

AFL 2019 ROUND 22 RICHMOND V WEST COAST



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FACT SHEET

WEST COAST'S SEVEN GRAND FINAL APPEARANCES

Having joined the competition in 1987, the Eagles won 19 of their 22 games in 1991 to finish three games clear after the home and away rounds. After losing their first final to Hawthorn, they then beat Melbourne and Geelong to qualify for a rematch with the Hawks in the grand final. Accurate kicking kept them in that game for three quarters, but Hawthorn added eight goals in the final term to take the flag by 53 points. In 1992 the Eagles went from fourth place on the ladder to the grand final after beating Hawthorn and Geelong. Geelong beat Footscray in the preliminary final to set up a rematch with West Coast. Although the Cats led at the main break in the premiership decider, the Eagles were too strong in the second half and won by 28 points. Peter Matera, who kicked five goals from a wing, was awarded the Norm Smith Medal. West Coast finished on top in 1994 with 16 wins and then beat Collingwood by two points and Melbourne by 65 to qualify for the grand final. Geelong beat Footscray, Carlton and North Melbourne to qualify. Although the Cats led by a point at quarter time in the premiership decider, the Eagles dominated the remainder of the match and went on to win by 80 points. Dean Kemp won the Norm Smith Medal.

The Eagles next made the grand final in 2005, having finished second to Adelaide on percentage. They then beat Sydney and Adelaide to qualify for the grand final. Sydney beat Geelong and St Kilda to set up a rematch. After a titanic struggle, the Swans held on to take the flag by four points, Leo Barry's magnificent defensive mark saving the day. West Coast topped the ladder in 2006, but lost to Sydney in their first final. They then beat the Western Bulldogs and Adelaide to qualify for the grand final. Sydney beat Fremantle in their preliminary final. The Eagles led the grand final at every change, but the Swans would not give in and, after a heart stopping final quarter, fell short by a single point. Andrew Embley won the Norm Smith Medal.

The Eagles finished the home and away rounds with 66 points in 2015, behind Fremantle (68) and ahead of Hawthorn and Sydney (both 64). They then beat Hawthorn and North Melbourne to qualify for the grand final. Meanwhile Hawthorn bounced back to beat Adelaide and Fremantle. The much anticipated premiership decider turned out to be a walkover for the Hawks who kicked 16.11 (107) to the Eagles' 8.13 (61). After failing in the 2016 and 2017 finals series, the Eagles finished the 2018 home and away rounds in second place behind Richmond. They then beat Collingwood and Melbourne to clinch a place in the premiership match. Collingwood joined them by beating Greater Western Sydney and Richmond. After an epic struggle the Eagles found themselves five points in front when the final siren blew. Luke Shuey won the Norm Smith Medal.

SEVENTY YEARS AGO – RICHMOND GOES WEST

In 1949 Richmond made its first trip across the Nullarbor. They arrived in Perth by train on June 23. Two days later the Tigers faced Western Australia's second team in the first of two games at Subiaco Oval – WA's first side was playing Victoria at the MCG. Richmond were without three players who were representing Victoria in Melbourne. Although the Tigers were noticeably larger than their Westralian opponents, the *Western Australian's* football columnist wrote that, "Western Australia discovered it could outpace and bewilder the opposing backs with a clever combination and the lead it gained against the wind in the first quarter was improved upon in the second." Tiger full forward Jack Dyer was briefly tried in the ruck in the third quarter to no avail. Although Richmond rallied in the last term, the lead the Sandgroppers had built in the first half could not be eclipsed. Western Australia won 15.19 (109) to Richmond 13.12 (90) before a crowd of 25,000. It was the first time in 27 matches that a Richmond team had lost on an interstate tour. Richmond flew in its three Victorian representatives, Bill Morris, Geoff Spring and Bill Wilson, for the second match on Tuesday June 28. The Sandgroppers were just 14 points down at the last change, but the Tigers kicked nine goals to one in the final quarter to win 18.13 (121) to 8.13 (61).



Richmond's "Captain Blood" Jack Dyer, in the twilight of his playing career, wins a contest against WA fullback Ted Kershaw in 1949. *Daily News*, June 25, 1949.

