Round 21 W Bulldogs v Essendon Richmond v Fremantle Pt Adelaide v Melbourne RIC 48-17 PA 57-8 WB 59-6 (Docklands, 22nd August 2008) (MCG, 23rd August 2008) (Football Park, 23rd August 2008) Sportsbet Sportsbet \$1.30 Sportsbet \$1.10 \$1.38 83% - 91% 9% - 17% 70% - 77% 23% - 30% 66% - 72% 28% - 34% W Bulldogs -41½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Richmond -20½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Pt Adelaide -151/2 pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Heritage Heritage Heritage Alpha Alpha Alpha Beta Beta Beta Chi Chi Chi Line Line 7.79% (7.98%) on Fremantle Line 7.79% (7.98%) on Melbourne Western Bulldogs by 14 Chi Chi Richmond by 12 Chi Port Adelaide by 14 Richmond by 6 Port Adelaide by 10 Quila Western Bulldogs by 5 Ouila Ouila Shadow Western Bulldogs Shadow Fremantle Shadow Port Adelaide CTL Western Bulldogs CTL Richmond CTL Port Adelaide MARS Western Bulldogs MARS Fremantle MARS Port Adelaide Western Bulldogs (37-6) Richmond (31-12) Port Adelaide (36-7) MM MM MM (Dissenters: MM2-4, 7-10) (Dissenters: MM4-9) (Dissenters: MM3-5, 36-44) Western Bulldogs (14-0) Richmond (12-2) Port Adelaide (14-0) Super MM Super MM Super MM (Dissenters: SMM23, 33) (Dissenters: None) (Dissenters: None) Western Bulldogs **Uber MM Uber MM Uber MM** Melbourne Fremantle Simplified Western Bulldogs Simplified Richmond Simplified Port Adelaide Collingwood v Sydney Bris Lions v Geelong v Kangaroos Carlton BL 52-13 SYD 43-22 **GEE 65-0** (Gabba, 23rd August 2008) (Docklands, 23rd August 2008) (Kardinia Park, 24th August 2008) Sportsbet Sportsbet \$1.36 \$3.00 \$1.72 \$2.05 Sportsbet \$1.15 \$5.00 67% - 74% 80% - 87% 13% - 20% 26% - 33% 51% - 58% 42% - 49% Bris Lions -17½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Collingwood -61/2 pts (\$2.05/\$1.75)* Geelong -28½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90) Heritage Heritage Heritage Alpha Alpha Alpha Beta Beta Beta Chi Chi Chi Line 7.79% (7.98%) on Carlton Line Line Chi Brisbane Lions by 12 Chi Collingwood by 18 Chi Geelong by 16 Quila Brisbane Lions by 10 Quila Collingwood by 12 Quila Geelong by 11 Shadow Carlton Shadow Sydney Shadow Geelong CTL Brishane Lions CTL Sydney CTL Geelong **MARS** Brisbane Lions MARS Sydney **MARS** Geelong Brisbane Lions (31-12) Sydney (30-13) Geelong (43-0) MM MM MM (Dissenters: None) (Dissenters: MM2-12, 14) (Dissenters: MM2-4, 6-13, 15, 16) Brisbane Lions (14-0) Sydney (10-4) Geelong (14-0) Super MM Super MM Super MM (Dissenters: None) (Dissenters: SMM3, 5, 6, 33) (Dissenters: None) **Uber MM** Brisbane Lions **Uber MM** Collingwood **Uber MM** Geelong Simplified **Brisbane Lions** Simplified Collingwood Simplified Geelong

St Kilda v Adelaide ADE 47-18 (Docklands, 24th August 2008) Sportsbet \$1.75 \$2.00 50% - 57% 43% - 50% St Kilda -6½ pts (\$2.05/\$1.75) Heritage Alpha Beta Chi 9.00% (15.97%) on St Kilda Line Chi St Kilda by 9 Quila St Kilda by 3 Shadow Adelaide CTL Adelaide MARS Adelaide Adelaide (32-11) MM (Dissenters: MM7-12, 28, 30-33) Adelaide (11-3) Super MM (Dissenters: SMM11, 13, 33) St Kilda Adelaide **Simplified**

