

Essendon's Brownlow Medalists

Introduced in 1924 named after an ex- chairman and Geelong player, Charles Brownlow. The Brownlow Medal is awarded each year to the V.F.L/A.F.L's Best and Fairest Player(s). After each Home and Away season Match, the 3 field umpires give votes in the order of 3, 2 and 1 to who they think was the best player during that match. At the end of the season the league holds the Brownlow Medal Count and is televised to millions of people. The votes are counted round by round, and at the end of the count the player(s) with the most votes wins the medal. The Medal can result in a tie were both winning players are presented with medals.

The Brownlow Medal is a very prestigious award for the individual footballer. It is a prized footballing achievement to those who have won it.



Dick Reynolds

Dick Reynolds (1934, 1937, 1938)

Played 320 games and kicked 443 goals between 1933-51. Known as King Richard to his fans, many consider Reynolds the greatest footballer of all time. A champion rover with tremendous ball skills and a fine reader of the game, Reynolds won his club's best and fairest seven times and the Brownlow three times - only two other players have achieved the same feat. As playing coach, he took the Bombers to flags in 1942 and 1946 and the 1949-50 premierships as a non-playing coach. Represented Victoria on 19 occasions.



William Hutchinson

William Hutchinson (1952, 1953)

Played 290 games and kicked 492 goals between 1942-7. A champion rover with dazzling pace who was a fine stab kicker. Won Essendon's best and fairest seven times; played in

10 Grand Finals and four premierships. Arrived at Windy Hill as a winger, but developed into one of the finest rovers in history who was dangerous around goals.



Graham Moss

Graham Moss (1976)

Played 88 games and kicked 67 goals between 1973-76. Arrived from Western Australia and quickly made his mark on the game. Was an exceptional tap ruckman who was a superb handballer. After winning the Brownlow in 1976, Moss returned home to coach his former club Claremont, despite the offer of big money to stay with Essendon.



Gavin Wanganeen

Gavin Wanganeen (1993)

A courageous defender who repeatedly puts himself on the line with his rubber-band like body. While Wanganeen has earned his reputation as a backman, he has the ability to play mid-field and is quite adept in front of goals. Played in Essendon's premiership team in 1993 and won the Brownlow the same year. Sadly, for Bomber fans, the lure of playing for Port Adelaide - he played in its premiership team in 1990 - was enough for him to return home at the end of 1996.



James Hird

James Hird (1996 tied)

A genuine superstar, who is not only making a name for himself on the field, but is now becoming a media star because of his good looks and knowledge of the game. Hird can play in most positions, but earned his big wraps on the forward line where he has become the team's main focal point. Tied with Brisbane's Michael Voss to win the Brownlow in 1996.