teacher at the Frankland River Primary School Matthew is a huge advocate in the promotion of community football. In 2024 the Frankland River Auskick Centre opened, of which Matthew was involved in supporting and promoting.

Matthew's community focus is evident in everything he does within and outside of football. Ask anyone in the club and they will say that Matthew deserves every bit of recognition that comes his way.

