

**AFL 2011 ROUND 3  
RICHMOND V HAWTHORN**



**SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2011  
FACT SHEET**

**Roy Wright:  
The Tigers' Legendary Ruckman**



Gordon Roy Wright played 195 games (127 goals) with the Tigers between 1946 and 1959. Wright is the only player to have won two Brownlow Medals while playing with the Tigers, winning his first in 1952 in a tie with Essendon's Bill Hutchison, and his second in 1954.

Recruited from North Kew, Wright struggled to find a place in the Richmond team as a ruckman early in his career, as the side included such greats as Jack Dyer and Bill Morris. He played only 21 games in his first four years at Punt Road, and unsuccessfully requested a transfer to Hawthorn on several occasions. When Morris left in 1951, Wright seized his chance, and despite a number of leg injuries, played well enough to tie with Des Rowe for Richmond's best and fairest award that season, and won the award again in 1952, 1954 and 1957.

Wright recalled that, in his first match against St Kilda, he came up against two vigorous physical players in Ernie McIntyre and Reg Garvin. After a buffeting from these two, Jack Dyer "protected" him and was reported by umpire Jack Mc Murray. Dyer told Wright to go down to full forward, which he did, only to be confronted by Keith Miller, who Roy said was "Mad as a snake....on the footy field". It appears that Miller then also flattened Wright, only then to become the third St Kilda player to be "sorted out" by Dyer, resulting in another report.

Known as a strong but totally fair player, Wright represented Victoria 18 times and captained the Tigers in 1958 and 1959. A knee injury during the 1959 season ended the career of one of Richmond's greats.

**Played for Both – Mark Graham**

A strong and skilful defender, Mark Graham played 223 games (61 goals) for the Hawks between 1993 and 2004. Recruited from Berwick, Graham was often pitted against the opposition's leading forwards and took over from Chris Langford as the club's pivotal backman on Langford's retirement. Graham ran second in the club's best and fairest award in 2001, the year the Hawks missed a Grand Final appearance when they were defeated by Essendon by just nine points in the first preliminary final. Injuries affected Graham's form in his latter years at Hawthorn and at the end of the 2004 season he was no longer required, and he transferred to Richmond where he played 20 games (2 goals) during the 2005 season, his only season with the Tigers and his last as an AFL player.

**John Peck:  
Strength and Cunning**

The Hawthorn Football Club has had a number of outstanding full forwards, including Jason Dunstall and Peter Hudson, but none were stronger or more cunning than John Peck.

Peck played 213 games for the Hawks between 1954 and 1966, kicking a total of 475 goals.

Recruited as a 16 year-old from Canterbury, he was tried as a ruckman, centre half forward and centre half back before he was tried at full forward.

His strength and cunning saw him head the VFL goalkicking in 1963 with 75 goals, 1964 with 69 goals and 1965 with 56 goals. He was vice-captain of the Hawks' first premiership side in 1961 and was full forward in their losing Grand Final side of 1963. He captained the side briefly in 1965 when Graham Arthur stood down and represented Victoria seven times.

It is for an incident in one of these State matches that Peck is probably best known. During a match against South Australia in 1963, Peck believed he had been kicked by South Australian player Brian Sawley. He reacted savagely, knocking Sawley out, and was duly reported. South Australians were incensed when the South Australian tribunal found him guilty but only suspended him for two weeks.

Peck struggled with chronic asthma during his career, and was cleared to VFA side Port Melbourne at the end of the 1966 season.

## This Round in History – Round 3 on the MCG

The biggest Round 3 winner on the MCG is North Melbourne by 127 points in 1994. That day the Kangaroos 25.23 (173) defeated Hawthorn 6.10 (46).

The highest team score in Round 3 matches on the MCG was registered by Richmond 31.25 (211) in 1985 against St. Kilda. The best score in a quarter was also achieved in this game when Richmond kicked 9.7 (61) during the third quarter. In Round 3 there have been seven drawn games, two of which

have been at the MCG. The last draw at the MCG in Round 3 took place in 1980 when Richmond 18.20 (128) drew with St Kilda 19.14 (128). The most goals kicked by an individual in Round 3 on the MCG is 13 from Essendon's Matthew Lloyd in 1999 against Sydney.

The top attendance for a Round 3 game is 90,564 for a Richmond v Essendon game at the MCG in 1982.

## Statistics for Richmond v Hawthorn

### *Richmond v Hawthorn by venue*

	Won by Richmond	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
MCG	15	24	0
Docklands	2	0	0
Glenferrie Oval	29	13	0
York Park	0	1	0
Princes Park	6	7	0
Waverley Park	6	11	0
Punt Road	24	10	0
	82	66	0

### *Last Match – Round 8, 2010, MCG*

	Hawthorn	Richmond
Quarter time	2.5	3.1
Half time	7.6	6.5
Three-quarter time	9.10	8.5
Full time	13.11 (89)	13.8 (86)

### *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*

17	J. Dunstall	Hawthorn	Rd 7	1992	Wav
12	J. Dunstall	Hawthorn	Rd 22	1992	MCG
11	D. Brereton	Hawthorn	Rd 16	1990	MCG
11	M. Roach	Richmond	Rd 5	1985	PP
10	P. Hudson	Hawthorn	Rd 7	1971	GO
10	J. Titus	Richmond	Rd 6	1941	PR

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Hawthorn selected Michael Cooke for his debut in the second semi-final against North Melbourne in 1975. He kicked four goals in the match but unfortunately was held goalless in the Grand Final, was replaced during the game, and did not play another league game.
- Tom Allen possibly holds the unwanted record of the most inauspicious debut in VFL/AFL football, kicking 11 behinds for Richmond in their 41 point loss to North Melbourne in 1949.

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