MAFL 2008

13th April
Round #4.1 2008

Round 4 Results

60 Correct	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	Lost 7.04% (8.54%)	
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	
Result	W Bulldogs 19.14 (128) def Essendon 14.14 (98)	

64 Correct	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	Lost 9.35% (11.34%)	
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	
Result	Geelong 21.10 (136) def St Kilda 13.16 (94)	

64 Correct	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	
Result	Kangaroos 18.19 (127) def Melbourne 11.13 (79)	

38 Correct	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	
Result	Sydney 16.11 (107) def. West Coast 5.15 (45)	

4 Correct	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	Lost 3.75% (3.75%)	
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	
Result	Brisbane Lions 18.16 (124) def. Port Adelaide 16.8 (104)	

48 Correct	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	
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	
Result	Hawthorn 17.12 (114) def. Adelaide 10.10 (70)	

0 Correct	Carlton v Collingwood (MCG, 13th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	$4.00	$1.22
	18% - 25%	75% - 82%
	Carlton +26½ pts ($1.90 / $1.90)	
Heritage	Won 34.01% (41.28%)	
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	
Result	Carlton 17.9 (111) def. Collingwood 13.10 (88)	

1 Correct	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	
Result	Richmond 20.17 (137) def. Fremantle 10.13 (73)	

Round 4 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	146	92
Behinds	108	99
Ave Score	123.0	81.4
Ave Marg	41.6	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	6	2
2nd	6	2
3rd	7	1
4th	6	2
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	6	2
End of 2nd	7	1
End 3rd	6	2
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	23
2nd	CTM, SM4, SM6	22
Last	MM6	16
Ave Score	4.36 (Std Dev = 0.86)	

Results in Review

MAFL Funds

A weekend of mixed emotions, finishing on an indisputable high for all those Investors with money in the Heritage Fund.

Remarkably, the Blues' victory lifts the Heritage Fund share price to $1.0002, which is as close to back where it started as doesn't matter.

Prior to the Blues' triumph, the Dons had on Friday night given Investors false hope, leading at the final change only to scratch out a measly two behinds in the final term, eventually losing to the Bulldogs by 30 points. Our other Heritage Bet, the Saints, led too, but their lead lasted only until the early part of the second term before a Cats surge took all the fun out of it.

Which brings me to Port Adelaide, our sole Beta Fund bet for the week. I find it hard to adequately describe how I feel about their effort, but let me give it a go. I'm sorry, but you just don't lose after having led by more than 7 goals, especially when you're playing at home - you simply just don't lose. But Port did, in the end quite embarrassingly and convincingly, taking 3.75% of our Beta Funds with them.

Overall, a profitable weekend for most Investors. The current position of each portfolio is shown in the table at right.

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(0.37%)
002	0.02%
003	(0.74%)
004	(0.74%)
005	0.01%
006	(0.74%)
007	(0.74%)
008	(0.74%)
009	(0.74%)
010	-
011	-
012	(0.74%)
013	(0.74%)
014	(0.74%)
015	(1.87%)
016	(0.74%)

Tipping

What was looming as another excellent weekend for tipsters came spectacularly undone Sunday afternoon and evening as the markedly unfancied Blues and Tigers each chalked up impressive victories. Not one of our 64 tipsters was on the Blues and only Quila tipped the Tigers, helping her to record 6 from 8 for the weekend, a score matched by only 3 other tipsters – CTL, Shadow and MM3 – and bettered by none.

Our 64 tipsters averaged only 4.36 from 8 this week, a whole tip worse than last weekend. Twelve tipsters managed only 3 from 8. The full performance summary appears in the table at right.

Score	# Tipsters
6/8	4
5/8	27
4/8	21
3/8	12
Total	64

BKB continues to lead the season overall, and is now on 23 from 32, followed by Chi, SM4 and SM6 all on 22 from 32. In last place, on 16 from 32 – a performance indistinguishable from chance – is MM6. The running totals for all tipsters appear in pictorial form in Appendix 1.

