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# TOP 30 PLAYERS TO WATCH



# Jaide ANTHONY

DOB: 20/11/2003

HEIGHT: 166CM

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Jaide Anthony is a player who has been in the spotlight for a number of years now, coming through the Dandenong Stingrays' V/Line Cup program.

**STRENGTHS:** Marking, kicking, decision making, courage, footy IQ, consistency

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

15.7

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

3.3

AFLW U19S '21

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67.3

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

(On VFLW debut) Anthony looked settled throughout the whole game, and while there were some mistakes made, they were with the best intentions, as she tried some kicks that had some potential to break the game open. She did not look out of place at the level and that is incredibly rare to find in a debutant.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Jaide Anthony has progressed through the junior pathways to even be an AFL Women's Academy member in her bottom-age year. Anthony put together a consistent 2021 season ahead of the AFLW Draft.

Having collected the Vic Country MVP this year, Anthony showed why she is one of the most talented players in the draft crop. Possessing some terrific eye-catching traits, Anthony is one of the more courageous players going around, not afraid to put her body on the line in the air or at ground level. Unfortunately, she has dealt with a couple of concussions this year, but they have not stopped her impressing both through the NAB League Girls and AFL Women's Under 19 Championships.

Along with her courage, Anthony has natural footballing ability with a clever ability to read the play in the flight and not

only pull-down marks, but use the ball well by hand or foot. Her footy IQ is clear for all to see, and it comes out through her decision making coming out of defence. Anthony has shown she can play in multiple positions, but with her skills and smarts, running off half-back is the natural progression for her.

In terms of an improvement, endurance has been a key focus for the top-age talent, and whilst it does not impact her game because she often plays deep or in the defensive 50, she has the smarts and upside to play through the midfield in the future. Once she builds a greater tank and improves that aspect of her game, she can add more strings to her bow up the field. Overall her consistency throughout the season was fantastic, and why she was rated in the top dozen prospects from Victoria in the Draft Central Power Rankings.

# Georgia CAMPBELL

**DOB:** 01/09/2003

**HEIGHT:** 182CM

**POSITION:** RUCK/KEY FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Georgia Campbell stamped herself as one of the premier rucks in the NAB League Girls competition with her impressive leap and tap work highlights of her game.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, ruck craft, forward presence, upside, versatility, ground level work

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**12.0**

AFLW U19S '21

HITOUTS

**12.0**

AFLW U19S '21

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**54.5**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

A father-daughter eligible selection for both the Western Bulldogs and Melbourne, the Dogs-supporting ruck has quite the decision on her hands as she looms as the top Victorian ruck in the 2021 AFL Women's Draft crop this year.

## DRAFT PROFILE

Georgia Campbell is perhaps one of the biggest upside prospects in the draft, with her athleticism regularly allowing her to beat taller and stronger opponents both in the ruck and when playing forward.

Her consistency in executing skills, particularly kicking, is one of those areas that she will continue to improve on at the next level. Whilst not overly concerning, her kicks can at times lack penetration or look rushed, particularly from stoppages. Her ability to get possession of the ball is quite impressive, competing well in the air and reliably holding marks, while also meeting the ball at the highest point she can. She's also able to follow up strongly at ground level when required, getting the ball out quickly by hand.

At the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, Campbell played the majority of her time in the clash against Vic Country in the

ruck, where she was challenged more than she usually was at NAB League level in the contests, but was unmatched in her follow up work and impact around the ground. She spent the second game against Western Australia playing mostly in the forwardline, causing headaches by leaping high every time the ball came in her area, and bobbing up with a goal on the run in the third term to demonstrate her impressive evasiveness and one-on-one ability.

Campbell is one of very few prospects that will have some degree of certainty going into the AFLW Draft, meeting the criteria to be a father-daughter selection for both the Western Bulldogs and Melbourne, where her father, Adrian, played 30 and two games respectively. If Campbell opts to nominate either club, they will certainly be thrilled with the promising prospect at their disposal.



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# Tess CRAVEN

DOB: 23/12/2003

HEIGHT: 163CM

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Tess Craven has been one of the biggest and brightest talents of 2021, with a massive season through the Geelong Falcons midfield.

**STRENGTHS:** Inside game, consistency, decision making, accumulation, clearances, work rate

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Versatility

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

20.5

AFLW U19S '21

CLEARANCES

6.0

AFLW U19S '21

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81.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

(Round 6 vs Swans Academy) She was everywhere, even kicking a goal off a step from just inside 50 to keep the Falcons in the contest, and popped up constantly around the ground. Her complete work rate saw her pick up five or more marks, tackles, inside 50s and rebounds just to give a bit of an indication of just how impressive she was in the match.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

After getting the handle of it in her first couple of years, Tess Craven exploded this year to win the Geelong Falcons best and fairest and really stand out as a prominent inside midfielder.

When speaking about the top inside midfielders in the AFL Women's Draft crop, it is hard not to consider Craven as one of the best. Her inside game, clearance work and contested ball-winning ability is top notch, credit to her high work rate. In the 2021 season, Craven was consistently racking up high numbers and throwing herself into every contest, then able to create separation through smarts and some toe.

In terms of 'safe' options, there are few safer than Craven, who ticks a lot of boxes when it comes to her overall game. Whilst she has made her name as that inside midfielder and could add more strings to her bow across the field, her

traits lend themselves to be able to move around if required, though naturally she should be that prominent inside player. Having no issues finding the ball, Craven generally makes the right decisions by hand or foot, and whilst others can have more penetration, her short, sharp disposals, or disposal on the run generally hits the mark.

Having collected the Falcons' best and fairest, Craven hardly put a foot wrong all season and deservedly earned a Vic Country spot in the Under 19s program. She won the majority of her possessions at the coal face and spread well from the stoppage to outwork her opponent with a high work rate. In terms of readymade players, Craven could step straight into a side and her development over the past few years has been as impressive as anyone going around.

# Nyakoat DOJIOK

**DOB:** 07/01/2003

**HEIGHT:** 175CM

**POSITION:** TALL DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Nyakoat Dojiok is an eye-catching speedster who uses power and strength to burst off the line and take the game on for her side.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, power, positioning, marking, intercepting, reading the play

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**12.0**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**3.7**

AFLW U19S '21

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**43.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Dojiok ranked in the top five for rebound 50s in the NAB League Girls competition and of those in the top 15 for rebound 50s, was second behind only teammate Chloe Leonard in terms of disposals. A natural ball-winner.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Nyakoat Dojiok has really developed over the past few years, and whilst her execution by foot is still a work in progress, it has improved, and her work behind the ball is amongst the best going around.

When it comes to aerial intercepting defenders, very few could match Dojiok's ability to get to the right spot, clunk grabs and then take off at the speed of light. As if having magnets for hands, Dojiok just finds the ball, always sitting in the hole or getting to the right spot. She is tall enough to beat most opponents one-on-one, and is a mark-first player rather than a spoil-first one. She reads the play so well and once she has pulled down the mark takes no time to burst away and bomb down the field.

At times Dojiok can be let down by her kicking, but it is more fine tuning her execution rather than decision making, as she

is able to kick to the zone of her teammates, it is about ironing it out to be more precise. When she started as a 15-year-old, Dojiok was very raw with her skills, and they have come a long way, with the AFLW Academy member now at a point where they can get more technical with the execution.

By hand Dojiok uses it well, but her trademark run and carry means she will need to keep building that disposal by foot. Dojiok is an exciting talent who has plenty of upside and room for improvement.

In terms of her ability to get into an intercepting position, pulling down important marks and driving the ball forward, the GWV Rebels teenager is hard to match, and once her finishing matches her off-the-ball work, she could be a real special prospect.



# Jess DOYLE

DOB: 15/09/2003

HEIGHT: 170CM

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Jess Doyle captained the Sydney Swans Academy in its inaugural NAB League Girls game, and has some seriously eye-catching traits for the future.

**STRENGTHS:** Clean hands, one-on-ones, competitiveness, forward craft, versatility, class

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

17.5

AFLWU19S '21

MARKS

4.5

AFLWU19S '21

FANTASY PPG

65.5

AFLWU19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

In the low-scoring six-goal game between Sydney Swans Academy and Geelong Falcons, Doyle kicked 31.7 per cent of the total score that day in the wet. She also lead her team with inside 50s (five), and was ranked equal first for her side in disposals (19).

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Jess Doyle is the epitomy of the Northern Academies pathway having come through the local level and receiving the support to progress to the elite junior level. Now captain of the Sydney Swans Academy and a member of the AFL Women's Academy, Doyle is the standout prospect from NSW/ACT.

Doyle is still raw in the way she plays and is learning more about the game with every passing moment. But one thing is for sure, she already has the traits that make her such a damaging prospect. She is clean in the air and at ground level, hard at it and competitive as they come, and rarely gets beaten in one-on-one contests.

Despite not being overly strong, Doyle just positions herself well and has great hands and read of the ball in flight to know when to time her leads and find space inside 50. Her forward craft is what makes her so dangerous when roaming around

the forward line, and the fact she can go into the midfield and have an impact too is testament to her versatility.

Doyle is a player who benefited from being able to play against the nation's best, holding her own at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, where she averaged 17.5 disposals and 4.5 marks, predominantly playing as a high half-forward. Not only were her numbers impressive, but she generally uses it so well, and if she is not scoring, she is setting her teammates up.

Once Doyle is able to get into an even more elite environment, she has the opportunity to develop even further, and once she builds more strength and endurance, she can impact for longer stints in the midfield. Based on her 2021 form, it is exciting to see just how far the talent to come and no doubt the Swans will be keeping a close eye on her for the future.

# Dana EAST

**DOB:** 10/06/2002

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Dana East is one of the stories of Western Australia this year, with the 19-year-old coming into Swan Districts from local football and having an outstanding year.

**STRENGTHS:** Inside game, clean hands acceleration, contested ball, defensive pressure, clearances

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**19.7**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**8.0**

AFLW U19S '21

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**84.7**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

East was the only player at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships to have at least 20 tackles (24) and seven clearances. She ranked equal seventh for clearances overall, and equal second for tackles with teammate Nyra Anderson and behind teammate Courtney Rowley.



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## DRAFT PROFILE

Dana East has come a long way in a short space of time, but has most importantly showed she can step up at any level, having competed at state and national level against senior players and her peers. She became one of the most impressive inside midfielders, thrusting herself into draft contention.

In the past 18 months, East has stepped up to show she is more than capable against better competition, and has become known for her incredibly clean hands and inside game. Able to win the ball at the coal face, East can shovel out the ball to teammates on the outside, or go herself with some great pace over the first few steps.

Her defensive pressure is another aspect, being a massive tackler averaging eight tackles per game at the 2021 AFL Women's Under 19 Championships. Not a huge outside player,

East does not need to be, also able to rest forward and hit the scoreboard on occasion, she can also kick goals whilst playing through the midfield.

When she gets going, East is hard to stop, with great straight line running and the give-and-go hands to put pressure on opposition zones. By her own admission, kicking is an area the midfielder would like to build on, but is something that given her role does not hamper her impact.

Going forward, East still has plenty she can build on, but what she has produced over the past 18 months is terrific and has really put herself into draft contention. Her athleticism, clean hands and defensive pressure all make her a well-rounded prospect and one of the best young midfielders coming out of Western Australia.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Gabbi FEATHERSTON

DOB: 12/11/2003

HEIGHT: 169CM

POSITION: MEDIUM UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Gabbi Featherston is a raw talent with plenty of upside to accompany her eye-catching traits. She can play half-forward and much taller than her 169cm height.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested marking, vertical leap, penetrating kick, X-factor, upside, versatility

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Composure

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

5.3

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

3.3

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

34.7

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Featherston was the only player under 170cm to have more than 20 hitouts in the 2021 NAB League Girls season. Furthermore, Featherston was the only player to have more than 20 hitouts, tackles and inside 50s.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Among the more surprising roles this season, Gabbi Featherston's ability to step up into the ruck role and showcase her vertical leap against far taller opponents is something that certainly caught the eye.

Featherston has safe hands which she uses to clunk marks, but is also an athletic player who can play against tall or small opponents, and play high or deep inside 50. She has been known to push up the ground to take ruck stoppages if need be, or even centre bounces.

In terms of her upside, Featherston's raw ability between her contested marking, penetrating kick and ability to hit the scoreboard from range make her a really damaging future prospect.

At times she can lack some composure when in range on the

ruck, often disposing of the ball when she had more time, but her overall ability is evident. If she can continue to develop that area and learn when to go and when to size up the options, she will have greater scoreboard impact.

Overall, Featherston is a future leading forward who could even go as an inside midfielder. Whilst unlikely to be handed the ruck role at sub-170cm, Featherston is a player who has shown she can compete at stoppages, and with plenty of X-factor and upside, is a player who has plenty more to give going forward.

After her improvement in 2021, Featherston is one of those players you feel anything is possible with for the future.

# Amy FRANKLIN

DOB: 04/02/2003

HEIGHT: 177CM

POSITION: KEY POSITION UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

An exciting, developing tall, Amy Franklin is a key position utility with plenty of scope for the future. Boasting some rare athleticism for a player of her size, the Claremont product is able to get it done in the air or on the move.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, overhead marking, versatility, scoreboard impact, forward craft, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Ground balls

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

10.5

AFLW U19S 21'

REBOUND 50S

3.0

AFLW U19S 21'

FANTASY PPG

42.0

AFLW U19S 21'

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Franklin and Lauren Young were the only players at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships to average three rebound 50s and kick a goal for their states. Both players only played the two games after missing their clash against each other in South Australia.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Franklin is a tall forward who can also play in defence, given her greatest impact comes inside 50. When speaking to the AFL Women's Academy member at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, Franklin said she preferred playing forward, but was happy to play whatever role was required of her. She was keen to improve her ground balls in order to become a more complete player, whilst her consistency within games - she can dominate for a quarter then go quiet the next - is another area to watch, though is also symbolic of both being a key forward, and the troubles with forward 50 entries to talls in wet conditions.

When it comes to strengths, Franklin is a rare prospect in the fact that she is strong overhead and does all the right things you would expect of a tall, but can also do the small player things well too. Her athleticism and second efforts are great, with her speed - particularly when doubling back to goal - and

her agility are quite impressive, not only for her size, but in general. She moves well and is difficult to beat in the air for smaller opponents, and touch to catch once on the move for bigger opponents.

At the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, Franklin missed the first game with concussion, copped a whack to the nose in the second game playing in defence, then stood out in the third game against Vic Metro where she was able to showcase her ability up forward after spending some time in defence. She kicked a goal, and had 12 disposals, two marks, two tackles and two rebound 50s in an all-round performance.

Overall Franklin is the standout tall in the West Australian pool, she would be one that West Coast would seriously consider with Pick 2. One thing is for sure, whilst still raw, Franklin will provide plenty of exciting highlights in the future.



# Ella FRIEND

DOB: 30/12/2003

HEIGHT: 175CM

POSITION: KEY FORWARD/WING

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Ella Friend is arguably the best contested mark in the AFL Women's Draft crop. She has the ability to pull down pack grabs or one-on-one marks like very few can.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested marking, strength, one-on-ones, penetrating kick, versatility, athleticism

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

14.5

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

4.5

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

61.5

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Friend ranked in the top five of the NAB League Girls competition for marks, made all the more remarkable considering she moved into a midfield role in the second half of the season. Friend also ranked fourth for average marks at the AFLW U19 Championships with a minimum of two games played.

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Ella Friend transformed her game this season from a contested marking key forward into a wing, having both the strength and athleticism to match it with most opponents.

A member of the AFL Women's Academy, Friend can play just about anywhere on the field, and rarely fumbles aerially, whilst using her bigger frame at ground level against smaller opponents.

