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AFL 2025 ROUND 4

RICHMOND V BRISBANE

THEIR ONLY DRAW

These two sides have only played one drawn match. This took place at Docklands Stadium in Round 10 of the 2007 season. In a closely fought encounter, the Tigers kicked two goals to one in the first quarter to lead by five points at the first change (2.4 to 1.5). The Tigers kept their lead during the first half of the second quarter, but Brisbane got on top in the last ten minutes of the term with goals to Nigel Lappin, Colm Begley and Joel Patfull helping them to a seven-point advantage at the main break (5.8 to 4.7). A total of nine goals were scored in the third quarter, a major to Brett Deledio just after the 24-minute mark bringing the Tigers to within one straight kick of their opponents. The Lions had the last two scoring shots of the term, however, a Nigel Lappin goal just before the siren increasing their lead to 13 points (10.10 to 8.9). In a fiercely contested final quarter, the Tigers kicked two goals four behinds to Brisbane's three behinds to see the sides tied at the final siren. The final score of the game was a goal to Richmond's Kayne Pettifer which levelled the scores. Matthew Richardson and Richard Tambling each booted two goals for the Tigers and the Lions' multiple goalscorers were Joel Patfull with three and Nigel Lappin and Jonathan Brown with two each. **Richmond 10.13 (73)** drew with **Brisbane Lions 10.13 (73)**.

THEIR FIRST FINALS ENCOUNTER

Although Richmond and Brisbane have met in three finals in recent years (2019, 2020 and 2022), their only finals game before this was a preliminary final in 2001. Brisbane finished the 2001 season in second place on the ladder with 17 wins and five losses (behind the top-placed Essendon on percentage), while Richmond finished in fourth place with 15 wins and seven losses. In the first week of the finals, Brisbane defeated Port Adelaide by 32 points in the second qualifying final at the Gabba. This put them straight through to a preliminary final. Meanwhile, Richmond suffered a 70-point loss to Essendon in the first qualifying final at the MCG but recovered to defeat Carlton (fifth on the ladder) by 11 points in the first semi-final, also at the MCG. Brisbane and Richmond then met in the second preliminary final at the Gabba before a crowd of 37,032. The Lions were two goals up at quarter time and then added six goals to the Tigers' two in the second term to lead by 38 points at the main break. They increased their lead to 60 points at the final change and eventually ran out winners by 68 points – **Brisbane 20.16 (136)** defeated **Richmond 10.8 (68)**. Jonathan Brown kicked four goals for the Lions, and Nigel Lappin and Michael Voss three each. Greg Tivendale was Richmond's leading goal-kicker with three. Brisbane went on to defeat Essendon in the grand final by 26 points to claim their first AFL premiership and what proved to be the first of three consecutive flags.

OVER TO YOU

1. In which year did the Brisbane Lions enter the AFL competition, following the merger between the Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy?
2. In which year did Richmond enter the VFL competition and which other club entered in the same year?
3. Robert Walls coached the Brisbane Bears in 109 games from 1991 to 1995. He then coached Richmond in 39 games in 1996 and 1997. Who coached Richmond from 1993 to 1995 and then moved to Brisbane as coach from 1996 to 1998?
4. Which guernsey number did Tom Hafey wear during his 67-game playing career with Richmond from 1953 to 1958?

DID YOU KNOW?

- Richmond won 15 consecutive games against the Brisbane Lions from 2010 to 2020. The first of these was the Round 13 game at the Gabba in 2010, which the Tigers won by 19 points. The final game in the streak was the Round 10 game in the COVID-affected 2020 season at Carrara, which Richmond won by 41 points. Later that season, the Lions defeated the Tigers in a qualifying final at the Gabba to end the streak. The longest winning streak that the Lions have recorded against the Tigers to date is five, starting with their Round 19 win in 2001 and ending with their Round 14 victory in 2004. This included the Lions' 2001 preliminary final win over the Tigers at the Gabba.
- Richmond lost their first four VFL encounters against Brisbane (then the Bears) during the 1987 and 1988 seasons. Brisbane won by 35 points at Carrara in Round 8, 1987, by 56 points at the MCG in Round 22, 1987, by 48 points at Carrara in Round 11, 1988, and by 14 points at the MCG in Round 20, 1988. The Tigers did not record their first victory over Brisbane until 1989 when they won a low-scoring game in Round 11 at the MCG by 19 points – Richmond 5.15 (45) defeated Brisbane 3.8 (26). In this game Brad Hardie kicked all three of Brisbane's goals; Tony Free, Craig Lambert, Trevor Poole, Tim Powell and Peter Wilson kicked singles for the Tigers.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 4 AT THE MCG

The highest score in Round 4 on the MCG was 25.15 (165) by Melbourne in 2000 against St Kilda 11.9 (75). The highest score in any quarter in Round 4 at the MCG was in 1938 when Melbourne kicked 11.5 (71) in the fourth quarter to beat South Melbourne by 52 points. The highest tally of goals by an individual in Round 4 on the MCG is 12 goals by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Melbourne in 1987. Gary Ablett's 10 goals for Geelong against Richmond in 1988 is the second-highest. There has been only one drawn game on the MCG in Round 4. It was the ANZAC Day match of 1995 when Collingwood 17.9 (111) drew with Essendon 16.15 (111). The only drawn game also drew the largest attendance at the MCG for a Round 4 match – a crowd of 94,825.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V BRISBANE BEARS/LIONS

Richmond v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Carrara	3	3	0
Docklands	3	1	1
Gabba	12	13	0
MCG	16	3	0
Princes Park	0	1	0
	34	21	1

Highest Score

Richmond	24.11 (155)	Rd 21	1998	MCG
Bris. Bears	26.13 (169)	Rd 22	1987	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	5.15 (45)	Rd 11	1989	MCG
Bris. Lions	2.5 (26)	Rd 4	2018	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 10, 2024, Gabba

	Brisbane	Richmond
Quarter time	7.4	0.5
Half time	13.5	2.6
Three-quarter time	21.6	4.6
Full time	26.7 (163)	6.8 (44)

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	93 points	Rd 4	2018	MCG
Bris. Lions	119 points	Rd 11	2024	Gabba

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V FITZROY (1908-1996)

Richmond v Fitzroy by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Fitzroy	Drawn
Brunswick St	29	25	0
Junction Oval	4	9	0
MCG	17	11	0
Princes Park	9	4	0
Punt Road	27	22	0
SCG	1	0	0
Victoria Park	1	0	0
Waverley Park	4	1	0
Western Oval	2	0	0
	94	72	0

Highest Score

Richmond	29.25 (199)	Rd 5	1980	MCG
Fitzroy	24.15 (161)	Rd 8	1992	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	3.7 (25)	Rd 12	1909	Bruns
Fitzroy	2.9 (21)	Rd 15	1964	Bruns

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	151 points	Rd 21	1996	MCG
Fitzroy	76 points	Rd 15	1915	Bruns

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	J. Freake	Fitz	Rd 15	1915	Bruns
10	B. Taylor	Rich	Rd 12	1982	MCG

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 1997. Q2 1908. University also entered the League. Q3 John Northey. Q4 Number 18.

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