

# Port Adelaide vs. Adelaide

## Head to Head – Port Adelaide vs. Adelaide

Round	Venue	Port Score	Adel Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Port Adelaide StatRating™	Adelaide StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2000</b>									
7	AAMI	91	98	-7	10.3	10.5	541	514	27
22	AAMI	139	92	47	8.7	12.7	702	410	292
<b>2001</b>									
3	AAMI	153	88	65	8.2	11.3	723	451	272
18	AAMI	107	99	8	10.2	11.0	528	411	118
<b>2002</b>									
5	AAMI	90	82	8	12.7	11.6	308	370	-61
20	AAMI	84	76	8	10.7	12.5	374	361	13
<b>2003</b>									
5	AAMI	78	66	12	15.2	13.9	277	345	-68
22	AAMI	94	78	16	12.1	15.3	397	313	84
<b>2004</b>									
7	AAMI	87	119	-32	12.4	8.3	315	685	-369
22	AAMI	85	60	25	11.0	15.1	382	238	144
<b>2005</b>									
3	AAMI	56	124	-68	17.3	10.4	219	644	-424
<b>Average</b>		<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>2</b>

Saturday night football at AAMI Stadium is where at least 40,000 South Australians will witness Showdown XVIII, (that's right, there have been 18!) between Port Adelaide and Adelaide. Port has dominated these showdowns in the past, but Adelaide has managed to win 2 of the last 3. Very rarely is there a big margin between these sides, with injuries lists usually the major factor of a blowout. Since 2002, a feature of these games has been the StatRating™ returned by both sides. These figures are usually in the 300's range, equating to a tight tough game of football. StatRating™ margin levels have also been close. Adelaide has been able to rate higher in 2 of the last 3 games, while Port has been steady in its playing style for those games. With Adelaide sitting 2<sup>nd</sup> on the AFL ladder, and Port Adelaide out of the Top 8, the Crows have been put up as firm favourites. The next few pages should give indicators as to whether or not a close game is on the cards, or if Adelaide can make it 3 from their last 4.

## Port Adelaide – Current Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Port Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Port Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
15	AAMI	Melb	137	75	62	8.8	13.3	588	287	302
16	SS	Geel	47	126	-79	21.4	10.5	140	554	-414
17	AAMI	Rich	96	83	13	11.7	13.5	452	362	89
18	MO	Kang	96	100	-4	12.0	11.0	400	435	-35
19	MCG	Carl	123	109	14	9.2	9.0	597	569	28
<b>Average</b>			<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>-6</b>

Port Adelaide has been a nightmare to predict this season, with performances that defy logic. They seem to implode every time they cross the border, but their form over the past 2 weeks has started to become steady. Steady may not be the right word to describe a side that gives up a 40 point half time lead to go down by 4 points, but steady from a scoring perspective, as well as StatRating™ figures over the past 3 weeks. Since their demolition at the hands of Geelong in round 16, they have played well. Last week against Carlton Port Adelaide found themselves down by 21 points at the 24 minute mark of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, got back to within 1 point early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, then down again by 25 points at the 25 min mark of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. They fought back well to hit the lead at 3 quarter time, got headed in the last, and came back again. Perhaps the hunger might just be back at Port, albeit a tad too late. Their StatRating™ of 597 is usually associated with a peak, but given Carlton's 569 and a StatRating™ Margin of just 28, they may have overcome it. The Table below highlights similar games over the past 2 years of Ports performance last week

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Port Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Port Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2004</b>										
5	AAMI	WB	119	64	55	9.1	10.6	605	445	160
6	AAMI	Coll	101	84	17	10.8	13.8	520	377	143
PF	AAMI	Stk	94	88	6	9.8	12.5	482	345	137
GF	MCG	Bris	113	73	40	10.5	11.3	494	417	76
<b>2005</b>										
4	AAMI	Carl	109	109	0	9.2	8.9	585	551	34
5	AAMI	Geel	95	99	-4	14.9	12.6	316	451	-135
19	MCG	Carl	123	109	14	9.2	9.0	597	569	28

