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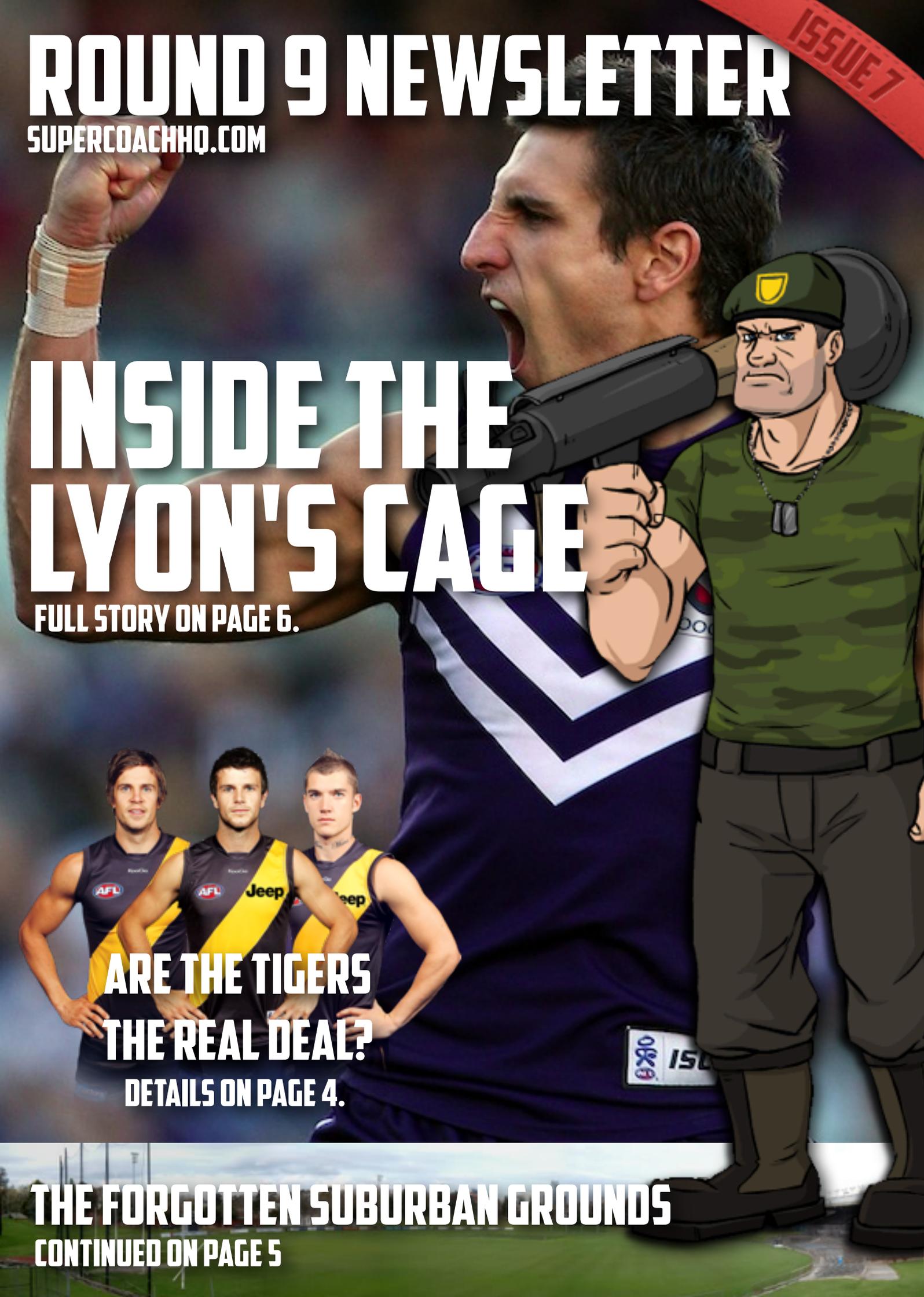


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THE GARY ABLETT MEDAL

The winner of this week's Gary Ablett medal was a tough one due to heaps of low scores from all the usual premiums. I'd have to give it to Dayne Beams, who was overshadowed by Sidebottom last week but really came out of his own in the game against Adelaide. With Swan out, he really needed to step up and step up he did. 36 disposals (16 kicks and 20 handballs), 14 of them contested, with a disposall efficiency of 78% and 2 goals. Some honourable mentions go to Steele Sidebottom (142 points), Matt Rosa (158 points), Steve Johnson (146 points) and Ivan Maric (148 points).

