

Looking at football
from a different
point of view

Fund Prices/Mvmts

Heritage Fund 69.6 ▼ 13.1
Alpha Fund 66.4 Stdy
Beta Fund 52.0 Stdy
Chi Fund 63.1 ▲ 6.8
Line Fund 103.9 ▲ 6.2

Rec'd Fund 69.6 ▼ 2.0

MAFL 2008

24th August
Round #21.1 2008

Round 21 Results

59 Correct		W Bulldogs v Essendon (Docklands, 22nd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.10	\$6.00	83% - 91% 9% - 17%
	W Bulldogs -41½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 14		
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 5		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Western Bulldogs		
MM	Western Bulldogs (37-6) (Dissenters: MM4-9)		
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs		
Simplified	Western Bulldogs		
Result	W Bulldogs 23.13 (151) def Essendon 15.15 (105)		

48 Correct		Richmond v Fremantle (MCG, 23rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.30	\$3.30	70% - 77% 23% - 30%
	Richmond -20½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	Won 7.01% (7.18%)		
Chi	Richmond by 12		
Quila	Richmond by 6		
Shadow	Fremantle		
CTL	Richmond		
MARS	Fremantle		
MM	Richmond (31-12) (Dissenters: MM3-5, 36-44)		
Super MM	Richmond (12-2) (Dissenters: SMM23, 33)		
Uber MM	Fremantle		
Simplified	Richmond		
Result	Richmond 15.15 (105) def Fremantle 15.8 (98)		

57 Correct		Pt Adelaide v Melbourne (Football Park, 23rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.38	\$2.90	66% - 72% 28% - 34%
	Pt Adelaide -15½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	Lost 7.79% (7.98%)		
Chi	Port Adelaide by 14		
Quila	Port Adelaide by 10		
Shadow	Port Adelaide		
CTL	Port Adelaide		
MARS	Port Adelaide		
MM	Port Adelaide (36-7) (Dissenters: MM2-4, 7-10)		
Super MM	Port Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Melbourne		
Simplified	Port Adelaide		
Result	Port Adelaide 18.21 (129) def Melbourne 7.9 (51)		

13 Correct		Bris Lions v Carlton (Gabba, 23rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.36	\$3.00	67% - 74% 26% - 33%
	Bris Lions -17½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	Won 7.01% (7.18%)		
Chi	Brisbane Lions by 12		
Quila	Brisbane Lions by 10		
Shadow	Carlton		
CTL	Brisbane Lions		
MARS	Brisbane Lions		
MM	Brisbane Lions (31-12) (Dissenters: MM2-12, 14)		
Super MM	Brisbane Lions (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Brisbane Lions		
Simplified	Brisbane Lions		
Result	Carlton 18.7 (115) def Brisbane Lions 16.13 (109)		

22 Correct		Collingwood v Sydney (Docklands, 23rd August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.72	\$2.05	51% - 58% 42% - 49%
	Collingwood -6½ pts (\$2.05/\$1.75)*		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Collingwood by 18		
Quila	Collingwood by 12		
Shadow	Sydney		
CTL	Sydney		
MARS	Sydney		
MM	Sydney (30-13) (Dissenters: MM2-4, 6-13, 15, 16)		
Super MM	Sydney (10-4) (Dissenters: SMM3, 5, 6, 33)		
Uber MM	Collingwood		
Simplified	Collingwood		
Result	Collingwood 18.10 (118) def Sydney 10.13 (73)		

65 Correct		Geelong v Kangaroos (Kardinia Park, 24th August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.15	\$5.00	80% - 87% 13% - 20%
	Geelong -28½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Geelong by 16		
Quila	Geelong by 11		
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 17.13 (115) def Kangaroos 13.4 (82)		

18 Correct		St Kilda v Adelaide (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	Won 6.75% (11.98%)		
Line	-	-	-
Chi	St Kilda by 9		
Quila	St Kilda by 3		
Shadow	Adelaide		
CTL	Adelaide		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Adelaide (32-11) (Dissenters: MM7-12, 28, 30-33)		
Super MM	Adelaide (11-3) (Dissenters: SMM11, 13, 33)		
Uber MM	St Kilda		
Simplified	Adelaide		
Result	St Kilda 13.17 (95) def Adelaide 6.11 (47)		

