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Blake Acres	FWD/CTR	71.5	#9	24yo	191cm	90kg	75 games
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ACRES OVER NULLARBOR

outside midfielder **half forward flanker**

Lacking positional continuity throughout 2019, Blake Acres returned home in the off season to don the purple haze. A lightning quick winger and half forward, the former Saint suffered declines in disposals and score involvements. His best performance came against the Hawks in round 4, registering 26 touches and a major.

Fremantle's decision to trade for Acres was likely due to the loss of both starting wings. Acres had demonstrated consecutive disposal improvement from 2016-18 and expectations will be high he can continue in that vein. Available as a forward, Acres will provide value in the middle rounds of the draft.

Projection: 74.6 (+8) from 19. Value: +49.2. Draft rank: 169. FWD rank: 42.

James Aish	BAC	66.4	#11	24yo	183cm	80kg	81 games
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CLEAR AIR FOR AISH

half back flanker **outside midfielder**

Wearing a third club's colours, James Aish provides drive on the outside. The ex-Lion and Magpie struggled to solidify a starting role in the black and white, suffering declines in disposals and contested possessions as he spent more time at half back. His best performance came against the Eagles in round 17, registering 24 touches and nine marks.

Aish and new senior coach Justin Longmuir have mused in public this preseason that the wing role is his for the taking. However, since his debut campaign there is little evidence to suggest he can accumulate desirable fantasy totals. With a positional change in the offing, there is enough upside to select Aish in late rounds.

Projection: 70.7 (+2) from 15 (+2). Value: -19.8. Draft rank: 239. BAC rank: 74.

Bailey Banfield	FWD	60.5	#41	22yo	190cm	92kg	27 games
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BANFIELD IN THE BB GUN

inside midfielder **tagger** **defensive forward**

Renowned for his tagging efforts throughout his debut campaign, Bailey Banfield was asked to evolve his game as a pressure forward. Struggling to adjust to the positional alteration, he was dropped after round 3 and subsequently made just four more appearances. He was dominant in the WAFL, averaging 26 touches and seven tackles.

Banfield's prospects are firmly in the hands of new coach Justin Longmuir, awaiting his positional directions. He has shown nous as a man-hunting midfielder, and regularly displayed defensive traits as a tagger. Someone to keep on the watchlist, a handy upside prospect if all falls his way.

Projection: 67.5 (+6) from 11 (+4). Value: -49.0. Draft rank: 341. FWD rank: 99.

Brett Bewley	FWD	51.7 (7)	#34	25yo	185cm	87kg	7 games
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BEWLEY BOXES ON

balanced midfielder **defensive forward**

Selected as a mature-aged midfielder, Brett Bewley has performed admirably when the opportunity presented in the AFL. The Docker averaged 13 touches, splitting his time between the wing and as a pressure forward. He was a consistent performer in the WAFL, gathering 22 disposals an outing.

Captain **Nat Fyfe** has been highly complimentary to Bewley this preseason, suggesting his name is pencilled in round 1 for that wing position. The hard runner will compete with recent acquisitions **James Aish** and **Blake Acres** for that role. Keep him on the watchlist.

Projection: 54.3 from 7. Value: -124.0. Draft rank: 505. FWD rank: 153.

Connor Blakely	BAC	79.3	#19	24yo	188cm	90kg	60 games
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FLAKY BLAKELY
half back flanker inside midfielder

Injuries continued to plague Connor Blakely, the half back rebounder missing the first eight weeks with a serious hamstring injury suffered in preseason. On his return, Blakely was unable to recapture the form of the previous 24 months, declining in disposal, mark, tackle and metres gained outputs.

Enjoying an injury-free preseason, Connor Blakely will aim to return to the form of old as he leads the first line of attack. Unfortunately, he has missed a third of games over the past four seasons through a series of ailments, and this must affect his fantasy prospects. Worth the punt if available in the latter mid rounds.

Projection: 88.8 (+7) from 16 (+2). Value: +268.4. Draft rank: 73. BAC rank: 15.

