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AFL 2025 Round 10

COLLINGWOOD V ADELAIDE

A THRILLER AT VICTORIA PARK

Until the 1990s Victoria Park was the traditional home ground of the Collingwood Football Club. The Magpies played their last home game at Victoria Park in 1999. Collingwood and Adelaide met six times at Victoria Park, the Magpies winning on each occasion. Nevertheless, the last of these encounters in Round 6, 1997, was a very close affair with Collingwood hanging on to win by just one point. The Magpies led narrowly at every change and held a 12-point lead at three-quarter time. Tony Modra kicked five goals for the Crows but, according to Glenn Connley's report in *Inside Football*, it was the move of Gavin Brown onto Modra that ensured that Collingwood came out on top. With regular full-back Andrew Schauble out injured, the Pies initially gave Gavin Crosisca the job on Modra but when the Crows full-forward got on top early, Brown was shifted to the key defensive role. He restricted Modra to just two goals for the remainder of the day. Furthermore, in the dying moments of the game, with Collingwood ahead by the narrowest of margins, Brown was involved in two inspirational pieces of play that saved the day for the Magpies. The first was a superb one-handed block on a ball that was being delivered to Modra, the second a crucial mark after he led Modra to the ball when the Crows were making one final desperate surge forward. Collingwood coach Tony Shaw was full of praise for Brown after the game saying that the Collingwood skipper had been "sensational this year". Shaw also said that speculation that Brown might not have been re-appointed captain at the start of the season was "nothing more than media hype".

After their Round 6 win the Magpies were on top of the ladder while the Crows were in 13th position. By the time the teams met again at Football Park in Round 21, however, things had changed dramatically, the Crows holding third position on the ladder and the Magpies languishing in 11th. Adelaide recorded a nine-point victory over Collingwood in Round 21 and went on to finish the season in fourth position on the ladder. In the finals they defeated, in turn, West Coast, Geelong and the Western Bulldogs to qualify for their first grand final. They then defeated St Kilda by 31 points at the MCG to take their first AFL premiership. Collingwood finished the 1997 season in tenth position.

THEIR FIRST FINAL

The Magpies and Crows have only met three times in finals to date. The first of these was the 2002 first preliminary final at the MCG. A crowd of 88,960 witnessed the game. Collingwood was captained by Nathan Buckley and coached by Mick Malthouse. Adelaide was captained by Mark Ricciuto and coached by Gary Ayres. The game was a close affair throughout the first half, Collingwood leading by four points at quarter time and the Crows by six points at the main break. After both sides added a goal early in the third term, Collingwood gained a decisive break by adding five unanswered goals during the remainder of the quarter. The Magpies led by 25 points at the final change. The Crows kicked the first two goals of the final term to narrow the margin to 13 points, but they did not score again, while Collingwood added two more goals to eventually run out winners by 28 points. The final scores were **Collingwood 13.13 (91)** defeated **Adelaide 9.9 (63)**. The multiple goalkickers for Collingwood were Josh Fraser (3), Rupert Betheras (2) and Nick Davis (2). Nathan Bassett kicked three goals for the Crows and Scott Welsh two. The win put the Magpies into the grand final against Brisbane, a game they lost narrowly by nine points.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which club did Adelaide defeat to win the 1998 AFL premiership?
2. Who coached the Crows to the 1998 premiership?
3. Who kicked the most goals for the Crows in the 1998 grand final?
4. How many goals did the Crows score in the final quarter of the 1998 grand final?
5. To the nearest thousand, how many people attended the 1998 grand final?
6. Who kicked the first goal for Collingwood in the 2023 grand final?
7. Who kicked the last goal for Collingwood in the 2023 grand final?
8. What was Collingwood's winning margin in the 2023 grand final?
9. What was the biggest lead the Magpies held during the 2023 grand final?
10. Collingwood only outscored Brisbane in one quarter during the 2023 grand final. Which quarter was this?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 10 AT THE MCG

The highest score for this round at the MCG is 27.11 (173) by Collingwood against West Coast 10.13 (73) in 2008. The overall Round 10 record is 31.10 (196) by St Kilda against Carlton at Docklands in 2004. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 10 is 116 points by Carlton 25.15 (165) against Melbourne 6.13 (49) in 1986. The overall Round 10 record is 138 points by Adelaide 30.8 (188) against Essendon 6.14 (50) at Football Park in 2006. The most goals on the MCG in this round is 10 by Tony Modra for Fremantle against Melbourne in 1999. The overall Round 10 record is 12 by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Brisbane at Moorabbin in 1992. The biggest attendance for a home-and-away match of 99,256 was in Round 10, 1958 at the MCG. Played on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Melbourne 12.12 (84) defeated Collingwood 10.13 (73).

STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V ADELAIDE

Collingwood v Adelaide by Venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	6	2	0
Docklands	3	4	0
Football Park	9	6	0
MCG	10	3	1
Victoria Park	6	0	0
	34	15	1

Highest Score

Collingwood	23.22 (160)	Rd 15	1991	VP
Adelaide	22.19 (151)	Rd 21	2005	FP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	5.9 (39)	Rd 21	1997	FP
Adelaide	5.7 (37)	Rd 15	1991	VP

Last Time They Met - Round 10, 2024, MCG

	Collingwood	Adelaide
Quarter time	4.2	3.1
Half time	8.2	6.3
Three-quarter time	11.4	8.5
Full time	12.6 (78)	11.8 (74)

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	123 points	Rd 15	1991	VP
Adelaide	110 points	Rd 21	2005	FP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	Saverio Rocca	Coll	Rd 13	1995	MCG
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SOME THOUGHTS ON INTERSTATE FOOTBALL

With the pros and cons of the re-introduction of interstate football often being discussed in recent seasons, it is interesting to read some comments made in the *Australasian* after Victoria's nine-point win over South Australia in front of 23,337 spectators at the MCG on June 8, 1929. The *Australasian* reported:

While the attendance would only be considered a fair one in a good club match in this city it must be classed as satisfactory nevertheless. There are many dissimilar points in the pastimes of cricket and football, the most notable being the viewpoint of the crowd. Interstate cricket makes an appeal entirely wanting in interstate football, the reason being obvious. In cricket it is played with a keenness that commands respect, with every man doing his best as a prelude to higher things. It is our best class of cricket. Football is not played in the same spirit, especially in Victoria. It is played in a calmer atmosphere and is generally regarded as of a holiday character. There is more interest in club games. The feeling is more intense, the desire to win more dominant, the personal element a living struggle all day, the goal being the premiership. Those elements are all wanting in these interstate meetings. As a plain matter of fact Victoria has achieved too much success in these fixtures for the good of the game, and when the time comes, as come it will, when the representatives of this State will be compelled to put forth every ounce of pressure possible to achieve victory, then the outlook of the game's supporters in this State will undergo a much needed change. It is this feeling of security that makes our crowds so desirous to see our visitors successful, as a few regular defeats would make a vast difference in the attitude of the home players.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 North Melbourne. Q2 Malcolm Blight. Q3 Darren Jarman (5 goals). Q4 Six. Q5 94,000 (the attendance was 94,431). Q6 Nick Daicos. Q7 Steele Sidebottom. Q8 4 points. Q9 12 points (early in the first quarter). Q10 First quarter.

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