

Adelaide vs. Fremantle

Head to Head – Adelaide vs. Fremantle

Round	Venue	Adel Score	Freo Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Fremantle StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2000									
14	AAMI	145	72	73	10.2	18.1	639	293	347
2001									
7	AAMI	103	83	20	9.5	13.3	620	323	297
22	SUB	83	120	-37	11.3	9.5	381	590	-209
2002									
7	AAMI	118	89	29	11.9	12.9	488	303	185
22	SUB	120	80	40	9.8	14.2	714	290	425
2003									
1	AAMI	145	89	56	9.6	11.0	690	364	326
16	SUB	90	91	-1	10.3	11.3	514	346	167
2004									
3	SUB	64	73	-9	13.0	14.9	377	323	54
Average		109	87	22	10.7	13.1	553	354	199

The ledger reads 5-3 in Adelaide's favour against Fremantle here, but both sides have performed well at respective home grounds. Fremantle have won their past 2 against the Crows in recent times, but both were narrow margins at Subiaco. They have constantly been out rated by the Crows in their games, with round 22 2001 being the only time they posted higher StatRating™ figures against the Crows. Adelaide's average winning margin against Fremantle in their 5 wins since 2000 is a healthy 44 points, while Fremantle's average winning margin is 16 points. A home game at AAMI Stadium, plus some dubious Fremantle form should see the Crows start warm favourites in this match.

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
2004										
11	AAMI	Carl	87	91	-4	10.5	11.2	532	384	148
12	SUB	WCE	76	108	-32	13.9	8.7	303	607	-304
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
15	SCG	Syd	45	58	-13	15.3	12.9	267	380	-113
Average			97	86	11	11.6	11.1	487	432	55

Adelaide's last 5 games makes for some interesting reading. The Western Bulldogs game was always on the cards, as they bottomed out against West Coast the week before. In doing so they put out some peak StatRating™ figures in that game, and had they not had a change of coach, the results could have been different in 14 against Melbourne. As it happened, they put in another peak performance, and suffered at the hands of Sydney because of it. In their seesawing form season, its quite possible that the Crows may have bottomed out once more. Looking back through their figures this season, they have a habit of either very good, or very bad performances. With a StatRating™ of 267 last week, it represents the very bad component of this enigmatic team. While a StatRating™ Margin of 113 is not usually considered a bottoming out for the crows, the Possession per score of 15.3 coupled with a StatRating™ of 267 definitely is. The table below represents the Crows current playing levels in the past 2 years.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
QF	Gabba	Bris	44	115	-71	15.2	10.1	296	564	-269
SF	MCG	Melb	130	118	12	8.9	6.7	609	690	-81
2003										
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
2004										
9	TD	Coll	65	68	-3	15.1	12.2	286	409	-124
10	MCG	Haw	133	47	86	9.0	14.4	642	284	358
15	SCG	Syd	45	58	-13	15.3	12.9	267	380	-113

The figures highlighted in light 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. While the selected criteria have only 3 games in the past 2 years, it does confirm some consistency. They have been able to post StatRating™ figure upwards of 600 in the following week, and scores over 100 on the scoreboard. On 2 occasions, they have been able to produce this form in Finals, both at home and away, and more recently in round 10 this year at the MCG against Hawthorn. While they don't have the luxury of Hawthorn this week, they do have their home ground advantage. Considering Fremantle does not usually rate higher than the Crows, it safe to assume that on these figures, they will be very hard to beat.

Fremantle – Current form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2004										
11	SUB	Melb	62	93	-31	16.7	10.1	257	526	-269
12	MCG	Rich	81	71	10	14.0	14.0	343	393	-50
13	SUB	Port	102	112	-10	12.7	11.5	354	401	-47
14	TD	WB	117	76	41	11.6	11.4	439	552	-113
15	SUB	Kang	79	96	-17	16.8	12.0	322	392	-70
Average			88	90	-1	14.4	11.8	343	453	-110

Fremantle, for the 3rd successive game at Subiaco, had the chance to win the game at 3 quarter time. They had been in front against Melbourne and got steam rolled in the last quarter. They couldn't bridge the gap against Port, and then fell away to a more determined Kangaroos last week. Their 2 wins have been away games at the MCG against Richmond, and at Telstra Dome against the Western Bulldogs. Every game here on in takes on a finals like pressure for the Dockers, as they try to regain their spot in the 8. Their figures last week were average for the Dockers, as can be seen by their 5 game averages. The table below highlights this current form for the Dockers, and how they have played in the following week.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2001										
19	SUB	WCE	64	98	-34	14.6	10.0	321	458	-137
20	SUB	Bris	87	138	-51	11.4	9.9	449	444	4
2003										
3	MCG	Rich	46	94	-48	17.5	13.8	297	442	-145
4	SUB	Kang	167	122	45	7.4	11.6	856	372	484
13	YP	Haw	68	98	-30	16.7	14.3	240	322	-82
14	SUB	Bris	75	72	3	13.0	13.3	399	347	52
2004										
13	SUB	Port	102	112	-10	12.7	11.5	354	401	-47
14	TD	WB	117	76	41	11.6	11.4	439	552	-113

The figures highlighted in light 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 the Dockers StatRating™ in the following week. The 2001 form can be discarded, as the Dockers have improved immensely since that game. Their 2003 form is encouraging, as they won both games in the following week. A season high StatRating™ against the Kangaroos in round 4(no surprises for guessing an ensuing loss in round 5 given those figures!), then a gutsy 3 point win against eventual Premiers Brisbane in round 14. Was it a case of good form rebounding from these current playing levels, or the dominance of playing at Subiaco last year, which saw them win all but 1 game at that venue throughout 2003? They certainly confirmed these playing levels with a win against the Doggies in round 14 this year, away from home at Telstra Dome. Hard to dispel this form for Fremantle, until you realize that the average opposition score for the Western Bulldogs at Telstra Dome this year is 124 points, and last season it was 127. Not enough sample data here to make a recommendation on what the Dockers will do this week, although they are playing a bottom 5 side in Adelaide. Neutral analysis at best.

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
2002										
2	AAMI	Geel	110	79	31	9.8	13.5	541	304	237
3	AAMI	Syd	114	84	30	9.3	13.2	636	296	340
5	AAMI	Port	82	90	-8	11.6	12.7	370	308	61
7	AAMI	Freo	118	89	29	11.9	12.9	488	303	185
10	AAMI	Bris	101	94	7	11.7	10.9	445	359	86
11	AAMI	Haw	102	58	44	10.3	14.8	624	277	347
14	AAMI	Coll	116	138	-22	9.9	7.2	545	624	-79
15	AAMI	Stk	99	81	18	11.9	11.9	352	354	-2
16	AAMI	WB	138	95	43	9.4	11.2	724	402	322
19	AAMI	Ess	124	76	48	10.1	13.1	615	313	301
20	AAMI	Port	76	84	-8	12.5	10.7	361	374	-13
21	AAMI	Rich	87	65	22	12.6	13.1	380	291	89
		Average	106	86	20	10.9	12.1	507	350	157
2003										
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
		Average	102	78	26	12.1	14.1	471	319	152
2004										
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
		Average	107	101	6	10.0	11.0	575	436	139

A mixed bag of results for Adelaide at AAMI Stadium this season, with only 3 wins and 4 losses from 7 home games. Its hard to see how they have managed 4 losses when you examine their StatRating™ figures at this ground. Their lowest StatRating™ for the year at AAMI Stadium is 428, with an average of 575 through out the season. On the opposition front, the 784 by Essendon in round 8 towers above any other opposition StatRating™ which has hovered around 300-400, for a season average of 436. Their current form suggests a 600 rating is back on the cards this week, and they have posted this figure in 4 out of 7 games this year.

Fremantle – Form at AAMI Stadium

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
7	AAMI	Adel	89	118	-29	12.9	11.9	303	488	-185
		Average	89	118	-29	12.9	11.9	303	488	-185
2003										
1	AAMI	Adel	89	145	-56	11.0	9.6	364	690	-326
11	AAMI	Port	63	112	-49	14.9	10.4	262	586	-324
		Average	76	129	-53	12.9	10.0	313	638	-325

AAMI Stadium hasn't been a happy hunting ground for Fremantle in the past, as recent figures show. They have an average StatRating™ of 310, and an average score of 83. An average losing margin of 40 points does not inspire confidence, but Fremantle has improved this year in their away games. They have won 3 games in Melbourne against Collingwood, Richmond, and the Western Bulldogs. All those sides are in the bottom 5, as is Adelaide. If they continue that trend, they'll give themselves a real chance to topple the Crows here. But it may have been a question of timing with wins against those sides, as neither was expected to rate well in the following week's games against Fremantle. Apart from their Melbourne games, they have a 32 point loss to Sydney at the SCG in round 2, and a 9 point loss to Hawthorn at York Park in round 8. Happy to be proven wrong here, but more consistency need to be shown by the Dockers on the road before they can be seen as a threat interstate.

Adelaide - Games against Top 8 sides

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2004										
1	MCG	Kang	74	149	-75	10.5	9.2	438	619	-181
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
6	SS	Geel	58	101	-43	14.2	9.8	318	481	-163
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
14	AAMI	Melb	145	73	72	9.7	11.6	661	355	306
15	SCG	Syd	45	58	-13	15.3	12.9	267	380	-113
		Average	88	103	-15	11.3	10.8	481	464	17

2 wins and 6 losses against Top 8 sides tell the story quite well for the Crows this year. While they have been competitive in some games against these top sides, there have been blow outs as well. From their 5 home games, their record is a much better 2-3. In these games their average StatRating™ has been 565 for and 447 against. On the scoreboard the average has been 106 to 102. A much more competitive effort at home from the Crows than on the road. The Dockers can be considered a Top 8 side, and given these current figures, the Crows should play as well as their averages suggest.

Fremantle - Games against Top 8 sides

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2004										
2	SCG	Syd	71	102	-31	12.1	12.7	371	371	0
5	SUB	Geel	117	91	26	12.1	15.0	447	328	120
7	SUB	Stk	72	95	-23	18.1	11.4	271	449	-178
9	SUB	Bris	137	78	59	9.7	12.6	649	334	315
10	TD	Ess	85	115	-30	11.5	10.6	540	473	67
11	SUB	Melb	62	93	-31	16.7	10.1	257	526	-269
13	SUB	Port	102	112	-10	12.7	11.5	354	401	-47
15	SUB	Kang	79	96	-17	16.8	12.0	322	392	-70
Average			91	98	-7	13.7	12.0	401	409	-8

Not as relevant to Fremantle in this game as it is for the Crows, but well worth a look anyway. Interestingly, same record as Adelaide here, with 2 wins and 6 losses. And its not as is they haven't had their chances. 6 of their 8 games against Top 8 sides have been at Subiaco Oval, and the Dockers just haven't taken their chances with this good draw. They haven't been to far off the mark, as their average StatRating™ figures suggest. They have at least been competitive on the Stats sheet against the Bombers and Sydney, but not on the scoreboard. Hard to see them making the final 8 this year, given they've wasted some good chances to consolidate their home ground advantage.

Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 5-3 in Adelaide's favour, but both teams have good home ground records since 2000.
- The Crows current playing levels suggest they will post a StatRating™ close to 600 this week. In the 3 games that match their current playing levels, they have had 3 wins in the following week.
- The Dockers current playing levels suggest they should play well this week. 3 wins from as many tries are good results, but home ground advantage, and form against a side that allows high scoring dents the confidence here. Not enough relevant data to make a prediction.
- The Crows record at AAMI Stadium has slipped this year, with 3 wins and 4 losses. They still have an average StatRating™ of 575 though.
- The Dockers record at the AAMI Stadium has not been great. They have lost their last 3 at this venue since 2002, and have only ever won 1 game at this venue in 12 attempts since 1995.
- Adelaide's form at AAMI Stadium against Top 8 sides is 2 wins and 3 losses. Overall this season the record is 2 wins and 6 losses.
- Fremantle also has a 2 win, 6 loss record against Top 8 sides this year. Of the 8 games played, a staggering 6 have been a Subiaco.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

Adelaide \$1.45
Fremantle \$2.75

At the Line

Adelaide \$1.90 (-15.5 points)
Fremantle \$1.90 (+15.5 points)

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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 15 points. In Fremantle's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 15 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 16 points or more, then you collect.

The Crows have been an enigma for many punters this year, promising so much early on, only to lose their coach mid year. Regardless of who's coaching them, it seems there's no in between when it comes to form for the Crows. The Stats do point to an improved performance by the Crows this week, and if they follow their current trend, they are just as likely to peak this week! On reflection the Dockers have been disappointing this year, as they seem to have let a finals berth slip by this year. After winning almost every game at Subiaco last season, they have dropped 4 this year, and it's only round 16. We saw a bottom 5 side go in favourite against a top 8 side last week when Collingwood played Geelong, and many will draw parallels with this game. In this case though, the gap between the sides on the ladder is a lot closer, and given the supporting stats, the price is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION: Given the respective winning/losing margins, and Adelaide's average StatRating™ at AAMI Stadium, the 15 point line margin should be covered by the Crows. Adelaide -15.5 @ \$190 is the recommendation.

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.

Adelaide Predicted StatRating™: 540– 600

Points Range: 115 – 127

Fremantle Predicted StatRating™: 370 – 430

Points Range: 79 – 91

The predicted scores for Adelaide are the highest that have will have been kicked against Fremantle this year. That's a big call, but given Adelaide's current averages at home, it's more than valid. Will have to keep a close eye on the weather, but if the spread is available at around the 17 points, its well worth a go. Due to Fremantle's neutral current form, and their average opposition score of 83 this year, have rated this game as a **3 star** rating.

ACTUAL SCORE: Adelaide 12.8.80 (357) Fremantle 14.8.92 (294)

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