

Weekly wrap up

Friday, 14 May 2010

						Home	Away
7.10pm		Fremantle	vs.		Collingwood	Subiaco Oval	\$1.90 \$1.85

Saturday, 15 May 2010

2.10pm		Western Bulldogs	vs.		Sydney	Manuka Oval	\$1.60 \$2.25
2.10pm		Melbourne	vs.		West Coast	M.C.G.	\$1.36 \$3.00
7.10pm		Brisbane Lions	vs.		Geelong	Gabba	\$3.00 \$1.36
7.10pm		North Melbourne	vs.		Adelaide	Etihad Stadium	\$1.58 \$2.30

Sunday, 16 May 2010

1.10pm		Richmond	vs.		Hawthorn	M.C.G.	\$4.50 \$1.18
3.10pm		Port Adelaide	vs.		Carlton	AAMI Stadium	\$1.85 \$1.90
4.40pm		St. Kilda	vs.		Essendon	Etihad Stadium	\$1.40 \$2.80

Let's spare a thought for Richmond...



OK, that's long enough. Currently 0 wins from 8 games it would appear that Richmond's best move would be to do a Melbourne Storm, breach their salary cap and have all points stripped from them. Things are only going to get worse for them because they, like Paul in our tipping competition, have a firm death grip on the last place.

So much for tigers being lucky in Chinese astrology; back in 2007 when Richmond finished bottom, they had their priority pick stolen by Carlton. This year history seems set to repeat itself with Gold Coast getting more than half the initial draft picks (#1-3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 all go their way). They probably need it too, considering they have only 1 win and 1 draw from 6 matches so far in the VFL. Western Sydney will get the same in 2011, so assuming Richmond comes last, they get pick #4, and then a couple of crappy picks in the twenties.

Currently Richmond are \$1.20 to win the wooden spoon and have been removed altogether from minor premiership betting (i.e. they have no mathematical chance of placing first on the ladder by Round 22). But, if you are a gambling man (*cough* George *cough*) IASbet.com is returning \$10,000 for Richmond to win the Grand Final.

In footy tipping results, while Round 8 was not the lowest averaging round (that was Round 6) only one person managed to scrape into double digit winnings and that was Leanne with \$10.42 thanks to Essendon's triumph over St Kilda and proof that AFL is transitive (Essendon beats Carlton, Carlton beats St Kilda, ergo...)

Fun & Games

So...you think you know football?

Think you know the rules of our beloved game? Over the next few weeks, we'll see exactly how much you *think* you know. This week...measurements and ground layout:

- a. What are the necessary dimensions of an Australia Rules football oval?
- b. What is inherently wrong about the following terms:
 - i. Fifty Meter Line
 - ii. Centre Square
 - iii. Football Oval
- c. If one of the behind posts was snapped off for some reason, could it be replaced by a children's Auskick post? A flag pole? A spare goal post?
- d. Are boundary lines required to be drawn in white?
- e. What are the requirements for the placement of the interchange areas? Hypothetically, would it be possible to locate the interchange area for each team between their goal posts?

Phooty lookalikes

Making fun of our New South Wales counterparts, as is our god-given right...nay, our obligation.



Heath Grundy and Sylar from Heroes



Sydney fans and "Where's Wally"

- a. There is no exact size for football ovals, but they must be 135 to 185m in length and 110 to 155m in width.
- b. i. Nowhere in the rules does it say the "Fifty Meter Line" needs to be 50m from goals. In fact, at the S.C.G. these lines are only 45m from goal because otherwise they would overlap the Centre Square
- ii. The "Centre Square" does not need to be in the centre of the oval. If the ground is in an unsuitable condition, the square can be relocated. The same goes for the "Centre Circle"
- iii. Trick question. Nothing is wrong with this term whatsoever. Football grounds must indeed be "oval in shape".
- c. An Auskick post would be too small (behind posts must be at minimum 3m) and a flag pole would not have the mandatory padding (Rule 3.5.2) but you could technically use a goal post as a behind post even though it is at least 6m tall as there is nothing stating that behind posts must be smaller than goal posts.
- d. Yes. The rules specifically say "a white line" not just "a line" for boundary markings. There is no such mandating rules for other line markings however.
- e. The only rules for the Interchange Area specify that it must be 15m wide and placed "along the Boundary Line". This implies that only a single area is permitted and must be shared between teams, but it can otherwise be located anywhere along the boundary. However, the goal areas do not constitute a "Boundary Line" so the hypothetically placement falls on two counts.

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