

# ROUND 12 NEWSLETTER

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## THE GARY ABLETT MEDAL



The winner of the Gary Ablett medal this week is Gary Ablett himself. It's named the Gary Ablett Medal for a reason. Absolutely killed the kangaroos but not enough to help his side win. 42 disposals at a rate of 81% and a massive 188 supercoach points. Also, an interesting stat, 18 contested possession. Meaning, he got his own ball. Great game. Great goals. Champion player. Never doubt him as captain!

## THE ZAC DAWSON MEDAL



Quite amazing to think this man scored 100's at one point but Adam Treloar had a stinker of the weekend. 6 disposals at a rate of 50% efficiency, along with 3 free against and 7 supercoach points is not a reflection of a player who will become a star in a couple of years. In saying that, I was surprised he wasn't subbed off. Sheeds must love the kid!

## BROUGHT IN THE POINTS



Probably the best game I've seen this bloke play for the Hawks and justifying why I picked him at the start of the year in my Supercoach team. Shaun Burgoyne racked up 25 disposals (16 kicks and 9 handballs at 80% disposal efficiency), 7 tackles and 137 Supercoach points. Let's hope he keeps it up (for my sake)!

## TRADE OF THE WEEK



In my opinion, you shouldn't trade too much this week. There's no point. Bye is over next week, so just cop the donuts and reassess next week. If you are going to trade Cloke seems a bargain right now and if you are desperate for a backman downgrade, the boat on Sam Shaw is still in the docks and you may want to hop on board. Only if you're desperate though! Another thing, look out for Tom Campbell. Might not play a lot but at 94k, he's a great downgrade option for Redden or Big O.

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## SARGE'S ORDERS



- Carlton were incredibly brave. Just not good enough on the night.
- This ducking problem is getting out of hand. So is acting.
- St Kilda had their chances but very close in the end!
- GWS are going places.
- A perfect time for the bye for the Tigers.
- Very lucky North. Very lucky.
- Gold Coast are improving and Gary Ablett is the undisputed best player in the AFL.
- Hawks are improving and will have a massive second half of the season and will be very close to placing in the Top 4 at the end of August.
- Had money on Port. It was very frustrating watching them play. But the Bulldogs did what they had to do for Charlie.

## THE AARON SANDILANDS MEDAL



This medal has been renamed after Andrew Carrazzo's successful return on Thursday. So, the first winner of the Aaron Sandilands medal is Ryan Hargrave. Massive overload on twitter when people found out he was a late exclusion. Just added carnage from the multiple bye rounds and another donut eaten by many supercoaches. Time to trade him out, I say!

## THE NAT FYFE MEDAL



The talk on this man was massive this week. With the lack of defence rookie options this week, Sam Shaw is the winner of the Nat Fyfe Medal. Looking for downgrades this week, people we're too 'shaw' (eyyy?) about his job security but after this weekend and playing loose man in defence, he's spot in the side looks secured and is great bench coverage for anyone who decided to bring him in last week.

# CORKSCREWS 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!

Well this weekend was definitely not as exciting as the week before but we did see some memorable things like Nic Nat's point of the year or maybe even ever!, Gary Ablett's 42 possession 4 goal game and Boomer Harvey turning back the clock also with a vintage performance.



But it was on Saturday at Skoda Stadium in the game between the Giants and Tigers that we saw something special the beginning of what could be one of the best power forward combinations in the league in a couple of years time. We have already seen what Jeremy Cameron has to offer and how good he is going to be but it was

the debut of number 1 pick Jonathon Patton that was the real highlight of the game the massive forward showed glimpses of what he will become and how much of a powerhouse he will be in the future, he took contested marks and kicked a goal



and he played it like it was a dry game they way he was taking those marks.

He trailed of a bit in the second half but that was to be expected as it was his first AFL game and the pace of the game would have tired him out so it is not anything to worry about. Kevin Sheedy has described the pairing has the next Lloyd and



Lucas which is a massive call considering how dominant and dangerous that duo was in that Essendon forward line for many, many years. Now giants fans will be hoping that it will be the case for them but every other supporter does not want that to be happening as they will cause of sorts of havoc on the competition in the future.

