

Daniel Bolt

CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 GAMES

After comfortably toweling up the Maddington reserves by 90 points, Gareth Moir and Sammy A, sat down with Bolty on the bussy back to chat about what bringing up 100 games at the mighty UFC means to him.

- **What does playing 100 games for the UFC mean to you?**
 - Its unreal I never actually thought I would get there.
 - I couldn't be happier with where I decided to play my football, had it been anywhere else there wouldn't have been such a good bunch of blokes or the tradition around the club that has allowed me to get there.
 - Having only played footy at UFC I only know one club so that makes it extra special to get the name up on the board
- **Who are the coaches you have had in your time at the club and can you tell us a bit about each of them?**

Hugh Hagen, Dave Pennock and Peter Wallace – C colts – Easily up there with my best years at the club – taught me most of what I know about footy and how to really get around it. Invented the ultimate flood before the first bounce by starting everyone off the back edge of the centre square and honestly asked me if I was a Native Australian.

Chopper (Josh Hughes) and Ben Swan – Took a massive punt on me and gave me the opportunity to play finals in my first year at the club. Brilliant blokes and two of the more funny people that have been around the club. Best end of season trip to date.

Will and Chas Gow – Coached me in my first year out of colts –. Post game celebrations always seemed to end up a bit hazy and was more than happy to let me know that I was a shit kick. Quote "if you could kick you would be playing A Grade",

Barts (Justin) – Was in and out of the side early in the year but obviously a very good coach because he took us to the preliminary final which we were very very unlucky to lose.

Ben Mackinnon (ressies) – My first experience with a player coach, loved to position himself as the loose man behind the ball. While that season wasn't overly successful he has proven he has got a bit up of his sleeve with the results he has achieved in thirds. Great Bloke and Great Clubman

Howard Styles – Gave me my first crack at A Grade probably on the basis that I played thirds with him a couple of years before. Despite this error of judgment there he was very committed to his role and obviously from the amount of time he has spent in footy and at UFC in particular had a wealth of knowledge to share.

Ian Rakich – Again great coach and poured a bunch of effort into his role, knows a lot about the game and got the most out of the squad that he had. Flew Grabaz back from up north for a game one weekend. I think prob took to heart some of the poorer performances we put in which probably reflects poorly on the group. Probably brought back a little bit of professionalism which is now paying off.

Greg Erskine – I don't really need to say too much about this guy – club legend and one of the funniest blokes let alone coaches I have met. Hopefully win a premiership with him at the helm.

Tom Matson & Damien Crimmins – Were both good coaches – loved the training with ball work rather than flat out running which fitted in well with me. Together the two of them got A grade back into the finals after a 10 year break which gave the whole club a big lift.

I feel I should put your good self in there as well Gareth given I have always had you in my corner giving me encouragement

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

▪ **On Field**

- Hasn't been the most successful 100 games but prob the finals we have played in and some relegation saving wins.

Off Field

- A colts Rottnest end of season trip, Saints lost the prelim, Waz tried to Kill me and then there was the ferry ride home.
- The old coaches comments at the Red Rock and the following skirmish
- The chipping comp at the \$1000 draw day is a massive highlight

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

- Had always intended to play footy in Albany but never got into it because 3 days a week was too much time away from surfing.
- Given Perth has no surf I got into it in my first year at Uni. Plank Donaldson was down there training and I new a few of the other boys from down south ie Dusty
- Jim Buller and I had a few classes together and neither of us had ever played so we kind of egged each other on to come down.
- One of the best things I ever did, now just need to get Buller another 8 games to notch up the 100.

▪ **Success rate at the AJ?**

- Pretty Ordinary, hard to compete with Stew and Sammy's bare chests and Dusty's rug, that was until I dragged Gen down there for first round show a few years back and the rest is history.

▪ **Besides yourself, who is the greatest player you have seen to pull on the UFC jumper?**

- No great surprises here - Matty O'Hara – cleanest and most efficient player I have seen, never has a spec of dirt on him.
- Jesus, Hoggy and Grabbaz all get honorable mentions.

