



ARCHIVED AFL TRIBUNAL REASONS – ROUND 1 - 5, 2005

WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

The AFL wishes to advise that tonight's Tribunal hearings involving Sydney's **Darren Jolly** and Carlton's **Brendan Fevola** will start tonight, Wednesday April 27, from 5pm. The full detail of the reports is below, following the details of the other charges laid from the round by the Match Review Panel.

James Hird, Essendon, has accepted a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points towards his future record for charging **Shane Wakelin**, Collingwood, during the first quarter of the Round Five match between Essendon and Collingwood, played at the MCG on Monday April 25, 2005 .

Tribunal Hearing, 5pm, April 27

Darren Jolly, Sydney, has chosen to contest a charge of misconduct in that he kneed Simon Godfrey, Melbourne, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Sydney and Melbourne, played at the SCG on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) 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-match suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record.

Brendan Fevola, Carlton, has been referred directly to the Tribunal for misconduct in that he made unnecessary and unreasonable contact to the face of Antoni Grover during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Carlton and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of seven activation points, which is a Level Three offence. He has one previous two-game suspension, which increases his penalty by 20 per cent.

Ends

TUESDAY 26 APRIL

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has completed its review of Round Five and assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

James Hird, Essendon, can accept a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points towards his future record for charging Shane Wakelin, Collingwood, during the first quarter of the Round Five match between Essendon and Collingwood, played at the MCG on Monday April 25, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), medium impact (two points), 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 points and a one-game suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points towards his future record.

Brendan Fevola, Carlton, has been referred directly to the Tribunal for misconduct in that he made unnecessary and unreasonable contact to the face of Antoni Grover during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Carlton and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), low impact (one point), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of seven activation points, which is a Level Three offence.

The charge against **Brendan Fevola** will be heard tomorrow night, Wednesday April 27, following the hearing already set down for Sydney's Darren Jolly.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

The match day report laid against Essendon's Mark Johnson from Monday's match against Collingwood at the MCG will have no further action taken. The

match review panel felt that as Shaw handballed, contact was made with Johnson's shoulder to Shaw's head. The subsequent injury to Shaw was the result of a bump which was neither unnecessary nor unreasonable in the circumstances.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Wednesday April 27, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

Ends

TUESDAY **APRIL** **26**

The AFL wishes to advise that Sydney's **Darren Jolly** has chosen to contest the charge laid against him from Saturday's match against Melbourne at the SCG. As such, the Tribunal will sit tomorrow night, Tuesday April 27, from 5pm. The full detail of the report is below, following the details of the other charges laid so far from the round by the Match Review Panel.

Brendan Fevola, Carlton, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling **Antoni Grover**, Fremantle, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Carlton and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

Antoni Grover, Fremantle, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling **Brendan Fevola**, Carlton, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Fremantle and Carlton, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

Tribunal Hearing, 5pm, April 27

Darren Jolly, Sydney, has chosen to contest a charge of misconduct in that he kneed **Simon Godfrey**, Melbourne, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Sydney and Melbourne, played at the SCG on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) 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-match suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record.

Ends

MONDAY 25 APRIL

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The AFL wishes to advise the Match Review Panel has not yet completed its review of Round Five but has so far assessed the following incidents from the weekend's round of matches.

Charges Laid:

Brendan Fevola, Carlton, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling **Antoni Grover**, Fremantle, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Carlton and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

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

Antoni Grover, Fremantle, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling **Brendan Fevola**, Carlton, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Fremantle and Carlton, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 23, 2005.

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

Darren Jolly, Sydney, can accept a one-game suspension for misconduct in that he kneed **Simon Godfrey**, Melbourne, during the second quarter of the Round Five match between Sydney and Melbourne, played at the SCG on Saturday April 23, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) 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-match 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.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

Contact between Melbourne's **David Neitz** and Sydney's **Brett Kirk** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel's view was that as Kirk fumbled in his attempt to gather the ball, Neitz, who had run to the ball, realised contact was unavoidable and tried to stop. As a consequence, Neitz fell over the top of Kirk and no further action was required.

