

# Western Bulldogs vs. Kangaroos

## Head to Head – Western Bulldogs vs. Kangaroos

Round	Venue	WB Score	Kang Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Bulldogs StatRating™	Kangaroos StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2000</b>									
15	TD	106	102	4	12.9	10.2	450	520	-70
<b>2001</b>									
10	MCG	79	125	-46	11.0	9.5	444	613	-169
<b>2002</b>									
2	TD	97	110	-13	10.9	10.2	470	616	-146
17	TD	139	105	34	10.1	10.4	577	556	21
<b>2003</b>									
10	TD	145	156	-11	8.7	8.5	682	718	-36
<b>2004</b>									
6	MO	120	119	1	10.0	9.8	450	521	-71
<b>Average</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>-78</b>

There have been 6 games between these sides in the last 4 years, and the record stands at 3 apiece. It seems that it doesn't matter where these sides play, we're always in for a high scoring entertaining game. With perfect conditions under the Telstra Dome roof this week, there's no reason why this trend shouldn't continue. Interestingly, while the record is 3 all, it could have easily been 5-1 in the Roos favour, as rarely do the Bulldogs score higher in the StatRating™. The round 17 2002 game was the only time they scored higher on the stats sheet, and that was only just at 21 StatRating™ points. The Kangaroos will be eager to atone their round 6 encounter against the Dogs at Manuka Oval. The Doggies came back from 32 points down at ¾ time, to snatch an unlikely victory by 1 point. That loss has hurt the Kangaroos, as a win in that game would have seen them sitting in the top 8 now. After a good performance against Stkilda last week, the Kangaroos should start firm favourites this week.

## Western Bulldogs – Current Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WB Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Bulldogs StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
16	TD	Melb	55	93	-38	13.7	9.3	343	611	-268
17	TD	Coll	66	115	-49	10.4	10.6	470	480	-10
18	SUB	WCE	57	106	-49	16.6	11.4	223	482	-259
19	TD	Haw	109	120	-11	11.1	12.2	539	370	169
20	MS	Port	61	147	-86	20.4	10.9	226	487	-262
<b>Average</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>-126</b>

The Bulldogs marketing push towards the Northern Territory was certainly an off field success, but little could said for their on field performance. They were soundly beaten by a tough Port Adelaide side, and with all the hype around the game, should have performed much better. Their StatRating™ Margin of -262 is becoming a feature of the Doggies style. We need only look at rounds 16 and 18 to see the similarity in playing styles in 3 of their last 5 weeks. The bonus for the Dogs may be that this is an “up” week judging by their pattern, and the table below highlights this similar playing style in seasons past.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WB Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Bulldogs StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
4	TD	Bris	78	94	-16	18.3	11.8	224	482	-257
5	TD	Melb	81	104	-23	10.6	9.8	479	488	-9
<b>2003</b>										
21	YP	Stk	30	95	-65	19.7	11.5	178	564	-386
22	TD	Bris	86	170	-84	15.0	9.2	353	761	-408
<b>2004</b>										
16	TD	Melb	55	93	-38	13.7	9.3	343	611	-268
17	TD	Coll	66	115	-49	10.4	10.6	470	480	-10
18	SUB	WCE	57	106	-49	16.6	11.4	223	482	-259
19	TD	Haw	109	120	-11	11.1	12.2	539	370	169
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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 the Doggies StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show the Western Bulldogs latest form. These figures don't inspire too much confidence for the upcoming game against the Kangaroos. When they have reached these levels, there has still been quite a margin between them and their opposition on the scoreboard. Their best performance in this time should have been a win against Hawthorn in round 19, as they out rated them by 169 StatRating™ points. There's also the danger they could slip further this week, as indicated by their last round loss against Brisbane at Telstra Dome back in round 22 2003. Their figures of 470 and 539 in the following weeks stack up with what they usually rate against the Kangaroos, and perhaps with the signing of Rodney Eade as coach for next season, we could see an improvement in the Doggies this week. On the negative side, these figures were against struggling clubs, and not a Top 8 aspirant.