Andrew Brayshaw	FWD/CTR	70.5	#8	20yo	184cm	84kg	39 games
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AB BATS TOWARDS TON
inside midfielder

The second selection in the 2017 national draft, Andrew Brayshaw continues to shine as a hard-running midfielder. A sterling 26-touch, three-goal effort against the Bulldogs in round 19 demonstrated his potential, which culminated in his first Brownlow vote. With 63% of his matches falling below the 20-disposal threshold, he will seek greater consistency in 2020.

A young leader in the Docker engine room, much will be expected of Brayshaw to continue his improvement for the upcoming campaign. He should be available in the latter mid rounds if someone doesn't reach for him earlier. The type of upside selection a fantasy year is built on, and already subject to a great deal of hype from salary cap competitions for that reason, pick him with confidence.

Projection: 80.7 (+11) from 21 (-1). Value: +182.1. Draft rank: 103. FWD rank: 24.

Isaiah Butters	FWD	#38	18yo	182cm	69kg	'19 B rookie
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BUTTERS UP
crumbing forward rookie

Nine goals from four WAFL Colts games including a bag of four in a final earned Isaiah Butters a rookie spot for a team searching for mercurial small forward.

There will not be nearly as much hype around Butters as there was last year for the Eagles' **Liam Ryan**, but he will hope to reach those heights at some point, though unlikely in the same early timeframe.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Jason Carter	BAC	32.5 (2)	#35	20yo	185cm	76kg	2 games
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CARTER DRAGS ON
half back flanker rookie

Rookie-listed Jason Carter rose to prominence in a productive first season at the Dockers, culminating in a round 20 AFL debut. A half back with precise foot skills, he totalled 18 possessions across his two outings at AFL level.

Carter will continue to vie for the half back role in 2020. Rarely a significant ball winner in the WAFL or throughout his junior playing days, Carter is unlikely to enter the minds of fantasy coaches. Look elsewhere for your backlines.

Projection: 38.5 from 1 (-1). Value: -33.5. Draft rank: 282. BAC rank: 93.

Adam Cerra	BAC	61.7	#5	20yo	188cm	84kg	41 games
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CERRA HOPES TO BLOSSOM
half back flanker

A ball magnet midfielder as a junior, Adam Cerra has been forced to bide his time at half back for the first two seasons of his career. The 2017 fifth selection at the national draft increased his disposal and mark outputs, including a 23-touch, seven-mark game against the Saints in round 3.

Cerra has voiced his desires to play as a midfielder in 2020 and may be ready in the wake of the post-Lyon list cleanout. This selection is primarily based on believing that he can translate his junior performances to the top level. Available as a defender, selection in the latter mid rounds is reasonable.

Projection: 71.1 (+10) from 20. Value: -19.0. Draft rank: 237. BAC rank: 73.

Travis Colyer	FWD	52.7	#33	28yo	175cm	77kg	97 games
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LOW PRICE ON COLYER

outside midfielder

The former Bombers winger failed to fulfil his hopes of regular AFL football, Travis Colyer eventually flitting between the AFL and WAFL. The ex-Don produced similar statistical outputs to 2018, increasing disposals and declining in marks.

Colyer is another runner aiming at the vacant wing spots and competing with a host of other candidates, so a big preseason will be required. Regardless, he has never produced desirable fantasy figures and expect the trend to continue.

Projection: 61.3 (+3) from 6 (-4). Value: -64.0. Draft rank: 378. FWD rank: 113.

Reece Conca	CTR	68.5	#6	27yo	181cm	84kg	126 games
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CONCA FLOPS THE NUTS

balanced midfielder

Enjoying an excellent first campaign in purple, Reece Conca perhaps surprised a few pundits with his pace and aggression from the midfield. In posting a career high in disposal output, he shone brightest in a five-point round 3 victory against the Saints, locking up **Seb Ross** and gathering 27 touches in the process.

Appearing to have finally conquered his injury woes, Conca will aim for similar production in 2020 as part of a midfield looking for physical support from big bodies to block the way clear for its cadre of younger players. A leader in the middle, his efforts have never translated to high fantasy scoring. Avoid.

Projection: 74.7 from 20 (-2). Value: -185.5. Draft rank: 582. CTR rank: 165.

