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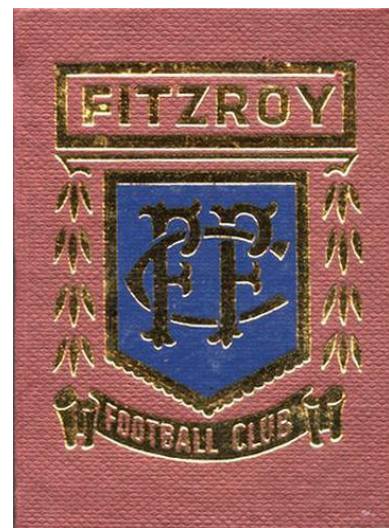
2023 AFL GRAND FINAL COLLINGWOOD V BRISBANE LIONS



THE 2002 GRAND FINAL

Brisbane finished the 2002 home and away season in second position on the ladder with 17 wins and five losses, while Collingwood finished fourth with 13 wins and nine losses. Both clubs won their way into preliminary finals through qualifying final victories – Brisbane defeating Adelaide by 71 points at the Gabba and Collingwood defeating Port Adelaide by 13 points at Football Park. In the first preliminary final, the Magpies beat Adelaide by 28 points at the MCG and in the second Brisbane defeated Port Adelaide by 56 points at the Gabba.

On Saturday, September 28, 2002, the Lions and Magpies lined up on the MCG before 91,817 fans. It was the first AFL finals contest between the clubs since Fitzroy amalgamated with the Brisbane Bears to form the Brisbane Lions in 1997. The Lions were captained by



Michael Voss and coached by Leigh Matthews. The Magpies were captained by Nathan Buckley and coached by Mick Malthouse. In a low-scoring first quarter, the Magpies kicked 1.4 to the Lions 0.4 to lead by six points at the first break. The Lions then dominated the second term but poor kicking saw them score 4.8 to Collingwood's three straight goals, and their lead at the main break was only eight points – 4.12 to 4.4. Both sides added four goals in the third term but this time it was Collingwood that proved inaccurate, kicking 4.6 to 4.2 to trail by four points at the final change (8.10 to 8.14).

There were only six scores during the final quarter, three from each team. The Magpies got the first three – a behind to Anthony Rocca, a goal to Josh Fraser and a rushed behind. This put them four points up after eleven and half minutes but a goal to Alastair Lynch soon after, saw the Lions take a two-point lead. A behind to Jason Akermanis about six minutes later, and a goal from the same player, after 23 minutes, put Brisbane up by nine points and this proved to be the final margin – Brisbane 10.15 (75) defeating Collingwood 9.12 (66). The final margin was Brisbane's biggest advantage during the game, while Collingwood had been in front by eight points midway through the second term. The best players for Brisbane were Michael Voss, Nigel Lappin, Clark Keating, Shaun Hart, Jonathan Brown, Alastair Lynch (four goals) and Simon Black. The best for Collingwood were Norm Smith Medallist Nathan Buckley, Anthony Rocca (four goals), Scott Burns, Shane Wakelin, Ryan Lonie and Josh Fraser (three goals).

The 2002 premiership was the club's second as the Brisbane Lions, following their first the previous year. They added a third in 2003 – this time beating the Magpies by 50 points in the grand final. Port Adelaide thwarted their quest for a fourth in a row beating them in the 2004 grand final. Collingwood's record of four consecutive premierships from 1927 to 1930 therefore remained intact.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Blake Caracella was selected by Essendon in the 1994 National Draft but did not make his senior debut for the Bombers until 1997. He was hindered initially by a lack of bulk and increased his weight to 83 kg prior to his AFL debut. A skilful player, Caracella soon established himself as a regular on Essendon's forward line and was a member of their 2000 premiership side. He played 126 games (151 goals) for the Bombers from 1997 to 2002 before being traded to the Brisbane Lions. He stayed only two seasons at the Lions, making 34 senior appearances and kicking 33 goals. He played 18 games for the Lions in 2003 and was a member of their premiership team. He also played in their 2004 grand final team that lost to Port Adelaide. Caracella joined Collingwood after being selected by them in the 2005 pre-season draft and played 27 games (34 goals) for the Magpies in 2005 and 2006. He suffered a career-ending neck injury during the 2006 season and announced his retirement in August of that year.

