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THE GARY ABLETT MEDAL

The winner of the Gary Ablett medal this round is my captain Dayne Beams. I went to the game on Saturday (thanks to @1StreetSurfer) and I was on Beams watch, screaming out every time he got his hands on the ball. He gathered 34 disposals (18 kicks and 16 handballs with 12 contested possessions) with a disposal efficiency of 79% and 3 goals that got me up and about at the game which also included the match winning goal.

THE ZAC DAWSON MEDAL

We have two winners of the Zac Dawson medal this week. First winner is Marty Clarke who we all hoped did a good job so we could upgrade him to a premium this week but only produced 18 supercoach points and getting subbed off in the process. The second winner is some of the coaches' captain, Matthew Boyd. Not only was his team getting beaten, he was getting beaten by Raines. Very uncharacteristic of him.

BROUGHT IN THE POINTS

I remember when we had a choice between Marley Williams and Jamie Elliott. Pendles told Elliott will do a good job and hasn't he done a good job?! Massive last quarter for him last weekend. How about those marks? Jeremy Howe like.

TRADE OF THE WEEK

OUT: Stephenson or Redden

IN: Campbell

Why? A lot of people are hurting from Marty Clarke's poor score. There is a way to fix that. If you haven't done it already, trade out on of the rookie ruckman you've got on your bench seeing as though you don't need them anymore as bye rounds are over and get Tom Campbell in. That's a massive 100k+ in the bank. This will allow you to upgrade Clarke or any other mid price player.

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SARGE'S ORDERS

- How good was that goal that put Sydney in front?
- Geelong are not gone just yet.
- Very dissapointing from the Doggies. Brisbane just seemed too good.
- What a cracker of a game! West Coast can at Collingwood but the Magpies came back harder to eventually win.
- Didn't watch the GWS and Melbourne game because I was at Etihad Stadium but glad to hear James McDonald got cheers. Well deserved.
- How good were my North boys?! Great effort. This win will help us in the long run.

THE AARON SANDILANDS MEDAL

Not many players that I can pick from this round for this medal but the one I can think from the top of my head is Kurt Tippett. As a North supporter at the game, I was quite happy he was subbed out but this may have hurt a few supercoachers. Subbed out with concussion. Not a good way to end the bye rounds. Dishonourable mentions go to Chris Yarran, Scott Pendlebury, Nick Malceski and Ryan 'the emergency' Hargrave.

THE NAT FYFE MEDAL

The Nat Fyfe medal goes to my boy Scott Pendlebury who has easily dominated twitter discussion again in terms of his comeback date. He's aiming for a return against Carlton which will be a massive game for both clubs. Looking forward to it. Unfortunately for him, I've picked Swan for my last midfield player. Good choice? Who knows...

SARGE SPEAKS UP



I'm not sure if anyone at the MCG reads the newsletter (would be awesome if there was) but I remember writing something about live games should be shown at the footy while we wait for the match to start. Again, I'm not sure if this has happened for a while now but the Bulldogs and Lions game was being shown at the bar at the MCG before the Eagles and Pies game started. Well, done MCG. Now, just put it on the big screen and we'll excuse you for the food prices.

I am very much a traditionalist and we've seen many clubs connect with their roots. A great example of this was Brisbane wearing one of the first ever Fitzroy jumpers on the weekend and the Bulldogs returning to the red and white hoops. Speaking of the Bulldogs, I strongly believe they should be called Footscray again. It argubaby worked for the North Melbourne fans when they moved away from the Kangaroos brand, it may do wonders for the Western Bulldogs.

AMERICA TO THE MAXX



Watching the GWS vs. Melbourne game this weekend wasn't high on my priority list, but considering no other games were on and Tom Scully was returning to faceoff against the team he left for a boatload of money, of course I was going to watch. As a Melbourne fan I know exactly how it feels watching your prize number 1 draft pick leave you. This is exactly how my hatred for LeBron James started!! LeBron James drafted #1 overall came to my beloved Cleveland Cavaliers where he immediately had an impact and almost brought a couple championships to his hometown state of Ohio. He decided it was time to turn his back on his home state and win a championship with 2 other All-Stars on his team. When the Cavs lost LeBron to the Miami Heat they were left with a measly 2nd round draft pick which is garbage in the NBA. Demons supporters should be grateful that they at least got a great player like Mitch Clark in return. Eventually your hatred towards Tom Scully will leave and karma will strike him for his selfishness, fortunately you won't have to watch GWS win a premiership like I had to this year when the Miami Heat won (I still cringe when I hear LeBron's name).

THE SCOTT GUMBLETON LIST



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

Sam Shaw (Adelaide) - Knee. Test.

Matthew Leuenberger (Brisbane) - Achilles. 1 week.

Scott Pendlebury (Collingwood) - Knee. 1 week.

