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FOOTY FEVER – SPECIAL EDITION

Monday was our Footy Fever night hosted by Stuart & Bob W – a fun night.

Footy Night – 2021

S: Congratulations mate. We all know that you are a patient man and you have waited, **sort of patiently for 57 years** for your beloved Demons to break their premiership drought. They didn't just break the drought- **they flooded the game with goals.** I know you had some doubts at half-time after the Bulldogs kicked SIX goals to ONE in the second quarter. They then only managed 3. 1 in the second half compared to the Dees— 16.5.

B. Oh Stu, What about the 3rd quarter. **Probably the 17 greatest minutes in the history of the game's OLDEST club. 7 GOALS. They put the premiership into the Premiership quarter.**

S. Give us some thoughts and talk about the emotions.

B. *****

B. Would any other Melbourne tragics like to say a word or TWO.

S. Well Bob, after all is said and done- It has been another great year of football. And The Cooddas are going to have a fun night tonight. I see some of the same people who we saw last year have turned up again. What sad lives they must lead if they think this is the place to be seen.... Here on Zoom. They are happy and all look great. **For the last 50 years –Fascination with misery has been a Melbourne supporter's thing. It did seem unfair that after decades of miserable, meaningless Sunday afternoon defeats at an echoing quarter-full MCG, you've were denied the joy of this finals run and seeing the Premiership game live from the MCG balcony.**

B. People might not believe it, **but YOU and I are sport mad. During lockdown 5 we feasted on the Olympics.**

S. I heard that you Bob, as Inverloch Quoits champion, was approached by the Tokyo Olympics officials to THROW Olympic medals around winners necks from 1.5 metres.

B. That was nice, but eventually they wanted to save money and had the athletes pick up their own medals. But I was amused at your suggestion when we went back briefly to Bucatini restaurant that you set up a challenge for attendees at Pres John's first meeting. **Our numbers were limited to the first 15 people who could navigate through a maze of giant Toblerones.**

S. Did you realise that Bob Williams, our own Bob, could have been an Olympic athlete. He is multi- talented and versatile. He **jumps** to conclusions, **he hops up** to challenges, he **runs** our RYDA program, he **hurls** insults at umpires, he **throws out** Sgt fines with ease. He **stretches** all our egos, he **leaps** stacks of gold coins at the Whitehorse farmers Market, in a single bound, He **wrestles** with our audit issues and of course he **dives** enthusiastically into all Rotary activities.

B. Remember the earthquake. I just want to clear it up- **It was the possibility of the Dees winning a Grand Final that really shook Melbourne. Or – to put it another way, maybe it was the AFL moving heaven and earth to stage the Grand Final in Perth.**

S. Hey, what about the Grand final? **Melbourne a pair of Julius Marlows-and the Bulldogs- a pair of desert Boots. Julius Marlows or RM Williams boots???? --- the DEES walked all over them.** - I'm going to give you a HOSPITAL HANDPASS--- maybe Barbara can answer this- **How many times did you say – THEY ARE HOPELESS-- while watching the DEMONS this year and while watching the second quarter of the Grand Final.?**

BARBARA?

B. Did you notice the names of players in the Grand Final. A few years ago we had a go at West Coast... weird names. Nic Nat- Yeo, Le cras, Gaff, Shuey.

S. Yeah this year the Bulldogs made it easy ... just Bailey, Bailey, Bailey..... and even The Dees had a Bayley. Of course back in 1964 Melbourne had Hassa Mann. Hassa.. a fantastic player but what sort of name is Hassa.

B. I remember Frank” Bluey” Adams.... And of course this year there was Clayton “Bluey” Oliver. And everyone is going to have to learn how to spell and pronounce **PETRACCA.**

B. Pity we still didn't have commentator Drew Morphett with us. I remember him saying-- “ Max Gawn marks out front of his beard”. He clunked a few in the GF.

