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AFL 2024 ROUND 8 RICHMOND V FREMANTLE

THE BEST GOALKICKING BY A DOCKER AGAINST THE TIGERS

In Round 4, 2000, the Tigers met the Dockers at Docklands Stadium. A crowd of 23,578 saw the Sunday afternoon game commence at 2.10pm. Richmond was captained by Matthew Knights and coached by Danny Frawley. Fremantle were co-captained by Shaun McManus and Adrian Fletcher and coached by Damian Drum. Richmond led by four points at three quarter time, however Fremantle took out the game by one point. The final scores read: Richmond 13.9 (87) to Fremantle 12.16 (88). Tony Modra kicked seven goals seven behinds for Fremantle. The best Richmond forward was Matthew Richardson with six goals. The Brownlow Medal votes were Adrian Fletcher (Freo) 3 votes, Tony Modra (Freo) 2 votes and Matthew Richardson (Rich) 1 vote.

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At the MCG in Round 14, 1998, Matthew Richardson kicked an accurate seven goals one behind. Richmond 23.7 (145) convincingly defeated Fremantle 8.7 (55) in front of a Saturday afternoon crowd of 25,723. The Dockers were coached by Gerard Neesham and captained by Peter Mann. The Tigers were coached by Jeff Gieschen and captained by Matthew Knights. Leading possession winners for Fremantle were Chris Bond, Brad Dodd, Andrew McGovern and Stephen O'Reilly. The Dockers' top goal scorers were Craig Callaghan (2) and Brodie Holland (2). The Tigers' leading possession winners were Wayne Campbell, Matthew Knights, Paul Broderick, Nick Daffy and Matthew Rogers.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Reece Conca was educated at Perth's Trinity College where he captained the school's senior football team. Aged 17 he made his senior debut with Perth (WAFL). He debuted with the Tigers in Round 1, 2011. Conca was a mid-fielder/defender who was 5'11" (181cm) in height and weighed 183lb (83kg). At Richmond he won the Cosgrove-Jenkins award as the Tigers' best first year player in 2011. From 2011 to 2018 he played 104 matches for Richmond and kicked 23 goals. He joined Fremantle in 2019 where he played 46 games and kicked 2 goals to 2021.

Ashley Prescott is the son of former St Kilda player David Prescott. David represented the Saints in 1960 and 1961 in 13 games with seven goals. Ashley Prescott was 6'2" (188cm) in height and 194lb (88kg). He was recruited to the Tigers from Mt Waverley in 1991. He was a proficient mid-field tagger who, between 1993 and 1998, played for the Tigers in 90 games with 15 goals. At Fremantle he represented the Dockers from 1999 to 2001 in 40 games with five goals. His ambition to become a league coach was soon realised. He coached Claremont (WAFL) in 2004-07 and 2020. He became an assistant coach under Matthew Knights at Essendon from 2008 to 2010. He was Fremantle's assistant coach from 2011 to 2014 and the Gold Coast Suns' assistant coach from 2014 to 2020.

Graham Polak was a Western Australian who played with East Fremantle (WAFL) before joining the Dockers. At Fremantle he was a centre-half-forward/centre half-back who was occasionally used in the ruck. With Fremantle from 2002 to 2006 he recorded 73 games with nine goals. Polak played with Richmond from 2007 to 2010 in 38 games contributing 16 goals. He was 6'4" (194cm) tall and weighed 203lb (92kg). Late, in June 2008, Polak was struck by a Melbourne tram and placed in an induced coma with bruising to the brain. Fortunately he recovered.

OVER TO YOU

1. How many one-point margin matches have the Tigers and the Dockers played?
2. Which Dockers had the nicknames "Wiz", "Brutus", "Prince", "Mad Dog", "Beans" and "Smokey"?
3. Which Tigers had the nicknames "Biscuits", "Duck", "Pottery", "Bull Shark", "Scotch" and "Cuddles"?
4. Who was the Dockers' first AFL coach?
5. Who is the only player to win two Brownlow Medals for Fremantle?
6. Only one man has coached both Richmond and Carlton to premierships; name him.
7. What was the year? Alex Jesaulenko played his first match for Carlton. Richmond participated in the finals for the first time in twenty years. Doug Wade kicked 96 goals for the season.
8. Which club did Fremantle defeat five times in succession between 1995 and 1997?
9. Against which club did Richmond win 21 successive matches between 1925 and 1936?
10. Which current club first competed at League level in 1908?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 8 ON THE MCG

