

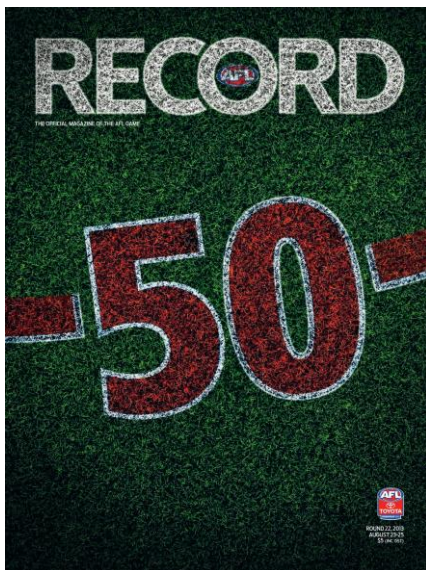


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AFL 2024 ROUND 18 RICHMOND V GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

KEVIN'S LAST STANDS

Kevin Sheedy, who had played 251 games (91 goals) for Richmond between 1967 and 1979, went on to coach Essendon for 634 games between 1981 and 2007. He then was appointed as the inaugural coach of Greater Western Sydney in 2012. The last game under Sheedy at GWS's home ground, Sydney Showgrounds, was in Round 22, 2013, against his old side, the Tigers (the *AFL Record* is pictured below left). Unfortunately, we suspect that things did not go to plan for Kevin that day. The first quarter was relatively even with Richmond scoring four goals to GWS's three. But an extraordinary second quarter saw Richmond score 11 goals 5 behinds to GWS's solitary behind! GWS got things together in the third quarter, scoring three goals to the Tiger's four, but things went downhill again for the locals in the last quarter, with the Tigers putting on another six goals three behinds to GWS's two behinds. Things were not helped by GWS's champion full-forward Jeremy Cameron being held goalless. Richmond's leading goalkickers were Aaron Edwards with five and Reece Conca and Brandon Ellis with three each, **Richmond 25.13 (163) def. Greater Western Sydney 6.6 (42)**. Things did not improve a lot for Sheedy in his last game as coach the next week. His side went down by 83 points to the Gold Coast Suns at Carrara.



THEIR FINALS

Since 2012 these two teams have met in the finals on two occasions, the second preliminary final in 2017 and the 2019 grand final.

The 2017 second preliminary final (the *AFL Record* is pictured above centre) was played at the MCG in front of a crowd of 94,258 fans, of whom around 95% were Richmond supporters. The first goal by the Tigers' Kane Lambert generated a booming 122 decibel roar. This was a record for the MCG, but it would soon be bettered by the thunderous 125 decibel exaltation that greeted teammate Daniel Rioli's late second quarter goal against the flow of play. A close and exciting first half saw the Tigers ahead by one point at the main break, with both sides kicking just five goals each. However, the third quarter saw the Tigers take over, with Rioli kicking his third and fourth goals, and Dustin Martin kicking two for the quarter to see Richmond ahead by 31 points at the last change. Despite Harry Himmelberg kicking two of his four goals in the final quarter, the Tigers ran out victors by 36 points.

Richmond 15.13 (103) def. Greater Western Sydney 9.13 (67)

The 2019 grand final (the *AFL Record* is pictured above right) was a very unpleasant experience for GWS and its supporters. One goal in the first half to Richmond's seven, and two Giants' goals in the second half to Richmond's 10, saw Greater Western Sydney go down by 89 points. Jeremy Cameron, Harry Himmelberg and Jacob Hopper were the only goalkickers for the Giants. Jack Riewoldt with five and Dustin Martin with four led the Tigers' goal scoring. The grand final was also memorable for the League debut of Richmond's Marlion Pickett who booted one goal and got 4 Norm Smith Medal votes to place third in the voting. Martin duly received 15 votes (out of a possible 15) to win the Norm Smith Medal, and Bachar Houli finished second with 6 votes.

Richmond 17.12 (114) def. Greater Western Sydney 3.7 (25)

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 18 ON THE MCG

The highest score at the MCG this Round is 25.19 (169) by Sydney against Melbourne 7.11 (53) in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score is 30.21 (201) by Carlton against Footscray 10.12 (72) at Princes Park in 1982. The most goals by an individual is 10 by Harold Harker of Melbourne against Geelong in 1921. Melbourne kicked 16.19 (115) and won by 44 points. The overall Round 18 goalkicking record is 13 by John Coleman of Essendon against Hawthorn at Windy Hill in 1952. Essendon kicked 20.12 (132) and won by 55 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Sydney in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score in a quarter is 11.6 (72) which has been scored twice. Carlton was the first to do so, in the second quarter against St. Kilda at Junction Oval in 1932. Carlton finished with 20.21 (141) to win by 87 points. Richmond equalled the record in the first quarter against Footscray at Waverley Park in 1980 when they booted 23.18 (156) to win by 115 points. The highest Round 18 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on July 30, 1993, when 87,573 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 68 points.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

Richmond v Greater Western Sydney by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by GWS	Drawn
Docklands	1	1	0
Manuka Oval	0	1	0
MCG	7	0	0
Sydney Showground	4	4	0
	12	6	0

Highest Score

Richmond	25.13 (163)	Rd 22	2013	SS
GWS	19.11 (125)	Rd 3	2019	SS

Lowest Score

Richmond	3.5 (23)	Rd 19	2016	Manuka
GWS	5.11 (41)	Rd 10	2014	SS

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	121 points	Rd 22	2013	SS
GWS	88 points	Rd 19	2016	Manuka

Last Time They Met –

Round 12, 2023, Sydney Showground

	GWS	Richmond
Quarter time	2.4	6.4
Half time	6.9	9.4
Three-quarter time	8.12	11.10
Full time	15.14 (104)	16.14 (110)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	Jack Riewoldt	Rich	Rd 10	2014	SS
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PLAYED FOR BOTH

A midfielder **Anthony Miles** went to GWS from TAC side the Murray Bushrangers and made his debut in Round 4 of the club's inaugural year, 2012. He totalled just ten games (1 goal) for the Giants before being drafted to the Tigers in the 2014 Rookie Draft, where he became a regular in the side, playing 61 games (24 goals) before being traded to the Gold Coast Suns at the end of the 2018 season. Two years at Carrara saw him play 17 games (6 goals) for the club in 2019 but he struggled for selection in 2020 and retired at the end of the season.

EARLY DAYS

The June 3 edition of the 1922 *Football Record* could well have been commenting far more recently about the umpires' difficulties:

In recent years the rule re holding the man who has possession of the ball has been the bane of umpires and a constant source of irritation to spectators. This season the chief difficulty so far centres round the rule re throwing of the ball. The umpires give various interpretations, and are not consistent, even through one match. But are the umpires more to blame than the governing authorities? The umpires' task is hard enough in all faith, but no mortal man could give satisfaction under present regulations. Even impartial spectators are puzzled while the barrackers are driven frantic, and the players know not what to do. The simple solution appears to be, allow the two-handed pass under all circumstances. It will make the game faster and prevent congested play. Instructions have been issued to umpires which, it is hoped, will bring about consistency in their decisions on this much-discussed question.

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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