64 Correct		West Coast v Hawthorn (Subiaco, 24th August 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$6.75	\$1.08	7% - 15% 85% - 93%
	West Coast +39½ pts (\$1.90/\$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Hawthorn by 3		
Quila	West Coast by 3		
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	Hawthorn 19.19 (133) def West Coast 9.8 (62)		

Round 21 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	141	91
Behinds	115	81
Ave Score	128.1	86.4
Ave Marg	41.8	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	4	4
2nd	6	2
3rd	6	2
4th	6	2
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	4	4
End of 2nd	7	1
End 3rd	6	2
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	121
2nd	CTL	116
Last	MM40, 41 & 44	95
Ave Score	5.32 (Std Dev = 0.95)	

Results in Review

MAFL Funds

If your happiness depends upon the success of a team whose record is 4 wins and 16 losses, I think it's fair to expect that you're going to spend a lot of time frowning. Such was the experience for most Investors this weekend, with the Eagles' capitulation to the Hawks resulting in a net 2% loss on the weekend for those with the Recommended Portfolio, a 2½% loss for MIN#001, and a 13% loss for MIN#002.

Amongst the remaining Investors, MIN#005 was the only Investor to make a profit (up about 0.7%), and MIN#015 broke even having had no bets in play.

So the various positions of the portfolios are now as reflected in the table below.

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(30.99%)
002	(30.39%)
003	(30.40%)
004	(30.40%)
005	(20.66%)
006	(30.40%)
007	(30.40%)
008	(30.40%)
009	(30.40%)
012	(30.40%)
013	(30.40%)
014	(30.40%)
015	(40.84%)
016	(30.40%)

Recommended Portfolio

(1.96%)

Worst (8.80%)		Best 26.89%				Expect (0.54%)		
Teams		Favourite Wins				Underdog Wins		Expected Return
Favourite	Underdog	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover		Prob	Return	
		Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	Return	
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%)
Brisbane Lions	Carlton	50%	(1.17%)	19%	1.05%	31%	1.05%	(0.06%)
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%	1.05%	2%	1.05%	48%	(1.35%)	(0.09%)
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(3.95%)	36%	(3.95%)	14%	22.68%	(0.27%)

MIN #001

(2.53%)

Worst (10.30%)		Best 34.45%				Expect (0.67%)		
Teams		Favourite Wins				Underdog Wins		Expected Return
Favourite	Underdog	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover		Prob	Return	
		Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	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%	2.11%	2%	2.11%	48%	(2.70%)	(0.19%)
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(5.26%)	36%	(5.26%)	14%	30.25%	(0.36%)

MIN #002

(13.15%)

Worst (13.15%)		Best 75.61%				Expect (0.91%)		
Teams		Favourite Wins				Underdog Wins		Expected Return
Favourite	Underdog	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover		Prob	Return	
		Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	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

0.69%

Worst (15.27%)		Best 32.50%				Expect (0.90%)		
Teams		Favourite Wins				Underdog Wins		Expected Return
Favourite	Underdog	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover		Prob	Return	
		Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	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%	2.46%	2%	2.46%	48%	(3.15%)	(0.22%)
Hawthorn	West Coast	50%	(3.95%)	36%	(3.95%)	14%	22.68%	(0.27%)

MIN #015

0.00%

Worst 0.00%		Best 0.00%				Expect 0.00%		
Teams		Favourite Wins				Underdog Wins		Expected Return
Favourite	Underdog	Covers Spread		Doesn't Cover		Prob	Return	
		Prob	Return	Prob	Return	Prob	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%

Surprisal

Ah, a cursed 'Very Predictable' round: seven victorious favourites and an inevitable loss for those with the Recommended Portfolio.

That makes it nine 'Very Predictable' rounds that we've had this season, meaning that they've constituted almost one-half of all rounds.

