

Tim Donisi

CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 GAMES

- **Tim what does playing 100 games for the UFC mean to you?**

Mate it is an absolute privilege. I have had such a blast over the last 7 years. There's not much I love more than pulling on the jumper and having a run around on a Saturday morning with a great bunch of weirdo's.

- **Who are the coaches you have had in your time at the club and can you tell us a bit about each of them?**

Tim Hawks - B Colts - very enthusiastic, a great introduction to the UFC. Taught us all how to stick a key in a can without spraying it everywhere - invaluable life skill.

Brownly - great bloke, told me that if I ate more and hit the gym I might be a half decent player. He was wrong (although I haven't tried the gym yet).

Mase - definitely laid the foundation for the current success of the dingoes. I also blame him for instigating the ridiculous current rule requiring us to be at the ground an hour and a quarter before bounce down - who needs that long to warm up?!

Smokes/Jords - I think two premierships show they have a fair idea about coaching lower grade footy. Sometimes not quite sure what Jordy is talking about but his sheer excitement is contagious. Smokes has a great footy brain and knows exactly how to win games. Massive calves.

- **Can you give us a few highlights both on and off the field since being at the club?**

On the field would have to be the GF wins in 2007 and 2008. Growdy's 200th was also a good day.

Off the field, a few that spring to mind:

- Bogans' day out bus trip back in colts was a classic;
- Golden Swan team dinner/karaoke and the subsequent pile up of bodies on the Perth train station escalator - lucky to escape with no deaths;
- Forwards vs backs skip bin race down the hill at the front of the AJ post 2008 GF (again - lucky to escape with no deaths)
- medal count every year - best day of the year.

A distinct lowlight would have to be when a couple of us got left at the Whitesands Tavern wearing dresses during last years mothers day bus trip. I'm pretty sure we were still the best looking chicks at that place.

- **Why did you come to the Great UFC?**

I had a few mates playing colts down here and they talked me into coming down for a kick. I'd never played footy before but I came down for a run the following year and luckily managed to secure a spot with the prestigious B Colts.

- **As well as being known as the Gazelle, in the early days you were referred to as the “male model”. Does being the best looking man on the field create any additional pressure?**

Ha, thanks Cat, very flattering - keep that thing away from me please.

- **Your success rate at the AJ must be good?**

Unfortunately not, don't think I've ever got close at the AJ. In fact, I think the only time I've seen girls there is for PPP.

- **Greatest player you have seen to pull on the UFC Jumper?**

Unfortunately I haven't seen much of the higher grades but as far as the lower grades go Booga McKinnon was very useful in the guts, Franko always gets plenty of it and Tim "Game Plan" Nixon is also pretty handy (just ask him).

- **Greatest UFC team you have been involved with?**

2007 was a breakthrough year but I think as far as ability goes the Dingoes have got better and better each year since then.

- **Greatest Victory you have been involved in?**

2007 and 2008 flags.

- **Who is the Most Memorable/Weird/Amusing player you have played with and why?**

The level of weirdness down at the Dingoes is unparalleled and somehow seems to be increasing. I'm not sure where some of these guys come from. For my money I think Morro (aka Silas / Geisha) would have to take the cake - his fines session stories were out of control and he consistently had the best/weirdest costume on any bus trip.

- **It's been pointed out on occasion that you play in shorts which are a little on the large side – are these a remnant of a flirtation with soccer, or do those deer like legs just need plenty of room?**

The legs do need plenty of room Cat but actually it's more of a fashion thing. In a couple of years I think everyone will be wearing them that size.

For the record I resent the soccer accusation, it was hockey and I was very young.

- **Who do you sit next to on the bus trips both there and back?**

Not fussed on the way there. On the way back I generally like to sit next to some of the defenders, Labrat, Bossy, Killer, these sort of guys. Generally they're a bit more mentally sound than some of the other blokes. Never sit next to Smokes if we lose or play badly - can be a bit grumpy.

- **Who do you sit next to in the change rooms?**

Wherever there's a seat

- **Favorite Movie, Food, Beverage?**

Rocky 2, steak sandwich, not Stones

- **Funniest situation on the field?**

Probably being chased around the forward 50 by a large North Freo red head who was hell bent on punching me out, although I don't recall it being amusing at the time. Don't remember what I did to upset him but he was a fanta pants and from North Freo so I'm sure it wouldn't have taken much.

- **Another of your early nicknames was Timi Defence, you must have some strong defensive skills - what would you say are the strengths of your game?**

The punch to the boundary has always been my best (only?) skill. I can also run short distances at a moderate pace.

- **And the weaknesses?**

My kicking is awful, at best.

- **Where do you see yourself in 5, 10 and 20 years?**

5 years - still playing Dingoes

10 years - starting to move up the grades

20 years - showing the kids my name on the UFC board and lying about how I used to kick ten goals a week for A grade.

- **Word Association. What do you think of when I say the following?**

Simon Growden - sometimes delivers, belt grip

Modeling contracts – where do I sign

Neil Donaldson – white hair, club legend

Bus Trip – [Wild Knights™](#)

African grasslands – [home](#)

North Freo Rangas - [angry, really really angry](#).

Best of luck for your 100th game and let's celebrate with a great win!

[Cheers Cat](#)