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AFL 2024 ROUND 2 RICHMOND V PORT ADELAIDE

THEIR FIRST AFL ENCOUNTER

The Tigers and Power first met in an AFL match in Round 6, 1997 – Port’s inaugural season in the AFL. The Power won the match, played before a crowd of 36,090 at Football Park in Adelaide, by 64 points. The Power was captained by Gavin Wanganeen and coached by John Cahill. The Tigers were captained by Wayne Campbell (standing in for the injured Matthew Knights) and coached by Robert Walls. Port was on top from the start of the game, leading by 15 points at quarter time, 34 points at half time and 59 points at the final change. The final scores were Port Adelaide 19.8 (122) to Richmond 8.10 (58). The goalkickers for Port were Scott Cummings (4), Gavin Wanganeen (3), Shane Breuer (2), David Brown (2), Josh Francou (2), Bowen Lockwood (2), Michael Wilson (2) Shane Bond and Brayden Lyle. Brendon Gale was the only multiple goal kicker for the Tigers with three. The Brownlow Medal votes all went to Port players – Shane Bond (3), Gavin Wanganeen (2) and Brendon Lade (1).

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Chris Naish was born in 1971 and came originally from Wangaratta. He won the 1988 Ovens & Murray Football League Rookie of the Year award and represented Victoria in the Teal Cup that year. He was one of a number of talented juniors who earned All Australian selection in 1988, others including Wayne Carey, Robert Harvey and Jose Romero. Naish made his AFL debut for Richmond in the first round of the 1990 season in the match against Brisbane at Cararra. While he played only four senior games for the Tigers in 1990 he became a regular in the senior side from 1991, not missing a senior game from 1994 to 1996. Considered an inventive and clever forward, he earned a spot in the Victorian state of origin side. After a mediocre season in 1997, in which he played only 12 senior games, Naish was traded to Port Adelaide. Given his previous form for the Tigers this was considered a surprise and Port regarded him as a great pick-up. He had a steady season with Port in 1998, playing his 150th AFL game in Round 7 against Carlton, but persistent hamstring problems restricted him to just two games in 1999 and he was delisted. In total, Naish played 161 AFL games, 143 for Richmond (1990-97) and 18 for Port Adelaide (1998-99). He studied sports business at university and, after retiring as a player, worked with the Australian National Basketball League before becoming COO of AFL SportsReady, an AFL sponsored organisation working to help young adults find their way into training and employment. He then became CEO of the Reach Foundation (set up in 1994 by Jim Stynes and Paul Currie) and recently moved into the aged-care sector. His son Patrick was drafted by Richmond under the father-son rule in the 2017 AFL Draft. He played at Richmond from 2018 to 2021 and then moved to the West Coast before being delisted at the end of the 2022 season.

David Rodan was born in Fiji in 1983. Both his parents are of Tongan heritage. His family moved to Australia when he was three years old and, despite his father wanting him to play rugby union, he tried Australian Rules because there were no junior rugby union clubs in his area. He began junior football with Oak Park and the Holy Child Football Club in Broadmeadows, and soon developed a passion for the sport. He rose through the junior ranks and had an outstanding career in the TAC Cup with the Calder Cannons, winning the Morrish Medal in 2000 and 2001. He was recruited by Richmond at the end of 2001 and played every game for the Tigers during the 2002 and 2003 AFL seasons. He was nominated for the AFL Rising Star award in his debut season and kicked 17 goals, three of which were nominated for the Goal of the Year award. Initially, a small crumbing forward, he shifted to the midfield when Richmond captain Matthew Knights retired at the end of the 2002 season. Rodan did not participate in the 2005 regular season due to a severe knee injury but returned to Richmond in 2006 before being controversially delisted at the end of the season. He moved to Port Adelaide in 2007 and did not miss a game in his first season with the Power, including playing in their grand final loss to Geelong. He continued to give good service to Port Adelaide until he ruptured an anterior cruciate ligament during training in late 2009. He was expected to miss the whole 2010 season but returned in Round 4, after experimental surgery that replaced the torn ligament with one made of polyester fibres. After 65 games (43 goals) for Richmond from 2002 to 2006, Rodan played 111 games (86 goals) for Port Adelaide from 2007 to 2012. Although Port stated that Rodan had been delisted after the 2012 season, it had not formally lodged the necessary paperwork with the AFL, which allowed him to be traded to Melbourne. He played nine games for the Demons in 2013 before he ruptured his anterior cruciate ligament again in Round 22 against the Adelaide Crows. Rodan played with the Northern Football League side West Preston Lakeside in 2015 and 2016, before beginning training to become a VFL goal umpire. This training opportunity arose through the Scanlon Foundation’s scheme to introduce more people of indigenous and multicultural backgrounds to Australian Rules umpiring. Rodan debuted as an AFL goal umpire in 2017.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 2 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. The Roos kicked 13.3 (81) in the first quarter, which is the highest Round 2 quarter score. The highest ever Round 2 score was at Princes Park in 1969 by Carlton who defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82). Richmond's Doug Strang has the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931. The biggest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. It is common for games to feature multiple goalkickers. However, in Round 2 at the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44). Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven) and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V PORT ADELAIDE

Richmond v Port Adelaide by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Port Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	5	6	0
Docklands	2	2	0
Football Park	5	10	0
Marrara Oval	0	1	0
MCG	4	3	1
	16	22	1

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Last Time They Met – Round 24, 2023, Adelaide Oval

	Port Adelaide	Richmond
Quarter time	4.3	3.4
Half time	6.7	5.11
Three-quarter time	8.13	7.13
Full time	13.16 (94)	8.15 (63)

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1997 PRACTICE GAME

While Port and Richmond's first official AFL match was in May 1997, the teams had met earlier in the year in what was to be Port's first official trial match. The game was scheduled for Friday, February 7, at Alberton Oval but it did not take place until Saturday, February 8, as the Richmond side was unable to travel to Adelaide on Friday due to delays in their flights from Melbourne. Their plane was held up for seven hours at Tullamarine airport due to two separate electrical faults. Fans were already on their way to Alberton Oval when it was confirmed that the Richmond players would not be able to make it in time. Port officials quickly made contact with the media to get the message out that the game would have to be delayed. Eventually, the match took place on Saturday, commencing at 11am. About 12,000 fans attended and Port ran out winners by 53 points. The final scores were Port 14.6 (90) to Richmond 6.1 (37).

FIRST MCG ENCOUNTER

While Port had the Tigers measure earlier in Round 6 of the 1997 season, the same was not the case when the sides met at the MCG in Round 21 before a crowd of 22,516. Richmond won this game by 85 points. After leading by eight points at the first change, the Tigers kicked 17 goals to Port's five during the remainder of the game to run out easy winners. The final scores were Richmond 22.14 (146) to Port 8.13 (61). Matthew Richardson booted five goals for the Tigers, Mark Merenda four and Robert Powell three. Paul Broderick had 40 disposals, Wayne Campbell 36, and both Ben Harrison and Matthew Knights 30 each. Scott Cummings was the Power's leading goalkicker with three and Shane Bond had the most disposals with 23. The Brownlow votes were awarded to Richmond's Paul Broderick (3), Matthew Knights (2) and Robert Powell (1).

DID YOU KNOW?

The only AFL game between Richmond and Port Adelaide that did not take place in either Victoria or South Australia was their Round 10 clash in 2011, when the teams met at the Marrara Oval in Darwin. Port Adelaide won the game by 15 points, the final scores being Port Adelaide 13.11 (89) to Richmond 10.14 (74).

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