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AFL 2023 FIRST QUALIFYING FINAL COLLINGWOOD V MELBOURNE

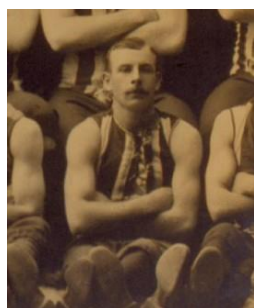
COLLINGWOOD V MELBOURNE - THEIR FIRST FINAL

Collingwood 7.9 (51) def. Melbourne 7.5 (47). The very first Victorian Football League finals were played on Saturday August 21, 1897. Geelong played Essendon at the Corio Oval, and these two sides met at the MCG in front of a crowd estimated at 7,000. The *Arguson* the following Monday reported as follows:

COLLINGWOOD BEAT MELBOURNE.

It is not going too far to say that on Saturday, Melbourne and Collingwood furnished the game of the season. The teams were about equally affected by absentees... In the game itself, the traditions of both teams were completely overturned, for Collingwood did all the work in the first half, and Melbourne, who generally want a good start before they are seen at their best, played grandly in the last half, with a discouraging pile of points to be wiped off. The ominous thing for the Reds was that Collingwood, playing against the wind in the first quarter, beat them by three points, and getting the wind behind them, scored four goals to Melbourne's one, two of the goals, it is but fair to note, being got after Fry had, through the recurrence of his old injury, been obliged to leave the ground, and while Wardill was also absent in search of a new uniform his jacket having been torn to shreds. Scores of 5—5 to 2—2 at half-time was rather a desolate prospect for Melbourne.

Thus far it had been a great game, desperate in its intensity, with lots of the cleverest football and the style in which both sides picked their men showed discipline and judgment of the best kind. In the second half, Melbourne started with great dash, and, playing a faster game than Collingwood gradually wore the Magpies down. It was a fine manly exhibition on the part of the Reds, and it was hard luck indeed for them that a few points had yet to be cleared away when the last bell rang, and Collingwood, heartily thankful for a "let off", had won their first game on the Melbourne Cricket-ground in so exciting a struggle. That Melbourne had the best of it all through the second half is shown in that they got 2—3 to 1—3 in the third quarter, and three goals bare as against Collingwood's 1—1 in the last term. Indeed, the unmistakable fact that the Collingwood men had then been outlasted somewhat modified the joy of their supporters in the victory.



Harry Dowdall



Billy Strickland



Dick Wardill



Herbert Fry

In the then round robin finals series both Melbourne and Collingwood were defeated in weeks two and three, with Essendon, undefeated in their three finals, taking out the premiership.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which two players have been members of the most Demon premiership sides?
2. Name the nine Collingwood players who have won the Brownlow Medal.
3. Who am I? I played 121 games for Melbourne from 1972 to 1978, kicking 196 goals. I moved to Collingwood in 1979 and was a member of their 1979 and 1981 grand final sides. After 47 games for the Magpies, I moved to Richmond and played six games for them in 1982 and 1983. My elder brother played 84 games for Collingwood from 1956 to 1961 and topped the VFL goalkicking in 1958.

