

## GRANT ENGLAND – 300TH GAME

This Saturday sees Grant play his 300th game for the Old Reds, making him only the 6th player to reach this milestone. Due to a broken leg in his last year at PAC, he had a year off from football. Despite this delayed start, his career has spanned 21 seasons, with availability over recent seasons affected by his work taking him overseas regularly. Only 4 players in the Club's history have played more seasons of football.

### CURRENT 300 CLUB:

364	Deane A. Treloar	(27 seasons; 1958-1984)
353	Leighton A. Williams	(24 seasons; 1948-1971)
326*	Nicholas P. Sanders	(18 seasons; 1998-2000, 2002-2018*)
322	Justin M. Trim	(22 seasons; 1992-2010, 2012, 2014 & 2016)
304	Ian A. Wallace	(17 seasons; 1952, 1955-1970)

### A CLUB ICON

It has been a pleasure to play alongside Grant throughout his career. He has always been committed to training and takes that out onto the field. Whilst fairly quiet and unassuming off the field, his booming voice on the field is what every coach wishes all their players had.

Grant has had a few nicknames, in the early days he was known as Pommy or more commonly Grundy. However, his entire status at the Club changed as a result of his appearance in the 2004 Miss Princes and subsequently he picked up a few new nicknames in; Hubba Bubba and Aggotts/Aggots/Agates, plus a few phrases like; the Baboon Enclosure and Release the Baboons, which were born as a result of a few of us helping him get home to his unit after the show.

Over the last decade Grundy has missed out on finals a number of times, this included three occasions where having played in the Second Semi team he was then dropped from the winning Grand Final team. To Grundy's credit he has taken it on the chin and always turned up to the games to support his fellow team mates and offered to help out on the sidelines. With those experiences, plus playing in three losing Grand Finals, as one of the Club's icons, it was awesome to see him get to taste some premierships success.

Congratulations on reaching this huge milestone Grundy, I look forward to playing a few more games alongside you in seasons to come!

### CAREER DETAILS:

Prince Alfred College 1993-1996

#### PAOC Football Club

21 seasons; 1998-2018

299 Games (0 A's, 59 B's, 182 C's, 22 D's, 28 E's, 8 F's)

2000 C Grade Vice Captain

2001 C Grade Captain

2002 C Grade Captain

2002 C Grade Best & Fairest Runner Up

2004 PAOCFC Player Life Membership (100 games)

2005 B Grade Coaches Award

2007 SAAFL Player Life Membership (150 games)

2007 B Grade Coaches Award

2009 B Grade Coaches Award

2010 C Grade Co-Vice Captain (with Christopher Mitchell & Nicholas P. Sanders)

2011 C Grade Co-Vice Captain (with Ryan T. George)

2012 C Grade Co-Vice Captain (with Ryan T. George)

2014 E Grade Coaches Award

## Grand Finals

2001 C Grade Grand Final Captain (Division 10 South)

2010 D Grade Grand Final (Division C6)

2014 E Grade Grand Final (Division C3)

## Premierships

2009 B Grade Premiership (Division 4 Reserves)

2011 C Grade Premiership (Division C2)

## NOT QUITE ALL SIX GRADES:

When the Club added the 6th side for one season back in 2016, Grundy was one of the 111 players that played for the "F-Troop" that season. Whilst we have already noted this season that Thomas Ricci became only the 10th player at the Club to play in all 6 grades, Grundy can't claim that rare feat. However, he is one of less than 60 players in the Club's history to have played in 5 grades, which is still a very small group.

### 6 Grades:

Marcus Bernardi, Thomas E Davies, Randall Lloyd, Nicholas Pemberton, Thomas Ricci, Michael Sanders, Nicholas Sanders, Tyson Smith, David Treloar, Nicholas Whetstone.

