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⁽Subiaco, 17th August 2008) (Docklands, 17th August 2008) Sportsbet \$1.65 \$1.60 \$2.25 * NB: By the time the BL/WB Line Market was 56% - 63% 38% - 44% 39% - 47% 53% - 61% posted the head-to-head market had moved Carlton +8½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Fremantle -10½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) to \$2.05/\$1.72 Heritage 2.08% (3.57%) on Carlton Heritage

This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

At the time of wagering there were 7 home team underdogs. Little wonder then that this weekend sees us wagering a record amount for all Investors except MIN#002 and MIN#015.

Here's the detail:

1. Heritage Fund: Port Adelaide 5.97% @ \$2.90 against Collingwood Alpha Fund: Port Adelaide 7.09% @ \$2.90 against Collingwood Chi Fund: Port Adelaide 16.26% @ \$2.90 against Collingwood Line Fund: Port Adelaide 7.79% @ \$1.90 +17½ points against Collingwood

By now it seems customary for us to start the weekend off with hefty bets on the underdog in the Friday night game. This week it's Port's turn to carry Investor affection, as four of the five Funds fancy Port's chances against the apparently resurgent Pies.

The Chi Fund is the only Fund to have wagered successfully on Port Adelaide this season, and even it has managed just 1 win from 2 wagers. Wagering against the Pies, however, has produced more widespread joy, with the Heritage, Chi and Line Funds all making net profits from such wagers.

2. Heritage Fund: Essendon, 3.42% @ \$2.20 against Adelaide Chi Fund: Essendon, 13.49% @ \$2.20 against Adelaide Line Fund: Essendon, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +7½ points against Adelaide

When it comes to the second of the South Aussie teams, Investors' affections are reversed.

The Heritage and Line Funds have each had a number of wagers on the Dons this season, and have each, in aggregate, lost money. Chi, though, is wagering on them for the first time.

3. Heritage Fund: Melbourne, 5.08% @ \$2.05 against West Coast

This weekend the Heritage Fund is looking for the season's third coincidence of its wagering on the Dees with a Dees victory. Unfortunately, the Heritage Fund has tipped 9 of the Dees' 2 victories, which has proved to be an expensive indulgence.

The bet is also the Heritage Fund's first against the Eagles.

(I should point out that we've very well in securing \$2.05 for the Dees. They're currently trading at just \$1.65 as a consequence of the news that an eerie of Eagles are injured for this game)

4. Alpha Fund: Brisbane Lions, 5.36% @ \$1.95 against Western Bulldogs Beta Fund: Brisbane Lions, 5.36% @ \$1.95 against Western Bulldogs Chi Fund: Brisbane Lions, 11.53% @ \$1.95 against Western Bulldogs

Hmmm. That's odd. A wall of wagers and no Heritage Fund in sight. Ah, but the Lions are only at \$1.95. None of the three Funds wagering on the Lions has done so previously this season. Remarkably, none has wagered against the Dogs either.

5. Heritage Fund: Sydney, 9.12% @ \$4.50 against Geelong

This is the Heritage Fund's 2nd bet for the season on the Swans and its 13th against the Cats. Its record is 0-1 on the Swans and 1-11 on the Cats.

That said, \$4.50 does seem generous for a team running 4th. But, I continue to look silly in proclaiming the Cats' as underpriced as they rack up win after win, so I'll not make that call this weekend.

6. Heritage Fund: Richmond, 11.36% @ \$4.50 against Hawthorn

If the Heritage Fund were human and dining with you in a restaurant with an unfamiliar cuisine you'd not expect to hear it say something like "Just give me a small piece until I see if I like it ...".

Equally then it's not all that surprising that we find the Heritage Fund lobbing an 11% wager on the team running 12th up against the team in 2nd. The Heritage Fund is 0 and 5 when wagering on the Tigers, and 1 and 4 when wagering against the Hawks.

7. Heritage Fund: Carlton, 2.08% @ \$2.15 against Kangaroos Alpha Fund: Carlton, 1.95% @ \$2.15 against Kangaroos

The Heritage Fund is 1 and 3 when wagering on the Blues, and 1 and 3 when wagering against the Roos. The Alpha Fund is betting on Carlton for the first time and against the Roos for the second, on which its record is 1 and 0.

Here's a new way for Investors to understand how the result of each game will affect their portfolio.

