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# MAFL 2008

18th May  
Round #8.1 2008

## Round 8 Results

29 Correct		St Kilda v Collingwood (Docklands, 16th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.15	\$1.65	
	39% - 47%	53% - 61%	
	St Kilda +8½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Collingwood by 1		
Quila	Collingwood by 3		
Shadow	Collingwood		
CTL	St Kilda		
MARS	Collingwood		
MM	St Kilda (29-14) (Dissenters: MM2,5,25-36)		
Super MM	Collingwood (10-4) (Dissenters: SMM3,4,5,6)		
Uber MM	St Kilda		
Simplified	St Kilda		
Result	Collingwood 16.7 (103) def St Kilda 14.10 (94)		

63 Correct		Hawthorn v Pt Adelaide (Aurora Stadium, 17th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.35	\$3.10	
	68% - 74%	26% - 32%	
	Hawthorn -17½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	Won 0.37% (0.39%)		
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Hawthorn by 17		
Quila	Hawthorn by 13		
Shadow	Hawthorn		
CTL	Hawthorn		
MARS	Hawthorn		
MM	Hawthorn (41-2) (Dissenters: MM2,3)		
Super MM	Hawthorn (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Hawthorn		
Simplified	Hawthorn		
Result	Hawthorn 17.15 (117) def Port Adelaide 15.12 (102)		

65 Correct		Richmond v Geelong (MCG, 17th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$4.50	\$1.18	
	15% - 22%	78% - 85%	
	Richmond +28½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	Lost 11.40% (12.76%)		
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Geelong by 17		
Quila	Geelong by 18		
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 14.15 (99) def Richmond 10.9 (69)		

58 Correct		Carlton v Bris Lions (Docklands, 17th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.83	\$1.90	
	47% - 55%	45% - 53%	
	Carlton +6½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	Lost 10.15% (10.39%)		
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Carlton by 4		
Quila	Carlton by 5		
Shadow	Carlton		
CTL	Brisbane Lions		
MARS	Brisbane Lions		
MM	Brisbane Lions (40-3) (Dissenters: MM3,4,5)		
Super MM	Brisbane Lions (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Brisbane Lions		
Simplified	Brisbane Lions		
Result	Brisbane Lions 18.17 (125) def. Carlton 12.20 (92)		

52 Correct		Kangaroos v West Coast (Gold Coast Stad, 17th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.20	\$4.20	
	76% - 83%	17% - 24%	
	Kangaroos -27½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	Lost 10.66% (11.93%)		
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Kangaroos by 15		
Quila	Kangaroos by 15		
Shadow	Kangaroos		
CTL	Kangaroos		
MARS	Kangaroos		
MM	Kangaroos (30-13) (Dissenters: MM32-44)		
Super MM	Kangaroos (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Kangaroos		
Simplified	Kangaroos		
Result	Kangaroos 13.11 (89) def. West Coast 12.11 (83)		

65 Correct		Adelaide v Melbourne (Football Park, 18th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.06	\$7.50	
	87% - 94%	6% - 13%	
	Adelaide -39½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Adelaide by 26		
Quila	Adelaide by 23		
Shadow	Adelaide		
CTL	Adelaide		
MARS	Adelaide		
MM	Adelaide (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Adelaide (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Adelaide		
Simplified	Adelaide		
Result	Adelaide 22.18 (150) def. Melbourne 11.8 (74)		

65 Correct		Sydney v Essendon (Stadium Australia, 18th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$1.06	\$7.50	
	87% - 94%	6% - 13%	
	Sydney -39½ pts (\$1.90 / \$1.90)		
Heritage	-	-	-
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Sydney by 23		
Quila	Sydney by 24		
Shadow	Sydney		
CTL	Sydney		
MARS	Sydney		
MM	Sydney (43-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Super MM	Sydney (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Sydney		
Simplified	Sydney		
Result	Sydney 21.17 (143) def. Essendon 7.10 (52)		

