

AFL TRIBUNAL REASONS

ROUND 14 – 18

MONDAY AUGUST 1

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, has been charged with a Level Two striking offence against Steven Johnson, Geelong, during half time of the Round 18 match between Essendon and Geelong, played at Telstra dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a one-game suspension with an early plea.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of six activation points, which relates to a Level Two offence drawing 225 demerit points a two-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 168.75 points and a one-game suspension.

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, has been charged with a second offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Essendon and Geelong, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$2400 fine with an early plea.

A second offence for engaging in a melee is a \$3200 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$2400 fine.

Dean Solomon, Essendon, has been charged with a second offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Essendon and Geelong, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$2400 fine with an early plea.

A second offence for engaging in a melee is a \$3200 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$2400 fine.

Damien Peverill, Essendon, has been charged with a second offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Essendon and Geelong, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$2400 fine with an early plea.

A second offence for engaging in a melee is a \$3200 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$2400 fine.

Nathan Lovett-Murray, Essendon has been charged with a first offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Essendon and Geelong, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$1500 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for engaging in a melee is a \$2000 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1500

Cameron Mooney, Geelong, has been charged with a first offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Geelong and Essendon, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$1500 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for engaging in a melee is a \$2000 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1500.

Cameron Ling, Geelong, has been charged with a first offence for engaging in a melee at half-time of the Round 18 match between Geelong and Essendon, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 29, 2005.

He can accept a \$1500 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for engaging in a melee is a \$2000 fine. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1500.

Matthew Whelan, Melbourne, has been charged with a Level Three engaging in rough conduct offence against Andrew Thompson, St Kilda, during the first quarter of the Round 18 match between Melbourne and St Kilda, played at the MCG on Saturday July 30, 2005.

He can accept a one-game suspension with an early plea, due to an existing five-year good record.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), high impact (three points), in play (one point) and high contact (two points). This is a total of seven

activation points, which relates to a Level Three offence, drawing 325 demerit points and a three-game suspension. He has an applicable good record, which reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to 243.75 points and a two-game suspension. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 182.81 points and a one-game suspension.

Ashley Sampi, West Coast, has been charged with a Level One engaging in rough conduct offence against Jordan Lewis, Hawthorn, during the third quarter of the Round 18 match between West Coast and Hawthorn, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 30, 2005.

He can accept a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record with an early plea.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), low impact (one point), in play (one point) and high contact (two points). This is a total of five activation points, which relates to a Level One offence drawing 125 points a one-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record.

Chris Tarrant, Collingwood, has been charged with a Level Four striking offence against Matthew Carr, Fremantle, during the second quarter of the Round 18 match between Collingwood and Fremantle, played at the MCG on Sunday July 31, 2005.

His penalty is increased by 20 per cent due to a previous two-game suspension and he can accept a three-game suspension with an early plea. Tarrant's record means he faces a five-week suspension if he contests the charge and the charge is upheld by the Tribunal.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), medium impact (two points), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of eight activation points, which relates to a Level Four offence, drawing 425 points and a four-game suspension. He has a previous two-game suspension, which increases the penalty by 20 per cent to 510 points and a five-game suspension. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 382.50 points and a three-game suspension.

Other incidents assessed: No Charge Laid.

Contact between Essendon's **Dean Rioli** and Geelong's **Jimmy Bartel** from the second quarter of Friday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel Bartel jumped in the air prior to the tackle being applied by Rioli. Rioli took Bartel to the ground but his action did not constitute a spear tackle and therefore no action was taken.

Contact between Essendon's **Dean Solomon** and Geelong's **Gary Ablett** from the third quarter of Friday's match was reviewed. The panel said based on the video footage and the evidence of the umpire which stated that Solomon made contact to Ablett with the inside of his arm and not a clenched fist, his action was deemed not to be a reportable offence.

Contact between St Kilda's **Brett Voss** and the umpire from the first quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel said contact was an accidental collision between the player and the umpire as the umpire attempted to back away while Voss sought to tackle. No further action was taken.

Contact between Melbourne's **Brad Miller** and St Kilda's **Robert Harvey** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The view of the panel was that the contact was made to the shoulder of Harvey but it was deemed to be minimal and therefore not reportable.

Contact between Melbourne's **Paul Johnson** and the umpire from the fourth quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. A lack of video evidence and the uncertainty of the evidence meant the Match Review Panel could not deem if a reportable offence had occurred.