The highest score in Round 8 at the MCG is 25.17 (167) by Richmond against Footscray 17.15 (117) in 1981. The overall Round 8 record is 33.21 (219) by the Brisbane Bears in beating Sydney 8.9 (57) at the Gabba in 1993. The highest score in a quarter for Round 8 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Fitzroy against Richmond in the third quarter in 1992. The overall record is 12.5 (77) by North Melbourne in the third quarter against Footscray at Arden Street in 1983. The most goals by an individual in Round 8 at the MCG is 10. This feat is shared by Melbourne's Fred Fanning against St Kilda in 1947, Jeff Hogg for Richmond against Collingwood in 1991 and Richmond's Matthew Richardson against the Bulldogs in 2004. The overall Round 8 record is 14 by Gary Ablett for Geelong against Sydney at the SCG in 1994. The highest Round 8 attendances have been at the MCG. Top was 85,673 in 1980 when Richmond defeated Carlton 19.24 (138) to 12.13 (85). In 1992, 83,262 fans saw Carlton 16.9 (105) defeat Collingwood 9.18 (72) and 81,550 saw Melbourne 11.16 (82) beat Geelong 4.11 (35) in 1963.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V FREMANTLE

Richmond v Fremantle by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Fremantle	Drawn
Carrara	1	0	0
Docklands	1	1	1
MCG	8	5	0
Perth Stadium	2	1	0
Princes Park	1	0	0
Subiaco Oval	8	9	0
WACA	1	1	0
	22	17	1

Highest Score

Richmond	25.5 (155)	Rd 22	2017	Subiaco
Fremantle	21.12 (138)	Rd 4	2002	Subiaco

Lowest Score

Richmond	5.12 (42)	Rd 19	1997	WACA
Fremantle	6.9 (45)	Rd 9	2016	Subiaco

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	104 points	Rd 22	2017	Subiaco
Fremantle	66 points	Rd 4	2002	Subiaco

Last Time They Met – Round 13, 2023, Perth Stadium

	Fremantle	Richmond
Quarter time	1.3	4.3
Half time	4.4	6.7
Three-quarter time	8.9	11.10
Full time	10.10 (70)	12.13 (85)

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RICHMOND AND FREMANTLE'S ONLY DRAWN GAME

In Round 19, 2022, the Tigers were scheduled to host the Dockers at Docklands Stadium, Melbourne. Richmond went into the match in eighth position while the Dockers were ranked fourth on the AFL's Round 18 points table. Just 23,549 people attended the game that was vital to both clubs that season, as Fremantle hoped to secure a top four spot and a double chance in the finals, while the Tigers, with four home and away games left in the season, were just fighting to secure a spot in the top eight and finals action. Richmond had lost to the lowly Gold Coast and North Melbourne in the previous two matches.

The Richmond v Dockers game was tight throughout, with the largest margin at a break being Richmond's seven-point lead going into the final term. In the fourth quarter the Dockers booted two goals one behind to the Tigers solitary goal to level the scores. However, Richmond had a number of opportunities to win the match in the closing stages. Late in the game the Tigers' Noah Balta had a set-shot at goal but, having taken too long, he was called to play on by the umpire and his kick was smothered.

As the few seconds left in the match counted down, Noah Balta's teammate and namesake Noah Cumberland marked a little over 50 metres out from goal, but the young Tiger forward played on – just as the siren sounded for the umpire to signal the game's end. The final scores being 7.10 (52) apiece.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 Three – Richmond has defeated the Dockers by one point once (Round 13 1999 at Subiaco Oval), and Fremantle have defeated the Tigers by one point twice (Round 4 2000 at the Docklands and Round 5 2013 at Subiaco Oval). **Q2** Jeff Farmer (Wiz), Trent Croad (Brutus), Scott Chisholm (Prince), Greg Madigan (Mad Dog) David Hynes (Beans) and Adam McPhee (Smokey).

Q3 Mat Arnot (Biscuits), Nick Daffy (Duck), Dick Clay (Pottery), Josh Caddy (Bull Shark), David Cloke (Scotch) and Ray Ball (Cuddles). **Q4** Gerard Neesham. **Q5** Nat Fyfe (2015 and 2019). **Q6** Percy Bentley (Richmond 1934; Carlton 1945 and 1947).

Q7 1967. **Q8** Sydney. **Q9** Hawthorn. **Q10** Richmond.

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