

# Hawthorn vs. Adelaide

## Head to Head – Hawthorn vs. Adelaide

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<b>2000</b>									
6	AAMI	57	143	-86	17.8	10.3	248	613	-366
21	MCG	98	67	31	16.0	14.5	320	394	-75
<b>2001</b>									
6	YP	104	91	13	13.9	9.9	338	616	-278
21	AAMI	53	91	-38	19.7	13.0	193	478	-285
<b>2002</b>									
11	AAMI	58	102	-44	14.8	10.3	277	624	-347
<b>2003</b>									
11	MCG	75	70	5	14.4	13.2	383	311	73
<b>2004</b>									
10	MCG	47	133	-86	14.4	9.0	284	642	-358
<b>Average</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>-234</b>

Adelaide have had the better of Hawthorn over the past 3 years, inflicting some heavy losses along the way. The only win for the Hawks in this period came in round 11 2003, when they got up by 5 points. The Hawks were coming off some bad StatRating™ figures with a StatRating™ margin of -326 against the Saints. They were able to fight back against the Crows back then, but can they do it this week? The Bookmakers have Adelaide as Short priced favourites for this game, and for good reason. The Crows are sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Ladder while Hawthorn is second last! The Hawks have lost 5 of their last 7, while Adelaide has won 5 of their last 7. The wildcard in this match hinges on quite a few factors, which we'll discuss in the following pages.

## Hawthorn – Current Form

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<b>2005</b>										
10	MCG	Coll	80	108	-28	17.4	12.6	264	381	-116
11	TD	WB	89	111	-22	14.0	12.3	337	413	-76
12	MCG	Stk	54	100	-46	23.6	13.6	221	359	-139
13	AAMI	Port	71	188	-117	13.9	8.5	295	744	-449
14	TD	Geel	58	113	-55	17.6	10.2	290	629	-339
<b>Average</b>			<b>70</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>-224</b>

After some early season scalps, the Hawks are floundering, and their possession game has come under fire. Over the past 5 weeks, they have an average losing margin of 54 points (that's 9 goals!) and there's an all too familiar look about their side. The worrying factor for the Hawks is that Geelong is the only Top 8 side they have played in this period. Their StatRating™ is consistently in the 200's and they are finding it very hard to score. One of the reasons we are looking at this game is due to Hawthorn's StatRating™ Margin. It has crept up to unusually high figures for Hawthorn, and in successive weeks. It could be that they are heading down south for a long time, or it may point us to another indicator! The table below highlights this same pattern for Hawthorn last year.

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<b>2004</b>										
13	TD	Stk	61	127	-66	16.0	9.9	219	644	-425
14	MCG	Coll	75	140	-65	14.7	8.2	334	744	-409
15	YP	WCE	82	86	-4	12.5	12.1	391	413	-22
<b>2005</b>										
13	AAMI	Port	71	188	-117	13.9	8.5	295	744	-449
14	TD	Geel	58	113	-55	17.6	10.2	290	629	-339

The figures highlighted in 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 Hawthorn's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show Hawthorn's latest form. The round 13 and 14 games this year are a direct comparison to the Hawks corresponding games last year. If you compare the P/S and StatRating™ figures across the board, you'll notice that it bears a striking resemblance to their figures this year. After producing these figures last year, they went on to play West Coast at York Park, in a game where they turned their form around and just missed out by 4 points. They're on exactly the same track this year, and they do venture out to York Park again. Are they capable of lifting their work rate and being competitive this week against the number 2 team in the competition? Time will tell if History is about to repeat.

## Adelaide – Current form

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<b>2005</b>										
10	AAMI	Carl	71	57	14	11.9	17.2	386	198	188
11	AAMI	Ess	151	63	88	12.1	16.1	519	249	270
12	SS	Geel	57	61	-4	20.9	23.0	205	222	-16
13	TD	Rich	132	62	70	9.6	15.8	575	215	360
14	AAMI	Freo	94	88	6	13.8	18.7	422	208	214
<b>Average</b>			<b>101</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>203</b>

The Crows harassed and mauled Fremantle for 3 quarters last week, then decided to push the cruise control button, and retreated to the back seat. The Dockers hit them hard in the last quarter, and the Crows would have been embarrassed had they let this one slip. Fremantle's amazing accuracy in the game brought the final margin closer than what the game warranted, with StatRating™ figures showing the real difference in the sides. Adelaide's StatRating™ Margin of 214 against Fremantle's StatRating™ of 208 signals a possible peak for the Crows last week. Their own StatRating™ of 422 is nowhere near it, but the StatRating™ Margin is. To highlight this fact, the table below shows Adelaide's current playing levels over the past 3 years at these levels.

