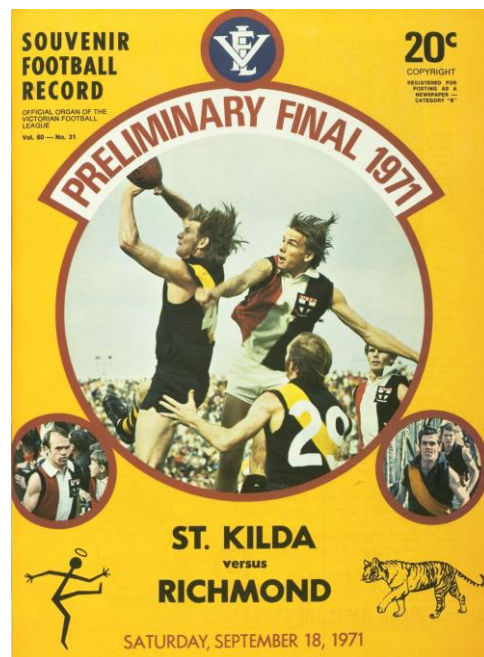# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 Round 14
Richmond v St Kilda

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JUST FOUR FINALS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- The 1939 first semi final was played between St Kilda 10.12 (72) and Richmond 6.16 (42), a win for the Saints by 30 points. The leading goal kicker for the Tigers was Jack "Skinny" Titus with three goals. For the Saints, their best goal scorer was Alan Killigrew with three goals. A crowd of 51,411 witnessed the match at the MCG on September 9, 1939.
- The 1971 preliminary final (see *Football Record* right) was played at the MCG before a crowd of 102,494. The weather was very wet and an undermanned St Kilda outfit snared a famous win against the Tigers. St Kilda 16.12 (108) defeated Richmond 12.6 (78). Coach Allan Jeans' masterplan to topple the Tigers saw a double-teaming tactic on Kevin Bartlett and the switch of Carl Ditterich to centre half forward which proved to be a match-winner. Ditterich pulled down big marks despite the weather as he set up Allan Davis for six goals. The Saints ran away to a 30-point win. For the Tigers, Barry Richardson kicked five goals. St Kilda went on to the 1971 grand final where they were defeated by Hawthorn.

- The 1973 first semi final was played at the MCG. Richmond won by 40 points. The final scores were Richmond 15.18 (108) to St Kilda 9.14 (68). Four Tigers kicked two goals in Kevin Bartlett, Royce Hart, Stephen Rae and Paul Sproule. For the Saints, Jeff Moran and John Manzie top-scored with two goals each. A crowd of 86,483.
- As a result of the COVID19 pandemic the 2020 second semi final was played on October 9 at Carrara, Queensland; the first ever AFL final at the venue. The crowd was 13,778. The final scores read: Richmond 12.8 (80) to St Kilda 6.13 (49). Richmond's leading goal scorer was Shai Bolton with three, the Saints had six individual goal scorers. A comfortable win in the end for the Tigers who were efficient in front of goal early in the game and were dominant at the centre bounce.

SOME MEMORABLE GOALKICKING FEATS

- St Kilda's Bill Mohr in Round 12, 1936 at the Junction Oval, kicked 8.6 goals. Richmond 18.6 (114), however won the match to St Kilda 14.12 (96).
- Jack "Skinny" Titus (Richmond) kicked nine goals for Richmond against St Kilda in Round 17, 1940 at the Junction Oval. Richmond 20.15 (135) defeated St Kilda 10.17 (77).
- Michael Roach (Richmond) kicked 10.4 goals for the Tigers against St Kilda in Round 16, 1980 at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Richmond 34.18 (222) defeated St Kilda 11.4 (70).
- Michael Roach (Richmond) kicked 10.2 for the Tigers against St Kilda in Round 18, 1979 at Waverley Park. Richmond 28.22 (190) defeated St Kilda 18.11 (119).
- Ruckman/forward, Mark Lee (Richmond), kicked 9.2 goals against the Saints at the MCG in Round 17, 1982. Richmond 28.17 (185) defeated St Kilda 14.18 (102).
- Saint, Stewart Loewe, kicked 8.4 goals against Richmond at the MCG in Round 14, 1992. St Kilda 24.13 (157) defeated Richmond 15.18 (108).
- Tony Lockett (St Kilda) kicked 9.3 against Richmond at the MCG in Round 7, 1993. The Tigers however won, 19.22 (136) to the Saints 16.8 (104).
- Fraser Gehrig, booted 10.1 for St Kilda, against the Tigers in Round 17, 2006 at the MCG. St Kilda 27.12 (174) defeated Richmond 10.11 (71).