HAW 64-1	(Subiaco, 24th	August 2008)
Sportsbet	\$6.75	\$1.08
	7% - 15%	85% - 93%
	West Coast +39½	ots (\$1.90/\$1.90)
Heritage	13.15% (15.89%)	on West Coast
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	_	
Line	-	
Chi	Hawthorn by 3 (G	iame of the Round)
Quila	West Coa	est by 3
Shadow	Hawth	norn
CTL	Hawth	norn
MARS	Hawth	norn
MM	Hawthorn	n (43-0)
	(Dissenter	s: None)
Super MM	Hawthorn	n (14-0)
	(Dissenter	
Uber MM	Hawth	norn
Simplified	Hawth	norn

West Coast v Hawthorn

HAW 64-1

^{*} NB The Line Mkt for the Col/Syd game went up on Thursday night when the head-to-head market was at \$1.75/\$2.00

This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

Last week we had 7 home team underdogs. This week we've 7 home team favourites and, as a consequence, far fewer wagers.

The five wagers we do have, however, are spread across five different games and across Saturday and Sunday, so, for those Investors with Heritage, Chi and Line Fund exposure, we've got about as much fun as we could reasonably hope for.

Here's the detail:

1. Line Fund: Fremantle 7.79% @ \$1.90 +20½ points against Richmond

The Line Fund's only other bet on Freo this season was a successful one, as were the two bets it had taking the points against Richmond, so history's on our side in this one.

Twenty points start does seem pretty generous.

2. Line Fund: Melbourne, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +15½ points against Adelaide

With this bet the Line Fund becomes the third Fund that has wagered on the Dees at least once this year, joining the Heritage and Alpha Funds.

The Line Fund has lost both earlier wagers taking the start against the Crows.

3. Line Fund: Carlton, 7.79% @ \$1.90 +17½ against Brisbane Lions

The situation with the Line Fund's Carlton bet is akin to that for the Freo bet in that both the previous bet on Carlton and the previous bet against the Lions were successful.

4. Chi Fund: St Kilda, 9.00% @ \$1.75 against Adelaide

Chi likes the Saints, and with good reason. He's won both his previous bets on them, making the Saints – oddly enough, along with the Crows – the only team for which he's had multiple bets, none of them losing.

Wagering against the Crows has been less successful. He's 0 and 1 in this situation.

5. Heritage Fund: West Coast ,13.15% @ \$6.75 against Hawthorn

Conceivably, this is the last chance we'll have to 'win big' this season.

It's an interesting proposition too. The home team following up from an appalling performance against the Dees, so bad that it led many commentators to whisper the 'T' word. Predictably, the coach reacted with indignation and disgust at the suggestion.

Meantime the away team is also on the rebound from a loss and is at the back end of a 2 and 3 streak. Still, the worst a loss could do would be to knock them from 2nd to 3rd on the ladder.

Surprisingly, the Heritage Fund has done well wagering on the Weagles this year, producing a 3 and 4 record for a net gain of about 24c. It's also done well wagering against the Hawks where a 2 and 4 record has produced a net 14c gain.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE MARGINS OF VICTORY

The most common victory margin this year has been 30 points, which we've seen in 8 games.

No other margin of victory has been recorded in more than 5 games (which we've seen for margins of 3, 4 and 16 points).

Every margin of victory under 30 points has been recorded for at least one game except a margin of 25 points, which is yet to occur. Last year 6 games finished with a 25 point margin.

In fact, every margin of victory under 30 points has been recorded multiple times except for margins of 7, 19, 23, 25 and 26.

Even margins have outnumbered odd margins this year by 93 to 67. The chances of that (or a more extreme result) occurring by chance if the true proportion of even (and odd) victories is 50% is only 2.4%.

Here's the new style Investors' Guide to Profit (and Loss).