Contact between the Western Bulldogs' **Chris Grant** and the Brisbane Lions' **Troy Selwood** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. Grant bumped Selwood to the head and a free kick was paid on the night. The panel said no further action was required.

Contact between Collingwood's **Chris Tarrant** and Fremantle's **Steven Dodd** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The view of the panel was that Tarrant made accidental contact to Dodd's head as he attempted to bump Fremantle's Troy Cook. No further action was required.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday August 2, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

MONDAY JULY 25

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

No charges were laid from the weekend's games and, as such, there will be no Tribunal hearing this week.

Other incidents assessed: No Charge Laid.

The match day charge against Hawthorn's **Luke Brennan** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel that Brennan made contact from a side-on position. It was seen as a legitimate attempt to bump and the bounce of the ball caused Brennan to take Heath Scotland high. After viewing the vision of the incident, no further action was taken.

The match day charge against Port Adelaide's **Peter Burgoyne** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel said that Burgoyne slid in to try to win possession, by getting himself between Shane Tuck and the ball. In doing so, he made contact to Tuck's head. The nature of the contact did not warrant any further action in the view of the panel.

The match day charge against Melbourne's **Brad Green** from the first quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. As Green endeavoured to bump Brett Peake, the Melbourne player made only minimal contact to the top of his opponent's head. The incident did not warrant any further action.

Contact between Carlton's **Jarrad Waite** and Hawthorn's **Nick Ries** from the fourth quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. Waite made contact with the inside of his arm as Ries disposed of the ball. The free kick was relayed downfield and no further action was required.

Contact between Port Adelaide's **Gavin Wanganeen** and Richmond's **Joel Bowden** from the first quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel Wanganeen made minimal contact to the side of Bowden's face with the back of his arm. The incident did not warrant any further action.

Contact between Melbourne's **Cameron Bruce** and Fremantle's **Steven Dodd** from the first quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said Bruce's action was a push with the back of his arm in an attempt to free himself following a tackle. No action was taken.

Contact between Fremantle's **Paul Hasleby** and Melbourne's **Ben Holland** from the second quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. Hasleby bumped Holland and made contact to the side of his head as the Melbourne player gathered the ball. A free kick was paid and it was the view of the panel no further action was required.

Contact between Fremantle's **Paul Medhurst** and a boundary umpire from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said that Medhurst made a legitimate attempt to get to the ball before it went out of bounds. It was only as the last moment that Medhurst saw the boundary umpire. Despite forceful

contact, Medhurst's actions were deemed to be unavoidable and accidental.

TUESDAY JULY 19

The AFL wishes to advise there will be no Tribunal hearing tonight after all players accepted the penalties offered by the Match Review Panel after its review of Round 16.

Michael Gardiner, West Coast, has accepted a two-game suspension for striking Chris Johnson, Brisbane Lions, during the first quarter of the Round 16 match between West Coast and the Brisbane Lions, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 16, 2005.

Dean Cox, West Coast, has accepted a reprimand and 70.31 points towards his future record for striking Jamie Charman, Brisbane Lions, during the third quarter of the Round 16 match between West Coast and the Brisbane Lions, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 16, 2005.

MONDAY JULY 18

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

Michael Gardiner, West Coast, has been charged with a Level Three striking offence against Chris Johnson, Brisbane Lions, during the first quarter of the Round 16 match between West Coast and the Brisbane Lions, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 16, 2005.

He can accept a two-game suspension with an early plea.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and body contact (one point). This is a total of seven activation points, which relates to a Level Three offence, drawing 325 demerit points and a three-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 243.75 points and a two-game suspension.

Dean Cox, West Coast, has been charged with a Level One striking offence against Jamie Charman, Brisbane Lions, during the third quarter of the Round 16 match between West Coast and the Brisbane Lions, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 16, 2005.

He can accept a reprimand and 70.31 points towards his future record with an early plea, due to his existing good record.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) and body contact (one point). This is a total of five activation points, which relates to a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. He has an applicable good record, which reduces his penalty by 25 per cent to 93.75 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand and 70.31 points towards his future record.

Other incidents assessed: No Charge Laid.

The match day charge against the Brisbane Lions' **Jamie Charman** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel that Charman's bump was not deemed to be a reportable offence. No further action was taken.

