

## Brisbane vs. West Coast

### Head to Head – Brisbane vs. West Coast

Round	Venue	Bris Score	WCE Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Brisbane StatRating™	West Coast StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2000</b>									
13	Gabba	173	89	84	9.3	12.3	676	400	276
<b>2001</b>									
11	SUB	84	62	22	10.0	16.0	518	225	293
<b>2002</b>									
5	SUB	75	121	-46	10.6	9.3	350	644	-293
20	Gabba	136	89	47	9.2	10.9	600	451	149
<b>2003</b>									
12	Gabba	91	160	-69	11.1	8.3	405	761	-356
<b>2004</b>									
4	SUB	76	79	-3	11.4	13.8	518	253	265
19	Gabba	73	87	-14	12.1	13.0	462	417	45
	<b>Average</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>54</b>

It seems West Coast has been the nemesis of Brisbane in recent times, with 4 out of the last 5 games between these 2 sides falling West Coast's way. Brisbane have not beaten West Coast since way back in round 20 2002, with 2 of their 3 losses since being at the Gabba. It's a different story if you take the StatRating™ figures into play, with Brisbane unlucky to lose both games against West Coast last year. Certainly the round 19 game could have gone either way, but the round 4 game should definitely have gone to Brisbane. After being 4 points up at ¾ time, the Lions booted 7 behinds in the last quarter to the Eagles 2.2.14 to go down by 3 points. Hard luck? Probably, but going inside 50, 59 times to West Coasts 35 in that game really does hurt to come away with a loss. With the current record being 4-1, I think we might see West Coast actually start favourite in this game against Brisbane at the Gabba! Not often that Brisbane starts the underdog at the Gabba!

## Brisbane – Current Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Bris Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Brisbane StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
1	Gabba	Stk	116	93	23	11.7	11.3	436	533	-97
2	AAMI	Port	73	75	-2	15.3	15.8	301	356	-54
3	Gabba	Syd	81	87	-6	9.2	13.1	459	350	109
4	MCG	Haw	69	115	-46	12.1	15.5	324	304	20
<b>Average</b>			<b>85</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>-6</b>

What on earth do we make of Brisbane's form? First time under Matthews that they have lost 3 in a row, their lowest average StatRating™ for 3 years, and a loss by 46 points against Hawthorn? Are the missing players finally starting to take effect on this group? Or have they finally bottomed out, and about to regain composure? Early season form is always misleading, and this year, it's been a nightmare. So lets dissect this form carefully... Round 1 was a win that shouldn't have been, given their StatRating™, and they went down in the second week. Round 2, they kicked 5 goals for 3 and ½ quarters, and then kicked 6 goals in 12 minutes to go down by 2 points. They had Sydney all sewn up in round 3, before catapulting in the final quarter, and losing with a kick after the siren. Their StatRating™ suggested they should have won that game, so all should have been well against Hawthorn. Unfortunately, both Lappin and Voss missed the game, and they came up against a Kamikaze Hawthorn unit. Watching that game, I'm sure instructions for the Hawks was to move the ball on at all costs. Regardless of where you are, or where the ball will land, just move it forward. This resulted in Hawthorn having 210 possessions up to half time! Their average in 2004 was 140, and this year it was 135 before last week. Different game plan that bamboozled the Lions, or just too many players missing? What we do know is that the Lions have now out rated the opposition for their last 2 games and still lost. This was not the case in the past, and the table below highlights this.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Bris Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Brisbane StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
7	SCG	Syd	79	98	-19	10.3	12.5	507	295	212
8	Gabba	Adel	107	89	18	10.3	10.9	534	459	75
16	TD	Ess	86	94	-8	10.6	13.3	490	353	137
17	Gabba	Port	103	104	-1	9.1	9.1	547	529	18
17	Gabba	Port	103	104	-1	9.1	9.1	547	529	18
18	Gabba	Kang	137	83	54	9.5	11.5	634	433	201
20	Gabba	Syd	76	90	-14	10.4	14.1	501	306	195
21	Gabba	Geel	123	86	37	12.1	13.3	412	428	-16
<b>2004</b>										
4	SUB	WCE	76	79	-3	11.4	13.8	518	253	265
5	Gabba	Haw	110	62	48	7.6	18.9	871	196	675
19	Gabba	WCE	73	87	-14	12.1	13.0	462	417	45
20	MCG	Haw	66	43	23	12.2	21.3	466	169	297
<b>2005</b>										
3	Gabba	Syd	81	87	-6	9.2	13.1	459	350	109
4	MCG	Haw	69	115	-46	12.1	15.5	324	304	20
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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 Brisbane's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show Brisbane's latest form. These figures show that the Lions are usually failsafe when they return these figures. They usually return to the Gabba, and are likely to have a convincing win. In the following week, their average score has been 108 to 78, with average StatRating™ of 577 to 369. Last week, the Hawks crammed 3 quarters of possessions into a half of football, with a different game plan that worked. Can the Lions return to form this week? They certainly have the figures to suggest they will, but will need their best players back to make it work.

