

# West Coast vs. Geelong

## Head to Head – West Coast vs. Geelong

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<b>2000</b>									
5	SS	81	162	-81	10.8	8.5	489	753	-264
20	SUB	78	108	-30	16.3	8.4	258	817	-559
<b>2001</b>									
1	SS	49	115	-66	21.1	11.4	189	554	-365
16	SUB	80	150	-70	14.0	6.8	251	853	-602
<b>2002</b>									
14	SS	33	65	-32	19.2	11.3	192	488	-295
<b>2003</b>									
7	SUB	113	97	16	10.1	11.0	445	529	-84
20	SS	63	63	0	16.8	15.4	255	291	-36
<b>2004</b>									
14	SUB	51	49	2	18.9	18.4	254	229	26
<b>Average</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>-272</b>

It's only been in the last 2 years that West Coast has been able to shake their tag of Geelong's whipping boys! Prior to that Geelong had won its previous 5 games against West Coast, by an average of 56 points. It didn't seem to matter where they'd play, a football lesson was coming their way. The difference in the past few years seems to come down to restricting the Cats scoring, and subsequent StatRating™ more than any other feature. West Coast has remained in the same StatRating™ Bracket, while Geelong's StatRating™ has come down significantly. The averages are still heavily in favour of Geelong, but the tide could be starting to turn.

## West Coast – Current Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
1	AAMI	Adel	64	53	11	16.2	16.2	339	265	74
<b>Average</b>			<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>74</b>

An inspiring, never say die effort from the boys out west last week provided an unlikely victory at AAMI Stadium. A great come from behind win at a venue that they hadn't won at for 9 years! Windy conditions condition ensured the scored stayed low, and high possession football reflected the low StatRating™. While it was a great win, and many feel this team can go all they way this year, it certainly didn't dispel any theories from this teams doubters that they can register a decent score outside of Subiaco. You won't find a score of 64 on too many winning score lines. Nevertheless they did what they had to in gaining the points, and the win was full of merit. They have returned figures like these in the past, and the table below highlights these games over the past 2 years.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
20	SS	Geel	63	63	0	16.8	15.4	255	291	-36
21	SUB	Melb	143	91	52	8.3	14.0	649	256	393
<b>2004</b>										
14	SUB	Geel	51	49	2	18.9	18.4	254	229	26
15	YP	Haw	86	82	4	12.1	12.5	413	391	22
15	YP	Haw	86	82	4	12.1	12.5	413	391	22
16	SUB	Ess	117	73	44	12.8	13.7	407	357	50
<b>2005</b>										
1	AAMI	Adel	64	53	11	16.2	16.2	339	265	74

The figures highlighted in light blue represent current playing criteria, while the figures in red show the game result in the following week, and the cells highlighted in Green indicate West Coast's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show West Coast's latest form. There have been 3 occasions where these playing styles show up, and the Eagles have been able to bounce back and win in the following week. The round 15 game against the Hawks saw them scrape home, as the Hawks kicked 3 goals in the last 5 minutes of the game to almost snatch victory. The other 2 games, both at Subiaco, saw West Coast produce comfortable wins against Victorian sides. Their round 21 2003 win against Melbourne was expected, as Melbourne lost their last 8 games in that year. The Round 16 win against the Bombers last year is significant, with the Bombers having hit a peak against Richmond the week before. This is significant in that the Cats will be entering this game with similar StatRating™ levels.

## Geelong – Current form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Geel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Geelong StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
1	MCG	Rich	160	98	62	10.1	12.3	633	382	251
<b>Average</b>			<b>160</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>251</b>

The Cats could not have been more impressive last week, as they carved up the Tigers with clinical precision. Not only did they give a flawless display across every position on the ground, but they capitalized on every mistake the Tigers made, and made them pay for turnovers that proved costly. It was hard to find a weak link in the chain anywhere for Geelong, and in many respects many walked away convinced they had seen a faultless display of football. And this is the worrying point for Geelong. Is it possible that they may have already peaked? Are they able to sustain this level, or improve on it in the following week? Was their performance made to look good because of the opposition they played? Hard to gauge the response to any of these questions, but we do have their StatRating™ figures to look back on. Their StatRating™ of 633 is usually associated with a “peak” performance, as is the StatRating™ Margin over 200. The table below highlights these similar playing patterns over the past 2 years.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Geel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Geelong StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
9	TD	Haw	109	75	34	9.6	13.1	534	345	189
10	SS	Adel	59	76	-17	13.0	13.7	262	351	-90
11	TD	Carl	115	75	40	10.0	18.0	622	244	378
12	SUB	Freo	72	88	-16	12.5	13.6	367	367	-1
19	MCG	Melb	84	45	39	9.9	16.6	527	217	310
20	SS	WCE	63	63	0	15.4	16.8	291	255	36
<b>2004</b>										
4	TD	Rich	127	78	49	9.4	13.7	562	366	195
5	SUB	Freo	91	117	-26	15.0	12.1	328	447	-120
7	TD	Haw	108	52	56	8.5	18.8	615	196	419
8	SS	Melb	101	87	14	12.5	10.4	360	617	-257
11	TD	WB	113	67	46	11.7	15.5	555	258	297
12	SS	Kang	94	84	10	11.8	9.7	374	445	-70
15	TD	Coll	94	65	29	9.1	15.3	539	281	258
16	SS	Syd	77	62	15	11.5	14.0	339	286	53
20	SS	Freo	75	25	50	10.6	26.8	536	90	446
21	AAMI	Adel	87	109	-22	10.2	8.1	558	628	-71
22	SS	Haw	123	58	65	9.6	20.3	758	177	581
QF	AAMI	Port	62	117	-55	16.5	10.8	267	509	-241
<b>2005</b>										
1	MCG	Rich	160	98	62	10.1	12.3	633	382	251

