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point of view

# MAFL 2008

31<sup>st</sup> July  
Round #18 2008

## Round 18

HAW 59-6		Collingwood v Hawthorn (MCG, 1st August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.90	\$1.38	
	28% - 34%	66% - 72%	
	Collingwood +15½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	8.55% (9.81%) on Collingwood		
Alpha	7.09% (10.08%) on Collingwood		
Beta	7.09% (14.01%) on Collingwood		
Chi	16.26% (22.18%) on Collingwood		
Line	7.79% (7.23%) on Collingwood		
Chi	Collingwood by 6		
Quila	Collingwood by 8		
Shadow	Hawthorn		
CTL	Hawthorn		
MARS	Hawthorn		
MM	Hawthorn (40-3) (Dissenters: MM8-10)		
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Collingwood		
Simplified	Hawthorn		

ESS 65-0		Essendon v Melbourne (MCG, 2nd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.20	\$4.20	
	76% - 83%	17% - 24%	
	Essendon -26½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Essendon by 21		
Quila	Essendon by 23		
Shadow	Essendon		
CTL	Essendon		
MARS	Essendon		
MM	Essendon (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Essendon (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Essendon		
Simplified	Essendon		

ADE 52-13		Adelaide v Carlton (Football Park, 2nd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.62	\$2.20	
	55% - 62%	38% - 45%	
	Adelaide -8½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Carlton by 2 (Game of the Round)		
Quila	Carlton by 16		
Shadow	Adelaide		
CTL	Adelaide		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Adelaide (32-11) (Dissenters: MM2-11, 14)		
Super MM	Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Adelaide		
Simplified	Adelaide		

GEE 65-0		Geelong v Richmond (Docklands, 2nd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.15	\$5.00	
	80% - 87%	13% - 20%	
	Geelong -31½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	17.15% (19.69%) on Richmond		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Geelong by 19		
Quila	Geelong by 7		
Shadow	Geelong		
CTL	Geelong		
MARS	Geelong		
MM	Geelong (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Geelong (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Geelong		
Simplified	Geelong		

KAN 58-7		Kangaroos v Bris Lions (Gold Coast Stad, 2nd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.15	\$1.65	
	39% - 47%	53% - 61%	
	Kangaroos +7½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	13.16% (17.95%) on Kangaroos		
Line	7.79% (7.23%) on Kangaroos		
Chi	Kangaroos by 2 (Game of the Round)		
Quila	Kangaroos by 3		
Shadow	Kangaroos		
CTL	Kangaroos		
MARS	Brisbane Lions		
MM	Kangaroos (38-5) (Dissenters: MM8-12)		
Super MM	Kangaroos (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Kangaroos		
Simplified	Kangaroos		

SYD 33-32		W Bulldogs v Sydney (Manuka Oval, 3rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.42	\$2.75	
	64% - 70%	30% - 36%	
	W Bulldogs -15½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	7.69% (8.83%) on Sydney		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (7.23%) on Sydney		
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 12		
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 12		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Sydney		
MM	Sydney (25-18) (Dissenters: MM4-9, 11-21, 36)		
Super MM	Sydney (7-7) (Dissenters: SMM4,11,13,19,21,23,33)		
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs		
Simplified	Western Bulldogs		

STK 65-0		St Kilda v Pt Adelaide (Docklands, 3rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.18	\$4.50	
	78% - 85%	15% - 22%	
	St Kilda -29½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	St Kilda by 15		
Quila	St Kilda by 15		
Shadow	St Kilda		
CTL	St Kilda		
MARS	St Kilda		
MM	St Kilda (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	St Kilda (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	St Kilda		
Simplified	St Kilda		

FRE 41-24		Fremantle v West Coast (Subiaco, 3rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.48	\$2.55	
	61% - 68%	32% - 39%	
	Fremantle -13½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	6.87% (9.76%) on Fremantle		
Beta	6.87% (13.57%) on Fremantle		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Fremantle by 27		
Quila	Fremantle by 25		
Shadow	Fremantle		
CTL	Fremantle		
MARS	Fremantle		
MM	Fremantle (22-21) (Dissenters: MM20-21,23-28,30,32,34-44)		
Super MM	Fremantle (11-3) (Dissenters: SMM19,21,23)		
Uber MM	Fremantle		
Simplified	Fremantle		

## This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

Wow. Just when you think you've seen it all.

