



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 18 COLLINGWOOD V FREMANTLE

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THE COACHES

Craig McRae

Coming from SANFL side Glenelg, McRae was drafted to the Brisbane Bears, where he played 39 games (56 goals) until 1997 when the Bears became the Lions. He played a further 156 games (176 goals) for the new club, retiring after the 2004 grand final where they lost to Port Adelaide. He had been a member of all three previous years' Lions' premiership sides. Having served in various positions with the Richmond, Brisbane Lions, Hawthorn and Collingwood clubs, he was appointed senior coach by the Magpies, replacing interim coach Robert Harvey who had been appointed when the club parted company with Nathan Buckley. Last season he led the side to 17 wins and the preliminary final where they suffered a heartbreaking loss to the Sydney Swans by one point. *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* says of McRae:

"Breakaway pace and a deadly left foot became the trademarks of this former Glenelg player who proved a headache for all opposing teams."

Justin Longmuir

Justin Longmuir came to the Fremantle Dockers from the West Perth Football Club, commencing his one-team career in 1999. He played a total of 139 games (166 goals) for the Dockers before a degenerative knee injury forced his retirement at the end of the 2007 season. He then took up the position of assistant coach with the West Coast Eagles until the end of the 2017 season when he went off to Collingwood where he was a defence coach. In 2019 he was appointed senior coach by his old club, replacing David Hale who had stepped in when Ross Lyon left. Longmuir has coached the side to twelfth in 2020, eleventh in 2021 and fifth last year, which saw the side beat the Western Bulldogs by 13 points in an elimination final but go down to the Magpies by 20 points in a semi final.

AN UNHAPPY DAY FOR THE BLACK AND WHITE

Collingwood travelled to Subiaco for their Round 7 clash during the 2005 season. Little did the loyal Magpie fans who made the trip over to Western Australia suspect what would eventuate. But by quarter time they were well aware, with the Dockers having kicked 9.2 (56) to Collingwood's 0.3 (3). Things improved slightly in the second quarter with the Magpies scoring four goals to Fremantle's six. Unfortunately the slight respite did not continue, with Fremantle scoring another seven goals to the Magpies' three in the third quarter. Six Fremantle goals to Collingwood's three in the final term saw the Dockers win by a massive 112 points.

Fremantle 28.12 (180) def. Collingwood 10.8 (68)

Major goalkickers for the Dockers were Matthew Pavlich with six and Des Headland and Luke McPharlin with five each. For the Magpies Tarkyn Lockyer, Julian Rowe and Chris Tarrant each kicked two.

SOUTH FREMANTLE v COLLINGWOOD 1954

In the first half of the 1950s South Fremantle dominated Western Australian footy. They had won premierships in 1950, 1952 and 1953, were runners-up in 1951, and were heading the WANFL table again in July 1954 when the team ventured east. On Wednesday July 28 the Southerners took on Collingwood, the VFL's reigning premier and current ladder leader, at the Pies' Victoria Park home. While reports on the lead-up to the game suggest that South Fremantle players had a strong desire to beat Collingwood and prove that they were more than a match for any eastern team, the Pies would rest about half its regular senior side for the game.

Souths kicked away to an early lead with a five goal to two first term and were never headed. Ultimately the 8,000 strong crowd watched South Fremantle win by 20 points 12.10 (82) to Collingwood 7.20 (62). Bernie Naylor kicked five goals for Souths. For the record, South Fremantle went on to win the 1954 WANFL premiership. Collingwood would lose their last four games of the season to miss the 1954 VFL finals series.

This Round in History – Round 18 on the MCG

The highest score at the MCG this Round is 25.19 (169) by Sydney against Melbourne 7.11 (53) in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score is 30.21 (201) by Carlton against Footscray 10.12 (72) at Princes Park in 1982. The most goals by an individual is 10 by Harold Harker of Melbourne against Geelong in 1921. Melbourne kicked 16.19 (115) and won by 44 points. The overall Round 18 goalkicking record is 13 by John Coleman of Essendon against Hawthorn at Windy Hill in 1952. Essendon kicked 20.12 (132) and won by 55 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Sydney in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score in a quarter is 11.6 (72) which has been scored twice. Carlton was the first to do so, in the second quarter against St. Kilda at Junction Oval in 1932. Carlton finished with 20.21 (141) to win by 87 points. Richmond equalled the record in the first quarter against Footscray at Waverley Park in 1980 when they booted 23.18 (156) to win by 115 points. The highest Round 18 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on July 30, 1993, when 87,573 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 68 points.

Collingwood v Fremantle

Collingwood v Fremantle by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Fremantle	Drawn
Docklands	1	4	0
MCG	9	3	0
Perth Stadium	2	1	0
Subiaco	5	5	0
Victoria Park	4	0	0
WACA	0	1	0
	21	14	0

Highest Score

Collingwood	25.10 (160)	Rd 15	1997	VP
Fremantle	28.12 (180)	Rd 7	2005	Subi

Lowest Score

Collingwood	7.7 (49)	Rd 9	2020	PS
Fremantle	6.8 (44)	Rd 10	2022	PS

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	100 points	Rd 15	1997	VP
Fremantle	112 points	Rd 7	2005	Subi

Last Time They Met – 2022 1st Semi Final, MCG

	Collingwood	Fremantle
Quarter time	4.0	0.1
Half time	6.6	2.2
Three-quarter time	8.12	4.4
Full time	11.13 (79)	9.5 (59)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	Saverio Rocca	Coll	Rd 10	1998	VP
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EARLY DAYS

The May 27 edition of the 1922 *Football Record* tells us of quick thinking by Magpie rover Ted Baker before a game at Victoria Park:

“It was not the fault of Ted Baker, the Magpie rover, from Wonthaggi, that he took the field against Carlton (for whom, by the way, he played one game in 1920) without a number on his jersey. Ted came down to Victoria Park a few minutes before the start and explained that he was in a bit of a difficulty owing to a thief who had pinched his bag containing his uniform and boots from the eating house in the city where he was staying. He got to work like a quick change artist and put on a new uniform from the club's stock, and Charlie Laxton's boots were used. A cork sole or two were slipped in to make 'em fit, and off bounded the rover for the field of strife. He declares that Charlie's boots are just the thing to use in jumping on the man who stole the uniform should he come across him.”

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Coming to Fremantle from Perth in the WAFL, **Chris Mayne** played a total of 172 games (196 goals) for the club between 2008 and 2016. Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as a “forward with a touch of flair” Mayne was Fremantle's equal leading goalkicker in 2011 with Kepler Bradley. In 2015 he was made a Life Member of the club. At the end of the 2016 season he joined Collingwood as an unrestricted free agent. He played a total of 76 games (11 goals) for the Magpies before retiring at the end of the 2021 season.

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