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suits unsettling, strange and unfulfilling, because they are simply not used to it.

There is a strong call to change the rule, so that one team is ensured of coming out the winner. Extra time is one way though looking at the dynamics it may not be the best way of achieving the fairest result. If it happened in Saturday's Dons and Blues clash it would have disadvantaged Essendon because of their depleted bench. The alternative is to play on at the end of time without sounding the siren until the team which scores first breaking the deadlock wins.

I agree with the AFL that drawn results should stay as part of our great game. Extra time is fine for the Finals series and the Grand Final because of the expediency of the fixture and venue availability, but otherwise a tied result is still a result as it means two Premiership points to both teams. Maybe just maybe that two points would be enough to get your side into the eight just before a finals series. You wouldn't be complaining then!



Beware the Spartans are coming!

'Beware the Spartans are coming' would be a catchphrase more in line with ancient Greece than Aussie rules football. But indeed they are coming, as a Club 18 team affiliated with the Hawthorn Amateur Football Club and competing in the Victorian Amateur Football Association.

The Spartans are made up of mostly Greek Australian players who regularly met for casual Sunday training sessions in Camberwell. The concept of forming the team was started as a discussion

and the idea grew from a Sunday morning kick gathering momentum, until the Spartans became a list of 40 players playing in real competition.

The Spartans fundraiser is on next Saturday 30 April. Enjoy a social evening with the

team, sponsors and friends at Stars International. Presentation, for a three course dinner dance. Every Greek-Australian Aussie rules fan should get behind the boys and support the Spartans' endeavours.

<http://www.hawthornspartans.com.au/SpartansDance.aspx>



The draw debate

With three draws being played in the first four rounds of AFL football this year, it has sparked another debate whether to retain the final siren score as a drawn game or play extra time to achieve a result.

The way the game is played now there will be more closely fought games and more ties than the public experienced in the past. Unlike their round ball counterparts who accept a drawn result as part of life, AFL followers find tied re-