This week, every Investor is a risk-taker, whether or not that was his or her original intent in selecting a MAFL Portfolio. Just over one-third of the Heritage Fund's NIF is at risk (the 5<sup>th</sup> highest of the season); just under one-seventh of the Alpha and Beta Funds' NIF is at risk (the highest and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest respectively); almost one-third of the Chi Fund's NIF is at risk (the highest); and almost one-quarter of the Line Fund's NIF is at risk (the equal highest).

So, we've either stumbled upon the 'value' round of the season or we're in for a reprise of Round 11.

Here's the detail:

1. *Heritage Fund: Collingwood, 8.55% @ \$2.90 against Hawthorn*  
*Alpha Fund: Collingwood, 7.09% @ \$2.90 against Hawthorn*  
*Beta Fund: Collingwood, 7.09% @ \$2.90 against Hawthorn*  
*Chi Fund: Collingwood, 16.26% @ \$2.90 against Hawthorn*  
*Line Fund: Collingwood, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +15½ points against Hawthorn*

This is the first time in the history of MAFL that 5 Funds have simultaneously seen fit to wager on the same team in the same game. Chi, in particular, likes the smell of the Pies.

Friday night, without question, will be the key to Investor fortunes this week.

2. *Heritage Fund: Richmond, 17.15% @ \$5.00 against Geelong*

If persistence were rewarded for its own sake, the Heritage Fund would be making a packet. This is the Heritage Fund's 11<sup>th</sup> wager against the Cats, for which its current return is 1 and 9.

It's also the fifth bet on the Tigers, for which its return is 0 and 4.

If Collingwood fail, those Investors with the Heritage Fund will need the Tigers to prevail to offer any real hope of a reasonable weekend.

3. *Chi Fund: Kangaroos, 13.16% @ \$2.15 against Brisbane Lions*  
*Line Fund: Kangaroos, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +7½ points against Brisbane Lions*

I can only surmise that Chi has developed a taste for Roos from his nightly meal of tinned food, which, undoubtedly, harbours goodly if unlabelled portions of the left half of our National emblem.

It is, though, his first wager on the Roos this season, and as his second against the Lions, for which he's 0 and 1.

The Line Fund is less of a stranger to Roos betting, having twice before wagered on the Roos for a 1 and 1 record. The Line Fund has not, however, previously wagered against the Lions.

4. *Heritage Fund: Sydney, 7.69% @ \$2.75 against Western Bulldogs*  
*Line Fund: Sydney, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +15½ points against Western Bulldogs*

In yet another triumph of persistence over profit, the Heritage Fund this week makes its seventh wager against the Bulldogs. None of the previous 6 has been successful. This same bet also represents the Fund's inaugural bet on the Swans.

The Line Fund's experience in betting against the Dogs is a little more positive – it's 2 and 2, though it's 0 and 1 in betting on the Swans.

5. *Alpha Fund: Fremantle, 6.87% @ \$1.48 against West Coast*  
*Beta Fund: Fremantle, 6.87% @ \$1.48 against West Coast*

And, finally, a wager on the favourites to round out the weekend.

The Alpha Fund has not previously wagered on Freo (indeed it's not previously wagered on much at all), and the Beta Fund has wagered on Freo, successfully as it happens, just once.

Wagering against the West Coast is a new phenomenon for both Funds.

Based on 100,000 simulations of the weekend's matchups Investors have reasonable hopes for a profitable weekend, though with only 5 matches determining the outcome, the variability in possible outcomes is high.