This week is the last week of bye rounds THANK GOD! We are all very over it and are ready for everything to return to normal for supercoach reasons and just for the sake of us being able to see 9 games around again and have the option to watch better games as apposed to having to just watch Melbourne v GWS this weekend, although if you head down to the G at that game you will be able to kick on the ground after the game, which is something that every AFL fan would love to do and something I think the AFL should allow on every ground after the game. Hopefully it will be a good round this week with Collingwood playing West Coast being the main game, but Essendon v Fremantle is a massive game for both teams, can the bombers break their June curse? I HOPE SO!!

Remember you can email me with feedback on [corey\\_kennedy23@hotmail.com](mailto:corey_kennedy23@hotmail.com) or follow me on twitter @corka23

Thanks guys, hope your team goes well on the weekend.

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER



This piece was sent in by the Supercoach Specialist boys. You can follow them [here](#).

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. While Gary rests up this week and gets ready to dominate in the second half of the season, here are the best captain options in his absence. 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)

### 1. Dane Swan (123,145,116,115,86)

Swanny has been in great form this year averaging 123 points and he has produced two massive scores one of 180 and one of 160. Last time he played west coast he didn't perform but on the previous two occasions he scored 163 and 149, if he can repeat one of those performances again then you will be laughing if you put the "C" on him. He is also coming off the bye so he should be refreshed and ready to go, if you put the "C" on him he won't let you down.

### 2. Matthew Boyd (114,129,117,102,129)

Matthew Boyd has been a bit inconsistent this year scoring a couple of scores under 100 and just above 100. Besides the expansion teams, Matty averages his highest score against Brisbane, with an average of 117 and last time he played them he scored a nice 129. At Etihad stadium he has also been a proven performer averaging 102 and having a high score of 164. He's a great captains option this week and if you pick him he could that player that you need to win your league match.

### 3. Scott Thompson (119, 115, 97, 92, 76)

The Crows star boasts the 8th highest average in Supercoach so far this year and has been a solid performer with a high score of

161 and a nice 126 in a dominant performance last weekend. Although the Kangaroos may not be Thommos favourite opponent he's still seen some good scores against them and if this year's form is anything to go by, you may just see a huge score from Thompson this weekend, he may even reach his break even score of 152. Seriously consider this one, he should provide a great score.

## SPECIALIST STATS



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### JUMP ON

#### **Rhyce Shaw (SYD) \$370,200 – DEF**

After a slow start to the year Rhyce Shaw has finally shown us what a prolific scorer he can be. In his last two games he has dished out scores of 148 and 125 and risen in price by over \$100k! He is still a steal at his current price, and carries a breakeven of -49 which means a weekly price rise of \$68k. Projected to increase to 460k by round 15. He also averages 97 points against Geelong, his last three scores against the Cats being 114, 117 and 99.

#### **Nic Naitanui (WCE) \$547,100 – RUC**

While it may be hard to believe, Nic Nat's average has now eclipsed that of Ivan Maric's and now has the highest average of any ruckman in the comp. A huge 185 points against the Blues in a best of ground performance saw the big "palm tree" jump \$31k in price, and now has a breakeven of 38. He is almost certain to increase by \$36 thousand this week and is predicted to be over \$600k by round 14.

#### **Travis Cloke (COL) \$396,600 –FWD**

Cloke is at a bargain price and although he has been a bit shaky this year, he will definitely pick it up and find some form for the rest of 2012. Travis plays a huge role in Collingwood's forward line and will be important in their run to the finals. Due to his last two scores of 107 and 127 he comes with a breakeven of just 6 so is expected to increase by \$33k and should post some big scores off the back of the bye. Also, the Pies are playing Fremantle next week who Cloke averages a huge 118 points against. Jump on.

### JUMP OFF

#### **Steven Morris (RIC) \$286,200 – DEF**

The Morris/Ellis bandwagon looks to be over, not much more cash to be made here. Facing the bye this week, it is probably time to upgrade or downgrade these blokes. Although Morris's breakeven is still only 47, he is only projected a price rise of \$6k after his bye, so upgrade or jump on someone who will make you more cash faster.

