This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

Just two wagers this week, with still no flicker of interest from the Alpha or Beta Funds, making it three rounds since Alpha and two since Beta have wagered. Chi's also resting, but it's his first wager-free round of the season since he began trading in Round 5.

1. Line Fund: Western Bulldogs, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +13½ against Hawthorn

The Line Fund's had a shocking start to the season, winning just 1 of 5 wagers leaving its share price at just under \$0.76. It's been quiet for the past 2 weeks during which, let's hope, it's been recalibrating itself for a profitable mid and late season.

As I type this the Bulldogs' are now priced at \$1.75 on line betting, so there would appear to be a considerable weight of money supporting ours.

2. Heritage Fund: Carlton, 13.55% @ \$6.50 against Geelong

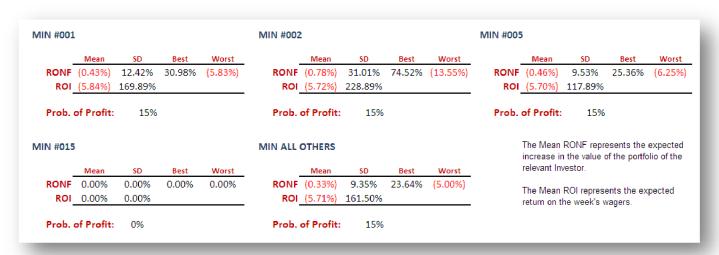
The Cats surely can't lose two in a row. Stung and shamed by last week's loss and determined to atone, they'll hit back this weekend and produce a four-quarter performance that will re-establish them as The Team Most Likely, blowing away the Blues in the process.

That, I'd suggest, is a very human point of view and it is not one shared by the Heritage Fund, which sees past – especially recent – defeat as an indicator of future vulnerability, and wagers accordingly. That's why we have the season's largest bet on the Blues this weekend at \$6.50 at Docklands.

You might at first blush wonder why we're wagering on a team that the AFL have designated as the away team. The reason's simple: the game is being played at Docklands, which shares little in common with Kardinia other than a vowel and three consonants, and which is one of the two grounds I recognise as a Carlton home ground.

Here too we appear to have made a wager that's been heavily supported by other gamblers: Carlton's head-to-head price is currently down to \$5.75.

The summary results for each Investor based on 100,000 simulations of the weekend's games looks like this:



So, Investors with the Recommended Portfolio have an expected loss of 0.33% this weekend, a worst case 5% loss and a best case 23.64% profit. In all, they have a 15% probability of finishing the weekend ahead (ie the implied probability that Carlton wins).

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