

Fast-break Crows

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IT DIDN'T deliver a win but Adelaide's willingness to play fast-break footy through the corridor against Fremantle yesterday will excite fans three weeks from the start of the premiership season.

The Crows were competitive against the Dockers in Mount Barker, WA, but paid the price for failing to capitalise on their inside-50 dominance in the first half – evident by their run of eight consecutive behinds.

While the scoreboard might not matter in the NAB Challenge, coach Don Pyke will undoubtedly demand better finishing in the real thing because a two-point loss when you have 27 scoring shots to 16 is far too costly.

Several players continued to stake their claim for round one selection including Collingwood recruit Paul Seedsman, who provided a classy link from defence to attack and Jarryd Lyons, who was on the fringe last season.

Rory Sloane made a seamless return to footy in his first game of the pre-season and his smooth clearance work was as if he had been playing all summer, while Matt Crouch has now averaged 25 disposals in two pre-season games which should shore up his spot in the midfield.

For the most part of the day Adelaide was clean with the footy and importantly did the hard stuff like Sloane's chase-down tackle on Nat Fyfe which stopped the superstar booting a goal from 50m after storming away from a centre clearance.

And second-year defender Jake Lever wasn't afraid to go back with the flight of the footy and into oncoming traffic, which happened to be 100kg beast Matthew Pavlich, to af-

NAB CHALLENGE DOCKERS V CROWS

	FREMANTLE 3.0 13.4 1.6.4 1.9.6	69
	ADELAIDE 4.5 4.11 6.14 8.19	67

BEST

Fremantle: Fyfe, Hill, Sherridan, Suban, Walters, Barlow.
Adelaide: Sloane, Douglas, Lever, Crouch, Seedsman, Laird.

SUPER GOALS

Fremantle: Pavlich.

GOALS

Fremantle: Fyfe, Suban 2, Taberner, Weller, Mzungu, Walters, Taberner.
Adelaide: Smith, Lynch, Jenkins, Menzel, Sloane, Lyons, Mackay, Douglas.

INJURIES

Adelaide: Smith (ill).

UMPIRES

L. Farmer, J. Dalglish, D. Margetts.

CROWD

4767 at Sounness Park.

late withdrawal before the match. Instead he went head-to-head with Jon Griffin and Jack Hannath which meant his performance could be more realistically measured and the 201cm rookie broke even in hit-outs in a competitive showing.

Rory Laird was his reliable self in defence, while Rory Atkins was busy with 24 disposals and first-round draftee Terry Milera backed up his impressive debut last week with another clever showing with the footy.

The Crows led by 11 points at quarter time on the back of 14-6 inside 50s before Pavlich's super goal to open the second term. Adelaide was able to lock the footy in its forward half but didn't cash in, instead kicking eight consecutive behinds, as the Crows peppered the goals without reward.

Adelaide's forwards pushed up the ground and often beyond the centre, then ran hard the other way when they won the footy and tried to exploit Fremantle on the fast break.


The back injury that threatened to hamper Nat Fyfe's pre-season did nothing of the sort with the Brownlow Medallist at his brilliant best in a full-blown hit-out and his set shot goal gave the Dockers the lead early in the third quarter.


The visitors led by one point at the final change but goals to Matt Taberner and Nick Suban soon gave the Dockers a matchwinning lead, although the Crows played out the game like it was for premiership points.

Adelaide was due to fly home last night and now has a week off before its final NAB Challenge match against the Gold Coast at Metricon Stadium on March 11.

