

ST. KILDA

DAVID ARMITAGE

MID - \$498,500

Any midfielder that is the quality of Armitage is a great buy. He is a leader of the club and really needs to step up this year. His seasons have been 3 games (33 average in debut year), 3 games (97av in second year), 9 games (70av) and then he found a spot in the side: 21 games (71av), 21 games (86av) and 21 games (92av). You can see the incline that his scoring has been on since he became a regular in the side. Goddard left and his scoring lifted. This year there's an absence of Nick Dal Santo so there is even more pressure on Armitage, along with Jack Steven, to lead the midfield as Hayes and Montagna enter their twilight years. I expect big things from Armo.

Others to consider.....

Nick Riewoldt – FWD - \$567,100

Much like Brent Harvey people will be scared away by his age. But everyone knows what a gun he is. His SuperCoach averages by season (from 2006) are 117, 114, 113, 108 and then 87 and 95 as he battled knee injuries. He had his chronic knee problems eased and averaged 105 last year. He's still the main man in the Saints forward line, but even if they try to take the reliance off him, he'll either push up the ground more often for more disposals or play deep for more goals as Stanley, Lee, etc... spend more time up the field.

Jarryn Geary - DEF - \$430,700

A potential captain of the club - once Nick Riewoldt leaves - and a real hard nut. He has cemented his spot in the team since 2012. I'd be more inclined to take him if he were a tad cheaper as I would rather Matt Broadbent or David Swallow at his price. But if he spends a bit more time in the midfield and running off opponents his average should lift from the mid 70s to mid 80s/early 90s.