Combined such rounds have produced a net loss of just under 65½c 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)	Return for Rec. Portfolio
1	0.84 (Predictable)	8	5	4.54 (0.59)	1.57%
2	0.75 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.06 (0.77)	(5.93%)
3	0.83 (Predictable)	8	6	5.49 (0.77)	(0.91%)
4	1.10 (Unpredictable)	8	5	4.37 (0.86)	4.54%
5	0.73 (Very Predictable)	7	6	5.58 (1.00)	(5.31%)
6	0.49 (Very Predictable)	7	7	6.05 (0.61)	(4.42%)
7	0.88 (Somewhat Predictable)	8	6	4.77 (0.93)	(0.22%)
8	0.55 (Very Predictable)	8	7	7.09 (0.72)	(9.22%)
9	1.16 (Unpredictable)	8	4	3.35 (0.87)	10.23%
10	0.57 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.95 (0.51)	(3.01%)
11	0.67 (Very Predictable)	8	7	6.58 (0.86)	(20.68%)
12	0.81 (Predictable)	8	7	4.88 (0.72)	(6.16%)
13	1.09 (Unpredictable)	8	5	4.25 (0.66)	(1.83%)
14	1.07 (Unpredictable)	8	3	4.03 (0.85)	(1.10%)
15	0.72 (Very Predictable)	8	7	6.15 (0.78)	(0.93%)
16	0.94 (Somewhat Predictable)	8	5	4.22 (0.76)	10.85%
17	1.38 (Unpredictable)	8	3	2.37 (0.78)	10.06%
18	0.62 (Very Predictable)	8	7	6.72 (0.88)	(12.99%)
19	0.78 (Predictable)	8	5	5.23 (1.11)	4.66%
20	1.05 (Unpredictable)	8	4	4.69 (0.56)	2.42%
21	0.67 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.32 (0.95)	(2.00%)

Tipping

MAFL Tipsters averaged 5.32 correct tips this weekend, the ninth highest average of the season. The standard deviation of performances across tipsters was also high: 0.95 tips, the third highest of the season.

Reflecting this, individual performances varied from a high of 8 to a low of just 4. The 8s were recorded by MM11 and MM12 and the 7s by MM10, BKB and Chi. MARS and SMM23 were amongst the tipsters bagging just 4.

The three wins that tripped up most tipsters were St Kilda's, Collingwood's and Carlton's. Combined the average score for these three games was less than 1 tip.

The breakdown of tipster performances across the round appears in the table at right.

Score	# Tipsters
8	2
7	3
6	22
5	25
4	13

In overall tipping BKB continues to lead, now on 121 from 168 (72%), followed by CTL on 116 (69%) then Shadow and Chi on 115 (68%). Last position remains filled jointly by MM40, MM41 and MM44 all on 95 from 168 (57%).

Looking just at the last 5 rounds, SUM leads on 29 from 40 (72½%), then comes SMM33 on 28 from 40 (70%) and then MM12, MM13, SMM3, SMM5, SMM6, SMM11, SMM13 and UM all on 27 from 40 (67½%).

