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AFL 2022 ROUND 5 CARLTON V PORT ADELAIDE

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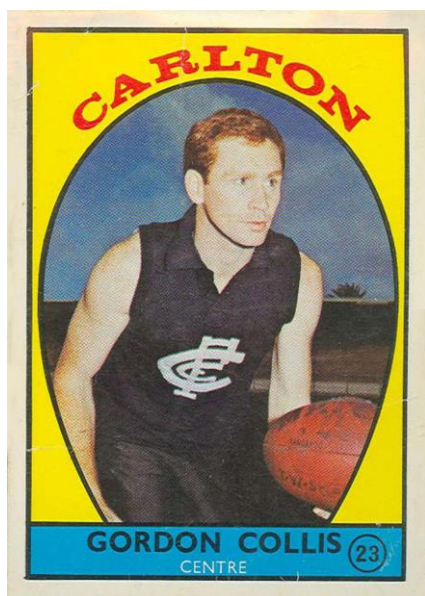
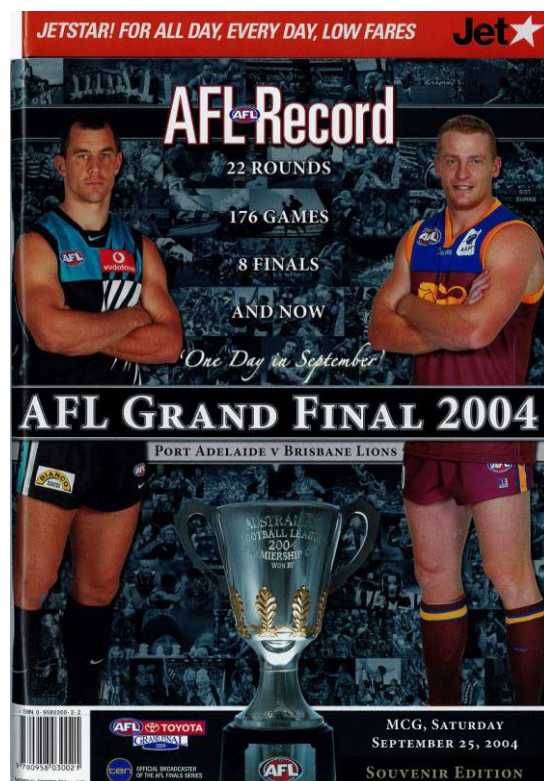
FROM PRETENDERS TO PREMIERS

Port Adelaide was granted an AFL licence in 1994, but did not enter the competition until Fitzroy had merged with the Brisbane Bears in 1996. Port won ten games in 1997, nine in 1998, 12 in 1999 and seven in 2000. The club made a dramatic improvement in 2001, winning 16 games and finishing third on the ladder. Top place was earned in 2002, 2003 and 2004, over those three seasons 53 home-and-away games being won and just 13 lost. But finals were a different matter, Port losing six and winning only two between 2001 and 2003.

Port broke through to narrowly win a preliminary final in 2004, holding out St Kilda by six points. They were then pitted against Brisbane who were attempting to win four flags in succession. After an even first half, Port led by 17 points at the final change. The last quarter was all Port Adelaide's, and they bolted away to win their first AFL flag by 40 points.

DID YOU KNOW?

Warren Tredrea, who led Port Power to the 2004 premiership, was handed the captaincy in Round 4 that year after Matthew Primus, who had been appointed Port's captain at the start of the year, injured his knee in Round 3 and was sidelined for the rest of the season.



CONTACT LENSES AND A BROWNLOW MEDAL

A brilliant centre half forward at Healesville, Gordon Collis (left) originally signed with Fitzroy, but Carlton committeeman George Woodward persuaded him to join the Blues instead. Making his debut in 1961, Collis played in the forward line and had a solid season in what was a mediocre year for the club. The Blues then drew with Geelong in the 1962 preliminary final, but Collis was omitted from the team for the replay and was not selected in the grand final team which lost to Essendon. He played 15 games and kicked 14 goals in 1963, but then in the off season decided to visit an optician because he realised his timing was faulty when flying for marks. "All the other chaps would be coming down as I started to go up", he later explained. Diagnosed as short sighted, he began wearing contact lenses.

Tried at full back in the 1964 pre-season matches, with his new clearer vision he became a different player. Then in Round 7 coach Ken Hands switched him to centre half back, which resulted in a best on ground performance. The rest of that season was a triumph for Collis, and on Brownlow night he polled 27 votes, eight in front of the second place getter,

having been voted best on ground in seven matches. Not surprisingly he also easily won Carlton's best and fairest award, beating Ian Collins and John Nicholls.

