



The Multicultural AFL Football TV and Radio report - Round 4

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It was a tumultuous week for the AFL, both on and off the field.

Four shock results and a postponed game between Melbourne and Essendon after Bomber, Conor McKenna tested positive to COVID -19. What next week brings is anybody's guess, as the media and footy public waited for the consequences of the Essendon Football Club's virus tests.

Thursday evening the Tigers at the MCG took on the Hawks and lost badly, while on Friday night the Doggies humbled the Giants at Marvel stadium. The weekend was young and two unexpected results already. Saturday wasn't much fun for the professional tipsters either and trauma for Cat's fans, as Carlton after waiting for 24 years to beat Geelong at their home fortress, the Blues hung on to win by 2 points. Not to be belittled, on the other side of town, the Swans caused another topsy-turvy result in defeating the punter's favourite, North Melbourne at Marvel Stadium.

Then the grim news, that Essendon's favourite Irishman Conor Mc Kenna tested positive to the corona virus. A disaster was quickly unravelling as no-one had any idea how deep the contagion infected the Club. The League immediately postponed the Demons-Bombers clash to a later date, while the AFL investigated the situation reassuring footy fans that the show will go on!

The rest of the weekend's games were walkovers - Brisbane defeated the West Coast Eagles by a hefty margin, Port Power beat Fremantle with an even greater result and the surprise packet, Gold Coast Suns rolled the Adelaide Crows big time!

So, welcome to round Four. The Sydney Swans "too hot to trot" basking in last week's victory over North Melbourne may just catch the Western Bulldogs napping on Thursday night. On Friday evening the GWS Giants at home host the travelling Collingwood side. This game will be a test of character for these two sides. I don't think the Giants have it in them yet, so I am going for the Magpies to notch up win number four by a margin of 28 points!

Saturday's fixture has Port Adelaide up against the "*We don't want to be here in sunny Queensland*" West Coast Eagles from Carrara on the Gold Coast. It will take a complete reversal of form if the Eagles manage to even come close to the Power. St.Kilda take on Richmond at Docklands—the Tigers are down but not out. It is going to be a tough game, but in the end I think Richmond will find some goals and their old form to win.

Essendon plays Carlton at the MCG on Saturday night. The Bombers are going through a crisis now but they have already delivered 2 wins so far. Carlton decimated Geelong in the first three quarters last week and are on a high, so it is more than likely they and fast Eddy Betts will take the victory on Saturday night. The in-form Gold Coast Suns which are at home this weekend, should make short work of taking the win from the Fremantle Dockers.

From the Gabba on Sunday, the Brisbane Lions will host the disappointing Adelaide Crows. Simply put the Lions are far, far, better than the Crows and will take the points comfortably. Melbourne at the MCG play Geelong. The Cats have to redeem their embarrassing defeat last weekend and should expose Melbourne's shortfalls, even if they are fresh coming off an extra week's rest due to their match being postponed last round—The Cat's meow will ultimately prevail!

The game of day comes from Marvel Stadium where the Hawks go head to head with the Kangaroos. Yes, Hawthorn did a good job on the low scoring Tigers last week, however although North Melbourne lost to Sydney, they did come back in the last quarter but just failed to win - I am going to stick my neck out here and go for the "*Shin-Boner*" 'Roos!

Round 4, I am picking: Sydney, Collingwood, Port Adelaide, Richmond, Carlton, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Geelong, North Melbourne (progressive tip score: 15)

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