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AFL 2024 ROUND 14 RICHMOND V HAWTHORN

THE GLENFERRIE OVAL – THE HAWKS’ SPIRITUAL HOME

The Hawthorn Football Club had played at the West Hawthorn Reserve, the Richmond Racecourse and the Punt Road Oval, before they made the Glenferrie Oval their home. In 1905 Hawthorn’s council wanted to have a senior club to represent the district at the Glenferrie Oval. The Hawthorn Football Club that competed in the Metropolitan Junior Football Association, and Hawthorn Rovers that competed in the Eastern Suburbs Association, merged to form the Hawthorn City Football Club and Glenferrie Oval became their home ground. The word “City” was later dropped and the club was known as the Hawthorn Football Club when it entered the Victorian Football Association in 1914. In 1922 the ground was widened by 30 yards (27.4 metres) and lengthened to the west by 50 yards (45.7 metres) to the present dimensions.

The art deco grandstand on the western side of the Glenferrie Oval is described in the Victorian Heritage Register as “one of the best ‘Moderne’ style buildings in the State”. It was opened in 1938 and financed by the City of Hawthorn. Simply called the Hawthorn Stand before the start of 1991 football season, it was renamed the Michael Tuck Stand, after the club’s games record holder. Following an application from the National Trust in 1991, the building has been heritage protected from 1992.

In 1961 the club decided to buy some properties on the other side of Linda Crescent and the club’s social club was opened there in 1962. To the south of the Michael Tuck Stand, the Dr. A.S. Ferguson Stand, named in honour of the club’s long standing president, was opened in 1966. This grandstand was demolished in 2023 to make way for the Victorian Weightlifting Stadium.

The Hawks played 584 League matches at the oval with their last game, against South Melbourne, in August 1973. The record attendance at the ground was 36,786 on April 17, 1965, to see the Hawks take on Carlton. The club retained the ground as an administrative and training base until they moved to Waverley Park in 2006. Glenferrie Oval is now open to the public for various recreation and leisure activities.

PUNT ROAD OVAL REDEVELOPMENTS

The Punt Road Oval, the Richmond Football Club’s spiritual home, was cleared and fenced by the Richmond Cricket Club (RCC) in 1855/56, however, it was not until October 1865 that a true pavilion was constructed on the western side of the ground. It was the only substantial spectator facility at the venue until 1906. Throughout its life the RCC Members’ Pavilion was renovated and enlarged, and even had a skittles alley. In 1920 its verandah collapsed under the weight of spectators. On July 13, 1935, it burned to the ground.

On January 16, 1906, the Melbourne Cricket Club offered its redundant Smokers’ Stand, constructed on the western side of the MCG in 1884, to the RCC free of charge. More of a shelter-shed than a pavilion or a grandstand, it was erected north of the 1865 pavilion in time for the beginning of the 1906 football season. The RCC renamed it the Ladies’ Stand and it was sold in 1917 for £35/10/0

In June 1913 the RCC received permission to increase the size of their ground to the north-west, and soon a grandstand designed by Thomas Watts & Son would be built there. It was paid for through the sale of indentures. Work on it began in early 1914 and the foundation stone was formally laid on May 2. The new 1,200 capacity grandstand was officially opened on Saturday June 6 by former Prime Minister and federal Labor Party leader Andrew Fisher. The grandstand was extended southward in 1927 with the addition of the D.P. Chessell Wing. In 1998 it was renamed the Jack Dyer Stand.

To the south of the brick grandstand, a long proposed concrete grandstand, named the Ernest H. King Stand, was built and operational in time for the first Round of the 1938 season. It was formally opened two weeks later on May 27. In 1965 Richmond moved its home matches to the MCG. While Punt Road still hosted football, its spectator facilities became increasingly redundant, so in 1980 the Ernest H. King Stand was enclosed and renovated as the site for the Richmond Cricket and Football Club Social Club. In 2003 an administration office, the Casey Family building, that had a boardroom and a community swimming pool, was built between the Jack Dyer Stand and the Social Club. Less than six years later the Social Club was demolished for the construction of the David Mandie Building in 2009, where the Richmond Football Club and the Korin Gamadgji Institute are headquartered.

OVER TO YOU

1. Matthew Richardson led Richmond’s goalkicking from 1994 to 2008, except in 1995 and 2000. Can you name the players who led their goalkicking in those years?
2. Two Richmond players have kicked 100 or more goals in a season. Can you name them?

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 HAWTHORN

Richmond v Hawthorn by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
Docklands	2	0	0
Glenferrie Oval	29	13	0
MCG	26	29	1
Princes Park	6	7	0
Punt Road	24	10	0
Waverley Park	6	11	0
York Park	0	1	0
	93	71	1

Highest Score

Richmond	29.14 (188)	Rd 5	1985	PP
Hawthorn	28.17 (185)	Rd 16	1984	Wav

Lowest Score

Richmond	2.20 (32)	Rd 15	1975	PP
Hawthorn	3.11 (29)	Rd 12	1925	PR

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	114 points	Rd 16	1967	GO
Hawthorn	101 points	Rd 14	1986	MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

17	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 7	1992	Wav
12	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1992	MCG
11	D. Brereton	Haw	Rd 16	1990	MCG
11	M. Roach	Rich	Rd 5	1985	PP
10	P. Hudson	Haw	Rd 7	1971	GO
10	J. Titus	Rich	Rd 6	1941	PR

Last Time They Met – Round 19, 2023, MCG

	Richmond	Hawthorn
Quarter time	3.2	4.2
Half time	6.6	10.3
Three-quarter time	9.9	15.3
Full time	14.12 (96)	15.5 (95)

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Ian Scrimshaw was recruited by Hawthorn from the Blackburn Football Club in 1974. A “utility” player Scrimshaw played 19 games and kicked 20 goals for the Hawks in his two years with them. He was traded to Richmond during the 1976 season and played 40 games and booted 26 goals with the Tigers to the end of the end of the 1981 season. Scrimshaw suffered a major disappointment in 1980 when, having played in Richmond’s successful qualifying and semi final side, he was dropped for the grand final team. He played five games for the WAFL side East Perth in 1982, before hanging up his boots.

EARLY DAYS

The Round 10 edition of the 1923 *Football Record* advised us of the strong feelings of a football fan:

“The chauffeur of a steam roller in one of the suburbs is a keen barracker, and a hard hater of umpires on the days when his favourites are beaten. His offsider dropped the spikes that root up the road metal, and as the roller viciously tore the ground the hog at the wheel as he grinned like Satan sang out ‘I wish I had that there umpire here now. I’d get him with the spikes, and I’d launder him under my machine. That would learn him what’s holding the ball and holding the man rule.’ That’s about the most terrible fate ever threatened an umpire.”

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Nick Daffy in 1995, and Matthew Rogers in 2000.

Q2 Jack Titus kicked 100 goals in 1940, and Michael Roach kicked 112 goals in 1980.

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