A nightmare for opposition defenders to match up on, Friend is never out of the contest, and has a penetrating left boot that can pierce opposition defensive zones.

Her improving versatility is credit to her work she has put in on her endurance, which is still an area to further develop, but having cited it as an area to build in the preseason, it has been steadily growing.

A trademark for Friend is her ability to swing around onto the left and pump the ball inside 50, and despite not actually hitting the scoreboard that often, her forward craft is more about playing higher outside 50 and putting it into dangerous positions for teammates to score.

A natural leader, Friend guides other teammates and gets around them when they make a mistake, and is a talent who leads by example. She is not afraid to put her body on the line at contests, and given her contested marking ability and athleticism, is a target who teammates know they can trust putting on top of her head or out in front.

As she continues to build her endurance, expect her to impact for longer, and rotate between midfield and forward where she can create plenty of scoring opportunities for her team.



# Tahlia GILLARD

**DOB:** 12/12/2003

**HEIGHT:** 190CM

**POSITION:** RUCK/KEY FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Tahlia Gillard the 190cm December born, AFLW Academy member impressed with her versatility for both the Calder Cannons and Vic Metro Under 19s sides.

**STRENGTHS:** Mobility, versatility, size, marking, positioning

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Scoreboard conversion

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**12.5**

AFLW U19S 21'

HITOUTS

**15.0**

AFLW U19S 21'

FANTASY PPG

**70.0**

AFLW U19S 21'

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Gillard was the only player at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships to have at least 30 hitouts and kick a goal, ranking fourth overall for average hitouts (15) and of those rucks with more than 10 hitouts per game, she was the only player with a positive kick to handball ratio.

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Tahlia Gillard's versatility has been one of her biggest strengths across her junior career, able to play multiple positions to a high level giving her a good base to prosper in the AFLW. An area of improvement for Gillard heading into the future is her scoreboard impact when playing forward. With her ability to hold contested marks and lead to the right spots, it's her conversion that at times lets her down.

She does do a lot of things on field really well, with her skills in particular at a good level, she has a knack for seeking out and using the best option in most situations, whether that's a handball out to a runner or a shorter kick to a leading option, she plays a team first brand. At her height she's naturally good with her tap work, however she's taken steps to improve on her actual ruck craft, competing well in body-on-body contests to gain front position and keep her opponent away from the ball, often resulting in her putting the ball into a perfect spot

for her midfielders; that is, when she's not winning her own clearances with her strong follow up work.

At the AFL Women's U19 Championships she split her time between ruck and up forward as she did at NAB League level, offering those same strengths across both teams, and causing headaches for both Vic Country and WA who struggled to contain her in either role, finishing the carnival averaging 12.5 disposals, three marks and 15 hitouts a game.

In relation to the draft, Gillard's versatility and height are a real point-of-difference compared to other prospects in the Victorian pool and will be considered well by many, as she is able to compete in the air and then have the athleticism to compete at ground level. Once she can hit the scoreboard more consistently with her chances inside 50, she will be a dangerous prospect in the future.



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# Maggie HARMER

**DOB:** 12/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 170CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Maggie Harmer is one of the more versatile players who can roll off half-back or along the wing and have an impact inside if required.

**STRENGTHS:** Reading the play, intercepting, marking, athleticism, versatility, footy IQ

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Ground balls

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**15.0**

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

**5.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**70.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ MARK BROWNING SAYS ...

If you watched her train, she's probably the one that excites me the most when she trains. It hasn't quite transpired to games yet, but I think she's got the most natural running out of all of them.

- Queensland Talent Manager

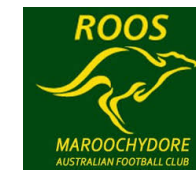
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## DRAFT PROFILE

Maggie Harmer is an exciting Queensland prospect out of Maroochydore and a member of the Brisbane Lions Academy. Harmer is able to read the play out of half-back and set up plays going forward, also pushing up to have an impact along the wing or inside. With her versatility comes her great footy IQ she uses to advantage.

Her aerial skills are where she is able to beat opponents, and whilst she said she would love to improve her one-on-ones further, she often beats opponents through reading it well in flight. Confident going for her marks, Harmer is capable of getting in the hole and clearing the danger from defence, or when she plays on a wing, runs forward to provide some drive in transition.

An improvement for Harmer is her ground balls and being able to beat an opponent at ground level, which will come with

time and continued exposure to more senior and experienced players. With plenty of upside for the future, Harmer is anticipated to start at half-back and eventually develop into that running outside midfielder, but could use her athleticism on the inside as well.

She is the type of player that teammates can rely on with ball-in-hand, and once she has it, she will generally use it well going forward. Representing Queensland in the Sunshine State's clash with Vic Country, Harmer had 15 disposals, five marks and five tackles, showing her equal measure of intercepting and defensive pressure in the back half.

Going forward, it is anticipated that Harmer will be able to slot into a myriad of roles, and with plenty of excitement about her future development throughout the pathway, she is one to watch next year and beyond.

# Perri KING

**DOB:** 25/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 170CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Perri King was the sole Tasmanian AFL Women's Academy member this year, and it was easy to see why, possessing a great balance of inside and outside traits.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, defensive pressure, agility, contested work, aggression, balance

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Composure

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

14.5

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

10.5

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

89.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

No one even came close to King's tackling ability in the NAB League Girls, averaging 9.4 tackles per game, and laying six more than her nearest rival, Georgie Prespakis. At the AFLW U19 Championships, King ranked first for average tackles with two or more games (10.5) and fourth overall.



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Perri King made history as the inaugural goal kicker of the Tasmania Devils' NAB League Girls side in 2020, but has become much more than a name on a history board.

King has developed into one of the premier midfielders in that competition, and stepped up to represent the Allies at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships. Whilst still ironing out some areas to tweak and become a better player, King has so much upside and determination to become the best possible player she can be in the future.

Starting with her athletic traits, King's burst speed from a stoppage can create separation from her opponents, and her agility allows her to evade would-be tacklers. The difference between King and some balanced midfielders is her ability to also win the ball at the coal face and not just be the first handball receiver.

Quite often she will get her own ball and burst away, or provide the defensive team-first traits to allow teammates to take their chances going forward. When on the outside, King can receive the ball, take off and drive it forward, showcasing her balance.

At times King can rush her disposal and even though she has more time than she thinks she has, can chuck it on the boot going forward. Having that extra touch of composure could really aid her going forward as she has so many damaging traits being blessed with athleticism as well as contested and uncontested ball-winning abilities.

Very few players win as much ball as she does and still lay an immense amount of tackles, which is why King is such an exciting prospect for the future.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Sarah LAKAY

DOB: 20/02/2003

HEIGHT: 186CM

POSITION: RUCK

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Sarah Lakay is an athletic ruck who has come on in leaps and bounds with more opportunities in the WAFL Women's competition this year.

**STRENGTHS:** Ruckwork, vertical leap, marking, defensive pressure, upside, clean hands

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

8.7

AFLW U19S '21

HITOUTS

8.3

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

57.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Lakay broke the all-time AFL Women's Draft Combine records in the standing vertical jump (72cm) and the running vertical jump (82cm) at the recent West Australian combine, showcasing her remarkable jump.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Sarah Lakay comes from a basketball background and has relished the opportunity to step up to the League level in the WAFL Women's competition. The experience enabled her to get some quality minutes against more experienced rucks, and helped her head to the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships with some more tricks and tools to use.

There, she learnt even more going up against players who have spent more time in the code, and with plenty of upside, Lakay is a talent who can continue to improve at the next level. With great athleticism, ruck nous and strong hands overhead, Lakay is the standout West Australian ruck in this year's draft crop.

Boasting clean hands when tapping it and strong hands when marking it, Lakay can control the airways against most opponents. Standing at 186cm, Lakay is a target to kick to

around the ground, and is able to give her midfielders first use at the stoppages. She not only has an impact in the air, but can produce great efforts at ground level, averaging almost five tackles per game at the championships. Whilst not a huge disposal winner, Lakay is able to find her own football by knowing where to lead and run, having learnt a lot in a short space of time.

A noted improvement for her is her endurance, which she has been looking to build to spend more time through the ruck. She can go forward and hit the scoreboard as a resting forward, but her best attributes lend themselves to the ruck where she is expected to play long-term.

Her aerial ability is the most noticeable aspect of her game, and she will no doubt be able to build her knowledge base even further when making the transition up to the next level.

# Teagan LEVI

**DOB:** 14/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 169CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Teagan Levi is a strong inside midfielder with great game sense, athleticism and skills making her just about the complete player.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, strength, power, clean hands, kicking, game sense

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Versatility

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**17.0**

AFLW U19S '21

CLEARANCES

**6.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**67.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ MARK BROWNING SAYS ...

Midfielder, plays a lot of rugby 7s, inside mid, good running, good game sense, definitely AFLW attributes.

- Queensland Talent Manager

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FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Teagan Levi is the top ranked Queensland prospect, coming out of the Gold Coast Suns Academy who have the first selection in this year's AFL Women's Draft. A strong inside midfielder, Levi is looking to join sister Maddison at the elite level, and has similarly impressive athletic traits to her taller, key position sister.

Levi in her own right is a fairly complete package as an inside midfielder, with great ball-winning skills, disposal and game sense to go with her athleticism. There are not too many flaws in Levi's overall game, and when she has time and space, she will carve up opposition defences with pinpoint kicks that have required terrific vision to identify teammates in space.

One difference with Levi compared to some other midfielders is the fact that she has excelled there so well that she has not needed to roll through many other positions. Versatility is a

way she can add extra strings to her bow, though no doubt with her traits she could be damaging anywhere on the field. As one who can use the ball by hand or foot, Levi is a valuable inside midfielder in extracting the pill from the stoppage and getting it to teammates on the outside, or bursting away from the congestion.

In Queensland's loss to Vic Country, Levi had 17 disposals, six clearances and five tackles in a big performance for her state. After shining as a bottom-ager in the Queensland All-Stars clash last year, Levi has not done too much wrong to remain as one of the brightest young talents coming through the program.

Gold Coast might not have had the best season in 2021, but Levi is an exciting player that fans will enjoy watching going forward.

# Amanda LING

DOB: 09/07/2002

HEIGHT: 161CM

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Amanda Ling has caught eyes throughout the season with her relentless hunt of the footy and impressive acceleration, paired with a dangerous sidestep.

**STRENGTHS:** Quick hands, inside game, acceleration, endurance, work rate, competitiveness

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

16.0

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

6.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

70.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Ling had such an influence through the Oakleigh Chargers midfield that she finished in the top five for disposals, tackles and inside 50s in the NAB League Girls, and recorded the most handballs of any player in the league (101).

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Amanda Ling was part of the NAB League Girls Premiers Oakleigh Chargers outfit, where she won best on ground honours in the Grand Final, putting in consistent displays as an inside ball winner who fed it well by hand, in a way which released runners and kept the side moving forward with speed.

That inside prowess combined with her quick hands was a deadly combination across all levels of football she played for season 2021. Ling also possesses an exceptional sidestep and acceleration which she will often utilise to get away from opponents to buy herself more time to balance her disposal, this makes her particularly dangerous around stoppages as opponents struggle to keep up with what she's doing

Representing Vic Metro at the AFLW Women's U19 Championships, Ling put in a stellar performance in the game

against WA, playing almost exclusively through the midfield she collected 17 disposals, 5 tackles and a goal, stepping up to be a strong contributor in the star studded side. With her form in the NAB League and U19 Championships, Ling earned herself a call up to Port Melbourne VFLW where she looked comfortable matching it with currently listed AFLW players.

In future, Ling may be looking to improve her kicking consistency and penetration, which is generally good but can be affected by pressure or if she is running at her top speed. In regards to her penetration, she often places kicks in front of teammates when she's free which makes them easier to mark but also easier to intercept, some more direct kicking will make it harder for opposition to cut off her kicks. Improvement in these areas will only make her more dangerous going forward, and a truly hard to stop opponent.



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# Annie LEE

DOB: 28/08/2003

HEIGHT: 167CM

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Annie Lee has been a rock solid defender over the last couple of years and become a reliable source of rebound from the back 50 for the Geelong Falcons.

**STRENGTHS:** Positioning, kicking, marking, intercepting, consistency, composure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Inside game

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

13.7

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

4.7

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

61.7

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Lee averaged the most rebound 50s of any NAB League Girls player to play more than two games, with 4.7 per match. She also averaged more marks than any other player (5.4 per game) being the most dominant half-back aerialist in the competition.



FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

When assessing Annie Lee's game, there are not many flaws to stop her from becoming a reliable AFLW player. Ticking a lot of boxes in her overall profile, Lee is good overhead, and at ground level and composed with ball-in-hand.

Her role off half-back suits her to a tee, with her ball use, aerial ability and reading of the play, in particular her positioning, among her strengths. She knows how to control the line in defence, and can play high or deep, and is not afraid to run off, or settle down the back 50 with good composure. Whether she impacts the play with the ball or without it, Lee is one who always seems to have some influence on the game.

While some players might have one or two elite traits, Lee is just very good across the board, and it shows in her consistency from week to week. You know exactly what Lee will produce and she hardly puts a foot wrong. From winning

the ball to using it well and bringing others into the game, Lee is someone who teammates can rely upon to keep the ball moving well in transition. The next step for her is to improve her versatility and in particular her inside game, just to add another string to her bow.

Her outside run and carry, and ability to read the ball quicker in flight than her opponents is really impressive, and by winning it more at the coal face or having that extra versatility, it will enable her to play multiple roles when there might be another spot opening up on the field.

Overall, her consistency and composure by hand or foot is what stands out, but it is her ability to pull down marks, use the ball well and hit targets that make her an ideal player off half-back.

# Mikayla PAUGA

**DOB:** 10/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 161CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Mikayla Pauga is a natural footballer with clean hands and plenty of class with nice skills and clever at ground level.

**STRENGTHS:** Clean hands, ground balls, acceleration, game sense, class, kicking

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**11.0**

AFLW U19S '21

INSIDE 50S

**2.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**54.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ MARK BROWNING SAYS ...

I think she's a really natural footballer. Relocated on a sponsorship to Bond Uni. I think she's right she just needs to get fitter. But she can play, she's a natural, she's pretty clean, good game sense, probably plays more like that high half-forward at the moment.

- Queensland Talent Manager



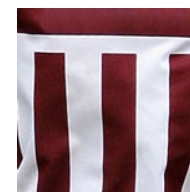
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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Mikayla Pauga is a player one would describe as a "natural footballer" with her ability to find the ball, use it well and just know what to do, and when. Whilst she has identified endurance as her key improvement for the future, Pauga is a player who has plenty of time to still develop that, with an excellent foundation base from which to work with for the future.

Hailing from the Brisbane Lions Academy but she relocated to the Gold Coast after earning a Riewoldt Family AFL Excellence Scholarship from Bond University, to help with her Bachelor of Psychological Science studies. Also a member of the AFL Women's Academy, Pauga traditionally plays as a high half-forward who can roll into the midfield and have an impact in stints, but will be something she will eye off doing more often once she has increased her tank further.

In terms of her upside, Pauga is so clean at ground level and with ball-in-hand, knowing how to flick it off with lightning reflexes before being tackled, and has the game sense to know when to move and when to hold up play. She has a nice burst that suits her game once she can get goal side, and she can hit the scoreboard.

Her kicking technique is just as good and she has no problems hitting targets with good decision making over multiple distances, and has improved over the past few years across the board. Making the move from Maroochydore to Bond University, Pauga has overcome injuries that plagued her including a couple of spinal fractures, and has put out some outstanding performances in the QAFL Women's. Pauga is definitely an exciting talent for the future and one who has a bright future in Queensland.



