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playWho was the biggest 'steal' of the Mid-Season Draft? (1:30)ESPN draft expert Jasper Chellaph believes Essendon have found a 'ready-made' player who can provide an immediate competition for spots for the remainder of the 2024 AFL season. (1:30)Welcome back, everyone! Round 12 of the AFL is upon us. Our footy experts have put their heads together to help you out. So open your ESPNfootytips app, take notes, and get ahead of the game!Who you should be tipping! Getty/ImagesRound 12 kicks off at Adelaide Oval on Thursday night, as the Power host Carlton. Port Adelaide are looking for their fourth win in a row and the Blues are hoping to find some consistency.On Friday night the Pies and Bulldogs go head to head, in a must win for both. Will Collingwood's injury toll be too much to overcome a rising Western Bulldogs?For the last game of the round, the Dons will travel to Gold Coast to take on the Suns. Gold Coast hasn't lost a home game all year, can they keep the streak going against the second placed Essendon?This weekend is going to be big and we have got your back! EXPERT TIPS-Jake MichaelsLast week: 7 Season total: 64Certainty and why: Until this past weekend, the Cats had never lost four straight games under Chris Scott. Sorry, Richmond, but there's no chance the streak extends to five games this weekend.Upset and why: It's been -- quite literally -- years since the Eagles were favoured to win a game. I'm not getting sucked in, especially after a 99-point loss. St Kilda will bounce back.Tips for the week:Port Adelaide vs. Carlton Collingwood vs. Western Bulldogs Hawthorn vs. Adelaide West Coast vs. St Kilda Geelong vs. Richmond Melbourne vs. Fremantle Gold Coast vs. Essendon Matt WalshLast week: 7 Season total: 62Certainty and why: It has to be the Cats at home. Richmond are just decimated, so it's hard to see them beating Geelong in Geelong.Upset and why: I can see the Bulldogs' tails stretching the Pies, and they were pretty good last week against the Swans. This being at Marvel, I can see an upset.Tips for the week:Port Adelaide vs. Carlton Collingwood vs. Western Bulldogs Hawthorn vs. Adelaide West Coast vs. St Kilda Geelong vs. Richmond Melbourne vs. Fremantle Gold Coast vs. EssendonGet the best news, analysis, and opinion straight to your phone! Join ESPN on WhatsApp. Jarrod BarclayLast week: 7 Season total: 65Certainty and why: The boys explained it well enough above; the Cats just have to be beating the Tigers.Upset and why: I still don't really believe in the Power, the Pies are brutally decimated, and the Eagles, well, are the Eagles, so take your pick! I think the Blues, Dogs, and Saints are all very high chances of causing 'upsets' this week.Tips for the week:Port Adelaide vs. Carlton Collingwood vs. Western Bulldogs Hawthorn vs. Adelaide West Coast vs. St Kilda Geelong vs. Richmond Melbourne vs. Fremantle Gold Coast vs. Essendon Kayo Sports, is the only place to watch every match of every round in the 2025 Toyota AFL Premiership Season LIVE in 4K, with no ad-breaks during play. New to Kayo? Get your first month for just \$1. Limited-time offer.These tips will be updated and may change leading up to the Thursday night opener.Failure to tip sees the tipster given the lowest score recorded among those who tipped.FOX FOOTY TIPPING LEADERBOARD AND ROUND 12 TIPS1. MAX LAUGHTON (3x champion) - 71 (Last week: 5)Brisbane LionsCollingwoodGold Coast SunsGWS GiantsAdelaide CrowsMelbourneGeelong2. BEN COTTON - 69 (Last week: 6)Brisbane LionsCollingwoodGold Coast SunsGWS GiantsAdelaide CrowsMelbourneGeelong=3. 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The Lions scored a big win over Hawthorn, which was impressive, but this could be a letdown spot for them, and the line has inflated to a good number for underdog backers. Brisbane by 27 — Friday 30/5/25 We have backed Hawthorn religiously this season, and despite losing to Brisbane heavily last week, we're giving them one more chance to show us what they can do. They didn't start 2024 well before finishing the year with a flurry, and we're hoping they're adopting similar tactics. A bounce back effort is expected, and although it must come against the leading AFL team, they're capable. Getting \$2.23 for a team as talented as Hawthorn is too good to pass up. Hawthorn by 7 — Saturday 31/5/25 Gold Coast did