



Season 2022

Fourths Preview



The 4ths enter season 2022 as the reigning and defending 2019 Premiers as well as the 2021 Minor Premiers finishing atop of the 2021 ladder at the completion of last season. The group is fueled by the disappointment of having their 2021 finals campaign abruptly ended by Covid on the eve of the finals when lockdown was enforced on the Thursday before the 2nd Semi Final was scheduled to be played.

With that disappointment burning within the group, the old boys decided to head to Tasmania for their annual footy trip. It is here where over "a few quiet" ales that season 2022 was mapped out.

An 8 session preseason (more than ever before for this group) to prepare the group for a tilt at back to back flags. 2022 is the year that the 4ths run it back!!

The off season has brought about a new level of maturity in the group with a number of births and weddings that were celebrated within the playing group.

One thing is certain though – Father time is not catching up with this group. In terms of on field news, the boys have returned in top shape and full of energy. We lose the ever present goliath down back in Fin Adamson – a very big hole that will be difficult to fill. However, we welcome some serious class in the way of Jack Gray who reunites with his brother Ben to once again form one of the most dynamic duos in the VAFA competition. Add to this the return of 2016 Premiership players Lewis Moore and Michael Venosta as well as a host of new (slightly younger) faces and the list is looking as strong as it's ever been.

Even with the injection of some youth, the average age of this group still stands in the mid to high 30's – a true testament to the resilience of the players and their willingness to represent the CY's jumper. The levels of excitement are at an all time high.

With the season upon us and that burning desire to complete what feels like unfinished business, the 4ths will be ably lead into battle by our 2 returning fearless co-captains in James Farley and Steven Puhar who will be strongly supported by Vice Captains Mark "Buzza" Busuttill (2 games short of 150 games!), Lachlan "Glove" McKenzie, Jake MacKenzie and James Craigie.

The group will be astutely guided by returning Coach Matt Wynd who will be assisted by Brad "Gatty" Gatt in the 4ths pursuit of the ultimate reward of back to back Premiership glory.