# Georgie PRESPAKIS

**DOB:** 13/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Winning the NAB League Best and Fairest as a 16-year-old, Georgie Prespakis came into 2021 as possibly one of the most well known underage female prospects ever.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, goal sense, contested work, overhead marking, defensive pressure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**28.0**

AFLW U19S '21

CLEARANCES

**8.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**112**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Only managing the two AFLW U19s Championships games, Prespakis averaged the most clearances (8.5), equal most tackles (8.0) and second most disposals (28.0) behind Lauren Young. In the NAB League Girls, Prespakis averaged the second most disposals and tackles.

**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Georgie Prespakis has a natural ability to find the footy, and the versatility to do it anywhere on field. The Calder Cannons product, and sister of Carlton's Maddison, was unsurprisingly one of the premier players in the NAB League in season 2021.

Her biggest strength came from her work around stoppages, able to be that first possession winner from the ruck tap when required, but equally adept at being a receiver from the stoppage and kicking forward or handballing off to release further runners, with her hands in close nearly unmatchable by opponents. Never neglecting defensive work, Prespakis averaged 8.7 tackles a game, demonstrating her high level work rate around the ground. At times she would plug a hole down back or up forward to a high level as well, playing as a kick behind the play defender to still provide drive forward when it was required, or as a high half forward.

Through her Vic Metro duties at the AFLW U19 Championships, she continued her high level production averaging 28 disposals and 8.5 clearances across her two games as she led the way for Metro through the midfield. After the Calder Cannons were knocked out in week 1 of finals against eventual premiers Oakleigh, Georgie went on to make her debut for Essendon in the VFLW.

Prespakis' kicking, whilst not bad, could do with some refining in future, as she often snaps around the body out of stoppages rather than straightening up and kicking through it to get consistent penetration behind the ball. She doesn't have this same issue when in open play however, when she is given time and space she often gets good penetration and placement with her kicking, helping the forwards by putting it in front of them to run onto and take on their chest without issue.

# Zoe PROWSE

DOB: 03/07/2003

HEIGHT: 177CM

POSITION: RUCK

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Zoe Prowse is a highly athletic and competitive ruck who is equally balanced in her ability to win the ball aurally or at ground level.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, versatility, aerial ability, tackling pressure, clean hands, stoppage craft

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

18.3

AFLW U19S '21

HITOUTS

22.3

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

90.7

AFLW U19S '21

## “ ROBBIE NEILL SAYS ...

Spent less time as a ruck with Sturt this season and worked on midfield craft, although played as a ruck in the South Australian U19 team in the AFLW U19 Championships. Excellent mark and highly competitive.

- South Australian Talent Manager

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL

## DRAFT PROFILE

Zoe Prowse has been a prominent name in the South Australian footballing pathway for some years now, developing as an ultimate utility after dominating as an athletic ruck. She is clean with her hitouts, able to get down and impact through her tackling, and accumulates possessions around the ground in transition as a strong mark.

As an overall draft prospect, Prowse ticks a lot of boxes. Not only is she the standout ruck in the 2021 draft crop, but she has been able to adapt to multiple positions in 2021. As has been proven through the likes of star ruck Montana McKinnon at the Crows - who followed the same pathway as Prowse through the AFLW Academy - it is hard to squeeze into Adelaide's AFLW outfit, so being able to play as a forward or even a midfielder helps Prowse fast-track her development. She is a player who has had to learn quickly starting as the ruck from day dot in the SANFL Women's program at Sturt,

but has hardly put a foot wrong.

By her own admission, Prowse's main improvement is her kicking, which whilst not terrible, is inconsistent, which is why the tall identifies it as an area of improvement. In terms of her ability to win the ball, Prowse can win it in the air, or at ground level, applying fierce defensive pressure to opponents and not letting smaller opponents get away. In the penultimate round of the season, Prowse was injured early in the match which impacted her overall averages, but otherwise had not won below nine touches a game, and laid a tackle - often our or more - in every other game.

Prowse has been open about her desire to land at the Crows, and is one of the safest names to expect to be read out in the South Australian pool. The only question will be where she plays at AFLW level, capable of fulfilling multiple roles.

# Stella REID

**DOB:** 10/09/2003

**HEIGHT:** 173CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

One of the smoothest movers and cleanest users of the footy in the pool, Stella Reid has impressed in 2021 with her consistency and versatility.

**STRENGTHS:** Kicking, versatility, marking, accumulation, scoreboard conversion, spread

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Inside game

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

20.0

AFLW U19S '21

INSIDE 50S

6.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

83.5

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Reid's versatility was unrivalled this year, and she was the only player to have at least 15 goals, inside 50s (35) and rebound 50s (20) in the NAB League Girls. Throw in the fact no one amassed more disposals (221) or marks (50) and Reid was the complete player.



FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL

## DRAFT PROFILE

Having the opportunity to show her versatility more and more as the season drew on, Reid started her 2021 campaign in the defensive 50, then moved into a midfield role and finished off playing almost exclusively as a forward, roaming up the ground to be a link up player when Oakleigh struggled to get it going forward, utilising her marking and kicking in particular across all three areas of the ground, topping the Disposal, Marks, Goals and Rebound 50's count for the Oakleigh Chargers in the season despite the switching around, which is a strong sign of her consistency across all parts of the ground.

One of her other big strengths is her positioning around the ground across multiple roles, holding space and timing her run well as an outside receiver around the midfield, timing her leads well and showing strong patterns as a forward, and being where the ball is entering almost every time when in

the defensive half, taking intercept marks and setting up play going forward with her penetrating kick.

She was played predominantly on the wing when representing Vic Metro at the U19 AFLW Championships, averaging 20 disposals, 5.5 marks and a goal in the two games against Vic Country and Western Australia, earning a debut with Collingwood VFLW after the Oakleigh Chargers premiership where she rotated from the midfield and defense, perhaps offering an insight into where she may play at the next level.

Mostly due to her role in the teams she was part of, Reid at times looked like she struggled with her inside game, particularly contested ball winning, as she aimed to be the receiver from contests, it's hard to call this a weakness but is certainly an area that could do with some development at the next level to round out her game.



# Charlie ROWBOTTOM

**DOB:** 22/01/2003

**HEIGHT:** 178CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Charlie Rowbottom is able to outbody and get significant separation from opponents consistently to win the ball at ground level, as well as in the air.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, contested marking, stoppage craft, strength, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking penetration

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**20.5**

AFLW U19S '21

CLEARANCES

**4.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**81.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Rowbottom averaged the most inside 50s at the AFLW U19s Championships (7.0), and was third overall for average clearances behind Georgie Prespakis and Tess Craven. At NAB League Girls level she had the third most inside 50s and tackles.



**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

It is not too often that such a tall prospect will be so damaging as a midfielder, with Charlie Rowbottom being particularly dangerous around stoppages as her acceleration and strength allows her to get front position with ease, and run through opponents coming the other way, with her relentless attack on the footy meaning she will never be the first to blink in those situations. On the occasion she does not get the first possession from a stoppage, she is exceptional in her tackling, with her strength meaning once she gets hold of an opponent they're going to ground.

Another impressive aspect of Rowbottom's game is her quick hands in close, having the ability to thread handballs to opponents even when being tackled, holding her feet under pressure. Able to hit handballs to runners when on the way up from a groundball pick up, the speed at which she operates with her hands keeps her team going quickly.

Across her responsibilities for both Oakleigh Chargers in the NAB League and Vic Metro at the U19 AFLW Championships, Rowbottom has had varying roles. Whilst predominantly a midfielder, like her brother, Sydney's James, Rowbottom is extremely effective when playing in the forwardline as a target. Kicking 10 goals from her 11 NAB League games splitting her time 50/50 between the midfield and forward line, but averaging 20.5 disposals, 4.5 clearances and 3.0 marks across the two Championships games, she's got a bright future in either role and offers flexibility for whichever team she represents at the next level.

Rowbottom's biggest focus area of improvement will be her kicking, particularly around the ground. Whilst she gets penetration, distance and kicks straight on, she will be wanting to get more consistency and placement from her kicks to truly round out her game.

# Courtney ROWLEY

**DOB:** 24/09/2003

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Courtney Rowley is a classy midfielder who can play anywhere on the field boasting serious talent and a mix of skill and speed.

**STRENGTHS:** Speed, clean hands, marking, class, kicking, versatility

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**22.7**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**9.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**95.7**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Rowley laid the most tackles of any player at the AFLW U19 Championships with 27, averaging a whopping nine per game. She also averaged 22.7 disposals per game to be fifth overall, transitioning from the outside to the inside role perfectly for Western Australia.



FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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## DRAFT PROFILE

As Western Australia's top ranked midfielder through the AFL Women's Academy, Rowley is a talent that teams can build around with the progress she has shown since she was 15-years-old.

Having won a club best and fairest at 15, Rowley has always shown she can compete at senior level from a young age. A rising talent in the AFL Women's Academy and Western Australia's State Academy program, Rowley has traits similar to St Kilda's Georgia Patrikios. She has the speed and evasion, clean hands and skills that make her so damaging, and the player you want the ball in the hands of going forward. A talent with so much upside, there are few flaws in her game and someone that will be one to watch for many years to come.

Rowley has been a star for Peel Thunder in the WAFL Women's competition, and whilst injury ruled her out of a second

successive flag, Rowley has been an outstanding talent for her club and state. Predominantly playing on the outside or off a flank at WAFL Women's level, Rowley went inside for the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, and showed she could compete just as well there. A massive tackler with more than nine per game at the championships to go with 22.7 disposals, Rowley cemented her place as one of the best midfielders in the draft crop.

Class personified, Rowley said her main focus was her endurance and kicking on her opposite foot when moving, which are areas she has been knuckling down with this season. She is able to find space and drive the ball forward, and her disposal is sensational. With her athleticism and footy nous on show, Rowley is close to the complete player for her age.



# Poppy SCHAAP

**DOB:** 28/07/2003

**HEIGHT:** 153CM

**POSITION:** SMALL FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Poppy Schaap is a pocket rocket that packs plenty of punch and has a lot of exciting traits which lend themselves to being a handy player at the next level.

**STRENGTHS:** Clean hands, forward craft, evasion, footy IQ, accumulation, defensive pressure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**13.7**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**4.3**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**63.7**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Schaap was the only non-Oakleigh player to record more than 150 disposals in the NAB League Girls competition, and still boot more than five goals (eight). At the AFLW U19s Championships, Schaap was one of only three players to average at least 13 disposals (13.7), four tackles (4.3) and a goal (1.0).



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Poppy Schaap stands at just 153cm, but plays to her strengths when inside 50 or through the midfield. With some of the cleanest hands going around and her ability to create opportunities out of nothing inside 50, Schaap has the defensive pressure to match her offensive impact. Naturally she can get outmarked by taller players and can often rush her kicks or not quite pinpoint them where she might like them, but she has so many quality traits that clubs should overlook her size.

The second smallest player to receive an AFLW Draft Combine invitation, Schaap has fantastic evasion and knows where to stand or run to win the ball. Her damaging impact inside 50 had opposition teams keeping a close eye on her around the forward stoppages, particularly with her goal sense.

A renowned tackler with a team-first mindset, Schaap can win

the ball herself or be ready with the handball receive to open up the play for teammates. She has the ability to find plenty of it when in midfield, and then get to the right spots inside 50. Sometimes she was left unguarded because she knows how to find the space, enabling her to take uncontested marks inside 50, which is credit to her footy IQ. Too often opponents would get sucked into the contest and Schaap would sneak out the back to then create the extra number close to goal. Her forward craft and ability to snap across her body when given an extra second was on show time and time again for both the Falcons and Vic Country.

Since transitioning into that more permanent forward with midfield stints – rather than the other way around – Schaap consistently hit the scoreboard and became a danger for opposition sides, not wanting the ball to get to ground level given Schaap's quick thinking and super clean hands.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Gypsy SCHIRMER

DOB: 18/02/2003

HEIGHT: 178CM

POSITION: TALL FORWARD/WING

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Gypsy Schirmer is an athletic talent with huge upside and great versatility, capable of doing the impossible thanks to her footy smarts and goal sense.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, goal sense, contested work, overhead marking, defensive pressure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

15.3

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

5.3

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

61.3

AFLW U19S '21

## “ ROBBIE NEILL SAYS ...

AFLW U18 Academy member and South Australian U19 representative in 2021. Played mainly as a tall winger for South Adelaide this season and possesses excellent speed. Equally at home playing as a lead up forward. SANFLW Team of the Year in 2021.

- South Australian Talent Manager



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Gypsy Schirmer was added to the AFL Women's Academy for 2021 after an outstanding 2020 season which saw her catch the eye with her ability up forward. Determined to increase her versatility, Schirmer went from being a deep forward to a high half-forward and wing, then even spent time at half-back late in the season for South Adelaide.

Coming into South Australia's side for the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, Schirmer averaged the 15.3 disposals and 5.3 tackles. What makes Schirmer so damaging is her ability to go in hard to win the contested ball, then use her breakaway speed to burn off opponents from the stoppage. Her ability to find the exit and get away from opponents is good, and whilst she is still developing further footy IQ down the field, Schirmer is incredibly clever around goals.

The South Adelaide talent is looking to improve her basic

fundamentals, starting with her kicking consistency, given she does all the hard things right from winning the ball, to getting away, and just needs to clean up the final execution. Her overhead marking - be it one-on-one or on the lead - is another impressive string to her bow, and despite playing on the wing in midfield, she has no troubles going inside if required.

Schirmer does not need a lot of the ball to do damage, and she lifted her numbers in 2021 with the positional change in the SANFL Women's, and coupled with her two-way running style, Schirmer can be relied upon to fulfil any role on matchday.

No doubt the AFL Women's Academy member will be a target for the Crows to further strengthen their remarkable depth at the club, and given Schirmer has senior experience with the Panthers, expect her to be a player pushing for a spot early.

# Tara SLENDER

**DOB:** 11/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 175CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Tara Slender is a player who has been talked about as a top-end prospect for a number of years, coming through the V/Line Cup and then Bendigo Pioneers program.

**STRENGTHS:** Versatility, contested marking, accumulation, reading the play, footy smarts, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**10.7**

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

**2.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**47.3**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Slender was the only NAB League Girls player to average at least 16 disposals (16.2), four marks (4.2) and five tackles (5.2). Additionally, her 27 disposals against Calder Cannons were the most by any opposition player, three more than Stella Reid and Charlotte Baskaran (24).

**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Tara Slender is quite possibly the rarest of prospects going around in the sense that the key defender was able to not only add strings to her bow, but plenty of arrows in her quiver. As one of the AFL Women's Academy members, Slender had an interrupted 2021 but showed off some unrivalled versatility.

Already being an outstanding contested mark and interceptor behind the play, Slender was thrown forward and then through the midfield in season 2021 in a bid to showcase just how versatile she was. Whilst at times being inside 50 at the Pioneers was difficult, Slender still pushed up the ground and was able to get involved in the play.

When in the midfield, Slender showed she could win plenty of the ball at ground level and at the coal face, not just on the lead or in flight. Against the Calder Cannons she had 28 disposals and looked every bit a midfielder. Whilst she is a

natural key defender with her positioning, marking and ability to get into the right spots to intercept, there is little doubt an AFLW club could throw her anywhere. The big question will be her consistency, which has been something Slender has to keep working on, particularly closing the gap between her best and worst. When on fire, Slender is possibly the most damaging player going around, and once those games where she struggles to impact become less noticeable, then watch out.

Aside from her consistency, Slender has plenty going for her and her upside is something that will attract plenty of attention in the upcoming AFLW Draft. Her footy smarts and ball-winning abilities in any line on the field, make her a unicorn of such with few able to do what she can do, just about anywhere she plays.