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	DISPOSALS					BALL USE			POSSESSIONS							SCOREBOARD					RANK			
	FREMANTLE					Kicks	H/balls	Metres	Disp Eff %	Contested	Uncontested	Intercepts	Marks	Inter. Marks	Clearances	Tackles	Pressure Acts	Goals	Behinds	Assists	Involvements	ToG %	Total	Average
N.Fyfe	8	7	6	5	26	10	16	288	69	17	10	2	5	1	10	2	13	2	1	1	7	85	138	98
T.Sheridan	9	4	10	5	28	15	13	384	89	7	19	2	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	2	76	128	111
N.Suban	5	4	3	7	19	13	6	304	79	6	13	1	3	0	1	2	10	2	0	0	3	83	102	91
M.Barlow	6	5	2	6	19	6	13	125	68	9	10	0	2	0	4	9	16	0	1	0	3	68	92	111
S.Hill	2	5	3	5	15	13	2	488	80	4	10	2	3	1	0	3	9	0	0	0	2	91	82	81
T.Mzungu	3	3	1	4	11	5	6	95	73	6	5	1	1	0	3	8	16	1	0	0	4	79	82	99
D.Pearce	2	6	6	3	17	10	7	385	71	6	10	2	3	0	2	0	9	0	1	1	4	84	75	67
C.Mayne	1	5	3	4	13	5	8	209	77	4	9	2	4	0	0	2	15	0	2	3	5	86	73	73
C.Sutcliffe	11	2	3	1	17	10	7	163	76	2	14	2	7	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	1	80	71	93
L.Neale	2	2	8	7	19	11	8	193	63	9	10	2	3	0	5	1	15	0	0	0	2	77	69	91
C.Blakely	2	2	6	4	14	5	9	-21	71	8	6	0	3	0	3	3	13	0	0	0	0	76	65	60
E.Langdon	4	3	6	3	16	8	8	189	69	5	11	1	4	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	2	68	64	64
S.Collins	0	0	4	3	7	7	0	203	100	2	5	2	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	39	63	34
L.Weller	4	2	3	1	10	3	7	126	90	7	3	0	0	0	2	3	15	1	0	0	1	65	60	70
M.Taberner	1	2	3	3	9	8	1	269	56	3	6	0	5	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	4	91	55	60
M.Johnson	7	5	1	0	13	10	3	384	69	1	11	2	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	61	51	51
A.Silvagni	0	0	5	1	6	6	0	78	67	0	5	0	4	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	1	51	46	50
J.Hannath	1	1	1	1	4	2	2	7	75	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	5	0	0	1	1	93	43	36
M.Walters	4	4	1	5	14	8	6	258	36	5	9	0	3	0	1	2	9	1	0	0	2	81	40	65
J.Griffin	3	1	0	4	8	4	4	109	37	4	4	0	0	0	2	1	9	0	0	1	2	88	38	55
E.Hughes	0	0	5	3	8	4	4	29	75	3	5	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	39	37	37
M.Pavlich	5	4	0	0	9	4	5	128	67	1	8	0	3	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	2	42	35	79
B.Grey	0	0	3	1	4	1	3	39	75	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	9	0	1	0	2	35	33	33
G.Ibbotson	5	2	1	2	10	7	3	84	60	3	6	0	3	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	74	32	69
C.Pearce	4	3	0	0	7	6	1	42	86	1	6	2	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	36	24	37
Z.Dawson	2	1	0	0	3	0	3	-4	100	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	52	22	42
TOTALS	91	73	84	78	326	181	145	4555	72	119	200	27	79	8	35	49	10	6						
DIFFERENCE	-1	-20	14	-14	-21	-1	-20	-167	-5	7	-37	-12	-11	-3	10	-9	2	-13						
HITOUTS (ADV)																								
FRE	40 (11)	Griffin	25 (6)	Hannath	11 (4)																			
ADE	25 (8)	O'Brien	19 (8)	Dear	2 (0)																			
FREES	TOT	D50	MID	F50	INS50s	1	2	3	4	TOT	FWD HALF	% TIME	MARK ISO	TACK ISO	% GOAL ISO	SOURCE	KICK IN	STOPPAGE	TURNOVER	SHOTS	Acc%	Exp	Act	
FRE	15	2	9	4	FRE	6	11	13	8	38	FRE	42%	5	8	24%	FRE	1.0.6	4.0.24	5.6.39	FRE	20	45	73	69
ADE	10	1	8	1	ADE	14	13	6	10	43	ADE	58%	10	6	19%	ADE	0.0.0	3.7.25	5.12.42	ADE	28	29	87	67

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R.Laird	7	9	7	6	29	10	19	175	90	8	20	6	5	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	7	85	121	107
R.Douglas	4	5	7	6	22	13	9	322	86	8	15	5	5	1	4	6	18	1	0	0	7	71	117	106
M.Crouch	8	6	5	7	26	17	9	441	69	10	16	0	4	0	6	16	0	2	1	8	67	117	116	
R.Atkins	2	7	9	7	25	11	14	356	68	8	18	4	4	1	0	2	8	0	1	0	6	73	103	105
N.van Berlo	5	3	5	5	18	7	11	193	94	2	16	0	6	0	0	3	10	0	0	3	8	71	98	81
T.Lynch	6	8	1	5	20	13	7	392	75	4	17	1	8	0	0	1	6	1	1	4	8	86	95	112
J.Lever	2	4	3	6	15	9	6	159	87	6	8	2	4	1	0	3	5	0	0	0	5	77	90	82
P.Seedsman	7	0	5	3	15	11	4	463	73	4	11	3	6	0	0	3	12	0	1	2	7	83	90	69
R.O'Brien	3	3	0	2	8	0	8	6	100	5	4	0	0	0	2	6	11	0	0	1	4	82	81	81
D.Mackay	4	6	1	4	15	9	6	204	73	4	12	0	5	0	1	4	14	1	2	1	7	70	78	75
J.Lyons	4	4	5	4	17	9	8	236	53	8	9	2	2	0	0	3	9	1	2	1	7	76	77	78
R.Sloane	7	7	3	2	19	8	11	295	84	5	11	1	3	0	3	3	15	1	1	0	7	85	72	72
J.Jenkins	3	2	3	4	12	8	4	219	58	6	6	0	7	0	0	0	5	1	4	2	9	89	61	48
K.Cheney	3	2	4	5	14	10	4	159	79	6	7	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	83	60	61
W.Milera	4	4	0	1	9	3	6	87	78	4	6	1	4	0	1	3	9	0	0	3	5	51	54	69
K.Hartigan	5	2	0	1	8	6	2	90	87	2	8	4	5	3	0	1	5	0	0	0	1	72	54	52
C.Ellis-Yolmen	7	4	2	2	15	5	10	85	60	9	6	2	1	0	3	2	7	0	0	0	4	69	41	61
D.Gore	0	0	1	3	4	0	4	-6	100	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	8	0	0	1	3	45	39	62
S.Shaw	1	2	0	5	8	4	4	91	87	2	6	2	3	1	0	2	6	0	0	0	1	70	38	38
J.Kelly	0	0	2	4	6	4	2	40	83	1	5	0	4	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	1	42	35	35
L.Brown	2	4	2	2	10	6	4	158	90	1	9	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	73	35	53
M.McGovern	0	4	0	1	5	3	2	58	60	1	4	0	3	0	0	2	9	0	1	0	2	81	32	32
T.Menzel	2	2	1	1	6	6	0	126	83	0	6	0	3	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	4	80	30	30
B.Smith	5	3	0	0	8	5	3	181	50	0	8	1	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	2	29	29	41
M.Grigg	0	0	2	5	7	3	4	100	57	2	5	0	0	0	1	3	6	0	0	0	1	31	25	35
H.Dear	1	2	2	1	6	2	4	90	50	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	58	9	23
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