

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 1 April 2011

						Home	Away
7:40pm		St. Kilda	vs.		Richmond	M.C.G.	
						\$1.25	\$3.85
						\$0.63	\$1.93

Saturday, 2 April 2011

2:10pm		North Melbourne	vs.		Collingwood	Etihad Stadium	\$5.50	\$1.13
2:40pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		West Coast	AAMI Stadium	\$1.50	\$2.50
7:40pm		Gold Coast	vs.		Carlton	Gabba	\$4.00	\$1.22
8:40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Geelong	Patersons Stadium	\$1.68	\$2.10

Sunday, 3 April 2011

1.10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Brisbane Lions	Etihad Stadium	\$1.13	\$5.50
2.10pm		Sydney	vs.		Essendon	ANZ Stadium	\$1.68	\$2.10
4.40pm		Hawthorn	vs.		Melbourne	M.C.G.	\$1.38	\$2.90

Ironical, but ultimately befitting, that the Gold Coast Suns' first game was played at night.

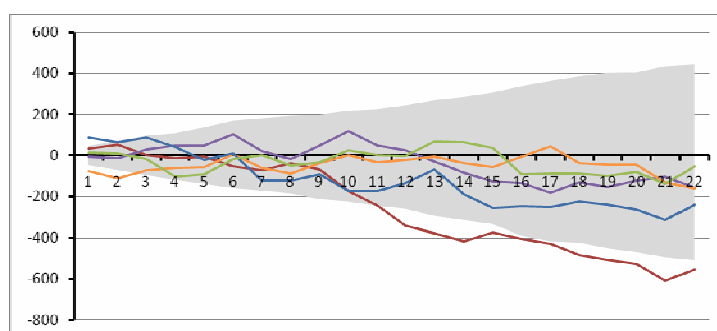


Move over Carlton and Collingwood...I reckon I've got a new scapegoat team for 2011

I was considering a bunch of astronomy-centric puns directed at the Suns' disappointing start to the season, but reconsidered after I realised that the person who is actually studying astronomy at the moment clearly doesn't understand my sense of humour and actually thought that I was disbanding the footy tipping competition on Aprils Fools' Day. It would be mean of me to single them out for gratuitous footy tipping wrap-up material (don't worry, I won't name names), but a part of me wonders how they can be simultaneously gullible and still manage an impressive \$10.01 for the round¹. Extreme gullibility does, however, go hand-in-hand with a lowly \$2.89 return for the round...

In contrast was Andrew who, with 6 from 7 winners plus the underdog in the draw, wins this week's Second Chance entry. If he'd only submitted a tip for the one-sided North Melbourne vs Collingwood game he could've gotten a perfect score.

But let's return to the question of "just how crap are Gold Coast?" and break out some statistics on this bad boy:



The above graph shows the "progressive points margin" for Adelaide, Brisbane Bears, Fremantle, Port Adelaide and West Coast in their respective first years in the AFL (if you'd like to test your history of AFL see if you can match the teams and the debuting years to the lines; answers are over the page). The gray shaded area shows the typical (75% confidence) interval based on all team scores since 1987.

Gold Coast are down 119 points after one round meaning they lie at the 0.5% percentile point of performance. Even though their 7 goal score was about 7 more than I expected they would get, their losing margin eclipses (*get it?*) all other debuting scores of any club, including University back in 1908. In fact, only 23 out of 4,077 matches since 1987 have had a 119 point or more winning margin.

So, the answer to the original question is "very".

¹ I said "it would be mean of me to single them out". This is equivalent to "logical implication" also written $A \square B$, where A = "me singling you out" *implies* B = "I am mean". But since B is true anyway, $A \square B$ is a perfectly valid and consistent statement regardless of A .

Fun & Games

Lookalikes

I think I'll spend some time comparing AFL commentators to characters from product advertising...What? Isn't that how you spend your free time?



Anthony Hudson and that bloke from the Youi insurance ads



Newly inducted Australian Football Hall of Famer, Robert Walls and KFC's Colonel Sanders