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

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	%
<i>Adelaide</i>	11	9	2	10	415	421	98.6	5	13	0	8	922	827	111.5	5	14	0	7	1451	1240	117.0	6	12	0	9	1941	1771	109.6
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	8	11	0	10	475	517	91.9	13	8	0	13	1031	967	106.6	9	9	0	12	1613	1478	109.1	10	10	0	11	2103	2086	100.8
<i>Carlton</i>	3	13	1	7	512	464	110.3	8	10	0	11	1034	1050	98.5	14	6	1	14	1491	1683	88.6	11	10	0	11	2136	2195	97.3
<i>Collingwood</i>	6	11	0	10	485	467	103.9	3	14	0	7	1094	885	123.6	2	15	1	5	1676	1358	123.4	4	13	0	8	2221	1948	114.0
<i>Essendon</i>	12	9	0	12	454	539	84.2	14	8	0	13	952	1212	78.5	13	9	0	12	1539	1806	85.2	12	8	0	13	2091	2461	85.0
<i>Fremantle</i>	10	10	0	11	503	432	116.4	7	11	1	9	978	971	100.7	6	11	0	10	1503	1459	103.0	14	5	0	16	1908	2065	92.4
<i>Geelong</i>	1	14	1	6	600	393	152.7	1	17	1	3	1205	788	152.9	1	19	0	2	1890	1153	163.9	1	20	0	1	2508	1586	158.1
<i>Hawthorn</i>	4	12	0	9	489	420	116.4	4	13	0	8	1030	849	121.3	4	14	0	7	1631	1354	120.5	2	16	0	5	2275	1765	128.9
<i>Kangaroos</i>	2	13	2	6	547	435	125.7	11	9	0	12	1006	1028	97.9	7	11	0	10	1521	1518	100.2	5	12	1	8	2049	2039	100.5
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	5	0	16	332	595	55.8	16	3	1	17	661	1236	53.5	16	2	0	19	1044	1845	56.6	16	3	0	18	1588	2481	64.0
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	14	7	2	12	531	529	100.4	10	9	0	12	1039	1015	102.4	12	9	0	12	1506	1583	95.1	13	6	0	15	1970	2136	92.2
<i>Richmond</i>	13	8	1	12	491	542	90.6	6	12	0	9	1091	1078	101.2	8	10	0	11	1569	1735	90.4	9	10	1	10	2107	2247	93.8
<i>St Kilda</i>	9	10	1	10	476	445	107.0	12	8	1	12	918	958	95.8	11	9	0	12	1408	1453	96.9	7	12	0	9	1979	1884	105.0
<i>Sydney</i>	7	11	0	10	488	471	103.6	9	9	1	11	930	958	97.1	10	9	0	12	1414	1360	104.0	8	11	1	9	1981	1810	109.4
<i>West Coast</i>	15	8	0	13	406	540	75.2	15	5	0	16	806	1156	69.7	15	5	0	16	1187	1792	66.2	15	4	0	17	1605	2371	67.7
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	5	11	2	8	490	484	101.2	2	16	1	4	1199	918	130.6	3	15	0	6	1845	1471	125.4	3	14	1	6	2429	2046	118.7

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	%
<i>Adelaide</i>	11	9	2	10	415	421	98.6	4	15	0	6	507	406	124.9	5	10	2	9	529	413	128.1	10	9	0	12	490	531	92.3
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	8	11	0	10	475	517	91.9	6	13	0	8	556	450	123.6	10	10	0	11	582	511	113.9	16	6	1	14	490	608	80.6
<i>Carlton</i>	3	13	1	7	512	464	110.3	13	6	0	15	522	586	89.1	14	8	0	13	457	633	72.2	6	11	1	9	645	512	126.0
<i>Collingwood</i>	6	11	0	10	485	467	103.9	1	18	0	3	609	418	145.7	3	13	0	8	582	473	123.0	9	9	0	12	545	590	92.4
<i>Essendon</i>	12	9	0	12	454	539	84.2	14	6	0	15	498	673	74.0	8	11	0	10	587	594	98.8	12	9	0	12	552	655	84.3
<i>Fremantle</i>	10	10	0	11	503	432	116.4	9	10	2	9	475	539	88.1	7	11	0	10	525	488	107.6	15	7	0	14	405	606	66.8
<i>Geelong</i>	1	14	1	6	600	393	152.7	2	16	1	4	605	395	153.2	1	17	0	4	685	365	187.7	2	15	1	5	618	433	142.7
<i>Hawthorn</i>	4	12	0	9	489	420	116.4	5	13	1	7	541	429	126.1	6	11	0	10	601	505	119.0	1	16	0	5	644	411	156.7
<i>Kangaroos</i>	2	13	2	6	547	435	125.7	11	8	0	13	459	593	77.4	4	12	1	8	515	490	105.1	8	10	0	11	528	521	101.3
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	5	0	16	332	595	55.8	16	2	0	19	329	641	51.3	15	7	0	14	383	609	62.9	11	9	0	12	544	636	85.5
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	14	7	2	12	531	529	100.4	8	11	0	10	508	486	104.5	12	9	0	12	467	568	82.2	13	8	0	13	464	553	83.9
<i>Richmond</i>	13	8	1	12	491	542	90.6	7	11	2	8	600	536	111.9	13	8	0	13	478	657	72.8	5	12	0	9	538	512	105.1
<i>St Kilda</i>	9	10	1	10	476	445	107.0	12	6	1	14	442	513	86.2	11	9	1	11	490	495	99.0	4	13	0	8	571	431	132.5
<i>Sydney</i>	7	11	0	10	488	471	103.6	10	8	0	13	442	487	90.8	2	14	0	7	484	402	120.4	3	14	1	6	567	450	126.0
<i>West Coast</i>	15	8	0	13	406	540	75.2	15	5	1	15	400	616	64.9	16	5	2	14	381	636	59.9	14	7	0	14	418	579	72.2
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	5	11	2	8	490	484	101.2	3	15	2	4	709	434	163.4	9	10	0	11	646	553	116.8	7	11	0	10	584	575	101.6

