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THOMSON TO BOLSTER TIGER MIDFIELD

The Richmond Football Club today announced that Port Adelaide player Adam Thomson has been traded to the club in exchange for its third round pick (No. 42 overall) in the 2008 National Draft.

General Manager of Football Craig Cameron said: "We are impressed with what we have seen of Adam and believe his skills and attributes will be a good fit at Richmond."

"It is worth noting that Adam has averaged 14.7 disposals this year despite only 60 per cent game time," Cameron added.

Terry Wallace said Thomson would add to Richmond's ball-winning ability, after the club ranked second in the AFL in contested possessions in 2008.

"Adam clearly fits the age criteria that we are developing and he will be a strong addition to our midfield," Wallace said.

"I believe Richmond supporters will enjoy watching Adam play as he is a tough player who wins his own ball," he said.

Thomson was selected by Port Adelaide at pick 11 in 2004 National Draft - the same draft the Tigers secured top 10 picks Brett Deledio (pick one) and Richard Tambling (pick four).

Snapshot of Adam Thomson

Age: 22 years, 1 month

Height: 184cm

Weight: 84kg

Draft history: 1st round draft selection by Port Adelaide (No. 11 pick overall) in the 2004 National Draft; recruited from SANFL club Sturt

AFL debut: 2005

Games: 28

Goals: 16

2008 season averages

Disposals: 14.7

Marks: 4.0

Tackles: 3.6

Inside-50s: 14

Season-high 21 disposals v West Coast, Rd 5

Career averages

Disposals: 14.1 (high of 16.8 in 2007)

Marks: 3.1 (high of 4.0 in 2008)

Tackles: 2.5

Career-high 22 disposals v Melbourne, July 1, 2006

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