This Round in History – Round 14 on the MCG

The highest Round 14 score at the MCG is 31.14 (200) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 10.13 (73) in 1990. This equals the overall Round 14 highest score of 30.20 (200) by Collingwood against Essendon 7.11 (53) at Victoria Park in 1971. The most goals kicked by an individual is 14 by John Longmire for North Melbourne against Melbourne in 1990. This equalled the previous overall Round 14 record of 14 goals by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Hawthorn at Victoria Park in 1934. The highest score in a quarter for Round 14 on the MCG is 10.7 (67) by Geelong in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1934. The overall Round 14 highest score in a quarter is 14.1 (85) by Carlton in the second quarter against Essendon at Windy Hill in 1975. The highest Round 14 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 1995 when 84,745 fans saw Carlton defeat Richmond.

Statistics for Richmond v St Kilda

Richmond v St Kilda by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by St Kilda	Drawn
MCG	24	9	3
Toorak Park	2	0	0
Moorabbin	8	11	0
SCG	1	0	0
Punt Road	38	11	0
Waverley	10	8	0
Junction Oval	21	19	0
Princes Park	0	1	0
Docklands	9	15	0
Carrara	1	0	0
	114	74	3

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	Michael Roach	Rich	Rd 18	1979	Wav
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10	Fraser Gehrig	St K	Rd 17	2006	MCG

Highest Score

Richmond	34.18 (222)	Rd 16	1980	SCG
St Kilda	27.12 (174)	Rd 17	2006	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	0.8 (8)	Rd 16	1961	JO
St Kilda	1.10 (16)	Rd 15	1910	PR

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	152 points	Rd 16	1980	SCG
St Kilda	103 points	Rd 17	2006	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 3, 2022, Docklands

	St Kilda	Richmond
Quarter time	6.2	6.4
Half time	8.4	10.5
Three-quarter time	11.8	12.6
Full time	18.9 (117)	13.6 (84)

GEORGE "SUGAR" SPARROW

George "Sugar" Sparrow played a minimum of 86 games and kicked at least 58 goals for Richmond from 1891 to 1896. He played at full forward until 1894, and in a game against Collingwood on September 17, 1892, he equalled Billy Brown's then club record of five goals in a match. Sparrow would boot four goals in a match on three other occasions, which was a fair effort in this very low-scoring era. He represented Victoria twice against Southern Tasmania in 1893, and once against South Australia in 1894. Sparrow was the club's leading goalkicker in 1892 (with 19) and 1893 (with 23), but his election to captain in 1894 necessitated a move from full forward to the half back line. There he could better lead and direct the team in this era before coaches. On June 26, 1895, he resigned and was replaced as captain by Dick Kelly. This allowed Sparrow to return to the forward line. He booted two goals in that game but injury prevented him from playing again that season. In April 1896 he sought a clearance to another club, but ultimately decided to remain at Richmond. The next month Sparrow kicked the winning goal against St Kilda just moments before the final bell. He was cleared to South Melbourne in 1898 where he played 14 games, but he was possibly best remembered at St Kilda. He played 11 games for the Saints in 1899, and coached St Kilda in 1913, 1920, 1928 and 1929. It was under Sparrow's stewardship in 1913 that the Saints made the League finals for the first time. They in fact made the grand final that year, but succumbed to Fitzroy by 13 points.