



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## ANZAC DAY

AFL 2023 ROUND 6  
ESSENDON V COLLINGWOOD

LIBRARY FACT SHEET  
APRIL 25, 2023

### WORLD WAR I FALLEN

The profiles below were derived from Jim Main & David Allen, *Fallen: The Ultimate Heroes*, Crown Content, 2002.

**LEWIS BLACKMORE** (right) was born in Adelaide on May 21, 1886. He attended St Peter's College, Adelaide, before being sent to Melbourne Grammar School in 1903. He was a prefect and a member of Melbourne Grammar's football and cricket teams in 1904 and 1905. Following his matriculation in 1905, Blackmore studied engineering at the University of Melbourne, where he was a resident of Trinity College. While at university he won a full "Blue" in cricket. Blackmore made his VFL debut for Essendon in Round 16, 1905, against St Kilda at the Junction Oval. Playing in the forward line, he kicked four goals. He played in the next two games, both losses to Fitzroy, the second being a semi final. Blackmore played three more games for Essendon in 1906 and one in 1907, giving him a career total of seven League games in which he kicked 10 goals. After leaving university, Blackmore worked on the land in NSW before enlisting as a Private in the 6th Light Horse in September 1914. He sailed for Egypt in December of that year and after being promoted to Lance Corporal, fought at Gallipoli, where he was wounded in July 1915. Invalided to Malta, he contracted enteric fever (typhoid) and was repatriated to Egypt before rejoining his unit there in January 1916. Blackmore then transferred to the 1st Battalion and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March 1916. He was posted to France the following month and was killed by machine gun fire at Pozieres on July 23, 1916. His name is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Australian National Memorial in France.



**CHARLES LANGTREE** died wearing a British uniform, but he was born and raised in Victoria. He was born in Moonee Ponds on April 23, 1883, but grew up on the family property – Ulundi – at Warrenbayne in Victoria. His mother Jeannie was the daughter of Alex McCracken, who played football for Essendon in the 1870s and later became the first president of the VFL. Langtree and his two brothers were sent to Haileybury College in Melbourne for their secondary schooling, where Charles excelled at both football and cricket, including being a member of some of Haileybury's early cricket premierships teams. Sadly, one of his brothers (Peter) was killed in a cycling accident while attending Haileybury. Charles also attended Dookie Agricultural College and after completing his education found employment near Forbes in NSW as a wool classer. When only 17 he played his one and only game of League football for Collingwood as a half forward in the game against St Kilda at the Junction Oval in Round 12, 1900. The week before he had represented Collingwood in a game against a district team from Bright and when some of Collingwood's regular players were rested after their tour of north-eastern Victoria, Langtree was given his opportunity against St Kilda. His decision to work on the land ended his VFL career. Following the outbreak of war, Langtree sailed for England and obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery. He was severely wounded near the French town of Corbie in 1916 and died of his wounds on August 3. He is buried in the Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, along with almost 1000 other British and Commonwealth dead. His name is also recorded on the Warrenbayne War Memorial.