# Aurora SMITH

DOB: 13/12/2003

HEIGHT: 165CM

POSITION: WING

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Aurora Smith was one of the massive improvers in the 2021 season, becoming the most prolific wing in the NAB League Girls competition and earning a Vic Country place.

**STRENGTHS:** Speed, work rate, accumulation, outside game, consistency

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Versatility

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

16.0

AFLWU19S '21

INSIDE 50S

3.7

AFLWU19S '21

FANTASY PPG

62.0

AFLWU19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

In Country's hard-fought win over South Australia, Smith recorded the most disposals (25), inside 50s (seven) and second most clearances (four) for her side. Against Queensland she had the second most disposals (15) and inside 50s (three) in that victory.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Aurora Smith is a December-born prospect who really came of age in season 2021. After making her NAB League Girls debut a couple of years ago, and having managed seven games prior to 2021 - including the interrupted 2020 season - Smith not only upped her numbers, she practically doubled her disposal average this year when combining those previous two seasons.

Numbers do not always tell the full story, and Smith's ability to not only accumulate the ball, but provide some great meterage when she tucked the ball under her arm and took off, really helped the Bushrangers turn defence into attack. She is still a raw prospect in terms of the potential she has, and she has only played as a wing for the Bushrangers which is why building more of an inside game is the next step.

In saying that, Smith did get the chance against Queensland

at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships go inside and she averaged an impressive 16.0 disposals, 3.7 inside 50s and 3.0 tackles across three games. Given her first game against Vic Metro was quiet, Smith exploded in her next two, and was one of the best in both games.

Not only did she show she was capable of playing inside, but she was still able to use her athletic traits - mainly her speed - to exit stoppages. Her work rate is enormous and she manages to just get to contest after contest, which is how she is able to accumulate the ball with ease.

Going forward, Smith will likely look to improve her versatility to have greater impact around the ground, but for now, her impact on the wing is as high as you could expect from an outside runner, and her traits match those who play the role, so expect Smith to be one who can stand up at the next level.



# Bella SMITH

DOB: 05/10/2003

HEIGHT: 167CM

POSITION: INSIDE MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Bella Smith is a strong inside midfielder who excels at the coal face and is capable of getting it clear from congestion with clean hands and power.

**STRENGTHS:** Strength, power, contested ball, clean hands, inside game, clearances

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Outside game

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

14.0

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

5.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

66.0

AFLW U19S '21

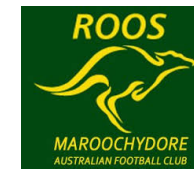
## MARK BROWNING SAYS ...

Very, very tough inside mid, loves the contest, goes looking for it, got good hands around traffic. Probably just needs to win a little bit more ball on the outside.

- Queensland Talent Manager

FULL DRAFT PROFILE

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Bella Smith is a prototype inside midfielder with all the traits required to step straight into a senior midfield spot. Hailing from Maroochydore, Smith is an inside bull who can win the ball at ground level or in the air and has a presence around the stoppages. She is clean by hand and has great power that helps her create separation from opponents.

A key improvement for her is to keep improving her outside game and winning more of it on the spread. Once she does that and can tidy up those areas going forward, she will be a dual threat. Her bread and butter of slotting into the contest and using her strength and power to transition the ball from the inside to the outside is what stands out, and she does have clean hands to distribute to the right option running on the outside of the stoppages.

A key member of the Roos side in the QAFL Women's, Smith

represented Queensland in the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships match with Vic Country, and finished with the 14 touches and five marks. Whilst she only had the one clearance, it was not indicative of her usual impact in there, and she played a team role alongside the likes of Teagan Levi and Abby Hewett.

Going forward it is anticipated that the Brisbane Lions Academy member will continue to work on her outside craft in order to build a more complete game. She has the inside prowess and power to transition into other positions around the ground, and could even be a forward who can win the ball on the lead or at ground level.

As a whole, Smith is one of Queensland's top prospects and has room for improvement to iron out areas of her game for the future.

# Brooke TONON

DOB: 19/09/2003

HEIGHT: 167CM

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER/WING

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Brooke Tonon had a 2021 SANFL Women's season to remember, becoming a genuine star half-back who could also push up to the wing, with some great skills, decision making and athleticism on display.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, kicking, aggression, versatility, decision making

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Composure

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

15.5

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

3.5

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

60.0

AFLW U19S '21

## “ ROBBIE NEILL SAYS ...

Tonon has played as a winger/small forward previously, however, 2021 saw her develop into an elite rebound defender under Glenelg Coach, Jason Fairall. She was added the AFLW U18 Academy post AFLW U19 Championships and was named in the SANFLW Team of the Year.

- South Australian Talent Manager

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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Brooke Tonon is a talent who has predominantly settled in at half-back where she has excelled in the SANFL Women's competition. Tonon is a player who can realistically play anywhere on the field, as she did in her debut SANFL Women's season last year, but not only stood out enough to be one of the prime South Australian teenagers, but earned a call-up to the AFL Women's Academy.

The Glenelg premiership player has come on in leaps and bounds over the past 12 months, and has a nice balance of offensive and defensive traits. She can win the ball in the back 50, use her speed and evasion to propel it in transition, and then also win it back from the opposition through fierce tackling.

Tonon's versatility is key to being able to slot into any role, but the way she is able to get into the right spots and be able to hit

targets down the field is valuable. One of the South Australian talents who did her chances no harm at SANFL Women's or AFLW Under 19s level, where she averaged 15.5 disposals, 3.5 tackles and 2.0 rebounds from her two games.

One aspect about Tonon's game that stands out is her ability to make the right decisions and hit targets under pressure, able to use the ball well by hand or foot and know when to go, and when to hold up. She is a fierce tackler even though she is a lighter-bodied player, and attacks the ball-carrier with real conviction.

A natural leader having been the vice-captain of South Australia at Under 16s level, Tonon has come through the pathway and with her 2021 season now looms as a top three South Australian prospect, with the Crows no doubt keen on her ball use and athleticism coming off half-back.



# Zoe VENNING

**DOB:** 19/07/2003

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Zoe Venning is a hard-nosed versatile mid/forward who thrives on the contested ball and is able to run all day long to outlast her opponents and rack up plenty of the footy.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested ball, inside game, defensive pressure, endurance, accumulation

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**23.0**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**6.7**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**88.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ ROBBIE NEILL SAYS ...

Can play in the midfield and forward line. Ball magnet and covers the ground extremely well. South Australian Under 19s representative and SANFL Women's Team of the Year in 2021.

- South Australian Talent Manager



**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Zoe Venning is a contested-ball winning midfielder who not only thrives around the coal face, but also inside 50 where she provides great pressure on opponents. She has a real balance of endurance and athleticism, describing herself as not elite in any one area, but just above average across the board, which makes her able to use her mix of speed and endurance to wear down opponents.

Venning has no issues collecting the ball at will and laying some huge tackles, averaging 23 touches and 6.7 tackles - as well as four clearances - per game at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships. She kicked an important goal late against the Allies in South Australia's final game, and has proven that she can hit the scoreboard as well as find the ball anywhere on the ground.

With an insatiable appetite to win the ball and spread well,

Venning seems to be able to cover the ground like few others, and whilst her execution has improved over the past couple of years, that is an area she is looking to continue to build on. From an inside perspective, her game is very well suited to the style of play, and she loves a slog fest where she can go to work in close.

Up forward, not a huge overhead mark, Venning can still gain separation on her opponent and hit the scoreboard, but she also wins a lot of free kicks for getting to the ball first - as well as giving away some for her aggressive tackling and refusal to lose a one-on-one contest.

Looking forward, Venning seems like a player who will be able to step up at the next level once she has ironed out a few things, but is one who is destined for big things be it this year or in the coming years with the growth of AFL Women's.



# Emelia YASSIR

DOB: 25/09/2003

HEIGHT: 160CM

POSITION: BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

With a some really solid performances as a balanced midfielder, Emelia Yassir has the runs on the board at NAB League and U19 Championships level to give clubs confidence that she will translate well to the next level.

**STRENGTHS:** Inside game, overhead marking, acceleration, ground balls, clean hands, aggression

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Strength

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

15.5

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

5.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

65.5

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Yassir ranked inside the top 15 for both disposals (150) and inside 50s (28), and has averaged double-figure disposals across the three competitions she has played in, NAB League Girls (Calder Cannons), AFLW U19s Championships (Vic Metro) and VFLW (Essendon).

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Proving to be one of the Calder Cannons most crucial players in their NAB League 2021 campaign with her ability to switch her approach instantly to accommodate her midfield teammates, Emelia Yassir's involvement around stoppages and in handball chains around the ground often put Calder in a good position on field.

Her two-way running was obvious throughout the season, often seen in a forward half handball chain one minute, and then laying a tackle or applying pressure to an opponent in the defensive 50 the next minute, offering a level of reliability for her defenders putting them under less pressure.

Representing VIC Metro in the U19 AFLW Championships, Yassir did not get the same amount of time onball as she did in the NAB League, being forced to adapt to a rotation on the forward flank for large parts of the games.

The change did not have a massive impact on her numbers, averaging 15.5 disposals, 2.5 marks and 5 tackles across two games, she proved she could still find ways to be involved despite not being around the action as much.

Heading into the future, Yassir may look to work on her overall strength. Standing at 160 cm, she comes in a tad undersized for an AFLW midfielder, and an improvement in strength could help her make up the difference and help her towards getting majority game time on ball.

Given her overhead marking for her height, Yassir may also find herself lining up in the forward line as she builds up that strength.



# TOP-AGE/MATURE-AGE TALENTS

# Emily BENNETT

DOB: 26/12/2002

HEIGHT: 170CM

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Emily Bennett pieced together an ultra-consistent season and showed off her natural footballing abilities to be able to have impact both offensively and defensively coming out of defence.

**STRENGTHS:** Overhead marking, clean hands, defensive pressure, rebounding, kicking, composure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

16.5

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

4.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

75.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Bennett had the most tackles (16) of any player to record double-digit rebound 50s (12) at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships. She also had the most tackles of anyone with at least seven rebound 50s, and was ranked equal second in marks for those players.

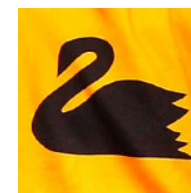
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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Emily Bennett has been a consistent performer across the 2021 season, not only standing out in the WAFL Women's competition, but then going on to have a really important 2021 AFL Women's Under 19 Championships having missed out in her top-age year.

The Claremont rebounding defender might be a 2002-born player, but she only scrapes into the 19th year by five days. A traditional footballer who just does everything right, Bennett is strong overhead, good at ground level and provides both the defensive pressure and offensive run required of a half-back. She puts her body on the line, and when having the chance of disposing of it, will generally use it well, with a lovely long kick down the field.

By her own admission, endurance was a key improvement for her this season, but her consistency and weight of numbers

across the WAFL Women's and then AFL Women's Under 19 Championships – where she averaged an eye-catching 16.3 disposals, 3.3 marks, 5.3 tackles and 4.0 rebound 50s – earned her a well-deserved AFLW Draft Combine invite this year.

Bennett is the type of player who would thrive once getting into an elite environment, and whilst she understands she has continued areas of growth, her footballing nous and ability to beat opponents one-on-one is impressive. She is someone coaches can rely upon to do a job each and every week, and has the potential to play further up the field if required.

Whilst she might not have been drafted in her 18th year, Bennett has not done much wrong in 2021, and has certainly put her best foot forward to prove to AFL Women's clubs that she deserves the chance to shine at the top level.



# Tahlita BUETHKE

**DOB:** 23/07/2002

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Tahlita Buethke is one of the most athletic players in the 2021 AFL Women's Draft crop, with elite speed and endurance, as well as an appetite for contested ball.

**STRENGTHS:** Speed, endurance, evasion, contested work, strength

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**11.0**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**3.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**45.3**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ ROBBIE NEILL SAYS ...

Had a very consistent season with South Adelaide playing in the midfield and forward line. Has very good running capacity and is strong in contested ball situations. Her form for South Australia in the AFLW U19 Championships was also impressive.

- South Australian Talent Manager

**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Tahlita Buethke is an elite running machine who has come a long way in season 2021. After getting a taste for it last season, Buethke established herself as a best 22 player in the South Adelaide squad, balancing between outside and inside midfield.

Buethke has a high level balance of acceleration, endurance and evasion, able to burst away and leave her opponents behind. She sometimes can get herself into trouble, but has a fierce desire to win the ball at the coal face and burst away. A renowned tackler, Buethke has no issues getting her hands dirty either, and has good strength to win the ball in close and spread to the outside.

Despite not having as much SANFL Women's experience as some others, Buethke has been gradually building more consistency within games, and whilst it is a work in progress,

it has certainly come on in leaps and bounds. Earlier in the season, Buethke would be quiet for a half, then explode with multiple impacts in a short space of time, but towards the end, she was having moments more often than not and really putting her hand up for the AFL Women's Draft.

Earning an AFL Women's Draft Combine invite, Buethke showed both at state league level and the Under 19 Championships that she is able to maximise her potential to combine her athleticism with her footballing ability. Whilst the South Australian pool is one of the most competitive in the nation, Buethke certainly has a point of difference with her athletic balance and upside.

She might not be a day dot debutant, but Buethke has rapidly developed in 2021, and expect with further training and development she could continue her upward trajectory.

# Ashanti BUSH

**DOB:** 18/08/2002

**HEIGHT:** 162CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Ashanti Bush is an exciting top-age AFLW Academy member who has plenty of dangerous traits inside 50, knowing how to beat her opponent in numerous ways.

**STRENGTHS:** Goal sense, footy IQ, clean hands, evasion, one-on-ones

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**6.0**

AFLW U19S '21

GOALS

**1.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**30.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Bush kicked two goals in the NAB League Girls competition for the Northern Territory Thunder. They both came in the last quarter against the GWV Rebels in the space of just 1:48 to win her side the game. In her only NAB League Girls game she also had 11 disposals and four marks.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Ashanti Bush is the sole Northern Territory member of the AFL Women's Academy. Boasting a lot of potential as a deep forward, Bush causes all sorts of headaches to opponents one-on-one inside 50 and has shown that she is more than capable taking on various sized opponents.

Standing at just 162cm, Bush plays taller than she is because of her smart positioning and recovery, either able to take the mark, or bring the ball to ground, then apply scoreboard pressure. She knows where the goals are, and showed that during the Thunder's clash with GWV Rebels in the NAB League Girls, kicking two goals in as many minutes to win the game for her side.

Not a huge ball-winner, Bush is able to hit the scoreboard consistently, booting three goals in two games for Hawthorn VFL Women's side in her two games, whilst kicking a goal

in her sole match against Western Australia at the AFLW Under 19s Championships. Whilst she is pigeonholed as that forward, Bush has all the traits that make her perfect for the role.

Like many forwards, Bush can have bursts within games to tear them apart, as well as quiet patches. Bridging the gap to improve her consistency will be a key for her going forward, and potentially even developing greater versatility up the field.

When purely looking at her ability inside forward 50, there is very little doubt she can consistently provide a target be it in the air or at ground level, and is quite nimble once the ball hits the deck, reading it well. With the Gold Coast Suns now aligned with the Northern Territory, the newest Queensland side would be keeping a close eye on Bush and her talents.



# Maeve CHAPLIN

**DOB:** 22/08/2002

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER/DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Having initially plied her trade across half-back, Maeve Chaplin has become a focal point of the midfield over the last two seasons, showcasing terrific ball winning ability on the inside and strength.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested ball, strength, reading the play, composure, rebounding

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Outside game

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**10.0**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**2.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**41.5**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Won the second most disposals of players to only play seven NAB League Girls games this season (121) behind Sofia Hurley. Only 13.4 per cent of her disposals came from marks (nine) indicating how much of her own contested ball she won in the competition.

