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THE GARY ABLETT MEDAL

The winner of the Gary Ablett medal for this week was going to be Gary Ablett if the round finished on Saturday night but then I saw Patrick Dangerfield run around the Blues midfield. 35 disposals (23 kicks and 12 handballs) with 19 of them contested. Along with 6 tackles and 8 clearances, he strolled his way to a massive 174 points.

THE ANDREW CARRAZZO MEDAL

This week's Andrew Carrazzo medal winner is Marc Murphy who started very slowly injured his AC joint and was subbed out of the game with only 5 disposals (3 kicks and 2 handballs) at a rate of 60% efficiency, leaving many supercoachers who trade him in for Fyfe or Goodes seething. Many other supercoachers are hoping the injury isn't too bad and will allow them to take advantage of his massive price drop. His breakeven was 186 before this round.

BROUGHT IN THE POINTS

The player who 'Brought In The Points' this round was none other than Ryan O'Keefe. After his very slow start to the season (in one game he started with the vest, he was one fallen premium we all had our radars on. You'd be happy if you pounced on him. He scored 136 (34 disposals with 17 of them contested). In saying that, he did play Melbourne with 7 Swans players cracking the ton and 2 getting into the nervous 90's.

TRADE OF THE WEEK

OUT: Shiel or Greene

IN: Zorko

Why? Greene is suspended for a week and his breakeven is 84. So, do what you will with that factors. Shiel has been assigned as GWS' tagger but that may or may not change with McDonald coming back very soon. If McDonald isn't named, I'd trade Shiel in front of Greene. Zorko gives you the DPP you need for the byes.

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SARGE'S ORDERS

- What a game! Geelong had their chances.
- Can't believe Fasolo admitted to milking the 50. Who does that? Seriously.
- Disgraceful by the Roos. Good spirit by Port.
- Where to now for North?
- Couch has to be in Melbourne's side next week.
- What a match! Richmond were spirited but Essendon were too good when it counted.
- How good has Deledio been this year? Morris and Ellis have allowed him to move up the ground.
- Why do the AFL say a game is sold out when there's thousands of empty seats on Level 4. Surely, not all of them decided not to rock up. Weather was perfect, the game was perfect.
- Adelaide, listen closely. You hang on to Dangerfield and never let him go. When he retires, make him coach. If he wants to be captain. Let him be captain! Van Berlo, you should volunteer and give your pay cheque to Patrick. **He is a gun!**
- West Coast just keep on keeping on.

THE ZAC DAWSON MEDAL

Formerly known as the Peter Yagmoor Medal, the Zac Dawson Medal this round goes to Bryce Gibbs. A very close one between him and Matthew Pavlich. Gibbs mustered up 12 possessions to only 58% efficiency which is not good enough in Supercoach world.



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Jamie Cripps is 20, has played 12 games, started as the sub today, suffered a bad knee injury & he still nearly outscored Gibbs [#supercoach](#)

THE NAT FYFE MEDAL

Winner of the Nat Fyfe medal for the player who has clogged up my timeline on twitter for this round is Lee Spurr. A downgrade option for either Ellis or Bugg. Scored 55 on the weekend and avoided the vest.



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Mark Neeld, Brett Ratten, Brad Scott.

Three men looking down the barrel of a gun.

Unfairly looking down the barrel of a gun in my eyes.

People can question why Mark Neeld is not abstracting a worthy effort from his side, or why Brett Ratten waited until half time and Marc Murphy's injury to throw a hardened body in Robinson to the midfield; or even why Scott didn't shut down the game.

All arguably irrelevant issues in the greater picture.

The persecution of coaches in the modern era is largely unfair, and feel there are more people complicit in the meltdown these clubs have had in the last fortnight or so.

Ultimately, I hold Melbourne's disgraceful season, Carlton's horrid fortnight and North Melbourne's collapse to the lack of effort from players at the respective football clubs.

Regardless of the questions over Melbourne's list, the fact remains senior players from the Dees not only have a horrendous onfield mentality with a lack of physical pressure but individuals are stubborn to move towards the direction in which Neeld hopes to take the club.

Aaron Davey's 5 disposals on Saturday illustrates the dulling of once brilliant footballers, not because of any coaching or development errors (Melbourne have world class facilities and a group of illustrious coaches), but because the culture of mediocrity and utter laziness has set in and swallowed all. The fact that Brent Moloney has allowed his manager to even utter that he's interested in taking offers is a disgrace in itself, and one that Neeld should act decisively on. To show a lack of commitment to the coaches grand plan should see him culled from not only starting teams, but from the list indefinitely at seasons end.