Contact between Port Adelaide's **Stuart Dew** and Geelong's **Gary Ablett** from the second quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel the bump was to the shoulder and not to the head, and was therefore not reportable. No action was taken.

Contact between the Brisbane Lions' **Chris Johnson** and West Coast's **Daniel Chick** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel said the Johnson pushed his head towards Chick but the action was not deemed to be a head butt. No further action was taken

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday July 19, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

TUESDAY JULY 12

The AFL wishes to advise there will be no tribunal hearing tonight, Tuesday July 12, as all players have accepted the penalties offered to them by the Match Review Panel. The full detail of each charge is as follows:

Drew Petrie, the Kangaroos, has accepted a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record for striking Dean Cox, West Coast, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between the Kangaroos and West Coast, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 8, 2005.

Jude Bolton, Sydney, has accepted a \$2400 fine for making negligent contact with umpire Shaun Ryan during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Sydney and Geelong, played at the SCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

Justin Murphy, Essendon, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Chris Hyde, Richmond, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Essendon and Richmond, played at the MCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, has accepted an \$1800 fine for wrestling Chris Hyde, Richmond, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Essendon and Richmond, played at the MCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

Ryan Crowley, Fremantle, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Scott West, Western Bulldogs, during the third quarter of the Round 15 match between Fremantle and the Western Bulldogs, played at Subiaco on Sunday July 10, 2005.

MONDAY JULY 11

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

Drew Petrie, the Kangaroos, has been charged with a Level One striking offence against Dean Cox, West Coast, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between the Kangaroos and West Coast, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 8, 2005.

He can accept a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record with an early plea.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) and body contact (one point). This is a total of five activation points, which relates to a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record.

Jude Bolton, Sydney, has been charged with a first offence for making negligent contact with umpire Shaun Ryan during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Sydney and Geelong, played at the SCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

He can accept a \$2400 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for making negligent contact with an umpire is a \$3200 fine. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a \$2400 fine.

Justin Murphy, Essendon, has been charged with a first offence for wrestling Chris Hyde, Richmond, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Essendon and Richmond, played at the MCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

He can accept a \$900 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for wrestling is a \$1200 fine. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a \$900 fine.

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, has been charged with a second offence for wrestling Chris Hyde, Richmond, during the fourth quarter of the Round 15 match between Essendon and Richmond, played at the MCG on Saturday July 9, 2005.

He can accept an \$1800 fine with an early plea.

A second offence for wrestling is a \$2400 fine. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a \$1800 fine.

Ryan Crowley, Fremantle, has been charged with a first offence for wrestling Scott West, Western Bulldogs, during the third quarter of the Round 15 match between Fremantle and the Western Bulldogs, played at Subiaco on Sunday July 10, 2005.

He can accept a \$900 fine with an early plea.

A first offence for wrestling is a \$1200 fine. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a \$900 fine.

Other incidents assessed: No Charge Laid.

The match day charge against the Kangaroos' **Glenn Archer** from the third quarter of Friday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel that while Archer threw his arm back, the contact made to Chick was unclear and was considered minimal. No further action was taken.

The match day charge against Essendon's **Andrew Welsh** from the first quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel the contact was considered minimal and the nature of the contact was unclear. No further action was taken.

The match day charge against Essendon's **Paul Thomas** from the fourth quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel felt the contact between the two

players and the subsequent trip was accidental.

The match day charge against the Western Bulldogs' **Scott West** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said it was their view that West was passive in his actions and did not contribute to the wrestle in any way. No further action was taken against him.

Contact between West Coast's **Chris Judd** and the Kangaroos' **Brady Rawlings** from the fourth quarter of Friday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel the contact made by Judd to Rawlings was inconclusive and no action was taken.

Contact between Melbourne's **Nathan Brown** and Port Adelaide's **Domenic Cassisi** and the **Port Adelaide club medical officer** from the second quarter of Saturday's match has been referred for further investigation.

Contact between Melbourne's **Brent Moloney** and Port Adelaide's **Aaron Shattock** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The contact made by Moloney was unclear but the impact appeared minimal and the panel decided no further action would be taken.

Contact between Melbourne's **Russell Robertson** and Port Adelaide's **Aaron Shattock** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. It was the view of the panel the contact made by Robertson was accidental.