Recommended Portfolio

Worst (8.80%)27.12% Expect (0.54%) Teams Favourite Wins **Underdog Wins** Covers Spread Doesn't Cover Expected Favourite Underdog Prob Prob Return Return Return Return Prob Western Bulldogs Essendon 50% 0.00% 35% 0.00% 15% 0.00% 0.00% Richmond Fremantle 50% (1.17%)22% 1.05% 28% 1.05% (0.06%)Port Adelaide Melbourne 50% (1.17%)18% 1.05% 32% 1.05% (0.06%)50% (1.17%)19% 1.05% (0.06%)Brisbane Lions Carlton 31% 1.05% 0.00% 50% 4% Collingwood Sydney 0.00% 46% 0.00% 0.00% 50% 0.00% 31% 0.00% 19% 0.00% 0.00% Geelong Kangaroos 50% 2% (1.35%)48% St Kilda (1.35%)1.28% (0.09%)Adelaide Hawthorn West Coast 50% (3.95%)36% (3.95%)14% 22.68% (0.27%)

Best

MIN #001

Worst (10.30%)34.91% Expect (0.67%) Best

Team	15		Favour	ite Wins	Under	dog Wins		
		Covers Spread Doe			t Cover			Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Western Bulldogs	Essendon	50%	0.00%	35%	0.00%	15%	0.00%	0.00%
Richmond	Fremantle	50%	(0.78%)	22%	0.70%	28%	0.70%	(0.04%)
Port Adelaide	Melbourne	50%	(0.78%)	18%	0.70%	32%	0.70%	(0.04%)
Brisbane Lions	Carlton	50%	(0.78%)	19%	0.70%	31%	0.70%	(0.04%)
Collingwood	Sydney	50%	0.00%	4%	0.00%	46%	0.00%	0.00%
Geelong	Kangaroos	50%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	0.00%
St Kilda	Adelaide	50%	(2.70%)	2%	(2.70%)	48%	2.57%	(0.19%)
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(5.26%)	36%	(5.26%)	14%	30.25%	(0.36%)

MIN #002

Worst Expect (0.91%) (13.15%)Best 75.61%

Team	15		Favour	ite Wins	Under			
		Covers Spread Do			't Cover			Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Western Bulldogs	Essendon	50%	0.00%	35%	0.00%	15%	0.00%	0.00%
Richmond	Fremantle	50%	0.00%	22%	0.00%	28%	0.00%	0.00%
Port Adelaide	Melbourne	50%	0.00%	18%	0.00%	32%	0.00%	0.00%
Brisbane Lions	Carlton	50%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	0.00%
Collingwood	Sydney	50%	0.00%	4%	0.00%	46%	0.00%	0.00%
Geelong	Kangaroos	50%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	0.00%
St Kilda	Adelaide	50%	0.00%	2%	0.00%	48%	0.00%	0.00%
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(13.15%)	36%	(13.15%)	14%	75.61%	(0.91%)

MIN #005

Worst (15.27%)Expect (0.90%) Best 33.04%

Team	Teams		Favour	ite Wins	Under				
		Cover	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover			Expected	
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return	
Western Bulldogs	Essendon	50%	0.00%	35%	0.00%	15%	0.00%	0.00%	
Richmond	Fremantle	50%	(2.73%)	22%	2.45%	28%	2.45%	(0.14%)	
Port Adelaide	Melbourne	50%	(2.73%)	18%	2.45%	32%	2.45%	(0.14%)	
Brisbane Lions	Carlton	50%	(2.73%)	19%	2.45%	31%	2.45%	(0.14%)	
Collingwood	Sydney	50%	0.00%	4%	0.00%	46%	0.00%	0.00%	
Geelong	Kangaroos	50%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	0.00%	
St Kilda	Adelaide	50%	(3.15%)	2%	(3.15%)	48%	2.99%	(0.22%)	
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(3.95%)	36%	(3.95%)	14%	22.68%	(0.27%)	

MIN #015

0.00% Worst Best 0.00% **Expect** 0.00%

Team	15	Favourite Wins					dog Wins	
		Covers	s Spread	Doesn'	t Cover			Expected
Favourite	Underdog	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Return
Western Bulldogs	Essendon	50%	0.00%	35%	0.00%	15%	0.00%	0.00%
Richmond	Fremantle	50%	0.00%	22%	0.00%	28%	0.00%	0.00%
Port Adelaide	Melbourne	50%	0.00%	18%	0.00%	32%	0.00%	0.00%
Brisbane Lions	Carlton	50%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	0.00%
Collingwood	Sydney	50%	0.00%	4%	0.00%	46%	0.00%	0.00%
Geelong	Kangaroos	50%	0.00%	31%	0.00%	19%	0.00%	0.00%
St Kilda	Adelaide	50%	0.00%	2%	0.00%	48%	0.00%	0.00%
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	0.00%	36%	0.00%	14%	0.00%	0.00%

As you can clearly see, for those with the Recommended Portfolio, it's all about the Eagles this week.

