

**AFL 2011 ROUND 11  
COLLINGWOOD V ST KILDA**



**SATURDAY JUNE 4, 2011  
FACT SHEET**

**A LOW SCORING AFFAIR – THE 1927 GRAND FINAL**

After solid rain all day on the eve of the 1927 grand final and continual rain on the big day, it is hardly surprising that the Collingwood and Richmond players struggled on a waterlogged and muddy MCG. Collingwood had defeated Geelong by 66 points and Richmond had accounted for Carlton by a solitary goal in the preceding semi finals.

Richmond started marginal favourites as they appeared to have a slightly smaller side that could handle the conditions better. Winning the toss and kicking with the wind, the Tigers attacked relentlessly but were repelled constantly by Syd Coventry who was impassable in defence. The scores at the end of the first quarter were Collingwood one behind, Richmond four behinds.

In the second quarter the Magpies made more use of the wind, kicking two goals five behinds and keeping the Tigers scoreless. The third quarter continued the dour struggle with both sides adding just three behinds each. So Richmond at three-quarter time still had not scored a goal.

The last quarter was more of the same, with Richmond's Jack Fincher finally booting a goal late in the quarter and Collingwood adding another four behinds. Gordon Coventry had kicked both of Collingwood's goals.

Collingwood 2.13 (25) def. Richmond 1.7 (13). Syd Coventry, Bob Makeham and Frank Murphy were among the best for the Magpies and Basil McCormack, Allan Geddes and Doug Hayes for the Tigers.

This was to be the first of Collingwood's four successive premierships, a feat still to be replicated by any VFL/AFL side, and was the third of their legendary coach Jock McHale's eight grand final triumphs.

**Jeff Clifton – 1949 to 2010**

Jeffrey Clifton played 102 games (0 goals) for Collingwood between 1969 and 1974 before transferring to Fitzroy where he played a further nine games (0 goals) in 1975 and 1976.

At 193cm and 84kg, Clifton was recruited to the Magpies from Floreat Park in Western Australia as a backman, and he played at full back for most of his career. He was a member of Collingwood's losing grand final side in 1970 and their disappointing seven-point preliminary final loss to Richmond in 1973, a match which was strikingly similar to the 1970 defeat.

Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "tall and unobtrusive, but effective", Clifton was regarded as a player who could be relied on to blanket the talented forwards of other sides. A building engineer, Clifton's company was involved in the redevelopment of the northern side of the MCG, including the Members Pavilion and the Olympic and Ponsford stands between 2002 and 2006.

Clifton died on October 18, 2010 after a battle with prostate cancer and will be sadly missed by all football supporters, not only from the Magpie ranks.

**Victor Barwick**

One of the original VFL sides since its inception in 1897, St Kilda struggled in its early years and it was not until 1903 that it tasted some success. This was in no small way due to its recruiting of Harry "Vic" Cumberland and Tasmanian Victor Barwick. Recruited from the Union (Queenstown) Club, Barwick played 105 games (66 goals) for St Kilda between 1903 and 1909. A brilliant rover, Barwick was rated by St Kilda legend of the time Dave McNamara as a true champion of the era. Barwick represented Victoria in 1904 and captained the state side in 1905 and 1909. Despite being considered "easybeats" at the beginning of the 1903 season, after some early losses St Kilda went on to defeat Melbourne by five goals, with Barwick starring in his first game. Along with Cumberland he also starred the next week against South Melbourne and later in the season he was brilliant against top-of-the-ladder Fitzroy, with the Saints ending the home and away rounds in fifth position on six wins and a draw from their 14 matches. Playing off in the complicated finals system of the time, St Kilda defeated Melbourne again but went down to Collingwood and Carlton, thus ending the Saints' most successful season since 1897.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

1. Peter Bennett, who played 103 games (258 goals) for St Kilda between 1944 and 1954, was captain of the Australian Water Polo team at the 1952 Helsinki and 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.
2. Les Abbott was a much-travelled footballer. He played for St Kilda in 1903, Collingwood in 1904, Carlton in 1905, Brunswick from 1906 to 1909, Richmond in 1910 and 1911, South Melbourne in 1912 and North Melbourne in 1913.

## This Round in History – Round 11 on the MCG

The highest Round 11 score at the MCG is 25.11 (161) by Collingwood against St Kilda in 1995. The overall record is 25.29 (179) by Fitzroy against Geelong 8.8 (56) at the Brunswick Street Oval in 1944.

The most goals in a game is 12 by Bob Johnson Snr for Melbourne against Hawthorn in 1933. The overall Round 11 record is 15 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1933.

The highest score in a quarter in this round at the MCG is 10.5 (65) which has been achieved

twice and both times were by Richmond against Footscray. The first instance was in the third quarter of a 1970 clash and the second in the last quarter in a 1978 match. The overall Round 11 record for the highest score in a quarter is 11.5 (71) by Fitzroy against Geelong in the third quarter at Brunswick Street in 1944.

The highest Round 11 attendance at the MCG is 87,653 in 1989 when Geelong defeated Essendon by 54 points. The overall Round 11 attendance record is 92,935 at Waverley Park in 1981 when Hawthorn defeated Collingwood by 46 points.

## Statistics for Collingwood v St Kilda

### Collingwood v St Kilda - Head to Head

	Played	Won by Collingwood	Won by St Kilda	Drawn
H & A	199	148	51	1
Finals	11	3	6	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>

### Collingwood v St Kilda by venue

	Won by Coll'wood	Won by St Kilda	Drawn
Victoria Park	77	7	0
Junction Oval	37	21	0
Moorabbin	12	6	1
Docklands	3	5	0
MCG	13	9	1
Waverley Park	9	8	0
Prahran	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>

### Highest Score

Collingwood	32.19 (211)	Rd 17	1980	Wav
St Kilda	22.16 (148)	Rd 21	1982	Wav

### Lowest Score

Collingwood	3.8 (26)	Rd 15	1907	JO
St Kilda	1.0 (6)	Rd 13	1898	VP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	178 points	Rd 4	1979	VP
St Kilda	88 points	Rd 7	2009	Dock

### Most Goals in a Match

11	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 7	1927	VP
11	Bill Mohr	St K	Rd 17	1931	JO
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11	Ron Todd	Coll	PF	1939	MCG
11	Phil Carman	Coll	Rd 20	1975	Moor
10	Bill Mohr	St K	Rd 8	1930	VP
10	Allan Davis	St K	Rd 8	1971	Moor

### Last Match – Grand Final Replay, 2010, MCG

	Collingwood	St Kilda
Quarter time	3.2	0.2
Half time	6.5	1.8
Three-quarter time	11.8	4.9
Full time	16.12 (108)	7.10 (52)

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