



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2021 ROUND 7 RICHMOND V WESTERN BULLDOGS

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### THE FIRST GAME BETWEEN THE CLUBS

In 1925 Footscray entered the Victorian Football League with Hawthorn and North Melbourne. This took the competition to twelve clubs. The first match between Richmond and Footscray took place at Punt Road Oval in Round 8, 1925 before a crowd estimated at 12,000. Footscray was captained/coached by Con McCarthy and Richmond was captained by Mel Morris and coached by Dan Minogue. In a surprise, newcomers Footscray 12.9 (81) defeated Richmond 9.21 (75). The leading goalscorer for Footscray was Allan Hopkins with four goals and for Richmond Jack Huggard with six goals. In 1925 Richmond finished seventh with six wins, ten losses and one draw while Footscray finished eleventh with four wins and thirteen losses.

### PLAYED WITH BOTH

#### George Bayliss

From the Balmain Church of Christ team in Richmond, George Bayliss was a useful left-foot kick who was Richmond's first recognised spearhead. At Richmond he played in 1914 and from 1916 to 1923 in 89 games registering 217 goals. He missed the 1920 premiership side due to injury but played in the premiership side the following year and the 1919 grand final team which lost to Collingwood. In 1920 George Bayliss was the first Richmond player to win the VFL goalkicking award (63). He led the club goalkicking in 1920 (63), 1921 (53) and 1922 (32). Bayliss represented Victoria twice in 1920 and 1922. He moved to Footscray in 1924, the club's last season in the Victorian Football Association. Footscray won the VFA premiership and the Championship of Victoria against Essendon. Bayliss did not play in either of these games. When Footscray entered the Victorian Football League in 1925, he played nine games and kicked 18 goals with the newly promoted team.

#### David Thorpe

Originally recruited to the VFL from North Footscray, Thorpe was a fine centreman with great skills and plenty of courage. He won Footscray's best and fairest award in 1968 and 1971 and captained the Bulldogs in 1973. Between 1965 and 1973, he played 151 games and kicked 79 goals. He also played in the night series premierships in 1967 and 1970. Thorpe then spent three seasons with the Tigers from 1974 to 1976, playing 27 games and kicking 24 goals. He was a member of Richmond's 1974 premiership team. During his VFL career he was a regular selection for Victoria, playing for his state eight times and being selected an All Australian at the 1972 ANFC Carnival. After his time with Richmond, he moved to Port Melbourne and Yarraville in the Victorian Football Association.

### OVER TO YOU

1. Who am I? It may surprise some people that I only played in one season at League level. My 14 matches in 1974 attracted plenty of publicity. Being suspended following on-field misbehaviour probably cost me a chance of membership of the premiership team.
2. In what year did Footscray first play in a grand final?
3. Who scored eight goals for Richmond in his last League match in 1991?
4. Which Footscray player led the League's goalkickers with 105 goals in 1985?
5. How many League matches did Ted Whitten Snr play for Footscray?
6. For what reason would a goal umpire give the signal of two crossed flags?
7. In which sport did Footscray player Jim Thoms become Australian champion?
8. Which Footscray Brownlow Medallist's father played League football?

### FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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

## This Round in History – Round 7 on the MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 7 is 28.12 (180) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 22.11 (143) in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 37.17 (239) by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears 11.9 (75) at Carrara in 1992. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 7 is 122 points by Melbourne 25.16 (166) when they defeated North Melbourne 5.14 (44) in 1937. The overall Round 7 record is 164 points by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The lowest Round 7 score at the MCG since 1925 is 3.9 (27) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 15.21 (111) in 1927. This is the overall Round 7 record since 1925. The most goals by an individual in Round 7 at the MCG is 10 by Sydney's Tony Lockett against Collingwood in 1998. The overall Round 7 record is 17 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn versus Richmond at Waverley Park in 1992. The highest score in a quarter for Round 7 at the MCG is 10.3 (63) by the Kangaroos against Adelaide in the first quarter in 1999 and by North Melbourne against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 14.3 (87) in the fourth quarter by Geelong when playing the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The highest Round 7 attendance was in 2000 when 88,390 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 40 points at the MCG on Anzac Day.

## Statistics for Richmond v Western Bulldogs

### *Richmond v Western Bulldogs by venue*

	Won by Richmond	Won by Bulldogs	Drawn
MCG	23	15	0
Docklands	6	9	1
Princes Park	1	0	0
Punt Road	19	13	1
Waverley Park	4	5	0
Western Oval	26	31	0
Yarraville Oval	0	1	0
Carrara	1	0	0
	80	74	2

### *Highest Score*

Richmond	27.18 (180)	Rd 7	1980	WO
Bulldogs	25.17 (167)	Rd 1	2006	Dock

### *Lowest Score*

Richmond	2.11 (23)	Rd 13	1958	WO
Footscray	3.11 (29)	Rd 12	1935	PR

### *Greatest Winning Margin*

Richmond	115 points	Rd 18	1980	MCG
Bulldogs	115 points	Rd 1	2006	Dock

### *Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)*

12	S. Beasley	Foot	Rd 18	1985	Wav
11	M. Roach	Rich	Rd 7	1980	WO

### *Last Time They Met – Round 9, 2020, Carrara*

	Richmond	W Bulldogs
Quarter time	4.3	1.1
Half time	10.4	3.5
Three-quarter time	11.10	4.7
Full time	13.12 (90)	7.7 (49)

## EARLY TELEVISION COVERAGE OF FOOTBALL GAMES

From 1957 to the end of 1960 viewers could watch the last quarter of matches on three Melbourne networks. Commentators included Tony Charlton, Bob Davis, Geoff Raymond, Bert Deacon and Michael Williamson on Channel 7, Ian Johnson, Sam Loxton, Eric Welch and Bill Hutchison on Channel 9, and Ray McDonald, Ken Dakin and Alan Forster on ABV2. The Saturday night football TV replay was compulsory viewing. In fact, in season 1966 at 6pm all four Melbourne channels (GTV9, HSV7, ABV2 and ATV0) showed football replays. In 1970 the first telecast of the Brownlow Medal took place live from Dallas Brookes Hall. The winner was South Melbourne's Peter Bedford.

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

**Q1** Mal Brown. **Q2** 1954, Footscray 15.12 (102) defeated Melbourne 7.9 (51) at the MCG. **Q3** David Cloke (Round 24, 1991 against Carlton at the MCG). **Q4** Simon Beasley. **Q5** 321. **Q6** The previous score has been cancelled. **Q7** Table tennis. **Q8** Scott Wynd's father, Garrey Wynd, played with Melbourne in two matches in 1966.

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