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point of view

MAFL 2008

10th April
Round #4 2008

Round 4

Bulldogs 60-4		
Essendon v W Bulldogs (Docklands, 11th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$2.30	\$1.58
	37% - 43%	57% - 63%
	Essendon +8½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	7.04% (8.54%) on Essendon	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 30	
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 35	
Shadow	Western Bulldogs	
CTL	Western Bulldogs	
MM	Western Bulldogs (39-4) (Dissenters: MM9,10,17,18)	
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs	
Simplified	Western Bulldogs	

Geelong 64-0		
St Kilda v Geelong (Docklands, 12th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$4.10	\$1.20
	17% - 24%	76% - 83%
	St Kilda +25½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	9.35% (11.34%) on St Kilda	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Geelong by 19	
Quila	Geelong by 13	
Shadow	Geelong	
CTL	Geelong	
MM	Geelong (43-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Super MM	Geelong (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Geelong	
Simplified	Geelong	

Roos 64-0		
Kangaroos v Melbourne (Gold Coast Stad, 12th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$1.25	\$3.70
	73% - 80%	20% - 27%
	Kangaroos -23½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Kangaroos by 14	
Quila	Kangaroos by 13	
Shadow	Kangaroos	
CTL	Kangaroos	
MM	Kangaroos (43-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Super MM	Kangaroos (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Kangaroos	
Simplified	Kangaroos	

Sydney 38-26		
Sydney v West Coast (Stadium Australia, 12th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$1.20	\$4.20
	76% - 83%	17% - 24%
	Sydney -24½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Sydney by 26	
Quila	Sydney by 34	
Shadow	Sydney	
CTL	Sydney	
MM	West Coast (26-17) (Dissenters: MM2-5, 8-9 & 11-21)	
Super MM	Sydney (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Sydney	
Simplified	Sydney	

Pt Adelaide 60-4		
Pt Adelaide v Bris Lions (Football Park, 12th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$1.40	\$2.80
	64% - 71%	29% - 36%
	Pt Adelaide -15½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	3.75% (3.75%) on Port Adelaide	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Port Adelaide by 12	
Quila	Port Adelaide by 20	
Shadow	Brisbane Lions	
CTL	Brisbane Lions	
MM	Port Adelaide (41-2) (Dissenters: MM2,3)	
Super MM	Port Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Port Adelaide	
Simplified	Port Adelaide	

Hawthorn 48-16		
Hawthorn v Adelaide (Aurora Stadium, 13th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$1.35	\$3.00
	67% - 74%	26% - 33%
	Hawthorn -17½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Hawthorn by 5 (Game of the Round)	
Quila	Hawthorn by 16	
Shadow	Hawthorn	
CTL	Hawthorn	
MM	Hawthorn (29-14) (Dissenters: MM2, 4, 6, 12, 35-44)	
Super MM	Hawthorn (12-2) (Dissenters: SM3, 5)	
Uber MM	Hawthorn	
Simplified	Hawthorn	

C'wood 64-0		
Carlton v Collingwood (MCG, 13th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$4.00	\$1.22
	18% - 25%	75% - 82%
	Carlton +26½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	11.34% (13.76%) on Carlton	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Collingwood by 18	
Quila	Collingwood by 19	
Shadow	Collingwood	
CTL	Collingwood	
MM	Collingwood (43-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Super MM	Collingwood (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Collingwood	
Simplified	Collingwood	

Fremantle 63-1		
Fremantle v Richmond (Subiaco, 13th April 2008)		
Sportsbet	\$1.12	\$5.50
	82% - 89%	11% - 18%
	Fremantle -37½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)	
Heritage	-	
Alpha	-	
Beta	-	
Chi	-	
Line	-	
Chi	Fremantle by 7	
Quila	Richmond by 5	
Shadow	Fremantle	
CTL	Fremantle	
MM	Fremantle (43-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Super MM	Fremantle (14-0) (Dissenters: None)	
Uber MM	Fremantle	
Simplified	Fremantle	

This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

Well, say what you will about the Heritage Fund, but you can never question its confidence. Three more bets have been identified as 'value' by its algorithmic radar this week.

The H Fund's enthusiasm is shared, if a little less emphatically, by the Beta Fund, which has daintily selected a single wager for the weekend. Meantime the Alpha and Chi Funds have left their respective cues enracked, so our first canine-endorsed wager won't happen for at least another round.

This week the whole MAFL thing has started to feel familiar to me again. The Heritage Fund is making eyebrow-raising bets, and the bookies have persisted in cranking up the prices of the teams the Heritage Fund has wagered on, oblivious to – perhaps even buoyed by – the strength of the Heritage Fund's convictions.

Here's what the weekend has in store for Investors:

1. *Heritage Fund: Essendon, 7.04% @ \$2.30 up against the Bulldogs*

What is it with the Dogs? This is the fourth week that most Investors have needed to take an interest in the outcome of a Bulldogs' encounter, now twice as prosecution and twice as defence.

This would be a great bet to land first up as, though it wouldn't ensure a profitable weekend, it would cap the maximum loss for many Investors at 5% or less.

2. *Heritage Fund: St Kilda, 9.35% @ \$4.10 playing Geelong*

I've long held the belief that Geelong's price is often artificially held down by a bank of loyal, if at times misguided, ailurophilic wagerers. I can find no reason this week to abandon this conviction.

