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Brisbane Lions' Sam Mayes wins Round 12 NAB AFL Rising Star nomination

Sam Mayes from the Brisbane Lions is the Round 12 NAB AFL Rising Star nominee.

Mayes was among Brisbane's best in the Lions' Round 12 loss to Fremantle on Saturday at Patersons Stadium, collecting 25 possessions - 15 kicks, 10 handballs and 7 marks.

Taken by Brisbane at number eight in the 2012 NAB AFL Draft, Mayes made his AFL debut against the Gold Coast in Round Three and has continued to flourish in seven more appearances for the Lions this season.

Sam Mayes is available to media today in Brisbane, details as follows:

Sam Mayes
Tuesday, June 18 at 11am
The Gabba (entry via Gate 2)

Lions coach Michael Voss said Mayes' NAB AFL Rising Star nomination was testament to his work ethic.

"From day one we've been very impressed by Sam's attitude and his approach to his training," Voss said.

"He's a good, level-headed young man. When you keep presenting yourself in that fashion then people start to take notice"

A former AIS-AFL Academy graduate, Mayes gained Under 18 All-Australian selection in 2011, before being named Under 18 South Australian vice-captain in 2012.

The 19-year-old from Port Pirie in South Australia played for North Adelaide in the SANFL in 2012 before being selected with the Lions' first pick (8th overall) at last year's NAB AFL Draft.

Following each round of the home and away season, a panel of judges will select a NAB AFL Rising Star nominee. At the completion of the season, one of these nominees will be chosen as the 2013 NAB AFL Rising Star.

The 2013 NAB AFL Rising Star winner will be awarded the Ron Evans Medal and a \$20,000 personal investment folio and a dedicated personal banker, courtesy of NAB.

The NAB AFL Rising Star is the pinnacle of the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program, which supports grassroots players and football communities and helps young Australians fulfil their dream of playing in the AFL.

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