MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 23
RICHMOND V
NORTH MELBOURNE

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PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Norman Selwyn "Sel" Murray (1917-1992) played with West Melbourne before his VFL career. He represented North Melbourne (1937-1944 and 1948) in 108 games with 411 goals and Richmond (1945-1946) in 13 games with 50 goals. Sel Murray was the North Melbourne leading goalkicker in 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942. He was the VFL leading goalkicker in 1941 with 88 goals. He was a very accurate left foot kick. Murray saw service in the army in 1940. In 1947 he led North Melbourne's Second Eighteen with 123 goals and played in the Seconds' premiership side. In later life Sel Murray was a successful bookmaker.

John "Jerker" Jenkins (1936 – 1980) represented Richmond (1955-59 in 34 games with 34 goals). He moved to North Melbourne (1959-1964 in 71 games with 44 goals). A big ruckman, he was 6'5" (196cm) in height and weighed 216lb (98kg).

S. MURRAY

SOME HIGHLIGHTS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- In Round 13, 1944 at Arden Street, North Melbourne 11.21 (87) defeated Richmond 14.2 (86). This is the only time in VFL/AFL history that a winning team has scored three goals fewer than its opponent.
- A small crowd of 7,341 saw the last match played at Arden Street Oval. In Round 20, 1985, North Melbourne 16.20 (116) defeated Richmond 9.12 (66). For the Kangaroos their best goal scorer was Stephen McCann with five goals, the Tigers' best goal kicker was Michael Pickering with three goals.

GREAT GOAL KICKING BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- In Round 2, 1931, at Punt Road Oval, Doug Strang played only his second match for the Tigers. Doug Strang kicked 14 goals 2 behinds. Richmond 30.19 (199) defeated North Melbourne 4.7 (31). The Richmond goalkickers were: Doug Strang (14), Jack Titus (8), Harry Weidner (3), Maurie Hunter (3), Jack Baggott (1) and Eric Zschech (1). North Melbourne did not kick a goal till the third quarter. North Melbourne's goal scorers were: Len Hooke (2), John Lewis (1) and Hector Moir (1).This was Jack Dyer's first match for Richmond, however he did not come off the bench.
- Doug Strang (Richmond) in Round 13, 1933 kicked 10 goals against North Melbourne at Arden Street. An attendance of 12,000 saw Richmond win by 75 points. The final scores read: Richmond 20.11 (131) to North Melbourne 8.8 (56).
- Jack "Skinny" Titus (Richmond) in Round 1, 1938, kicked 9.6 goals against North Melbourne at Punt Road Oval. Before a crowd of 16,000 the Tigers won by 77 points. Final scores read: Richmond 19.26 (140) to North Melbourne 9.9 (63).
- John Longmire (North Melbourne) kicked 12 goals 5 behinds against Richmond at the MCG in Round 2, 1990. Before a Friday night crowd of 18,105 the Kangaroos won by 141 points. The final scores read: North Melbourne 32.17 (209) to Richmond 9.14 (68).
- John Longmire (Kangaroos) booted 9 goals 5 behinds against Richmond at the MCG in Round 14, 1991. A Friday night match at the MCG was attended by a crowd of 23,353. North Melbourne 26.16 (172) defeated Richmond 19.14 (128).
- In a close match in Round 21, 2001, at the MCG, Richmond 13.14 (92) defeated North Melbourne 13.10 (88). A Friday night crowd of 37,776 saw Matthew Richardson takes 17 marks; he, however, kicked 2 goals 6 behinds for the match.

