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## **Buckley signs with Seven**

Highly-decorated former AFL star Nathan Buckley has signed with Channel Seven and will join the AFL commentary team for Friday Night Football in 2008, along with regular appearances on Seven News including a weekly footy tips segment.

Buckley's astute football knowledge will add further weight to Seven's successful AFL coverage that saw Friday Night Football ratings increase by 6 per cent in 2007.

"As always I can't wait for footy season to start, only for different reasons this year," said Buckley. "I look forward to joining the best calling team in the land and giving AFL fans my thoughts on the 2008 season, the teams, the players and the strategies."

Channel Seven Melbourne Managing Director Ian Johnson, celebrating the signing coup, said:

"We're thrilled to have one of the game's greatest players of all time joining our AFL commentary team and contributing every week to our leading news service. His on-field success and credentials speak for themselves, and his work in the print and electronic media has shown he is capable of delivering valuable insights to our viewers."

In a career spanning 15 seasons, Buckley achieved almost every individual AFL honour available - Brownlow Medal (2003), Norm Smith Medal (2002), Collingwood captain (1999-06), six-time All-Australian (1996-00, 03) and Copeland Trophy winner (1994, 96, 98-00, 03), Norwich Rising Star (1993), Magarey Medal (1992).

Buckley will join Bruce McAvaney, Dennis Cometti, Tim Watson, David Schwarz and Rick Olarenshaw on Seven's AFL coverage in 2008.

## **CAREER STATS**

Clubs: Brisbane / Collingwood

Position: Midfield

Debut: 1993

Games: 275 (Brisbane 20 Collingwood 255)

Goals: 282 (Brisbane 21 Collingwood 261)

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