Greg Broughton (Fremantle) - Concussion. Test.

Stephen Clifton (GWS) - Knee. Test.

Anthony Miles (GWS) - Knee. 1 week.

Luke Hodge (Hawthorn) - Knee. 1-2 weeks.

Jack Ziebell (North Melbourne) - Back. Test.

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

Nick Riewoldt (St. Kilda) - Calf. Test.

Shane Mumford (Sydney) - Back. Test.

Josh Kennedy (Sydney) - Groin. Test.

Scott Selwood (West Coast) - Shoulder. Test.

THE BARRY HALL LIST



In suspension news the cupboard is very bear which is a positive news for our fantasy sides. Alwyn Davey is currently the only player serving a ban (1 week), while Western Bulldogs ruckman Will Minson returns from his internal suspension which could leave Tom Campbell to be shown the door. Jordan Lewis also returns for the Hawks.



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

DAMO'S DISPOSALS



Written by Damien Berry.

When we view an AFL match either live at the ground, or on television, the game quite rightly should take centre stage, and the skill of the players needs to be the major focal point of our attention. However, I am certain it is not just me that is getting increasingly frustrated by the inane attempt of commentators to try inject their own false humour into the broadcast.

So as a way to remember a time where players weren't so sanitised and hamstrung by the leagues' officialdom. Let us now reflect on some actual events in VFL/AFL history that did bring a smile, without the needless 'Funniest Home Video' style over the top commentary (I'm looking at you Brian Taylor, and Dwayne Russell) of course it was there but the on field events were of interest in their own right.

Some of the more humorous incidents that do spring to mind over the years include, back in 1983 for Richmond champ Kevin Bartlett, as he was leading the Tigers through his banner for his 400th game, he managed to trip over, though he

recovered quickly, but upon meeting his opponent for the day Ray Byrne was then handed a comb, Bartlett then as is now was follically challenged, and this was a good natured sledge, from Byrne.

Mark 'Jacko' Jackson was a highly erratic, but sometimes brilliant full forward representing Melbourne, St.Kilda and



Geelong at VFL level, but his antics on the field including his elongated handstand routine in front of Hawthorn's Kelvin Moore after kicking a goal at Princes Park in the early 80's will ensure his legend is never forgotten. His Energizer TV ads brought him fame after his playing career ended, as well as a short lived 'The Highwayman' series in the US.

Former Demon Allen Jakovich burst on to the AFL scene in 1991, as he booted more than 50 goals in the Reserves and then was promoted to the seniors, where he managed to kick 71 goals in just 14 matches, sadly his flame never burned as bright again, but he also is fondly remembered for kicking a big goal against the Eagles at the MCG, then in celebration planted a kiss on his brother West Coast defender Glen Jakovich.

At the SCG now, Tony Lockett is regarded as an all time hero, but it was his non-appearance at a match in 1993, that he is as well known for by Saints and Swans fans.

Where on a sunny, Sunday afternoon, Lockett was absent but in his place a small pig named 'Pluga' took the field during play, and proceeded to to run to full forward, inspired perhaps by his human namesake. After a period of general confusion Darren Holmes managed the tackle and poor 'Pluga' was whisked away to the boos of the crowd.

In 1999 a fairly innocuous match between Fremantle and the Saints in Perth (compared to their later meetings, Siren-gate anyone?), was sparked to life by the actions of umpire Peter Carey. However it was not a poor decision that created interest, he actually interfered with the play by marking the football! The ball was centered by Adrian Fletcher, and instead of going to his team-mate Carey jumped and took a wonderfully timed chest mark.

In more recent times we have had James Hird kicking the winning goal against West Coast at the Dome and hugging a fan in the crowd, Mark Williams and his 'rifleman' routine after kicking a goal, funny he never seemed to be the same player once the Hawks stopping him from doing so.

Of course how can we forget Jason Akermanis and his handstands after winning matches at the Gabba, he tried to transplant this habit to the Bulldogs, but the playing group barred it, seemingly forgetting Aker only ever did his handstand after a win.



Now it seems Andrew Demetriou and his cronies are intent on taking individual personalities out of the game, whereby any criticism, however thinly veiled and tongue in cheek is frowned upon. Perhaps if the AFL lightened up on players ability to actually comment truthfully on issues impacting on the game that they are actually involved in, the lighter side of the game may return, instead of today's lame attempts by broadcasters of humour and the constant celebration of the seemingly unfunny "Falcon".

BENJAMIN'S BANTER



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What Is Dayne Beams Worth?

This is one unavoidable question that Collingwood at some point might need to address.

I have no questions of Beams loyalty to the Pies. But with the Cloke deal moving back and forth in negotiation through another month of winter, it seems as if the Pies salary cap is in for the tightest squeeze we've seen in years.