The figures highlighted in light blue represent current playing criteria, while the figures in red show the game result in the following week, and the cells highlighted in Green indicate Geelong's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show Geelong's latest form. At a glance there seems to be a mixed bag of results here with 3 wins, a draw, and 5 losses in the past 2 years. But there is one constant; they have lost every away game in the following week when they have hit these levels. They have 2 losses at Subiaco, as well as 2 losses at AAMI Stadium. Their average losing margin in away games at these levels last year was 34 points. Time will tell if they continue to follow this pattern this week at Subiaco.

## West Coast – Form at Subiaco

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
1	SUB	Port	122	74	48	9.1	13.4	729	343	386
3	SUB	Stk	144	74	70	9.1	14.6	648	314	334
5	SUB	Freo	108	73	35	10.5	11.3	459	407	52
7	SUB	Geel	113	97	16	10.1	11.0	445	529	-84
9	SUB	Rich	124	72	52	9.6	15.3	574	255	319
11	SUB	WB	124	124	0	10.4	10.6	528	502	26
13	SUB	Kang	76	67	9	12.5	17.5	359	262	97
15	SUB	Carl	187	71	116	7.9	12.8	1,001	290	711
17	SUB	Haw	98	42	56	10.5	15.8	427	265	162
19	SUB	Adel	67	91	-24	15.8	10.7	234	468	-234
21	SUB	Melb	143	91	52	8.3	14.0	649	256	393
22	SUB	Freo	82	96	-14	10.6	10.4	499	433	65
		<b>Average</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>2004</b>										
2	SUB	Port	115	118	-3	9.3	9.9	615	453	162
4	SUB	Bris	79	76	3	13.8	11.4	253	518	-265
6	SUB	Freo	73	83	-10	16.2	12.2	284	401	-118
8	SUB	Syd	124	97	27	8.4	12.3	654	334	320
10	SUB	Rich	100	63	37	11.3	16.4	476	243	233
12	SUB	Adel	108	76	32	8.7	13.9	607	303	304
14	SUB	Geel	51	49	2	18.9	18.4	254	229	26
16	SUB	Ess	117	73	44	12.8	13.7	407	357	50
18	SUB	WB	106	57	49	11.4	16.6	482	223	259
20	SUB	Carl	111	49	62	10.3	13.5	505	303	201
21	SUB	Freo	93	45	48	11.8	16.6	499	235	264
22	SUB	Melb	107	67	40	11.5	18.9	470	259	211
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>137</b>

West Coast's form at Subiaco is impressive, with only 4 losses from their last 24 games in the past 2 years. Only 2 sides, the Western Bulldogs in 2003, and Port Adelaide in 2004 have been able to top the ton against them over the past 2 years. Their StatRating™ figures have dropped from 2003 to 2004, but were largely inflated by their record 1001 StatRating™ against Carlton that year. They usually restrict opposition teams to 200's and 300's, which will always give them a chance at victory. Their average winning margin over the last 2 years has been a healthy 28 – 35 points although Geelong did get close to beating them last year when they got to within 2 points.

## Geelong – Form at Subiaco

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<b>2003</b>										
7	SUB	WCE	97	113	-16	11.0	10.1	529	445	84
12	SUB	Freo	72	88	-16	12.5	13.6	367	367	-1
		<b>Average</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>2004</b>										
5	SUB	Freo	91	117	-26	15.0	12.1	328	447	-120
14	SUB	WCE	49	51	-2	18.4	18.9	229	254	-26
		<b>Average</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>-73</b>

The Cats have played 4 games at Subiaco over the past 2 years, and have not been able to register a win. Their StatRating™ last season was a very low 278, but they did restrict the opposition to an equally low 351. They entered the round 5 game against Fremantle with a Peak StatRating™ of 562 last year, yet seemed better prepared for their round 14 game against West coast, coming into that game with a StatRating™ of 434. 2003 form is hard to gauge for the Cats, as they only won 7 games for the year.

