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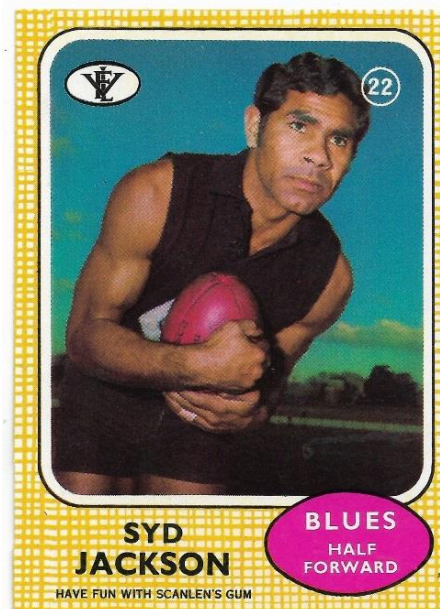
DREAMTIME AT THE 'G

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SYD JACKSON

Syd Jackson and his sisters were taken from their parents and sent to the Moore River Native Settlement in Western Australia, the institution from which three girls ran away in the film *Rabbit Proof Fence*. Jackson observed that "in the missions we were used as slave labour to work the farms that kept the white mission owners in the lifestyle to which they were accustomed". Sport was to be his vehicle to escape from this life: "For us to get out of the mission and play different sports was important." This outside contact led to several talented youngsters, including Jackson, being recruited by the South Bunbury Football Club. "We played reasonably well and we used to get picked up every Sunday to go and play in the juniors and that progressed into the seniors." Jackson then came into contact with the man who would become his mentor and set him on the road to football fame. Dr Ern Manea, a prominent doctor, Mayor of Bunbury and president of the South Bunbury club, organised an apprenticeship for Syd, and then invited him to board in his home.



It would not be long before Syd Jackson was a star at South Bunbury, becoming the youngest winner ever of the South West Football League's best and fairest award. In the early 1960s, after he had again won the award, East Perth made approaches and Syd soon found himself heading to the capital city to play alongside Graham "Polly" Farmer. In his first season, at the age of 19, he finished tied for first in the Sandover Medal count, but because he had been suspended during the year he was ineligible to win. Following appearances in two grand finals and state representation, Jackson signed with Carlton, but due to the stringent WAFL interstate recruitment regulations, he was forced to sit out the 1968 VFL season. Eligible to play in 1969, Jackson took very little time to make his mark and the following year was among the best for the Blues in their memorable grand final victory over Collingwood. He would play in another premiership team in 1972, Carlton beating Richmond in that year's grand final. After playing 136 games for the Blues, Jackson retired from VFL football in 1976. He then became heavily involved in working for the betterment of his people, including consulting for governments on Native Title issues, establishing employment opportunities for indigenous people with Parks Victoria and other such bodies, and setting up the Indigenous Sports Foundation. As Sean Gorman observes in his book about the Indigenous Team of the Century: "Syd Jackson's life is a great one at many levels, but it is football that has kept him alive and able to deal with adversity and alienation. Given the short life spans of so many of the children who went through the mission system, it says something about Jackson that he has lived to tell the tale."

AMPARRALAMTUA aka DAVID KANTILLA (1938-1978)

Amparralamtua, better known by his anglicised name David Kantilla, was the first Tiwi Islands footballer to play in a big southern league. The Bathurst Islander stood a wiry 6ft 5in (195.6cm) and was a fine mark, but at just 12.5st (79kg) he played with the mobility of a rover. He was best and fairest for South Adelaide in 1961 and 1962, his first two years of senior football, and played 113 games for the Panthers before he retired in 1967. Kantilla would return to Bathurst Island between southern football seasons and he would play for St Mary's in Darwin, during the tropical wet season. He excelled in the 1964 South Australian grand final and was best on ground against Melbourne, the Victorian premier, in Adelaide the following week. Kantilla represented South Australia four times but he never played in Melbourne. Kantilla was inducted into South Adelaide's Hall of Fame in 2004 and in 2010 was among six inaugural AFL Northern Territory Hall of Fame "Legends".

