



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 19 MELBOURNE V ADELAIDE

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THEIR TWO FINALS

- First Qualifying Final 1998 at the MCG; crowd 60,817; Melbourne 17.13 (115) defeated Adelaide 9.13 (67). Both sides eventually won their way through to a preliminary final. While the Crows qualified for the grand final by defeating the Western Bulldogs by 68 points, Melbourne lost to North Melbourne by 30 points. In the grand final Adelaide defeated North Melbourne by 35 points to claim their second consecutive AFL flag.
- Second Semi Final 2002 at the MCG; crowd 51,533; Adelaide 20.10 (130) defeated Melbourne 17.16 (118). After eliminating the Demons from the premiership race, the Crows lost to Collingwood by 28 points in the first preliminary final. The Brisbane Lions defeated Collingwood in the grand final.

"DIAMOND JIM" TILBROOK

After a number of disappointing seasons following their 1964 premiership win, Melbourne started the 1971 season with five wins, including a 27-point victory over reigning premiers Carlton in Round 3. A loss to Collingwood in Round 6 was followed by three more wins, before the Demons were beaten by Richmond in Round 10 and Hawthorn in Round 11. In March, 1971, Melbourne had secured the signature of John Tilbrook, who had previously played 128 games in six seasons with Sturt and been a member of their five consecutive SANFL premierships teams from 1966 to 1970.

He had also played four matches and booted six goals for South Australia. In his customary position on the half-forward flank he had put in one of his best performances for Sturt in their 1969 SANFL grand final win over Glenelg, when he contributed four goals and was judged by many observers to have been best afield. Melbourne Secretary Jim Cardwell made three trips to Adelaide during the early part of the 1971 season to try to secure Tilbrook's release from Sturt but the South Australian club was adamant that it would not release their champion player without being paid a hefty transfer fee. Eventually, Sturt relented after Melbourne agreed to pay it a transfer fee rumoured to be more than \$15,000 and also agreed to pay Tilbrook a large sum (for the time) in match payments (believed to be \$5000 over four years). Later, after Tilbrook's performances did not quite live up to initial predictions, he was given the nickname "Diamond Jim" because of the significant sum Melbourne had had to pay for his services. Lou Richards dubbed him "Topaz Tilly".

Tilbrook made his debut for the Demons in Round 12, 1971, at Waverley Park in a game against South Melbourne, which sat second from the bottom of the ladder. In wet conditions the Demons 6.13 (49) defeated the Swans 2.6 (18). The win put Melbourne in second place on the ladder with nine wins and three losses, two wins behind the top-placed Hawthorn, half a game ahead of the third-placed Collingwood and a game clear of St Kilda and Richmond in fourth and fifth positions. In its "From the Games" section the *Age* labelled Tilbrook's debut as "Wet and Hard", reporting that this had been the South Australian's "curt" summing up of his first VFL game. It continued: "... His baptism was more of slush and mud than fire as he battled for kicks against a close-checking John Rantall. Tilbrook had nine kicks for the match and took four marks. Some of his kicks were the longest in the game. Coach Ian Ridley was pleased with his effort, and pointed out that two of Melbourne's three goals in a third-quarter burst were the result of Tilbrook's play." Unfortunately for Tilbrook and the club, the remainder of the 1971 season did not go well for the Demons. They won only two more games against the lowly-ranked Essendon and Geelong, and secured a draw against North Melbourne, to finish the season in seventh position with 11 wins, 10 losses and a draw.

In his ten senior games in 1971, Tilbrook kicked ten goals. Due to injury and poor form Tilbrook did not play a senior game until Round 10 in 1972. He was a more consistent performer the following year, playing 21 senior games and kicking 24 goals. After his initial big money contract expired he returned to normal match payments but played only 11 senior games in 1974 and two in 1975. In total, he played 53 senior games for Melbourne, kicking 59 goals. After a failed attempt at playing gridiron in the United States at the end of 1974 he retired after the 1975 season and coached Melbourne's scholarship squad. He joined amateur side Old Melburnians in 1979 and played in their seniors through to the end of the 1980 season.