Colin Sylvia's off field indiscretions and body language when walking off the SCG is an utter and total travesty (smiling like that massive git that he is), illustrating there is an emotional indifference towards the way the side is performing.

Neeld is not to fault with this, in that his players show a general lack of basic discipline such seasoned footballers should exhibit.

Now I'll address the moronic, monochromatic Carlton supporters that ring in droves to SEN, smacking Ratten over the head about the questions surrounding the gameplan. There ain't no problem with the gameplan.

Carlton are/were missing key men in Carazzo, Laidler and Yarran. There's no need to change the game plan that involves effectively moving the ball from stoppages out wide to space and down the ground. Beats the zone 90% of the time and generates lots of scoring shots. The fact is, Carlton are no longer winning these stoppages. Carlton players, bar Judd, are refusing to stick their heads over the ball and let their opponents outnumber them in droves around the ball. This lack of run and lack of hardness shows a lack of commitment by the players to put their bodies on the line. No fault of Ratten that Gibbs on a consistent basis is nowhere to be found when there is hard ball to be won.



Now to North Melbourne. 13 players did not touch the ball in the final 11 minutes of playing time in Saturday's complete catastrophe against the Power. A mixture of the same issues are holding back North. Lack of leadership from those not the captain and leadership group AND a lack of hardness around the footy shows a growing concern at North Melbourne. Brent Harvey's childish outburst by belting Chad Wingard in the face and allegedly taking off his GPS at half time due his knowledge his work rate was not sufficient enough for someone in his age group. Although, the fact a 34 year old is still being tagged, should reflect on Bastinac and Cunnington not working hard enough to illicit interest from the opposition. I still contend North Melbourne's issues surround the lack of work rate from it's midfielders.

So now, in light of all this evidence, would you still blame the coach? Have players become too cushy in the large paychecks they earn? The coach is ultimately not in charge of the players motivation. Start playing for the jumper, start working harder and find something. Too many passengers in all these teams that will not get the heat they deserve. Stop blaming the coach, and turn the gun on the one's out on the field.

SIMMO SAYS



Hello, my name is [Cameron Simpson](#). This is my opinion piece and I would love to hear your thoughts on the issue I write about.

On the weekend we saw some 'good' midfielders rise to elite midfield status in the AFL. The likes of Dangerfield, Sidebottom and Deledio to name a few. All classy players that have stepped up another notch this season and are now apart of the elite and don't really look like looking back.

Jack Ziebell would have to be the biggest di** I know. So here's the story, I trade him in after his first two massive scores of 132 and 98, everything is looking lovely and what not not... And then bamn! 50, 86 and 53 are his 3 returns. I sit down at the selection table and I have completely no other choice but to burn a trade to get rid of a bloke who is giving me 50's most weeks, looking unfit and definitely not a so called end of year premium. I traded him out... And guess what!?! 118 points no worries, out of no where. FFS. At least I can rely on Sam Mitchell every week as where Ziebell can score 50 any time soon.

Bye rounds! No need to fear them. I have a very complicated plan going into the byes but I'll sum it up here: Be willing to cop up to 5 donuts round 1 if it is because of GWS players in particular, when it comes to round 12 you then upgrade and downgrade them to rd 11 bye players instead of trading them out pre rd 11 and giving yourself more head aches in rd 12/13. This plan therefore makes your team stronger and better in the long run. Matt Priddis is projected to be 421K by rd 12 so keep an eye on him, I know I will be!

And on a personal team note I am pretty happy with a score of 2577 while carrying Murphy's 38. My team is starting to come along nicely... I love you SC gods. Haha! Also on Marc Murphy... Could miss up to 10 weeks plus bye round meaning 11 games sitting on your pine, don't think so! Time to trade.

