

Andrew Mason Encourages Teammates to Stop Jumping to Honour Michael Jordan



Andrew Mason: Clutch Shooter
"Yipee Kai-Yay..."

Ever wonder what goes on inside that shiny dome? Prior to a Thursday training, Riballed caught up for a natter with the reigning Div 3 MVP...

"I'm going to stop jumping in order to properly honour recent Hall of Fame inductee Michael Jordan," Mason stated. "I've been doing it at training a lot, but my teammates don't really get why. Maybe they think I'm lazy or arrogant, but it's deeper than that. MJ jumped a lot. It was his signature. When players jump, whether for a tip-off, a jump shot, or a layup, they're basically copying what Michael Jordan did when he would propel himself upward and lift both feet off the ground," explained Mason, animatedly. "The fact of the matter is, without MJ changing the game by making his body go up into the air, us young guys wouldn't even know what jumping is." Mason averages 18 points per game while remaining ground bound at all times.

Peter Waller Out For Season After Cutting Open Elbow



Peter Waller: "I'm just glad it wasn't my 'me-time' hand..."

Griffins' team doctor, Dr Brian Ho, announced Thursday that Peter Waller will miss the rest of the season recovering from significant ligament and cartilage damage after the inquisitive swingman cut open his elbow with a steak knife in an effort to look inside and see how the joint works. "I was teaching anatomical science to my 6/7 class, and I thought it would be beneficial to their learning", explained the East Para Primary School teacher. "You know, there's a lot more stuff in there than I thought,"

said Waller, who after finishing the surgery attempted to stop the bleeding by wrapping an entire roll of toilet paper around his arm. "It probably needs all those meaty-looking ropes so it can bend. And look at this—if you apply the right pressure the elbow just kind of unscrews and pops off, see? Pretty cool, huh?"

In other injury news, Griffins guard Scott Krstic has been ruled out for 3-4 weeks with a crumpled sternum brought on by excessive chest bumping.

Congratulations!!!



GRIFFINS FORWARD SIEBERT GETS MARRIED, UNLIKELY TO SCORE MORE...

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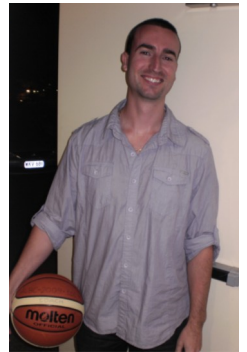
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Welcome to Riballed!

Everything at the Griffins is getting new. There's a new men's head coach, new rookies, new transferred players, a new warm-up routine, new weddings, new guys who can dunk, new guys who can't dunk, and a bunch of new guys who if

they had a long enough run up could probably dunk a tennis ball. Then there's the new season, new team-lists, new offense, new defense, new tats and new shoes! Luckily, the new Riballed is geared up and primed to help you

cope with all the newness...



Head Coach Jamie Drumm

GRIFFINS PLAN TO OUTBASKETBALL OPPOSITION

The Adelaide University Griffins announced the appointment of new Head Coach Jamie Drumm at a press conference held on the Barr Smith Lawns. Drumm coolly and calmly answered questions from the throng of reporters and posed for photographs with Club Vice-President Jason Seibert and Manager of Basketball Operations Chris Ellis. Many basketball analysts have already labeled year 2010 as 'The Year of the Griffin' and Coach Drumm is approaching this season with an enthusiastic confidence.

"I really think we can basketball better than our opposition can over the course of a 40 minute game", Drumm said during his nationally televised statement. "We already basketballed better than they all basketballed last year, we just have to concentrate on basketballing patiently on offense and not over-basketballing it when we're on the defensive end, meanwhile taking advantage of our oppositions' tendency to under-basketball on transitions, and we'll outwin more games than they will. So, if we're smart and stay composed, then, yes, I cannot foresee the Griffins being out-basketballed. Looking at our work in the pre-season and at trainings, it's hard to see any weaknesses. We'll be a hard team to outvictory. Just look at the numbers – we're outwinning our opposition by thoroughly outdefeating them, and we're outbettering them in every statistical category," Drumm said. "There's not much else I can say to the club and our supporters at this point, except that we can't be satisfied to outturnover of outfoul our opposition because then we might outlose to them as well."

When asked as to whether his team could be outscored, Drumm claimed that he didn't understand the question and refused any further comment.

8 Seconds in the Backcourt with: Adam Robertson



00:08 - Real full name is Robert Bob Robertson, but changed his name after being placed in witness protection

00:07- Learned to play basketball with Eagles, not the Forrestville kind, but with an actual flock of predatory birds.

00:06 - Life's goal is to achieve hops at the maddest level possible

00:05 - Steps up on defense but not so far that he steps past the player he's defending

00:04 - Averages two points per dunk

00:03 - Can spin the ball on his fingertip if everyone just backs up a little

00:02 - Sometimes has to leave the team bench during games because he "has to take a dunk"

00:01 - Is not actually affected by gravity, but is willing to put up with it for sportsmanship sake

00:00 - Is more popular than Patty Branford although no-one will admit it because no one wants to see Patty cry

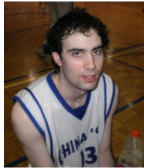
Promise Of Hot Meal, Free Uniform All Adam Robertson Needed To Sign With Griffins

Speaking with members of the Adelaide media Tuesday, rookie guard Adam 'Robbo' Robertson announced between spoonfuls of complimentary tomato soup that he was excited to be a part of the Griffins' organisation, and was "proud and grateful" to wear the team's free uniform. "It's exciting to be a part of this team, but the fact that [manager of basketball operations] Chris [Ellis] promised me free rye bread here today was really the determining factor," said the 5-foot-11 swingman, who arrived to the press conference shirtless. "I look forward to contributing in any way I can. Hey, I'll be getting a pub-crawl t-shirt too, right? It gets so cold at night." Robinson was signed by the Griffins late last year during its "community help/helping community" campaign.

GRIFFINS TO WATCH



Mark Scopacosa: Can make layups off either foot so long as he can finish with his left hand



John Tonkin: Occasionally breaks the "John Tonkin doesn't get to shoot" rule



Brad Pitman: Averages three points on the majority of his made three-pointers

Pass Master: Dave Scroggs

THE POST UP

Some guys are all about the alley-oop, the game winning shot or the defensive lockdown. Not up-and-coming Griffins point guard **Dave Scroggs**. "I'm all about the pass", said an animated Dave, providing hand signals and body motions in demonstrating his passing prowess. "I've got this special one where I pass the ball to the floor but I'm secretly passing it to a teammate", Dave explained. "It's called my special-pass-to-the-floor-but-actually-to-a-team-mate-pass pass". "This pass is way better than Kelly's 'bounce pass' - whatever that is, I mean, his passing game is shit compared to mine. My passing game is the shit. My passing game is so tight, I don't even need teammates. They just get in the way of my awesome passes"



When asked if he practices his passes to improve his passing ability Dave responded "My whole life is about the pass, I'm like, I live a holistic passing lifestyle. When I'm driving my car, I'm gonna pass you, when I'm at the back of the class and someone hands me a note, I'm gonna pass that, and like, when I eat too much curry, you can be damn sure I'm gonna pass that. Holla back, ya'll!"

When asked 'how do your passes help your teammates?' Dave replied; "I had this one pass which was sweet, Port Adelaide, 2009, I'm like, one-handed full court bullet pass, you know, sweet, and friggin' John Tonkin F***s it up. I'm like, God has blessed me with the ability to pass, and I ain't braggin', my passing is, like a spiritual thing, you know, I just wish I had teammates that could be blessed with the ability to catch the damn ball, know what I'm sayin'? I'm like the Mother Theresa of passing and they're all like, you know, the lost, impoverished souls who can't catch, and it's my job to throw passes to help them, not just on the court, but, you know, in life as well".

And when asked about his favorite or most memorable pass, Dave paused then delivered the following anecdote. "My favorite pass would have to be my buzzer-beating chest pass that helped us knock off Western in the conference semis. Yeah, like, the clock was winding down, we were up by 6, and all I had to do was deliver that pass right to the right guy at the exact right time. It's fourth quarter, you know, my passing game is just clutch like that. Clocks at 3 seconds... two seconds... and I just raise up and flick that ball and it's nothing but palm when my boy catches it... zero. That's game, baby. Like I said, my passing game is just sexy..."

