

**AFL 2019 ROUND 1
CARLTON V RICHMOND**



**THURSDAY
MARCH 21, 2019
FACT SHEET**

VALE RONALD FRANCIS REIFFEL (1932-2018)

On December 30, 2018 the Richmond Football Club and the sports heritage community lost one of its stalwarts. Ron Reiffel, the son of Melbourne and South Melbourne player Lou "Pop" Reiffel, played just six games for Richmond in 1951 and 1952, but his influence upon the maintaining of the club's heritage was profound. Ron's family lived at Highett Street, Richmond, and he debuted with the Tigers' under 19s in 1949. Affable by nature, he became close friends with many of his Tigerland idols, such as "Captain Blood" Jack Dyer and Don "Mopsy" Fraser.

Ron had a passion for sport, and with the end of his senior football career he continued playing suburban football or cricket on the weekends, while earning a crust as a sales representative. Ron was a foundation member of the current Richmond Former Players and Officials Association in 1959, and served as its secretary. He was honoured with life membership of the Former Players in 1975, the Richmond Football Club in 1999, and the Richmond Cricket Club in 2002.

Ron was the honorary curator of the Richmond Football Club's museum, which was situated in the mezzanine of the social club at Punt Road, from 1996 until 2006. He was universally loved by the football history community and was a foundation member of the Australian Football Heritage Group in 1996. Upon resigning as curator of the football club's museum, Ron established a Richmond Cricket Club museum in the cricketer's room above. His greatest sporting passion was cricket, and his personal collection of cricket books was as extensive as that of any cricket bibliophile. Ron also had a great sense for sports heritage generally. Ron obtained a sequential collection of football scrapbooks created by prominent sports journalist Hugh Buggy. Buggy died in 1974, but Ron continued the project, using Buggy's format until 1990. Ron donated these as well as many Richmond cricket and football publications to the MCC Library. He also worked with the MCG scoreboard team in the 1990s and 2000s. Ron supplied statistics and facts about the match and was regularly referred to by commentators. Ron was the father of Test cricketer and umpire Paul, and therefore he scored many of his son's first-class and international games.

Ron Reiffel was the friend of a number of the MCC Library's staff and volunteers. Between discussions upon the minutiae of sports history and statistics, he would casually retell anecdotes with a boyish grin and a wicked twinkle in his eye. Although he was polite and softly spoken, Ron was a real people's person and he is dearly missed.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Ernest "Mick" Carter was born in Richmond in 1889 and joined the Tigers from local club Balmain. He made his VFL debut for Richmond in their Round 1 match against South Melbourne in 1910 at the Lake Oval. This proved to be his only game for Richmond. Carter was better known as a champion sprinter, winning the Stawell Gift in 1912. Returning to League football in 1916, Carter played 20 games for Carlton in 1916, 1917 and 1920, kicking four goals. He played only one game in 1916 but turned out ten times for the Blues during the 1917 season, including playing in their semi-final loss to Fitzroy. He did not appear in VFL ranks in either 1918 or 1919 but returned to Carlton in 1920, playing nine games, including two more finals.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which players wore guernsey number 5 for their respective teams in the 1969 grand final between Richmond and Carlton?
2. Which guernsey number did half-back flanker Ian Owen wear in Richmond's 1969 premiership team?
3. Name the players who wore guernsey numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Carlton's 1969 grand final team.
4. Which guernsey number did Richmond's John Northey wear in the 1969 grand final?
5. Which guernsey number did Carlton's Robert Walls wear in the 1969 grand final?
6. In which year did Richmond and Carlton next meet in a grand final after 1969?
7. In which year did the most recent grand final between Richmond and Carlton take place?
8. In which year did Ron Barassi end his coaching career at Carlton that began in 1965?
9. Who followed Barassi as Carlton coach?
10. Who followed Tom Hafey as coach at Richmond?

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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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 87,119 for the Carlton-Collingwood game in 1995.

Statistics for Carlton v Richmond

Richmond v Carlton by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Richmond	Drawn
MCG	35	44	0
Docklands	2	1	0
Princes Park	54	23	1
Punt Road	30	21	0
Waverley	4	3	1
	125	92	2

Last Time They Met – Round 1, 2018, MCG

	Richmond	Carlton
Quarter time	4.4	6.1
Half time	6.11	8.3
Three-quarter time	11.14	12.4
Full time	17.19 (121)	15.5 (95)

Highest Score

Carlton	28.16 (184)	Rd 15	2011	MCG
Richmond	25.24 (174)	Rd 1	1978	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	3.10 (28)	Rd 9	1924	PP
Richmond	2.9 (21)	Rd 10	1958	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	115 points	Rd 14	1984	PP
Richmond	85 points	Rd 7	2005	MCG

Most Goals in a Match

10	Jim Baird	Carl	Rd 1	1943	PP
10	Sel Murray	Rich	Rd 7	1945	PP
10	Robert Walls	Carl	Rd 7	1976	PP

50 YEARS AGO - 1969

Carlton entered the 1969 VFL season as the reigning premiers, the 1968 premiership being their first since 1947. Richmond had won their first premiership since 1943 the year before but had missed the 1968 finals, finishing fifth on the ladder. The Tigers continued to struggle during the first half of the 1969 season and after 12 rounds were in sixth position with six wins and six losses. Meanwhile, the Blues were on top of the ladder, having won ten of their first 12 games. This included a 29-point win over Richmond in Round 8 at the MCG. While Richmond's form improved as the 1969 season progressed, they were still in fifth position at the end of Round 18 with 11 wins. In Round 18 the Tigers had defeated the fourth-placed Hawthorn by 11 points at Glenferrie Oval. They followed this with a 29-point win over Carlton at Princes Park in Round 19, and this put them into the four ahead of Hawthorn on percentage. A 90-point win over Footscray in the final round secured their place in the finals. Carlton remained on top of the ladder until their Round 19 defeat by Richmond. This followed a loss to bottom-placed Melbourne the week before. The Blues eventually finished the home-and-away season in second place behind Collingwood with Geelong in third position and Richmond in fourth.

The Tigers had a massive 118-point win over Geelong in the first semi-final, while the following week Carlton had a six-goal win over Collingwood in the second semi-final. Continuing their good form Richmond beat Collingwood by 26 points in the preliminary final to set-up their first grand final encounter with Carlton for 37 years. The 1969 grand final was played before a crowd of 119,165 at the MCG. Carlton were captained by John Nicholls and coached by Ron Barassi, while Richmond were captained by Roger Dean and coached by Tom Hafey. The Tigers had the better of the first half of the game and were leading by 22 points at half-time. The Blues then staged a tremendous fight-back, kicking six goals three to the Tigers' two goals one in the third quarter to lead by four points at the final change. Their third-quarter effort was to no avail, however, as Richmond got right on top in the final term, holding the Blues to just two points while they scored four goals seven. The final scores were Richmond 12.13 (85) to Carlton 8.12 (60). The best players for Richmond were Michael Green, Kevin Bartlett, Dick Clay, Bill Barrot, John Northey and Roger Dean. The best for Carlton were Bryan Quirk, Gary Crane, Sergio Silvagni, Wes Lofts, Robert Walls and John Goold.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Syd Jackson (Carlton) and Rex Hunt (Richmond). **Q2** 52. **Q3** Sergio Silvagni (1), John Nicholls (2) and Kevin Hall (3). **Q4** No. 9. **Q5** No. 42. **Q6** 1972. **Q7** 1982. **Q8** 1971. **Q9** John Nicholls. **Q10** Barry Richardson.