Brennan Cox	FWD	61.7	#36	21yo	195cm	99kg	34 games
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BRENNAN HAS TO IMAGINE

key forward swingman

Trialled as a defender through preseason, Brennan Cox never got going in the role and eventually played as a key forward at AFL level. After managing over a goal per outing in 2018 Cox failed to recapture that form, dropping his goal output by half. A hamstring injury curtailed him in the second half of the season.

Cox is likely to continue in a forward role, and may get a string of senior games early in the season as all three best 22 key forwards are coming off big injuries. He has never shown a propensity for fantasy scoring at any level and expect that trend to continue.

Projection: 56.2 from 4 (-4). Value: -63.3. Draft rank: 377. FWD rank: 112.

Mitch Crowden	FWD	50.1 (14)	#12	21yo	176cm	84kg	14 games
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CROWDEN IN A QUEUE

outside midfielder crumbing forward

A consistent season in the WAFL eventuated in a late reprieve for Mitch Crowden. Averaging 24 touches and eight tackles per outing in the twos as a midfielder, he struggled as a small forward at AFL level. His most promising performance came in a two-goal display against the Cats in round 20.

Seeking greater opportunities in the midfield, Crowden will battle alongside youngsters for the position. The prospect of playing in his desired central position under the new coach is the only scenario in which a fantasy asset emerges, so keep him on the watchlist.

Projection: 47.3 from 6 (+1). Value: -148.3. Draft rank: 543. FWD rank: 170.

Sean Darcy	RUC	76.2	#4	21yo	202cm	113kg	26 games
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COME HITHER, YOUNG MR DARCY

first ruck

Integral to the future of the Dockers, Sean Darcy enters 2020 assuming the number one ruck mantle following the retirement of Aaron Sandilands. A midseason ankle injury curtailed the youngster's involvement, with his best performance coming in round 22 against Essendon in collecting 21 hit outs and five tackles.

Enjoying an injury-free preseason and the assistance of chop-out ruck **Rory Lobb**, Darcy is set to lead the ruck division. He has demonstrated fantasy scoring power in limited minutes, and may present as a value option in the latter half of the draft. An upside selection with a significant fantasy future.

Projection: 85.0 (+13) from 19 (+8). Value: +56.1. Draft rank: 162. RUC rank: 8.

Taylin Duman	BAC	65.0	#44	22yo	193cm	83kg	24 games
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JUST DUMAN WITH A MAN'S COURAGE

half back flanker

A key defender learning his craft on the main stage, Taylin Duman continued to hold his own against seasoned veterans in the third tall role, improving his marks and rebound 50 averages. His highlight performance came in a seven-point loss to the Bombers in round 9, collecting 21 touches and six grabs.

Duman will aim to solidify his spot in the starting squad ahead of the 2020 season. Tasked with some important roles in defence, the third tall is likely to be an average fantasy scorer with **Luke Ryan** tasked with intercepting in front of his contests. With little upside due to his positional discipline, avoid selecting.

Projection: 66.1 from 14. Value: -82.7. Draft rank: 414. BAC rank: 141.

Minario Frederick	FWD		#43	19yo	179cm	64kg	'19 ND #61
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DON'T BUY LATE-MODEL MINAIRO

outside midfielder

A South Australian native renowned for his pace and wing play, Minairo Frederick is an effective user on both sides of his body. His standout performance came for Woodville West Torrens in a SANFL U18 semi-final with 21 touches and three goals.

Frederick may have to bide his time in the WAFL, with a long line of more senior outside runners lining up to run the wings at Perth Oval for the purple horde. Expect little fantasy relevance in his debut campaign.

Projection: 46.4 from 4 (+4). Value: -102.4. Draft rank: 462. FWD rank: 137.

Nat Fyfe	CTR	117.2	#7	28yo	192cm	96kg	172 games
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SOUND THE FYFE HIGHLY

inside midfielder

rests forward

magnet

extractor

beast

launcher

Another outstanding season in 2019 culminated in a second Brownlow Medal and All Australian captaincy for Nat Fyfe. The midfield general collected a career-high disposal average, ranked number one for contested possessions and gathered the third most clearances across the competition. He kicked multiple goals on four occasions, including a bag of three from 33 touches against the Tigers in round 8. Shoulder surgery delayed his involvement in full contact training to the new year.