64 Correct		Fremantle v W Bulldogs (Subiaco, 18th May 2008)	
Sportsbet	\$2.10	\$1.68	
	40% - 48%	52% - 60%	
	Fremantle +6½ pts (\$1.87 / \$1.93)		
Heritage	Lost 3.83% (4.29%)		
Alpha	-	-	-
Beta	-	-	-
Chi	-	-	-
Line	-	-	-
Chi	Western Bulldogs by 13		
Quila	Western Bulldogs by 16		
Shadow	Western Bulldogs		
CTL	Western Bulldogs		
MARS	Western Bulldogs		
MM	Western Bulldogs (42-1) (Dissenters: MM38)		
Super MM	Western Bulldogs (14-0) (Dissenters: None)		
Uber MM	Western Bulldogs		
Simplified	Western Bulldogs		
Result	W Bulldogs 17.12 (114) def. Fremantle 17.9 (111)		

Round 8 Statistics		
Scoring	Winners	Losers
Goals	138	98
Behinds	112	89
Ave Score	125.5	92.6
Ave Marg	32.9	
Qtrs Won	Winners	Losers
1st	5	3
2nd	5	3
3rd	6	2
4th	4	4
Qtr Leads	Winners	Losers
End of 1st	5	3
End of 2nd	4	4
End 3rd	7	1
Tipping	Tipster	Score
1st	BKB	50
2nd	CTM	49
Last	MM35	38
Ave Score	7.09 (Std Dev = 0.72)	

## Results in Review

### MAFL Funds

Well, that guy I talked about did show up at our door on Sunday night offering to help fill our pool. Even he, as it turned out, had an empty glass.

Two heartbreaking losses contributed to a cruel and stupendously unprofitable weekend for all but a handful of MAFL Investors.

Both the Eagles and the Dockers amply demonstrated just how important it is for a team to know how to win as both let clear winning opportunities slip. In the end, the Eagles fell short by 6 and the Dockers by just 3. Where are the Line Fund insurance bets when you need them?

Chi's bet on the Blues also proved unsuccessful. Clearly somebody knew something about the Blues. For a team to start the week as favourites, then drift dramatically on head-to-head betting, then play the way they did on Saturday, you have to wonder if tanking's started very, very early this year.

Anyway, in short, that was a truly ugly weekend. Roll on Round 9.

Investor #	Profit/Loss (%)
001	(20.96%)
002	(32.71%)
003	(18.76%)
004	(18.76%)
005	(22.63%)
006	(18.76%)
007	(18.76%)
008	(18.76%)
009	(18.76%)
010	-
011	-
012	(18.76%)
013	(18.76%)
014	(18.76%)
015	(8.64%)
016	(18.76%)

### Tipping

With pre-game favourites winning all 8 contests, it's hardly surprising that we set a season-high all-tipster average this weekend of just over 7. So easy, in fact, was the Round's tipping that 18 tipsters tipped the card, and 37 more tipped 7 from 8. Even the two worst tipsters managed 5.

Score	# Tipsters
8	18
7	37
6	8
5	2

Only the St Kilda v Collingwood game caused any significant, widespread damage to tipping fortunes.

These results leave the top three unchanged. BKB now leads on 50 from 64 (78%), followed by Chi on 49 (77%), then MARS on 48 (75%).

In last place, on 38 from 64, is MM35. The running totals for all tipsters appear in pictorial form in Appendix 1.

### Surprisal

Unsurprisingly, this weekend's results are rated "Very Predictable" based on surprisal analysis: two of the successful favourites were at \$1.06, and three more were at \$1.35 or less.

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)
8	0.55 (Very Predictable)	8	7	7.09 (0.72)

Lack of surprise is not good for the competition, nor is it good for the Heritage Fund.