S. Loved him and Dennis Commetti- **Drew called THE BONT a champion very early. He said-- “ Marking 50 metres out--- Curl your Mo... with this fella--- he's a beauty.”**

B. It wasn't just about the game Stu. Did you see that Eddie McGuire was denied entry into Western Australia – **and he couldn't even phone a friend.**

S. And on his request application, he listed his SONS as his producers.

B. I heard your son and daughters threatened LEGAL ACTION if YOU listed them on the credit list for this stuff.

S. Oh, not fair-

B. I had a couple of thoughts about Geelong. I heard a Geelong player describe that schallacking in the Preliminary Final.. **“For one minute there; we were in with a chance --- Then the game started.**

S. Thanks

B. Do you remember The Cats were 40 points up against the Demons in the last game of the season..... and still lost. **What's the difference between The Cats and a US dollar? “You still get 4 quarters out of a dollar bill.**

S. Well I loved the see-sawing nature of the first TWO and a bit quarters of the Grand Final but I'm a footy lover. **But this year it was YOUR TEAM, your club, your life-time of fleeting joy and consuming despair and unspoken dreams and crushed hopes. This year you didn't want to see a GOOD game, due to your love and loyalty to the Dees.** You told me it was difficult to type on Friday because you had your fingers crossed. When did you relax.? How did you feel? Any more Thoughts more on how you felt leading into .. and during the game..

S. Thanks BOB..

B: As we said in the advertising -- You're only young once – but anyone can be immature. Immature- just like you Stu I was disgusted with those protesters at the Shrine. **I thought- Just because you work on the TOOLS doesn't mean you have to act like ONE.**

S: I read a definition of football while preparing for this stuff.

B: You mean this is PREPARED

S: Football is a game where 44 men run around for 100 minutes, watched by millions who could really use the exercise.

B SO True..... but you forgot---- **and 1.4 billion people in China don't give a damn..... Can you remember one of the sayings on signs around the footy club rooms when you played for Ashy Meths or Monash Uni?**

S. Yes, I can remember--- beside the honour board with my 100 games mentioned, was... **"The man in white is always RIGHT"**.

B. Yes, I remember that one. After the TOBY GREEN incident- I suppose they now have a sign that reads- **"The man in yellow is an UNTOUCHABLE FELLOW"**.

S. Many years ago Barry Hall was careful with the umpires. **He asked Scott McLaren if he could be penalised for what he was thinking about Scott's umpiring. Scott said – NO. Then Big, bad Bazza said- "I think you're a dick- head"**

B. Didn't a player say to your mate- umpire Glenn James – **"I'll burn your house down"**.

S. Yes Glenn our only indigenous Grand Final umpire, a laid back, relaxed, guy replied--- **"It's a bit hard to burn a piece of corrugated iron."**

S. You seemed to cope with lockdown pretty well. **Early on, I remember you were part of the FOOTY SCRUM in the toilet paper aisle. The staff were throwing packs of rolls into the air. I heard Bob rose to grab a pack and win" Mark of the Year", but he dropped the Sorbent and finished up with a SOFT TISSUE INJURY. He was not available for selection for a number of weeks.**

B. Footy Tipping was a pleasant distraction during lockdown and the demanding task of home schooling. That might have saved Crackers Keenan. **Crackers said he spent the best 3 years of his life in Grade 3.**

S. But Bob, I know you had real problems with ESPN this year, but did you and Barb often wonder on Monday morning--- **"How could John Mc Phee or Warwick pick THAT WINNER.?"**

B. **I often thought they both might have a screw loose..... Bob Laslett- our top tipster ---- he is the entire hardware store.**

S. I heard on the radio a discussion about **what people liked best, or remembered most, about school. John McPhee answered—the long walk to the Principal's office. He even boasted he was the best at that.**

B. Warwick's favourite time was –LUNCH.

S. I heard that Barbara Searle suggested hers was **"BOYS.... And come to think of it... it was BOYS in Primary School also."**

B. And your's Stu—

S. Well it was not really a subject... **But –"the bell at the end of the day... if I waited that long."**

B. But I saw you answered on Facebook--- **AFTERNOON SLEEP IN GRADE ONE.**

S.. Oh yeah, that too. Port Adelaide has "Never tear us Apart" as the club's unofficial anthem. Maybe the Carlton Football Club can adopt- "Another one bites the dust" as theirs, after sacking yet another COACH.

B. And another thought about Carlton sacking David Teague. Disgraceful.

S. **Yes... that's why I still call it PRINCESS PARK.** I wonder—**Did the Carlton Board make the Collingwood Board look—GOLD STANDARD?** Let's hope that Vossy is a good get for The Blues.

B. I scratch my head why all the players turn up to see their coach get sacked--- when if they had turned up when it mattered he'd still have his job.

