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VALE NOEL McMAHEN

Noel McMahen was recruited from Mordialloc. He played with Melbourne from 1946 to 1956 in 175 games with 28 goals. He was a strong and feared defender who found his place as a dashing half-back. He had good judgement and ball control. He was a member of the Demons' 1948 flag victory against Essendon. McMahen captained Melbourne to their 1955 and 1956 premierships. Honours included the Melbourne best and fairest award in 1951 and state selection on four occasions. After success coaching country side Rochester, McMahen joined South Melbourne as coach for the years 1962 to 1964. He was honoured by being named a half-back flanker in the Demons' Team of the Century in 2000. Noel McMahen passed away on July 10, 2022, aged 95.
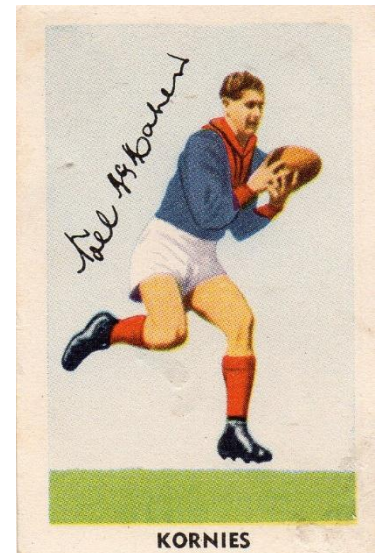
VALE NOEL CLARKE

Noel Clarke played with North Launceston (NTFA) from 1949 to 1951. In 1950 he was a star player when North Launceston won the NTFA and State premierships. He joined Melbourne in 1951 where he played at full-forward. From 1951 to 1955 he represented Melbourne in 77 games and kicked 155 goals. He played a major role in the 1955 premiership side by kicking three goals in the grand final. In 1956 Clarke was cleared by Melbourne to play with North Hobart (TFL). A key figure in Tasmanian football, Clarke achieved the rare feat of being selected in three "Best" teams. He was selected at centre half-forward in North Launceston's official "Best Team 1945-1999", in New Norfolk's official "Best Team 1947-2001", and in North Hobart's official "Team of the 20th Century". Noel Clarke died on August 7, 2022, in Hobart aged 91.

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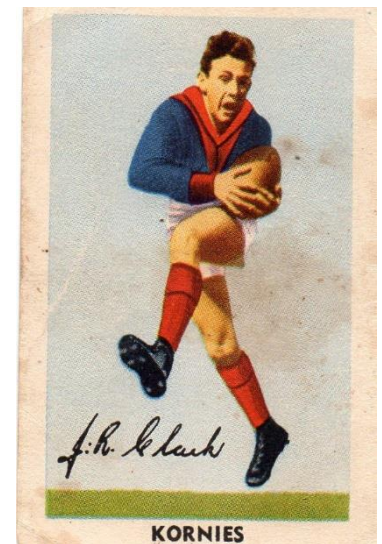
OVER TO YOU
1. Who am I? I was a member of two premiership teams as a player with one club. Later, I coached that club to another flag before transferring to another club. I was responsible for introducing the Demon mascot before guiding the players, under my control, to four more premierships.
2. Who am I? I represented Australia in Test cricket, gained selection in the 1933 premiership team and made a come-back at VFL level after a seven season absence. The 1945 grand final was my 99th and final match.
3. Who am I? My father was known as "Bull" and he played with Richmond and South Melbourne. I was a great full-forward and hold the record number of goals on the MCG, with 464 goals in 152 games.

