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point of view

MAFL 2008

20th April
Round #5.1 2008

Round 5 Results

62 Correct		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	-	Lost 7.79% (7.79%)	-
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		
Result	St Kilda 18.15 (123) def Essendon 14.3 (87)		

63 Correct		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		
Result	Geelong 16.18 (114) def Sydney 10.12 (72)		

61 Correct		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		
Result	Adelaide 12.16 (88) def Fremantle 10.11 (71)		

65 Correct		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	-	Lost 7.79% (7.79%)	-
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		
Result	Hawthorn 19.16 (130) def. Brisbane Lions 17.16 (118)		

38 Correct		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	-	Lost 6.47% (6.47%)	-
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		
Result	Kangaroos 16.16 (112) def. Collingwood 15.15 (105)		

13 Correct		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	-	-	-
Alpha	-	Lost 5.17% (5.17%)	-
Beta	-	Lost 7.49% (7.49%)	-
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		
Result	Carlton 15.11 (101) def. Melbourne 9.14 (68)		

Drawn		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	-	Won 7.01% (7.01%)	-
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		
Result	Bulldogs 19.16 (130) drew with Richmond 20.10 (130)		

28 Correct		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		
Result	Port Adelaide 19.14 (128) def. West Coast 16.8 (104)		

Round 5 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	115	91
Behinds	106	79
Ave Score	115.8	94.4
Ave Marg	21.4	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	5	2
2nd	5	2
3rd	4	3
4th	5	2
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	5	2
End of 2nd	6	1
End 3rd	6	1
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	29½
2nd	CTM	28½
Last	MM35	21½
Ave Score	5.58 (Std Dev = 1.00)	

Results in Review

MAFL Funds

Most Investors were again forced to wait until the last wagered-upon game of the round before experiencing anything resembling joy, with the Tigers comfortably securing our Line Fund bet despite allowing the Bulldogs to score the last 19 points of the game to snatch an unlikely draw.

Joy, however, should have been ours almost 24 hours sooner when the Pies saw fit to emulate Port's effort of last weekend in surrendering a match-winning lead in the final term.

Brisbane, too, were not without their chances to beat the Hawks or at least to stay within 7 points of them and so secure our Line Bet. The same can't be said for either the Dons or the Dees, wagers upon which, were they subject to consumer protection legislation, would surely have been refundable on the basis that they were clearly not as advertised and demonstrably not fit for purpose.

Overall, the damage is far from terminal, as the table at right shows (and the pain is now a little more equally spread). In total this season we've now had 16 bets for 4 wins and 12 losses, which is about 1 or 2 wins fewer than I would have expected at this point.

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(5.98%)
002	(5.15%)
003	(6.05%)
004	(6.05%)
005	(6.81%)
006	(6.05%)
007	(6.05%)
008	(6.05%)
009	(6.05%)
010	-
011	-
012	(6.05%)
013	(6.05%)
014	(6.05%)
015	(5.62%)
016	(6.05%)

Tipping

Overall, this was the best round yet for tipsters, though it also produced the greatest variability in performance: the average score was 5.58 correct tips and the standard deviation was 1.00 tips. A summary of the score distribution appears in the table at right.

Score	# Tipsters
3½ / 8	4
4½ / 8	18
5½ / 8	12
6½ / 8	31

The Bulldogs/Tigers draw knocked ½ tip off the score of all tipsters, and the Carlton, Port Adelaide and Roos victories did most of the remainder of the damage. The worst result – just 3½ correct tips from 8 – was recorded by MM32 through MM35.

BKB continues to lead the season overall, now on 29½ from 40 (73.8%), followed by Chi, on his own, on 28½ from 40 (71.3%), then 7 tipsters (MM16, SM3, SM4, SM5, SM6, the Simplified Über Model and MARS) all on 27½. In last place, on 21½ from 40, is MM35. The running totals for all tipsters appear in pictorial form in Appendix 1.