**FULL DRAFT PROFILE**



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

A top-age prospect who was initially overlooked in her draft year, Maeve Chaplin has benefitted greatly from another season at the NAB League level.

Chaplin was consistently among Northern's best players in 2021, proving a true on-field leader as a key ball winner in midfield. She was incredibly reliable on the inside, able to use her mature frame and experience to thrive in contested situations and set the Knights on the front foot. With the power to break tackles and class to use the ball cleanly, Chaplin's great quality was her ability to move the game to the outside with efficiency.

While stationed in defence, where Chaplin said in 2020 she is more likely to thrive at the next level, the 18-year-old's composure really shone through. She arced back to those roots while representing Vic Metro, squeezed out of a

stacked midfield but still able to impact the contest. Chaplin showed she could shut down dangerous opposition forwards, while also forcing intercepts with her positioning and reading of the play, before inciting attacks with clean ball handling, shrewd decision making, and efficient use by foot.

Having spent more time on-ball in 2021, Chaplin was made to work hard on her aerobic endurance and can always add outside elements to her arsenal. She has seen a bunch of teammates move on to the next level and has also focused on the mental side of her game, to harness the belief that she belongs in similar conversations.

With some VFLW experience under her belt at Carlton, Chaplin has gotten a good feel for what it takes over the years and is the kind of teammate who can do the tough stuff to allow others to shine, too.

# Brooke HARDS

**DOB:** 19/07/2002

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Brooke Hards has become a damaging utility who initially excelled as an inside midfielder, but has since played in every role at VFLW level, showcasing her burst and footy smarts for the Western Bulldogs.

**STRENGTHS:** Footy smarts, athleticism, versatility, defensive pressure, inside game, kicking

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Composure

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

7.5

VFLW '21

TACKLES

6.1

VFLW '21

FANTASY PPG

54.0

VFLW '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Hards was one of only two Western Bulldogs players to play every VFL Women's game this season (with Simone Ruedin), and laid the most tackles on her team (85). It ranked her 14th overall in the VFLW, and she was the youngest player of the 14 at just 18-years-old.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Brooke Hards came through the Bendigo Pioneers V/Line Cup program from basketball and netball backgrounds, making the long trek from Mildura to chase her AFL Women's dream.

After representing Vic Country at both Under 16s and Under 18s level - the latter as a bottom-ager - Hards was named co-captain of the Pioneers in her top-age year. Unfortunately missing out on being drafted in her top-age year, Hards opted to play for the Western Bulldogs as a train-on player in the VFLW instead of heading back to the NAB League Girls.

There, Hards started as a defensive forward to improve her versatility, then was thrown into defence, a role she played at Under 16s level for the Pioneers. Having already mastered the inside craft at junior level, Hards was also utilised as a wing, settling in behind the ball to use her athletic traits to advantage and provide plenty of run for the Bulldogs.

Whilst her 7.5-disposal average might not stand out on paper, her impact-per-possession is really high, often taking plenty of grass with every touch, backing herself to burst past the opposition. When in the midfield, she can work her way out of a stoppage, and when in space, is not afraid to take a couple of bounces and hit a target under pressure.

Working on her composure and confidence to back herself, Hards has the traits - such as footy smarts and athleticism - that are the hardest to develop, so the teenager has plenty of room for upside.

Having only just turned 19 by the time the 2021 AFLW Draft rolls around, Hards has already ticked plenty of boxes through her junior and senior career, and should be considered as a prospect who can only get better with more experience given her coachability and natural leadership tendencies.



# Chloe LEONARD

DOB: 01/02/2002

HEIGHT: 168CM

POSITION: MEDIUM DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Chloe Leonard is one of a number of top-age talents in contention for the AFL Women's Draft after an ultra-consistent NAB League Girls season.

**STRENGTHS:** Kicking, leadership, consistency, versatility, accumulation, defensive pressure

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Speed

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

14.7

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

4.7

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

54.7

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Of all the defenders who recorded at least 20 rebound 50s in the NAB League Girls competition, Leonard had at least 24 more tackles (64) than her nearest rival, and averaged the third most rebound 50s (4.0).

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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## DRAFT PROFILE

A leader at the GWV Rebels, Chloe Leonard is a versatile prospect who can play off half-back or through the midfield and have no troubles finding the football. With solid traits across the board, Leonard is a natural leader and her balance of offensive and defensive traits come to the fore.

Already at VFLW level for the Geelong Cats, Leonard has proven to acquit herself well against more senior and experienced opponents. Her consistency all year has been hard to match from other players, and Leonard has hardly put a foot wrong. The big thing with Leonard is the gap between her best and worst is minimal, making her a really safe prospect.

Leonard noted her greatest strength in preseason as her kicking, and she is a reliable user of the ball. Be it off half-back or in the middle, Leonard can hit targets under pressure

and more so when given time and space.

If she does miss a target, expect her to get over and provide an extra number to mop up and win the ball back, as she so often mops up in the defensive 50 for her teammates. Her leadership by example is admirable, and her ability to get around her teammates and bring them into the game is also noticeable.

Overall Leonard ticks a lot of boxes across the board, and whilst she is not overly quick – an area she noted needed improving in preseason – or has a particularly penetrating kick, she does not make many mistakes, and when a player is winning as much of the ball as Leonard is, then being able to dispose of the ball cleanly is paramount. With her balance of offensive and defensive traits, Leonard is a prospect you can rely on.



# Meagan KIELY

**DOB:** 15/12/1994

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Meagan Kiely has been arguably the most dominant VFLW player this season, leading a number of statistics from disposals to marks, and putting her hand up into draft contention.

**STRENGTHS:** Kicking, marking, consistency, inside game, work rate, leadership

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Scoreboard impact

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**24.5**

VFLW '21

MARKS

**5.3**

VFLW '21

FANTASY PPG

**104**

VFLW '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Kiely led the VFL Women's in disposals (343) and marks (74), with a whopping 70 more disposals than her nearest rival, teammate Molly Eastman, and 12 more marks than the next closest, Tara Bohanna.



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

If there was picture accompanying the definition of consistency in the dictionary, it may well show an action shot of Meagan Kiely running around in the blue and white hoops. Having relocated to Victoria, Kiely has put together an enormous 2021 season in the VFL Women's, with numbers that force clubs to take a look at the talented mature-age midfielder.

Turning 27 in December, Kiely is a readymade talent who could easily step up to the AFLW, looking a class above the state league level with her natural ball-winning, work rate and leadership coming to the fore. In 14 games, Kiely averaged 24.5 disposals, 5.3 marks, 5.4 tackles, 3.6 clearances, 3.2 inside 50s and 3.2 rebound 50s in an all-round effort.

Playing onball primarily, Kiely was able to work her opponent over across the ground and use her kick-first mentality (73

per cent of her disposals were kicks) to drive the ball forward for the Roos. A two-way runner, the one way Kiely can take her game to another level is hitting the scoreboard, booting just the two goals for the season. Her overall consistency across the ground, particularly on the inside was noticeable, and captaining the Roos with so much talent around her was a nod to her leadership skills.

Whilst she might have a few years on many of the other draft-eligible talents, Kiely should be highly considered, especially for a side that could use an immediate midfield fix. She cracks in, wins the hard ball, can win the loose ball and puts the team first, hardly putting a foot wrong all season.

There might not be as many chances for mature-age prospects as there were a few years ago, but Kiely is one who should be near the top of the list based on her 2021 season.

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# Olivia MEAGHER

DOB: 21/12/2002

HEIGHT: 157CM

POSITION: BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Olivia Meagher enjoyed a step up from the NAB League Girls to the VFLW this year, holding her own against more experienced opponents throughout Collingwood's unbeaten campaign.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested ball, competitiveness, leadership, strength, endurance, work rate

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Scoreboard impact

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

12.3

VFLW '21

TACKLES

2.3

VFLW '21

FANTASY PPG

46.0

VFLW '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Meagher only managed the three NAB League Girls games before heading to VFLW, but averaged the second most disposals of players with only three games (18.7) behind Jasmine Fleming. She averaged the third most tackles for three games as well (5.3).

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## DRAFT PROFILE

Olivia Meagher came into Collingwood's VFL Women's program this year with the more traditional pathway behind her. Representing the Eastern Ranges and leading by example there, Meagher also stepped up to play for Vic Metro and even earned an AFLW Draft Combine invite last year. Once again the talented hard-nosed midfielder earned an invite on the back of some terrific state league football.

In previous years Meagher's inside game has been her bread and butter, no issues winning the ball at the coal face and shoveling it out to teammates, or putting her body on the line. It earned her the Eastern Ranges captaincy last year, and whilst she did return for her 19th year, Meagher ended up becoming a more regular fixture in the Magpies' side.

Despite the Magpies dominating the VFL Women's Meagher more than held her own, showing her strength in one-on-one,

working hard around the ground with good endurance and thrashing the ball out of contested situations. Whilst an area she can improve on is hitting the scoreboard more regularly - sometimes playing off a half-forward flank - when in the middle, Meagher has no trouble finding the ball or getting it out to teammates.

Going forward, Meagher's outside game can continue to develop, though she showed in 2021 that she had made progress in the area, and her strength one-on-one is never doubted despite often being undersized in marking contests. If she gets a chance at the top level, expect her to potentially play as a pressure forward who could roll through the midfield, and there is little doubt she will put the work in, after some ultra-consistent efforts over the past few years.

# Sarah SKINNER

**DOB:** 15/10/1999

**HEIGHT:** 165CM

**POSITION:** MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Sarah Skinner has been making the trek from Tasmania to Victoria each week to run out for North Melbourne for the VFLW and proved she could match it with quality opposition.

**STRENGTHS:** Kicking, marking, accumulation, versatility, defensive pressure, consistency

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Speed

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**18.0**

VFLW '21

TACKLES

**4.6**

VFLW '21

FANTASY PPG

**85.7**

VFLW '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Despite starting forward, Skinner developed into a dominant midfielder, picking up the seventh most disposals in the competition (234) and equal fourth for marks (53) as well as a massive 50 inside 50s at 3.8 per game.



## DRAFT PROFILE

Sarah Skinner is one of North Melbourne's Tasmanian contingent that flew across to play in the blue and white stripes in season 2021. Not only did she successfully make the step up from the TSL Women's to the VFL Women's, but she was one of the better players running around each week. Averaging 18 disposals, and around four clearances per game after transitioning from forward to the midfield, Skinner has put her name up as a genuine AFLW Draft prospect.

Being eligible under the Tasmanian link, North Melbourne has the first crack at selecting the talented utility, and there is plenty to like about her game. Firstly, her kicking is a huge strength, able to pinpoint passes around the ground well and identify where to put the ball going forward. She is strong overhead, can win the ball through the midfield or up forward and her defensive traits are also impressive.

Averaging almost five tackles per game, Skinner is not afraid of getting her hands dirty and doing the team thing, and playing any role asked of her. Throw in the consistent season she has put together, and she has really carved out a good year to make AFLW clubs consider her ahead of the draft.

One knock on her game would be her speed, not the quickest by foot and therefore has to dispose of it quickly in general play, but her work rate to win the ball in space, mark and then assess her options helps her limit the impact that less speed has on her game.

Having the smarts around goal, Skinner is able to play as a deeper forward who can provide pressure, or straight into the middle and win the clearance or get the ball out to a teammate on the outside to run down the ground.

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# Elizabeth SNELL

**DOB:** 14/03/2002

**HEIGHT:** 165CM

**POSITION:** MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Elizabeth Snell is versatile midfielder/forward with some elite athletic and defensive traits who put together an ultra-consistent 2021 season across multiple competitions.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, evasion, defensive pressure, accumulation, goal sense, spread

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**16.5**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**8.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**93.5**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Snell won the Bendigo Pioneers Best and Fairest Award off just five games, the least amount of games played by a winner this season. She ranked inside the top 10 for average disposals and top five for average tackles.



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Elizabeth Snell has been a reliable member of the Bendigo Pioneers program over a number of years coming through the V/Line Cup, representing Vic Country at Under 16s level, and then becoming a valuable member of the Pioneers Under 19s program. Winning a best and fairest at the club in 2021 despite missing some matches due to VFLW and AFLW Under 19 Championships, Snell was a dominant ball-winner through the midfield and also converting goals on the run.

She earned a place in the Vic Country team this year and held her own through two games, and has featured for a strong Essendon lineup in the VFLW as well. What sets Snell apart from her peers is her combination of athleticism and defensive pressure, with a high focus on taking grass with ball-in-hand, and also winning the ball back through fierce tackles.

The one aspect she can tidy up for the future is her execution by foot, sometimes rushing when she has more time, or just desperately belting the ball forward. Snell does have that superb burst to create separation on her opponents, and she can sidestep oncoming traffic as well, and when the shoe is on the other foot, Snell is able to wrap up opponents and win free kicks for her defensive pressure.

At the top level, Snell would be suited to play inside 50 with those traits of athleticism and defensive pressure, as well as her smart goal sense, though she could roll through the midfield over time. If she can iron out the execution then she could become more damaging, as she has already shown she can hit the scoreboard multiple times inside 50, and find plenty of the ball in transition. Her work rate and spread will hold her in good stead for the future.

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## Abbie BALLARD

DOB: 16/04/2002

HEIGHT: 159CM

POSITION: MIDFIELDER/FORWARD

CLUB / STATE: WEST ADELAIDE / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A pocket rocket with a potent left foot, Ballard returned from injury that ruled out the first half of the 2021 season. The hard nut can play inside or outside, and up forward, and leads by example as vice-captain of the West Adelaide SANFLW side this year and acting captain in the grand final.



## Nyra ANDERSON

DOB: 24/11/2001

HEIGHT: 160CM

POSITION: FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

CLUB / STATE: SWAN DISTRICTS / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A classy forward who can roll through the midfield, Anderson is a danger inside 50 and can hit the scoreboard if given an inch of space. She has a slick sidestep and is so clean below her knees or in the air, and while she played multiple positions at the championships, is most at home inside 50.



## Alana BARBA

DOB: 26/09/2001

HEIGHT: 164CM

POSITION: BALANCED MIDFIELDER

CLUB / STATE: ESSENDON VFLW/VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A Calder Cannons graduate who produced another consistent season, the soon-to-be 20-year-old just keeps winning the ball at senior level. She cracks in hard and lays plenty of tackles and wins the ball at the coal face, averaging 16.2 disposals and 7.0 tackles per game this season.

## Leah CUTTING

DOB: 14/03/1992

HEIGHT: 185CM

POSITION: RUCK

CLUB / STATE: NORWOOD / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The most readymade ruck in the AFLW Draft pool, Cutting could slot straight into a team with her experience and leadership at state league level. Able to win the ball around the ground, Cutting is able to impact at stoppages and provide a target around the ground with a strong body one-on-one.

## Bella CLARKE

DOB: 22/05/2001

HEIGHT: 173CM

POSITION: TALL UTILITY

CLUB / STATE: SOUTHERN DISTRICTS / NT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Bella Clarke is a Northern Territorian who has represented Central Allies at the AFLW Under 18 Championships in the past. Able to find plenty of the ball in midfield or go forward and have an influence, Clarke is a great defensive presence with good footy smarts around the ground.



## Matilda DYKE

DOB: 21/02/2002

HEIGHT: 181CM

POSITION: KEY DEFENDER

CLUB / STATE: CLAREMONT / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A key position defender with strong hands, good positioning and an ability to rebound well out of the back 50, Dyke earned an AFL Women's Draft Combine invite this year. Playing her role in defence for Claremont this season, Dyke looked comfortable at the championships playing all three games.



