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AFL 2024 ROUND 11 NARRM (MELBOURNE) V EURO-YROKE (ST KILDA)

GREAT GOALKICKING BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- In Round 19, 1947, Fred Fanning (pictured) kicked 18 goals 1 behind against St Kilda at the Junction Oval. He booted four goals in the first quarter, seven in the second, three in the third and four in the last. With his tally he took his season's total to 97 goals and broke the previous club record of 88 held by Norm Smith. The final score was Melbourne 27.9 (171) to St Kilda 10.18 (78). An estimated crowd of 6,000 witnessed the match. The 18 goals kicked by Fred Fanning still stands as the record of goals kicked by an individual in a VFL/AFL game. In Round 8, 1947, Fred Fanning also booted a bag of ten goals against St Kilda at the MCG before a crowd of 12,046.
- In Round 4, 1987 at the MCG, Tony Lockett (St Kilda) kicked 12 goals with three behinds. The Demons won convincingly 21.13 (139) to St Kilda 14.8 (92). The crowd in attendance was 25,465. Remarkably, Lockett booted 12 goals of St Kilda's 14 goals for the losing team.



ST KILDA'S FIRST VICTORY

St Kilda's early years in the VFL lacked success. The club had 48 consecutive losses. The club finished last on the ladder in 1897, 1898 and 1899. In Round 14, 1899, at Corio Oval, St Kilda scored just two points against Geelong 16.23 (119). St Kilda's first win came on 5 May 1900 at the Junction Oval. The St Kilda team had seemingly held Melbourne to a draw. The VFL upheld a protest and it was decided the umpire had not signalled the end of the third quarter correctly, and the bell had gone before a mark to Wardle (Melbourne) that ended in a point. The *Prahran Telegraph* of May 19, 1900 noted: "The League officials unanimously awarded the match between St Kilda and Melbourne (which resulted in a tie) to St Kilda." Playing for St Kilda was Claude Clough, and the Melbourne match in 1900 was his only victory in the twenty three games he played between 1900 and 1901 for the Saints. Clough is the youngest player in VFL/AFL history at 15 years and 209 days. In the same game, Vic Cumberland played for Melbourne. He was there from 1898 to 1901, and played 50 games for the Redlegs. Cumberland was a member of Melbourne's 1900 premiership side. He also represented St Kilda in 1903-04, 1907-08, 1912-15 and 1920. Cumberland played his last season with St Kilda at 43 years of age. He retired from senior VFL football in 1920, the oldest player ever.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Aubrey "Baldy" MacKenzie was born in South Africa in 1894. He played two games (0 goals) with Melbourne in 1914 and 35 games (8 goals) with St Kilda from 1922 to 1924. He enlisted in the army during WWI and when he returned he played with Footscray (VFA) and was a member of their 1919 premiership team. He was a fine ruckman at St Kilda during 1922 to 1924. He is thought to be the last player to have worn a cap during a match. Tragically, MacKenzie died in a car accident in 1933, he was just 38 years old.

Jack "Tiny" Watt was 5'11" (180cm) tall and weighed 176lb (80kg). Educated at Geelong College, he represented Geelong in 1909 and 1911-12, playing 31 games and kicking seven goals. Between 1913 and 1914 he represented Melbourne in 18 games (seven goals). His final team was St Kilda, with whom he played five games in 1914 (three goals). He was a handy and reliable follower.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who am I? A knee injury ended my career at the age of 23, just months after being awarded a Brownlow Medal. I was a Saint. My brother played for Melbourne in the 1955 and 1956 premiership teams.
2. Who did Allan Jeans replace as St Kilda coach?
3. What was the Year? St Kilda participated in only their second grand final. A left footer won his first Brownlow Medal. Bob Davis coached Geelong for the last time.
4. In which year was the Brownlow Medal first telecast?
5. Who captained St Kilda in its 1966 grand final victory?
6. What nickname did Melbourne have before it was known as the Demons?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 11 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 11 score at the MCG is 25.11 (161) by Collingwood against St Kilda in 1995. The overall record is 25.29 (179) by Fitzroy against Geelong 8.8 (56) at the Brunswick Street Oval in 1944. The most goals in a Round 11 game at the MCG is 12 by Bob Johnson Snr for Melbourne against Hawthorn in 1933. The overall Round 11 record is 15 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1933. The highest score in a quarter in this round at the MCG is 10.5 (65) which has been achieved twice, both times by Richmond against Footscray. The first instance was in the third quarter of a 1970 clash and the second in the last quarter in a 1978 match. The overall Round 11 record for the highest score in a quarter is 11.5 (71) by Fitzroy against Geelong in the third quarter at Brunswick Street in 1944. The highest Round 11 attendance at the MCG is 87,653 in 1989 when Geelong defeated Essendon by 54 points. The overall Round 11 attendance record is 92,935 at Waverley Park in 1981 when Hawthorn defeated Collingwood by 46 points.

STATISTICS FOR MELBOURNE V ST KILDA

Melbourne v St Kilda by venue

	Won By Melbourne	Won By St Kilda	Drawn
Albert Park	1	0	0
Carrara	0	1	0
Docklands	7	9	0
Junction Oval	34	27	1
MCG	60	37	0
Moorabbin	11	12	0
Princes Park	1	0	0
Punt Road Oval	3	2	0
Traeger Park	1	0	0
Waverley Park	7	6	0
	125	94	1

Highest Score

Melbourne	27.13 (175)	Rd 20	1977	MCG
St Kilda	31.18 (204)	Rd 6	1978	MCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	2.13 (25)	Rd 5	1908	JO
St Kilda	1.5 (11)	Rd 16	1957	JO

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	105 points	Rd 13	1948	MCG
St Kilda	88 points	Rd 18	2005	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2023, Docklands

	St Kilda	Melbourne
Quarter time	3.5	5.0
Half time	4.7	7.2
Three-quarter time	6.8	9.5
Full time	8.10 (58)	12.7 (79)

Most Goals in a Match

18	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 19	1947	JO
12	Tony Lockett	St Kilda	Rd 4	1987	MCG
10	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 8	1947	MCG

DID YOU KNOW?

When St Kilda played Melbourne in the 1998 semi-final, two sets of twins played with Matthew and Steven Febey for Melbourne and Shane and Darryl Wakelin for the Saints. The Demons 15.17 (107) defeated the Saints 7.14 (56). A crowd of 88,456 witnessed the match.

HISTORY LIVES

Until recently it was believed that George Leslie Simmonds, a footballer recruited from Kerang who played four games for Melbourne in 1924, was Aboriginal. This was shown to be a myth by Richmond Football Club historian Rhett Bartlett in 2020. Simmonds was confused with an Aboriginal footballer with a similar name, George Materson “Nugget” Simmonds. “Nugget” played with Richmond Seconds from 1925 to 1927 and senior football with the VFA club Northcote from 1930 to 1937. The first footballer who identified as an Aborigine and played for Melbourne was Eddie Jackson. Jackson, a Yorta Yorta wingman recruited from Echuca, was selected as a reserve in the Demons’ 1948 premiership team. He also played in the drawn grand final the previous weekend. Jackson played 84 games and kicked 10 goals for Melbourne’s senior team between 1947 and 1952.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Brian Gleeson, who represented St Kilda in 70 matches between 1953 and 1957. **Q2** Jim Francis. **Q3** 1965. **Q4** 1970. **Q5** Darrel Baldock. **Q6** Fuchsias.

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