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point of view

MAFL 2008

17th April
Round #5 2008

Round 5

St Kilda 62-3		St Kilda v Essendon (Docklands, 18th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.35	\$3.05	
	67% - 74%	26% - 33%	
St Kilda -18½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (7.79%) on Essendon		
Chi	St Kilda by 3		
Quila	Essendon by 6		
Shadow	Essendon		
CTL	St Kilda		
MARS	St Kilda		
MM	St Kilda (42-1) (Dissenters: MM2)		
Super MM	St Kilda (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	St Kilda		
Simplified	St Kilda		

Geelong 63-2		Geelong v Sydney (Kardinia Park, 19th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.18	\$4.40	
	77% - 85%	15% - 23%	
Geelong -25½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Geelong by 12		
Quila	Geelong by 14		
Shadow	Geelong		
CTL	Geelong		
MARS	Geelong		
MM	Geelong (41-2) (Dissenters: MM2, 3)		
Super MM	Geelong (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Geelong		
Simplified	Geelong		

Adelaide 61-4		Adelaide v Fremantle (Football Park, 19th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.36	\$3.00	
	67% - 74%	26% - 33%	
Adelaide -17½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Adelaide by 10		
Quila	Adelaide by 17		
Shadow	Adelaide		
CTL	Adelaide		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Adelaide (39-4) (Dissenters: MM32-35)		
Super MM	Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Adelaide		
Simplified	Adelaide		

Hawthorn 65-0		Bris Lions v Hawthorn (Gabba, 19th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.10	\$1.68	
	40% - 48%	52% - 60%	
Bris Lions +7½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (7.79%) on Brisbane Lions		
Chi	Hawthorn by 11		
Quila	Hawthorn by 14		
Shadow	Hawthorn		
CTL	Hawthorn		
MARS	Hawthorn		
MM	Hawthorn (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Hawthorn		
Simplified	Hawthorn		

Roos 38-27		Collingwood v Kangaroos (M.C.G, 19th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.62	\$2.20	
	55% - 62%	38% - 45%	
C'wood -9½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	6.47% (6.47%) on Collingwood		
Line	-		
Chi	Collingwood by 9		
Quila	Collingwood by 6		
Shadow	Collingwood		
CTL	Collingwood		
MARS	Collingwood		
MM	Kangaroos (23-20) (Dissenters: MM4, 9, 27-44)		
Super MM	Kangaroos (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Collingwood		
Simplified	Kangaroos		

Melb 52-13		Melbourne v Carlton (M.C.G, 20th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$3.00	\$1.35	
	26% - 33%	67% - 74%	
Melbourne +18½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	5.17% (5.17%) on Melbourne		
Alpha	7.49% (7.49%) on Melbourne		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Carlton by 3		
Quila	Carlton by 11		
Shadow	Carlton		
CTL	Carlton		
MARS	Melbourne		
MM	Melbourne (35-8) (Dissenters: MM2-7, 26, 27)		
Super MM	Melbourne (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Melbourne		
Simplified	Melbourne		

Bulldogs 63-2		W Bulldogs v Richmond (Docklands, 20th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.33	\$3.10	
	68% - 75%	25% - 32%	
W Bulldogs -19½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	7.79% (7.79%) on Richmond		
Chi	Bulldogs by 1 (Game of the Round)		
Quila	Richmond by 4		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Western Bulldogs		
MM	Western Bulldogs (42-1) (Dissenters: MM8)		
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs		
Simplified	Western Bulldogs		

W Coast 37-28		West Coast v Pt Adelaide (Subiaco, 20th April 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.95	\$1.80	
	44% - 51%	49% - 56%	
West Coast +6½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)			
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Port Adelaide by 2		
Quila	West Coast by 3		
Shadow	West Coast		
CTL	West Coast		
MARS	West Coast		
MM	West Coast (30-13) (Dissenters: MM2, 3, 12-18, 20-23)		
Super MM	Port Adelaide (12-2) (Dissenters: SM4, 6)		
Uber MM	West Coast		
Simplified	Port Adelaide		

This Week's Round in Review

MAFL Wagers

It's a truly historic weekend: Chi's made his first wager ever. Just after I'd made the bet on Wednesday afternoon it struck me that I'd entrusted my own money and that of many of my friends, colleagues and family to a dog who regularly runs forwards whilst looking backwards and careens into large unmoving obstacles as a consequence; to a dog that took 3 days to realise that the dog door worked in *both* directions; to a dog that topples backwards when attempting to beg; and to a dog who's convinced that leaping up from the other side of the chair will fool you into thinking that he's a completely different dog asking for table scraps. Still, it's only a smallish bet and it is on the favourite ...