## West Coast – Top 8 Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
2	SUB	Port	115	118	-3	9.3	9.9	615	453	162
4	SUB	Bris	79	76	3	13.8	11.4	253	518	-265
8	SUB	Syd	124	97	27	8.4	12.3	654	334	320
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16	SUB	Ess	117	73	44	12.8	13.7	407	357	50
22	SUB	Melb	107	67	40	11.5	18.9	470	259	211
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>84</b>
3	TD	Ess	131	137	-6	9.1	11.9	592	513	78
7	MCG	Melb	73	122	-49	16.2	10.1	297	563	-266
9	TD	Stk	68	169	-101	10.9	7.6	348	827	-479
17	AAMI	Port	76	102	-26	10.0	13.1	498	304	194
19	Gabba	Bris	87	73	14	13.0	12.1	417	462	-45
		<b>Average</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>-104</b>

These tables are becoming all too familiar for Top 8 sides. They all have very good home records and terrible away form. West Coast managed only one away win against a Top 8 side last year, and that was against Brisbane. They seem to have this sides measure, which is probably a good place to start concentrating on. Start at the top and work your way down! If they could only apply these same tactics with other Top 8 sides, then they will go a long way to September glory. They are obviously advantaged playing Geelong at Subiaco this week.

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<b>2004</b>										
1	TD	Stk	61	122	-61	15.8	11.5	272	504	-232
8	SS	Melb	101	87	14	12.5	10.4	360	617	-257
9	TD	Ess	120	97	23	9.4	10.6	606	493	114
13	SS	Bris	92	65	27	11.7	12.8	434	369	66
16	SS	Syd	77	62	15	11.5	14.0	339	286	53
18	SS	Stk	101	94	7	11.0	15.5	399	304	95
SF	MCG	Ess	74	64	10	14.5	15.6	448	294	154
PF	MCG	Bris	75	84	-9	11.4	11.9	519	336	184
<b>Average</b>			<b>88</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>22</b>
3	SCG	Syd	67	73	-6	14.5	11.4	248	385	-137
10	AAMI	Port	112	116	-4	10.1	12.0	504	376	128
14	SUB	WCE	49	51	-2	18.4	18.9	229	254	-26
QF	AAMI	Port	62	117	-55	16.5	10.8	267	509	-241
<b>Average</b>			<b>73</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>-69</b>

For once we have a top 8 side that has played very well against other Top 8 sides away from home! They still did not win a game away, but 3 of the 4 games where by less than a goal. It's the Qualifying final which produced the worst result for Geelong, and one that has us very interested. You see that was the only game that Geelong entered into with a peak performance. Their StatRating™ in the game before was a whopping 758, with a StatRating™ Margin of 581! On those figures, they stood no chance.

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 5 - 2 in Geelong's favour, with West Coast winning 2 of the last 3.
- West Coast's current playing levels have seen them score 3 wins from as many games. 2 of these wins have been at Subiaco.
- The Cats form against Richmond last week produced a faultless display, which could mean an early season "peak" Their record in the following week at these levels at Interstate venues is 0-4.
- West Coast's form at AAMI Stadium in the past 2 years has been terrific. Only 3 losses in their past 28 games. T
- Geelong's form at Subiaco has been very good over the past 2 years, with 20 wins from 24 games.
- West Coast's form at home against Top 8 sides has been excellent, with 5 wins from 6 games.
- The Cats form against Top 8 sides in away games has been very good, albeit no wins. 3 of the 4 games were decided by less than a kick, but the loss to Port by 55 points is worrying.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

**West Coast \$1.57**  
**Geelong \$2.40**

At the Line

**West Coast \$1.90 (- 12.5 points)**  
**Geelong \$1.90 (+12.5 points)**

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At the line signifies that you will be able to get a better price on the West Coast (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 12 points. In Geelong's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 12 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 13 points or more, then you collect.

You couldn't help but be impressed with Geelong's display last week against the Tigers, but it needs to be put into perspective. It could well be that they have continued on from where they left off last year, after a nail biter against Brisbane in the Preliminary Final. But you keep coming back to their record interstate after a peak performance, and it just doesn't sit well. While the Eagles have a hard time posting big scores away from home, they do have a proven track record at Subiaco, and have the chance to put Geelong's first round win well into perspective.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Single stake at the line for the West Coast, - 12.5 points @ \$1.90.

## GOLD MEMBERSHIP:

Historical StatRating™ figures for Head to Head, current form, Top 8 form, and form at the ground suggest the following points range for these teams.

West Coast Predicted StatRating™: 450– 510

Points Range: 96 – 108

Geelong Predicted StatRating™: 330 – 390

Points Range: 70 – 82

The spread for this game should come in around 15 points, which again is close to the worst case 14 point scenario here. Should the averages come in, and the result gets to 24 points, then there is a little more room to move. At this stage of the season the game is rated **3 stars** for spread betting purposes.

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