Fund Movements

Heritage Fund	▼11.9
Alpha Fund	Steady
Beta Fund	Steady
Chi Fund	▲4.7
Line Fund	▲7.0
Rec'd Fund	▼1.8

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Round 13 Results

62 Correct	St Kilda v Fremantle (Docklands, 20th June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.65 53% - 61%	$2.15 39% - 47%
	St Kilda -6½ pts ($1.90/$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	Won 4.66% (6.63%)	
Line	-	
Chi	St Kilda by 12	
Quila	St Kilda by 16	
Shadow	St Kilda	
CTL	St Kilda	
MARS	St Kilda	
MM	St Kilda (40-3) *(Dissenters: MM2, 4 and 5)*	
Super MM	St Kilda (14-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Uber MM	St Kilda	
Simplified	St Kilda	
Result	St Kilda 10.5 (65) def Fremantle 8.9 (57)	

0 Correct	Hawthorn v Kangaroos (MCG, 21st June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.12 83% - 89%	$5.75 11% - 17%
	Hawthorn -34½ pts ($1.90/$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Hawthorn by 16	
Quila	Hawthorn by 15	
Shadow	Hawthorn	
CTL	Hawthorn	
MARS	Hawthorn	
MM	Hawthorn (43-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Uber MM	Hawthorn	
Simplified	Hawthorn	
Result	Kangaroos 15.13 (103) def Hawthorn 10.16 (76)	

11 Correct	Pt Adelaide v Richmond (Football Park, 21st June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.30 70% - 77%	$3.30 23% - 30%
	Pt Adelaide -21½ pts ($1.90 / $1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Port Adelaide by 9	
Quila	Port Adelaide by 8	
Shadow	Richmond	
CTL	Richmond	
MARS	Port Adelaide	
MM	Port Adelaide (39-4) *(Dissenters: MM2, 4, 5 and 12)*	
Super MM	Port Adelaide (9-5) *(Dissenters: SM11, 13, 19, 21 and 23)*	
Uber MM	Port Adelaide	
Simplified	Port Adelaide	
Result	Richmond 20.7 (127) def Port Adelaide 19.9 (123)	

6 Correct	Bris Lions v Adelaide (Gabba, 21st June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.33 68% - 75%	$3.15 25% - 32%
	Brisbane -15½ pts ($1.90 / $1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Brisbane Lions by 15	
Quila	Brisbane Lions by 19	
Shadow	Adelaide	
CTL	Adelaide	
MARS	Adelaide	
MM	Adelaide (41-2) *(Dissenters: MM4 and 5)*	
Super MM	Adelaide (14-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Uber MM	Brisbane Lions	
Simplified	Adelaide	
Result	Brisbane Lions 11.17 (83) def. Adelaide 10.10 (70)	

64 Correct	West Coast v Geelong (Subiaco, 21st June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$5.75 11% - 17%	$1.12 83% - 89%
	West Coast +33½ pts ($1.90 / $1.90)	
Heritage	Lost 11.94% (74.93%)	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Geelong by 13	
Quila	West Coast by 1	
Shadow	Geelong	
CTL	Geelong	
MARS	Geelong	
MM	Geelong (43-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Super MM	Geelong (14-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Uber MM	Geelong	
Simplified	Geelong	
Result	Geelong 28.14 (182) def. West Coast 5.17 (47)	

65 Correct	Melbourne v Sydney (Manuka Oval, 22nd June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$8.00 6% - 13%	$1.06 88% - 94%
	Melbourne +42½ pts ($1.90 / $1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Sydney by 6	
Quila	Sydney by 1	
Shadow	Sydney	
CTL	Sydney	
MARS	Sydney	
MM	Sydney (43-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Super MM	Sydney (14-0) *(Dissenters: None)*	
Uber MM	Sydney	
Simplified	Sydney	
Result	Sydney 17.12 (114) def. Melbourne 7.7 (74)	

25 Correct	Carlton v Essendon (MCG, 22nd June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.30 70% - 77%	$3.30 23% - 30%
	Carlton -20½ pts ($1.90/$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Carlton by 5	
Quila	Carlton by 11	
Shadow	Carlton	
CTL	Carlton	
MARS	Carlton	
MM	Carlton (24-19) *(Dissenters: MM26 to 44)*	
Super MM	Carlton (8-6) *(Dissenters: SM11,13,19,21,23 and 33)*	
Uber MM	Carlton	
Simplified	Carlton	
Result	Essendon 20.16 (136) def. Carlton 15.11 (101)	