Jarrold Molloy joined Fitzroy in 1994 from the Northern Knights Under-18s via Box Hill under the father-son rule, his father Shane having played 61 games for the Lions from 1969 to 1974. A key position player, Jarrod was trialled in both attack and defence as his career progressed, but he had most success up forward. He played 59 games (54 goals) for Fitzroy from 1994 to 1996 and became a member of the 1997 Brisbane Lions team after Fitzroy merged with the Brisbane Bears to become the Brisbane Lions. From 1997 to 2000, he played 61 games (104 goals) for Brisbane, being their leading goalkicker in 1999. He transferred to Collingwood in 2001 and made a strong impact up forward for the Magpies in his first season, finishing second in the best and fairest count. Injuries decimated most of his 2002 season but he was recalled for the grand final, where he had limited game time. He played in the seniors for most of the 2003 season but retired at the end of the year.

THE MONSTER 2023 AFL GRAND FINAL “OVER TO YOU”

1. In which year did the record crowd of 121,696 attend the grand final?
2. Name the VFL/AFL clubs who have never won a premiership.
3. Who are the Collingwood brothers who both won the Brownlow Medal and played in a Magpie record of six premiership teams?
4. Which three clubs have the highest number of AFL/VFL premierships?
5. Name the seven venues used for grand finals besides the MCG.
6. Which player has the most grand final appearances and the most premierships?
7. The Norm Smith Medal is awarded to the best player afield in the VFL/AFL grand final. It was first awarded in 1979 and presented by whom?
8. In which season was a premiership cup first presented to the victorious captain on the day of the grand final?
9. Who is the Brisbane Lion who played in their 2001, 2002 and 2003 premiership and was also a member of North Melbourne's 1999 premiership side?
10. Who was the last premiership captain-coach?
11. Which club won seven flags before 1923?
12. When was the grand final televised live in its entirety for the first time in Melbourne?
13. Name the three clubs that have lost three consecutive grand finals.
14. Who is the premiership player with the fewest career matches?
15. Who is the youngest player to appear in a premiership side?
16. Who was the oldest player to appear in a premiership side?
17. Name the three coaches who have won multiple premierships at Collingwood.
18. Name the clubs that have won three or more premierships in a row.
19. Who am I? I came to AFL football from Glenelg. I played 195 games with Brisbane and kicked 232 goals. I played in the Lions premiership teams 2001-03. I now coach an AFL side.
20. When was the first VFL grand final played?
21. The 2023 All-Australian side contained only five players who had been selected in the 2022 side. They come from five different teams. Can you name them?
22. When was the first grand final played at the MCG?
23. Which team won the first VFL premiership in 1897?
24. Who is the only man to captain grand finals teams for two clubs?
25. What was West Coast's winning margin over Sydney in the 2006 grand final?
26. Who was the last umpire to control a VFL grand final alone?
27. In which year were premiership medallions presented to players immediately after the grand final for the first time?
28. Which club finished last in 1916 yet won the flag?
29. The Collingwood centre line for their 1990 premiership victory included the numbers 42, 22 and 19. Who were the players?
30. When was the first VFL/AFL grand final in which player numbers were used?
31. In which years did the fathers of Darcy Moore, Joe Daniher, Josh and Nick Daicos play in grand finals?
32. Who am I? I played in 31 finals and kicked 111 goals. In ten grand finals I kicked 35 goals.
33. Who was the last player to make his league debut (for Collingwood) in a grand final?
34. In which year did Meatloaf perform at the AFL grand final?
35. Who am I? My family moved to Adelaide when I was ten months old. I played under 18 for the North Adelaide Football Club and made my AFL debut for Richmond in 2016. I subsequently moved to the Gold Coast Suns and then to Collingwood. My father won the pole vault at the 2001 World Championships representing Australia.
36. There are two cases of brothers playing on opposing sides in a grand final. Who were they and in which years did this happen?
37. What has been the greatest winning margin in a grand final?
38. How many premierships did Norm Smith win as a player and coach with Melbourne?
39. Which club scored 2.13 (25) to win a grand final during the 1920s?
40. Name the year. John Coleman missed the grand final through suspension. *Delta* won the Melbourne Cup. Bernie Smith won the Brownlow Medal. Peter Thomson won the Australian Open golf championship.