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

1. Line Fund: Essendon, 7.79% +18½ points @ \$1.90 against St Kilda

We'd no luck last weekend with a head-to-head bet on the Dons, so maybe a bet with three-and-a-bit goals start will prove to be more successful.

The Saints faded badly last weekend against the Cats (as Investors will recall), so this bet is not without merit.

2. Line Fund: Brisbane Lions, 7.79% +7½ points @ \$1.90 playing Hawthorn

I'm not a fan of smallish starts, despite the fact that over 14% of games have been decided by 7 points or fewer over the past 9 seasons.

I fear a narrow loss on this wager – perhaps just a point or two.

3. Chi Fund: Collingwood, 6.47% @ \$1.62 playing the Roos

Last weekend we benefited from the Pies' capitulation to the Blues. Chi's hoping to pick them up on the rebound as they take on the 7th-placed Roos at the G on Saturday.

It'd be nice for Chi to start with a win. He's a very sensitive soul and a loss could see him spending brooding time alone in his outdoor kennel.

*4. Heritage Fund: Melbourne, 5.17% @ \$3.00 playing Carlton
Alpha Fund: Melbourne, 7.49% @ \$3.00 playing Carlton*

The moment I realised that Melbourne were playing at home this weekend I knew it was just a question of 'how much' for the Heritage Fund. Fortunately, the answer to 'how much?' depends heavily on the answer to 'who are they playing?' and that who happens to be the enigmatic Blues, which means that the price on offer for the Dees is only \$3.

I was surprised though to see the usually-conservative Alpha Fund joining the Heritage Fund in getting behind the Dees. Last year, across the entire season the Alpha Fund made only one wager at a price as daring as \$3 – a losing one as it turned out, on the Tigers in Round 22.

This is important fixture for all Investors.

5. Line Fund: Richmond, 7.79% +19½ points @ \$1.90 taking on the Bulldogs

This year, it seems, it wouldn't be the weekend unless we had some sort of interest in the outcome of a contest involving the Dogs.

In Round 5 we can at least still make money if the Dogs continue their unbeaten record, just so long as they keep the margin to not much more than 3 goals.

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So, six bets in total across five games, spanning all three days of the week's competition – plenty there to keep us all amused for the duration.

This week, with the increased levels of wagering activity, I've taken what many statisticians would deem to be the lazy option and simulated rather than fully enumerated the possible outcomes for each Investor. The details of these simulations appear in the table below.

MIN #001					MIN #002					MIN #005				
	Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst
RONF	(0.42%)	4.40%	8.94%	(7.09%)	RONF	(0.34%)	7.18%	10.34%	(5.17%)	RONF	(0.66%)	5.30%	11.87%	(11.99%)
ROI	(5.97%)	62.08%			ROI	(6.60%)	138.91%			ROI	(5.48%)	44.17%		
Prob. of Profit:		36%			Prob. of Profit:		31%			Prob. of Profit:		46%		

MIN #015					MIN ALL OTHERS				
	Mean	SD	Best	Worst		Mean	SD	Best	Worst
RONF	(0.25%)	5.20%	7.49%	(3.74%)	RONF	(0.44%)	4.72%	9.85%	(7.52%)
ROI	(6.60%)	138.91%			ROI	(5.84%)	62.78%		
Prob. of Profit:		31%			Prob. of Profit:		36%		

So, for example, consider the Investor with MIN #001. He or she has an expected change in Notional Funds of -0.42%, with a standard deviation of 4.4%. The best he or she can hope for is for his or her Notional Funds to increase by just under 9%; the worst that can happen is that his or her Notional Funds decline by just over 7%. Finally, there's a 36% probability that he or she will have a profitable weekend.

