

Coast Eagles and Essendon on the run home. A tough ask but they are up and about and show no signs of slowing. Collingwood only beat us by 1 goal but know how to beat the Saints on any day. Saints could...

Hawthorn: continue to be steady without their star Buddy Franklin, actually look better when they find other options and are crushing most of the teams they play. They have Gold Coast Suns, a tough one against Sydney and West Coast to finish the season. They are playing well and should get their own good rating in the lead up to the finals. Hawks beat the Saints by 35 points. A thumping. Saints could...

West Coast Eagles: would feel confident after beating a tough Geelong outfit this week, and now face Port Adelaide, Collingwood and Hawthorn before the finals. They are beginning to get back their stars into their team. They beat the Saints by 20 points much earlier in the year. They have had a few bad weeks but seem to be up and about. Saints could....

Geelong: Geelong seem to have the wood over the Saints and continue to beat us. This year, we haven't played. Next week will tell us how they are travelling. But they are determined bastards. So good at keeping on no matter what. They know how to win. They like winning. They play us next week, then Western Bulldogs then Sydney. I expect them to win next week though hope for miracles. Saints though, could....

North Melbourne: North beat the Saints in Round 14 by 33 points. They seem to beat us easily. Sitting now 6th on the ladder, with 12 wins, with 11 to Essendon and Fremantle and two above St.Kilda. Saints need them to lose a lot going into the last few games for us to have a chance. They play Collingwood next week (we have a chance there if the Pies show form and beat them), Fremantle the week after (it may not matter who smashes who as we need them both to lose lots of games) and finish up the season playing GWS. It's weird needing other teams to lose to give you a chance. It doesn't feel right, though we'll take it. Saints could beat them.....(But Essendon didn't tonight).

Essendon: well, we'd like Essendon to lose after they broke our 19 game winning run in 2009. And we need them to lose to make room for us. Essendon played North today, and lost, they play an improving Carlton next week, Richmond the week after and finish off with Collingwood. A very tough run home, and they give us Saints some hope. And Saints could...maybe...

Fremantle: are one game ahead of the Saints and sitting 9th on the ladder. They were beaten by Adelaide yesterday (that was good for us apparently), play Richmond and then North then an improving Melbourne at home. Can we hope for some wobbles by Fremantle and for them to step aside? Fremantle beat the Saints by 13 points in Round 4, breaking their voodoo against the Saints at the Docklands, giving Ross Lyon some triumph and bragging rights. Can we beat them if we have to. Saints could?

Each one of these teams can beat the Saints and some beat us easily. It's hard to see that with our inconsistent form and play, we could keep winning. If we make the finals, we have to beat each of these teams we may face. No blinking. No missing. No messing about. No second chances. No excuses. No chance...(or is there....)

One week at a time, as they all say down at Seaford. One week. Watch this space.

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