B. But, wow, what about Sam Walsh's Brownlow votes—so young, so slight—a superstar already.

S: Talking of the Brownlow – worthy winner Ollie Wines, he is a gun. **But did you notice Jordy de Goey , again did not have a stellar year. He gave up BOOZE, SEX and GAMBLING --- de Goey says it was the worst 2 hours of his life.**

S: Good get.

B: Still on Collingwood –**"What do you say to a Collingwood player in a suit?"**

S: Dunno

B: **Will the defendant please rise.**

S. Lots of footy headlines caught my eye. I was surprised to see – “ **I’m not a Collingwood supporter but gee, I wish them well.**”

Unless you’re a Pies supporter, you’re a member of the ABC brigade.---**ANYONE BUT COLLINGWOOD. Even your second, or third or 16th favourite team ain’t Collingwood.**

B. **Yep- not for no reason do they wear black and white- love ‘em or hate ‘em – that’s how it is, deal with it.**

B: If you have a Car containing a Collingwood midfielder, a GWS half-back flanker and a Sydney wingman ---- Who is driving the car.

S: **A COP.**

B. Marg McPhee told me you always say – Collingwood gets a good go from the umpires..

S. Bob--- **Collingwood not only gets the good end of the stick---- THEY GET THE WHOLE STICK**

B: We shouldn’t pick on Collingwood –A Port Adelaide player said at quarter time in the Preliminary final – **Bulldogs beat us 9 to nothing, and we were lucky to get nothing.**

S: And ;; What do The West Coast Eagles and a possum have in common?

Both play dead at home and get killed on the road.

B: I’ve got one for you. What’s the difference between Prince Andrew and The Gold Coast Suns?

Prince Andrew has a more credible defence.

S. While listening to the radio footy coverage of the Western Bulldogs I heard them say—One long haired dog shovelled it to another long-haired dog. I do worry about the commentators.

I checked with ex-VET Warwick and he said there are no long-haired BULLDOGS.

B. Sure you didn’t hear them say-- The Saint Bernard passed it to the Wolf Hound who shovelled it to the Ayrshire.

S. But Bob, I also heard the TV commentators say- “ **They won tonight because they kept their shape.**” **Is that why we’ve been successful Bob? We’ve kept our shape for years.**

B... THANK YOU...

Footy Quiz 2021 – Test Your Knowledge

1. On the night he was drafted, what was Max Gawn wearing, and what was he drinking when he opened the door to a Melbourne Club official?
2. Which recently retired player said, “ As a young kid I’ve always wanted to make people smile... and I still do now.”?
3. What was the name of the play that Alan Hopgood wrote in 1963?... a football farce.
4. What was the bizarre COVID remark made by Sth Australia’s chief health Officer- Prof. Nicola Spurrier, in Adelaide before the Crows and Pies clash?
5. In 1977 David Williamson wrote a play about football called..? Graham Kennedy had a role in the movie.
6. Which team beat Melbourne with a score line 37 goals-11 behinds—233 V 7 goals 5 behinds- 47 in 2011?
7. Many years ago, which Carlton player cheated on a time trial by catching a tram?
8. Which Pie is likely to do well next year?
9. Adam Cooney sent a player a message after this year’s Brownlow. It said- “ You nearly polled as many votes as me when I won the Brownlow 13 years ago. You’re 36 and I’ve been retired for 5 years.” Who was it?
10. In 2002 Felice Arena and Demon Garry Lyon co-wrote what children’s sports book series?

11. At the end of the Home and Away season, cartoonist Mark Knight suggested to Melbournians that there was a SIXTH reason to leave home. What was it?
12. Why did the Collingwood supporter cross the road?
13. What was the reason given for Tom Scully to request a transfer from Melbourne?
14. In 2019 which player was the main subject of the films- The Australian Dream and The Last Quarter?
15. Lindsay Gilbee of Western Bulldogs got knocked out in his first game. Terry Wallace- Doggies coach- phoned down to the doctor and asked how Gilbee was. The Doctor replied- “ He is no good; doesn’t even know who he is.” What do you think Wallace said?
16. In 1982 how did the Melbourne Reserves “RUNNER” get a vote in the Gardiner Medal – The medal was given for the Best and Fairest in the Reserves
17. What is the only ship not to have docked at Freemantle?
18. In Hastings, which full-forward is celebrated and remembered with a statue, of him taking a specky against Fitzroy?
19. Who was the woman in the red dress at the Brownlow many years ago, whose mother went to the Eagles training and handed Chris Judd a note that read--- “ Call my daughter ..04...
20. Who is the only player in the last 20 years to twice be the “Step-ladder” for a player to win the Mark of The YEAR?
21. Who wrote the song “Dermot Brereton is a Hood”?
22. Which player kicked a footy over a wheat silo in Mirrool, NSW in 1992.?
23. Who was the player, with a mop-topped hairstyle, and a great goal kicker, who reached the Melbourne music charts in the early 1970’s with the song – Smile all the while?
24. Ross Lyon led St Kilda to 2 losing Grand Finals. What other leader has recently lost two Grand Finals?