QUALIFYING FINALS SCORES

1972	QF	MCG	Richmond	25.14 (164)	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	91,900
1973	QF	MCG	Carlton	13.13 (91)	Richmond	10.11 (71)	86,386
1974	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	15.13 (103)	Hawthorn	8.17 (65)	77,519
1975	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	14.12 (96)	Carlton	12.4 (76)	74,015
1976	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	14.19 (103)	North Melbourne	12.11 (83)	64,148
1977	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.11 (125)	North Melbourne	12.15 (87)	64,052
1978	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	23.16 (154)	Collingwood	14.14 (98)	79,931
1979	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	9.28 (82)	84,660
1980	QF	Waverley	Richmond	18.8 (116)	Carlton	10.14 (74)	59,014
1981	QF	MCG	Geelong	16.16 (112)	Collingwood	13.20 (98)	83,899
1982	QF	MCG	Carlton	25.13 (163)	Hawthorn	16.9 (105)	70,552
1983	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.13 (127)	Fitzroy	19.9 (123)	58,288
1984	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	18.14 (122)	Carlton	13.14 (92)	55,947
1985	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	22.23 (155)	Footscray	8.14 (62)	58,449
1986	QF	MCG	Carlton	18.12 (120)	Sydney	15.14 (104)	66,016
1987	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	23.18 (156)	Sydney	8.9 (57)	47,752
1988	QF	MCG	Carlton	22.13 (145)	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	83,032
1989	QF	MCG	Essendon	24.13 (157)	Geelong	11.15 (81)	75,861
1990	QF	Waverley	Collingwood	13.12 (90)	West Coast	13.12 (90)	57,546
1990	QF Replay	Waverley	Collingwood	19.12 (126)	West Coast	9.13 (67)	53,520
1991	QF	Subiaco Oval	Hawthorn	18.16 (124)	West Coast	15.11 (101)	44,142
1992	QF	MCG	Geelong	26.16 (172)	Footscray	17.9 (111)	68,753
1993	QF	MCG	Carlton	15.10 (100)	Essendon	14.14 (98)	79,739
1994	1QF	MCG	Geelong	15.16 (106)	Footscray	15.11 (101)	61,182
1994	2QF	Waverley	North Melbourne	15.24 (114)	Hawthorn	13.13 (91)	38,223
1994	3QF	MCG	Melbourne	18.15 (123)	Carlton	14.12 (96)	56,111
1994	4QF	WACA	West Coast	11.16 (82)	Collingwood	12.8 (80)	31,824
1995	1QF	Waverley	Essendon	11.8 (74)	West Coast	8.7 (55)	36,102
1995	2QF	MCG	North Melbourne	17.12 (114)	Richmond	12.12 (84)	68,226
1995	3QF	MCG	Geelong	24.11 (155)	Footscray	10.13 (73)	59,889
1995	4QF	MCG	Carlton	13.12 (90)	Brisbane Bears	12.5 (77)	52,092
1996	1QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	18.17 (125)	Carlton	10.10 (70)	41,501
1996	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Bears	15.11 (101)	Essendon	15.10 (100)	21,964
1996	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	19.17 (131)	Geelong	9.17 (71)	69,323
1996	4QF	SCG	Sydney	13.12 (90)	Hawthorn	12.12 (84)	37,010
1997	1QF	Football Park	Adelaide	14.15 (99)	West Coast	9.12 (66)	43,831
1997	2QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.11 (119)	Sydney	12.12 (84)	62,432
1997	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.13 (79)	Geelong	9.7 (61)	55,561
1997	4QF	Waverley	St Kilda	20.15 (135)	Brisbane Lions	13.11 (89)	50,035
1998	1QF	MCG	Melbourne	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	9.13 (67)	60,817
1998	2QF	SCG	Sydney	12.17 (89)	St Kilda	13.9 (87)	36,056
1998	3QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.13 (121)	West Coast	7.9 (51)	43,025
1998	4QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.16 (82)	Essendon	8.12 (60)	71,154
1999	1QF	MCG	West Coast	9.11 (65)	Western Bulldogs	8.12 (60)	41,227
1999	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	20.18 (138)	Carlton	8.17 (65)	26,112
1999	3QF	MCG	Kangaroos	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	31,476
1999	4QF	MCG	Essendon	18.15 (123)	Sydney	7.12 (54)	57,687
2000	1QF	MCG	Essendon	31.12 (198)	Kangaroos	11.7 (73)	68,443
2000	2QF	MCG	Melbourne	15.6 (96)	Carlton	12.15 (87)	75,570
2001	1QF	MCG	Essendon	17.11 (113)	Richmond	5.13 (43)	78,253
2001	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	12.16 (88)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	32,380
2002	1QF	Football Park	Collingwood	16.12 (108)	Port Adelaide	14.11 (95)	33,131
2002	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	5.14 (44)	31,854
2003	1QF	Football Park	Sydney	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	13.10 (88)	33,968
2003	2QF	MCG	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Brisbane Lions	7.9 (51)	66,092
2004	1QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	18.9 (117)	Geelong	9.8 (62)	39,250
2004	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	23.11 (149)	St Kilda	10.9 (69)	33,582
2005	1QF	Football Park	St Kilda	10.5 (65)	Adelaide	8.9 (57)	48,768
2005	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	10.9 (69)	Sydney	10.5 (65)	43,302
2006	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Sydney	13.7 (85)	West Coast	12.12 (84)	43,116