Fyfe is a consistent fantasy goliath and has been for the past decade. One slight on the star has been his durability record, missing 10 fixtures in the past three seasons with knocks and the odd suspension. Another query is over his taggability due to lack of other respected targets in a shallow midfield, though he will more often than not bust through a tag for big scores anyway. In the midst of his peak athletic years, expect Fyfe to be off the board in the first few rounds.

Projection: 103.3 from 19 (-1). Value: +367.0. Draft rank: 42. CTR rank: 26.

Stefan Giro	CTR	49.7 (10)	#42	21yo	175cm	77kg	10 games
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MOUNTAIN STAGE FOR GIRO

inside midfielder

current LTI

knee problem

An unfortunate ACL injury put an early end to Stefan Giro's second season, limited to seven WAFL games. He demonstrated improvement in his preferred wing position, collecting 22 touches per outing.

Giro is currently in rehabilitation and will miss the Dockers preseason, having suffered the knee injury in June. Expectations should be low upon his arrival, mitigating any potential fantasy relevance.

Projection: 57.3 from 3 (+3). Value: -80.1. Draft rank: 410. CTR rank: 122.

Joel Hamling	BAC	63.0	#21	27yo	194cm	92kg	84 games
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HARRYING HAMLING

key defender

Full back Joel Hamling continues to perform an admirable role against the opposition's primary target. Standing the gorillas of the competition, he was rarely beaten in an oft-besieged defence.

Hamling's relevance comes in his ability to stop the opposition. Negating fantasy points rarely leads to strong returns and that trend continues with him.

Projection: 46.5 from 21 (-1). Value: -535.5. Draft rank: 690. BAC rank: 238.

Liam Henry	CTR/FWD	#31	18yo	179cm	67kg	'19 ND #9
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HENRY IS A FRESH PRINCE

outside midfielder **half forward flanker** **coming off LTI** **knee problem**

One of a host of early Freo selections in last November's draft, Liam Henry arrives as a dashing outlet capable as a half forward or wing. His highlight performance came against Vic Country in the Championships, collecting 25 disposals and five tackles. A consistent performer in the WAFL Colts, he averaged 23 disposals, two goals and six score involvements.

Following the retirement of Hayden Ballantyne and the departures of **Bradley Hill** and **Ed Langdon**, Henry has every chance to debut early in 2020. He will need to overcome a knee injury suffered in August, which has kept him on a modified program. Relevant fantasy seasons from draftees are a rarity, we may be twelve months too early.

Projection: 50.3 from 6 (+6). Value: -202.2. Draft rank: 599. CTR rank: 167.

Stephen Hill	BAC/FWD	70.2	#32	29yo	183cm	82kg	205 games
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UPHILL TRUDGE HARD ON LEGS

half back flanker **balanced midfielder**

After a consistent durability record which spanned a decade, Stephen Hill suffered a series of quad and hamstring related injuries that derailed his 2019 season. Renowned for his smooth movement and classy delivery, Hill was restricted by his body and minutes during his limited involvement.

Hill is in the traditional peak years for a footballer and has every chance to hit the ground running, enjoying an uninterrupted preseason to date. Available as a defender, selecting him in the late rounds as an upside pick could prove wise.

Projection: 70.5 from 10 (+7). Value: -15.5. Draft rank: 231. BAC rank: 70.

Jesse Hogan	FWD	72.3	#1	25yo	195cm	99kg	83 games
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JESSE HURTING

key forward **coming off LTI** **foot problem**

A foot injury derailed key forward Jesse Hogan's debut campaign for the Dockers. Renowned for his work rate and dominant aerial ability, the ex-Dee declined in disposal, mark and goal outputs. His highlight performance came in the away victory against the Giants, collecting 22 touches, 14 marks and three goals.

The Dockers are confident Hogan has seen off the persistent foot injuries and he has reportedly begun preseason running upwards of 10 km per session. An outstanding fantasy prospect at his peak, durability will be the primary concern, having missed 36% of matches over the past three seasons. A tempting option in middle rounds.

Projection: 74.1 from 11 (-1). Value: +23.5. Draft rank: 193. FWD rank: 49.

Ethan Hughes	BAC	67.1	#15	25yo	188cm	89kg	50 games
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OUT, STATLESS ETHAN

lockdown defender

A half back negator, Ethan Hughes stamping himself as a regular in the senior side with a season best 25 disposals against the Blues in round 15.

