

AFL 2016 Round 10 ESSENDON V RICHMOND



DREAMTIME AT THE 'G SATURDAY MAY 28, 2016 FACT SHEET

DOUG NICHOLLS' LITTLE KNOWN FOOTBALL TOUR

In the AFL's inaugural Doug Nicholls Round it is apt to consider a little known series of football matches organised by Nicholls for charity during World War II. He recruited an All Aboriginal team from Cummeragunja on the NSW side of the Murray River and Lake Tyers in Gippsland, for a series of games in Melbourne during June 1944. The Aborigines won their first match on June 10, 1944 against a combined Munitions Association team 10.12 (72) to 4.5 (29) at Merri Park. This match largely paid the players' expenses. The more significant match was two days later against Northcote on the King's Birthday Holiday, Monday June 12. Northcote was Nicholls' old VFA team, and though the VFA opted not to field a senior grade in 1944 its junior body organised a competition comprising VFA "seconds" teams. This competition sanctioned the "throw pass" which permitted players to throw the ball provided it was done with two hands and below the shoulder. It was a skill that many members of the Aboriginal team were inexperienced with. Northcote won 16-18 (114) to 11-15 (81).

"ALL BLACK" TEAM SHOWS GOOD FORM

DOUG NICHOLLS, noted Northcote – Fitzroy footballer and sportsman, has two great hobbies—football and the welfare of his aboriginal brethren. With a view to bringing the activities of the aborigines, particularly those from his own Settlement at Cummeragunja, before the public, and in addition to assisting the funds of the Children's Hospital, arrangements were made by Nicholls to bring a team of native players to Melbourne. The team defeated a Munitions side on Saturday and met a Northcote 18 on Monday in a game which delighted a crowd of about 10,000, and thus considerably augmented the funds of the hospital. The visit was a pronounced success in every way. Displaying great pace, clean handling, evasion and agility, the "dinkum Aussies" led until near the close, when Northcote's extra weight, in the crushes, better condition and, above all, superiority in use of the "throw-pass," gradually gained them victory.

MANY LEFT FOOTERS

Surprising was the number of left-footers among the visitors. Outstanding players were the Murray brothers and Walker, particularly fine marks and a stocky rover named Marks, who used his weight fearlessly in the crushes. Another fine player was Stan Charles, winner of several gifts and a finalist at Stawell. Accompanying the team was Ted Briggs, who played with Northcote and gained fame as a footrunner. Although the Cummeragunja men had much difficulty to obtain equipment, they play competitive football among themselves. They expect football to return to smoother times after the war when they anticipate again meeting rivals from Echuca and Deniliquin in competitive matches. Fitzroy came to their rescue during the weekend and supplied equipment, while Ross Faulkner supplied the ball. Doug Nicholls is keen to let the football public witness two aboriginal sides opposed, and hopes to get a team from Lake Tyers to play Cummeragunja in Melbourne next season. He is also working with a view to placing his colored boys from Fitzroy, the Boomerangs, in a junior competition next season.

– *The Sporting Globe* June 14, 1944, p.13.

10,000 SEE TEAM OF ABORIGINES NORTHCOTE WINS IN LAST TERM

Interesting football was seen at Northcote yesterday when a team of aborigines from NSW and Lake Tyers played Northcote seconds, and lost by 16-18 to 11-15. More than 10,000 people attended, and the gate takings and collections amounted to £450, which will go to the Children's Hospital. The visitors led by 17 points at the last change, but lack of condition and co-operation led to their defeat when Northcote, playing their best football for the match, showed pace and system to kick eight goals to one. The aborigines had pace and dash and marked well, but their handling of the ball, and lack of nippiness, proved handicaps. Their captain was Doug Nicholls, the former Northcote, Fitzroy, and interstate wing man, who, although a veteran, showed glimpses of form. Others to do well were Jim Murray, an international Rugby player who has competed at Stawell; Tom Cooper, cousin of Lynch Cooper, Stawell Gift winner; Reg Thorpe, former champion Gippsland League forward; Denny Marks, who has just returned from the AIF in New Guinea; Ray Jackson, best and fairest for Rochester; Keith Nelson, from Mooropna; and Stan Charles, who competed in the final at Stawell some years ago. Northcote's best were Dunscombe, Buckley, Wegner, Olver, King, Dryden, Archer, and Haverman.

– *The Argus* June 13, 1944, p.13.

