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AFLW 2024 ROUND 2 WESTERN BULLDOGS V PORT ADELAIDE

WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' FOOTBALL AT THE MCG

Only two AFLW premiership matches have been played at the MCG. On April 2, 2022, the AFLW Season 6 preliminary final was played before 6,436 spectators. Melbourne won 5.3 (33) to Brisbane Lions 4.5 (29). Melbourne's Alyssa Bannan, with three goals in this game, has kicked the most goals in a AFLW premiership match at the MCG. The only other AFLW premiership game was a Season 7 Round 2 match played on September 2, 2022, when Melbourne 3.8 (26) defeated the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos 4.0 (24). Bannan booted the Demon's match-winning goal with 4 minutes and 20 seconds remaining.

The first women's football match of any code was a soccer game played on September 13, 2000, between the Swedish and Brazilian Olympic football teams. The first women's match under Australian football rules was a Victorian Women's Football League (VWFL) Division 1 match on Mothers' Day, May 9, 2004, when Melbourne University, the "MUGARS", 11.11 (77) defeated the St Albans Spurs 7.8 (50) to win the Mothers' Day Cup. There have been 15 Australian football matches played by women and girls at the MCG in total. The highest score by a female team on the MCG is 14.11 (95) by the Victorian Metropolitan Under 18s in the AFL Youth Girls' National Championship grand final on May 6, 2016. Western Australia, Vic Metro's opponents, were shut out in this match and left the ground scoreless, 0.0 (0). The 95-point margin is still the largest between female teams on the MCG. The highest score by an adult women's team at the MCG was 14.7 (91) by Melbourne against Queensland, in Round 2 of the 2016 AFLW exhibition series on May 22. The Demons' 71-point belting is also the largest margin for an adult women's match at the ground. The lowest score by an adult women's team on the MCG is 1.2 (8) by Hawthorn's AFLW side against Richmond AFLW in a practice match for Season 7 on August 14, 2022.

Date	Competition	Match	Team 1	Team 1			Team 2	Team 2		
09/05/2004	VWFL	Rd 3	Melbourne Uni (Div 1)	11	11	77	St Albans Spurs	7	8	50
01/08/2004	VWFL	Rd 13	St Kilda City Sharks	7	8	50	Melbourne Uni (Div 2)	3	4	22
07/05/2005	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	*	*	*	VWFL Country	*	*	*
13/05/2006	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	*	*	*	VWFL Country	*	*	*
12/05/2007	VWFL	Rep	VWFL Metro	6	2	38	VWFL Country	5	1	31
10/08/2007	VWFL	PF	Melbourne Uni	11	11	77	Vic Uni-St Albans	5	4	34
29/06/2013	AFLW - exhib		Melbourne Women	8	5	53	Western Bulldogs Women	3	3	21
24/05/2015	AFLW - exhib	Game 1	Melbourne Women	4	13	37	Western Bulldogs Women	4	5	29
06/05/2016	YGNC U18	GF	Vic Metro Girls U18	14	11	95	WA Girls U18	0	0	0
22/05/2016	AFLW - exhib	Rd 2	Melbourne Women	14	7	91	Queensland Women	3	2	20
30/07/2017	Herald Sun Girls	GF	Ballarat Grammar	4	8	32	Melbourne Girls Grammar	1	3	9
02/04/2022	AFLW - Season 6	PF	Melbourne AFLW	5	3	33	Brisbane Lions AFLW	4	5	29
13/08/2022	AFLW - Season 7	Practice	Carlton AFLW	2	4	16	Melbourne AFLW	13	8	86
14/08/2022	AFLW - Season 7	Practice	Richmond AFLW	8	4	52	Hawthorn AFLW	1	2	8
02/09/2022	AFLW - Season 7	Rd 2	Melbourne AFLW	3	8	26	NM Tas Kangaroos AFLW	4	0	24

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WESTERN BULLDOGS AFLW V PORT ADELAIDE AFLW – THEIR ONLY GAME

The Western Bulldogs AFLW team was a foundation member of the AFLW premiership competition in 2017 and were premiers in 2018. The club had also fielded women's teams in exhibition matches from 2013. Two of these games, the first in 2013 and the other in 2015, were at the MCG but the Bullies lost both to Melbourne's side. Port Adelaide's first women's team was created for a one-off charity fundraiser against Thebarton at the Alberton Oval in 1918. In 2004 another one-off game was played against an Adelaide Crows' women's team at Football Park. The Port Adelaide Women's Football Club had independently fielded a team in the Adelaide Football League from 2003 to 2018. Port Adelaide Power first fielded a team in AFLW's Season 7, which was played in the latter part of 2022. This club's second AFLW game, and its first at home, was against the Western Bulldogs on September 3, 2022.

