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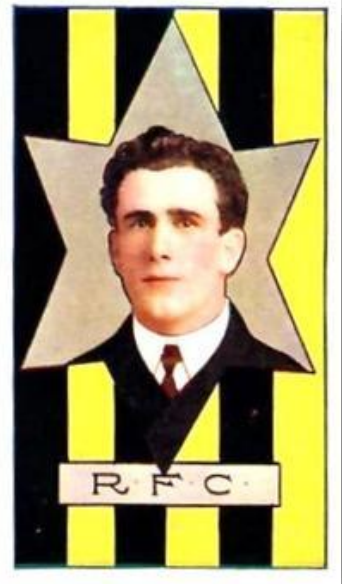## March 14, 2024

AFL 2024 Round 1
Carlton v Richmond

Vale Ted Hopkins (1949 – 2023)

The football public was saddened to learn of the death of former Carlton player Ted Hopkins at the age of 74 in November last year. Having been a two-time Australian junior water-skiing champion, he was recruited to the Blues from Moe in the Gippsland Football League, making his debut in Round 8, 1968. Hopkins is best known for his match and premiership-winning four goals in the second half of the 1970 Grand Final against Collingwood, the twenty-eighth game of his twenty-nine match, ten goal, career with the club. He retired after Round 1 in 1971 to pursue other interests. He became a national park ranger at Falls Creek, played local football for Albury, and later Yallourn. He then went on to found data analysis services companies Champion Data and TedSport. He also published fictional pieces and poetry and co-founded Champion Books and the Backyard Press Printing Co-operative. Hopkins is survived by his daughter Erica and older sister Judith.

Their First Grand Final

These two sides have played against each other in six grand finals, in 1921, 1932, 1969, 1972, 1973 and 1982, and none has been more exciting than the first. Before a crowd of 43,122 fans on a rainy day at the MCG, Carlton captain Gordon Green won the toss and surprised everybody by choosing to kick against the wind. In a low scoring game, as dictated by the weather, the Blues led by a goal at quarter time, and with the Tigers kicking only one behind in the second quarter, Carlton led by 13 points at the main break. Richmond's big men came into their own in the third quarter and they were down by just two points at the final change. A goal to Hughie James (pictured) at the start of the last quarter saw them hit the front. Carlton replied and led by two points with eight minutes to play. A goal to Richmond's Norm Turnbull saw the Tigers take back the lead, and a fierce, slogging battle in the mud for those last eight minutes saw the scores unaltered and the Tigers held on to record their first premiership. **Richmond 5.6 (36) def. Carlton 4.8 (32)**

Did You Know?

1. The 2017 grand final between Richmond and the Adelaide Crows was the first in VFL/AFL history in which no player in either side had previous grand final experience.
2. In 2009 Geelong became the first team in VFL/AFL history to lose the first three quarters of a grand final and win the match.
3. The death of Australia's monarch has not always been a bad omen for the Geelong Football Club. In 1952 King George VI died and Geelong defeated the Magpies to win the flag. In 2022 the Cats defeated the Swans in the year of Queen Elizabeth II's demise.
4. Ian Ferguson and Brad Kingsbury in the *Aussie Football Dictionary* describe the clubs' runners:
   "Runners" - They wear vividly coloured uniforms and often appear to be in the action as much as the players. Adept at verbal direction of their own players and often offer far more colourful advice to the opposition.
5. Gary Ablett senior enjoyed his games against the Tigers, kicking 10 goals or more on four occasions – 10 in Round 4, 1988, 14 in Round 9, 1989, 12 in Round 20, 1990 and 12 in Round 8, 1993.

Over to You

Q1: Who am I? I played three cricket Tests for Australia and also played 66 games for VFL side Footscray in the 1940s.
Q2: Can you name the Carlton and Richmond player/s selected in the 2023 AFL Team of the Year?

This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon who kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only two have taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011, and Carlton drew with Richmond 8.10 (58) apiece on March 16, 2023. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 90,151 for the Carlton-Richmond game in 2018.

Statistics for Carlton v Richmond

Carlton v Richmond by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Richmond	Drawn
Docklands	2	1	0
MCG	36	49	1
Princes Park	54	23	1
Punt Road	30	21	0
Waverley Park	4	3	1
	126	97	3

Last Time They Met – Round 1, 2023, MCG

	Richmond	Carlton
Quarter time	1.4	3.1
Half time	2.4	4.6
Three-quarter time	7.8	6.9
Full time	8.10 (58)	8.10 (58)

Highest Score

Carlton	28.16 (184)	Rd 15	2011	MCG
Richmond	25.24 (174)	Rd 1	1978	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	3.10 (28)	Rd 9	1924	PP
Richmond	2.9 (21)	Rd 10	1958	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	115 points	Rd 14	1984	PP
Richmond	85 points	Rd 7	2005	MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	Jim Baird	Carl	Rd 1	1943	PP
10	Sel Murray	Rich	Rd 7	1945	PP
10	Robert Walls	Carl	Rd 7	1976	PP

0.0 (0) – Shut-Outs at the MCG

A shut-out is the parlance used in North American sports to describe a baseball or American football team being kept scoreless. Rarely has this happened in Australian football since 1897, when behinds were first counted towards a score. While 0.0 (0) has been a seldom encountered full time score from the start of the twentieth century, and it has not happened in a senior match played over four full quarters at the MCG, there have been shut-outs here in social, charity and corporate kick arounds, time limited competitions, or when two age restricted teams were hopelessly mismatched. Excluding the severely time limited matches, such as VFL Lightning Premiership games when matches lasted no more than 20 minutes, there have been four known shut-outs at the MCG in formal competitions or tournaments since 1897.

- On Monday September 5, 1904, Albert Park State School 5.8 (38) defeated Essendon State School 0.0 (0) in a semi final of the Victorian State School Championship.

- In 1923 the MCG hosted all Interstate State Schoolboys Carnival games. On Monday July 23 Victoria scored 15.23 (113) to Queensland's 0.0 (0). The Vics would ultimately win the tournament undefeated. Queensland finished third of four teams after they defeated New South Wales by one point on the last day of the tournament.

- In 1953 the Melbourne Football Club established a fourth team that played in the Under 17 section of the Melbourne Boys Football League. The fourths' home games were usually curtain raisers for the Demons' thirds in the VFL's Under 19 grade, and therefore, the boys had an opportunity to run out onto the MCG before largely empty stands. On July 14, 1962, Melbourne's fourths 31.28 (214) belted the Under 17s of the VFA's Mordialloc Football Club 0.0 (0). The Demons would lose to Hawthorn's Under 17s in the 1962 MBFL grand final.

- The 2010s saw a massive influx in women and girls taking up Australian football. So much so that an AFL Youth Girls National Championship was organised for 2016 and staged across a number of Melbourne venues. The Under 18 Pool A grand final was a curtain raiser to an AFL match at the MCG on Friday May 6. It was unfortunately a one-sided contest with Victoria Metro Girls 14.11 (95) shutting-out the Western Australia Girls team 0.0 (0).

Over To You Answers

Q1 George Tribe.
Q2 Carlton's Charlie Curnow was the only Carlton player named in the 2023 AFL Team of the Year and Richmond had no players named.