St. Kilda may have budgetary issues at the end of last season, but only really saw off Zac Dawson.

Here are the facts and something Collingwood can't escape:

- Negotiations are continuing with forward Travis Cloke, who has sought a five-year deal worth up to \$900,000 a season.
- Ben Reid, Sharrod Wellingham, Harry O'Brian, Travis Cloke and Dayne Beams are all out of contract at seasons end.
- There is not enough room for all to fit under the cap if negotiations with Travis Cloke go the way they are going at this point.

Of course I doubt strongly Beams will move, but the question of what his worth are intriguing to say the least. Collingwood reportedly would in the worst case scenario offer Beams \$250K and 3 years, which isn't bad for a player of his age. The interesting part of all this is, is that his value is increasing by the week. The wide skill-set and speed of Beams, on top of his contested work are seeing him rise in worth by the week. Sides are beginning to turn heads as this man is starting to evolve, if not already become a Rolls Royce. Sides with midfield deficiencies in pace and questionable skills will start to circle around if his contract issues aren't resolved in the next 6 months.

Obviously Collingwood will be focused on Cloke, but need to keep in mind Beams will be hot property. All in all, what will he be worth if he attracts the offers of \$450-550K a year many are suggesting will be offered by sides with adequate cap space?

The Pies need to be aware that this classy youngster will be targeted by clubs if Cloke doesn't budge. As I said, of what I know Dayne Beams is that he is a highly reputable youngster and it's wide spread is admirable to the cause of the Collingwood Football Club. But the fact remains, in the doomsday scenario the Pies need to assess what he'll be worth and what the possible suitors could offer in return.

Draft pick wise, Beams because of age and a few sides being committed to their early picks, will see him being offered a n y t h i n g between Pick 7 to 12, and or a late first round pick or second round pick and a good footballer as a sweetener.



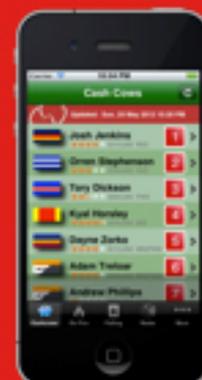
This is something Collingwood must take into account. There is no way they will retain all the players that are out of contract, without obscene and unheard of pay cuts. The Pies must evaluate what each of these players are worth because come seasons end, these players who are all best 22 will be courted by many clubs.



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SIMMO SAYS



This piece is sent in by Cameron Simpson.

Hope we are all well and good and have shaken the MRB's (Multi Bye Rounds) off us and have got a set squad for the rest of the season.

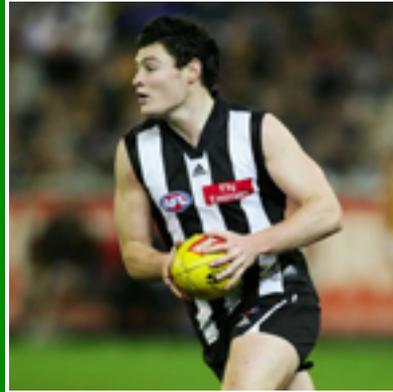
We all should know by now that without Champion Data we wouldn't be able to play our beloved fantasy game SuperCoach. I am going to slap them in the face but before I do that I want to soften them up by saying that I give them credit for the jobs they do because it would be hard keeping up with every single play-by-play of every game in the AFL season... But, sometimes there scoring system is so random and controversial it makes me want to flip quantities of tables all at once. An example of this over the weekend was

when Everitt kicked that final goal for the Swans. Okay, fair enough he kicked the winning goal, but he was awarded a total



48 points for the mark and goal, and 86 points overall for his 6 touches. To compare Everitt's game to players who were up there with the best on ground but yet had similar point tallies such as O'Keefe (93), Chapman (95) and Selwood (101) is completely bizarre. At one stage throughout this game Selwood was on 113 points, O'Keefe was on 114 points and Chapman was nearing 120 and yet in the last 2 minutes they all got a touch between them but because of the last bit of play where 105 points were given out between 5 players and 5 disposals, that took away everybody else's points for that game, in particular the highest scoring players on the ground according to Champion Data.

Another example of this was at the 'G' Saturday afternoon when Marty Clarke had 12 touches at 75% efficiency and got 18 points, where as Tom Young had 1 handball and 2 tackles but yet 26 points. It makes Champion Data look silly, I know Marty Clarke had a bad day which included a red vest but surely Tom



Young can't have been ranked ahead of him. All this might be a lot to take in but basically when a match gets close and you have a player in your SuperCoach team who doesn't touch it in the last 5 minutes of that game, expect him to lose up to 20 points. Other putrid examples of this earlier in the

year is when Pavlich got scaled up 25 points after the final siren against the Suns, when Bower lost 18 points in scaling against the Power and Marty Clarke got 29 points for the second last kick of the game against Essendon. What I am trying to say is that Champion Data become too random with the



scores in games, despite the fact I have faith in them about the way they go about it, it is just becoming unpredictable and annoying when blokes get 48 points for a mark and kick where perhaps the first goal of the game was just as vital, who knows? I know I don't.



