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MAFL 2008

4th May
Round #7.1 2008

Round 7 Results

11 Correct		West Coast v Carlton (Subiaco, 2nd May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.35	\$1.55	
	35% - 43%	57% - 65%	
	West Coast +11½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	Lost 6.23% (7.60%)		
Alpha	-		
Beta	Lost 3.88% (4.03%)		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Carlton by 6		
Quila	Carlton by 9		
Shadow	Carlton		
CTL	Carlton		
MARS	West Coast		
MM	West Coast (37-6) (Dissenters: MM2-7)		
Super MM	West Coast (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	West Coast		
Simplified	West Coast		
Result	Carlton 17.9 (111) def West Coast 10.14 (74)		

65 Correct		Geelong v Bris Lions (Kardinia Park, 3rd May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.15	\$5.00	
	80% - 87%	13% - 20%	
	Geelong -29½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Geelong by 17		
Quila	Geelong by 10		
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 15.15 (105) def Brisbane Lions 11.12 (78)		

62 Correct		Hawthorn v Collingwood (MCG, 3rd May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.47	\$2.55	
	61% - 68%	32% - 39%	
	Hawthorn -15½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	Won 0.86% (0.88%)		
Line	-		
Chi	Hawthorn by 11		
Quila	Hawthorn by 12		
Shadow	Hawthorn		
CTL	Hawthorn		
MARS	Hawthorn		
MM	Hawthorn (40-3) (Dissenters: MM42-44)		
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Hawthorn		
Simplified	Hawthorn		
Result	Hawthorn 24.10 (154) def Collingwood 13.11 (89)		

63 Correct		St Kilda v Richmond (Docklands, 3rd May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.50	\$2.50	
	60% - 67%	33% - 40%	
	St Kilda -13½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	Won 1.51% (1.54%)		
Line	-		
Chi	St Kilda by 11		
Quila	St Kilda by 3		
Shadow	St Kilda		
CTL	St Kilda		
MARS	St Kilda		
MM	St Kilda (41-2) (Dissenters: MM3-4)		
Super MM	St Kilda (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	St Kilda		
Simplified	St Kilda		
Result	St Kilda 17.8 (110) def. Richmond 16.11 (107)		

35 Correct		Adelaide v Kangaroos (Football Park, 3rd May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.43	\$2.70	
	63% - 70%	30% - 37%	
	Adelaide -15½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	Won 2.17% (2.35%)		
Beta	Won 2.17% (2.26%)		
Chi	Won 0.03% (0.03%)		
Line	Lost 7.79% (9.32%)		
Chi	Adelaide by 1		
Quila	Adelaide by 7		
Shadow	Adelaide		
CTL	Adelaide		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Kangaroos (23-20) (Dissenters: MM2, 4-13, 36-44)		
Super MM	Tied (7-7) (Adelaide: SMM3,5,6,19,21,23,33)		
Uber MM	Adelaide		
Simplified	Adelaide		
Result	Adelaide 15.17 (107) def. Kangaroos 11.8 (74)		

10 Correct		Sydney v W Bulldogs (SCG, 4th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.48	\$2.55	
	61% - 68%	32% - 39%	
	Sydney -15½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-		
Alpha	Lost 6.87% (7.43%)		
Beta	-		
Chi	Lost 2.26% (2.32%)		
Line	-		
Chi	Sydney by 11		
Quila	Sydney by 8		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Sydney		
MM	Sydney (35-8) (Dissenters: MM2-9)		
Super MM	Sydney (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Sydney		
Simplified	Sydney		
Result	W Bulldogs 18.4 (112) def. Sydney 14.10 (94)		

0 Correct		Melbourne v Fremantle (MCG, 4th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$3.70	\$1.25	
	20% - 27%	73% - 80%	
	Melbourne +24½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	Won 19.33% (23.58%)		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Fremantle by 9		
Quila	Fremantle by 18		
Shadow	Fremantle		
CTL	Fremantle		
MARS	Fremantle		
MM	Fremantle (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Fremantle (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Fremantle		
Simplified	Fremantle		
Result	Melbourne 17.17 (119) def. Fremantle 15.23 (113)		

