

A Bit About BA



Brett "Doc"(?) Andrews (pictured left with Cooly Cup), our Assistant Coach, doesn't quite appear in Queensland's richest 100 yet, but Group 1 Building is heading that way. So much so that Brett can now devote more time to ensuring Pedro is on the ball.

BA emerged as a football talent at one of Victoria's hotbeds of junior development. St Peters Bentleigh has been a constant source of recruitment for the AFL, VFL, VFA and senior leagues in metropolitan Melbourne and country Victoria. The Hammers, or Sandringham, then competing in the VFA saw enough in Brett to pick him up as a junior in 1987. We're talking the halcyon days of the VFA with the likes of Terry Wheeler, Barry Round, Gary Brice and Phil Maylin strutting their stuff. BA accrued 20 goals while clocking a total of 65 games across the seniors, reserves and juniors. We're guessing over 4 – 5 seasons which means he floated up this way maybe directly, or not, as he won't tell us.

Whatever, after a season at Morningside he landed at the Cattery in 1995, and according to the only archive we can find played 3 seasons. Extrapolating from the only statistic available (20 games in 1997), we

Cats feel good with 'new found steel' in side

THERE is a theory at Broadbeach that a season 1-3 win-loss record against GCAFL grand final opponents Labrador had a lot to do with the draw.

"Every time we've played them this year we were coming off the bye," said co-captain Brett 'Doc' Andrews, lining up for his first grand final in senior grade.

"We seem to be a better side with a game under our belt."

Andrews, 27, says there is a good mood at Broadbeach, a club which can boast one only premiership (1987), but

which has built into a force this year with three sides in grand finals.

"It's a good feeling, not a cocky one," said Andrews, a key player for the Cats on a half-forward flank.

Andrews is well aware of Broadbeach's history of brittleness under the hammer, although he says there is new-found steel under player-coach Jason Cotter.

"We've always had the problem of switching on and switching off.

"I can't really say why this happens, but we did it a fortnight ago against Labrador.

"This time we've got the underdog tag and we're happy to take it."

estimate he knocked up about 60 games in all, and played in 3 consecutive final series. Highly regarded, Brett was skipper in 1995 and appointed co-captain in '96 – '97 (under Jason Cotter – was he before his time?), during which time he led the club to successive third, premiers (triple premiership year), and fourth places.

Among his highlights was playing in the local bloodbath against the Demons in '95; kicking a couple (Al Lawson got one) in a 16 goal first quarter against Robina, final round '96 to finish 15 and 3 to Labrador's 16 and 2; kicked one sausage roll, as did Al Lawson, and named in the best, as was Al, in the premiership win 12 16 to Labrador's 5 14 (thereby reversing the ladder finish order for '96.); led the side with players such as Dean Howard in '97 who picked up the B&F and subsequently was drafted by the Crows. In summary, provided by the Chairman of Selectors in the premiership year "...he is a natural born leader and had great potential as a coach..."

BA had a break for a couple of years and despite the best efforts of some to keep him at the Cattery he took the Captain Coach role at Cooly 2000 – 02, taking the club to second in 2000, winning the B&F and representative selection in that year, then winning the ultimate in '01, and finally another runner-up in '02. We are fortunate to have the benefit of BA's presence in his wiser years.

1996 Grand Final

Broadbeach v PBC

B:	<u>Forsdyke</u>	Webster	Russell
HB:	McCormick	Tiffin	Jacobson
C:	<u>Gieke</u>	Walsh	Lomax
HF:	<u>Andrews</u>	Harrison S	Ford
F:	Shannon	<u>Felici</u>	<u>Lawson</u>
Rucks:	Patching	Ellis	Brown
Int:	From Street, Lynch, Rix, Madeley, Grogan, Davis		

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Broadbeach 14 18 102 def PBC 3 7 25	
Goals:	<u>Andrews 6</u> , McCormick 2, <u>Felici 2</u> , Shannon, Street, <u>Lawson</u> , Harrison S
Best:	Cottrell, <u>Andrews</u> , McCormick, Russell, Lynch
Magoos:	<u>Broadbeach 26 23 179</u> def <u>PBC 3 3 21</u>
Colts:	<u>Broadbeach 13 13 91</u> def <u>Labrador 3 3 21</u>

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