## Imogen BARNETT

DOB: 11/07/1995

HEIGHT: 176CM

POSITION: KEY FORWARD

CLUB / STATE: COLLINGWOOD VFLW / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A superb season as the VFL Women's leading goal-kicker, Barnett put her hand up to be considered for AFL Women's after a ridiculously consistent year in front of goal. Possessing strong hands, reliable leading patterns and consistency in her set shots, Barnett is a readymade key forward option.

## Tessa DOUMANIS

DOB: 10/10/1999

HEIGHT: 170CM

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD

CLUB / STATE: CLAREMONT / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A dangerous forward with an impressive left boot, soon-to-be 22-year-old Doumanis has been a consistent source of goals inside 50 for Claremont. Teaming up well with Amy Franklin inside 50, Doumanis is equally capable on the lead or at ground level and setting up chances for teammates.



## Teagan GERMECH

**DOB:** 24/09/2002

**HEIGHT:** 177CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** BELCONNEN / NSW-ACT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A player capable playing in multiple roles, Germech has been known to provide great run off half-back for Belconnen Magpies, but equally step up to play through the ruck. She played both games at the AFLW U19 Championships and earned an AFLW Draft Combine invitation.



## Imogen MILFORD

**DOB:** 02/12/1999

**HEIGHT:** 182CM

**POSITION:** KEY FORWARD

**CLUB / STATE:** CASEY DEMONS VFLW / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The VFLW leading goalkicker runner-up is a good size and works hard up the ground to kick bags of multiple goals this year and is a December birth. Still only 21-years-old, Milford is still raw and has to iron out some consistencies, but has a lot of potential with her size and mobility on-field.



## Maddy HENDRIE

**DOB:** 17/07/2002

**HEIGHT:** 180CM

**POSITION:** KEY POSITION UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** UNSW / NSW-ACT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The recently turned 19-year-old is a versatile tall capable of playing at either end as she did for Sydney Swans Academy and the Allies. Able to pull down some strong marks, Hendrie can rotate through the ruck, but is good at providing a lead and pumping the ball inside 50 for her teammates to score.

## Steph O'BRIEN

**DOB:** 22/09/1993

**HEIGHT:** 177CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** UNIVERSITY OF QLD / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

An experienced netballer for more than two decades, the soon-to-be 28-year-old is eyeing off an AFL Women's career after playing for Ipswich Jets in the Sapphire Series. The 177cm utility might not have as much experience as some others, but she has the leadership and athleticism to boot.



## Christine OKESENE

**DOB:** 03/09/2002

**HEIGHT:** 165CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** YERONGA / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A natural leader who is coming off an ACL injury, Okesene is a popular player in Queensland with her tenacity and booming kick. She can play multiple positions, but is suited off half-back, and is not afraid to put her body on the line which is why she was voted in her state's captain.



## Matilda ZANDER

**DOB:** 03/04/1998

**HEIGHT:** 160CM

**POSITION:** FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** COLLINGWOOD VFLW / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

An evasive forward/midfielder out of Norwood, Zander finally got her chance to join the Magpies after last year's lockdown in Victoria. Clean ball use and goal nous with an ability to roam through the midfield, Zander could be one former Redlegs now Collingwood coach Steve Symonds looks at.

## Madison GOODWIN

**DOB:** 07/03/2000

**HEIGHT:** 174CM

**POSITION:** TALL MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** YERONGA / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A player who also received an AFLW Draft Combine invite last year, Goodwin has played in multiple positions. Whilst able to go forward and hit the scoreboard, Goodwin has been able to play in defence at Yeronga South Brisbane, but also slide into a midfield role with great success as well.

## Sophie LOCKE

**DOB:** 24/04/2001

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** PORT MELBOURNE / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The Port Melbourne forward was leading the goalkicking before injury struck, but finished the season strongly. She was formerly a defender at Murray Bushrangers, but reinvented herself up the other end showing some classy traits, and earned herself a AFL Women's Draft Combine invite.

## Tara BOHANNA

**DOB:** 02/03/1995

**HEIGHT:** 178CM

**POSITION:** TALL FORWARD/RUCK

**CLUB / STATE:** SOUTHERN SAINTS / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A valuable tall utility in the front half, Bohanna averaged 16.4 disposals, 4.4 marks, 7.3 hitouts and 1.2 goals per game in the 2021 VFLW season. She might be 26-years-old but is a readymade tall timber able to slot straight into any line-up after a consistent VFLW season.



## Ella MAURER

**DOB:** 01/02/2002

**HEIGHT:** 169CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** TASMANIA DEVILS / TAS

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The Tasmanian Devils midfielder had an impressive top-age year in the NAB League Girls competition, averaging 16.8 disposals and 4.8 tackles per game. Going up to the Allies, Maurer went even better, taking control of the midfield for 18 disposals and six tackles in a terrific carnival.



## Grace MCRAE

**DOB:** 15/07/2002

**HEIGHT:** 166CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** GIPPSLAND / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The top-age midfielder from Gippsland Power got some continuity into her season after her 2020 year was derailed due to the global pandemic. She was fierce on the inside, laid plenty of tackles and then earned a spot in both the Vic Country and Hawthorn VFLW lineups where she acclimatised easily.

## Molly EASTMAN

**DOB:** 10/06/1998

**HEIGHT:** 166CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** NORTH VFLW / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

One of a number of North Melbourne talents who did her AFLW Draft chances no harm, Eastman came from the Falcons and had a breakout season, averaging 21 disposals, 5.1 rebounds and 4.0 tackles coming out of defence and capable of pushing further up the ground. Readymade to impact.

## Brodee MOWBRAY

**DOB:** 02/09/2002

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** SOUTH POWER / NSW-ACT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A fierce tackler, Mowbray had an outstanding couple of games for the Allies at the AFLW U19 Championships, averaging eight disposals, but nine tackles and four inside 50s to make the most of her limited touches. At 168cm she is a good size inside but moves the ball in transition.



## Abbey JORDAN

**DOB:** 08/09/2002

**HEIGHT:** 169CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** DANDENONG / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The Dandenong Stingrays leader returned to the club for a top-age year and spent more time inside after playing an outside role in previous years. Already having top-level endurance and acceleration, Jordan lifted her disposal numbers and also played all three AFLW U19 Championships matches.



## Jade HALFPENNY

**DOB:** 12/05/2002

**HEIGHT:** 175CM

**POSITION:** TALL FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** NORWOOD / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A player who had a ripping start to 2021, Halfpenny went from being an athletic tall forward to roaming through the midfield for Norwood. Still able to have an impact and work the ball from stoppages, Halfpenny is good in the air and at ground level and able to move well around the ground.

## Renee TIERNEY

**DOB:** 23/05/2002

**HEIGHT:** 166CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD

**CLUB / STATE:** GEELONG FALCONS / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A medium-sized forward who can play taller than her 166cm height, Tierney is strong overhead and has high-level football smarts to be able to read the play inside 50. She is no stranger to hitting the scoreboard, and whilst she hoped to spend more time midfield, is a really reliable forward option.





# DRAFT-ELIGIBLE TALENTS

# Maykaylah APPLEBY

DOB: 18/07/2003

HEIGHT: 171CM

POSITION: WING

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

A flying winger with serious speed and hurt factor, Appleby has often proven an irresistible attacking threat across her junior career.

**STRENGTHS:** Speed, run-and-carry, upside, hurt factor, outside game

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

8.0

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

2.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

29.5

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Appleby had the third most disposals without taking a mark at the AFLW Under 19 Championships, showing the less time and space compared to the NAB League Girls where she averaged almost three per game, and had more than three inside 50s per game from her six matches.

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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Maykaylah Appleby's strengths become immediately apparent each time she has ball in hand. She is a type whose athleticism shines through both in testing and on the field, with her top 10 20m sprint time during preseason testing translating to some serious run-and-carry. The Northern Knights standout can often be seen taking three or four running bounces along the wing, before unleashing a long kick inside 50 or even on goal.

With plenty of her work done at speed, Appleby would perhaps be forgiven for being a touch less effective in her disposal. But she has proven to be a quick thinker and apt decision maker in possession, adding a touch of class to her electric bursts on the outer. Her kicks are also quite penetrative at times, able to pump the ball long down the line or deep inside attacking 50.

While she certainly hurts the opposition with high impact in each disposal, the Vic Metro representative can work on doing so more often. She was touted for more minutes on the inside this season, which would have boosted her 9.5 disposal average in the NAB League, but looks a touch more comfortable when unleashed in space on the outer. In her own words, Appleby was also seeking to improve her second, third, and fourth efforts to get to as many contests as possible while developing that midfield craft.

Her upside remains high, credit to eye-catching athletic traits and the knack for making exciting things happen in a flash. Clubs obviously value her speed and potential having nominated her for AFLW Academy and Draft Combine honours, and there is plenty of development left for Appleby as she strives to continue Northern's legacy of producing high-level AFLW talent.



# Elizabeth DOWLING

**DOB:** 31/07/2003

**HEIGHT:** 171CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Elizabeth Dowling is a powerful defender who can lock down on an opponent and nullify them defensively, or provide some run and carry out of defence.

**STRENGTHS:** Marking, strength, one-on-ones, defensive pressure, power, aggression

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**8.7**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**5.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**44.7**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Dowling was equal ninth for rebound 50s at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships (eight), and made the most of her touches with the third most rebound 50 to disposal ratio. Almost one third of her disposals were rebound 50s.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Another Geelong Falcons talent who has come through the VLine Cup program right up to the Under 19s side, Elizabeth Dowling has been a name to watch progress over the years. She earned her place as a Vic Country representative after a solid year with Geelong Falcons.

Possessing some great strength and an ability to win one-on-one contests, Dowling is very reliable overhead and an aggressive tackler, not afraid to put her body on the line. She has some areas of improvement which she has focused on throughout the 2021 season, but is still a reliable player who can step up to play a multitude of roles in the defensive 50.

At the start of the season, Dowling said her kicking and endurance were key areas to develop and ones that are continually building. She has the power and ball-winning ability to move into other roles around the ground, but will be

keen to iron out the kicking further and continue to increase her tank. In terms of her strengths, there are plenty of traits that lend herself to playing in the defensive 50. She can clearly pull down some strong marks, and attacks the contest with vigour.

When it comes to one-on-ones, Dowling is hard to beat, and she has power that helps her fend off opponents, or bring opponents to ground in fierce tackles. She can do the team things as well as provide some movement in transition out of the back 50.

Whilst others might win more of the ball, when Dowling is at her best, usually her opponent is shut out and the Falcons defender is aiding her teammates in driving the ball out of the back 50. Overall, she is one to watch from a defensive point of view.

# Zali FRISWELL

DOB: 30/12/2003

HEIGHT: 165CM

POSITION: BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Having been a standout midfielder for the Cannons, Zali Friswell can play inside or outside, and has a nice balance of skill and athleticism to impact the game.

**STRENGTHS:** Speed, skills, agility, midfield craft, inside work, balance

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Impact in other roles

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

15.6

NAB GIRLS '21

TACKLES

6.9

NAB GIRLS '21

FANTASY PPG

74.1

NAB GIRLS '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Friswell ranked in the top 10 for tackles (6.9 per game) in the NAB League Girls, and averaged more disposals in her 2021 season (15.6) than her two previous seasons combined (13.1). Her tackles were also more than her two previous seasons (4.8) as were her marks, inside 50s and rebound 50s.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Zali Friswell is a clean user of the ball be it by hand or foot, and can create separation between herself and her opponents. Playing all season through the midfield for the Cannons, Friswell can find the ball at the coal face or in space, and then hit targets with great technique.

When playing for Vic Metro she found herself in a back pocket such as the midfield strength, and then in a forward pocket for Essendon VFLW for the exact same reason. Whilst she was able to give it a crack, her impact was reduced given her natural position is through the midfield.

It is natural to need to add more positions to your gamestyle in order to impact, but the sudden change was noticeable. Friswell whilst able to acquit herself in those roles, she is most damaging in the midfield and that is exactly where she should play. Someone who can use the ball well, have enough

speed and agility to get out of trouble and move the ball in transition, is best suited to the onball, or at least half-back. Friswell is a player who teammates can trust with ball-in-hand, making very few mistakes, and her midfield craft, particularly her inside game is very impressive.

Whilst she will need to continue building her versatility through learning roles in other positions, she has shown enough through her game to suggest that as a midfielder she can compete strongly.

If given the chance onball, Friswell is an eye-catching player who might fly under the radar given the amount of talent at the Cannons, but she is right up there in terms of upside and impact.



# Abby HEWETT

**DOB:** 12/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 162CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Abby Hewett is one of the more versatile players going around in the AFLW Draft crop, playing from forward, back or through the middle with consistent results.

**STRENGTHS:** Contested ball, clearances, goal sense, versatility, acceleration, kicking

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Accumulation

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**16.0**

AFLW U19S '21

CLEARANCES

**8.0**

AFLW U19S '21

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**93.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## “ MARK BROWNING SAYS ...

She's a bit of a spare parts player because she's got good game sense. So she can play, back, forward or mid. She's versatile, she reads the play really well, she pulls the trigger pretty quick on her kicks, backs her judgement, doesn't hesitate.

- Queensland Talent Manager



## DRAFT PROFILE

Abby Hewett is a pocket rocket or someone who as been described as a "spare parts" player who in unbelievably valuable. She is capable of slotting into any role at any given time and having an impact, with the only question then coming as to what Hewett's best position actually is, and the one she would play at the next level.

Standing at just 162cm, Hewett is not big, but she certainly has a lot to like about her game style. She is a clever player with ball-in-hand, able to use the ball well by hand or foot to distribute to her teammates on a consistent basis. Not normally a huge accumulator, Hewett certainly gave recruiters a taste of what she is capable of, picking up 16 disposals and eight clearances rolling through the midfield against Vic Country in the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships.

With those kinds of numbers, Hewett's impact is greatly

increased, though she is just as classy around goals, such as when she kicked a couple of majors against Coorparoo in the Queensland Academy game. She has a nice burst, not afraid to win the contested ball, and can play on the outside as well.

When she can knuckle down a position where she can get some more continuity, as well as find more of the ball on a consistent basis, then her game can only improve from there. What she offers is a high-impact-per-possession style, able to keep within her limitations of using the ball with pinpoint sharp passes, whilst also able to extract from the clearances.

Going forward, Hewett has plenty of upside, and whilst she is shorter than a lot of the inside midfielders in the AFLW Draft crop, she has a lot of potential to slot into another role across the field, making her a unique talent with a point of difference for clubs.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Ingrid HOUTSMA

DOB: 20/11/2003

HEIGHT: 176CM

POSITION: TALL UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Ingrid Houtsma is a versatile tall who can seemingly play anywhere on the field as she showed during her time with the Geelong Falcons in the NAB League Girls.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, endurance, versatility, decision making, aggression, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Accumulation

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

9.3

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

2.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

38.3

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Houtsma was one of only two Vic Country players to record at least one inside 50, one rebound 50, one clearance, a tackle and a goal (Tahlia Meier was the other). She had the most disposals of those two with 27.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Stationed at half-forward, half-back and the wing, Ingrid Houtsma has plenty of upside for the future. Having played a bit of everywhere during 2021, Houtsma might not be a massive ball-winner, but when she does win it, she generally makes the right decisions with ball-in-hand.

Her greatest assets are her athleticism and endurance for a taller player, able to roam around the ground and get into potential ball-winning positions. She attacks the contest hard when going for a mark and has plenty of eye-catching moments that suggest the utility has plenty in the bank to improve for the future.

When playing in a key position role, Houtsma is able to lead out strongly and back herself with a fierce attack on the ball and win it in the air, or bring it to ground to advantage.

