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# THE GROWL

THE OFFICIAL NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

2nd Edition 2010 - Thursday, 15th April 2010



***“BACK IN THE GAME!”***

MORE TESTIMONIALS!

*“Sizzling!”*

**Outback Jack’s Steakhouse Chef**

*“Spicy!”*

**Colonel Sanders**

*“Saucy!”*

**Papa Giuseppe**

*“For those about to eat salad, we salute you!”*

**Leon de Marinis**

## THE PREZ SAYS...

*“I hereby Declare, the 2010 NT Cricket Season....OPEN!”*

Geez I cannot recall being more excited about the start of a cricket season! Now that the Hawks 2010 AFL Season is all but over, it is certainly my primary focus at the minute.

My Committee and I have worked diligently to put all the building blocks in place for the Nightcliff Tigers to have the best season it can possibly have and all that needs to happen now is for the Games to begin! We are on ‘weather watch’ for Round One this weekend, with likely showers expected to play their part. On a personal note I cannot wait to get back to play D-Grade in **Jabiru**, the scene of my greatest cricketing moment, when I bludgeoned a 6 off the last ball of the innings to bring up a magnificent century...have I told you about my innings..?

Anyway, back on the Club! Good luck to **all five Nightcliff Senior teams as well as all nine Nightcliff Junior teams** this weekend and thank you in advance for all of you Nightcliff players, coaches, parents and other volunteers who certainly do make up the strong fabric of this magnificent Club and keep us all rolling along playing this game we love.

A special thanks to Turf Wiz **Bobby Saunders**, who has done a simply magnificent job to bring the Nightcliff Oval wicket to life. To have had the opportunity to have played a ‘scratch match’ (well, for the ‘Ashes with University actually!) was a great opportunity for the Club.

And a special thanks also to **John Tate**, who has already done so much this pre-season during his own busy schedule, either by sorting out the Club’s entire playing equipment or marshalling our Junior (and at times Senior) ranks thus far in 2010. Your efforts have been top notch, and appreciated. If I could lawfully clone you man, I would!

Keep your eyes on the road and your hands upon the wheel Tigers – good luck this weekend!

**Alex Krepapas**  
NCC President



**Jensen “the Senator” Button** certainly celebrated receiving his subscribed copy of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the *Growl* for 2010!

**UPCOMING DRAW & DATES –APRIL/MAY 2010****A GRADE:**

Saturday, 17 April 2010: vs **TAH-TAHS** at home at **THE DEN!**  
 Saturday, 24 April 2010: vs **DARWIN AIRPORT** at THE DEN.  
**Monday 26 April 2010:** **T-20** vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at **MARARRA 1 (at 2.30pm)**  
 Saturday, 1 May 2010: vs **TV DINNERS** at the DEATH STAR (TV)  
 Saturday, 8 May 2010: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at THE DEN

**B GRADE:**

Saturday, 17 April 2010: vs **TAH-TAHS** at TAH-TAHS OVAL  
 Saturday, 24 April 2010: vs (CHARLES) **DARWIN** at MARARRA 1.  
 Saturday, 1 May 2010: vs **TV DINNERS** at the DEN  
 Saturday, 8 May 2010: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at THE DEN

**C GRADE:**

Saturday, 17 April 2010: vs (CHARLES) **DARWIN** at BENNY MITCHELL OVAL (**KORMILDA**)  
 Saturday, 24 April 2010: vs **SOUTHERN COMFORTS** at BENNY MITCHELL OVAL.  
 Saturday, 1 May 2010: vs **PALMERSTON** at BENNY MITCHELL OVAL  
 Saturday, 8 May 2010: vs **PINTS DRAVIDIANS** at MARARRA 2

**D GRADE:**

Sunday, 18 April 2010: vs THE BIG BIRDS (**JABIRU**) at **KREPAPA-DOME!**  
 Sunday, 25 April 2010: vs **PINTS DRAVIDIANS** at the DEN  
 Sunday, 2 May 2010: vs **UNIVERSITY** at **UNIVERSITY**  
 Sunday, 9 May 2010: vs **DARWIN** at KAHLIN (the BRETT WILSON Memorial Match)

