



## Collingwood Industrial Magpies

# President's Report

### Saints Go Slouching In - Pies Cold Then Hot

The Pies reverted to an inconsistent but ultimately dominant pattern on Saturday night after a solid four quarter performance against the Eagles last week. The first half of the game had reminiscences of the Richmond, Bulldogs and Adelaide encounters, with lacklustre periods followed by passages of sublime overpowering brilliance. Mick was not happy, he obviously prefers a more even and predictable day at the office.

Leon is such a story now, named first in most newspapers among Collingwood's best he has added a new dimension to the game plan. Where his talent would be tagged non-stop in the confined spaces at the foot of the key forwards close to goal he can now turn the tables in an instant and run free. When his opponent drops back to help out in defence or draw him out of the Collingwood defensive structure he becomes a dangerous half forward being marked, if that is a valid description, by a player with limited defensive capabilities. As a result the defensive rebound has become so much more fluid.

It was interesting to hear a commentator remark that the Pies are better than they were last year with Jolly, Johnson and Nathan Brown on the sidelines, Didak yet to find form and Sidebottom good but yet to break out, Swan and McCaffer carrying injuries and Blair pushed out of the side.

Your correspondent's guess about the subtle shift in the game plan is; less predictable movement from the kick in and the deep defensive rebound. Recall that almost monotonous kick to Shaw or Johnson and then sometimes a run but often a



kick on, to a contest on the wing, with a mark or throw in on the intersection of the boundary with the centre line the intention being to win the stop play and go inside fifty. Still there, but not with the repetition and predictability of 2010. Now there is variation, with Leon carrying the ball from deeper inside the defensive zone and using pace to change the angle of attack and get the ball over the

Sharrod Wellingham



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opposition's first defensive line. in short a more adventurous and dynamic counter attacking platform that breaks forward defensive zones quickly and puts pressure on the opposition, turning defenders around and allowing more run and spread into attack from the midfield, rather than constantly massing on centre wing to force boundary line stop plays. The consequence is to allow Heater to play more as a winger while the Pies have the ball and to make the point of the attack much less easily apparent and direct to the opposition defenders.

In addition to Krak the player that has become more menacing is Wellingham, starting to feature in the goal assist and scoring pattern close to goal. Looks like Daisy won't be there next week and with Swan and Jolly in Arizona the jostle with Melbourne will pose some interesting challenges to the match committee.

### Melbourne v Collingwood 13 June



**Aaron Sharpe**

Aaron Sharpe drew the raffle for two seats in the CiM box at the Queen's Birthday game on 13 June which were won by longstanding CiM member Brian Lawrence.

Runner-up prizes were won by the following members:

- Wendouree Shiraz: Jenny Rothville
- James Gilchrist Book *"The Hard Light of Day"*: Christopher Carr
- Rod Moss Book *"Confessions of a Collingwood Tragic"*: David Rivett

### Aaron plays for the Stars

Aaron Sharpe started his comeback to Melbourne football playing on the wing for the Fitzroy Stars at Victoria Park on Sunday. Obviously in need of a run Aaron nevertheless showed the pace and skills that got him onto the Collingwood VFL list. Almost unbeatable in a loose ball get contest Aaron's disposal was excellent overall on a very windy day and

repeatedly drove the stars into attack, as well as kicking a deadly long goal from a free kick.

In addition to training with the Stars and Collingwood Aaron is seeking traineeship and employment opportunities and has a traineeship arranged at Fair work Australia which has recently commenced an indigenous employment project and had an interview at Charcoal Lane on Friday. We have had some feedback from Centrecorp Aboriginal Corporation on our grant application for Aaron specifically about these

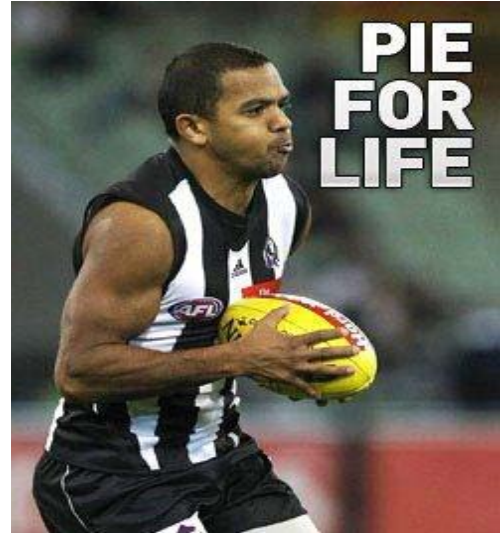


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aspects of Aaron's project and we will be following up on their requests for information this week.

### Leon A Go Go

Troy Austin of the CiM Board has been in touch with Leon Davis who has confirmed his acceptance of our invitation to a function to celebrate his ongoing extraordinary contribution to the Collingwood Football club and most importantly to the incredible enjoyment and excitement of the supporters watching him play. We will reschedule the function and advise of the new date shortly.



Leon Davis

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