THE ALL-AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL TEAMS OF 1973 & 1974

The 1970s was a time of struggle and revival by Aboriginal Australia. It had seen the establishment of the land rights movement, the erection of the tent embassy on the lawns of the old Parliament House in Canberra, and the design of the Aboriginal Flag. It also saw the creation of an All-Australian Aboriginal team recruited from leagues that ranged the breadth of the continent. The closest thing to this concept before the 1970s may be the team that Doug Nicholls assembled from the missions at Cummeragunja on the New South Wales side of the Murray River and Lake Tyers in Gippsland, for a series of games in Melbourne during June 1944.

A 21-man squad was selected from the Aboriginal Football Carnival held at Werribee in late September 1973 to tour Papua New Guinea, which had a number of thriving Australian football competitions. The tour was managed by Doug Nicholls, and the team manager was Alick Jackomos. The historic squad consisted of Roger Rigney (SA), Michael Mansell (Tas), Anthony Miller (WA), Brian Warrior (SA), Dennis Lewfat (NT), Patrick Purantatameri (NT), Reg Mathews (Qld), Bill Ellis (NT), John McHenry (WA), Leon Wanganeen (SA), Alec Smith (Vic), John Pepperill (NT), Phillip Archer (SA), Ian Charles (Vic), Robert Muir (Vic), Ken Liddle (NT), Wilbur Wilson (SA), Tim Agius (SA), Garry Murray (Vic), Paul Hansen (WA) and Lloyd Bray (NT). The team was captained by Roger Rigney, who had played 211 senior games for Sturt (SANFL) from 1959 to 1971, including five premierships. It was vice-captained by John Pepperill, the 1969/70 Nicholls Medallist for the Darwin team St Mary's.

In a practice match before facing Papua New Guinea's national team, the Aborigines met a Lae representative side at the Lae Showgrounds on Wednesday, October 3. The *New Guinea Post-Courier* reported that the Australians had had "several top players played out of position and the team used the match to get to know each other." This accounted for their surprise loss, 9.8 (62) to 9.12 (66). Four days later at Sir Hubert Murray Stadium, Port Moresby, 6,000 attended the All-Australian Aboriginal team's match against Papua New Guinea. After a strong start by the Australians, they led by as much as 27 points during the third quarter, the PNG team pegged back their lead, and eventually overtook the tiring Australians in the final quarter, kicking 6.8 to 0.2 to win by 31 points.

Papua New Guinea	3.4	7.7	11.11	17.19 (121)
All-Aust. Aboriginal	6.4	9.11	12.16	12.18 (90)

Papua New Guinea

Goals: Sibona Mairi 5, Philip George 2, Vali Leka 2, Michael Bae 2, Peiwa Waea 2, Pat Amini, Vili Maha, Api Leka, Jim Molon.

Best: Philip George, Api Leka, Boga Taji, Pat Amini, Pae Mesak, Vili Maha, Bernard Mou, Sibona Mairi.

All-Australian Aboriginal

Goals: Anthony Miller 3, Robert Muir 2, Patrick Purantatameri 2, Garry Murray, Philip Archer, Brian Warrior, Leon Wanganeen, Roger Rigney.

Best: Leon Wanganeen (BoG), Robert Muir, Anthony Miller, Brian Warrior, Lloyd Bray, Tim Agius, Patrick Purantatameri.

The following year the National Aboriginal Sports Foundation's fifth football carnival was held in Canberra. As well as the host Canberra side, it attracted teams from the Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia. As the state teams arrived in the capital on October 3, a Papua New Guinean team did as well. Organisers had arranged the return match between PNG and the All-

Australian Aboriginal team for Sunday October 7, after the completion of the three-day carnival. A notable inclusion in the Aboriginal team that year was Carlton's Syd Jackson. The Papua New Guineans skipped away to a four-goal lead in the first quarter on a muddy Ainslie Oval. However, despite the rigors of the carnival and playing together for the first time, the Australians slowly pegged back the margin to be just two goals down at the last break. Carlton's Alex Jesaulenko, a guest at the carnival, was quoted by the *Canberra Times*: "It was fast and both teams showed a great deal of skill, especially in the very muddy conditions in the middle. There was not much at all in it at the end." Papua New Guinea's backline held out in the last quarter to give them a five point win, 13.11 (89) to 12.12 (84). Jesaulenko adjudged the All-Australian Aboriginal player Ralph White best on ground.

Eight years would pass before a similar Aboriginal representative team was assembled. On October 2, 1983, an Aboriginal All Stars team defeated a Sunraysia team augmented by Richmond players 37.11 (233) to 14.11 (95) before 3,000 spectators at Sarah Oval, Mildura.



