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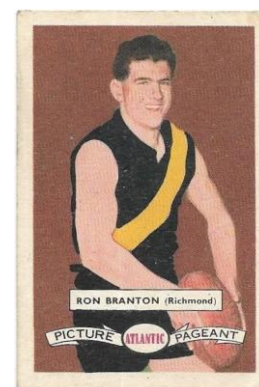
## AFL 2026 ROUND 9 RICHMOND V ADELAIDE

### THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN THE TEAMS

The first clash between Richmond and Adelaide was in Round 13 of the 1991 season, Adelaide's first in the AFL. The match took place at the MCG before a crowd of 16,235. The Tigers were captained by Dale Weightman and coached by Kevin Bartlett, while the Crows were captained by Chris McDermott and coached by Graham Cornes. The first three quarters produced a great tussle between the sides with Richmond leading by one point at quarter-time, and Adelaide by two points at half-time and one point at the final change. The Crows got right on top in the last quarter, however, kicking six goals three to the Tigers two behinds to win by 38 points. The finals scores were Adelaide 12.13 (85) to Richmond 6.11 (47), Scott Hodges and Rod Jameson kicked three goals each for Adelaide while Jeff Hogg and David Honeybun booted two each for Richmond. The Brownlow Medal votes all went to Crows' players – Mark Mickan (3), Andrew Jarman (2) and Grant Fielke (1). The Crows finished their inaugural season in the AFL in ninth position on the ladder with 10 wins and 12 losses. Richmond finished 13th with seven wins and 15 losses. The Tigers lost their first five encounters with the Crows, their first win against Adelaide coming in Round 15, 1994, when they won by seven points at Football Park.

### RON BRANTON FROM A GOALKICKING ROVER BACK TO DEFENCE

Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as a "brilliant Tiger rover", Ron Branton later went on to become a fixture in the back pocket of the Richmond side. Coming to Richmond from Maryborough, he won the award for the best first year player in 1953 and was the club's leading goalkicker in 1953 and 1954, his first years with the club. He won the Jack Dyer Medal presented to the club's best and fairest player in 1960, 1961 and 1962, the only player in the club's history to win the medal in three consecutive years. He played a total of 170 games and kicked 171 goals for Richmond from 1953 to 1962 and was inducted into Richmond's Hall of Fame in 2006. He went off to Myrtleford in the Ovens and Murray Football League in 1963 where, as captain and coach, he kicked 80 goals until the end of the 1965 season, when he went off again, this time to the King Valley Football Club where he kicked 49 goals in his two seasons with the side. Ron Branton died in May 2024 at the age of 90 years.



### CLARRIE HALL

Clarence Herbert "Clarrie" Hall was a diminutive rover being only five foot three inches tall and weighing just ten stone, but this did not stop him being described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as a "great little rover... tricky, sure and effective... a force to be reckoned with and was at his best burrowing into scrimmages". He first played with Richmond in 1907, the club's last season in the VFA before it entered the League. Thought of as too small for League football, Hall joined VFA team Prahran where he played for four years. He rejoined Richmond as a seasoned player in 1912. Hall played 149 League games and kicked 169 goals for the club until 1922, but returned to play one last game, his 150th, in 1924. Hall represented Victoria twice and was inducted into Richmond's Hall of Fame in 2006. He was the club's leading goalkicker in 1914 and 1915, captained Richmond in 1918, and played in the Tigers' 1920 and 1921 premiership sides. Hall was a fundamental part of Richmond's rise from a football minnow to a power in the post World War I era. It was Hall who called the plays at stoppages. In the *Argus* of April 22, 1950, Hugh Buggy, noted:

NOBODY ever heard that now time-honoured battle-cry "Eat 'em alive" before 1919, and until then nobody ever thought of calling Richmond "The Tigers"... Richmond neither played like tigers nor looked like tigers... [In 1919] Richmond had been built into a force which could match anything in the League in the heavy, robust work and in all positions... Then there was that virile ruck, Barney Herbert and Dave Moffat, with Clarrie Hall roving.

ON THE BALL those three gave all their opponents a headache. They played with a perfect understanding which was helped by a code of signals from player to player in a secret language known only to the Tigers. Team after team that season was bewildered by the variety of moves which those secret signals set in motion. Clarrie Hall, in a stage whisper, said "Hammer and tack," and the ball would be hit to him behind the battling rucks. When he hissed "Get your hair dyed" it was punched to him at the side. As he panted "Growl and grunt" those two Goliaths Herbert and Moffat palmed it down to him at their feet. And Clarrie, one of the most elusive rovers in the game, did the rest.

### OVER TO YOU

Can you name the player? He won the Coleman Medal in 1980 and 1981 and led the Tigers' goalkicking those years as well as in 1979, 1983 and 1985.

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 9 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 9 score on the MCG is 32.19 (211) by Geelong against Richmond 10.17 (77) in 1989. This is also the highest score for this Round on all grounds. The most goals kicked in this round is 14 kicked by Gary Ablett Snr. in the same game. The greatest winning margin here in Round 9 is 141 points by Melbourne over Hawthorn in 1926 – 21.28 (154) to 1.7 (13). There has been one drawn game in Round 9 on the MCG. Melbourne and Collingwood each scored 10.5 (65) in 1909. Four drawn games have occurred on other grounds in Round 9. The highest Round 9 attendance was at the MCG in 1964 when 86,664 saw Melbourne 10.13 (73) defeat Collingwood 8.15 (63).

## 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
MCG	7	6	0
Sydney Showground	1	0	0
	18	27	0

### Last Time They Met – Round 16, 2025, MCG

	Adelaide	Richmond
Quarter time	2.5	0.1
Half time	8.7	2.2
Three-quarter time	12.13	5.2
Full time	18.14 (122)	8.6 (54)

### Highest Score

Richmond	19.14 (128)	Rd 12	1996	Richmond
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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

## VALE ROSS ALLAN PEACOCK 1952 – 2026

On Saturday April 25, Ross Peacock, the Melbourne Cricket Club's first professional Librarian died. Ross started here as an Honorary Assistant Librarian in 1982 – essentially as a volunteer. As a qualified librarian he assisted with the expansion of the Library's holdings under Rex Harcourt, and was instrumental in making your Library one of the most comprehensive sports book and ephemera collections in the world. He was integral to the Library's researcher focus and service ethos. The Library in this period became a hub for sports heritage research and earned global respect. When the Library was professionalised following the acquisition of the Pat Mullins Collection, he was appointed the Club's first professionally qualified Librarian in 1989. He had two stints as the MCC Librarian in the 1990s.

Under Ross the collection started to be catalogued in a digital database, dedicated storage space for your Library within the MCG was expanded, and the Library's opening hours to researchers was increased. The first book launch in the old Library space was during his tenure in 1995, and Ross, with Annie McGlade, is regarded as one of the two founders of the *Yorker* in 1993. In April 1997 he swapped roles with the then Assistant Librarian, David Studham. Thereafter, Ross was the MCC Assistant Librarian until his retirement in August 1999. Ross has been a part of the Library's community since, and was present for many of its celebratory moments, such as the formal opening of the current space in 2006. He made many friendships through the MCC Library and has helped countless MCC, MCG and Museum staff and contractors, Club Members, school children, academics, journalists and acclaimed authors, who have approached the Library to research sport, sportspeople, and Club identities.

Ross is much missed. He will always have a prominent place in the MCC Library's annals.

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