## 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	%
<i>Adelaide</i>	10	3	2	3	16	188	170	110.6	2	6	0	2	24	392	295	132.9	3	6	0	2	24	627	477	131.4	4	6	0	2	24	867	676	128.3
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	7	5	0	3	20	197	200	98.5	11	3	0	5	12	402	386	104.1	13	2	0	6	8	621	604	102.8	8	4	0	4	16	825	790	104.4
<i>Carlton</i>	5	5	1	2	22	211	200	105.5	7	5	0	3	20	440	389	113.1	10	4	0	4	16	605	598	101.2	11	3	0	5	12	794	850	93.4
<i>Collingwood</i>	11	3	0	5	12	188	212	88.7	8	5	0	3	20	433	387	111.9	4	6	0	2	24	634	560	113.2	7	4	0	4	16	866	811	106.8
<i>Essendon</i>	15	1	0	7	4	133	256	52.0	14	2	0	6	8	356	537	66.3	14	2	0	6	8	585	784	74.6	13	2	0	6	8	735	1057	69.5
<i>Fremantle</i>	14	2	0	6	8	185	180	102.8	9	4	0	4	16	374	391	95.7	9	4	0	4	16	568	555	102.3	14	1	0	7	4	725	843	86.0
<i>Geelong</i>	9	4	0	4	16	203	173	117.3	1	6	0	2	24	446	328	136.0	1	7	0	1	28	669	482	138.8	1	8	0	0	32	910	630	144.4
<i>Hawthorn</i>	6	5	0	3	20	196	187	104.8	3	6	0	2	24	433	326	132.8	2	7	0	1	28	701	549	127.7	2	8	0	0	32	989	706	140.1
<i>Kangaroos</i>	1	6	1	1	26	211	126	167.5	12	3	0	5	12	356	358	99.4	6	5	0	3	20	564	544	103.7	6	4	1	3	18	746	748	99.7
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	0	0	8	0	110	242	45.5	16	0	0	8	0	243	526	46.2	16	0	0	8	0	377	797	47.3	16	1	0	7	4	623	1055	59.1
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	8	4	1	3	18	228	157	145.2	5	5	0	3	20	454	355	127.9	8	4	0	4	16	654	597	109.5	10	3	0	5	12	827	836	98.9
<i>Richmond</i>	13	2	1	5	10	186	232	80.2	13	3	0	5	12	385	434	88.7	11	4	0	4	16	596	666	89.5	12	2	1	5	10	810	846	95.7
<i>St Kilda</i>	2	6	0	2	24	222	161	137.9	10	3	1	4	14	404	379	106.6	12	3	0	5	12	572	581	98.5	9	4	0	4	16	745	774	96.3
<i>Sydney</i>	3	6	0	2	24	186	135	137.8	4	5	1	2	22	357	290	123.1	7	4	0	4	16	552	423	130.5	5	4	1	3	18	763	587	130.0
<i>West Coast</i>	12	3	0	5	12	168	206	81.6	15	2	0	6	8	292	454	64.3	15	1	0	7	4	442	671	65.9	15	1	0	7	4	602	865	69.6
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	4	6	0	2	24	230	205	112.2	6	5	0	3	20	473	405	116.8	5	5	0	3	20	739	618	119.6	3	7	1	0	30	1030	783	131.5

