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**Location:** Perth, Australia  
**Date:** May 9, 2023

Former Fremantle Dockers and GWS Giants forward Cameron McCarthy was found dead in a Perth apartment on May 9 at the age of 29. McCarthy had battled mental health issues throughout his career.

**Who:**- Cameron McCarthy, former Fremantle Dockers and GWS Giants player - Tom Barrass, West Coast Eagles star and childhood friend of McCarthy

**Career:**- McCarthy was drafted by the GWS Giants with pick No. 14 in 2013 but played only one senior game in his debut season. - He left the Giants in 2015, sitting out the last year of his contract before being traded to Fremantle. - McCarthy played 49 games over four seasons with the Dockers, scoring 63 goals.

**Background:**- McCarthy was also a talented junior state cricketer in Western Australia. - In 2020, McCarthy collapsed during a training session and was later diagnosed with epilepsy. Despite being medically cleared to play, his contract with the Dockers was not renewed.

**Tributes:**- Tom Barrass paid tribute to McCarthy on Instagram, sharing memories of their friendship and honoring his vibrant personality. - McCarthy’s death marks the fourth instance of a Fremantle player dying young within the last eight years.

**Previous Incidents:**- Shane Yarran, 28, found dead in 2018. - Harley Balic, 25, died in January 2022. - Colin Sylvia, 32, killed in a car accident in 2018.

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