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AFL 2025 ROUND 22

RICHMOND V ST KILDA

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Steven Sziller

Recruited by St Kilda at number 25 in the 1994 National Draft, Steven Sziller played 118 games (38 goals) mainly as a defender but also usefully as a tagger, from 1995 to 2000. After surprisingly being delisted at the end of the 2000 season, he was picked up by the Tigers, then coached by Sziller's former teammate Danny Frawley. He played 38 games (3 goals) with Richmond in 2001 and 2002 including in the Tigers' 2001 preliminary final side. Subsequently he played with the East Burwood Rams in the Eastern Football League and St Pauls in the Southern Football League.

Aaron Fiora

Coming to Richmond from then SANFL side Port Adelaide, being picked at number 3 in the 1999 Draft, Aaron Fiora played 78 games (25 goals) for the club from 2000 to 2004. At the end of the 2004 season he was traded to St Kilda where he played 62 games (33 goals) under coaches Grant Thomas and Ross Lyon but was delisted at the end of the 2008 season.

TWO LEGENDS OF THE GAME

Des Rowe

Starting his football career with Coburg as a forward, Des Rowe wanted to play with the Demons but was residentially tied to Richmond. The selectors at Richmond felt he was better suited to the backline and that is where he became acknowledged as one of the best half-backs in the League. He played 175 games (24 goals) for the club from 1946 to 1957. He won the Tigers' best and fairest award in 1951 and 1955, represented Victoria on seven occasions, once as captain, captained the Tigers from 1952 to 1957, was named as an All-Australian in 1956, was named in Richmond's Team of the Century in 1999 and was inducted into Richmond's Hall of Fame in 2004. He took over the coaching position at Richmond in 1961 but was unable to lead the side to the finals and retired at the end of 1963. *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* tells us:

"Rowe was a safe tenacious half back. He played very close and had plenty of pace as well as being a good kick. Not a high mark but that did not hamper his effectiveness, and he learned how to combat taller centre half forwards".

Bill Mohr

In a reversal of Des Rowe's situation, Bill Mohr came to St Kilda from Wagga as a half back but was selected as a forward and became one of the Saints' great full forwards. Playing 195 games for St Kilda from 1929 to 1941, he amassed 735 goals and stands second on the Saints' all-time goalkicking list behind Tony Lockett. He won the VFL goalkicking in 1936, represented Victoria eighteen times, won the Saints' best and fairest award in 1932 and 1936, captained the side in 1937, was named in St Kilda's Team of the Century in 2001 and led their goalkicking every year from 1929 to 1940. Moved to defence in 1941 he struggled with form and in May, having played just one game for the season, he announced his retirement. *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* tells of Mohr:

"Although he did not have a big build Mohr was strong enough to resist the buffeting of full-backs. His marking was sure and superbly judged from in front or behind, but his art had its core in his kicking. He could boot goals from any sort of angle or from long distances with every variety of the punt kick and with the frequent magnificent drop kick".

EARLY DAYS

The August 8 edition of the *Football Record* in 1925 would seem to indicate that the Tribunal was tougher in those days:

"Sitting till after midnight the investigation tribunal on Thursday rendered the following decisions: – Coghlan and Thomas (Geelong), disqualified till end of next season; Rutley (North Melb.), for life; Russ (North Melb.), out till end of the present season; and Trevaskis (North Melb.) out for three Saturdays. Jim Jackson, Hawthorn's captain, has been ordered to stand down for four Saturdays for disputing an umpire's decision."

The *Football Record* had described the previous weekend's game between Geelong and North Melbourne as a "wild and woolly contest... studded with many incidents which were quite unworthy of the teams concerned... the pity of it all was that so much ill-feeling was imparted into the game, and it really is time the umpires took a firmer grip of things than they have done."

WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?

Can you name the year in which Winston Churchill died, Malcolm X was assassinated, Singapore became independent, Noel Teasdale and Ian Stewart shared the Brownlow Medal and Light Fingers won the Melbourne Cup?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 22 AT 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 ST KILDA

Richmond v St Kilda by venue

| | Won by Richmond | Won by St Kilda | Drawn |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Carrara | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Docklands Stad. | 9 | 18 | 0 |
| Junction Oval | 21 | 19 | 0 |
| MCG | 25 | 9 | 3 |
| Moorabbin | 8 | 11 | 0 |
| Norwood Oval | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Princes Park | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Punt Road Oval | 38 | 11 | 0 |
| SCG | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Toorak Park | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Waverley Park | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| | 115 | 78 | 3 |

Highest Score

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|----------|-------------|-------|------|-----|
| Richmond | 34.18 (222) | Rd 16 | 1980 | SCG |
| St Kilda | 27.12 (174) | Rd 17 | 2006 | MCG |

Lowest Score

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|----------|-----------|-------|------|----|
| Richmond | 0.8 (8) | Rd 16 | 1961 | JO |
| St Kilda | 1.10 (16) | Rd 15 | 1910 | PR |

Greatest Winning Margin

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|----------|------------|-------|------|-----|
| Richmond | 152 points | Rd 16 | 1980 | SCG |
| St Kilda | 103 points | Rd 17 | 2006 | MCG |

Last Match – Round 3, 2025, Docklands Stadium

| | St Kilda | Richmond |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Quarter time | 3.3 | 1.3 |
| Half time | 6.6 | 5.4 |
| Three-quarter time | 12.11 | 6.7 |
| Full time | 20.15 (135) | 7.11 (53) |

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

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|----|---------------|------|-------|------|-----|
| 10 | Michael Roach | Rich | Rd 18 | 1979 | Wav |
| 10 | Michael Roach | Rich | Rd 16 | 1980 | SCG |
| 10 | Fraser Gehrig | St K | Rd 17 | 2006 | MCG |

DID YOU KNOW?

God Save The Queen was last performed prior to a VFL/AFL grand final in 1983. It was a tradition that stemmed from 1948. The tune, then called *God Save The King* and performed ceremonially as Australia's National Anthem, concluded a massed marching bands' display on the arena before the 1948 grand final replay. The National Anthem was played as a ceremonial lead-in to grand finals by marching bands, or over the MCG's public address system, from the 1950s. With the coronation of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 the tune's title and words were duly altered to *God Save The Queen*. In 1974 *Advance Australia Fair* was adopted as Australia's National Anthem, only for *God Save The Queen* to be reinstated in 1976. Both anthems were performed prior to the 1977 grand final – the first grand final to be broadcast live on television. Thereafter, both would be performed to conclude the pre-game formalities and entertainment at all subsequent grand finals as late as 1983.

On April 19, 1984, the tune of *Advance Australia Fair* was proclaimed the "Australian National Anthem", while *God Save The Queen* was proclaimed the "Royal Anthem" and protocols restricted its ceremonial use. From then on, a performance of *Advance Australia Fair* alone was used to conclude the pre-game grand final program. However, the 1983 grand final would not be the last time an MCG crowd was asked to respectfully stand as *God Save The Queen* was played before a VFL/AFL match. HRH Queen Elizabeth II died on the morning of September 9, 2022. This was the date the AFL had scheduled for the second semi final between Melbourne and the Brisbane Lions at the MCG. To mark the Queen's death, the stadium was lit in purple and all flags at the ground were flown at half-staff that evening. Also, before the match commenced, one minutes silence was observed, and the tune *God Save The Queen* was played over the public address system. Yes, *God Save The Queen*, for although, the Queen was deceased and her eldest son, Charles, was her heir, *God Save The King* would not formally replace *God Save The Queen* as Australia's Royal Anthem until October 27, 2022.

What year was that? Answer: 1965

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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