

Richmond vs. Adelaide

Head to Head – Richmond vs. Adelaide

Round	Venue	Rich Score	Adel Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Richmond StatRating™	Adelaide StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2000									
13	TD	112	121	-9	12.1	8.8	438	786	-348
2001									
8	MCG	92	120	-28	12.0	7.7	335	804	-469
2002									
6	TD	73	105	-32	15.2	9.3	270	642	-372
21	AAMI	65	87	-22	13.1	12.6	291	380	-89
2003									
14	AAMI	44	72	-28	21.4	14.1	196	334	-138
Average		77	101	-24	14.7	10.5	306	589	-283

Richmond's form against Adelaide has remained constant over the past 4 years. Regardless of venue, they have not been able to beat the Crows since 2000. In fact their last win against them was Round 9, 1999, when they kicked a very accurate 12.6.78 to Adelaide's 9.13.67. This is not the kind of form that Richmond supporters would be hoping for given the media has the spotlight well and truly on the club. Their average StatRating™ over the past 4 years is a very low 306, and given the StatRating™ Margins in some of these games, the final losing margin could have been considerably more. They have a best StatRating™ of 438 against Adelaide, posted in round 13 2000, and this team is traveling nowhere near that form at the moment. Adelaide's StatRating™ has also dropped considerably over years, but has still maintained a higher average than Richmond. Given this clean sweep over 3 different venues, Adelaide should start favourite in this match.

Richmond – Current Form

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Rich Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Richmond StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2004										
1	MCG	Coll	97	57	40	11.9	14.9	453	255	197
2	MCG	Melb	76	135	-59	19.6	9.1	219	762	-543
3	TD	Stk	69	114	-45	13.5	8.3	238	665	-428
4	TD	Geel	78	127	-49	13.7	9.4	366	562	-195
Average			80	108	-28	14.7	10.4	319	561	-242

If ever the media got right about a side, it was the tag of “Jekyll and Hyde” that was given to Richmond over the years. Their round 1 game is totally opposite to the following 3 games, in every aspect imaginable. The Collingwood win does not look as impressive any more, given they are currently struggling to win a game, and have the lowest goal kicking forwards of any team this year. Melbourne has continued to win since downing the Tigers, and Stkilda has not lost a game. Geelong was winless before they played the Tigers, and it was the ferocity of this loss that draws doubts in the minds of many people. Three consecutive losses of between 7 and 10 goals is tough to turn around, given that the StatRating™ scored against them in the last 3 games are season highs for the respective clubs. Their StatRating™ of 366 and possession per score of 13.7 are figures they have produced in the past, and below is a table highlighting this current form.

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Rich Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Richmond StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2001										
14	MCG	Haw	71	129	-58	13.9	10.9	367	485	-118
15	AAMI	Port	52	96	-44	15.7	11.2	242	482	-241
2002										
5	MCG	Haw	83	125	-42	12.8	9.8	366	571	-205
6	TD	Adel	73	105	-32	15.2	9.3	270	642	-372
13	MCG	Geel	54	96	-42	13.8	11.1	283	506	-223
14	MCG	Carl	85	86	-1	11.1	12.5	442	295	147
2003										
4	TD	Stk	107	81	26	12.7	9.6	361	551	-190
5	MCG	Haw	115	95	20	11.4	10.7	367	506	-138
2004										
3	TD	Stk	69	114	-45	13.5	8.3	238	665	-428
4	TD	Geel	78	127	-49	13.7	9.4	366	562	-195

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 Richmond's StatRating™ in the following week. Not a pretty picture. Their only positive in this table is the round 5 2003 win against Hawthorn, where they came from 8 goals down midway through the 2nd quarter, to get up and win the game. Even so, they were not able to post higher StatRating™ figures in that game, a trend that seems consistent with their form. The only time they have scored better on the stats sheet was round 14 2002, against and out of form, and eventual wooden spoon winner in Carlton. Their average StatRating™ in the following week is 338, and there's nothing to suggest it will be any different this 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
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
3	SUB	Freo	64	73	-9	13.0	14.9	377	323	54
4	AAMI	StK	98	113	-15	13.6	13.8	428	325	102
Average			80	110	-30	11.6	11.9	464	431	33

The heat on Adelaide is reaching boiling point with each passing week, and they'll either explode or implode this week. A loss to the hapless Tigers would surely be the last straw for this side, but it would be an injustice if that was the case. As previously stated, they kicked 11.17 against Brisbane, pushed Fremantle at Subiaco when they kicked 8.16, then did everything humanly possible when they went down to the Saints, who kicked an amazing 18.5 against them! Add to that the fact they have been able to post higher StatRating™ figures against all these sides, who are currently in the top 5 on the AFL ladder, and you can begin to understand the frustration Gary Ayers must be feeling. At some stage, it has to turn around for Adelaide, and surely the Tigers are nowhere near these other teams. For the third week in a row, they have lost the game but posted higher StatRating™ figures. This had been a powerful indicator for Adelaide in the past, and below is a table which highlights this.

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	459	534	-75
16	SUB	Freo	90	91	-1	10.3	11.3	514	346	167
17	AAMI	Stk	143	86	57	9.4	13.1	596	321	275
2004										
2	AAMI	Bris	83	104	-21	9.1	9.9	613	455	158
3	SUB	Freo	64	73	-9	13.0	14.9	377	323	54
3	SUB	Freo	64	73	-9	13.0	14.9	377	323	54
4	AAMI	StK	98	113	-15	13.6	13.8	428	325	102

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. Feels like Groundhog Day when we mention these figures, as we keep repeating this stat over and over for the Crows. Their average StatRating™ in the following week has been lower than previous seasons, but the StatRating™ Margin is the important indicator here. It continues to remain positive, and 9 games over 4 seasons suggest it will stay positive this week.