Whilst success in the other 4 wagers will still produce a modest profit for these Investors, the only way for it to be a truly memorable weekend is for the Eagles to knock off the Hawks on Sunday.

Indeed, the picture is much the same for all other Investors except MIN#015 who has no bets this weekend.

MIN#002 who, as this weekend makes obvious, is following a pure Heritage Fund strategy, cares most of all about the Eagles' fate. His or her entire round will be determined by this one game.

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 (114)	None (by definition)
CTL (111)	Sydney, Adelaide
Shadow (110)	Fremantle, Carlton, Sydney, Adelaide
SMM23 (108)	Fremantle, Sydney, Adelaide
SUM (108)	Adelaide
Chi (108)	None
SMM11 (107)	Sydney
SMM13 (107)	Sydney
SMM33 (107)	Fremantle
MM5 (106)	Essendon, Fremantle, Carlton, Sydney, Adelaide
SMM3 (106)	Adelaide
SMM5 (106)	Adelaide
SMM6 (106)	Adelaide
SMM19 (106)	Sydney, Adelaide
Quila (106)	West Coast

Western Bulldogs v Essendon (Western Bulldogs 59-6)

Amongst the top tipsters, only MM5 is tipping the Dons. Looks like a comfortable win for the Dogs, though Quila is only tipping a 5 point margin.

Richmond v Fremantle (Richmond 48-17)

In this game the MAFL minority tip does have some quality support in Shadow, SMM23, SMM33 and MM5. What's more, Chi and Quila, though tipping the Tigers, do so by only a goal or two.

Port Adelaide v Melbourne (Port Adelaide 57-8)

Here the underdog support comes only from lesser-performed tipsters. That said, the Chi and Quila predicted margins of 10 and 14 points respectively, are hardly unequivocal.

Brisbane Lions v Carlton (Brisbane Lions 52-13)

Shadow and MM5 are the only top tipsters getting behind the Blues for this Lions home game though, once again, Chi and Quila are tipping 2 goal or less margins.

Collingwood v Sydney (Sydney 43-22)

This is the most contentious game of the round. Collingwood has MAFL majority support, but the Swans count amongst their supporters CTL, Shadow, SMM11, SMM13, SMM19, SMM23 and MM5.

Geelong v Kangaroos (Geelong 65-0)

Once again none of the MAFL tipsters can find reason to tip against the Cats.

St Kilda v Adelaide (Adelaide 47-18)

Another contentious game, perhaps even more so amongst the top MAFL tipsters. Adelaide is tipped by CTL, Shadow, SUM, SMM3, SMM5, SMM6, SMM19, SMM23 and MM5; St Kilda is tipped by BKB, Chi, Quila, SMM11, SMM13 and SMM33.

Chi has it as St Kilda by 9. Quila has it as St Kilda by 3.

West Coast v Hawthorn (Hawthorn 64-1)

Chi's plumped for the Hawks, but only by a handful of points, making it his Game of the Round. Quila's gone as far as tipping the Eagles. The bookies, though, have it as a very comfortable Hawks victory.

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

- Western Bulldogs (Favourite)
- Richmond (Favourite)
- Port Adelaide (Favourite)
- Brisbane Lions (Favourite)

- Sydney (Underdog)
- Geelong (Favourite)
- Adelaide (Underdog)
- Hawthorn (Favourite)

Lead Changes Across the Quarters

Prior to performing any analysis, my intuition was that this season had seen more lead changes across the quarter ends than seasons past. In other words, the lead has swapped from one team to another at the ends of each quarter more often this year than it had previously.

One way to approach this intuition is to first look at the average lead at the end of each quarter this season as compared to previous seasons. Smaller leads, you'd reckon, might lead to more frequent lead changes.