Because of her athleticism, even if she drops the mark, she is able to recover quickly and create some separation on her opponent. When playing on a wing, Houtsma is able to roam up and down the ground and find space to keep the ball moving in transition.

Whilst there are more opportunities for Houtsma to follow up possessions and win more touches around the ground, she has the right base to build her game around.

Her upside is clear, and with her athleticism and ball use impressive, it is just about complementing what she already has shown. Still raw compared to some players, Houtsma is one who could improve rapidly with further development.



# Eliza JAMES

DOB: 01/10/2003

HEIGHT: 168CM

POSITION: MEDIUM FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Eliza James is a versatile prospect who can hurt the opposition in a variety of ways. She provides a physical presence around the ball and constant goal threat.

**STRENGTHS:** Agility, speed, strength, versatility, scoreboard impact

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Finishing

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

9.5

AFLW U19S '21

MARKS

2.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

38.5

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Only six players had more kicks with at least five goals in the NAB League Girls than James (71), and whilst her game against Western Australia in front of goal did not go to plan (four behinds), she did have the most scoring shots in that match indicating her danger in front of goal.

## DRAFT PROFILE

Oakleigh is a region noted for its squad dynamism, and James' magnet is one which has shifted around the whiteboard across three solid NAB League seasons.

Having initially cut her teeth as a forward, James enjoyed a shift into midfield during the first half of 2021, before freeing up others to roll through there as she rejoined the front six. Her best traits lend to both roles, proving big ticks for her versatility, selflessness, and ability to adapt.

While on-ball, James proved a capable ball winner at the contest by going full tilt at both ball and carrier. She would often burst away with her explosive turn of speed, generating useful momentum from the inside to the outer.

When thrust forward, she presented as a viable marking target and brought the same attack at ground level, helping

manufacture a diverse variety of chances on goal.

James' most significant improvement areas revolve largely around her disposal. While she booted 12 goals across 21 NAB League games over the last three years, the 18-year-old could have had plenty more if for better finishing.

Refining that ability to convert inside 50 will be a primary focus when employed as a forward, while sharpening her handling and kicking as a midfielder would also aid her ability to be even more damaging.

Overall, with her size and athletic acumen, James is a prospect with great potential. She can continue to add polish to her game, but offers plenty of upside as a midfielder who can hit the scoreboard and generate chances for others.



DRAFT CENTRAL

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Grace MATSER

DOB: 03/01/2003

HEIGHT: 186CM

POSITION: RUCK

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Grace Matser has been developing nicely for Gippsland Power having played at V/Line Cup level and progressed through to the Under 19s side.

**STRENGTHS:** Footy IQ, ruck work, work rate, kicking, decision making, size

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Marking

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

8.3

AFLW U19S '21

HITOUTS

16.7

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

38.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Matser averaged the third most hitouts at AFLW U19s Championships (16.7) and the fifth most in the NAB League Girls competition (18.6). She also had the most clearances of any recognised ruck at the championships with five.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

To appreciate what Grace Matser does well, you have to almost isolate her performance, as there are plenty of things the ruck does that might otherwise go unnoticed. Her deft taps at ground level under pressure or decisions that might not earn her a statistic or highlight, help teammates around the ground, but then there is her rare ability to use the ball well in transition.

Always towering over her opponents, the tall is arguably the smartest ruck in the Victorian draft pool. Being a left-footer, Matser is able to hit targets and move well, outsize her opponents and making her difficult to match up on. Her footy IQ is high, and it helps with her decision making in transition looking down the field.

The knock on Matser is her marking, with talls often judged whether they can pull down big grabs, and this is the most

pressing area of improvement for Matser. She can bring the ball to ground and competes hard in the air, but it is sticking those marks when going forward, or being that hit-up target at half-back that could take her game to another level. Her work with the ball, and around the stoppages is among the best going around, and once she is able to add that contested marking string to her bow, she will be all the more damaging.

A ruck that can not only find the ball, but use it well in transition and work hard at ground level to lock the ball up and force a stoppage is rare. Matser does just this, and she knows that more often than not, her ability to win the ruck tap will earn her teammates first possession.

As one of the few rucks that have stood out for the NAB League clubs, Matser is a point of difference with her footy smarts and disposal.



# Tahlia MEIER

**DOB:** 19/10/2003

**HEIGHT:** 151CM

**POSITION:** SMALL FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Tahlia Meier is also a high-level cricketer, representing her state in the sport. An AFLW Draft Combine invitee, Meier can play forward or midfield.

**STRENGTHS:** Evasion, forward craft, versatility, clean hands, ground balls

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Strength

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**11.5**

AFLW U19S '21

GOALS

**1.5**

AFLW U19S '21

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**54.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Meier was one of only two Vic Country players to record an inside 50, rebound 50, clearance, mark and tackle at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships (Ingrid Houtsma was the other), and one of two players to receive a Draft Combine invite and earn a place in the Vic Country Under 19s cricket squad (with Jaide Anthony).



FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Tahlia Meier is a talented small forward who has added the midfield string to her bow more as the season went on. Able to win ground balls cleanly and quickly, she can draw free kicks with her hard-at-it approach.

She is clean by hand and hits targets well by foot, able to have that balance of offensive and defensive traits. Whilst not overly strong due to her size, Meier still cracks in and applies plenty of defensive acts.

Meier is a player that can be used in transition due to her evasion and skills, able to hit those sharp, short passes or handballs, drawing opponents along the way. Her consistent form in the first half of the NAB League Girls season was rewarded with a Vic Country spot, where she kicked three goals in her two games.

At the AFLW Under 19 Championships, Meier averaged 11.5 disposals, 2.5 marks and looked lively roaming up and down the ground, working hard for each of her touches.

Once the junior season was finished, Meier stepped up to the VFLW where she played three games for the Western Bulldogs and averaged five tackles per game in that time, able to show no fear against bigger and more experienced opponents.

As a dual sport athlete with both football and cricket at a high level, Meier has plenty of future options regardless of which way she opts to go over time. She has proven to adapt to multiple positions on the field, and whilst she is likely to settle in as a small forward, she can pinch hit up the ground, and still have an impact.

# Ally MORPHETT

DOB: 11/11/2003

HEIGHT: 188CM

POSITION: RUCK

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Ally Morphett is a GWS GIANTS Academy member and one of the few Murray Bushrangers who ran out in the orange and charcoal against the Bushrangers.

**STRENGTHS:** Ruck work, penetrating kick, contested marking, competitiveness, strength, one-on-ones

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Athleticism

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

6.5

AFLW U19S '21

HITOUTS

17.5

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

46.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Morphett was the only AFLW Draft Combine invite who played for two different NAB League Girls teams this season in the Murray Bushrangers and GWS GIANTS Academy, the latter of which came against the Bushrangers.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Ally Morphett is an AFL Women's Academy member and one of the top NSW/ACT talents, attached to the GIANTS Academy. She can be that strong ruck, or play full-forward and pull down a contested grab. A competitive player, Morphett is hard to beat one-on-one with her strength overhead.

When not winning it in the air, Morphett can bring the ball to ground and follow up with fierce tackling, ensuring the ball remains locked in the area. Her competitiveness and determination to win the pill makes her a valuable leader, and her leadership was rewarded with the Allies captaincy at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships.

Having come runner-up in the AFL Canberra best and fairest award as a 16-year-old during 2020, Morphett is more than capable of competing against senior bodies. She is terrific one-on-one, holds her ground well and is able to clunk

anything sent to her zone. Whilst her athleticism is an area that she can continue to build on not being the quickest player, that comes with part and parcel of being a strong mark and bigger body for teammates to kick to going forward.

Her work at ruck stoppages is eye-catching by being able to plant her feet and become almost unmovable to then present taps on a silver platter for her midfielders, but also have enough vertical leap that she can impact at centre bounces too.

With a penetrating kick that can just about travel 50m, Morphett could easily play centre half-forward as well and then put it to dangerous, goal-scoring opportunities, or have a go herself from range. Overall, Morphett is a readymade talent who can have an impact at the top level.



# Chloe REILLY

**DOB:** 12/10/2003

**HEIGHT:** 163CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Chloe Reilly is a small utility who plays well above her 163cm height and has a number of impressive traits that lend her to playing forward or in defence.

**STRENGTHS:** Penetrating kick, reading the play, overhead marking, one-on-ones, versatility, goal sense

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Endurance

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**11.3**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**2.0**

AFLW U19S '21

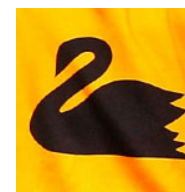
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**47.0**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Reilly was the only player at the AFLW Under 19s Championships who kicked two goals, whilst recording at least five inside 50s, rebound 50s and four tackles.



## DRAFT PROFILE

The East Fremantle youngster has shown some promising signs over the past couple of years. Having played predominantly as a forward last year, Chloe Reilly has been able to expand her versatility to include defence in 2021.

Whilst she has arguably had the greater impact inside 50, her ability to read the ball in flight and possessing strong hands and a penetrating kick make her ideal to play in both roles. When seeing her play and then reading her height, one has to do a double-take because she can compete against much taller opponents credit to her safe hands and vertical leap. She can take a big grab and do it by either leaping up or out bodying opponents.

When playing forward, Reilly is a player who can hit the scoreboard in multiple ways, be it via the lead and mark, or in general play, knowing where the goals are and how to put

them through the middle. Whilst her endurance is an area of improvement, which will also aide in her consistency, when Reilly is on, she is really on.

It is bridging the gap between her best and worst, and the fact she can slot into multiple roles makes her a handy asset for each team. As she has shown for East Fremantle, she can play at both ends wherever they needed her.

When looking forward, Reilly projects as a forward because of her marking, kicking and overall goal sense, as when she does not take the mark she brings the ball to ground.

Once she can increase her tank, she will be able to impact for longer, and even potentially push for a midfield role in the future.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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# Keeley SHERAR

DOB: 29/10/2003

HEIGHT: 170CM

POSITION: BALANCED MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Gifted with superb athleticism, Keeley Sherar became a permanent and crucial part of the Eastern Ranges midfield, with her work around stoppages and ball winning around the ground impressive.

**STRENGTHS:** Athleticism, upside, clearances, tackling, consistency

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Kicking consistency

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

8.5

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

4.0

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

45.0

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Sherar had the highest inside 50 to rebound 50 differential of midfielders with more than 130 disposals, recording 34 inside 50s to four rebound 50s in the NAB League Girls competition.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Keeley Sherar was one of the surprise packets of the NAB League season, stepping up in the Eastern midfield to good effect. Sherar provided a consistent ball winning option, never dropping below 10 disposals during the campaign, being one of the main drivers of the footy going forward.

Sherar's specialty became her clearance winning, where she utilised her top level burst speed and side step to beat opponents to the ball and get around oncoming pressure and kick as long as she could forward. Whilst she did favour kicking when disposing the ball through the year, her hands in tight were particularly impressive and will be a dangerous asset at the next level.

Was played largely on the half-forward flank during the NAB AFLW U19 Championships with Vic Metro, averaging the 8.5 disposals, two marks and four tackles per game, she showed

potential to play as a high half forward with some more time to learn the role, pushing well up the ground to present as a switch option and send the ball inside 50. After the Eastern Ranges bowed out in the Preliminary final, Sherar went on to represent Hawthorn in the VFLW for their final four matches of the season.

As she progresses in her football career, Sherar will look to improve her kicking execution in particular, where at times she looked rushed and confused under pressure, but when she had time to think about her kicking the result was generally good, able to get penetration and distance behind her kicks, making her clearance winning all the more dangerous. With consistency in her kicking execution, it could also aid any possible position switch, combining with her marking, handballing and ground ball winning to make her a very dangerous all rounder.



# Charlie THOMAS

DOB: 05/09/2003

HEIGHT: 175CM

POSITION: TALL UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Charlie Thomas has had an injury interrupted season in 2021, but being a member of the AFL Women's Academy, is a seriously talented player.

**STRENGTHS:** Kicking, clean hands, reading the play, decision making, composure, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Strength

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

N/A

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

N/A

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

N/A

AFLW U19S '21

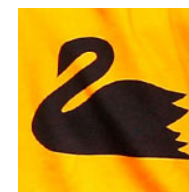
## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Thomas played the least amount of competitive games in season 2021, with just one - Round 1 of the WAFL Women's season - but her talent is evident by earning a Draft Combine invite and being a member of the AFL Women's Academy.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



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DRAFT CENTRAL

## DRAFT PROFILE

The West Australian midfielder has not been able to show her wares in 2021 after building an impressive CV over the past couple of seasons. Coming through the WAFL Women's competition with Subiaco, Charlie Thomas is known for her ball use and clean hands in traffic, as well as being able to read the play and know where to go.

She has that natural footballing ability that is evident in the way she plays, and whilst she might not have had much of an opportunity to showcase that in 2021, the fact she was already an AFL Women's Academy member proved she has caught the eye of plenty of people.

In speaking to Thomas at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, the teenager said she valued her ability to read the play, win the ball and dispose of it well by hand or foot. She can hit targets under pressure, and shows a good

combination of decision making and composure. Her key improvements were her strength and endurance, having had to spend most of 2021 recovering from a wrist injury sustained at the start of the season. If fit, no doubt Thomas would have helped Western Australia at the AFL Women's Under 19 Championships, and been a key player through the state side.

Looking forward, once Thomas is able to get back into action, keep improving her tank and her strength, she will be able to compete against stronger players and have a cleaner run at it.

She has the natural footballing abilities and upside that could see her improve quickly, and there is little doubt that despite not getting out on the park, Thomas will be held in high regard by the West Australian sides.



# Makaela TUHAKARAINA

DOB: 23/08/2003

HEIGHT: 158CM

POSITION: SMALL UTILITY

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Makaela Tuhakaraina is a raw talent with plenty of eye-catching traits and upside. The South Fremantle prospect has come a long way in a short time since coming from rugby.

**STRENGTHS:** Acceleration, agility, power, defensive pressure, versatility, upside

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Fundamentals

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

12.7

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

3.3

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

47.7

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Tuhakaraina's ability to find the ball at ground level was evident with the most disposals (38) for the least marks (one). She also ranked in the top 15 for inside 50s, with an inside 50 every 4.8 disposals.

FULL DRAFT PROFILE



PLAYER NEWS



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Once you see Makaela Tuhakaraina in action, it is easy to draw the conclusion she has come from a rugby background without even needing to know. Tuhakaraina will win the ball and immediately look to run at full tilt, tucking the ball under arm and not looking back. Whilst her fundamentals can still improve, she has some elite level athleticism and great defensive pressure.

She is someone who can break the lines and once she gets goalside, is hard to contain with very few players possessing the same amount of elite speed, burst and agility she possesses. Despite standing at just 158cm, Tuhakaraina packs plenty of punch and has strength and power to go with her athletic traits.

Tuhakaraina is still developing her fundamentals, which is natural coming from a different sporting code. At times she

can get herself into trouble by running too far or rushing her disposal, but with more development and honing in on when to go and when to slow, Tuhakaraina could become a really damaging talent. She has the traits to be able to burn off any opponents through both acceleration and power, shrugging off would-be tacklers, or sidestepping those in her way.

Though she can play through the midfield, she can equally play forward or back, particularly off half-forward where she can receive the ball and race inside 50 to put it to dangerous areas or set her sights on goal.

Overall, Tuhakaraina is a player who can improve dramatically with some tweaks here and there, and from a raw talent base, the Bulldogs player has plenty of notable traits that will hold her in good stead and catch the eye now and into the future.



# Brooke VICKERS

**DOB:** 06/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 171CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

## DRAFT ANALYSIS

Brooke Vickers has demonstrated consistent ball use and composure, adding a touch of class with her ability to play in multiple positions.