On June 24, 1944 the Aborigines met Munitions again but this time lost 14-14 (98) to 16-14 (110). Though it was the last game that this team played, the following year a Cummeragunja team under Nicholls played Northcote's first XVIII (the VFA competition having resumed in 1945). As in 1944 the game was held on the King's Birthday Holiday at Northcote's Westgarth Street Oval. The crowd was smaller at 6,000, but contributed £305 to the Doug Nicholls Aboriginal Welfare Fund. On this occasion the Aboriginal team overcame a large quarter time deficit to win 15.10 (100) to 14.15 (99). F. Walker starred for the Aborigines with nine goals, while Kevin Walker, Morrie Charles and Billy Muir also played well. This team formed the nucleus of the All Blacks Football Club that won the Central Goulburn Valley League Seconds premiership in its one and only season, 1946.

ABORIGINAL ALL STARS ON THE MCG

On September 13, 1985, an Aboriginal All Star team, selected from players and leagues across Australia, met a combined VFL team selected by the Premier of Victoria, John Cain. It was the third Australian Rules football match played under the new lights at the MCG and was organised by the National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC) for National Aborigines Week. Former Carlton and South Fremantle rover Syd Jackson coached the Aborigines, and Geelong's coach Tom Hafey had charge of the VFL team. Jackson told Karen Cooper of *The Age*, "There are hundreds of Riols and Krakouers around the country, and we've got a chance to bring them all together so the public can see them all at once in the same team."

It was not the first time the best indigenous football talent had gathered for a match. On October 2, 1983 an Aboriginal All Stars team 37.11 (233) defeated a Sunraysia team augmented by Richmond players 14.11 (95) before 3000 spectators at Sarah Oval, Mildura. Victorian Premier John Cain donated a shield for that match, and later gave a cup for a February 16, 1985 Aboriginal All Stars match at Tatura against the reigning premiers, Essendon. *The Sun* newspaper supplied the All Stars' jumpers for the Tatura match. The matches were noted for being free flowing and, besides an injury to Fitzroy's All Star Kevin Taylor, who dislocated an elbow in attempting his third spectacular mark at Tatura, they were largely incident free.

These earlier matches were played out of season when gathering the best indigenous footballers without upsetting their clubs was possible. The timing of the MCG match during the VFL finals was unfortunate. The Aboriginal All Star team lacked North Melbourne's Jim and Phil Krakouer as well as Footscray's Les Bamblett and Michael McLean, all four of whom were required by their league clubs that very weekend. The talented Western Australians Phil Narkle (Swan Districts) and Stephen Michael (South Fremantle) the All Stars' captain for their two previous matches, were also unavailable. Michael's absence in the ruck was noticeable for, with the exception of Glenn Edwards, the Aboriginal side were generally smaller than their opponents.

Maurice Rioli (Richmond), having vice-captained the side at Mildura and Tatura, led the Aboriginal team onto the MCG. Rioli, Phil Egan (Richmond), Willie Roe (South Fremantle), Ian Barry (Caulfield, VFA) and vice-



The uniform the Aboriginal All Stars wore at the MCG in 1985 consisted of a black jersey with a red yoke and yellow V, black shorts, and red and black striped socks. These colors were derived from the Aboriginal flag that was first raised in Adelaide on National Aborigines Day 1971. The flag has been flown at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Canberra, since 1972.

According to Harold Thomas, the flag's designer, black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia, yellow "represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector" and red represents the earth. With the exception of the 1994 Aboriginal All Stars jumper (which was green with a yellow map of Australia surrounding the Aboriginal and Australian flags) all All Stars jumpers have used the red, yellow and black colors.

captain Wilbur Wilson (Central District, SA) played well for the Aborigines, while former St Kilda player Robbie Muir surprised many by coming out of retirement for the match.

Barry and the high flying Roe top scored for the Aborigines with two goals apiece. But they were no match for the Barry Rowlings (Richmond) captained VFL Stars who were well ahead at each change. The VFL Stars' Tony Lockett (St Kilda) with six goals was best on ground, while Stephen James (Richmond) contributed five majors. Doug Barwick (Fitzroy), Gordon Sumner (Collingwood) and Craig Cleave (Geelong) also played well for the VFL combine. The Premier's VFL Stars won by 82 points, 23.12 (150) to 10.8 (68).

Aboriginal All Stars	1.1	4.2	8.5	10.8	(68)
Premier's VFL All Stars	5.2	9.4	15.7	23.12	(150)

Goals **ABOR. ALL STARS:** W. Roe 2, I. Barry 2, P. Graham, P. Egan, M. Mitchell, B. Collard, W. Wilson, B. Vigona.

VFL ALL STARS: T. Lockett 6, S. James 5, D. Collins 2, A. Bews 2, R. Neal, G. Odgers, A. Manning, D. Barwick, G. Lyon, C. Cleave, A. Daniher, M. Pickering.

