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DELEDIO WINS JACK DYER MEDAL

Brett Deledio has won the 2008 Jack Dyer Medal.

In an exciting Richmond Best and Fairest count held this evening in the Palladium Ballroom at Crown, the talented young Tiger midfielder polled 250 votes to take out the coveted award from the fast-finishing Shane Tuck on 223 votes, with last year's winner, Matthew Richardson, in third place on 203 votes.

Club vice-captain Chris Newman was fourth on 196 votes, while Kelvin Moore underlined his vast improvement this season by finishing fifth with 186 votes.

Richardson led the count at the halfway mark, narrowly from Deledio, with Tuck, at that stage, a distant 15th.

By the completion of voting for Round 15, Deledio had taken the lead from Richardson, with Tuck moving into ninth place. He wasn't headed from that point, while Tuck charged home to finish runner-up, and Richardson took third place.

Deledio, 21, is the youngest Jack Dyer Medallist since a 20-year-old Matthew Knights won in 1990.

The prized No. 1 selection in the 2004 AFL National Draft continued his impressive development at the game's highest level, producing a remarkably consistent season in 2008.

Deledio, who played all 22 home-and-away games, had 25 disposals or more 10 times, with a season-high 32 against Sydney at the SCG in Round 10.

He averaged 24.4 disposals per game, seven marks per game, was ranked No. 1 at the Club for inside-50 entries (with 91) and No. 1 for goal assists (19). And, he kicked 28 goals himself, which placed him fourth overall on the Tigers' goalkicking list for the season.

For Tuck, it was his third top-three placing in four full seasons at Richmond. He previously had finished third in 2005 and third in 2007.

Tuck was ranked No. 1 in disposals at the Club with 547, at an average of 24.9 per game, and No. 1 for tackles, with 84. He had 25 disposals or more on eight occasions, with a season-high 36 against his former club Hawthorn at the MCG in the Tigers' impressive Round 20 victory.

The hard-working midfielder, who hasn't missed a game since Terry Wallace took over the coaching reins at Tigerland, had 63 inside-50 entries for the season, and he was ranked No. 5 in the competition for total handballs.

Richardson responded to his early-season shift to a wing in superb fashion, producing some of the best football of his illustrious career at age 33.

He averaged 18.2 disposals per game and had 20 disposals or more seven times, with a season-high 29 against the Hawks in Round 20.

The champion Tiger veteran was ranked No. 2 in the competition for total marks, with 222, and No. 1 in the competition for marks per game (11.1 average). He had 45 inside-50 entries, 12 goal assists, and won Richmond's Leading Goalkicker award for the 13th time, with 48 goals.

The voting system for the Jack Dyer Medal is, as follows . . .

After each game, the five members of the Club's match committee cast votes for each of the team's 22 players.

Each player receives zero to five votes from each coach, so the most an individual player can receive in a match is 25 votes.

Five votes are awarded for an outstanding performance, four for an excellent game, down to zero if the player is beaten on the day.

Other award winners announced at the 2008 Jack Dyer Medal night were:

Bill Cosgrove/Harry Jenkins Best First Year Player: Trent Cotchin
Francis Bourke Award: Chris Newman
Michael Roach Medal for Leading Goalkicker: Matthew Richardson
Most Improved Player: Matthew White
Best Player at Coburg: Alex Rance
Most Valuable Person: Gordon Casey
Tattersall's Community Player of the Year: Richard Tambling
Tattersall's Volunteer of the Year: Sally Dunn

Kevin Bartlett Medal (5th place in the Best and Fairest): Kelvin Moore
Fred Swift Medal (4th place in the B & F): Chris Newman
Maurie Fleming Medal (3rd place in the B & F): Matthew Richardson
Jack Titus Medal (2nd place in the B & F): Shane Tuck
Jack Dyer Medal (1st place in the B & F): Brett Deledio

Following, is a list of the top 10 vote-getters in the 2008 Jack Dyer Medal:

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1 st	Brett Deledio	250 votes
2 nd	Shane Tuck	223
3 rd	Matthew Richardson	203
4 th	Chris Newman	196
5 th	Kelvin Moore	186
6 th	Troy Simmonds	184
7 th	Nathan Foley	182
8 th	Jordan McMahan	162
9 th	Nathan Brown	161
10 th	Kane Johnson	155

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