### 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	%
<i>Adelaide</i>	10	3	2	3	16	188	170	110.6	2	7	0	1	28	204	125	163.2	5	4	1	3	18	235	182	129.1	5	5	0	3	20	240	199	120.6
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	7	5	0	3	20	197	200	98.5	5	5	0	3	20	205	186	110.2	10	4	0	4	16	219	218	100.5	12	2	1	5	10	204	186	109.7
<i>Carlton</i>	5	5	1	2	22	211	200	105.5	7	4	0	4	16	229	189	121.2	12	4	0	4	16	165	209	78.9	14	2	0	6	8	189	252	75.0
<i>Collingwood</i>	11	3	0	5	12	188	212	88.7	4	6	0	2	24	245	175	140.0	9	4	0	4	16	201	173	116.2	8	4	0	4	16	232	251	92.4
<i>Essendon</i>	15	1	0	7	4	133	256	52.0	10	4	0	4	16	223	281	79.4	13	3	0	5	12	229	247	92.7	15	2	0	6	8	150	273	54.9
<i>Fremantle</i>	14	2	0	6	8	185	180	102.8	12	3	0	5	12	189	211	89.6	8	4	0	4	16	194	164	118.3	16	1	0	7	4	157	288	54.5
<i>Geelong</i>	9	4	0	4	16	203	173	117.3	3	7	0	1	28	243	155	156.8	1	6	0	2	24	223	154	144.8	3	6	0	2	24	241	148	162.8
<i>Hawthorn</i>	6	5	0	3	20	196	187	104.8	1	7	0	1	28	237	139	170.5	7	4	0	4	16	268	223	120.2	1	8	0	0	32	288	157	183.4
<i>Kangaroos</i>	1	6	1	1	26	211	126	167.5	14	2	0	6	8	145	232	62.5	2	6	0	2	24	208	186	111.8	13	2	0	6	8	182	204	89.2
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	0	0	8	0	110	242	45.5	16	0	0	8	0	133	284	46.8	16	1	0	7	4	134	271	49.4	7	4	0	4	16	246	258	95.3
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	8	4	1	3	18	228	157	145.2	8	4	0	4	16	226	198	114.1	11	4	0	4	16	200	242	82.6	11	3	0	5	12	173	239	72.4
<i>Richmond</i>	13	2	1	5	10	186	232	80.2	11	3	1	4	14	199	202	98.5	4	5	0	3	20	211	232	90.9	6	4	0	4	16	214	180	118.9
<i>St Kilda</i>	2	6	0	2	24	222	161	137.9	13	2	0	6	8	182	218	83.5	14	3	0	5	12	168	202	83.2	9	4	0	4	16	173	193	89.6
<i>Sydney</i>	3	6	0	2	24	186	135	137.8	9	4	0	4	16	171	155	110.3	3	5	0	3	20	195	133	146.6	4	5	1	2	22	211	164	128.7
<i>West Coast</i>	12	3	0	5	12	168	206	81.6	15	1	0	7	4	124	248	50.0	15	2	1	5	10	150	217	69.1	10	4	0	4	16	160	194	82.5
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	4	6	0	2	24	230	205	112.2	6	4	1	3	18	243	200	121.5	6	4	0	4	16	266	213	124.9	2	7	0	1	28	291	165	176.4

The Hawks preserved their perfect 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter record this weekend, winning their 8<sup>th</sup> straight final term on the way to overwhelming Port.

Fremantle, in capitulating to the Bulldogs after taking a three goal lead into the final term have now secured themselves the worst 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter record of all the teams. They're now at 1 and 7 in final terms.

Melbourne, meantime, are still yet to win a 1<sup>st</sup> or a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

The table at right shows the number of total quarters won, drawn and lost for every team and the rankings here are now all-but mimicking those of the competition ladder. The largest difference is just 2 ranking places.

Further, the top 8 now comprises only those teams who have a better than 50% win-loss quarters record.

Once again underlining the importance of 4<sup>th</sup> quarters so far this season, the following formula explains almost 90% of the variability in competition points across the 16 teams:

$$-10.2 + 1.40 * Q1\_Pts + 1.63 * Q2\_Pts + 1.07 * Q3\_Pts + 2.44 * Q4\_Pts$$

(assigning 4 points for winning a quarter and 2 points for a drawn quarter).

	Total Quarters Won				
	R	W	D	L	Pts
<i>Adelaide</i>	4	19	3	10	82
<i>Brisbane Lions</i>	7	16	1	15	66
<i>Carlton</i>	9	15	1	16	62
<i>Collingwood</i>	6	17	0	15	68
<i>Essendon</i>	14	10	0	22	40
<i>Fremantle</i>	14	10	0	22	40
<i>Geelong</i>	2	23	0	9	92
<i>Hawthorn</i>	1	24	0	8	96
<i>Kangaroos</i>	7	16	1	15	66
<i>Melbourne</i>	16	5	0	27	20
<i>Port Adelaide</i>	9	15	1	16	62
<i>Richmond</i>	11	14	2	16	60
<i>St Kilda</i>	11	15	0	17	60
<i>Sydney</i>	4	20	1	11	82
<i>West Coast</i>	13	10	1	21	42
<i>Western Bulldogs</i>	3	21	1	10	86

## Team Ratings Update

Sydney and Adelaide were this weekend's big movers as a result of their respective demolitions of Essendon and Melbourne. The only other team to pick up more than one whole rating point was the Lions, who now have a small buffer of 3½ points to the Roos in ninth.

Still, after all these ups and downs, the ordering of the teams is unchanged.