43 Correct	W Bulldogs v Collingwood (Docklands, 22nd June 2008)	
Sportsbet	$1.40 64% - 71%	$2.80 29% - 36%
	Bulldogs -18½ pts ($1.90/$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	Won 7.01% (9.44%)	
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 10	
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 9	
Shadow	Western Bulldogs	
CTL	Western Bulldogs	
MARS	Western Bulldogs	
MM	Western Bulldogs (24-19) *(Dissenters: MM4,5,19,26,29,30,32-44)*	
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (12-2) *(Dissenters: SM4 and 16)*	
Uber MM	Collingwood	
Simplified	Western Bulldogs	
Result	Bulldogs 15.9 (99) def. Collingwood 13.11 (89)	

Round 13 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	136	91
Behinds	93	91
Ave Score	121.6	87.6
Ave Marg	34.0	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	8	0
2nd	3	5
3rd	7	1
4th	6	2
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	8	0
End of 2nd	6	2
End 3rd	7	1
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	80
2nd	CTM	77
Last	MM44	59
Ave Score	4.25 (Std Dev = 0.66)	

Results in Review

MAFL Funds

This weekend, three moderately-priced underdogs grabbed the points. Terry Worrall, the British Rail Director of Operations, became infamous a few years back for blaming a spate of rail problems on "the wrong type of snow". Let me risk joining Terry by noting that these underdog winners were, for MAFL Investors, the wrong type of underdog winners. Why? Because they were all away teams.

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(50.03%)
002	(96.01%)
003	(41.36%)
004	(41.36%)
005	(42.94%)
006	(41.36%)
007	(41.36%)
008	(41.36%)
009	(41.36%)
010	-
011	-
012	(41.36%)
013	(41.36%)
014	(41.36%)
015	(16.25%)
016	(41.36%)

Our sole underdog head-to-head bet this weekend was a Heritage Fund bet on the Eagles, whose contest with the Cats was in the balance until deep into the coin-toss. Their loss leaves the Heritage Fund share price in single digits. (If the Heritage Fund price drops below zero I will, for the time being at least, continue to make Heritage Fund bets and underwrite any further losses.)

Fortunately, the two other bets were successful.

Chi's wager on the Saints lifted the Chi Fund price by just under 5c though he can feel a little aggrieved not to have earned much more given that the Saints' price peaked at $2.30 sometime on Thursday once news of the Milne and Del Santo suspensions became public. Chi only got on them at $1.65.

To cap off the weekend, the Pies hung on to secure the Line bet with 18½ points start , thereby lifting the Line Fund by 7c.

The implications of the weekend's results for each Investor are in the table above and right. Broadly, those with the Recommended Portfolio suffered a mild loss.

Surprisal

With just 5 of 8 favourites winning and the three successful underdogs all being priced at $3.30 or more, it's no surprise that the weekend's results were classified as "Unpredictable" based on surprisals.

This is only the third round this season that has been classified in this way and the first such round that has not been profitable for Investors with the Recommended Portfolio.

Round	Average Surprisal per Winner (bits)	Number of Games included in Average	Number of Victorious Favourites	Ave MAFL Tipster Performance (SD in brackets)
1	0.84 (Predictable)	8	5	4.54 (0.59)
2	0.75 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.06 (0.77)
3	0.83 (Predictable)	8	6	5.49 (0.77)
4	1.10 (Unpredictable)	8	5	4.37 (0.86)
5	0.73 (Very Predictable)	7	6	5.58 (1.00)
6	0.49 (Very Predictable)	7	7	6.05 (0.61)
7	0.88 (Somewhat Predictable)	8	6	4.77 (0.93)
8	0.55 (Very Predictable)	8	7	7.09 (0.72)
9	1.16 (Unpredictable)	8	4	3.35 (0.87)
10	0.57 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.95 (0.51)
11	0.67 (Very Predictable)	8	7	6.58 (0.86)
12	0.81 (Predictable)	8	7	4.88 (0.72)
13	1.09 (Unpredictable)	8	5	4.25 (0.66)

Tipping

Based on the average MAFL Tipster performance of just 4.25 correct tips from 8, this was the season's 2nd-hardest round to tip.

Score	# Tiosters
6	5
5	9
4	48
3	3

The Roos' upset victory over the Hawks caught everyone, and many also missed out on the Tigers', Lions' and Dons' victories.