Average Absolute Prediction Error

Chi has recovered after a poor start to the season and now has an average absolute prediction error (AAPE) of just 31.2 points. For Round 3 he managed a remarkable 18.5 AAPE, which he backed up this week with a 25.6 AAPE. Another good round next week should see him close to his goal of 30.

By way of context, BKB currently has an AAPE of 30 points and has been beaten in each of the past two weeks by Chi.

(Quila had a reasonably good week this week too and is now at 32.8 points.)

How Surprising?

This weekend there were three 'surprise' results in the victories of the underdog Lions, Blues and Tigers. But, just how surprising were they? Is there a reasonable way to quantitatively measure the surprise we should feel about a particular result?

One obvious measure of surprise is the bookmaker's price. A victory by a team with a high price should be considered more surprising than one by a team with a low price. Alternatively – and broadly equivalently – we could use the implicit victory probability of the winner as a measure of surprise. We should then be more surprised by the success of teams with smaller probabilities of victory.

For example, consider the following two results:

- Carlton who were priced at $4.00 beat Collingwood who were priced at $1.22. The implicit probabilities are about 23% and 77%. So, using the probability of victory as the measure of surprise, this surprise score is 23%.
- The Lions who were priced at $2.80 beat Port Adelaide who were priced at $1.40. The implicit probabilities here are about 33% and 67%. So, again, using the probability of victory as the measure of surprise, the surprise score is 33%. So, the Lions' victory is considerably less surprising than the Blues' (you can say that again).

I'll grant you, that's hardly an earth-shattering suggestion. However, once we've settled on a surprise measure for an individual game we can then readily construct a measure for an entire round simply by taking the average of the surprise scores across all games in the round.

I've done this for all the rounds, including finals, for seasons 1999 to 2007 and then come up with cutoffs to describe the overall predictability (or, if you prefer, surprisingness) of a round as set down in the table below.

Ave Surprise Score	Round Type	% of Rounds 1999-2007	Uber Model Ave	"Good" Score
62.5% or more	Very Predictable	18%	6.74	7
57.0% to 62.4%	Predictable	32%	6.15	6-7
50.5% to 56.9%	Somewhat Predictable	29%	5.14	5-6
Less than 50%	Unpredictable	21%	4.82	5

So, for example, those rounds for which the average victory probability of the winners was 62.5% or more I've designated as "Very Predictable" rounds. These have comprised 18% of all rounds.

In such rounds, the Über Model has averaged 6.74 correct tips out of eight. (Actually, that's not quite true – it's the average score for the Über Model in rounds where there were no draws. For the purposes of deriving a surprise score in rounds involving a draw, I've used 1% as the probability of the result. This almost always drives the average probability down for those rounds in which draws occurs to the point where they're almost all typed "Unpredictable", which I think is a reasonable designation. In such rounds the Über Model's average performance is a little lower). Accordingly, I think a tipping score of 7 from 8 constitutes a 'good' score in "Very Predictable" rounds.

Here's the round type profile of seasons 1999 to 2008.

Round Type	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Very Predictable	5	5	5	3	4	6	6	4	4	0
Predictable	10	6	5	9	7	6	9	12	11	2
Somewhat Predictable	8	7	10	9	9	6	8	4	8	2
Unpredictable	3	8	6	5	6	8	3	6	3	0
Rounds with Draws	1	2	0	2	3	0	1	2	3	0

As you can see, this season has so far produced two "Predictable" and two "Somewhat Predictable" rounds, the latest round joining Round 1 in being categorised as "Somewhat Predictable". Accordingly, using the table above, a 'good' tipping performance so far would be in the 22 to 26 range, a range of scores that takes in the top 4 of our tipsters.

Team Quarter-by-Quarter Analysis

The tables below show how each team is performing on a quarter-by-quarter basis.

