

Pick up a copy of this month's *Deadly Vibe* magazine, the special Reconciliation edition, and complete the following activities.



READING

MEN OF THE CENTURY

The AFL pays tribute to some of our greatest ever players.

The AFL has honoured the contribution of Indigenous players over the past 100 years, naming a 24-man Indigenous Team of the Century.

Champions from the past to the present day were named in the all-star side at a special ceremony held in Melbourne in August.

Norm McDonald of Essendon and Syd Jackson of Carlton – two of the earliest Aboriginal stars to play in the VFL before it became the AFL – were among the 24.

Eight current-day players made the squad, with Chris Johnson, Darryl White, Gavin Wanganeen, Byron Pickett, Peter Burgoyne, Adam Goodes, Michael O'Loughlin and Andrew McLeod all being selected.

One of the greatest AFL players ever to pull on a guernsey, Graham "Polly" Farmer was named captain, while former Kangaroos' great Barry Cable was named coach.

The Prime Minister, John Howard, attended the ceremony, and in his speech told the assembled crowd that it was an historic occasion for the game of Australian football. He also

commented on how much sport, and the AFL has done for reconciliation.

"The AFL has probably done more than any other sporting organisation to further the cause of the complete involvement, acceptance and recognition of Indigenous Australians in your sport," he said.

"The Australian nation salutes not only Australian Rules, but also the contribution of the first citizens of Australia to our only Indigenous football code."

The Indigenous Team of the Century:

Backs: Chris L Johnson, Darryl White, Bill Dempsey

Half Backs: Gavin Wanganeen, Adam Goodes, Norm McDonald

Centres: Peter Matera, Maurice Rioli, Michael Long

Half Forwards: Nicky Winmar, Stephen Michael, Syd Jackson

Forwards: Chris Lewis, Michael O'Loughlin, Jim Krakouer

Followers: Graham Farmer, Andrew McLeod, Barry Cable

Interchange: Michael McLean, Byron Pickett, Michael Graham, David Kantilla, Ted Kilmurray, Peter Burgoyne





COMPREHENSION

Answer all questions using full sentences.

The AFL has honoured the contribution of Indigenous players over the past 100 years, naming a 24-man Indigenous Team of the Century.

★ How did the AFL honour the contribution of Indigenous players over the past 100 years?

★ Who was named captain in the 24-man Indigenous Team of the Century?

★ What were the main comments made by The Prime Minister, John Howard, who attended the ceremony?

Circle the correct answer.

★ The forwards named in the AFL Indigenous Team of the Century are:

- Gavin Wanganeen, Adam Goodes, Norm McDonald
- Chris Lewis, Michael O'Loughlin, Jim Krakouer
- Graham Farmer, Andrew McLeod, Barry Cable
- Peter Matera, Maurice Rioli, Michael Long

★ Answer true (T) or false (F) to the following statement.

Former Kangaroos' great Barry Cable was named coach of the 24-man Indigenous Team of the Century. _____



Verbs: Every sentence has at least one verb. They tell about the action of the sentence, and are described as the doing words.



VERBS

Choose the best verb to complete each sentence.

cheered

kick

named

told

bounced

- ★ Nicky Winmar can _____ a football.
- ★ He _____ the assembled crowd.
- ★ The football _____.
- ★ The crowd _____.
- ★ Michael O'Loughlin was _____ in the team.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences.

- ★ Eight current-day players made the squad.
- ★ One of the greatest AFL players ever to pull on a guernsey, Graham "Polly" Farmer was named captain.
- ★ Former Kangaroos' great Barry Cable was named coach.
- ★ The Australian nation salutes our great Indigenous game.

PAST TENSE VERBS

Verbs change to match the time something happens. To show something happened in the past we often add **ed** to the end of the verb. If a word ends in a silent **e**, such as **face**, you only need to add a **d** to make it a past tense verb: **faced**
EXAMPLE: Adam Goodes played a good game of football.



Form the past tense of the verbs below. The first one has been done for you.

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|---------|---------------|--------|-------|
| chase | <u>chased</u> | cheer | _____ |
| comment | _____ | honour | _____ |
| kick | _____ | score | _____ |



PRESENT TENSE VERBS

Verbs also change when the action is happening now – present tense. We can also use helping words with a verb to show when an action is happening.

EXAMPLE: Byron **is kicking** the football. **Kicking** is the verb happening in the present tense, with **is** being the helping word.



Form the present tense of the verbs below.
The first one has been done for you.

run running

speak _____

drink _____

meet _____

catch _____

wear _____

FUTURE TENSE VERBS

Verbs also change tense when the action will be taking place in the future. We can use helping words here too.

EXAMPLE: Byron **will be kicking** the football. **Kicking** is the future tense verb, and **will be** are the helping words.



Re-write the following sentences in the future tense.

Eight current-day players made the squad.



One of the greatest AFL players ever to pull on a guernsey, Graham “Polly” Farmer was named captain.

Former Kangaroos’ great Barry Cable was named coach.

The Australian nation salutes our great Indigenous game.

WRITING

Football Star



Write a short story on your all time favourite football player, explaining why you have chosen this player.



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