



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 15 ESSENDON V MELBOURNE

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SOME ESSENDON NICKNAMES

When Essendon played at East Melbourne Cricket Ground between 1882 and 1921, fans sang the club's theme song "The Same Old Essendon". According to Charlie Hardy, a 1920s Essendon player, the lyrics were: "The same old Essendon we used to be. / The same old Essendon we love to see. / We won the other day, and we'll win the next we play, / For we're always the "Same Old" Essendon. / Who wouldn't play for Essendon, so happy and so free? / Who wouldn't play for Essendon and fight for victory?" (*Sporting Globe*, 2 September 1939, p.6)

The "Same Olds" nickname first appeared in the *North Melbourne Advertiser* in 1889. Essendon enjoyed premiership success in the Victorian Football Association in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894. The club won early Victorian Football League premierships in 1897, 1901, 1911 and 1912. Essendon Town or Essendon Association played in the VFA from 1900 to 1921 wearing the same strip as Essendon's VFL side. The Essendon Association team was nicknamed the "Dreadnaughts". With "The Same Olds" becoming less widely used, the VFL side was also referred to as the "Sash Wearers" and "The Essendonians". It was also known as "The Dons". In 1923 and 1924 Essendon won the VFL premiership with a group of players nicknamed the "Mosquito Fleet" with six players between 160 and 167 centimetres tall. The Essendon Football Club adopted the nickname the "Bombers" in April 1940.

NEALE DANIHER – A BOMBER, A DEMON AND MUCH MORE

Neale Daniher played with the Bombers from 1979 to 1990 in 82 games kicking 32 goals. The VFL Recruit of the Year in 1978, he represented Victoria twice and New South Wales once. The four Daniher brothers, Neale, Terry, Anthony and Chris, all played for NSW in the victory over Victoria in 1990. Neale also played with all brothers in a Bombers match that year. He won Essendon's best and fairest award in 1981 and was club captain in 1982, but cruelly never led the side due to injury. Daniher coached Melbourne between 1998 and 2007 for 223 games for 108 wins, 114 losses and one draw. He coached the side to 12 finals for six wins. He was awarded membership of the Order of Australia in 2016 for his efforts in raising awareness of Motor Neurone Disease. A sufferer of MND, he has bravely fought the disease while raising the illness's profile. The Big Freeze at the MCG highlights the need for raising funds for research. In January this year a walkway to the MCG was named in his honour. A highly successful biography titled "When All is Said and Done" recounts his life and his determination to beat MND which he calls "The Beast". In 2021 he was made an Officer of the Order of Australia.

OVER TO YOU

1. Can you name the three father and son combinations that have played in premierships for Melbourne?
2. Can you name the two Essendon 1962 Grand Final rovers who went on to later coach the club?
3. Who took over the number 31 guernsey at Melbourne when Ron Barassi went to Carlton in 1965?
4. Legendary full forward John Coleman kicked 537 goals in 98 games for Essendon between 1949 and 1954 when injury forced his early retirement. How many times did he kick 100 or more goals in a season?
5. Which Demons players had the following nicknames: (a) "The Red Fox", (b) "Tiger", (c) "Bluey", (d) "Junior" and (e) "Doc"?
6. Which Essendon players had the following nicknames: (a) "Bomber", (b) "The Flying Dutchman", (c) "Budgie", (d) "Bluey" and (e) "Crackers"?
7. Which Australian Test cricketer has the nickname "Garry"? Wicketkeeper Tim Payne calls out the name when the player bowls well.
8. Who were selected at full forward in Essendon and Melbourne's Teams of the Century?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 15 on the MCG

The highest Round 15 score on the MCG is 27.20 (182) by Essendon against Melbourne 8.12 (60) in 1986. The overall Round 15 record is 28.23 (191) by Hawthorn against Geelong 13.6 (84) at Princes Park in 1977. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Peter Sumich for West Coast against Essendon in 1992 and by Gary Ablett Snr for Geelong against Melbourne in 1993. The overall Round 15 record is 12 which has been recorded by three players – Bob Pratt for South Melbourne against Footscray at the Lakeside Oval in 1934, Peter Hudson for Hawthorn against St Kilda at Glenferrie Oval in 1971 and Simon Beasley for Footscray against Melbourne at the Western Oval in 1985. The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Richmond in the last quarter against Hawthorn in 1997. Richmond kicked 22.13 (145) to win by 76 points. The overall Round 15 record for the highest score in a quarter is 12.6 (78) by Geelong against Brisbane at Carrara in 1989. Geelong kicked 22.19 (151) to win by 74 points after leading by only 21 points at three-quarter time. The highest Round 15 attendance at the MCG is 81,099 in 1960 when Melbourne defeated Collingwood by 46 points. This is the overall Round 15 record.

Statistics for Essendon v Melbourne

Essendon v Melbourne by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Melbourne	Drawn
Carrara	0	1	0
Docklands	3	4	0
East Melb. CG	19	3	1
Lake Oval	1	1	0
MCG	67	45	1
Princes Park	1	0	0
Punt Road	1	2	0
SCG	0	1	0
Waverley Park	6	2	0
Windy Hill	32	26	0
	130	84	2

Highest Score

Essendon	28.16 (184)	Rd 2	2013	MCG
Melbourne	25.20 (170)	Rd 2	1937	WH

Lowest Score

Essendon	1.8 (14)	Final	1897	LO
Melbourne	0.8 (8)	Final	1897	LO

Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	148 points	Rd 2	2013	MCG
Melbourne	90 points	Rd 15	1927	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 18, 2020, Carrara

	Melbourne	Essendon
Quarter time	1.4	2.0
Half time	6.6	2.2
Three-quarter time	7.7	3.3
Full time	10.8 (68)	7.7 (49)

Most Goals in a Match

12	Ted Freyer	Ess	Rd 1	1935	MCG
11	George Margitich	Melb	Rd 9	1930	MCG

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In 1873 the club first attired their players in long red socks, and were therefore soon called the “red stockings”. During the 1880s this label had morphed into the abiding Melbourne nickname the “Redlegs”. In the 1890s Melbourne was also referred to as the “Fuchsias”. The *Herald* cartoonist Samuel Wells regularly drew Melbourne players as fuchsias – including his caricature of Bill Timms (left). In 1933 Melbourne appointed Frank “Checker” Hughes as coach. According to Percy Beames, a frustrated Hughes early-on thundered at his players, “Lift up your heads and play like Demons!” Hughes may have drawn inspiration from the MCC baseball team which was referred to as the “Red Demons” by the *Sporting Globe’s* Ern Crowley from as early as 1933. In 1936 Hughes coined a new battle cry for the football club – “Beware the Red Demons.” Hughes wanted his team to “possess that bit of fire and devil in their play.” Hughes was portrayed as a demon by Wells’ successor at the *Herald*, Alexander Gurney. (right)



OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 Ron Barassi snr. and jnr., Bob Johnson snr. and jnr. and Richard and Ken Emselle. **Q2** Jack Clarke, Ian Ridley, and John Birt. **Q3** Ray Groom. **Q4** Three – 1949, 100 goals. 1950, 120 goals and 1952, 103 goals. **Q5** (a) Norm Smith, (b) Brent Crosswell, (c) Frank Adams, (d) James McDonald and (e) Brian Roet. **Q6** (a) Mark Thompson, (b) Paul van der Haar, (c) Tony Buhagiar, (d) Ian Shelton and (e) Peter Keenan. **Q7** Nathan Lyon. His nickname was derived from the name of former Melbourne captain Garry Lyon. **Q8** John Coleman (Essendon), Norm Smith (Melbourne).