Weekly wrap up

Thursday, 24 March 2011						Home	Away
7.10pm	Carlton	VS.		Richmond	M.C.G.	\$1.35	\$3.10
Friday, 25 March 2011							
7:40pm	Geelong	vs.	+	St. Kilda	M.C.G.	\$2.15	\$1.68
Saturday, 26 March 2011							
2.10pm	Collingwood	VS.	П	Port Adelaide	Etihad Stadium	\$1.06	\$8.00
7:10pm	Adelaide	VS.		Hawthorn	AAMI Stadium	\$2.00	\$1.75
7.10pm	Brisbane Lions	VS.		Fremantle	Gabba	\$2.15	\$1.65
Sunday, 27 March 2011							
1.10pm	Essendon	VS.		Western Bulldogs	Etihad Stadium	\$2.35	\$1.55
2.10pm	Melbourne	vs.		Sydney	M.C.G.	\$1.65 \$0.83	\$2.15 \$1.08
4.10pm	West Coast	VS.		Kangaroos	Patersons Stadium	\$1.65	\$2.15

Ah, good old footy! The more it changes, the more it stays the same. Winning goals and drawing behinds in the final minutes of play, exciting upset or near-upset victories, St Kilda off-field scandals in the news and Brendan Fevola caught gambling on the pokies...It's like 2010 never ended.



If only there was an anti-gambling drug like the one that makes Fev loose consciousness when he drinks alcohol

In a surprising turn of events, Paul remembered to submit his tips...well, one tip on Thursday anyway. Whether it was deliberate or a omen of things to come he failed to submit any further tips for Round 1, instead relying on an impressively accurate default strategy that netted him a total Round 1 score of \$11.39.

In contrast, Josh forgot his first tip but submitted the next 7. But like his Stawell Gift namesake (Josh Ross, who won the Stawell Gift off a mark of 7 meters in 2003) this handicap didn't phase him one iota and he comfortably sprinted past all of us with 6 out of 6 subsequent correct tips, plus change for the draw result, to take out the Round 1 weekly prize; a coveted entry into the Second Chance Competition.

Finally, while the adage "Beginner's Luck" might not always be true, the concept of synergy ("the whole is greater than the sum of the parts") seems to be kicking goals with the Majority index (i.e. "tip the team that most people tip") currently placed second overall. Before you ask, no: you can't use the Majority or the Odds Majority index as your default because it requires knowledge of other people's tips.

One aspect of this year's tipping competition that I ought to clear up is the rule that I appropriated (read: stole) from the Herald Sun's competition. In the case of drawn matches such as the Melbourne vs Sydney stalemate, all tippers get half points for the team they chose.

As for prize pools, assuming that no-one flees the country to escape paying any entry fee owing. We have the following:

Major prize: \$220 + 2004 AFL Selective Gold Plated Proof Coin

(Awarded to the person with the highest winnings at the end of the 22-round Home & Away season)

Second chance: \$100

(Awarded to the winner of the Second Chance Draw conducted during the finals)

Last place: Dummy prize worth \$20

(Awarded to the person with the least winnings at the end of the 22-round Home & Away season)

Keep your eye on the ball

See if you are good enough to tell which AFL emblem these eyes come from:



Lookalikes

Two great lookalikes of Harry O'Brien that were too good to pass up



Rawr! O'Brien emerges from the water after a cool-down session at the beach...



...only to find he forgot his towel. No worries...