#### **Terry Milera (STK) \$295,400 – FWD**

A dismal 32 points last week contributes to his relatively high breakeven of 71 which means Milera is projected to decrease in price by \$7 thousand after his bye. This exciting small forward has most likely reached his maximum price for the year. Again upgrade to a forward who is coming off the bye (e.g. Cloke).

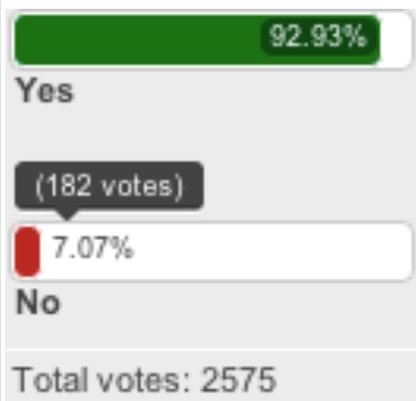
# SARGE SPEAKS UP

When looking at the broadcast times of the weekend's footy I was bewildered to find out there was no footy on free to air a.k.a Channel 7 in Melbourne on Saturday and Sunday. Instead, we had to watch Footy Flashbacks of this year's Anzac Day game. Don't get me wrong, that was probably game of the year but we need to see current games in Melbourne and for the people who can't afford pay TV this is a problem for them every week when the coverage isn't sufficient to



their liking. But hey, I guess you get what you pay for. In saying that, the AFL need to step in here. I love Thursday games but scheduling them during the byes was ridiculous. Especially for Carlton who had to travel to Perth. Luckily for them, they have a bye this week. Back to the issue, creating a Thursday night game created havoc for the broadcasting on Channel 7 for the weekend.

Superfooty were asking 'Do you think the AFL failed on its promise to deliver free-to-air matches for every week of the season?'. These were the results:



Quite interesting.. The AFL need to improve their broadcasting rights. Sure, Channel 7 have payed massive amounts but the AFL can't let them dictate terms. Make an agreement with

Fox Footy to show their games on free to air. Delayed if you have to! The public, especially the Melbourne public need to see their footy!

# THE SCOTT GUMBLETON LIST

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

Luke Brown (Adelaide) - Shoulder. Test. (Defence rookie)

Matthew Leuenberger (Brisbane) - Achilles. 1 week.

Billy Longer (Brisbane) - Back. Available.

Heath Shaw (Collingwood) - Calf. Test.

Scott Pendlebury (Collingwood) - Leg. 1-2 weeks. Let's not forget how I told everyone how Pendles would be returning round 14/15. Expert call! Haha. Allen Christensen (Geelong) - Concussion. Test.

Jon Giles (GWS) - Calf. TBC.

Ahmed Saad (St. Kilda) - Concussion. Test.

Tom Mitchell (Sydney) - Knee. 2 weeks. (Midfield rookie)

Adam Goodes (Sydney) - Quad. Test.

Ryan Hargrave (Western Bulldogs) - Soreness. Test.

# THE BARRY HALL LIST

Beau Waters returns from suspension while Lewis is available but has club bye. No other fantasy relevant players.





Written by Damien Berry.

In every club there are players that attract the foremost of the public affection, names such as Lance Franklin at Hawthorn, Chris Judd at the Blues, Adam Goodes of Sydney, and of course Gold Coast Suns superstar Gary Ablett, but what about the players that just get the job done, with little fanfare, or accolades? Those men that are respected by true supporters of their clubs and their thankful teammates. Every club has them, they might not get thirty touches every week, or kick bags of goals, however these unsung heroes, are the glue that bonds teammates together, and are an important facet of generating a winning culture. So, who are these mystery men? Well at the Adelaide Crows, while players like Patrick Dangerfield and Scott Thompson grab the media attention, their skipper Nathan Van Berlo, quietly does his job week after week. His numbers aren't as impressive as his higher profile teammates, but the role he plays is vital to the Crows continued success.

At the Lions, tackling machine Jack Redden fulfills this criteria. In a young inexperienced side, he consistently attracts 20 odd touches per game, and is a key inside player, for the Brisbane Lions.