## Kangaroos – Current form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Kang Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Kangaroos StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
16	Optus	Carl	62	70	-8	15.6	10.8	302	426	-124
17	MCG	Haw	143	63	80	8.6	16.0	625	306	319
18	AAMI	Adel	42	49	-7	15.9	13.3	226	428	-202
19	SCG	Syd	118	112	6	7.7	13.2	757	372	385
20	TD	Stk	96	147	-51	12.1	10.7	422	571	-149
<b>Average</b>			<b>92</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>46</b>

It was going to be a big ask for the Roos against Stkilda last week, coming off such an emotional victory against the Swans the week before. Not only was it emotional, but their StatRating™ of 757 and StatRating™ Margin of 385 signaled an enormous peak for the Roos, and they went down accordingly. It was only in the last quarter that the Saints got away from them, although some accurate kicking helped the Kangaroos keep in touch up to that time. Still, they managed to almost break that magical 100 points against the Saints at Telstra Dome, a feat that no side has accomplished against the Saints this season. It was still a good effort coming back from those peaks and their StatRating™ of 422 was serviceable. Their StatRating™ Margin of around the -150 has come up a few times this season, and the table below highlights this trend.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Kang Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Kangaroos StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
5	TD	Stk	65	130	-65	10.8	10.7	381	596	-215
6	MO	WB	119	120	-1	9.8	10.0	521	450	71
7	TD	Bris	76	120	-44	15.0	11.1	328	524	-196
8	TD	Port	140	48	92	9.3	21.8	631	193	439
10	TD	Coll	65	92	-27	14.0	10.7	287	447	-160
11	TD	Rich	154	80	74	8.9	13.0	604	331	273
20	TD	Stk	96	147	-51	12.1	10.7	422	571	-149

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 the Kangaroos StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show the Roos latest form. There's quite a lot to like about this form structure, especially the rounds 8 and 11 games against Port Adelaide and Richmond, both at Telstra Dome. The round 6 loss to the Western Bulldogs is ironic, as they are carrying the same form line into this game as they did back in round 5. The Doggies were coming off a 55 point loss at the hands of Port Adelaide, so conditions couldn't get any better for the Roos to right their previous wrongs! They have recorded some high StatRating™ figures in the following weeks, and should get close to those figures this week.

## Western Bulldogs – Form at Telstra Dome

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WB Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Bulldogs StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
1	TD	Adel	93	112	-19	9.4	9.5	534	632	-98
2	TD	Kang	97	110	-13	10.9	10.2	470	616	-146
4	TD	Bris	78	94	-16	18.3	11.8	224	482	-257
5	TD	Melb	81	104	-23	10.6	9.8	479	488	-9
6	TD	Carl	96	68	28	11.8	13.2	380	424	-44
7	TD	Coll	63	73	-10	12.3	16.4	447	293	154
12	TD	StK	133	86	47	8.7	13.3	723	376	347
14	TD	Ess	118	118	0	10.6	8.5	536	726	-190
15	TD	Haw	93	116	-23	12.6	10.5	357	545	-188
17	TD	Kang	139	105	34	10.1	10.4	577	556	21
21	TD	Carl	97	99	-2	9.9	12.6	497	404	93
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>-29</b>
<b>2003</b>										
1	TD	Geel	130	91	39	10.8	11.0	528	607	-79
2	TD	Rich	89	111	-22	12.1	10.2	397	597	-199
3	TD	Melb	95	127	-32	11.6	11.5	464	496	-33
4	TD	Ess	110	129	-19	11.1	11.3	539	441	98
6	TD	Stk	85	100	-15	12.7	12.4	418	419	-1
7	TD	Freo	72	155	-83	15.6	8.0	365	773	-408
10	TD	Kang	145	156	-11	8.7	8.5	682	718	-36
13	TD	Coll	85	128	-43	11.8	9.0	442	611	-169
15	TD	Port	93	108	-15	13.7	9.5	380	677	-297
17	TD	Rich	95	155	-60	12.2	8.9	400	617	-217
18	TD	Melb	101	80	21	12.3	15.5	511	285	226
19	TD	Ess	80	147	-67	14.3	9.2	336	709	-374
22	TD	Bris	86	170	-84	15.0	9.2	353	761	-408
		<b>Average</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>-146</b>
<b>2004</b>										
1	TD	WCE	137	144	-7	7.8	8.2	730	746	-16
7	TD	Ess	95	121	-26	11.4	10.1	463	584	-121
11	TD	Geel	67	113	-46	15.5	11.7	258	555	-297
14	TD	Freo	76	117	-41	11.4	11.6	552	439	113
16	TD	Melb	55	93	-38	13.7	9.3	343	611	-268
17	TD	Coll	66	115	-49	10.4	10.6	470	480	-10
19	TD	Haw	109	120	-11	11.1	12.2	539	370	169
		<b>Average</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>-62</b>