The remainder of Collis's career was interrupted by injury and illness, which meant he never regained the magnificent form he displayed in 1964, and was forced to retire in 1967 after a 95 game career. In 1987 he was one of nine foundation inductees into the Carlton Hall of Fame, the others being Bert Deacon, John James, Rod McGregor, Harry "Soapy" Vallence, Horrie Clover, John Nicholls, Alex Jesaulenko and Bruce Doull.

This Round in History – Round 5 on the MCG

The two highest scores in Round 5 matches on the MCG are Hawthorn's 31.19 (205) against North Melbourne in 1988 and Richmond's 29.25 (199) against Fitzroy in 1980. Richmond's winning margin of 118 points in the latter game is also the greatest on the MCG in Round 5. The best score in any quarter in Round 5 matches on the MCG was in the above Hawthorn-North Melbourne match when the Hawks kicked 11.7 in the third quarter to extinguish any half-time hopes of a North Melbourne victory. The largest attendance for a Round 5 match was set when 90,508 people gathered at the MCG for the 2007 Collingwood-Essendon ANZAC Day game. This bettered the previous record of 87,549 for the 1996 match between the clubs at the MCG on ANZAC Day.

Carlton v Port Adelaide

Carlton v Port Adelaide by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Port Adel.	Drawn
Docklands	4	2	0
MCG	1	3	0
Football Park	7	8	1
Gabba	0	1	0
Princes Park	1	3	0
Adelaide Oval	0	4	0
	13	21	1

Highest Score

Carlton	26.13 (169)	Rd 6	2000	PP
Port Adelaide	25.15 (165)	Rd7	1998	PP

Lowest Score

Carlton	5.7 (37)	Rd 22	2014	AO
Port Adelaide	7.7 (49)	Rd 11	2011	FP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	66 points	Rd 19	2008	Dock
Port Adelaide	103 points	Rd 22	2014	AO

Last Time They Met – Round 22, 2021, Adelaide Oval

	Port Adel.	Carlton
Quarter time	2.2	2.6
Half time	8.6	5.9
Three-quarter time	12.11	5.12
Full time	21.14 (140)	5.15 (45)

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

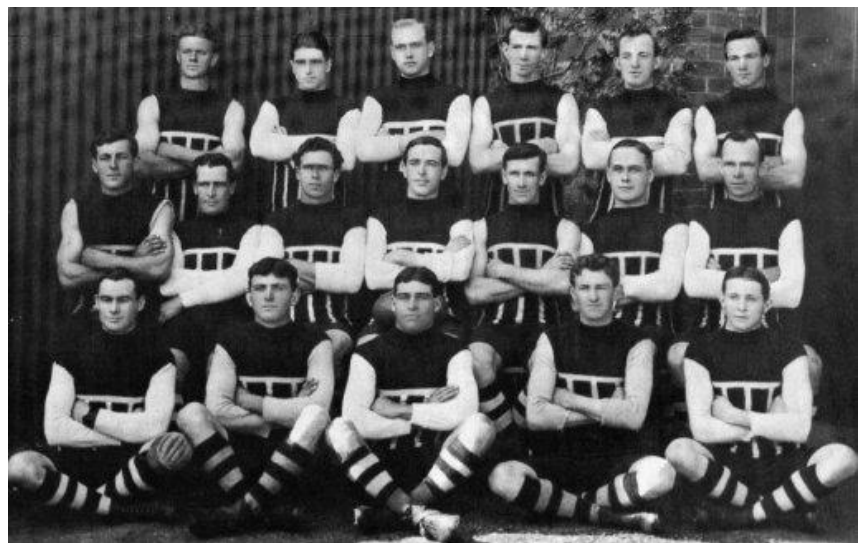
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CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUSTRALIA 1914: PORT ADELAIDE v CARLTON

Carlton won the 1914 VFL premiership when it defeated South Melbourne, 6.9 (45) to 4.15 (39) at the MCG. The Port Adelaide team (below), however, were the undefeated South Australian champions and challenged the Blues to determine the "Champions of Australia". Victorian teams had a reputation for not taking such exhibitions seriously and the previous season Port had thrashed Fitzroy in Adelaide to claim the 1913 Australian championship. Carlton arrived in Adelaide one day before the match on October 3 and, in the absence of Billy Dick, Harry Houghton led out the Blues. Port players entered the arena in felt hats to cope with temperatures hovering around 90°F (32°C).

The match was far from the doddle Carlton may have hoped for and after a willing first half Port led by 14 points. In the third quarter the match became heated and Port's captain Jack Londrigan injured his shoulder in a fall, forcing him from the ground. Port played on with 17 men as tempers began to boil. Carlton entered the final term 17 points down but in contrast to the previous quarters, the players of both sides relaxed and Port won handily 9.16 (70) to 5.6 (36). Later Port also met and defeated a combined South Australian team. Port achieved their remarkable feats of 1914 with only 22 players, and 13 of them played in every match.



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