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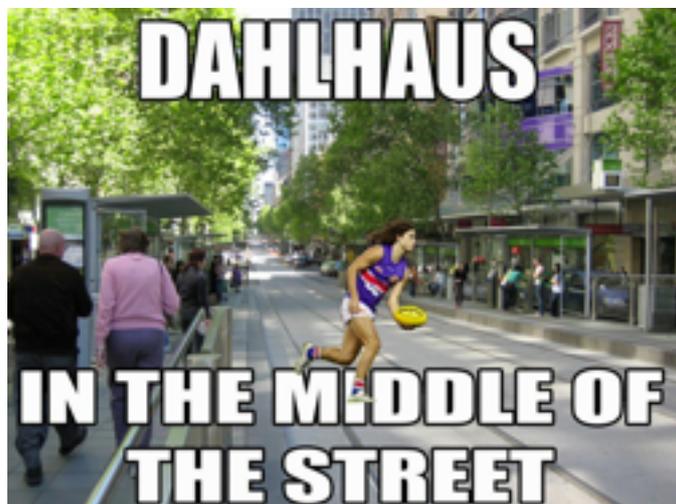
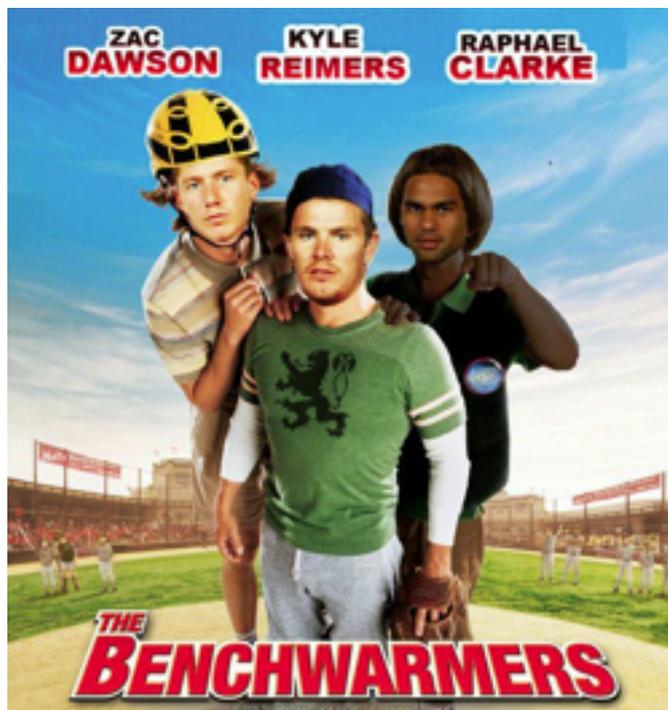


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AFL MEME OF THE WEEK



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.

Value bet: North Melbourne 1 - 39 @ \$3.60 is pretty good odds. Bit of an upset if you base their performance against Adelaide.

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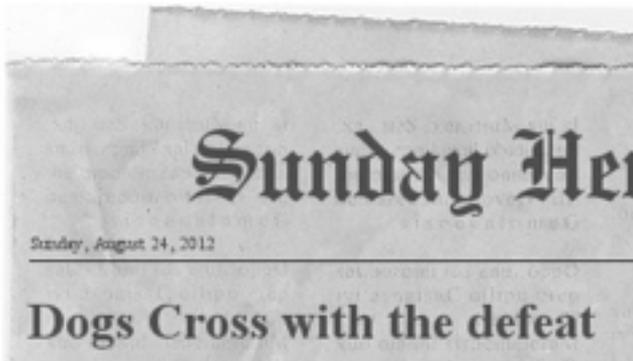
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EXTRA EXTRA!

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G'day guys. Thanks for reading the newsletter. Just wanted to let the readers know this newsletter will be the last for a couple of weeks. I just don't have the time to get it all together every week. Will try to get it back up and running later in the year but for now, it'll be on hold. I'll still be on Twitter and my team will still be updated on SupercoachHQ. Just wanted to thank all the writers who've done a great job so far!

Cheers.

SGTSUPERCOACH'S TIPS

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

This week seems to be an easy one for the tipsters but as always there's always an upset. I'm thinking it either might be Carlton or North Melbourne. Hopefully the second derby was as good as the first and that Gold Coast put up a fight against West Coast. Nick Riewoldt might not be 100% so that will play heavily in North's hands. Good odds for them.



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