



# MARCUS BONTEMPELLI

Talent Profile





Universally known throughout the AFL world as "The Bont," Marcus is the prototypical modern footballer - big, strong, athletic and skilful. An inspirational, considerate and highly regarded leader, he is respected and admired by teammates and opponents alike.



**NATIONALITY**

Australian

**DATE OF BIRTH**

24/11/1995

**TEAMS**

Western Bulldogs  
Northern Knights  
Marcellin College  
Eltham

**CAPABILITIES**

Clinics  
Ambassador  
Social Media  
PR Campaign  
Appearances  
Guest Panellist

**INTERESTS**

Wellbeing  
Leadership  
Family  
Business  
Diversity  
Animals  
Health & Nutrition

## BIO

Born and raised in Melbourne's northern suburbs, Marcus is the third of four children and the only brother to his three sisters. A younger cousin of former AFL footballer Nick Dal Santo, Marcus' father Carlo is of Italian descent and the family proudly embraces its heritage.

Educated at Marcellin College, Bontempelli played his junior football for the Eltham Panthers, often floating across half back and pinch-hitting up forward.

Picked up by the Northern Knights in the TAC Cup Under 18 competition, his move into the midfield during his draft year saw his game rise to another level as his natural ball-winning ability and creativity came to the fore.

Drafted by the Western Bulldogs with their 4th selection in the 2013 AFL Draft, Bontempelli accepted the expectation of becoming one of the key pillars the club could build its next generation around and it didn't take long for Bulldogs fans to have those hopes realised.



With a passion for family, travel and international sport, Marcus has combined those loves to regularly travel the world and experience sporting events around the globe.

Closer to home, Bontempelli is determined to use his public profile and influence for the good of his community, proudly serving as a My Room Ambassador to raise awareness and assistance to help find a cure for childhood cancer.

Having grown up surrounded by women, he recognises and appreciates their profound influence in making him a stronger and more sensitive person. He serves an ambassador for 'The Line,' a national violence prevention campaign that aims to help young people understand what healthy and respectful relationships look like.

A fine role model and eloquent speaker, Bontempelli is sought after in the commercial world and is currently an ambassador for Nike and Toyota.

Throughout 2021, Bontempelli turned his attention off field to writing his first book, a children's book called 'Little Bont and the Big Secret'. The book is available to purchase through Booktopia.



## **SOCIAL MEDIA MARKERS**

116K+

**INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS**

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016, 2019, 2020, 2021	All-Australian
2016, 2017, 2019, 2021	Charles Sutton Medal as Western Bulldogs Best and Fairest Winner
2021	AFLPA MVP
2021	AFLPA Best Captain
2020 - Present	Western Bulldogs Captain
2019	AFLCA Champion Player of the Year Award
2016	AFL Premiership Player
2015	AFLCA Best Young Player
2014 - 2018	22under22 Team
2014	AFLPA Best First Year Player
2014	AFL Rising Star Nominee

## TESTIMONIALS

“Marcus is an important member of the Nike family. He has been and continues to be a great Ambassador in representing our Brand in all facets – on field and especially off-field. He is one of the superstars in the AFL, a true leader, authentic, family orientated and a role model for all ages. He is engaged and always willing to be involved in initiatives we put forward for consideration. Marcus connects incredibly well with the Nike audience and we have a great association that continues well into the future.”

**DAMIAN EVERETTS, SPORTS MARKETING MANAGER, NIKE PACIFIC**



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“I’m still growing as a person, but I’m passionate about respect for women and doing what to assist young people to form these views. Hopefully I can help and round up support to get enough people involved to go a long way and effect some real change to something that’s just so important.”

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