Carlton's midfield hasn't been the same without Andrew Carrazzo, and his welcome return from injury was a major part of the Blues gallant defeat against West Coast last Thursday. Magpie fans rave over Swan, Pendlebury, Cloke and Thomas, but young Dayne Beams has taken the next step in his career, following the unfortunate season ending injury to Luke Ball. Beams is in career best form in 2012, and if the Pies are to go all the way, his contribution cannot be undersold. Essendon, may have seen the best of Brent Stanton this year, but the loss of David Zaharakis will be felt in coming weeks, Zaharakis won the Bombers Best and Fairest in 2011, and was well on the way to securing another high placing this year, in the improved Essendon line up this season. Under Ross Lyon, Fremantle, have taken contested defensive footy to a new level, and Ryan Crowley is a major part of that. Well known for his tagging role, he allows the Dockers key midfielders to compete with the higher ranked sides, and bring their best down to the Dockers level. Last seasons premiers, Geelong have any number of gun players crucial of their success, but will undoubtedly miss Matthew Scarlett when he does hang up his boots. A triple premiership player, he is one of the few key position defenders that can truly dictate how the ball movement is directed upfield. While he is out injured now with a broken leg, Gold Coast's Nathan Bock is so important to the development of the Suns as a unit. His return is sorely needed to impart his considerable skills to his defensive team-mates, and ensure a highly competitive side is not too far away on the horizon. He might not have attracted Tom Scully's wage or the publicity of number one draft pick Jon Patton, but Port Adelaide premiership player

Chad Cornes is having a revitalised season for the Giants, his experience across the backline is tantamount to the competitiveness the Giants have displayed in many of their matches in this, their debut AFL season. Playing an important defensive, and attacking role is Hawthorn's Grant Birchall. The Tasmanian is a key rebounding defender, and his sublime kicking skills are sorely missed whenever he is unavailable such as in the defeat at Launceston by the Sydney Swans. Nathan Jones may have been overlooked for the Melbourne captaincy, but the respect he is gathering in the football world is growing from week to week. His hardness at the contest is inspirational and his young teammates would do well to learn from his example. North Melbourne captain Andrew Swallow is one of the most courageous players in the AFL, and his leadership to the Roos, is vital to them re-emerging as a bonafide finals contender this year. Having succeeded former skipper Brent Harvey, Swallow has put his own stamp on North Melbourne, and is a highly talented individual that is able to win plenty of the footy himself. As a Victorian, playing in Adelaide has its challenges, but no other Port player is as important to the teams rebuilding as defender Troy Chaplin. He is a future leader of the club, and his ability to read the play is essential to the Power's defensive structure. He may have struggled to manage a regular senior game until late last year, but Shane Tuck's re-emergence in the Richmond midfield has helped push the Tigers back into finals calculations, The no-nonsense Tuck regularly attracts 25 plus touches and his continued good form is critical to Richmond's bid for September action, Jude Bolton may be 32, but his 41 disposal game against the Bulldogs at the SCG last weekend shows how valuable he has been for his entire career. Adam Goodes maybe the heart of the Swans, but Bolton is the lungs, and his efforts too often go unnoticed outside the club. A truly great player. Away from the hype of the Saints higher profile names, Riewoldt, Hayes, and Goddard, Sam Fisher quietly sits on a pedestal at St.Kilda. Having returned from injury against the Crows, his upcoming improvement to full match fitness, will only assist the Saints in their bid to retain their place in the top eight. Like the Suns, the Bulldogs under-rated star is currently on the sidelines through injury, however the return of defender Dale Morris, will greatly assist the Bulldogs, in their bid to rebuild and re-open their premiership window. Morris along with Brian Lake are the defensive duo the Dogs truly need to challenge the top AFL sides, and Morris is rarely beaten in a one-on-one contest. Norm Smith Medallist for West Coast in 2006, Andrew Embley may be at the tail end of his career, but when available, is a wonderfully versatile footballer, and is sorely missed by the top of the table Eagles. If he can return before the end of the season, the Eagles premiership bid can only be boosted. So, these players may be lesser known, but are every bit as valuable as their more feted teammates. However if on-field team success, is to be sought after and thus achieved, it will be infinitely easier with these players on the field and delivering as only they can do, for the good of their clubs.