Best **ABOR. ALL STARS:** W. Roe, M. Rioli, P. Egan, I. Barry.
VFL ALL STARS: T. Lockett (BOG), S. James, C. Cleave, G. Sumner, B. Rowlings.

Attendance: 5,333

Gate: \$10,000

Curtain Raiser: Victorian Aboriginal U19 v SA Aboriginal U19

List of Aboriginal / ATSIC / Indigenous All Stars' matches (1983-2015).

Year	Date	Captain	All Stars	Opponent		Venue	Att.
1983	Oct 2	Stephen Michael	37.11 (233)	Sunraysia & Richmond	14.11 (95)	Sarah Oval, Mildura	3,000
1985	Feb 16	Stephen Michael	11.16 (82)	Essendon	13.20 (98)	Tatura	6,000
1985	Sep 13	Maurice Rioli	10.8 (68)	Premier's VFL All Stars	23.12 (150)	MCG	5,333
1994	Feb 12	Michael McLean	13.10 (88)	Collingwood	10.8 (68)	Marrara Oval, Darwin	11,000
2003	Feb 8	Andrew McLeod	19.16 (130)	Carlton	8.9 (57)	Marrara Oval, Darwin	17,500
2005	Feb 5	Darryl White	12.19 (91)	Western Bulldogs	10.3 (63)	Marrara Oval, Darwin	8,281
2007	Feb 9	Andrew McLeod	6.7 (43)	Essendon	14.9 (93)	Marrara Oval, Darwin	13,119
2009	Feb 7	Andrew McLeod	14.13 (97)	Adelaide	6.7 (43)	Marrara Oval, Darwin	9,497
2013	Feb 8	Nathan Lovett-Murray	14.6 (90)	Richmond	6.4 (40)	Traeger Park, Alice Springs	8,350
2015	Feb 20	Shaun Burgoyne	5.11 (41)	West Coast Eagles	7.7 (49)	Leederville Oval, Perth	10,000

INDIGENOUS ALL-STARS 1983-2015

Many footballers who represented Indigenous All Stars teams did not play VFL/AFL football. Many were champions in senior competitions outside Victoria while a few were country football guns. However, they were all All Stars. Below is a list of those who are known to have played in Indigenous All Stars' teams from 1983 to 2015.

