



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

MANCHESTER UNITED V MELBOURNE VICTORY

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MANCHESTER UNITED

Manchester United, founded in 1878 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railways, is based at Old Trafford in Greater Manchester. It is possibly the most recognised football club with a worldwide supporter base to be envied. Alex Ferguson, synonymous with United's name, is the most successful and longest serving manager, while Ryan Giggs was voted the most decorated player in England. United appeared at Melbourne's Olympic Park in 1967 as part of a tour of the USA, New Zealand and Australia. The team played the Victorian State XI on June 11, the result being the only draw of the Australian leg. Key players, Denis Law, Pat Crerand and Bill Foulkes were missing, while David Sadler headed the ball into the wrong net. A rematch scheduled for June 21, resulted in a Manchester United win with four goals. Law was on board, but Best stole the show.

In 2005 Malcolm Glazer purchased the club, but burdened with huge debts, the decision was taken to list United on the New York Stock Exchange in 2012. However, Glazer still retained 70% of the shares. United's first team coaches are Chris Armas, Eric Ramsay and Ewan Sharp, while Ralf Rangnick was interim manager. The United's captain for the recent season in 2021/22, Harry Maguire, has had 102 appearances and kicked 4 goals from the centre back position. He was also a member of England's national team. The Red Devil nickname was given to the English rugby club, Salford, touring France in the 1930s. The team kit of red shirts earned Salford the name. Matt Busby, United's legendary manager from 1945 to 1971, thought it intimidating enough to give United an advantage, hence United's nickname.

MANCHESTER UNITED AT THE MCG PART I v NOTTINGHAM FOREST, SUNDAY JUNE 3, 1984

In 1984 the Australian Soccer Federation invited Manchester United, Nottingham Forest and three other elite European clubs (Juventus, Glasgow Rangers and Iraklis) for a series with Australia's A and B sides dubbed the World Soccer Series. Manchester United was drawn to play a Nottingham Forest team managed by the outspoken, but highly successful, Brian Clough at the MCG. Nottingham Forest had recently finished 3rd in the English first division. Their first game in Australia was a 4 – 1 thumping of Western Australia in Perth, and then on May 30 Forest drew 1 – 1 with Australia A at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide. Manchester United ended the English season in 4th place, and was only separated from Nottingham Forest on goal difference. United's first match on the tour was a 0 – 0 draw with Australia A on May 28 in front of a 16,047 strong crowd at the SCG. On Sunday June 3, before a partisan Manchester United crowd of 14,099 at the MCG, United's Alan Hughes scored in the 10th minute. It was the only goal of the match. Peter Barnes, Manchester United's guest player, was the star of the game. Lawrie Schwab described him for the *Age* as "nothing short of a magician". Manchester United ended its Australian tour with a 0 – 0 draw with the Italian club Juventus on June 6 at the SCG. As for Nottingham Forest, the club would go on to draw 2 – 2 with Australia A on June 7 at Lang Park, Brisbane, and then 0 – 0 against Australia B at the SCG on June 11.



MELBOURNE VICTORY

Melbourne Victory was established in 2004 in Australia's A-League. The club leads the competition in membership and attendances and is also the most successful, having won three Championships and three Premierships. Melbourne Victory is the only club to complete the Premiership-Championship double three times, winning both titles in 2006/07, 2008/09 and 2014/15. In 2015 Melbourne Victory also won the FFA Cup. Victory is based at Melbourne Rectangular Stadium (aka AAMI Park) but plays some matches at Docklands Stadium, where it set a record attendance of 50,333 in 2006 against Sydney F.C. Victory competed against Liverpool in 2013, the 95,446 in attendance being the fourth largest soccer crowd in the MCG's history. Victory's colours

are navy, silver and white with the jersey sporting a white 'V', traditionally worn by the Victorian AFL team. The games record holder for the club is Leigh Broxham with 403 appearances since 2005. Archie Thompson is top scorer for Victory with 97 goals. Tony Popovic came on board as coach in 2021, taking Victory to a 2021 FFA Cup win in February 2022. The highlight of his playing career was qualifying for the 2006 FIFA World Cup with the Socceroos, a team he joined in 1995, and, after eleven years, notched up 58 appearances and 8 goals. He distinguished himself in defence with Crystal Palace: 120 appearances, 21 Premier League matches and was club captain. Clubs coached include Crystal Palace, Western Sydney Wanderers, Karabukspor, Perth Glory, and Xanthi. Joshua Brillante, central midfielder, and five times Socceroo, leads Victory. He played under Tony Popovic with Xanthi, but his credentials include an A League Championship and a Premiership with Sydney FC.

