

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 24 April 2009

						Home	Away
7.40pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		St. Kilda	AAMI Stadium	\$1.85 \$1.90

Saturday, 225 April 2009

2.10pm		Essendon	vs.		Collingwood	M.C.G.	\$2.70 \$1.38
5.10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		West Coast	Aurora Stadium	\$1.28 \$3.45
7.10pm		Kangaroos	vs.		Richmond	Etihad Stadium	\$1.45 \$2.60
6.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Sydney	Subiaco Oval	\$2.25 \$1.60

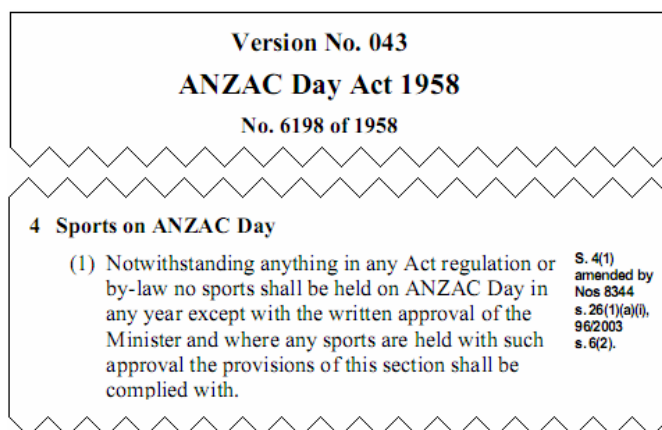
Sunday, 26 April 2009

1.10pm		Geelong	vs.		Brisbane Lions	Skilled Stadium	\$1.10 \$6.25
2.40pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Carlton	Etihad Stadium	\$1.90 \$1.90
4.40pm		Melbourne	vs.		Adelaide	M.C.G.	\$3.15 \$1.33



You may have read *The Age* sports liftout on Thursday and Rohan Connely's article "How the seed was planted" which explains the origins of The ANZAC Day Clash. Or you might have just Googled for "ANZAC Day Clash", clicked on the Wikipedia article and plagiarised the contents for a footy tipping wrap-up...let's not concern ourselves with petty distinctions.

Prior to 1960, VFL football was not allowed to be played on ANZAC Day; matches were postponed until the following week if necessary. For example, here is an excerpt of some of the relevant legislation:



In 1960, an Act of Parliament granted permission for AFL events, so long as they commence after 1:00pm and a portion of proceeds paid to the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund; a requirement continued by the ANZAC Day (Amendment) Act 2003.

In 1986, the league used ANZAC Day to attempt its first ever doubleheader: Melbourne v Sydney in the afternoon and North Melbourne v Geelong in the evening under lights, but the massive overlap of departures and arrivals caused problems at the turnstiles and the league has never attempted another doubleheader.

The modern version of the ANZAC Day clash was conceived by Essendon coach, Kevin Sheedy, who considered that past successes of ANZAC Day schedules would give suitable tribute to those who have served the country. In collaboration with Collingwood, the RSL and the AFL the first Essendon vs Collingwood ANZAC Day Clash was scheduled for April 25, 1995.

So popular was this match that the gates had to be closed 40 minutes prior to its commencement and mounted police called in to disperse fans. The 94,252 fans who did manage to gain entry witnessed an epic contest in one of football's most historic matches as did the fans attending last Saturday's match; a single kick by Essendon's David Zaharakis in the last 10 seconds of the match making the difference between a loss, draw or (as fate would have it) a win for the Dons.

And for the second consecutive round, underdogs outperformed favourites making winners hard to come by. Not so though for our Round 5 weekly prize winner, Hilda, who managed 6 out of 8 and \$11.83 of winnings which in combination with her impressive result last round has propelled her from last place to fourth place in just 2 rounds!

Fun & Games

Phooty lookalikes

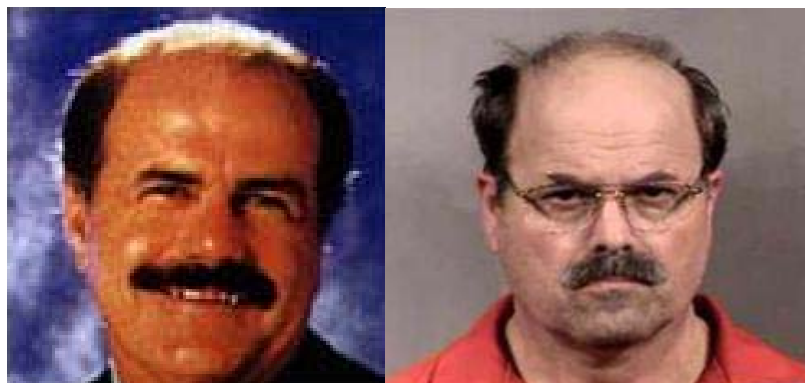
A suitable Essendon v Collingwood, ANZAC Day Clash-of-the-lookalikes:



Kevin Sheedy and Euphegenia Doubtfire



*Matthew Lloyd's pre-kick routine cast in a not-so-favourable light
Even the colours match!*



"Lethal" Leigh Matthews and the BTK Killer