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AFL 2025 ROUND 8 HAWTHORN V RICHMOND

THEIR ONLY FINAL

Football fans may be surprised to know that, with Richmond entering the Victorian Football League in 1908 and Hawthorn in 1925, it took until the first qualifying final in 2018 for these two clubs to meet in a finals match. Played in front of a crowd of 91,446 fans at the MCG, the Tigers, captained by Trent Cotchin, were a point in arrears at quarter time with goals to the Hawks' captain Jarryd Roughead and Liam Shiels matched by goals to Kamdyn McIntosh and Daniel Rioli. Three Tiger goals in the second quarter to Hawthorn's one, saw the Richmond side 14 points ahead at the main break. With McIntosh, Rioli, Dion Prestia, Jack Higgins and Shane Edwards all scoring majors in the third quarter, and Roughead and Jarman Impey being Hawthorn's only goalkickers, the Tigers took a healthy lead of 35 points into the last quarter. The Hawks fought out the last quarter, with goals to Tom Mitchell, Roughead, Luke Breust and Isaac Smith, but with Josh Caddy scoring two goals and Jack Graham one for the Tigers, they ran out victors by 31 points, **Richmond 13.17 (95) def. Hawthorn 9.10 (64)**. This saw Richmond progress to the first preliminary final, where they went down to Collingwood by 39 points.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

A backman, **Bennie Lunn** came to Richmond in 1925, playing his first game against South Melbourne in Round 15 that year. He went on to play 28 games (0 goals) for the Tigers in 1925 and 1926, and in 1928 and 1929. He struggled to gain senior selection as Tiger champion Vic Thorp held down the position. In 1927 he captain-coached the Rosedale Football Club in the Gippsland Football League, winning the league's best and fairest award. In 1930 he went off to Hawthorn where he played 10 games (0 goals) but went off to VFA side Sandringham at the end of the season where he played 69 games for the club.

Ray Gibb came to Hawthorn from the Balwyn Amateurs as a backman. He played 22 games (3 goals) for the Hawks from 1950 to 1952; a hand injury which necessitated the removal of a fingernail, saw him miss most of the 1950 season. His final game with Hawthorn was the first game of 1952 after which he was granted permission to train with Richmond where he stayed and played his first game for the club in Round 15 of that season. After playing only one game in 1953 he was cleared to Box Hill, having played just six games (1 goal) for the Tigers. Sadly, later that year he died from injuries received when his motorcycle collided with a milk cart. He was just 24 years old.



Above: An image from a Richmond intra-club practice game in 1928 and published by the *Richmond Guardian*. Bennie Lunn, wearing vertically striped jumper, out positions Jack Baggot.

OVER TO YOU

1. Hawthorn has had six Brownlow Medallists. Can you name them?
2. Richmond has had seven Brownlow Medallists. Can you name them?
3. What year was that? Ross Glendinning (North Melbourne) won the Brownlow Medal, Kiwi won the Melbourne Cup, Ash Wednesday swept Victoria and South Australia killing 75 people and the High Court blocked the damming of the Franklin River in Tasmania.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 8 ON THE MCG

The highest score in Round 8 at the MCG is 25.17 (167) by Richmond against Footscray 17.15 (117) in 1981. The overall Round 8 record is 33.21 (219) by the Brisbane Bears in beating Sydney 8.9 (57) at the Gabba in 1993. The highest score in a quarter for Round 8 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Fitzroy against Richmond in the third quarter in 1992. The overall record is 12.5 (77) by North Melbourne in the third quarter against Footscray at Arden Street in 1983. The most goals by an individual in Round 8 at the MCG is 10. This feat is shared by Melbourne's Fred Fanning against St Kilda in 1947, Jeff Hogg for Richmond against Collingwood in 1991 and Richmond's Matthew Richardson against the Bulldogs in 2004. The overall Round 8 record is 14 by Gary Ablett for Geelong against Sydney at the SCG in 1994. The highest Round 8 attendances have been at the MCG. Top was 85,673 in 1980 when Richmond defeated Carlton 19.24 (138) to 12.13 (85). In 1992, 83,262 fans saw Carlton 16.9 (105) defeat Collingwood 9.18 (72) and 81,550 saw Melbourne 11.16 (82) beat Geelong 4.11 (35) in 1963.

STATISTICS FOR HAWTHORN V RICHMOND

Hawthorn v Richmond by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Richmond	Drawn
Docklands	0	2	0
Glenferrie Oval	13	29	0
MCG	31	26	1
Princes Park	7	6	0
Punt Road	10	24	0
Waverley Park	11	6	0
York Park	1	0	0
	73	93	1

Highest Score

Hawthorn	28.17 (185)	Rd 16	1984	Wav
Richmond	29.14 (188)	Rd 5	1985	PP

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	3.11 (29)	Rd 12	1925	PR
Richmond	2.20 (32)	Rd 15	1975	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	101 points	Rd 14	1986	MCG
Richmond	114 points	Rd 16	1967	GO

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

17	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 7	1992	Wav
12	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1992	MCG
11	D. Brereton	Haw	Rd 16	1990	MCG
11	M. Roach	Rich	Rd 5	1985	PP
10	P. Hudson	Haw	Rd 7	1971	GO
10	J. Titus	Rich	Rd 6	1941	PR

Last Time They Met – Round 23, 2024, MCG

	Hawthorn	Richmond
Quarter time	9.3	1.1
Half time	12.6	6.5
Three-quarter time	15.11	8.6
Full time	19.17 (131)	10.8 (68)

EARLY DAYS

The June 9, 1924, edition of the *Football Record* told us of a problem of the time:

“You often see players dash forward to play on when a ball is blown over after a man has set it for a place kick. The rule is that in such a case the player is allowed to replace the ball. I once heard two opposing captains arguing like bush lawyers that once the ball moves after having been placed it could not be set in the original position. Some players will tell you now, if you say it can be, to go and get your head read.”

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

- Q1.** Col Austen 1949, Robert DiPierdomenico 1986, John Platten 1987, Shane Crawford 1999, Sam Mitchell 2012 and Tom Mitchell 2018.
Q2. Stan Judkins 1930, Bill Morris 1948, Roy Wright 1952 and 1954, Ian Stewart 1971, Trent Cotchin 2012 and Dustin Martin 2017.
Q3. 1983

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