**E GRADE:**

Sunday, 18 April 2010: vs **PINTS OF BEER** at THE DEN  
 Sunday, 25 April 2010: vs **PINTS CRUSTY DEMONS** at MARARRA 1  
 Sunday, 2 May 2010: vs **TV DINNERS** at THE DEN  
 Sunday, 9 May 2010: vs **PALMERSTON CHEESE** at THE DEN



1. **SUNDAY, 25 APRIL 2010** from 7.30pm – **NCC 2010 PLAYER AUCTION!** A Gala Event at the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB**, with entertainment, drinks, food, dancing, singing and bidding, with **real cash** to be won if your player makes it onto the Podium in the 2010 Player of the Year.
2. **SATURDAY, 22 MAY 2010** from 7.30pm – **FANCY DRESS PARTY!** at the **NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB**. Theme and prices to be confirmed, but food will be served, it will be cheaper if you come in **costume** and we will all have a stupendously great time!

## “THEY SAID IT” - QUOTABLE QUOTES

<i>“He could be the NCC Recruit of the Year!”</i>	NCC President Alex Krepapas reflecting on the arrival of turf wizard <b>Bobby Saunders</b> agreeing to undertake the head curating work at Nightcliff Oval for the 2010 season.
<i>“Any society should be generally judged on how it cares for its most vulnerable.”</i>	Not new Coach <b>Nigel Couzens</b> after observing his new troops going through their paces and how the E-Graders were generally being treated around the place, but <b>Bishop Engine Hurley</b> during his Easter Sunday Sermon regarding Darwin’s homeless.
<i>“To be fair, he wasn’t there to watch the Hawks win!”</i>	An anonymous NCC C-Grade bowler on about the departure of <b>Alex Krepapas</b> on his undercover trip to Melbourne over Easter. His Hawks were pole axed by the mighty <b>Geelong Cats</b> on Easter Monday in a bruising encounter.
<i>“I didn’t have words to the Saints’ players, I had words to my players to make sure they didn’t get involved. Let’s get that right from the start!”</i>	Collingwood non-lying coach <b>Mick Malthouse</b> said adamantly and somewhat petulantly last <b>Friday</b> night when asked about a quarter time verbal clash with St Kilda “opportunist” <b>Steven “I am not a criminal” Milne</b> . By <b>Sunday</b> the <b>Silver Fox</b> was singing quite a different country Western song... <i>“I apologise to Stephen Milne for comments I made in the heat of the moment, which were wrong and I retract them.”</i> Pants on fire!
<i>“They didn’t tell me there was a time difference.”</i>	An epic geographical <b>FAIL</b> for Senior Coach <b>Nigel Couzens</b> , who flew in to Darwin from Victoria last week and turned up to his first training session almost an hour early!
<i>“<b>Brion Foley</b> is Nightcliff’s equivalent to (NZ’s) <b>Chris Martin</b> with the bat.”</i>	This gem from an anonymous Hawkes Bay resident in Darwin for the 2010 cricket season – <b>Brion Foley</b> will be looking to wind back the clock in 2010 (even further than his Senior Coach) to the <b>2008 Season</b> where he scored <b>over 500 runs</b> for the Season and finished 2 <sup>nd</sup> in the NCC Cricketer of the Year.



**Mick Malthouse...** is now apparently saying he was just asking **Milne** “*Is f#\*king (Farren) Ray pissed?*”

**PLAYER PROFILE – SAM GIBSON**

*Sammy “Archie” Gibson first strolled into the Club in 2008...save for a cameo appearance in Under 17s playing under an assumed name (John Gregory Tate could not be contacted for questioning by the time of publication)...and the likeable Wodonga lad made an immediate impression at Tigerland. At the start of the 2010 Season Sammy will be leading Nightcliff A-Grade back into battle in a year of redemption for the Tigers after an indifferent 2009 Season – let the Games begin!*

**FULL NAME:** Sam Gibson.

**FIRST CRICKETING MEMORY:** Playing cricket with family on Christmas Day.

**GREATEST/FAVOURITE PERSONAL SPORTING MEMORY?** Any one of several junior and senior cricket premierships with the **Wodonga Bulldogs**. Our bite *was* as bad (or as good) as our bark!