The Bulldogs form has remained consistent at Telstra Dome this year compared to last season results. They have an average of 30-32 point loss, and their StatRating™ figures are also in line with last year. They almost always allow the opposition to score over 100 points against them with the Demons 93 the only exception. That score could have been over 100 if the Demons had not kicked so inaccurately at 12.21.93. It doesn't get much better when you take into account that they also allow the opposition an average 30 scoring shots at Telstra Dome. Their average score of 86 makes it hard for the Bulldogs to gain victory at this stadium.

## Kangaroos – Form at Telstra Dome

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Kang Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Kangaroos StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
2	TD	WB	110	97	13	10.2	10.9	616	470	146
3	TD	Geel	67	75	-8	16.6	14.2	253	382	-128
5	TD	Carl	131	112	19	8.9	11.2	630	456	174
11	TD	Rich	95	84	11	10.8	12.0	454	493	-39
13	TD	Coll	60	93	-33	14.2	10.8	331	510	-179
14	TD	Stk	128	84	44	10.5	15.9	545	332	212
17	TD	WB	105	139	-34	10.4	10.1	556	577	-21
20	TD	Carl	114	95	19	8.9	14.4	564	376	188
		<b>Average</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>2003</b>										
3	TD	Bris	109	109	0	10.0	10.2	522	560	-39
5	TD	Carl	113	122	-9	9.6	9.2	510	716	-206
6	TD	Adel	70	124	-54	12.8	12.3	337	456	-119
7	TD	Haw	117	89	28	10.5	12.2	456	452	4
10	TD	WB	156	145	11	8.5	8.7	718	682	36
11	TD	Rich	92	89	3	10.7	11.4	411	455	-44
12	TD	Ess	96	88	8	11.7	12.0	429	415	14
14	TD	Coll	50	126	-76	18.2	10.4	214	512	-298
16	TD	Stk	127	132	-5	8.8	11.6	579	449	130
20	TD	Haw	96	110	-14	10.7	11.0	366	480	-114
22	TD	Carl	187	63	124	7.5	15.6	924	288	636
		<b>Average</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2004</b>										
5	TD	Stk	65	130	-65	10.8	10.7	381	596	-215
7	TD	Bris	76	120	-44	15.0	11.1	328	524	-196
8	TD	Port	140	48	92	9.3	21.8	631	193	439
10	TD	Coll	65	92	-27	14.0	10.7	287	447	-160
11	TD	Rich	154	80	74	8.9	13.0	604	331	273
14	TD	Ess	100	79	21	9.4	14.9	564	342	221
20	TD	Stk	96	147	-51	12.1	10.7	422	571	-149
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>30</b>

The Kangaroos form at Telstra Dome is even from an average perspective, but not from the scoreboard. There have been no close games here for the Roos, as big margins are in order for both wins and losses. They have won 3 of their 7 games at Telstra Dome this season, but of the 7 games played, 5 have been against Top 8 sides. Even with this superior opposition, they have still managed to put some decent scores on the board, and really should take advantage of playing against a bottom 4 side this week. They have shown that they are capable of posting high StatRating™ figures in their wins, with 3 of these figures upwards of the 550 mark.

## Western Bulldogs – Top 8 Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	WB Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	Opossession Per Score	Bulldogs StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
3	MCG	Melb	87	97	-10	11.1	7.8	422	781	-359
5	AAMI	Port	64	119	-55	10.6	9.1	445	605	-160
7	TD	Ess	95	121	-26	11.4	10.1	463	584	-121
10	SCG	Syd	67	93	-26	14.8	10.1	317	543	-226
11	TD	Geel	67	113	-46	15.5	11.7	258	555	-297
12	MCG	Stk	103	80	23	11.9	11.7	437	479	-42
14	TD	Freo	76	117	-41	11.4	11.6	552	439	113
15	Gabba	Bris	68	136	-68	15.5	8.9	310	695	-386
16	TD	Melb	55	93	-38	13.7	9.3	343	611	-268
20	MS	Port	61	147	-86	20.4	10.9	226	487	-262
<b>Average</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>-201</b>

That round 12 victory against the Saints certainly does not fit the mould for the Doggies form against Top 8 sides this year, with a 38 point losing margin being the norm. In the 10 games played against Top 8 sides this year, they have topped the 500 mark on only one occasion, as their average StatRating™ hovers around the high 300's. When looking at the opposition, their StatRating™ is a very high average of 578, with only 3 of the 10 being below 500. With the Kangaroos still in the finals race, they have to be considered as Top 8 material, and could well add similar results in line with this table this week.