64 Correct		Essendon v Pt Adelaide (Docklands, 4th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$3.05	\$1.35	
	26% - 33%	67% - 74%	
	Essendon +20½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	Lost 5.74% (7.00%)		
Alpha	-		
Beta	-		
Chi	-		
Line	-		
Chi	Port Adelaide by 10		
Quila	Port Adelaide by 13		
Shadow	Essendon		
CTL	Port Adelaide		
MARS	Port Adelaide		
MM	Port Adelaide (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Port Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Port Adelaide		
Simplified	Port Adelaide		
Result	Port Adelaide 24.14 (158) def. Essendon 15.4 (94)		

Round 7 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	147	105
Behinds	94	93
Ave Score	130.0	98.4
Ave Marg	31.6	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	4.5	3.5
2nd	5	3
3rd	6	2
4th	7	1
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	4.5	3.5
End of 2nd	6	2
End 3rd	6	2
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	43
2nd	CTM	42
Last	MM35	31
Ave Score	4.77 (Std Dev = 0.93)	

Results in Review

MAFL Funds

When a team produces the second-greatest comeback in the history of the competition and you're on them at \$3.70 yet you still manage to register a small loss for the weekend for most of your Investors, you just have to wonder: is it time to give it away?

Melbourne's come-from-behind heroics were stunning. As a matter of principle – some might call it superstition – I refuse to record the result of any bet until the relevant game is over, regardless of how foregone the conclusion might be. But I must admit to having mentally, at the main break, put a line through the 7.2% that the Heritage Fund had invested in the Dees. Even when the Dees drew to within about 4 goals late in the third, I thought that Freo's 2-goal riposte to end the quarter had snuffed out any pretensions that the Dees might have been harbouring. Far from it. The last quarter was just amazing.

Three other teams on which we'd made head-to-head bets – the Eagles, the Swans and the Dons – also, it transpired, had chosen this weekend as one during which they should hone their come-from-behind capabilities though each neglected to exhibit what many would characterise as an essential component of such an ability, viz winning. The Eagles and the Swans both got close enough, late enough in the game to offer some hope, but the Dons were pretty much done at the first change.

On Line betting, we lost our only wager, on the Roos, who were unable to stay close enough to the Crows to give our bet any realistic prospects of success for any significant portion of the game.

So, we finished the weekend with 6 winning and 6 losing bets, which produced a 7.4c gain for the Heritage Fund, a 4.7c loss for the Alpha Fund, a 1.7c loss for the Beta Fund, breakeven for the Chi Fund, and a 7.8c loss for the Line Fund.

Whilst no Fund is showing positive returns for the season, the Chi Fund is closest to doing so and is performing pleasingly in its first year of operation having recorded 5 wins and 2 losses.

Tipping

This was a much more difficult round to tip with the average MAFL tipster scoring just 4.77, down over 1¼ tips from last weekend.

The Blues', Dogs' and Dees' victories did most of the damage for many tipsters, and the Crows' win hurt a few more.

Five tipsters nonetheless managed 7 from 8: MM2, MM5, MM6, MM7 and CTL.

The relatively poor performance of many tipsters has spread the leaders out a little leaving BKB in front on 43 from 56 (77%), followed by Chi on 42 from 56 (75%), then MARS two tips back on 40 from 56 (71%), and then four tipsters each on 39 from 56 (70%) – MM2, SUM, CTL and Quila. In last place, on 31 from 56, is MM35. The running totals for all tipsters appear in pictorial form in Appendix 1.

