

## Where has the 2023 AFL season gone?

It has been the best season ever, well certainly that is what out going CEO Gil believes. We have witnessed some epic games throughout the year, with the emergence of clubs like St Kilda and Carlton in the finals after many years and the demise of Geelong and Richmond.

The brilliance of Collingwood and Brisbane to the the very disappointing West Coast and Nth Melbourne.

Teams who promised so much more to their fans only to go out in straight sets both Melbourne and Port Power.

Everyone's new second best side the Giants and everyone's (besides Port supporters) most unlucky side the Adelaide Crows.

We are left with the 2023 AFL season with the 2 best sides in the home and away season Brisbane and Collingwood.

Brisbane deservedly reserve their spot in the GF with a very consistent year in particular when they have played at home which has become such a fortress for them. However their away form has not looked as pretty in particular their record at the MCG.

Collingwood have been the best side in the home and away season, showing at times their pure dominance and their belief as a team to come from behind in many games to snatch victory away from their opponents.

Who wins? The MCG is to Collingwood as the Gabba is to Brisbane. Brisbane midfield led by dual Brownlow Medallist Lachie Neale vs the brilliant Scott Pendlebury for the Pies.

Both teams have dangerous forwards tall and small and defences which boast Moore at one end Paris the other.

Brisbane could not have been more impressive in their 2 finals, after a shaky 1st quarter last week they really kicked into gear and vs the Power were dominant from the start.

Collingwood whilst been the best team during the H&A have not been as convincing during the finals, in fact if not due to bad kicking by Melbourne and the Giants are very lucky to be still playing.

If Brisbane can handle the MCG and the Lions forwards get on top of the Pies defence they are going to give this a real shake.

Collingwood really take the game on and have some players who if their confidence are up like Elliott, De Goey and Hill can take the game away from the Lions.

Collingwood have got the trump card with Nick Daicos who can play midfield, forward or back, they will be at their home ground and will have the majority of the supporters and are very well coached by fly.

That all being said I am tipping the Lions, their form coming into this has been ideal and has shown they have grown a lot through the disappointments they have endured the last couple of years.

Jared Lyon as a sub is a real trump card for the Lions and on a hot day will ensure they lose nothing in their midfield at the back end of the game. They are also well coached and the players genuinely love Fagan.

In what will be a great grand final Lions will taste victory again over the Magpies on Grand Final day. Lions 9pts

By "Still The Boy From Risdon" - Brodie Atkinson



Jimmy Olsen	The Mailman	Tower Of Knowledge
SR 1#5 State America	BR 3 # 3 Action King	AR 6 # 7 Sixteen Reasons
SR 9 # 9 Ho Ho Khan	SR 8 # 3 The Invetabale	AR 8 # 2 Does It
BR 9 # 16 Never Paid	SR 10 # 18 Airman	AR 9 # 10 Lovely Lookin'

<b>Morphettville</b>	<b>Mornington</b>	<b>Randwick</b>	<b>Eagle Farm</b>
<b>Crystal Clear</b>	<b>The Shark</b>	<b>Harbour Harry</b>	<b>Jungle Jim</b>
R1 : 2 , 6 , 1 , 4	1: 3 , 2 , 7 , 5	1 : 11 , 10 , 5 , 7	1: 8 , 3 , 2 , 1
R2 : 9 , 8 , 3 , 14	2: 4 , 2 , 3 , 8	2 : 5 , 6 , 7 , 4	2: 12 , 7 , 2 , 4
R3 : 2 , 4 , 1 , 5	3: 2 , 3 , 4 , 6	3 : 11 , 12 , 14 , 8	3: 3 , 2 , 6 , 4 & 8
R4: 2 , 8 , 1 , 5	4: 7 , 9 , 8 , 5	4 : 8 , 9 , 13 , 19	4 : 1 , 16 , 14 , 5
R5: 6 , 1 , 5 , 3	5: 2 , 5 , 9 , 11	5 : 1 , 4 , 6 , 11	5: 17 , 3 , 12 , 18
R6: 8 , 7 , 6 , 5	6: 6 , 9 , 8 , 7	6 : 2 , 1 , 7 , 3	6: 6 , 3 , 7 , 11
R7: 6 , 9 , 8 , 2	7: 4 , 6 , 7 , 1	7 : 8 , 2 , 9 , 6	7: 6 , 2 , 8 , 12
R8: 5 , 2 , 1 , 4	8 : 8 , 2 , 3 , 1	8 : 3 , 8 , 10 , 17	8: 8 , 9 , 5 , 3
R9: 10 , 7 , 4 , 5		9 : 14 , 12 , 17 , 11	9: 5 , 4 , 7 , 12
		10 : 3 , 8 , 2 , 18	

### 2023 AFL "Miller's Sports News All Stars Line Up" Grand Final Selections

**F Bob Philp –Pies 13      Grenville Dietrich –Lions 11      Jason "Stubby" Holder - Lions 9**  
**CHF David Elmes – Pies 13      Glen Pill – Lions 17      Danny Hurley Lions -17**  
**C Lachlan Neindorf –Pies 7      Robert Day—Pies 35      Tony Symons –Lions12**  
**HB Rhys Morzzi –Lions 4      Paul Patterson –Lions 10      Paul Northeast –Lions 11**  
**B Rex Voigt –Lions 15      Sam McInnes –Lions 23      Ryan Balfour –Lions 23**  
**1st Ruck Dexter Kennedy - Lions 29      Will Day –Pies 9      Brodie Atkinson –Lions 9**  
**2nd Ruck Bob Philp –Pies 13      Ryan Balfour –Lions 23      Jason "Stubby" Holder-Lions 9**  
**Interchange Richard Jolly –Pies 24      Jon O'Connor-Lions 17      Andrew Gluyas-Lions 30**  
**Chris Bieg- Pies 17      Emergencies Brian Issac-Lions 13      Tower Of Knowledge –Lions 14**  
**Head Coach Chip Miller –Pies -15      Strategies & Tactics Lawrie Colliver –Lions 16**  
**Team Manager Geoff Winter—Lions 15      Umpire Observation Max O'Connell—Lions 33**

### **NRL Grand Final Selection by The Dugong ( Damien Harrison)**

Panthers Vs Broncos, the 2 best teams all season. The only game played between these 2 was round 1 and the Broncos won 13-12. Defence will be the key in this one with what I expect to be a low scoring Grand Final.

The Verdict The Panthers have been in the last 4 Grand Finals , So the Broncos will have to tighten up their defence, errors and discipline from last week. **TIP PANTHERS**

Best Bet Panthers 1/12 Brian To'o First try scorer, Turuva Anytime try Scorer, Total match points under 39.5