Primarily focused on mitigating the influence of the opposition's forward pocket, Hughes rarely translates on-field production to desirable fantasy scores. Look elsewhere for your back line.

Projection: 58.2 from 20 (-1). Value: -275.5. Draft rank: 642. BAC rank: 216.

Rory Lobb	RUC	84.3	#37	27yo	206cm	106kg	88 games
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SECOND SERVICE FOR LOBB

key forward **second ruck/forward** **buckets** **coming off LTI** **shoulder problem**

Productive as both a key forward and ruckman, Rory Lobb enjoyed a career-best season in his debut campaign for the purple haze. The former Giant collected career highs in contested possessions, disposals and hit out figures, including 18 touches and 45 hit outs against the Tigers in round 8.

Lobb has spoken early in the preseason about his desire to be fielded primarily as a forward, a desire which prompted his decision to return to his home state. Fantasy wise, Lobb's best returns have come when playing the number one ruck role. Pounce if **Sean Darcy** is felled.

Projection: 79.8 (+2) from 18 (+3). Value: -40.0. Draft rank: 309. RUC rank: 19.

Griffin Logue	BAC	51.6	#2	22yo	193cm	101kg	23 games
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BEAM IN LOGUE'S EYE**key defender**

A curious late riser in the 2016 draft class, key defender Griffin Logue began to shine in the latter half of 2019 after suffering a series of hamstring injuries which delayed his start to the season. Upon return he increased his disposal, mark and tackle outputs.

Coach Justin Longmuir will continue to develop Logue as a key defender with the ability to take the intercept grab, long groomed to assume the CHB spot left by Michael Johnson. While a highly valuable role in the pursuit of team victories, there is far less value for fantasy coaches.

Projection: 56.1 (+10) from 18 (+8). Value: -285.6. Draft rank: 645. BAC rank: 217.

Brandon Matera	FWD	63.2	#3	28yo	175cm	76kg	139 games
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MATERA IS A MERE MOLECULE**half forward flanker**

Leading the small forward brigade for the 2019 season, Brandon Matera delivered in spades. The ex-Sun kicked a career high goals, including four and five in a rampant fortnight against the Giants and Bulldogs respectively.

The West Australian native will aim for similar production in 2020. An effective goal sneak, his skillset is less useful for fantasy scoring as it is too reliant on goalmouth success which can be fleeting. Not to enter thinking come draft night.

Projection: 63.4 from 18 (-2). Value: -155.4. Draft rank: 555. FWD rank: 175.

Cameron McCarthy	FWD	49.0	#23	25yo	192cm	92kg	69 games
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THE LOW-RATE MCCARTHY**key forward****dead-eye**

Four years on from his breakout campaign as a third tall in the Giants forward line, Cameron McCarthy has struggled to live up to high expectations. The 2019 campaign was an improvement, lifting his disposal, mark and goal output. However, McCarthy continues to struggle with the defensive side of the game, noticeably declining in tackles.

Coach Justin Longmuir has touted McCarthy as a player capable of wing minutes. Whether that eventuates will be to the reader's discretion, though his history shows he lacks the strength in the midfield clinches shown by **Jake Stringer**. Having never shown a propensity to generate large fantasy scores, expectations should remain low. Watchlist candidate.

Projection: 63.6 (+13) from 11 (-1). Value: -92.5. Draft rank: 433. FWD rank: 128.

Lloyd Meek	RUC		#30	22yo	203cm	111kg	'17 ND #69
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MEEK IS NOT BLESSED**first ruck****coming off LTI****foot problem**

Struggles with form and fitness which eventually saw his season cut short by a persistent foot injury led to a difficult second season for ruckman Lloyd Meek. A contract renewal in October displayed the faith shown in the youngster, following averages of 13 touches and 21 hit outs in the WAFL.

Meek will continue adding to his craft at WAFL level, with **Sean Darcy** expected to receive first opportunity at the coveted ruck mantle. He has overcome fitness concerns, starting day one of preseason. Unworthy of serious interest come draft day.

Projection: 49.2 from 3 (+3). Value: -98.4. Draft rank: 449. RUC rank: 30.

