

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 15 April 2011

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7:40pm		Richmond	vs.		Collingwood	M.C.G.	\$8.00 \$1.07

Saturday, 16 April 2011

2:10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		West Coast	Aurora Stadium	\$1.11 \$6.00
2:40pm		Carlton	vs.		Essendon	M.C.G.	\$1.85 \$1.90 \$0.935 \$0.95
7:10pm		Sydney	vs.		Geelong	S.C.G.	\$2.15 \$1.65
7:10pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		Adelaide	AAMI Stadium	\$3.00 \$1.36

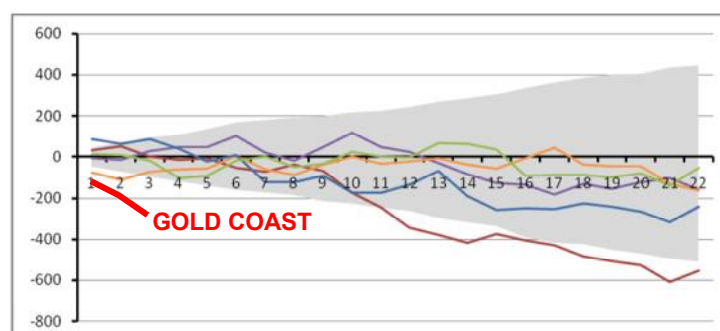
Sunday, 17 April 2011

2.10pm		Gold Coast	vs.		Melbourne	Gabba	\$5.00 \$1.15
2.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		North Melbourne	Patersons Stadium	\$1.15 \$5.00

Byes

	Brisbane Lions
	St. Kilda
	Western Bulldogs

Oh, Gold Coast...Look on the bright side: At least you allow footy tipping wrap-ups to generate pretty graphs:



Gold Coast's running points deficit. Based on current projections, I'll have to extend the vertical scale by Round 12

I'm being unfairly mean. The other benefit to having them in the AFL is the interesting betting possibilities that they generate. At Sportsbet, you can bet on when you think Gold Coast will win their first match. The betting table below was as at the start of Round 4:

Round 4 (Melbourne)	5.5
Round 5 (Port Adelaide)	9
Round 6 (Essendon)	21
Round 7 (Brisbane)	4.5
Round 8 (Adelaide)	36
Round 10 (Geelong)	21
Round 11 (West Coast)	16
Round 12 (North Melbourne)	12
Round 13 (Hawthorn)	36
Round 14 (Western Bulldogs)	23
Round 15 (Fremantle)	41
Round 16 (Sydney)	23
Round 17 (Richmond)	17
Round 18 (Collingwood)	67
Round 19 (St Kilda)	36
Round 20 (Geelong)	81
Round 21 (Brisbane)	18
Round 22 (Adelaide)	41
Round 23 (Melbourne)	51
Round 24 (Hawthorn)	51
No wins this season	3.75

To put the above table into context, the market thought that one of the more likely results (the third most likely) was that Gold Coast would have had their first win against Melbourne. Given that Melbourne thumped the Suns by 90 points on SUNDAY (they just can't catch a break with their name, can they?), things are really not looking too bright for the Gold Coast Melanomata¹

¹ Melanoma: Greek origin, μέλας (melas, "black, dark") and -ομα (oma, "disease, morbidity"); neutral gender, therefore pluralised to -ματα. I warned you about these footnotes, didn't I?

And talking about long chances, Carlton and Essendon's thriller at the Gee gives us our third draw in 4 rounds (thank Christ I withdrew draw tipping!). Just what are the chances of that! Well, I'm glad you asked:

There have been 2 past instances where there were 2 draws in the first 2 rounds: 1911 and 1914. In both of these years there were actually 2 draws in the first round alone and in each of them there was a third draw in Round 4. So the historical data suggests that both of these events (2 draws in 2 rounds and 3 draws in 4 rounds) are, at most, "1 in 57 year events" and have now shortened to "1 in 38.3 year events".

But, the media were reporting such events were "1 in 100 years" and surely tabloids don't lie! Well, I estimate that our modern game has a 0.85% chance of a draw, therefore, 2 draws in 16 rounds have a 0.77% chance of occurring, which is ballpark to the media's "1 in 100 year" claim.

Curiously, the chance of having 3 draws in 4 rounds is not all that much lower; 0.24% according to my calculations or a "1 in 400 year event". Either way, I think the media and I can agree that it is about as likely as Gold Coast winning a match.

Turning to footy tipping results, George did not get a single tip wrong (6 out of 6 plus the drawn match) and with \$10.06 receives this week's weekly price...NOT! Yet again, George got shafted by Andrew, this time to the tune of 2.5c after Andrew tipped Essendon for the draw and got \$10.08. Sorry George, that's what you get for being a Carlton supporter.

Fun & Games

Lookalikes

Last year, I had a batch of Riewoldt lookalikes. Time to make fun of him a little more...



Riewoldt and Neil Robertson (Australian professional snooker player and current World Champion)



Riewoldt limbering up like Dolph Lundgren