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Big few nights for Fitzzy

IN THE aftermath of last week's incredible drawn AFL grand final, **Ryan 'Fitzzy' Fitzgerald** failed to realise what the result would mean for him.

"It didn't dawn on me at all until about 11pm that night and I was lying in a gutter and I got a text message from my producer saying, 'Mate, get ready, you've got to come back for work next week,'" he says.

"So I thought I better get to my hotel room and get some sleep."

Fitzzy's in Melbourne tonight for Channel 10's *Before The Game* grand final "replay" special at

8.30pm.

Geelong coach **Mark 'Bomber' Thompson** will be a special guest on the show for his first interview since his star midfielder **Gary Ablett** announced his decision to leave the club for the new Gold Coast franchise.

Former Crows star Fitzzy will then fly back to Adelaide tomorrow morning so he can don the boots in the *West End Slowdown XI* at Adelaide Oval.

Catch all the golden oldies in action tomorrow night, with the first bounce at 7.10pm.