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AFL 2025 Round 10 RICHMOND V NORTH MELBOURNE

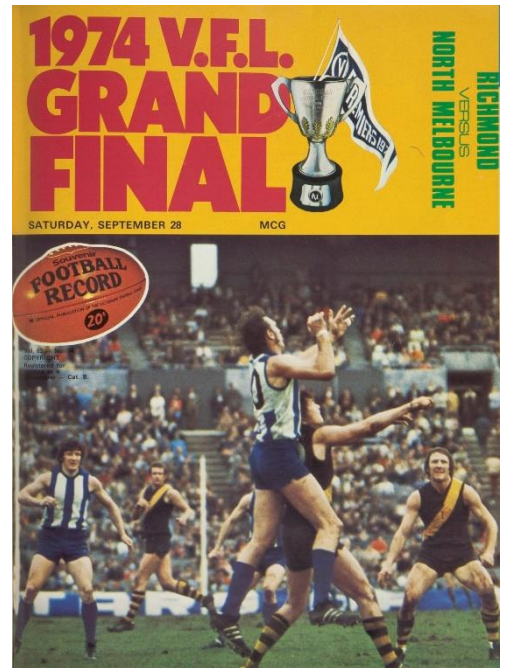
RICHMOND IN THE 1970s

After having won premierships in 1967 and 1969, the Tigers began the next decade as flag favourites but started the season by losing four of their first five matches, three of which they were expected to win comfortably. They went on to miss the finals, finishing in sixth place with 12 wins and 10 losses. In 1971 they performed more consistently, winning 16 games to finish in third place. They then beat Collingwood by 44 points but lost to St Kilda in the preliminary final by 30 points. In 1972, the first year of a final five, the Tigers and the Blues were a cut above the rest, both finishing well clear of third placed Collingwood. Richmond would go on to lose an extraordinary grand final kicking 22.18 (150) to Carlton's 28.9 (177).

At the end of the home and away rounds, Collingwood were firm favourites to win the 1973 flag, having won 19 games and lost just three. Richmond finished second with 17 wins. But the Magpies faltered in the finals, losing to Carlton and Richmond. The Tigers then led at every change in the grand final and went on to beat the Blues by 30 points. Kevin Bartlett had 26 possessions and Royce Hart, Ian Stewart and Kevin Sheedy each kicked three goals.

The Tigers topped the ladder in 1974 with 17 wins, North Melbourne finishing second on 16. The finals system at the time favoured the top team, and Richmond qualified for the grand final by beating North Melbourne by 21 points in a semi final. Facing North again in the grand final, the Tigers drew away in the final quarter to take the flag by 41 points. Kevin Sheedy had 29 possessions and Barry Richardson kicked five goals.

The Tigers finished fourth on the ladder in 1975, and then won finals against Collingwood and Carlton, but they lowered their colours in the preliminary final, losing to North Melbourne. Richmond missed the finals in 1976, finishing in seventh position with 10 wins and 12 losses. Fourth place was achieved in 1977, but North put the Tigers out of the race in a semi final. Ten wins in 1978 meant that no finals would be played, and the following year the club finished the decade on a low note with nine wins and eighth place. At that stage not even the most ardent Richmond supporters could have envisioned what would happen the following year. The Tigers would finish in third place in 1980 and go on to crush Collingwood by 81 points in that season's grand final.



The 1974 grand final
Football Record.

IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE TOP: NORTH MELBOURNE 1869-1975

Tradition has it that 1869 was North Melbourne Football Club's inaugural year, based on a sketchy report in the *Australasian* newspaper. It is also believed that James H. Gardiner was the club's first secretary. In 1876, North embarked upon a short-lived amalgamation with Albert Park, and then in 1877, re-born as Hotham, became a founding member of the VFA. When the Town (municipality) of Hotham was renamed North Melbourne in 1887, the football club followed suit. VFA premierships were won in 1903, 1904, 1910, 1914, 1915 and 1918.