Surprisal

With only 6 favourites proving victorious this weekend, one of them at \$1.25, and with many of the successful favourites priced only in the \$1.40 - \$1.50 range, it's hardly surprising that the weekend's results should be characterised as "Somewhat Predictable":

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(9.13%)
002	(10.65%)
003	(10.69%)
004	(10.69%)
005	(12.45%)
006	(10.69%)
007	(10.69%)
008	(10.69%)
009	(10.69%)
010	-
011	-
012	(10.69%)
013	(10.69%)
014	(10.69%)
015	(8.82%)
016	(10.69%)

Score	# Tipsters
7	5
6	7
5	21
4	32

Round	Average Surprisal per Winner (bits)	Number of Games included in Average	Number of Victorious Favourites	Ave MAFL Tipster Performance (SD in brackets)
1	0.84 (Predictable)	8	5	4.54 (0.59)
2	0.75 (Very Predictable)	8	7	5.06 (0.77)
3	0.83 (Predictable)	8	6	5.49 (0.77)
4	1.10 (Unpredictable)	8	5	4.37 (0.86)
5	0.73 (Very Predictable)	7	6	5.58 (1.00)
6	0.49 (Very Predictable)	7	7	6.05 (0.61)
7	0.88 (Somewhat Predictable)	8	6	4.77 (0.93)

Team Quarter-by-Quarter Analysis

Once again 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	2	2	3	12	139	142	97.9	4	5	0	2	20	314	254	123.6	4	5	0	2	20	522	428	122.0	4	5	0	2	20	717	602	119.1
Brisbane Lions	8	4	0	3	16	146	186	78.5	12	2	0	5	8	328	354	92.7	14	1	0	6	4	512	536	95.5	10	3	0	4	12	700	698	100.3
Carlton	2	5	1	1	22	197	149	132.2	3	5	0	2	20	408	315	129.5	7	4	0	3	16	537	489	109.8	11	3	0	4	12	702	725	96.8
Collingwood	11	3	0	4	12	157	173	90.8	8	4	0	3	16	370	328	112.8	5	5	0	2	20	545	482	113.1	8	3	0	4	12	763	717	106.4
Essendon	15	1	0	6	4	131	227	57.7	14	2	0	5	8	325	490	66.3	13	2	0	5	8	534	691	77.3	13	2	0	5	8	683	914	74.7
Fremantle	13	2	0	5	8	147	141	104.3	11	3	0	4	12	315	333	94.6	12	3	0	4	12	476	481	99.0	14	1	0	6	4	614	729	84.2
Geelong	7	4	0	3	16	190	153	124.2	2	6	0	1	24	418	294	142.2	1	6	0	1	24	591	439	134.6	1	7	0	0	28	811	561	144.6
Hawthorn	4	5	0	2	20	182	141	129.1	1	6	0	1	24	378	254	148.8	2	6	0	1	24	602	457	131.7	2	7	0	0	28	872	604	144.4
Kangaroos	1	5	1	1	22	179	99	180.8	10	3	0	4	12	312	299	104.3	8	4	0	3	16	490	477	102.7	7	3	1	3	14	657	665	98.8
Melbourne	16	0	0	7	0	82	193	42.5	16	0	0	7	0	202	448	45.1	16	0	0	7	0	328	692	47.4	16	1	0	6	4	549	905	60.7
Port Adelaide	9	3	1	3	14	182	143	127.3	7	4	0	3	16	382	300	127.3	6	4	0	3	16	562	498	112.9	9	3	0	4	12	725	719	100.8
Richmond	14	1	1	5	6	166	219	75.8	13	2	0	5	8	351	406	86.5	9	4	0	3	16	553	588	94.0	12	2	1	4	10	741	747	99.2
St Kilda	3	5	0	2	20	183	130	140.8	9	3	1	3	14	345	316	109.2	11	3	0	4	12	494	492	100.4	5	4	0	3	16	651	671	97.0
Sydney	5	5	0	2	20	157	133	118.0	6	4	1	2	18	310	259	119.7	10	3	0	4	12	459	372	123.4	6	3	1	3	14	620	535	115.9
West Coast	12	3	0	4	12	141	174	81.0	15	1	0	6	4	233	410	56.8	15	1	0	6	4	375	597	62.8	15	1	0	6	4	519	776	66.9
Western Bulldogs	6	5	0	2	20	191	167	114.4	5	5	0	2	20	415	346	119.9	3	5	0	2	20	665	526	126.4	3	6	1	0	26	916	672	136.3