THE ZAC DAWSON MEDAL

The Zac Dawson Medal for this round easily goes to Travis Cloke. Luckily, I don't have him but I know many of you do. Racking up a 'massive' 4 disposals (2 of them ineffective), 3 tackles which helped him get his 26 supercoach points. Not enough from a premium in your forward line and a key forward teams are willing to pay good many for.

BROUGHT IN THE POINTS

The player who brought in the points this round would be everyone's favourite 6th or 7th forward, Adam Treloar who was GWS' highest scoring player in their game against Essendon. We all knew he had a 90 point game in him but not the century. Got him as my 7th forward and aren't I glad I do! Honourable mentions go to Treloar's teammate Dylan Shiel who scored 98 and Dayne Zorko who, after a very slow start, fired up in the last quarter to finish on 83.

TRADE OF THE WEEK

OUT: Underperforming rookie

IN: Dayne Beams

After last week's massive score, Beams seems to be the player people are trading in. Not really chasing his score either because he's been consistent. Get him in if he fits with your byes as well!

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SARGE'S ORDERS

- The Bulldogs have really up'ed their contested game since McCartney has taken the helm at Footscray.
- How good was that Richmond win? And weren't the fans fired up!
- Was actually expecting a closer game up at the Gold Coast.
- Glad Lenny got the win he deserved.
- Great stadium up at the showgrounds in Sydney. Could have don better with the crowds. But I'd give them time.
- Collingwood defying the odds. Geelong couldn't do it. Collingwood did. Very good traveling team.
- Deja vu for my Roo Boys. Just with a W next to our name though.
- Were Melbourne spirited or were Carlton just taking it easy?

THE ANDREW CARRAZZO MEDAL

The Andrew Carrazzo Medal for the player who wrecked your Supercoach side due to their injury is Dyson Heppell. I didn't see this exclusion coming but I guess he needed a rest, especially because it was a game against GWS. Many people have him as a certain 80 - 90 point in your team's total. Hopefully you all kept him as trades are gold right now. An dishonourable mention to the bloke who'll have a statue of him in the middle of North Melbourne, Jack Ziebell who wasn't having a hot game himself but getting a sore back and then subbed out of the game didn't help [Ayden](#) who was sitting in front of me at Etihad Stadium when we heard the news. Ayden is also a Jack Ziebell owner.

THE NAT FYFE MEDAL

The Nat Fyfe Medal for this week for the player to dominate the discussion on Twitter would go to Nick Dal Santo. Fallen premium come good, heaps of people had jumped on him before his price increases too much. A proven Supercoach point scorer in past years but in season 2012 has had a very slow start so far.

SCHON'S BYE STRATEGY

There are a few simple things to remember to make sure that you cope the best that you can:

- Rounds 11, 12 & 13 are the bye rounds. Each AFL team has one week off in these weeks.
- Three trades are allowed each round to help cope with the six byes.
- The minimum amount of donuts (players scoring zero) that you can achieve isn't none, but two. WHY?
- The reason is pretty simple: Let's first ignore the ruckmen and assume that we can all field at least two ruckmen every round. Without ruckmen, there are 26 players in our SuperCoach squad.

Now we only have 6 bench spots: 2 in the defenders' line, 2 in the midfield and 2 in the forward-line.

Every player in your squad has to be on the bench at least once in the three rounds. We have 26 players who need to be on the pine at some stage, but with only 6 bench positions every round, multiplied by three rounds ($6 \times 3 = 18$), we have only 18 bench spots. We can trade three times in rounds 12 and three times in round 13, once the byes have started, ideally leaving us with six players who have already had the bye, therefore in our squad, only 20 players ($26 - 6 = 20$) need a bench spot.

It's all about limiting the damage.