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| Answers at the end. | 0 - 10 | You are mildly interested |
| | 11 - 15 | You are an interested observer |
| | 16 - 20 | Too much time on your hands |
| | 21 – 24 | Tragic – beyond hope |

Centimetre Perfect – Farewell Dennis Cometti

S.. The Grand Final was Dennis Cometti’s final Football call- done on radio.

Dennis elevated commentary to a whole new level. Tonight, it is our chance to remember some of his memorable word pictures and word jigsaws.

Of course he was known for calling a precise kick- **Centremetre perfect.**

B. 1. If a player slotted a miraculous goal-- **“He was like a cork in the ocean.”**

S. 1. As North Melbourne streamed toward a goal, a kick to the goal square saw Carlton defender Simon White and North’s Aaron Black battling it out.

“Going back is BLACK, White and Black, Black and White. Docherty comes away with it-- It needed another colour”.

B. 1. In the first quarter of the Pies/Saints replay Grand Final in 2010. Heath Shaw made an amazing spoil as Nick Riewoldt kicked for goal inside the goal square. Cometti described it-

“Shaw came up behind him like a librarian, he never heard him.”

S. 1. When North’s Anthony Rock pinned an opponent against the boundary fence

“ Nasty situation. He’s caught between a ROCK and a hard place.”

B. 1. Richmond defender Darren Gasper gave him this as he kicked for goal.

“ Gasper from 40 metres out, hits the post. Gasper and the unfriendly post”

S. 1. About Melbourne’s Adam YZE

“ Remember the name Y- Z- E... terrific young player—bad Scrabble hand.”

B. 1. And Carlton Champ Anthony Koutoufides

“ There’s Koutoufides—more vowels than possessions today”

S. 1. On tactics in football.

“ Some people might say that was a set play; but if it was, The SWANS must have copied it of a Portuguese bus timetable.”

B. 1. On a clash between Paul Salmon and slim St Kilda star—Nicky “Elvis” Winmar.

“ Just as Winmar landed, big Salmon came crashing down on top of him. They’re slowly getting up and now I can report the building has left the ELVIS.”

S. 1. Port Adelaide star—Josh Carr

When he attempted to break free Cometti said **“ Carr—covered by a third party.”**

B. 1. When Josh crashed into the opposition opponent-- his brother—Matthew. —they both wore number NINE jumpers.

“ How’s that--- a TWO CARR collision--- both with the same rego.”

S. 1. On ruckman, a tired, disheveled Shaun Rehn—

“ He’s been terrific again today but look at him, he’s paid a price.—Like a Saint Bernard in a heatwave.”

B. 1. On St Kilda’s premiership drought.

“The Saints have had more FIVE-YEAR plans than FIDEL CASTRO.”

S. 1. On former TV Boundary Rider—Robert DiPierdomenico

“ That’s the latest from the huddles- For those of you who don’t know Dipper is a graduate from the Don Corleone school of elocution.”

B. 1. On Simon Black- ex Brisbane star-

“ There’s a lot of talk these days about inside players. Well as we saw there- if Simon Black was anymore inside he’d be a PANCREAS.”

THE TWO GRAND FINAL TEAMS

What about those TWO Grand Final teams.

Footscray was formed in 1872 and joined the VFL in 1925 along with Hawthorn and North Melbourne. They changed their name to Western Bulldogs in 1996. Although having won only 2 3 Premierships they have had 10 Brownlow Medallists.

Brad Hardie, John Schultz, Tony Liberatore, Adam Cooney, Scott Wynd, Gary Dempsey, Kelvin Templeton, Peter Box, Norm Ware and Alan Hopkins.