### 5 Grades:

Anthony Allen, Anthony Antonas, Nicholas Blanch, Alexander Bond, Justin Bonney, Nicholas Brooks, Thomas Burfield, Alexander Butenko, George Choimes, Oliver Collison, John Coop, Matthew Davis, Grant England, William Farminer, Daniel Fry, Jesse Fyfe, Cameron Garry, Justin Green, Andrew Heitmann, William Hudson, Hamish Latchford, Jack Latchford,

Lucas Lovell, Cameron Lynch, Nicholas Martin, Shaun, McFarlane, Mark McGregor, Jack McPhee, William McPhee, Joshua Morrell, Andrew Newbery, Benjamin Newbery, Benjamin Nicholls, Timothy Nicholls, Charles Olsson, Andrew Phillips, Ryan Ramsey, Nicholas Rees, Aaron Richards, Daniel Romano, Paul Russo, Christopher Short, Michael Siciliano, James R Thomas, Justin Trim, William Van Dissel, John Waltham.



A swig of port during the last break with Peter "Jimmy" Carter, Round 11 vs Scotch OC at Scotch College, E Grade 2014

### PAOC Football Club Career Games

YEAR	A	B	C	D	E	F	TOT
1998	0 (D2)	7 (D2R)	5 (D9S)	-	-	-	12
1999	0 (D3)	0 (D3R)	18 (D9S)	-	-	-	18
2000	0 (D3)	1 (D3R)	16 (D9S)	-	-	-	17
2001	0 (D3)	0 (D3R)	19 (D10S)	-	-	-	19
2002	0 (D3)	0 (D3R)	9 (D9S)	-	-	-	9
2003	0 (D3)	1 (D3R)	16 (D9S)	-	-	-	17
2004	0 (D3)	0 (D3R)	14 (D9S)	-	-	-	17
2005	0 (D2)	11 (D2R)	11 (D9S)	-	-	-	22
2006	0 (D3)	5 (D3R)	10 (D9A)	-	-	-	15
2007	0 (D3)	18 (D3R)	0 (DC3)	-	-	-	18
2008	0 (D4)	0 (D4R)	15 (DC4)	-	-	-	15
2009	0 (D4)	16 (D4R)	4 (DC4)	-	-	-	20
2010	0 (D3)	0 (D3R)	15 (DC3)	1 (DC6)	-	-	16
2011	0 (D2)	0 (D2R)	15 (DC2)	0 (DC6)	-	-	15
2012	0 (D2)	0 (D2R)	8 (D8)	1 (D8R)	-	-	9
2013	0 (D2)	0 (D2R)	3 (D8)	7 (D8R)	-	-	10
2014	0 (D2)	0 (D2R)	0 (D8)	2 (D8R)	21 (DC3)	-	23
2015	0 (D2)	0 (D2R)	0 (D8)	0 (DC2)	5 (D8R)	-	5
2016	0 (D1)	0 (D1R)	0 (D7)	2 (DC3)	2 (D7R)	8 (DC5)	12
2017	0 (D1)	0 (D1R)	1 (D7/DC1)	3 (DC1/DC4)	0 (D7R)	-	4
2018	0 (D1)	0 (D1R)	0 (DC1)	6 (DC6)	-	-	6
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C Grade Premiers, Thebarton Oval, Saturday 10 September 2011 - Grant's second premiership

## **SOME WORDS FROM HIS COACHES AND TEAM MATES ...**

*“What can be said about Grant ‘Pommy’ England that hasn’t already been said in a court of law or on his grindr profile... When he arrived at the Hep C’s he was a young pre-pubescent lad, wet behind the ears and frequently in the groin. He had the natural grace, poise and dexterity of a just born giraffe, but his desire and determination was always at the fore and he was a tireless workhorse around the ground, never shirking a contest. A pleasure to coach, he may have been one of the only lads that actually listened to me, congrats on your 300<sup>th</sup>, as your inaugural coach, I shall take most of the credit.” – Aaron Brasher (1998 C Grade Coach)*

*“Geez – it’s a long time ago now!! How the hell can I remember back that far?*

*Amazing achievement really – 300 Games – when I only scraped through to 100 – and I’ve had kids since then – and they’re now teenagers. To be still playing with a body that size is super impressive. As for the memories...*

