



## ST KILDA FOOTBALL CLUB TREVOR BARKER AWARD

### – Central Pier

The Event: The annual St Kilda Football Club best and fairest took place last night at the Peninsula complex in the Docklands. Sam Fisher won the Trevor Barker Award.

◀ Nick Riewoldt with Catherine Heard



▶ Sam Fisher





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## Baker a B&F doubt

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STILL angered by being forced into retirement, St Kilda veteran Steven Baker is likely to boycott tonight's best-and-fairest count.

The Saints had waited until yesterday for Baker to confirm whether he would attend the event at Peninsula, Docklands. But the tough back pocket had resisted overtures, with the club now admitting he was likely to be a no-show.

A Saints spokeswoman said yesterday: "I understand Baker is not going to bother turning up to the best and fairest on Saturday night, which has disappointed a lot of people."

The Saints, however, are still expected to pay tribute to him with a highlights package.

Baker's frustration began the morning after the Saints' season ended in an elimination-final loss to the Swans when he awoke to headlines he and three teammates had retired, as then-coach Ross Lyon had claimed to all players and the Saints' faithful in a post-match address. Baker and teammate Robert Eddy took to Twitter on the Sunday morning to dismiss the claim. Lyon also said Andrew McQualter and Michael Gardiner had retired. It later emerged only Gardiner had

retired on a night that Lyon also made his somewhat infamous "end of an era" declaration.

Gardiner, McQualter and Eddy are expected to be at tonight's count.

It's understood Baker, 31, is still hopeful of resurrecting his AFL career, perhaps with Greater Western Sydney.

Saints list manager Ameet Bains remains confident the club will retain full-back Zac Dawson and half-back Farren Ray, both off contract.

It's understood the Saints have presented Dawson with a revised offer.

The Saints, searching for a new coach and head of fitness, are today expected to complete a three-kilometre time trial, something that hasn't overly impressed defender Jason Gram.

"Awesome, 3k time trial on sat with no coach or fitness coach #whatthe," Gram wrote on Twitter.

He later added: "Geez some people [suck] at reading tweets. I was saying we have a 3km time trial on sat even tho we still have 5 weeks of holidays left.

"Some of our programs have us just to start running this week, and meant it would be weird doing it with no coach or fitness coach."