

Fremantle vs. Adelaide

Head to Head – Fremantle vs. Adelaide

Round	Venue	Freo Score	Adel Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Adelaide StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2000									
14	AAMI	72	145	-73	18.1	10.2	293	639	-347
2001									
7	AAMI	83	103	-20	13.3	9.5	323	620	-297
22	SUB	120	83	37	9.5	11.3	590	381	209
2002									
7	AAMI	89	118	-29	12.9	11.9	303	488	-185
22	SUB	80	120	-40	14.2	9.8	290	714	-425
2003									
1	AAMI	89	145	-56	11.0	9.6	364	690	-326
16	SUB	91	90	1	11.3	10.3	346	514	-167
	Average	89	115	-26	12.9	10.4	358	578	-220

Fremantle and Adelaide have met 7 times since 2000, with Adelaide holding a 5-2 advantage. Only 3 of the 7 have been played at Subiaco Oval, with the Dockers saluting on 2 occasions. Fremantle has suffered some belting's at AAMI stadium in the past, and this has contributed to some poor averages across the board. It's interesting to note that even with the improved performance of Fremantle last year, they have never really been able to match it with the Crows on the Stats Sheet. Their round 22 2001 victory is the only time in the past 4 seasons that they have rated higher than the Crows. Considering that the Crows have lost their opening 2 games for the season, and are being hosted by Fremantle at Subiaco, it goes without saying that Fremantle will be put up as warm favourites for this game.

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										
1	SUB	Carl	107	60	47	10.5	13.6	535	287	248
2	SCG	Syd	71	102	-31	12.1	12.7	371	371	0
Average			89	81	8	11.3	13.1	453	329	124

Fremantle tried valiantly last week against the Swans, as they battled slippery conditions for the better part of 3 quarters before the Swans unleashed 7 unanswered goals, and put the game beyond doubt. They had fought back from 4 goals down midway through the 2nd quarter, to be just 2 points down midway through the 3rd, before the Swans took charge. It was a good even effort by the Dockers, and as the StatRating™ suggests, were not too far away. Watching the game, the Swans always looked like they had Fremantle covered, but the fact that Sydney was not as efficient with the ball (12.7 vs. 12.1) meant that their StatRating™ came down. This is no more evident when you consider that Sydney had 342 possessions to the Dockers 255. Even StatRating™ figures are always hard to match up, but below are games where Fremantle has played at these current levels in the past.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2001										
1	SUB	Carl	118	119	-1	11.9	12.0	446	435	11
2	TD	Coll	88	105	-17	12.5	11.3	383	494	-111
6	SUB	Melb	74	119	-45	11.8	11.5	457	417	40
7	AAMI	Adel	83	103	-20	13.3	9.5	323	620	-297
18	TD	Haw	106	90	16	12.5	11.9	432	453	-21
19	SUB	WCE	64	98	-34	14.6	10.0	321	458	-137
2002										
1	SUB	WCE	118	137	-19	12.4	10.3	395	474	-78
2	SUB	Stk	76	73	3	11.4	15.7	448	305	143
3	YP	Haw	79	89	-10	12.4	10.8	364	437	-74
4	SUB	Rich	138	72	66	10.7	19.1	533	246	287
8	SUB	Melb	94	89	5	12.1	12.3	422	384	38
9	Gabba	Bris	79	109	-30	13.3	11.7	376	496	-120
2003										
12	SUB	Geel	88	72	16	13.6	12.5	367	367	0
13	YP	Haw	68	98	-30	16.7	14.3	240	322	-82
15	MCG	Coll	58	99	-41	12.3	14.2	405	395	10
16	SUB	Adel	91	90	1	11.3	10.3	346	514	-167

The cells highlighted in Light Blue represent current playing levels, while the cells highlighted in red show the game result in the following week. The cells in Green highlight Fremantle's StatRating™ in the following week. Their most current form in 2003 is probably the best guide here, as the Dockers were a very different side in 2001 and 2002. Round 12 2003 is as close as we can get to current playing levels, but unfortunately, they traveled to York Park on a cold and rainy day, so their form in round 13 could be a little misleading. The Round 15 MCG clash against Collingwood isn't too far off the mark either, and is a better guide as they did return back to Subiaco to take on Adelaide. Whilst they did win on that occasion, it was a game they could easily have lost as their StatRating™ Margin of -167 indicates. Although their opening 2 games of the season have been good, this type of form does not inspire confidence.

