

Recognise and reward

AFL award highlights Army's core values

Defence has established a prestigious award for Australian Football League (AFL) Season 2007 that recognises players who display Army's values of courage, initiative and teamwork on the field.

Each week Defence and the AFL nominate three outstanding acts performed by players; the Australian public then make the final decision on which footballer best exhibited the Army like behaviour.

The selected player then becomes a contender for the AFL/Army award. At the 2007 Coca-Cola All Australian presentation dinner one of the 22 candidates will receive a cash prize and trophy.

The combined efforts of the AFL All-Australian Selection Committee and the voting public will dictate the winner. At the end of the season the Selection Committee will review the play and short list the 22 weekly winning acts to six nominations which the public will then vote on.

The award showcases Army's core values, encouraging the football viewing public to actively consider them when determining their player of the week and the overall winner. It also provides an opportunity to redirect traffic from the AFL website to www.defencejobs.gov.au

To have your say on the player of the week and contribute to the final outcome visit the www.afl.com.au website.



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The Army Award is an on-field act; an act that is team lifting, game changing, and one which may require a player to put his body on the line – Chief of Army LTGEN Peter Leahy ”



Round 1 winner, West Coast's Daniel Kerr received 69 per cent of the votes for his game saving tackle in the final seconds of their match against the Sydney Swans.



Round 2 winner, Sydney's Brett Kirk received 43 per cent of the votes for his two tackles and desperate attack on the ball against Richmond.



Round 3 winner, Carlton's Brendan Fevola received 45 per cent of the votes for his chase out of defence and spoiling tackle against Essendon.



Rounds 4, 6 and 8 winner, Essendon's Alwyn Davey
Round 4 - received 48 per cent of the votes for his remarkable chase and goal resulting tackle in the last quarter against St Kilda.
Round 6 - received 66 per cent of the votes for his brilliant diving smother plus second and third efforts against Hawthorn
Round 8 - received 58 per cent of the votes for his brilliant chase and tackle on Brisbane's Cheynee Stiller.



Round 5 winner, Adelaide's Robert Shirley received 40 per cent of the votes for his great spoil moving back with the flight of the ball in the final minute of the game against Fremantle.



Round 7 winner, Port Adelaide's Chad Cornes received 37 per cent of the votes for his great defensive effort in stopping a Richmond goal.



Round 9 winner, Essendon's James Hird received 55 per cent of the votes for his fantastic second effort tackle which created a vital goal late in the fourth quarter against Richmond.



Round 10 winner, West Coast's Daniel Chick received 57 per cent of the votes for his two strong tackles late in the fourth quarter against the Kangaroos.



Round 11 winner, Collingwood's Danny Stanley. In his first game Stanley received 47 per cent of the votes for his brilliant second effort that saw him force a rush behind against Melbourne.



Round 12 winner, Fremantle's Steven Dodd received 44 per cent of the votes for his outstanding perseverance to chase down and tackle Bulldogs' Brad Johnson.



Round 13 winner, Kangaroos' Glenn Archer. In his 300th game Archer received 42 per cent of the votes for his trademark spoil on Bulldogs' Daniel Giansiracusa and second-effort to gain possession and set-up a Kangaroos goal.

As of 9 July 2007- 59,739 football fans have voted for a player of the week and visitors to the AFL website have submitted 1,251 enquiries into Army careers.