enough to beat the hapless St Kilda Saints last week, scoring an 80-61 win on Sunday, and that sets them up for a big game against Fremantle. The Dockers did the job against Port Adelaide, winning 100-51, and that should give them confidence. However, winning in Gold Coas isn't easy, and they don't play nearly as well on the road. We believe punters get a generous -16.5 line for Gold Coast. It's a top four team, and it's good enough to score a big win. Gold Coast by 28 — GWS isn't always the easiest team to follow, but it shouldn't have much standing in its way against the struggling Richmond Tigers. The Giants got back to winning form with a 110-82 win over Carlton on the road, which is a good form guide, and if Essendon can score an easy win over the Tigers, GWS should put up an even better performance. Covering a -44.5 spread isn't easy, but the Giants could score 100+ points, and Richmond will be left floundering. GWS by 56 — Punters get a value line for Adelaide at -4.5, as the Crows are playing much better footy than Sydney. The Swans were well-beaten by Melbourne last week, which isn't a good sign, and Adelaide came through a comfortable win. We thought the line would have been around -12.5 for Adelaide, and we expect money to come for them throughout the week. Take the opening line before the big bets come. Adelaide by 18 — Sunday 1/6/25 It's never easy to play at Alice Springs, especially during the daytime, but Melbourne could cope with the conditions best. We have been impressed with Melbourne's ability to respond to a slow start to the year, and it has improved to 11th on the AFL ladder. That follows an easy win last week, and against a struggling St Kilda team, it could keep winning. The -8.5 line is generous with AFL odds, so include the Demons in your AFL predictions. Melbourne by 22 — The Eagles came back down to earth as expected last week, and they're in for another long night against Geelong. The Cats are looking to push for a top four spot, and they shouldn't have too many worries against a West Coast team languishing in 18th spot. Covering a -38.5 spread isn't hard for Geelong, which is used to posting big scores against the struggling teams. Geelong by 50 Collingwood will be bolstered significantly for Friday night's blockbuster clash with Hawthorn. All of Scott Pendlebury, Steele Sidebottom, Darcy Moore, Bobby Hill and Lachie Schultz will be named, coach Craig Macrae has confirmed.Hawthorn, meanwhile, will likely call on Jarman Impey, who missed the last two games to attend the birth of his child, and key forward Calsher Dear.PLAYER RATINGS: 'Real disappointment' called out in Maroons stinkerREAD MORE: Spider cam reveals act that led to ref's trainer sprayREAD MORE: Two brutal axings needed to dig Maroons out of awful trouble'Scott Pendlebury against Hawthorn in 2024. GettyIt looms as an enormous battle between two heavyweight sides, with the Hawks in particular needing a big scalp.They have lost their last two games, falling short against top-four sides Gold Coast and Brisbane. Their clash with the Pies is the culmination of three straight weeks of a gauntlet fixture against the best teams.Hawthorn coach Sam Mitchell was defensive of his group's recent struggles on Wednesday afternoon. 'You're all much more frustrated as a media group than we are. We looked at our game earlier in the year, and we were saying we're not quite as good as that,' he said. 'We're looking at it now and saying we're not quite as bad as that, either.'Nine's AFL experts are certainly expecting a Collingwood victory.The tipping leaderboard after round 11.NineExpert tips for round 11Jimmy Bartel: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongRory Sloane: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongTom Morris: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongEddie McGuire: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongClint Stanaway: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongNat Yonannidis: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, GeelongTony Jones: Brisbane, Collingwood, Gold Coast, GWS, Adelaide, Melbourne, Geelong Looking for the best AFL tips for Round 12? 