QUALIFYING FINALS SCORES

1972	QF	MCG	Richmond	25.14 (164)	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	91,900
1973	QF	MCG	Carlton	13.13 (91)	Richmond	10.11 (71)	86,386
1974	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	15.13 (103)	Hawthorn	8.17 (65)	77,519
1975	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	14.12 (96)	Carlton	12.4 (76)	74,015
1976	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	14.19 (103)	North Melbourne	12.11 (83)	64,148
1977	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.11 (125)	North Melbourne	12.15 (87)	64,052
1978	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	23.16 (154)	Collingwood	14.14 (98)	79,931
1979	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	9.28 (82)	84,660
1980	QF	Waverley	Richmond	18.8 (116)	Carlton	10.14 (74)	59,014
1981	QF	MCG	Geelong	16.16 (112)	Collingwood	13.20 (98)	83,899
1982	QF	MCG	Carlton	25.13 (163)	Hawthorn	16.9 (105)	70,552
1983	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.13 (127)	Fitzroy	19.9 (123)	58,288
1984	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	18.14 (122)	Carlton	13.14 (92)	55,947
1985	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	22.23 (155)	Footscray	8.14 (62)	58,449
1986	QF	MCG	Carlton	18.12 (120)	Sydney	15.14 (104)	66,016
1987	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	23.18 (156)	Sydney	8.9 (57)	47,752
1988	QF	MCG	Carlton	22.13 (145)	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	83,032
1989	QF	MCG	Essendon	24.13 (157)	Geelong	11.15 (81)	75,861
1990	QF	Waverley	Collingwood	13.12 (90)	West Coast	13.12 (90)	57,546
1990	QF Replay	Waverley	Collingwood	19.12 (126)	West Coast	9.13 (67)	53,520
1991	QF	Subiaco Oval	Hawthorn	18.16 (124)	West Coast	15.11 (101)	44,142
1992	QF	MCG	Geelong	26.16 (172)	Footscray	17.9 (111)	68,753
1993	QF	MCG	Carlton	15.10 (100)	Essendon	14.14 (98)	79,739
1994	1QF	MCG	Geelong	15.16 (106)	Footscray	15.11 (101)	61,182
1994	2QF	Waverley	North Melbourne	15.24 (114)	Hawthorn	13.13 (91)	38,223
1994	3QF	MCG	Melbourne	18.15 (123)	Carlton	14.12 (96)	56,111
1994	4QF	WACA	West Coast	11.16 (82)	Collingwood	12.8 (80)	31,824
1995	1QF	Waverley	Essendon	11.8 (74)	West Coast	8.7 (55)	36,102
1995	2QF	MCG	North Melbourne	17.12 (114)	Richmond	12.12 (84)	68,226
1995	3QF	MCG	Geelong	24.11 (155)	Footscray	10.13 (73)	59,889
1995	4QF	MCG	Carlton	13.12 (90)	Brisbane Bears	12.5 (77)	52,092
1996	1QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	18.17 (125)	Carlton	10.10 (70)	41,501
1996	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Bears	15.11 (101)	Essendon	15.10 (100)	21,964
1996	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	19.17 (131)	Geelong	9.17 (71)	69,323
1996	4QF	SCG	Sydney	13.12 (90)	Hawthorn	12.12 (84)	37,010
1997	1QF	Football Park	Adelaide	14.15 (99)	West Coast	9.12 (66)	43,831
1997	2QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.11 (119)	Sydney	12.12 (84)	62,432
1997	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.13 (79)	Geelong	9.7 (61)	55,561
1997	4QF	Waverley	St Kilda	20.15 (135)	Brisbane Lions	13.11 (89)	50,035
1998	1QF	MCG	Melbourne	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	9.13 (67)	60,817
1998	2QF	SCG	Sydney	12.17 (89)	St Kilda	13.9 (87)	36,056
1998	3QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.13 (121)	West Coast	7.9 (51)	43,025
1998	4QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.16 (82)	Essendon	8.12 (60)	71,154
1999	1QF	MCG	West Coast	9.11 (65)	Western Bulldogs	8.12 (60)	41,227
1999	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	20.18 (138)	Carlton	8.17 (65)	26,112
1999	3QF	MCG	Kangaroos	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	31,476
1999	4QF	MCG	Essendon	18.15 (123)	Sydney	7.12 (54)	57,687
2000	1QF	MCG	Essendon	31.12 (198)	Kangaroos	11.7 (73)	68,443
2000	2QF	MCG	Melbourne	15.6 (96)	Carlton	12.15 (87)	75,570
2001	1QF	MCG	Essendon	17.11 (113)	Richmond	5.13 (43)	78,253
2001	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	12.16 (88)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	32,380
2002	1QF	Football Park	Collingwood	16.12 (108)	Port Adelaide	14.11 (95)	33,131
2002	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	5.14 (44)	31,854
2003	1QF	Football Park	Sydney	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	13.10 (88)	33,968
2003	2QF	MCG	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Brisbane Lions	7.9 (51)	66,092
2004	1QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	18.9 (117)	Geelong	9.8 (62)	39,250
2004	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	23.11 (149)	St Kilda	10.9 (69)	33,582
2005	1QF	Football Park	St Kilda	10.5 (65)	Adelaide	8.9 (57)	48,768
2005	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	10.9 (69)	Sydney	10.5 (65)	43,302

