

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 24 July 2009							Home	Away
7.40pm		Carlton	vs.		Geelong	M.C.G.	\$4.25	\$1.20
Saturday, 25 July 2009								
2.10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		St. Kilda	Aurora Stadium	\$1.75	\$2.00
2.10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		West Coast	Etihad Stadium	\$1.04	\$9.50
7.10pm		Essendon	vs.		Brisbane Lions	M.C.G.	\$2.25	\$1.60
7.40pm		Adelaide	vs.		Collingwood	AAMI Stadium	\$1.75	\$2.00
Sunday, 26 July 2009								
1.10pm		Kangaroos	vs.		Melbourne	Etihad Stadium	\$1.33	\$3.15
2.10pm		Richmond	vs.		Sydney	M.C.G.	\$1.75	\$2.00
4.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Port Adelaide	Subiaco Oval	\$2.35	\$1.55

This TV cartoon from the 60s about an anthropomorphic superhero who almost always spoke in rhyme, sums up Round 19:

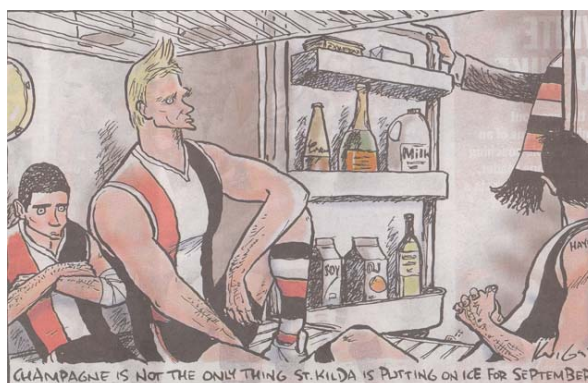
*When criminals in this world appear,
And break the laws that they should fear,
And frighten all who see or hear,
The cry goes up both far and near for...*

*When in this world the headlines read
Of those who's hearts are filled with greed
And rob and steal from those in need.
To right this wrong with blinding speed goes...*



Un-derdog. Un-derdog. Un-derdog. UNDERDOG!

Round 19 was the round of the upsets with 6 of the 8 matches going to the underdogs and another thrilling draw with Brisbane marking in the goal square with seconds remaining. Even St Kilda, who announced 8 late "injuries" and caused the biggest odds plunge in AFL history, managed to keep their unbeaten streak intact.



But even more astounding was a massive \$9.50 windfall to whoever was brave (or stupid?) enough to pick West Coast. Allow me to set the scene for this next bit: Last week, both George and I agreed that we needed some pretty big upsets to have any chance at claiming this year's major tipping prize. Our original intentions for this round were to tip all underdogs.

This is how it played out for George:

- Friday, 4:52PM – Emailed Corey tips for "All underdogs"
- Friday evening – Attended the game at the Gee, watched Carlton triumph over Geelong for the first time in 5 years. Strutted home, immensely pleased with my tipping prowess
- Saturday, 1:06PM – Emailed Corey, saying "Since I got Carlton right I might still have a chance so my new tips are:..." including a switch from West Coast to Western Bulldogs...

This is how it played out for me:

- Friday afternoon – Discussed with George my intention to submit tips for all underdogs
- Friday, 8:00PM – Crap! Forgot to email my tips to George meaning I miss out on Carlton's upset victory

But there was one little one among us who knew exactly what he was doing:

- Friday, 6:00PM – Picked Carlton and West Coast along with 4 other underdogs in front of 3 witnesses
- Friday, 6:30PM – Had my nightly bath and feed and got put down to sleep
- Friday, 8:00PM – Dreaming peacefully. I hope Daddy remembered to submit my tips for me



Brendan ponders how to wisely invest his weekly prize in this time of financial crisis

That's right, little Brendan managed \$19.75 of winnings, collecting the weekly prize ahead of my \$17.35 (which could have been \$22.10 if I weren't as forgetful), Paul's \$16.83 (which came from a modified alphabetical default strategy) and George's impressive \$13.93 (which could have been \$23.43 if only he had waited another 65 minutes before sending revised tips).

Despite all the "could have"s, "would have"s and "should have"s that have been flung about these last two weeks we are starting to see a much more intense competition for the major prize...even Caz managed to equal Paul's "best" performance proving that she can manage 0 out of 8 with the best of 'em.

Last week's leaderboard		This weeks' leaderboard	
Jesse Biazzo	\$149.69	Jesse Biazzo	\$155.02
Hugh Sarjeant	\$147.59	Hugh Sarjeant	\$151.72
Leanne Plover	\$140.88	George El-Haber	\$149.37
Caz Jenkins	\$139.48	Leanne Plover	\$148.46
Melissa Dixon	\$138.40	Corey Plover	\$147.87
Patrick Habib	\$137.53	Melissa Dixon	\$145.73
Kim Rawsthorne	\$135.81	Patrick Habib	\$142.86
George El-Haber	\$135.44	Brendan Plover	\$141.98
Emily Tao	\$133.38	Caz Jenkins	\$139.48
David Heath	\$130.18	Kim Rawsthorne	\$137.14
Corey Plover	\$130.02	Geoff Plover	\$135.19
Geoff Plover	\$129.86	Diana Droog	\$134.79
Diana Droog	\$129.11	Emily Tao	\$134.71
John Rawsthorne	\$126.81	David Heath	\$133.51
Hilda Luo	\$125.01	Paul Thomson	\$131.85
Brendan Plover	\$122.23	Hilda Luo	\$131.41
Paul Thomson	\$115.02	John Rawsthorne	\$128.14

Fun & Games

Phooty lookalikes



Carlton's Andrew Walker marks the opening of the new G. I. Joe movie: The Rise of Cobra



The incredible Richard Vandenberg. You don't want to make him angry