**FAVOURITE FOOD (BESIDES CHIPS & GRAVY)?** Steak, medium rare.

**FAVOURITE DRINK?** The green Demons – VB cans.

**MOST ADMIRED SPORTSMAN (& WHY)?** **Jim Stynes** and in more modern times **Ricky Ponting**, two leaders and ambassadors who were the best at what they did/do.

**WHO WILL WIN AFL FLAG IN 2010...BEATING WHO?** Geez I'd say **Melbourne**. But I want to maintain some kind of personal reputation around here so I won't. **Geelong** over the **Doggies**.

**IF IT WASN'T THE DELIGHTFUL TARA FOR YOU...JESSICA ALBA OR JENNIFER HAWKINS?** Can I say both? No? Well perhaps like **Krepapas** I will opt for the 'Hawk'.

**5 PEOPLE YOU'D LIKE TO BE STRANDED ON A TROPICAL ISLAND WITH FOR A MONTH (FULL BAR FACILITIES):** **Shane Warne, Kerry O'Keefe, David Neitz, Jamie Oliver** and **Ricky Ponting**...with **Wing Ho Tam** in an *actual* Penguin suit serving drinks.

**HOW DO YOU SEE THE TIGERS GOING IN 2010?** Well with the continuing development of local and junior Tiger prospects and the recruitment of a few players from New Zealand (and elsewhere) and now the addition of the SACA prospect **Michael Cranmer** joining the Club, I am confident we can put a very competitive side out there and get off to a good start in 2010. There's been great numbers out at training, Senior Coach **Nigel Couzens** is out there marshalling the troops well...and I am personally ready to go off like **Guy Fawkes!**

**COMPLETE THIS SENTENCE..."I COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT..."** Sport!



**Sammy Gibson...he gets by with a little help with his friends!**

## LLOYDY'S (FITTING) END!

By Alex Krepapas

Well Easter is a time for Miracles and as if it was etched into the Exercise Book of Fate, I found myself in Melbourne for that weekend, to celebrate the career of one of the truly fantastic and yet humble servants and ambassadors of our great Australian game, **Matthew Lloyd**.

Yeah sure I was a **Dunstall** and **Brereton** fan growing up like so many Hawks' fans, but the way Lloyd just went about his business and that cracking left boot of his, I mean this man was and is just **Bruce MacAvaney Special!** So when the chips are down out there in the field in 2010 or things are not going exactly to plan, just take a moment to think, "*What would Matthew Lloyd do here?*" and the way forward will become clear. Three cheers for the big guy, you will be missed!



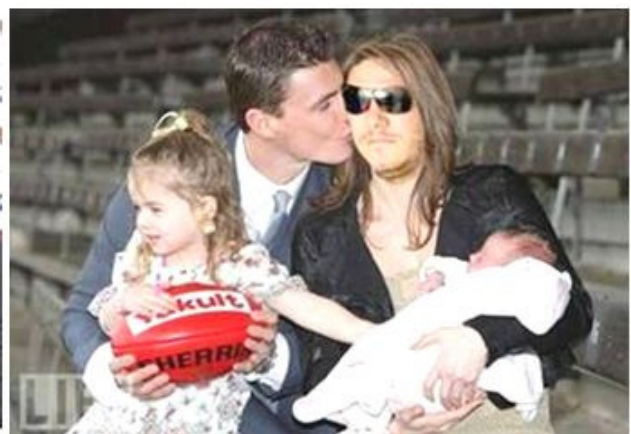
**LLOYDY YOU BEAUTY!** Join me everyone in paying tribute to the 'Velvet Sledgehammer' in 2010!

### MATTHEW LLOYD FACT FILE

**Games:** 270

**Goals:** 926

**Accolades:** *You name it man, multiple All Australian (5 times), multiple Coleman Medalist (3 times), 2000 Premiership player, the guy was an action hero!*



NCC President Alex Krepapas secretly skipped off to Melbourne over Easter to support his dear friend **Matthew Lloyd** at his career "Tribute" before the Dons' game at Docklands on Easter Sunday. **Right** – a Poker-faced **Krepapas incognito** enjoying some private 'down time' with the Great Man & family.