B:	Beau Waters	Alex Rance	Heath Shaw
HB:	Brendon Goddard	Scott D. Thompson	Heath Scotland
C:	Brent Stanton	Scott Pendlebury	Brett Deledio
FOLL:	Dean Cox	Scott Thompson	Gary Ablett
HF:	Patrick Dangerfield	Lance Franklin	Steele Sidebottom
F:	Stewart Cramer	Nick Reiwooldt	Kurt Tippett

INT: Josh Kennedy, Joel Selwood, Jobe Watson, Patrick Ryder

This is my All Australian team at this stage of the year. As you can all probably tell I haven't done a whole lot of research and it is a bit rough but you would be happy with that team any day of the week. And before you have a go at me go check Mark Robinson's team on the Herald Sun Website... Didn't even have Brett Deledio, but that's another story. I believe it's all about midfielders these days, they play everywhere! Even Gary Ablett sat at half back for most of the game against the dogs. You could probably also tell I've got a tall forward line but there hasn't been a standout small forward just of yet. Obviously heaps of players unlucky to miss out such as: Ryan Griffen, Chris Judd, Dane Swan, Trent Cotchin, Scott Selwood and the list goes on! Just shows how dominate midfielders are of the modern game.

SARGE SPEAKS UP



When I asked the folk on twitter what the issue for this piece should be I was actually surprised about the Noah like flooding of my timeline of the issue of staging, in particular Leroy Jetta. It's been happening for years now but Jetta's the first player to be suspended from it (prove me if I'm wrong). I think I speak for all of us when I say, we don't want this to creep into our game. We see what it's done with soccer and its quite frustrating as a casual viewer to see players diving or staging to get the upper hand. It pissed me off incredibly when I see that Italian player (Fabio Grasso) dive which cost Australia a chance to move deeper into the 2006 World Cup. *We don't want that in our game.* Fans get frustrated enough by free kicks against their teams. Imagine if a player gets a free kick right in front of goal to win the game. The place would go ape sh**. As much as we have seen it creep into the game, it won't happen as long as we as the fans keep our morals and tell our respective teams and players that we want to win a game of footy the right way. The AFL have done the right thing to suspend Leroy Jetta. Not saying he needs to be used as a scapegoat but as a stepping stone towards the ousting of staging. Perhaps a penalty on field such as a free kick or something along those lines should be introduced. Also, it has to be taught from a younger level that it's not the way to go. I know its in its early stages but it has to stop before it grows into a regular occurrence.

THE SCOTT GUMBLETON LIST



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

Marc Murphy (Carlton) - Shoulder. 8 - 10 weeks.

Dane Swan (Collingwood) - Hamstring. 3 weeks.

Allen Christensen (Geelong) - Calf. 1-2 weeks.

Adam Kennedy (GWS) - Shoulder. TBC.

Tomas Bugg (GWS) - Rested. Available.

Devon Smith (GWS) - Rested. Available.

Dylan Shiel (GWS) - Rested. Available.

James McDonald (GWS) - Rested. Available.

Hamish McIntosh (North Melbourne) - Knee. 1 week.

Sam Fisher (St. Kilda) - Hamstring. Test.

Matt Priddis (West Coast) - Concussion. Test.

Luke Hodge (Hawthorn) - Knee. Another 3 - 4 weeks.

EXTRA EXTRA!

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



WINNING WAGERS

This piece is written by my mate Chris 'The Couch' Watts.

Well Round 8 was... surprising, especially the Roos letting the Power come back. They basically gave them the 4 points. Went up +\$25 in the end, but the poor effort from the Roos cost me a bit.

Value Bet: Fremantle to win between 1-39 @ \$3.60

Another Derby and these games are very unpredictable. Not really a home-ground advantage and Fremantle have had very solid defence over the year. Worth a punt I reckon, especially since it's a derby match. The Richmond v Hawthorn would be another game to look at for a value bet.

Trying out a tri bet, my first one in awhile. Sydney v St Kilda are usually very close games, both teams are going strong. Sydney/St Kilda Tri Bet – Either team by 15 or under @ \$2.90 | Geelong (-32.5) @ \$1.91 | Port Adelaide to win @ \$1.45 | Adelaide (-13.5) @ \$1.91 | Fremantle (+18.5) @ \$1.91
Dividend: \$29.29

Note: All bets were made on Monday-Tuesday; so many minor factors I usually use were not used. All Odds are from Centrebet.com.

AMERICA TO THE MAXX

Maxx Sann is an American turned Aussie. Moved to Australia 2008. He is an ex-pat learning our great game and he barracks for Fremantle. You can follow him [here](#).

