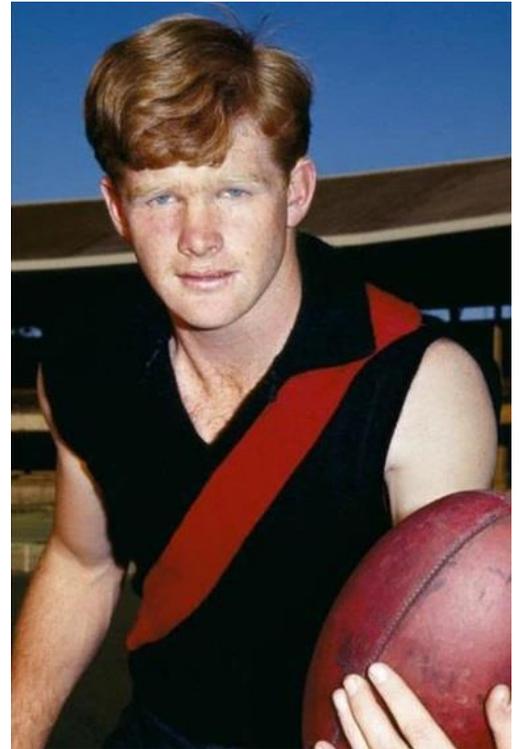


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AFL 2024 ROUND 13 ESSENDON V CARLTON

VALE **BARRY DAVIS** **1943-2024**

The football community was saddened to learn of the death of former Essendon and North Melbourne defender and ruck-rover Barry Davis on May 22. Davis debuted with Essendon in 1961, playing 218 games for the club including in their 1962 and 1965 premierships and captaining the side in 1970 and 1971. In 1973 he crossed to North Melbourne where he played 71 games and captained the side to their first ever premiership in 1975. He is named on the half back flank in Essendon's Team of the Century and on the interchange in North Melbourne's Team of the Century, being one of the few players to be named in two clubs' Teams of the Century. He is also listed in Essendon's "Champions of Essendon", the list of the club's greatest ever players. He returned to Essendon in 1978 where he was the club's senior coach until Kevin Sheedy took over in 1981. He was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1997. He will be remembered as a champion player and a true gentleman.



1949 GRAND FINAL

John Coleman played a significant role in Essendon's 1949 VFL premiership win, notching his 100th goal for the season in the Bombers' grand final win over Carlton. Despite Coleman's goalkicking feats, Essendon didn't have an easy path to the grand final, winning only five of their first 11 games. Later, though, they won their last eight games to sneak into fourth place on the ladder. Carlton, on the other hand, after winning eight of their first nine games, slumped to lose five of their last ten. They eventually finished second on the ladder, one game behind North Melbourne, which headed the table for the first time since entering the League in 1925. The other final four member was Collingwood, which suffered defeat at the hands of St Kilda in the final round and moved from second to third. Essendon continued their winning form in the finals beating Collingwood by 82 points in the first semi final and North Melbourne by 17 points in the preliminary final.

The 1949 grand final was played at the MCG on Saturday, September 24, and attracted a crowd of 88,718. Carlton were captained by Ern Henfry and coached by Percy Bentley; Dick Reynolds was the captain and coach of Essendon. After a relatively close first quarter Essendon held a five-point lead but they dominated the game from then on, kicking 15 goals to Carlton's four. The Bombers restricted the Blues to just one goal in the second and third quarters while they added nine goals. The final scores were Essendon 18.17 (125) to Carlton 6.16 (52).

With Essendon up by 57 points at the final change they had the game well in hand and were able to turn their attention to helping Coleman score the four goals he needed to bring up his century. Coleman booted his 97th goal about halfway through the final quarter and added another soon after. His 99th came from a set shot with little time remaining in the game. Nevertheless, he soon received a glorious pass from Dick Reynolds and booted a memorable 100th goal for the season – happy Essendon players and supporters chairing him off the ground after the siren sounded. Coleman had kicked six goals for the game.