Recommended Portfolio

Worst (23.60%)Expect (1.51%) Best 44.47% Teams **Favourite Wins Underdog Wins** Expected **Covers Spread** Doesn't Cover Prob Return Favourite Underdog Return Prob Return Prob Return Port Adelaide 50% 11.79% (0.43%)Collingwood (6.82%)18% (4.60%)32% (0.26%)Adelaide Essendon 50% (4.22%)8% (2.00%)42% 4.71% West Coast 50% (1.52%)5% (1.52%)45% 1.60% (0.11%)Melbourne 50% 2% 48% Western Bulldogs Brisbane Lions (3.88%)(3.88%)3.68% (0.25%)50% (2.74%)29% (2.74%)21% 9.58% (0.18%)Geelong Sydney Hawthorn Richmond 50% (3.41%)29% (3.41%)21% 11.93% (0.22%)Kangaroos Carlton 50% (1.02%)7% (1.02%)43% 1.17% (0.07%)St Kilda 50% 0.00% 8% 0.00% 42% 0.00% 0.00% Fremantle

MIN #001

Worst (30.74%) Best 59.37% Expect (1.99%)

Tear	ns		Favou	rite Wins	Under	log Wins		
		Cover	s Spread	Doesn't Cover				Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Collingwood	Port Adelaide	50%	(8.76%)	18%	(7.28%)	32%	15.86%	(0.56%)
Adelaide	Essendon	50%	(6.20%)	8%	(4.72%)	42%	7.20%	(0.40%)
West Coast	Melbourne	50%	(2.03%)	5%	(2.03%)	45%	2.13%	(0.14%)
Western Bulldogs	Brisbane Lions	50%	(4.53%)	2%	(4.53%)	48%	4.30%	(0.29%)
Geelong	Sydney	50%	(3.65%)	29%	(3.65%)	21%	12.78%	(0.24%)
Hawthorn	Richmond	50%	(4.54%)	29%	(4.54%)	21%	15.91%	(0.30%)
Kangaroos	Carlton	50%	(1.03%)	7%	(1.03%)	43%	1.18%	(0.07%)
Fremantle	St Kilda	50%	0.00%	8%	0.00%	42%	0.00%	0.00%

MIN #002

Worst (37.04%) Best 94.89% Expect (2.45%)

Tear	ms		Favou	rite Wins	Under	dog Wins		
		Cover	s Spread	Spread Doesn't				Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Collingwood	Port Adelaide	50%	(5.97%)	18%	(5.97%)	32%	11.35%	(0.39%)
Adelaide	Essendon	50%	(3.42%)	8%	(3.42%)	42%	4.11%	(0.23%)
West Coast	Melbourne	50%	(5.07%)	5%	(5.07%)	45%	5.32%	(0.36%)
Western Bulldogs	Brisbane Lions	50%	0.00%	2%	0.00%	48%	0.00%	0.00%
Geelong	Sydney	50%	(9.13%)	29%	(9.13%)	21%	31.94%	(0.59%)
Hawthorn	Richmond	50%	(11.36%)	29%	(11.36%)	21%	39.77%	(0.74%)
Kangaroos	Carlton	50%	(2.08%)	7%	(2.08%)	43%	2.40%	(0.14%)
Fremantle	St Kilda	50%	0.00%	8%	0.00%	42%	0.00%	0.00%

MIN #005

Worst (31.02%) Best 53.69% Expect (1.95%)

Tear	ns		Favou	rite Wins	Under	dog Wins		
		Cover	s Spread	Doesn't Cover				Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Collingwood	Port Adelaide	50%	(10.21%)	18%	(5.03%)	32%	16.67%	(0.62%)
Adelaide	Essendon	50%	(8.48%)	8%	(3.30%)	42%	9.36%	(0.52%)
West Coast	Melbourne	50%	(1.52%)	5%	(1.52%)	45%	1.60%	(0.11%)
Western Bulldogs	Brisbane Lions	50%	(4.03%)	2%	(4.03%)	48%	3.83%	(0.26%)
Geelong	Sydney	50%	(2.74%)	29%	(2.74%)	21%	9.58%	(0.18%)
Hawthorn	Richmond	50%	(3.41%)	29%	(3.41%)	21%	11.93%	(0.22%)
Kangaroos	Carlton	50%	(0.63%)	7%	(0.63%)	43%	0.72%	(0.04%)
Fremantle	St Kilda	50%	0.00%	8%	0.00%	42%	0.00%	0.00%

MIN #015

Worst (9.90%) Best 12.97% Expect (0.64%)