The Bulldogs players, or superstars, that I have enjoyed watching over 65 years are:

Bontempelli, Brad Johnson, Jack Collins- wonderful Goal kicker- Ted Whitten, Leon Cameron, Chris Grant, Doug Hawkins, Robert Murphy- like a ballet mover- Kelvin Templeton, Gary Dempsey, Bernie Quinlan – Superboot-, Scott Wynd.

Bob can tell you about The Demons.

Melbourne FC born in 1858 is one of the oldest professional football clubs in the world when Tom Wills, the captain of the Victorian cricket team called for the formation of a foot-ball club to be played during winter months plus a code of laws. (To keep the players fit for cricket!)

The now called Demons have won 12 Premierships with the last in 1964 which I attended and saw players smoking cigarettes on the ground at three quarter time. I started supporting them in 1954 when they lost to Footscray and attended the ensuing GFs seeing them win in 1955,56,57,59, 60 and 64.

We have had six Brownlow winners, Ivor Warne Smith 1926,28 (and no I didn't see him play) Don Corder 1946, Brian Wilson 1982, Peter Moore 1984, Jim Stynes 1991 and Shane Woewodin 2000.

Many Demon All Australian players with some being – Jim Stynes, Garry Lyon, Todd Viney, David Neitz in past years and this year with Max Gawn, Clayton Oliver, Christian Petracca, Jake Lever and Steven May

My favourite player, Ron Barassi, was inspirational with one moment I recall in a final when he was knocked to the ground and went after his opponent on his knees and then his opponent came back to him and patted him on the back.

ANOTHER 'FOOTBALL' VIEW (Our resident soccer lover – Ron Brooks)

Liverpool has two professional soccer teams. Liverpool, who play in red and Everton, who play in blue. I have two soccer players I want to tell you about.

Billy Liddell

A Liverpool winger. He was a devote Christian who never swore, smoked, or drank. He signed on for Liverpool when he was 16 in 1938 and retired from playing at 39 in 1961 having spent his entire with the one team. He was never booked for a foul. Like Bob W he was a qualified accountant as well as an accomplished sportsman. Still considered as one of the finest attackers scoring 228 goals in 534 games but in that 23-year career the Liverpool team only won one league title and no cups. In a different era he would have had a mantelpiece full of medals and trophies. During his era Liverpool was often called Liddellpool.

Dixie Dean

Everton centre-forward. Born locally, left school at 14 and became a fitter working nights so he could play soccer by day. Signed on for Everton at 18 and left them when he was 30 in 1937 ending as captain. Scored 60 goals in a season and 37 hat tricks in his career. Both are records that have never been beaten. He played for England 16 times scoring 18 goals including 2 hat tricks. He died when he was 73 at Goodison Park, Everton's home ground, while watching a game against Liverpool. Some would think the perfect way to go.

'THANK YOU', STUART AND BOB FOR YOUR TIME, EFFORT AND KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE IT SUCH AN INTERESTING NIGHT.

ANSWERS TO FOOTY QUIZ 2021

1. A Melbourne jumper, vodka cruiser in one hand, durry (a cigarette) in the other.
2. . Eddie Betts
3. . “And the Big men fly”
4. .. “Don’t touch the footy and “Duck” if it comes flying toward you.”... she went on to say – and sanitise your hands before eating your chips.
5. .. “The Club”
6. . Percy Jones.
7. . Four ‘n Twenty
8. . David Mundy – Freemantle
9. . Specky Magee
- 10 To celebrate Melbourne at the top of the ladder—Jump in the Range Rover , go do donuts on the MCG whilst carrying a cheese platter.
- 11 . Centrelink was on the other side
- 12 . During the Brisbane/ Melbourne exhibition game in Shanghai Max Gawn vomited all over him.
- 13 . Adam Goodes
- 14 . Well tell him he’s Wayne Carey and get him back there.
- 15 . The umpire misread the team sheet.
- 16 . The Premiership
- 17 . Essendon’s John Coleman.
- 18 . Rebecca Twigley (Judd)
- 19 . Mark Blicavs- Geelong .. 2015- Nic Natanui.. WC, 2021 – Shai Bolton Rich
- 20 . Greg Champion of the Coodabeens.
- 21 . Billy Brownless Geelong
- 22 . Peter Mc Kenna Collingwood.
- 23 Daniel Andrew
- 24 Geelong’s Mark Blicavs