## 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
2	SUB	Geel	84	62	22	12.8	15.0	382	306	76
3	SUB	Freo	88	80	8	10.8	14.5	465	310	155
4	SUB	WB	143	107	36	10.0	14.8	668	311	357
<b>Average</b>			<b>95</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>166</b>

The West Coast Eagles have been quietly going about their business in the first 4 weeks while the rest of the competition sorts itself out. Their first 3 rounds were gutsy wins, without needing to really put the foot on the accelerator too much. Just enough to skip away at times and produce a win. While their latest win against the Western Bulldogs seemed similar, it certainly wasn't. Their StatRating™ of 668 signals a peak, just as the StatRating™ Margin of 357 indicates as well. Although these figures are associated with a 60 point drubbing, we need to remember that the Doggies kicked 17.5.107. Given their recent kicking in the first 3 rounds, this score line could have been 11.11. 77 and the margin would have been 66 points. This kind of peak has been bad news for the Eagles in the past, as the table bellows indicates.

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
2	YP	Haw	89	91	-2	14.3	11.1	300	459	-158
3	SUB	Stk	144	74	70	9.1	14.6	648	314	334
4	AAMI	Adel	73	106	-33	12.9	11.0	348	602	-253
9	SUB	Rich	124	72	52	9.6	15.3	574	255	319
10	TD	Ess	106	128	-22	11.1	9.1	488	662	-175
12	Gabba	Bris	160	91	69	8.3	11.1	761	405	356
13	SUB	Kang	76	67	9	12.5	17.5	359	262	97
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>2004</b>										
8	SUB	Syd	124	97	27	8.4	12.3	654	334	320
9	TD	Stk	68	169	-101	10.9	7.6	348	827	-479
12	SUB	Adel	108	76	32	8.7	13.9	607	303	304
13	MO	Kang	75	108	-33	12.6	9.8	367	523	-157
<b>2005</b>										
4	SUB	WB	143	107	36	10.0	14.8	668	311	357

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 are 7 games in the past 2 years where West Coast has reached these levels, with 6 losses and 1 win. Their StatRating™ has come down considerably in the following week, with the only time they have had any sort of advantage being rounds 13 and 22 in 2003, as they played these games at home. One resulted in a win over the Roos and the other a 14 point loss to Fremantle. Their average score in the following week has been 81 to 109, and average StatRating™ of 387 to 538. In the past, good teams such as Brisbane and Port Adelaide last year have been able to overcome these figures and score wins. This will be a great test for West Coast to see if they can also win this week, to prove they have taken the next step.