Contact between Carlton's **Nick Stevens** and Fremantle's **Peter Bell** from the first quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel assessed that Stevens' action when spoiling Bell's mark was a pushing motion with minimal force. A 50-metre penalty was paid on the day and the panel said further action would be taken.

Contact between Richmond's **Mark Graham** and St Kilda's **Brendon Goddard** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said contact was made by Graham to Goddard's shoulder and head with his arm as Goddard kicked the ball. Graham's action was more a pushing motion than a strike and no further action would be taken.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday April 26, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

Ends

TUESDAY 19 APRIL

The AFL wishes to advise there will be no Tribunal hearing tonight, Tuesday April 19, following the weekend's round of matches.

Dean Brogan, Port Adelaide, has chosen to accept a three-game suspension for misconduct in that he headbutted Barnaby French, Carlton, during the third quarter of the Round Four between Port Adelaide and Carlton, played at AAMI Stadium on Saturday April 16, 2005.

Stuart Maxfield, Sydney, has chosen to accept a one-game suspension for enagaging in rough conduct against Simon Goodwin, Adelaide, during the third quarter of the Round Four match between Sydney and Adelaide, played at the SCG on Sunday April 17, 2005.

Aaron Davey, Melbourne, has chosen to accept a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points towards his future record for striking Justin Peckett during the fourth quarter of the Round Four match between Melbourne and St Kilda, played at Telstra Dome on Sunday April 17, 2005.

Ends

MONDAY 18 APRIL

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

Charges Laid:

Dean Brogan, Port Adelaide, can accept a three-game suspension for misconduct in that he headbutted Barnaby French, Carlton, during the third

quarter of the Round Four match between Port Adelaide and Carlton, played at AAMI Stadium on Saturday April 16, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), medium impact (two points), behind play (two points) and high contact (two points). This is a total of nine activation points, which relates to a Level Five offence, drawing 425 demerit points and a four-match suspension. He has one previous one-game suspension which increases his penalty by 10 per cent to 467.5 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 350.6 points and a three-game suspension.

Stuart Maxfield, Sydney, can accept a one-game suspension for engaging in rough conduct against Simon Goodwin, Adelaide, during the third quarter of the Round Four match between Sydney and Adelaide, played at the SCG on Sunday April 17, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) and high contact (two points). This is a total of six activation points, which is a Level Two offence, drawing 225 demerit points and a two-game suspension. He has an applicable good record which reduces his penalty by 25 per cent to 168.7 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 126.56 points and a one-game suspension.

Aaron Davey, Melbourne, can accept a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points towards his future record for striking Justin Peckett during the fourth quarter of the Round Four match between Melbourne and St Kilda, played at Telstra Dome on Sunday April 17, 2005.

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 is a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand with no suspension and 93.75 points to his future record.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

The report laid on the day against Melbourne's **Brad Miller** was reviewed. The panel felt that a free for high contact was appropriate but the contact was negligible and did not warrant further action.

Contact between Collingwood's **Chris Tarrant** and the Kangaroos' **Jess Sinclair** from the first quarter of Friday's match was reviewed. The panel viewed Tarrant's action as a bump and did not warrant further action.

Contact between Geelong's **Steve Johnson** and Essendon's **James Hird** from the second quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. Johnson's bump on Hird

was viewed as not being unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances and no further action was required.

Contact between Essendon's **Nathan Lovett-Murray** and Geelong's **Tom Harley** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel saw the contact as an accident clash of heads and no further action was required.

Contact between St Kilda's **Cain Ackland** and Melbourne's **Brad Green** from the fourth quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel viewed Ackland's action as a bump and did not warrant further action.

Contact between St Kilda's **Aaron Fiora** and umpire **Kieron Nicholls** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The contact was deemed to be accidental and no further action was required.

