



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 8 RICHMOND V GEELONG

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GEELONG'S 1951 PREMIERSHIP TEAM

The Cats finished on top of the ladder on percentage over Collingwood in 1951, both clubs having registered 14 wins. Then followed Essendon with 13 wins and Footscray with 12. Geelong then thrashed Collingwood by 82 points in the second semi final and beat Essendon by 11 points in the premiership decider.

B	Bernie Smith played 183 games (1948-58). A superb attacking defender, Smith won the 1951 Brownlow Medal and was named in the Cats' Team of the Century.	Bruce Morrison played 130 games (1948-54). Morrison possessed all the skills a champion full back needs, and was rated as best on the ground in the grand final.	Loy Stewart played 22 games (1951-52). Recruited from Albury, Stewart, who was a ruckman and defender, timed his short career with the Cats perfectly.
HB	Bert Worner played 65 games (1951-55). From Swan Hill, the solidly built Worner was equally at home at half back, wing and centre. He had a straight ahead style and was a reliable kick.	John Hyde played 108 games (1948-54). Hyde was a close-checking and determined defender, who won the 1950 best and fairest award. After retiring he served on the Cats' committee for 21 years.	Russell Middlemiss played 74 games (1949-55). A top class and powerful half back, Middlemiss was known for his "shut down" performances against opposition star forwards.
C	Syd Tate played 85 games (1947-51). From Yallourn, Tate was a speedy and tough wingman or rover who loved to run with ball. He went on to coach the Cats' reserves team.	Leo Turner played 130 games (1947-54). A smooth-moving left-footer, Turner had an uncanny knack of finding space. He and his son Michael were named on the wings in the Cats' Team of the Century.	Terry Fulton , who played 51 games (1949-54), was a skilled, tenacious and pacy winger who delivered the ball accurately. He was a valuable contributor in both the 1951 and 1952 flag victories.
HF	Russell Renfrey played 201 games (1946-56). One of the game's first ruck-rovers, Renfrey would go on to be the only player to appear in all of the Cats' record 26 consecutive wins in 1952/53.	Fred Flanagan (c) played 163 games (1946-55). An outstanding aerialist, Flanagan was also fast and elusive. A fine leader and a fixture in Victorian teams, he was named in the Cats' Team of the Century.	Bob Davis played 189 games (1948-58). Fast and powerful, the mercurial Davis was a match winner. Coach of Geelong's 1963 premiership team, he was named in the Cats' Team of the Century.
F	Bill McMaster played 61 games (1951-54). A talented ruckman and forward, McMaster had his career cut short by injury. He later coached the Cats and also played an important role in recruiting.	George Goninon played 87 VFL games (1948-54). A champion full forward, Goninon was a very accurate kick who favoured the drop punt before it became the norm. He invariably performed well on big occasions.	Neil Trezise played 185 games (1949-59). A highly skilled rover, Trezise was particularly dangerous near goals. He and Peter Pianto formed the best roving combination in the League.
R	Tom Morrow , who played 120 games (1946-52), was a mobile ruckman who also played at centre half back. He represented Victoria twice and was later involved in the Cats' administration.	Jim Norman played 37 games (1950-52). Recruited from Horsham, Norman was a burly, combative ruckman who had surprising pace. He would be among the Cats' best players in the 1952 grand final.	Peter Pianto played 121 games (1951-57). A champion rover who regularly represented Victoria, Pianto was fast, clever and courageous. He was named in the Cats' Team of the Century.
Res	Ron Hovey played 141 games (1951-60). A defender/midfielder, Hovey captained the Cats in 1960 and represented Victoria twice. He went on to serve as club President.	Les Reed played 25 games (1951-53). A utility player recruited from Euroa, Reed went on to play on the wing in the Cats' 1953 grand final side.	

OVER TO YOU

1. Name the three players in the first ruck in Richmond's 1969 premiership team.
2. Name the four players who have won the Tigers' best and fairest award on four or more occasions.
3. Who won the league's first Jack Titus Recognition of Service Award in 1977?
4. Who were Richmond's presidents in 1987?
5. Name the Richmond full forwards who have topped the league's goal kickers on two or more occasions?
6. Who captained the Tigers from 1988 to 1992?
7. Who coached Richmond in 1982 and 1983?

This Round in History – Round 8 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 8 at the MCG is 25.17 (167) by Richmond against Footscray 17.15 (117) in 1981. The overall Round 8 record is 33.21 (219) by the Brisbane Bears in beating Sydney 8.9 (57) at the Gabba in 1993. The highest score in a quarter for Round 8 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Fitzroy against Richmond in the third quarter in 1992. The overall record is 12.5 (77) by North Melbourne in the third quarter against Footscray at Arden Street in 1983. The most goals by an individual in Round 8 at the MCG is 10. This feat is shared by Melbourne's Fred Fanning against St Kilda in 1947, Jeff Hogg for Richmond against Collingwood in 1991 and Matthew Richardson against the Bulldogs in 2004. The overall Round 8 record is 14 by Gary Ablett for Geelong against Sydney at the SCG in 1994. The highest Round 8 attendances have been at the MCG. Top was 85,659 in 1980 when Richmond defeated Carlton 19.24 (138) to 12.13 (85). In 1992, 83,262 fans saw Carlton 16.9 (105) defeat Collingwood 9.18 (72) and 81,550 saw Melbourne 11.16 (82) beat Geelong 4.11 (35) in 1963.

Statistics for Richmond v Geelong

Richmond v Geelong by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Corio Oval	10	19	1
Docklands	1	5	0
Kardinia Park	15	36	0
MCG	22	24	0
Princes Park	0	1	0
Punt Road	33	15	2
Waverley Park	8	4	0
Gabba	1	0	0
Carrara	1	0	0
	91	104	3

Highest Score

Richmond	25.23 (173)	Rd 7	1944	Punt Road
Geelong	35.12 (222)	Rd 6	2007	Docklands

Lowest Score

Richmond	4.5 (29)	Rd 5	1910	Corio
Geelong	4.10 (34)	Rd 4	1915	Corio

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	118 points	1SF	1969	MCG
Geelong	157 points	Rd 6	2007	Docklands

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 9	1989	MCG
12	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 20	1990	MCG
12	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 8	1993	KP
11	G. Goninon	Geel	Rd 5	1953	PR
11	D. Wade	Geel	Rd 13	1972	MCG
10	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd4	1988	MCG

Last Time They Met – Grand Final, 2020, Gabba

	Richmond	Geelong
Quarter time	2.1	2.2
Half time	3.2	5.5
Three-quarter time	7.4	6.8
Full time	12.9 (81)	7.8 (50)

ALLAN GEDDES

Allan Geddes, who was recruited from Williamstown, joined the Tigers in 1925 and soon established himself among the competition's top performers. In fact, some who saw him rated Geddes as the best wingman the game had seen. Hugely popular with Richmond supporters, he was given the nickname "Allan the Great". After a career spanning 183 games, during which he had been a regular in Victorian teams, Geddes retired at the end of the 1935 season.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 1. Michael Green, Michael Bowden and Kevin Bartlett. **Q2** Jack Dyer (5), Kevin Bartlett (5), Roy Wright (4) and Wayne Campbell (4). **Q3**. Jack Titus. **Q4**. Alan Bond and Neville Crowe. **Q5**. Michael Roach (1980, 1981) and Jack Riewoldt (2010, 2012 & 2018). **Q6** Dale Weightman. **Q7** Francis Bourke.

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