## TOLLNER'S 'TERRORISTS'

**LOST: A single clue.** If found, please email **David Tollner** at [David.Tollner@nt.gov.au](mailto:David.Tollner@nt.gov.au) or to his personal email at [brain-first-then-mouth@hotmail.com](mailto:brain-first-then-mouth@hotmail.com) or befriend him on Facebook, which will avoid any risk of you being arrested in the course of approaching his Electoral office.

Ah Facebook, Cyberspace is indeed a stage! Member for Fong Lim **David Tollner** has recently elected to use Facebook as a platform, to tell the voting universe that if you vote for him and his war-mongering CLP, he will look to rid Darwin’s streets of these troublesome, parasitical itinerants he says are “*terrorising decent citizens*”. “*The fun will be over for these parasites on the very day we get a Country Liberal Government in the Territory.*” Tollner trumpeted (as if “homelessness” was a box you ticked on a Centrelink form within the “Lifestyle Choices” section).

Assuming for a nanosecond that our self-appointed ‘Sherriff Dave’ has not let a diabolical Party room cat of mass genocide in the name of “economic cleansing” out of the bag, or a crude method of solving the Territory’s chronic housing shortage, that is at best one almighty broom Tollner is reaching for from the closet. Is this the CLP again grasping for that old chestnut of playing the Race card prior to a pending Territory election? Surely that master trick of illusion is as tired as the oldest of knock-knock jokes.

Rumour has it that Tollner has also already formulated post-election plans for simultaneous armed raids to be conducted upon various **Salvation Army** and **St Vincent de Pauls** operations across the Territory in an attempt to expose aiders and abettors of these Terrorists and uncover **Weapons of Mass Salvation** in the form of food and clothing parcels for these troublesome homeless folk. Also there are talks of legislative intervention in the form of mandatory imprisonment for any person found loitering on a Darwin street (not being Mitchell Street!) 3 times within a period of 6 months (or *once* within 10m of an Electoral Office).

Dave Tollner, it is you who are the terrorist. And it is our collective social conscience and sense of morality that is under serious attack.

And the *Growl* also has an easy win-win solution for Darwin folk who genuinely wish to assist Tollner with his ongoing problem with itinerants loitering outside his Electoral office...**stop voting for him!**



Left – **Dave Tollner** says itinerants are a problem and it is time to “take out the trash”.

Right – A picture of **Adolf Hitler**...what the hey, how did *that* get in here?

## AROUND TIGERLAND



2010 – The Year of the Tiger

**CLUB ESTABLISHED:** In 1968, formed from the old Commonwealth Department of Works CC.  
**SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS:** We didn't want to say too much, but...PLENTY!

### IN 2010

**TRAININGS:** Tuesdays & Thursdays from 5.30pm.

**FEES:** \$240.00 if paid by **15 May 2010** (otherwise \$270) includes a One Day playing shirt, Club cap & Membership with the Nightcliff Sports Club.

**SEASON COMMENCES:** Sat 17 April 2010 (A,B & C Grades) & Sun 18 April 2010 (Ds & Es).

**SENIOR CLUB COACH:** Nigel Couzens

**CLUB PRESIDENT:** **Alex Krepapas** (0427) 147 015

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Jason Bremner (0411) 182 731

**TREASURER:** Sam Gibson (0419) 393 786

**SECRETARY:** Anthony Snell (0414) 321 358

**GENERAL COMMITTEE:** Alexander Tate  
Geordie Ferguson  
John Tate  
Faith Krepapas  
John Fryar

**JUNIOR COORDINATOR:** John Tate and Brad Hatton  
**IN2CRICKET** Hugh Auckram (0427 143 049)

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OUR VALUED CLUB SPONSORS FOR 2010!**

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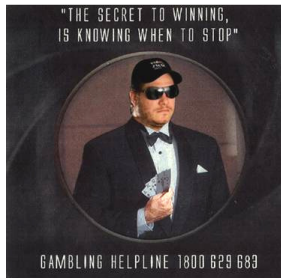
**AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING MINOR CLUB SPONSORS**



**ODD SOCKS****THE NCC COMMITTEE FINANCIAL TIPS OF THE WEEK**

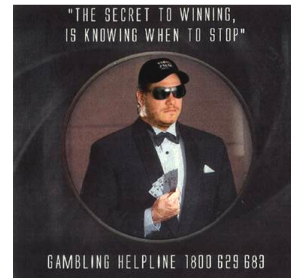
*If possible, avoid writing National secrets on the back of beer coasters.*

*Never lend your mobile phone to a complete stranger at an International Airport.*

**ON THE REX HUNT**

*"I Punt therefore I Am"*

(\*Conditions apply and **GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY** kids! If you have to sell other people's stuff to place a bet, then find another hobby!)



