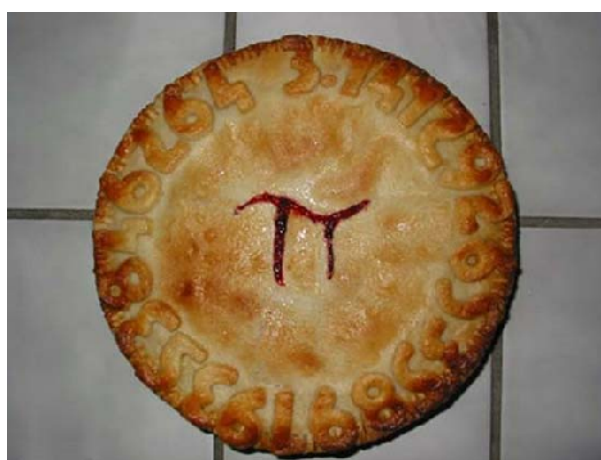


Weekly wrap up

Friday, 16 July 2010						Home	Away	
7.40pm		Adelaide	vs.		Geelong	AAMI Stadium	\$3.85	\$1.25
Saturday, 17 July 2010								
2.10pm		Collingwood	vs.		St. Kilda	M.C.G.	\$2.00	\$1.75
2.10pm		Hawthorn	vs.		Brisbane	Aurora Stadium	\$1.28	\$3.50
7:10pm		Essendon	vs.		West Coast	Etihad Stadium	\$1.40	\$2.80
7:40pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Port Adelaide	TIO Stadium	\$1.15	\$5.00
Sunday, 18 July 2010								
1.10pm		Carlton	vs.		Sydney	Etihad Stadium	\$1.55	\$2.35
2.10pm		Richmond	vs.		North Melbourne	M.C.G.	\$1.75	\$2.05
4.40pm		Fremantle	vs.		Melbourne	Subiaco Oval	\$1.20	\$4.25

Hot pies! Get your hot pies here...



Actuarial humour...you just can't beat it

With almost double the attendance of any other match of the round, 81,386 footy fans watched the Pies beat the Saints and snatch the number one position on the ladder for the first time since 1990. Ominous, since 1990 was the last time Collingwood won a premiership.

However, just to deflate the egos of Magpie supporters, let's put a few things into perspective:

- Collingwood have played in 40 premierships, 11 more than any other team, but their win rate is one of the worst of the league: They lose 63.75% of their Grand Finals. Only Sydney (4 wins from 14 Grand Finals) and St. Kilda (1 win from 6 Grand Finals) have worse Grand Final win rates
- Carlton have won the most premierships: 16, two clear of Collingwood on 14
- The best performing finals side is, arguably, Adelaide. They have won both their Grand Final's appearances for a 100% win rate, and each time they did so from a position lower than 3rd on the ladder; the only team to do so since the Final 8 system has been in place (all 14 other Grand Finals since 1994 have been won by teams placed in the top 3 at the end of the 22 round season)

So, just what are Collingwood's chances of holding onto top place, and/or winning a premiership? This looks like a job for...*fanfare*...*Excel Footy Tipping Spreadsheet!*

Here are my predictions based on the continuation of current season performance:

#	COL	STK	GEE	FRE	WB	SYD	HAW	CAR	NM	ADE	MEL	ESS	BRI	PA	RIC	WC
🏆	30%	35%	15%	1%	18%	-	0.1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	56%	40%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	33%	49%	12%	1%	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	6%	7%	46%	9%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	4%	4%	31%	17%	45%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	1%	1%	7%	71%	18%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	2%	-	27%	33%	38%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	-	30%	31%	33%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-	32%	28%	22%	5%	8%	5%	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-	9%	6%	4%	22%	38%	13%	3%	2%	2%	2%	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	31%	26%	18%	8%	4%	5%	4%	-
11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21%	15%	22%	14%	12%	8%	7%	-
12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13%	6%	15%	19%	19%	13%	12%	2%
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14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	1%	7%	18%	20%	18%	19%	15%
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5%	12%	15%	18%	22%	27%
16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	5%	7%	18%	19%	49%
Average	1.6	1.8	3.3	4.6	3.8	7.3	7.1	7.0	10.3	9.8	11.2	12.7	13.1	13.6	13.8	15.1
% of ▲	44%	12%	38%	73%	-	73%	35%	6%	72%	25%	39%	56%	42%	36%	19%	-
% of ▼	-	40%	16%	10%	82%	-	34%	72%	6%	48%	38%	25%	37%	46%	59%	51%
% in top 8	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	89%	93%	94%	6%	11%	7%	-	-	-	-	-
% in top 4	99%	99%	93%	27%	82%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Top 8 positions, and almost the top 4, are fairly well cemented by the look of things, but some points of interest:

- Even though Collingwood are likely to place higher than St. Kilda on the ladder, St Kilda have a greater chance of winning the premiership. Similarly, Western Bulldogs have a higher chance of the premiership than Geelong. Not sure why this is
- Western Bulldogs are likely to push Fremantle out of the top 4, perhaps even moving up to third place, increasing the chances of another all-Victorian Grand Final
- Essendon have a 56% chance of finishing bottom four (don't count them out just yet George)
- Carlton are quite likely to move upwards, perhaps even clinching 6th place and gaining a home ground advantage if playing Sydney or Fremantle

Phooty lookalikes



Sam Gilbert and Heath Ledger



Guinness Record holder¹ Shane Crawford and Gordon from the Thunderbirds

¹ Crawford holds 5 Guinness World Records: most Golden Orb spiders on his body (157), kissing the most people in a minute (96), wearing the most pairs of underwear (180), 100m sprint while in a pantomime horse and most eggs cracked on head in a minute (90)