

AFL 2011 ROUND 2 ST KILDA V RICHMOND



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FACT SHEET

THE EARLY YEARS

The first football club to be called **Richmond** was formed in 1860. Four more such clubs would come and go before the founding of the current club at a meeting at the Royal Hotel in Punt Road on February 20, 1885. The team then played its first game against Cremorne on Saturday, April 25, 1885. The *Richmond Guardian*, a local paper part-owned by the club's first assistant secretary, described its colours as "all blue, with a yellow and black sash; cap with yellow and black stripe running from front to back." Yellow and black were the colours of the Richmond Cricket Club, which had used them from the mid-1870s. The black guernsey with yellow sash would not be adopted until 1914. Richmond joined the VFA in 1885, going on to become premiers in 1902 with 15 wins, beating arch rivals Port Melbourne (14 wins). Finals were not played at that time. While not among the group of teams which formed the breakaway VFL in 1897, Richmond would be admitted to that competition in 1908.

St Kilda's early history is outlined in last week's fact sheet for the Saints' match against Geelong, copies of which are available on request at the Library's reference desk.



One of the two earliest known action photographs of Richmond that appeared in the Leader May 5, 1899. Richmond wore yellow and black striped jumpers and jerkins in this era. Their opponents Prahran donned dark blue jerkins with a light blue sash.

FINALS BETWEEN THE TEAMS

These clubs have met in only three finals, the first of these, the 1939 First Semi Final, being won by the Saints. In that match, Alan Killigrew, who would later coach both St Kilda and North Melbourne, kicked three goals. In the 1971 Preliminary Final, St Kilda upset hot favourites Richmond, the final scores being 16.12 [108] to 12.6 [78]. Allan Davis, who had been left out of the previous week's team, kicked six goals in a brilliant display, while Barry Richardson kicked five for the Tigers. Richmond was far too good for the Saints in the 1973 First Semi Final, winning by 40 points. They would then go on to beat Collingwood by seven points in the Preliminary Final and Carlton by 30 points in the Grand Final, with Ian Stewart, Royce Hart and Kevin Sheedy each kicking three goals.

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RECENT YEARS

These clubs met twice in 2007, initially in Round 13. St Kilda led by just four points at the final change, but then a superb 15-possession quarter by Leigh Montagna carried the Saints to victory by 17 points. The Tigers led by three points at three-quarter time in Round 22, St Kilda not helping their cause with inaccuracy in front of goals. The last quarter was tight, but then Fraser Gehrig, playing his final game, kicked two goals to win the match for the Saints.

In their only 2008 meeting (Round 7), Richmond should have stolen the match, but Kelvin Moore and Jack Riewoldt missed gettable shots in the closing minutes. The Saints fell across the line on the back of Stephen Milne's seven goals. Again only one game was played in 2009, the Saints aiming for their 13th win in as many rounds. The first quarter gave no indication of what was to follow, Richmond kicking two goals to St Kilda's none. Then Richmond did not score at all in the second and third quarters, and the Saints ran away to win 13.14 (92) to 5.6 (36).

Richmond had their first win of the 2010 season in Round 10 when they beat Port Adelaide. They then fronted up to St Kilda who had won seven of their 10 games. The Saints would win this entertaining match by 38 points, but only after a five goals to one final quarter. Jack Riewoldt continued his good form, bagging six for the Tigers. The clubs met again in Round 21, St Kilda taking the match by 21 points after a tight battle. Riewoldt, with seven goals, was again Richmond's best, but Leigh Montagna took the three Brownlow votes.

This Round in History – Round 2 on the MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. In the first quarter of the match the Kangaroos kicked 13.3 (81) which is the highest Round 2 quarter score ever.

The best ever Round 2 score was recorded at Princes Park in 1962 by Carlton when they defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82). Doug Strang of Richmond recorded the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931.

The largest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. In 1932 the MCG was unavailable due to reconstruction of the playing arena for the 1932/33 English cricket tour. Melbourne played its Round 2, 4 and 6 matches at the Motordrome (now the site of Olympic Park). These were the only games ever played at that venue.

It is common for games to feature plenty of goalkickers. However, in Round 2 on the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44). Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven), and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

Statistics for St Kilda v Richmond

St Kilda v Richmond by venue

	Won by St Kilda	Won by Richmond	Drawn
MCG	8	19	2
Toorak Park	0	2	0
Moorabbin	11	8	0
SCG	0	1	0
Punt Road	11	38	0
Waverley	8	10	0
Junction Oval	19	21	0
Princes Park	1	0	0
Docklands	11	3	0
	69	102	2

Highest Score

St Kilda	27.12 (174)	Rd 17	2006	MCG
Richmond	34.18 (222)	Rd 16	1980	SCG

Lowest Score

St Kilda	1 .10 (16)	Rd 15	1910	PR
Richmond	0 .8 (8)	Rd 16	1961	JO

Greatest Winning Margin

St. Kilda	103 points	Rd 17	2006	MCG
Richmond	152 points	Rd 16	1980	SCG

Last Match – Round 21, 2010, Docklands

	St Kilda	Richmond
Quarter time	5.2	6.1
Half time	10.6	10.1
Three-quarter time	13.9	12.3
Full time	17.13 (115)	14.10 (94)

Most Goals in a Match

10	Michael Roach	Richmond	Rd 18	1979	Wav
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10	Fraser Gehrig	St Kilda	Rd 17	2006	MCG

AN UNEVEN SWAP

To the great disappointment of followers of both teams, St Kilda's dual Brownlow Medallist, Ian Stewart, and Richmond's champion centreman, Bill Barrot, controversially swapped clubs in 1971. Stewart would go on to play 78 games for the Tigers, winning a third Brownlow Medal and being a member of the 1973 premiership team. Barrot would play only two games with the Saints before switching to Carlton and then retiring from League football at the end of the 1971 season.

Both Barrot and Stewart had fallen out with their clubs, relations between Stewart and coach Allan Jeans breaking down completely in 1970. In what Stewart himself described as "a sting", he and Richmond officials Alan Schwab and Graeme Richmond spread a story that Stewart intended moving to Western Australia to coach. At the same time Schwab and Richmond approached St Kilda about clearing Barrot to them if the terms were acceptable. The last part of Richmond's plan was to suggest that Stewart and Barrot might swap. St Kilda accepted the deal, unaware that Stewart had been involved in its planning. Bill Barrot would be named in Richmond's Team of the Century. Ian Stewart would be named in both the St Kilda and Richmond Teams of the Century.

In 2004 the inaugural Ian Stewart Medal, to be awarded for the best player in a St Kilda v Richmond match each year, was won by Austinn Jones (who coincidentally wore number 5 which was Stewart's number at St Kilda). The other winners have been St Kilda's Nick Dal Santo (2005), Lenny Hayes (2006), Leigh Montagna (2007), Stephen Milne (2008) and Brendon Goddard (2009) and Richmond's Jack Riewoldt (2010).

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