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

Ends

MONDAY APRIL 11

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

Charges Laid:

Brent Moloney, Melbourne, can accept a two-game suspension for engaging in rough conduct against Jimmy Bartel, Geelong, during the first quarter of the Round Three match between Melbourne and Geelong, played at the MCG on Friday April 8, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) 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-match suspension. He has one previous two-game suspension which increases his penalty by 20 per cent to 270 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 202.50 points and a two-game suspension.

Brad Miller, Melbourne, can accept a reprimand with no suspension and 94.75 points towards his future record for engaging in rough conduct against Brad

Ottens, Geelong, during the second quarter of the Round Three match between Melbourne and Geelong, played at the MCG on Friday April 8, 2005.

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 is a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to a reprimand with no suspension and 94.75 points to his future record.

Scott Camporeale, Carlton, can accept a one-game suspension for striking Brodie Holland during the first quarter of the Round Three match between Carlton and Collingwood, played at the MCG on Saturday April 9, 2005.

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 is a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-game suspension. He has one previous one-game suspension which increases his penalty by 10 per cent to 137.50 points. He has 68.75 residual points from an earlier offence within the last 12 months which increases his penalty to 206.25 points and a two-game suspension. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 154.69 points and a one-game suspension.

Heath Scotland, Carlton, has been referred directly to the Tribunal for misconduct in that he made unnecessary and unreasonable contact to the face of Tarkyn Lockyer during the second quarter of the Round Three match between Carlton and Collingwood, played at the MCG on Saturday April 9, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), low impact (one point), in play (one point) and high contact (two points). This is a total of seven activation points, which is a Level Three offence. As a misconduct charge, it is therefore referred directly to the Tribunal.

Daniel Kerr, West Coast, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Des Headland, Fremantle, during the second quarter of the Round Three match between West Coast and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 9, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

The report laid on the day against Port Adelaide's **Darryl Wakelin** was reviewed. The panel felt that Wakelin was off balance he collided with Goodwin, due to being pushed, and therefore the contact was accidental and unavoidable. No further action was required.

Contact between Carlton's **Brendan Fevola** and Collingwood's **Brodie Holland** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel said contact was deemed to be a pushing action and was minimal and to the shoulder of Holland. No further action was required.

Contact between Sydney's **Jared Crouch** and the Brisbane Lions' **Jason Akermanis** from the second quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. Crouch bumped Akermanis off the ball and a free kick was paid. No further action was required.

Contact between Sydney's **Adam Goodes** and the Brisbane Lions' **Jason Akermanis** from the third quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. The panel saw the contact as an attempted tackle and no further action was required.

Contact between Essendon's **Matthew Lloyd** and Hawthorn's **Josh Thurgood** from the first quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. The panel said the contact was accidental and no further action was required.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday April 12, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

Ends

TUESDAY 5 APRIL

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The AFL wishes to advise that Sydney's **Paul Williams** has chosen to contest the wrestling charge laid against him from Saturday's match against the Kangaroos at Manuka Oval. The Tribunal Hearing will be held at 5pm tonight, with a video link-up to Sydney. The full detail of the report is below, following the details of the other charges laid by the Match Review Panel.

Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, has accepted accept a three-game suspension for striking Paul Williams, Sydney, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between the Kangaroos and Sydney, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005.

Jimmy Bartel, Geelong, has accepted a reprimand with no suspension and 67.5 points towards his future record for tripping Andrew Embley, West Coast, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Geelong and West Coast, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 2, 2005.

Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, has accepted a \$900 fine for wrestling Paul Williams, Sydney, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between the Kangaroos and Sydney, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005.

Josh Carr, Fremantle, has accepted an \$1800 fine for wrestling Steven Baker, St Kilda, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005.

Fraser Gehrig, St Kilda, has accepted a \$2400 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between St Kilda and Fremantle, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005.