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										
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
Average			79	127	-48	9.8	9.6	525	537	-12

It seemed the Crows continued where they last left off against the Kangaroos in the 1st quarter against Brisbane last week, as the shell shocked pride of South Australia found themselves 46 points down at the first change. Not sure what was in the drinks at quarter time, but something did happen which caused the Crows to have 26 shots at goal to 16 for Brisbane, even though both sides had 203 possessions a piece for the next 3 quarters. Some inaccuracy at goal for the Crows also indicated that the end margin could have been closer. A better indicator of this can be seen in the StatRating™ figures for the match. They posted a StatRating™ of 613 to 455, a figure which is usually enough to win the game. This has been a powerful indicator for most clubs in the past, and below is a table which highlights these figure for Adelaide in the past.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2001										
6	YP	Haw	91	104	-13	9.9	13.9	616	338	278
7	AAMI	Freo	103	83	20	9.5	13.3	620	323	297
13	AAMI	Coll	97	99	-2	10.8	11.0	538	436	102
14	AAMI	WCE	64	51	13	12.3	18.8	462	224	238
2002										
5	AAMI	Port	82	90	-8	11.6	12.7	370	308	61
6	TD	Rich	105	73	32	9.3	15.2	642	270	372
2003										
2	TD	StK	91	99	-8	10.8	12.4	472	411	61
3	SCG	Syd	103	76	27	9.3	11.9	592	395	198
5	AAMI	Port	66	78	-12	13.9	15.2	345	277	68
6	TD	Kang	124	70	54	12.3	12.8	456	337	119
7	AAMI	Coll	109	114	-5	10.4	10.3	479	428	51
8	Gabba	Bris	89	107	-18	10.9	10.3	479	428	51
16	SUB	Freo	90	91	-12	10.3	11.3	514	346	167
17	AAMI	StK	143	86	57	9.4	13.1	596	321	275

The figures highlighted in light blue represent current playing criteria, which is a loss in the game and a higher StatRating™ margin. 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. Over the past 3 years, this anomaly has occurred on 7 occasions, with the Crows winning 6 of these games in the following week, and their only loss being to Brisbane by 18 points at the Gabba – hardly anything to be ashamed of. More importantly, they have scored very good StatRating™ figures in the following week, averaging 550 in a range that spans from 456 to 642. They have also proved that the venue holds no fear for them either in the following week. They achieved wins at the SCG and Telstra Dome, and acquitted themselves well at the Gabba. There is no reason to suggest that the Crows wont up the ante this week, and provide a better than expected contest.

Fremantle – Form at Subiaco

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
1	SUB	WCE	118	137	-19	12.4	10.3	395	474	-78
2	SUB	Stk	76	73	3	11.4	15.7	448	305	143
4	SUB	Rich	138	72	66	10.7	19.1	533	246	287
6	SUB	Ess	89	62	27	14.5	16.4	316	263	53
8	SUB	Melb	94	89	5	12.1	12.3	422	384	38
10	SUB	Carl	96	68	28	12.4	17.4	419	281	138
12	SUB	Coll	90	79	11	10.1	15.9	487	245	241
14	SUB	Port	63	147	-84	14.3	8.9	258	604	-345
16	SUB	WCE	100	70	30	12.3	17.1	406	222	184
18	SUB	Haw	96	35	61	12.3	18.5	364	243	122
20	SUB	Geel	117	72	45	10.5	16.6	514	222	292
22	SUB	Adel	80	120	-40	14.2	9.8	290	714	-425
		Average	96	85	11	12.3	14.8	404	350	54
2003										
2	SUB	Syd	86	60	26	13.0	14.5	409	353	56
4	SUB	Kang	167	122	45	7.4	11.6	856	372	484
5	SUB	WCE	73	108	-35	11.3	10.5	407	459	-52
6	SUB	Ess	131	100	31	10.7	11.2	493	403	90
8	SUB	Stk	123	82	41	9.8	11.7	533	487	46
10	SUB	Carl	127	99	28	9.3	12.6	690	342	348
12	SUB	Geel	88	72	16	13.6	12.5	367	367	1
14	SUB	Bris	75	72	3	13.0	13.3	399	347	52
16	SUB	Adel	91	90	1	11.3	10.3	346	514	-167
18	SUB	Rich	104	81	23	10.2	11.3	508	414	94
20	SUB	WB	133	77	56	7.7	17.1	816	251	565
22	SUB	WCE	96	82	14	10.4	10.6	433	499	-65
EF	SUB	Ess	57	101	-44	17.8	12.3	252	456	-204
		Average	104	88	16	11.2	12.3	501	405	96
2004										
1	SUB	Carl	107	60	47	10.5	13.6	535	287	248
		Average	107	60	47	10.5	13.6	535	287	248

