

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 21 May 2010

						Home	Away
7.10pm		Collingwood	vs.		Geelong	M.C.G.	\$2.00 \$1.75

Saturday, 22 May 2010

2:10pm		North Melbourne	vs.		Western Bulldogs	Etihad Stadium	\$4.00 \$1.22
2:10pm		Sydney	vs.		Fremantle	S.C.G.	\$1.75 \$2.00
7:30pm		Essendon	vs.		Richmond	M.C.G.	\$1.28 \$3.50
7:40pm		Melbourne	vs.		Port Adelaide	TIO Stadium	\$2.25 \$1.60

Sunday, 23 May 2010

1.10pm		Adelaide	vs.		Brisbane Lions	AAMI Stadium	\$2.15 \$1.65
2.20pm		Carlton	vs.		Hawthorn	Etihad Stadium	\$1.36 \$3.00
4.40pm		West Coast	vs.		St. Kilda	Subiaco Oval	\$1.95 \$1.80

...and the big news this week:



On Thursday, Akermanis published a Herald Sun article where he effectively advised gay AFL players to "stay in the closet". I, like all sensible people, think Akermanis is a twat. But I'm much more amused at two things that seem to have been overlooked by the media and wider community. The first is how Akermanis's article is a restatement of one he published back on 20 August 2008¹. If Aker's comments are so outrageous, why didn't they attract similar attention 2 years ago?

Secondly was this particular amusing jibe:

In women's sport - tennis, golf, cricket, hockey and soccer - being gay carries no stigma. But men's sport is well behind in acceptance.

Do you hear that Paul and George? Golf and soccer are "women's sports"! I'm surprised the feminist armies and soccer mobs haven't converged of Aker's residence with 3-woods and Molotov cocktails.

Let's examine the facts: The AFL has 494 players that have played a game in the 2010 season so far and 1,764 unique players in the modern era of AFL (i.e. since 1999). Based on 2003 and 2006 studies in Australian, between 1.6% and 3% of men identify themselves as gay. Even extending this variability, I predict a 98.25% chance that there are more than 10 gay AFL footballers, yet not one single AFL player has come out, even after retirement from AFL.

Comparing AFL to some other sports, according to Wikipedia there are 13 gay tennis player, 7 golfers and 6 each from basketball and NFL. There are even 3 from boxing, 2 from Rugby Union and 2 professional wrestlers. Is AFL really any more "macho" than these sports?

To tipping results however, and I'm sure I speak for everybody (well, everybody except George) when I express the joy of seeing George's 2-out-of-8 fall from grace drop him 5 spots on the tipping ladder. Also, justice has finally prevailed as I have picked up my first weekly prize with a \$10.45 haul. Not as impressive as Diana who replicated the feat and claims her third weekly prize for the season! At this rate, she might be able to cover the field of finalists in the Second Chance Draw.

¹ Gay still "taboo" in AFL, <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/sport/afl/gay-still-taboo-in-afl/story-e6frf9nx-1111117242829>

Fun & Games

Phooty fotos

I'd like to see Akermanis make fun of this bloke:



"You have a very unusual name there...De'Cody"

De'cody Fagg, Florida State University Wide Receiver. Let's see him from the front:



Go on Aker. I dare you...

Phooty lookalikes

Had to be done:



Martina Navratilova vs John Denver