In the Alternative Premierships we still have the Cats leading 6 of them and the Pies and the Hawks leading 1 each.

The Dees, however, in winning a 3rd quarter this weekend, have surrendered one of their Spoons and now hold only 6 of them. West Coast now holds the Spoon for During the 2nd Quarter and the Lions holds it for During the 4th Quarter. Earlier in the season I recall commenting that the Lions' poor 4th quarter form would cost them at some stage in the season. This week, their abysmal 4th quarter performance cost them a shot at a finals berth.

On the Total Quarters Won table, the Cats still lead and the Hawks remain 2nd, still a distant 11½ quarters behind. The Pies remain 3rd, now three quarters behind, and the Dogs hold 4th, a further two quarters back.

Melbourne remain last and still can only be relied upon to win only about 1 of the 4 quarters each weekend.

West Coast, in 15th, are not much better, having won around 31½% of the quarters in which they've participated.

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
<i>Adelaide</i>	6	43	4	37	180
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	8	40	1	43	162
<i>Carlton</i>	11	38	2	44	156
<i>Collingwood</i>	3	51	0	33	204
<i>Essendon</i>	14	35	0	49	140
<i>Fremantle</i>	11	38	2	44	156
<i>Geelong</i>	1	62	3	19	254
<i>Hawthorn</i>	2	52	1	31	210
<i>Kangaroos</i>	7	43	3	38	178
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	23	0	61	92
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	13	35	2	47	144
<i>Richmond</i>	8	39	3	42	162
<i>St Kilda</i>	10	38	3	43	158
<i>Sydney</i>	5	47	1	36	190
<i>West Coast</i>	15	25	3	56	106
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	4	47	4	33	196

Team Ratings Update

Yet again this week three teams grabbed more than 4 ratings points: Port Adelaide (4.92), St Kilda (4.52), and Collingwood (4.15). All recorded victories of 45 point or more.

The five other gainers were Hawthorn (3.85), Western Bulldogs (2.55), Carlton (1.30), Richmond (0.72), and the Geelong (0.64).

Combined, these movements, along with the corresponding ratings point reductions for their respective opponents, have produced the following:

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	Δ R14	Δ R15	Δ R16	Δ R17	Δ R18	Δ R19	Δ R20	Δ R21	End R21
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	+3.7	+4.4	+4.8	+3.7	+3.9	-0.1	+2.8	+2.6	+2.0	+0.6	1,063.6
Hawthorn	1,002.9	+5.5	+1.4	+1.4	+3.8	+0.8	-0.1	+5.0	+0.7	-0.3	-3.7	+2.8	+0.4	-3.8	+3.2	+2.8	-3.5	+0.1	+4.6	+4.7	-4.3	+3.9	1,028.6
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	+4.0	+0.1	-3.9	-4.4	+1.6	-2.3	-1.5	+2.6	1,015.4
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	+3.5	+2.4	-2.4	-5.5	-4.6	+0.9	+2.4	+4.2	1,013.9
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	-0.4	-1.4	-4.8	-2.4	-1.3	+3.1	-0.4	+4.3	+4.0	-4.5	1,011.5
Sydney	1,010.7	-0.3	+5.4	+1.2	+4.4	-3.0	-0.4	-2.5	+4.6	+0.8	+5.0	-0.9	+1.9	+0.9	-3.5	-2.8	-1.2	-3.1	-1.6	-0.6	-2.0	-4.2	1,008.9
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	+1.6	+2.6	+3.5	-2.8	+0.4	-0.9	+4.0	+4.5	1,007.8
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	-1.6	+0.5	+2.4	+1.1	+0.9	+2.3	+4.2	-0.6	1,006.9
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	-1.9	-4.3	+2.6	-0.9	-0.9	-4.7	+1.5	-1.3	997.2
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	-1.5	-3.7	+2.7	+3.1	+1.8	+0.6	-4.0	-0.7	992.2
Port Adelaide	1,007.4	-0.3	-5.4	+0.1	-2.3	+2.4	+1.7	+4.8	-0.7	-0.8	+2.3	-2.7	-3.7	-1.4	-4.0	-0.5	+1.3	-3.1	-0.4	-5.7	-2.4	+4.9	991.4
Carlton	975.2	-2.6	-2.3	-0.5	+3.5	+3.2	-1.7	+4.2	-2.4	+1.4	-3.0	+2.7	+4.6	-4.0	+3.3	-2.6	+1.2	+4.4	+0.4	+5.7	-4.2	+1.3	987.8
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	-3.3	+6.3	-0.2	+0.9	-2.8	-4.3	+4.3	+0.7	986.9
Essendon	990.0	+5.4	-5.4	+0.5	-2.7	-2.7	-5.1	-4.8	-4.6	-3.0	+1.5	-2.8	+2.6	+4.0	+1.5	+4.3	+0.2	+5.5	+0.1	-1.4	-4.0	-2.6	976.7
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	-3.2	-6.3	-2.6	+2.8	-1.8	+1.4	-3.6	-3.9	961.4
Melbourne	987.2	-5.5	-6.3	-0.3	-3.6	-3.2	-3.1	+1.6	-4.2	+0.3	-5.0	+0.1	-1.1	-0.9	+1.9	-0.1	-2.7	-1.1	-0.1	-2.6	+3.6	-4.9	949.9

Geelong's rating is, by the way, now over 5 ratings points higher than it was at the end of season 2007 and is now within about 9 ratings points of that achieved by the Dons at the end of season 2000.

Whilst the teams comprising the MARS Top 8 are again unchanged this week, there has been yet more reordering with Adelaide being knocked back into 5th, the Bulldogs and Collingwood leaping into 3rd and 4th respectively, Sydney being shunted into 6th, and St Kilda and the Roos swapping positions 7 and 8.

Here are the full MARS Rankings:

Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	R17	R18	R19	R20	R21
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6	8	6	6	5	7	6	6	4	3	3	2	4	4	3	4	5	3
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	7	5	3	4	6	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	4
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	3	5
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	4	3	4	6
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	8	8	9	9	8	8	7
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7	6	8	9	9	9	9	9	11	9	10	10	9	8	8	7	7	8
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8	10	9	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	9	9	9
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	9	11	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9	7	7	5	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	9	10	10	11	12	12	11
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	13	13	13	13	13	11	11	12
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13	13	12	12	12	12	12	13	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	14	13	13
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	13	14	14
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11	12	13	13	13	13	13	12	13	13	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16

Given that the competition final 8 is now settled, it's interesting to look back at MARS ratings and note the correspondence between the MARS Top 8 and the final top 8. This correspondence can be summarised as follows:

- The MARS Top 8 contained all 8 finalists in Rounds 19 through 21
- The MARS Top 8 contained 7 finalists in Rounds 4 through 6 and Rounds 15 through 18
- The MARS Top 8 contained 6 finalists in Rounds 2 and 3 and Rounds 7 through 14
- The MARS Top 8 contained 5 finalists initially and at the end of Round 1

Put another way, from the end of Round 4 onwards the MARS Top 8 at no stage contained fewer than 6 of the eventual finalists.