Not so long ago, the Saints were second-favourites and firming. Last week, admittedly, they played poorly for the last three quarters against the Dogs, but the Cats didn't exactly bury the Dees in the manner in which they were expected to either.

So, how come the Saints are at \$4.10?

This bet, I fancy, is a real chance, and landing it will ensure a profitable weekend for most Investors.

3. *Beta Fund: Port Adelaide, 3.75% @ \$1.40 playing the Lions*

A first and somewhat tentative bet from the Beta Fund, and one that can't do too much damage to any Investor no matter the outcome. Unfortunately I missed securing \$1.42 for the Power as their price changed whilst I was running the computer script to finalise the size of the week's wagers.

4. *Heritage Fund: Carlton, 11.34% @ \$4.00 playing Collingwood*

If any Investors arrive at Sunday afternoon having not already secured a profit, I hope they'll have a store of other, non-football related reasons to rate the weekend a success. Still, with Carlton, you just never know.

In summary, for profitability this weekend:

- Investor 016 needs Port Adelaide to win (approximate probability: 67%)
- All other Investors need either Carlton or St Kilda to win (approximate probability: 41%)

GO YOU PIVOTONIANS!

I'd venture that just about everyone reading this newsletter has only known the Hawthorn Football club as the Hawks. At one time, however, they were known as the Mustard Pots.

Other odd nicknames that have been associated with VFL/AFL teams include the Cockatoos (Carlton), the Same Olds (Essendon), the Gorillas (Fitzroy, now the Lions), the Tricolours (Footscray, now the Bulldogs), the Yellow and Black Angels (Richmond), the Fuchsias (Melbourne), and the Pivotonians (Geelong).

But it's not just team nicknames that can raise a smile or elicit a headscratcher. A quick scan of the Internet uncovered these quirky team names: Joe Public FC (from Trinidad and Tobago), Take Care Tigers (Guam), Full Monty (Anguilla), Missiles FC (Gabon), Eleven Men In Flight (Swaziland)

(Thanks to Denis for contributing the information about VFL/AFL team nicknames, which came from a book entitled Small Talk authored by Eamon Evans)

Tips

Essendon v Western Bulldogs (Bulldogs 60-4)

On the weight of tipster support, this game looks to be a comfortable Dogs victory: none of the dissenting tipsters have credentials that impress.

St Kilda v Geelong (Geelong 64-0)

Also looks a shoe-in based on tipster evidence, this time for the Cats, though neither Chi nor Quila are tipping a convincingly wide margin.

Kangaroos v Melbourne (Kangaroos 64-0)

If the Dees can't conjure a win this week I foresee a year of the Heritage Fund tossing ever-larger quantities of cash at them week after week when they're at home and as their price continues to rise. Assuming our tipsters are right, this is exactly the fate that awaits us.

Sydney v West Coast (Sydney 38-26)

This game looks to be a close-run thing given the divided loyalties of our tipsters, though Sportsbet has it as an easy Swans victory.

Port Adelaide v Brisbane Lions (Port Adelaide 60-4)

Very weak support for the Lions – just MM2, MM3, Shadow and CTL – though there's some doubt about the likely size of the victory amongst those tipsters who are offering a view. Chi has the margin at just 2 goals, Sportsbet at 2½ goals, and Quila at just under 3 goals. Whatever the margin, Investors will all welcome a Port victory.

Hawthorn v Adelaide (Hawthorn 48-16)

Though there are moderate levels of dissension amongst the tipsters overall, support for the Crows comes generally from the lesser-regarded tipsters. That said, Chi sees it as a close-run thing, so close in fact that he's made it his Game of the Round.

Carlton v Collingwood (Collingwood 64-0)

This is the second week in a row that the Pies have had the unanimous endorsement of tipsters. It's hard to envisage anything but validation of their support.

Fremantle v Richmond (Fremantle 63-1)

Quila stands alone as the sole tipster predicting a Tigers win. The bookies have Freo winning by over 6 goals; Chi sees it as a much narrower win.

So this week's most favoured are ... the eight favourites.

- Bulldogs
- Geelong
- Kangaroos
- Sydney
- Port Adelaide
- Hawthorn
- Collingwood
- Fremantle

Team Rating System

The MARS Predictor System has also opted for the favourites in all games this weekend.

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

- Bulldogs by 1 point or more
- Geelong by 11 points or more
- Kangaroos by 12 points or more
- Sydney by 10 points or more
- Port by 4 points or more
- Hawthorn by 2 points or more
- Collingwood by 14 points or more
- Fremantle by 11 points or more

If the Sportsbet margins prove to be good estimates of the final margins, then each of these teams should comfortably achieve the required margin of victory.

Team	End R3
Geelong	1,033.4
Sydney	1,017.0
Adelaide	1,013.5
Hawthorn	1,011.2
Collingwood	1,009.3
Fremantle	1,002.0
Port Adelaide	1,001.8
St Kilda	1,000.1
West Coast	999.9
Western Bulldogs	999.2
Brisbane Lions	997.7
Kangaroos	997.6
Essendon	990.6
Richmond	981.9
Melbourne	975.0
Carlton	969.8