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PAST GRAND FINALS AT THE MCG

With the exception of the Fitzroy v South Melbourne grand final in 1899 which was played at the Junction Oval, all of the following records were set in grand finals played at the MCG. The highest score is 28.9 (177) by Carlton against Richmond 22.18 (150) in 1972. The highest score in a quarter is 11.8 (74) by Essendon in the third quarter against Melbourne in 1946. The greatest winning margin in a grand final is 119 points in 2007 when Geelong 24.19 (163) defeated Port Adelaide 6.8 (44). Three grand finals have been drawn. They were in 1948 when Essendon 7.27 (69) drew with Melbourne 10.9 (69) and Melbourne won the replay. In 1977 Collingwood 10.16 (76) drew with North Melbourne 9.22 (76) and North Melbourne won the replay. In 2010 Collingwood 9.14 (68) drew with St Kilda 10.8 (68) and the Woods won the replay. Four grand finals have been won by one point. They were in 1899 when Fitzroy 3.9 (27) defeated South Melbourne 3.8 (26), 1947 when Carlton 13.8 (86) defeated Essendon 11.19 (85), 1966 when St Kilda 10.14 (74) defeated Collingwood 10.13 (73) and 2006 when West Coast 12.13 (85) downed Sydney 12.12 (84). The biggest bag of goals is nine kicked by two players – Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Richmond in 1928 and Gary Ablett Snr for Geelong against Hawthorn in 1989. The record grand final attendance occurred on September 26, 1970 when 121,696 saw Carlton defeat Collingwood by 10 points. From 1956 to 1986 only five grand final attendances failed to exceed 100,000 spectators. However, since then only seven grand final crowds have reached six figures. These are the 2008 grand final with 100,012, the 2010 drawn grand final when 100,016 attended, the 2013 grand final with 100,007, 2017 when 100,021 attended, 2018 when 100,022 (just two short of capacity) saw West Coast defeat Collingwood, 2019 when 100,014 attended and 2022 when the crowd was 100,024.

THE ROAD TO VFL/AFL GRAND FINALS – AN OVERVIEW

1897 and 1924: The top four teams after the home and away series played each other in a round-robin series, the winner being declared premiers.

1898 to 1900: After 14 home and away rounds, the top team was declared to be “minor premiers”. Three rounds of “sectional matches” were then played, the winners of each section playing off in the final. If necessary, the “minor premiers” could challenge the final winners.

1901: Although the three sectional rounds were still played, they were included with the home and away games to determine the final four that played off, the winners of each semi final playing in the grand final. There was no right of challenge.

1902 to 1923 and 1925 to 1930: This system was known as the “Argus” system. Again, the team that finished on top after the home and away series was declared minor premiers (subject to certain restrictions). The four top teams played off, the winners of the semi finals playing off in the final. The minor premiers, if defeated in their semi final or final, could (subject to the rules) challenge the final winners for the premiership.

1931 to 1971: The original Page-McIntyre system. The top four clubs after the home and away games played under the following system: first semi final – third v fourth – loser omitted; second semi final – first v second; preliminary final – loser of second semi final v winner of first semi final – loser omitted; grand final – winner of second semi final v winner of preliminary final.

1972 to 1990: The final five system was introduced. The top five clubs played under the following system: elimination final – fourth v fifth – loser omitted; qualifying final – second v third; first semi final – loser of qualifying final v winner of elimination final – loser omitted; second semi final – first v winner of qualifying final; preliminary final – loser of second semi final v

winner of first semi final – loser omitted; grand final – winner of second semi final v winner of preliminary final.

1991: A final six system was introduced. The top six clubs after the home and away series played under the following system: first elimination final – fifth v sixth – loser omitted; second elimination final – third v fourth – loser omitted; qualifying final – first v second. The four remaining clubs, in order of qualifying final winner, second elimination final winner, qualifying final loser and first elimination final winner, then played out the finals as per the Page-McIntyre final four system, with the first and second semi finals in week two.

1992 to 1993: The final six system was revised and operated as follows: first elimination final – fourth v fifth – loser eliminated; second elimination final – third v sixth – loser eliminated; qualifying final – first v second. The winner of the qualifying final played the higher-placed elimination final winner in the second semi final. The loser of the qualifying final played the lower-placed elimination final winner as the finals system reverted to the Page-McIntyre final four system.

1994 to 1999: A final eight system was used. All eight teams played in the first round, first v eighth, second v seventh and so on. The two lowest-placed losers were eliminated, the two highest-placed winners proceeded to the preliminary finals with the remaining four clubs playing in semi finals. The semi final winners played in the preliminary finals with the winners of these two matches fighting out the grand final.

2000 to today: A revision was made to the final eight system. It is a complicated but fair system. The qualifying and elimination finals (week 1), the semi finals (week 2) and the preliminary finals (week 3) have been explained in previous MCC Library Fact Sheets. Today’s grand final is played between the winner of the first preliminary final (Collingwood) and the winner of the second preliminary final (Brisbane Lions).

