

**AFL 2011 ROUND 1
CARLTON V RICHMOND**



**THURSDAY
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FACT SHEET**

Vale Maurice Rioli (1957-2010)

Maurice Rioli passed away on Christmas Day last year. Rioli, an extremely talented player who hailed from Melville Island (NT), played 118 games (80 goals) with Richmond from 1982 to 1987. He was a quiet person but, with a boxing background, he could handle any trouble that came his way.

He first played senior football with St Mary's in Darwin during the 1974/75 wet season but came to national prominence with Western Australian club South Fremantle (1975-81 and 1988-90) after he won the Simpson Medal as best on ground in the 1980 and 1981 WAFL Grand Finals.

Rioli was a member of Richmond's 1982 VFL/AFL Grand Final team and won the Norm Smith Medal as the best on ground, the first player to do so in the losing side. He won Richmond's best and fairest award in 1982 and 1983 and was runner-up in the 1983 Brownlow Medal.

A regular state representative he won an interstate Simpson Medal for Western Australia in 1983, captained the Western Australian State of Origin team in 1987, and led the Northern Territory team to the Division 2 carnival title in 1988. Rioli captained the Aboriginal All Stars team in 1985, was vice captain in its two previous matches, and coached the All Stars in the famous match against Collingwood at Darwin in 1994.

He was three-time All Australian (1983, 1986 and 1988), named in the 1983 VFL Team of the Year and was adjudged the best player for the Australian side in the inaugural international rules Test series against Ireland in 1984.

After his playing career ended he still received honours. Maurice was a member of the Aboriginal and Islander Sports Hall of Fame (1993), Western Australian Football Hall of Fame (2004) and the Indigenous Team of the Century (2005). He also was an inaugural "Legend" of the AFLNT Hall of Fame (2010).

Following his retirement the great footballer worked enthusiastically for his community and for social causes.

Rioli was the Labor Party member of the NT Lower Assembly from 1992 to 2001 and at the time of his death he was community services manager for the Tiwi Islands Council.

The Northern Territory remembered Maurice Rioli with a state funeral. He will be sadly missed.

Harry "Soapy" Vallenge:

A Great Carlton Full Forward

Harry Vallenge played 204 games for Carlton between 1926 and 1938, kicking a remarkable 722 goals, only 16 goals fewer than Carlton's leading goalscorer Stephen Kernahan, who took 251 games to post this record.

Recruited by Carlton coach Horrie Clover from Bacchus Marsh and nicknamed "Soapy" because he was a slippery customer when the ball hit the ground, Vallenge was a strong mark and an agile forward. He kicked 11 goals in a match on four occasions, against South Melbourne in 1929, Collingwood in 1931 and 1932, and Fitzroy in 1938. He headed the VFL goal kicking in 1931 with 86 goals.

Vallenge was chosen to represent Victoria on five occasions and was a member of Carlton's first premiership side for 23 years in his last year 1938. In 1939 he joined VFA side Williamstown for a substantial sum. He kicked 133 goals and played in a premiership in his first year, also passing the century mark in 1940 with 111 goals. After World War II, Vallenge captain-coached Brighton. He retired in 1946, aged 41, and kicked 11 goals in his last VFA match. He was an inaugural inductee into Carlton's Hall of Fame in 1987 and named in its Team of the Century in 2000.

DID YOU KNOW? The Howell family boasts a unique record in VFL/AFL history, having three generations in premiership sides – Jack Howell Snr (South Melbourne, 1918), Jack Jnr (Carlton, 1947) and Scott (Carlton, 1981).

Ian Stewart's Brief Coaching Career at Carlton

At the beginning of the 1978 season, at the behest of the newly appointed president George Harris, Carlton appointed former St Kilda and Richmond star Ian Stewart as coach. Unfortunately, Stewart was unable to gain the respect of his players. He sacked assistant coach Adrian Gallagher after he and Percy Jones missed a training session because of a cricket commitment. Jones was relegated to the Reserves and, after a horror start to the season with the Blues losing five of their first six games, team morale was at rock bottom. Stewart had also had a falling out with club legend Robert Walls, causing Walls to leave the club. Stewart resigned, reportedly due to a "heart attack", thus ending his brief and unsuccessful coaching career at Princes Park. Sergio Silvagni was appointed the temporary replacement coach until Alex Jesaulenko took over later in the season. Despite the turmoil Carlton still managed to finish fourth in 1978. Stewart later went on to coach the Sydney Swans from 1979 to 1981.

