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MAFL 2008

12th June
Round #12 2008

Round 12

WC 58-7		Essendon v West Coast (Docklands, 13th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.80	\$1.95	
	49% - 56%	44% - 51%	
Essendon -6½ pts (\$2.10/\$1.72)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Essendon by 14		
Quila	Essendon by 13		
Shadow	Essendon		
CTL	West Coast		
MARS	West Coast		
MM	West Coast (42-1) (Dissenters: MM2)		
Super MM	West Coast (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Essendon		
Simplified	Essendon		

WB 57-8		W Bulldogs v Bris Lions (MCG, 14th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.40	\$2.80	
	64% - 71%	29% - 36%	
W Bulldogs -15½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)			
Heritage	8.60% (28.85%) on Brisbane Lions		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (10.38%) on Brisbane Lions		
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 5		
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 5		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Western Bulldogs		
MM	Western Bulldogs (35-8) (Dissenters: MM3-6, 18-21)		
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs		
Simplified	Western Bulldogs		

KAN 62-3		Fremantle v Kangaroos (Subiaco, 14th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.80	\$1.95	
	49% - 56%	44% - 51%	
Fremantle -6½ pts (\$2.05 / \$1.75)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	9.76% (14.82%) on Fremantle		
Line	-		
Chi	Fremantle by 8		
Quila	Fremantle by 8		
Shadow	Kangaroos		
CTL	Kangaroos		
MARS	Kangaroos		
MM	Kangaroos (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Kangaroos (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Kangaroos		
Simplified	Kangaroos		

SYD 65-0		Sydney v St Kilda (SCG, 14th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.18	\$4.50	
	78% - 85%	15% - 22%	
Sydney -23½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Sydney by 27		
Quila	Sydney by 33		
Shadow	Sydney		
CTL	Sydney		
MARS	Sydney		
MM	Sydney (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Sydney (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Sydney		
Simplified	Sydney		

HAW 57-8		Adelaide v Hawthorn (Football Park, 14th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.90	\$1.83	
	45% - 53%	47% - 55%	
Adelaide +6½ pts (\$1.72 / \$2.10)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	14.17% (14.92%) on Adelaide		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Hawthorn by 4 (Game of the Round)		
Quila	Hawthorn by 2		
Shadow	Hawthorn		
CTL	Hawthorn		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Hawthorn (38-5) (Dissenters: MM2, 4-7)		
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Adelaide		
Simplified	Adelaide		

GEE 65-0		Geelong v Pt Adelaide (Kardinia Park, 15th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.16	\$4.80	
	79% - 86%	14% - 21%	
Geelong -26½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Geelong by 11		
Quila	Geelong by 8		
Shadow	Geelong		
CTL	Geelong		
MARS	Geelong		
MM	Geelong (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Geelong (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Geelong		
Simplified	Geelong		

COL 65-0		Collingwood v Carlton (MCG, 15th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.35	\$3.05	
	67% - 74%	26% - 33%	
Collingwood -18½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	1.06% (1.12%) on Collingwood		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (10.38%) on Carlton		
Chi	Collingwood by 23		
Quila	Collingwood by 19		
Shadow	Collingwood		
CTL	Collingwood		
MARS	Collingwood		
MM	Collingwood (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Collingwood (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Collingwood		
Simplified	Collingwood		

RIC 63-2		Richmond v Melbourne (Docklands, 15th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.35	\$3.05	
	67% - 74%	26% - 33%	
Richmond -19½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)			
Heritage	5.28% (17.72%) on Melbourne		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Richmond by 14		
Quila	Richmond by 15		
Shadow	Richmond		
CTL	Richmond		
MARS	Richmond		
MM	Richmond (41-2) (Dissenters: MM2, 44)		
Super MM	Richmond (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Richmond		
Simplified	Richmond		

This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

Okay, we're back. Firstly, some thank yous.

Thanks to those friends and colleagues who've ignored the elephant in the room this week and blithely neglected to mention MAFL in conversation or in e-mail. Thanks too to the Investor who decided that, rather than rescuing his money from the blazing building, he'd instead douse the flames with an injection of more cash.

Enough of the metaphors.

Far from retreating in adversity, four of the Funds have leapt into the weekend's schedule with alacrity, collectively finding value in five of the games. Here's the detail:

1. *Heritage Fund: Brisbane Lions, 8.60% @ \$2.80 against Western Bulldogs*
Line Fund: Brisbane Lions, 7.79% @ \$1.90 + 15½ points against Western Bulldogs

This game is being played at the G and so is a "no home team game". As such, it is one of the game types on which we've historically done well.

Also, we have an "insurance" bet on this game so, if the Lions narrowly fail to win, we still collect on the Line bet.

