

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 24 July 2009

						Home	Away
7.40pm		Kangaroos	vs.		Carlton	Etihad Stadium	\$3.30 \$1.30

Saturday, 25 July 2009

2.10pm		Geelong	vs.		Adelaide	Skilled Stadium	\$1.22 \$4.00
2.10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Fremantle	Etihad Stadium	\$1.02 \$11.00
7.10pm		Sydney	vs.		St. Kilda	S.C.G.	\$5.50 \$1.13
7.10pm		Collingwood	vs.		Brisbane Lions	M.C.G.	\$1.36 \$2.90

Sunday, 26 July 2009

1.10pm		Melbourne	vs.		Richmond	M.C.G.	\$3.75 \$1.25
3.10pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		Hawthorn	AAMI Stadium	\$2.90 \$1.38
4.40pm		West Coast	vs.		Essendon	Subiaco Oval	\$2.80 \$1.40

Another thrilling round of football with three games decided by a single kick. In particular was Richmond's winning goal after the siren; the 33rd such occurrence in the AFL. For completeness here are the others plus 3 winning after-the-siren behinds.

Year	Round	Team	Opposition	Score
AFTER-THE-SIREN GOAL TO WIN				
1913	15	St Kilda	Carlton	70-69
1913	16	Essendon	University	62-60
1928	17	St Kilda	Melbourne	82-81
1932	14	Richmond	Carlton	91-86
1944	18	Footscray	Carlton	89-88
1946	15	Footscray	Richmond	99-93
1960	13	Hawthorn	Collingwood	58-57
1967	1	Geelong	Collingwood	91-90
1973	16	North Melbourne	Collingwood	76-71
1976	10	North Melbourne	Carlton	81-76
1976	21	Footscray	Fitzroy	35-34
1978	14	St Kilda	North Melbourne	124-121
1980	1	South Melbourne	Geelong	88-85
1981	19	Richmond	St Kilda	71-65
1987	15	North Melbourne	Melbourne	112-110
1987	22	Carlton	North Melbourne	129-125
1987	PF	Hawthorn	Melbourne	80-79
1991	12	Adelaide	Fitzroy	50-47
1994	QF	Geelong	Footscray	106-101
1994	PF	Geelong	North Melbourne	109-103
1997	8	Fremantle	Brisbane Lions	98-93
2000	21	Port Adelaide	Carlton	88-83
2001	17	Hawthorn	Carlton	96-93
2001	8	St Kilda	Hawthorn	89-87
2002	4	Sydney	North Melbourne	103-100
2002	8	Fremantle	Melbourne	94-89
2002	11	Geelong	Carlton	100-96
2002	15	Port Adelaide	Sydney	94-92
2003	7	Collingwood	Adelaide	114-109
2005	3	Sydney	Brisbane Lions	87-81
2005	3	Fremantle	St Kilda	80-75
2009	18	Richmond	Melbourne	86-82
AFTER-THE-SIREN BEHIND TO WIN				
1972	20	Geelong	Collingwood	112-111
1996	PF	Sydney	Essendon	70-69
2009	17	Geelong	Hawthorn	99-98

Seems like Geelong are the after-the-siren magicians with 6 such victories including two from behinds and two consecutive occurrences in the 1994 finals series. But the thing that really pleases me about these statistics is that Carlton have lost by after-the-siren kicks more often than any other AFL team (7 occasions) including a mammoth 70m after-the-siren goal by Malcolm Blight in 1977 and another in 2002 when Carlton managed to claw back 44-points in the final quarter only to lose by a Geelong after-the-siren goal. Ahhh...demoralising Carlton losses are one of the two reasons why I enjoy AFL so much, the other being demoralising Collingwood losses.

There have also been several missed opportunities, including one in 1988 at Carrara Stadium where Footscray's Simon Beasley had a shot for goal from the boundary line after the siren to win. The Brisbane Bears placed Mike Richardson atop of Matthew Campbell's shoulders on the mark. The tactic worked, but prompted the AFL to change the rules.

Paul takes out this week's prize with his "last alphabetical" strategy redeeming itself from it's disastrous Round 15 performance. And before George starts his "would have, could have, should have" spiel (*Ed: Too late. It was the very first thing I heard as I walked into the office*) I'd like to point out how close Jesse and Hugh came to losing their leading positions, as each of Geelong, St Kilda and Richmond were a single kick away from losing in their respective matches. Had those matches gone the other way the leaderboard would have been as follows:

Current leaderboard		Possible leaderboard	
Jesse Biazzo	\$149.69	George El-Haber	148.69
Hugh Sarjeant	\$147.59	Jesse Biazzo	146.09
Leanne Plover	\$140.88	Hugh Sarjeant	143.99
Caz Jenkins	\$139.48	Corey Plover	143.27
Melissa Dixon	\$138.40	Leanne Plover	137.28
Patrick Habib	\$137.53	Caz Jenkins	135.88
Kim Rawsthorne	\$135.81	Melissa Dixon	134.80
George El-Haber	\$135.44	Patrick Habib	133.93
Emily Tao	\$133.38	Hilda Luo	133.04
David Heath	\$130.18	Kim Rawsthorne	132.21
Corey Plover	\$130.02	Diana Droog	132.14
Geoff Plover	\$129.86	David Heath	131.80
Diana Droog	\$129.11	Emily Tao	129.78
John Rawsthorne	\$126.81	Geoff Plover	126.26
Hilda Luo	\$125.01	John Rawsthorne	123.21
Brendan Plover	\$122.23	Brendan Plover	118.63
Paul Thomson	\$115.02	Paul Thomson	118.05

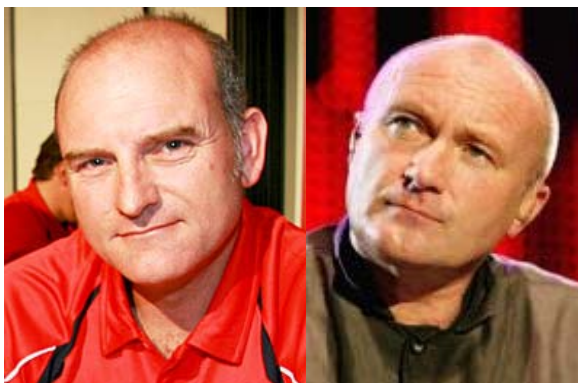
Those 3 kicks could have meant a \$16.85 swing to George and me and an \$11.63 swing to Hilda. This is one of the two reasons I hate AFL, the other being demoralising Essendon losses.

Fun & Games

Phooty lookalikes



Adelaide coach Neil Craig and Slobodan Milošević



Melbourne coach Dean Bailey and Phil Collins