

## Even Described As "Orgasmic" By The You The Fans !!!

Has anybody really fully recovered after both the AFL and NRL cracking Grand Finals last weekend . Words can not really describe what all the players and all the fans would have been experiencing. Some of the honest open feedback quotes include - heart stopping for all / even some orgasmic moments for some / heart breaking with so many lead changes / exhilaration beyond the moment / thrills of a life time / lasting mental torture for some / but in the end it was pure unforgettable elation for the Collingwood and Penrith players and their fans that they will never forget the remainder of their lives I am sure . We quickly move into Spring Racing and Cricket in the blink of an eye but we won't leave you footy trags completely high and dry as we all know Footy Never Stops !!

Some may recalling hearing the legend race caller Jack Styring who called seven Melbourne Cups , staggering 60 Gunbower Cups , 39 Hanging Rock Cups . Jack dedicated his life to racing and certainly was an icon within the sport, always entertaining the crowds at all racetracks for over six decades with his colourful commentary. All country roads will lead to this weekend's 2023 Gunbower cup meeting that includes a special race named " Jack Styring Memorial Maiden Plate " A few of Jack's quotes included "They're off, like a bag of prawns on a hot day." "Get in the queue now brother." "With its mouth open like mother cod fish calling for its young." "Jumped out of the contraption like a scalded cat." "Showing its considerable molars to the breeze." "What's this coming at a thousand-miles-an-hour? I don't know but you're a bit too late brother." "He's won by as far as you can kick a jam tin." "They're strung out like Monday's washing."



Travis Boak will now be playing his 18th season at Alberton after being contracted for season 2024 , that is a win / win for both Travis and Port .Travis was still one of Port's few good players in the home semi-final loss to GWS that ended their roller coaster season. Now the dream of playing 350 games is exciting for Travis , the club and the loyal fans at the Port , to quote Boak—"I've still got a lot of drive and my body still feels great so I'm really excited for another year and looking forward to getting out there again," Boak also said in a statement this week that . "Port Adelaide has been my home for a long period of time and I

wouldn't want to be anywhere else. I want to finish my career here. "I've been through a lot at this club and to finish here, with a premiership hopefully, would be the dream. "I think our group has taken a big step forward from last year, despite not winning a final. The growth as a group and in individual players has been huge, and another year together will naturally make our group better. I'm excited to be part of that." The hottest story this week has been about Clayton Oliver who has now told Melbourne he wants to stay and Melbourne is open to Oliver staying as a potential trade out de-escalates .Melbourne has held crisis meetings this week included coach Simon Goodwin, chief executive Gary Pert and general manager of football performance Alan Richardson. The Crows and the Bombers were reported to have expressed interest in Oliver even with the \$7 Million price tag !!

Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
MR 4 # 6 Coco Sun	SR 4 # 7 Extravagant Star	AR 1 # 4 Karavas
MR 7 # 16 Lunar Flare	SR 9 # 5 Magic Time	AR 7 # 7 Platinum Wolf
BR 7#15Very Intoxicating	MR 10 # 5 Tamerlane	AR 8 # 3 Bellinger

Murray Bridge Crystal Clear	Flemington The Shark	Rosehill Harbour Harry	Eagle Farm Jungle Jim
R1 : 4 , 6 , 3 , 5	1: 15 , 13 , 18 , 11	1 : 11 , 1 , 5 , 17	1: 2 , 1 , 7 , 3
R2 : 1 , 5 , 2 , 6	2: 8 , 2 , 3 , 6	2 : 7 , 2 , 15 , 8	2: 4 , 7 , 14 , 11
R3 : 4 , 1 , 8 , 3	3: 6 , 10 , 8 , 3	3 : 4 , 8 , 10 , 2	3: 5 , 1 , 4 , 8
R4: 2 , 3 , 1 , 4	4: 2 , 13 , 1 , 6	4 : 7 , 3 , 4 , 1	4 : 1 , 2 , 6 , 7
R5: 6 , 7 , 4 , 3	5: 4 , 3 , 9 , 2	5 : 5 , 3 , 1 , 2	5: 2 , 4 , 5 , 10 & 7
R6: 6 , 3 , 4 , 2	6: 10 , 3 , 1 , 13	6 : 1 , 13 , 5 , 6	6: 1 , 13 , 2 , 8
R7: 7 , 4 , 5 , 1	7: 18 , 7 , 6 , 16	7 : 7 , 1 , 11 , 6	7: 9 , 14 , 16 , 11
R8: 14 , 11 , 2 , 9	8 : 1 , 2 , 11 , 7	8 : 12 , 13 , 1 , 21	8: 7 , 1 , 2 , 5
R9: 10 , 11 , 6 , 15	9 : 14 , 2 , 1 , 13	9 : 5 , 3 , 13 , 1	9: 12 , 11 , 3 , 1
	10 : 5 , 9 , 4 , 6	10 : 4 , 10 , 2 , 18	10 : 16 , 8 , 7 , 19

#### LOZ THE STATS MAN



By: *Lawrie Colliver*

The domestic cricket season has arrived and unfortunately for the first Shield game it's been a case of the same old Redbacks, as they have gone down in three days to Tasmania at Rolton Oval in Adelaide.

The top order just didn't fire as they were 4-49 on the first morning and 3-10 at the start of the second innings, which was nowhere near good enough. Skipper Jake Lehmann (115) made one of his best hundreds and had not Ben Manenti (71) and Wes Agar (23) stood up, SA wouldn't have got anywhere near the 307 they ended up with in the first dig.

Early on the bowling early was not up to standard, as Tasmania reached 1-211, but after a **bake at lunch on day two from the coach Jason Gillespie**, the lads responded to take the next 9-160, with Jordan Buckingham outstanding taking 7-71, his last five wickets either bowled or LBW. This young quick continues to improve by the game and looks destined to get higher honours in the not too distant future.

SA were just 74 behind and still in the game, but the second innings batting let the side down and it is a real worry ahead of the rest of summer. **Tassie bowled and caught superbly to win the game with a day to spare and show they could be a real improver this season.**

**Suddenly on the back of a poor batting effort from the top six, players are under more pressure.** Henry Hunt who averaged just 25 last season, is now under the pump after scoring just 16 and 2. Questions again remain about Kelvin Smith (21 & 4) at 29 years of age and a career average of just 20. Daniel Drew made a great one day ton in Brisbane, but bowlers are putting more work into his weaknesses and he failed with scores of just 6 and 1.

Victorian recruit Jake Fraser-McGurk made 37 & 29 on debut and showed he has all the shots, but got out both times when set and quickly needs to find a way to convert starts. **Ben Manenti (71 & 28\*) made runs but I wonder if he is good enough to be in the team as a front line spinner.**

The team has a one-dayer against Tassie on Sunday, and then a week later back up against in a Shield game at Adelaide Oval against New South Wales. Improvement is needed and fast if the Redbacks are going to win games this season.

The World Cup has just got underway, I think three teams stand out, India, England and Australia, despite some iffy form in the lead up matches by the Aussies. The fourth semi-finalist could easily be one of Pakistan, Sri Lanka, New Zealand or South Africa. I do like the Saffas spinners, and they have some hard hitting batsmen. So I lean to them to just make the final spot for the semis.