Average Absolute Prediction Error

Chi had a sensational round in terms of AAPE, recording an average absolute prediction error of just 17.5 points per game in Round 5, dragging his season average to just over 30 points per game (he's at 30.3).

BKB now sits at 29.5 and Quila is at 31.2.

Even and Odd Total Scores

Wagering markets do exist in Australia that allow you to wager, at even money, on whether the total number of points scored in a game will be even or odd.

To profit from a strategy of consistently choosing either 'Even' or 'Odd', at \$1.90 prices you'd need the percentage for Evens to be lower than 47.4% (in which case wagering consistently on 'Odds' would be profitable) or higher than 52.6% (in which case wagering consistently on 'Evens' would be profitable). Surprisingly, the opportunity for season-wide profitability has emerged in 4 of the past 9 seasons (and very nearly in a fifth). Unfortunately, some years the right strategy has been 'Evens' and in other years 'Odds'.

# Games	Total Points		Total	% Even
Year	Even	Odd		
1999	89	96	185	48.1%
2000	86	99	185	46.5%
2001	93	92	185	50.3%
2002	94	91	185	50.8%
2003	104	81	185	56.2%
2004	86	99	185	46.5%
2005	97	88	185	52.4%
2006	95	90	185	51.4%
2007	85	100	185	45.9%
2008	28	12	40	70.0%
Total	857	848	1705	50.3%

Even more surprisingly, this season 70% of all contests have produced Even total scores, a result that is statistically significant at the 1% level. Still, chances are it's merely a random aberration ...

Team Quarter-by-Quarter Analysis

As usual, 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	9	2	1	2	10	104	91	114.3	3	4	0	1	16	224	174	128.7	9	3	0	2	12	344	325	105.8	5	3	0	2	12	499	447	111.6
Brisbane Lions	11	2	0	3	8	86	148	58.1	13	1	0	4	4	211	274	77.0	15	0	0	5	0	336	411	81.8	10	2	0	3	8	485	508	95.5
Carlton	5	3	1	1	14	144	115	125.2	7	3	0	2	12	288	253	113.8	7	3	0	2	12	390	349	111.7	11	2	0	3	8	510	540	94.4
Collingwood	10	2	0	3	8	112	107	104.7	8	3	0	2	12	264	232	113.8	3	4	0	1	16	375	340	110.3	9	2	0	3	8	520	482	107.9
Essendon	14	1	0	4	4	86	154	55.8	11	2	0	3	8	234	323	72.4	12	2	0	3	8	411	462	89.0	12	2	0	3	8	508	602	84.4
Fremantle	15	0	0	5	0	87	125	69.6	14	1	0	4	4	185	255	72.5	13	1	0	4	4	301	363	82.9	14	1	0	4	4	413	521	79.3
Geelong	3	4	0	1	16	158	93	169.9	1	5	0	0	20	318	196	162.2	1	5	0	0	20	462	290	159.3	1	5	0	0	20	617	395	156.2
Hawthorn	6	3	0	2	12	117	104	112.5	2	4	0	1	16	276	184	150.0	2	4	0	1	16	431	319	135.1	2	5	0	0	20	612	421	145.4
Kangaroos	1	5	0	0	20	157	62	253.2	6	3	0	2	12	260	221	117.6	5	3	0	2	12	403	336	119.9	6	3	0	2	12	519	494	105.1
Melbourne	16	0	0	5	0	60	133	45.1	16	0	0	5	0	144	299	48.2	16	0	0	5	0	214	490	43.7	16	0	0	5	0	345	655	52.7
Port Adelaide	12	1	1	3	6	122	128	95.3	10	2	0	3	8	247	229	107.9	11	2	0	3	8	368	377	97.6	13	1	0	4	4	485	564	86.0
Richmond	13	1	1	3	6	116	160	72.5	12	1	0	4	4	256	311	82.3	10	3	0	2	12	397	425	93.4	8	2	1	2	10	540	531	101.7
St Kilda	2	4	0	1	16	153	85	180.0	5	3	1	1	14	276	217	127.2	8	3	0	2	12	362	339	106.8	7	3	0	2	12	480	482	99.6
Sydney	7	3	0	2	12	100	106	94.3	4	3	1	1	14	238	172	138.4	4	3	0	2	12	343	235	146.0	4	3	0	2	12	462	359	128.7
West Coast	8	3	0	2	12	103	113	91.2	15	1	0	4	4	163	271	60.1	14	1	0	4	4	260	393	66.2	15	1	0	4	4	371	531	69.9
Western Bulldogs	4	4	0	1	16	127	108	117.6	9	3	0	2	12	281	254	110.6	6	3	0	2	12	455	398	114.3	3	4	1	0	18	670	504	132.9

