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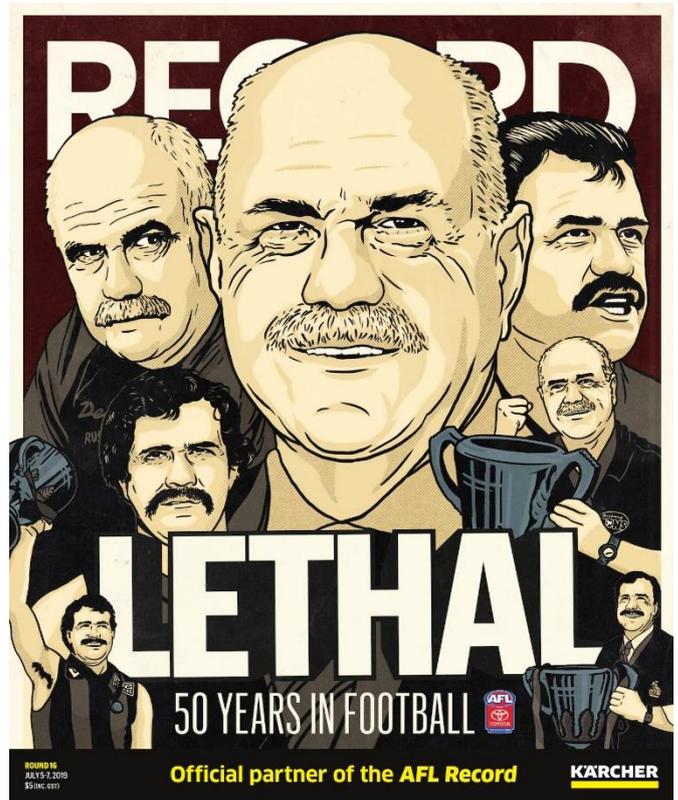
AFL 2024 ROUND 24 RICHMOND V GOLD COAST

A BIG DAY AT CARRARA

With the Tigers having lost just one of their previous five games against the Gold Coast, their supporters may have travelled to Carrara for Round 16 of the 2019 season with some confidence. The Tigers piled on nine goals in the first quarter to the Suns' two, with Jason Castagna booting three goals. Surely, the Suns supporters would have felt, their side would fight back. Unfortunately, this did not happen. This time it was Kane Lambert who kicked three goals for the quarter, with Richmond scoring a further seven goals. Darcy Macpherson was the Suns' solitary goalkicker for the quarter.

The Tigers led by 84 points at half time. Things did improve marginally in the second half, with the Suns slotting four goals to Richmond's three in the third quarter, but with Castagna kicking another two goals in the final term, Richmond added a further four goals to Gold Coast's two, with the Tigers running out winners by a massive 92 points. This is the Suns' greatest losing margin against the Tigers. For the winners Castagna was their leading goalkicker with five; Kane Lambert and Tom Lynch both kicked three. For the Suns, Macpherson with two was their only multiple goalkicker.

Richmond 23.12 (150) def. Gold Coast 9.4 (58)



The cover of the Round 16, 2019, *AFL Record*

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Tom Lynch was picked at number 11 in the 2010 National Draft by the Suns. A Victorian, his junior clubs were the Sorrento Sharks in the Mornington Peninsula league, the Dandenong Stingrays in the TAC Cup competition. Lynch was on Gold Coast's inaugural AFL playing list in 2011, and he made his AFL debut in Round 7 of the 2011 season. A key forward, he played 131 games and kicked 254 goals for Gold Coast from 2011 to 2018. In his time with the Suns he led the club's goalkicking for four straight years in 2014 (46 goals), 2015 (43 goals), 2016 (66 goals) and 2017 (44 goals), won their best and fairest award in 2015 and 2016, was selected in the AFL's All-Australian side in 2016, and captained the Suns in 2017 and 2018. With a club tally of 254 goals over eight seasons there, Lynch is still the Suns' most prolific goalkicker. In 2018 Lynch was contacted by a number of clubs having intimated that he wanted to join a Melbourne-based side. As a restricted free agent he eventually signed with Richmond, where he has become a vital cog in the Tigers' forward line. He was a member of the Tigers' 2019 and 2020 AFL premiership sides, was awarded the 2022 Jack Dyer Medal (Richmond's best and fairest award) and was the club's leading goalkicker in 2019 (63 goals) and 2022 (63 goals). However, injuries in 2023 and 2024 have limited his selection in the senior side. Prior to today's game, Lynch has played 89 AFL games and snagged 208 goals for Richmond.

Maverick Weller made his debut with the Gold Coast Suns in Round 3, 2011, the Suns' first season in the AFL. He had been recruited from Burnie in the Tasmanian State League. A midfielder/forward, he played 32 games (3 goals) for the Suns but was delisted at the end of the 2013 season after playing only four games for the season. He was picked up by St Kilda in the 2013 AFL Rookie Draft and was named in their leadership group in 2015. He played 89 games (55 goals) for the Saints before being delisted at the end of 2018. Later that year he was signed by Richmond, but after just two games (1 goal) for the Tigers in 2019 he retired in September, after playing in Richmond's winning VFL premiership side.

Corey Ellis was drafted to Richmond in the 2014 National Draft, making his debut against Geelong in Round 5, 2015. A foot injury saw him play only six games for the season, and ongoing injury problems saw him manage only a further 21 games for the club and at the end of the 2018 season he was traded, with teammate Anthony Miles, to the Gold Coast Suns. After playing just four games for the Suns, Ellis was dropped at the end of the 2020 season.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 24 ON THE MCG

There have only been eight AFL matches played on Round 24 at the MCG. These were played in 1991 (1 game), 1992 (1 game), 1994 (2 games), 2011 (2 games) and 2023 (2 games). The highest score is 22.17 (149) by Hawthorn against Melbourne 20.11 (130) in 1992 and 22.17 (149) by Geelong against Collingwood 8.5 (53) in 2011. The biggest margin for this round at the MCG is 96 points by Geelong against Collingwood in 2011. The overall Round 24 highest score is 28.12 (180) by Adelaide against North Melbourne 16.11 (107) at Football Park in 1991. The largest winning margin on this round is Geelong's 96 points against Collingwood. The biggest bag of goals at the MCG in Round 24 is eight by David Cloke for Richmond against Carlton in 1991. This was the first Round 24 match at the ground and Cloke's last game of his 333-game career. The overall Round 24 goalkicking record is 11 by St Kilda's Tony Lockett against Sydney at Moorabbin in 1991. The biggest Round 24 attendance at the MCG is 85,705 for the 2011 Geelong v Collingwood clash. This is also the League record for this round.

STATISTICS FOR RICHMOND V GOLD COAST

Richmond v Gold Coast by venue

	Won by Richmond	Won by Gold Coast	Drawn
Carrara	3	3	0
Cazaly's Stadium	1	2	0
Docklands Stadium	0	2	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	2	0	0
	7	7	0

Highest Score

Richmond	23.12 (150)	Rd 16	2019	Carrara
Gold Coast	14.15 (99)	Opening Rd	2024	Carrara

Lowest Score

Richmond	6.12 (48)	Rd 14	2023	Docklands
Gold Coast	4.8 (32)	Rd 12	2020	Gabba

Last Match – Opening Round, 2024, Carrara

Greatest Winning Margin

Richmond	92 points	Rd 16	2019	Carrara
Gold Coast	39 points	Opening Rd	2024	Carrara

	Gold Coast	Richmond
Quarter time	5-4	1.0
Half time	11.8	2.1
Three-quarter time	11.11	8.3
Full time	14.15 (99)	9.6 (60)

EARLY DAYS

The July 10, 1920, edition of the *Football Record* gave us its view on the difficulties faced by umpires:

A field umpire is paid £3 a match. He earns it if he is in the position of being able to satisfy all players. He more than earns it—in fact, he is underpaid—otherwise, because it should be worth a tenner a game for a man to have to submit to the abuse and insults that are hurled at him every Saturday. One would think he was paid by those abusive barrackers just so that they can vent their bad temper on him.

A League umpire has said that the last quarters of matches have been anxious times for the umpires because they have been frightened as to what might happen to them at the end of the game. The result of this fear has been that the umpires have not been able to concentrate their attention on the players. He said — “Some of us have been looking for the quickest and easiest way off in case of bother.”

DID YOU KNOW?

- Neither Richmond or the Suns had a player named in the 2023 All-Australian side, however the Suns did have one Rising Star nomination during the season, with Bailey Humphrey nominated in Round 9. The most recent Richmond player selected as an All-Australian was Shai Bolton. He was selected on the half forward flank in 2022. The most recent Gold Coast Suns' player selected as an All-Australian was Touk Miller. He was selected on a wing in 2022. Miller was also selected in the 2021 All-Australian team. He was one of four interchange players.
- Gary Ablett Jr. was not only the Gold Coast Suns' inaugural captain, leading the club from 2011 to 2016, he is also the Suns' only Brownlow Medallist winning it in 2013 (adding to the 2009 Brownlow he won at Geelong). Ablett was also a four-times Gold Coast Club Champion in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2017, and was the Suns' leading goalkicker in 2012 (26 goals) and 2013 (28 goals).
- Today's game is the Gold Coast Suns' first at the MCG since Round 14, 2023. The Suns have only played 17 times here since the club's first at this venue on August 28, 2011, a Round 23 match against Melbourne. Even the younger Greater Western Sydney Giants have played 14 more times at the MCG than the Suns, with 31 games from 2012. The Suns have only won four games at the MCG and lost the other 13. At the MCG Gold Coast has met Melbourne seven times for two wins, Collingwood four times for one win, Hawthorn three times for one win, Richmond twice for no wins, and lost its only match here against Carlton.

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