This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The largest was Geelong's 127-point victory against Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971.

The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon who kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935.

Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years (10 in all) but none has taken place on the MCG.

The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935.

The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG was 87,119 for the Carlton-Collingwood game in 1995.

Statistics for Carlton v Richmond

Carlton v Richmond by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Richmond	Drawn
MCG	29	36	0
Docklands	2	1	0
Princes Park	54	23	1
Punt Road	30	21	0
Waverley	4	3	1
	119	84	2

Last Match – Round 20, 2010, MCG

	Carlton	Richmond
Quarter time	3.7	2.2
Half time	10.12	2.3
Three-quarter time	14.17	7.5
Full time	23.18 (156)	10.7 (67)

Highest Score

Carlton	28.9 (177)	GF	1972	MCG
Richmond	25.24 (174)	Rd 1	1978	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	3.10 (28)	Rd 9	1924	PP
Richmond	2.9 (21)	Rd 10	1958	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

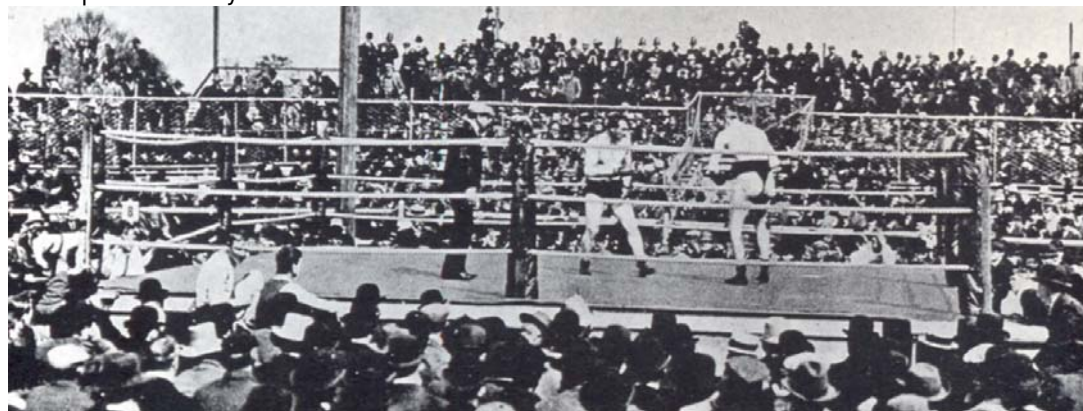
Carlton	115 points	Rd 14	1984	PP
Richmond	85 points	Rd 7	2005	MCG

Most Goals in a Match

10	Jim Baird	Carl	Rd 1	1943	PP
10	Sel Murray	Rich	Rd 7	1945	PP
10	Robert Walls	Carl	Rd 7	1976	PP

Bill Lang: The Tigers' Boxing Great

William Lan Franchi, popularly known by his Anglicised name Bill Lang, is the only VFL/AFL player to box for the world heavyweight title. He played 39 senior football matches with Richmond from 1905 to 1907 when it was in the VFA and was a member of its 1905 premiership team. He made the switch with Richmond to the VFL/AFL in 1908 and played a further 14 games (7 goals) over two league seasons for the club. Lang, 6ft 1in and 13st 11lb, was a professional boxer who had 44 career fights for 28 wins (23 by KO), 14 losses, one draw and one no contest. He had won 11 straight fights and was one of Australia's leading boxers when world heavyweight champion Tommy Burns toured Australia in 1908. A title bout between them was arranged for September 2, 1908



at West Melbourne Stadium (see image left), and although Burns knocked out Lang in the sixth round, Lang had sent Burns to the canvas earlier in the fight. Lang was the Australian heavyweight champion from 1909 to 1913 and after losing the title he retired from the ring.

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