

# GOLF SA PENNANT 2014 SIMPSON CUP PREVIEW

# **KOOYONGA**

Manager: Geoff Raneberg

Captain: -

**Squad:** Tim Baker, Heath Riches, Charles Shaw, Jordan Bishop,

Will Somerfield, Zak Fuller, John Hayes. Peter Johns

**IN:** Peter Johns

**OUT:** Daniel Speirs, Jason Cocks, Brad Spaven

LAST YEAR 1<sup>st</sup>
PREDICTION 1<sup>st</sup>
TITLES 32

## **Managers Comments**

"The playing group is eagerly anticipating the challenge of defending our title".

## **SUMMARY**

Kooyonga will retain 6 players from the Championship winning team from last season with Daniel Speirs the only player exiting due to overseas travel. He will be duly replaced however by Junior State player Peter Johns. If all players remain injury free Kooyonga should be right in the mix once again. Expecting 5 plus wins and a finals berth.

## **THE GRANGE**

Manager: Nick Cheary
Captain: Justin Crowder

Squad: Justin Crowder, Anthony Murdaca, Jack Williams, Matthew Lisk, Scott Webb, Colin

Coleman, Ben Stowe, Mark Demasi, Ben Tucker, Andre Na

IN: Colin Coleman, Ben Tucker, Andre Na, Mark Demasi

**OUT:** Nick Cheary, Chris Brown, Rudi DuPlooy

LAST YEAR 2<sup>nd</sup>
PREDICTION 2<sup>nd</sup>
TITLES 21

## **Managers Comments**

"We are committed to going one step further than in 2013 when we were beaten by Kooyonga in the final. We've lost some experience from last year's team, but with five players in this year's State Team, we are confident we have the team to be a title contender. The additions of Tucker, Coleman, Demasi and Na create a good blend of experience and youth within the playing group, which looks forward to the challenge this season".

## **SUMMARY**

Grange will be fielding a team of 5 of the top 7 players in the state, despite losing last season's number 1 player Chris Brown to the pro ranks. Current state number one Anthony Murdaca will only be available for a few early season rounds prior to a 3 month stint in the US but Andre Na and Ben Tucker are both quality players who can fill the void. Champions from 2007-2009 they should be hungry enough to get the job done.





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## **GLENELG**

Manager: Geoff Attenborough
Captain: Campbell Rawson

**Squad:** Leigh Attenborough, James Bridgen, Connor Chant, Henry Duregon, Josh Hayes,

David Hiern, Ben Magi, Anthony Olsen, Matt Overall, Campbell Rawson.

**IN:** Leigh Attenborough, James Bridgen, Connor Chant, Henry Duregon, Ben Magi.

**OUT:** Lachlan Booth, Andrew Gryzbowski, Matt McGowan.

LAST YEAR 3<sup>rd</sup>
PREDICTION 3<sup>rd</sup>
TITLES 9

## **Managers Comments**

"The Glenelg Pennant Squad has had a solid preparation for the coming season. We are a very even team with a good blend of youth and experience and will be looking to have a strong result this year".

## **SUMMARY**

The team looks strong despite the departure of former Club Champion Matt McGowan, Lachlan Booth and Andrew Grzybowski. With 2011 Club Champion and seasoned pennant campaigner Leigh Attenborough returning and Connor Chant into the side, anything is possible in 2014 especially if Campbell Rawson and Josh Hayes play well. Champions last in 2003.

## **TEA TREE GULLY**

Manager: Jordan Harkin Captain: Chris Austin

Squad: Chris Austin, Greg Blewett, Jacin Cook, Luke Steele, Chris Noon, Zane Thompson, Zak

Amundson, Matthew McMahon, Sam Burton

IN: Sam Burton OUT: Sam White

LAST YEAR 4<sup>th</sup>
PREDICTION 5<sup>th</sup>
TITLES 4

# **Managers Comments**

"After a mid-table finish last year, we have high hopes of a stronger season with younger players Sam Burton and Jacin Cook showing great development, balanced by our experienced top 3 of Chris, Luke and Greg."

## **SUMMARY**

Champions from 2010-12 Gullies finished with 3 wins last year after losing 4 premiership players from their side. With a strong top order they will need their bottom half to step up which they are more than capable of doing. They will be the hunters.



