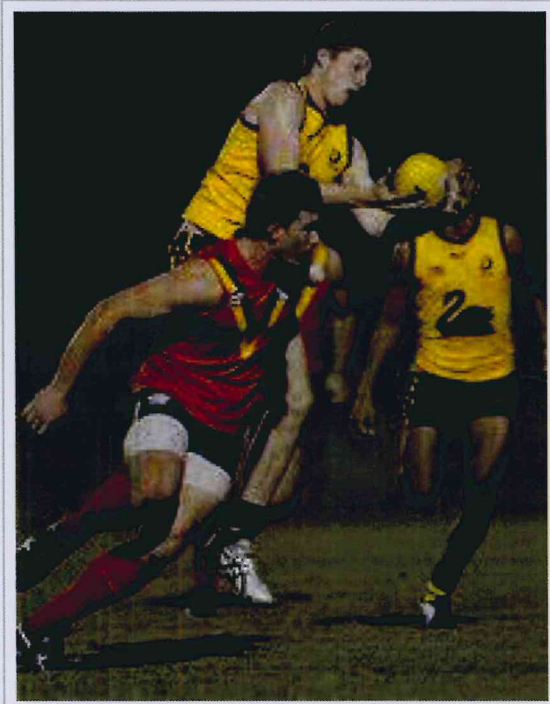


# SAAFL claim win against WAAFL

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Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's Program has come to an end, with the team unfortunately facing defeat in both contests.

The West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's program concluded last Saturday night when they were defeated by the South Australian Amateur Football League in the 2014 game at Kingsway Sporting Complex.

?Unfortunately for the West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's, the visiting side proved too good and fought hard in the final quarter to prove they were the better side on the day.

The SAAFL side got out to an early lead to which the West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's answered by kicking three consecutive goals to take the lead and go into the first break nine points up.

By half time the game had changed with SAAFL dominating the second quarter, adding five goals five to their score and limiting the West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's to just two goals.

The West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's squad had a fierce third quarter playing exciting football to kick four goals four, while SAAFL's inaccurate goal kicking saw them add one goal.

Heading into the last quarter on equal scores, the game could be won by either side.

SAAFL stamped their dominance in the second half of the quarter kicking three quick goals in succession to steal the win from the West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's. Final score: WCE U23s 13.6 (84) to SAAFL 14.19 (103).

In a highly competitive contest, the AF Statton Best on Ground Medal was awarded to Joshua Hand (SA), with the best SA player being awarded to Trent Heffernan and Thomas Curtin of University AFC claiming WA's best.

Head Coach Wayne Langborne was extremely proud of the playing group, with nearly all players being eligible for the Carnival in Tasmania next year.

"Our backline was under immense pressure with great games coming from Brent Luckman, **Brett van Gronigen** and **Mitchell Gill**" Langborne said.

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"Our wingmen in Chaz Flint and, after half time, Gordon Alone were outstanding and with limited opportunities Zac McCarry at full forward gave us a focal point. Tom Curtin was in everything and thoroughly deserved our best player award."

For the West Coast Eagles State Amateur U23's it was the second loss of the program having also been defeated by the WA State Country League by 37 points in May.

The West Coast Eagles State Amateur Colts suffered the same fate at the hands of the WAFL State 16's last Saturday, eventually being beaten by 64 points.

Not looking to finish their program with a loss, the West Coast Eagles State Amateur Colts will play for a win this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June as they take on the WA Country Football League in a curtain raiser game before the West Coast Eagles v Gold Coast Suns AFL Game at 12pm.

The WA Amateur Football League would like to thank all the players and support staff for their time, effort and dedication, ensuring the program remains one of the best amateur football programs in Australia.