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### AFL 2025 ROUND 14

### ESSENDON V GEELONG

#### 1931 - GEELONG'S SECOND VFL/AFL PREMIERSHIP

After being runners up in 1930, the Cats finished the 1931 home and away rounds on top of the ladder with 15 wins and three losses. Richmond, with the same number of wins but a lesser percentage, took second spot, followed by Carlton and Collingwood. Under the newly introduced 'Page-McIntyre' finals system, Geelong lost to Richmond by 33 points in the second semi final, but recovered to beat Carlton by six points in the preliminary final to set a up a rematch with the Tigers in the grand final. After leading at every change, the Cats won the premiership match by kicking 9.14 (68) to Richmond's 7.6 (48), their best players being Reg Hickey, Jack Carney, Milton Lamb, Rupe McDonald, Harold Hardiman and Jack Williams,

B	<b>Milton Lamb</b> played 72 games (1928-32). Recruited from Geelong College, Lamb was a close checking and effective defender who kept Richmond's resting rovers under a tight rein in the grand final.	<b>George 'Jocka' Todd</b> played 232 games (1922-34). Recruited from Queenscliff, Todd was one of the game's greatest ever full backs. He was selected in that position in the club's Team of the Century.	<b>Harold (Peter) Hardiman</b> played 160 games (1927-38). Recruited from Chilwell, Hardiman was a skilled follower who was fast for his size. Aggressive and strong, he was admired for his team play.
HB	<b>Rupe McDonald</b> played 111 games (1929-35). Recruited from Winchelsea, and tall for a half back flanker, McDonald was powerful, dashing and tough. He was also an excellent high mark.	<b>Reg Hickey</b> played 245 games (1926-1940). Recruited from Cressy, Hickey was renowned for his dashing play and aerial ability. He captained Victoria and was named in the Team of the Century at centre half back.	<b>Jack Williams</b> played 175 games (1925-34). Recruited from Geelong West, Williams was a strongly built half back and winger who was often given the job of nullifying opposition star players.
C	<b>Jack Carney</b> played 79 games (1930-34). Recruited from Colac, Carney was just 160cms (5'3") tall, but he was a brilliant wingman. He later played in a premiership for Carlton and represented Victoria.	<b>Edward 'Carji' Greeves</b> played 124 games (1923-31, 1933). From Geelong College, Greeves won the initial Brownlow Medal and was named in the club's Team of the Century and the Australian Football Hall of Fame	<b>Jack Walker</b> played 76 games (1930-36). Recruited from Lara, Walker was a tall and elegant wingman or centreman who represented Victoria. He was fast and an excellent left foot kick.
HF	<b>Les Hardiman</b> played 135 games (1929-37). Recruited from Chilwell, Hardiman was a spectacular match winner who had a prodigious leap. He was named in the club's Team of the Century (emerg)	<b>Jack Collins</b> played 112 games (1929-34 & 1938). Recruited from Golden Point, Collins was a brilliant centre half forward who played for Victoria nine times and was named in the club's Team of the Century (emerg).	<b>Bob Troughton</b> played 92 games (1930-35). Recruited from SANFL club West Torrens, Troughton was a strong, determined and effective footballer who played mostly on the wing or half forward flank.
F	<b>Jack Evans</b> played 149 games (1929-38). Recruited from Minyip, and a regular Victorian representative, Evans was primarily a ruckman but could also hold down a key position..	<b>George Moloney</b> played 88 games (1931-35). Recruited from Claremont-Cottesloe, Moloney was a champion full forward, although short for that position. He would top the League goal kicking in 1932 with 109 goals.	<b>Tommy Quinn</b> played 168 games (1931-40). Recruited from Port Adelaide, Quinn was a top class rover who would be best and fairest twice. He was named in the Cats' Team of the Century (emerg)
R	<b>Arthur 'Bull' Coghlan</b> played 145 games (1922-25 & 1927-32). Recruited from Toora, Coghlan was an uncompromising ruckman who also played at centre half forward. Captain-coach 1929/30.	<b>Len Metherell</b> played 110 games (1930-36). Recruited from Subiaco, Metherell was a powerful and courageous ruckman who represented Victoria in 1931 and coached the club in 1941.	<b>Ted Baker (c)</b> played 95 games (1927-32). Recruited from Wonthaggi, Baker was a master of the stab kick. He represented Victoria regularly and also played with three other League clubs.
Res	<b>Frank Mockridge</b> played 72 games (1925-31). Recruited from Chilwell, Mockridge was a solid and reliable defender. The grand final was his last game for the Cats.		

