



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

MANCHESTER UNITED V
CRYSTAL PALACE

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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 II v AUSTRALIA, THURSDAY JULY 15, 1999

The year 1999 was a high point in the history of Manchester United. The club had won the English Premier League, FA Cup, UEFA Champions League and the Intercontinental Cup. United was the greatest team in the world, so one may expect a trip to the antipodes to be an anticlimax. However, United's Dwight Yorke would tell *FourFourTwo*, "The trip to Australia in 1999 remains one of the greatest I've ever undertaken." United had accepted a reported A\$3.1m (£2m) from the entrepreneur Rene Rivkin to play two games, one at the MCG and another at Stadium Australia, the main stadium of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. On July 15 the club met the Australian national team before 71,215 at the MCG. United won 2 – 0. A shot on goal by Socceroo Danny Tiatto in the 22nd minute was deflected by United's Australian keeper Mark Bosnich. United's first goal demonstrated deft touch, with Jesper Blomqvist slotting the ball past the Socceroo's goalkeeper Michael Petkovic, while the second was a cannon launched from outside the box by Nicky Butt in the 76th minute. In the second match of the tour, United defeated Australia again, this time 1 – 0 at Stadium Australia before a 78,000 strong crowd. United's Australian crowds were larger than any their Old Trafford stadium could accommodate at the time, and the tour demonstrated the global reach that some English soccer clubs had.

CRYSTAL PALACE

Although an amateur Crystal Palace Football Club had existed from 1854 until 1875, it was not the forerunner of the team that carries that name today. Crystal Palace Company established the professional Crystal Palace Football Club on September 10, 1905. The company's stadium at Hyde Park had hosted the prestigious FA Cup since 1895, but the company, seeking a regular attraction, founded the football club that carried its name. The ground made unusual headlines in 1913 when the suffragettes attempted to blow up the stands during the FA Cup final. Crystal Palace played in the Southern Football League, where it would play until 1920, as well as in the mid-week United League. In 1915 their ground was seized by the Admiralty. The club played at a number of temporary venues until, in 1919 it purchased the land on which the club would eventually build its current home, Selhurst Park in South London. Crystal Palace was admitted to the Football League for the 1920/21 season.



The Club is owned by David S. Blitzer, Steve Parish, Josh Harris and John Textor. Patrick Vieira was appointed manager with a three-year contract in 2020. He played with giants of world football: AC Milan, Arsenal, Juventus, Inter Milan and Manchester City. In his time with these clubs, and the French national team, he amassed an impressive trophy cabinet that includes three Premier League titles, four FA Cups, four Serie A titles, the 2009/10 UEFA Champions League and the French 1998 World Cup. Prior to his work for Crystal Palace he managed Manchester City, New York City and Nice. Luka Milivojevic has captained Crystal Palace since 2018, with 165 appearances, and scoring 28 goals for Crystal Palace and has had a significant impact on the team.

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 América on June 9, 2017.

English Soccer Clubs at the MCG

Date					Att.	Notes
June 3, 1984	Nottingham Forest	0	1	Manchester United	14,099	World Series
May 29, 1985	Tottenham Hotspur	0	1	Australia	15,231	World Series (double header)
June 9, 1985	Tottenham Hotspur	4	1	Udinese (Ital)	8,451	World Series (double header)
July 15, 1999	Manchester United	2	0	Australia	71,215	Manchester United FC Tour
July 24, 2013	Liverpool	2	0	Melbourne Victory	95,446	Liverpool FC Tour
July 21, 2015	Manchester City	2*	2*	AS Roma (Ita)	41,134	International Champions Cup
July 24, 2015	Manchester City	1	4	Real Madrid (Esp)	99,382	International Champions Cup
July 26, 2016	Tottenham Hotspur	1	2	Juventus (Ita)	25,457	International Champions Cup
July 29, 2016	Tottenham Hotspur	0	1	Athletico Madrid (Esp)	35,397	International Champions Cup
July 15, 2022	Manchester United	4	1	Melbourne Victory	72,413	Manchester United FC Tour

*Manchester City defeated AS Roma 5-4 on penalties.

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 América	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.

CRYSTAL PALACE'S TROPHY CABINET

Founded: September 10, 1905

Second Division/EFL Champions (2): 1978/79, 1993/94

Third Division/EFL League One Champions (1): 1920/21

Full Members Cup (1): 1990/91

Football League South Champions (1): 1940/41

Football League South 'D' Division (1): 1939/40

Southern Football League Division Two (1): 1905/06

United League Champions (1): 1906/07

London Challenge Cup (3): 1912/13, 1913/14, 1920/21

Surrey Senior Cup (3): 1996/97, 2000/01, 2001/02

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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)