Aaron Hamill, St Kilda, has accepted a \$2400 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between St Kilda and Fremantle, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005.

Matthew Carr, Fremantle, has accepted a \$1500 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005.

Graham Polak, Fremantle, has accepted a \$1500 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005.

Tribunal Hearing -- 5pm, Tuesday April 5:

Paul Williams, Sydney, has chosen to contest a charge of wrestling Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Sydney and the Kangaroos, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200.

MONDAY 4 APRIL

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

Charges Laid:

Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, can accept a three-game suspension for striking Paul Williams, Sydney, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between the Kangaroos and Sydney, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) and head contact (two points). This is a total of eight activation points, which relates to a Level Four offence, drawing 425 demerit points and a four-match suspension. He has one previous one-game suspension which increases his penalty by 10 per cent to 467.5 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 350.63 points and a three-game suspension.

Jimmy Bartel, Geelong, can accept a reprimand with no suspension and 67.5 points towards his future record for tripping Andrew Embley, West Coast, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Geelong and West Coast, played at Subiaco on Saturday April 2, 2005.

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 is a Level One offence, drawing 75 demerit points to his future record. He has a previous two-game suspension which increases his penalty by 20 per cent to 90 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 67.5 points.

Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Paul Williams, Sydney, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between the Kangaroos and Sydney, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Paul Williams, Sydney, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Brady Rawlings, Kangaroos, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Sydney and the Kangaroos, played at Manuka on Saturday April 2, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Josh Carr, Fremantle, can accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling Steven Baker, St Kilda, during the second quarter of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005. A second offence for wrestling is \$2400 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1800.

Fraser Gehrig, St Kilda, can accept a \$2400 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between St Kilda and Fremantle, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005. A second offence for engaging in a melee is \$3200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$2400.

Aaron Hamill, St Kilda, can accept a \$2400 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between St Kilda and Fremantle, played at

Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005. A second offence for engaging in a melee is \$3200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$2400.

Matthew Carr, Fremantle, can accept a \$1500 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005. A first offence for engaging in a melee is \$2000 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1500.

Graham Polak, Fremantle, can accept a \$1500 fine for engaging in a melee during half time of the Round Two match between Fremantle and St Kilda, played at Aurora Stadium on Sunday April 3, 2005. A first offence for engaging in a melee is \$2000 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1500.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

The report laid on the day against Essendon's **Dean Solomon** was reviewed. The panel felt that the ball was underneath Carlton's David Teague and Solomon was low to the ground in his approach and tried to bump Teague. The free kick paid was warranted but the panel believed no further action was required.

The report laid on the day against Hawthorn's **Simon Beaumont** was reviewed. The panel said Beaumont was on a lead and Kellaway backed back to take a mark. Contact was unavoidable and was not excessive in the circumstances.

The report laid on the day against Richmond's **Troy Simmonds** was reviewed. The panel said contact was made between Simmonds' elbow and Hodge's bicep and was minimal.

Contact between Sydney's **Paul Williams** and the Kangaroos' **Brady Rawlings** from the second quarter of Saturday's match at Manuka was reviewed. The panel said contact between the pair was instigated by Williams and no further action would be taken.

Contact between Sydney's **Adam Goodes** and the Kangaroos' **Jess Sinclair** from the fourth quarter of Saturday's match at Manuka was reviewed. The panel said it believed the umpires' decision to award a 50-metre penalty for late contact was warranted and no further action was required.

Contact between West Coast's **Chris Judd** and Geelong's **David Wojcinski** from the third quarter of Saturday's match at Subiaco was reviewed. The panel said Judd made minimal contact while the pair were on the ground and no further action was required.

Contact between Fremantle's **Jeff Farmer** and St Kilda's **Steven Baker** from the second quarter of Sunday's match at Aurora Stadium was reviewed. The panel

said Farmer threw his arm back and made minimal contact and it was deemed no further action was required.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday April 5, to decide whether to accept the penalty allocated, or to contest the case.