## MATCHES AT THE MCG ON ANZAC DAY – APRIL 25

Anzac Day April 25	MCG Match	Home Team		Opponent		Att.
1925 Saturday	Practice match	Melbourne Old Players	18.10 (118)	Melbourne New Players	7.9 (51)	n/a
1961 Tuesday	VFA Round 2	Sandringham	11.8 (74)	Moorabbin	12.14 (86)	13,842
1962 Wednesday		Victoria (1961 Carnival team)	10.17 (77)	"The Rest" (VFL)	13.7 (85)	17,068
1963 Thursday	VFL Round 2	Melbourne	14.16 (100)	Hawthorn	13.18 (96)	55,293
1966 Monday	VFL Round 2	Melbourne	17.7 (109)	St. Kilda	4.9 (33)	64,934
1967 Tuesday		Victoria (1966 Carnival team)	18.13 (121)	"The Rest" (VFL)	9.13 (67)	15,613
1968 Thursday	VFL Round 3	Richmond	10.15 (75)	Geelong	17.21 (123)	52,115
1969 Friday	VFL Round 4	Melbourne	10.19 (79)	Essendon	13.19 (97)	38,358
1970 Saturday	VFL Round 4	Melbourne	17.19 (121)	Fitzroy	13.13 (91)	22,909
1972 Tuesday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	13.11 (89)	Melbourne	12.12 (84)	38,154
1973 Wednesday	VFL Round 4	Richmond	11.18 (84)	North Melbourne	14.20 (104)	48,923
1975 Friday	VFL Round 4	Melbourne	18.25 (133)	St Kilda	12.8 (80)	35,328
1977 Monday	VFL Round 4	Richmond	14.16 (100)	Collingwood	17.24 (126)	92,436
1978 Tuesday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	19.16 (130)	Melbourne	8. 11 (59)	34,212
1979 Wednesday	VFL Round 4	Melbourne	16.23 (119)	Richmond	15.19 (109)	44,708
1980 Friday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	29.25 (199)	Fitzroy	11.15 (81)	44,401
1981 Saturday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	15.22 (112)	Geelong	11.18 (84)	46,230
1983 Monday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	17.12 (114)	Footscray	18.8 (116)	51,561
1984 Wednesday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	12.14 (86)	Essendon	20.15 (135)	55,141
1985 Thursday	VFL Round 5	Melbourne	18.13 (121)	Carlton	13.14 (92)	53,065
1986 Friday	VFL Round 5 (double header)	Melbourne	14.17 (101)	Sydney	16.14 (110)	40,117
		North Melbourne	24.10 (154)	Geelong	14.8 (92)	
1987 Saturday	VFL Round 5	Richmond	19.12 (126)	Sydney	21.20 (146)	22,154
1988 Monday	VFL Round 4	Richmond	11.16 (82)	Geelong	24.17 (161)	27,417
1990 Wednesday	AFL Round 5	Richmond	21.17 (143)	Fitzroy	9.10 (64)	23,078
1991 Thursday	AFL Round 6	North Melbourne	27.26 (188)	Sydney	21.8 (134)	15,664
1992 Saturday	AFL Round 6	Essendon	18.16 (124)	Melbourne	19.9 (123)	41,405
1993 Sunday	AFL Round 5	Melbourne	10.17 (77)	Adelaide	9.14 (68)	17,011
1995 Tuesday	AFL Round 4	Collingwood	17.9 (111)	Essendon	16.15 (111)	94,825
1996 Thursday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	16.9 (105)	Collingwood	17.15 (117)	87,549
1997 Friday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	10.10 (70)	Collingwood	14.15 (99)	83,271
1998 Saturday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	15.18 (108)	Essendon	12.16 (88)	81,542
1999 Sunday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	15.18 (108)	Collingwood	15.10 (100)	73,118
2000 Tuesday	AFL Round 7	Collingwood	15.10 (100)	Essendon	21.14 (140)	88,390
2001 Wednesday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	15.13 (103)	Collingwood	14.11 (95)	83,905
2002 Thursday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Essendon	4.9 (33)	84,894
2003 Friday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	23.9 (147)	Collingwood	12.9 (81)	62,589
2004 Sunday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	11.13 (79)	Essendon	17.10 (112)	57,294
2005 Monday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	11.17 (83)	Collingwood	10.9 (69)	70,033
2006 Tuesday	AFL Round 4	Collingwood	15.16 (106)	Essendon	12.17 (89)	91,234
2007 Wednesday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	11.13 (79)	Collingwood	12.23 (95)	90,508
2008 Friday	AFL Round 6	Collingwood	23.16 (154)	Essendon	12.9 (81)	88,999
2009 Saturday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	13.15 (93)	Collingwood	12.16 (88)	84,829
2010 Sunday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	Essendon	8.7 (55)	90,070
2011 Monday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	11.11 (77)	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	89,626
2012 Wednesday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	11.14 (80)	Essendon	11.13 (79)	86,932
2013 Thursday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	10.15 (75)	93,373
2014 Friday	AFL Round 6	Collingwood	12.11 (83)	Essendon	8.12 (60)	91,731
2015 Saturday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	6.13 (49)	Collingwood	9.15 (69)	88,395
2016 Monday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	22.10 (142)	Essendon	11.7 (73)	85,082
2017 Tuesday	AFL Round 5	Essendon	15.10 (100)	Collingwood	11.18 (84)	87,685
2018 Wednesday	AFL Round 5	Collingwood	14.7 (101)	Essendon	7.10 (52)	91,440
2019 Thursday	AFL Round 6	Essendon	10.9 (69)	Collingwood	10.13 (73)	92,241
2021 Sunday	AFL Round 6	Collingwood	13.7 (85)	Essendon	16.13 (109)	78,113
2022 Monday	AFL Round 6	Essendon	12.10 (82)	Collingwood	15.3 (93)	84,205

**FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE**  
 The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

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## THE ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

The first ANZAC Day commemorations took place in Australia, New Zealand, England and Egypt on April 25, 1916, one year after the initial landings at Gallipoli. During 1916, April 25 was officially named "ANZAC Day" by the Australian government, but it was not until after the premiers' conference of 1921 that April 25 was officially gazetted as a holiday throughout Australia. The conference decision was not universally popular, headmasters at a number of schools, for example, publicly declaring that a holiday would undermine the significance of the occasion. Some ignored the directive altogether, keeping students at school and holding their own services as part of a normal day. But by the middle of the 1920s such misgivings had been overwhelmed by the tide of public opinion, huge ANZAC Day marches being held in all capital cities.

## ANZAC DAY FOOTBALL AND THE MCG

**1914:** VFL/AFL premiership matches were played on April 25 for the first time. University 6.8 [44] lost to South Melbourne 14.14 [98] before 7,578 spectators at the MCG in one of five opening round matches. Exactly one year later the first ANZACs landed at Gallipoli.

**1925:** A Melbourne intra-club practice match was played on the MCG. The proceeds from the match of £19/3/7 went to the Melbourne branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia (later the RSL).

**1960:** The first VFL (now AFL) premiership matches on ANZAC Day were played between Fitzroy and Carlton at Brunswick Street, and St Kilda and Melbourne at the Junction Oval.

**1961:** VFA clubs Sandringham and Moorabbin played at the MCG on ANZAC Day before 13,842 fans.

**1963:** The first VFL/AFL premiership match on ANZAC Day at the MCG was between Melbourne and Hawthorn. An attendance of 55,293 saw Melbourne win 14.16 [100] to 13.18 [96].

**1966:** St Kilda's 4.9 [33] against Melbourne is the lowest score kicked at the MCG on ANZAC Day. Essendon shares this ignominious record after kicking 4.9 [33] against Collingwood in 2002.

**1977:** A crowd of 92,436 attended the Richmond v Collingwood match on ANZAC Day at the MCG. It was the biggest ANZAC Day crowd until 1995.

**1980:** Richmond's score of 29.25 [199] is the highest on ANZAC Day and its 118-point victory over Fitzroy 11.15 [81], is the biggest ANZAC Day winning margin on the MCG.

**1986:** The first (and only) ANZAC Day double-header at the MCG was played when Melbourne met Sydney in the afternoon and North Melbourne played Geelong in the first night match on ANZAC Day.

**1988:** Geelong's Gary Ablett Sr was the first, and so far the only, player to kick 10 goals on ANZAC Day at the MCG. The Cats defeated Richmond by 79 points.

**1992:** Essendon defeated Melbourne by one point, 18.16 [124] to 19.9 [123].

**1995:** Essendon 16.15 [111] and Collingwood 17.9 [111] played the first drawn ANZAC Day match on the MCG. A record ANZAC Day crowd of 94,825 saw Collingwood's Saverio Rocca kick nine goals.

**2000:** A perpetual ANZAC Day Trophy was provided by the Returned & Services League (RSL) for the AFL match scheduled at the MCG on ANZAC Day. An ANZAC Day Medal was also struck and presented to the best player afield. The first winner was Essendon's James Hird.

**2009:** Essendon snatched a dramatic five-point win after Collingwood led by 14 points with about five minutes remaining.

**2012:** Collingwood defeated Essendon by one point, 11.14 [80] to 11.13 [79]. Essendon players came off a four day break.