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	9	2	1	2	10	104	91	114.3	4	4	0	1	16	120	83	144.6	15	1	1	3	6	120	151	79.5	6	3	0	2	12	155	122	127.0
Brisbane Lions	11	2	0	3	8	86	148	58.1	7	3	0	2	12	125	126	99.2	8	3	0	2	12	125	137	91.2	8	2	1	2	10	149	97	153.6
Carlton	5	3	1	1	14	144	115	125.2	6	3	0	2	12	144	138	104.3	7	3	0	2	12	102	96	106.3	16	0	0	5	0	120	191	62.8
Collingwood	10	2	0	3	8	112	107	104.7	5	3	0	2	12	152	125	121.6	11	2	0	3	8	111	108	102.8	7	3	0	2	12	145	142	102.1
Essendon	14	1	0	4	4	86	154	55.8	8	3	0	2	12	148	169	87.6	5	3	0	2	12	177	139	127.3	12	2	0	3	8	97	140	69.3
Fremantle	15	0	0	5	0	87	125	69.6	13	1	0	4	4	98	130	75.4	10	2	0	3	8	116	108	107.4	14	1	0	4	4	112	158	70.9
Geelong	3	4	0	1	16	158	93	169.9	3	4	0	1	16	160	103	155.3	1	4	0	1	16	144	94	153.2	3	4	0	1	16	155	105	147.6
Hawthorn	6	3	0	2	12	117	104	112.5	1	5	0	0	20	159	80	198.8	9	2	0	3	8	155	135	114.8	2	5	0	0	20	181	102	177.5
Kangaroos	1	5	0	0	20	157	62	253.2	14	1	0	4	4	103	159	64.8	2	4	0	1	16	143	115	124.3	13	1	0	4	4	116	158	73.4
Melbourne	16	0	0	5	0	60	133	45.1	15	0	0	5	0	84	166	50.6	16	0	0	5	0	70	191	36.6	11	2	0	3	8	131	165	79.4
Port Adelaide	12	1	1	3	6	122	128	95.3	11	2	0	3	8	125	101	123.8	12	2	0	3	8	121	148	81.8	15	1	0	4	4	117	187	62.6
Richmond	13	1	1	3	6	116	160	72.5	10	2	1	2	10	140	151	92.7	3	4	0	1	16	141	114	123.7	5	3	0	2	12	143	106	134.9
St Kilda	2	4	0	1	16	153	85	180.0	12	2	0	3	8	123	132	93.2	13	2	0	3	8	86	122	70.5	9	2	0	3	8	118	143	82.5
Sydney	7	3	0	2	12	100	106	94.3	2	4	0	1	16	138	66	209.1	4	3	0	2	12	105	63	166.7	4	3	1	1	14	119	124	96.0
West Coast	8	3	0	2	12	103	113	91.2	16	0	0	5	0	60	158	38.0	14	1	1	3	6	97	122	79.5	10	2	0	3	8	111	138	80.4
Western Bulldogs	4	4	0	1	16	127	108	117.6	9	2	1	2	10	154	146	105.5	6	3	0	2	12	174	144	120.8	1	5	0	0	20	215	106	202.8

Bucking convention and looking firstly at the lower set of tables:

- The Roos remain undefeated in 1st quarters, as do the Hawks in 2nd and 4th quarters.
- The Bulldogs are undefeated in 4th quarters.
- Conversely, Freo are yet to win a 1st term, the Eagles are yet to win a 2nd term, Carlton are yet to win a final term, and Melbourne, remarkably, are yet to win a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd term.

