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AFL 2024 ROUND 12

HAWTHORN V ADELAIDE

TWO CLOSE ONES

These two sides have met in four finals matches since Adelaide's entry into the AFL in 1991, Adelaide's first final being against Hawthorn, the first elimination final in 1993, won by the Crows by 15 points. In 2007 and 2012 the teams provided fans with two thrillers.

The 2007 first elimination final was played at Docklands Stadium before a crowd of 36,534. The Crows started strongly with Ken McGregor kicking two goals, led by 19 points at quarter time and with McGregor kicking another two goals, held a 12 point lead at the main break. The sides scored two goals each in the third quarter, with Adelaide 14 points ahead as they lined up for the last. A stunning last quarter, with Lance Franklin kicking three of his game-high seven goals, saw the Hawks hit the front for the first time in the match at the 13 minute mark. Not to be outdone, the Crows hit back with goals to Scott Welsh and Jason Torney to wrest the lead back at the 24 minute mark, but a goal to Franklin at the 29 minute mark saw the Hawks hit the front and hold on by three points at the final siren, **Hawthorn 15.15 (105) def. Adelaide 15.12 (102)**

The 2012 first preliminary final saw the two sides clash again, this time in front of a crowd of 69,146 at the MCG. Again, Adelaide led at the quarter and half-time breaks, but only by seven and five points respectively. However, a six goal to three third quarter saw the Hawks hit the lead and be 16 points ahead at the final change. This time it was the Crows who fought back strongly and with goals to Kurt Tippett, Jason Porplyzia and Graham Johncock, they hit the lead at the 20 minute mark. Goals to Cyril Rioli and Franklin saw the Hawks back in front, and despite a last minute goal to Taylor Walker, they held on to win another thriller by five points. Franklin again led the Hawks' goalkicking with three, and Tippett and Walker, with four each, led Adelaide's scoring, **Hawthorn 13.19 (97) def. Adelaide 14.8 (92)**. One week later the Hawks lost the grand final to the Sydney Swans by 10 points.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

A defender/midfielder, **Kyle Cheney** was initially tied to Melbourne via the 2007 National Draft. He made his debut against North Melbourne in Round 1, 2009. He played a total of 14 games (0 goals) for the Demons, but was traded to Hawthorn at the end of the 2010 season. After 27 games (two goals) for the Hawks he was traded again, at the end of the 2014 season to Adelaide. A more successful stint with the Crows saw him play 44 games (0 goals) for the club from 2015 to 2018.

THE FIRST MATCH BETWEEN THE CLUBS

The Adelaide Football Club made its AFL debut in Round 1, 1991, against Hawthorn at Football Park. Hawthorn, a power club of the late 1980s was the favourite going into the match despite playing away in Adelaide. While the Hawks boasted many VFL/AFL premiership players, the Crows fielded 17 AFL debutants among their 20 selections. Adelaide was coached by Graham Cornes and captained by an AFL debutant in Chris McDermott, while Hawthorn was coached by Alan Joyce and skippered by dual Norm Smith Medallist, Gary Ayres (1986, 1988).

However, before an excited crowd of 44,902, Adelaide shot away to 6.2 (38) to 2.0 (12) lead in the first quarter and were never headed. They ultimately won 24.11 (155) to 9.15 (69). The *Football Record* noted, "Hawthorn's 86 point loss against the Adelaide Crows was its worst defeat since Round 18, 1986, when Essendon beat the Hawks by 87 points at Windy Hill." Although the Crows' winning margin against the Hawks was equalled in 2000 and 2004, it remains the greatest for the club against Hawthorn. Leading goal kickers for the Crows were John Klug, Bruce Lindner and Peter McIntyre who each booted four goals. For Hawthorn, Darren Jarman, James Morrissey and Jason Dunstall each scored two goals apiece. With brothers, Darren Jarman (Hawthorn) and Andrew Jarman (Adelaide) on opposing sides, one Crow supporter displayed a banner reading, "Our Jarman is better than your Jarman". It may have been true on the night as Andrew was given three Brownlow Medal votes by the umpires that evening. The Crows' David Marshall got two and Nigel Smart one. All three Brownlow vote getters made their AFL debut in the match.

Hawthorn won the premiership that year, and Darren Jarman was selected for the grand final team in the Hawks' forward pocket. Adelaide finished outside the finals in ninth position on the League table with 10 wins and 12 losses. However, the Crows' first match will forever loom large in the club's history.