Tear		Favou	rite Wins	Under	dog Wins				
			s Spread	Doesn	't Cover			Expected	
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return	
Collingwood	Port Adelaide	50%	(3.55%)	18%	(3.55%)	32%	6.75%	(0.23%)	
Adelaide	Essendon	50%	0.00%	8%	0.00%	42%	0.00%	0.00%	
West Coast	Melbourne	50%	0.00%	5%	0.00%	45%	0.00%	0.00%	
Western Bulldogs	Brisbane Lions	50%	(5.37%)	2%	(5.37%)	48%	5.10%	(0.34%)	
Geelong	Sydney	50%	0.00%	29%	0.00%	21%	0.00%	0.00%	
Hawthorn	Richmond	50%	0.00%	29%	0.00%	21%	0.00%	0.00%	
Kangaroos	Carlton	50%	(0.98%)	7%	(0.98%)	43%	1.12%	(0.06%)	
Fremantle	St Kilda	50%	0.00%	8%	0.00%	42%	0.00%	0.00%	

Consider the block labelled "Recommended Portfolio". It applies to all those Investors who have the Recommended Portfolio weightings.

The top row tells these Investors that the worst result they could endure would be to see their portfolio drop by 23.6c, the best they can hope for is an increase of 44.5c, and the expected change in their portfolio price is a decline of 1.5c. Looking next at the row for the Collingwood v Port game, we see that if the Favourite (in this game Collingwood) win and cover the spread, he or she will suffer a 6.8c drop in the portfolio price. This outcome has a 50% probability of occurring.

If, instead, the Pies win but don't cover the spread – an outcome with an 18% probability – the loss is only 4.6c.

Finally, if Port are victorious, the Recommended Portfolio will increase in value by 11.8c. This outcome has a 32% probability of occurring.

(Note that I've ignored the possibility of a draw in coming up with these results.)

The Expected return from this game for the Recommended Portfolio is a drop of 0.5c.

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 (110)	None (by definition)
CTL (106)	St Kilda
Shadow (106)	Carlton, St Kilda
Chi (105)	Port Adelaide, Essendon, Brisbane Lions
SUM (104)	None
SMM23 (103)	St Kilda
Quila (103)	Port Adelaide, Essendon, Brisbane Lions
MM5 (102)	Essendon, St Kilda
SMM33 (102)	St Kilda
SMM3 (101)	St Kilda
SMM5 (101)	St Kilda
SMM6 (101)	St Kilda
SMM19 (101)	St Kilda
MARS (101)	None

Port Adelaide v Collingwood (Collingwood 62-3)

Chi, Quila and MM4 are the only tipsters predicting the upset in this game.

Chi has it as a very narrow win for Port, so narrow that he's labelled this game his Game of the Round.

Essendon v Adelaide (Adelaide 55-10)

Here again, Chi and Quila are united in tipping the upset. This time they're joined by 7 MM models (including the strongly performing MM5) and The Über Model.

Melbourne v West Coast (West Coast 65-0)

Though this game pits teams that are sequential on the ladder, so big is the apparent chasm that no-one wants to tip the Dees.

Brisbane Lions v Western Bulldogs (Western Bulldogs 62-3)

This is the 3rd game of the round where the two real dogs are in agreement with one another and in disagreement with most of the remaining tipsters. Only MM4 has agreed with their Lions tip.

Sydney v Geelong (Geelong 65-0)

Most weeks now it seems a waste of time to run the models to generate the tips for games involving the Cats. For as long as I can remember all the models have been agreeing and tipping the Cats. This week is no different.

Richmond v Hawthorn (Hawthorn 65-0)

Hawthorn too have been generating high levels of support amongst MAFL tipsters for some rounds now. This week the support is unanimous, though Quila's predicted margin of just 7 does not leave the Tigers without hope.

Carlton v Kangaroos (Kangaroos 64-1)

Shadow is the lone voice of Blues support this weekend, having enjoyed considerable success in tipping them over the course of the season. Chi and Quila are each predicting only narrow margins for the Roos.

Fremantle v St Kilda (St Kilda 56-9)

The last game of the round is the only game in which the underdog is the majority MAFL tip. Amongst the dissenters, however, are some of the MAFL tipping elite: BKB, Qui, Chi, MARS, MM2 through MM4, and the two Über Models.

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

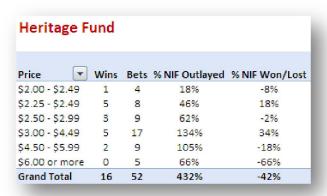
- Collingwood (Favourite)
- Adelaide (Favourite)
- West Coast (Favourite)
- Western Bulldogs (Favourite)

- Geelong (Favourite)
- Hawthorn (Favourite)
- Kangaroos (Favourite)
- St Kilda (Underdog)

Lessons Earned, Money Burned

So far, it's not been a happy year for the Heritage Fund. Intuition would suggest that this has been due, at least in part, the Fund's predilection for sizeable wagers on rank outsiders. This behaviour, coupled with our knowledge of the favourite-longshot bias, would lead us to conclude that making sizeable wagers on rank outsiders is probably going to end in tears.

