



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 22 RICHMOND V HAWTHORN

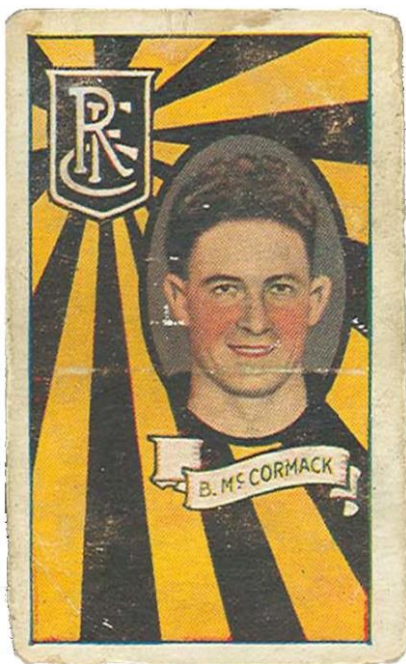
LIBRARY FACT SHEET AUGUST 14, 2022

HAWTHORN'S ENTRY TO THE VFL

Hawthorn played in the Metropolitan Junior Football Association (later the VAFA) between 1902 and 1913, before joining the VFA in 1914. The club began lobbying for entry to the VFL in the early 1920s and was admitted to that competition in 1925 despite modest results during its eight season VFA stint that was interrupted for three years by the Great War. Hawthorn's only final during this era was the 1923 first semi final, which it lost to Port Melbourne 14.11 (95) to 9.13 (67). Hawthorn played 140 VFA games for 57 wins, 81 losses and two draws, and in 1924, its last VFA season, it finished sixth with 10 wins and eight losses. The following year Hawthorn played its first league match against Richmond, going down by 39 points, 5.8 (38) to 11.11 (77) at a capacity Glenferrie Oval. Hawthorn finished last in their first league season. It won only three matches that year, and two of those were against fellow newcomers to the VFL, Footscray and North Melbourne.



The Hawthorn Football Club in 1922.



TEAM OF THE CENTURY - BASIL McCORMACK

Selected on the half-back flank in the Tigers' Team of the Century, Basil McCormack played 200 games for the club, was a member of two premierships teams and won the best and fairest award in 1927 and 1928. He also represented Victoria on 13 occasions. As he neared his 200th game in 1936, the following article appeared in the *Sporting Globe*:

"Basil McCormack last Saturday missed his first game at Geelong since he joined Richmond in 1925. Coming from Rochester, Basil walked straight into the Tiger side, without even an apprenticeship in the Cubs. He was placed on the left half-back flank, the position which he has almost uninterruptedly filled ever since with such distinction. When he had played 60 consecutive games, he missed one through injury. Then he took part in 91 more matches on end before a certain body of gentlemen handed him a little "holiday." Now he needs only eight more games for 200 with Richmond. Fearless, virile and heady, Basil McCormack is one of the most consistently successful half-backs in the history of football in Victoria. He plays a hard game, but plays it fairly."

Fact sheets are prepared by MCC Library volunteers David Allen, Eric Panther, Quentin Miller, Dennis Carroll, Ian Wilkinson, and Gaye Fitzpatrick with MCC deputy librarian – research Trevor Ruddell and the assistance of Col Hutchinson of the AFL.

FACTSHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE
MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

This Round in History – Round 22 on the MCG

The highest Round 22 score at the MCG is 25.20 (170) by Hawthorn against Richmond 13.8 (86) in 1992. The overall Round 22 highest score is 32.16 (208) by Essendon against Footscray 9.8 (62) at the Western Oval in 1982. The highest score in a quarter is 10.4 (64) by North Melbourne in the second quarter against Fitzroy in 1991 (Fitzroy won by a point) and by Richmond against Fitzroy in the last quarter in 1988 (Richmond won by 103 points). The overall Round 22 record is 13.4 (82) by Essendon against Footscray in the third quarter at the Western Oval in 1982. The biggest bag of goals is 12 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1992 (see above for match scores). This is also the overall Round 22 goalkicking record. The largest Round 22 attendance is 87,984 when Essendon played Carlton at the MCG in 1995.

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	24	29	1
Princes Park	6	7	0
Punt Road	24	10	0
Waverley Park	6	11	0
York Park	0	1	0
	91	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 9, 2022, MCG

	Hawthorn	Richmond
Quarter time	4.4	3.3
Half time	8.5	9.5
Three-quarter time	9.8	12.9
Full time	14.10 (94)	17.15 (117)

THE PETER CRIMMINS MEDAL

Few club awards are held in as much esteem as Hawthorn's best and fairest prize, the Peter Crimmins Medal. Hawthorn's best player awards date to the club's earliest years. The prize was awarded to the club's "Best All-Rounder" until it was rebranded "Best and Fairest" in 1929. Although Crimmins never won Hawthorn's best and fairest (he came third in 1971), his name has been associated with it since 1976 when Leigh Matthews was the first player honoured as the Peter Crimmins Perpetual Trophy winner. Crimmins played 176 games for the Hawks from 1966 to 1975. He was Hawthorn's 1971 premierships rover and captained the club in 1974 and 1975. After the 1974 season he was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He had surgery and two bouts of chemo, but still made heroic efforts to make the 1975 grand final side. However, he was declared unfit to play. He missed the 1976 season and by the time Hawthorn were to meet North in the 1976 grand final Crimmo was bedridden. However, his own fight, coupled with a thoughtful telegram to his teammates before the match, spurred the Hawks on to a famous victory. Peter Crimmins died three days later aged 28, and his number 5 guernsey would be retired until 1993. As a memorial, from 1976 the player adjudged Hawthorn's best and fairest player each season was also presented with the Peter Crimmins Perpetual Trophy. In 1985 the "Best and Fairest" title was dropped for "Club Champion", however the Peter Crimmins Perpetual Trophy was retained. In 2004 the honour was renamed the Peter Crimmins Medal, and its inaugural recipient was Peter Everitt.



Above: A copy of the 2014 Peter Crimmins Medal, won by Jordan Lewis. Upon it is inscribed the club's Latin motto: *Spectemur Agendo* (Let us be judged by our acts)