Turning next to the upper set of tables:

- Carlton's final term performances are all that stands between them and a spot in the 8. If games finished at the end of the 1st, 2nd or 3rd terms, the Blues would currently be in the top 8, in either 5th or 7th position.
- Similarly, if games finished at the end of the 2nd or 3rd quarters, Collingwood would be 8th or 3rd.
- If games finished at the end of the 1st term, West Coast would be 8th.
- Richmond are the antithetical Blues. It's the Tigers' final term performances that, generally, have put them in the top 8. They're somewhere between 10th and 13th in terms of their performance at the end of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters.
- Adelaide have secured a top 8 spot on the strength of their 2nd and 4th term performances. Their performances as at the end of the 1st and 3rd quarters would place them only 9th.
- Lastly, amongst the teams currently in the top 8, the Bulldogs would drop to 9th if, instead, places were based on half-time scores.

The table at right shows the number of total quarters won, drawn and lost for every team.

The correlation between the rankings in this table and those of the competition ladder is now extremely high (+0.97), and the only team with a ranking differing by 3 places or more is Richmond, who are 5th here but 8th on the competition ladder.

It's interesting to note that the teams that are ranked in the top half are those that have won more than one half of the quarters in which they've participated, albeit just over one half in the case of the 8th-placed Lions.

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
Adelaide	5	10	2	8	44
Brisbane Lions	8	10	1	9	42
Carlton	11	9	1	10	38
Collingwood	9	10	0	10	40
Essendon	12	9	0	11	36
Fremantle	15	4	0	16	16
Geelong	1	16	0	4	64
Hawthorn	2	15	0	5	60
Kangaroos	5	11	0	9	44
Melbourne	16	2	0	18	8
Port Adelaide	13	6	1	13	26
Richmond	5	10	2	8	44
St Kilda	9	10	0	10	40
Sydney	4	13	1	6	54
West Coast	13	6	1	13	26
Western Bulldogs	3	14	1	5	58

Team Ratings Update

This week saw much smaller movements in the MARS Predictor Ratings, the largest being that recorded by Carlton in toppling the Dees, and the second largest stemming from the Cats' 42 point win over the Swans.

RATINGS								
Team	Initial	Δ R1	Δ R2	Δ R3	Δ R4	Δ R5	End R5	Behind by
Geelong	1,027.4	+0.3	+5.4	+0.3	+2.7	+3.0	1,039.1	0.0
Sydney	1,010.7	-0.3	+5.4	+1.2	+4.4	-3.0	1,018.4	20.7
Adelaide	1,008.4	-0.8	+6.0	-0.1	-3.8	+0.8	1,010.6	28.5
Port Adelaide	1,007.4	-0.3	-5.4	+0.1	-2.3	+2.4	1,001.8	37.3
West Coast	1,006.6	+1.0	-6.0	-1.6	-4.4	-2.4	993.2	45.9
Collingwood	1,004.0	+2.2	-0.3	+3.4	-3.5	-1.1	1,004.7	34.4
Fremantle	1,004.0	-2.2	-1.4	+1.6	-6.5	-0.8	994.7	44.4
Hawthorn	1,002.9	+5.5	+1.4	+1.4	+3.8	+0.8	1,015.8	23.2
St Kilda	1,001.0	+0.3	+2.3	-3.5	-2.7	+2.7	1,000.1	39.0
Kangaroos	1,000.7	-5.4	+3.7	-1.4	+3.6	+1.1	1,002.3	36.8
Brisbane Lions	999.6	-1.0	+0.3	-1.2	+2.3	-0.8	999.2	39.9
Essendon	990.0	+5.4	-5.4	+0.5	-2.7	-2.7	985.2	53.9
Western Bulldogs	988.4	+0.8	+6.3	+3.5	+2.7	-0.8	1,001.1	38.0
Melbourne	987.2	-5.5	-6.3	-0.3	-3.6	-3.2	968.2	70.8
Richmond	986.3	+2.6	-3.7	-3.4	+6.5	+0.8	989.1	50.0
Carlton	975.2	-2.6	-2.3	-0.5	+3.5	+3.2	976.5	62.6

The table at left has the Ratings details. The top 4 teams now have about a 6 point cushion over Collingwood who, in turn, have almost a 2½ point lead over the Roos.