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Our AFL model projects Port Adelaide as having a 60% chance of winning, while Carlton has a 40% projected win chance.Port Adelaide vs Western Bulldogs is at Adelaide Oval on Thursday, May 30 at 7:30pm. All times mentioned in this article are in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).Collingwood vs Western BulldogsIn this week's game between Collingwood and the Collingwood, our model is projecting each team to have a win probability of 50%, with the official tip being Bulldogs, who are slightly favoured.Collingwood vs Western Bulldogs is at Marvel Stadium on Friday, May 31 at 7:40pm.More: AFL Premiership 2024 TipsHawthorn vs AdelaideWe are tipping Adelaide to win its game against Hawthorn this week, with our model projecting a 51% win probability for the Crows. Hawthorn has a 49% chance of winning at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.Hawthorn vs Adelaide is at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday, June 1 at 1:45pm.West Coast vs St KildaAfter 10,000 simulations, our model has these two teams as 50-50 chances of winning, with a slight edge towards tipping West Coast to get the win over St Kilda at Optus Stadium this Saturday.Looking at the head-to-head betting odds, Baffair currently has West Coast at \$1.90, with St Kilda available at \$2.10.West Coast vs St Kilda is at Optus Stadium on Saturday, June 1 at 4:35pm.More: AFL Player RatingsGeelong vs RichmondThe Cats have a 94% chance of winning on Saturday night, compared to Richmond's 6% chance of victory. This makes Geelong the team to tip at GMHBA Stadium.Geelong vs Richmond is at GMHBA Stadium on Saturday, June 1 at 7:30pm.Melbourne vs FremantleMelbourne is tipped to win its game this week, with our model giving them a 64% chance, while Fremantle enters the weekend with a 36% chance of winning at TIO Stadium.Melbourne vs Fremantle is at TIO Stadium on Sunday, June 2 at 1:00pm.Melbourne vs EssendonAccording to our predictive analytics model, Gold Coast is the team to beat in this game, with the Suns' win probability at 62%. Essendon, on the other hand, has a 38% chance of winning.If you want to bet on the match, Baffair has the Suns at \$1.68 and the Bombers at \$2.40.Gold Coast vs Essendon is at Carrara Stadium on Sunday, June 2 at 4:00pm.More: AFL Strength of ScheduleAFL Tipping Round 12 2024: Who to TipPort AdelaideBulldogsAdelaideWest CoastGeelongMelbourneGold CoastAFL Round 12 Games to Tip OnPort Adelaide Power vs Carlton BluesCollingwood Magpies vs Western BulldogsHawthorn Hawks vs Adelaide CrowsWest Coast Eagles vs St Kilda SaintsGeelong Cats vs Richmond TigersMelbourne Demons vs Fremantle DockersGold Coast Suns vs Essendon BombersAFL Round 12 Bye Teams: Who Has a Bye This WeekBrisbane LionsGWS GiantsNorth Melbourne KangaroosSydney SwansThe AFL footy tips Round 12 2024 and probabilities in this article are correct at the time of publication and are subject to change.Stats Insider is renowned in Australia for providing expert AFL tips. 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Although they've won 4 of 5 Thursday or Friday night clashes - they've been hard to watch. And with further injuries added to the list with Reid who has been looking great down back, and also Langford. The Lions looked back to their Premiership best against Hawthorn last round, winning comfortably by 5 goals at the G. It'll be a tough business trip for the Bombers up in Brisbane this week, and the game will go as expected. Brisbane to slaughter them. Jimmy's Tips: Brisbane to Win (40+)+2.05 at Sportsbet Same Game Multi Lachie Neale 25+ disposals Hugh McCullugage 25+ disposals Kai Lohmann 1+ goals Zach Merrett Peter Wright 2+ goals SGM Odds: 9.50 at Sportsbet Collingwood vs. Hawthorn Friday, May 30 - MCG Jimmy's Prediction: Hawthorn by 12 Here we go, the trusty prime time regulars are back in their element. The Pies had a bit of a fright last week against the Roos but absolutely blew them out of the water in the last quarter. They are looking unstoppable of late, so I'm predicting they'll get complacent and drop one. I think the Hawks definitely have the talent and tenacity to serve this up to the Magpies, but they're up being pretty mediocre of late. Only winning games they definitely shouldn't lose, and losing their last 3 games against actual formidable opponents (Brisbane, Gold Coast and Port - Kind of). Hawks are predictely looking like a bunch of phonies, and I think they need to win this to be taken seriously again. 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