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	2	2	3	12	139	142	97.9	3	6	0	1	24	175	112	156.3	8	3	1	3	14	208	174	119.5	5	4	0	3	16	195	174	112.1
Brisbane Lions	8	4	0	3	16	146	186	78.5	9	4	0	3	16	182	168	108.3	6	4	0	3	16	184	182	101.1	12	2	1	4	10	188	162	116.0
Carlton	2	5	1	1	22	197	149	132.2	7	4	0	3	16	211	166	127.1	14	3	0	4	12	129	174	74.1	15	1	0	6	4	165	236	69.9
Collingwood	11	3	0	4	12	157	173	90.8	4	5	0	2	20	213	155	137.4	9	3	0	4	12	175	154	113.6	7	4	0	3	16	218	235	92.8
Essendon	15	1	0	6	4	131	227	57.7	11	3	0	4	12	194	263	73.8	12	3	0	4	12	209	201	104.0	14	2	0	5	8	149	223	66.8
Fremantle	13	2	0	5	8	147	141	104.3	12	2	0	5	8	168	192	87.5	11	3	0	4	12	161	148	108.8	16	1	0	6	4	138	248	55.6
Geelong	7	4	0	3	16	190	153	124.2	2	6	0	1	24	228	141	161.7	1	5	0	2	20	173	145	119.3	2	6	0	1	24	220	122	180.3
Hawthorn	4	5	0	2	20	182	141	129.1	1	6	0	1	24	196	113	173.5	10	3	0	4	12	224	203	110.3	1	7	0	0	28	270	147	183.7
Kangaroos	1	5	1	1	22	179	99	180.8	14	2	0	5	8	133	200	66.5	3	5	0	2	20	178	178	100.0	13	2	0	5	8	167	188	88.8
Melbourne	16	0	0	7	0	82	193	42.5	15	0	0	7	0	120	255	47.1	16	1	0	6	4	126	244	51.6	6	4	0	3	16	221	213	103.8
Port Adelaide	9	3	1	3	14	182	143	127.3	6	4	0	3	16	200	157	127.4	7	4	0	3	16	180	198	90.9	11	3	0	4	12	163	221	73.8
Richmond	14	1	1	5	6	166	219	75.8	10	3	1	3	14	185	187	98.9	2	5	0	2	20	202	182	111.0	8	3	0	4	12	188	159	118.2
St Kilda	3	5	0	2	20	183	130	140.8	13	2	0	5	8	162	186	87.1	13	3	0	4	12	149	176	84.7	9	3	0	4	12	157	179	87.7
Sydney	5	5	0	2	20	157	133	118.0	8	4	0	3	16	153	126	121.4	5	4	0	3	16	149	113	131.9	4	4	1	2	18	161	163	98.8
West Coast	12	3	0	4	12	141	174	81.0	16	0	0	7	0	92	236	39.0	15	2	1	4	10	142	187	75.9	10	3	0	4	12	144	179	80.4
Western Bulldogs	6	5	0	2	20	191	167	114.4	5	4	1	2	18	224	179	125.1	4	4	0	3	16	250	180	138.9	3	6	0	1	24	251	146	171.9

Melbourne, in registering their first competition points of the season, won 2 quarters, almost doubling their season tally and giving them now the 6th-best 4th quarter results amongst all teams in the competition.

The Hawks finally lost a 2nd term, but won the 4th to preserve their perfect record for that quarter. Amazingly, they've kicked almost twice as many points as their opponents in the final term, a feat that has almost been matched by the Cats despite their having lost one 4th term this season.

Carlton won their first final term this week in the course of holding off the Eagles at Subiaco, but still find themselves with an overall record that suggests they'd much prefer shorter contests: they are 2nd-best in terms of 1st quarters, 7th-best in terms of 2nd quarters, 14th in terms of 3rd quarters, and 15th in terms of 4th quarters.

