



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET MARCH 31, 2024

## AFL 2024 ROUND 3 RICHMOND V SYDNEY

### THEIR TWO GRAND FINALS

Since Richmond joined the Victorian Football League (now the AFL) in 1908 these two sides have met in a Grand Final on only two occasions, in 1933 and 1934.

**1933** – Richmond headed the ladder at the end of the home and away rounds in 1933, eight points (two wins) ahead of South Melbourne. The two sides met in the second semi final with South Melbourne winning by 18 points. Richmond beat Geelong by nine points in the preliminary final to go on to meet the Southerners in the grand final. A then record crowd of 75,754 saw an undermanned Richmond side, with four top players out through injury or suspension, struggle against the strong South Melbourne side, kicking no goals in the first quarter and being 28 points down at the main break. Things got no better in the second half and the Tigers went down by 42 points at the final siren. Horrie Farmer was the Tigers' only multiple goalkicker with two, while Bob Pratt kicked three and Terry Brain and Brighton Diggins each kicked two for South Melbourne.  
**South Melbourne 9.17 (71) def. Richmond 4.5 (29)**

**1934** – Richmond again topped the ladder at the end of the 1934 home and away rounds with South Melbourne one win behind them in third place. Geelong was second having had a draw during the season. Richmond beat Geelong by a massive 84 points in the second semi final; South beat Collingwood by just three points in the first semi final and Geelong by 60 points in the preliminary final to again come up against Richmond in the last game of the year. This time the tables were turned. A close first quarter, with fast play on football, saw both sides kick four goals with Richmond ahead by a solitary point. But then the Tigers took over, kicking six goals to two in the second quarter and another six in the third while holding the Southerners goalless. A fierce last quarter saw the Tigers' lead reduced to 39 points at the final siren. Jack Titus kicked six goals for the premiers, with Laurie Nash kicking six for South Melbourne. **Richmond 19.14 (128) def. South Melbourne 12.17 (89)**

### ERIC ZSCHECH – A RICHMOND STAR

Richmond played in four successive grand finals from 1931 to 1934. Eric Zschech (pictured right) was a member of the side's famous centreline with Stan Judkins and Allan Geddes. Coming from Minyip in country Victoria where he had played under the legendary Roy Cazaly, he is described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers*: "He appeared to be merely strolling along but his long dropkicks broke up backlines... his cooperation with Jack Titus was legendary, and although not showy, he was a matchwinner". He played 102 games (16 goals) for the Tigers between 1930 and 1935 before going off to a highly successful career with the Lefroy Football Club (later to become the Sandy Bay Football Club) in Tasmania.



### BRIGHTON DIGGINS

Brighton (christened Bryton) Diggins started his senior football career with Subiaco in the WAFL. Described as a key position player and ruckman, he came to South Melbourne in 1932 during the Great Depression. The influx of interstate players to the South Melbourne club at the time saw them called the "Foreign Legion". He played 65 games (21 goals) for the club between 1932 and 1937, including in their 1933 premiership side. Having been refused the coaching position at South Melbourne Diggins reluctantly went off to Carlton where he was appointed captain/coach (pictured left). He played a total of 31 games (6 goals) for the Blues from 1938 to 1940, leading their side to a premiership in his first year. In 1947 he was appointed coach of the Frankston Football Club and would receive a great ovation when he took the field occasionally to replace an injured player. He retired in 1949 and took up a position as a football reporter with the *Argus* newspaper.

## 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 when the Kangaroos 25.23 (173) defeated Hawthorn 6.10 (46). The highest score in all 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 recorded 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 was 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 by Essendon's Matthew Lloyd in 1999 against Sydney. The top attendance for a Round 3 game is 90,564 for a Richmond-Essendon game at the MCG in 1982.

### STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V SOUTH MELBOURNE/SYDNEY

#### Richmond v South Melbourne/Sydney by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Swans	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	0	1	0
Docklands	4	2	0
Gabba	1	0	0
Junction Oval	1	2	0
Lake Oval	31	26	1
MCG	28	16	0
Princes Park	1	0	0
Punt Road	26	22	0
SCG	11	18	0
Stadium Aust.	1	1	0
Waverley Park	5	2	0
Windy Hill	1	0	0
	110	90	1

#### Highest Score

Richmond	26.11 (167)	Rd 16	1975	LO
Sydney	31.12 (198)	Rd 18	1987	SCG

#### Lowest Score

Richmond	3.8 (26)	Rd 15	1909	LO
Sydney	3.8 (26)	Rd 6	2020	Gabba

#### Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	107 points	Rd 16	1975	LO
Sydney	118 points	Rd 7	2006	Dock

#### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	J. Baggott	Rich	Rd 9	1928	PR
12	T. Lockett	Syd	Rd 19	1996	SCG
10	W. Capper	Syd	Rd 8	1986	SCG

#### Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2023, MCG

	Richmond	Sydney
Quarter time	2.1	4.4
Half time	5.6	8.6
Three-quarter time	8.12	10.8
Full time	12.16 (88)	11.9 (75)

#### FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

## PLAYED FOR BOTH

**Stuart Maxfield**, a pacey wingman, was recruited by Richmond from its metropolitan zone. A Caulfield Grammar student, he played his junior club football for Oakleigh Youth and Glen Waverley Rovers. He played a total of 89 games (65 goals) for the Tigers between 1990 and 1995. He surprised fans by leaving the club at the end of the 1995 season when the side had made the finals. Maxfield joined the Sydney Swans in a trade deal for Darren Gaspar, and he played in the Swans' losing grand final side against North Melbourne in 1996. He went on to play 200 games (87 goals) for the Swans and was appointed captain in 2003 replacing the retiring Paul Kelly. In 2005 injury problems saw him miss most of the latter part of the season including, unluckily, the side's premiership win over the West Coast Eagles, and he retired at the end of the season.

## SHAMELESSLY INSERTING AN MCC LIBRARIAN INTO A STAR'S PROFILE

Your Deputy Librarian, Trevor Ruddell, when playing under 16s footy for Syndal Tally-Ho, was matched up against Glen Rovers' Stuart Maxfield for about five minutes. Totally mismatched, the ever realist Trevor asked his bench to be taken off "that blond guy" so a "good player" could at least run with him. Stuart was recognised by Richmond as a prodigy early on. He played in Richmond's Under 19 team in 1989 – when still eligible for Under 17s football. However, when the Tigers' Under 17 Skill Squad played, Stuart was asked to run the drinks rather than line-up on the ground. Trevor's twin brother Alan, who trained and played with the Skill Squad, stated that the Tigers' junior development hierarchy justifiably regarded Stuart as being at a level beyond that standard.

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