



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 11 RICHMOND V PORT ADELAIDE

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RICHMOND'S PREMIERSHIP-WINNING STRANG FAMILY

Gordon and Doug Strang burst on to the scene for the Tigers in 1931. Sons of Bill Strang, who had played 69 games for South Melbourne (1904-1907 and 1913), they were recruited from East Albury. The brothers debuted against Carlton in the first round of the 1931 season, Gordon taking 12 marks in a brilliant display at centre half-forward, while 18 year old Doug kicked four goals at full forward. The following week Doug kicked 14.2 (still a Richmond record) as the Tigers scored a crushing victory against North Melbourne. Legendary Collingwood coach Jock McHale would later observe: "I have never seen two recruits from the bush come into a league side and shine like they did."



After losing to Geelong in the 1931 grand final, the Strangs led the Tigers to a flag in 1932, Gordon taking 16 marks to be best afield in the premiership decider, and Doug kicking a team high four goals. Gordon went on to play at centre half-back in the next two grand finals, the Tigers winning another flag in 1934. Doug was less fortunate, missing both grand finals, the former due to suspension and the latter because of injury. At the end of the 1935 season, at just 23 years of age, Doug was forced to retire from League football because of a chronic knee injury. Gordon took on the coaching job at North Launceston in 1937, but returned to Richmond to play one more season in 1938. In 1998 he would be named at centre half-back in the Tigers' Team of the Century. Two of their brothers, Allan and Colin, also played League football, the former with South Melbourne and the latter with St Kilda.

Doug's son Geoff, a dashing half-back flanker, joined the Tigers in 1965 and went on to play in the club's 1967 and 1969 premiership teams. One of Geoff's teammates in the 1967 side was his cousin John Perry, whose mother was Doug and Gordon's sister. Geoff was persuaded by premiership teammate Michael Patterson to conclude his career with North Adelaide where Patterson was captain-coach. He would be a member of that club's 1972 premiership team.

FILL THE GAPS (the missing players' numbers are in brackets)

| Richmond 1980 Premiers | | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| B: | [7] | Emmett Dunne | Greg Strachan |
| HB: | Terry Smith | [20] | Peter Welsh |
| C: | Stephen Mount | [4] | [16] |
| HF: | [18] | David Cloke | Kevin Bartlett |
| F: | Francis Bourke | [8] | [2] |
| Foll: | Mark Lee | [22] | [3] |
| Int: | [11] | Daryl Freame | |

| Port Adelaide 2004 Premiers | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| B: | Michael Wilson | Darryl Wakelin | Matthew Bishop |
| HB: | [11] | [35] | Brett Montgomery |
| C: | Josh Mahony | [9] | [18] |
| HF: | [15] | [16] | [7] |
| F: | Toby Thurstons | [5] | [4] |
| Foll: | Dean Brogan | Roger James | [8] |
| Int: | Adam Kingsley | Domenic Cassisi | |
| | Jarrad Schofield | Stuart Dew | |

This Round in History – Round 11 on the MCG

The highest Round 11 score at the MCG is 25.11 (161) by Collingwood against St Kilda in 1995. The overall record is 25.29 (179) by Fitzroy against Geelong 8.8 (56) at the Brunswick Street Oval in 1944. The most goals in a game is 12 by Bob Johnson Snr for Melbourne against Hawthorn in 1933. The overall Round 11 record is 15 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1933. The highest score in a quarter in this round at the MCG is 10.5 (65) which has been achieved twice, both times by Richmond against Footscray. The first instance was in the third quarter of a 1970 clash and the second in the last quarter in a 1978 match. The overall Round 11 record for the highest score in a quarter is 11.5 (71) by Fitzroy against Geelong in the third quarter at Brunswick Street in 1944. The highest Round 11 attendance at the MCG is 87,653 in 1989 when Geelong defeated Essendon by 54 points. The overall Round 11 attendance record is 92,935 at Waverley Park in 1981 when Hawthorn defeated Collingwood by 46 points.

Statistics for Richmond v Port Adelaide

Richmond v Port Adelaide by venue

| | Won By Richmond | Won By Port Adel. | Drawn |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Adelaide Oval | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Docklands | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Football Park | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Marrara Oval | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| MCG | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| | 16 | 20 | 1 |

Greatest Winning Margin

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|------|-----|
| Richmond | 85 points | Rd 21 | 1997 | MCG |
| Port Adelaide | 84 points | Rd 12 | 2002 | FP |

Highest Score

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------|------|-----|
| Richmond | 22.14 (146) | Rd 21 | 1997 | MCG |
| Port Adelaide | 24.11 (155) | Rd 16 | 2007 | MCG |

Lowest Score

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-------|------|----|
| Richmond | 3.12 (30) | Rd 11 | 1999 | FP |
| Port Adelaide | 3.12 (30) | Rd 10 | 2010 | FP |

Last Time They Met – Round 21, 2022, Adel. Oval

| | Richmond | Port Adel. |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Quarter time | 4.4 | 3.1 |
| Half time | 7.6 | 6.4 |
| Three-quarter time | 14.10 | 9.6 |
| Full time | 16.13 (109) | 10.11 (71) |

DID YOU KNOW?

- Richmond and Port Adelaide have met 37 times, Port Adelaide winning 20 of those matches, Richmond 16 and one match was drawn. They have met in two finals, Port Adelaide winning an elimination final in 2014 and Richmond taking out a 2020 preliminary final.
- The Port Adelaide Football Club was founded in 1870 and has won 36 SANFL premierships. The club adopted black and white colours in 1902, replacing the previous blue and magenta guernseys.
- Fos Williams, a rover with West Adelaide, was appointed captain-coach of Port Adelaide in 1950. He would lead the club to premierships in 1951/54/55/56/57/58 and then, after retiring as a player, go on to coach the 1962/63/65 premiership teams.
- Port Adelaide initially tried to enter the AFL in 1991 but the move was blocked by the other SANFL clubs and the courts. They would not gain entry until 1997.
- The longest serving Port Adelaide coach is Mark Williams who coached the team in 273 games between 1999 and 2010, including the 2004 grand final in which Port beat Brisbane.
- During the AFL era, both Warren Tredrea and Kane Cornes each won the club's best and fairest award four times. Tredrea was the leading goalkicker eight times, finishing with a career total of 549. He also holds the club record for most goals in a game, 8.4 against Carlton in 1998. Cornes is one of two AFL Port players to have played 300 games or more, the other being Travis Boak.

FILL THE GAPS ANSWERS:

Richmond: Michael Malthouse (7), Jim Jess (20), Geoff Raines (4), Bryan Wood (16), Merv Keane (18), Michael Roach (8), Robert Wiley (2), Barry Rowlings (22), Dale Weightman (3), Bruce Monteath (11).

Port Adelaide: Damien Hardwick (11), Chad Kornes (35), Josh Carr (9), Kane Cornes (18) Byron Pickett (15), Warren Tredrea (16), Peter Burgoyne (7), Brendan Lade (5), Gavin Wanganeen (4), Shaun Burgoyne (8).

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