



Match Review – Round 4 v's Carlton.

Collingwood 13.10.88 - Carlton 17.9.111

Wow, what a week to start out on one's journalistic career! A veritable flogging from the most bitter of enemies.

Firstly, the thank-you's go to:

- o Marty, for asking me in the nicest possible way to do this – obviously a bad omen and one that should not be repeated, especially in September.
- o My friendly colleague from the Brekky of the past 2 weeks who (probably correctly in many ways) suggested that this piece would be very easy – “Just write ‘crap, crap, crap’” – thanks Jack, easy, but not quite my style.
- o Dale Thomas for one streak of his usually regular brilliance that at least ensured I left the Brekky with a decent bottle of red with which to drown my sorrows.
- o And A most sarcastic thanks to the insipid local TV programmers who again maintained that 80 000 people packed into the MCG must be wrong and a country game in Launceston, where thankfully the Cows met their just deserts, was more important.

Driving home in the twilight from the Brekky (3 plugs already should be worth another bottle) there were many thoughts of what to say in this piece but the one that kept returning to mind (maybe because it is the US Master's Golf Championship weekend) was a quote from perhaps the most famous matchplay golfer of all time, Bobby Jones, who stated that, “I never learnt a single thing from any game that I won”. A hugely debatable comment because I reckon that the Ratten lad and his Blueboy sidekicks would have learnt heaps that will, unfortunately, help them over the next few years with a young and exciting squad. Those who have been watching would have observed steady improvement that should ensure some titanic ‘battles of old between these rivals in coming years – wish we could get that slow old Kouta back from The Gladiators so we could keep up.

What about the good guys?

- o We do need at least one of Leon or Dids firing for us to be a real threat.
- o When Anthony Rocca is good, he is very, very good but when he is bad oh dear
- o We do need to keep the game flowing – the danger with this style is that it looks (and feels) horrible when the bounce of the ball goes the other way (as happened too often today) or when turnovers occur.
- o We do need to kick straight or, you know it's going to be a bad day when Dids snaps at goal and kicks out of bounds on the full.
- o Our new Brown is obviously a fantastic talent who will perform some magical feats wherever he is placed, but is he really a forward (yet)?
- o What is the second option, back-up plan when our mid-field is coming second?
- o Don't blame Harry for The Fev's picnic – most primary school full forwards could have kicked goals with the delivery he had.
- o More inside 50's with a big loss probably means the ball is coming out of our forward line too easily – why?
- o Generally, our boys simply looked too slow – makes you wonder about training this past week.

And some good news:

- o Port Power (ain't that just the greatest oxymoron of them all? – even beats ‘army intelligence’) are now 15th rather than the 14th that they would have been if we'd won.
- o Both Power and the Cows lost by way more than we did so it won't be anywhere near as bad at work this week as it could have been. (at least it felt like Port lost by more after being 8 goals up at the start of the last quarter).
- o President Marty obviously has E.S.P. – what a great time to escape to the Apple Isle!
- o Honestly, today was just so bad that you would have to realistically believe that it couldn't happen again. (See I knew the optimist in me would win out in the end)

And finally, of course, one premise was undoubtedly proven today – it doesn't matter what colour you dress those characters with the whistles in – maggots is maggots no matter what! Don't shoot the messenger – remember, the president asked me to do it!

Give me some more of that redfrom, The Swooper's Jest! (And a Big Thank you to Lindsay Bowey for the fantastic review).



First Goal Kicker Competition...

Congratulations to the lucky winners:

1st Qtr – Dawn F. 2nd Qtr – Lindsay B. 3rd Qtr – Sue H.

4th Qtr – Jack D.

SAM Library...

Rob and I have been asked to become "Librarians" for the latest innovation of SA Magpies. We've started with 2 DVD's:

- "Magpies and Cats 1st Prelim 2007" and
- "Magpies vs the Eagles Epic 2nd Semi 2007".

If you are interested in borrowing one or both for a week, contact me on lyndallf@team-bundy.com prior to any upcoming weekend and I will bring the DVD with me.

If SA Magpies Members embrace this initiative, we will expand the DVD Library. Go the Pies - Lyndall Freeman

AFL Ladder Top 8 – Round 4

1.Haw	3.W'Bull	5.PIES	7.Kangas
2.Geel	4.Swans	6.Crows	8.Tigers

Our V.F.L. Side

A final term fadeout saw Collingwood drop its second match in succession in the third round of the VFL..Ben Reid and Sam Iles were notable absentees for the Pies, while Danny Stanley and Tyson Goldsack sat out the match, on standby for the senior's battle against Carlton the following afternoon.

Collingwood 2.1, 8.2, 10.2, **12.5 (77)**

Northern Bullants 2.4, 9.5, 12.7, **20.8 (128)**

Goals – Jurrah 3, **Bryan 2, Egan, Lonie, Cox, Dyas, Thoolen, Wellingham, Cook.**

Best – Cook, Nicholls, Wellingham, Frost, Bryan, Crow, Holland, Thoolen..

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Celebrity Tipster – Sean Rusling 22

1.Dean Fisher	25
2.David Pasco	24
John DeGaris	24
4.Ken Arlott,	22
Ron Fisher, Pat Edmunds,Danny Edmunds	22

Congratulations to John DeGaris for taking out the \$20 weekly prize for round 4.

Thank you to the Little Para Printer for kindly sponsoring round 4.

SuperCoach – Round 4 - Total Scores.

1.The Nationals (John)	Win	4 Pts
2.Carpet Burns (Paul – Ballarat SG)	Win	4
3.Supreme Dream Team	Win	4
4.Lazy Allstars (Peter)	Win	4
5.Ruslings Rooters	Win	4
6. Moose on the Loose (Marty)	Win	4
7.Collingwd08 (Michael)	Loss	0
8.Klaani (Ben)	Loss	0
9.Marks Magpies (Mark)	Loss	0

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