Overall we're 0 and 1 betting on the Lions, and 1 and 7 betting against the Dogs, so there's not a lot of heart to be drawn from history for this wager.

2. *Chi Fund: Fremantle, 9.76% @ \$1.80 against Kangaroos*

Our record wagering on Fremantle has been poor this year: 2 bets for 2 losses, though both of them were Heritage Fund bets and one of them was a 1 point loss and the other a 3 point loss.

On the flip side, we've done moderately well when wagering against the Roos: 3 wins and 3 losses, included in which is Chi's 1 and 1 record.

3. *Beta Fund: Adelaide, 14.17% @ \$1.90 against Hawthorn*

This is the first Beta Fund bet since Round 8 and our fourth bet on Adelaide all season for which we're currently 3 and 0. That said, when wagering against Hawthorn we're 1 and 4, so you can read the entrails either way on this one.

4. *Beta Fund: Collingwood, 1.06% @ \$1.35 against Carlton*
Line Fund: Carlton, 7.79% @ \$1.90 + 18½ points against Collingwood.

The Beta Fund wager is at the (equal) lowest price at which we've wagered this year, and the Blues Line bet ensures that we'll spend this game hoping the Pies stay in front but that the Blues stay within touch.

5. *Heritage Fund: Melbourne, 5.28% @ \$3.05 against Richmond*

What, I ask you, would a weekend's footy be without a wager on the Dees at longish odds? Certainly not one I'd recently be familiar with.

This season we're just 1 and 5 wagering on the Dees, but we're 1 and 1 wagering against the Tigers.

Please don't let it all come down to the Dees again this weekend.

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

MIN #001					MIN #002					MIN #005				
	Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst
RONF	(0.73%)	6.63%	15.58%	(11.42%)	RONF	(0.91%)	13.58%	26.30%	(13.88%)	RONF	(0.76%)	7.20%	15.53%	(13.03%)
ROI	(6.28%)	57.32%			ROI	(6.54%)	97.82%			ROI	(5.83%)	55.27%		
Prob. of Profit:	42%				Prob. of Profit:	54%				Prob. of Profit:	39%			
MIN #015					MIN ALL OTHERS					The Mean RONF represents the expected increase in the value of the portfolio of the relevant Investor. The Mean ROI represents the expected return on the week's wagers.				
	Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst					
RONF	(0.51%)	6.74%	6.56%	(7.61%)	RONF	(0.68%)	5.76%	13.79%	(10.72%)					
ROI	(6.68%)	88.48%			ROI	(6.22%)	52.27%							
Prob. of Profit:	49%				Prob. of Profit:	41%								

So, quite some upside for most Investors this weekend, with Best case RONFs ranging from about 6½ to 26¼ percent. At the same time, worst case RONFs range from around 7½ to 14%. The Investor with MIN #002 has a better than even money shot at making a profit.

Game on.

Tips

Here are the underdog tips of the leading tipsters (with the current tipping score shown in brackets after the tipster name):

Tipster (Record)	Underdog Tips
BKB (68)	None (by definition)
MARS (66)	West Coast, Kangaroos and Adelaide
Chi (65)	None
Quila (64)	None
CTL (64)	West Coast and Kangaroos
MM7 (63)	West Coast, Kangaroos and Adelaide
MM5 (62)	West Coast, Bris Lions, Kangaroos and Adelaide
MM8 (62)	West Coast, Kangaroos
SM3 (62)	West Coast, Kangaroos
SM5 (62)	West Coast, Kangaroos
SM6 (62)	West Coast, Kangaroos
SM23 (62)	West Coast, Kangaroos
STM (62)	Kangaroos

Essendon v West Coast (West Coast 58-7)

An avalanche of support for the Eagles who are marginal underdogs in this game.

Support for the Dons comes only from BKB, the 3 Dogs, MM2, the Über Model and the Simplified Über Model.

Western Bulldogs v Brisbane Lions (Western Bulldogs 57-8)

Just 8 MM models are supporting the Lions this weekend, though 3 of those 8 are amongst our top tipsters.

This is one of the upsets MAFL Investors need to secure.

Fremantle v Kangaroos (Kangaroos 62-3)

Only 3 tipsters can bring themselves to tip a sadly out-of-form Freo team, even at home: BKB, Chi and Quila.

Chi needs this one to drag his Fund nearer to profitability.

Sydney v St Kilda (Sydney 65-0)

The Saints are friendless up against the Swans at the SCG.

The bookies, Chi and Quila are all predicting thumpings.

Adelaide v Hawthorn (Hawthorn 57-8)

Though Hawthorn are clear MAFL Tipster favourites, the Crows' supporters are an interesting bunch: MARS, MM2 and MM4 through MM7, the Über Model and the Simplified Über Model.