2006	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Sydney	13.7 (85)	West Coast	12.12 (84)	43,116
2006	2QF	Football Park	Adelaide	10.16 (76)	Fremantle	7.4 (46)	42,208
2007	1QF	MCG	Geelong	23.18 (156)	Kangaroos	8.2 (50)	77,630
2007	2QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	9.14 (68)	West Coast	9.11 (65)	37,750
2008	1QF	MCG	Geelong	17.17 (119)	St Kilda	8.13 (61)	71,653
2008	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	18.19 (127)	Western Bulldogs	11.10 (76)	76,703
2009	1QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.8 (80)	Collingwood	7.10 (52)	84,213
2009	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.12 (96)	Western Bulldogs	12.10 (82)	74,007
2010	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	17.22 (124)	Western Bulldogs	8.14 (62)	66,672
2010	2QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.11 (83)	Geelong	11.13 (79)	63,785
2011	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	12.10 (82)	West Coast	9.8 (62)	67,502
2011	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.14 (98)	Hawthorn	9.13 (67)	73,601
2012	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	20.15 (135)	Collingwood	15.7 (97)	84,625
2012	2QF	Football Park	Sydney	11.5 (71)	Adelaide	5.12 (42)	44,849
2013	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.15 (105)	Sydney	7.9 (51)	59,615
2013	2QF	Kardinia Park	Geelong	9.18 (72)	Fremantle	12.15 (87)	32,458
2014	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	12.15 (93)	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	35,998
2014	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.14 (104)	Geelong	10.8 (68)	74,757
2015	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	Sydney	7.18 (60)	40,071
2015	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	14.12 (96)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	42,663
2016	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	7.13 (55)	Greater Western Sydney	12.19 (91)	60,222
2016	2QF	MCG	Geelong	12.13 (85)	Hawthorn	12.11 (83)	87,533
2017	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Adelaide	12.12 (84)	Greater Western Sydney	6.12 (48)	52,805
2017	2QF	MCG	Geelong	5.10 (40)	Richmond	13.13 (91)	95,028
2018	1QF	MCG	Richmond	13.17 (95)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	91,446
2018	2QF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	12.14 (86)	Collingwood	10.10 (70)	59,585
2019	1QF	MCG	Geelong	7.9 (51)	Collingwood	9.7 (61)	93,436
2019	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	8.17 (65)	Richmond	16.4 (112)	37,478
2020	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	9.4 (58)	Geelong	5.12 (42)	22,755
2020	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	10.9 (69)	Richmond	8.6 (54)	22,104
2021	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	12.14 (86)	Geelong	5.13 (43)	19,712
2021	2QF	Adelaide Oval	Melbourne	13.15 (93)	Brisbane Lions	9.6 (60)	13,784
2022	2QF	MCG	Melbourne	10.9 (69)	Sydney	14.7 (91)	78,377
2022	1QF	MCG	Geelong	11.12 (78)	Collingwood	10.12 (72)	91,525

QUALIFYING FINALS EXPLAINED

The qualifying final was first played in 1972 following the introduction of the McIntyre final five system. One qualifying final was played each year from 1972 to 1993. Between 1972 and 1990 the qualifying final was played between teams that finished second and third on the ladder. The winner met the minor premier in the second semi final for a place in the grand final. The loser played the winner of the elimination final in the first semi final. In 1991, following the admission of Adelaide, which created a 15-team competition, the McIntyre final six was introduced. Under this system the first and second-placed teams played in the qualifying final, while the other four finalists faced elimination finals. The winner of the qualifying final progressed to the preliminary final and the loser played in a semi final. With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994, four qualifying finals were played in the first week when first played eighth, second played seventh, third played sixth and fourth played fifth. Under this system, the two lowest-placed losing teams were eliminated. In 2000, as part of the revised final eight system, two qualifying finals were played. Under the current scheme, the first-placed team plays fourth in the first qualifying final and the second-placed team plays third in the second qualifying final. The winners earn a week's break and progress to one of two preliminary finals. The losers must play the winners of the elimination finals in the semi finals.

PAST QUALIFYING FINALS AT THE MCG (1972-2022)

