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AFL 2025 ROUND 17

CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

PLAYERS WHO HAVE APPEARED WITH BOTH COLLINGWOOD AND CARLTON

There have been 43 men who have appeared with both Collingwood and Carlton, here are two of these players:

Edward Richard “Ted” Baker (1901-1986) represented four League clubs in Carlton (1920 – 1 game 0 goals), Collingwood (1922-1923 – 33 games 24 goals and 1932-10 games, 9 goals), Geelong (1927-1932 – 95 games 101 goals) and Footscray (1934 – 3 games 5 goals). A rover at 5’5” (165cm) he weighed 150lb (68kg). During his football career he represented Victoria on eight occasions. Ted Baker was a fine left-foot kick who excelled at the stab-kick. The highlight of his career was being captain of Geelong’s 1931 premiership team. He contributed two goals in the victory. During WWII he saw service in the RAAF.

Ray Byrne, born in 1953, was recruited to Carlton at the age of 19 from Golden Square in Carlton’s rich Bendigo League zone. At the Blues from 1973 to 1978 he recorded 81 games and 13 goals. He was a creative wingman or half-back flanker. Byrne was 6’ (181cm) in height and weighed 176lb (79.5kg). He represented Carlton in the 1973 grand final loss to Richmond. He won the best first year player award at Carlton in 1973. He joined Collingwood from 1978 to 1983 for 121 games and 10 goals. In 1980 he was runner-up in the Magpies’ best and fairest award, won the most determined player award and represented Victoria. In Round 19 of the 1983 season Collingwood met Richmond at the MCG, Kevin Bartlett was playing his 400th league match and his opponent was Ray Byrne. At the first bounce, Byrne reached down into his sock and presented the balding Bartlett with a toothless comb. At the Magpies he played in losing grand final teams in 1979 (against Carlton), 1980 (against Richmond) and 1981 (against Carlton). In all he had played in four losing grand finals. In 1984 Byrne had retired from VFL football and moved to live in Geelong. His former Collingwood coach, Tom Hafey, was now Geelong’s coach. Byrne had a change of heart and gained a clearance to Geelong where in 1984 he played 17 games (0 goals).

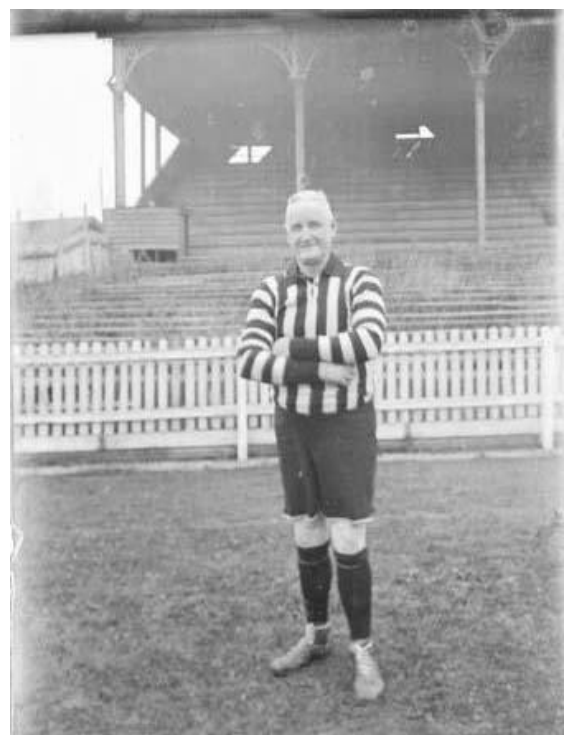
A SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL FAMILY

The Howell family has been credited with having three generations appearing in VFL/AFL premiership sides.

Scott Howell was a member of the Blues’ 1981 premiership side. He played with Carlton from 1980 to 1985 in 39 games (12 goals). His father, Jack “Chooka” Howell, played in Carlton’s 1947 premiership side. Jack “Chooka” Howell played with Carlton from 1942 to 1954 in 137 games (246 goals). Grandfather, John Patrick Howell, was also known as “Chooka”. He played with South Melbourne from 1915 to 1918 in 40 games (22 goals). He was a member of South Melbourne’s 1918 premiership side.

JOCK McHALE – DID YOU KNOW?