Average Lead at End of Quarter

	Average Lead	!		
Year 💌	End of Q1	End of Q2	End of Q3	End of Q4
2000	13.49	21.82	29.32	37.96
2001	13.15	21.58	30.16	36.72
2002	15.07	20.90	26.59	31.66
2003	14.19	18.88	26.45	32.95
2004	13.55	20.57	30.05	36.49
2005	13.71	20.84	28.55	34.44
2006	14.20	20.34	29.10	34.97
2007	14.05	20.14	26.37	32.02
2008	14.38	21.74	28.10	33.81
Grand Total	13.97	20.75	28.30	34.56

The data shows that there is little to differentiate this season from the average of the past nine seasons.

Interestingly, the average lead at quarter time is about 14 points, and this increases by about 6 to 7 points at each successive change so that, by game's end, the average lead is about 34½ points.

Next, let's consider the problem more directly: in what proportion of games is the leader at the end of quarter X different from the leader at the end of quarter X-1?

Note that, here, I've considered a lead change to have occurred only if the team that led clearly (ie not equally) at the end of quarter X was clearly behind (ie not tied) at the end of quarter X+1.

Now we begin to see the phenomenon that we're seeking, at least for Q2 v Q3 and, most notably, for Q3 v Q4 where we see that 2008 has been

% of Games in which Lead Changes from one Quarter End to the next

Year 💌	Q1 v Q2	Q2 v Q3	Q3 v Q4
2000	23.3%	15.3%	12.5%
2001	25.0%	14.2%	9.1%
2002	17.0%	18.8%	12.5%
2003	26.1%	22.7%	10.8%
2004	24.4%	13.1%	9.1%
2005	18.8%	13.1%	14.8%
2006	22.2%	15.9%	10.8%
2007	18.2%	14.8%	9.1%
2008	20.0%	18.8%	16.9%
Grand Total	21.7%	16.3%	11.7%

particularly aberrant. The 16.9% figure tells us that, in about 1 game in 6, the team that clearly led at 3-quarter time went on to lose the game.

% of Games in which Lead Changes from End of Q3 to End of Game

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Year 💽	Less than 6 pts	6 to 11 pts	12 to 17 pts	18 pts or more	Grand Total
2000	36.8%	31.6%	10.0%	6.3%	12.5%
2001	26.7%	11.1%	28.6%	4.7%	9.1%
2002	30.4%	34.8%	8.3%	5.1%	12.5%
2003	27.8%	27.8%	27.3%	2.5%	10.8%
2004	26.7%	33.3%	21.4%	1.6%	9.1%
2005	45.0%	41.2%	6.3%	7.3%	14.8%
2006	27.3%	35.3%	15.8%	3.4%	10.8%
2007	35.3%	22.2%	9.1%	3.4%	9.1%
2008	55.0%	37.5%	26.3%	4.8%	16.9%
Grand Total	34.9%	30.5%	17.6%	4.3%	11.7%

So, you might ask, is the 2008 Q3 v Q4 aberrance due to the fact that there's been more close games this year at 3-quarter time or because teams have run down bigger leads?

It turns out that, for any given lead at 3-quarter time, teams have this season been more likely to run that lead down than in just about any recent season. This is especially true

of small leads.

For example, in games where the lead has been less than 6 points, the team in front has been pipped 55% of the time. And, in games where the lead's been 6 to 11 points, the team in front has been pipped over 1/3rd of the time this season.

Team Rating System

This week MARS is opting for just 5 favourites and 3 underdogs in Fremantle, Sydney and Adelaide.

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

- Bulldogs by 17 points or more
- Fremantle by 1 point or more
- Port by 16 points or more
- Lions by 8 points or more
- Sydney by 2 points or more
- Geelong by 26 points or more
- Adelaide by 3 points or more
- Hawthorn by 22 points or more

If, as expected by MARS, the Lions win and the Saints don't, the Lions might be a chance to break into the MARS top 8 this weekend.

Also, if Sydney lose again, the Dogs and the Pies could well leapfrog them this weekend, relegating Sydney to 6th.

