



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

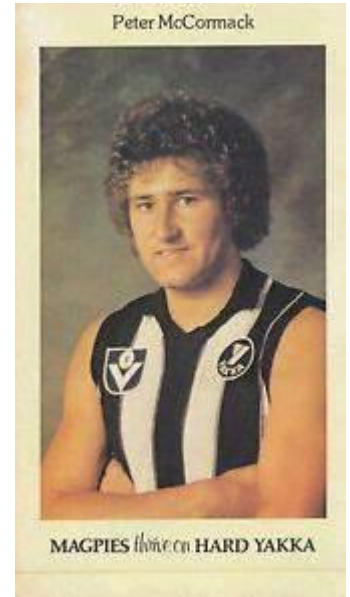
## AFL 2023 ROUND 3 COLLINGWOOD V RICHMOND

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### PLAYED FOR BOTH

Peter McCormack was a strong defender who was recruited by Collingwood from Assumption College, starting his League career in 1976. Injuries saw him struggle to keep a senior spot, but after a knee reconstruction he returned in 1978 and went on to play a total of 160 games (21 goals) for the Magpies until the end of the 1985 season. Financial problems at Collingwood saw him told at the beginning of the 1986 season that he was no longer required, and he then transferred to Richmond where he played just 4 games (0 goals) in 1986, again transferring, this time to Fitzroy, managing just one goalless game there.

McCormack is described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as “a determined player who held his own with the game’s best full forwards”. He played in three losing Collingwood grand final sides. The *Herald* described him as “loyal, honest and hardworking.” McCormack is quoted as saying “I didn’t mind playing in the backline. You got used to it after a while. I enjoyed playing there with some good guys – Billy Picken, Stan Magro, Kevin Worthington and Andrew Ireland. We formed a pretty good unit back there. It’s great having top players around you... if that doesn’t build your confidence, nothing will.”



### THE SINGING TIGRESSES & “RICHMOND’S ON TOP”

The June 11, 1921, *Football Record* wrote of a chorus of ladies singing the Tigers’ praises after Richmond defeated Collingwood by one point, 7.11 (53) to 6.16 (52), at the Punt Road Oval on June 4:

Dame Melba may be interested in knowing that Richmond, where the world-famous singer used to live, possesses a really live choir of songstresses. They wear long ribbons of yellow and black and call themselves the Singing Tigresses. They were in rare voice when the final bell rang on Saturday. They reached the top notes of “Richmond’s On Top” with such ease and bell-like purity of tone that one would have thought they had secured them from an aeroplane. The girls who regard Collingwood as their gladiators could not carol — the Magpies had no tune left.

The *Richmond Guardian* of January 29, 1921, attributed the song to H. Robertson, and the lyrics were recorded in the September 18, 1920, *Richmond Guardian* as:

Just a bit o’ “Bonnie Mary” or “Long Way to Tipperary,” / As they tramp across the old park in time to beat the clock. / Or a snatch of “When Yer Roamin’”—“When Yer Roamin’ in the Gloamin’” / An’ finish up by singin’—“Richmond’s on Top.”

### JACK HIGGINS’ 2018 GOAL OF THE YEAR

On Saturday July 28, 2018, before a crowd of 88,180, Richmond met Collingwood in Round 19 at the MCG. Jack Higgins, the Tigers’ first year player playing in just his 14th AFL match, juggled the ball around a goal post and goaled from behind the goal line at the Punt Road end in the third quarter. Richmond won the match 16.9 (105) to 12.5 (77). The win was Richmond’s 18th consecutive win at the MCG (from Round 14, 2017) – a new ground record. Higgins finished the match with two goals. After 43 games and 29 goals for the Tigers, Higgins was traded to St Kilda prior to the 2021 season. Thus far he has played 39 games and kicked 58 goals for the Saints.



You may watch Jack Higgins’ goal (above) on YouTube at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rOHkN6BhH8>

## This Round in History – Round 3 on the MCG

The biggest Round 3 winner on the MCG is North Melbourne by 127 points in 1994 when the Kangaroos 25.23 (173) defeated Hawthorn 6.10 (46). The highest score in all Round 3 matches on the MCG was registered by Richmond 31.25 (211) in 1985 against St Kilda. The best score in a quarter was also recorded in this game when Richmond kicked 9.7 (61) during the third quarter. In Round 3 there have been seven drawn games, two of which have been at the MCG. The last draw at the MCG in Round 3 was in 1980 when Richmond 18.20 (128) drew with St Kilda 19.14 (128). The most goals kicked by an individual in Round 3 on the MCG is 13 by Essendon's Matthew Lloyd in 1999 against Sydney. The top attendance for a Round 3 game is 90,564 for a Richmond-Essendon game at the MCG in 1982.

## Statistics for Collingwood v Richmond

### Collingwood v Richmond by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Richmond	Drawn
MCG	38	39	1
Punt Road	26	24	1
SCG	1	0	0
Victoria Park	50	25	0
Waverley	5	4	0
	120	92	2

### Highest Score

Collingwood	24.17 (161)	Rd 16	1992	VP
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Richmond	25.25 (175)	Rd 3	1942	PR

### Lowest Score

Collingwood	2.13 (25)	GF	1927	MCG
Richmond	1.7 (13)	GF	1927	MCG

### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	101 points	Rd 21	1986	VP
Richmond	138 points	Rd 3	1942	PR

### Last Time They Met – Round 8, 2022, MCG

	Richmond	Collingwood
Quarter time	3.3	2.3
Half time	9.7	5.7
Three-quarter time	13.10	8.11
Full time	17.11 (113)	12.14 (86)

### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	J. Titus	Rich	Rd 3	1942	PR
10	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 13	1971	VP
10	B Taylor	Coll	Rd 21	1986	VP
10	J. Hogg	Rich	Rd 8	1991	MCG
10	S. Rocca	Coll	Rd 14	1993	MCG

## DID HE REALLY SAY THAT?

- “The meek may inherit the earth, but they will never win games of football” – Mick Malthouse
- Allan Jeans was asked why he didn't order John Platten to have his Tiny Tim locks cut to a more conventional length and appropriate style in the 1980s. – “I would if he couldn't play.”
- On his first meeting with Eddie McGuire, Denis Cometti was quoted: “Ed had an aura. I remember he asked his personal assistant, ‘Have you seen the letter opener?’ and she replied, ‘It's his day off.’ I was impressed.”

## TIGER ARMY

Richmond was the first AFL club to boast 100,000 members when it reached that mark on July 27, 2018. The Tigers ended the 2018 AFL membership season (concluding July 31) with 100,726 members, some 20,424 more than the next best on the 2018 membership table – Hawthorn. Richmond's record membership total of 105,084 was set in 2021, while Collingwood's record was set in 2022 with 86,641 members.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Lardie Tulloch (right) is the only VFL/AFL player to have captained a premiership side and umpired a grand final. Tulloch captained the Magpies to premierships in 1902 and 1903 and officiated in the 1907 grand final between Carlton and South Melbourne.



## FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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