# **HIGHERCOMBE**

Manager: Cameron Scott
Captain: Andrew Couzner

Squad: Mark Deacon, Ben Hallam, Nick May, Adam Husdell, Ben Jaffer, Scott Mills,

Andrew Couzner

**IN:** Kane Parry, David Ovens, Josh Palmer

**OUT:** Tim May, Nathan Cockburn, Joey Howlett, Bowdie Bradwell

LAST YEAR 5<sup>th</sup>
PREDICTION 4<sup>th</sup>
TITLES 0

# **Managers Comments**

"I am extremely proud with what our guys have achieved so far in the Simpson Cup competition. To produce a competitive squad of home grown players that have taken it up to the States best is fantastic for our Club and the atmosphere and excitement it creates within our membership at Highercombe has been terrific. I believe our squad has more depth and experience this year and therefore we are looking to finish a few positions higher".

#### **SUMMARY**

Highercombe won 3 matches in 2012 and 2013 and finished 5<sup>th</sup> both seasons. The inclusion of a new B2 Pennant side, should create player growth and development and put pressure on their top team to perform. A team moving up.

## **THE STIRLING**

Manager: Warren Symons Captain: Phil Roberts

Squad: Ty Turnbull, Phil Roberts, Nigel Hayes, Dylan Goers, Tim Atze, Ramon Thorne, Kym

Rivett, David Henshaw, Brad Altman

IN: Brad Altman

OUT: -

LAST YEAR 6<sup>th</sup>
PREDICTION 7<sup>th</sup>
TITLES 0

## **Managers Comments**

"Our goal this year is to build on our previous three years which had seen us continually improve and earn the respect of the golfing community".

#### **SUMMARY**

After winning the A2 competition in 2012 and finishing with 2 wins and a draw last year, The Stirling, who were previously known as Mt Lofty, will be looking to win 3 or 4 matches and finish in the top half of the table. With an even spread of players including 3 past Country Champions they should be competitive once again.



## **ROYAL ADELAIDE**

Manager: Rod Phillips
Captain: Louis Fuller

Squad: Nathan Baulderstone, Louis Fuller, Billy Cawthorne, Stephen Hudson, Patric Kroschel,

Matt Lawson, James Wallman, Michael Cherry, Andrei Ezergailis, Aaron Southern, Alex

Pacifico

IN: Andrei Ezergailis, Aaron Southern, Alex Pacifico

OUT: Matt Butler, Tom Cooper, Cameron Baulderstone, James Norcock

LAST YEAR 7<sup>th</sup>
PREDICTION 6<sup>th</sup>
TITLES 10

## **Managers Comments**

"We feel that with the experience gained by our team last season, the addition of some experienced Pennant players and the continued development of our juniors Kroschel, Cawthorne, Wallman and Pacifico, the balance of our team is very good and that we are well placed for a strong showing in this season's Simpson Cup campaign".

#### SUMMARY

Royal Adelaide last held aloft the Simpson Cup in 1951 and most recent finals appearance was in 67'. 2014 will likely be another development year for the squad, although with Fuller, Cawthorne and Kroschel they should cause more than a few upsets.

## **BLACKWOOD**

Manager: Keith Parry-Jones Captain: Michael Munn

Squad: Andrew Humphries, Nick Wake, Daniel Loveridge, Mick Munn, Ben Winton, Ben Tobin,

Geordie Golding

IN: Nick Wake, Ben Winton and Geordie Golding

OUT: Zak Burrell, Todd Alexander, Dylan Thomas, Steven Alderson, Stephen Locke

LAST YEAR Winner of A2 2013

PREDICTION 8<sup>th</sup> TITLES 1

## **Managers Comments**

"After a thoroughly satisfying and rewarding 2013, Blackwood Golf Club are thrilled to be back in the top flight of SA Pennants, the Simpson Cup. We farewelled a few good players after last year, however back into the fold is Nick Wake, Blackwood's most experienced Simpson Cup warrior along with Ben Winton and Geordie Golding. Brenton Slee and Matthew Monsma have also returned to boost our Bonnar Cup side. After a pre-season build up starting in early January, the players are excited and ready for the challenge in 2014".

#### **SUMMARY**

After a dominant 2013 season in A2, Blackwood is back into the top grade, however they will be without three premiership players in Burrell, Alexander and Thomas. Winning the Simpson Cup once in 1996, Blackwood will be looking to consolidate its position in the top grade and claim a few scalps.