

MEMORABLE MATCHES

ESSENDON v RICHMOND

Semi Final. Played at Essendon on 20, 25 March, 1 April 1939. Toss: WJ Horrocks (Ess).

Richmond won on 1st innings by 194 runs. Umpires: WJ Craddock & WJ Moore.

Essendon	1st innings		2nd innings
CT McCall c Mathers b McCormick	10	–	(4) not out 2
JL Kidd c Smeaton b Keating	26		
+ FW Sides b Smeaton	0	–	(1) c Stuckey b Keating 38
JL Stephens b Keating	57		
JID Leembruggen c & b Ring	15	–	(2) retired hurt 7
RJ Sitch run out	37	–	(3) b Ring 14
WY Wilson c Newstead b Smeaton	1		
* WJ Horrocks st Mathers b Keating	5		
TA Carlton not out	11		
RS Reynolds b Keating	0		
HH Alexander lbw b Ring	12		
Sundries (8b 7lb 1w 3nb)	19		(4b 1lb 1nb) 6
Total	193		2 wkts for 67

Fall 1st inns: 21, 22, 57, 102, 144, 145, 166, 167, 168, 193.

Fall 2nd inns: 31, 67.

Bowling 1st inns: McCormick 11-3-28-1, Smeaton 15-3-39-2, Ledward 2-0-6-0, Keating 11-0-56-4, Ring 9.5-0-45-2. **2nd inns:** McCormick 5-0-19-0, Smeaton 2-2-0-0, Ledward 2-0-10-0, Keating 1.2-0-14-1, Ring 3-0-18-1.

Richmond	1st innings
* CH Stuckey c Sides b Wilson	85
F Henderson lbw b Wilson	0
H Mathers b Carlton	11
JA Ledward c Reynolds b Alexander	18
LPJ O'Brien c Sides b Wilson	38
GH Newstead ht wkt b Reynolds	114
LJ Junior c & b Stephens	84
DT Ring c Kidd b Sitch	9
JL Keating b Wilson	9
GF Smeaton not out	0
EL McCormick lbw b Wilson	0
Sundries (3b 10lb 2w 4nb)	19
Total	387

Fall: 2, 34, 75, 155, 172, 334, 360, 387, 387, 387.

Bowling: Reynolds 18-1-84-1, Wilson 29.3-4-106-5, Carlton 29-7-69-1, Alexander 17-2-54-1, Stephens 8-0-47-1, Sitch 1-0-8-1.

PHOTO QUIZ ANSWERS

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COLLINGWOOD v FITZROY

Semi Final. Played at Collingwood on 20, 25 March, 1 April 1939. Toss: HJ Plant (Fitz).
Fitzroy won on 1st innings by 111 runs. Umpires: AN Barlow & WR Wettenhall.

Fitzroy	1st innings	2nd innings
EF Du Vergier st Baker b Rayson	7	
MR Harvey c Lambert b Murphy	10	
MW Sievers run out	1	– (1) not out 34
EA Williams c Murphy b Lambert	174	
CA Ruddell c Albiston b Morgan	28	
CE Harvey b Murphy	12	– (2) not out 7
R Black lbw b Albiston	0	
J Frederick b Morgan	19	
* HJ Plant lbw b Rayson	16	
K Campbell c & b Rayson	6	
+ WL Jacobs not out	33	
Sundries (10b 4lb)	14	(8b) 8
Total	<u>320</u>	No wkt for <u>49</u>

Fall: 16, 18, 20, 86, 122, 131, 172, 215, 231, 320.

Bowling: Murphy 22-7-46-2, Lambert 7.1-0-28-1, Rayson 33-2-139-3, Pearce 12-0-29-0, Morgan 18-5-45-2, Albiston 7-1-19-1.

Collingwood	1st innings
J Higgins b Sievers	10
+ EA Baker lbw b Campbell	7
AG Andrew-Street b Plant	61
* J Ryder b Campbell	29
AJ Morgan c Jacobs b Frederick	1
KW Stackpole b Campbell	8
FH Pearce c Sievers b Frederick	11
HG Albiston b Campbell	14
HF Lambert not out	48
MW Rayson c Plant b Frederick	10
L Murphy lbw b Frederick	0
Sundries (4b 2lb 1w 3nb)	10
Total	<u>209</u>

Fall: 18, 18, 60, 61, 76, 109, 138, 170, 209, 209.

Bowling: Campbell 15-2-47-4, Sievers 17-2-37-1, Williams 11-2-25-0, Frederick 24.7-3-78-4, Plant 8-0-12-1.

The semi finals of 1938/39 saw four of the power-houses of the inner-suburban District competition competing. Richmond headed the ladder after the home and away season, with Jack Ledward (834 runs @ 59.50) establishing a club record season aggregate which still stands. The Tigers easily defeated Essendon at Windy Hill in the semi final, with George Newstead, Charlie Stuckey and Len Junor all making big scores. Essendon's line-up included the brilliant footballer Dick Reynolds, who had just won his third Brownlow Medal in 1938, 48 year-old Tom Carlton, who finished his career two years later, fourth on the all-time wicket-takers' list with 632 @ 16.14 (including 60 @ 15.13 in 1938/39) and Frank Sides who, despite playing just four seasons and 42 matches for the Bombers, was selected in their team of the century. Sides died on active service in 1943, aged just 29. Just a week before this semi final, Sides hit 121 against WA in Perth. Four Test players played in this match – Harry Alexander, Doug Ring, Leo O'Brien and Ernie McCormick.

Fitzroy upset Collingwood in the other semi final, with Eddie Williams scoring a fine 174. Williams and Bill Jacobs added a priceless 89 runs for the tenth wicket. Jack Ryder turned 50 a month after this semi final. The Lions went on to defeat Richmond in the VCA Final, played at the MCG on 8, 10 and 11 April. Although Williams made a duck in the Final, the Fitzroy tail proved the difference with Jack Frederick (89), Joe Plant (59), Keith Campbell (22) and Bill Jacobs (28*) taking the score from 7/145 to 341. The VFL season in 1939 started on Saturday 22 April.