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## ANZAC DAY AFL 2024 ROUND 7 ESSENDON V COLLINGWOOD

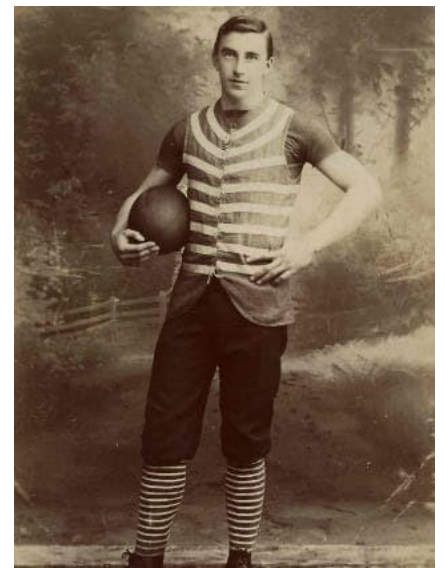
### THE ANZAC DAY GAME 10 YEARS AGO

Collingwood and Essendon played before a huge crowd of 91,731 in the ANZAC Day clash at the MCG on Friday, April 25, 2014. The Magpies had won three of their first five games to sit sixth on the ladder, while the Bombers had won two games and were in tenth position. Collingwood was captained by Scott Pendlebury and coached by Nathan Buckley. Essendon was captained by Jobe Watson and coached by Mark Thompson. The Bombers had three goals on the board before Collingwood had scored in the game, and two further majors gave them a 31-point lead at quarter time. A goal to Essendon early in the second term extended their lead but Collingwood did most of the scoring during the remainder of the quarter to pull level at half time with both sides having scored 6.5 (41). The Magpies maintained their superiority in the third term, restricting the Bombers to just two behinds and adding three goals two of their own. Two goals to Essendon early in the final quarter reduced Collingwood's lead to eight points but Collingwood kicked the last three goals of the game to win by 23 points. The final scores were Collingwood 12.11 (83) to Essendon 8.12 (60). While there were no multiple goalkickers for the Bombers, Dane Swan kicked four goals for the Magpies, Steele Sidebottom three and Jesse White two.

### TWO PLAYERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

#### Joe Slater (First World War)

Born in Ballarat on November 29, 1888, Slater moved to Geelong with his family when he was a boy. He was educated at the Geelong College, where he showed great talent as an athlete as well as a footballer. Slater made his VFL debut for Geelong against Carlton in 1906 and was soon recognised as one of Geelong's best players, being noted for his ability to play in virtually every position on the field. In total, he played 108 games for Geelong, his final League game being their semi-final loss to South Melbourne in 1914. He twice represented Victoria in interstate games. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 1st AIF, he served for four months at Gallipoli, before his battalion was moved to Egypt. Promoted to the rank of Captain, he proceeded to France, when he was appointed Chief Instructor and Commandant at the Divisional Bomb School. He was Mentioned in Dispatches in 1916 by British Commander Sir Douglas Haig for his "conspicuously good service as a Divisional Bomb Officer" in operations at Pozieres. He survived his battalion's major action at Pozieres but was killed in trench warfare during the Second Battle of Bullecourt in May 1917. Although it was believed that he had been hit in the chest and died instantly, a search for his body only came up with one of his boots. In 2001, Slater was named on the half-back flank in Geelong's Team of the Century.



#### Stanley Reid (Boer War)

Born on July 12, 1872, in the northern Victorian town of Swan Hill, Reid was educated at Caulfield Grammar School, Scotch College and the University of Melbourne. A good all-round sportsman, he made his debut for Fitzroy in the VFA in 1894 and played 24 games for them in the VFL in 1897-98. The highlight of his career with the Maroons was playing in their 1898 VFL premiership side. They defeated Essendon by 15 points in the grand final at the Junction Oval, having beaten Collingwood by 11 points in a semi-final the week before at the Brunswick Street Oval. Reid graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Melbourne in 1896 and also undertook theological studies at Ormond College. He was ordained and became first minister of St George's Presbyterian Church in Boulder, Western Australia. After volunteering to be a chaplain, he eventually enlisted as a private in the Second Western Australian Contingent that embarked for South Africa in February 1900 to fight the Boers. Later that year, he applied to be repatriated to Western Australia but was subsequently arrested and returned home following the publication of a letter he had written criticising an officer in a Western Australian newspaper without his permission. He expected to be court-martialled over this but to his surprise was offered a commission as a Lieutenant and, together with his brother Francis, a doctor, returned to the Transvaal in early 1901. Reid was severely wounded in his stomach during an encounter with the Boers in July 1901 but stayed with his men, earning him a Mention in Dispatches by Lord Kitchener. Following his recovery, he returned to the fighting only to be wounded again, this time fatally. His brother attempted to get him back to camp but Stanley Reid died of his wounds on June 29, 1901. He was buried the following day.

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

April 25	Day	MCG Match	Home Team		Opponent		Att.
1914*	Saturday	VFL Round 1	University	6.8 (44)	South Melbourne	14.14 (98)	7,578
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	4.9 (33)	St. Kilda	17.7 (109)	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
2023	Tuesday	AFL Round 6	Collingwood	13.12 (90)	Essendon	11.11 (77)	95,179

\* The April 25, 1914, game predated the 1915 landing at Gallipoli, and the first commemorations of ANZAC Day in 1916.

