

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 6 May 2011					Home	Away
7:40pm		Geelong	vs.	 Collingwood	M.C.G.	\$2.80 \$1.40
Saturday, 7 May 2011						
2:10pm		North Melbourne	vs.	 Melbourne	Etihad Stadium	\$2.00 \$1.75
3:10pm		Adelaide	vs.	 Gold Coast	AAMI Stadium	\$1.13 \$5.50
7:10pm		Brisbane Lions	vs.	 Essendon	Gabba	\$4.50 \$1.18
7:10pm		Sydney	vs.	 Port Adelaide	S.C.G.	\$1.12 \$5.75
Sunday, 8 May 2011						
1:10pm		Hawthorn	vs.	 St. Kilda	M.C.G.	\$1.33 \$3.15
2:10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.	 Richmond	Etihad Stadium	\$1.60 \$2.25
4:40pm		West Coast	vs.	 Fremantle	Patersons Stadium	\$1.90 \$1.85
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Round 8 was the AFL's "Umpire Appreciation" round? Usually, I'd be the one calling for high precision locators embedded in the ball, 'Hawkeye'-like motion tracking systems and robotic ball flinging devices for throw-ins in order to remove umpires from the game completely. But any umpire that makes a possibly-game-costing incorrect call against Collingwood in the dying minutes of the game definitely has my heartfelt appreciation.



Good round to have the default strategy of "Home teams", with 7 correct tips for a return of \$11.88. Not good enough to beat George though, who scored the season's third perfect-8 and netted \$13.06. Thank god we don't have to hear him gloat for another 4 weeks; ample time for his default vacation strategy to send him plummeting down the scoreboard.

And with George out of active tipping action for a month, it was left up to Patrick and Josh to emulate his strategy of changing tips right at the last minute. And emulate it they did: right down to the fact that each change cost them a correct tip.

Fun & Games

Mystery Index

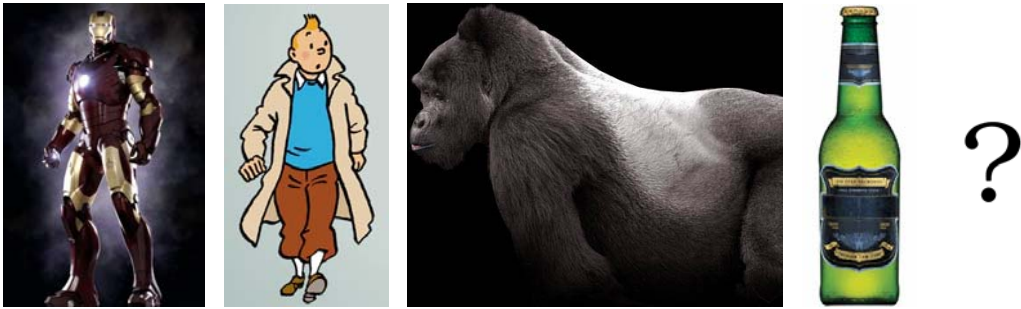
Josh trying to reverse-engineer George's default strategy while he's away (instead of doing the sensible thing and just bribing me for the information) gave me an idea for a competition mini-challenge. I have added a "Mystery Index" to the Weekly results. This represents a very simple default tipping strategy that can be summed up in less than 10 words. Whoever can deduce this hidden default strategy wins a free entry into the "Second Chance Competition" at the end of the season.

Match results with full payout odds are available [here](#).

Footy Match

Each of the items in the three sets below have something in common with each other, and with a particular football club. Determine the missing football club for each set:

Set 1



Set 2

AMERICA, WORLD, DAVIS, RYDER, ?

Set 3

WITCH, FLYING, COUNTRY, JURIS, SPIN, ?

Lookalikes



In response to the \$1.25b AFL rights deal, Andrew Demetriou and Scrooge “It’s all mine!” McDuck



Eddie Maguire and K.D. Lang



Former Melbourne president Paul Gardner and Buzz Lightyear from Toy Story

Football Match: Set 1 – Gold Coast (all pictures represent something whose name starts with a metallic element; IRON man, TIN tin, SILVER back, PLATINUM Blonde). Set 2 – Melbourne (all words are names of major sporting cups). Set 3 – Fremantle (all words can be prefixed to “Doctor” to form a common phrase)