



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2023 ROUND 2 COLLINGWOOD V PORT ADELAIDE

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### FIRST MCG FINAL BETWEEN THE TEAMS

Collingwood and Port Adelaide met for the first time in an AFL final in 2002 with Collingwood winning the first qualifying final at Football Park in Adelaide by 13 points before a crowd of 33,131. The final scores were Collingwood 16.12 (108) to Port Adelaide 14.11 (95). Port were eliminated from the finals when they lost the second preliminary final to Brisbane, while the Magpies made it through to the grand final, where Brisbane defeated them by nine points. In 2003 Port finished on top of the ladder for the second consecutive year with 18 wins and four losses, three games clear of the second-placed Collingwood. The Magpies defeated Brisbane in the second qualifying final at the MCG by 15 points but Port lost to Sydney by 12 points in the first qualifying final at Football Park the following day. A win over Essendon in the first semi final kept Port's premiership hopes alive but they needed to defeat Collingwood in the second preliminary final at the MCG if they were to progress to their first AFL grand final.

A crowd of over 77,000 watched the match and a goal to Byron Pickett in the first minute provided a great start for Port. Collingwood got on top, however, and had opened up a 20-point lead by quarter time. In a low-scoring second term Port scored two goals to one to trail by 11 points at the main break. The third term proved decisive with the Magpies kicking four goals one, while the Power could only add five behinds. A 31-point lead at three quarter time quickly blew out to over 50 points when Collingwood kicked the first four goals of the final term. Port kicked four of the last six goals of the game but were well beaten, going down by 44 points. The final scores were Collingwood 17.10 (112) to Port Adelaide 9.14 (68). The goals kickers for Collingwood were Leon Davis (3), Chris Tarrant (3), Scott Burns (2), Brodie Holland (2), Alan Didak, Josh Fraser, Ben Johnson, Ben Kinnear, Paul Licuria, Anthony Rocca and Heath Scotland. The goal-kickers for Port were Stuart Dew (2), Byron Pickett (2), Warren Tredrea (2), Peter Burgoyne, Che Cockatoo Collins and Michael Wilson. Collingwood went down to the Brisbane Lions by 50 points in the 2003 grand final and did not make the finals in 2004. Port Adelaide finished on top of the AFL ladder for the third time in row in 2004 and finally made it through to the grand final by scoring a thrilling six-point preliminary final win over St Kilda. In the grand final Port won their first AFL flag and in doing so prevented Brisbane from equalling Collingwood's record of four consecutive premierships (1927 to 1930).

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In a statistician's dream Port Adelaide kicked five goals three behinds in each quarter of their Round 7, 2014, game against Greater Western Sydney at the Manuka Oval in Canberra. The final scores were Port 20.12 (132) to GWS 15.7 (97).
- **Russell Johnston** played eight games and kicked two goals for Collingwood in 1980. Traded to Port Adelaide in 1981, he was in the SANFL's Magpies' 1981 premiership team. He played 207 games for Port, kicking 72 goals, as well as six games for South Australia, and captained Port's 1989 and 1990 premiership sides. His last game was the 1990 Grand Final. In 2000 he was named ruckman in Port's "Greatest Team 1870-2000".

### OVER TO YOU

1. In which year did Collingwood win their first VFL premiership?
2. Who was Port Adelaide's coach when they won the 2004 AFL premiership?
3. In which year did Jock McHale coach his last Collingwood premiership team?
4. Who was Port Adelaide's leading goalkicker in their first AFL season (1997)?
5. How many goals did Peter McKenna kick for Collingwood in the 1970 VFL season?
6. Who was the Port Power player adjudged the best player on the ground, and the Norm Smith Medallist, when Port won the AFL premiership in 2004?
7. In which year did Bob Rose first coach Collingwood?
8. For which VFL club did Graeme Cornes, father of Chad and Kane Cornes, play in 1979?
9. On how many occasions was Gordon Coventry Collingwood's leading VFL goalkicker?
10. At which ground was the first AFL match between Collingwood and Port Adelaide played?

## 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 Collingwood v Port Adelaide

### Collingwood v Port Adelaide by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Port Adel.	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	0	2	0
Docklands	5	1	0
Football Park	6	7	0
Gabba	0	1	0
MCG	6	7	0
	17	18	0

### Highest Score

Collingwood	26.10 (166)	Rd 1	1997	MCG
Port Adel.	19.11 (125)	Rd 11	2016	MCG

### Lowest Score

Collingwood	7.3 (45)	Rd 18	2020	Gabba
Port Adel.	3.3 (21)	Rd 20	2011	FP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	138 points	Rd 20	2011	FP
Port Adel.	67 points	Rd 11	2016	MCG

### Last Time They Met – Round 20, 2022, MCG

	Collingwood	Port Adel.
Quarter time	4.3	6.3
Half time	7.5	6.6
Three-quarter time	11.8	8.9
Full time	13.10 (88)	12.10 (82)

### FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

### GREG PHILLIIPS

A solid defender, Phillips began his league career with Port Adelaide in the SANFL in 1976. He played in the club's 1977, 1979, 1980 and 1981 premiership teams and was a regular South Australian interstate representative (20 appearances in all). He achieved All Australian selection after the 1980 state of origin carnival in Adelaide. Phillips joined Collingwood in 1983, following his Port Adelaide coach John Cahill to the club. From 1983 to 1986 he gave the Magpies solid service, playing 84 games and kicking 12 goals. He returned to Port Adelaide (SANFL) in 1987 and continued to play for them until 1993. Overall, he played 343 games and kicked 93 goals for Port. He was a member of eight SANFL premiership teams (1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992 in addition to the above), being Port's premiership captain in 1992. He won the club's best and fairest award in 1988 and was captain from 1991 to 1993. In 2000 Phillips was selected at centre half-back in Port Adelaide's "Greatest Team 1870-2000", and in 2020 he was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame. Earlier he had been an inaugural inductee in the South Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2002.

Greg Phillips has three daughters. Erin Phillips, the youngest of the three, was an Australian representative in basketball, winning a gold medal in the 2006 FIBA World Championship for Women, before becoming a champion player in the AFLW. She has twice been the AFLW's best and fairest award winner (2017 and 2019) and has been a member of three AFLW premiership teams with the Adelaide Football Club (2017, 2019 and 2022). When Port Adelaide was granted a licence to compete in the AFLW's seventh season (August to November 2022) she moved from Adelaide to Port Adelaide.

### OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

**Q1** 1902. **Q2** Mark Williams. **Q3** 1936. **Q4** Scott Cummings (70 goals). **Q5** 143 goals (including finals). **Q6** Byron Pickett. **Q7** 1964. **Q8** North Melbourne. **Q9** 16. **Q10** MCG (versus Collingwood) in Round 1, 1997.

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