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 Port's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show Port Adelaide's latest form. There are 3 games that meet the current playing levels, with the round 4 game against Carlton being the most current. They won both games last year at these levels, but the StatRating™ Margin was a lot higher in those games. The figures returned in round 5 against Geelong weren't great, but they had quite a few injured players out in that game, and the Cats were flying. Players missing from that side were Dean Brogan, Shaun Burgoyne, Chad Cornes, and Byron Pickett just to name a few. Would expect a StatRating™ above 316 this week, and given it's a Showdown, a similar hunger in their playing style that they showed against Carlton last week.

## Adelaide – Current form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
15	YP	Haw	78	68	10	18.3	16.9	235	243	-8
16	AAMI	WB	109	35	74	11.5	31.7	549	110	438
17	TD	Kang	122	109	13	11.3	10.9	451	459	-7
18	AAMI	Syd	54	47	7	19.3	17.6	181	262	-80
19	AAMI	Melb	100	46	54	9.0	25.6	764	129	636
<b>Average</b>			<b>93</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>196</b>

Whilst most papers reported an improved performance by Melbourne against Adelaide last week, the reality of their situation from a StatRating™ perspective is all too clear. Melbourne's StatRating™ of 129 is the lowest for them since collection of these stats began in 2000! For the Crows, it is officially their highest StatRating™ Margin in the same period. Most sides never to get to post a StatRating™ of 636 in a season, let alone record it as the difference between the 2 sides. We've been waiting patiently for the Crows to throw up an indicator that shows they could be on the way down, and looking at their past 5 weeks, we may have found it. Even though they have won 9 of their last 10 games, it's the figures in the last 4 that warrant a closer look. It started in round 16 with a huge peak against the Bulldogs. Even though they kept on winning in the next 2 weeks, their StatRating™ Margin was not as impressive as previous weeks. Last weeks effort against Melbourne was another huge peak, and could be viewed as though it took 2 weeks to recover from the previous peak. The table below is a snapshot of games where Adelaide has registered huge peaks, as well games where they had a possession to score ratio below 10.0

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2005</b>										
3	AAMI	Port	124	56	68	10.4	17.3	644	219	424
4	SCG	Syd	120	79	41	9.3	10.7	600	488	113
4	SCG	Syd	120	79	41	9.3	10.7	600	488	113
5	TD	WB	109	140	-31	9.8	10.8	523	548	-25
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
16	AAMI	WB	109	35	74	11.5	31.7	549	110	438
17	TD	Kang	122	109	13	11.3	10.9	451	459	-7
19	AAMI	Melb	100	46	54	9.0	25.6	764	129	636

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 Adelaide's StatRating™ in the following week. The bottom figures show Adelaide's latest form. They have been at these levels 4 times this season, for 3 wins and a loss. They met a depleted Sydney in round 4, and after being close all day, ran away with the game in the last 10 minutes. This was followed up by a round 5 loss to the Bulldogs, but it was also their 2<sup>nd</sup> week on the road, which could have also contributed to the loss. They scored a 6 point victory over Fremantle at AAMI Stadium in round 14, and also managed a 13 point win against The Kangaroos in round 17. This is pretty good form from these levels, but one aspect they may have slipped most readers here is the opposition StatRating™ in those games. Adelaide's Opposition StatRating™ average for the year is currently an amazing 283. Their opposition average when playing at these levels is 426. It's in these types of matches that the Crows are at their most vulnerable. Even taking a form line through the scoreboard, they have kept the opposition down to 69 for the year, but at these levels, that average jumps up to 104. Gentlemen, start your engines.

