Here at the SCT Community we aim to provide you with as much information and data as possible to aid your SC tilt, for overall or league glory. Bye planning is important in doing well in this challenging game. Good team management will allow you to make up ground, or fall away, if you manage your numbers badly! Consider those players you start with, and those you want to bring in, carefully. Consider ***when*** you bring your guns in. It’s a delicate balance of points now and less points on some bye rounds … so choose & plan carefully! You also must factor in injuries, trades left to end of year and DPP coverage … easy huh?

That said, please find enclosed the SCT Bye Planner for the start of the season, with player information current from the Official SC site as of 2nd February. Time and information available, we will look to update this file closer to **round 1** with any changes – and please let us know of any discrepancies!

Two versions of the planner are supplied. Choose your **“Gun Qualifier”** based on **Price** (eg to be counted as a Gun defender, your value is over $450K) or on **Average** (defender = 90+) and so on … it’s up to you which one you choose!!

**‘Qualifiers’ currently set to:**

Def = $450,000 or 90+

Mid = $525,000 or 105+

Ruc = $500,000 or 100+

Fwd = $450,000 or 90+

**AND … YOU GET TO SET YOUR OWN ‘QUALIFIER’ AMOUNT!! (see, we aim to please!)**

In **Column O and cells 13, 26, 31 and 51** – you can set your own amounts and simply **choose** which dollar or average, **from the drop-down list**, you would like your premos to ‘qualify’ at … easy as that!

Make sure you nominate any players in your squad that you do not believe will play in any rounds, including the byes, to get a more accurate total of available numbers (***think Nietschke!***). – **SEE COLUMN I ON THE “PLANNER TAB”**

The **price / budget calculator** shown in **Cells J46 to J49** of the **PLANNER TAB** will let you know if you can afford your starting lineup.

***HINT*** – *use the planner to make all your team changes* ***BEFORE*** *playing on the actual SC site!! Saves inadvertent locking in your changes when not ready in round 1 and the last-minute players not listed!! Trades are gold remember!* *Set up a few for different scenarios!!*

The bye planner will continue to work each week showing how many players you have available over each of the bye rounds, though averages and player values etc will only be updated when I get a chance to upload current data.

**PLANNER TAB**

* The key tab
* Choose now whether each of your players are likely to play or are just an emergency loophole (***think Nietschke!***) in **COLUMN I** – this will update the real numbers you have available each week
* Shows 2020 starting data and final 2019 averages for players.
* Simply **choose the players you want in each position in each of the cells in Column B** (choose from the drop-down list in each cell, listed in alpha order on surname)
* Make sure you check your possible players (**Columns Q to U & rows 12, 25,30 & 40**) and “Guns” (rows 13, 26, 31 & 41) for each of the bye rounds
* Check total possible numbers in rows 42 and 43 and watch for the cells colour change depending on numbers!
* Check also the **warning box** in **rows 50-54, Columns R-U** – this lets you know to be careful with your bye numbers in total – you can’t say you have 18 in a round if 10 are in the Mids – only 8 can play!

**PLAYER DATA TAB**

* This is a key tab with the data of all players. Filters are included on each column to allow you to search on each column – you can search by position or club to start with – **BUT**, there’s more for you this year – read on!!
* **Averages** for the last four (4) years are included along with the total key stats (total, games and average) for players in 2018 & 19!! – is your player improving?
* ​​​​​​​​​**Rookies** are shaded in yellow.
* **Club Change** – players that have changed clubs in the off season also have their club shaded blue. (also see the separate tab for full list). Will this improve or hinder their scoring?

**​DON’T DELETE OR ALTER ANY OF THE DATA ON ANY OF THE TABS AS IT IS USED TO MAKE THE WHOLE FILE WORK!!**

**SEASON DRAW TAB**

* **The full draw is included on this tab and just for your added bonus, I have also included a grid to help you determine the best club to run a non-playing player to take advantage of the C / VC loop to the byes!**
* **Anyone for a Demon or Saint?? There’s a little bit more to it, but I’m not going to do all your work for you!**

**ADDITIONAL TABS**

* **For your ease, note that tabs are included listing all players in each position (D, M, R and F) and all rookies listed on their own tab – filters included on each tab.**
* **A separate tab is also included for those players changing clubs with their new and old clubs**
* **Even better! – a new tab also included indicating the positions changes of players – when combined with club changes, does this make your player a better or worse option??**
* **But wait! There’s more – also a tab and colour indicating players that are making a return – from injury or other lay-off – I may or may not have included this just for *AllSaints* and his love of those mid-priced bargains!!**
* **Hopefully, when you combine all of these colour coded players, it may help you find that gem or breakout player you are looking for – well, at least based on stats eh?**
* **Spare a thought also, as we play this great game, for those players no longer listed – retired or not currently making a side, after being listed in 2019. They are included in their own tab as well … and it is interesting to note the number of players that were rookies last year that haven’t made it … it’s a tough life to make it in footy!**
* **There are 44 club changes, 234 rookies listed, and 115 players have dropped off from 2019! Positional changes totalled 222!**

**So, get to it! Leave a comment on the thread as well for any thoughts or ideas and discussions – we love those!**

* Choose your players in **Column B** of PLANNER TAB
* **Check cell J49** to determine if you have sufficient cash for your choices – POP UP MESSAGES WILL APPEAR AND THE CELL WILL CHANGE COLOUR IF **GOOD** OR **BAD**
* Check all the tabs for any data that you think will help your SC year!

Happy Bye Planning all and good luck for the year!!

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