MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

ANZAC DAY

AFL 2022 ROUND 6
ESSENDON V COLLINGWOOD

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APRIL 25, 2022

PLAYERS WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

WALTER CHARLES MOORE (known as Charles)

Charles Moore was born at Albert Park on September 24, 1875. He attended the local state school and played with the Albert Park club and South Melbourne (VFA). Moore was a strong mark and accurate kick who was selected at full forward. He represented Essendon from 1897 to 1899 in 30 games kicking 34 goals. He kicked four goals against St Kilda in 1898, leading Essendon's goalkickers for the season with 20. He appeared with Essendon in the losing 1898 grand final loss to Fitzroy. Moore was also a fine boxer and an excellent swimmer. Private Charles Moore enlisted with the 4th Victorian Imperial Bushman's Contingent. He was severely wounded at Kwaggahoek north-west of Braadfort. Corporal Charles Moore passed away on June 9, 1901. He was the first Victorian Football League player killed in the Boer War and was also the first VFL player to die in hostilities. He is buried in the Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, Somerset East, South Africa. A memorial in the form of a drinking fountain, erected by subscription, to the 26 year old Charles Moore is situated in a South Melbourne park.

GODFREY ROBERT GOLDIN

Born in Collingwood in 1919, Goldin was a highly talented schoolboy footballer. The diminutive Godfrey Goldin made his debut with the Bombers in 1939, playing eight games (six goals) in his only VFL season after being recommended to the club by his old school-days mentor, Essendon's coach, Jack Baggott. After a match against Geelong, a football scribe suggested: "In Goldin, Essendon has discovered a worthy relief to Dick Reynolds. Against Geelong he was one of the best men on the ground and was equally good at roving or as a half-forward wing." Another football writer reported: "Young Goldin, of Essendon, is only 17 years (he really was 19), but he plays like a seasoned campaigner." Enlisting in the 2nd AIF, he served in North Africa before being posted to New Guinea where sadly, after just landing in Wau, he was shot and died of his wounds in a military hospital on February 7, 1943. He was only 23 years old and is buried in the Bomana War Cemetery, 19 kilometres north of Port Moresby.

THOMAS "TOM" JAMES WRIGHT

Born in Collingwood in 1882 and educated at the Cambridge Street Collingwood State School, Wright joined the Magpies from Collingwood Juniors in 1906 and chalked up 12 games (7 goals) during his two seasons with the club (1906-07). He served three years with the North Melbourne Garrison Artillery before moving to New Zealand for work. He captained the Kiwis football side that played in the 1908 Melbourne Jubilee Australian Football carnival, defeating both NSW and Queensland. He returned in 1909 to Melbourne to play with VFA team Prahran. He enlisted early in 1915 and saw service with the 7th Battalion at Gallipoli. He then transferred to the 59th Battalion on the Western Front where he was killed instantly at Le Transloy, France on December 12, 1916 when struck by a German artillery shell. He was interred in Delville Wood Cemetery. He was 34 years old. His family received news of his death in a telegram delivered by the local parish clergy.

NORMAN LESLIE OLIVER

Oliver was born at Prahran on August 15, 1922 and educated at Cape Street State School, Heidelberg, Ivanhoe East Central School and Melbourne High School (1936-38), He joined the Magpies from local football club Heidelberg. He was also a talented junior tennis player. Oliver debuted with the Magpies aged 18 years in Round 18, 1940 against St Kilda. He played with Collingwood as a key defender in seasons 1940 and 1941 in 13 games contributing two goals. Initially a reservist in the Army, he transferred to the RAAF in October 1942. He would fly over twenty operations with the 4th, 5th and 12th Squadrons. Flying Officer Norman Leslie Oliver was killed when his aircraft crashed on a beach near Madang in New Guinea. He died on June 27, 1944. Tributes came from tennis coach/journalist Harry Hopman and Collingwood Football Club secretary, Bob Rush, who forwarded a photograph of Oliver's grave at Madang War Cemetery to Oliver's parents.

MATCHES AT THE MCG ON ANZAC DAY – APRIL 25

Anzac Day April 25	MCG Match	Home Team		Opponent		Att.
1925 Saturday	Practice match	Melbourne Old Players	18.10 (118)	Melbourne New Players	7.9 (51)	n/a
1961 Tuesday	VFA Rd 2	Sandringham	11.8 (74)	Moorabbin	12.14 (86)	13,842
1962 Wednesday		Victoria (1961 Carnival team)	10.17 (77)	"The Rest" (VFL)	13.7 (85)	17,068
1963 Thursday	VFL Rd 2	Melbourne	14.16 (100)	Hawthorn	13.18 (96)	55,293
1966 Monday	VFL Rd 2	Melbourne	17.7 (109)	St. Kilda	4.9 (33)	64,934
1967 Tuesday		Victoria (1966 Carnival team)	18.13 (121)	"The Rest" (VFL)	9.13 (67)	15,613
1968 Thursday	VFL Rd 3	Richmond	10.15 (75)	Geelong	17.21 (123)	52,115
1969 Friday	VFL Rd 4	Melbourne	10.19 (79)	Essendon	13.19 (97)	38,358
1970 Saturday	VFL Rd 4	Melbourne	17.19 (121)	Fitzroy	13.13 (91)	22,909
1972 Tuesday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	13.11 (89)	Melbourne	12.12 (84)	38,154
1973 Wednesday	VFL Rd 4	Richmond	11.18 (84)	North Melbourne	14.20 (104)	48,923
1975 Friday	VFL Rd 4	Melbourne	18.25 (133)	St Kilda	12.8 (80)	35,328
1977 Monday	VFL Rd 4	Richmond	14.16 (100)	Collingwood	17.24 (126)	92,436
1978 Tuesday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	19.16 (130)	Melbourne	8. 11 (59)	34,212
1979 Wednesday	VFL Rd 4	Melbourne	16.23 (119)	Richmond	15.19 (109)	44,708
1980 Friday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	29.25 (199)	Fitzroy	11.15 (81)	44,401
1981 Saturday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	15.22 (112)	Geelong	11.18 (84)	46,230
1983 Monday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	17.12 (114)	Footscray	18.8 (116)	51,561
1984 Wednesday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	12.14 (86)	Essendon	20.15 (135)	55,141
1985 Thursday	VFL Rd 5	Melbourne	18.13 (121)	Carlton	13.14 (92)	53,065
1986 Friday	VFL Rd 5 (double header)	Melbourne	14.17 (101)	Sydney	16.14 (110)	40,117
		North Melbourne	24.10 (154)	Geelong	14.8 (92)	
1987 Saturday	VFL Rd 5	Richmond	19.12 (126)	Sydney	21.20 (146)	22,154
1988 Monday	VFL Rd 4	Richmond	11.16 (82)	Geelong	24.17 (161)	27,417
1990 Wednesday	AFL Rd 5	Richmond	21.17 (143)	Fitzroy	9.10 (64)	23,078
1991 Thursday	AFL Rd 6	North Melbourne	27.26 (188)	Sydney	21.8 (134)	15,664
1992 Saturday	AFL Rd 6	Essendon	18.16 (124)	Melbourne	19.9 (123)	41,405
1993 Sunday	AFL Rd 5	Melbourne	10.17 (77)	Adelaide	9.14 (68)	17,011
1995 Tuesday	AFL Rd 4	Collingwood	17.9 (111)	Essendon	16.15 (111)	94,825
1996 Thursday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	16.9 (105)	Collingwood	17.15 (117)	87,549
1997 Friday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	10.10 (70)	Collingwood	14.15 (99)	83,271
1998 Saturday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	15.18 (108)	Essendon	12.16 (88)	81,542
1999 Sunday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	15.18 (108)	Collingwood	15.10 (100)	73,118
2000 Tuesday	AFL Rd 7	Collingwood	15.10 (100)	Essendon	21.14 (140)	88,390
2001 Wednesday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	15.13 (103)	Collingwood	14.11 (95)	83,905
2002 Thursday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Essendon	4.9 (33)	84,894
2003 Friday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	23.9 (147)	Collingwood	12.9 (81)	62,589
2004 Sunday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	11.13 (79)	Essendon	17.10 (112)	57,294
2005 Monday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	11.17 (83)	Collingwood	10.9 (69)	70,033
2006 Tuesday	AFL Rd 4	Collingwood	15.16 (106)	Essendon	12.17 (89)	91,234
2007 Wednesday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	11.13 (79)	Collingwood	12.23 (95)	90,508
2008 Friday	AFL Rd 6	Collingwood	23.16 (154)	Essendon	12.9 (81)	88,999
2009 Saturday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	13.15 (93)	Collingwood	12.16 (88)	84,829
2010 Sunday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	Essendon	8.7 (55)	90,070
2011 Monday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	11.11 (77)	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	89,626
2012 Wednesday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	11.14 (80)	Essendon	11.13 (79)	86,932
2013 Thursday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	10.15 (75)	93,373
2014 Friday	AFL Rd 6	Collingwood	12.11 (83)	Essendon	8.12 (60)	91,731
2015 Saturday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	6.13 (49)	Collingwood	9.15 (69)	88,395
2016 Monday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	22.10 (142)	Essendon	11.7 (73)	85,082
2017 Tuesday	AFL Rd 5	Essendon	15.10 (100)	Collingwood	11.18 (84)	87,685
2018 Wednesday	AFL Rd 5	Collingwood	14.7 (101)	Essendon	7.10 (52)	91,440
2019 Thursday	AFL Rd 6	Essendon	10.9 (69)	Collingwood	10.13 (73)	92,241
2021 Sunday	AFL Rd 6	Collingwood	13.7 (85)	Essendon	16.13 (109)	78,113