## Brisbane – Form at Gabba

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Bris Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Brisbane StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
1	Gabba	Ess	104	61	43	8.9	15.4	768	305	463
4	Gabba	Coll	95	81	14	11.2	12.0	446	435	12
5	Gabba	WB	106	79	27	10.2	17.8	548	314	234
8	Gabba	Adel	107	89	18	10.3	10.9	534	459	75
10	Gabba	Melb	123	63	60	10.3	20.4	602	225	377
12	Gabba	WCE	91	160	-69	11.1	8.3	405	761	-356
13	Gabba	Rich	104	61	43	10.9	18.4	503	288	215
15	Gabba	Haw	93	81	12	12.7	11.1	395	396	-1
17	Gabba	Port	103	104	-1	9.1	9.1	547	529	18
18	Gabba	Kang	137	83	54	9.5	11.5	634	433	201
20	Gabba	Syd	76	90	-14	10.4	14.1	501	306	195
21	Gabba	Geel	123	86	37	12.1	13.3	412	428	-16
SF	Gabba	Adel	124	82	42	9.0	13.4	598	382	216
		<b>Average</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>2004</b>										
1	Gabba	Syd	80	78	2	10.4	13.7	441	386	55
3	Gabba	Coll	137	77	60	8.8	15.2	651	295	356
5	Gabba	Haw	110	62	48	7.6	18.9	871	196	675
8	Gabba	Carl	140	102	38	8.8	12.4	680	371	309
10	Gabba	Melb	123	83	40	9.3	12.2	604	336	268
11	Gabba	Port	123	86	37	10.0	11.7	590	412	178
14	Gabba	Rich	114	96	18	10.8	12.0	517	374	143
15	Gabba	WB	136	68	68	8.9	15.5	695	310	386
17	Gabba	Adel	189	48	141	8.0	15.2	813	322	491
19	Gabba	WCE	73	87	-14	12.1	13.0	462	417	45
21	Gabba	StK	130	85	45	10.4	15.5	604	310	294
22	Gabba	Kang	170	57	113	8.9	24.0	800	158	642
QF	Gabba	StK	149	69	80	9.8	12.6	631	293	338
		<b>Average</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>322</b>
<b>2005</b>										
1	Gabba	Stk	116	93	23	11.7	11.3	436	533	-97
3	Gabba	Syd	81	87	-6	9.2	13.1	459	350	109
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>6</b>

Like most of the interstate sides, the home record always looks impressive. They have only dropped 5 games in the past 3 season here, to 3 sides. West Coast has 2, Sydney has 2, and Port has 1. Their round 1 win against Stkilda was on track with past averages on the scoreboard but not on the stats sheet. Their round 3 loss against Sydney was on track on the Stats sheet, but not on the scoreboard! West Coast does have the form on the scoreboard here, and are one of only 3 sides to crack the 100 mark against Brisbane since 2003. Tough call, but have to lean towards Brisbane getting back to their averages this week, with a 4<sup>th</sup> straight loss staring them in the face.

## West Coast – Form at Gabba

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
20	Gabba	Bris	89	136	-47	10.9	9.2	451	600	-149
<b>2003</b>										
12	Gabba	Bris	160	91	69	8.3	11.1	761	405	356
<b>2004</b>										
19	Gabba	Bris	87	73	14	13.0	12.1	417	462	-45
<b>Average</b>			<b>112</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>54</b>

Have mentioned West Coast's form in the previous page, with a real standout being round 12 2003. Brisbane did lose 4 games between rounds 11 and 15 that year, and were definitely in a slump. Have to say the same this time round.

## West Coast – Peak ratings over 600

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
5	SUB	Bris	121	75	46	9.3	10.6	644	350	293
6	AAMI	Port	79	133	-54	11.6	11.2	466	526	-60
9	SUB	Haw	126	88	38	9.3	13.4	626	290	336
10	TD	Stk	77	127	-50	12.0	10.9	357	494	-137
13	SUB	Adel	135	117	18	8.8	11.6	730	441	288
14	SS	Geel	33	65	-32	19.2	11.3	192	488	-295
22	MO	Kang	143	126	17	8.2	7.8	631	720	-89
EF	TD	Ess	78	111	-33	11.8	14.1	490	398	93
<b>2003</b>										
1	SUB	Port	122	74	48	9.1	13.4	729	343	386
2	YP	Haw	89	91	-2	14.3	11.1	300	459	-158
3	SUB	Stk	144	74	70	9.1	14.6	648	314	334
4	AAMI	Adel	73	106	-33	12.9	11.0	348	602	-253
6	MCG	Melb	127	94	33	8.3	12.0	618	410	208
7	SUB	Geel	113	97	16	10.1	11.0	445	529	-84
12	Gabba	Bris	160	91	69	8.3	11.1	761	405	356
13	SUB	Kang	76	67	9	12.5	17.5	359	262	97
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>2004</b>										
1	TD	WB	144	137	7	8.2	7.8	746	730	16
2	SUB	Port	115	118	-3	9.3	9.9	615	453	162
2	SUB	Port	115	118	-3	9.3	9.9	615	453	162
3	TD	Ess	131	137	-6	9.1	11.9	592	513	78
8	SUB	Syd	124	97	27	8.4	12.3	654	334	320
9	TD	Stk	68	169	-101	10.9	7.6	348	827	-479
12	SUB	Adel	108	76	32	8.7	13.9	607	303	304
13	MO	Kang	75	108	-33	12.6	9.8	367	523	-157
<b>2005</b>										
4	SUB	WB	143	107	36	10.0	14.8	668	311	357