And that's exactly what the data tells us.

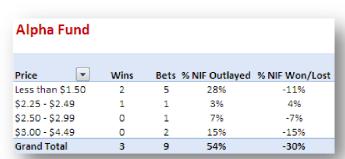


None of the five wagers that the Heritage Fund has placed at prices of \$6.00 or more has been successful, and only 2 of the 9 wagers placed at prices in the \$4.50 to \$5.99 price range have resulted in any money coming back.

All up these wagers have knocked 84c off the Heritage share price; without them the Fund would be trading at \$1.42 rather than 58c.

This is something I'll need to ponder long and hard over the off-season.

The story for the Alpha Fund is quite a different one (well apart from the part of the story where it loses money).



There's really no range of prices in which it's bet a significant amount and done so successfully.

Just over one-half of its wagers have been at prices below \$1.50. Only two of these bets have won.

At this point I've no idea what to do with the Alpha Fund next season. It's bet far too infrequently this year to make a definitive call.

The Beta Fund has, like the Alpha Fund, had the unhappy knack this season of losing bets irrespective of price. Almost 60% of its bets have been at prices under \$1.50, and only one-half of those bets have been successful.

It too though has wagered too infrequently to produce statistically meaningful results.

Wins	Bets '	% NIF Outlayed	% NIF Won/Lost
4	8	42%	-17%
1	1	7%	4%
0	2	19%	-19%
0	1	4%	-4%
0	1	7%	-7%
0	1	10%	-10%
5	14	90%	-53%
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Chi Fund				
Price 💌	Wins	Bets	% NIF Outlayed	% NIF Won/Lost
Less than \$1.50	3	4	6%	-1%
\$1.50 - \$1.74	5	8	41%	-3%
\$1.75 - \$1.99	1	2	20%	-2%
\$2.00 - \$2.49	1	1	13%	15%
\$2.50 - \$2.99	0	1	16%	-16%
\$3.00 - \$4.49	0	1	18%	-18%
Grand Total	10	17	114%	-25%

Finally, we consider the Chi Fund and find that it too has found losers across a vast swathe of the price spectrum.

Perhaps most remarkably for this Fund it's landed 8 of 12 bets at prices under \$1.75 and still managed to lose money on them in aggregate.

It's also been a Fund that's often wagered without luck: three of its wagers have lost by margins narrower than 2 goals.

(The Line Fund has only wagered at the \$1.90 price this season and is currently at 13 and 10, which is pretty exceptional when you consider that it started 2 and 6.)

Team Rating System

This week MARS is opting for all 8 favourites.

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

- Pies by 5 points or more
- Adelaide by 10 points or more
- West Coast by 5 points or more
- Bulldogs by 5 points or more
- Geelong by 17 points or more
- Hawthorn by 17 points or more
- Kangaroos by 3 points or more
- Fremantle by 2 points or more

If Freo beat the Saints and the Lions lose to the Bulldogs, it's conceivable that Freo could be back into the MARS Top 8 by the end of the round.

Adelaide could have a shot at a Top 4 spot too if they beat the Dons comfortably and the Cats do to the Swans what cats do to birds.

Team	End R19
Geelong	1,061.0
Hawthorn	1,029.0
Sydney	1,015.0
Western Bulldogs	1,014.3
Adelaide	1,012.1
Collingwood	1,007.4
Kangaroos	1,003.3
St Kilda	999.3
Brisbane Lions	997.0
Fremantle	996.9
Fremantle Carlton Port Adelaide Essendon Richmond	990.7
Port Adelaide	988.9
Essendon	983.2
Richmond	981.9
West Coast	968.8
Melbourne	951.2

Bookmakers' Prices

Hawthorn have made minor inroads into the Cats' favouritism for the Flag, but the Cats remain rated almost three times more likely to win the Flag than are the Hawks.

In Final 8 betting only the Lions and the Blues are given any realistic hope of tipping out any of the teams currently occupying the top 8 positions.

And, finally, the Spoon market is no more, though the Dees remain a mathematical chance of overhauling the Eagles in much the same way that there's a mathematical chance the oxygen molecules in the room you're currently sitting in will suddenly all choose to congregate in the top left hand corner of the room ...

