

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: or another day in the life of a Saints supporter...

Just when my next article this week was going to start with "I write with no pain and suffering", in the way of the footy world, this has completely changed on Thursday night 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The **GOOD** was being with nine other Almanackers (or family members) and meeting at the **Marngrook Footy Show**, in Elsternwick at the ABC studios, getting great seats near the front and potentially being in the shot as Rick Kane was going to talk about Almanac....but the show ran out of time and he didn't get his Hawks jumper or his friendly face on the show to talk to Shelly, nor talk about our work at the Almanac. The show was great as usual, I was thanked by Leon Davis for giving up my seat for him and other guests, I got to stretch my legs getting up and down. The feeling of being part of the show, especially being near the stars as they came and went, well, it added another dimension. It's a blast anyway, seeing how a great footy show is made. I've only been watching for this year, and now I am hooked on what I think is a show full of style, humour and fun, as well as having brilliant guests who get time to really discuss topics and show their personality. I am also a little in love with Gilly....

Then, in the middle of the show, we are told, Mark Harvey has been sacked by Fremantle Footy Club. Still later, we're told that Ross Lyon has resigned as the St.Kilda coach and is going to Fremantle for, as being reported on SEN as I write, \$7.5 million. That's the **BAD** news (but who knows in footy world, maybe it's more **GOOD** news), Rina and I could only look at each other in shock, as the show went on but our hearts and minds were still with this latest news. (See DD, I did predict this last article when I thought he might go. I hope I'm not also right about Goddard and Riewoldt.)

As I am writing this, I am listening to SEN reporting on it all. The **UGLY** is how it's all unfolded, that the management of Ross Lyon (ESP – Elite Sports Property) were negotiating with the Saints for his to stay for four years, while Ross himself was negotiating with Fremantle. The management has come out with a short statement that Ross has been sacked from their books. Intrigue and adventure. SEN has opened the lines to talk back at the time of The Footy Show starting, and I know I'm recording it so I'm pinned to the radio listening to the pain of Finey and other St.Kilda members as they ring and talk.

And I thought I'd be writing about something other than St.Kilda this week. Footy life is a world of its own.

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