

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 23 April 2010

Friday, 23 April 2010							Home	Away
7.40pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Adelaide	Etihad Stadium	\$1.09	\$7.00

Saturday, 24 April 2010

2:10pm		Sydney	vs.		West Coast	S.C.G.	\$1.12	\$5.75
7.10pm		Melbourne	vs.		Brisbane Lions	M.C.G.	\$3.30	\$1.30
7:40pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		St. Kilda	AAMI Stadium	\$4.00	\$1.22

Sunday, 25 April 2010

2.40pm		Collingwood	vs.		Essendon	M.C.G.	\$1.22	\$4.00
5.40pm		Hawthorn	vs.		Kangaroos	Aurora Stadium	\$1.28	\$3.50
8.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Richmond	Subiaco Oval	\$1.03	\$10.00

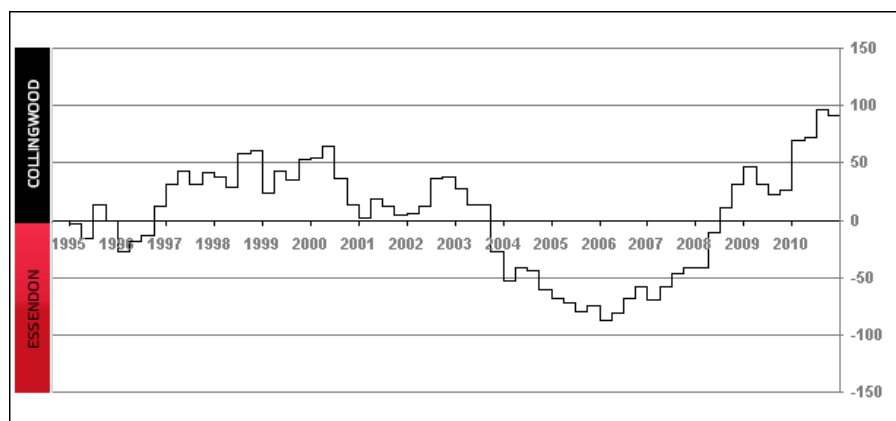
Monday, 26 April 2010

2.10pm		Carlton	vs.		Geelong	Subiaco Oval	\$5.00	\$1.15
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Lest we forget...



...that more Australians have lost their lives in service with Australian units (102,184¹) than were present at the ANZAC Day clash at the Gee (90,070). However I'd rather forget Essendon's woeful performance on Saturday. In the hope of putting their loss into context, the graph below shows the "score worm" over their last 16 clashes:



\$20.26 up for grabs this week in what seemed (at least, to me) like a fairly clear-cut round for favourites. Four days and \$4.46 later the favourites emerged with a meagre 4 out of 8 victories, leaving the underdogs to claim the other \$15.80. Our weekly prize winner this week was George who managed to marginally out-tip the underdogs and claim \$15.87 in winnings; the highest so far for 2010.

Correction: I mistakenly omitted Emily's default tipping strategy when in actuality she managed 7 out of 8, received \$16.26 of winnings, and snatched the weekly second-chance-draw entry from George's hands like they were Storm's premiership trophies. Yoink

An impressive feat, but still short of the best performance ever in the Cumpston Sarjeant tipping competition. That dubious honour goes to Geoff with \$76.68 of winnings. Though if we ignore draw tips (which we should have done in 2008) the honour goes to Brendan's mighty \$19.75 in Round 19 of 2009; a round in which only a single favourite won, one match was drawn and the other 6 went to the underdogs of which all except one was clairvoyantly picked by our then-5-month-old Nostradamus.

¹ 61,513 during World War I, 39,761 during World War II and the remaining 910 from other wars such as Vietnam, Korean, etc

Fun & Games

Did you know...?

- VFL/AFL competition has continued every year since 1897, though in 1916, heavily affected by World War I, the league comprised only 4 clubs: Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond
- Despite finishing the Home and Away season last in 1916, Fitzroy managed to win the Grand Final, making them the only VFL/AFL team to claim the wooden spoon and the premiership
- During World War I, St Kilda changed their club colours because their traditional red, white and black colours were the same as the German Empire. Their new colours of black, red and yellow were chosen as support to Australia's ally Belgium
- Geelong withdrew from VFL competition in 1942 and 1943 as road transport restrictions made it too difficult to attend games in Melbourne
- During the World War II years, many clubs had to play their home games away from the M.C.G. because it was taken over by the United States Air Force who turned it into a base
- Australian Prisoners of War in Changi (Singapore) and Nuremberg (Germany) organised Australian Rules football leagues and competitions during World War II. They even awarded a Changi Brownlow Medal for Best and Fairest.
- The first Australian assault on Libya in World War II commenced with a football being kicked into no-man's land.

Phooty lookalikes

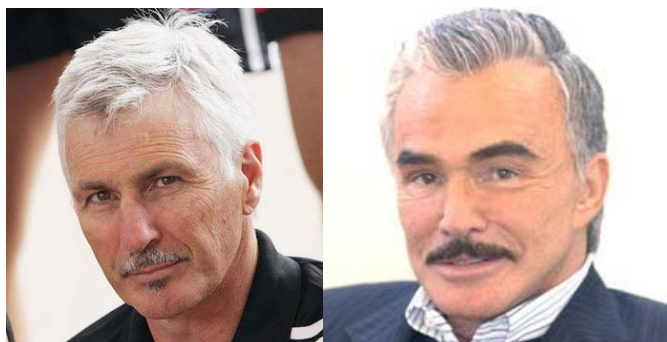
My frustration against the Pies needs to be taken out via lookalikes...



Ex-Collingwood player Nathan Buckley's and his furrow vs Wallace Cadwallader "Wal" Footrot



The mellow taste, fruity fragrance, and sunny amber colour of Dale Thomas



Mike Malthouse up against the windswept, brow-tightened charm of Mr Burton Leon Reynolds, Jr