Chi's opted for the Hawks but has this game as his Game of the Round.

Geelong v Port Adelaide (Geelong 65-0)

This week we resume normal transmission with the Cats enjoying unanimous support amongst the MAFL tipsters.

How long, I wonder, is it since the previous year's Grand Finalists were at \$1.15/\$4.80 Head-to-Head in a matchup in the following season?

Collingwood v Carlton (Collingwood 65-0)

Over the past 8 rounds Collingwood's record is 5 and 3; over the same period, Carlton's is ... 5 and 3. It's only the Pies' 2 and 1 start to the season alongside the Blues' 0 and 3 that sees the Pies in the top 8 and the Blues outside it.

Pies to win, but only just (so say the MAFL Investors).

Richmond v Melbourne (Richmond 63-2)

This game pits 12th against 16th – a bit like Shrek taking on Frankenstein in Miss Universe.

The MAFL Tipsters are resolutely calling it in favour of the Tigers, with only MM2 and MM44 dissenting.

So, this week's most-favoured amongst MAFL Tipsters teams are as follows:

- West Coast (Underdog)
- Western Bulldogs (Favourite)
- Kangaroos (Underdog)
- Sydney (Favourite)
- Hawthorn (Favourite)
- Geelong (Favourite)
- Collingwood (Favourite)
- Richmond (Favourite)

Kicking the First Goal

Number of Times Kicked First Goal in Designated Quarter

Team	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	All Qtrts	%
Hawthorn	5	7	10	9	31	70%
Sydney	8	9	8	6	31	70%
Brisbane Lions	6	8	6	6	26	59%
Collingwood	7	6	5	7	25	57%
Port Adelaide	7	8	6	4	25	57%
Adelaide	6	3	9	5	23	52%
Kangaroos	8	5	6	4	23	52%
St Kilda	6	5	7	5	23	52%
Western Bulldogs	4	7	4	7	22	50%
Essendon	4	4	5	5	18	41%
Fremantle	5	6	4	3	18	41%
Geelong	4	4	4	6	18	41%
Richmond	3	6	3	6	18	41%
West Coast	7	4	1	6	18	41%
Carlton	5	3	7	2	17	39%
Melbourne	3	3	3	7	16	36%

The table at left shows, for each quarter, how often each team has been the scorer of the first goal in that quarter.

Remarkably, Hawthorn and the Swans have each kicked the first goal in 70% of the quarters in which they've played. What's more, the Hawks have kicked the first goal of the 3rd quarter in all but one of their games.

In contrast, the Eagles have kicked the first goal of the 3rd term in only one of their 11 games.

Melbourne have managed to kick the first goal in only 16 of the 44 quarters

in which they've competed. Almost one half of these have come in final terms; excluding the final term the Dees have scored the first goal in only 9 of 33 (27%) of quarters.

The Cats have been slow starters all season, as we've said before. They've scored the first goal in only 41% of the quarters in which they've played.

Team Rating System

The MARS Predictor System finds itself at odds with the bookies on three of this weekend's games, opting for West Coast over Essendon, the Roos over Freo, and Adelaide (because they are at home) over Hawthorn.

For the MARS-favoured teams to at least preserve their current Ratings Points they need to win by the following margins:

- West Coast by 6 points or more
- Bulldogs by 1 point or more
- Kangaroos by 2 points or more
- Sydney by 15 points or more
- Adelaide by 1 point or more
- Geelong by 14 points or more
- Pies by 19 points or more
- Richmond by 10 points or more

So, all 8 games to be decided by around 3 goals or less if MARS has it about right. Seems unlikely.

If Sydney can pile on the points against the Saints and if the Cats find Port a little more resilient than the bookies expect, we might have some competition for the top MARS rating at the back end of this weekend.

Team	End R11
Geelong	1,035.2
Sydney	1,025.1
Hawthorn	1,019.5
Collingwood	1,018.2
Adelaide	1,015.4
Western Bulldogs	1,013.3
Brisbane Lions	1,010.9
Port Adelaide	1,007.2
Kangaroos	998.6
St Kilda	996.3
Fremantle	989.7
West Coast	985.6
Richmond	982.8
Carlton	977.8
Essendon	966.5
Melbourne	957.9

Bookmakers' Prices

Geelong last week impressed all three of the bookies we're tracking, leading them to shorten the Cats' prices to something in the \$2.55 to \$2.65 range. You need to look elsewhere, I'd suggest, for value in this market. The Pies at \$9 or the Swans at \$11 both seem to have a sniff of value about them.

Seven of the final 8 appear to have been locked away by bookies, with the Saints, Port and the Roos destined to fight for the final spot (with possibly a little spice to be added by the Blues).

