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Palmer warm on her old school so support for club an honour

ALL the way from Hollywood to Kingswood. Adelaide-raised actress Teresa Palmer is now SA amateur footy’s most famous face after signing on as the No.1 ticket-holder for the Unley Mercedes Jets.

Palmer, the star of Lifetime Series, The Sorcerer’s Apprentice and Warm Bodies, attended Adelaide College for 11 years.

She was keen to show her support for the fledging AI club and its players, many of whom were formerly fellow students.

“I was honoured to be asked to be the No.1 ticket holder of the Unley Mercedes Jets, my old school’s football team,” said Palmer, 30, who is also a celebrity Port Adelaide AFL fan.

“Mercedes College has been a huge part of my life and holds such a big place in my heart, as do so many of the players of the team and I feel proud to be associated with such a fantastic club.”

Palmer has cut a video message from Hollywood which has been uploaded on the club’s Facebook page ahead of the Jets’ Ladies Day on Saturday at Kangaroo Oval.

They’ll face Channel 9 Saints.

GRAND FINAL REMATCH

WEST - Adelaide will take on the Eagles in the SANFL grand final rematch at Adelaide Oval on Anzac Day.

And the Bloods’ build-up to the clash is unprecedented.

Next weekend against Sturt, West will dedicate its home match to Soldier On.

Soldier On supports those who have served by focusing on their physical and mental health, their family, their community, and their future.

It was established in 2012 in honour of Lieutenant Michael Fussell, who was killed in a bomb blast in Afghanistan in 2008.

ACADEMY ON A WINNER

ADELAIDE’s apprentice jockey academy continues to grow on its reputation of producing fine young athletes and fine young people.

With demand so high from around the country for spots in the Adelaide program, the class is now bursting at the seams with 28 apprentices.

CHECK FOR RUNNER

ADELAIDE pro-runner Lance Hugh brought home the cheque and trophy along with an official time.

Stawell Gift stewards released their report on Wednesday, nine days after the event’s close. (Try that in horse racing.)

“So far” the final of the 800m women’s event, Lauren McHugh was issued with a reprimand for the improvement made on her previous South Australian form compared to her winning time in the women’s final, the report read.

Handicappers aimed for all racers to finish in approximately 2:30 according to past performances. McHugh ran 2:32.

PARA HILLS PULLS OUT

IN A sad setback for local footy, Channel 9 Adelaide Football League club Para Hills has pulled stumps on the season before it had started because of a lack of players.

Despite taking out the 2015 Division 5 flag, Para Hills senior squad collapsed over the summer, forcing the decision.

The club assured members its juniors would still go ahead while efforts are already under way to field senior teams in 2017.

Danny Nicianakas held the Wanganeen Cup aloft.

Port power Nicianakas and Bomber fan Aaron Carlisle came up with the Cup some time ago, which is simply presented among themselves following every Power-Essendon clash.

To give their trophy some recognition, the guys came all the way to Adelaide on Friday to meet Wanganeen at the Port Club’s lunch before taking in the Adelaide Oval game.

ODDS ON FOR A LAUGH

PRO running has enjoyed some time in the sun recently, though much of it due to the controversy of teenage Talia Martin’s shock victory in the women’s Stawell Gift, with accusations her camp was part of a betting sting. Thankfully here in South Australia, such scandals are remote, and better shape than Noddy’s chances.

Corey Baker. In recent years, there’s been more sightings of the Loch Ness monster than Corey Baker at a track meet. An emphatic “no”.

Lawrence Coop. Seems to go better the longer the event, so if it finished at Jetty Rd, he’d be a chance. But it doesn’t.

Tyson Hancock. There’s more chance of Mt Lofty having a volcanic eruption than Tyson making the Bay final.

Frank Schinella. Best chance of success will be the limbo contest at the Grand Hotel.

Misha Lizoguboff. He would need some of that special juice the Russian walking team was on to get out of his coat.

Adrian Harris. Would need to improve more than Bill Shorten in the polls.

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OPEN AND SHUT CASE

KEN NOG Cunningham is an icon of Adelaide Oval. But a shonky lift does not discriminate.

The radio legend and former footy umpire was on the way up to the Stadium Club for last week’s Showdown. But the dozes on the lift from the carpark failed to open.

“It’s the first time I’ve been on the underground east carpark and little did I know you had to have a security card to get in,” he said on Triple M breakfast. “The door open button didn’t work, so I went up and down, up and down for about 20 minutes.”

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MUG PUNTERS

Armed with $50 each from UBET.

Sunday Mail sports writers Jesper Fyjdebjeld and Scott Walsh go head to head in the world of sports betting.

JF: What can I get you?

SW: I’d even think about beer. Make mine a coffee.

JF: I’d hope so – it’s 9:30 in the morning.

SW: In that case, make it black.

With three sugars.

JF: There’s another for ‘The Masters are really getting to you.’

SW: Tell me about it. My body clocks says it’s lunch time when Larry Embury’s morning show is still not on.

JF: That would make anyone cranky.

SW: Almost enough to put me off my McDonald’s all-day breakfast.

JF: Are the footy tips any healthier this week?

SW: It couldn’t get much worse than last week, so yes.

JF: I picked Port to do it easily enough against Essendon, but Adelaide was impressive against Richmond.

SW: Half a genius multi I have going. I just need North Melbourne and the Bulldogs to get home today and I’m set.

JF: Really going out on a limb there, aren’t you?

SW: Not sure if it’s my lack of shut-eye or your old gags, but you’re putting me to sleep.

JF: Typical. Even when it’s coffee, you doodle your break.

UBET

$30 on North Melbourne into Western Bulldogs into Geelong to beat -55p line

$10 on Jake Stringer to be the leading goalkicker of the round

$20 on Peter Sagan to win the Paris-Roubaix

TOTAL SO FAR: $246.05

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

CRICKET Australia merely trumpeted the vastly increased pay scale it’s set to shell out for elite women cricketers this week.

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