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AFL On the Mark

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The dominance Israel Folau stamps on a game of Rugby League is based on his aerial prowess. With so much happening in rugby codes at ground level, kicking and high jumping are two skills that can provide teams with a significant advantage.

The talent transfer currently occurring through the football codes will continue with benefits to all. It is worth noting that already, New Zealand Hawk Under 16 AFL players are being snapped up by Rugby League development teams. Talented athletes of a young age deserve the opportunity to excel in sport and AFL New Zealand is happy to provide these opportunities for footballers from any code.

Hawthorn Football Club will commence a series of Talent identification sessions nationwide through August and September. If you are between the ages of 14 and 23 and think you have what it takes, email football@afnz.co.nz and provide a brief outline of your abilities. With an average salary of \$230,000 in the AFL competition and New Zealand representation in the offering, great opportunities await.

Round 14 Scores: Split Round

St Kilda Saints 15.10 (100) d Melbourne Demons 9.11 (65)
 Richmond Tigers 14.5 (89) d Sydney Swans 12.13 (85)
 Geelong Cats 14.14 (98) d North Melbourne Kangaroos 9.9 (63)
 Adelaide Crows 19.10 (124) d Essendon Bombers 5.10 (40)
 Collingwood Magpies 20.15 (135) d West Coast Eagles 7.10 (52)
 Fremantle Dockers 17.13 (115) d Port Adelaide Power 8.10 (58)
 Hawthorn Hawks 12.7 (79) d Western Bulldogs 11.10 (76)
Total Round 14 Crowd Attendance: 288,134
Average crowd: 36,016

This weeks matches Round 15

Port Adelaide vs Collingwood
 Geelong vs Hawthorn
 West Coast vs Adelaide
 Brisbane vs St Kilda
 Richmond vs Fremantle
 Sydney vs North Melbourne
 Melbourne vs Essendon
 Carlton vs Bulldogs

2010 Premiersip Ladder

Round 14 (Updated Jul 07)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	%	Pts
1 Geelong	14	11	0	3	1639	1095	149.68	44
2 St Kilda	14	11	0	3	1224	952	128.57	44
3 Collingwood	14	10	1	3	1494	1127	132.56	42
4 Fremantle	14	10	0	4	1481	1212	122.19	40
5 Bulldogs	14	8	0	6	1366	1075	127.07	32
6 Carlton	14	8	0	6	1380	1208	114.24	32
7 Hawthorn	14	8	0	6	1235	1199	103.00	32
8 Sydney	14	7	0	7	1239	1163	106.53	28
9 North Melbourne	14	7	0	7	1172	1424	82.30	28
10 Adelaide	14	5	0	9	1150	1275	90.20	20
11 Brisbane	14	5	0	9	1209	1417	85.32	20
12 Essendon	14	5	0	9	1214	1441	84.25	20
13 Port Adelaide	14	5	0	9	1091	11376	79.29	20
14 Melbourne	14	4	1	9	1081	1249	86.55	18
15 Richmond	14	4	0	10	1063	1455	73.06	16
16 West Coast	14	3	0	11	1091	1461	74.67	12



"Could you be the next New Zealand Hawk?"

This week's televised match involves two great clubs who will write another chapter in their recent rivalry with what should be a Saturday afternoon special at a packed MCG. Geelong has held firm in 2010, maintaining its status as the team to beat. Last week the Cats rebounded from their second-half fadeout against St Kilda the previous week with a resounding win over North Melbourne.

Hawthorn's season looked to be heading the same way as 2009 before seven straight wins salvaged its year - not only lifting them from the bottom rungs but propelling them into the eight and towards the top four. Their big guns - Hodge, Franklin, Mitchell and Rioli - have been largely responsible for the surge.

The match will air on SKY SPORT 3 at 4.00pm live Saturday afternoon.
For the kids, Hawks Active airs at 11.30am Saturday SKY 1 and 10.30am Sunday on Prime.

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