		Вс	okmakers	Prices (13	3th August	v 6th Augu	ıst)	
	Pren	niership Wi	nner	Fina	al 8	Wooder	Miss 8	
Team	TAB	Centrebet	Domebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB	Centrebet	TAB
Geelong	1.55 -	1.57 S	1.55 S	No price -				
Hawthorn	4.20 S	4.15 S	4.20 S	No price -				
Western Bulldogs	12.00 L	11.00 L	11.00 L	No price -				
Sydney	17.00 S	21.00 S	26.00 S	1.01 S	1.01 S	No price -	No price -	No Price L
Collingwood	21.00 S	26.00 S	34.00 L	1.18 S	1.20 S	No price -	No price -	3.75 L
Kangaroos	26.00 S	26.00 S	31.00 S	1.01 S	1.01 S	No price -	No price -	No Price L
Adelaide	26.00 S	26.00 S	34.00 S	1.05 S	1.06 S	No price -	No price -	6.50 L
St Kilda	34.00 L	41.00 L	46.00 L	1.40 L	1.45 L	No price -	No price -	2.35 S
Brisbane Lions	71.00 S	126.00 L	141.00 L	2.50 L	2.25 L	No price -	No price -	1.33 S
Carlton	81.00 S	81.00 S	121.00 S	3.75 S	3.25 S	No price -	No price -	1.15 L
Richmond	501.00 L	201.00 L	No price L	7.00 L	5.00 L	No price -	No price -	1.04 S
Essendon	1001.00 L	251.00 L	No price L	16.00 L	11.00 L	No price -	No price -	No Price S
Port Adelaide	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No Price -
Fremantle	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No Price -
West Coast	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price L	No price L	No Price -
Melbourne	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price S	No price S	No Price -
Over-round	20.9%	18.5%	14.1%	17.1%	18.6%	-		5.4%

Still here? Thought so.

Not a lot of hope for the Dees then.

Just 63 pairings remain priced in the GF Quinella market, the shortest of which continues to be the Cats v Hawks matchup, which is in another 30c this week to \$2.10. Next highest price is now \$5.00 for a Cats v Dogs matchup, which is \$1.80 longer than last week.

Five other Grand Finals are priced in the \$7 - \$15 range and all involve the Cats.

	Haw	WB	Syd	Col	Ade	Kan	StK	Bri	Car	Ric	Ess
Geelong	2.1	5	7	9	11	12	15	29	33	210	415
Hawthorn		21	26	32	40	40	53	110	130	785	150
Western Bulldogs			80	100	125	125	165	345	390	1500	150
Sydney				145	180	180	235	490	560	1500	150
Collingwood					220	220	290	610	695	1500	150
Adelaide						275	360	755	865	1500	150
Kangaroos							360	755	865	1500	150
St Kilda								990	1130	1500	150
Brisbane									1500	1500	150

The shortest-priced GF not involving

the Cats is \$21 for a Hawks v Dogs matchup, this combo having drifted from \$10 this time last week.

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This week I discovered a website that uses Google results to determine which of two spellings is the more prolific. The website is http://spellweb.com/

Using it you can find out, for example, that 'accommodate' polls 38.8m votes to 5.3m for 'accommodate' and that 'something' outpolls 'sumthing' 769m to 2.2m (though the fact that there are 2.2m 'sumthing's somewhere on the web is disturbing in its own way).

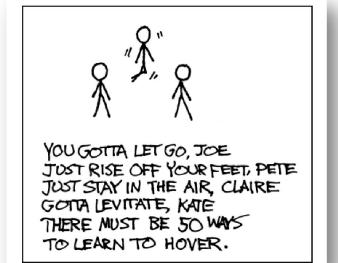
Being a bit more lateral we can use it to predict this week's games:

- Collingwood (5.9m) d. Port Adelaide (1.2m)
- Adelaide (32.2m) d. Essendon (1.8m)
- Melbourne (74.3m) d. West Coast (45.9m)
- Western Bulldogs (0.5m) d. Brisbane Lions (0.4m)
- Sydney (116.0m) d. Geelong (4.5m)
- Richmond (97.4m) d. Hawthorn (8.8m)
- Carlton (32.9m) d. Kangaroos (4.0m)
- Fremantle (5.2m) d. St Kilda (3.8m)

MAFL Investors would be very happy if these tips prove accurate.

(Here's something from www.xkcd.com

If you're scratching your head about this one, Google "50 Ways" +"Paul Simon")



'til Sunday,

Tony

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