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	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Geelong	80	158.1	368	300	2,508	84	63.0%	3	227	224	1,586	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Hawthorn	64	129.3	330	295	2,275	51	57.5%	12	253	241	1,759	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	
Western Bulldogs	62	119.8	362	267	2,439	65	64.2%	2	298	248	2,036	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	W	
Kangaroos	50	100.5	300	249	2,049	65	62.0%	5	295	269	2,039	L	W	L	W	W	D	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	
Collingwood	48	112.9	323	273	2,211	74	61.9%	7	284	254	1,958	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	
Adelaide	48	109.6	277	279	1,941	65	56.4%	14	251	265	1,771	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	
St Kilda	48	105.0	288	251	1,979	54	59.4%	9	273	246	1,884	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	W	
Sydney	46	109.4	285	271	1,981	48	56.1%	15	260	250	1,810	L	W	W	W	L	D	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	
Richmond	42	93.8	313	229	2,107	40	62.4%	4	329	273	2,247	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	
Brisbane Lions	40	100.8	300	303	2,103	75	56.8%	13	305	256	2,086	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	W	L	
Carlton	40	97.3	311	270	2,136	79	62.0%	6	321	269	2,195	L	L	L	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	W	L	W	
Essendon	32	85.0	310	231	2,091	63	64.9%	1	363	283	2,461	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	L	
Port Adelaide	24	92.2	286	254	1,970	66	60.3%	8	311	270	2,136	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	W	
Fremantle	20	92.4	275	258	1,908	66	58.9%	10	302	253	2,065	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	L	
West Coast	16	67.7	226	249	1,605	62	54.7%	16	351	265	2,371	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	
Melbourne	12	64.0	228	220	1,588	57	58.3%	11	358	333	2,481	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	

Geelong have extended their winning streak to 12. The only other team with a winning streak longer than 2 is Collingwood, whose streak stands at 3. Only two teams have losing streaks extending beyond 2 games: Essendon and Fremantle each with streaks of 3.

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The MARS Top 8 now aligns with the eight teams that will play in the finals in September.

Team	R13	Wins	Losses	Final Pts	Pred Finish	Prev Pred	MARS Rating	MARS Rank
Geelong	48	9	0	84	1	1	1,063.6	1
Hawthorn	44	6	3	68	2	2	1,028.6	2
Western Bulldogs	46	4	5	62	3	3	1,015.4	3
Kangaroos	26	7	2	54	4	5	1,006.9	8
Adelaide	32	5	4	52	5	4	1,011.5	5
Collingwood	28	6	3	52	5	7	1,013.9	4
St Kilda	24	7	2	52	5	7	1,007.8	7
Sydney	38	3	6	50	8	5	1,008.9	6
Richmond	22	6	3	46	9	10	986.9	13
Brisbane Lions	32	2	7	40	10	9	997.2	9
Carlton	24	4	5	40	10	11	987.8	12
Essendon	16	4	5	32	12	12	976.7	14
Port Adelaide	16	2	7	24	13	13	991.4	11
Fremantle	8	3	6	20	14	13	992.2	10
West Coast	8	2	7	16	15	15	961.4	15
Melbourne	4	2	7	12	16	16	949.9	16

The games for the final round are as follows:

- Fremantle v Collingwood (Subiaco)
- Kangaroos v Port Adelaide (M.C.G)
- Geelong v West Coast (Kardinia Park)
- Adelaide v Western Bulldogs (Football Park)
- Carlton v Hawthorn (Docklands)
- Sydney v Brisbane Lions (S.C.G)
- Melbourne v Richmond (M.C.G)
- Essendon v St Kilda (Docklands)

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24 August 2008

Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters