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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 AT 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:** Melbourne's 4.9 (33) against St Kilda 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 then record ANZAC Day crowd of 94,825 (since bettered in 2023) 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 (pictured) 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.
- 2015:** Essendon's commemorative ANZAC Day jumper design features a red sash composed of poppies for the first time.
- 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. Collingwood's commemorative jumper design features stripes composed of rosemary for the first time on ANZAC Day.
- 2023:** The ANZAC Day game drew 95,179 spectators. It was the second largest VFL/AFL home & away attendance ever, and the largest of the AFL era (after 1990) – having bettered the 1995 ANZAC Day figure.

## THE ANZAC DAY MEDALLISTS

2000	James Hird	Ess
2001	Chris Tarrant	Coll
2002	Mark McGough	Coll
2003	James Hird	Ess
2004	James Hird	Ess
2005	Andrew Lovett	Ess
2006	Ben Johnson	Coll
2007	Heath Shaw	Coll
2008	Paul Medhurst	Coll
2009	Patrick Ryder	Ess
2010	Scott Pendlebury	Coll
2011	Scott Pendlebury	Coll
2012	Dane Swan	Coll
2013	David Zaharakis	Ess
2014	Dane Swan	Coll
2015	Paul Seedsman	Coll
2016	Steele Sidebottom	Coll
2017	Joe Daniher	Ess
2018	Adam Treloar	Coll
2019	Scott Pendlebury	Coll
2021	Darcy Parish	Ess
2022	Jack Ginnivan	Coll
2023	Nick Daicos	Coll



In 2011 the AFL presented retrospective ANZAC Day Medals to: Saverio Rocca (Collingwood, 1995 and 1998), Scott Russell (Collingwood, 1996), Damien Monkhorst (Collingwood, 1997), and Marc Mercuri (Essendon, 1999).

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 7 ON THE MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 7 is 28.12 (180) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 22.11 (143) in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 37.17 (239) by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears 11.9 (75) at Carrara in 1992. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 7 is 122 points by Melbourne 25.16 (166) when they defeated North Melbourne 5.14 (44) in 1937. The overall Round 7 record is 164 points by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The lowest Round 7 score at the MCG since 1925 is 3.9 (27) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 15.21 (111) in 1927. This is the overall Round 7 record since 1925. The most goals by an individual in Round 7 at the MCG is 10 by Sydney's Tony Lockett against Collingwood in 1998. The overall Round 7 record is 17 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn versus Richmond at Waverley Park in 1992. The highest score in a quarter for Round 7 at the MCG is 10.3 (63) by the Kangaroos against Adelaide in the first quarter in 1999 and by North Melbourne against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 14.3 (87) in the fourth quarter by Geelong when playing the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The highest Round 7 attendance was in 2000 when 88,390 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 40 points at the MCG on ANZAC Day.

## STATISTICS FOR ESSENDON V COLLINGWOOD

### Essendon v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
East Melbourne	7	16	0
Lake Oval	1	0	0
MCG	38	39	2
Victoria Park	23	53	0
Waverley Park	5	4	0
Windy Hill	32	24	2
	106	136	4

### Highest Score

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

### Lowest Score

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

### Greatest Winning Margin

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

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

15	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 11	1933	VP
13	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 11	1972	VP
12	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 20	1970	VP
12	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 14	1971	VP
10	J. Coleman	Ess	Rd 11	1950	WH
10	T. Fordham	Ess	Rd 14	1966	VP

### Last Time They Met – Round 24, 2023, MCG

	Essendon	Collingwood
Quarter time	0.2	8.1
Half time	2.4	12.2
Three-quarter time	2.10	14.3
Full time	3.13 (31)	16.5 (101)



## COMMEMORATIVE MCG ANZAC DAY MATCH JUMPERS

Collingwood and Essendon are two AFL clubs who are notably defensive of their respective guernsey designs. However, both clubs have been willing to amend their design to recognise the importance of ANZAC Day, and the privilege of playing at the MCG on the auspicious anniversary. While small details had been added to both jumpers from 2005, such as the ANZAC Day version of the rising sun insignia, it was not until 2015 that Essendon amended their cherished red sash. In 2015 it was reimagined as a sash composed of red poppies (pictured left). Poppy flowers are evocative of World War I commemorations and the conflict's war dead, as eulogised by the John McRae poem *In Flanders Fields*. All of Essendon's ANZAC Day jumpers have since featured a sash composed of poppies.

Collingwood, has added small elements to its ANZAC Day jumpers over the last two decades, such as the aforementioned ANZAC Day rising sun from 2005, a red poppy on the chest from 2015 to 2018, and black silhouettes of two soldiers standing back-to-back on the back of the 2016 ANZAC Day jumper. The club first made a substantial alteration to its design for ANZAC Day in 2017, when greyscale reproductions of wartime photographs and newspaper articles replaced the traditional solid black stripes. Photos and a list of Collingwood's war dead were on the 2018 jumper, and lists of names were placed on the two central black stripes in 2019. There was no match on ANZAC Day in 2020, but rosemary sprigs, were superimposed over the Pies' traditional design for its match against Essendon on July 3 that year. Rosemary sprigs symbolise remembrance and are displayed at funerals and war commemorations. Since 2021 images of rosemary have composed either the Magpies' white (2021, 2023) or black stripes (2022, pictured right) on ANZAC Day.