# BENJAMIN'S BANTER



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Believe it or not, the Western Bulldogs (really, I preferred them to be called Footscray) does have a special place in my heart.

John Cuzzupe, my uncle was on the list of the Footscray Football Club for two years at the beginning of the 90's. The way my family speaks about the club (and mind you there are no Bulldogs supporters on my father's side), is with high regard and esteem.

The club does in reality have only that one success, and has been left chasing that second elusive one for nearly six decades. Fitzroy imploded 5 decades after their last flag, the South Melbourne Football Club had to change cities and name to gain the honor once again. The Saints have gone 4 and a half decades in since the last one after coming so close numerous times in the last 15 years. The Bulldogs have not made a Grand Final appearance since 1961, where the Hawks won their first premiership after going 36 years without.

Charlie Sutton in all his tireless work, showed in leadership to keep together a club that is the last of the few suburban oriented football teams left in the competition. It's never moved from it's base and it's recently embraced it's original jumper. That sort of spirit cannot be bought or swayed. Sutton was the captain of the 1954 side that upset the Melbourne Football Club in the beginning of their powerhouse period, which later under coach Norm Smith in the Demons invincible era, went on to win 5 of the next 6 flags.

He played 173 games for the Dogs and kicked 65 goals switching between the back pocket and ruck rover. He also represented Victoria 18 times at State Level and the 1950 Footscray Best and Fairest award.

Sutton was not only an on-field professional, but a club man in general. He was reported to be there on most days once he had finished coaching (1951-57 as captain coach & 67-68 as just coach) and had finished his time as club president (1978 - 1981). He met every single player in all those years, chatted to them about their concerns.

He reassured the young of their place at the club and he admirably taught the mature players how to be outstanding leaders. He felt that was no need to be there after a win, but more important after a loss. He understood what a footballer wanted most, when he famously quipped to his team in the 1954 Grand Final pre-game address, "Leave the heavy stuff to me, you just go out there and play footy."

This seems to encapsulate just who Sutton was a person and a leader. Selfless, team-oriented, wise, tough, bold and passionate.

When a important football figurehead dies, we often wheel out these qualities at whim. We attach qualities to people once they've gone, but never fully appreciated these things whilst they have had their time on Earth. There's a simple way for us to tell just how much Charlie Sutton meant to the Western Bulldogs. Their highest playing honor, the Best and Fairest Medal was named after him while his presence still graced the club on a day to day basis. It speaks volumes about his contribution.

The Dogs went out against the Power to drag themselves over the line that was neither classy nor lackluster. From a side that is currently bleeding new talent and most likely won't be in contention for finals this year, it was a workman like performance, with brief flashes of brilliance which saw off the Power.

To a lot who were neutral viewers, the game didn't offer much. For Bulldog fans however, they understood just how important that performance and win was in the scheme of things for right here and now.

The win was exactly just like Charlie Sutton. Only the true believers could appreciate it's value, and offer hope those who have suffered in the midst of barren times out at the Whitten Oval.

# TOLD BY A 7 YEAR OLD



This piece is sent in by Chris Meister's son.

Last week I lost against my Dad. I will have revenge next game we play and all the games after that.

My Dad tells me I was unlucky because a lot of my players had the bye this week. If I had them all I would have won. I knew I was going to lose when I heard the Bombers had the bye.

If Collingwood didn't have the bye I would've smashed him.

I really need to look at some trades this week.

I love playing SuperCoach. Woo Hoo

# SIMMO SAYS



This piece is sent in by Cameron Simpson.

Back this week after two weeks on the sidelines. Hope you all didn't miss me too much! Ha ha. For all of you that were unaware last week my and Sarge had a mishap so my piece didn't quite make the newsletter, so I'm using the same context I was going to use last week.

