



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2023 ROUND 16 ESSENDON V PORT ADELAIDE

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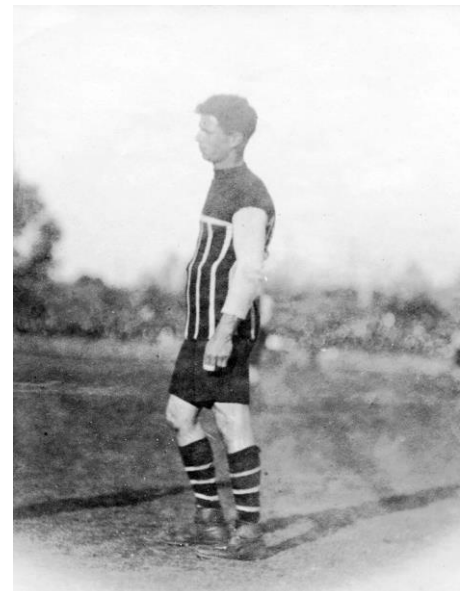
**Damien Hardwick** was recruited by the Essendon Football Club from the North Melbourne Under 19 side. *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* says of him: "Hardwick had absolutely no fear and was always willing to throw himself into packs... he became a linchpin in the Bomber defence with his unrelenting approach on the ball." He spent eight seasons with the Bombers between 1994 and 2001, playing 153 games (13 goals) before going off to Port Adelaide where he played 54 games (1 goal) between 2002 and 2004. He played in Essendon's 2000 premiership side and Port Adelaide's 2004 premiership side. He was named an All-Australian in 2000. He started his coaching career as an assistant coach under Alastair Clarkson at Hawthorn in 2005, and was appointed senior coach at Richmond in 2010. He led the side to three premierships in 2017, 2019 and 2020, also being appointed as All-Australian coach in those three years. He retired after Round 10 this year and is the longest serving coach in the Richmond club's history.

**Angus Monfries** went to the Essendon club from Sturt in the SANFL via the 2004 National Draft. A forward, he played a total of 150 games (165 goals) for the Bombers between 2005 and 2012. At the end of 2012 he went off to Port Adelaide under a four-year deal. He played 61 games (83 goals) for Port from 2013 to 2017. He missed the entire 2016 season as he was one of the 33 Essendon players suspended after the club's drug saga. In 2011 he played two games for the Australian International side.

**Orazio Fantasia** was drafted by Essendon from Norwood (SANFL) and played a total of 80 games (111 goals) for the Bombers between 2014 and 2020. Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as a "lightning fast forward", he was a Rising Star nominee in 2015 and 2016. In 2020 he was traded to Port Adelaide where he has played 19 games (30 goals). Knee surgery and a quad injury saw Fantasia play only one game last season.

### HAROLD OLIVER

Born in Waukarunga, South Australia in 1891, Harold Oliver spent a number of his early years in Broken Hill (New South Wales) where in 1908, aged 17, he made his debut in an adult football team, South Broken Hill. The following year he moved to Lyrrup (South Australia) and captained the town's footy team. Having arrived in Adelaide in 1910 he almost immediately drew the attention of Port Adelaide's recruiters. Oliver debuted for Port that year, arriving at Adelaide train station in full club kit. He would play 107 games and kick 89 goals for the Magpies from 1910 to 1915 and from 1919 to 1922. He was a multiple premiership player with Port, playing in the 1910, 1913, and 1914 sides, teams that were also crowned Champions of Australia. He captained Port's 1921 premiership side. Oliver topped the Magarey Medal count in 1912 but was deemed ineligible through suspension. He played 14 games for his state, was a member of South Australia's winning 1911 carnival team and captained SA in 1921. Oliver was selected on the half-forward flank in Port Adelaide's Greatest Ever Team (2001). He was been inducted into Port Adelaide's Hall of Fame (1998) and the South Australian Football Hall of Fame (2002).



### OVER TO YOU

1. Of the 18 League coaches at the start of the 2023 season only three played for the club that they were appointed to coach. Can you name them?
2. Which Essendon player won three consecutive best and fairest awards for the club in the 1970s?
3. In which season did James Hird make his AFL debut?
4. Who was named as centreman in the Essendon Team of the Century?