Erin Phillips, the AFLW's best and fairest player in 2017 and 2019 and a three-times premiership player with the Adelaide Crows, captained the Power before a sold-out Alberton Oval crowd of 5,367. Ellie Blackburn captained the Doggies. Despite the low scores and tight margin throughout, the more experienced Bulldogs dominated much of the game, even after one of their leading players, Britney Gutknecht, suffered a sickening broken leg before half-time and was subbed off. The Dogs won the match by a comfortable 19 points, 3.10 (28) to 1.3 (9). Elle Bennetts, Celine Moody and Richelle Cranston goaled for the Bulldogs, while Gemma Houghton was the Power's only goalkicker.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – AFLW ROUND 2

The first AFLW premiership season was in the summer of 2017. It was contested by eight teams, and following the home and away season, only the grand final was played. The competition expanded to 10 teams in 2019, then to 14 teams in 2020, and to 18 teams in Season 7, 2022. Prior to this week's games, there have been 52 AFLW Round 2 matches played from 2017.

The highest AFLW score in Round 2 is 15.9 (99). This has been scored twice, firstly by Gold Coast 15.9 (99) against West Coast 4.2 (26) at Carrara on September 9, 2023, and then the next day by Melbourne 15.9 (99) against Greater Western Sydney 3.4 (22) at Manuka Oval. Melbourne's 77-point win over the Giants is a record margin for an AFLW Round 2 match. The lowest score in an AFLW Round 2 match was by Fremantle 0.1 (1) against Geelong at Fremantle Oval on September 3, 2022 (Season 7). The most goals kicked in a Round 2 AFLW match is six by the Gold Coast's Jamie Stanton against West Coast at Carrara in 2023.

Only one Round 2 AFLW premiership match has been played at the MCG. This was in AFLW Season 7 and played on Friday September 2, 2022. It was a curtain raiser for an AFL second qualifying final between Melbourne and Sydney. In the AFLW game Melbourne 3.8 (26) defeated the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos 4.0 (24). Daisy Pearce kicked two goals for the Demons while the Kangaroos' Emma King also kicked two.

STATISTICS FOR WESTERN BULLDOGS AFLW v PORT ADELAIDE AFLW

Bulldogs AFLW v Port Adelaide AFLW by venue

	Won by Bulldogs	Won by Port Adel.	Drawn
Alberton Oval	1	0	0
	1	0	0

Highest Score

Bulldogs	3.10 (28)	Rd 2	2022 (S7)	Alberton
Port Adelaide	1.3 (9)	Rd 2	2022 (S7)	Alberton

Lowest Score

Bulldogs	3.10 (28)	Rd 2	2022 (S7)	Alberton
Port Adelaide	1.3 (9)	Rd 2	2022 (S7)	Alberton

Last Time They Met –

AFLW Round 2, 2022 (Season 7), Alberton Oval

	Port Adel.	Bulldogs
Quarter time	0.1	0.4
Half time	1.1	1.7
Three-quarter time	1.3	2.7
Full time	1.3 (9)	3.10 (28)

Greatest Winning Margin

Bulldogs	19 points	Rd 2	2022 (S7)	Alberton
Port Adelaide	n/a			

AFLW RECORDS

- The highest attendance for a AFLW match is 53,034, for the March 31, 2019, grand final between Adelaide and Carlton at the Adelaide Oval. The Adelaide Crows won 10.3 (63) to Carlton 2.6 (18).
- The highest score for an AFLW match is 16.11 (107) by Melbourne against Fremantle in Round 9 of Season 6, 2022, at Perth Stadium.
- On four occasions an AFLW side has been restricted to just one behind. All were in the AFLW expansion season of Season 7, 2022. Fremantle was restricted to 0.1 (1) against Geelong at Fremantle Oval in Round 2, Greater Western Sydney got 0.1 (1) against Adelaide at Unley Oval (Adelaide) in Round 5, Sydney was kept to 0.1 (1) in Round 6 at the Punt Road Oval against the North Melbourne Tasmanian Kangaroos, and West Coast scored just 0.1 (1) against Melbourne at Casey Fields, the Demons' home ground, in Round 10.
- The most goals kicked by a player in an AFLW match is seven, by the Western Bulldogs' Brooke Lochland against Carlton in Round 4, 2018, at the Whitten Oval.
- Adelaide has won the AFLW premiership three times (2017, 2019, and 2022 S6), the Brisbane Lions twice (2021 and 2023), while the Western Bulldogs (2018) and Melbourne (2022 S7) have won one AFLW flag.

DID YOU KNOW?

The first AFLW premiership season was contested in 2017. However, in 2016, a 10-game AFLW exhibition series was held. This included a Round 2 match at the MCG between Melbourne and a Queensland team, albeit dressed in Brisbane Lions' uniforms. This Queensland side was selected after a game between the Brisbane Lions and the Gold Coast Suns on April 16 at Carrara. Melbourne won the MCG match 14.7 (91) to Queensland 3.2 (20). Jess Cameron kicked six goals for the Demons.

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