Contact between Adelaide's **Mark Ricciuto** and Hawthorn's **Luke Hodge** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said that while high contact was made, it was viewed as a legitimate attempt to shepherd and no further action was taken. **For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday July 12, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.**

TUESDAY JULY 5

The AFL wishes to advise Collingwood pair **Alan Didak** and **Scott Burns** and Richmond's **Greg Stafford** have all chosen to contest the charges laid against them by the Match Review Panel. The Tribunal will begin at 5pm tonight, Tuesday July 5, and the full detail of the charges is listed below, following the results of the other charges assessed from the weekend's round of matches.

David Hille, Essendon, has accepted a two-game suspension for striking David Hale, the Kangaroos, during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Essendon and the Kangaroos, played at Telstra Dome on Saturday July 2, 2005.

Robert Murphy, Western Bulldogs, has accepted a reprimand and 93.75 points towards his future record for engaging in rough conduct offence against Nick Dal Santo, St Kilda, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between the Western Bulldogs and St Kilda, played at the MCG on Sunday July 3, 2005.

Lance Franklin, Hawthorn, has accepted a \$2400 fine for making negligent contact with umpire Stuart Wenn during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Hawthorn and Geelong, played at Telstra Dome on Sunday July 3, 2005.

Mark Nicoski, West Coast, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Heath Scotland, Carlton, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between West Coast and Carlton, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 2, 2005.

Heath Scotland, Carlton, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Mark Nicoski, West Coast, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between Carlton and West Coast, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 2, 2005.

Scott Welsh, Adelaide, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Shane Parker, Fremantle, during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Adelaide and Fremantle, played at AAMI Stadium on Sunday July 3, 2005.

Shane Parker, Fremantle, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Scott Welsh, Adelaide, during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Fremantle and Adelaide, played at AAMI Stadium on Sunday July 3, 2005.

AFL Tribunal Hearing, 5pm Tuesday July 5.

Alan Didak, Collingwood, has been charged with a Level Two striking offence against Darryl Wakelin, Port Adelaide, during the second quarter of the Round 14 match between Collingwood and Port Adelaide, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 1, 2005.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and body contact (one point). This is a total of six activation points, which relates to a Level Two offence, drawing 225 demerit points and a two-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record.

Scott Burns, Collingwood, has been charged with a Level One engaging in rough conduct offence against Byron Pickett, Port Adelaide, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between Collingwood and Port Adelaide, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 1, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), low impact (one point), in play (one point) and body contact (one point). This is a total of four

activation points, which relates to a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. He has one two-game suspension, which increases the penalty by 20 per cent to 150 points.

Greg Stafford, Richmond, has been charged with a Level Two striking offence against Jason Ball, Sydney, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between Richmond and Sydney, played at the MCG on Saturday July 2, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of six activation points, which relates to a Level Two offence, drawing 225 demerit points and a two-game suspension. He has a previous three-game suspension, which increases his penalty by 30 per cent to 292.5 points.

MONDAY JULY 4

The following players were reported from the weekend's games:

Scott Burns, Collingwood, reported by umpire Scott McLaren for engaging in rough conduct against Byron Pickett, Port Adelaide, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between Collingwood and Port Adelaide, played at Telstra Dome on Friday July 1, 2005.

Heath Scotland, Carlton, reported by umpire Hayden Kennedy for wrestling Mark Nicoski, West Coast, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between Carlton and West Coast, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 2, 2005.

Mark Nicoski, West Coast, reported by umpire Hayden Kennedy for wrestling Heath Scotland, Carlton, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between West Coast and Carlton, played at Subiaco on Saturday July 2, 2005.

Scott Welsh, Adelaide, reported by umpire Darren Goldspink for wrestling Shane Parker, Fremantle, during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Adelaide and Fremantle, played at AAMI Stadium on Sunday July 3, 2005.

Shane Parker, Fremantle, reported by umpire Darren Goldspink for wrestling Scott Welsh, Adelaide, during the fourth quarter of the Round 14 match between Fremantle and Adelaide, played at AAMI Stadium on Sunday July 3, 2005.

Robert Murphy, Western Bulldogs, reported by umpire Jason Quigley for rough conduct on Nick Dal Santo, St Kilda, during the third quarter of the Round 14 match between the Western Bulldogs and St Kilda, played at the MCG on