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

Only two teams' ranking in this table is substantially different from its ranking on the competition ladder:

- St Kilda are now 5th on the competition ladder, but they're equal 11th here, having won less than half the quarters in which they've competed
- The Lions are 10th on the competition ladder but 7th here having won 14½ of 28 quarters (though only 2½ of 7 final terms)

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
Adelaide	5	15	3	10	66
Brisbane Lions	7	14	1	13	58
Carlton	10	13	1	14	54
Collingwood	6	15	0	13	60
Essendon	13	9	0	19	36
Fremantle	15	8	0	20	32
Geelong	1	21	0	7	84
Hawthorn	1	21	0	7	84
Kangaroos	7	14	1	13	58
Melbourne	16	5	0	23	20
Port Adelaide	7	14	1	13	58
Richmond	11	12	2	14	52
St Kilda	11	13	0	15	52
Sydney	4	17	1	10	70
West Coast	14	8	1	19	34
Western Bulldogs	3	19	1	8	78

Team Ratings Update

Hawthorn's 65-point win over the Pies produced the weekend's largest MARS Rating point increase (5.0 points). Other large increases came from Port's 64-point win over the Dons in the final game of the round (4.8 points), and from Carlton's 37-point victory over the Eagles (4.2 points). The remainder of the adjustments were all under 2½ ratings points. The table below has the current Ratings details.

Team	Initial	Δ R1	End R1	Δ R2	End R2	Δ R3	End R3	Δ R4	End R4	Δ R5	End R5	Δ R6	End R6	Δ R7	End R7
Geelong	1,027.4	+0.3	1,027.7	+5.4	1,033.1	+0.3	1,033.4	+2.7	1,036.1	+3.0	1,039.1	-1.4	1,037.7	+0.9	1,038.6
Hawthorn	1,002.9	+5.5	1,008.5	+1.4	1,009.9	+1.4	1,011.2	+3.8	1,015.0	+0.8	1,015.8	-0.1	1,015.7	+5.0	1,020.8
Sydney	1,010.7	-0.3	1,010.4	+5.4	1,015.7	+1.2	1,017.0	+4.4	1,021.4	-3.0	1,018.4	-0.4	1,018.0	-2.5	1,015.5
Adelaide	1,008.4	-0.8	1,007.6	+6.0	1,013.6	-0.1	1,013.5	-3.8	1,009.7	+0.8	1,010.6	+1.7	1,012.2	+2.4	1,014.7
Port Adelaide	1,007.4	-0.3	1,007.0	-5.4	1,001.7	+0.1	1,001.8	-2.3	999.5	+2.4	1,001.8	+1.7	1,003.5	+4.8	1,008.3
Western Bulldogs	988.4	+0.8	989.3	+6.3	995.6	+3.5	999.2	+2.7	1,001.9	-0.8	1,001.1	+4.6	1,005.7	+2.5	1,008.1
Collingwood	1,004.0	+2.2	1,006.2	-0.3	1,006.0	+3.4	1,009.3	-3.5	1,005.8	-1.1	1,004.7	+5.1	1,009.8	-5.0	1,004.7
Brisbane Lions	999.6	-1.0	998.6	+0.3	998.9	-1.2	997.7	+2.3	1,000.0	-0.8	999.2	+3.1	1,002.3	-0.9	1,001.4
Kangaroos	1,000.7	-5.4	995.3	+3.7	999.0	-1.4	997.6	+3.6	1,001.2	+1.1	1,002.3	+0.4	1,002.7	-2.4	1,000.3
St Kilda	1,001.0	+0.3	1,001.4	+2.3	1,003.7	-3.5	1,000.1	-2.7	997.4	+2.7	1,000.1	-1.7	998.4	-0.3	998.1
Fremantle	1,004.0	-2.2	1,001.7	-1.4	1,000.3	+1.6	1,002.0	-6.5	995.5	-0.8	994.7	+1.4	996.1	-1.6	994.5
Richmond	986.3	+2.6	988.9	-3.7	985.2	-3.4	981.9	+6.5	988.3	+0.8	989.1	+0.1	989.2	+0.3	989.5
West Coast	1,006.6	+1.0	1,007.6	-6.0	1,001.6	-1.6	999.9	-4.4	995.5	-2.4	993.2	-4.6	988.6	-4.2	984.4
Carlton	975.2	-2.6	972.6	-2.3	970.4	-0.5	969.8	+3.5	973.3	+3.2	976.5	-1.7	974.8	+4.2	979.0
Essendon	990.0	+5.4	995.4	-5.4	990.1	+0.5	990.6	-2.7	987.9	-2.7	985.2	-5.1	980.2	-4.8	975.4
Melbourne	987.2	-5.5	981.7	-6.3	975.3	-0.3	975.0	-3.6	971.4	-3.2	968.2	-3.1	965.1	+1.6	966.7