Fremantle's form at Subiaco is hard to fault, as they maintain very good averages at their home ground. No Victorian side has beaten Fremantle in the home and away season over the past 2 years, with Essendon the only side to have conquered Fremantle in the 2003 Finals series. Their 4 losses over the past 2 years have been to West Coast twice, Port Adelaide, and Adelaide. Their average StatRating™ against the Victorian sides last year was 609, while against the other interstate sides, they averaged 399. This is a surprising difference, and illustrates the difficulties Victorian Sides had in Subiaco last year. But it also highlights that Fremantle could be vulnerable against the Interstaters.

Adelaide – Form at Subiaco

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
13	SUB	WCE	117	135	-18	11.6	8.8	441	730	-288
22	SUB	Freo	120	80	40	9.8	14.2	714	290	425
		Average	119	108	11	10.7	11.5	578	510	68
2003										
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
		Average	91	79	12	10.5	13.5	491	290	201

Adelaide's form at Subiaco over the past 2 years has been good. Their possession per score at the ground is a very efficient 10.6 and their StatRating™ averages are also quite high. They have managed to score around the 100 mark consistently, and should continue with the same form this week.

Fremantle – Form returning from SCG

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Freo Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Fremantle StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2001										
9	SCG	Syd	65	84	-19	19.4	12.0	253	457	-204
10	SUB	Rich	46	84	-38	18.9	12.2	206	418	-212
2002										
13	SCG	Syd	62	139	-77	17.1	8.3	286	848	-562
14	SUB	Port	63	147	-84	14.3	8.9	258	604	-345
2003										
17	SCG	Syd	97	111	-14	8.7	10.0	481	438	42
18	SUB	Rich	104	81	23	10.2	11.3	508	414	94
2004										
2	SCG	Syd	71	102	-31	12.1	12.7	371	371	0

With it being one of the longer trips in AFL football, it was worthwhile to check if traveling back from the SCG had any effect on the Dockers over the past 3 years. It seems as though it may have, as the Dockers form in the following week seems to mirror that of the SCG. While the scoreboard figures may be a little out, their StatRating™, and StatRating™ Margin are pretty consistent. There are not more than 40 or so StatRating™ points difference from one game to another, and it will provide an area of interest to see if this trend continues.

Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 5-2 in Adelaide's favour, but Fremantle have won 2 of their 3 at home.
- Fremantle's current playing levels suggest they may struggle to post a StatRating™ close to 400 this week.
- Adelaide lost the game on the scoreboard, but won on StatRating™ last week, which is usually a good indicator for the following week. In the past they have won 6 of their 7 games when this has occurred.
- Fremantle's record at Subiaco is very good, and has proven to be a hard team to beat at home. Their StatRating™ averages against Victorian teams are much higher than Interstate teams.
- Adelaide's form at Subiaco has been very good over the past 2 years, and has averages that match Fremantle's current figures at home.
- Fremantle's form after returning from the SCG has been consistent over the past 3 seasons. Their StatRating™ from their Sydney game does not alter much.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

Fremantle	\$1.28
Adelaide	\$3.60

At the Line

Fremantle	\$1.90 (-25.5 points)
Adelaide	\$1.90 (+25.5 points)

* For the latest odds on offer visit www.onthepunt.com.au

At the line signifies that you will be able to get a better price on Fremantle (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 25 points. In Adelaide's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 25 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 26 points or more, then you collect.

This is a surprisingly even game from a Stats perspective, with Adelaide seemingly ready to produce. While the Dockers have not done anything wrong this year, it seems everyone is ready to stick the knives into Adelaide, and this becomes a vital game for them. 3 losses in a row at the start of the season is almost bye-bye, but given the previous 5 pages are valid, we could see a game that is a lot closer than what the official prices suggest.

RECOMMENDATION: With a 25 point start at hand, this has to be the safest option, whilst still providing value in this round. The Crows should stand up this week, and +25.5 @ \$1.90 is the recommendation.

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Historical StatRating™ figures for Head to Head, current form, and form at the ground suggest the following points range for these teams.

Fremantle Predicted StatRating™: 360 - 410	Points Range: 77 - 89
Adelaide Predicted StatRating™: 470 - 530	Points Range: 100 - 113

Considering the 25 point start, this game again could provide good value for Spread betting. The predicted buy/sell should be close to 22 – 28.

ACTUAL RESULT: Fremantle 10.13.73 Adelaide 8.16.64

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