THE 2023 BROWNLOW MEDAL

Congratulations to the Brisbane Lions’ co-captain Lachie Neale on winning this year’s Brownlow Medal. Neale polled 31 votes; Marcus Bontempelli was runner up with 29 votes, while Nick Daicos received 28 votes and was leading the count before injury sidelined him for the final three home-and-away games. Neale, who also won the 2020 Brownlow with 31 votes, and was the runner up last year with 28 votes, is the 16th multiple Brownlow Medal winner, and the first multiple Brownlow Medallist for his club since Haydn Bunton won in 1931, 1932 and 1935 with Fitzroy. A further five Fitzroy players have received the Brownlow, Michael Voss won in 1996 when playing for the Brisbane Bears, while Jason Ackermanis and Simon Black are the Brisbane Lions’ other Brownlow winners. Neale, originally from Kybybolite, South Australia, was drafted from the Adelaide club Glenelg at pick 58 in the 2011 national draft by Fremantle. He played 135 games for the Dockers from 2012 to 2018, and won the club’s best and fairest award, the Doig Medal, in 2016 and 2018. He was traded to Brisbane where he won that club’s best and fairest, the Merrett-Murray Medal, in 2019, 2020 and in 2022. In 2020, the year in which he won his first Brownlow, Neale received the almost as prestigious Leigh Matthews Trophy as the AFL Players Association’s Most Valuable Player, as well as the AFL Coaches Association’s Champion Player of the Year Award. Neale has been selected in three All-Australian teams in 2019, 2020, and 2022. In 2023 with Harris Andrews he was appointed co-captain of the Brisbane Lions. This afternoon Neale will captain the Lions against the Magpies in the 2023 AFL grand final but it will not be his first. In 2013 Neale was named as the substitute in the Fremantle side that played-off against Hawthorn, and came off the bench in the last quarter.

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STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V BRISBANE/FITZROY

Collingwood in Statistics

Joined VFL/AFL	1897		
Premierships	15:	1902, 1903, 1910, 1917, 1919, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1935, 1936, 1953, 1958, 1990, 2010.	
Runners-up	27:	1901, 1905, 1911, 1915, 1918, 1920, 1922, 1925, 1926, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1960, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 2002, 2003, 2011, 2018.	
Brownlow	Syd Coventry (1927)	Len Thompson (1972)	
Medallists	Albert Collier (1929)	Peter Moore (1979)	
	Harry Collier (1930)	Nathan Buckley (2003)	
	Marcus Whelan (1939)	Dane Swan (2011)	
	Des Fothergill (1940)		

Brisbane/Fitzroy in Statistics

Joined VFL/AFL	Fitzroy: 1897 Brisbane Bears: 1987 Amalgamated as Brisbane Lions: 1997		
Premierships	11:	1898, 1899, 1904, 1905, 1913, 1916, 1922, 1944, 2001, 2002, 2003.	
Runners-up	6:	1900, 1903, 1906, 1917, 1923, 2004.	
Brownlow	Haydn Bunton Sr. (1931, 1932, 1935)		
Medallists	Wilfred Smallhorn (1933)	Dinny Ryan (1936) Michael Voss (1996)	
	Allan Ruthven (1950)	Jason Ackermanis (2001)	
	Kevin Murray (1969)	Simon Black (2002)	
	Bernie Quinlan (1981)	Lachie Neale (2020, 2023)	

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Docklands	2	2	0
Carrara	5	0	0
Gabba	10	15	0
MCG	6	7	0
Victoria Park	5	1	0
	28	25	0

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions Highest Score

Collingwood	26.16 (172)	Rd 20	1991	Carrara
Brisbane	22.17 (149)	Rd 17	2007	MCG

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions Lowest Score

Collingwood	5.4 (34)	Rd 15	2020	Gabba
Brisbane	6.6 (42)	Rd 15	2020	Gabba

Collingwood v Brisbane Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	101 points	Rd 20	1991	Carrara
Brisbane	93 points	Rd 17	2007	MCG

Last Match – Round 23, 2023, Docklands

	Collingwood	Brisbane
Quarter time	4.2	6.2
Half time	6.5	9.3
Three-quarter time	12.7	14.7
Full time	15.10 (100)	19.10 (124)

Collingwood v Fitzroy by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Fitzroy	Drawn
Brunswick Street	37	27	2
Junction Oval	8	3	1
MCG	8	9	0
Princes Park	3	5	0
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	70	27	0
Waverley Park	4	3	0
Western Oval	1	0	0
	131	75	3

Collingwood v Fitzroy Highest Score

Collingwood	25.17 (167)	Rd 12	1930	Vic. Park
Fitzroy	25.10 (160)	Rd 17	1985	Vic. Park

Collingwood v Fitzroy Lowest Score

Collingwood	1.5 (11)	SF	1898	Bruns. St.
Fitzroy	3.1 (19)	Rd 15	1905	Vic. Park

Collingwood v Fitzroy Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	101 points	Rd 9	1967	Vic. Park
Fitzroy	95 points	Rd 8	1945	Bruns. St.

Most Goals in a Match – 10 Goals or More

17	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 12	1930	Vic. Park
11	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 5	1927	Vic. Park
10	J. Moriarty	Fitz	Rd 2	1933	Bruns. St.
10	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 4	1971	Vic. Park

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 1970. **Q2** University, Fremantle, Greater Western Sydney and Gold Coast. **Q3** Harry and Albert "Leeter" Collier won the 1930 and 1929 Brownlow Medal and were members of the 1927-30 and 1935-36 premiership sides. **Q4** Carlton and Essendon (16 premierships) and Collingwood (15). **Q5** 1898-99 and 1944 Junction Oval; 1900 East Melbourne Cricket Ground; 1901 Lake Oval; 1942-43, 1945 Princes Park; 1991 Waverley Park; 2020 Gabba; and 2021 Perth Stadium. **Q6** Michael Tuck (Hawthorn) with 11 grand final appearances (1975-76, 1978, 1983-89, 1991) and seven premierships (1976, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1989 and 1991). **Q7** Mrs Marj. Smith (widow of Norm Smith); the winner, Wayne Harmes (Carlton), was the nephew of Norm Smith. **Q8** 1959 – Cup presented to John Beckwith (Melbourne). **Q9** Martin Pike. **Q10** Alex "Jezza" Jesaulenko (Carlton, 1979). **Q11** Fitzroy (1898-99, 1904-05, 1913, 1916 and 1922). **Q12** 1977. **Q13** Richmond (1927-29), Collingwood (1937-39 and 1979-81) and South Melbourne (1934-36). **Q14** Bill James (Richmond) in 1920 played only one game, the grand final victory against Collingwood. He scored a goal on debut. He returned to Kyabram where he severely injured a foot in a rabbit shooting accident. **Q15** Murray Weideman (Collingwood, 1953. He was 17 years 222 days). **Q16** Michael Tuck, Hawthorn 1991. He was 38 years 98 days. **Q17** Jock McHale (8), Lawrence "Lardie" Tulloch (2), Phonse Kyne (2). **Q18** Carlton (1906-08), Collingwood (1927-30), Melbourne (1939-41 & 1955-57), Brisbane (2001-03) and Hawthorn (2013-15). **Q19** Craig McRae. **Q20** 1898 at the Junction Oval, St Kilda (no grand final was played in 1897, the first VFL final series being a round-robin play-off). **Q21** Tom Stewart (Geelong); Jack Sinclair (St Kilda); Connor Rozee (Port Adelaide); Christian Petracca (Melbourne) and Charlie Curnow (Carlton). **Q22** 1902, Collingwood 9.6 (60) defeated Essendon 3.9 (27). **Q23** Essendon. **Q24** Dan Minogue, Collingwood 1915 and Richmond 1920-21. **Q25** One point West Coast 12.13 (85) defeated Sydney 12.12 (84). **Q26** Kevin Smith (1975). **Q27** 1977. **Q28** Fitzroy. With only four teams competing because of WWI, Fitzroy finished fourth on the ladder, but with improving finals form went on to become premiers. **Q29** Darren Millane, Tony Shaw and Graham Wright. **Q30** 1911 (Cards with player numbers were provided for spectators; the *Football Record*, including player numbers, was first published in 1912.) **Q31** Peter Moore (1977 twice; 1979; 1980-81); Anthony Daniher (1990); Peter Daicos (1980; 1981; 1990). **Q32** Gordon "Nuts" Coventry (Collingwood 1920-37). **Q33** Keith Batchelor, Collingwood 1952. **Q34** 2011. **Q35** Oleg Markov. **Q36** 1912 – Alan Belcher (Essendon captain) and Vic Belcher (South Melbourne half-forward); 2013 – Bradley Hill (Hawthorn) and Stephen Hill (Fremantle). **Q37** 119 points by Geelong 24.19 (163) to Port Adelaide 6.8 (44) in the 2007 grand final at the MCG. **Q38** Ten (1939, 1940, 1941 and 1948 as a player; 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1964 as a coach). **Q39** Collingwood 2.13 (25) defeated Richmond 1.7 (13) in 1927. The grand final took place in torrential rain and freezing winds. **Q40** 1951.