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 14 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 14 score at the MCG is 31.14 (200) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 10.13 (73) in 1990. This equals the overall Round 14 highest score of 30.20 (200) by Collingwood against Essendon 7.11 (53) at Victoria Park in 1971. The most goals kicked by an individual is 14 by John Longmire for North Melbourne against Melbourne in 1990. This equalled the previous overall Round 14 record of 14 goals by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Hawthorn at Victoria Park in 1934. The highest score in a quarter for Round 14 on the MCG is 10.7 (67) by Geelong in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1934. The overall Round 14 highest score in a quarter is 14.1 (85) by Carlton in the second quarter against Essendon at Windy Hill in 1975. The highest Round 14 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 1995 when 84,745 fans saw Carlton defeat Richmond.

## STATISTICS FOR ESSENDON V GEELONG

### Essendon v Geelong by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Brisbane Exhib. Grnd.	1	0	0
Corio Oval	16	24	1
Docklands Stadium	5	13	0
East Melbourne	19	7	0
Gabba	0	1	0
Kardinia Park	19	24	0
MCG	15	16	0
Waverley Park	4	4	0
Windy Hill	36	15	4
	115	104	5

### Highest Score

Essendon	26.9 (165)	Rd 21	1983	Kard
Geelong	28.13 (181)	Rd 9	1992	MCG

### Lowest Score

Essendon	2.3 (15)	Rd 9	1902	E Melb
Geelong	2.9 (21)	Rd 8	1910	E Melb

### Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	97 points	Rd 2	1986	WH
Geelong	116 points	Rd 17	1934	Corio

### Last Time They Met – Round 16, 2024, MCG

	Geelong	Essendon
Quarter time	3.2	4.2
Half time	6.4	7.3
Three-quarter time	11.6	8.3
Full time	16.9 (105)	9.6 (60)

### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	Gary Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 6	1993	14
13	John Coleman	Ess	Rd 8	1952	13
12	Fred Gallagher	Ess	Rd 8	1957	12
10	Paul Salmon	Ess	Rd 6	1993	10
10	Jack Metherell	Geel	Rd 9	1936	10

## TOM FITZMAURICE (ESSENDON AND GEELONG)

One of the outstanding footballers of his era, Fitzmaurice played in premierships teams for both Essendon (1923 & 1924) and Geelong (1925). When Essendon named their 25 "Champions of the Club" on 30 August 2002, Fitzmaurice was named at number 10, the citation reading as follows:

"Tom Fitzmaurice was one of the greatest Essendon players of all time. A superb high-flying ruckman who later became a centre-half back, Fitzmaurice had remarkable marking ability, with a fine physique and speed to burn for a big man. He was six foot and two-and-a-half inches tall and weighed 13 stone, also starring on the athletics field as a Victorian high jump champion. Fitzmaurice came to Essendon from East Melbourne C.Y.M.S. He started as a star in the ruck and his beautiful style of play made him an idol. In 1921, he was transferred to Sydney in his employment and joined North Sydney. He captained NSW in a game against Victoria. When he returned in 1922, he had leg troubles, so he opted for centre-half back and became the best Essendon player of the 'Mosquito Fleet' era. He starred in the 1923 and 1924 premierships and won the Champion of the Colony award as the best footballer in Victoria in both those years. He was vice-captain in 1922 on his return from Sydney, and he continued to perform superbly in the key defence role with his towering high marks and great dash. He was selected in the State side in 1919, 1920, 1922, 1923 and 1924, leaving the Dons after the unrest at the club following the 1924 premiership victory."

The "unrest" referred to in the final sentence concerned a post season match against VFA premiers Footscray, which Essendon surprisingly lost. Angered by this poor performance, Fitzmaurice publicly denounced some of his teammates for "playing dead" and walked out of the club. Joining Geelong in 1925, he played at centre half back in the team which beat Collingwood in that year's grand final.

## FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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