RESULT AT END OF EACH QUARTER BY TEAM

	Quarter 1								Quarter 2								Quarter 3								Quarter 4								
	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	
Adelaide	10	1	1	2	6	82	84	97.6	5	3	0	1	12	182	157	115.9	7	2	0	2	8	283	280	101.1	6	2	0	2	8	411	376	109.3	Adelaide
Brisbane Lions	14	1	0	3	4	53	119	44.5	14	1	0	3	4	150	205	73.2	15	0	0	4	0	241	314	76.8	9	2	0	2	8	367	378	97.1	Brisbane Lions
Carlton	7	2	1	1	10	123	106	116.0	9	2	0	2	8	222	224	99.1	9	2	0	2	8	308	316	97.5	12	1	0	3	4	409	472	86.7	Carlton
Collingwood	8	2	0	2	8	96	85	112.9	8	2	0	2	8	210	193	108.8	6	3	0	1	12	304	274	110.9	5	2	0	2	8	415	370	112.2	Collingwood
Essendon	13	1	0	3	4	68	121	56.2	10	2	0	2	8	197	242	81.4	10	2	0	2	8	338	366	92.3	11	2	0	2	8	421	479	87.9	Essendon
Fremantle	15	0	0	4	0	80	103	77.7	13	1	0	3	4	168	213	78.9	12	1	0	3	4	256	302	84.8	13	1	0	3	4	342	433	79.0	Fremantle
Geelong	3	3	0	1	12	120	85	141.2	1	4	0	0	16	268	153	175.2	1	4	0	0	16	401	239	167.8	2	4	0	0	16	503	323	155.7	Geelong
Hawthorn	5	3	0	1	12	88	71	123.9	3	3	0	1	12	207	123	168.3	3	3	0	1	12	334	224	149.1	1	4	0	0	16	482	303	159.1	Hawthorn
Kangaroos	1	4	0	0	16	135	46	293.5	4	3	0	1	12	221	167	132.3	4	3	0	1	12	337	265	127.2	7	2	0	2	8	407	389	104.6	Kangaroos
Melbourne	16	0	0	4	0	51	112	45.5	16	0	0	4	0	115	233	49.4	16	0	0	4	0	178	408	43.6	16	0	0	4	0	277	554	50.0	Melbourne
Port Adelaide	11	1	1	2	6	103	107	96.3	11	1	0	3	4	176	195	90.3	13	1	0	3	4	267	318	84.0	15	0	0	4	0	357	460	77.6	Port Adelaide
Richmond	12	1	1	2	6	90	126	71.4	12	1	0	3	4	199	246	80.9	11	2	0	2	8	299	339	88.2	8	2	0	2	8	410	401	102.2	Richmond
St Kilda	2	3	0	1	12	120	67	179.1	6	2	1	1	10	195	180	108.3	8	2	0	2	8	266	266	100.0	10	2	0	2	8	357	395	90.4	St Kilda
Sydney	4	3	0	1	12	92	68	135.3	2	3	1	0	14	195	122	159.8	2	3	0	1	12	292	174	167.8	4	3	0	1	12	390	245	159.2	Sydney
West Coast	9	2	0	2	8	82	94	87.2	15	1	0	3	4	129	200	64.5	14	1	0	3	4	201	292	68.8	14	1	0	3	4	267	403	66.3	West Coast
Western Bulldogs	6	3	0	1	12	93	82	113.4	7	2	0	2	8	216	197	109.6	5	3	0	1	12	369	297	124.2	3	4	0	0	16	540	374	144.4	Western Bulldogs

