



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 2 HAWTHORN V RICHMOND

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FIFTY YEARS AGO – THE 1971 SEASON

Despite not having made the finals since 1963, and having finished eighth on the ladder in 1970, Hawthorn was the dominant team in the 1971 home and away rounds with 19 wins and only three losses. Richmond, premiers in 1967 and 1969, had also missed the finals in 1970, but they too were contenders for the premiership in 1971, finishing third on the ladder with 16 wins and six losses.

When the Hawks faced the Tigers at Glenferrie Oval in Round 7, 1971, they were sitting in second position on the ladder with five wins, while Richmond was in fourth place with four wins. Hawthorn were coming off their first loss of the season the previous week to Footscray. Richmond had lost to Collingwood in Round 2 and had also gone down to the Bulldogs in Round 5. In Round 6 they had defeated North Melbourne by 62 points.

In Round 7 the Hawks jumped out to a 41-point lead over the Tigers in the first quarter, kicking 6.5 and holding their opponents scoreless. At half-time Hawthorn was 58 points ahead (15.7 to 6.3) and they held their advantage throughout the second half to run out winners by 67 points. The final scores were Hawthorn 21.19 (145) to Richmond 12.6 (78). Hawthorn's full-forward, Peter Hudson, kicked 10 goals in the game. Richmond's leading goal scorer was Neil Balme with four.

Under the heading "Hawthorn fires on all cylinders", the *Age* reported that: "Not even desperate moves made by coach Tom Hafey as a last hope for Richmond could disturb the Hawthorn machine at Glenferrie on Saturday." According to the *Age* reporter, Hawthorn were "in control for most of the day in almost every position". Peter Hudson, who kicked seven goals in the first half, was named best on the ground with Peter Crimmins, Geoff Angus, Alan Martello, Norm Bussell and Don Scott being other good players for the Hawks. One of the moves Tom Hafey made in an attempt to get the Tigers back into game was to bring Barry Richardson from full-back, where he had been totally out-pointed by Hudson, to full forward. Richardson ended the game with two goals as did Kevin Sheedy, who was also moved from the backline up forward. Although the Tigers did not really have a winner in any position, their best included Ray Boyanich, Ian Stewart, Graeme Bond, Rex Hunt, Neil Balme and Royce Hart.

After 16 rounds of the 1971 season Hawthorn was well clear at the top of the ladder with 15 wins and only one loss, ten points clear of Collingwood. After going down to Footscray in Round 16, Richmond had slipped out of the top four on percentage. The Tigers defeated North Melbourne by 90 points in Round 17 to move back into the four, while the Hawks demolished the Bulldogs by 115 points.

The Round 18 clash between Richmond and Hawthorn at the MCG attracted just under 48,000 spectators. In muddy conditions the Tigers won by 32 points, ending Hawthorn's streak of 11 consecutive wins. According to the *Age*, Richmond's victory resulted from: "Speed, fierce tackling, a holding defence, co-operation on the ball, and a touch of brilliance across the centre and up forward." The best for the Tigers were Dick Clay, Roger Dean, Kevin Morris, Ian Stewart, Neil Blame and Kevin Bartlett. The best for Hawthorn were Ray Wilson, Don Scott, Michael Porter, David Parkin, Peter Knights and Peter Hudson. Hudson had kicked five of Hawthorn's six goals in the first half, but a strained knee restricted him after the break and he came off the ground in the final term. The Hawks had been only nine points down at the main break and still trailed by that margin at the final change. The Tigers got right on top in the last quarter, however, kicking five goals to one. The final scores were Richmond 16.12 (108) to Hawthorn 11.10 (76).

The Tigers win over Hawthorn was their twelfth for the season and they continued on their winning way in the next four rounds to finish with 16 wins. This placed them equal with St Kilda but below the second-placed Saints due to an inferior percentage. Collingwood, which had been consistently in the top two on the ladder for much of the season, did not finish the season well and was placed fourth on the ladder with 14 wins and a draw.

The Magpies fought hard against the Tigers in the first semi-final but Richmond was too strong the final quarter and won by 44 points. Meanwhile, Hawthorn hung on to beat the Saints by two points in the second semi-final. The Tigers' premiership hopes ended in the preliminary final when they could not match St Kilda in the second half and lost by 30 points. The Hawks eventually claimed their second VFL premiership when they came from 20 points behind at three quarter time to defeat St Kilda by seven points.

This Round in History – Round 2 on the MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. The Roos kicked 13.3 (81) in the first quarter, which is the highest Round 2 quarter score. The highest ever Round 2 score was at Princes Park in 1969 by Carlton who defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82).

Richmond's Doug Strang has the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931. The biggest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. It is common for games to feature multiple goalkickers. However, in Round 2 at the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44).

Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven) and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

Statistics for Hawthorn v Richmond

Hawthorn v Richmond by venue

| | Won by Hawthorn | Won by Richmond | Drawn |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| MCG | 29 | 22 | 0 |
| Docklands | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Glenferrie Oval | 13 | 29 | 0 |
| York Park | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Princes Park | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| Waverley Park | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| Punt Road | 10 | 24 | 0 |
| | 71 | 89 | 0 |

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Most Goals in a Match

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|----|-------------|------|-------|------|-----|
| 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 3, 2020, MCG

| | Richmond | Hawthorn |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| Quarter time | 0.1 | 5.3 |
| Half time | 2.1 | 7.3 |
| Three-quarter time | 3.3 | 10.5 |
| Full time | 5.9 (39) | 11.5 (71) |

DID YOU KNOW?

Richmond and Hawthorn have only met once in a finals match and it was not until 2018 that this was played. The Tigers, who had finished on top of the ladder, met the fourth-placed Hawks in a qualifying final at the MCG on Thursday, September 6, before a crowd of 91,446. Richmond led by 14 points at half-time and five goals to two in the third quarter extended their lead to 35 points at the final change. They won by 31 points in the end – 13.17 (95) to Hawthorn's 9.10 (64). The Hawks lost to Melbourne the following week to bow out of the finals race, while the Tigers won their way through to a preliminary final clash with Collingwood, where they were strongly favoured to win. The Magpies got on top early, however, and ran out winners by 39 points. In a thrilling grand final the following week, the West Coast Eagles beat Collingwood by five points.

PLAYED FOR BOTH – MARK GRAHAM

Graham was a strong and skilful defender who played 223 games (61 goals) for Hawthorn between 1993 and 2004. Recruited from Berwick, he was often pitted against the opposition's best forward, particularly after Chris Langford retired at the end of the 1997 season. Graham was runner-up in Hawthorn's best and fairest award in 2001, the year that the Hawks missed a grand final spot when they were defeated by Essendon in a preliminary final by just nine points. Injuries affected Graham's form in his later years at Hawthorn and he left the club at the end of 2004 when his services were no longer required. He moved to Richmond in 2005 and played 20 games (2 goals) in what proved to be his final AFL season.

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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