**\$50 double on Geelong to overpower Port (\$1.15) & St Kilda to dock Freo (\$1.40) (at odds of \$1.61) = \$80.50.**

**GROWL 2010 BALANCE TO DATE: +\$105.00**

So a big thanks to the **Richmond FC** for not only kick-starting Carlton's 2010 Season, but the *Growl*'s also. A paradigm of certainty in a kaleidoscopic world of variables!

And **Typhoon Tracy**, what can we say! She is bank interest on four legs that lass and she came through with the (Adam) goods with an emphatic win at Rosehill Saturday week ago. She is currently at about the **\$3.40** mark for the Doncaster this Saturday and whilst this is a tougher assignment (she is carrying 56.5kgs in handicap conditions) if the track is no worse than a 'dead' rating, she is a very big show to just win again over the famous Randwick mile. The dangers are **Danleigh** (57kgs, \$7.50) if the track is 'dead' or worse, and the well-weighted mare **Palacio de Cristal** (51kgs, \$13.00), who should be better suited to the more open expanses of Royal Randwick and should be running on like (serial pest) **Peter Hore** on Acid.

So for this week's wager, we're going back to the footy. For starters we think a smarting **Geelong** will dispose of **Port Adelaide** like a Mafia Trial witness. The Cats will take a power of beating in 2010 by the best of AFL sides at the very top of their games. This week however they should rebound like **Elizabeth Taylor** to knock off a schizophrenic Port outfit, who **most non-Club Presidents** believe will struggle to make the Eight in 2010. And we will be marching in with the **Saints** as they bring the improved **Fremantle Dockers** crashing back to Earth like a Home brand space shuttle at Docklands on Sunday.

And for **Dreamteam fans**, the Nightcliff CC league kicks off this weekend and the Late Mail is that perennial DT finalists **Swooping Falcon** are primed to the nanosecond to knock off NCC journeyman **Michael Pearson's Danish Delights** in Round 1.

**JOKE - THE IRISH MILLIONAIRE!**

Mick, from Dublin appeared on “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” and towards the end of the program had already won 500,000 pounds.

“You've done very well so far,” said Chris Tarrant, the show's presenter (not to be mistaken with the Freo footballer who could not get a kick in a Prison riot), “but for a million pounds you've only got one life-line left – phone a friend. Everything is riding on this question.....will you go for it?”

“Sure,” said Mick. “I'll have a go!” “Which of the following birds does NOT build its own nest?”

a) Sparrow



b) Thrush



c) Magpie; or



d) Cuckoo



“I haven't got a clue.” said Mick. “So I'll use last lifeline and phone my friend Paddy back home in Dublin.”



Mick called up his mate Paddy, told him the situation and repeated the question. “Fookin hell, Mick!” cried Paddy. “Dat's simple - It's a cuckoo!” “Are you sure?” Mick asked nervously. “I'm fookin sure.” Paddy replied. Mick hung up the phone and said, “I'll go wit Cuckoo as my answer.” “Is that your final answer?” asked Chris. “Dat it is, Sir.” There was a long pause, and then the presenter screamed, “Cuckoo is the correct answer! Mick, YOU'VE WON 1 MILLION POUNDS!”

The next night, Mick invited Paddy to their local pub to buy him a drink or thirteen. “Tell me, Paddy? How in Heaven's name did you know it was da Cuckoo that doesn't build its own nest?”

“Because he lives in a fookin clock!”



## ISAIAH TOP OF THE POPS!

SACA import **Isaiah Borgas** allegedly almost suffered nosebleed after a sudden elevation to “**Number One Draft Pick**” by the good people at the *NT News* the morning after the NT Cricket (SACA only) player draft held in March 2010. Borgas, a handy batsman and a promising young leader, was initially picked up at #4 by Tah-Tahs in the Draft, but now finds himself under more pressure than **Tony Abbott**’s fashion advisors following the big call.