## Port Adelaide – Form at AAMI Stadium

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Port Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Port Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
2	AAMI	Bris	76	86	-10	11.6	14.1	422	332	90
3	AAMI	Haw	128	71	57	8.8	17.4	599	206	393
5	AAMI	Adel	78	66	12	15.2	13.9	277	345	-68
6	AAMI	Rich	84	57	27	13.3	15.3	330	262	68
8	AAMI	Kang	103	49	54	11.0	21.1	527	223	304
10	AAMI	Coll	98	73	25	10.8	11.2	408	412	-4
11	AAMI	Freo	112	63	49	10.4	14.9	586	262	324
13	AAMI	Syd	99	60	39	10.0	12.8	502	314	188
16	AAMI	WCE	114	50	64	9.9	16.0	477	250	227
19	AAMI	Carl	125	81	44	9.2	11.2	693	409	284
20	AAMI	Melb	112	98	14	11.5	13.8	409	363	47
22	AAMI	Adel	94	78	16	12.1	15.3	397	313	84
QF	AAMI	Syd	88	100	-12	11.0	10.8	456	398	58
SF	AAMI	Ess	83	44	39	13.1	20.3	382	246	136
		<b>Average</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>2004</b>										
1	AAMI	Ess	158	62	96	8.5	12.5	740	391	350
3	AAMI	Haw	171	90	81	8.2	10.0	732	562	170
5	AAMI	WB	119	64	55	9.1	10.6	605	445	160
6	AAMI	Coll	101	84	17	10.8	13.8	520	377	143
7	AAMI	Adel	87	119	-32	12.4	8.3	315	685	-369
9	AAMI	Rich	128	50	78	11.4	20.2	491	203	289
10	AAMI	Geel	116	112	4	12.0	10.1	376	504	-128
12	AAMI	Syd	132	60	72	10.3	14.0	468	329	140
15	AAMI	Carl	123	40	83	10.1	15.9	616	188	428
17	AAMI	WCE	102	76	26	13.1	10.0	304	498	-194
19	AAMI	Melb	125	52	73	9.2	12.0	652	392	261
22	AAMI	Adel	85	60	25	11.0	15.1	382	238	144
QF	AAMI	Geel	117	62	55	10.8	16.5	509	267	241
PF	AAMI	Stk	94	88	6	9.8	12.5	482	345	137
		<b>Average</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>2005</b>										
2	AAMI	Bris	75	73	2	15.8	15.3	356	301	54
3	AAMI	Adel	56	124	-68	17.3	10.4	219	644	-424
4	AAMI	Carl	109	109	0	9.2	8.9	585	551	34
5	AAMI	Geel	95	99	-4	14.9	12.6	316	451	-135
7	AAMI	Kang	119	72	47	11.6	10.9	459	377	81
9	AAMI	Ess	85	66	19	14.2	14.7	374	341	33
12	AAMI	WB	118	103	15	11.1	11.8	514	426	88
13	AAMI	Haw	188	71	117	8.5	13.9	744	295	449
15	AAMI	Melb	137	75	62	8.8	13.3	588	287	302
17	AAMI	Rich	96	83	13	11.7	13.5	452	362	89
		<b>Average</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>58</b>

Port has still been able to maintain good averages at AAMI Stadium this year, although their average winning margin is half of what it was last year. Opposition StatRating™ has risen marginally, but it's their own StatRating™ at this venue that has been the major reason for the fall in averages. They are getting back to 2004 figures though, as their last 4 game averages here are at a healthy 575. Quality of opposition in those games also helps!

