

Superboot is back



Former Sturt forward Sam Smith and ex-South Adelaide defender Sam Tharaldsen have returned to original club Flagstaff Hill.

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FALCONS HOPEFUL RETURN OF KEY DUO CAN BOOST PREMIERSHIP CHANCES

Matt Turner

RETURNING Flagstaff Hill full-forward Sam Smith is not thinking about 100-goal milestones.

The former Sturt player simply wants to help the Falcons improve on their preliminary final exit in the Southern Football League last season.

"I'm not concerned about that (booting 100 goals) at all," Smith says. "I'd love to

kick a lot of goals but am more concerned about getting the wins.

"Hopefully that experience from last year in the finals can help us."

Smith, 25, is back at Flagstaff Hill after kicking 25 goals in 20 league games for Sturt from 2013-15.

He slotted 33 goals during a seven-game stint with the Falcons two years ago and last played a full season at the club in 2012 – a year he

led the league's goalkicking with 112 majors.

His main motivation for coming back to Flagstaff Hill is a desire for football to be "a bit more of a release and a bit more about fun", as well as to have more time for his teaching career.

"(Playing for Sturt) was great and I'm glad I did it.

"I probably didn't reach the goals I set myself going into it but probably the game style didn't suit me as well ...

because there's not a deep forward as much and I was playing up the ground a bit.

"It's great to be back at Flaggies."

Smith headlines Flagstaff Hill's off-season recruiting, along with another former Falcons defender Sam Tharaldsen.

Tharaldsen, 21, played four league matches for South Adelaide last season and two for the Crows' reserves the previous year.

"I get to play with my friends and have a bit more time for myself with work," Tharaldsen says.

"I just want to enjoy my footy and hopefully we can win a flag. That'd be awesome."

The Falcons are hosting a family fun day at Flagstaff Hill Oval this Sunday from 1-5pm. The day will include a chance for players to register, a boot sale and food and wine tasting.