



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2021 ROUND 1 MELBOURNE V FREMANTLE

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### THE FIRST TIME THEY MET

In Round 14, 1995 the Dockers and Demons met for the first time in the AFL at Subiaco Oval. Melbourne were captained by Garry Lyon and Fremantle skippered by Ben Allan. The opposing coaches were Gerard Neesham (Fremantle) and Neil Balme (Melbourne). In a gusty first half Fremantle 4.6 (30) competed with Melbourne 6.5 (41). The Dockers were well served by Andrew McGovern, Dale Kickett, Ben Allan, Scott Waters and Jason Norrish. Melbourne took control with three quick goals at the start of the third quarter. The newcomers could not match Melbourne from then on and the Demons ran out winners 15.12 (102) to 7.8 (50). Jim Stynes dominated play across half forward, kicking two goals, Glenn Lovett was a match-winner in the midfield kicking three goals and Demon captain Garry Lyon kicked four. The Dockers' leading goalkicker was Chris Groom with three.

### PLAYED FOR BOTH

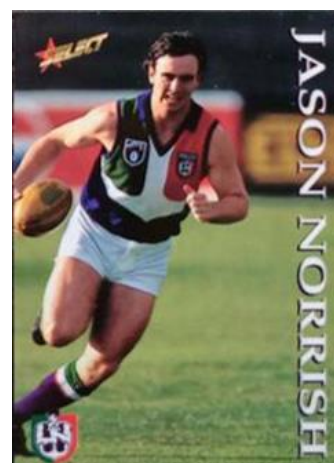
Twelve players have represented both the Dockers and the Demons. They include Harley Bennell, Scott Chisholm, Jeff Farmer, Phil Gilbert, Jesse Hogan, Ed Langdon, Troy Longmuir, Jason Norrish, Viv Michie, Troy Simmonds, Colin Sylvia and Jeff White. Below is the story of five of these players:

**PHIL GILBERT** (Melbourne 1993-94 25 games, 6 goals, Fremantle 1995-96 14 games, 2 goals)

Recruited to Melbourne from Claremont (WAFL). After 25 games with the Demons he was traded to Fremantle with Melbourne gaining 17 year old Jeff Farmer. He played 14 games for the Dockers from 1995 to 1996. After his AFL career he became the first captain of Peel Thunder, a new club in the WAFL. He also led the Pinjarra Tigers in the Peel Football League. In 2004 he returned to Peel Thunder as assistant coach to Garry Hocking. He is currently director of the Southern Football Academy (Clontarf) at North Albany Senior High School.

**ED LANGDON** (Fremantle 2015-19 68 games, 33 goals. Melbourne 2020-17 games, 2 goals). Recruited to Fremantle from TAC Cup team Sandringham Dragons, he played five seasons with the Dockers, finishing in the top five in their best and fairest award in 2018 and 2019. Traded to the Demons he played 17 games last season, finishing fourth in the club's best and fairest award. His older brother Tom played with Collingwood from 2014 to 2020.

**JASON NORRISH** (right) (Melbourne 1993-94 20 games, 2 goals. Fremantle 1995-2002 128 games, 23 goals). From Bunbury, Norrish was educated at Bunbury Cathedral GS and later Hale School in Perth. He represented Western Australia at State Schoolboy level. In 1990 he played with WAFL side Claremont including in their 1992 premiership. After 20 games with the Demons, Norrish joined the Dockers and played 128 games for the club, winning the club's best and fairest award, the Doig Medal, in 1998, and was vice-captain of the side from 1999 to 2001.



**VIV MICHIE** (Fremantle 2011-13 1 game 0 goals. Melbourne 2014-16 21 games 1 goal).

Viv played his junior football with Fitzroy Juniors and Oakleigh Chargers (TAC Cup). In 2013 he played his only game with Fremantle. During his time with the Dockers, he won Peel Thunder's best and fairest award in 2013. A midfielder, Viv played 21 games for the Demons from 2014 to 2016 and played for Collegians VAFA side after leaving Melbourne.

**COLIN SYLVIA** (Melbourne 2004-2013 157 games, 129 goals. Fremantle 2014-2015 6 games, 1 goal).

As a youngster Colin Sylvia played in Merbein's Sunraysia Football League 2002 premiership side. He also played with the Bendigo Pioneers TAC Cup side. A mercurial midfielder, he was a very useful goalkicker and could be a game winner for his clubs. Sadly, a day short of his 33rd birthday, he was killed in a road accident near Mildura.

### OVER TO YOU

1. Who is the only player to appear in over 100 games for both Melbourne and Fremantle?
2. Which former Demons player coached Fremantle from 2002 to 2007?

## This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon which kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only one has taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 90,151 for the Carlton-Richmond game in 2018.

## Statistics for Melbourne v Fremantle

### Melbourne v Fremantle by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Fremantle	Drawn
MCG	8	7	0
Docklands	2	1	0
Subiaco Oval	3	11	0
WACA	1	2	0
Marrara	2	1	0
Cazaly Stadium	0	1	0
	16	23	0

### Highest Score

Melbourne	25.10 (160)	Rd 20	2000	Dock
Fremantle	22.12 (144)	Rd 10	1999	MCG
Fremantle	22.12 (144)	Rd 21	2007	Subi

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	4.9 (33)	Rd 16	2020	Caz
Fremantle	6.11 (47)	Rd 16	2020	Caz

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	83 points	Rd 20	2000	Dock
Fremantle	90 points	Rd 9	2013	Subi

### Last Time They Met – Round 16, 2020, Cazaly Stad.

	Fremantle	Melbourne
Quarter time	1.6	0.1
Half time	1.9	1.3
Three-quarter time	4.9	2.4
Full time	6.11 (47)	4.9 (33)

### Most Goals in a Match

10	Tony Modra	Frem	Rd 10	1999	MCG
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## JACK TITUS RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Col Hutchinson and John Beveridge who were honoured in February 2021 as joint recipients of the Jack Titus Recognition of Service Award. This award was instituted in 1977 to recognize those "who have given outstanding club service and have contributed to Australian Football". It was named after its inaugural recipient, the Richmond great and prolific office bearer Jack Titus.

John Beveridge was a St Kilda statistician from 1965 to 1981, who contributed statistics to *Footy Week*, Harry Beitzel's weekly which ran from 1965 to 1971. Since 1982 John has filled recruiting roles with the Saints and was the club's recruiting manager from 1994 to 1996.

Col Hutchinson was Geelong's match day statistician from 1975 to 2007. He attended 1,294 consecutive Geelong games from Round 11, 1963 until the 2019 preliminary final. Col's sequence was only interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic which forced AFL matches to take place in closed stadiums. Starting in 1974 he was the AFL statistician and historian for 14 years. Since then he has been the AFL statistics and history consultant. When Col was notified by AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan that he was to be the recipient of the Jack Titus Award, at that exact moment he was working on statistical material on Jack Titus! Col was also the inaugural treasurer of the Australian Football Heritage Group. The softly-spoken Col is well known and liked among the football heritage community. He is ever willing to help and is generous with his information and knowledge. The author of *Cats' Tales* (1984), Col has contributed statistics and feedback to a myriad of other footy books. Col is a great friend of the MCC Library and is regularly consulted for the MCC Library's Fact Sheets.

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

**Q1** Jeff Farmer Melbourne 1995-2001 118 games, Fremantle 2002-08 131 games. **Q2** Chris Connolly.

## FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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