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<b>2003</b>										
15	AAMI	Ess	90	49	41	12.2	17.1	433	210	223
16	SUB	Freo	90	91	-1	10.3	11.3	514	346	167
19	SUB	WCE	91	67	24	10.7	15.8	468	234	234
20	TD	Coll	71	108	-37	16.3	10.0	302	512	-210
<b>2004</b>										
18	AAMI	Kang	49	42	7	13.3	15.9	428	226	202
19	YP	StK	68	91	-23	13.0	14.2	308	281	27
<b>2005</b>										
6	AAMI	Kang	74	64	10	12.6	21.7	421	189	232
7	MCG	Melb	54	78	-24	16.3	12.2	319	444	-125
9	TD	Stk	103	57	46	13.1	17.9	467	223	244
10	AAMI	Carl	71	57	14	11.9	17.2	386	198	188
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## Hawthorn – Form at York Park

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<b>2003</b>										
2	YP	WCE	91	89	2	11.1	14.3	459	300	158
13	YP	Freo	98	68	30	14.3	16.7	322	240	82
		<b>Average</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>2004</b>										
8	YP	Freo	70	61	9	14.3	13.5	329	355	-26
15	YP	WCE	82	86	-4	12.5	12.1	391	413	-22
		<b>Average</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>-24</b>
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7	YP	WCE	77	96	-19	20.7	12.5	237	440	-203
		<b>Average</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>-203</b>

The Hawks have now played 5 games at York Park, and rarely has there been a blowout. Their biggest losing margin at this venue came in round 7 against West Coast, going down by 19 points. StatRating™ figures remain low for all sides, which at this stage have been Fremantle and West Coast. Overall as a venue, teams rarely kick over 100 points here. Biggest margin in recent time was by Port Adelaide against Stkilda last year, when they won by 46 points. Even then the score was 93 to 47. This venue gives the Hawks a good chance to cover the line this week against Adelaide

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		<b>Average</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>153</b>

The Crows have only played a handful of games at York Park, and have come away losers on both occasions. How they lost the round 6 2001 game against Hawthorn is beyond me, as their StatRating™ figures for the game are usually associated with 8 goal victories. A score line of 12.19.91 to 16.8.104 may well go a little way to explaining the loss. In any case, they haven't cracked the 100 mark here, and last year also struggled to reach that figure. Weather often plays a major role in game at York Park, and if the rain stay away, the wind usually takes over!

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 4 - 3 since 2000 with Adelaide winning 3 of the last 4.
- The Hawks have hit successive lows in consecutive weeks, which have mirrored a pattern from corresponding games last season. In their round 15 game last year, they went down by 4 point to West Coast at York Park.
- The Crows hit a peak last week against Fremantle, even though they won by 6 points, and had a StatRating™ of just 422. In the past 5 occasions where they have been at these levels, they have lost 4, and won only one game, against Carlton this year by 14 points.
- Hawthorn's form at York Park has been good, with 3 wins and 2 losses from 5 games. 2 losses have been by 4 and 19 points.
- Adelaide has only played twice at York Park, for 2 losses.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>\$3.90</b>
<b>Adelaide</b>	<b>\$1.26</b>

At the Line

<b>Hawthorn</b>	<b>\$1.90 (+24.5 points)</b>
<b>Adelaide</b>	<b>\$1.90 (- 24.5 points)</b>

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

At the line signifies that you will be able to get a better price on Adelaide (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 24 points. In Hawthorn's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 24 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 25 points or more, then you collect.

While it may seem highly unlikely, there is more than an even chance that this game will go down to the wire. The Hawks have lost their last 5 and need a win desperately. Let's not forget that at a similar stage last season, they had lost 6 in a row, and only 2 out of 14 for the year. We do have the Crows "peak" last week against Fremantle, and their history shows that they are vulnerable with these figures. While the upset is possible, a tight match is probable, and armed with this information, the value in the game must lie with the Hawks at the line.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Single stake Hawthorn at line +24.5 points at \$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.

Hawthorn Predicted StatRating™: 330 - 390	Points Range: 70 - 82
Adelaide Predicted StatRating™: 340 - 400	Points Range: 72 - 84

We'll be getting close to a 23 point start in this game, and if the figures are right, it will go down to the wire. 15<sup>th</sup> v 2<sup>nd</sup> is always risky, but certainly worth a try given the information at hand. The game is rated **3** stars for spread betting purposes.

**Final Result: Hawthorn 10.8.68**

**Adelaide 12.6.78**

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