THE ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

The first ANZAC Day commemorations took place in Australia, New Zealand, England and Egypt on April 25, 1916, one year after the initial landings at Gallipoli. During 1916, April 25 was officially named "ANZAC Day" by the Australian government, but it was not until after the premiers' conference of 1921 that April 25 was officially gazetted as a holiday throughout Australia. The conference decision was not universally popular, headmasters at a number of schools, for example, publicly declaring that a holiday would undermine the significance of the occasion. Some ignored the directive altogether, keeping students at school and holding their own services as part of a normal day. But by the middle of the 1920s such misgivings had been overwhelmed by the tide of public opinion, huge ANZAC Day marches being held in all capital cities.

ANZAC DAY FOOTBALL AND THE MCG

1914: VFL/AFL premiership matches were played on April 25 for the first time. University 6.8 (44) lost to South Melbourne 14.14 (98) before 7,578 spectators at the MCG in one of five opening round matches. Exactly one year later the first ANZACs landed at Gallipoli.

1925: A Melbourne intra-club practice match was played on the MCG. The proceeds from the match of £19/3/7 went to the Melbourne branch of the Returned Sailors and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia (later the RSL).

1960: The first VFL (now AFL) premiership matches on ANZAC Day were played in 1960 between Fitzroy and Carlton at Brunswick Street, and St Kilda and Melbourne at the Junction Oval.

1961: VFA clubs Sandringham and Moorabbin played at the MCG on ANZAC Day before 13,842 fans.

1963: The first VFL/AFL premiership match on ANZAC Day at the MCG was between Melbourne and Hawthorn. An attendance of 55,293 saw Melbourne win 14.16 (100) to 13.18 (96).

1966: St Kilda's 4.9 (33) against Melbourne is the lowest score kicked at the MCG on ANZAC Day. Essendon shares this ignominious record after kicking 4.9 (33) against Collingwood in 2002.

1977: A crowd of 92,436 attended the Richmond v Collingwood match on ANZAC Day at the MCG. It was the biggest ANZAC Day crowd until 1995.

1980: Richmond's score of 29.25 (199) is the highest on ANZAC Day and its 118-point victory over Fitzroy, 11.15 (81), is the biggest ANZAC Day winning margin on the MCG.

1986: The first (and only) ANZAC Day double-header at the MCG was played when Melbourne met Sydney in the afternoon and North Melbourne played Geelong in the first night match on ANZAC Day.

1988: Geelong's Gary Ablett Sr was the first (and so far the only) player to kick 10 goals on ANZAC Day at the MCG. The Cats defeated Richmond by 79 points.

1992: Essendon defeated Melbourne by one point, 18.16 (124) to 19.9 (123).

1995: Essendon 16.15 (111) and Collingwood 17.9 (111) played the first drawn ANZAC Day match on the MCG. A record ANZAC Day crowd of 94,825 saw Collingwood's Saverio Rocca kick nine goals.

2000: A perpetual ANZAC Day Trophy was provided by the Returned & Services League (RSL) for the AFL match scheduled at the MCG on ANZAC Day. An ANZAC Day Medal (below) was also struck and presented to the best player afield. The first winner was James Hird.

2009: Essendon snatched a dramatic five-point win after Collingwood led by 14 points with about five minutes remaining.

2012: Collingwood defeated Essendon by one point, 11.14 (80) to 11.13 (79). Essendon players came off a four day break.

2019: Collingwood defeated Essendon by four points in a cliff hanger. Scott Pendlebury was booed by Essendon supporters when collecting the ANZAC Day Medal.

2020: COVID-19 pandemic forced a national lock down preventing the ANZAC Day match occurring. Instead a lone bugler played the last post on the MCG.

