

# Gerard Brown

## CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 GAMES

- **What does playing 100 games for the UFC mean to you?**  
Great to get my name on the board alongside a lot of blokes who've played a lot of good footy for the club, particularly a fair few current and recent dingoes.
- **Why did you come to the Great UFC?**  
Came down with a couple of boys from college back in 2003. Played a few games of C Colts and then had another year off.  
Came down again in 2005 to have a bit more of a crack and have been down ever since.
- **Who are the coaches you have had in your time at the club and can you tell us a bit about each of them?**  
Laef Allen / Dave Lee. 2003 C-Gulls. Think I only played a handful of games under these guys. Very entertaining pair of coaches, remember more from the off-field from this year than on.  
Andrew Mason. 2005-06. First coach to play me in the backline which significantly altered my footy career. Very unlucky not to coach a premiership. Had a great support staff in Koro, Freddo and Otis. Only owned one t-shirt.  
Jordan Owenall / Trent Smoker. 2007-09. Three years, three premierships says it all. Balanced each other well, good blend of passion and smarts.  
Digger Kyle / Bull Unmack. 2010. Dig bought his unique brand of aggressive excitedness to the table. Bull provided presence and kicked a couple of big bags when his body let him.  
Ducky Alymore / Tony Danza. 2011. Excellent coaches, too many 400m disciplinary runs though. Ducky could be remembered as a tactical genius if he plays me up the ground.
- **Can you give us a few of your highlights both on and off the field since being at the club?**  
There have been many. Biggest highlight both on and off the field would have to be the 2007 premiership, had been a long time coming for the dingoes. We had four weeks of winning finals and four bus trips to go with them, boosted by Laundry and Sparky having their own bus. This culminated in the grand final win and my backyard being torched. Probably the loosest month of my life, absolutely awesome.
- **What are some of the nicknames you have had during your time at the club, and where did they come from?**  
Obvious one is Labrat and variations thereof being a remnant from boarding school. Have partially managed to shake in real life but cannot see it going anywhere at the footy club.  
Temporarily got called mongoose a few years back after playing on a guy called snake a few times.

- **Success rate at the AJ? At the Shed?**  
AJ - donuts.  
Shed - Very solid albeit occasional lapses in quality control.
  
- **Greatest player you have seen to pull on the UFC Jumper?**  
Have spent most of my time in the lower grades so haven't seen much of the better players at A-grade level. Dingoes wise, Rhys Gardiner who played a few years back was always impressive to watch, was an animal attacking the ball. Also had an interesting post game ritual. Wooda is probably the main other bloke that springs to mind. For some shameless self promotion an honourable mention to the Dingoes defensive unit/s.
  
- **You've regularly made opposition key forwards look like fifth rate hacks – who would you rate as your most challenging opponent?**  
North Freo always seem to have pretty quality forwards.  
Guy I think from North Beach kicked a few on me once which I was blaming on my hangover until I saw him spewing in the goalsquare at half time. Truth is most of them actually are fifth rate hacks which makes my job pretty easy.
  
- **Rumour has it you did an A Grade pre-season a couple of years ago, before a crippling bicep injury derailed you campaign – ever any thoughts to pushing up the grades?**  
The A Grade pre-season was part of my training for a triathlon that never actually materialised. Got superfit but peaked too early and by the time the season came around had lost most of it. Like the idea of pushing up the grades but a lack of skill and determination would probably get in my way.
  
- **Greatest UFC team you have been involved with?**  
2007 Dingoes. Finally broke the dingoes premiership drought. Was an epic year and the start of the threepart.
  
- **Greatest Victory you have been involved in?**  
The three GF wins are obviously right up there but personal favourite was the final against North Freo out at Mosman Park. Had a massive crowd egging us on and we came back in the last quarter to get us into the first grand final that we actually won. North Freo had been dominant in the 4ths for a few years and it was good to finally knock them off.
  
- **Playing with the Dingoes, you've played with a fairly weird bunch of blokes. Who is the Most Memorable Player you have played with and why?**  
Too many to mention here. Was always a big fan of Nelson's style of continually having massive Friday nights but still managing to poll 5 votes.  
For weirdness it would have to be DJ and Smokes. Both fat but for some reason still love getting up on a Saturday to go and run around on a footy field. After some aggressive email foreplay once went on a date together.  
Honourable weirdness mention to the guy who wore a doormat on a bussy because he had no costume. Can't remember his name, don't think he came back much after.

- **Who do you sit next to on the bus trips both there and back?**  
 On the way there anywhere there is space.  
 On the way back somewhere in the middle, close to whoever the loose units are, but not too close.
- **Who do you sit next to in the change rooms?**  
 Used to be Moro as he was the only man in the team actually whiter than me.  
 These days usually some of the older blokes. Try and avoid being near Felix the Cat as it is bad for your bad esteem.
- **Favorite position both on and off the field?**  
 On the field CHB and FF albeit I have only had a couple of quarters of the latter.  
 Off the field I was going to say something dirty but my parents will probably read this so I won't.
- **Favorite Movie, Food, Beverage?**  
 Anything with tits and guns, pizza and beer
- **Funniest situation on the field?**  
 Nothing particular springs to mind, but the sheer boganness of some of our opponents is always pretty amusing.  
 Seeing a very angry and very large redhead try and murder Timmy D one time was pretty funny in hindsight, but I still don't think Timmy D looks back on it with amusement.
- **Most Embarrassing moment?**  
 I long ago got used to making clangers both on and off the field and refuse to be embarrassed by any of them.
- **What would you say are the strengths and weaknesses of your game?**  
 I like to think if I had better footskills I'd be a superstar. But I don't so I'm not.  
 Occasionally can take a decent grab, .
- **Despite kicking three goals in a quarter a few years ago, and racking up the centre clearances against North Freo in round 2, your lot seems to have been that of the underappreciated anchor down back. On this, your hundredth game, how would you plead your case for a move up the ground?**  
 The three goals in a quarter was definitely a career highlight. Still the most goals I've kicked in a game. As far as getting up the ground, brilliant performances are clearly not doing the trick so I may have to resort to bribing Ducky.
- **Where do you see yourself in 5, 10 and 20 years?**  
 5yrs probably still playing, ideally having racked up a few more dingoes premierships.  
 10yrs making my comeback after a few years off and weighing 100kgs. Telling everyone I used to be a gun forward and demanding a spot in the forward pocket.  
 20yrs who knows. Dingoes premiership reunion bus trips.
- **Word Association. What do you think of when I say the following?**

Simon Growden – goalsquare specialist.

Roids – fantastic poobar.

Pinky – Great cartoon character, looks nothing like me.

Fat chicks at the Shed – lies and fabrications made up by various jealous types.  
Of the stories that are (partially) true, I regret nothing.

Bus Trip – Chaos, weirdness, don't volunteer your house as the end destination.

**Labbers, it's been great playing with you over the years - Best of luck for your 100<sup>th</sup> game and let's celebrate with a great win!**

It has been a priveledge, lets get the 2011 campaign cranking.