Team	End R20
Geelong	1,063.0
Hawthorn	1,024.7
Adelaide	1,016.1
Sydney	1,013.0
Western Bulldogs	1,012.8
Collingwood	1,009.8
Kangaroos	1,007.5
St Kilda	1,003.3
Brisbane Lions	998.5
Fremantle	992.9
Carlton	986.5
Port Adelaide	986.5
Richmond	986.2
Essendon	979.3
West Coast	965.3
Melbourne	954.8

Bookmakers' Prices

This week the Cats are into \$1.40 to \$1.45 for the flag, with the Hawks and the Dogs both easing on all markets out to around \$5 and \$15 respectively.

In Final 8 betting, 5 spots are now considered certain and the remaining 3 are considered just-about-certain, with prices for the various contenders all at \$1.10 or less. Realistically, the Lions are considered the only team with something of a chance to spring the upset.

The Dees' victory has seen the Spoon market resurrected, albeit with the Dees still as firm favourites.

		Во	okmakers'	Prices (20	th August v	/ 13th Aug	ust)	
	Pren	niership Wi	nner	Fina	al 8	Wooder	Spoon	Miss 8
Team	ТАВ	Centrebet	Domebet	TAB	Centrebet	ТАВ	Centrebet	ТАВ
Geelong	1.40 S	1.45 S	1.45 S	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No Price -
Hawthorn	5.50 L	5.00 L	5.00 L	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No Price -
Western Bulldogs	15.00 L	15.00 L	16.00 L	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No Price -
Kangaroos	17.00 S	17.00 S	18.00 S	No price S	No price S	No price -	No price -	No Price -
Adelaide	21.00 S	21.00 S	26.00 S	No price S	No price S	No price -	No price -	No Price L
Collingwood	26.00 L	26.00 -	31.00 S	1.08 S	1.04 S	No price -	No price -	4.75 L
Sydney	26.00 L	26.00 L	31.00 L	1.09 L	1.04 L	No price -	No price -	6.00 S
St Kilda	26.00 S	34.00 S	41.00 S	1.10 S	1.10 S	No price -	No price -	5.00 L
Brisbane Lions	101.00 L	101.00 S	101.00 S	3.00 L	3.00 L	No price -	No price -	1.22 S
Richmond	201.00 S	201.00 -	No price -	5.00 S	6.00 L	No price -	No price -	1.06 L
Carlton	1001.00 L	501.00 L	501.00 L	61.00 L	51.00 L	No price -	No price -	No Price S
Essendon	No price L	No price L	No price -	No price L	No price L	No price -	No price -	No Price -
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 -	3.80 S	3.50 S	No Price -
Melbourne	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	No price -	1.22 L	1.28 L	No Price -
Over-round	20.0%	18.6%	14.7%	3.8%	4.4%	8.3%	6.7%	4.3%

Somewhat remarkably considering that this is Round 21, some 55 pairings remain priced in the GF Quinella market.

The shortest-priced pairing remains a Cats v Hawks matchup, which is still at \$2.10. Next highest price is now \$5.50 for a Cats v Dogs matchup, which is 50c longer than last week.

Thereafter follow Cats v Roos at \$6.00, Cats v Crows at \$6.50, and Cats v Pies at \$8.

	Haw	WB	Kan	Ade	Col	StK	Syd	Bri	Ric	Car
Geelong	2.1	5.5	6	6.5	8	10	10	27	58	195
Hawthorn		25	31	33	41	51	51	140	300	995
Western Bulldogs			85	91	115	140	140	390	830	1500
Kangaroos				115	140	175	175	480	1030	1500
Adelaide					150	185	185	510	1110	1500
Collingwood						230	230	635	1350	1500
St Kilda							285	790	1500	1500
Sydney								790	1500	1500
Brisbane									1500	XX

The shortest-priced GF not involving the Cats is now \$25 for a Hawks v Dogs matchup, this combo having drifted yet again this week, out from \$21.

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To finish, here are a few alleged pieces of commentary:

"That's the fastest time ever run - but it's not as fast as the world record."

"If history is going to repeat itself I should think we can expect the same thing again."

"I'm not a believer in luck..... but I do believe you need it."

"I think that was a moment of cool panic there."

"They have missed so many chances they must be wringing their heads in shame."

"...and so they have not been able to improve their 100% record."

"An inch or two either side of the post and that would have been a goal."

"It's now 1-1, an exact reversal of the score on Saturday."

"We threw our dice into the ring and turned up trumps."

'til Sunday, Tony 21 August 2008