Brendan Ah Chee13	Eddie Fry85 ^F	Chris Lewis94	Jason Roe03
Corey Ah Chee03	Cruize Garlett09	Murray Liddle85 ^S	Willie Roe85 ^S
Matthew Ahmat94	Jarrold Garlett15	Jake Long15	Shannon Rusca05
Jed Anderson13	Adam Goodes03, 13	Andrew Lovett07, 09	Paddy Ryder07, 13
Tony Armstrong13	Colin Graham83, 85 ^S	Wally Lovett83, 85 ^F , 85 ^S	Ashley Sampi03
Les Bamblett83, 85 ^F	Michael Graham83, 85 ^S	Nathan Lovett-Murray05, 07, 09, 13	Eddie Sansbury05
Ian Barry83, 85 ^S	Phillip Graham83, 85 ^F , 85 ^S	Malcolm Lynch09	Josh Simpson13
Chance Bateman03	Brady Grey15	Jack Martin15	Brennan Stack09
Liam Bedford09	Johnathon Griffen09, 13, 15	Wally Matera85 ^S	David Skuta94
Harley Bennell13	Antoni Grover03, 05, 07	Steven May13	Joe Smith94
Garry Berry83	Curtley Hampton13	Gilbert McAdam94	Koby Stevens13
Eddie Betts07, 13	Rex Handy83	Greg McAdam83, 85 ^F	Cameron Stokes09
John Bonson05	Trevor Handy83	Alshley McGrath03, 09, 13	Mathew Stokes07, 09
Peter Burgoyne03, 07	Jarrold Harbrow09, 13, 15	Cory McGrath03, 05	Richard Tambling05, 07
Shaun Burgoyne05, 07, 09, 15	Brad Hartman13	Toby McGrath03	Kevin Taylor83, 85 ^F
Shane Cable94	Roger Hayden07	Josh McGuinness15	Marcellious Tepungwati85 ^S
Matt Campbell07, 09	Des Headland03, 05, 07	Oral McGuire85 ^S	Lindsay Thomas09, 13
Warren Campbell94	Bradley Hill13, 15	Michael McLean94	Shane Tongerie94
Peter Carter83, 85 ^F	Josh Hill09, 13, 15	Andrew McLeod03, 05, 07, 09	Gerald Ugle13
Allen Christensen13	Kevin Hill83	Stephen Michael83, 85 ^F	Troy Ugle94
Raphael Clarke09	Stephen Hill15	Harry Miller05	Travis Varcoe09
Xavier Clarke03, 07	Wayne Hogan94	Jermaine Miller-Lewis15	Benny Vigona85 ^F , 85 ^S
Jason Cockatoo94	Jarman Impey15	Terry Millera13	Daniel Wells05, 07
Adam Cockie09	Ron Jackman83	John Mitchell83	Sharrod Wellingham13
Richie Cole03, 05	Jarrhan Jacky09	Michael Mitchell85 ^S	Matthew Whelan03, 05
Brad Collard85 ^S	Russell Jeffrey94	Daniel Motlop03, 07, 09	Darryl White94, 05, 07
Troy Cooke03, 07	Leroy Jetta13	Mark Motlop83, 85 ^S	Zachary Williams13
Anthony Corrie03, 05	Lewis Jetta15	Marlon Motlop09	Adrian Wilson03, 05
Ed Darcy05	Neville Jetta13, 15	Shannon Motlop03, 05	Nathan Wilson13, 15
Aaron Davey05, 07, 09, 13	Graham Johncock07, 09, 13	Steven Motlop13	Wilbur Wilson83, 85 ^S
Alwyn Davey13	Chris Johnson03, 05, 07	Robert Muir83, 85 ^F , 85 ^S	Chad Wingard13
Abaina Davis15	Michael Johnson05	Allan Murray03	Nicky Winmar85 ^F , 85 ^S
Leon Davis03	Jason Jones94	Justin Murphy03, 05	David Wirrapunda09
Courtenay Dempsey13	Liam Jones13	Keith Narkle85 ^F	Dion Woods05
Nathan Djerrkurra09	Liam Jurrah09	Phil Narkle85 ^F	Clinton Wolf94
Dennis Dunn94	Robert Keeble83	Jake Neade13, 15	Chris Yarran09
Glenn Edwards85 ^S	Jay Kennedy-Harris15	Murray Newman13	Shane Yarran15
Shane Edwards15	Adam Kerinaia94	David Palm85 ^F	
Shaun Edwards13, 15	Dale Kickett94, 03	Dixie Paton85 ^S	
Macca Egan83	Derek Kickett85 ^S , 94	Danyle Pearce07, 09, 15	
Chris Egan07	Graham Kickett85 ^F	Jared Petrenko09, 13	
Phil Egan83, 85 ^F , 85 ^S	Laurie Kickett85 ^S	Byron Pickett05, 07	
Cam Ellis-Yolmen13, 15	Barry Kirby83	Jarrold Pickett15	
Brett Farmer85 ^S	Stephen Koops03, 05	Albert Proud09	
Jeff Farmer05	Andrew Krakouer03, 05, 07	Michael Ratumah94	
Cameron Faulkner05	Jim Krakouer83, 85 ^F	Cyril Rioli07, 09	
Fabian Francis94	Phil Krakouer83, 85 ^F	Dean Rioli03	
Amos Frank13	Jamie Lawson94	Maurice Rioli83, 85 ^F , 85 ^S	
Lance Franklin13	Sean Lemmens15	Willie Rioli (Snr)94	

NOTE:

The list does not include players who played in international rules Indigenous All Stars teams or were in All Stars squads but did not play. Each team the footballer played with is represented by the last two digits of that year – 94 indicates 1994, 05 indicates 2005, etc. 85^F – indicates the footballer played in February 1985. 85^S – indicates the footballer played in September 1985.

THE KEVIN SHEEDY TROPHY

Inaugurated in 1998 the Kevin Sheedy Trophy, a crystal vase, is for perpetual competition between Essendon and Richmond. It was established "...in recognition of Kevin's service for both clubs." Sheedy was a three-time Richmond premiership player and four-time Essendon premiership coach, who has championed indigenous footballers at all levels and was largely responsible for the Dreamtime at the 'G concept. The trophy was retired in 2013 but in 2014 it was revived for the games between the sides other than the Dreamtime at the 'G match.

1985 ABORIGINAL ALL STARS VASE

The vase (right) was made by Tiwi artist John Patrick Kelantumama. It was signed by members of the September 13, 1985 Aboriginal All Stars team that played on the MCG, as well as their coach, Syd Jackson. In October 1985 it was acquired by the MCG's Australian Gallery of Sport and Olympic Museum. [AGOSOM 1985.10.1]



FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 10 on the MCG

The highest score for this round at the MCG is 27.11 (173) by Collingwood against West Coast 10.13 (73) in 2008. The overall Round 10 record is 31.10 (196) by St Kilda against Carlton at Docklands in 2004. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 10 is 116 points by Carlton 25.15 (165) against Melbourne 6.13 (49) in 1986. The overall Round 10 record is 138 points by Adelaide 30.8 (188) against Essendon 6.14 (50) at Football Park in 2006.