2021: Stadium capacity capped at 85% due to the pandemic.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which Demon great lost his father in World War II?
2. Who is the Collingwood captain who served in the Boer War?
3. From which war did the Collingwood theme song originate?
4. Who was the first VFL casualty from the Essendon Football Club?
5. Who am I? I played with Melbourne (1932-36) and Essendon (1937). I lost my life as a prisoner of war on the island of Ambon in 1945.

Statistics for Essendon v Collingwood

Essendon v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
MCG	38	35	2
Lake Oval	1	0	0
East Melb	7	16	0
Victoria Park	23	53	0
Waverley	5	4	0
Windy Hill	32	24	2
	106	132	4

Last Time They Met – Round 23, 2021, MCG

	Essendon	Collingwood
Quarter time	5.2	4.2
Half time	11.2	5.4
Three-quarter time	13.5	7.8
Full time	16.6 (102)	9.10 (64)

Highest Score

Essendon	28.6 (174)	PF	1984	Wav
Collingwood	30.20 (200)	Rd 14	1971	VP

Lowest Score

Essendon	3.2 (20)	Rd 7	1898	VP
Collingwood	2.4 (16)	Rd 4	1900	EMCG
Collingwood	2.4 (16)	GF	1901	AP

Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	133 points	PF	1984	Wav
Collingwood	147 points	Rd 14	1971	VP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

15	Gordon Coventry	Coll	Rd 11	1933	VP
13	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 11	1972	VP
12	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 20	1970	VP
12	Peter McKenna	Coll	Rd 14	1971	VP
10	John Coleman	Ess	Rd 11	1950	WH
10	Ted Fordham	Ess	Rd 14	1966	VP

The ANZAC Day Medallists

2000	James Hird	Essendon
2001	Chris Tarrant	Collingwood
2002	Mark McGough	Collingwood
2003	James Hird	Essendon
2004	James Hird	Essendon
2005	Andrew Lovett	Essendon
2006	Ben Johnson	Collingwood
2007	Heath Shaw	Collingwood
2008	Paul Medhurst	Collingwood
2009	Patrick Ryder	Essendon
2010	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2011	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2012	Dane Swan	Collingwood
2013	David Zaharakis	Essendon
2014	Dane Swan	Collingwood
2015	Paul Seedsman	Collingwood
2016	Steele Sidebottom	Collingwood
2017	Joe Daniher	Essendon
2018	Adam Treloar	Collingwood
2019	Scott Pendlebury	Collingwood
2021	Darcy Parish	Essendon

WILLIAM RUTHVEN - A LOYAL MAGPIE

Known as "Rusty", William Ruthven had a long connection with Collingwood Football Club as official timekeeper. Born on May 21, 1893, at Collingwood, he served in World War I with the 22nd Battalion, Australian Imperial Force. On May 19, 1918, Ruthven took part in an attack near Ville-sur-Ancre. When his company commander was wounded, Sergeant Ruthven assumed command and for "most conspicuous bravery and initiative in action" was awarded the Victoria Cross. He also sustained injuries during the conflict. Prior to, and after, the first war he was a wood machinist. From 1945 to 1955 Ruthven was the Labor member for Preston in the Legislative Assembly in the Victorian Parliament and later was the member for Reservoir from 1955 to 1961. He was also Mayor of Collingwood in the years 1945 and 1946. In World War II he served as a Major in the 3rd Australian Garrison Battalion, centred at Victoria's largest prisoner-of-war camp at Murchison. Ruthven was timekeeper for the Collingwood Football Club from 1939 until his death on January 12, 1970. His nephew, Allan Ruthven, won the 1950 Brownlow Medal playing with the Fitzroy Football Club and was also a member of the 'Roy's 1944 premiership side. Ruthven Railway Station, the William Ruthven Primary School and the William Ruthven Secondary College were named in his honour. Married to Irene May White, he had a son and a daughter and he died of natural causes in 1970 at the age of 76.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 Ron Barassi Junior. Ronald James Barassi Snr played with Melbourne from 1936 to 1940 in 38 games with 84 goals. He was a reserve in the 1940 Demons' premiership side. His son, Ronald Dale Barassi Jnr, was a Melbourne captain who played in six premierships (1955, '56, '57, '59, '60 and '64). **Q2** George Angus (captain 1910-11). **Q3** "Good Old Collingwood Forever" was adapted from the Boer War tune "Goodbye Dolly Gray". **Q4** Charles Moore (Boer War). **Q5** Archibald Frederick Roberts.