

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 4 June 2010						Home	Away	
7.40pm		Richmond	vs.		St. Kilda	Etihad Stadium	\$5.75	\$1.12
Saturday, 5 June 2010								
2:10pm		Carlton	vs.		Melbourne	M.C.G.	\$1.33	\$3.15
3:10pm		Adelaide	vs.		Fremantle	AAMI Stadium	\$3.00	\$1.36
7:10pm		North Melbourne	vs.		Brisbane	Etihad Stadium	\$2.40	\$1.53
7:40pm		West Coast	vs.		Geelong	Subiaco Oval	\$6.00	\$1.11
Sunday, 6 June 2010								
1.10pm		Sydney	vs.		Essendon	S.C.G.	\$1.72	\$2.05
2.10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		Port Adelaide	M.C.G.	\$1.35	\$3.10
4.40pm		Collingwood	vs.		Western Bulldogs	Etihad Stadium	\$1.65	\$2.15

I never realised that AFL had such an avid worldwide following:



Surely they are protesting about Israel Folau following in Karmichael Hunt's footsteps and defecting from NRL to AFL. No?

There has been plenty of debate over the recent signings of rugby league stars, with Greg Inglis now being sought by Essendon. Clearly it has been a marketing success with all media outlets and local footy tipping wrap-ups following the NRL / AFL wars. But it is not unusual for players to changing between football leagues, or indeed whole sports:

- Jim Stynes, brother Brian Stynes and Tadgh Kennelly (pronounced "Tie" for those that don't speak Irish) all converted from Gaelic football to AFL
- Darren Lockyer played junior level Aussie Rules before moving to Roma, Queensland; a rugby league city that had no Aussie Rules clubs
- Adrian Barich played both Aussie rules and rugby league (for West Coast Eagles and Western Reds respectively)
- Daniel Merritt was an under 19s Australian representative in the NRL before successfully moving across to the AFL
- Dean Brogan played with the Adelaide 36ers, winning an NBL championship before debuting for Port Adelaide
- Dwayne Armstrong played NFL for the Oakland Raiders before being recruited by Kevin Sheedy by the Essendon football club and although did not debut at senior AFL level, he played several reserve grade games
- Darren Bennett, Ben Graham, Nathan Chapman, Saverio Rocca and Chris Bryan were all senior AFL players that have converted to senior grade NFL



Inter-league rivalry at its finest

In fact, in 1914 and 1915 an amalgamation of Australian rules football and rugby league, the predominant code of football in New South Wales and Queensland, was considered and trialled. Here are two newspaper excerpts: ^{1,2}

(Received November 19, 11.10 a.m.)

SYDNEY, This Day.

The Rugby League is considering the report from a conference, held in Melbourne on 2nd November, with regard to the amalgamation of football under the League and Australian rules.

The League has secured residential premises at the United Service Club, and this will afford facilities for visiting teams.

RUGBY AND AUSTRALIAN CODES.

(Received February 2, 9.40 a.m.)

SYDNEY, This Day.

The New South Wales Rugby League has adopted necessary alterations to the rules for carrying out the proposed amalgamation with the Australian game. South Australia has also adopted the rules.

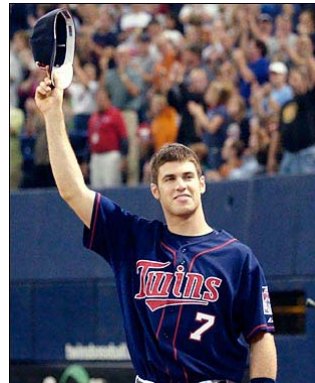
And for the second consecutive week, David wins a second chance draw entry, this time sharing it with Emily who has opened up a healthy gap for first place. Damn it...Marginally better than George leading I guess...

Phooty Lookalikes

AFL lookalikes from other sports:



Dual nuff-nuffs Brendan Fevola and Rugby Union footballer, Piru Weepu



Jonathon Brown and Minnesota Twins MVP, Joe Mauer



Dean Cox and Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic

¹ <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=search&d=EP19141119.2.81.6>

² <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=search&d=EP19150202.2.110>