The Spoon contest is now distinctly a race in two, with the Dees very firm favourites to edge out the Dons for the privilege of Draft Pick #1.

Team	Bookmakers' Prices (11th June v 4th June)							
	Premiership Winner			Final 8		Wooden Spoon		Miss 8
	TAB	Centrebet	Domebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB
Geelong	2.60 S	2.65 S	2.55 S	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -
Hawthorn	4.10 -	4.00 -	4.10 L	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -
Collingwood	7.00 S	8.00 -	9.00 -	1.03 S	1.05 S	No Price -	No Price L	10.00 L
Western Bulldogs	8.50 S	7.00 S	8.00 S	1.02 -	1.01 -	No Price -	No Price -	No Price -
Brisbane Lions	10.00 S	13.00 -	14.00 L	1.02 S	1.02 S	No Price -	No Price L	14.00 L
Sydney	11.00 -	10.00 S	11.00 S	1.04 S	1.05 S	No Price -	No Price L	12.00 L
Adelaide	16.00 L	17.00 -	19.00 S	1.08 L	1.10 -	No Price -	No Price -	7.00 S
St Kilda	51.00 L	67.00 L	71.00 L	3.00 L	2.75 L	251.00 -	No Price L	1.25 S
Port Adelaide	61.00 L	67.00 L	81.00 L	2.15 L	2.10 L	251.00 L	No Price L	1.55 S
Kangaroos	81.00 L	81.00 L	101.00 L	2.15 L	2.25 L	No Price -	No Price L	1.43 S
Carlton	81.00 S	101.00 S	126.00 S	4.25 S	4.00 S	No Price L	No Price L	1.12 L
Richmond	251.00 L	251.00 L	351.00 L	12.00 L	9.00 L	101.00 -	81.00 -	1.01 S
West Coast	1001.00 L	501.00 L	1001.00 L	35.00 L	26.00 L	14.00 L	15.00 L	No Price -
Fremantle	1001.00 L	501.00 -	1001.00 L	41.00 L	34.00 L	9.00 -	11.00 L	No Price -
Essendon	2501.00 -	1001.00 -	5001.00 -	251.00 L	201.00 L	2.40 L	2.40 L	No Price -
Melbourne	2501.00 -	1001.00 -	5001.00 -	251.00 L	251.00 L	1.55 S	1.60 S	No Price -
Over-round	21.0%	19.3%	13.7%	5.8%	6.3%	26.2%	21.2%	5.3%

(A minor curiosity: Richmond are \$12 to Make the 8 and \$1.01 to Miss it; Sydney are \$12 to Miss the 8 ... and \$1.04 to Make it. That's about a 7% over-round versus a 4% over-round.)

Finally, a handful of GF quinellas have been flagged as "No Price" this week, leaving 115 combinations still bearing a price. Amongst the remaining prices, however, are a number that should be sporting an asterisk the footnote for which would guide any punter considering the wager to a 24-hour helpline for the chronically innumerate. Just \$1,500 for a Richmond v Melbourne GF? I can get 5000/1 at William Hills on the return of Elvis and that has to be an order of magnitude more likely than this Sunday's matchup at Docklands being a preview of the Granny.

The Cats v Hawks pairing retains overall favouritism in this market, albeit at a slightly longer price this week. Four more matchups, all involving the Cats, are priced under \$10, and yet another four, these all involving the Hawks, are priced in the \$10 to \$16 range.

Value? I'd be looking again here to something involving the Pies.

	Haw	Col	WB	Syd	Bri	Ade	StK	PA	Car	Kan	Ric	Fre	WC	Ess	Mel
Geelong	3.5	6	7	9	9	14	45	53	71	71	225	885	885	1500	1500
Hawthorn		10	12	16	15	24	77	92	125	125	385	1500	1500	1500	1500
Collingwood			22	25	26	42	140	170	225	225	690	1500	1500	1500	1500
Western Bulldogs				36	32	53	170	205	275	275	845	1500	1500	1500	1500
Sydney					42	68	225	270	360	360	1110	1500	1500	1500	1500
Brisbane						62	205	245	325	325	900	1500	1500	1500	1500
Adelaide							330	395	525	525	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
St Kilda								1300	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Port Adelaide									1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Carlton										1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Kangaroos											1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Richmond												1500	1500	1500	1500
Fremantle													1500	1500	1500
West Coast														No Price	No Price
Essendon															No Price

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We haven't had any Cometti-isms for awhile:

Lyons: "Didak has a very low centre of gravity"

Dennis: "Yes, built like a fire hydrant..... which is fantastic until they play the Bulldogs"

Dennis: "Libba went into the pack optimistically, but came out misty, optically"

Dennis: "McManus goes back to collect the ball, a free kick, and several teeth."

'til Monday,
 Tony
 12 June 2008