The breakdown of tipster performance appears in the table at right.

Top score this week was 6 from 8, a score achieved by SM11, SM13, SM19, SM21 and SM23. The worst performance was 3 from 8, which was recorded by SM4, SM16 and MM19.

In overall tipping BKB continues to lead by 3, and is now on 80 from 104 (77%), followed by Chi on 77 from 104 (74%), Quila on 75 from 104 (72%), and then MARS and CTL on 74 from 96 (71%). In last place is MM44 on 59 from 104 (57%). Having too long a memory, it seems, is not necessarily a useful trait for successful tipping.

Running totals for all tipsters appear in pictorial form in the Appendix.

Why Should the Winners Take All the Points?

This weekend saw 4 games finish with victory margins of 13 points or fewer. In each, the victor snatched the 4 competition points and the vanquished pocketed zero. In such close contests, often that seems arbitrarily binary.

What if, instead, the points for each game were divided up on the basis of the proportion of aggregate points scored by each team? So, if a team won 100-50, they'd take two-thirds of a point leaving one-third of a point for the team they'd beaten. If, instead the score was 100-99, the winning team would score 0.5025 points (or thereabouts) and the losing team would score 0.4975.

This system, apart from rewarding teams that came close to winning, would also ensure that teams always had something to play for during the course of a game, regardless of the size of any lead they'd established or the deficit they faced, since every behind or goal would be worth some competition points.

(It would, of course, be vehemently opposed by all AFL commentators. Exclamations such as "... and Akermanis slams home a late goal for the Lions, ensuring they'll be taking home the 0.5261 points tonight!", I admit, lack euphony.)

If we took this approach for all the games played so far this year, how would the competition table look?

																Competition	
Rank	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Grand Total	Rank	Points
1	Geelong	0.522	0.746	0.577	0.591	0.613	0.503	0.574	0.589	0.264	0.633	0.527	0.688	0.795	7.623	1	48
2	Sydney	0.490	0.652	0.553	0.704	0.387	0.500	0.456	0.733	0.528	0.709	0.516	0.604	0.606	7.438	4	38
3	Western Bulldogs	0.506	0.709	0.590	0.566	0.500	0.644	0.544	0.507	0.493	0.589	0.573	0.658	0.527	7.406	2	46
4	Hawthorn	0.755	0.536	0.543	0.620	0.524	0.530	0.634	0.511	0.554	0.411	0.622	0.514	0.425	7.177	3	44
5	Collingwood	0.566	0.495	0.610	0.442	0.484	0.655	0.366	0.523	0.736	0.703	0.550	0.428	0.473	7.032	7	28
6	Adelaide	0.494	0.700	0.518	0.380	0.553	0.578	0.591	0.670	0.326	0.517	0.603	0.486	0.458	6.876	5	32
7	Brisbane Lions	0.452	0.505	0.447	0.544	0.476	0.617	0.426	0.576	0.597	0.568	0.565	0.342	0.542	6.658	6	32
8	St Kilda	0.510	0.595	0.410	0.409	0.586	0.427	0.507	0.477	0.403	0.721	0.427	0.396	0.533	6.400	9	24
9	Carlton	0.420	0.405	0.472	0.558	0.598	0.422	0.600	0.424	0.524	0.367	0.543	0.572	0.426	6.331	10	24
10	Port Adelaide	0.478	0.348	0.482	0.456	0.552	0.573	0.627	0.489	0.472	0.579	0.457	0.312	0.492	6.317	12	16
11	Kangaroos	0.354	0.596	0.457	0.617	0.516	0.500	0.409	0.517	0.507	0.432	0.473	0.358	0.575	6.312	8	26
12	Richmond	0.580	0.404	0.390	0.652	0.500	0.470	0.493	0.411	0.604	0.291	0.397	0.552	0.508	6.252	11	22
13	Fremantle	0.434	0.464	0.544	0.348	0.447	0.497	0.487	0.493	0.476	0.421	0.435	0.642	0.467	6.155	14	8
14	Essendon	0.646	0.254	0.528	0.434	0.414	0.345	0.373	0.267	0.396	0.483	0.378	0.554	0.574	5.644	13	16
15	West Coast	0.548	0.300	0.456	0.296	0.448	0.356	0.400	0.483	0.674	0.297	0.484	0.446	0.205	5.393	15	8
16	Melbourne	0.245	0.291	0.423	0.383	0.402	0.383	0.513	0.330	0.446	0.279	0.450	0.448	0.394	4.987	16	4

