

Crows tuned-in to training
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Adelaide has come up with another novel innovation - so-called 'phone hats' to help communication at training. Four Crows players tested hats wired with speakers during their training session at AAMI Stadium on Wednesday. A report on afc.com.au says the hats enable players to receive instructions from coaches. "Ken McGregor, Trent Hentschel, Jason Porplyzia and Hayden Skipworth wore the skull hats - wired with speakers to receive calls from the coaches - during some drills," afc.com.au reported. The Crows already have experimented with players wearing mobile phones in a pouch on their backs during training. Brett Burton, Adelaide's most athletic player, said the new-style communication was useful for players who were not quite sure of team structures.

But the 'phone hats' are destined to be training tools rather than match assets. AFL communications manager Patrick Keane said no on-field communication was allowed between coaches and players during games.