MIN #001					MIN #002					MIN #005				
	Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst
<b>RONF</b>	(1.70%)	20.41%	58.59%	(27.31%)	<b>RONF</b>	(2.10%)	36.89%	98.30%	(33.39%)	<b>RONF</b>	(1.69%)	18.89%	52.96%	(28.49%)
<b>ROI</b>	(6.21%)	74.73%			<b>ROI</b>	(6.30%)	110.49%			<b>ROI</b>	(5.94%)	66.30%		
<b>Prob. of Profit:</b>	45%				<b>Prob. of Profit:</b>	28%				<b>Prob. of Profit:</b>	45%			
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					
<b>RONF</b>	(0.88%)	10.79%	16.77%	(13.96%)	<b>RONF</b>	(1.44%)	16.21%	46.26%	(23.52%)					
<b>ROI</b>	(6.31%)	77.27%			<b>ROI</b>	(6.12%)	68.91%							
<b>Prob. of Profit:</b>	32%				<b>Prob. of Profit:</b>	45%								

**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 (98)	None (by definition)
Chi (94)	Collingwood, Carlton, Kangaroos
CTL (93)	Kangaroos
Shadow (93)	Kangaroos
Quila (93)	Collingwood, Carlton, Kangaroos
MM5 (91)	Carlton, Kangaroos
MARS (90)	Sydney
MM7 (89)	Carlton, Kangaroos
MM8 (89)	Collingwood, Carlton
SMM23 (89)	Kangaroos, West Coast
SUM (89)	Kangaroos

**Collingwood v Hawthorn (Hawthorn 59-6)**

Despite overwhelming support for the Hawks, the Pies have respectable support in Chi, Quila, a few MM models and the Über Model.

Yet another cracking Friday night game.

**Essendon v Melbourne (Essendon 65-0)**

Unanimous and understandable support for the Dons.

**Adelaide v Carlton (Adelaide 52-13)**

Both Chi and Quila are predicting an upset Blues win here as are 11 of the shorter-memored MM models. Chi has this game as one of his two Games of the Round.

**Geelong v Richmond (Geelong 65-0)**

Unanimous Cats support, which Heritage Fund Investors hope will be misplaced.

**Kangaroos v Brisbane Lions (Kangaroos 58-7)**

The Lions may well enter this game as bookie favourites, but they also find themselves as overwhelming MAFL tipster underdogs.

Only MARS, BKB and a handful of MM models disagree with the majority view.

That said, Chi sees the result as being close enough for him to select this game as his other Game of the Round.



*Western Bulldogs v Sydney (Sydney 33-32)*

For the first time this season we have the tipsters split by just a single vote.

The Swans support is, though, confined mainly to the poorer performing MM and SMM tipsters.

*St Kilda v Port Adelaide (St Kilda 65-0)*

MAFL tipsters have St Kilda all the way in this game.

*Fremantle v West Coast (Fremantle 41-24)*

Despite being large in number, the West Coast supporters are generally short on performance.

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

- Hawthorn (Favourite)
- Essendon (Favourite)
- Adelaide (Favourite)
- Geelong (Favourite)
- Kangaroos (Underdog)
- Sydney (Underdog)
- St Kilda (Favourite)
- Fremantle (Favourite)

### Team Rating System

MARS is, once again this week, tipping just the one upset result. This time it's the Swans who they favour to topple the Dogs.

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

- Hawthorn by 1 point or more
- Essendon by 15 points or more
- Adelaide by 12 points or more
- Geelong by 28 points or more
- Bris Lions by 1 point or more
- Sydney by 1 point or more
- St Kilda by 5 points or more
- Fremantle by 13 points or more

The Roos and the Lions will, in all likelihood, be fighting for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> spots this weekend, with St Kilda a possibility of leaping above them both if it has a solid win over Port.

Looking back over history, only once has MARS had fewer than 6 of the finalists incorrect after 17 rounds of the season. Indeed, its average at this point is 6.63 from 8.

Team	End R17
Geelong	1,055.7
Hawthorn	1,019.7
Sydney	1,017.2
Western Bulldogs	1,015.0
Collingwood	1,011.2
Adelaide	1,008.2
Brisbane Lions	1,002.5
Kangaroos	1,000.1
St Kilda	999.8
Port Adelaide	995.0
Fremantle	994.5
Richmond	989.0
Carlton	984.6
Essendon	984.5
West Coast	969.2
Melbourne	953.9

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#### A Few Milestones To Watch Out For This Week

The Dogs need 6 and the Cats need 13 goals to make 300

Melbourne needs to concede 8, West Coast 12 and the Dons 13 goals to make their own 300s