St Kilda were the only victorious team to suffer a ratings reduction this week, their 3-point victory over the Tigers being insufficiently emphatic given their 9 ratings point superiority and their home ground advantage (despite the AFL's designating the game a Tigers home game).

Meantime, despite losing to the Cats, the Lions crept back into the MARS Top 8 this weekend as the Roos suffered a 2.4 ratings point decline courtesy of their 33-point loss to the Crows.

Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3	3	3	2
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9	7	7	5
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6	8	6	6
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8	10	9	8
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7	6	8	9
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10	9	10	10
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12	11	11	11
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13	13	12	12
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11	12	13	13
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	14
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14	14	14	15
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16	16	16	16

This change, along with a few reshufflings, means that the current predicted Final 8 is:

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

Six of these teams are also in the top 8 of the competition ladder, the differences being that Port Adelaide and the Lions are in the MARS Top 8 at the expense of the Roos and St Kilda (who are currently 9th and 10th in the MARS Rankings, respectively).

Historically, over the seasons 2000 to 2007, MARS has enjoyed a significant lift in predictive ability at the end of Round 7, the result being that it has correctly predicted, on average, 6.5 of the 8 finalists at this stage, and has never predicted fewer than 6.

The table at right shows the relative success-rate of teams making the Finals depending on their MARS Ranking after 7 rounds. A few things to note:

- No team rated in the Top 4 by MARS after 7 rounds has subsequently missed the Finals.
- Only two teams rated lower than 11th by MARS after 7 rounds have subsequently played in the finals that year (both exceptions were in 2002 when the Roos, ranked 12th by MARS, finished 7th, and the Eagles, ranked 14th by MARS, finished 8th. Notably, neither progressed beyond the Elimination Finals).

MARS Ranking After 7 Rounds	% who've made the Finals
1	100%
2	100%
3	100%
4	100%
5	63%
6	75%
7	75%
8	38%
9	50%
10	25%
11	50%
12	13%
13	0%
14	13%
15	0%
16	0%

Here's the competition table as it now stands.