OVER TO YOU

1. From 2014 to 2017, one player headed Adelaide's goalkicking. Can you name him?
2. The 2023 All Australian Team included one Hawthorn player and two Adelaide players. Can you name them?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 12 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 12 score on the MCG is 25.16 (166) by Richmond against South Melbourne in 1979. The overall Round 12 highest score is 29.15 (189) by South Melbourne against St Kilda 2.6(18) at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The highest score in a quarter for Round 12 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Melbourne in the last quarter against South Melbourne in 1936. The overall Round 12 highest score in a quarter is 17.4 (106) by South Melbourne in the last quarter against St Kilda at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The biggest bag of goals on the MCG in Round 12 was 10 kicked by Brian Taylor for Richmond against Fitzroy in 1982 and Jack Riewoldt for Richmond against West Coast in 2010. The overall Round 12 goalkicking record is 17 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Fitzroy at Victoria Park in 1930. The highest Round 12 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 2018 when 83,518 fans saw the Queen's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

STATISTICS FOR HAWTHORN V ADELAIDE

Hawthorn v Adelaide by venue

	Won By Hawthorn	Won By Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	4	1	0
Docklands	2	1	0
Football Park	4	11	0
MCG	7	4	0
Waverley Park	4	3	0
York Park	4	2	0
	25	22	0

Last Time They Met – Round 6, 2023, York Park

	Hawthorn	Adelaide
Quarter time	2.1	2.3
Half time	5.4	5.7
Three-quarter time	8.8	8.9
Full time	11.10 (76)	11.13 (79)

Highest Score

Hawthorn	23.20 (158)	Rd 16	1991	Wav
Adelaide	24.11 (155)	Rd 1	1991	FP

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	4.7 (31)	Rd 14	2007	FP
Adelaide	6.11 (47)	Rd 24	1994	Wav

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	97 points	R9	1994	FP
Adelaide	86 points	R1	1991	FP
Adelaide	86 points	R6	2000	FP
Adelaide	86 points	R10	2004	MCG

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1. Eddie Betts. **Q2.** James Sicily of Hawthorn, and Taylor Walker and Jordan Dawson of Adelaide.

THE CROWS' RED, GOLD AND NAVY BLUE

In Ashley Porter's *Something to Crow About* (1995) Max Basheer stated that Adelaide's colours was an early but very considered decision by the club's interim board formed on October 12, 1990. "We had many, many meetings about this. . . numerous samples of colours and designs for us to look at. We had blues, greens, the lot. I didn't like any of them and I think the other board members were the same." Nicknames were also discussed. Basheer disliked the Crows as it was "too corny", the Sharks was already registered, and the Lakers, proposed because the club would play at Football Park in West Lakes, "sounded like a basketball team." Then Ed Betro, an interim board member and his wife Iola, "came in with this great design and colours which we all liked and adopted. . . And when the old Crows name came up again, we thought, yeah, why not. It's South Australian heritage."

The Crows was a reference to "crow-eaters", a once disparaging colonial-era nickname that was bestowed on South Australians in the Victorian goldfields. Starved overlanders from Adelaide were not averse to eating crows and other carrion birds apparently, and this stereotype had become ingrained. By the twentieth century, after the context was forgotten, South Aussies had embraced the name. The Crows' red, gold and navy colours had been used by South Australia's state football teams from 1930 to 1978. In June 1930 South Australian sports associations convened and decided to use red, gold and navy across all the state's representative teams. SA's football teams had donned chocolate brown and light blue from 1908. Between 1979 and 1985 South Australia's interstate football sides wore stripes of red, gold, and royal blue on the right half of the jumper, and a white panel on the left. From 1986 the Croweaters wore red jumpers with a gold and royal blue V for State of Origin games.

EARLY DAYS

The June 23 edition of the 1923 *Football Record* reported (maybe a little cynically):

"I have to get it off my chest at once, and let me tell the startling news at the top of this page. Something sensational was disclosed by a Carlton man this week. It was really out of the ordinary, and shows that after all there is something new under the sun, although we have been assured there is not. He said 'The umpire at Victoria Park was splendidly successful'. He went further, and said that at last the League had got hold of an official who is likely to improve football, because he uses his head to think with, and thinks and acts quickly. The remarkable part of this confession of satisfaction with a field umpire is to be seen in the fact that the compliment came from an official of the club whose team had been beaten. Now don't you think that that rare item of news deserves first place among this afternoon's notes?"

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