The most goals on the MCG in this round is 10 by Tony Modra for Fremantle against Melbourne in 1999. The overall Round 10 record is 12 by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Brisbane at Moorabbin in 1992. The biggest attendance for a home-and-away match of 99,256 was in Round 10, 1958 at the MCG. Played on the Queen's Birthday holiday Melbourne 12.12 (84) defeated Collingwood 10.13 (73).

Statistics for Essendon v Richmond

Essendon v Richmond by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Richmond	Drawn
MCG	32	31	1
Albert Park	0	1	0
East Melbourne	4	8	0
Junction Oval	0	1	0
Punt Road	26	22	1
Princes Park	4	2	0
Windy Hill	35	20	1
Waverley	3	4	1
	104	89	4

Most Goals in a Match (10 or more)

11	Paul Salmon	Essendon	Rd 19	1986	Wav
10	Dick Harris	Richmond	Rd 3	1944	WH
10	John Coleman	Essendon	Rd 18	1953	PR

Highest Score

Essendon	25.20 (170)	Rd 2	1960	PR
Richmond	25.22 (172)	Rd 3	1982	MCG

Lowest Score

Essendon	3.4 (22)	Rd 8	1918	EM
Richmond	3.11 (29)	Rd 2	1911	PR

Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	125 points	Rd 2	1960	Essendon
Richmond	74 points	Rd 21	1970	Richmond
Richmond	74 points	Rd 18	1983	Richmond

Last Match – Round 20, 2015, MCG

	Richmond	Essendon
Quarter time	1.4	2.0
Half time	4.10	5.0
Three-quarter time	7.12	6.2
Full time	10.14 (74)	7.5 (47)

DREAMTIME AT THE 'G

This annual fixture between Essendon and Richmond acknowledges and celebrates the role of indigenous Australians in football. The combined colours of Richmond (yellow and black) and Essendon (red and black) coincidentally match the Aboriginal flag (red, yellow and black) and are seen to add symbolism to the event. The **Dreamtime at the 'G** was first held on a Saturday afternoon in July 2005 as a part of NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week events but has been played at night since 2006. That year the **Yiooken Award** (pronounced yie-yoo-ken) was inaugurated and presented to the player judged best on ground. Yiooken means "dreaming" in the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people. From 2007 the AFL has promoted an Indigenous Round which incorporates the Dreamtime at the 'G match, which this year was renamed the **Doug Nicholls Round**. Since 2006 the Dreamtime match has been associated with former Essendon champion Michael Long's **The Long Walk Trust**, a charity inspired by Long's walk from Melbourne to Canberra in 2004 that raised awareness of social issues affecting indigenous Australians.

Dreamtime at the 'G 2005-14

			Home Team		Away Team	Crowd	Yiooken Award Winner	
2005	July 9	Rd 15	Richmond	14. 8 (92)	Essendon	9.12 (66)	49,975	
2006	May 6	Rd 6	Essendon	13.17 (95)	Richmond	13.19 (97)	58,439	Dean Polo (Rich)
2007	May 26	Rd 9	Richmond	12.12 (84)	Essendon	12.20 (92)	61,837	James Hird (Ess)
2008	May 24	Rd 9	Essendon	10.12 (72)	Richmond	16.14 (110)	60,333	Nathan Foley (Rich)
2009	May 23	Rd 9	Richmond	12.13 (85)	Essendon	19.11 (125)	73,625	Jason Winderlich (Ess)
2010	May 22	Rd 9	Essendon	19.16 (130)	Richmond	14.11 (95)	64,709	David Hille (Ess)
2011	May 21	Rd 9	Richmond	16.9 (105)	Essendon	13.11 (89)	83,563	Trent Cotchin (Rich)
2012	May 19	Rd 8	Essendon	19.14 (128)	Richmond	15.19 (109)	80,900	Brett Deledio (Rich)
2013	May 25	Rd 9	Richmond	9.8 (62)	Essendon	13.13 (91)	84,234	Jobe Watson (Ess)
2014	May 31	Rd 11	Essendon	15.14 (104)	Richmond	7.12 (54)	74,664	Brendon Goddard (Ess)
2015	May 30	Rd 9	Richmond	10.12 (72)	Essendon	8.11 (59)	83,804	Brandon Ellis (Rich)

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