The Dogs need 20 and the Cats need 31 points to make 2,000

Essendon need to concede 40 and the Eagles 60 to make their own 2,000s (the Dees are already there)

In total, 123 goals are needed to make it 4,000 for the season

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## Bookmakers' Prices

Geelong continue to shorten on the flag markets, putting even more distance between themselves and any notion of value. The current offerings are just \$1.60 or thereabouts, meaning that a Cats flag victory is now considered about as likely as my 7:27 to the City running late tomorrow morning. (Recently I realised just how inured StateRail had become to advising commuters of late-running trains when I heard an announcement over the PA system by the one-word-at-a-time synthesised female voice that "the 7:22 train to North Sydney is delayed by approximately oh minutes". It's pretty much game over when you start thinking of on-time running as being equivalent to running zero minutes late.)

In Final 8 betting, 3 teams are now considered sure-things (the Cats, Hawks and Dogs) and 6 or 7 more are tipped to fight out the remaining 5 spots. On the TAB, nine teams are now priced under \$1.50 for a finals berth, which seems miserly even by their own standards.

Melbourne have now ripped Spoon favouritism back away from the Eagles and now seem set to achieve the Spoodom they've threatened to achieve for most of the year.

Team	Bookmakers' Prices (30th July v 23rd July)							
	Premiership Winner			Final 8		Wooden Spoon		Miss 8
	TAB	Centrebet	Domebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB
Geelong	1.60 S	1.62 S	1.63 S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No Price -
Hawthorn	5.00 L	5.25 L	5.00 -	No price S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No Price -
Western Bulldogs	8.00 S	8.00 -	8.00 S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No Price -
Sydney	21.00 L	17.00 L	19.00 L	1.12 S	1.12 S	No price S	No price S	6.50 S
St Kilda	21.00 L	21.00 L	25.00 L	1.20 L	1.20 -	No price S	No price S	3.50 S
Collingwood	21.00 -	21.00 -	23.00 L	1.33 S	1.28 S	No price S	No price S	3.15 S
Adelaide	34.00 L	41.00 L	51.00 L	1.45 -	1.60 L	No price S	No price S	2.50 L
Kangaroos	51.00 L	51.00 L	51.00 L	1.35 S	1.33 S	No price S	No price S	2.50 L
Brisbane Lions	51.00 L	51.00 L	51.00 L	1.50 S	1.45 S	No price S	No price S	2.00 L
Richmond	61.00 -	67.00 -	76.00 S	2.20 S	2.00 S	No price S	No price S	1.43 S
Carlton	101.00 L	81.00 S	101.00 L	4.00 L	4.00 L	No price S	No price S	1.12 L
Essendon	151.00 L	151.00 L	151.00 L	6.50 L	6.00 L	No price S	No price S	1.05 L
Port Adelaide	No price L	No price L	No price L	No price S	No price S	No price S	No price S	No Price -
Fremantle	No price L	No price L	No price L	No price L	No price -	101.00 -	51.00 L	No Price -
West Coast	No price L	No price L	No price -	No price L	No price L	2.75 S	2.85 L	No Price -
Melbourne	No price L	No price L	No price -	No price -	No price L	1.40 L	1.38 L	No Price -
<b>Over-round</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

Just 65 pairings remain priced in the GF Ouinella market, the shortest of which is \$2.60 for a Cats v Hawks matchup. Next is \$3.25 for a Cats v Dogs matchup.

Grand Finals involving the Saints, the Pies or the Dogs have generally lengthened a little this week to accommodate a general shortening in the prices for GFs involving the Cats or the Hawks.

Team	Haw	WB	Col	StK	Syd	Ade	Bri	Kan	Ric	Car	Ess
Geelong	2.6	3.25	9	9	9	14	21	21	25	42	63
Hawthorn		14	38	38	38	62	93	93	112	190	280
Western Bulldogs			63	63	63	105	155	160	190	310	470
Collingwood				175	175	285	425	425	510	845	1265
St Kilda					175	285	425	425	510	845	1265
Sydney						285	425	425	510	845	1265
Adelaide							695	695	830	1380	1500
Brisbane								1050	1250	1500	1500
Kangaroos									1250	1500	1500
Richmond										1500	1500

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31 July 2008