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TIGERS AND SAINTS VIE FOR STEWART MEDAL

Best-on-ground in this Saturday night's Round 7 Richmond-St Kilda clash at Telstra Dome will win the annual Ian Stewart Medal.

The Ian Stewart Medal was struck four years ago, in recognition of the only player in league football history to win Brownlow Medals and premierships at two clubs.

Ian Stewart played 127 games with St Kilda from 1963-70. He also won back-to-back Brownlow Medals with the Saints in 1965-66, and was a member of their only premiership side, in 1966.

In 1971, Stewart joined Richmond in a sensational swap for dual Tiger premiership player Bill Barrot.

'Stewie' went on to play 78 games with Richmond from 1971-75. He won the Brownlow Medal in his debut season with the Tigers, as well as the Club's Best and Fairest award that year.

Two years later, he was a key member of the Richmond side that defeated Carlton by 30 points in the 1973 Grand Final.

Channel Ten will present the winner of the Ian Stewart Medal to the player judged best-on-ground by the network's team of football broadcasters, following this Saturday night's match.

Previous Ian Stewart Medal winners

2007: Leigh Montagna

2006: Lenny Hayes

2005: Nick Dal Santo

2004: Aussie Jones

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