The information for other Investors is read in a similar manner. Those holding the Recommended Portfolio should consult the details in the section headed 'MIN ALL OTHERS'.

Tips

St Kilda v Essendon (St Kilda 62-3)

The only support for the Dons comes from Quila, Shadow and MM2 who, this year at least, have been tipping well. Still, it's hard to go past a Saints victory.

Geelong v Sydney (Geelong 63-2)

The Cats are clear and deserved favourites. Only MM2 and MM3 are tipping the upset.

Adelaide v Fremantle (Adelaide 61-4)

Freo disappointed last weekend and the Crows are formidable at home. Only a few obscure MM models – MM32 through MM35 – are forecasting a Freo away win.

Brisbane Lions v Hawthorn (Hawthorn 65-0)

Whilst the bookies have installed the Hawks as narrow favourites, our tipsters are unanimous in their endorsement. Chi and Quila both see it as about a 2 goal game.

Collingwood v Kangaroos (Kangaroos 38-27)

This is the first of two contentious matchups in the round. In this one the Roos include amongst their supporters just over half the MM Models, all the Super Models and the Simplified Über Model. In the other corner, however, we have, amongst others, BKB, all the Dogs, CTL, MARS (yes, I've finally made it an official tipster) and the Über Model.

Definitely a game to sort those that baa from those that bleat.

Melbourne v Carlton (Melbourne 52-13)

There are extraordinary levels of support amongst the tipsters for the much and rightly maligned Dees. No wonder the Heritage and Alpha Funds were so keen to get set at \$3. That said, the tipping dissenters include some quality tipsters in the Dogs, CTL and BKB.

Western Bulldogs v Richmond (Western Bulldogs 63-2)

This week the Tigers have mustered support only from Quila – presumably buoyed by her success in being the sole tipster to forecast the Tigers' triumph over Freo last weekend – and MM8. To be fair though, Chi went very close to tipping the Tigers too.

West Coast v Port Adelaide (West Coast 37-28)

This is the second of the tipster-dividing contests. Even the bookies have wrestled with this game swapping favouritism from the Eagles in the opening markets to Port on Wednesday morning.

At one point Chi fancied the Eagles chances enough to make them his second bet of the week but he too had a change of heart come Wednesday morning, switching his tip to Port and deciding not to wager on the outcome.

So this week's most favoured comprise 5 favourites and 3 underdogs:

- St Kilda (Favourite)
- Geelong (Favourite)
- Adelaide (Favourite)
- Hawthorn (Favourite)
- Kangaroos (Underdog)
- Melbourne (Underdog)
- Western Bulldogs (Favourite)
- West Coast (Underdog)

Team Rating System

The MARS Predictor System has opted for six favourites and two underdogs this weekend.

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

- St Kilda by 7 points or more
- Geelong by 9 points or more
- Adelaide by 9 points or more
- Hawthorn by 4 points or more
- Collingwood by 5 points or more
- Melbourne by 2 points or more
- Bulldogs by 8 points or more
- West Coast by 1 point or more

Four teams can have genuine aspirations of making the MARS Predictor Top 8 this week – Port Adelaide, St Kilda, West Coast and Fremantle. (Okay, I recognise that, for these teams to have such aspirations they must (a) be aware of the MARS Predictor System, and (b) care about it. It is, I'll freely admit, extremely unlikely that either of these conditions hold, but indulge me).

Based on the MARS Ratings, amongst this group St Kilda have the best chance of racking up a significantly ratings-boosting victory this weekend, a possibility that it also entertained by the Sportsbet handicapper who's expecting a victory margin for the Saints of around 18 to 19 points.

As I alluded to earlier, the MARS System has now become our 65th tipster and enters the competition as equal leader on 23 from 32.

Team	End R4
Geelong	1,036.1
Sydney	1,021.4
Hawthorn	1,015.0
Adelaide	1,009.7
Collingwood	1,005.8
Western Bulldogs	1,001.9
Kangaroos	1,000.7
Brisbane Lions	1,000.0
Port Adelaide	999.5
St Kilda	997.4
West Coast	995.5
Fremantle	995.5
Richmond	988.3
Essendon	987.9
Carlton	973.3
Melbourne	971.9