The major beneficiaries of moving to this approach would be:

- Sydney, who would jump from 4th to 2nd
- Collingwood, who would jump from 7th to 5th
- Port Adelaide, who would jump from 12th to 10th
- St Kilda, who would jump from 9th to 8th
- Carlton, who would jump from 10th to 9th
- Fremantle, who would jump from 14th to 13th

These beneficiaries would climb the ladder at the expense of:

- The Kangaroos, who would drop from 8th to 11th
- The Western Bulldogs, who would drop from 2nd to 3rd
- Hawthorn, who would drop from 3rd to 4th
- Adelaide, who would drop from 5th to 6th
- Brisbane Lions, who would drop from 6th to 7th
- Richmond, who would drop from 11th to 12th
- Essendon, who would drop from 13th to 14th

The remaining 3 teams – Geelong, West Coast and Melbourne – would be unaffected by the change.

Overall, there's a remarkable level of consistency between the rankings achieved by the two methods. Underlining this point is the fact that the correlation between the points scored by teams under the two systems is +0.93.

Still, you'd feel so much better if an umpiring mistake cost your team just one-tenth of a point rather than four.

Team Quarter-by-Quarter Analysis

Here are the teams' quarter-by-quarter performance details.

RESULT AT END OF EACH QUARTER BY TEAM

	Quarter 1							Quarter 2							Quarter 3							Quarter 4						
	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%
Adelaide	13	4	2	7	269	275	97.8	5	8	0	5	563	504	111.7	3	10	0	3	938	781	120.1	6	8	0	5	1276	1097	116.3
Brisbane Lions	3	9	0	4	306	280	109.3	9	6	0	7	662	570	116.1	10	5	0	8	1025	919	111.5	7	8	0	5	1342	1258	106.7
Carlton	7	7	1	5	289	318	90.9	10	6	0	7	611	623	98.1	13	4	1	8	878	985	89.1	10	6	0	7	1263	1359	92.9
Collingwood	8	6	0	7	307	289	106.2	4	9	0	4	710	574	123.7	2	10	1	2	1104	874	126.3	5	8	0	5	1477	1235	119.6
Essendon	15	4	0	9	257	361	71.2	13	5	0	8	571	771	74.1	14	4	0	9	921	1150	80.1	13	4	0	9	1204	1563	77.0
Fremantle	12	5	0	8	295	264	111.7	12	5	0	8	573	607	94.4	7	7	0	6	902	859	105.0	14	2	0	11	1139	1271	89.6
Geelong	4	8	0	5	346	272	127.2	1	10	0	3	726	548	132.5	1	11	0	2	1155	785	147.1	1	12	0	1	1508	1051	143.5
Hawthorn	9	6	0	7	288	287	100.3	7	7	0	6	628	561	111.9	5	9	0	4	1036	886	116.9	2	11	0	2	1442	1144	126.0
Kangaroos	5	7	2	4	298	280	106.4	14	4	0	9	581	681	85.3	9	6	0	7	917	997	92.0	8	6	1	6	1241	1310	94.7
Melbourne	16	3	0	10	223	385	57.9	16	1	0	12	425	820	51.8	16	0	0	13	674	1223	55.1	16	1	0	12	1014	1627	62.3
Port Adelaide	10	5	1	7	353	325	108.6	6	7	0	6	704	609	115.6	11	5	0	8	974	993	98.1	12	4	0	9	1259	1326	94.9
Richmond	11	5	1	7	338	381	88.7	8	7	0	6	680	697	97.6	8	7	0	6	997	1096	91.0	11	5	1	7	1316	1420	92.7
St Kilda	2	9	0	4	337	246	137.0	11	5	1	7	589	595	99.0	12	5	0	8	855	933	91.6	9	6	0	7	1180	1230	95.9
Sydney	1	10	0	3	346	239	144.8	3	9	1	3	647	474	136.5	6	8	0	5	961	708	135.7	4	9	1	3	1306	957	136.5
West Coast	14	5	0	8	261	323	80.8	15	4	0	9	505	703	71.8	15	3	0	10	724	1104	65.6	15	2	0	11	988	1463	67.5
Western Bulldogs	6	7	1	5	322	310	103.9	2	10	0	3	747	585	127.7	4	9	0	4	1157	925	125.1	3	10	1	2	1572	1216	129.3

QUARTERS WON, DRAWN & LOST BY TEAM

	Quarter 1							Quarter 2							Quarter 3							Quarter 4						
	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	PF	PA	%
Adelaide	13	4	2	7	269	275	97.8	3	10	0	3	294	229	128.4	4	7	2	4	375	277	135.4	8	6	0	7	338	316	107.0
Brisbane Lions	3	9	0	4	306	280	109.3	7	8	0	5	356	290	122.8	9	6	0	7	363	349	104.0	15	3	1	9	317	339	93.5
Carlton	7	7	1	5	289	318	90.9	11	5	0	8	322	305	105.6	13	5	0	8	267	362	73.8	11	5	1	7	385	374	102.9
Collingwood	8	6	0	7	307	289	106.2	1	10	0	3	403	285	141.4	5	8	0	5	394	300	131.3	6	7	0	6	373	361	103.3
Essendon	15	4	0	9	257	361	71.2	12	5	0	8	314	410	76.6	10	6	0	7	350	379	92.3	14	5	0	8	283	413	68.5
Fremantle	12	5	0	8	295	264	111.7	10	6	0	7	278	343	81.0	6	8	0	5	329	252	130.6	16	3	0	10	237	412	57.5
Geelong	4	8	0	5	346	272	127.2	2	10	0	3	380	276	137.7	1	10	0	3	429	237	181.0	4	8	1	4	353	266	132.7
Hawthorn	9	6	0	7	288	287	100.3	5	8	0	5	340	274	124.1	8	6	0	7	408	325	125.5	1	11	0	2	406	258	157.4
Kangaroos	5	7	2	4	298	280	106.4	13	4	0	9	283	401	70.6	3	9	0	4	336	316	106.3	9	6	0	7	324	313	103.5
Melbourne	16	3	0	10	223	385	57.9	16	1	0	12	202	435	46.4	15	3	0	10	249	403	61.8	12	5	0	8	340	404	84.2
Port Adelaide	10	5	1	7	353	325	108.6	6	8	0	5	351	284	123.6	14	5	0	8	270	384	70.3	7	7	0	6	285	333	85.6
Richmond	11	5	1	7	338	381	88.7	9	6	1	6	342	316	108.2	11	6	0	7	317	399	79.4	10	6	0	7	319	324	98.5
St Kilda	2	9	0	4	337	246	137.0	14	3	0	10	252	349	72.2	12	5	0	8	266	338	78.7	5	7	0	6	325	297	109.4
Sydney	1	10	0	3	346	239	144.8	8	7	0	6	301	235	128.1	2	9	0	4	314	234	134.2	2	9	1	3	345	249	138.6
West Coast	14	5	0	8	261	323	80.8	15	3	0	10	244	380	64.2	16	2	2	9	219	401	54.6	13	5	0	8	264	359	73.5
Western Bulldogs	6	7	1	5	322	310	103.9	4	9	1	3	425	275	154.5	7	7	0	6	410	340	120.6	3	9	0	4	415	291	142.6

Across the various Alternative Premierships:

- Sydney continues to lead the During the 1st Quarter Premiership (and, by necessity, the End of the 1st Quarter Premiership), having now won 10 of 13 first quarters
- Collingwood continues to lead the During the 2nd Quarter Premiership (also with a 10 and 3 record)
- Geelong now leads the End of the 2nd Quarter Premiership. It also continues to lead the During the 3rd Quarter Premiership, the End of the 3rd Quarter Premiership and the End of the 4th Quarter Premiership
- Hawthorn continues to lead the During the 4th Quarter Premiership. It has now won 11 and lost just 2 final terms.

Melbourne holds 6 of the 8 Alternative Premiership Spoons: During the 1st Quarter, End of the 1st Quarter, During the 2nd Quarter, End of the 2nd Quarter, End of the 3rd Quarter and End of the 4th Quarter. It has, though, relinquished spoondom for During the 3rd Quarter to the West Coast.

Fremantle, meantime, continues to hold the only remaining Spoon, that for During the 4th Quarter, despite having won their final term with the Saints this week.

Based on final term performances, the Lions remain in 15th, despite being in 7th place on the competition ladder. At some point, this inability to fire in the final term is going to hurt the Lions.

On the overall table, Geelong have grabbed outright first place by winning all four quarters against the Eagles. Sydney, in winning only 3 of their 4 quarters against the Dees, have now dropped back into second place, ahead of the Bulldogs and then, in equal fourth, Collingwood and Hawthorn.