Soccer at the MCG

- The first soccer football match played on the MCG was between Victoria and NSW on July 18, 1887.
- An Australian XI first played at the MCG on July 5, 1924. A Canadian XI defeated Australia 3 – 0 before 4,038 spectators. It was not recognised as an official “Test” and is not recognised as a full international by FIFA.
- In 1956 the MCG hosted four Olympic Football (soccer) matches. The gold medal game between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia was played prior to the closing ceremony which drew approximately 104,000 people.
- The first FIFA-recognised full international on the MCG took place on November 29, 1997. Australia and Iran drew 2 – 2 in a World Cup Qualifier before 85,513 spectators.
- The most goals scored by a team in a match at the MCG is eight by Victoria against Tasmania in 1912, and the most scored by a player in a match at the MCG is seven by the English XI’s Jackie Sewell against Victoria in 1951.
- The largest attendance for a club match at the MCG was 99,382, when Spain’s Real Madrid defeated England’s Manchester City in the 2015 International Champions Cup. The largest attendance for a full international at the MCG is 95,969 for the Brazil v Argentina Superclásico de las Américas on June 9, 2017. The largest attendance for a soccer-only event in Australia is 104,098 for the 2000 Olympic football gold medal match between Cameroon and Spain at Sydney’s Stadium Australia.

Melbourne Victory at the MCG

Date					Att.	Notes
July 24, 2013	Melbourne Victory	0	2	Liverpool (Eng)	95,446	Liverpool FC Tour
July 23, 2016	Melbourne Victory	1*	1*	Junventus (Ita)	23,174	International Champions Cup

*Melbourne Victory defeated Juventus 4-3 on penalties.

Manchester United at the MCG

Date					Att.	Notes
June 3, 1984	Manchester United	1	0	Nottingham Forest (Eng)	14,099	World Series
July 15, 1999	Manchester United	2	0	Australia	71,215	Manchester United FC Tour

Largest Soccer Attendances at the MCG

Date					Tournament	Attendance
Dec 8, 1956	USSR	1	0	Yugoslavia	Olympic Games (Amateur)	104,700*
July 24, 2015	Manchester City	1	4	Real Madrid	ICC Champions Cup	99,382
June 9, 2017	Brazil	0	1	Argentina	Superclásico de las Américas	95,969
July 24, 2013	Melbourne Victory	0	2	Liverpool	Liverpool FC Tour	95,446
May 25, 2006	Australia	1	0	Greece	Friendly	95,103
Sept 13, 2000	Australia	0	1	Italy	Olympic Games (Under 23)	93,225
Nov 29, 1997	Australia	2	2	Iran	World Cup Qualifier	85,513

*The Olympic football (soccer) match preceded the Closing Ceremony.

MELBOURNE VICTORY’S TROPHY CABINET

Founded: November 1, 2004

A-League Premiers: (3): 2006/07, 2008/09, 2014/15

A-League Championship (4): 2007, 2009, 2015, 2018

FFA Cup/Australia Cup (2): 2015, 2021

A-League Pre-Season Cup (1): 2008

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MANCHESTER UNITED’S TROPHY CABINET

Founded: 1878

Intercontinental Cup (1): 1999

FIFA Club World Cup (1): 2008

European Cup/UEFA Champions League (3): 1967/68, 1998/99, 2007/08

European Cup Winners' Cup (1): 1990/91

UEFA Europa League (1): 2016/17

European Super Cup (1): 1991

First Division/Premier League (20): 1907/08, 1910/11, 1951/52, 1955/56, 1956/57, 1964/65, 1966/67, 1992/93, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2000/01, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2010/11, 2012/13

Second Division (2): 1935/36, 1974/75

FA Cup (12): 1908/09, 1947/48, 1962/63, 1976/77, 1982/83, 1984/85, 1989/90, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1998/99, 2003/04, 2015/16

Football League Cup/EFL Cup (5): 1991/92, 2005/06, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2016/17

FA Charity Shield/FA Community Shield (21): 1908, 1911, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1965*, 1967*, 1977*, 1983, 1990*, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016 (* shared)