FOOTYNERD

Thanks to the 'Footynerd' bookmarklet, we can easily transform your SuperCoach side into an easy to read bye guide. (Below is an example back-line). I recommend this download to anyone who takes their SuperCoach seriously, it will save a lot of time. It can be found at <http://blog.footynerd.com>



In summary, key points to remember:

- Aim to have no more than 8 R11 players in your side by R11.
- Accept that you might have to cop a donut in R12
- Accept that you will have to cop donuts
- Minimise the damage!

FISH AND TIPS

This piece was written by [Chris Meister](#).

The tips on what not to do are simple but need to be followed if you want to have success playing this game.

Key position players are fools gold in SuperCoach. With defensive structures in place in modern football they days of the century goal-kickers may be behind us. As a result key position players do not provide enough value for SuperCoaches. The one exception to this has been Buddy Franklin, however this year he just hasn't delivered, especially in front of the big sticks. His goal output to this stage of the season is the lowest in at least five years. If you are thinking to trade him into your side, don't. Things are only likely to get harder for him as the season wears on, especially if his team continues to struggle for consistency.

Do not pick inconsistent players just because they are likely to give you a big score once in a while, such as Cyril Rioli, a major disappointment this year. Look at players such as Dangerfield or Sidebottom that can be picked as either a forward or midfielder and rack up the numbers consistently week after week.

Do not make desperate trades if you are behind in your league. For example hold your nerve on Dane Swan he will be back in the next couple of weeks and if last year is anything to go by he will be well worth keeping in your team in the back half of the season. Don't waste a trade, two if you want to get him back in, on him unless you really have to.

Please don't forget to consider that the byes are here after Round 10. It might be best to keep trades up your sleeve as you can have up to three trades in these weeks.

Maybe this week I will follow my own advice.

CORKASCREW'S VIEW

Hi all, Corey Kennedy here. I am here to right my opinion and views on popular topics in the AFL at the moment, you can follow me on twitter @corka23 or email me here with feedback on my article or some ideas for next week, I'd love to here from you. A bit of background info on myself I'm 18 work as an assistant P/E teacher and barrack for the mighty bombers!

My first piece will be on the Tigers and their revival and move up the ladder and maybe pushing their way up into the finals. The Richmond supporters have been waiting for this for so long been to two finals series in 32 years



and the supporters are ready to explode but what are the reasons that they are on their way back and being competitive in each game? One of the big reasons is the recruitment of the big mullet Ivan Maric for a long time Richmond has been looking for a great ruckman to compliment their ever improving midfield and Maric has been a perfect fit. The tigers have improved mightily in the centre clearances. The Tigers have won 18 more centre clearances than their opposition this season, and are ranked third in the league after last year being ranked dead last and have won 24 more hitouts to advantage than their opposition this season, and is ranked fourth as opposed to second last, last year and most of the accolades can be giving to Maric.

Also the rapid improvement of Cotchin, Martin, Morris, Ellis and the ever reliable Shane Tuck, Shaun Grigg, Nathan Foley have been great and also Bachar Houli has been a great pick up for the tigers after moving from Essendon last year for basically nothing.

Brett Deledio has turned into one of the elite players in the AFL and their defence has been great this season, the likes of Rance, Grimes, Newman, Morris, Griffiths and Batchelor has been great in working together to stop some of the most potent forward lines in the AFL only giving up around 87 points per game.



Richmond's forward line can still be a little hit and miss the likes of Brad Miller, Tyrone Vickory and the push up and Nahas need to lift, but when Jack Riewoldt is in the form is was in on Saturday against the Hawks the tigers become one of the best teams to watch and become a very dangerous team that no one wants to play. After getting through at very tough run to start the season being 4-5 is not all that bad and now there draw becomes a lot easier and now the



tigers can make a real charge if they continue to improve and if their forward line can become more potent and continue to work hard and get the goals on the board the tigers can become a finals and very dangerous team not just this year but in many years to come. This will be a great thing not just for the tigers fans but also for the AFL its been 32 long years for the tigers but now it seems like it's the team for the tigers to make that step in final contender status.

BEFORE THE INTERNET....

AFL Football in 2012 is a multi million dollar industry, a business even. As such a lot of the heart, soul and traditions of the game have fallen by the wayside.