QUARTERS WON, DRAWN & LOST BY TEAM

	Quarter 1								Quarter 2								Quarter 3								Quarter 4								
	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	R	W	D	L	Pts	PF	PA	%	
Adelaide	10	1	1	2	6	82	84	97.6	4	3	0	1	12	100	73	137.0	12	1	1	2	6	101	123	82.1	8	2	0	2	8	128	96	133.3	Adelaide
Brisbane Lions	14	1	0	3	4	53	119	44.5	5	3	0	1	12	97	86	112.8	10	2	0	2	8	91	109	83.5	7	2	1	1	10	126	64	196.9	Brisbane Lions
Carlton	7	2	1	1	10	123	106	116.0	10	2	0	2	8	99	118	83.9	9	2	0	2	8	86	92	93.5	15	0	0	4	0	101	156	64.7	Carlton
Collingwood	8	2	0	2	8	96	85	112.9	8	2	0	2	8	114	108	105.6	7	2	0	2	8	94	81	116.0	6	3	0	1	12	111	96	115.6	Collingwood
Essendon	13	1	0	3	4	68	121	56.2	6	3	0	1	12	129	121	106.6	8	2	0	2	8	141	124	113.7	9	2	0	2	8	83	113	73.5	Essendon
Fremantle	15	0	0	4	0	80	103	77.7	12	1	0	3	4	88	110	80.0	14	1	0	3	4	88	89	98.9	12	1	0	3	4	86	131	65.6	Fremantle
Geelong	3	3	0	1	12	120	85	141.2	2	4	0	0	16	148	68	217.6	2	3	0	1	12	133	86	154.7	5	3	0	1	12	102	84	121.4	Geelong
Hawthorn	5	3	0	1	12	88	71	123.9	1	4	0	0	16	119	52	228.8	6	2	0	2	8	127	101	125.7	2	4	0	0	16	148	79	187.3	Hawthorn
Kangaroos	1	4	0	0	16	135	46	293.5	13	1	0	3	4	86	121	71.1	4	3	0	1	12	116	98	118.4	16	0	0	4	0	70	124	56.5	Kangaroos
Melbourne	16	0	0	4	0	51	112	45.5	15	0	0	4	0	64	121	52.9	16	0	0	4	0	63	175	36.0	11	1	0	3	4	99	146	67.8	Melbourne
Port Adelaide	11	1	1	2	6	103	107	96.3	11	1	0	3	4	73	88	83.0	15	1	0	3	4	91	123	74.0	13	1	0	3	4	90	142	63.4	Port Adelaide
Richmond	12	1	1	2	6	90	126	71.4	9	2	0	2	8	109	120	90.8	5	3	0	1	12	100	93	107.5	4	3	0	1	12	111	62	179.0	Richmond
St Kilda	2	3	0	1	12	120	67	179.1	14	1	0	3	4	75	113	66.4	11	2	0	2	8	71	86	82.6	10	1	0	3	4	91	129	70.5	St Kilda
Sydney	4	3	0	1	12	92	68	135.3	3	3	0	1	12	103	54	190.7	1	3	0	1	12	97	52	186.5	3	3	1	0	14	98	71	138.0	Sydney
West Coast	9	2	0	2	8	82	94	87.2	16	0	0	4	0	47	106	44.3	13	1	1	2	6	72	92	78.3	14	1	0	3	4	66	111	59.5	West Coast
Western Bulldogs	6	3	0	1	12	93	82	113.4	7	2	0	2	8	123	115	107.0	3	3	0	1	12	153	100	153.0	1	4	0	0	16	171	77	222.1	Western Bulldogs

The Roos continue to be the 1st quarter kings, having won all four of their first quarters. This week they lifted their percentage to 293.5 by racking up a 4.8 to 1.0 scoreline against the Dees. Their 2nd and 4th quarters continue to be a problem for them, however, having won just one out of eight of these quarters so far this season. How odd to have a team that's 1st in Q1 performances and last in Q4 performances.

Carlton has also faded in 4th quarters this year and lost yet another of them this weekend, despite hanging on against the Pies. Their 4th quarter performance is only marginally better than the Roos'.

In contrast, the Tigers have tended to improve as games have progressed. They're in 12th place based on 1st quarters, and 4th place based on final terms.

Hawthorn and the Bulldogs remain as the only teams to have won all their final terms. Melbourne, in winning the final term against the Roos this week, have notched their first quarter victory for the season.

The table at right shows the number of total quarters won, drawn and lost for every team. Generally, team rankings in this table are similar to team ladder positions.

