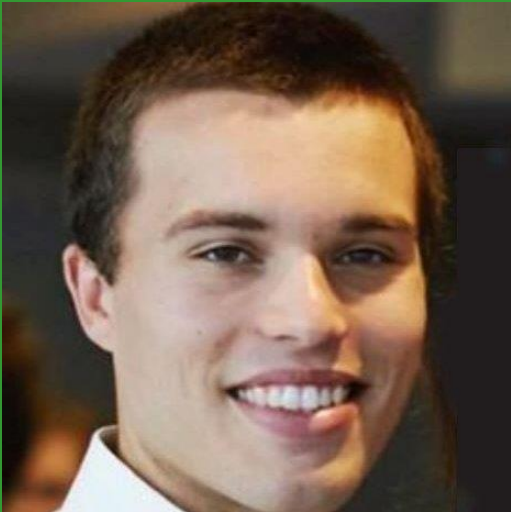


# 2017 Men's Player of the Year- Stuart Adams



The 2017 Battlewin Sports Premier League Player of the Year Award was won by Stuart Adams playing for Avoca Football Club.

Stuart who is now 23 years of age first started his football career with Wyoming Football Club Under 6 team in 2000. Stuart played with Wyoming F.C. up to and including the Under 10A's and was coached for those five seasons by his Dad, Paul Adams.

In 2005 Stuart was selected for the Central Coast Representative Under 11 Metro team, and the following year for the Rep. U.12 Metro team.

Stuart returned to Wyoming for the next two seasons, playing U.13A and U.14A, the highlights of which were making the semi-finals of the Champion of Champions competition, and being chosen as the Wyoming F.C. Under 14 Player of the Year.

In 2009 Stuart joined Woy Woy Football Club where he had two very successful seasons in the U.15A and U.16A teams, winning the Premiership and Grand Final in each season. Stuart continued his career with Woy Woy F.C. in 2011, playing for the U.18A team. The team finished the season in second place, and was Runner's Up in the Grand Final.

In 2012, Stuart was signed by Central Coast Mariners Academy to play for the Under 18 team, and the following season for the Under 20 team. The highlight of these two years was winning the Under 18 Player of the Year Award, and scoring 20 goals during the season from his favourite Centre Mid-Field position. Sadly, towards the end of the 2013 season when playing for the U.20 team, Stuart tore his A.C.L. in the right knee. After 11 months Stuart was close to a full recovery but then re-ruptured the same ACL and had to undergo more complex surgery resulting in a total of almost three seasons out of the game.

After his second recovery, Stuart tested his knee by playing a few games with Central Coast Churches Football late in the 2016 season, when he was able to play with his Dad, sister, and brother in law.

In 2017 Stuart was signed by Avoca Football Club, which was being coached by 2016 Player of the Year Shane Knight. The team finished equal fourth in the league, and were unlucky to miss out on the Finals' series on goal difference.

When asked what the highlights of the 2017 season were, Stuart replied "Despite my previous injury, I am thankful that I could complete the entire season uninjured, and play alongside some quality team mates. Stuart also said that winning the Battlewin Sports Premier League Player of the Year Award was a "massive honour", and he expressed his thanks to the Coach, Shane Knight, Manager, Ray Collins, and the players and administrators of Avoca Football Club, for being so supportive, and making him so welcome to the club.

Stuart, who is presently studying a Masters of Physiotherapy at Sydney University, and will be getting married next February to his Fiancée Brittany Hayes, has a busy year ahead of him. However, we hope this promising young footballer finds time to continue playing the game he obviously loves, and indeed, excels in.