**2019:** Collingwood defeated Essendon by four points in a cliff hanger. Scott Pendlebury was booed by Essendon supporters when collecting the ANZAC Day Medal.

**2020:** COVID-19 pandemic forced a national lockdown preventing the ANZAC Day match occurring. Instead a lone bugler played the last post on the MCG.

**2021:** Stadium capacity was capped at 85% to allow for social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Right:**  
The ANZAC  
Day Medal.

## Statistics for Collingwood v Essendon

### Collingwood v Essendon by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Essendon	Drawn
East Melb	16	7	0
Lake Oval	0	1	0
MCG	37	38	2
Victoria Park	53	23	0
Waverley	4	5	0
Windy Hill	24	32	2
	134	106	4

### Last Time They Met – Round 19, 2022, MCG

	Collingwood	Essendon
Quarter time	6.2	0.1
Half time	7.4	5.3
Three-quarter time	8.5	10.7
Full time	12.8 (80)	11.10 (76)

### Highest Score

Collingwood	30.20 (200)	Rd 14	1971	VP
Essendon	28.6 (174)	PF	1984	Wav

### Lowest Score

Collingwood	2.4 (16)	Rd 4	1900	EMCG
Collingwood	2.4 (16)	GF	1901	AP
Essendon	3.2 (20)	Rd 7	1898	VP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	147 points	Rd 14	1971	VP
Essendon	133 points	PF	1984	Wav

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

15	Gordon Coventry	Coll	Rd 11	1933	VP
13	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 11	1972	VP
12	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 20	1970	VP
12	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 14	1971	VP
10	John Coleman	Ess	Rd 11	1950	WH
10	Ted Fordham	Ess	Rd 14	1966	VP

### The ANZAC Day Medallists

2000	James Hird	Essendon
2001	Chris Tarrant	Collingwood
2002	Mark McGough	Collingwood
2003	James Hird	Essendon
2004	James Hird	Essendon
2005	Andrew Lovett	Essendon
2006	Ben Johnson	Collingwood
2007	Heath Shaw	Collingwood
2008	Paul Medhurst	Collingwood
2009	Patrick Ryder	Essendon
2010	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2011	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2012	Dane Swan	Collingwood
2013	David Zaharakis	Essendon
2014	Dane Swan	Collingwood
2015	Paul Seedsman	Collingwood
2016	Steele Sidebottom	Collingwood
2017	Joe Daniher	Essendon
2018	Adam Treloar	Collingwood
2019	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2021	Darcy Parish	Essendon
2022	Jack Ginnivan	Collingwood

## RUPERT BALFE

Joseph Rupert Balfe (always known as Rupert) was born in Brunswick on March 9, 1890. He attended Princes Hill State School before winning a scholarship to University High School. In his final year he was School Captain, dominated the school athletics sports with wins in six individual events and was a star in the football team. He decided to study medicine at the University of Melbourne and while there struck up a friendship with a young law student Robert Menzies, who later became Australia's longest serving Prime Minister. Balfe played his early football for Brunswick in the VFA, forming an all-Balfe centreline in the 1908 grand final against Footscray with brothers Harold and Stan. Footscray won by 24 points in front of 40,000 spectators. As a medical student Balfe was eligible to play for University in the VFL and made his debut in 1909 against St Kilda. He didn't play in 1910 but turned out for six further games for University in 1911. He then concentrated on athletics, being runner-up in the Victorian long jump championship in 1913. Appointed a Second Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion in September 1914 and later promoted to First Lieutenant in Egypt, Balfe survived the Gallipoli landing but soon after, on April 25, 1915, he was killed together with other members of the 6th Battalion in hand-to-hand fighting with the Turks to the right of Pine Ridge near Maidos. Rupert Balfe's father was the Mayor of Brunswick and Rupert's death was reported in the Brunswick and Coburg *Leader* on July 9. Although skeletons in uniform found near Maidos in 1919 were believed to be those of Balfe and his comrades, they could not be individually identified and Balfe therefore has no known grave. His name is engraved at the Lone Pine Memorial.

