

# Kangaroos vs. Carlton

## Head to Head – Kangaroos vs. Carlton

Round	Venue	Kang Score	Carl Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Kangaroos StatRating™	Carlton StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2000</b>									
11	MCG	99	129	-30	12.2	11.7	427	412	16
<b>2001</b>									
9	MCG	69	82	-13	15.8	13.6	271	405	-133
<b>2002</b>									
5	TD	131	112	19	8.9	11.2	630	456	174
20	TD	114	95	19	8.9	14.4	564	376	188
<b>2003</b>									
5	TD	113	122	-9	9.6	9.2	510	716	-206
22	TD	187	63	124	7.5	15.6	924	288	636
	<b>Average</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>112</b>

The Kangaroos are owed big time by Carlton, as they totally embarrassed the Blues in the last game of the season. The Kangaroos had threatened to hand out a football lesson to Carlton since 2002, as their possession per score against them in that time was always sub 10.0. Round 5 2003 was certainly the exception for Carlton, as the StatRating™ of 716 stands out as a lonely figure surrounded by 400's. In contrast, the Kangaroos figures against Carlton have been very good over the past 2 years, and given their positive start to the year will start short favourites in this match.

## 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>										
1	MCG	Adel	149	74	75	9.2	10.5	619	438	181
2	MCG	Haw	103	74	29	11.2	15.7	501	325	176
<b>Average</b>			<b>126</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>178</b>

The Kangaroos have started the year off in fine fashion, with 2 commanding wins. A feature in both games was that they had to come from a couple of goals down both times before scoring comfortable wins. Coincidentally, they have also restricted their opposition to exactly 74 points as well. They came down marginally from the 619 StatRating™ in round one, to post a figure of 501 last week, but more importantly, they maintained the StatRating™ margin of 176, in another strong display. There's a lot to like about the way the Kangaroos are playing at the moment, and below are games where the Kangaroos have played at these current levels in the past.

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>										
1	AAMI	Port	83	73	10	11.4	16.2	439	265	174
2	TD	WB	110	97	13	10.2	10.9	616	470	146
15	MO	Freo	83	82	1	11.0	13.9	536	352	184
16	Optus	Port	99	70	29	8.1	11.7	691	299	392
<b>2003</b>										
1	MCG	Stk	96	70	26	11.7	16.8	496	293	204
2	SS	Geel	94	71	23	10.6	11.6	499	430	69
9	MO	Syd	84	59	25	10.9	13.7	432	277	156
10	TD	WB	156	145	11	8.5	8.7	718	682	36

The cells highlighted in Light Blue represent current playing levels, while the cells highlighted in red show the game result in the following week. The cells in Green highlight the Kangaroos StatRating™ in the following week. Games 1 and 15 of 2002 are a very good match here, as the Possession per score, and StatRating™ Margin are very close. They were able to continue on from those games and record wins in the following week, and more importantly, rate very high, as indicated by the green cells. Round 1 and 9 in 2003 are also similar games of note, and again, their StatRating™ in the following week was good. In fact in all 4 games over the past 2 years, their StatRating™ has increased in the following week. This is a good sign for the Kangaroos, as their expected StatRating™ this week should climb considerably.

## Carlton – Current form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Carl Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Carlton StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
1	SUB	Freo	60	107	-47	13.6	10.5	287	535	-248
2	Optus	Geel	104	50	54	13.1	14.0	428	358	70
	<b>Average</b>		<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>-89</b>

Carlton bounced back to the winners circle last week, and from the news in the media, may have rejoiced a little too well. It was their first win since round 12, 2003, and only their 8<sup>th</sup> win since the start of 2002. Their goal kicking accuracy of 67% coupled with Geelong woeful accuracy of 30% meant that the final margin of 54 points was a little flattering. It was a good effort by the Blues, but in the end, the difference was Carlton's 24 shots at goal to Geelong's 20. Their possession per score of 13.1 was only slightly better than the previous week, and they returned a serviceable StatRating™ of 428. While not a huge StatRating™ it does rate in their top 3 StatRating™ figures in their last 16 games. In trying to get a gauge on this side, below are games that Carlton has played in the past at these current levels.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Carl Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Carlton StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
4	AAMI	Port	95	148	-53	12.6	10.9	421	521	-100
5	TD	Kang	112	131	-19	11.2	8.9	456	630	-174
6	TD	WB	68	96	-28	13.2	11.8	424	380	44
7	MCG	Ess	62	87	-25	17.4	11.2	287	437	-149
16	TD	Stk	97	140	-43	11.2	9.7	428	557	-129
17	SA	Syd	69	92	-23	14.3	11.3	300	441	-141
21	TD	WB	99	97	2	12.6	9.9	404	497	-93
22	MCG	Ess	37	92	-55	26.3	10.6	156	596	-440
<b>2003</b>										
12	MCG	Rich	93	86	7	12.8	10.4	382	530	-148
13	Optus	Adel	50	92	-42	15.1	11.3	259	505	-246
18	MCG	Ess	56	90	-34	12.9	12.0	381	475	-94
19	AAMI	Port	81	125	-44	11.2	9.2	409	693	-284

The figures highlighted in light blue represent current playing criteria, which is a loss in the game and a higher StatRating™ margin. The figures in red show the game result in the following week, and the cells highlighted in Green indicate Carlton's StatRating™ in the following week. These figures shouldn't really surprise anyone, as they only recorded 7 wins in the past 44 games. As can be seen by these results, most of the performances at these levels were actually losses rather than wins, and the StatRating™ margin rarely made it into the positives. It would be unfair to compare these figures with the current playing level at Carlton, but they would have had to improve a lot in order to reverse this current trend. Their average StatRating™ over the past 2 years in the following week has been 311. Their average losing margin in the following week is 35 points.