We sit down now and claim, Anzac Day as a traditional annual clash between Essendon and Collingwood, but it only began in 1995. Long after Windy Hill hosted its final AFL game, long after Tony Lockett graced the arena at Moorabbin. Two of the games greatest goalkickers, John Coleman and Peter Hudson had hundreds of fans that would switch from one end of the ground to the other just to be at the end where all their goals would be kicked, an impossibility today with reserved seating and security guards and ground attendants absolutely everywhere.

The after match rite of passage of waiting for the second siren, then hurdling the fence and racing



to the centre circle before playing kick to kick until the sunset, and lit only by the lights from the social club, at the top of the Gent Stand, at

Footscray, or the Heatley Stand at Carlton.

This was real footy, and real tradition. Just like the day I attended the Western Oval as a kid, in 8 degree temperatures, with \$10 in my pocket to buy a record, pie and a coke, watching West Coast kick 3 goals for the entire match, later that year they would win the flag, the Eagles first, but not this day, as the wind, rain and cold suited the Bulldog style to a tee. Then spending a week at home sick having caught a cold, and regretting nothing, counting down the days until next Saturday afternoon, to do it all again.

Like catching the tram down Royal Parade, entering Optus Oval, and watching Captain Carlton on his hovercraft, not one of the games finest moments, granted but it was outdoors, and if it rained, guess what, most of the fans got wet.

Watching the Peanut man ring the oval before the match, with his blanket to catch the coins. When umbrellas and ponchos were all the rage, as you watch a 10 goal slog in driving rain, then after the game queueing outside the players exit just to get one or two autographs on your jumper of Footy Record.

I still treasure the day Dermott Brereton signed my record, and yes I was in full Carlton gear, which brings me to VFL Park, later Waverley. The only ground in Melbourne where the game would finish, with only 20,000 attending, and it would still take two hours to get out of the carpark, and on to the Mulgrave Freeway. Or the day 79,000 attended, it was standing room only, and Collingwood won the game on the back of a Daicos 70 metre



torpedo, and on the bus ride home I lost my scarf out the window, no turning back, we just bought a new one next week!

Watching the old Dot Matrix scoreboard, and looking in the record wondering just who E and H were for the progress scores. Then once the game was over, listening to the after match review if we won, or TT FM if we lost. Arriving home, and without fail the Saturday night replay.

Yes, this was real footy. The kids today don't know how well they have it.

BENJAMIN'S BANTER



Ben Cuzzupe is a Reporter for the BigFooty News and the Executive Producer of the Footy Talk Show 'Bound For Glory' on 90.7FM in Melbourne and syn.org.au (for everyone else) 10am on Saturday mornings.

Although as ultimately boring as Ross Lyon's game plan is, let's look at beyond the spectacle for the moment. From a tactical standpoint, his ultra-defensive, numbers behind the ball cluster is not a viable game plan.

Fremantle have only cleared 100 points at one point this season (in their Round 1 win against Geelong), and average 10.8 goals a season. Whatever the hell their nauseating game plan is trying to achieve, fails half the criteria it is trying to achieve.



The game plan resolves around getting numbers behind the ball, pushing the midfield into the backline and the forwards up towards the

middle of the ground and half back. This looks to create stoppage after stoppage in order to slowly strangle and kill any sort of offensive onslaught the opposition can muster against the Dockers. Once the Dockers regain possession of the ball, it is chipped around wings and through traffic if there is time and space; if not, just passed back and forth. This part of the plan is working; the Dockers have only had 100 points kicked against them once (RD1 v Geelong) and average 11.6 goals kicked against them.

However, the second facet of the game plan fails horribly; turning opportunities from defense into counter attacks in their own forward half. The Dockers average 47 Inside 50's a game; ranked 14th in competition; also, they're ranked 10th for Rebound 50's (average 33 per game); indicating they aren't moving the ball fast enough. They have often chipped around the ball back and forth (6th in the league for Uncontested Possessions, averaging 223 per game) and are ranked equal 4th in the league for disposal efficiency (73%). Another indicating stat that shows the Dockers are just too damn slow in moving the ball, is that they average only 5 running bounces a game (14th in the comp).