- Grundy was the first person I’d ever seen who tried to pioneer those shoes that had toes built in to them. Not sure why – or whether he still has them, but he was determined to change the world of fashion one toe at a time....*
- Another highlight for me was our Preliminary Final against Woodville South in 2001 where Grundy was the Captain. Having not come within 10 goals of Woodville South all season, we were well down when we came back on at half time. The Woodville South ruckman had mistakenly gone on the ground when he was supposed to be on the bench and took the opening tap. His coaches were calling him off and saying ‘we have too many players on the ground’. We wouldn’t have known otherwise – if they hadn’t alerted us to it. I yelled to Grundy on the field to call a count – and he did so. Too many players confirmed and Woodville South lost their total score to half time. The rains then came – and Woodville South came close, but weren’t able to catch us. Into the GF we went against Edwardstown – who we hadn’t got within 30 goals of all season. At training on Tuesday, I was feeling bad about the count when Woodville South were trying to get their player off – and the fact that we’d get pumped in the GF and have to go up a Div next year on the back of a GF Bloodbath. I discussed it with Grundy and we decided to run a secret ballot at training as to whether we’d play the GF or let Woodville South (who were challenging us legally) go through to the GF. **The vote was 20 to 1 – we’re playing.** The rest is history.... as we got thumped in the mud the following week – with the whole Woodville South club on the sidelines howling with delight after every goal.*
- Last but not least was a 1<sup>st</sup> Semi Final in 1999 – again in the years where PHOS Camden, Goodwood Saints and Edwardstown were 30 goals better than us as C-Grade Div 1 teams. We essentially played for the 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder premierships with the other teams. At ¾ time – down by twenty something goals – we swapped the water in the bottles for beer and played one of the most enjoyable quarters of football I’ve been involved in. The Boys loved it – as we hadn’t told them what was coming. That’s everyone bar Grundy – ever the professional, he was not impressed with the beer plan and thought we should have been playing for pride. Thank god the Princes culture is far more professional now and brings regular premierships – but gee we had fun!*

*Simply sensational Grundy well done – may you and your webbed shoes play another 100 games!!!” – Matthew Johnson (1999 C Grade Coach & 2001 C Grade Assistant Coach)*

*“My one is from a playing experience with Grundy:- The great Ambulance call out on the Footy Oval at Shudholz Road Windsor Gardens, Grundy inhaling Pain Killer on the stretcher off the oval, taken to hospital with expected broken ankle/leg only to roll up presentations at the Havelock with a Mild Sprained Ankle that night.” – Thomas Paine (2000’s team mate & 2016 F Grade Coach)*

*“I remember Grundy to be a great “Princes Team Man”, always trained well and was always picked, super reliable. A big strong burly footballer with a bulky running style....A very honest Ruckman / Centre Half Back, strong voice and great on-field leader, especially with the back six and around stoppages. On many occasions Grundy would be cheered by the boys for courageously backing back into packs to take a strong grab or punch to spoil his opponent, rarely beaten and often a worthy winner of “The Mug” on Saturdays at the General Havelock Hotel (Upstairs). Hearty congratulations big fella on reaching 300 games for the club a well-earned and exclusive milestone. Cheers Spears” – Hayden Spears (2005 C Grade Coach)*

*“His pre-game feast always had an ice cream usually a magnum... unlike House of Pain’s Big Mac. Who can forget Miss Princess and the hubba bubba. On a serious note he never gave up when he played always gave 200% not once did he complain he just got the job done.” – Adam Balnaves (2006 C Grade Coach)*

*“Grundy, a true clubman. I’ll never forget the day he called for the count and the death threats that followed us back to the Havelock! Ah, the good old days. Congratulations Grundy.” – Benjamin Nash (2007 B Grade Coach)*

*“When I think about Aggots and have a look at the all the Mentors/Coaches he has had over his illustrious career the first thought that comes to mind is what a bunch of lunatics the poor bloke has had to put up with. Perhaps only Myles Browning and Chris Hocking are missing to complete what would be a full deck of very bizarre characters.*

*My least favourite memory about Aggots – having to tell him he was going to miss out on the C Grade Grand Final team in 2008 – I swear he was the only one who trained all year and I left him out so I could play!*