## Kangaroos – Form at MCG

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>										
6	MCG	Haw	87	155	-68	12.9	10.7	364	635	-271
9	MCG	Melb	107	111	-4	8.2	11.0	684	474	210
10	MCG	Ess	92	84	8	8.7	12.9	748	379	369
21	MCG	Haw	119	104	15	8.7	11.7	622	480	142
EF	MCG	Melb	84	122	-38	9.8	9.8	543	599	-56
		<b>Average</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>2003</b>										
1	MCG	Stk	96	70	26	11.7	16.8	496	293	204
15	MCG	Melb	101	94	7	13.2	14.3	371	414	-43
19	MCG	Freo	98	99	-1	13.0	12.1	455	397	58
		<b>Average</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>73</b>
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The Kangaroos form at the MCG has been even over the past couple of years, as their record at the ground is 6-4. A feature of their game over this period is their ability to kick big scores. They restricted the opposition score last year, and are posting StatRating™ figures more like their 2002 year. Their lowest score at this venue of the past 2 years has been 84 points, and there no reason why they cant kick closer to the 100 mark this week.

## Carlton – Form at MCG

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Carl Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Carlton StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2002</b>										
3	MCG	Coll	75	55	20	13.0	11.9	255	395	-140
7	MCG	Ess	62	87	-25	17.4	11.2	287	437	-149
8	MCG	Haw	80	89	-9	14.5	11.0	290	483	-194
14	MCG	Rich	86	85	1	12.5	11.1	295	442	-147
18	MCG	Coll	33	141	-108	19.2	8.6	156	666	-510
22	MCG	Ess	37	92	-55	26.3	10.6	156	596	-440
		<b>Average</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>-263</b>
<b>2003</b>										
2	MCG	Coll	91	107	-16	10.3	11.3	555	344	211
3	MCG	Ess	105	94	11	8.9	10.8	674	480	194
12	MCG	Rich	93	86	7	12.8	10.4	382	530	-148
17	MCG	Coll	62	135	-73	10.6	8.9	482	628	-147
18	MCG	Ess	56	90	-34	12.9	12.0	381	475	-94
21	MCG	Haw	64	138	-74	17.9	8.8	240	740	-500
		<b>Average</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>-80</b>

There are many negatives in this table for Carlton, but one positive to take from this is their improvement of their Possession per score and average StatRating™ from 2002 to 2003. Their highest score over the past 2 years has been 105, followed by 91, when they had some form early in 2003. They would have to match those figures and be at their best ever to be competitive here this week. .

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 3-3, but Kangaroos have won 3 of the last 4 games.
- The Kangaroos have good current form and will be looking to post a StatRating™ over 500 this week.
- Carlton's current playing levels are a little hard to gauge, as their line up is different to the past 2 years. Yet to win or lose by less than 19 points in the following week when at these levels.
- The Kangaroos record at the MCG is 6-4 and they consistently score close to 100 points when playing there.
- Carlton's form at the MCG has been average, but this side has only won 8 of their past 46 games over the past 2 years. Would have to play at the best levels in order to be competitive.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

**Kangaroos**    \$1.37  
**Carlton**        \$3.10

At the Line

**Kangaroos**    \$1.90 (-19.5 points)  
**Carlton**        \$1.90 (+19.5 points)

\* 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 19 points. In Carlton's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 19 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 20 points or more, then you collect.

This game would seem to be clear cut. The Kangaroos are playing with confidence at the moment, and their previous form at the ground Head to Head, and current playing levels suggest they are on track to repeat this. The only gamble here is if the Blues are so much better than they were last year. On current levels, and form at the ground, they would struggle to get anywhere near the Kangaroos. They will have some new players in the side, but they are not at full strength, and would certainly need to be if they are to put in their "best" performance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Cannot believe the line is only 19 points. All stats point to this winning margin being achievable for the Kangaroos. -19.5 @ \$1.90 is the recommendation.

### GOLD MEMBERSHIP:

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

Kangaroos Predicted StatRating™: **550 - 630**  
Carlton Predicted StatRating™: **350 - 420**

Points Range: **108 - 120**  
Points Range: **72 - 84**

Considering the 19 point start, this game again could provide good value for Spread betting. Its gets closer at the ranges, but even a best effort from Carlton, lowest point from Kangaroos should see 24 point margin.

**ACTUAL RESULT:    Kangaroos 17.9.111            Carlton 16.10.106**

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