TUESDAY 29 MARCH

TRIBUNAL / MATCH REVIEW PROCESS

The process for the 2005 AFL Season under the new AFL Match Review system is that the AFL will issue a media release late on the Monday afternoon after each round detailing the penalties to be offered to players for incidents from that round of matches, or the reasons why no further action was to be taken.

The clubs and players then have until 10am on the Tuesday morning to decide whether to accept the penalty on offer, or whether they wish to contest the charge at a Tribunal hearing, to usually be held on the Tuesday night. The AFL will formally detail all instances on the Tuesday of whether cases will proceed to the Tribunal or not.

Match Review Panel Chairman Peter Schwab will not be available to media queries on a Monday, as he and his team assess all games and consider all incidents. He can be available, on request through the AFL media department, on a Tuesday once all incidents from the weekend have been reviewed and the clubs have chosen to either accept the offered penalty or contest it further.

Jamie Charman (Brisbane Lions), Aaron Hamill (St Kilda) and Michael Osborne (Hawthorn) have chosen to contest the charges laid against them from the weekend's round of matches. The Tribunal will be held tonight at 5.30pm, with full details of location and the charges, listed below.

Peter Burgoyne, Port Adelaide, has chosen to accept a two-game suspension for engaging in rough conduct against Josh Carr, Fremantle, during the fourth quarter of the Round One match between Port Adelaide and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday March 26, 2005.

Martin Pike, Brisbane Lions, has chosen to accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Andrew Thompson, St Kilda, during the third quarter of the Round One match between the Brisbane Lions and St Kilda, played at the Gabba on Thursday March 24, 2005.

Brad Green, Melbourne, has chosen to accept a \$900 fine for wrestling James Hird, Essendon, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, has chosen to accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

Jason Winderlich, Essendon, has chosen to accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

James Hird, Essendon, has chosen to accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

Brad Miller, Melbourne, has chosen to accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling James Hird, Essendon, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

Brad Miller, Melbourne, has chosen to accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling Kepler Bradley, Essendon, during the second quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005.

MONDAY 28 MARCH

MEDIA RELEASE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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

Charges Laid:

Jamie Charman, Brisbane Lions, can accept a two-game suspension for charging Nick Riewoldt, St Kilda, during the third quarter of the Round One match between the Brisbane Lions and St Kilda, played at the Gabba on Thursday March 24, 2005.

The incident was assessed as intentional conduct (three points), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) 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-match suspension. He has one previous two-game suspension which increases his penalty by 20 per cent to 390 points. An early

plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 292.5 points and a two-game suspension.

Aaron Hamill, St Kilda, can accept a one-game suspension for striking Chris Scott, Brisbane Lions, during the third quarter of the Round One match between St Kilda and the Brisbane Lions, played at the Gabba on Thursday March 24, 2005.

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 is a Level One offence, drawing 125 demerit points and a one-match suspension. He has a previous one-game suspension which increases his penalty by 10 per cent to 137.5 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 103 points and a one-game suspension.

Peter Burgoyne, Port Adelaide, can accept a two-game suspension for engaging in rough conduct against Josh Carr, Fremantle, during the fourth quarter of the Round One match between Port Adelaide and Fremantle, played at Subiaco on Saturday March 26, 2005.

The incident was assessed as reckless conduct (two points), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) and body contact (one point). This is a total of six activation points, which is a Level Two offence, drawing 225 demerit points and a two-match suspension. He has a previous three-game suspension and two previous two-game suspensions, which increase his penalty by 70 per cent to 382.5 points. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 286 points and a two-game suspension.

Michael Osborne, Hawthorn, can accept a one-game suspension for engaging in rough conduct against Adam Schneider, Sydney, during the fourth quarter of the Round One match between Hawthorn and Sydney, played at the SCG on Sunday March 27, 2005.