*My favourite memory about Aggots – letting him know that he was in the B Grade Grand Final team in 2009.*

*Without a doubt one of the most selfless, kind, generous and amazing people our great Club has had shuffle through its door.” – Sean Tanner (2008 C Grade & 2009 B Grade Coach)*

*“Grant England - Grundy, Reg Grundy, Aggots, release the Baboons, Monkeys, a bloke that was at the footy club when I started 18 seasons ago and is still there now. A stalwart of B, C, and D Grade footy and a regular face around the club, whether it be training, match day or “the club”. 300 games, I’d hate to think how many times he pulled on his old Carlton jumper to attend training!!! Not blessed with a mad leap or explosive pace or agility, Grundy was a bloody good ruckman, providing excellent service around the ground, well known for backing back in to packs and angry CHF’s. He has surprisingly straight and stiff (steel like) arms when attempting to mark and while not a prolific marker of the ball, one of the best at “creating a contest”. Rarely injured, rarely not available (until recent years due to work) Grundy is a very deserved 300 game player, given his commitment to the club, training attendance, match play and exceptional “footy club” sessions, the highlight being Miss Princes in circa 2005 when the nickname “Aggots” began – something to do with being located at the Havelock after close, passed out, naked on a table. A very interesting bloke, one of the good guys of the club, terrible beard and bad dress sense (reference amphibi-feet) but a club legend. Congratulations Grundy, very well deserved. I look forward to playing alongside you on the big day!.” – Timothy Sanders (current team mate & fellow 2009 B Grade & 2011 C Grade Premiership player)*

*“I’ve played with Grundy since school days and it’s now 20y since I finished in 97 and he finished in 96. He’s a great club man having spent many a night celebrating the wins and commiserating the losses, and supporting the other teams throughout. There would be quite a few litres of frothies consumed...*

*It’s been great to play all my games with Grundy in the team or at the club and to be part of a premiership together. Always reliable in the ruck and to back into packs, arms straight and body on the line. Keep playing, and supporting the club. I look forward to sharing a frothy with you after the big 300. Legend.” – Nicholas Sanders (current team mate & fellow 2011 C Grade Premiership player)*



Grant “Thomas Cooper” England, season 2014  
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*“How could you go past Miss Princes (maybe 2007??) with the Hubba bubba aggots, carrying him down the stairs and dropping him home to the baboon enclosure.*

*One of the highlights of my time at the club.”* – Anthony Allen (fellow 2011 C Grade Premiership player)

*“Congrats Agates, 300 matches is a very commendable effort, especially considering the amount of knocks you have taken in the ruck and backing into packs! Off the field you always gave it everything also, mainly evidenced by your Mr Princes effort upstairs at the Havelock all those years back.”* – Tyson Smith (current team mate & fellow 2011 C Grade Premiership player)

*“Congratulations Grundy on 300 games! A magnificent achievement and a credit to your commitment and durability. Grundy possesses one of the most unique marking styles I have ever seen with the two flat and squared up hands ensuring that the ball never gets passed him but is hardly ever marked!*

*I also recall him many times manning the door as security at Miss Princes. Still unsure whether he was stopping people getting into the back room or stopping contestants getting out!*

*A great Club man, well done Aggots!”* – Michael Siciliano (Club Chairman, current team mate & fellow 2011 C Grade Premiership player)

*“The main things I think of with Grundy are the variety of names he's been called over the years, his terrible dress sense (in particular the amphibious like runners he wore a number of years ago that were like 'glove' shoes), the fact he doesn't have elbow joints (therefore marking everything like he has rods in his arms)!*

*Besides the joking side, a very honest guy/footballer that is exceedingly slow but keeps battling, never gives up and always does his best to help the side to win!*

*He should get rid of that ridiculous beard he keeps growing as well!!!”* – Michael Sanders (current team mate & one of only two players still playing that started at the Club before Grundy)



Post match in the “home team” rooms at Bob Neil #1, 2nd Semi Final vs Hope Valley 2014

**Welcome to the 300 Club this weekend Aggotts!!**