

**AFL 2011 ROUND 14
RICHMOND V MELBOURNE**



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FACT SHEET**

FRED FANNING, MELBOURNE'S LEGENDARY FORWARD

Fanning, the only player in VFL/AFL history to kick 18 goals in a match, was recruited by the Demons from Coburg Juniors in 1940 and played in the Demons' premiership side in his first year. In 104 games for Melbourne from 1940 until 1947 he kicked 411 goals. Sturdily built at 6ft 4in and 16st, Fanning was a strong mark and a fast lead. Playing a lot of his career in the forward pocket, with Norm Smith at full forward, he led the VFL goalkicking in 1944 with 85 goals, 1945 (67) and 1947 (97). It was in Round 19 of the 1947 season, at the Junction Oval, that Fanning kicked an amazingly accurate 18 goals one behind against the Saints, writing his name into the record books and overhauling the previous record of 17 goals set by Collingwood legend Gordon Coventry. He kicked 10 goals or more on six occasions – 11 against Footscray in Round 12, 1943, 11 against Geelong in Round 4, 1944, 11 against Hawthorn in Round 11, 1944, 10 against St Kilda in Round 8, 1947, 10 against Footscray in Round 18, 1947 and the record tally against St Kilda the following week. Surprisingly, Fanning retired at the end of the 1947 season at the early age of 25 and took up the coaching position at Hamilton.

ANOTHER OUTSTANDING DEMONS GOALKICKER, DAVID NEITZ

Playing for Melbourne from 1993 until 2008, Neitz holds the club's games record with 306. Recruited from Parkmore in 1993, he soon found his rightful place at full forward after playing in several positions on both the back and forward lines. He was selected for Victoria in just his second season, and was an All-Australian in 1995. He was Melbourne's leading goalkicker on no fewer than seven occasions (1996-97, 1999, 2002-04 and 2006), and in 2002 was both the AFL Coleman Medallist and Melbourne's best and fairest. Neitz was appointed club captain in 2000 and led the side to the grand final that year. He held the club's captaincy until his retirement in 2008. He kicked 631 goals in his 306 games, making him the most prolific goalkicker in the club's history, ahead of Norm Smith (546 goals). Neitz's father, Alec, also played football with St Kilda reserves.

DAVID CLOKE

Richmond's long-serving ruckman David Cloke played 219 games for the Tigers between 1974 and 1982 and 1990-91, kicking 272 goals. Recruited from VFA side Oakleigh's fourths, Cloke started his league career at centre-half forward but was soon moved into the ruck to capitalise on his size and strength. A member of Richmond's 1974 and 1980 premiership sides, he captained the team in 1982 but surprisingly was enticed to Collingwood in 1983, where he was immediately appointed vice-captain. He played 114 games (51 goals) with the Magpies between 1983 and 1989, but struggled in the latter years and was released back to Richmond at the end of the 1989 season, playing another two outstanding seasons with the Tigers. His sons Cameron, Jason and Travis have lined up for the Magpies, Cameron also with Carlton. David's brother Peter played 28 games (4 goals) for Richmond between 1970 and 1973.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. In 1946 Melbourne champion Don Cordner won the Brownlow Medal. However, Jack Mueller, who polled just one vote in the Brownlow count, won Melbourne's best and fairest award.
2. There was a certain symmetry in Melbourne's 1897 VFL season. On two occasions they kicked 0.10 (10) and in both matches their opposition, Essendon and Geelong, kicked a marginally straighter 1.9 (15) to snatch victory.
3. Melbourne wingman and rover Frank "Bluey" Adams was a successful professional sprinter and a finalist in the Stawell Gift and the Bendigo 1000. Possibly the fastest man to play league football, however, was Austin Robertson senior who played 154 games (250 goals) for South Melbourne between 1927 and 1937. Robertson was the world professional sprint champion for many years and held a number of world records.
4. Arthur Best, in his last game for Melbourne in 1914, kicked the team's entire score of five goals five behinds. Unfortunately their opposition, South Melbourne, won the game by 43 points.

This Round in History – Round 14 on the MCG

The highest score is 31.14 (200) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 10.13 (73) in 1990. This equals the overall Round 14 highest score of 30.20 (200) by Collingwood against Essendon 7.11 (53) at Victoria Park in 1971.

The most goals kicked by an individual is 14 by John Longmire for North Melbourne against Melbourne in 1990 (see above). This equalled the previous overall Round 14 record of 14 goals by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Hawthorn at Victoria Park in 1934.

The highest score in a quarter for Round 14 on the MCG is 10.7 (67) by Geelong in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1934. The overall Round 14 highest score in a quarter is 14.1 (85) by Carlton in the second quarter against Essendon at Windy Hill in 1975.

The highest Round 14 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 1995 when 84,745 fans saw Carlton defeat Richmond.

Statistics for Richmond v Melbourne

Richmond v Melbourne by venue

	Won By Richmond	Won By Melbourne	Drawn
MCG	65	58	1
Punt Road	32	18	1
Waverley Park	0	1	0
Motordrome	1	0	0
Docklands	1	1	0
	99	78	2

Last Match – Round 19, 2010, MCG

	Melbourne	Richmond
Quarter time	3.1	2.5
Half time	7.5	7.6
Three-quarter time	10.10	9.9
Full time	16.13 (109)	11.14 (80)

Highest Score

Richmond	30.16 (196)	Rd 2	1942	PR
Melbourne	26.19 (175)	Rd 21	1993	MCG

Highest Scoring Quarter

Richmond	12.8 (80)	Fourth	Rd 2	1942	PR
Melbourne	10.4 (64)	Third	Rd 2	1942	PR

Lowest Score

Richmond	1.6 (12)	Rd 10	1908	MCG
Melbourne	4.10 (34)	Rd 11	1910	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	93 points	Rd 9	1980	MCG
Melbourne	121 points	Rd 21	1993	MCG



Richmond prior to their Round 10 match against Melbourne in 1908. It was the club's first league game at the MCG. Melbourne 11.16 (82) defeated Richmond 1.6 (12). It is still Richmond's lowest VFL/AFL score against the Demons.

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