In Round 18, 1913 at Victoria Park, Collingwood’s Jock McHale became the first man to play 200 League games with the one club. In this match South Melbourne 8.8 (56) defeated Collingwood 7.12 (54). McHale also played 191 consecutive games from 1906 to 1917. McHale’s playing career ended in 1920 after 261 games with the Pies. He is best remembered as a coach who led Collingwood in 714 games from 1912 to 1949. He has been credited with eight premierships – 1917, 1919, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1935 and 1936. However, while those stats are recognised officially by the AFL, some historians believe his tally has been enhanced by one game and one premiership. The AFL credits McHale as the coach of the Pies’ 1930 premiership side though he was not physically present at the 1930 grand final. Instead, he was in bed at home with influenza. It seems Bob Rush, the club’s treasurer and an old Collingwood player, addressed the team at half-time – and many credit his inspirational speech for Collingwood’s victory in the match. Rush was officially stripped of his one game as Collingwood’s coach, albeit in the “caretaker” role, in October 2014. Still, McHale won 66.1% of the games he coached. McHale was an inaugural inductee in the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996. Initially inducted into the Hall of Fame in the “Coaches” category, McHale was elevated to Australian Football Hall of Fame’s Legend status in 2005. Since 2001 the AFL’s premiership coach has been presented with the Jock McHale Medal.



THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 17 AT THE MCG

The highest score at the MCG in Round 17 is 28.17 (185) by Richmond against St Kilda 14.18 (102) in 1982. The overall Round 17 record is 36.22 (238) by Fitzroy against Melbourne 6.12 (48) at Waverley Park in 1979. The most goals by an individual is 12 by two players: George Margitich for Melbourne against North Melbourne in 1931 – Melbourne kicked 18.15 (123) to win by 44 points – and Norm Smith for Melbourne against Footscray in 1941 when Melbourne kicked 17.20 (122) to win by 17 points. The overall Round 17 record is 13 by Doug Wade for Geelong against South Melbourne at the Lakeside Oval in 1967. Geelong kicked 21.13 (139) to win by 76 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.6 (66) in the last quarter by North Melbourne against Melbourne in 1998. North kicked 22.20 (152) to win by 65 points. The overall Round 17 record is 14.2 (86) in the second quarter by Adelaide against Fitzroy at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1996. The Crows kicked 26.10 (166) to win by 99 points. The highest Round 17 attendance at the MCG is 85,831 on July 16, 1994, when Carlton defeated Collingwood by 43 points.

STATISTICS FOR CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

Richmond v Adelaide by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	0	1	0
MCG	39	42	0
Princes Park	50	27	2
Victoria Park	30	53	2
Waverley Park	9	10	0
	129	134	4

Last Time They Met – Round 4, 2025, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	3.2	3.5
Half time	3.7	4.5
Three-quarter time	7.13	4.6
Full time	8.15 (63)	6.10 (46)

Highest Score

Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP
Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallence	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
11	H. Vallence	Carl	PF	1932	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

IF YOU DON'T MIND UMPIRE

In Round 9, 1935 at Princes Park, Field Umpire Bill Blackburn had the bite put on him. A dog came on the field, Umpire Blackburn picked up the dog and took it to the fence. Unfortunately, the dog bit the umpire.

LOW SCORING CARLTON

Since the first VFL/AFL season in 1897 Carlton has twice been held goalless by Collingwood, while Collingwood has been held goalless once (see lowest score table in the stats above). The two goalless Carlton games were:

- On June 4, 1898, at Collingwood's Victoria Park. The Blues had kicked three behinds in the Round 5 game before Collingwood's first score. However, Collingwood had the ascendancy thereafter, and at quarter time the scores were Collingwood 2.1 (13) to Carlton 0.3 (3). The columnist for the *Argus* wrote: "Carlton considering their hopeless position, made a good fight of it. The one thing of all others that kept the Carlton fellows in difficulties was the solidity of Collingwood's defence, which I have rarely seen to such effect as on Saturday, when it held Carlton down to a half-dozen points." The final score read Collingwood 6.12 (48) to Carlton 0.6 (6).
- On Thursday May 9, 1901, also at Victoria Park. This Round 2 mid-week match was played on a public holiday that had been proclaimed to celebrate the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament. As in 1898, Carlton dominated the general play early and booted five behinds with the wind to the Woodsmen's solitary point in the first quarter. But Collingwood dominated after the change of ends. The football columnist Harry Headley (under the pen-name "Follower") wrote in the *Leader*: "Collingwood delighted the numerous visitors to their ground at Victoria Park by outplaying Carlton at every point, piling up goals and behinds wholesale, and winning by the enormous majority of 87 points, a game in which they showed high class football in every department of the game." The final score read Collingwood 13.16 (94) to Carlton 0.7 (7).

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