David Mundy	CTR	89.0	#16	34yo	193cm	94kg	315 games
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ANNUS HORRIBILIS FOR MUNDY?**inside midfielder****half forward flanker****beast****coming off LTI****leg problem**

Splitting his time between midfield and forward, David Mundy continued to excel as a mainstay for the Dockers. Missing once in the past three seasons, the veteran managed to lift his disposal count, including a 36-touch display in the round 4 derby loss.

An unlikely family biking incident resulted in a broken leg for Mundy, severely limiting his chances to maintain that durability record. Even the most ardent Mundy fans must suspect the end is nigh. As a midfield only prospect, look elsewhere for your fantasy side.

Projection: 72.5 (-8) from 13 (-9). Value: -149.6. Draft rank: 544. CTR rank: 161.

Tom North	CTR	#24	21yo	183cm	84kg	'17 ND #65
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NORTH SEARCHES WEST

inside midfielder **rookie**

A big-bodied inside midfielder, Tom North enjoyed a consistent season in his second campaign for the Dockers. The youngster often led the Peel Thunder midfield, averaging 20 disposals and four marks.

Yet to make his AFL debut, North will press hard for that honour in 2020. The preseason injury to **David Mundy** may be his route into the side. An interesting prospect, however look elsewhere for your fantasy side.

Projection: 61.4 from 4 (+4). Value: -90.4. Draft rank: 428. CTR rank: 126.

Dillon O'Reilly	BAC	#46	19yo	193cm	79kg	'19 Mid-S
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SECOND LIFE OF O'REILLY

key forward **swingman** **rookie**

Son of three-clubman Stephen who played 98 games for Fremantle, Dillon O'Reilly made his way to the Dockers on the rookie list despite just failing to qualify as a father-son pick. He has played mostly as a forward for East Fremantle with an impressive goalscoring record including six in a final of the Colts competition, though he has spent time in defence as well.

At a club not historically blessed with great depth at the key forward posts it is obvious they have been grooming O'Reilly from way back to eventually build their attack around. Whether he gets there or not is a matter for future years, as he needs to build his frame to compete with grown men and is highly unlikely to burst onto the senior scene early in year one.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Alex Pearce	BAC	51.5	#25	24yo	201cm	101kg	53 games
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PIERCING PAIN FOR PEARCE

key defender **coming off LTI** **ankle problem**

A nagging ankle injury cut short Alex Pearce's season, unable to return following the bye. He has become a mainstay of the Docker backline, regularly breaking even in a besieged defence.

Pearce required further surgery in the preseason on the ankle injury and is expected to return to training in late February. A dependable negator, he has never shown a propensity for fantasy scoring.

Projection: 41.0 from 6 (-5). Value: -185.7. Draft rank: 583. BAC rank: 191.

Jarvis Pina	BAC/CTR	#47	19yo	176cm	71kg	'19 Rk #6
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PINA ON THE BOARD

half back flanker **rookie**

Renowned for his speed and agility, Jarvis Pina averaged 22 disposals, five marks and four score involvements in the WAFL Colts off half back, breaking out for four appearances in the senior Peel side towards the latter half of the year.

Expect Pina to take time learning his craft in the WAFL throughout the upcoming campaign. The small defender is unlikely to become a consistent starter in the primary competition in the short term, so avoid selecting him.

Projection: 47.0 from 1 (+1). Value: -25.0. Draft rank: 256. BAC rank: 80.

Luke Ryan	BAC	90.8	#13	24yo	187cm	92kg	49 games
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THE WEST'S OTHER FLYING RYAN

half back flanker **rebounder**

An effective distributor from half back, Luke Ryan's star continues to ascend. The 2016 mature-aged draftee improved his disposal and metres gained outputs, while registering the 18th most rebound 50s across the competition.

Entering his fourth season, Ryan's stocks are likely to rise further. A reliable rebounder entrenched in the best 22, he ticks many boxes when fantasy coaches search for a defensive acquisition. Pick him in middle rounds.

Projection: 80.4 (+5) from 19 (+1). Value: +158.9. Draft rank: 112. BAC rank: 25.