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
Adelaide	8	7	2	7	32
Brisbane Lions	7	8	1	7	34
Carlton	12	6	1	9	26
Collingwood	6	9	0	7	36
Essendon	8	8	0	8	32
Fremantle	15	3	0	13	12
Geelong	1	13	0	3	52
Hawthorn	1	13	0	3	52
Kangaroos	8	8	0	8	32
Melbourne	16	1	0	15	4
Port Adelaide	13	4	1	11	18
Richmond	5	9	1	6	38
St Kilda	11	7	0	9	28
Sydney	3	12	1	3	50
West Coast	13	4	1	11	18
Western Bulldogs	4	12	0	4	48

Teams for whom the difference is more than 3 places are:

- Essendon, who are 11th on the ladder, but 8th here
- Richmond, who are 8th on the ladder, but 5th here

Team Ratings Update

Upsets and large victories this week have led to substantial changes in the MARS Predictor Ratings, and concomitant changes in Rankings.

RATINGS

Team	Initial	Δ R1	Δ R2	Δ R3	Δ R4	End R4	Behind by
Geelong	1,027.4	+0.3	+5.4	+0.3	+2.7	1,036.1	0.0
Sydney	1,010.7	-0.3	+5.4	+1.2	+4.4	1,021.4	14.8
Adelaide	1,008.4	-0.8	+6.0	-0.1	-3.8	1,009.7	26.4
Port Adelaide	1,007.4	-0.3	-5.4	+0.1	-2.3	999.5	36.6
West Coast	1,006.6	+1.0	-6.0	-1.6	-4.4	995.5	40.6
Collingwood	1,004.0	+2.2	-0.3	+3.4	-3.5	1,005.8	30.3
Fremantle	1,004.0	-2.2	-1.4	+1.6	-6.5	995.5	40.6
Hawthorn	1,002.9	+5.5	+1.4	+1.4	+3.8	1,015.0	21.1
St Kilda	1,001.0	+0.3	+2.3	-3.5	-2.7	997.4	38.7
Kangaroos	1,000.7	-5.4	+3.7	-1.4	+3.1	1,000.7	35.4
Brisbane Lions	999.6	-1.0	+0.3	-1.2	+2.3	1,000.0	36.1
Essendon	990.0	+5.4	-5.4	+0.5	-2.7	987.9	48.2
Western Bulldogs	988.4	+0.8	+6.3	+3.5	+2.7	1,001.9	34.3
Melbourne	987.2	-5.5	-6.3	-0.3	-3.1	971.9	64.2
Richmond	986.3	+2.6	-3.7	-3.4	+6.5	988.3	47.8
Carlton	975.2	-2.6	-2.3	-0.5	+3.5	973.3	62.8

The table at left has the Ratings details. Richmond's defeat of Fremantle at Subiaco by 64 points lifted their rating by 6½ points, the largest single-game move so far this season.

Other big movers were:

Sydney +4.4 rating points (in beating the Eagles by 62 points)

Hawthorn +3.8 rating points (in beating Adelaide by 44 points)

Carlton +3.5 rating points (in beating Collingwood by 23 points)

Kangaroos +3.1 rating points (in beating the Dees by 48 points)

These large changes in team rating points have produced a substantial reshuffling of the MARS Rankings, leaving only 3 team's rankings unchanged.

Also we have 3 new teams in the Top 8: the Roos, the Lions and the Dogs.

One of the teams dropping out of the Top 8, Fremantle, has fallen 6 places.

So, the current predicted Final 8 is:

- Geelong
- Sydney
- Hawthorn
- Adelaide
- Collingwood
- Western Bulldogs
- Kangaroos
- Brisbane Lions

RANKINGS (shaded: In Top 8)

Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15

Of the eight teams listed here, 7 are also in the Top 8 on the competition ladder, albeit in a different order. The only difference is that, where the Lions appears in 8th here, they're 9th on the competition ladder (the Tigers are 8th).

This week the MARS Predictor System tipped 5 from 8, moving it to 23 from 32 for the season. That's getting pretty hard to ignore.

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Cometti (about Akermanis): Sometimes he keeps both sides in the contest …

Remember: the last of our Funds, the Line Fund, will commence trading this week. Prepare yourself for that weird feeling of cheering for a team to win, but not by too much.

'til next time,

Tony

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Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters