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Clarry scores with Sturt jumper

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MURRAY Bridge High School inaugural South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) member Clarry Garlett is not just a talented footballer for his local team the Imperials. He’s also a handy artist. So handy, in fact, that he was chosen to design the Sturt Football Club’s SANFL Indigenous round jumper. It’s not so much of a surprise considering Clarry has won the past three jumper design competitions for his school’s SAASTA Aboriginal Power Cup team.

Sturt operations manager Paul Sandercock co-ordinated the Indigenous jumper idea through former player Charlie Sharples, who got SAASTA manager Lindsay Bassani involved.

“Clarry’s Indigenous round design incorporated elements from both the Kaurna and Ngarrindjeri nations as a show of acknowledgment to the traditional owners,” Bassani said.

“For SAASTA to be able to assist the indigenous community through something all clubs can get involved in, I’m proud that my students could be a part of it,” Bassani said.

Sturt’s Josh Cubillo, left, wearing the jumper designed by Clarry Garlett, right, part of Sturt’s strong contribution to the SANFL Indigenous round and hope that it can become an annual tradition that all SANFL clubs are a part of.

“Since entering SAASTA, Clarry’s schooling has gone from strength to strength as he now nears the successful completion of his South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

“As a young lad, Clarry has done himself proud and proven our people’s skills stretch far beyond the footy field.”

Josh Cubillo, a 100-game SANFL league footballer and member of a strong Indigenous contingent at Sturt, said the playing group at Unley were impressed with the jumper and the work that Clarry had put into the design.

The SAASTA program is also garnering excellent results. It is a sporting and educational program that offers Indigenous students the skills, opportunities and confidence to ‘Dream, Believe and Achieve’ in the areas sport, education, employment and healthy living.

SAASTA’s aim is to encourage every student to aim high by raising the bar of expectation they place on themselves and their peers in areas such as attendance, participation, educational achievement and behaviour.

**Sri Lanka berth for Christian**

INDIGENOUS player Dan Christian is in the 15-man Australian squad for the ICC World Twenty20 next month in Sri Lanka.

The cricket squad contains no surprises – the group identical to the one already named for a tour to Pakistan starting this month.

All-rounder Christian has made his mark on the short version of the game. George Bailey will again captain the Australia T20 team, which is hoping to go one better than their runner-up finish to England in the 2010 final in the West Indies.

Shane Watson will be Bailey’s deputy, and David Warner will open the batting.

The squad boasts plenty of experience with the Husseys – brothers, Mike and Dave, Cameron White, Brad Hogg and Clint McKay – along with the youth of Patrick Cummins, Mitchell Starc and Victorian Glenn Maxwell who plays for the Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League.

National selector John Inverarity said a real strength of the group was its flexibility and versatility.

“It’s a well-balanced side that will provide plenty of options in both the batting line-up and bowling possibilities,” he said.

“The seam bowling has depth with Clint McKay, Pat Cummins, Ben Hilfenhaus and Mitch Starc along with all-rounders Shane Watson and Dan Christian.

“Similarly, there is depth in the spin bowling department with Brad Hogg, Xavier Doherty and also all-rounders Glenn Maxwell and David Hussey. You can then add to that the possibility of the wrist spin of Cameron White and David Warner.

“There is a great deal of explosive strike power in the batting line-up that could see Matthew Wade at six, Cameron White at seven and either Dan Christian or Glenn Maxwell at eight. There is also a good blend of left- and right-handers, with David Warner, Michael Hussey and Wade likely to be in the top seven.”

Australia’s World T20 campaign will start officially on 19 September in Colombo, Sri Lanka against Ireland, with the final scheduled for 7 October. – AAP