Such capitulations in the last two weeks against the Hawks and Eagles are no coincidence. The West Coast Eagles have the best forward press in the game, and the Hawks still play the 'Clarko Cluster' style, both pushing players up into a zone which strangles the Dockers and gives them nowhere to go.

The only way to beat the Hawks zone and Eagles press is to play on, something the Dockers have been reluctant or maybe even been drilled into Lyon to not play on. Once they have got over the press, is only time they seem to play on, which leads to another issue.

The lack of kicking winning scores. As I mentioned beforehand, 11 goals a game won't win you a game of football. The leading goal kickers in Mayne and Pavlich are the only two forwards who have kicked over 10 goals, also showcasing their small forwards (such as Hill and Ballantyne) have been moved up the ground. The robbing of Peter (the Forwards), to pay Paul (the Defense) is having negative repercussions. When the Dockers finally do reach over the other side of the zone, their forwards are nowhere near dangerous positions, because they've been pushed up the ground so far.



Ross Lyon's game plan may have nearly stolen two flags, but the fact remains that defensive football has only really won one flag in the modern AFL era (Swans in 2005). Regardless of how the game looks; from an actual set up of how the Dockers are playing, it's not a viable key to success. The Cats, Hawks, Pies; and now the Eagles and Bombers rely on their midfielders alone to wander into the defensive half to extract the ball and move it forward in a speedy manner. The Dockers will keep getting caught out, unless they change their ways.

SIMMO SAYS



Hope we are all well and good. Not a huge week in fantasy footy in terms of scores, mainly thanks to a lot of our premiums not quite scoring to their potential. I will only speak briefly this week, instead of going on and on about other uninformative information, I've decided to give you some serious stats on the '200 club'... give it a read and let me know what ya think, enjoy!

200+ SuperCoach scores since Champion Data have been officiating since 2006:

Dean Cox vs. Western Bulldogs round 19 2011. 213 SC points, 155 DT points, 27 disposals, 19 kicks, 8 handballs, 13 marks, 1 goal, 1 behind, 37 hit outs. 3 votes.

Mark LeCras vs. Essendon round 16 2010. 226 SC points, 176 DT points, 22 disposals, 19 kicks, 3 handballs, 12 marks, 12 goals, 2 behinds, 1 tackle. 3 votes.

Adam Goodes vs. Richmond round 19 2009. 223 SC points, 158 DT points, 25 disposals, 21 kicks, 4 handballs, 12 marks, 4 goals, 3 behinds, 6 tackles. 3 votes.

Gary Ablett vs. Port Adelaide round 13 2009. 206 SC points, 148 DT points, 36 disposals, 21 kicks, 15 handballs, 7 marks, 2 goals, 3 behinds, 5 tackles. 3 votes.

Joel Bowden vs. Port Adelaide round 13 2008. 223 SC points, 180 DT points, 39 disposals, 32 kicks, 7 handballs, 23 marks. 0 votes!

Gary Ablett vs. Sydney round 5 2008. 254 SC points, 150 DT points, 35 disposals, 20 kicks, 15 handballs, 6 marks, 3 goals, 5 tackles. 3 votes.

Matthew Richardson vs. Essendon round 21 2006. 247 SC points, 189 DT points, 24 disposals, 21 kicks, 3 handballs, 19 marks, 9 goals, 5 behinds, 1 tackle. 3 votes.

Jonathon Brown vs. Hawthorn round 7 2006. 262 SC points, 173 DT points, 25 disposals, 18 kicks, 7 handballs, 16 marks, 8 goals, 4 behinds, 1 tackle. 3 votes.

Chris Judd vs. Brisbane round 5 2006. 232 SC points, 177 DT points, 39 disposals, 23 kicks, 16 handballs, 6 marks, 4 goals, 1 behind, 8 tackles. 3 votes.

What this tells me:

- 8 out of 9 blokes got 3 Brownlow votes when cracking the double ton.
- It is beyond me how Joel Bowden didn't crack a single vote, like c'mon umpires? Double ton FFS.
- When a player gets the magical 200 he is a bloody good footballer.
- Gary Ablett Jnr is the only bloke since 2006 to go twice on the double ton.
- Only 9 double tons since 2006, meaning it is very rare.
- Makes me wonder who will be the first player to ton up this year. Gary Ablett the closest so far with his impressive 182 against Essendon (correct me if I'm wrong).
- All 9 players who have cracked the double ton in Champion Data's history have been in a winning side every time.
- Interesting to note Steve Johnson got 199 against Gold Coast last year, but didn't get 3 votes.