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

- I enjoyed being part of the A Grade team last year but I would have to say the 2005 Reserves team – Should have been in the GF but had a great bunch of blokes from down south (Willy, Lemo, Dust etc)

- **Greatest Victory you have been involved in?**
 - Tough one – any time we beat Collegians – A colts first final was prob the best
 - The first final against Wesley Curtin last year.
- **Most Memorable Player you have played with?**
 - The 1 quarter I played with your good self Gareth was also pretty special, I think you kicked 3 goals from the guts
 - I have to put Roe in there as well because he was the A colts captain and they had a bye so he came and played C colts in my third game – never seen someone dominate a game like it since. If only he hadn't discovered the Booze
- **Who do you sit next to on the bus trips both there and back?**
 - Based on the theme of this interview – I guess you legends
- **Who do you sit next to in the change rooms?**
 - No real preference as long as I have my own little space
- **Favourite position both on and off the field?**
 - Half Forward
 - Green Room
- **Favourite Movie?** – Snatch, Top gun, Love Actually
- **Favourite Food?** Turtle perhaps...close...Spanish Mackerel on the hot plate in the north west, chicken adobo also gets a run
- **Favourite Beverage?** – H'export
- **Funniest situation on the field?**
 - Prob at Uni Games - After being 30 points down in the GF the Crocs had closed it to 6 points with 2 minutes remaining. Boyd Roe free running through the middle of the ground stops looks a little sideways half stubs his toe in a divot and falls over gifting the ball to Adelaide who take it down the other end and finish the game. Wasn't overly funny at the time but looking back on it Rowdy is always good for a laugh.
 - Also Dusty Brade being subbed off by Coach Moyle in the GF for Adam Wit
- **What are some of the nicknames you have had during your time @ the club Usain?**
 - Lightening
 - Narkle
 - Joonda
 - Bolts
 - Bolter
 - Usain
- **Most Embarrassing moment?**
 - Probably a flying elbow at West Coast when we were getting belted
- **Worst Injury?**
 - Have been pretty solid – no breaks (touch wood) but did my foot pretty bad in the finals against TA's last year.
 - Still went back out in the last and kicked a goal, so either it wasn't that bad or I will go through a lot for the love of the club, you decide.

- **What would you say are the strengths of your game?**
 - The illusion of knowing what the hell I'm doing
- **And the weaknesses?**
 - Not knowing what I am doing
- **In recent times you have been known to only play out $\frac{3}{4}$ of a game and a season. Why is that?**
 - Hard running both ways and being in and under takes a big toll.
- **Do you feel that the football isn't kicked to you on the lead as much as it should be?**
 - Haha very good,
 - I would say my teammates know my capabilities better than I do
- **Why do you feel it is necessary to give a 'spray' to players on both teams?**
 - What happens on the field GM.
- **You have earned a reputation for being a tough Customer. Do you feel this is warranted & what exactly happened that fateful day @ West Coast??**
 - Quite embarrassing off the ball incident – luckily I decided to lift it over his head - no one other than your good self saw it.
 - I think 8 years of good behavior gets me off though a momentary lapse in judgment.
- **Where do you see yourself in 5, 10 and 20 years?**
 - To be honest I have taken more out of the club than I have prob put back in so I have a little bit of work to do over the coming years to repay that.

5 years – Around in some capacity - prob playing game 110
10 years – Hopefully having a couple off the wood at the new UNI club rooms watching the green machine send North Beach into relegation.
20 years – No idea

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

Pothole / Rollerdoor

- Sammy A / Lach

Triple P

- Real eye opener as youngen

AJ

- 100 game board
- Post game beer

Dusty Brade

- Narkle 2
- 50kg
- Great skills

Simon Stewart

- Original piece and great cameraman
- A Grade B & F Winner

Key Position

- Bridesmaid

Fremantle Dockers

- Hopefully sometime in the next 50 years

Walkabout

- Early Season

Medal Count

- "Red can subs for all those yet to get a vote", always me

SammyA

- Roomy, wobbles, pothole – need I go on...good bloke

Crocs

- The one time when Roe antics are acceptable

Neil Donaldson & Mac

- Club Legends
- Fish chowder at Macs

Steve Irwin

- Shnappy

Pre-Season

- 1

Mid – Season Surfing trip

- Necessary

Beer and turtle meat

- Sampi & Cyrils

Andrew Ruck

- Good for nothing

East Fremantle FC jumper

- Rucky is good for something after all
- Deleted Photo's

Koala Bear

- Dutty Brade

Melvista Ave

- Good blokes, broken Xbox controllers and Ararat kebabs

One club player

- Legends

Thank you kindly for agreeing to sit next to us on the bus Bolty. Congratulations once again on this marvelous achievement & best of luck for the season ahead. We hope to have the chance to witness your amazing skills light-up McGillivray for many seasons to come.

Thanks you GM and Roomy - both Great Men