DID YOU KNOW?

Carlton and Essendon have met in five VFL/AFL grand finals, Carlton winning in 1908, 1947 and 1968, and Essendon winning in 1949 and 1993.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 13 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 13 score at the MCG is 29.18 (192) by Geelong against North Melbourne 17.13 (115) in 1992. The overall Round 13 record is 34.16 (220) by Fitzroy against North Melbourne 10.10 (70) at the Junction Oval in 1983. The highest score in a quarter at the MCG is 10.1 (61) by Geelong during the last quarter against Richmond in 1972. The overall Round 13 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.2 (80) by South Melbourne against Carlton in the third quarter at the Lakeside Oval in 1934. The most goals kicked by an individual at the MCG in this Round is 11 by Doug Wade for Geelong against Richmond in 1972. The overall Round 13 record is 16 goals by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Hawthorn at Victoria Park in 1929. The highest Round 13 attendance at the MCG is 83,407 in 2009 when Essendon defeated Carlton.

STATISTICS FOR ESSENDON V CARLTON

Essendon v Carlton by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Carlton	Drawn
East Melbourne	14	11	1
MCG	39	30	4
Princes Park	28	48	1
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	0	1	0
Waverley Park	11	6	0
Windy Hill	27	30	0
	119	127	6

Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	109 points	Rd 6	1985	WH
Carlton	102 points	Rd 2	1936	PP

Highest Score

Essendon	28.14 (182)	Rd 21	2005	MCG
Carlton	27.13 (175)	Rd 14	1975	WH

Lowest Score

Essendon	2.2 (14)	Rd 10	1903	PP
Carlton	1.2 (8)	Rd 15	1898	EMCG

Last Time They Met – Round 13, 2023, MCG

	Carlton	Essendon
Quarter time	1.5	2.4
Half time	3.10	4.6
Three-quarter time	5.10	11.7
Full time	6.16 (52)	13.8 (86)

SWAPPING JUMPERS

At the end of the 1947 and 1949 grand finals Carlton's captain Ern Henfry swapped jumpers with Essendon's captain-coach Dick Reynolds. Jumper swapping between players after a grand final was a long tradition that was adhered to into the 1980s, but has fallen out of favour over the last few decades. The 1947 grand final was a close match that the Blues ultimately won by one point 13.8 (86) to 11.19 (85). In 1949 Essendon defeated the Blues easily, 18.17 (125) to Carlton 6.16 (52).

Henfry played 84 League games for Carlton in 1944, and from 1947 to 1952. In 1953 he returned to his native Western Australia and played with the club where he began his senior football career as a 16 year old in 1937 – Perth.

The Perth Football Club had worn black jumpers with a red sash from 1948, and this was the uniform Henfry donned for the club in 1953 and 1954. It was also the very same design that Essendon has used since c.1889. Following Henfry's induction into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2014, the Fairfax Media (now Nine Publishing) journalist Peter Hanlon wrote that Ern Henfry's son Ken had come,

“... across two old football guernseys, black with a red sash. He presumed they were Perth jumpers, wondered why his Dad still had them, and tossed them in the bag of clothes destined for the charity shop. A few months later, a friend of Ern's from Melbourne rang and told Ken that Dick Reynolds had passed away. Ken had grown up seeing photos of Reynolds and his father, opposing captains in those grand finals, in frames around the house. ‘They got on very well.’ [and] ‘This fellow said, I know your Dad's got two jumpers of Dick's hanging in the wardrobe, that they swapped after those grand finals. Get them over here, we'll organise a raffle, give the money to charity, it'll be a great way to celebrate something Dick and your Dad shared’, Ken Henfry says. ‘And I thought, Oh no, that's not going to happen.’”

Dick Reynolds, an inaugural inductee into the Australian Football Hall of Fame as a Legend, died in 2002.

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Dick Reynolds (centre) and Ern Henfry (right) at the coin toss prior to the 1947 grand final.