SARGE SPEAKS UP



Not sure if this is much of an issue but I think it is. First of all, I know its a business and businesses need to make money but when I see a whole aisle or even sometimes two aisles empty with only 10 people sitting in them, it annoys me that there are thousands of people sitting in Level 3. I'm not sure if its new management or they've just changed their policy but I remember when it used to be Telstra Dome, they'd ask people who were after Level 3 General Admission seats at the gates if they would like to sit on Level 1 in the pocket for Level 3 prices. They don't seem to do that anymore. I know they need to make as much money as they can but c'mon, the game has started, you're not going to sell those seats, why not increase your customer satisfaction and relocate a few hundred people down to Level 1, free of charge.

On a lighter note, just wanted to congratulate the North Melbourne Cheer Squad who gave a bit of equipment to help the Brisbane Lions Cheer Squad and the rising of their banner.

THE SCOTT GUMBLETON LIST



This list and the list below is sent in by Cameron Simpson. 'Qualifications' were obtained online. You can follow him [here](#).

Dane Swan (Collingwood) - Hamstring. 2 weeks.

Allen Christensen (Geelong) - Calf. Test.

Adam Kennedy (GWS) - Shoulder. TBC.

Jack Ziebell (North Melbourne) - Back. Test.

Hamish McIntosh (North Melbourne) - Knee. Test.

Sam Fisher (St. Kilda) - Hamstring. 1-2 weeks.

Tom Hawkins (Geelong) - Knee. 1 week

THE BARRY HALL LIST



Luke Shuey has been charged with a level three striking offence against Paul Duffield. In summary, he can accept a one-match sanction with an early plea.

David Zaharakis has been charged with a level two striking offence against Tomas Bugg, In summary, he can accept a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record with an early plea.

TOP BREAKEVENS

These stats are brought to you by [@Dream_Teamer](#)

Dreamteam

MID Zorko = -581

Stevens = -41

Crisp = -29

DEF Darley = -36

Spurr = -33

Bootsma = -25

FWD Zorko = - 81

Hall = -31

Horlin-Smith = -28

RUC Jenkins = -43

Pyke = -40

Supercoach

MID Zorko = -79

Crisp = -29

S.Reid = -24

DEF Darley = -35

Spurr = - 25

Bootsma = -15

FWD Zorko = -79

McQualter = -23

Hall = -19

RUC Pyke = -74

Jenkins = -40

SGTSUPERCOACH'S TIPS

St Kilda vs Richmond at Etihad Stadium
Geelong vs GWS at Skilled Stadium
Hawthorn vs North Melbourne at Aurora Stadium
Fremantle vs **Adelaide** at Patersons Stadium
Essendon vs Melbourne at the MCG
Port Adelaide vs **Carlton** at AAMI Stadium
Brisbane vs **West Coast** at the Gabba
Sydney vs Western Bulldogs at the SCG
Collingwood vs Gold Coast at the MCG

This round there is heaps of one sided matches but heaps of matches that could go either way. Get this right and you'll have a good pay day at the TAB. St Kilda and Richmond on Friday night will be a cracker. Only tipping St Kilda because it's at Etihad Stadium. If it was at MCG, I would have tipped Richmond. Geelong, Essendon, West Coast, Sydney and Collingwood are easy tips there. Hawthorn and North Melbourne is an interesting one. North are pretty good in Tasmania. Don't be surprise if North Melbourne or even Port Adelaide win by the way.

EXTRA EXTRA!



Some of the headlines you might have missed are brought to you by [John McBrearty](#).



Check out the changes I've made to my side every round by clicking [here](#).

TOLD BY A 7 YEAR OLD



The 7 year old SC legend is Chris Meister's son.

I'm going pretty well in my league still just lost this week by a few points.

I'm blaming my Dad as he thought I should have Buddy as my captain. Bad choice should have gone with Pendlebury.

I made a good trade this week taking out Grimes from the Tigers for Mackie from the Cats.