Would like to speak openly about the Essendon Football Club and any football club for that matter. It is disgusting how Essendon named David



Zaharakis on that Friday night when they knew he definitely wasn't playing the next day. It absolutely shits me, not just from a fantasy point of view, but from the wider AFL community. How about the young

Essendon supporters who love David and they go to the game and find out he isn't playing, and on top of that misses 4-6 weeks. It makes the AFL and the Essendon Football Club look silly, surely Essendon would have the decency to not name him, like what is it going to do? Sydney's whole game plan is going to change 90 minutes before the game just because Zaharakis isn't playing? This is where the AFL needs to step up and take a stand to not let this happen, it has been consistently happening all year and to name other candidates that have been victimized, there is the likes of Ben McEvoy, Nic Naitanui, Ryan Hargrave, Courtenay Dempsey, Grant Birchall and the list goes on! I probably missed 20 players. What I am hear to say is that If the player IS NOT going to play then why the hell would you name him? Time to start taking a stance, and I'm speaking to you AFL.

Second and last thing I would like to touch on is how Jon Anderson considers himself a journalist. I go onto the SuperFooty website on Tuesday morning (12th of June).

I decide to check out Jon Anderson's team of the week, I think "Oh, you beauty, get to see Swanny in the guts for once in this team." But no, I keep looking down the page and Swanny is no where to be seen, I think surely not, so I refresh the page numerous times, but still, no Swanny. Like what the f\*ck is this shit, not only had Swan rapt up 3 Brownlow votes against the Dees, but he had probably been the best player all weekend in the AFL. Jon Anderson disgusts me week in week out he can consider himself to be a journalist, we've got blokes on this newsletter who give it a decent crack and know what they're doing far ahead of Jon, for instance Ben Cuzzupe, I listen to Bound For Glory most Saturday mornings and this man is a very promising inspiring journalist who would shit on Jon Anderson. Not only Jon Anderson who I am hating on, I'm quite tired and sick of all bloody Herald Sun journalists.

I hope you are all enjoying my newsletters to date. Feel free to give me feedback on Twitter (@simmmmo10).

# FISH AND TIPS



This piece is sent in 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.

Do not forget about the last upcoming bye; however do not be obsessed by it. This week can be a tough one, especially with teams such as Hawthorn, Carlton and Richmond that consistently have high scoring players all having byes.

Think of the bigger picture and also look at who you are playing in your league this week. If you are playing someone at the bottom that you expect to beat, don't trade unless you have to. Keeping trades up your sleeve for the run into the finals is like gold.

Do not trade in many young players at this stage of the season, especially those from the GWS. They will start to get injured and tired it's just not worth the risk.

I've given this advice before and I will give it again, do not under any circumstances have anyone other than Gary Ablett as your captain if you have him in your team. He's money in the bank week after week.

This of course, excludes this week when the Suns have the bye.

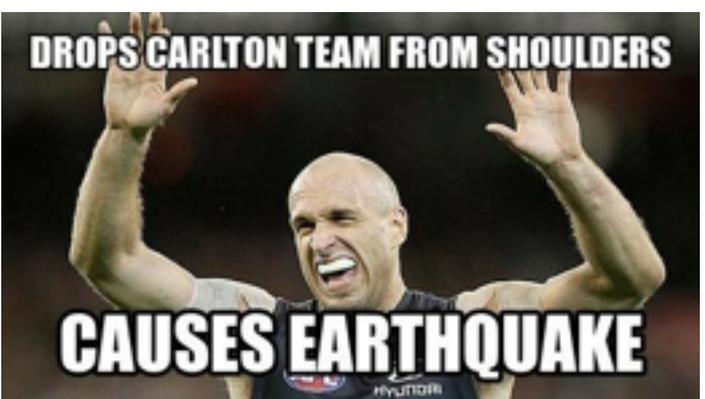
Maybe this week I will follow my own advice.



Be sure to like this amazing crew's [Facebook](#) and help them reach 3000 likes!

Also, vote for them when you see them on Australia's Got Talent! They'll be on TV on the 27th of June! So text in and vote! Cheers!

## AFL MEME OF THE WEEK



## WINNING WAGERS

So I've ditched my mate Chris because who knows where he's been. A bit of glug glug if you know what I mean... Just mucking around, mate if you're reading this. If you are, the Sarge has taken your piece.

