

Round 5 – changes to the fixture.

This season has been a bit tricky for tipping competitions, and very tricky to supply software to run them.

With all the changes to the fixture that have been happening, circumstances are arising that Footy Tipping Software simply wasn't designed for! Who would have thought back in February that the season would be suspended after only one round, then be altered to a 153 game (17 rounds if we are lucky) season. Then we had a game postponed in round 3 and now we have the trickiest situation so far – two games with the teams switched, and a different game becoming the first game in the round and some tippers have probably already tipped....
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And then there is the very short timeframe in which to try and make it all work. But the good news is that it is possible – please read the below.

The changes to the fixture for round 5 are:

1. Richmond will now play Melbourne at the MCG on Sunday instead of playing West Coast at Metricon on Thursday.
2. Sydney will now play West Coast at Metricon on Saturday instead of playing Melbourne at the SCG on Sunday.
3. The Carlton vs St Kilda game will now be the first game of the round played on Thursday evening at Marvel Stadium instead of on Saturday afternoon at the MCG.

Your copy of the program will/should already have downloaded the changes to round 5.

When the program applies these changes it will:

- a. Delete the West Coast vs. Richmond game and any tips for it.
- b. Delete the Sydney vs. Melbourne game and any tips for it.
- c. Add the West Coast vs. Sydney game.
- d. Add the Melbourne vs. Richmond game.
- e. Move the Carlton vs. St Kilda game to be the first game in the round.

If you are using the Web edition of the program then the first thing you should do is click on the 'Synchronise' button, so the changes to the fixture are uploaded to the web pages.

The implications of the changes are that any tippers who have already entered tips will have two games with no pick and, if you are using the first game of the round for your Margin Prediction, their previous prediction on the West Coast vs. Richmond game will be applied to the Carlton vs. St Kilda game.

However, it's only a problem for tippers who have already entered tips. Any tips entered after the changes have been applied will be fine.

Obviously, the best thing will be for any tippers who have already entered tips to re-tip the two 'new' games and review their margin prediction (if you are using one). When it comes to scoring the round, if a tipper is missing any tips then they will be treated as a 'non-tipper' and will be allocated the default score even though they may have tipped seven of the nine games.

You can tell who is missing tips by viewing or printing the Tippers Selections report for round 5 (click on the Reports button, select 'Tipper Selections' and alter the round number to Round 5). If you are using the Web edition remember to 'Synchronise' first. **There will be blank spots where tips are missing.**

It is important that you print this report when you close the round, because once the round has been scored any tippers with missing tips will be listed in the section at the bottom where all the non-tippers are listed and you won't easily be able to know who was a genuine non-tipper and who was just missing a couple of tips.

If you have a copy of the Tipper Selections report printed when the round was closed then you will know which tippers were missing tips for the two games. You will then be able to decide whether to leave things as they are so those tippers get the default score, or manually go and enter tips for the missing games for them so they are scored normally. Hopefully not too many tippers had already entered tips before the change to the fixture and again hopefully those that had will re-visit their tips and fix them up.

Of course, if you have any questions or need help, please contact us. We apologise in advance for any possible delays in our response, but we are guessing that it may be a busy time for us.

Regards,

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