2006	2QF	Football Park	Adelaide	10.16 (76)	Fremantle	7.4 (46)	42,208
2007	1QF	MCG	Geelong	23.18 (156)	Kangaroos	8.2 (50)	77,630
2007	2QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	9.14 (68)	West Coast	9.11 (65)	37,750
2008	1QF	MCG	Geelong	17.17 (119)	St Kilda	8.13 (61)	71,653
2008	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	18.19 (127)	Western Bulldogs	11.10 (76)	76,703
2009	1QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.8 (80)	Collingwood	7.10 (52)	84,213
2009	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.12 (96)	Western Bulldogs	12.10 (82)	74,007
2010	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	17.22 (124)	Western Bulldogs	8.14 (62)	66,672
2010	2QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.11 (83)	Geelong	11.13 (79)	63,785
2011	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	12.10 (82)	West Coast	9.8 (62)	67,502
2011	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.14 (98)	Hawthorn	9.13 (67)	73,601
2012	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	20.15 (135)	Collingwood	15.7 (97)	84,625
2012	2QF	Football Park	Sydney	11.5 (71)	Adelaide	5.12 (42)	44,849
2013	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.15 (105)	Sydney	7.9 (51)	59,615
2013	2QF	Kardinia Park	Geelong	9.18 (72)	Fremantle	12.15 (87)	32,458
2014	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	12.15 (93)	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	35,998
2014	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.14 (104)	Geelong	10.8 (68)	74,757
2015	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	Sydney	7.18(60)	40,071
2015	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	14.12 (96)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	42,663
2016	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	7.13 (55)	Greater Western Sydney	12.19 (91)	60,222
2016	2QF	MCG	Geelong	12.13 (85)	Hawthorn	12.11 (83)	87,533
2017	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Adelaide	12.12 (84)	Greater Western Sydney	6.12 (48)	52,805
2017	2QF	MCG	Geelong	5.10 (40)	Richmond	13.13 (91)	95,028
2018	1QF	MCG	Richmond	13.17 (95)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	91,446
2018	2QF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	12.14 (86)	Collingwood	10.10 (70)	59,585
2019	1QF	MCG	Geelong	7.9 (51)	Collingwood	9.7 (61)	93,436
2019	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	8.17 (65)	Richmond	16.4 (112)	37,478
2020	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	9.4 (58)	Geelong	5.12 (42)	22,755
2020	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	10.9 (69)	Richmond	8.6 (54)	22,104
2021	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	12.14 (86)	Geelong	5.13 (43)	19,712
2021	2QF	Adelaide Oval	Melbourne	13.15 (93)	Brisbane Lions	9.6 (60)	13,784

PAST QUALIFYING FINALS AT THE MCG (1972-2019)

The inaugural qualifying final was played at the MCG in 1972. Richmond 25.14 (164) defeated Collingwood 18.12 (120) before a crowd of 91,900. The largest qualifying final attendance was 95,028, who saw the 2017 second qualifying final between Geelong and Richmond.

The highest score in a qualifying final is 198 points recorded by Essendon 31.12 (198) against the Kangaroos 11.7 (73) in 2000 at the MCG. The 125-point margin is also the greatest in a qualifying final. The overall highest score for a quarter in a qualifying final is 11.4 (70) by Carlton against Hawthorn in 1982 at the MCG. The lowest score in a qualifying final at the MCG is 5.13 (43) by Richmond against Essendon in the 2001 first qualifying final. The lowest at all venues is 5.12 (42) by Geelong against Port Adelaide in the 2020 first qualifying final at the Adelaide Oval.

The best bag of goals in a qualifying final at the MCG is nine by Geelong's Billy Brownless against Footscray in 1992. Two years later. at the same venue, Brownless kicked a dramatic goal after the final siren to defeat Footscray by five points in the 1994 first qualifying final. Hawthorn's Michael Moncrieff (1978), Fitzroy's Bernie Quinlan (1983) and another Hawk, Lance "Buddy" Franklin (2008) have each kicked eight goals in a qualifying final at the MCG. Carlton's Warren Ralph (1984) kicked eight at Waverley. Ralph and Quinlan achieved their feat in losing teams.

QUALIFYING FINALS EXPLAINED

The qualifying final was first played in 1972 following the introduction of the McIntyre final five system. One qualifying final was played each year from 1972 to 1993. Between 1972 and 1990 the qualifying final was played between teams that finished second and third on the ladder. The winner met the minor premier in the second semi final for a place in the grand final. The loser played the winner of the elimination final in the first semi final. In 1991, following the admission of Adelaide which created a 15-team competition, the McIntyre final six was introduced. Under this system the first and second-placed teams played in the qualifying final, while the other four finalists faced elimination finals. The winner of the qualifying final progressed to the preliminary final and the loser played in a semi final.