Richmond – Form at Telstra Dome

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Rich Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Richmond StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
6	TD	Adel	73	105	-32	15.2	9.3	270	642	-372
7	TD	Syd	88	82	6	13.2	10.9	340	422	-81
9	TD	Stk	63	72	-9	14.9	13.1	281	320	-39
11	TD	Kang	84	95	-11	12.0	10.8	493	454	39
15	TD	Bris	55	118	-63	15.6	10.9	314	562	-248
		Average	73	94	-22	14.2	11.0	340	480	-140
2003										
2	TD	WB	111	89	22	10.2	12.1	597	397	199
4	TD	Stk	107	81	26	12.7	9.6	361	551	-190
11	TD	Kang	89	92	-3	11.4	10.7	455	411	44
15	TD	Geel	97	101	-4	14.0	11.7	386	435	-49
17	TD	WB	155	95	60	8.9	12.2	617	400	217
19	TD	Stk	50	130	-80	20.7	10.1	207	553	-345
21	TD	Port	104	124	-20	12.4	8.4	330	604	-274
		Average	102	102	0	12.9	10.7	422	479	-57
2004										
3	TD	Stk	69	114	-45	13.5	8.3	238	665	-428
4	TD	Geel	78	127	-49	13.7	9.4	366	562	-195
		Average	74	121	-47	13.6	8.9	302	614	-312

The Tigers form at Telstra Dome has been getting progressively worse, and there's no surprise in that, when you consider this side has only won 2 games from their last 18. Again, in true "Jekyll and Hyde" style, the round 17 2003 win against the Doggies stands out like a sore thumb compared to their other results. 2003 had some very good averages for them, but the statistic that stands out is their inability to contain the opposition scoring. Only 2 opposition StatRating™ scores are below 400 in the previous 2 years.

Adelaide – Form at Telstra Dome

Round	Venue	Opp Team	Adel Score	Opp Score	Game Result	Possession Per Score	OPossession Per Score	Adelaide StatRating™	Opposition StatRating™	StatRating™ Margin
2002										
1	TD	WB	112	93	19	9.5	9.4	632	534	98
4	TD	Ess	81	122	-41	11.7	10.7	477	495	-18
6	TD	Rich	105	73	32	9.3	15.2	642	270	372
		Average	99	96	3	10.2	11.7	584	433	151
2003										
2	TD	Stk	91	99	-8	10.8	12.4	472	411	61
6	TD	Kang	124	70	54	12.3	12.8	456	337	119
20	TD	Coll	71	108	-37	16.3	10.0	302	512	-210
		Average	95	92	3	13.1	11.7	410	420	-10

Adelaide's form at Telstra Dome over the past 2 years has not been the best, but for an interstate venue, it's OK. The round 20 loss to Collingwood was a result of 2 consecutive weeks on the road, a stat that catches many interstate sides out. While not overly enthused with these figures, they are remarkably far better than the Tigers form here, and should be advantaged in that respect.

Final Summary

- Head to Head Contests are 5-0 in Adelaide's favour, across 3 different venues in 2 states.
- Richmond's current playing levels are terrible and they may struggle to post a StatRating™ above 400 this week.
- Adelaide lost the game on the scoreboard, but won on StatRating™ for the third consecutive week! At some stage, they will have to break this hoodoo, and post a win.
- Richmond's record at Telstra Dome is poor, with a 4 – 10 win/loss ratio over the past 2 years.
- Adelaide's form at Telstra Dome is marginally better, with a win/loss ratio of 3 – 3. They also have higher averages at this venue than the Tigers.

Current odds on offer from Sports Bookmakers are

Richmond **\$2.30**
Adelaide **\$1.65**

At the Line

Richmond **\$1.90 (+8.5 points)**
Adelaide **\$1.90 (-8.5 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 Adelaide (\$1.90), but they will have to win by more than 8 points. In Richmond's case, you will be offered a lesser price, but they will have the ability to lose by up to 8 points or even win the game, for you to collect. As long as they don't lose by 9 points or more, then you collect.

The media are getting spoilt this year, as last week the Geelong – Richmond game provided the spot light on the coaches, and this week brings out the blow torch on these 2 teams. You've got to feel for both coaches in this game, as both would be questioning what is was that convinced them AFL coaching was their calling in life. While both teams are in the bottom 3 of the AFL ladder, Adelaide's form against the top sides reads much better than Richmond's. Just think what the prices would be if Adelaide's higher StatRating™ figures over the past 3 weeks had resulted in wins against those sides, instead of inaccurate losses?

RECOMMENDATION: The 8 point start should not be a worry in this game, and the Crows should post their opening win of the season. -8.5 @ \$1.90 is the recommendation.

GOLD MEMBERSHIP:

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

Richmond Predicted StatRating™: **300 - 360**
Adelaide Predicted StatRating™: **490 - 550**

Points Range: **68 - 80**
Points Range: **105 - 117**

Even with the 8 point start, the Crows will be good value at the Spread, are expected to win this game by at least 20 points on the predicted scores.

ACTUAL SCORES: Richmond 9.5.59 (210) Adelaide 21.8.134 (568)

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