## This Round in History – Round 16 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 16 on the MCG is 27.18 (180) by Hawthorn against Richmond 17.11 (113) in 1985. The overall Round 16 record is 34.18 (222) by Richmond against St Kilda 11.4 (70) at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1980. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Dermott Brereton for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1990. Hawthorn kicked 25.9 (159) to win by 91 points. The overall Round 16 goal-kicking record is 13 by Tony Modra for Adelaide against Richmond at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1993. Adelaide kicked 26.15 (171) to win by 139 points. The highest score in a quarter is 12.1 (73) in the first quarter by the Kangaroos against Essendon in 2001. Despite trailing by 58 points at the first change, Essendon went on to win by 12 points: 27.9 (171) to 25.9 (159). The overall Round 16 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.3 (81) by Hawthorn against North Melbourne in the first quarter at Princes Park in 1982. Hawthorn went on to kick 32.14 (206) to win by 96 points. The highest Round 16 attendance at the MCG is 83,773 on Sunday July 19, 1998 when Essendon defeated Richmond by 19 points.

## Essendon v Port Adelaide

### Essendon v Port Adelaide by venue

|               | Won by<br>Essendon | Won by<br>Port Adelaide | Draw |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|
| Adelaide Oval | 5                  | 7                       | 0    |
| MCG           | 1                  | 1                       | 0    |
| Docklands     | 8                  | 8                       | 0    |
| Football Park | 3                  | 8                       | 0    |
|               | 14                 | 22                      | 0    |

### Highest Score

|            |             |      |      |             |
|------------|-------------|------|------|-------------|
| Essendon   | 24.12 (156) | Rd 1 | 2000 | Docklands   |
| Port Adel. | 23.20 (158) | Rd 1 | 2004 | Football Pk |

### Lowest Score

|            |           |       |      |               |
|------------|-----------|-------|------|---------------|
| Essendon   | 4.5 (29)  | Rd 17 | 2020 | Adelaide Oval |
| Port Adel. | 7.16 (58) | Rd 16 | 2020 | Football Pk   |

### Last Time They Met – Round 8, 2023, Adelaide Oval

|                    | Port Adel. | Essendon  |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|
| Quarter time       | 3.4        | 6.1       |
| Half time          | 5.11       | 9.1       |
| Three-quarter time | 9.16       | 11.3      |
| Full time          | 12.20 (92) | 13.9 (87) |

### Greatest Winning Margin

|            |           |      |      |             |
|------------|-----------|------|------|-------------|
| Essendon   | 94 points | Rd 1 | 2000 | Docklands   |
| Port Adel. | 96 points | Rd 1 | 2004 | Football Pk |

## THEIR TWO FINALS

These two sides have only met twice in finals. Both were played at Football Park in Adelaide and both were won by Port Adelaide. The first was the first semi final in 2002. Despite the Bombers leading by 12 points at half time, Port Adelaide kicked eight goals to Essendon's three in the second half and won by 24 points, with Stuart Dew being Port's leading goalkicker with three. In 2003 they again met in the first semi final, with Port leading at every change and again winning, this time by 39 points. Warren Tredrea was Port's leading goalkicker with three.

## EARLY DAYS – SEEING RED

The June 17, 1922, edition of the *Football Record* tells us how unfairness was not acceptable:

When a player wears red stockings he should be particularly careful not to stick out his leg and try to trip an opponent who has proved faster than he. The red shows out against the green field and thus shows up the dirty and unsportsmanlike action. This was done once at Essendon by a Melbourne man, and if he had heard what one of their barrackers—one of the fairest of sportsmen—said in condemnation of the act he would not feel at all complimented. Something ought to be done by club committees in cases of the kind. It's not football, and football is what the public pays to see.

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

**Q1** Justin Longmuir (Fremantle), Sam Mitchell (Hawthorn) and Alastair Clarkson (North Melbourne). **Q2** Graham Moss – 1974, 1975 and 1976. **Q3** 1992. **Q4** Jack Clarke.

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