Lachlan Schulz	FWD	42.7 (7)	#28	22yo	178cm	78kg	7 games
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SCHULZ PLAYS STRAIGHT TO HOGAN

half forward flanker

A mature-aged selection with a propensity for the big sticks, Lachlan Schulz made a round 1 debut as a half forward for two goals from 17 touches, though he spent the vast majority of the year in the reserves at much the same rates.

Schulz will aim to entrench himself in the senior outfit in 2020. Middling statistical outputs at junior and WAFL level, plus a lot of trade-in journeymen who are ahead of him in the pecking order, suggest our focus should turn to others.

Projection: 47.4 from 3 (-4). Value: -73.7. Draft rank: 396. FWD rank: 121.

Caleb Serong	CTR		#22	19yo	178cm	83kg	'19 ND #8
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SERONG WEARS BIG BOY PANTS

utility

Touted as a top prospect throughout his junior career splitting time between midfield and attack, Serong laid the second most tackles at the Championships and was first for metres gained. He was fierce throughout the season for Gippsland Power, winning the fifth most contested possessions in the NAB League.

Serong is likely to be blooded early as Freo coach Justin Longmuir continues to seek avenues to goal. A classy user and ball magnet throughout his junior days, translation to the primary competition will be interesting. He is likely at least twelve months away from relevance for our draft fantasy sides.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Sam Sturt	FWD		#27	19yo	189cm	72kg	'18 ND #17
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SAM CAN'T GET A START

half forward flanker concussion risk

A series of concussions halted Sam Sturt's debut campaign, the midfield-forward making 12 appearances for Peel Thunder at an average of 13 touches per outing.

Sturt will look to attain a senior debut in 2020 while developing his craft. Following the retirement of Hayden Ballantyne, he may be eyeing off that role. Not one to enter fantasy calculations for now.

Projection: 37.8 from 2 (+2). Value: -68.4. Draft rank: 389. FWD rank: 120.

Samuel Switkowski	FWD	65.9 (20)	#39	23yo	179cm	74kg	20 games
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NO SKIING BY SWITKOWSKI

defensive forward

A mature-aged selection plucked from the Box Hill Hawks, Samuel Switkowski became a fixture in the senior side as a harassing forward pocket with five tackles per outing, including 10 against the Bombers in round 22.

The next step in Switkowski's development is to hit the scoreboard with regularity. There has been no suggestion that his forward craft results in positive fantasy scoring. Look elsewhere come draft day.

Projection: 61.1 (+4) from 19 (+1). Value: -208.1. Draft rank: 604. FWD rank: 197.

Matt Taberner	FWD	70.3	#20	26yo	198cm	99kg	71 games
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TABERNER JUST PART OF THE CHOIR

key forward buckets aerialist coming off LTI foot problem

Injury halted a fierce start to the season for Matt Taberner, the key forward demonstrating his burgeoning talent in limited minutes. The Docker recorded career highs in disposal and mark outputs, while recording the largest contested mark average across the competition. His highlight performance came against **Phil Davis** and the Giants in round 5, leading the Dockers to the victory with 21 touches, 13 marks and three majors.

Taberner has struggled throughout his career with durability, missing 60% of matches over the past three seasons, but was back to full training on day one of preseason. A key forward trio containing himself, **Jesse Hogan** and **Rory Lobb** will startle many a defence in 2020... if they can all get fit at once. Due to injury history and small sample of excellent fantasy production, only select if available in late rounds.

Projection: 76.5 (+2) from 12 (+3). Value: +54.0. Draft rank: 164. FWD rank: 40.

Leno Thomas	BAC	#48	18yo	183cm	73kg	'19 B	rookie
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LENO HOT AS JALAPENO

utility rookie

With a goal-saving smother in last year's WAFL Colts grand final that won the flag, Leno Thomas made a name for himself which led to a category B rookie contract at Fremantle. He switched from attack to defence in his last junior year.

Thomas is going to be one of those flashy types who use their pace and agility mostly on the outside, a set of physical skills which could be used in any third of the ground. He will spend plenty if not all of his first listed season at WAFL level.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Darcy Tucker	FWD/CTR	73.3	#18	23yo	184cm	83kg	70 games
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TUCKER'S FLAWS ARE A MEMORY

outside midfielder half forward flanker

Dependable with ball in hand, Darcy Tucker significantly improved his disposal output with a career high in contested possessions. Renowned for his kicking, Tucker surprisingly generated a negative kick-to-handball split for the first time in 2019.