With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994, four qualifying finals were played in the first week when first played eighth, second played seventh, third played sixth and fourth played fifth. Under this system, the two lowest-placed losing teams were eliminated.

In 2000, as part of the revised final eight system, two qualifying finals were played. Under the current scheme, the first-placed team plays fourth in the first qualifying final and the second-placed team plays third in the second qualifying final. The winners earn a week's break and progress to one of two preliminary finals. The losers must play the winners of the elimination finals in the semi finals.

Statistics for Melbourne v Sydney/South Melbourne

Melbourne v Sydney/South Melbourne by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Swans	Drawn
Cazaly Stadium	0	1	0
Docklands	0	2	0
Junction Oval	0	2	0
Lake Oval	28	39	0
MCG	50	46	2
Manuka Oval	0	3	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Punt Road	2	3	0
SCG	10	15	0
Stadium Aust.	1	0	0
Waverley Park	2	4	0
	94	116	2

Last Time They Met – Round 12, 2022, MCG

	Melbourne	Sydney
Quarter time	5.1	1.5
Half time	7.1	6.9
Three-quarter time	8.6	6.11
Full time	9.7 (61)	10.13 (73)

Highest Score

Melbourne	26.21 (177)	Rd 15	1991	SCG
Sydney	29.15 (189)	Rd 17	1986	SCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	0.8 (8)	Rd 12	1912	MCG
South Melb.	2.3 (15)	Rd 6	1898	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	107 points	Rd 6	1939	MCG
Sydney	124 points	Rd 17	1986	SCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	L. White	South Melb.	Rd 5	1942	PP
10	R. Osborne	Sydney	Rd 13	1993	SCG

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1936 AND 1987 THE ONLY TWO

With Melbourne and South Melbourne being two of the original teams in the inaugural year of the Victorian Football League, 1897, it is surprising that the two sides have met in only two finals matches throughout the League's history. In 1936 the sides met in the preliminary final at the MCG before 49,758 fans. South Melbourne, with a side including Bob Pratt, Laurie Nash and subsequent TV commentator Jim Cleary, were too strong for the Redlegs, with Pratt kicking five goals despite fierce opposition from Melbourne full back Jack Mueller. The Swans led at every change, and despite Melbourne having nine more scoring shots to three-quarter time, the Swans, with straight kicking, led 11.1 (67) to 7.14 (56). The Swans increased their lead in the last quarter to win by 26 points and go on to meet Collingwood in the grand final. South Melbourne 13.11 (89) d Melbourne 8.15 (63).

It was to be another 51 years before the sides met again at finals time. South Melbourne had by then become the Sydney Swans and they came up against Melbourne in the 1987 first semi final at the MCG in front of 80,292 spectators. The Swans, tired after a 99-point thrashing by Hawthorn in the qualifying final the week before, and without full forward Warwick Capper through injury, were no match for the Demons. With Robert Flower kicking four goals, and Greg Healy and Tony Campbell three each for Melbourne, the Demons ran out easy winners by 76 points 21.23 (149) to 10.13 (73), thereby levelling the finals score between the clubs at one-all.
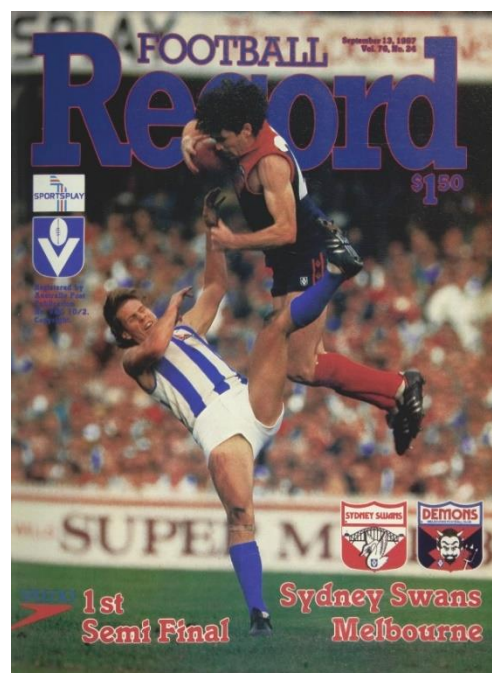
OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Frank "Checker" Hughes (Richmond player and coach, and Melbourne coach). **Q2** Laurie Nash played 99 games for South Melbourne from 1933 to 1937 and in 1945. **Q3** Matthew Richardson (Richmond).

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