



(Clockwise from bottom left) Hawk Brian Lake is charged for pushing Tiger Ty Vickery into the fence; Docker Zac Dawson elbows Jeremy Cameron in the nose, leaving the Giants forward bloodied (left); Carlton's Dylan Buckley tangles with Lindsay Thomas; and Geelong's Steve Johnson (centre) is banned for striking former teammate Allen Christensen on Saturday.



	Pts	%
Fremantle	60	127.1
West Coast	54	154.4
Hawthorn	48	164.2
Sydney	48	115.9
Western Bulldogs	44	113.1
Richmond	44	112.4
North Melbourne	40	107.2
Geelong	38	102.4
Adelaide	38	102.2
GWS Giants	36	100.3
Collingwood	32	111.3
Port Adelaide	32	102.9
St Kilda	24	87.4
Melbourne	24	80.9
Essendon	20	76.1
Carlton	12	65.2
Gold Coast	10	74.0
Brisbane Lions	8	62.7

FRIDAY
Adelaide v Richmond
Adelaide Oval, 7.50pm

SATURDAY
Collingwood v Carlton
MCG, 1.45pm
W.Bulldogs v Port Adelaide
Etihad Stadium, 2.10pm
Brisbane Lions v Gold Coast
Gabba, 4.35pm
Geelong v Sydney
Simonds Stadium, 7.20pm
West Coast v Hawthorn
Subiaco Oval, 7.40pm

SUNDAY
Melbourne v North Melb
MCG, 1.10pm
GWS Giants v Essendon
Spotless Stadium, 3.20pm
St Kilda v Fremantle
Etihad Stadium, 4.40pm

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BRIAN LAKE
ROUGH CONDUCT v TY VICKERY

LAKE last night beat his charge at the AFL Tribunal, after being unhappy with his fine. The MRP had an issue with it right from the start. "I've got a problem with this," one says immediately. "The ball is clearly over the boundary line. It's a stop-play." Someone counters: "How hard does he push him though?" "It doesn't take much when you're on one leg and off balance. He could have grabbed

him and stopped him going into the fence," another replies. "There's no need to touch him at all and if he doesn't touch him he doesn't go into the fence." Lake's record is brought up on screen. It's sizeable, but he's been a cleanskin this year which would have reduced his \$1500 fine to \$1000 if he'd taken the early plea.

DYLAN BUCKLEY MISCONDUCT v LINDSAY THOMAS
"MR Buckley," Clifton says, as the projector beams his

tackle on Lindsay Thomas. This is another case the panel wrestles with for some time, even putting it to one side and returning to it later. "Yeah, I didn't like this. Dangerous," says a panellist. "The second tackling motion is well over the boundary line." "You can't do that. it's a sling," one says. "But there's no impact," another replies. "How can you sustain a charge on it just because it doesn't look good?" There's a period of silence. Then — "I'm happy to give him a fine and if he wants to

challenge that then fine. I'm happy to send him a message." The other two agree, helped by the decision they've just made on Lake.

ZAC DAWSON STRIKE v JEREMY CAMERON
THIS case absorbed a large chunk of the panel's time. The GWS medical report stated Cameron required stitches to his nasal bridge, but the Giants — flying back from Perth — couldn't yet say whether their star forward had a broken nose.

The panel tries to get inside Dawson's head and determine whether his swinging arm is intentional or careless. "My main question is what's he doing? What's his intent in swinging his arm back like that?" one says. "It's classic reckless". One member says he wants to give Dawson "the benefit of the doubt". Another ends the discussion with: "I'd let him challenge the high classification. I can live with that. I just don't like it."

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