The top 8 teams based on overall quarter-by-quarter performance continue to match the top 8 teams on the competition ladder, albeit in a different order. What's more, the top 8 teams continue to be those with a better-than-50% quarter-by-quarter record – Brisbane, in 8th, has won 26, drawn 1 and lost 25 quarters.

Melbourne, in last, has closed the gap to the 15th-placed West Coast by one quarter but still trails by 4 quarters.

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
Adelaide	6	27	4	21	116
Brisbane Lions	8	26	1	25	106
Carlton	12	22	2	28	92
Collingwood	4	31	0	21	124
Essendon	14	20	0	32	80
Fremantle	13	22	0	30	88
Geelong	1	36	1	15	146
Hawthorn	4	31	0	21	124
Kangaroos	7	26	2	24	108
Melbourne	16	12	0	40	48
Port Adelaide	9	25	1	26	102
Richmond	10	23	2	27	96
St Kilda	10	24	0	28	96
Sydney	2	35	1	16	142
West Coast	15	15	2	35	64
Western Bulldogs	3	32	2	18	132

Team Ratings Update

Three teams were large ratings-point gainers this weekend: Geelong (+4.44), Essendon (+3.97) and the Roos (+3.79). Their opponents – the Eagles, Blues and Hawks, respectively – were therefore the weekend's big ratings-point losers.

The other movements were all in the 0.55 to 1.40 range, as shown in the table below, which also provides the latest ratings:

Team	Initial	Δ R1	Δ R2	Δ R3	Δ R4	Δ R5	Δ R6	Δ R7	Δ R8	Δ R9	Δ R10	Δ R11	Δ R12	Δ R13	End R13
Geelong	1,027.4	+0.3	+5.4	+0.3	+2.7	+3.0	-1.4	+0.9	+1.1	-7.5	+3.0	+0.1	+3.8	+4.4	1,043.4
Sydney	1,010.7	-0.3	+5.4	+1.2	+4.4	-3.0	-0.4	-2.5	+4.6	+0.9	+5.0	-0.9	+1.9	+0.9	1,027.9
Western Bulldogs	988.4	+0.8	+6.3	+3.5	+2.7	-0.8	+4.6	+2.5	+0.0	-0.8	+3.7	+2.3	+5.3	+0.6	1,019.1
Hawthorn	1,002.9	+5.5	+1.4	+1.4	+3.8	+0.8	-0.1	+5.0	-0.2	-0.2	-3.7	+2.9	+0.5	-3.8	1,016.2
Adelaide	1,008.4	-0.8	+6.0	-0.1	-3.8	+0.8	+1.7	+2.4	+4.2	-5.5	-1.5	+3.7	-0.5	-1.4	1,013.6
Collingwood	1,004.0	+2.2	-0.3	+3.4	-3.5	-1.1	+5.1	-5.0	+0.9	+7.5	+5.3	-0.1	-4.6	-0.6	1,013.1
Brisbane Lions	999.6	-1.0	+0.3	-1.2	+2.3	-0.8	+3.1	-0.9	+2.4	+3.6	+2.4	+1.1	-5.3	+1.4	1,007.0
Port Adelaide	1,007.4	-0.3	-5.4	+0.1	-2.3	+2.4	+1.7	+4.8	+0.2	-0.9	+2.3	-2.8	-3.8	-1.4	1,002.0
Kangaroos	1,000.7	-5.4	+3.7	-1.4	+3.6	+1.1	+0.4	-2.4	-0.0	+0.8	-2.4	-0.1	-4.8	+3.8	997.7
St Kilda	1,001.0	+0.3	+2.3	-3.5	-2.7	+2.7	-1.7	-0.3	-0.9	-3.6	+5.0	-2.3	-1.9	+0.6	995.0
Fremantle	1,004.0	-2.2	-1.4	+1.6	-6.5	-0.8	+1.4	-1.6	+0.0	-1.4	-2.3	-1.1	+4.8	-0.6	993.9
Richmond	986.3	+2.6	-3.7	-3.4	+6.5	+0.8	+0.1	+0.3	-1.1	+3.0	-5.0	-3.7	+1.1	+1.4	985.3
West Coast	1,006.6	+1.0	-6.0	-1.6	-4.4	-2.4	-4.6	-4.2	+0.0	+5.5	-5.3	+0.9	-2.6	-4.4	978.5
Carlton	975.2	-2.6	-2.3	-0.5	+3.5	+3.2	-1.7	+4.2	-2.4	+1.4	-3.0	+2.8	+4.6	-4.0	978.4
Essendon	990.0	+5.4	-5.4	+0.5	-2.7	-2.7	-5.1	-4.8	-4.6	-3.0	+1.5	-2.9	+2.6	+4.0	973.0
Melbourne	987.2	-5.5	-6.3	-0.3	-3.6	-3.2	-3.1	+1.6	-4.2	+0.2	-5.0	+0.1	-1.1	-0.9	955.9