Every sports fan has one player who they hate with a passion. As a die hard Cleveland Cavaliers fan LeBron James is the player that falls in that category for me. LeBron one of the NBA's best players was supposed to bring a championship to his home state of Ohio, but instead stabbed his own team in the back and "took his talent to South Beach". The AFL player that I hate the most would have to be Stephen Milne. Tip Rat the name alone makes me cringe, he is one of the dirtiest scummiest players that I have ever seen on a football field, and his antics are ridiculous. Everyone who isn't a St. Kilda supporter who have to hate this guy but every Saints supporter would love to have him on their team. As a Fremantle supporter I can only compare him to Hayden Ballantyne (I love that guy). I would love to hear your thoughts on the most hated player in the AFL (tweet me with your choice).

THE BARRY HALL LIST

This list is sent in by Cameron Simpson. Ironically, he is banned from the tribunal. You can follow him [here](#).

Toby Greene (GWS) - Can accept 1 match ban.

Leroy Jetta (Ess) - Can accept 1 match ban.

Note: Obviously, the two lists are only DT/SC related players.

TOP BREAKEVENS

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

Dreamteam

MID Zorko = -52

Stevens = -41

Crisp = -29

DEF Spurr = -33

Delaney = -18

Brennan = -16

FWD Dickson = -54

Zorko = -52

Hall = -31

RUC Jenkins = -76

Stephenson = -58

Supercoach

MID Zorko = -47

Crisp = -29

D.Smith = -24

DEF Brennan = -27

Spurr = -26

Delaney = -11

FWD Dickson = -47

Zorko = -47

Saad = -31

RUC Jenkins = -107

Stephenson = -56

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER



This piece is brought to you by the boys at [@SC Specialist](#).

CAPTAINS 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. The shiny-headed genius, 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. As it will always be, stats are as follows:

(Season average, Projected score, average vs opponent, av at venue, last time they met)

Brent Stanton (137, 138, N/A, N/A, N/A)

The number 1 ranked player so far this year this week comes up against the Giants, and it wouldn't be too surprising if he racks up 200 points. In his last 3 games Stanton has averaged 153 and the uncontested-possession-king doesn't look like slowing down. He has become an elite Supercoach midfielder this year and has been relatively consistent. So if you're one of the 50,000 coaches that currently have him, put him as captain, it'll be worth it!

Joel Selwood (125, 140, 103, 100, 103)

Joel Selwood hasn't scored less than 112 this year, and has reached over 140 on 3 occasions. He comes up against the Bulldogs this round and although Liam Picken may hang off him all night Joel should be up to the task and looks set for another big score, like the 142 he scored the second last time he played the dogs. However, he does have the risk of getting a low-hundreds score, but keep him in mind as a point of difference pick which could potentially give you that well-needed edge over your opponent!

Brett Deledio (123,143,110,102,58)

Brett had a blinder last week scoring 157 points against the Bombers. He hasn't dropped under one hundred yet this season, and is ultra-consistent. Brett averages 110 against the Hawks and the 2nd & 3rd last time he played them he has racked up scores of 144 and 163. He has become an influential player and an elite Supercoach scorer, so don't hesitate to chuck the "C" on 'Lids and watch him rack up the points on Saturday arvo.

Roughie:

Steele Sidebottom (112,123,89,74,86)

Sidebum has had a stellar season and stepped up in Luke Ball's absence and could do the same with no Dane Swan. He has averaged 112 for the season and not including his score of 72 in round one he averages 128 per game. Historically he doesn't play very well against the Crows but that doesn't mean anything for Steele as he is stepping up into that elite category. It is a big risk making him your skipper, but if you take the punt it could pay off and give you an edge over the whole competition.



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

SPECIALIST STATS



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JUMP ON

Josh Jenkins (ADE) \$113,200 – RUC

Great option for your 3rd or 4th ruckman, and with Redden off the map he could make you a fair bit of cash. Predicted to jump \$88 grand this week and should be over \$400k by round 16. Averaging 88 points in his first two games, the 199cm big man is on the bubble this week. Will also help you avoid a donut during the byes.

Dayne Zorko (BRIS) \$113,200 – MID/FWD

Another bloke who is ready for his first price rise. Scored 100 points in Brisbane's 92 point flogging of GWS. He was the sub in his first game against the pies so we are yet to witness his full potential against a top side. Won Broadbeach's best and fairest four years running, and has a projected price increase of \$47k.

Mitch Wallis (WBD) \$378,000 – MID

This kid has gone relatively under the radar; he is in only 1.07% of teams. Nominated for the rising star award in round 4, and has scored over 100 points in four of his six games. The 19 year old midfielder has great job security and has slotted into the Dogs' midfield nicely. It's not too late to pick him up as he is expected to rise \$36k this weekend, and could increase to \$450 thousand by the end of the year.

Patrick Dangerfield (ADE) \$560,600 – FWD/MID

Paddy dished out a whopping 174 points against the Blues last round and redeemed himself for breaking Murphy's shoulder. Danger is constantly putting body on the line and is always hungry for the contested ball. That means huge scores like this may not be a one off. He has risen in price by a total of \$125,000, plus an estimated price rise of \$25k for this week, and he is still projected to climb another \$100+ thousand. Big bucks to be made as he is still at a bargain price.

JUMP OFF

Marc Murphy (CAR) \$505,600 – MID

Did his shoulder in a collision with Pat Dangerfield and will miss up to 10 weeks. Has frustrated the 24% of coaches that have him with a price drop of \$134k since round one, and a massive breakeven of 188 means his price will continue to plunge after he returns. Could not press the 'T' button faster.

Brandon Ellis (RIC) \$221,200 – DEF

No more cash to be made here, and with an unlikely breakeven of 90 his price will reduce by around \$18k. Brandon is already on the way down and his price has dropped over the last two rounds. Trade, the cow has been fattened.

Matthew Pavlich (FRE) \$521,800 – FWD/MID

Tough call this one. Pav was impressive against Gold Coast and Port, but disappointing against Hawthorn in Tassie. Has West Coast this week so he needs to step up if the Dockers want to win. Expected to decrease \$19k and should drop under \$500,000 by round 11, so he could be a good upgrade target come the byes. One bad week shouldn't be the difference between trading him out, but consider.

QUICK PIC OF THE ROUND



SGT SUPERCOACH'S TIPS

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

This round might be a lop sided one for tipping but don't be surprised if there are a few upsets this round. Geelong should have it easy against the Doggies with a few of their players back. Hawthorn and Richmond will be close to being the game of the round. If Richmond play like they did last Saturday, they will win but I'm tipping Hawthorn because their backline is coming along nicely. Gold Coast have showed us that they are on the up but have gone backwards with Gary Ablett back in the side. This also will be closer than people think but Port should have the confidence from last Saturday to win. Adelaide and Collingwood will be a good blockbuster as well. North *have* to win this game. Carlton will be too good for Melbourne. The derby will be very interesting. West Coast will win but not without a fight from Fremantle. Literally. There'll be a fight somewhere. There always is.

GUESS WHO



Can you guess
this past player?



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BEER OF THE WEEK



This new piece is brought to you by [Jordan Witte](#).

Magic Hat Not Quite Pale Ale
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First thing I noticed from my first sip was a really strong fruity flavour - almost immediately. To my extremely inexperienced pallet it seems almost orange/pear type hybrid. Keep in mind I'm a weekend beer drinker and not a professional taster. I had a steak dinner with this beer and it paired really well with a medium-rare steak. The aftertaste isn't harsh, and it's a really pleasant beer. 5.1% was a real surprise when I finally inspected the bottle after tasting it for the first time, because the taste & how you feel afterwards certainly doesn't feel like you're drinking a 5% beer.



As I drink more and more beer for this newsletter I'm sure my pallet will mature and I'll be able to more intricately dissect a beer for you lovely readers. For now, you'll have to take my word on what smells and tastes excellent. I hope you pick up the beers I recommend and try them - by all means send in your feedback to Sgt. Supercoach.

My personal rating out of 5 for Magic Hat's Not Quite Pale Ale:



AFL MEME OF THE WEEK



COMPARE THE PAIR



Compare the reactions between my tweets and my mate Ben's tweets.

This week we have a look at my brand new drinking game where we take a drink every time the Channel 7 commentary team mentions The Weapon. Next week, I think it's going to be every time they mention the Calder Cannons Footy Factory.



Another Weapon mention. DRINK!
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Because I had a bit of space in the newsletter I thought I'll give my mates from KookiesNKream a plug. They're competing in Australia's Got Talent this year so be sure to vote for them when they perform in Melbourne which will air on the 27th of June on Channel 7. If you missed it, check out their audition [here](#), follow them on twitter [here](#) and like them on Facebook [here](#).