I have won two games and lost five but am still above my Dad on the ladder. He's only won one game. We play each other in a few weeks.

I love playing SuperCoach. Woo Hoo!



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Who to choose each week as Captain, it's one of the most crucial decisions a coach can make, so we're here to make it easy for you to choose who to chuck the big 'C' on. Gary Ablett will not be included in this segment, he's going to be the best option, week in, week out, simple as that - we're not here to bore you. Also, tweet us at @sc_specialist with your captain choice for this round, we'd love to see who everyone is going with! As it will always be, stats are as follows: (Season average, Projected score, average vs opponent, av at venue, last time they met).

Scott Pendlebury (127,131,123,106,123)

Supercoach god. This man is a gun, he consistently pops out captain-worthy scores and looks to be your best bet this week as he comes up against the winless Gold Coast Suns. He picked up 123 last year when he played them up at Metricon and this weekend he should go one better with a home ground advantage at the MCG. Pendles has averaged an almighty 131 in his last 5 matches and if you're one of the 136,000 coaches that have him, which we're sure you are, back him in as your captain for round 10.

Josh P. Kennedy (127,125,77,103,67)

Historically Josh hasn't played well against the Dogs but that could change on Sunday arvo when his Swannies come up against the Dogs at the SCG. He has been a Supercoach immortal this year averaging 127 points and having his lowest score of only 101 against the Tigers in RD 7. At the SCG Kennedy has averaged 103, and he is a contested inside midfielder so the small wings of the SCG will be ideal for this contested footy king.

Lance Franklin (106,127,111,93,96)

Recently Buddy hasn't been in the greatest of form and can't kick straight to save his life. He has averaged 105 points this season which is lower than has previous two seasons. The Bud has played well against the Kangaroos in recent times averaging 111 points and having his highest score ever of 177 against them. It is a big risk putting the "C" on buddy but high risk high reward, he could pull out that big 150 score and if he has his radar on and then you will be laughing.

Roughie: Brendon Goddard (106,116,121,119,102)

Right, it is perceived that Brendon hasn't had the best year so far, however, the man has scored under 93 only once and is ranked 23rd overall in Supercoach. But the numbers we're concerned with this week are these: 119 - his average from 59 games at Etihad Stadium (crazy). 145 - the average of his past 3 games against the tigers. 188 - Goddard's highest ever score, which came against Richmond. 214,069 - The number of coaches who have BJ in their side. I know what you're all thinking, too much of a risk, but that's what it may take to get the win, or to jump up the ranks with a possible lowish score from Ablett against the pies this weekend Goddard could prove a handy captain choice.

SPECIALIST STATS



JUMP ON

Kieren Jack (SYD) \$491,900 – MID

Great Point of Difference choice, in only 2.13% of teams. Jack averages 96 points at the SCG, the most of any ground bar the Gabba (104) where he has played only twice. He has also previously scored well against the Dogs, with scores of 94 and 148 points the last two times he played them at the SCG. Kieren has hit form in his last two games scoring 152 and 123, bringing his season average up to 100 points. Is projected a price rise of \$50k after an up and down start to the season.

Todd Goldstein (NM) \$458,000 – RUC

Was at rock bottom price last week, and thrived in the absence of H-Mac dishing out 153 points against the Lions. Up against the undersized ruckmen of David Hale and Jarryd Roughead this week as North face the Hawks in Tassie. The Hawks have not been in form recently and if McIntosh doesn't return, he is a chance belt out another huge score. Expected to rise \$32 thousand if he gets his projected score of 101.

Mitch Robison (CAR) \$472,300 – MID/FWD

Ratten was quoted as saying that Robison would be the one to fill the hole left by Murphy, and that looks to be the case, with a 161 point game as Carlton overran the Dees (and he still went down in price). If he keeps scoring like this, he will be in everyone's team by the end of the byes at \$540k. If you want him cheap then trade him in now as he will increase \$26 grand this round. Robbo is also DPP, which will be crucial during the byes.

Beau Waters (WCE) \$516,800 – DEF

Waters has broken into premium status for 2012 as his breakout year continues. He was only \$389k before round one, and is predicted to jump another \$60,000 by year's end, including \$27k this round alone. Beau comes with a breakeven of 47 so if you bring him in you are guaranteed to make some cash.