The sole difference between the MARS top 8 and the competition top 8 continues to be that MARS has Port Adelaide in the eight where the competition has the Roos.

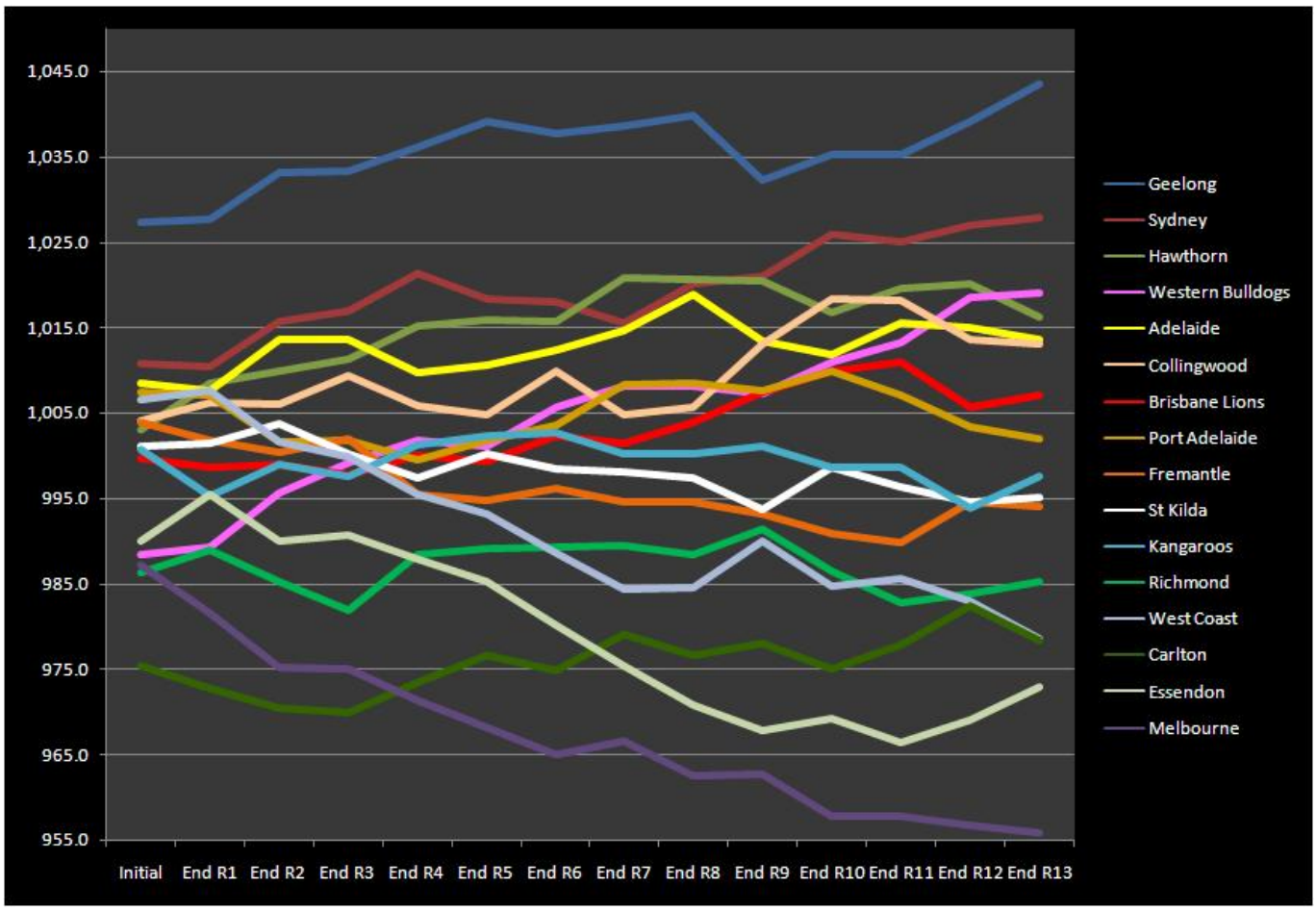
Here are the full MARS Rankings:

Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6	8	6	6	6	8	6	6	4	3
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	3	3	4
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	3	4	6	6
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8	10	9	8	8	7	8	7	7	7
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9	7	7	5	5	6	7	8	8	8
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7	6	8	9	9	9	9	9	11	9
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	11
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	13	12	12
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11	12	13	13	13	13	13	12	13	13
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

The only movement in the MARS Top 8 this week was that the Bulldogs and Hawthorn swapped places with the Dogs taking 3rd.

In the bottom 8, the only movement was the Roos' jumping 2 places over the Saints and Freo to grab 9th spot.

The chart below depicts the MARS Ratings for every team across the 13 rounds this year.



From this chart Geelong's dominance is apparent, as is Sydney's improvement across Rounds 8 to 13.

Also apparent are:

- Hawthorn's general improvement, tapering somewhat since about Round 7
- Collingwood's emergence from Round 9 onwards
- The Bulldogs' steady improvement across the season
- The respective declines of Melbourne and Essendon

Here's the latest competition ladder:

Team	Pts	%	GF	BF	PF	Rushed	Acc %	Rank	GA	BA	PA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Geelong	48	143.5	220	188	1,508	48	61.1%	7	150	151	1,051	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W
Western Bulldogs	46	131.2	235	172	1,582	42	64.4%	1	178	138	1,206	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W
Hawthorn	44	126.0	211	176	1,442	25	58.3%	11	167	142	1,144	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L
Sydney	38	136.5	190	166	1,306	35	59.2%	9	135	147	957	L	W	W	W	L	D	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Adelaide	32	116.3	182	184	1,276	42	56.2%	15	158	149	1,097	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L
Brisbane Lions	32	106.7	191	196	1,342	51	56.8%	14	183	160	1,258	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W
Collingwood	28	117.8	216	171	1,467	49	63.9%	2	182	153	1,245	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	L
Kangaroos	26	94.7	181	155	1,241	35	60.1%	8	189	176	1,310	L	W	L	W	W	D	L	W	W	L	L	L	W
St Kilda	24	95.9	172	148	1,180	29	59.1%	10	181	144	1,230	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	W
Carlton	24	92.9	184	159	1,263	48	62.4%	5	198	171	1,359	L	L	L	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L
Richmond	22	92.7	196	140	1,316	25	63.0%	4	209	166	1,420	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	L	W	L	L	W	W
Port Adelaide	16	94.9	186	143	1,259	36	63.5%	3	195	156	1,326	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L
Essendon	16	77.0	178	136	1,204	25	61.6%	6	229	189	1,563	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	W
Fremantle	8	89.6	164	155	1,139	37	58.2%	13	184	167	1,271	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L
West Coast	8	67.5	139	154	988	39	54.7%	16	217	161	1,463	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L
Melbourne	4	62.3	145	144	1,014	40	58.2%	12	235	217	1,627	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L

Sydney have now put 6 wins together in a row, which is 2 more than the streaks that the Dogs and the Cats have strung together. No other team currently has a winning streak longer than 2.

Three teams have losing streaks of 3 games or more: Port Adelaide (3 games), West Coast (4 games) and Melbourne (6 games).

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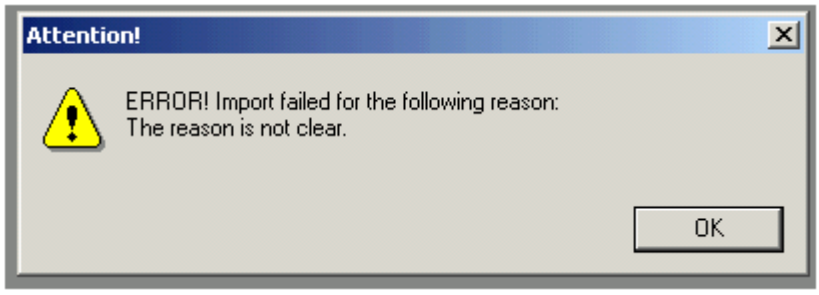
It's getting to that time of season when people start to turn one eye to the finals. So, over coming newsletters we'll take a look at the run home for each team and what it means for their chances of participating in September.

In the meantime, here are a few of my favourite, allegedly real, error messages:



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Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters