

SYDNEY

JOSH P. KENNEDY

MID - \$568,600

I didn't have Kennedy, or JPK as he is well known, in my original PODs for Sydney. I'll just call it an oversight, as he has since rocketed into my teams calculations and currently sits at M3. He scored the third most SuperCoach points in 2012 and averaged 119. Last year his averaged dropped to 105 and I did some personal research on this. SuperCoach relies on lots of things, but in terms of simple stats, he scored 15 less goals for the year (0.6 less a game) and took about 1-1.5 less marks a game. I have heard word that he averaged nearly 20 less (117 down to 96) when Tom Mitchell was in the team. That doesn't look good for JPK, but my theory is the new cap rule means big midfielders like JPK will slip forward for more marks and goals and a greater impact, even if they average 1-2 less disposals.

Others to consider.....

Craig Bird – FWD/MID - \$393,500

People are jumping on other 300-400k mid-pricers in Matt Wright and Josh Caddy. There are great reasons for both, but why no hype about Bird? For mine, he falls into the same category as Wright. Sometimes sub, sometimes tagger and has shown ability to rack up possessions when let loose. Just as much risk as Wright as there's no certainty whether they both go back to tagging, or are set free.

Mike Pyke - RUCK - \$466,800

I only started to think about Pyke after I selected Mumford in my SuperCoach side. Pyke has started to understand the game better and his average has gone from 38 in his first season to 86 last year. Mumford leaving means more hit-outs, more touches and more marks for Pyke. Will Derickx/Nankervis/Naismith come in and play as much ruck time as Mumford did, or will Sydney rely on Pyke 80-90% and LRT and Tippett to pinch-hit?