

# AFL On the Mark

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The Hawthorn Hawks made it three wins in a row to sneak into the top eight with another narrow victory over Port Adelaide. The 2008 premiership winners are fighting back after a slow start to the season and their progress over the next two weeks against 15th placed Adelaide and arch rivals Essendon will have a massive impact on their season.

At the halfway point of the AFL season, the top four teams Geelong (9 wins), Collingwood, Fremantle and St.Kilda (all with 8 wins) look entrenched.

Generally, 12 wins has been enough to see teams compete in finals. The top four are well placed and those below will need solid form with some luck with injuries to cement their place.

## Round 11 Scores:

Geelong Cats **122** d West Coast Eagles **98**

St Kilda Saints **97** d Richmond Tigers **59**

North Kangaroos **90** d Brisbane Lions **89**

Collingwood Magpies **113** d West Bulldogs **103**

Adelaide Crows **105** d Fremantle Dockers **82**

Hawthorn Hawks **74** d Port Adelaide Power **63**

Sydney Swans **89** d Essendon Bombers **80**

Carlton Blues **101** d Melbourne Demons **60**

**Total Round 11 Crowd Attendance:** 262,521

**Average crowd:** 32,815

This weeks feature match sees the fifth placed Carlton Blues up against North Melbourne Kangaroos. Both were winners last weekend with the Blues showing more impressive form.

**The match will air LIVE on SKY SPORT 3 at 9.30pm tonight Friday.**

Carlton's captain Chris Judd is a great example of how fitness levels can assist a player to dominate possession. Keep an eye on how hard this man runs and how often. His explosive nature could be compared



**NZ Hawks Under 20 Captain Andriu Sucu**

to Karmichael Hunt's injection into a rugby league backline movement.

Locally, the New Zealand Hawks squads are currently undergoing fitness testing for 2010 campaigns. The Under 20 team will play the Victorian Amateurs in Christchurch over the October Labour Day weekend whilst the Senior team will participate with five other nations, in the inaugural Oceania Cup to be held in Auckland in mid November 2010.

Kids aged 5 to 10, this week have the opportunity to win their own Hawks football.

All you need to do is watch Hawks Active Television Programme on either **SKY SPORT 1 at 11.30am this Saturday or Prime Television on 10.30am this Sunday on SportBox** and answer the following question.

*"What skill does Trent Croad show us on the HANZ UP! section of the Hawks Active TV show?"*

Email your answer to [football@aflnz.co.nz](mailto:football@aflnz.co.nz) by Wednesday 16th June.

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