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AFL 2025 ROUND 9 RICHMOND V WEST COAST

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Mark Merenda, a midfielder/forward, came to Richmond from the West Perth Football Club, making his debut in Round 12, 1994. He played a total of 75 games (62 goals) for the Tigers, but after failing to be selected from Round 2 in 2000 he went off to the West Coast Eagles where he played 26 games (26 goals) before injury forced his retirement at the end of 2002. Whilst with Richmond he won the Reserves goalkicking award in 1994 and in 1996 was selected to play for the Allies against Victoria. The *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* describes Merenda as a, “highly skilled and dangerous footballer whose career was plagued by injury”.

Robert Wiley, a rover, was recruited to the Tigers from WANFL side Perth where he had had an outstanding career, playing in their 1976 and 1977 premiership sides, leading their goalkicking in those two years and winning their best and fairest award every year from 1974 to 1978. He played a total of 95 games (127 goals) for Richmond from 1979 to 1983, including in their 1980 premiership side. He returned to the Perth side in 1984 and was with them until 1988, apart from one season with the West Coast Eagles in 1987 where he played 18 games (24 goals). He was included in the All-Australian side in 1986, was inducted into the West Australian Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2021. In 2012 Wiley joined Michael Malthouse at Carlton as the director of player development and coaching. The *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* says of Wiley, “The lightly built Wiley had great pace and read the play beautifully”.

OVER TO YOU

Can you name the West Coast Eagles’ three Brownlow Medallists?

NAME THE YEAR

The following is an extract from a Network 7 telecast from the final minute of a Richmond versus West Coast game at the MCG. The commentators were Peter Landy (PL), Ian Robertson (IR) and Don Scott (DS). In which year was the match played?

DS: Two points the difference.

IR: Very critical now, this centre break, it’s been a great struggle by both sides all day. 14.13 – 14.11. Richmond have got it. Away goes Griffiths, this marking contest, Richmond, Hogg, off the ground, it’s bouncing close, it’s through for a behind. The difference one point in favour of the Eagles.

DS: How much time left? Thirty-nine seconds!

IR: Are you excited Donny?

DS: Ahh, it’s a great game.

IR: The seventeen-and-a-half thousand fans here at the MCG are on the edge of their seats. The Eagles, to kick it in towards this near side, the mark, no, it’s punched away from Naish by Jakovich, and still a boundary throw in, 50 meters from the Richmond goal and the Eagles lead by one point.

PL: Less than half a minute to go, so, from this boundary throw-in the Tigers must go forward if they can. Jackson gives it to Weightman, he gets swamped, holding the ball.

DS: No! It’s his own man. It’s his own man did it.

PL: Well, he’s still swamped whoever did it.

DS: He’s not too fit either, is he? Look at the little fellow.

IR: And time ticking down. It’s not going to help Richmond. The siren almost imminent, they must get a... *(siren sounds)*... no, no chance. There it is. So, a fantastic finish and the West Coast Eagles have run out winners in another thriller. Chris Mainwaring played a magnificent game in the last quarter. Our second one-point win of the Round, Essendon’s getting up yesterday on this same ground by one point over Melbourne.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 9 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 9 score on the MCG is 32.19 (211) by Geelong against Richmond 10.17 (77) in 1989. This is also the highest score for this Round on all grounds. The most goals kicked in this round is 14 kicked by Gary Ablett Snr. in the same game. The greatest winning margin here in Round 9 is 141 points by Melbourne over Hawthorn in 1926 – 21.28 (154) to 1.7 (13). There has been one drawn game in Round 9 on the MCG. Melbourne and Collingwood each scored 10.5 (65) in 1909. Four drawn games have occurred on other grounds in Round 9. The highest Round 9 attendance was at the MCG in 1964 when 86,664 saw Melbourne 10.13 (73) defeat Collingwood 8.15 (63).

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V WEST COAST

Richmond v West Coast by Venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by West Coast	Drawn
Carrara	1	0	0
Docklands Stad.	3	1	0
Perth Stadium	2	3	0
MCG	11	8	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Subiaco Oval	4	14	0
Waverley Park	1	1	0
	23	28	0

Highest Score

Richmond	25.15 (165)	Rd 7	2022	PS
West Coast	26.17 (173)	Rd 22	2006	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	5.9 (39)	Rd 3	1994	MCG
West Coast	6.6 (42)	Rd 18	2014	Sub

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	109 points	Rd 7	2022	PS
West Coast	96 points	Rd 3	1994	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 5, 2024, Perth Stadium

	West Coast	Richmond
Quarter time	3.1	4.3
Half time	11.2	7.7
Three-quarter time	15.8	8.8
Full time	16.13 (109)	10.10 (70)

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<http://tinyurl.com/mcccatalogue>

JOSH KENNEDY – A STAR FORWARD

Josh Kennedy was born in Melbourne but grew up in Western Australia. He played for East Fremantle in the WAFL before being drafted at Number 4 by Carlton in the 2005 Draft. After 22 games (11 goals) with the Blues in 2006 and 2007, he was traded to the West Coast Eagles as part of a deal involving Chris Judd. From 2008 to 2022 Kennedy played 271 games for the Eagles where he amassed 712 goals, playing in their 2018 premiership side. He led their goalkicking in 2011, 2013 to 2017, 2020 and 2022, won the Coleman Medal in 2015 and 2016 and was named in the All-Australian side in 2015 (vice captain), 2016, and 2017 (again as vice captain).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Since the West Coast Eagles entered the AFL competition in 1987 they have never played a final against the Tigers.
- Chris Judd is the only West Coast Eagles player recognised on the MCC Members who have Achieved Sporting Excellence Wall, in the atrium space on the ground level of the MCC Members' Reserve.
- Richmond and West Coast have never played a drawn match and only one game between the clubs has been decided by one point. For a description from the final minute of their "one-point" game and the match details, see "Name the Year" on the cover page, and "Name the Year Answer" below.

OVER TO YOU ANSWER:

- Chris Judd (2004)
- Ben Cousins (2005)
- Matt Priddis (2014)

NAME THE YEAR ANSWER:

The match was AFL Round 6, April 26, 1992, at the MCG. Richmond 14.12 (96) was defeated by West Coast 14.13 (97). The attendance was 17,629.

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