

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 29 July 2011

					Home	Away
7.40pm		North Melbourne	vs.		Carlton	Etihad Stadium \$3.60 \$1.28

Saturday, 30 July 2011

2.10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		West Coast	Etihad Stadium \$2.15 \$1.65
2.10pm		Geelong	vs.		Washington Generals	Skilled Stadium \$1.07 \$7.50
7.10pm		Gold Coast	vs.		St. Kilda	Metrickon Stadium \$7.00 \$1.08
7.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Hawthorn	Patersons Stadium \$2.80 \$1.40

Sunday, 31 July 2011

2.10pm		Collingwood	vs.		Essendon	M.C.G. \$1.07 \$7.50
4.40pm		Adelaide	vs.		Port Adelaide	AAMI Stadium \$1.60 \$2.25

Byes:  Brisbane
 Richmond
 Sydney

C'mon Geelong, lift your game. *Second* largest margin and *fourth* highest score ever in the AFL. What do you think this is, a training match?



On the left is the cartoon I was hoping to use in some form. On the right, something more apt given the circumstances

On Saturday, Geelong absolutely spanked Melbourne to the tune of 186 points meaning that the Cats now have two of the top five records for highest AFL scores.

Year	Round	Teams
1992	Round 7	Brisbane Bears (11.9 75) def. by Geelong (37.17 239)
1979	Round 17	Fitzroy (36.22 238) def. Melbourne (6.12 48)
1987	Round 17	Sydney (36.20 236) def. Essendon (11.7 73)
2011	Round 19	Geelong (37.11 233) def. Melbourne (7.5 47)
1991	Round 6	Hawthorn (36.15 231) def. Fitzroy (11.8 74)

Melbourne also appear twice in this top five, on the receiving end, and are now proud gold and silver medal holders for the greatest and pengreatest AFL losing margins. The winning margin was so large that Geelong's percentage increased by a massive 12.5% and Melbourne's dropped by 10.2%. Strangely though, neither team moved in their positions on the ladder.

Round 18

Pos	Team	%	Pts
1	Collingwood	175.4	60
2	Geelong	138.5	60
3	Hawthorn	133.9	48
4	Carlton	132.5	46
5	West Coast	119.6	44
6	Sydney	109.6	38
8	Fremantle	98.8	36
7	St Kilda	108.2	34
9	Essendon	104.6	34
10	North Melbourne	100.8	32
11	Melbourne	97.0	30
12	Western Bulldogs	94.0	28
13	Richmond	82.5	22
14	Adelaide	73.4	16
15	Brisbane	77.0	12
16	Gold Coast	57.0	12
17	Port Adelaide	69.6	8

Round 19

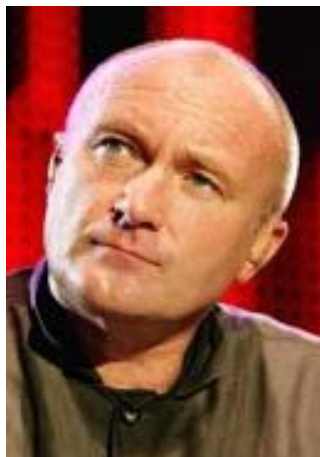
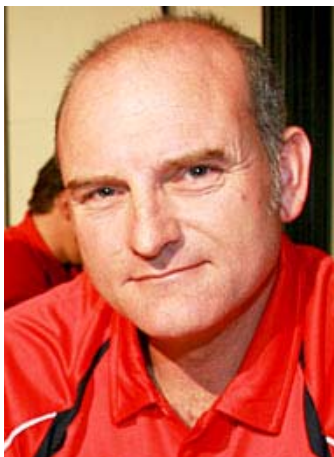
Pos	Team	%	Pts
1	Collingwood	175.8	64
2	Geelong	151.0	64
3	Hawthorn	136.7	52
4	Carlton	132.4	50
5	West Coast	118.8	48
6	Sydney	109.6	38
7	St Kilda	109.4	38
8	Fremantle	95.5	36
9	Essendon	100.0	34
10	North Melbourne	99.7	32
11	Melbourne	86.8	30
12	Western Bulldogs	93.9	28
13	Richmond	82.5	22
14	Adelaide	76.6	20
15	Brisbane	77.0	12
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Tipping has definitely tightened in the final sprint stage of the *Tour de pointes compétition*. Not only have I lost my lead (I plan to claw back this 11c deficit to regain my rightful yellow jersey) but the top 5 tippers are now only separated by \$2.55.

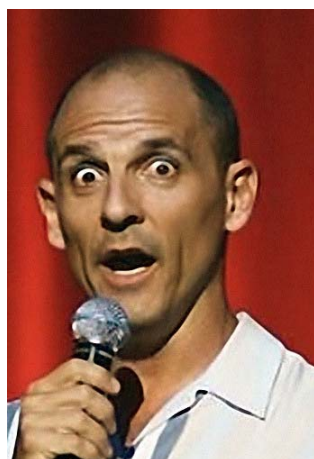
Hugh is a close fifth after I retrospectively entered his non-delivered tips of Round 15 – 18 (though should he move into first place by Round 24 I might need to insist on a more detailed email audit) and Shahab has been slowly creeping up the scoreboard since Round 10, a surge that has been fuelled by him successfully tipping all-favourites for the second consecutive week.

Lookalikes

“So take a look at me now – well, there’s just an empty space...”



Recently sacked coach Dean Bailey and singer Phil Collins...



...and Queensland comedian Carl Barron...



...and Mr Mr Bean¹

¹ Not a typo: In the 1997 movie *Bean*, his passport shows a first name of “Mr” (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/bendeck/2639210778/>). However in the 2007 movie, *Mr. Bean’s Holiday*, his passport shows the first name “Rowan” so he must have changed it by Deed Poll in the interim.