VFL MATCH PROGRAMME AND RESULTS 1899

The short-lived system introduced in 1898, and utilised again this year, involved the eight clubs playing each other home and away, with the team finishing at the head of the ladder - the 'minor premier' - earning the right to contest the premiership deciding match at the end of the season. Once the home and away rounds were completed, the teams were split into two sections, each containing four team. This 'sectional round' involved every club playing another three matches, with the two section winners then engaging in a knock-out match for the right to confront the minor premier for the premiership. The system was abbreviated this year because minor premier Fitzroy also emerged as a section winner. (If the Roys had lost to South Melbourne in the final, they would have been able to invoke the right of challenge.)

HOME AND AWAY ROUNDS

Round	Venue	Home Team	G	B	Pts	Away Team	G	B	Pts	Margin
1	Albert Park	South Melbourne	10	13	73	Carlton	2	6	18	**55**
1	Corio	Geelong	8	6	54	Collingwood	3	9	27	**27**
1	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	6	11	47	Essendon	0	9	9	**38**
1	MCG	Melbourne	16	20	116	St Kilda	3	5	23	**93**
2	Princes Park	Carlton	1	5	11	Geelong	5	6	36	**25**
2	Victoria Park	Collingwood	4	3	27	Melbourne	7	12	54	**27**
2	Junction Oval	St Kilda	3	2	20	Essendon	8	18	66	**46**
2	Albert Park	South Melbourne	5	8	38	Fitzroy	6	6	42	**4**
3	Princes Park	Carlton	3	1	19	Melbourne	6	9	45	**26**
3	Victoria Park	Collingwood	13	9	87	St Kilda	2	6	18	**69**
3	East Melbourne	Essendon	1	9	15	South Melbourne	0	9	9	**6**
3	Corio	Geelong	0	8	8	Fitzroy	4	8	32	**24**
4	East Melbourne	Essendon	6	12	48	Carlton	1	3	9	**39**
4	Albert Park	South Melbourne	3	4	22	Collingwood	3	11	29	**7**
4	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	7	14	56	St Kilda	5	3	33	**23**
4	MCG	Melbourne	4	8	32	Geelong	4	3	27	**5**
5	Princes Park	Carlton	3	3	21	Collingwood	7	10	52	**31**
5	Corio	Geelong	3	10	28	Essendon	3	6	24	**4**
5	MCG	Melbourne	4	11	35	Fitzroy	3	6	24	**11**
5	Junction Oval	St Kilda	4	9	33	South Melbourne	10	10	70	**37**
6	Junction Oval	St Kilda	4	5	29	Carlton	4	7	31	**2**
6	Victoria Park	Collingwood	1	7	13	Fitzroy	5	5	35	**22**
6	East Melbourne	Essendon	4	6	30	Melbourne	1	10	16	**14**
6	Albert Park	South Melbourne	5	5	35	Geelong	3	1	19	**16**
7	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	5	15	45	Carlton	1	7	13	**32**
7	Victoria Park	Collingwood	6	12	48	Essendon	4	4	28	**20**
7	Junction Oval	St Kilda	3	13	31	Geelong	12	6	78	**47**
7	MCG	Melbourne	7	8	50	South Melbourne	6	7	43	**7**
8	Princes Park	Carlton	3	6	24	South Melbourne	0	5	5	**19**
8	Victoria Park	Collingwood	2	8	20	Geelong	9	7	61	**41**
8	East Melbourne	Essendon	6	15	51	Fitzroy	10	3	63	**12**
8	Junction Oval	St Kilda	2	8	20	Melbourne	5	7	37	**17**
9	Corio	Geelong	9	9	63	Carlton	5	3	33	**30**
9	MCG	Melbourne	1	7	13	Collingwood	3	3	21	**8**
9	East Melbourne	Essendon	11	19	85	St Kilda	1	0	6	**79**
9	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	9	8	62	South Melbourne	4	5	29	**33**
10	MCG	Melbourne	7	12	54	Carlton	3	4	22	**32**
10	Junction Oval	St Kilda	1	5	11	Collingwood	13	16	94	**83**
10	Albert Park	South Melbourne	5	5	35	Essendon	7	9	51	**16**
10	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	3	5	23	Geelong	8	10	58	**35**
11	Princes Park	Carlton	3	8	26	Essendon	8	9	57	**31**
11	Victoria Park	Collingwood	5	9	39	South Melbourne	5	6	36	**3**
11	Junction Oval	St Kilda	4	6	30	Fitzroy	12	12	84	**54**
11	Corio	Geelong	5	6	36	Melbourne	2	10	22	**14**
12	Victoria Park	Collingwood	5	13	43	Carlton	4	3	27	**16**
12	East Melbourne	Essendon	10	7	67	Geelong	6	7	43	**24**
12	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	6	5	41	Melbourne	4	9	33	**8**
12	Albert Park	South Melbourne	8	9	57	St Kilda	3	6	24	**33**
13	Princes Park	Carlton	6	11	47	St Kilda	1	2	8	**39**
13	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	3	7	25	Collingwood	5	7	37	**12**
13	MCG	Melbourne	3	7	25	Essendon	5	8	38	**13**
13	Corio	Geelong	7	12	54	South Melbourne	3	9	27	**27**
14	Princes Park	Carlton	2	4	16	Fitzroy	5	9	39	**23**
14	East Melbourne	Essendon	4	7	31	Collingwood	8	5	53	**22**
14	Corio	Geelong	16	23	119	St Kilda	0	2	2	**117**
14	Albert Park	South Melbourne	6	13	49	Melbourne	6	6	42	**7**

