

Peter Daicos



Keynote

AFL Hall of Fame

Based in: Melbourne

SPEAKER DETAILS

Peter Daicos played his entire 250-game career with the Collingwood Football Club in the VFL/AFL.

He is one of the greatest players in the history of the Australian Football League, being a member of the AFL Hall of Fame and was renowned for his consistent ability to kick freakish goals from seemingly impossible angles.

During career his league honours include a premiership, and kicking the Goal of the Year. He also represented his home state of Victoria a total of five times. Daicos is considered to be one of Collingwood's all-time greats, being named in the club's Team of the Century, leading the club's goal kicking for five seasons, winning the best and fairest twice and playing in the club's drought breaking 1990 premiership.

Peter debuted with the Collingwood Football Club in 1979. He went on to play 250 games (for 549 goals) with the Magpies until his retirement in 1993, and won a premiership with them in 1990 opening the way by kicking Collingwood's first goal in that match. He is commonly known as the Macedonian Marvel because of his parents' place of origin in northern Greece.

In the 1990 season, Daicos scored 97 goals playing mostly from forward pocket, a feat made all the more remarkable since he was considerably shorter than many full-forwards of the era, and was not playing in the traditional position of a spearhead full-forward. His skills in scoring from impossible angles, as well as the ability in getting rid from defenders made pundits to start naming him as 'The Magician.' In fact, one of his goals, drawing the 1990 Qualifying Final became the subject of a Toyota Memorable Moments advertisement, first screened in 2005.

In 2005 Peter Daicos became coach at a local club called the Greythorn Falcons and in 2006 he coached them to an 80-point win in the Grand Final. Since 2010 Daicos has commentated with the AFL Live radio team.

Nowadays, his name is used by journalists and Australian football fans as an adjective to describe a difficult goal scored from the boundary in play; especially one that is along the ground (a 'Daicos goal').

STATS AT A GLANCE

- Collingwood Football Club 1979 - 1993
- 1990 Premiership Player
- 250 Games
- 549 Goals
- Club Best and Fairest 1982 & 1988
- Club Vice Captain 1990 & 1991
- Collingwood FC Life Member
- AFL Hall of Fame Member
- Collingwood team of the Century (First 18)
- Past Commentator Network Ten
- Regular guest on "Hungry For Sport" radio station SEN 1116