JUMP OFF

Travis Cloke (COL) \$505,600 – FWD

Cloke has already plummeted \$134,400 and is still projected to drop another \$30k this week. Looks to be out of form recently with a last-3-round average of 58 points. Was well held by Adelaide's defence on the weekend, managing only 26 points. As the Pies meet the Gold Coast this week he could have a breezer, but still needs 136 points to maintain his price.

Ryan Hargrave (WBD) \$386,500 – DEF

Controversial call, but the facts speak for themselves. Has only scored over 100 points once this year, and a dismal 56 last round. He carries a breakeven of 107, which is only 7.4% likely, and a price decrease of \$13 thousand. Hargrave is not predicted to rise above his current price until round 16. Plenty of better options in the back line.

Thomas Bugg (GWS) \$320,800 – DEF

Decreased last round by \$1,500, and his breakeven (74) has matched his average (74). This means it is time to cull the cash cow. Trade up for a Waters or a Shaw and receive another 40 points each round.

QUICK PIC OF THE ROUND



The Sarge is in this photo. PHOTOS

QUICK QUESTIONS

This is a new part of the newsletter where I interview someone. First up, it's Supercoach legend, Josh Jenkins from the Adelaide Crows.

First of all, any chance you play Fantasy Footy? If yes, got any of the boys in your side?

I play SuperCoach but I am rapidly falling down the ladder. I think my side would go well in a real game but not so well in Fantasy Footy.

Played basketball for Townsville, do you still keep in touch with the NBL?

I am a very keen follower of all basketball. I keep in touch with Tigers assistant Rohan Short. So he keeps me in the loop.

Transitioning from basketball, what were the skills you used to your advantage and what were the skills you needed/needed to work on?

I need to continue to work on my game sense and reading the play quicker than my opponent. It's a work in progress but I'm committed to that.

Your debut was against Geelong, how'd you feel, especially in a big game like that?

It was a sensational day! I worried about the weather but it fell my way and we scored a big win. 1st kick, 1st goal was great also.

Apparently you're Ian Callinan's mentor. He's obviously older, what's all that about?

That's just a joke between he and I. We are great mates but I actually do receive some great advice from him around the club and during a game.

What do you think you need to do to keep yourself in the side?

The reason I got in was because I can compete in the air & at ground level. That's my main focus each week so anything more is a bonus

Have you put yourself in your supercoach?

I'm in licorice all sorts so I've given myself a go. Only on the pine though.

GUESS WHO



Can you guess who this is?

WHAT THE?!



Source: Herald Sun



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AMERICA TO THE MAXX

As you know from my previous pieces I think that the professional athletes in Australia are much more passionate than the professional athletes in the United States. Can the same be said about the coaches? The amount of work and the thought process that goes into coaching an AFL team is truly amazing, tactics are always changing which takes a lot more brains than a simple give the ball to LeBron James. The AFL is far more complex than the NBA, making the AFL coaches a far smarter breed of coach. If you gave me the Miami Heat's roster I can assure you that I could coach them to an NBA final. The sickening part is how much more money a NBA coach gets for doing absolutely nothing!!

SARGE'S COMP

WIN!

This is a little giveaway that I thought I'd have in the newsletter. First off, it's a signed Matthew Pavlich footy card. All you have to do is answer one question. This first person to tweet me the correct answer will win it.

The question this week is, which team did Matthew Pavlich play his 100th game and in which year?



AFL MEME OF THE WEEK

If beating a team makes you better than them, then...



COMPARE THE PAIR

Not much comparing this week. Ben and I have were at a couple of footy matches last weekend, so we haven't been able to tweet anything important. Will definitely have something to compare next week.



GET THE SARGE ON THE MX!

I've always hoped the MX would write something about Supercoach. They are owned by the Herald Sun so it'd make sense. If you know anyone at the mX, tell them I'm extremely eager. Or tweet them directly at [@mxmelbourne](https://twitter.com/mxmelbourne) or tweet [@laurena_wood](https://twitter.com/laurena_wood).

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I'm glad me & Rory Thompson could work out our differences!

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