## Adelaide- Form at AAMI Stadium

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2003</b>										
1	AAMI	Freo	145	89	56	9.6	11.0	690	364	326
4	AAMI	WCE	106	73	33	11.0	12.9	602	348	253
5	AAMI	Port	66	78	-12	13.9	15.2	345	277	68
7	AAMI	Coll	109	114	-5	10.4	10.3	479	428	51
9	AAMI	WB	109	93	16	11.7	13.7	571	352	220
12	AAMI	Melb	138	65	73	10.5	18.6	505	220	285
14	AAMI	Rich	72	44	28	14.1	21.4	334	196	138
15	AAMI	Ess	90	49	41	12.2	17.1	433	210	223
17	AAMI	Stk	143	86	57	9.4	13.1	596	321	275
18	AAMI	Syd	97	93	4	10.0	11.2	432	376	56
21	AAMI	Kang	64	74	-10	18.9	10.0	191	440	-249
22	AAMI	Port	78	94	-16	15.3	12.1	313	397	-84
EF	AAMI	WCE	113	57	56	10.2	16.3	635	221	414
		<b>Average</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>2004</b>										
2	AAMI	Bris	83	104	-21	9.1	9.9	613	455	158
4	AAMI	StK	98	113	-15	13.6	13.8	428	325	102
7	AAMI	Port	119	87	32	8.3	12.4	685	315	369
8	AAMI	Ess	84	135	-51	10.0	7.1	440	784	-344
11	AAMI	Carl	87	91	-4	10.5	11.2	532	384	148
13	AAMI	WB	133	101	32	8.7	11.3	669	432	237
14	AAMI	Melb	145	73	72	9.7	11.6	661	355	306
16	AAMI	Freo	80	92	-12	14.6	14.3	357	294	63
18	AAMI	Kang	49	42	7	13.3	15.9	428	226	202
20	AAMI	Rich	138	86	52	9.6	13.2	635	311	324
21	AAMI	Geel	109	87	22	8.1	10.2	628	558	71
22	AAMI	Port	60	85	-25	15.1	11.0	238	382	-144
		<b>Average</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>2005</b>										
1	AAMI	WCE	53	64	-11	16.2	16.2	265	339	-74
3	AAMI	Port	124	56	68	10.4	17.3	644	219	424
6	AAMI	Kang	74	64	10	12.6	21.7	421	189	232
8	AAMI	Bris	63	72	-9	15.9	17.6	364	227	138
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
14	AAMI	Freo	94	88	6	13.8	18.7	422	208	214
16	AAMI	WB	109	35	74	11.5	31.7	549	110	438
18	AAMI	Syd	54	47	7	19.3	17.6	181	262	-80
19	AAMI	Melb	100	46	54	9.0	25.6	764	129	636
		<b>Average</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>239</b>

Still marvel at the opposition average StatRating™ every time I see this summary. The West Coast Eagles back in round 1 are the highest with a meager 339. This has been the biggest factor in their improvement this season, as they restrict and choke the opposition into submission while demanding a 5 count! They have been able to almost double the opposition teams' inefficiency in possession to score ratio from 11.8 in 2004 to 20.0 in 2005.

