

# AFL On the Mark

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The AFL New Zealand domestic season commences late August and carries on through to December each year. The timing of the season provides the perfect opportunity for those playing other football codes to utilize AFL to increase skill level, maintain fitness and try a new and dynamic sport. Secondary Schools are taking the opportunity to improve kicking and catching skills for rugby by utilising the services of AFL New Zealand staff by way of sessions before, after and during school.

The knowledge gained from AFL New Zealand staff is transferable to those involved with coaching and teaching other codes. The Warriors kicking coach is a New Zealander who learnt his kicking skills from his involvement with AFL and is now passing on that knowledge.

Mick Byrne is a former Hawthorn premierships player who now travels the world advising teams including the All Blacks on the finer details and mechanics of specific skills to ensure the best possible results are obtained.

**AFL New Zealand encourages Secondary Schools and junior rugby and junior League coaches to utilize the services available for specific skill coaching in regards to kicking and catching. Please forward interest to [hawkscup@aflnz.co.nz](mailto:hawkscup@aflnz.co.nz) to arrange sessions to assist your team.**

## Round 15 Scores

Carlton Blues 8.10 (58) vs Western Bulldogs 20.6 (126)  
Melbourne Demons 19.8 (122) vs Essendon Bombers 14.19 (103)  
Sydney Swans 12.13 (85) vs North Kangaroos 7.13 (55)  
Brisbane Lions 10.5 (65) vs St Kilda Saints 11.13 (79)  
Richmond Tigers 15.10 (100) vs Fremantle Dockers 11.15 (81)  
West Coast Eagles 14.11 (95) vs Adelaide Crows 17.15 (117)  
Geelong Cats 12.13 (85) vs Hawthorn Hawks 11.17 (83)  
Total Round 15 Crowd Attendance: 256,739  
Average crowd: 32,092

## This weeks matches Round 16

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



Shaun Johnson is a prominent player from another code who was tutored by AFL 'kicking' mentors. Johnson was an AFL New Zealand Under 16 representative who moved on to join the Warriors Under 20 team.

This week's televised match sees the Geelong Cats taking on the Adelaide Crows in Adelaide. The Crows are showing the best form of the season with three wins against teams that will struggle to make the top eight. Match hardened Geelong have had a tough run against finals contenders over the same period and have performed well regardless of injuries and suspensions

This looms as the biggest game of the season for the Crows with a win likely to reestablish them as final contenders. They are currently outside the top eight by two wins. An early lead to the Cats could see a landslide victory with the Crows season almost certainly over.

The match will air on SKY SPORT 3 at 11.30pm, delayed coverage Friday night.  
For the kids Hawks Active airs at 11.30am Saturday SKY 1 and 10.30am Sunday on Prime.

For more information on AFL check out [www.afl.com.au](http://www.afl.com.au) and for information on AFL in New Zealand got to [www.aflnz.co.nz](http://www.aflnz.co.nz)



## 2010 Premiership Ladder Round 15

		P	W	D	L	F	A	%	Pts
1	Geelong	15	12	0	3	1724	1178	146.35	48
2	St Kilda	15	12	0	3	1303	1017	128.12	48
3	Collingwood	15	11	1	3	1599	1206	132.59	46
4	Fremantle	15	10	0	5	1562	1312	119.05	40
5	Bulldogs	15	9	0	6	1492	1133	131.69	36
6	Sydney	15	8	0	7	1324	1218	108.70	32
7	Carlton	15	8	0	7	1438	1334	107.80	32
8	Hawthorn	15	8	0	7	1318	1284	102.65	32
9	North Melbourne	15	7	0	8	1227	1509	81.31	28
10	Adelaide	15	6	0	9	1267	1370	92.48	24
11	Melbourne	15	5	1	9	1203	1352	88.98	22
12	Brisbane	15	5	0	10	1274	1469	85.16	20
13	Essendon	15	5	0	10	1317	1563	84.26	20
14	Port Adelaide	15	5	0	10	1170	1481	79.00	20
15	Richmond	15	5	0	10	1163	1536	75.72	20
16	West Coast	15	3	0	12	1186	1578	75.16	12