The incident was assessed as negligent conduct (one point), medium impact (two points), in play (one point) and high contact (two points). This is a total of six activation points, which is a Level Two offence, drawing 225 demerit points and a two-match suspension. He has no applicable good or bad record. An early plea would reduce the penalty by 25 per cent to 168 points and a one-game suspension.

Martin Pike, Brisbane Lions, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Andrew Thompson, St Kilda, during the third quarter of the Round One match between the Brisbane Lions and St Kilda, played at the Gabba on Thursday March 24, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Brad Green, Melbourne, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling James Hird, Essendon, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Mark McVeigh, Essendon, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

Jason Winderlich, Essendon, can accept a \$900 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A first offence for wrestling is \$1200 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$900.

James Hird, Essendon, can accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling Brad Green, Melbourne, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Essendon and Melbourne, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A second offence for wrestling is \$2400 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1800.

Brad Miller, Melbourne, can accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling James Hird, Essendon, during the first quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A second offence for wrestling is \$2400 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1800.

Brad Miller, Melbourne, can accept an \$1800 fine for wrestling Kepler Bradley, Essendon, during the second quarter of the Round One match between Melbourne and Essendon, played at the MCG on Saturday March 26, 2005. A second offence for wrestling is \$2400 but an early plea reduces the penalty by 25 per cent to \$1800.

Other Incidents Assessed -- No Charge Laid:

The reports laid on the day against Hawthorn's **Campbell Brown** and Sydney's **Nick Davis** from Sunday's match at the SCG were deemed to be not reportable by the panel.

Contact between the Brisbane Lions' **Mal Michael** and **Chris Scott** and St Kilda's **Nick Riewoldt** from the third quarter of Thursday's match at the Gabba was reviewed by the panel. Riewoldt injured his shoulder in a marking attempt. He got to his feet after 5-6 seconds and a trainer came to his assistance as

Riewoldt began jogging back to his position on the forward line. He was not undergoing any medical assistance and appeared willing to continue playing. As he jogged back to his position, he passed by teammate Aaron Hamill and Michael. Scott ran over towards them as his opponent was Hamill. As Riewoldt jogged past Michael, he was bumped with minor force. Hamill then went to bump Michael, but Scott blocked him. At this point, Michael bumped Riewoldt a second time in the chest. Hamill then confronted Michael and Scott headed toward Hamill, bumping Riewoldt on his way through. The Match Review Panel believed it was not possible for the Brisbane players to know the extent of the injury to Riewoldt at the time. While they may have seen him favour his shoulder, he was not undergoing any medical treatment but jogging back to his position. The medical report stated the contact made by the Brisbane players did not cause the injury or worsen it. Under the circumstances, the Match Review Panel believed that no action should be taken against Michael and Scott.

Contact between the Brisbane Lions' **Mal Michael** and St Kilda's **Stephen Milne** from the second quarter of Thursday's match was reviewed. No action was taken.

Contact between the Brisbane Lions' **Chris Scott** and St Kilda's **Aaron Hamill** from the fourth quarter of Thursday's match was reviewed. No action was taken as it was determined it was a careless spoiling attempt.

Contact between Port Adelaide's **Chad Cornes** and Fremantle's **Jeff Farmer** from the second quarter of Saturday's match was reviewed. No action was taken as it was determined to be a careless blocking attempt.

Contact between Richmond's **Mark Coughlan** and **Mark Graham** and Geelong's **Corey Enright** from the third quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. No action was taken as it was determined a free kick was the appropriate penalty.

Contact between West Coast's **Darren Glass** and Adelaide's **Hayden Skipworth** from the second quarter of Sunday's match was reviewed. No action was taken as it was determined a 50 metre penalty on the day was the appropriate action.

For charges laid by the Match Review Panel, clubs and players have until 10am tomorrow, Tuesday March 29, to decide whether to accept the penalty offered, or to contest the case.