This Round in History – Round 23 on the MCG

Round 23 was first played in 1991 with the introduction of a 24-round season to compensate for a bye in the fixture caused by the inclusion of Adelaide. In 1992 and 1994, 24-round seasons were also played. The 1995 addition of Fremantle eliminated the bye and the AFL returned to a 22-round season. Following Gold Coast's entry into the AFL in 2011, a 24-round season was again played to compensate for a bye. Despite an even number of teams competing from 2012, a staggered mid-season bye meant Round 23 (but not Round 24) has been retained. The highest score in Round 23 at the MCG is 25.10 (160) by North Melbourne against Fitzroy 10.14 (74) in 1994. The 86-point margin is the biggest for this round at the MCG. The overall Round 23 highest score is 27.12 (174) by St Kilda against the Brisbane Bears 7.12 (54) at Moorabbin in 1991. The winning margin of 120 points is the greatest for this round. The biggest bag of goals at the MCG in Round 23 is six by Richmond's Jack Riewoldt against Port Adelaide in 2012. The overall Round 23 goalkicking record is 11 by Adelaide's Scott Hodges against Geelong at Football Park in 1992. The biggest Round 23 attendance is MCG is 85,405 for the Collingwood v Essendon match in 2019 at the MCG.

Statistics for Richmond v North Melbourne

Richmond v North Melbourne by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by North Melb	Drawn
Arden Street	28	21	0
Bellerive Oval	0	2	0
Carrara	1	0	0
Coburg	0	1	0
Docklands	6	10	0
MCG	22	27	2
Princes Park	0	1	0
Punt Road	24	7	0
SCG	0	1	0
Waverley Park	6	4	0
	87	74	2

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	D. Strang	Richmond	Rd 2	1931	PR
12	J. Longmire	North Melb	Rd 2	1990	MCG
10	D. Strang	Richmond	Rd 13	1933	AS

Highest Score

Richmond	30.19 (199)	Rd 2	1931	PR
North Melb	32.17 (209)	Rd 2	1990	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	3.8 (26)	Rd 3	1960	AS
North Melb	2.9 (21)	Rd 1	1928	PR

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	168 points	Rd 2	1931	PR
North Melb	141 points	Rd 2	1990	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 18, 2022, Docklands

	North Melb.	Richmond
Quarter time	4.0	2.5
Half time	10.2	3.12
Three-quarter time	12.2	8.16
Full time	14.8 (92)	11.22 (88)

THE 1974 GRAND FINAL

The Tigers and Kangaroos met at the MCG before a crowd of 113,839. The Richmond side was captained by Royce Hart and coached by Tom Hafey. North Melbourne was captained by Barry Davis and coached by Ron Barassi. North Melbourne was appearing in only its second grand final. North was back in the grand final for the first time since 1950 but was no match for the all-conquering Richmond which cruised to a 41 point win. The highlight for North was Doug Wade's 100th goal for the year. For the Kangaroos Wade top scored with four goals. The Tigers' leading goal scorer was Barry Richardson with five goals. The final score read Richmond 18.20 (128) to North Melbourne 13.9 (87). Best for Richmond were Kevin Sheedy, Royce Hart, Paul Sproule, Mike Green, Neil Balme and Wayne Walsh. North Melbourne's best were Keith Greig, Barry Cable, Wayne Schimmelbusch, John Rantall, Brad Smith and John Burns.

1974 V.F.L. GRAND FINAL — RICHMOND VERSUS NORTH MELBOURNE. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, MCG. Football Record.
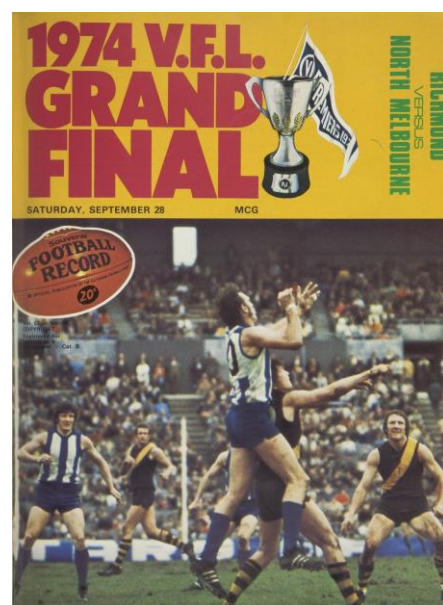
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