



## Lethal football on Seven

AFL Legend Leigh Matthews will join Channel Seven's AFL coverage.

The addition of the four-time premierships player and four-time premierships coach will add to an already formidable and authoritative commentary line-up on Seven's AFL coverage.

In a playing and coaching career spanning five decades, Matthews has done just about everything an individual can in the game. He has won premierships as player and coach, captained Victoria, won eight Hawthorn Best & Fairests and delivered a first-time premiership to the Lions and a drought-breaking flag to Collingwood. His standing in the game is unquestionable, explains his status as an AFL Hall of Fame Legend and now adds further weight to Seven's AFL coverage.

Matthews will join Seven's 2009 AFL commentary team that will include Bruce McAvaney, Dennis Cometti, Nathan Buckley, Tim Watson, David Schwarz and Rick Olarenschaw.

Commenting on Matthews' appointment Seven Melbourne general manager Lewis Martin said:

"Leigh was an outstanding success on Seven's AFL coverage throughout the 2007 and 2008 finals series. So it was only natural we wanted such an AFL Legend to be part of our football team."

Matthews was equally as excited at joining Seven's AFL commentary team.

"Seven has a long and proud association with football and I've thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with Seven over the years," he said. "I look forward to seeing all the action and excitement of the season unfold and giving viewers an insight into what's going on."

### **Leigh Matthews football achievements**

- Australian Football Hall of Fame Legend
- Four-time premierships player with Hawthorn (1971, 1976, 1978, 1983)
- Four-time premierships coach (Collingwood 1990, Brisbane 2001, 2002, 2003)
- Hawthorn captain 1981-1985
- Eight Hawthorn Best & Fairests
- Six-time Hawthorn leading goal-kicker
- 332 VFL games, 29 VFL finals matches, 915 VFL career goals
- Represented Victoria 14 times and captained Victoria in 1980

### **Leigh Matthews AFL TV career**

- Channel Seven football commentator (1996–98)
- Commentated three Grand Finals with Seven (1996-98)
- Football expert on Seven's *Talking Footy* (1997, 1998)
- Lips of Lethal (2002-04) - this award winning program matched Leigh Matthews' comments from the coach's box with the 2002-04 Grand Final vision.

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