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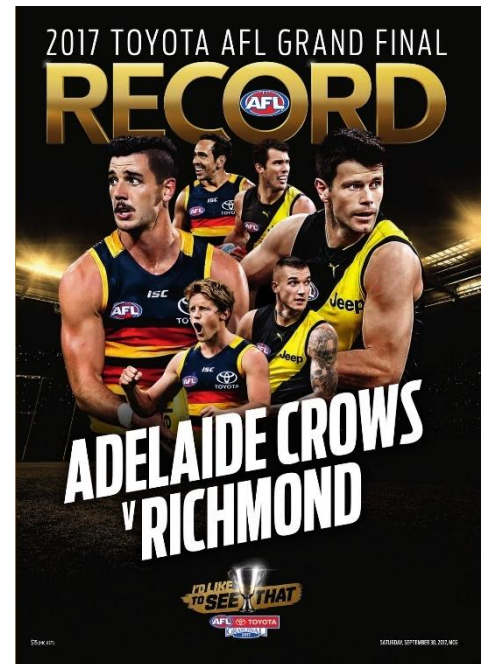
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AFL 2025 Round 16

RICHMOND V ADELAIDE

THE 2017 AFL GRAND FINAL – YELLOW AND BACK

At the close of the 2017 home and away season Adelaide were the minor premiers with 15 wins, six losses and one draw, while Richmond were third on the table with 15 wins and seven losses. Both Adelaide and Richmond won their respective qualifying finals and preliminary finals to advance to the grand final on September 30 at the MCG. None of the players in the match had previously played in an AFL grand final – the first time since the first ever grand final in 1898. Adelaide as the minor premiers wore their “home” strip while Richmond played in their primarily yellow “clash” jumper. The attendance of 100,021 was the largest crowd to attend an Adelaide game, and the largest attendance at a VFL/AFL game since the 1986 grand final. The Crows began strongly with two goals on the board before Richmond kicked their first, 16 minutes into the first quarter. At quarter time the Crows led 4.2 (26) to 2.3 (15). In the second quarter Richmond gained the ascendancy, in part due to Adelaide’s inaccuracy in front of goal, with four unanswered goals to lead 6.4 (40) to 4.7 (31) at the main break. The third quarter was all Richmond who booted away to a commanding 34-point lead. While Adelaide rallied briefly midway through the last term, the Tigers were victorious by 48 points, 16.12 (108) to Adelaide 8.12 (60). It was a popular win as Richmond, so long the butt of jokes for finishing outside the finals, had not won a premiership since 1980, and not played in a grand final since 1982. Richmond’s rise from 13th in 2016 to premiers in 2017, is the greatest annual VFL/AFL turn-around. The Norm Smith Medal for the best on ground was awarded to Richmond’s Dustin Martin with 13 of a possible 15 votes, from teammate Bachar Houli with 10. Martin was the first player to win the Brownlow, Premiership and Norm Smith medals in same year. Oh, and if the day could not get any better for the Tiges, Richmond’s Connor Menadue won the traditional grand final sprint. In commentator Brian Taylor’s words, “It’s Tiger time!” Following the presentations on the MCG, the once downtrodden Richmond faithful basically took over nearby Swan Street, Richmond, and had great fun partying into the wee hours.



PLAYED FOR BOTH

Richard Tambling: Drafted to Richmond in the 2004 National Draft, Richard Tambling had been recognised as an outstanding football prospect from his games with Darwin side Southern Districts. He played 108 games (61 goals) for the Tigers between 2005 and 2010 before being traded to the Adelaide Crows where he played 16 games (1 goal) but was delisted at the end of the 2013 season.

Clay Sampson: Coming to Melbourne from South Adelaide in the SANFL, Clay Sampson was picked at Number 51 in the 1994 AFL Draft. He played 13 games (1 goal) for the Demons in 1995 and 1996 before going off to the Adelaide Crows where he played 24 games (16 goals) in 1997 and 1998 including in the club’s 1997 premiership side, before again transferring, this time to the Tigers, where he played 27 games (18 goals). He then returned to South Adelaide where he took over the coaching position from John Cahill in 2008, retiring from the position at the end of 2009 with a coaching record of 4 wins and 28 losses. Sampson is described in the *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as, “a skilful half forward and winger . . . he was capable of tagging opponents and was also handy around goals”.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Adelaide Crows’ greatest winning margin against all clubs is 139 points against the Tigers in Round 16, 1993 with Adelaide scoring 26.15 (171) to the Tigers 4.8 (32). Tony Modra kicked 13.4 for the Crows. He had kicked 10.3 against the Tigers in Round 1 that year!

WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?

Can you name the year in which Jimmy Carter was inaugurated as President of the USA, the first Star Wars movie was released, Voyager 1 and 2 were launched by NASA, Graham Teasdale won the Brownlow Medal, and Gold and Black won the Melbourne Cup?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 16 AT THE MCG

The highest score in Round 16 on the MCG is 27.18 (180) by Hawthorn against Richmond 17.11 (113) in 1985. The overall Round 16 record is 34.18 (222) by Richmond against St Kilda 11.4 (70) at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1980. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Dermott Brereton for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1990. Hawthorn kicked 25.9 (159) to win by 91 points. The overall Round 16 goal-kicking record is 13 by Tony Modra for Adelaide against Richmond at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1993. Adelaide kicked 26.15 (171) to win by 139 points. The highest score in a quarter is 12.1 (73) in the first quarter by the Kangaroos against Essendon in 2001. Despite trailing by 58 points at the first change, Essendon went on to win by 12 points: 27.9 (171) to 25.9 (159). The overall Round 16 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.3 (81) by Hawthorn against North Melbourne in the first quarter at Princes Park in 1982. Hawthorn went on to kick 32.14 (206) to win by 96 points. The highest Round 16 attendance at the MCG is 83,773 on Sunday July 19, 1998, when Essendon defeated Richmond by 19 points.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V ADELAIDE

Richmond v Adelaide by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	4	5	0
Docklands Stadium	1	5	0
Carrara	0	1	0
Football Park	5	10	0
Sydney Showground	1	0	0
MCG	7	5	0
	18	26	0

Highest Score

Richmond	19.14 (128)	Rd 12	1996	Richmond
Richmond	19.14 (128)	Rd 2	1997	Richmond
Adelaide	29.11 (185)	Rd 17	1997	Adelaide

Lowest Score

Richmond	4.8 (32)	Rd 16	1993	FP
Adelaide	9.4 (58)	Rd 7	1995	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	48 points	GF	2017	MCG
Adelaide	139 points	Rd 16	1993	FP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

13	Tony Modra	Adelaide	Rd 16	1993	FP
10	Tony Modra	Adelaide	Rd 1	1993	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 13, 2024, Adelaide Oval

	Adelaide	Richmond
Quarter time	2.4	3.4
Half time	5.6	5.5
Three-quarter time	7.8	11.6
Full time	10.11 (71)	12.7 (79)

AN OUTSTANDING SOUTH AUSTRALIAN

Born in Port Lincoln, South Australia, **Eddie Betts** played his junior football with the Mallee Park Peckers before moving to Melbourne where he played with Templestowe and TAC Cup side the Calder Cannons. He was drafted to Carlton with pick 3 in the 2004 Pre-Season Draft and played 184 games (290 goals) from 2005 to 2013. He then moved back home to the Adelaide Crows as a restricted free agent, playing 132 games (310 goals) from 2014 to 2019. At the end of the 2019 season he was traded back to Carlton where he played a further 34 games (40 goals). In August 2021 he played his 350th and final AFL game.

Betts became renowned for his ability to kick goals from difficult angles. He was named as an All-Australian in 2015, 2016 and 2017, was the Crows' leading goalkicker in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He was Carlton's leading goalkicker in 2010 and 2012 and won Goal of the Year in 2006, 2015, 2016 and 2019. He is third on Adelaide's all time goalkicking list after Taylor Walker and Tony Modra. After his retirement Betts was appointed as a development coach at Geelong, working with indigenous players, including All-Australian Tyson Stengle, until leaving the position in 2022.

EARLY DAYS

Volume 24 of the 1925 *Football Record* told us of handball problems for the umpires:

"Footscray, as well as some of the other Leaguers have had to readjust their methods of handballing, and they have not yet got into the swing of things thoroughly, judging by the mistakes they made against Essendon. Several times in that match not only 'Scraismen, but Dons also, slapped the old blob with the open hand, and got in the hook backhander. But Rowe, the new umpire, was a watchful young man, and was down on the wrong 'un like a ton of bricks. On his first game Rowe showed high promise. He's as cool and confident as a veteran – more so than some of them."

What Year was That Answer: 1977

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