Round 24 7/08/2025

The AFL has released the details of the dates & times for Round 24.

More detail is available here: <a href="https://www.afl.com.au/news/1382523/round-24-fixture-old-rivals-kick-it-off-friday-double-header-super-sunday-looms">https://www.afl.com.au/news/1382523/round-24-fixture-old-rivals-kick-it-off-friday-double-header-super-sunday-looms</a>

The round is unusual because it also includes the Gold Coast v. Essendon game that was postponed in the Opening Round (Round 0) due to a cyclone in Queensland. It therefore has **TEN games**.

Round 24 now **starts on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August and finishes on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**. Essendon play on the Thursday and the Wednesday and Gold Coast play on the Friday and the Wednesday.

We have released an update that will be automatically applied to the program. The update simply re-orders the ten games into the order that they are being played.

If your tippers are predicting a winning margin then the default margin game is no longer the first game in the round. This doesn't make any practical difference to your competition.

If you are using the web edition of the program then it also amends the cut-off time for round 24 from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.20pm (AEST) – 10 minutes before the first game of the round.

# Wildcards (if you are using them)

We have also been asked about how Wildcards will work in this round, and the answer is they will work as normal. So the astute tipper who still has one remaining might decide to wait until round 24 to increase their chances of a higher score. As far as the program is concerned, it doesn't matter how many games are in a round - if you play a wildcard the score is doubled.

If you think that this is unfair then the only thing that you could do about it would be to create a rule (and inform your tippers) that says all wildcards MUST be played before round 24 and then manually apply a tipper's final wildcard to round 23 if they haven't done it themselves.

#### Thursday, August 21

Essendon v Carlton, MCG, 7.30pm AEST

### Friday, August 22

Collingwood v Melbourne, MCG, 7.10pm AEST Port Adelaide v Gold Coast, Adelaide Oval, 7.40pm ACST

# Saturday, August 23

North Melbourne v Adelaide, Marvel Stadium, 1.20pm AEST Richmond v Geelong, MCG, 4.15pm AEST West Coast v Sydney, Optus Stadium, 5.35pm AWST

#### Sunday, August 24

GWS v St Kilda, Engie Stadium, 12.20pm AEST Western Bulldogs v Fremantle, Marvel Stadium, 3.15pm AEST Brisbane v Hawthorn, Gabba, 7.20pm AEST

### Wednesday, August 27

Gold Coast v Essendon, People First Stadium, 7.20pm AEST