After several failed applications to join the VFL, North was admitted in 1925, along with Footscray and Hawthorn. After 20 years of finishing in the bottom half of the League ladder, the club made the finals for the first time in 1945 but lost to Carlton in the first semi final. In 1949 North took top spot at the end of the home and away games but lost both finals to finish third. In 1950 the nickname "Kangaroos" was adopted, and the first grand final was reached, but Essendon took the flag.

Following a radical change to transfer rules in 1972, North recruited star players Barry Davis (Essendon), John Rantall (South Melbourne) and Doug Wade (Geelong). The team lost to Richmond in the 1974 Grand Final, but then broke the premiership drought in 1975, scoring 19.8 (122) to Hawthorn's 9.13 (67). Six years after the club's centenary celebrations, North Melbourne had finally made it to the top.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 10 AT THE MCG

The highest score for this round at the MCG is 27.11 (173) by Collingwood against West Coast 10.13 (73) in 2008. The overall Round 10 record is 31.10 (196) by St Kilda against Carlton at Docklands in 2004. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 10 is 116 points by Carlton 25.15 (165) against Melbourne 6.13 (49) in 1986. The overall Round 10 record is 138 points by Adelaide 30.8 (188) against Essendon 6.14 (50) at Football Park in 2006. The most goals on the MCG in this round is 10 by Tony Modra for Fremantle against Melbourne in 1999. The overall Round 10 record is 12 by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Brisbane at Moorabbin in 1992. The biggest attendance for a home-and-away match of 99,256 was in Round 10, 1958 at the MCG. Played on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Melbourne 12.12 (84) defeated Collingwood 10.13 (73).

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V NORTH MELBOURNE

Richmond v North Melbourne by Venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by North Melb	Drawn
Arden Street	28	21	0
Bellerive Oval	0	2	0
Carrara	1	0	0
Coburg	0	1	0
Docklands	6	11	0
MCG	23	27	2
Princes Park	0	1	0
Punt Road	24	7	0
SCG	0	1	0
Waverley Park	6	4	0
	88	75	2

Highest Score

Richmond	30.19 (199)	Rd 2	1931	PR
North Melb	32.17 (209)	Rd 2	1990	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	3.8 (26)	Rd 3	1960	AS
North Melb	2.9 (21)	Rd 1	1928	PR

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	168 points	Rd 2	1931	PR
North Melb	141 points	Rd 2	1990	MCG

Last Time They Met - Round 21, 2024, MCG

	Richmond	North Melb.
Quarter time	3.4	2.2
Half time	6.10	7.3
Three-quarter time	8.12	12.6
Full time	10.17 (77)	14.6 (90)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	D. Strang	Richmond	Rd 2	1931	PR
12	J. Longmire	North Melb	Rd 2	1990	MCG
10	D. Strang	Richmond	Rd 13	1933	AS

DUAL BROWNLOW MEDALLISTS

Each of these clubs has produced a dual Brownlow Medallist, Richmond's Roy Wright winning in 1952 and 1954 and North Melbourne's Keith Greig in 1973 and 1974. (Ian Stewart won his third Brownlow with Richmond, having previously won two when playing with St Kilda).

Roy Wright, recruited from North Kew in 1946, played just 26 senior games in his first three seasons with the Tigers because Jack Dyer and 1948 Brownlow Medallist Bill Morris shared the ruck duties. Wright got his chance when Dyer retired in 1949, and went on to win the club's best and fairest award in 1951 (jointly with Des Rowe), 1952, 1954 and 1957. He was selected to play for Victoria on 18 occasions and earned All Australian selection at the 1956 Perth carnival. He was named as first ruckman in Richmond's Team of the Century.

Keith Greig, recruited from then VFA club Brunswick at the age of 19, went on to play 294 games for the Kangaroos. A highly skilled, fast and beautifully balanced wingman, he played in North's initial premiership team (1975), captained the club (1976-1979), won the best and fairest award (1980), represented Victoria on 13 occasions (captain 1978) and was an All-Australian (1983). In 1996 he was named on a wing in the AFL Team of the Century.

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