The inaugural qualifying final was played at the MCG in 1972. Richmond 25.14 (164) defeated Collingwood 18.12 (120) before 91,900. The largest qualifying final attendance was 95,028 for the 2017 second qualifying final between Geelong and Richmond. The highest score in a qualifying final is 198 points recorded by Essendon 31.12 (198) against the Kangaroos 11.7 (73) in 2000 at the MCG. The 125-point margin is also the greatest in a qualifying final. The overall highest score for a quarter in a qualifying final is 11.4 (70) by Carlton against Hawthorn in 1982 at the MCG. The lowest score in a qualifying final at the MCG is 5.13 (43) by Richmond against Essendon in the 2001 first qualifying final. The lowest at all venues is 5.12 (42) by Geelong against Port Adelaide in the 2020 first qualifying final at the Adelaide Oval. The best bag of goals in a qualifying final at the MCG is nine by Geelong's Billy Brownless against Footscray in 1992. Two years later, at the same venue, Brownless kicked a dramatic goal after the final siren to defeat Footscray by five points in the 1994 first qualifying final. Hawthorn's Michael Moncrieff (1978), Fitzroy's Bernie Quinlan (1983) and another Hawk, Lance "Buddy" Franklin (2008) have each kicked eight goals in a qualifying final at the MCG. Carlton's Warren Ralph (1984) kicked eight at Waverley. Ralph and Quinlan achieved their feat in losing teams.

COLLINGWOOD IN THE FINALS

The Magpies have played in a total of 188 VFL/AFL finals since the VFL's start in 1897, winning 82, losing 101 and drawing five. Of these, 44 were grand finals of which they have won 15, lost 27 and drawn two. Gordon Coventry holds the record of most finals played for the club, with 31, but Scott Pendlebury with 28, is closing. Coventry kicked 111 goals in his finals appearances, far ahead of the next placed, Dick Lee who kicked 62 goals in his 22 finals appearances. Jock McHale coached the side to eight premierships (1917, 1919, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1935 and 1936) with Lardie Tulloch (1902 and 1903) and Phonse Kyne (1953 and 1958) next with two each. Three players have won the Norm Smith Medal, Tony Shaw (1990), Nathan Buckley (2002) and Scott Pendlebury (2010). The club's highest score in a grand final was 19.10 (124) in their losing grand final replay against North Melbourne in 1977. Their lowest score in a grand final is 2.2 (14) against Melbourne in 1960. Their highest finals score is 23.15 (153) against Fitzroy in a 1984 elimination final. Their lowest finals score is 1.5 (11) against Fitzroy in an 1898 preliminary final. The record for most goals in a final is 11 kicked by Ron Todd in a preliminary final against Geelong in 1938, and 11 again against St Kilda in a 1939 preliminary final.

MELBOURNE IN THE FINALS

Melbourne has played in a total of 92 VFL/AFL finals, winning 54, losing 36 and drawing two. Of these 19 were grand finals of which they have won 13, lost five and drawn one. Frank "Bluey" Adams holds the record of most finals played, with 22, one ahead of Ron Barassi. Jack Mueller holds the finals goal kicking record, with 62. Norm Smith coached the side to six premierships (1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1964). The club's only Norm Smith Medal winner is Christian Petracca in 2021. The Demons' highest grand final winning score is 21.22 (148) against Collingwood in 1939. Their lowest grand final score is 4.10 (34) in their win against Fitzroy in 1900. Their highest score in a final is 25.16 (166) against Collingwood in the 1948 preliminary final. Their lowest finals score is 0.8 (8) against Essendon in an 1897 final. Garry Lyon holds the record for the most goals in a final with 10 against Footscray in a 1994 semi final.

STATISTICS FOR MELBOURNE V COLLINGWOOD

Melbourne v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Albert Park	0	2	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	59	85	3
Punt Road	2	3	0
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	19	56	2
Waverley	4	6	0
	85	153	5

Highest Score

Melbourne	25.18 (168)	Rd 20	1982	VP
Collingwood	27.11 (173)	Rd 2	1996	MCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	1.5 (11)	Rd 10	1898	VP
Collingwood	2.2 (14)	GF	1960	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	94 points	Rd 10	1939	MCG
Collingwood	109 points	Rd 15	1919	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 13, 2023, MCG

	Melbourne	Collingwood
Quarter time	1.4	3.1
Half time	3.8	5.4
Three-quarter time	6.11	6.5
Full time	8.18 (66)	9.8 (62)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 18	1933	VP
10	G. Margitich	Melb	Rd 18	1933	VP
10	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 6	1971	MCG
10	S. Rocca	Coll	Rd 2	1997	MCG

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

- Q1** Frank Adams and Rob Barassi (both played in six flag teams in 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1964).
Q2 Syd Coventry (1927), Albert Collier (1929), Harry Collier (1930 tied), Marcus Whelan (1939), Des Fothergill (1940 tied), Len Thompson (1972), Peter Moore (1979), Nathan Buckley (2003 tied) and Dane Swan (2011).
Q3 Ross Brewer.

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