Although not always shown in the analysis, this table is relevant in showing how West Coast have performed over the past 3 years when they have exceeded a StatRating™ of 600, regardless of what the opposition has done. Of the 13 games played at these levels, they have only managed to win 2, both at Subiaco. In round 7 2003, they beat Geelong by 16 points, while losing on StatRating™. This was against a side that had lost 5 of its first 6 games in 2003. They also beat the Kangaroos in round 13 by 9 points in one of the wettest games of the year. Again a real test for West Coast to bounce back and win at the Gabba this week, although we don't want to look back and say "and they beat Brisbane back in 2005, which had lost 3 of their first 4 games..."

## West Coast - Form coming into Brisbane games

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WCE Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	West Coast StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
4	Optus	Melb	103	137	-34	8.7	10.3	585	524	62
5	SUB	Bris	121	75	46	9.3	10.6	644	350	293
19	SUB	Melb	100	106	-6	12.1	10.9	429	552	-123
20	Gabba	Bris	89	136	-47	10.9	9.2	451	600	-149
<b>2003</b>										
11	SUB	WB	124	124	0	10.4	10.6	528	502	26
12	Gabba	Bris	160	91	69	8.3	11.1	761	405	356
<b>2004</b>										
3	TD	Ess	131	137	-6	9.1	11.9	592	513	78
4	SUB	Bris	79	76	3	13.8	11.4	253	518	-265
18	SUB	WB	106	57	49	11.4	16.6	482	223	259
19	Gabba	Bris	87	73	14	13.0	12.1	417	462	-45
<b>2005</b>										
4	SUB	WB	143	107	36	10.0	14.8	668	311	357

Another form reference that may shed some light on West Coast's recent record against Brisbane. They have never been at these peak levels coming into games against Brisbane, although got very close in round 3 2004, and almost lost in the following week. Their wins in round 5 2002, and round 12 2003 were coming off positive games for West Coast, as they had lost the game but won on StatRating™. Again, good test for them this week.

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 4 - 1 since 2002 with West Coast winning the last 3 in a row.
- The Lions are in desperate need of a win, and have lost the game but won on StatRating™ in the last 2 weeks. In the past this has signaled a win for the Lions.
- The Eagles posted peak StatRating™ figures for the first time this year last week, and have found it difficult to win in the following week on past results. 1 win from 7 games in the past 2 years at these levels.
- Brisbane's form at the Gabba has been impressive over the past 3 years, as you would expect from a triple premiership side. Their main thorns have been West Coast and Sydney, 2 sides which have troubled them in the past at any venue.
- West Coast's form after surpassing a StatRating™ of 600 has been terrible since 2002. Only time they have played well has been when returning to Subiaco, not interstate.
- West Coast has not entered into games against Brisbane with this kind of form reference in the past. They have mainly been positive form guides, rather than peaks.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>\$2.05</b>
<b>West Coast</b>	<b>\$1.78</b>

At the Line

<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>\$1.90 (+4.5 points)</b>
<b>West Coast</b>	<b>\$1.90 (- 4.5 points)</b>

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At the line signifies that you will be able to get a better price on West Coast (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 4 points. In Brisbane's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 4 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 5 points or more, then you collect.

We're all set for a great game to be played out here, with Brisbane desperate not to go 1 -4 , and West Coast salivating at the prospect of meeting a limping injured Brisbane side. The form sheets are laid out for Brisbane to come back and score a win here, with West Coast hitting an early season peak. Adelaide bucked this trend last week, and became the first side to travel interstate with these peak figures and win the game for the first time in 2 years. If the Lions regain their elite players this week, and have a starting lineup of Lappin, Voss, Black, Akermanis and Power in the midfield, they should stop West Coast being the 2<sup>nd</sup> side to perform this feat. Either way, will be an entertaining game to watch.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Single stake win on Brisbane at \$2.05.

### **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.

Brisbane Predicted StatRating™: 500– 550

Points Range: 105 – 117

West Coast Predicted StatRating™: 360 – 420

Points Range: 77– 89

The spread for this game should come in around 0 points, so there looks to be a good collect should Brisbane perform as we expect. A lot will depend on who actually play for the Lions, and being a Sunday game, we won't know until virtually the first bounce. For this reason the game is rated **2 stars** for spread betting purposes.

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