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## **AFL Opening Round Cut In Half - But Nobody Can Stop Mother Nature**

There will be plenty said in many sporting circles about the AFL's opening round long before and after the first bounce will take place in season 2025. Plenty have said Gill would have pulled the pin on both Queensland games as early as Monday morning but the current AFL Powerbrokers decision was only made following official government guidelines . At least Brisbane coach Chris Fagan sent out an early SOS said on Tuesday morning that "common sense should prevail" as some of his players and coaches were already sand bagging their homes !! Geelong coach Chris Scott also sounded out the AFL " We do need to know. We have some players that are scheduled to get on a plane this afternoon, so we probably need some guidance," Scott commented on SEN. "Even in principle, the idea of getting on a plane and flying into the eye of a cyclone doesn't sound like a great idea". "If they (AFL) ask us to do something we feel is inappropriate then we will make that known at the time but we are a long way from that position now." Not really the Season start the AFL would like given the start of the new \$4.5 Billion media contract and a record amount of pre season injuries, plus a few other hiccups !! In the mean time NRL 's Peter V'landys would be happy that 404,000 people watched the two NRL opening round fixtures in Las Vegas on the Fox Sports Network in the US, an increase of 300,000 on last year.

The Dugong's Completion of NRL Round One Selections —

Broncos, Knights , Dolphins , Bulldogs , Sea Eagles , Storm

At this time of going to print our thoughts are with all Aussies that will be impacted by Cyclone Alfred

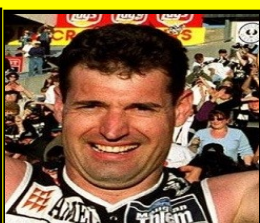
## **2025 AFL Season Opening Round Expert Tips**



**Brodie Atkinson**

**Swans 13**

**Giants 11**



**Paul Northeast**

**Hawks 11**

**Pies 14**



**Stubby Holder**

**Swans 9**

**Pies 17**



**Alex Barns**

**Swans 16**

**Pies 26**



**Chip Miller**

**Swans 7**

**Pies 15**

<b>Murray Bridge</b> <b>Crystal Clear</b> R1 : 3 , 1 , 4 , 2 R2 : 2 , 4 , 8 , 5 R3 : 5 , 1 , 8 , 7 R4: 8 , 11 , 4 , 2 R5: 7 , 1 , 11 , 8 R6: 4 , 10 , 8 , 9 R7: 7 , 10 , 4 , 8 R8: 5 , 6 , 4 , 13 R9: 15 , 16 , 2 , 7 R10: 9 , 13 , 15 , 11	<b>Flemington</b> <b>The Shark</b> 1: 2 , 1 , 3 , 5 2: 1 , 4 , 5 , 6 3: 12 , 13 , 10 , 14 4: 10 , 1 , 6 , 4 5: 3 , 5 , 2 , 15 6: 3 , 1 , 8 , 9 7: 2 , 1 , 4 , 6 8 : 1 , 3 , 6 , 8 9: 9 , 5 , 7 , 14 10: 8 , 4 , 1 , 11	<b>Randwick</b> <b>Harbour Harry</b> 1 : 12 , 7 , 10 , 4 2 : 5 , 4 , 3 , 1 3 : 3 , 2 , 1 , 6 4 : 5 , 1 , 4 , 9 5 : 7 , 1 , 3 , 8 6 : 10 , 9 , 1 , 4 7 : 1 , 9 , 2 , 7 8 : 10 , 9 , 12 , 11 9 : 14 , 9 , 17 , 1 10: 10 , 4 , 8 , 13	<b>Gold Coast</b> <b>Jungle Jim</b> 1: Due To 2: Cyclone 3: Alfred 4: The 5: Queensland 6: Jewel 7: Raceday Meeting 8: Will Now Be 9: Held Next 10: Saturday 15th
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<b>Jimmy Olsen</b> MR 3 # 12 Don't Hope Do MR 5 # 2 Tom SR 9 # 4 Asterix	<b>The Mailman</b> SR 4 # 5 Wodeton SR 5 # 7 It's A Knockout SR 8 # 10 Magic Time	<b>Tower Of Knowledge</b> AR 3 # 8 Tervola AR 7 # 8 Mesrour AR 10 # 9 Streetcar Apollo
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### At The Barriers Podcast by Gary Newton - Murray Bridge Parks Selections

**Race 1:** Only has seven runners. I like IMPOSING SUSPECT, who has been consistent without winning and had zero luck last week behind Red Roof. Taylor Johnstone on board this week. Selection; 4 to win.

**Race 2:** Top weight VEXATIOUS DANCER won twice on KI and at double figures is worth a each-way bet. OAKLAND RAIDER led all the way to score two starts ago but finished down the track last start. Selections: 1 each way danger 3

**Race 3:** Tough race. SECRET WONDER last start finished fourth. Gets blinkers for the first time. Selection: 5 to win.

**Race 4:** AD ASTRA we Black Booked last start after she raced wide when resuming and kept working to the line to finish second to Shady Thinker. AD ASTRA should be winning. Stand Out Selection —8

**Race 5:** Tipping a \$27 chance in the Magic Millions FROTHY MACAW has trialled well and is owned by John Singleton TIZ WORTHY finished just behind the placegetters at her first run back from a spell Selections: 10 each way from 7

**Race 6:** TIPSYP VIXEN let us down last start, but going to forgive and tip again. HATEECH was unlucky last start Select:5 from 9

**Race 7:** SHADY THINKER looked good winning for Bain/Taylor There were excuses for THE JOURNO last start. Selections : 10 to win from 4.

**Race 8:** BAKEEL is \$1.45 chance in opening markets to win. Selections: 5 one out.

**Race 9:** FINE FUTURE got run off his legs over 1000m last start gets out to 1400m ENCIPHERING had no luck when placed over this distance. Selections : 1 from 8

**Race 10:** BOUNCING BEYOND won easy over 1200m last start. Blinkers go on for the first time Saturday. STREETCAR APOLLO scored at Balaklava at his second run back from a break. Selections 13 from 9

**MONDAY ADELAIDE CUP selections:** (4) Taramansour, (5)Gotta Go Guru, and (1) Grand Pierro.

**At The Barriers Podcast can be heard each Tuesday and Friday evenings featuring Craig Lewis and Mal James comments , via Podbean, Spotify, and on Miller's Sports News facebook page.**