I made a few bets on the weekend and ended up in the positive, so I don't mind the occasional bet now. Mind you, this was betting on Supercoach, something that I am very familiar with.

All odds here are from Sportsbet.com.au and may differ from other betting agencies.

### My value tips for this week:

• **Fremantle @ \$2.05**

Pretty good odds for a home team and after a massive win against Richmond and also coming off the bye. Last 18 games at Patersons, Essendon has lost 15 and won only 3. Might even put this into a multi with a Sydney win (\$3.32).

• **GWS @ \$3.20**

After watching them last week, they looked pretty good especially up forward which may cause havoc for the Demon defence.

• **Sydney 1 - 39 @ \$2.30**

You know Geelong won't be going down without a fight. \$2.30 is pretty good odds. I won't be passing up on it.

## AMERICA TO THE MAXX

Last year when the Gold Coast Suns joined the AFL no one gave them a shot to win a game and that was even with Gary Ablett Jr. as captain. This year when GWS started with a younger team without any proven superstars everyone thought they would be a walk over. Through 11 games this year GWS not only has 1 win under its belt but it has held its own against some very decent teams. I have seen a lot of expansion teams in the NFL, NBA, NHL most memorable was in 1995 the NFL's Carolina Panthers finished with a 7-9 record in their first season including a win against the 1994 Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers and many would describe them as being the best expansion team in sports history. Even after seeing the Panthers complete such an amazing first season, I have never seen an expansion team like GWS play with so much heart and determination. What many assumed was one of the weaker drafts in AFL history the Giants have managed with the help of Kevin Sheedy to play some of the best team footy from young players I have ever seen.

# EXTRA EXTRA!

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



# SGTSUPERCOACH'S TIPS

- Sydney vs Geelong** at the SCG
- Western Bulldogs vs Brisbane** at Etihad Stadium
- Collingwood vs West Coast** at the MCG
- Fremantle vs Essendon** at Paterson's Stadium
- Melbourne vs **GWS** at the MCG
- North Melbourne vs **Adelaide** at Etihad Stadium

THANK GOD! Last bye round. Can't wait to get back into the 9 matches next week and a normal round of Supercoach. Massive games at the SCG on Friday and Saturday with a massive 8 point game for Fremantle and Essendon on Saturday night. A good homecoming for Tom Scully and James McDonald on Sunday which may be a betting man's nightmare if GWS get their second win here. Overall, looking forward to get this bye round over and done with. Bring on Round 14!

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# DIRTY TACTIC

Entering the 2nd half of the season many of us are probably evaluating potential trades more critically. Having had a bad run with injured players as well as making 2 HUGE bad trades in the first few weeks of the competition, I am down to 6 trades. Therefore I would prefer not to trade if I am fairly "certain" of winning (or losing by heaps) my next week's match-up.

It is possible, and probably a lot of us do so, to see your upcoming opponent's team and predict how well your team will do against it. What I have done over the past few rounds, is trade 2 (or 3 during the bye rounds) of my premium players for injured or non-playing players. Then, 10 minutes before lockout, I reverse the trades and make appropriate trades or sit still if I'm happy with the predicted outcome.

In the past week, for example, this has resulted in my predicted score to rise from 1300's to 2100's in the last few minutes before lockout. My opponent (3rd in league vs my 11th position), actually made a trade for a non-playing Geelong player, believing his predicted score of 1900's was enough to secure him an easy win. The outcome was obvious, certainly to the dismay of my (surprised would be my guess) opponent.

This dirty tactic worked especially well during the bye rounds (3 trades), but might definitely help you through the remaining weeks of this season.



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## SARGE'S COMP

WIN!

In celebration of Barry Cable's elevation to Legend status last week, I'm giving away a 1996 Barry Cable Hall of Fame footy card. I've got it in front of me and its in mint condition and is only one of 110 made. Get this signed by Barry Cable himself and it can be worth a fortune. All you have to do to grab this awesome prize is to [tweet](#) me the answer to this question. **How many Brownlow votes did Barry get awarded in his career in total?**



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## WHAT THE?!