This Round in History – Round 22 on the MCG

The highest Round 22 score at the MCG is 25.20 (170) by Hawthorn against Richmond 13.8 (86) in 1992. The overall Round 22 highest score is 32.16 (208) by Essendon against Footscray 9.8 (62) at the Western Oval in 1982. The highest score in a quarter is 10.4 (64) by North Melbourne in the second quarter against Fitzroy in 1991 (Fitzroy won by a point) and by Richmond against Fitzroy in the last quarter in 1988 (Richmond won by 103 points). The overall Round 22 record is 13.4 (82) by Essendon against Footscray in the third quarter at the Western Oval in 1982. The biggest bag of goals is 12 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1992 (see above for match scores). This is also the overall Round 22 goalkicking record. The largest Round 22 attendance is 87,984 when Essendon played Carlton at the MCG in 1995.

Statistics for Richmond v West Coast

Richmond v West Coast by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by West Coast	Drawn
MCG	8	8	0
Docklands	3	1	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Subiaco	4	14	0
Waverley	1	1	0
Perth Stadium	0	1	0
	17	26	0

Highest Score

Richmond	24.8 (152)	Rd 15	2008	Sub
West Coast	26.17 (173)	Rd 22	2006	MCG

Lowest Score

Richmond	5.9 (39)	Rd 3	1994	MCG
West Coast	6.6 (42)	Rd 18	2014	Sub

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	77 points	Rd 15	2008	Sub
West Coast	96 points	Rd 3	1994	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 9, 2019, Perth Stadium

	West Coast	Richmond
Quarter time	6.1	2.3
Half time	7.2	6.8
Three-quarter time	14.6	9.8
Full time	20.10 (130)	12.11 (83)

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FRANCIS BOURKE

Francis Bourke debuted for the Tigers in Round 5, 1967, initially in the forward pocket. Then, during a Round 7 match against Geelong, Tom Hafey moved him to the wing where he curbed the classy Wayne Closter who had been dominating his position. By the end of that season he had become a premiership player and a member of one of the greatest centrelines in League history. Francis would go on to play in four more premiership teams during his 300 games for the Tigers, captain and coach the club and be named in a very select group of Richmond "immortals". He captained Victoria in 1977 and 1980 and in 1996 was named on the wing in the AFL Team of the Century.

RECENT YEARS

These clubs have met six times since 2013, honours being even. In the Subiaco match in Round 10, 2013, the Tigers kicked six goals in the second term, and another six in the third, to lead by 50 points at the final change. They went on to kick 16.7 (103) to the Eagles' 8.14 (62). Brett Deledio, Bachar Houli and Dustin Martin were Richmond's best, while Scott Selwood, Luke Shuey and Chris Masten did well for West Coast. The Round 18, 2014 match, again played at Subiaco, was an unattractive low scoring affair, the Tigers leading at every break and finishing with 8.11 (59) to the Eagles 6.6 (42). Brandon Ellis and Brett Deledio were Richmond's best and Matt Priddis, with 30 possessions, stood out for West Coast.

The Eagles turned the tables in Round 12, 2015 at the MCG, but not without a struggle. Behind by three points at half time, the Eagles kicked five goals to two in the third quarter and went on to win by 20 points. West Coast's Andrew Gaff had more than 30 possessions, as did Richmond's Brandon Ellis and Dustin Martin (three goals). The Eagles dominated the Round 4, 2016 match at Subiaco, having 23 scoring shots to Richmond's four in the first half. They went on to win by 68 points with Andrew Gaff being clearly best on ground.

The Eagles' inaccuracy was costly in Round 3, 2017, the half time score being 5.13 (43) to 5.6 (36). The Tigers then kicked six second half goals to West Coast's three to run out winners by 11 points. Dustin Martin, who had 40 possessions, was best afield. Scores were even at half time in the Round 9, 2018 match, but the Eagles blew Richmond away with a 13 goal second half, the final scores being 20.10 (130) to 12.11 (83). West Coast's Jack Darling kicked six goals and Jack Riewoldt bagged five for the Tigers.

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