## Port Adelaide – Previous Interstate Form after 2 weeks on the road

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Port Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Port Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
<b>2001</b>										
10	MCG	Haw	116	73	43	11.2	13.2	597	334	263
11	SCG	Syd	78	125	-47	10.6	8.9	462	686	-225
12	AAMI	Carl	70	104	-34	12.6	10.6	351	569	-218
13	MO	Kang	73	95	-22	13.5	13.2	385	415	-31
14	SUB	Freo	163	71	92	8.9	19.3	738	212	525
15	AAMI	Rich	96	52	44	11.2	15.7	482	242	241
<b>2002</b>										
2	MCG	Melb	82	109	-27	9.4	10.9	489	422	67
3	TD	Stk	139	56	83	7.7	17.0	809	241	568
4	AAMI	Carl	148	95	53	10.9	12.6	521	421	100
10	YP	Haw	117	77	40	10.7	16.3	526	264	262
11	TD	Ess	108	49	59	10.5	15.2	457	289	168
12	AAMI	Rich	154	70	84	8.8	14.5	705	270	435
14	SUB	Freo	147	63	84	8.9	14.3	604	258	345
15	SCG	Syd	94	92	2	12.1	10.9	437	523	-86
16	Optus	Kang	70	99	-29	11.7	8.1	299	691	-392
17	AAMI	Melb	116	112	4	8.8	10.3	747	388	358
<b>2003</b>										
14	SS	Geel	69	70	-1	14.6	14.6	328	241	88
15	TD	WB	108	93	15	9.5	13.7	677	380	297
16	AAMI	WCE	114	50	64	9.9	16.0	477	250	227
17	Gabba	Bris	104	103	1	9.1	9.1	529	547	-18
18	MCG	Haw	84	80	4	10.9	10.6	469	407	62
19	AAMI	Carl	125	81	44	9.2	11.2	693	409	284
<b>2004</b>										
13	SUB	Freo	112	102	10	11.5	12.7	401	354	47
14	YP	Stk	93	47	46	14.7	21.2	313	208	105
15	AAMI	Carl	123	40	83	10.1	15.9	616	188	428
20	MS	WB	147	61	86	10.9	20.4	487	226	262
21	MCG	Coll	107	70	37	12.0	12.5	401	391	10
22	AAMI	Adel	85	60	25	11.0	15.1	382	238	144
<b>2005</b>										
10	SUB	WCE	62	179	-117	16.8	8.1	215	793	-579
11	YP	Stk	104	81	23	12.8	11.0	327	474	-147
12	AAMI	WB	118	103	15	11.1	11.8	514	426	88
18	MO	Kang	96	100	-4	12.0	11.0	400	435	-35
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Road trips are always a problem for most teams in the AFL. Premiership sides are not fazed by road trips and have usually had the ability to win away games in their premier year. Port Adelaide is returning from a double road trip, and some good judges are pointing to the fact that they may not be physically and emotionally ready after 2 weeks on the road. This table is here to dispel any such theories, as the Port Power has won consistently year in, year out after 2 weeks on the road since 2001. While it has affected many sides before, Port Adelaide hasn't had this problem.....yet.

## Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 8 – 3 since 2000 in Port Adelaide's favour, but 2 of the last 3 games have been won by Adelaide.
- Port Adelaide played good football last week, albeit against the current wooden spoon side. Their StatRating™ has lifted since their loss to Geelong, and have won at these levels in the past.
- Adelaide recorded a record StatRating™ Margin against Melbourne last week, equivalent to a 120 win winning margin. It's been at these levels that they have been most vulnerable in the past.
- Port's form at AAMI Stadium has been very good this season, although still below 2004 levels
- Adelaide form at AAMI Stadium has been incredible but won't have the usual home ground advantage against Cotenants Port Adelaide.
- Consecutive weeks on the road have not been a factor for Port Adelaide in the past 4 years.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

**Port Adelaide \$2.60**  
**Adelaide \$1.50**

At the Line

**Port Adelaide \$1.90 (+ 16.5 points)**  
**Adelaide \$1.90 (- 16.5 points)**

\* 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 16 points. In Port's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 16 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 17 points or more, then you collect.

Looking back at the Stats over the previous 6 pages, this week represents the best chance this season for Port Adelaide to beat Adelaide. They could not have planned a better time to meet them, as they have dropped their guard continuously this season after playing at these levels. Port would still consider themselves a chance to make the final 8, and if they can play with the same intensity and vigor as they showed against the Blues last week, they should ensure that the game goes right down to the wire. The 16.5 point head start is just the buffer we need to ensure we get a collect in this game.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Single stake Port Adelaide at line +16.5 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.

Port Adelaide Predicted StatRating™: 420 - 470

Points Range: 88 -100

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**FINAL RESULT: Port Adelaide 12.9.81**

**Adelaide 13.10.88**

Predicting another close Showdown this week, with the possibility of an Adelaide loss. The Spread should come in close to 14 points and represents a good return should the scores match our prediction. The game is rated 4 stars for spread betting purposes.

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