



## The 2020 Harry Gordon Australian Sports Journalist of the Year Finalists

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The 2020 Harry Gordon Australian Sports Journalist of the Year finalists are presented alphabetically by surname below. Please note that some work submitted with entries - including print materials - may not be included.

Judges for the 2020 award were celebrated sports *journalist* **Louise Evans OAM**, ABC National Sport Correspondent **Mary Gearin**, and double Perkin award winner **Andrew Rule**.

### **Greg Baum, *The Age*, for a comprehensive body of work**

["Strings attached: There is no sport like tennis for selling its soul"](#), *The Age*, 17 January 2020  
["Nothing to fear in F1's fantasy world"](#), *The Age*, 10 March 2020  
["Decades on, Alison extracted a confession from her gymnastics coach"](#), *The Age*, 16 August 2020  
["Daniher to Daniher to Daniher to Daniher: 30 years on from a unique moment"](#), *The Age*, 28 August 2020  
["Big brash league: gimmicks go into overdrive"](#), *The Age*, 16 November 2020  
["India out for 36: Australia's achievement right off the scale"](#), *The Age*, 19 December 2020

### **Belinda Hawkins, *ABC*, for a portfolio of work on Marlion Pickett**

["Inside the Richmond bunker as the Tigers reflect on success of Marlion Pickett recruitment"](#), *ABC News*, 1 March 2020  
["Making his Mark | Marlion Pickett"](#), *ABC Australian Story*, 2 March 2020  
["From prison to premiership: Why all of Australia is cheering on Richmond Tigers' Marlion Pickett"](#), *ABC News*, 2 March 2020  
["Everyone deserves a second chance: Richmond's Dustin Martin interview"](#), *ABC Australian Story*, 3 March 2020  
["Richmond Tigers Indigenous stars kick back with Year 7 students"](#), *ABC Australian Story*, 8 March 2020

### **Russell Jackson, *ABC*, for a portfolio of work**

["What if broadcasters are the source of the AFL's image problem?"](#), *ABC News*, 11 July 2020  
["The persecution of Robert Muir is the story football doesn't want to hear"](#), *ABC News*, 23 August 2020

### **Russell Jackson (continued...)**

["Australian cricketer Dean Jones leaves behind a legacy that revolutionised the sport"](#), *ABC News*, 25 September 2020  
["Gary Ablett Jr was the champion who exceeded football's greatest expectations"](#), *ABC News*, 21 October 2020  
["LaMelo Ball's thrilling journey from Wollongong to the NBA Draft was a surreal sporting sideshow"](#), *ABC News*, 19 November 2020  
["Héritier Lumumba reclaimed his name and found strength in African history. Will it change Collingwood and the AFL?"](#), *ABC News*, 5 December 2020

### **Julian Linden, *The Daily Telegraph*, for a portfolio of work**

"The alarm bell rings: Why the Tokyo Games must be put on hold", *Daily Telegraph*, 15 March 2020  
"It's Games over for Australian athletes", *Daily Telegraph*, 23 March 2020  
"Let the Games begin, a bit later", *Daily Telegraph*  
"FINA drags heels over Mac's gold", *Daily Telegraph*, 26 July 2020  
"The tragic toll of a medal dream", *Daily Telegraph Sunday Extra*, 22 August 2020  
"Shot that stopped the nation", *Daily Telegraph*, 19 September 2020  
"Shanya swam against the fiercest tide", *Daily Telegraph*, 21 November 2020  
"Hockeyroo starts legal battle over contract termination", *Daily Telegraph*, 9 December 2020  
"Hockey Australia's promise to fix crisis comes to nothing", 10 December 2020  
"He told me I was too fat' – coach destroys career", *Daily Telegraph*, 12 December 2020  
"Hockey risks cash slash unless claims checked", *Daily Telegraph*, 13 December 2020