Round by Round Premiership Ladders

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	1	0	0	47	9	522.2	4
Melbourne	1	0	0	116	23	504.4	4
South Melbourne	1	0	0	73	18	405.6	4
Geelong	1	0	0	54	27	200.0	4
Collingwood	0	1	0	27	54	50.0	0
Carlton	0	1	0	18	73	24.7	0
St Kilda	0	1	0	23	116	19.8	0
Essendon	0	1	0	9	47	19.2	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	3	0	0	215	69	311.6	12
Fitzroy	3	0	0	121	55	220.0	12
Geelong	2	1	0	98	70	140.0	8
Essendon	2	1	0	90	76	118.4	8
South Melbourne	1	2	0	120	75	160.0	4
Collingwood	1	2	0	141	126	111.9	4
Carlton	0	3	0	48	154	31.2	0
St Kilda	0	3	0	61	269	22.7	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	5	0	0	282	120	235.0	20
Fitzroy	4	1	0	201	123	163.4	16
Essendon	3	2	0	162	113	143.4	12
Collingwood	3	2	0	222	169	131.4	12
Geelong	3	2	0	153	126	121.4	12
South Melbourne	2	3	0	212	137	154.7	8
Carlton	0	5	0	78	254	30.7	0
St Kilda	0	5	0	127	395	32.2	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	6	1	0	281	149	188.6	24
Melbourne	6	1	0	348	193	180.3	24
Collingwood	4	3	0	283	232	122.0	16
Essendon	4	3	0	220	177	124.3	16
Geelong	4	3	0	250	192	130.2	16
South Melbourne	3	4	0	290	206	140.8	12
Carlton	1	6	0	122	328	37.2	4
St Kilda	0	7	0	187	504	37.1	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	8	1	0	406	229	177.3	32
Melbourne	7	2	0	398	234	170.1	28
Geelong	6	3	0	374	245	152.7	24
Essendon	5	4	0	356	246	144.7	20
Collingwood	5	4	0	324	306	105.9	20
South Melbourne	3	6	0	324	292	111.0	12
Carlton	2	7	0	179	396	45.2	8
St Kilda	0	9	0	213	626	34.0	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	9	2	0	513	317	161.8	36
Melbourne	8	3	0	474	292	162.3	32
Geelong	8	3	0	468	290	161.4	32
Essendon	7	4	0	464	307	151.1	28
Collingwood	7	4	0	457	353	129.5	28
South Melbourne	3	8	0	395	382	103.4	12
Carlton	2	9	0	227	507	44.8	8
St Kilda	0	11	0	254	804	31.6	0