**STRENGTHS:** Skills, composure, versatility, reading the play, spread, decision making

**KEY IMPROVEMENT:** Strength

## KEY NUMBERS

DISPOSALS

**13.5**

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

**3.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**55.5**

AFLW U19S '21

## DRAFT CENTRAL SAYS ...

Vickers' kick-to-handball percentage was 78.4, ranking her sixth overall in the NAB League. Of those six players, she was the only one to record both at least 20 inside 50s (25) and 20 rebounds (20) throughout the 2021 season.



DRAFT CENTRAL



## DRAFT PROFILE

Playing in the premiership winning Oakleigh Chargers for her NAB League campaign, Brooke Vickers was at times overshadowed by some of her teammates, but was just as important in aiding their way to the ultimate prize, with her outside class and disposal skill damaging moving forward as she moved up to the wing by the end of the season.

She made that ability to find space and spread from opposition her bread and butter, moving well to get handball receives or intercept a ball higher up the ground and provide run and carry from there.

When Vickers was playing for Vic Metro in the U19s AFLW Championships, she was able to fill a role on the half-back line and up on the wing where she brought those same strengths at the representative level, coming out of the two games averaging 13.5 disposals and 4.0 tackles, with a far

more defensive focus than she often took for Oakleigh, still finding a similar amount of ball despite that focus to show she's prolific either way.

After the championships and NAB League campaigns, Vickers went on to play three games for Port Melbourne in the VFLW, including a final, averaging 12 disposals in a similar role she played all season long.

In the future, Vickers may look to improve her overall strength to give her more of an advantage in marking contests and when competing for the ball at ground level, where she can often be knocked off the ball or out of the contest by bigger opponents. Having the backing strength may give her more confidence in these situations and complement her fundamentally sound technique.

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## Lauren BREGUET

**DOB:** 14/02/2003

**HEIGHT:** 164CM

**POSITION:** FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** CENTRAL DISTRICT / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Moving from Mildura to the Barossa a couple of years ago, Breguet is an important member of the Central District forward line. Also capable of playing midfield, the exciting talent is a contested ball-winning player with plenty of scope for the future.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**10.7**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**5.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**50.3**

AFLW U19S '21



## Lilli CONDON

**DOB:** 25/11/2003

**HEIGHT:** 155CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** GWV / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The pocket rocket from GWV Rebels was one of the Rebels most consistent ball-winners, and averaged 21.5 disposals, 6.0 tackles and 2.9 inside 50s in the NAB League Girls. Despite her small stature, Condon is a hard-nut who just keeps finding the ball.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**21.5**

NAB GIRLS '21

TACKLES

**6.0**

NAB GIRLS '21

FANTASY PPG

**91.7**

NAB GIRLS '21



## Tarrah DELGADO

**DOB:** 22/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 173CM

**POSITION:** TALL DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** NORTHERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A rock-solid tall defender from the Northern Knights, Delgado has been known to pinch-hit through the middle and influence the contest there. She is strong overhead, reads the play well and mops up in the back 50 to drive the ball forward.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**12.3**

NAB GIRLS '21

REBOUND 50S

**4.4**

NAB GIRLS '21

FANTASY PPG

**49.6**

NAB GIRLS '21



## Mel HARDY

**DOB:** 24/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 158CM

**POSITION:** SMALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** SWAN DISTRICTS / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A competitive utility who traditionally plays in defence for Swan Districts but also played forward at times for Western Australia, Hardy is difficult to beat one-on-one. Despite standing at 158cm, Hardy is able to compete well and use the ball out of defence.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**6.3**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**1.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**23.7**

AFLW U19S '21



## Bella MANN

**DOB:** 16/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 171CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** PEEL THUNDER / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A real strong defender who is good in the air and is willing to throw her body around to beat her opponent, Mann is a reliable source of drive out of the back 50. Impressing at the AFLW U19s Championships, Mann has shown to match it with more experienced players at WAFLW level.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**11.7**

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

**2.7**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**46.0**

AFLW U19S '21



## Grace MULVAHIL

**DOB:** 18/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 172CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** SOUTHERN DISTRICTS / NT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

An athletic talent with great burst and slick skills, Mulvahil has proven through the NTFL Women's Premier League she can play anywhere on the field. She can find the ball and hit the scoreboard, and whilst still raw compared to some, is able to have a high-impact-per-possession.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**10.5**

AFLW U19S '21

TACKLES

**3.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**47.5**

AFLW U19S '21





## Ashleigh RICHARDS

**DOB:** 22/10/2003

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** DANDENONG / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A clever player forward of centre, Richards is someone who can hit the scoreboard consistently, then go inside and have an influence. Co-captain of the Dandenong Stingrays, Richards managed two games with Vic Country as well, and stepped up to VFLW level with Port Melbourne.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**11.5**

AFLW U19S '21

INSIDE 50S

**1.5**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**44.0**

AFLW U19S '21



## Beth SCHILLING

**DOB:** 01/12/2003

**HEIGHT:** 178CM

**POSITION:** KEY DEFENDER/RUCK

**CLUB / STATE:** PEEL THUNDER / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

An athletic key defender with great scope for the future, Schilling has proven she can play anywhere, but seems to settle into to half-back. Able to take the ball well in the air and battle hard at ground level, Schilling is able to compete in many forms making her a versatile utility.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**12.3**

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

**4.7**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**52.3**

AFLW U19S '21



## Cadhla SCHMIDLI

**DOB:** 06/06/2003

**HEIGHT:** 176CM

**POSITION:** TALL DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** EASTERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Schmidli has come on in leaps and bounds in her second season, only playing the one game in 2020 due to the global pandemic. She played eight in 2021, averaging 10.1 disposals and 2.8 rebounds to earn a place with Vic Metro where she did not get overawed playing both matches.

### KEY STATS

DISPOSALS

**9.0**

AFLW U19S '21

REBOUND 50S

**4.0**

AFLW U19S '21

FANTASY PPG

**26.5**

AFLW U19S '21

## Giselle DAVIES

**DOB:** 17/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 180CM

**POSITION:** KEY POSITION UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** BOND UNIVERSITY / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The tall defender is capable of playing in attack as well, and whilst not a huge ball-winner, Davies is a terrific one-on-one player. Having the negating side of defence down-pat the next step will be bring more offence to her game, but with her size and potential there is certainly upside there.



## Neve CROWLEY

**DOB:** 23/06/2003

**HEIGHT:** 175CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** CALDER / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

An athletic tall utility, Crowley is a marking machine who can fly for high grabs and pull them down, as she showed for Vic Metro averaging 4.5 marks with 9.5 disposals. Not a massive ball-winner around the ground, Crowley is a highlights player, but one with high upside for the future.



## Jorja LIVINGSTONE

**DOB:** 01/02/2003

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** WING

**CLUB / STATE:** EASTERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A potential father-daughter selection to Richmond, Livingstone has a potent left foot and when on-song able to do a lot on damage going forward in transition. Whilst she is that outside player, Livingstone has the traits to transition inside, though her skills and athleticism are suited to a wing.

## Georgie FOWLER

**DOB:** 19/12/2003

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD

**CLUB / STATE:** EC EAGLES / NSW-ACT

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Fowler is a powerful forward who is strong overhead and can hit the scoreboard. Representing the East Coast Eagles in AFL Sydney, she earned a Rising Star nomination back in Round 2, making an impact after an injury-interrupted preseason. Hard to beat in the air when on the lead.

## Kasey LENNOX

**DOB:** 07/09/2003

**HEIGHT:** 174CM

**POSITION:** KEY DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** CALDER / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A rock solid option on the last line, Lennox has had several years experience at NAB League Girls level and has now tasted senior football at Essendon VFLW. A long kick and able to rebound out of the back 50, Lennox is usually tasked with the kickouts whatever team she is in.



## Emma NANUT

**DOB:** 04/06/2003

**HEIGHT:** 170CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** SWAN DISTRICTS / WA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A reliable defender, Nanut is able to win the ball in the back half and run with it going forward, or play an accountable defensive role on an opponent. Not a huge ball-winner, Nanut can clear the danger zone and hit targets down the field, usually mopping up at ground level and rebounding.



## Jemima WOODS

**DOB:** 28/05/2003

**HEIGHT:** 174CM

**POSITION:** TALL FORWARD

**CLUB / STATE:** WESTERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A tall forward with good upside, Woods has impressive leading patterns and is able to adapt at any level. Still a raw talent, Woods booted three goals on VFLW debut, and can play as a high half-forward as well as deep when required. One who will continue to improve in the future.

## Casey WYNNE

**DOB:** 08/06/2003

**HEIGHT:** 177CM

**POSITION:** KEY DEFENDER

**CLUB / STATE:** COOLANGATTA / QLD

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Described as a really competitive key defender in the mould of Shannon Campbell, Wynne is a reliable kick and has overcome an injury interrupted start to her season. Wynne picked up 13 disposals and three marks in Queensland's AFLW U19s Championships loss to Vic Country in a solid effort.



## Pia STALTARI

**DOB:** 27/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 169CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM DEFENDER/MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** SANDRINGHAM / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

The West Australian has nominated her original home state having relocated to Victoria where she played some consistent football for the Sandringham Dragons. Mixing between defence and mid-field, Staltari moves well and can hit targets, also averaging more than five tackles a game.



## Alana LISHMUND

**DOB:** 13/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 168CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** NORWOOD / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

Having played just about anywhere on the field, Lishmund is a versatile midfielder who can go forward or back, and attack the contest fiercely. Generally using the ball well, Lishmund can also play inside or outside midfield, and can find space, or apply plenty of defensive pressure.



## Meghan GAFFNEY

**DOB:** 02/04/2003

**HEIGHT:** 155CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** TASMANIA DEVILS / TAS

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A hard-nosed midfielder who can play inside or out, Gaffney settled well on a wing for Tasmania Devils where she was able to use her high-level running power to outwork opponents. Also capable of applying plenty of defensive pressure, Gaffney was an all-round solid talent with not too many flaws.

## Jemma RADFORD

**DOB:** 31/07/2003

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** DANDENONG / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A Stingrays talent who has played at both ends, Radford has not looked out of place at VFLW level. She is able to move the ball in transition out of the back half, play deep in defence, or up forward and hit the scoreboard, making her a versatile player who can fill multiple roles in a side.

## Georgia SWAN

**DOB:** 22/08/2003

**HEIGHT:** 170CM

**POSITION:** MEDIUM FORWARD

**CLUB / STATE:** STURT / SA

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A player with enormous work rate, Swan traditionally plays forward and can play above her 170cm height. She covers plenty of ground and generally uses the ball well, running around for Sturt in the SANFLW and earning a state nod for South Australia at the AFLW U19s Championships.



## Amy PROKOPIEC

**DOB:** 05/05/2003

**HEIGHT:** 175CM

**POSITION:** TALL UTILITY

**CLUB / STATE:** TASMANIA DEVILS / TAS

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A bottom-age AFLW Academy member and talented utility, Prokopiec might not have made the Allies squad this season, but still put together a consistent year for the Devils. Booting 12 goals in eight games, Prokopiec showed she could play either end after being an impressive defender previously.



## Bridget DEED

**DOB:** 07/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 167CM

**POSITION:** INSIDE MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** EASTERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A tough inside midfielder with a focus on defensive pressure and work rate, Deed was instrumental for the Ranges in the NAB League Girls. She won the ball at the coal face and got it out to her teammates, averaging almost 20 disposals and more than five tackles per game in 2021.

## Isabelle KHOURY

**DOB:** 10/03/2003

**HEIGHT:** 164CM

**POSITION:** BALANCED MIDFIELDER

**CLUB / STATE:** EASTERN / VIC

### DRAFT ANALYSIS

A hard working midfielder who is often deployed at the coal face and able to use her power and burst to gain separation on her opponents, Khoury was consistent at both NAB League Girls and VFLW level. She is a fierce tackler and moves well between the arcs, one who caught the eye in transition.

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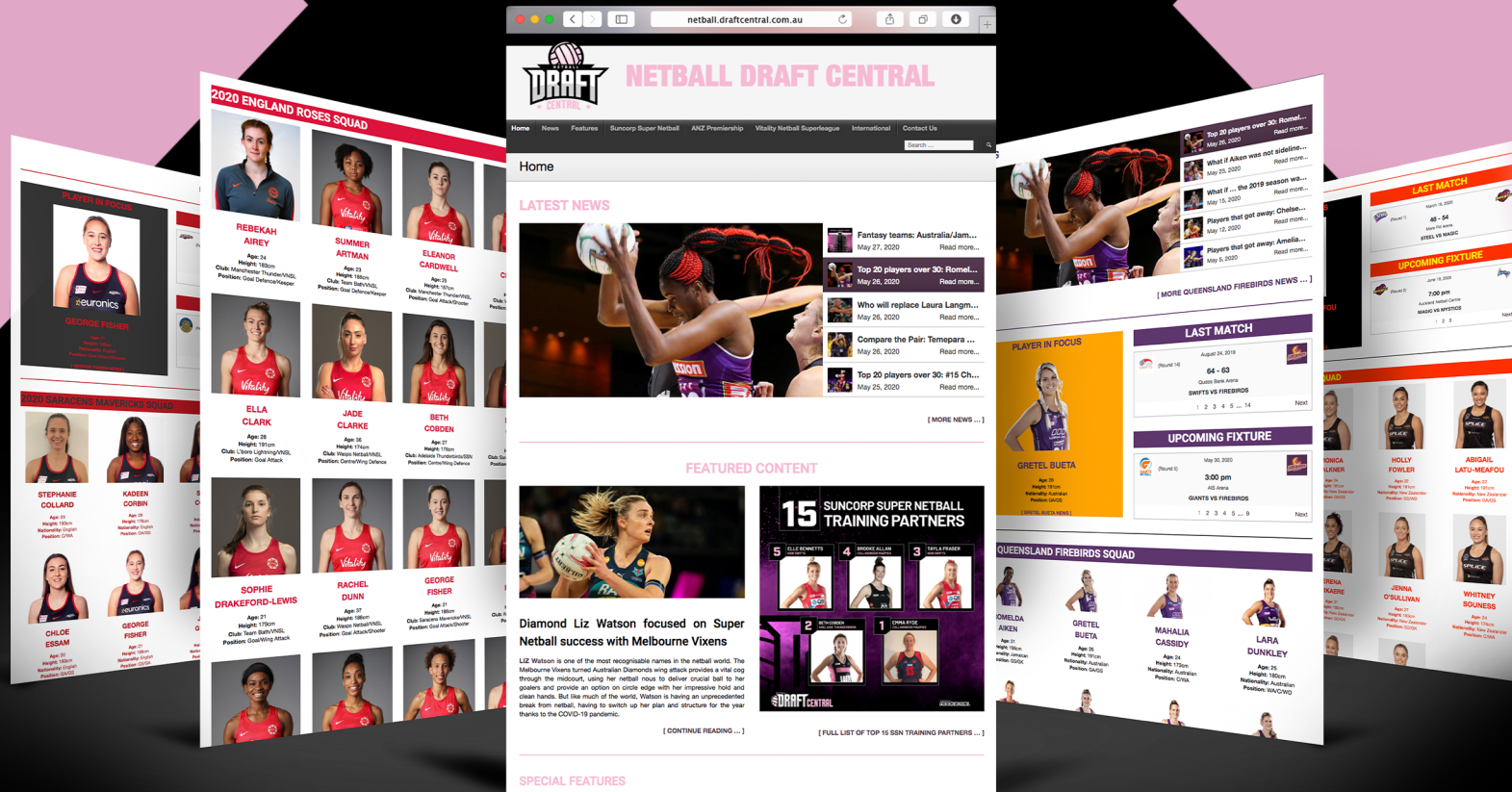


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