The sensational revelation from NT’s leading sports journalist **Grey (Matter) Morris** also reportedly rocked *actual* number 1 pick **Michael Cranmer**’s world. Cranmer was reported to have banished himself in a self-imposed exile for ‘weeks’ after the report to furiously work on his mental and physical game for the pending 2010 Season for the mighty Tigers, who are very much looking forward to seeing him in action in this weekend’s Season kick-off (weather permitting!).

Comparisons that will invariably now be made between the SACA players now at 6 of the 7 Clubs is one of many interesting side-plots in what is shaping up as a very interesting season in 2010.

**Darwin CC** won the “*Happy Shopper*” Award at the Draft, after double-dipping for two players (Brinsley and Dolman) who will compliment a number of players arriving at that Club in 2010. **TV Dinners** elected not to participate in the Draft at all as they reportedly could not identify a player sufficiently Evil enough to justify an invitation to Tambling Terrace (“*Well, um, I’ve been really developing a new slower ball as well...’...’Is it an Evil slower ball?’*”)

SACA cricketers **Cameron Borgas** and **Jason Borgas** were rumoured to have initially wept tears of joy upon learning from the *NT News* article that they actually had a long-lost brother who was playing cricket in Darwin in 2010, only to later discover that their cousin **Isaiah** had been incorrectly identified in the article as their “brother”.

Papua New Guinean and former Nightcliff CC batsman **Vani Vagi Morea** declined to comment upon *NT News* reporting on cricket generally, save to say he was “*mortified*” when he found out upon his arrival back in PNG that NT Police now had him listed as having five different Aliases after having only been in Darwin for a single season of cricket!



**SA stars Cameron** (left) and **Jason** (middle) **Borgas** were apparently on the phone to family within seconds of reading the *NT News* report!  
**Vani Morea** (far right)...before he even knew it, he was ‘on the run’ from NT Police!

## TASMANIA – THE NEXT AFL TEAM?

The push for a new Tassie AFL side in the next year or so has gathered even greater momentum in 2010 with the recent release of their new playing guernsey...



## AKER BALL PROBE CALL!

Western Bulldogs forward **Jason “Damien Warner” Akermanis** in his best Pakistani cricket captain impersonation has recently raised a complaint against modern day Sherrin footballs. They seem “*heavier, fatter and more slippery than in the past.*” Akermanis wailed in his weekly *Herald Sun* column. Aker continued to harp on like **St Peter** and added that there was another problem with match-day Sherrins - that they had not been ‘worn in’ before a game and the ends were still ‘sharp’ and harder to kick.

Huh? C’mon Aker! Next you will be alleging there is less meat in *Four’n’Twenty* meat pies sold at the footy than there was 20 years ago, you mouthy troublemaker!

Perhaps you should turn your microscope onto **your own Birth Certificate**...the answers may lie therein...



**Jason Akermanis**...Age has not wearied him (much)...and it certainly has not shut him up!

LOOK-ALIKES

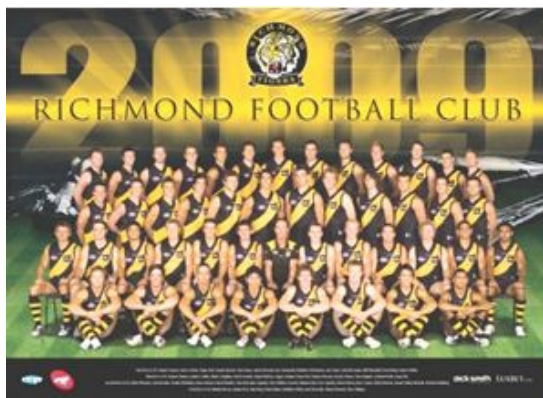
Can you spot the difference?



Jason Bremner and the opposite ends of the "Sun smart" spectrum...and in case you too were worried for his personal safety, Tommy Foley did end up buying Damo "Aker" Warner a beer.



Two pictures of a Tiger shark! Back in action at the US Masters in the last week with a top-5 finish.



Richmond Football Club. Words and pictures cannot illustrate how truly rubbish they really are.

THE END. SIX LEGITIMATE DELIVERIES (OVER).