This Round in History – Round 19 on the MCG

The highest score is 27.11 (173) by Melbourne against Sydney 15.16 (106) in 1990. The overall Round 19 highest score is 27.16 (178) by Hawthorn against Fitzroy 15.14 (104) in 1988. The most goals by an individual in Round 19 at the MCG is eight by five players: Collingwood's Brian Taylor against Brisbane in 1988, Sydney's Simon Minton-Connell against Essendon in 1993, Melbourne's Garry Lyon against Essendon in 1994, Collingwood's Saverio Rocca against Essendon in 1995 and Melbourne's David Neitz against Carlton in 1996. The overall Round 19 goalkicking record is also the overall VFL/AFL record – 18 by Fred Fanning of Melbourne against St Kilda at the Junction Oval in 1947. Melbourne kicked 27.9 (171) to win by 93 points. The highest score in a quarter is 11.1 (67) by Carlton in the third quarter against Richmond in 1985. Carlton finished with 23.15 (153) to win by 73 points. The overall Round 19 highest score in a quarter is 13.4 (82) by Essendon in the second quarter against North Melbourne at Windy Hill in 1972. Essendon kicked 21.14 (140) to win by 45 points. The highest Round 19 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday July 24, 1992, when 88,066 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 22 points.

Statistics for Melbourne v Adelaide

Melbourne v Adelaide by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	5	2	0
Carrara	0	1	0
Football Park	3	13	0
Marrara	0	2	0
MCG	8	7	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Traeger Park	1	0	0
	18	26	0

Highest Score

Melbourne	22.17 (149)	Rd 7	2011	MCG
Adelaide	23.14 (152)	Rd 22	2006	FP

Lowest Score

Melbourne	4.10 (34)	Rd 5	2009	MCG
Adelaide	5.11 (41)	Rd 3	2010	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	96 points	Rd 7	2011	MCG
Adelaide	76 points	Rd 8	2008	FP

DO YOU REMEMBER?

In Round 2, 2001, at Football Park, 35,653 fans saw Melbourne 12.11 (83) defeat Adelaide 11.14 (80). In a thrilling finish, Simon Goodwin (Adelaide) scored a goal to put the Crows in front with little time remaining. Andrew Leoncelli (Melbourne) replied with the winning goal with only a few seconds left on the clock.

Last Time They Met – Round 16, 2022, Adelaide Oval

	Melbourne	Adelaide
Quarter time	5.1	4.0
Half time	6.3	6.2
Three-quarter time	9.9	7.4
Full time	14.10 (94)	10.5 (65)

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Anthony Ingerson was recruited by the Adelaide Crows from the SANFL club Central Districts. He made his AFL debut in Round 1, 1992, against Footscray at Football Park in Adelaide. He played 37 games, and kicked 25 goals for the Crows from 1992 to 1995. He played mostly on the half forward line with Adelaide but after being traded to Melbourne in 1996, he was mainly used in defence. He gave the Demons good service from 1996 to 2001, playing 121 games and kicking 15 goals. He was a member of Melbourne's 2000 grand final side that was defeated by Essendon. He retired the following season after suffering a knee injury.

Danny Hughes was a premiership player with Port Adelaide in the SANFL prior to being recruited by Melbourne. Playing mainly at full back, but also occasionally in the ruck, Hughes won Melbourne's best and fairest award in 1985. He also represented South Australia in State of Origin football, gaining All Australian selection for his performance in the 1988 Bicentennial Carnival in Adelaide. Hughes was a member of Melbourne's 1988 losing grand final side and, in total, played 124 games (23 goals) for the Demons from 1984 to 1990. He then returned to Adelaide, where he played 11 games (1 goal) for the Adelaide Crows in their inaugural AFL season in 1991. While he continued to play for Port Adelaide in the SANFL until 1993 his final AFL game for Adelaide was in Round 15, 1991, against Collingwood.

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