The addition of FWD eligibility vaults Tucker into fantasy relevance, as the baseline for forwards is more forgiving. In a team which is reportedly going to focus more on attack in the Justin Longmuir era, he presents as a middle round pick with upside.

Projection: 75.4 (+3) from 20 (-2). Value: +68.2. Draft rank: 155. FWD rank: 36.

Luke Valente	CTR	#29	19yo	187cm	81kg	'18 ND #32
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VALE VALENTE?

inside midfielder groin problem

A persistent groin injury continues to curtail the development of Luke Valente. A dominant ball winner throughout his junior career, he struggled to replicate that form in the WAFL, averaging a lowly 14 touches.

Valente has continued his rehabilitation over the preseason, the groin concerns proving difficult to overcome. Expect the 2020 season to be a development year for the youngster, not a prospect for fantasy squads.

Not projected to play. Value: nil.

Michael Walters	FWD/CTR	100.7	#10	29yo	178cm	78kg	150 games
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WALTERS TONS UP BEFORE TEA

balanced midfielder rests forward finisher dead-eye hurt factor

A key offensive driver for the past dozen seasons, Michael Walters spent 2019 adding midfield craft to his burgeoning repertoire. Splitting his time between forward and midfield, Walters gathered career highs in disposals, tackles and goals, the latter all the more impressive given his extra centre bounce attendances. The evasive Docker was in the top 20 for score involvements across the competition and 19th in the Coleman race.

Walters suffered a right foot sprain in December leaving him in a moonboot, although early suggestions are that he would resume training following the Christmas break. A dominant fantasy season following consistent scoring over the previous five campaigns, the Docker will be expected to produce once more. Selecting the forward-eligible option in the early rounds may take you to the promised land.

Projection: 91.6 (-2) from 20 (-2). Value: +391.7. Draft rank: 35. FWD rank: 5.

Tobe Watson	BAC	#45	22yo	190cm	83kg	'18 Rk #22
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SUPPLEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON

half back flanker rookie

A 2018 mature-aged rookie selection, Tobe Watson enjoyed a productive year as a defensive key for Peel Thunder. Watson averaged 17 disposals and 5 marks across 16 outings.

Watson is likely to require a second season adding to his craft in the secondary competition. Avoid for fantasy purposes.

Projection: 41.0 from 1 (+1). Value: -31.0. Draft rank: 274. BAC rank: 89.

Nathan Wilson	BAC	70.2	#14	27yo	185cm	81kg	115 games
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GOOD RUN, WILSON!

half back flanker

rebounder

coming off LTI

toe problem

A persistent toe concern put early end to a consistent second season in purple for attacking half back Nathan Wilson. The ex-Giant produced the 13th most metres gained, dropping from third the season prior. Wilson enjoyed a career-high 30 disposals with eight marks in the one-point victory over the Lions in round 10.

The speedster remains sidelined by toe surgery, spending time in the rehab group during the pre-Christmas training phase. An exceptional attacking weapon, Wilson's average dipped towards the back baseline last season but a bounce back is on the cards. His upside is limited but real assuming he avoids further injury setbacks, making him a late pick.

Projection: 68.5 (+3) from 16 (-2). Value: -55.3. Draft rank: 359. BAC rank: 120.

Hayden Young	BAC	#26	19yo	188cm	82kg	'19 ND #7
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CALL ME YOUNG GUN

half back flanker

The Dockers' first selection at the November draft, Hayden Young shone as an attacking weapon from half back in his final junior season. The long-kicking left footer gained the second-most metres at the Championships and the most intercept possessions. Young also enjoyed terrific performance at the Combine, ranking first in the agility test and producing an explosive 20 metre sprint.

The youngster has stepped up from day one of preseason and is already putting his name forward for a round 1 debut. With impressive numbers throughout his junior career, the question becomes how quickly Young can translate his play to the primary competition. Expect him to be a mainstay for fantasy sides in the near future, but keep him on the watchlist for now as year one can be less than startable even for such talents.

Projection: 53.0 from 7 (+7). Value: -133.0. Draft rank: 519. BAC rank: 172.