Immediately after the Pies the ratings table gets quite congested, with only about 3 points separating the next 5 teams.

There's only been one change in the composition of the MARS Top 8 this week: Port Adelaide have re-entered and the Lions have dropped out.

So, the current predicted Final 8 is:

1. Geelong (no change)
2. Sydney (no change)
3. Hawthorn (no change)
4. Adelaide (no change)
5. Collingwood (no change)
6. Kangaroos (up 1)
7. Port Adelaide (up 2)
8. Western Bulldogs (down 2)

RANKINGS						
Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4	4
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9	7
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11	12
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5	5
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12	11
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3	3
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10	9
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7	6
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8	10
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14	14
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6	8
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16	16
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13	13
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15	15

Six of these eight teams are also in the top 8 on the competition ladder. The exceptions are Collingwood and Port Adelaide who, in the MARS System, are currently taking the places of St Kilda and Richmond.

To finish with, here's the current competition table with some extra features that you don't always get in other tables.

Team	Pts	%	GF	BF	PF	Acc %	Rank	GA	BA	PA	1	2	3	4	5
Geelong	20	156.2	90	77	617	53.9%	9	55	65	395	W	W	W	W	W
Hawthorn	20	145.4	90	72	612	55.6%	5	60	61	421	W	W	W	W	W
Western Bulldogs	18	132.9	100	70	670	58.8%	3	74	60	504	W	W	W	W	D
Sydney	12	128.7	67	60	462	52.8%	10	48	71	359	L	W	W	W	L
Adelaide	12	111.6	73	61	499	54.5%	8	65	57	447	L	W	W	L	W
Kangaroos	12	105.1	76	63	519	54.7%	6	73	56	494	L	W	L	W	W
St Kilda	12	99.6	69	66	480	51.1%	12	72	50	482	W	W	L	L	W
Richmond	10	101.7	81	54	540	60.0%	1	78	63	531	W	L	L	W	D
Collingwood	8	107.9	75	70	520	51.7%	11	70	62	482	W	L	W	L	L
Brisbane Lions	8	95.5	69	71	485	49.3%	15	75	58	508	L	W	L	W	L
Carlton	8	94.4	76	54	510	58.5%	4	81	54	540	L	L	L	W	W
Essendon	8	84.4	76	52	508	59.4%	2	89	68	602	W	L	W	L	L
Port Adelaide	4	86.0	71	59	485	54.6%	7	83	66	564	L	L	L	L	W
Fremantle	4	79.3	59	59	413	50.0%	13	74	77	521	L	L	W	L	L
West Coast	4	69.9	53	53	371	50.0%	13	79	57	531	W	L	L	L	L
Melbourne	0	52.7	47	63	345	42.7%	16	96	79	655	L	L	L	L	L

(Acc% is simply Goals For / (Goals For + Behinds For). I'd subtract Rushed Behinds from the denominator if I could find a readily available source of the data.)

Using this table it's possible to calculate the rank correlations that appear in the table at right.

These seem to suggest that, so far this season, defence has been slightly more important than attack.

Correlation between ladder position and:	
Percentage	+0.98
Goals For	+0.66
Points For	+0.70
Accuracy%	+0.40
Goals Against	-0.82
Points Against	-0.83

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When previously I've analysed quarter-by-quarter performance I've generally found that the 3rd quarter is the 'money' quarter – the one that's most indicative of a team's success. There are some early signs that this might not be the case this year and we'll look at this in some detail in the next newsletter.

'til then,

Tony

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Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters