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	Δ R8	End R8
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	+1.1	1,039.7
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	-0.2	1,020.6
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	+4.6	1,020.1
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	+4.2	1,018.8
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	+0.2	1,008.5
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	+0.0	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	+0.9	1,005.6
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	+2.4	1,003.8
Kangaroos	1,007.4	-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	-0.0	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	-0.9	997.2
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	+0.0	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	-1.1	988.4
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	+0.0	984.5
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	-2.4	976.6
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	-4.6	970.8
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	-4.2	962.5

The Hawks, the Roos and the Bulldogs, despite winning this weekend, all dropped ratings points, although the Bulldogs' loss was so small that it might as well have been zero. In all, 6 of the top 8 teams gained ratings points.

Team	Initial	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8
Geelong	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hawthorn	8	3	4	4	3	3	3	2	2
Sydney	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Adelaide	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	4
Port Adelaide	4	6	7	7	9	7	7	5	5
Western Bulldogs	13	13	12	10	6	8	6	6	6
Collingwood	6	7	5	5	5	5	5	7	7
Brisbane Lions	11	10	11	11	8	10	9	8	8
Kangaroos	10	12	10	12	7	6	8	9	9
St Kilda	9	9	6	8	10	9	10	10	10
Fremantle	7	8	9	6	12	11	11	11	11
Richmond	15	14	14	14	13	13	12	12	12
West Coast	5	4	8	9	11	12	13	13	13
Carlton	16	16	16	16	15	15	15	14	14
Essendon	12	11	13	13	14	14	14	15	15
Melbourne	14	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16

The competition's top 8 now matches the MARS ladder in all but one respect: Port Adelaide is in the MARS top 8 and the Roos are not.

The MARS Top 8 is:

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

Looking back at MARS' predictive history over the period 2000-2007, we find the following is true of the MARS ratings after 8 rounds:

- No team ranked 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> by MARS has subsequently missed the finals
- Only one team ranked 4<sup>th</sup>, one ranked 6<sup>th</sup>, and two ranked 5<sup>th</sup> have missed out
- Teams ranked 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> have, roughly, made the finals as often as they've missed out
- In only one season (2002) has a team ranked by MARS lower than 11<sup>th</sup> made the finals



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	8
Geelong	32	144.4	132	118	910	52.8%	11	89	96	630	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Hawthorn	32	140.1	145	119	989	54.9%	6	103	88	706	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Western Bulldogs	30	131.5	155	100	1,030	60.8%	2	116	87	783	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W
Adelaide	24	128.3	126	111	867	53.2%	10	98	88	676	L	W	W	L	W	W	W	W
Sydney	18	130.0	110	103	763	51.6%	12	82	95	587	L	W	W	W	L	D	L	W
Kangaroos	18	99.7	109	92	746	54.2%	8	108	100	748	L	W	L	W	W	D	L	W
Collingwood	16	106.8	127	104	866	55.0%	5	120	91	811	W	L	W	L	L	W	L	W
Brisbane Lions	16	104.4	117	123	825	48.8%	15	115	100	790	L	W	L	W	L	W	L	W
St Kilda	16	96.3	109	91	745	54.5%	7	116	78	774	W	W	L	L	W	L	W	L
Port Adelaide	12	98.9	122	95	827	56.2%	4	124	92	836	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	L
Carlton	12	93.4	116	98	794	54.2%	9	125	100	850	L	L	L	W	W	L	W	L
Richmond	10	95.7	122	78	810	61.0%	1	123	108	846	W	L	L	W	D	L	L	L
Essendon	8	68.9	110	75	735	59.5%	3	157	125	1,067	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	L
Fremantle	4	86.0	104	101	725	50.7%	13	121	117	843	L	L	W	L	L	L	L	L
West Coast	4	69.6	86	86	602	50.0%	14	129	91	865	W	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Melbourne	4	59.1	88	95	623	48.1%	16	152	143	1,055	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	L

Remarkably, the eight teams that won this week comprise the top 8 of the competition and, by logical necessity, the 8 losers comprise the bottom 8.

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Surely the weeks can't get any worse than this one for MAFL Investors.

Next week Melbourne take on Hawthorn at the G and West Coast meet Adelaide at Subi. I sense a Heritage bet on both.



Tony

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### Appendix 1 : Cumulative Tipping Performance – All Tipsters