## Kangaroos – Top 8 Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Kang Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	Opossession Per Score	Kangaroos StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
4	MO	Syd	70	121	-51	13.2	12.5	341	406	-66
5	TD	Stk	65	130	-65	10.8	10.7	381	596	-215
7	TD	Bris	76	120	-44	15.0	11.1	328	524	-196
8	TD	Port	140	48	92	9.3	21.8	631	193	439
9	MCG	Melb	78	96	-18	13.0	10.7	399	475	-76
12	SS	Geel	84	94	-10	9.7	11.8	445	374	70
14	TD	Ess	100	79	21	9.4	14.9	564	342	221
15	SUB	Freo	96	79	17	12.0	16.8	392	322	70
19	SCG	Syd	118	112	6	7.7	13.2	757	372	385
20	TD	Stk	96	147	-51	12.1	10.7	422	571	-149
<b>Average</b>			<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>48</b>

While not relevant for the game against the Doggies this week, the table still provides some insight to the Kangaroos form against Top 8 sides should they make the grade. They have only 4 wins in 10 games against Top 8 sides, and considering only 2 have been played interstate, it's just not good enough. 3 heavy losses came early on in the year, and they have recovered from those losses to post an average StatRating™ of 466, much better than the 300's they recorded in those early losses. It wasn't until rounds 19 and 20 that they allowed the opposition to score over 100 again. For the record, their win loss ratio against bottom 8 sides is 6 wins and 4 losses, with 3 of those losses being less than 10 points. Their average StatRating™ for and against in those games has been 469 to 389.

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 3-3 since 2000
- The Western Bulldogs current form suggests they are in for another loss this week. Their 4 previous games at these levels have resulted in an average loss of 42 points.
- The Kangaroos have had a good success rate from the current figures at Telstra Dome with some big wins against Port Adelaide and Richmond in the past. Their only worry was a 1 point loss to the Doggies earlier on in the year, and has a chance to atone here.
- The Western Bulldogs form at Telstra Dome has been poor this year, and has not recorded a win yet. They have an average losing margin of 32 points from 7 games.
- The Kangaroos have better form at Telstra Dome than the Doggies, with 3 wins and 4 losses. Of the 7 games played, they have come up against 5 Top 8 sides.
- The Western Bulldogs have poor form against Top 8 sides, and their average losing margin is 38 points.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

<b>Western Bulldogs</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>
<b>Kangaroos</b>	<b>\$1.20</b>

At the Line

<b>Western Bulldogs</b>	<b>\$1.90 (+ 28.5 points)</b>
<b>Kangaroos</b>	<b>\$1.90 (- 28.5 points)</b>

\* For the latest odds on offer visit [www.onthepunt.com.au](http://www.onthepunt.com.au)

At the line signifies that you will be able to get a better price on the Kangaroos (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 28 points. In the Doggies case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 28 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 29 points or more, then you collect.

There's not much to suggest that the Kangaroos will lose this game, and the only query then becomes the all important final margin. All the averages for the Bulldogs suggest it should be higher than the 28 points quoted, but with the signing of Rodney Eade during the week, a little doubt starts to enter into the equation. It didn't seem to have an effect on the Tigers eventual margin against Adelaide last week after they signed Terry Wallace, and lets not forget that Port Adelaide easily covered the 45 point line that was offered in their game against the Doggies last week. With so much at stake for the Roos, they should score a comfortable win.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Single stake on the line for the Kangaroos, -28.5 @ \$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.

Western Bulldogs Predicted StatRating™: 370– 400  
Kangaroos Predicted StatRating™: 560 – 620

Points Range: 80 – 92  
Points Range: 120 – 132

The spread for this game should be around 31 points, which is very close to a best case scenario for the upper limits of the Doggies and lower limits of the Roos. With a bit of luck, the margin could blow out further than this to the opposite ends of the scale which is 52 points. Given we have to give up quite a start, the game is rated a **3 star**

**ACTUAL SCORE: Western Bulldogs 21.10.136 (481) Kangaroos 15.16.106 (710)**

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