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	10	3	0	579	387	149.6	40
Essendon	9	4	0	569	375	151.7	36
Geelong	9	4	0	565	384	147.1	36
Collingwood	9	4	0	537	405	132.6	36
Melbourne	8	5	0	532	371	143.4	32
South Melbourne	4	9	0	479	460	104.1	16
Carlton	3	10	0	301	558	53.9	12
St Kilda	0	13	0	286	908	31.5	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	2	0	0	170	50	340.0	8
Geelong	2	0	0	90	38	236.8	8
Fitzroy	2	0	0	89	47	189.4	8
South Melbourne	1	1	0	111	60	185.0	4
Essendon	1	1	0	75	67	111.9	4
Collingwood	0	2	0	54	108	50.0	0
Carlton	0	2	0	29	109	26.6	0
St Kilda	0	2	0	43	182	23.6	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	4	0	0	247	96	257.3	16
Fitzroy	4	0	0	177	88	201.1	16
Essendon	3	1	0	138	85	162.4	12
Geelong	2	2	0	125	102	122.6	8
Collingwood	2	2	0	170	148	114.9	8
South Melbourne	1	3	0	142	104	136.5	4
Carlton	0	4	0	57	202	28.2	0
St Kilda	0	4	0	94	325	28.9	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	5	1	0	298	150	198.7	20
Fitzroy	5	1	0	236	136	173.5	20
Essendon	4	2	0	192	129	148.8	16
South Melbourne	3	3	0	247	156	158.3	12
Collingwood	3	3	0	235	204	115.2	12
Geelong	3	3	0	172	161	106.8	12
Carlton	1	5	0	109	283	38.5	4
St Kilda	0	6	0	156	426	36.6	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	7	1	0	385	213	180.8	28
Fitzroy	7	1	0	344	200	172.0	28
Geelong	5	3	0	311	212	146.7	20
Essendon	4	4	0	271	240	112.9	16
Collingwood	4	4	0	303	293	103.4	16
South Melbourne	3	5	0	295	230	128.3	12
Carlton	2	6	0	146	333	43.8	8
St Kilda	0	8	0	207	541	38.3	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Melbourne	8	2	0	452	256	176.6	32
Fitzroy	8	2	0	429	287	149.5	32
Geelong	7	3	0	432	268	161.2	28
Essendon	6	4	0	407	281	144.8	24
Collingwood	6	4	0	418	317	131.9	24
South Melbourne	3	7	0	359	343	104.7	12
Carlton	2	8	0	201	450	44.7	8
St Kilda	0	10	0	224	720	31.1	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	10	2	0	554	350	158.3	40
Melbourne	8	4	0	507	333	152.3	32
Essendon	8	4	0	531	350	151.7	32
Geelong	8	4	0	511	357	143.1	32
Collingwood	8	4	0	500	380	131.6	32
South Melbourne	4	8	0	452	406	111.3	16
Carlton	2	10	0	254	550	46.2	8
St Kilda	0	12	0	278	861	32.3	0

Melbourne

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	11	3	0	618	403	153.4	44
Geelong	10	4	0	684	386	177.2	40
Collingwood	10	4	0	590	436	135.3	40
Essendon	9	5	0	600	428	140.2	36
Melbourne	8	6	0	574	420	136.7	32
South Melbourne	5	9	0	528	502	105.2	20
Carlton	3	11	0	317	597	53.1	12
St Kilda	0	14	0	288	1027	28.0	0

SECTIONAL ROUND

Round	Venue	Home Team	G	B	Pts	Away Team	G	B	Pts	Margin
A1	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	5	11	41	Carlton	6	4	40	**1**
A1	Albert Park	Melbourne	3	7	25	Collingwood	6	9	45	**20**
B1	East Melbourne	Essendon	16	24	120	St Kilda	3	4	22	**98**
B1	Corio	Geelong	5	8	38	South Melbourne	6	5	41	**3**
A2	Victoria Park	Collingwood	5	8	38	Carlton	2	5	17	**21**
B2	East Melbourne	Essendon	4	15	39	Geelong	6	11	47	**8**
A2	Brunswick Street	Fitzroy	5	10	40	Melbourne	0	2	2	**38**
B2	Junction Oval	St Kilda	1	6	12	South Melbourne	12	10	82	**70**
A3	Princes Park	Carlton	6	5	41	Melbourne	2	4	16	**25**
A3	Victoria Park	Collingwood	4	7	31	Fitzroy	6	9	45	**14**
B3	Albert Park	South Melbourne	3	10	28	Essendon	2	1	13	**15**
B3	Corio	Geelong	23	24	162	St Kilda	0	1	1	**161**

Section Ladders

Section A

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
Fitzroy	3	0	0	126	73	172.6	12
Collingwood	2	1	0	114	87	131.0	8
Carlton	1	2	0	98	95	103.2	4
Melbourne	0	3	0	43	126	34.1	0

Section B

	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
South Melbourne	3	0	0	151	63	239.7	12
Geelong	2	1	0	247	81	304.9	8
Essendon	1	2	0	172	97	177.3	4
St Kilda	0	3	0	35	364	9.6	0

FINALS

Round	Venue	Winning Team	G	B	Pts	Losing Team	G	B	Pts	Margin
Final	Junction Oval	Fitzroy	3	9	27	South Melbourne	3	8	26	**1**

Attendance
4,823

Champion of the Colony
M.Grace (Fitzroy)

Leading Goalkickers

E.James (Geelong)	32
C.Colgan (South Melbourne)	27
J.Leith (Melbourne)	21
E.Lockwood (Geelong)	20
W.McSpeerin (Fitzroy)	18