The 1973 All-Australian Aboriginal team (yoke) playing Papua New Guinea (stripes) at Sir Hubert Murray Stadium, Port Moresby.

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 National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) 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 Woi wurrung language of the Wurundjeri people.

From 2007 the AFL has promoted an Indigenous Round which incorporated the Dreamtime at the 'G match. In 2016 the round was renamed the Sir 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.

			Home Team		Away Team		Crowd	Yiooken Award
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)
2016	May 28	Rd 10	Essendon	10.7 (67)	Richmond	16.9 (105)	56,948	Dustin Martin (Rich)
2017	May 27	Rd 10	Richmond	11.15 (81)	Essendon	10.6 (66)	85,656	Dustin Martin (Rich)
2018	June 2	Rd 11	Essendon	6.7 (43)	Richmond	17.12 (114)	81,046	Shane Edwards (Rich)
2019	May 25	Rd 10	Richmond	10.13 (73)	Essendon	6.14 (50)	80,176	Bachar Houli (Rich)

DREAMTIME NOT AT THE 'G

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 Dreamtime matches could not be staged in Melbourne. Therefore, the Round 10 match between Richmond and Essendon that was to be played at the MCG on May 23, 2020, was delayed to August 22 for the Round 13 Doug Nicholls Round, and moved to Darwin's Marrara Oval. The evening was also commercially branded "Dreamtime in Darwin". The June 5, 2021, match between the clubs in Round 12 was also relocated, this time to Perth Stadium and dubbed "Dreamtime in the West" or "Dreamtime in Perth". Both were trumpeted as televisual and ceremonial successes despite their modest attendances. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the last time a league match drew less than 5,500 to the MCG, as Marrara Oval had, was when 5,084 saw Melbourne play North Melbourne in Round 18, 1935. While Perth Stadium's capacity was unrestricted for its Dreamtime match, it drew a smaller crowd than all but the inaugural Dreamtime at the 'G.

			Home Team		Away Team		Venue	Crowd	Yiooken Award
2020	Aug 22	Rd 13	Essendon	10.1 (61)	Richmond	10.13 (73)	Marrara	5,401	Shai Bolton (Rich)
2021	June 5	Rd 12	Essendon	12.12 (84)	Richmond	19.9 (123)	Perth Stad.	55,656	Darcy Parish (Ess)

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.

The MCC Library acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the Traditional Owners on whose Country we are situated. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who access the MCC Library and its publications.

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 Richmond v Essendon

Richmond v Essendon by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Essendon	Drawn
Albert Park	1	0	0
East Melbourne	8	4	0
Junction Oval	1	0	0
Marrara Oval	1	0	0
MCG	37	32	1
Perth Stadium	1	0	0
Princes Park	2	4	0
Punt Road	22	26	1
Waverley	4	3	1
Windy Hill	20	35	1
	97	104	4

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Last Time They Met –

Round 12, 2021, Perth Stadium

	Richmond	Essendon
Quarter time	1.5	1.1
Half time	3.8	3.1
Three-quarter time	7.10	6.1
Full time	10.13 (73)	10.1 (61)

Most Goals in a Match

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

THE AFL'S 2019 APOLOGY

Adam Goodes played 372 games for the Sydney Swans, placing him ninth on the all-time VFL/AFL list. He won two Brownlow Medals, played in two premierships and was his club's best and fairest three times. He led the Swans' goalkicking three times and amassed a career total of 464 goals. Named in four All Australian teams, he was also selected in the Indigenous Team of the Century. Following the 2019 release of two documentaries, *The Australian Dream* and *The Final Quarter*, the Australian Football League and all 18 clubs apologised to Adam for their failures during the last months of his career, during which he was subjected to a torrent of abuse from opposition supporters. The AFL's statement read: "The treatment of Adam challenges us, and our right to be considered Australia's indigenous football code. Adam, who represents so much that is good and unique about our game, was subject to treatment that drove him from football. The game did not do enough to stand with him, and call it out. We apologise unreservedly for our failures during this period. Failure to call out racism and not standing up for one of our own, let down all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players, past and present."

In relation to the two documentaries, the AFL commented: "The films revealed a story of the personal and institutional experience of racism. We see that Australia's history of dispossession and disempowerment of First Nation's people has left its mark, and that racism, on and off the field, continues to have a traumatic and damaging impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and communities."

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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