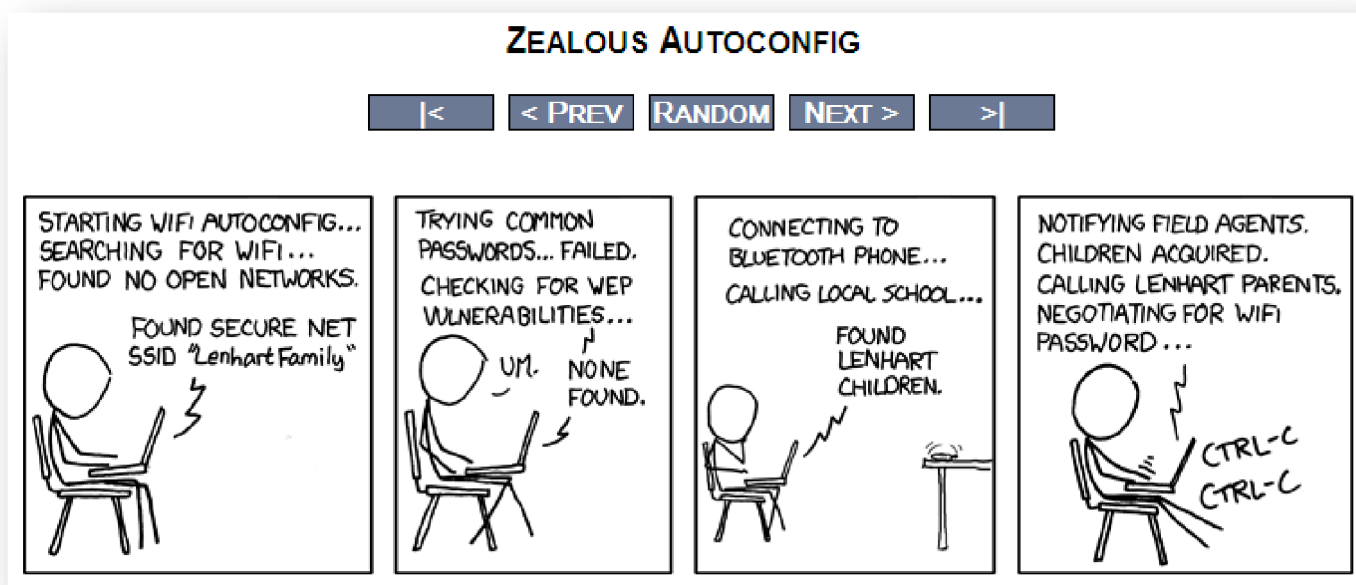
Team	Pts	%	GF	BF	PF	Acc %	Rank	GA	BA	PA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Geelong	28	144.6	118	103	811	53.4%	9	79	87	561	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Hawthorn	28	144.4	128	104	872	55.2%	6	88	76	604	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Western Bulldogs	26	136.3	138	88	916	61.1%	3	99	78	672	W	W	W	W	D	W	W
Adelaide	20	119.1	104	93	717	52.8%	11	87	80	602	L	W	W	L	W	W	W
St Kilda	16	97.0	95	81	651	54.0%	8	100	71	671	W	W	L	L	W	L	W
Sydney	14	115.9	89	86	620	50.9%	12	75	85	535	L	W	W	W	L	D	L
Kangaroos	14	98.8	96	81	657	54.2%	7	96	89	665	L	W	L	W	W	D	L
Collingwood	12	106.4	111	97	763	53.4%	10	106	81	717	W	L	W	L	L	W	L
Port Adelaide	12	100.8	107	83	725	56.3%	5	107	77	719	L	L	L	L	W	W	W
Brisbane Lions	12	100.3	99	106	700	48.3%	15	103	80	698	L	W	L	W	L	W	L
Carlton	12	96.8	104	78	702	57.1%	4	107	83	725	L	L	L	W	W	L	W
Richmond	10	99.2	112	69	741	61.9%	1	109	93	747	W	L	L	W	D	L	L
Essendon	8	73.9	103	65	683	61.3%	2	136	108	924	W	L	W	L	L	L	L
Fremantle	4	84.2	87	92	614	48.6%	14	104	105	729	L	L	W	L	L	L	L
West Coast	4	66.9	74	75	519	49.7%	13	116	80	776	W	L	L	L	L	L	L
Melbourne	4	60.7	77	87	549	47.0%	16	130	125	905	L	L	L	L	L	L	W

It's interesting to note that the two teams in the competition top 8 that are absent from the MARS top 8 are those the only teams in the top 8 with a sub-100 percentage. Conversely, the two teams in the MARS top 8 that are not in the competition top 8 are the only teams outside the top 8 with percentages over 100.

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With the Victoria v Dream Team game taking place next weekend there'll be no waging to talk about in the coming week. I might still issue a newsletter if time allows and I think that there's anything worthwhile writing about (why start now, I hear you ask).

In the meantime, here's a recent comic from a favourite website: www.xkcd.com.



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Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters

