

AFL 2019 ROUND 1 COLLINGWOOD V GEELONG



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FACT SHEET

A CENTURY AGO

Geelong had finished second last at the end of the 1919 season, with just three wins and a draw from their 16 matches, and had been defeated by Collingwood on both occasions they met during the season. The Magpies on the other hand had finished on top of the ladder with 13 wins and three losses. At this stage, after the conclusion of World War I, there were only nine sides in the league competition. Interestingly, during this season, any player who left the field for any reason was able to return at any stage during the match. Richmond had defeated South Melbourne and Collingwood had defeated Carlton in the two semi finals, and Richmond had defeated Collingwood by 29 points in the preliminary final. This meant that the two sides resumed hostilities the following Saturday with Richmond favoured. However, the *Geelong Advertiser* of October 13, 1919 tells of how things turned out unexpectedly:



COLLINGWOOD WINS PREMIERSHIP

Collingwood on Saturday beat Richmond and secured the premiership for 1919. On the previous Saturday Richmond were victorious, but, as one Geelong visitor put it, 'they never looked dangerous' in the second encounter. They played well, but Collingwood played better and were in tip-top form. There was an enormous attendance at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, although in the opinion of some experts the crowd was smaller than that on the previous week, when 51,000 were present. Special trains ran from the provincial centres, including Geelong. The match was not such a good one as that of the previous week. The players were so keen that on more than one occasion ill-feeling was shown. Right from the jump it was noticeable that Collingwood players were adopting different tactics from those of the previous week. They seemed intent on getting a good lead early in the game. Richmond however, were too good a team to be left standing, and the first quarter ended with only three points separating the rivals. The advantage was in favour of Collingwood, who had 1 goal 5 behinds to 1 goal 2 behinds. Features of the first term were a dashing run by Harley (Richmond), the number of free kicks given (due to the keenness of the play), and an encounter between Wilson (Collingwood) and Huggard (Richmond). Early in the second quarter Collingwood, through a mistake on the part of Thorp, got a six-point lead. They did not enjoy it long, as a goal by Bayliss and a behind by Herbert brought the scores level. There was great cheering immediately afterward, when Hall secured a point that put Richmond in the lead for the first time. It was a short-lived triumph, as Collingwood replied with two goals kicked by Lee and Hughes. Don improved Richmond's position with a sixer, and repeated the performance shortly after. Curtis, however, in the meantime, had scored a goal for Collingwood, who finished the term with a lead of 4 points, the figures being — Collingwood 5 goals 5 behinds, Richmond 4 goals 7 behinds. Collingwood were very aggressive at the opening of the third quarter, and a goal to Lee gave them an advantage of 11 points. This spurred Richmond to renewed exertions, which culminated in James scoring a goal and bringing them within 4 points of their opponents. Collingwood's response was effectual, goals being secured by Walton and Twomey [pictured above]. This gave them a substantial lead at three-quarter time, the board showing— Collingwood, 8 goals 8 behinds, Richmond, 5 goals 10 behinds. Richmond were outclassed in the final term. Collingwood were full of vigor and finished in a determined manner. The final result was — **Collingwood, 11 goals 12 behinds (78 points) Richmond, 7 goals 11 behinds (53 points).**

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Geelong's lowest finals score is 3.6 (24) against Collingwood 6.9 (45) in a 1901 semi final.
2. It has been said that Collingwood may have been called "The Flatties" or "Flatites" in the early days, due to the flood-prone flatlands of the Collingwood area, although there is little evidence to substantiate this. It is more likely that this was a derogatory term generally used by Collingwood's despised neighbours in Fitzroy.

OVER TO YOU

Can you name Geelong's four Norm Smith Medallists?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon which kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only one has taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 87,119 for the Carlton-Collingwood game in 1995.

Statistics for Collingwood v Geelong

Collingwood v Geelong by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Corio Oval	22	21	1
Docklands	2	2	0
East Melb.	1	1	0
Kardinia Park	22	19	0
MCG	22	26	0
Victoria Park	57	25	0
Waverley	6	5	0
	132	99	1

Highest Score

Collingwood	28.16 (184)	Rd 9	1972	VP
Geelong	23.18 (156)	Rd 13	1940	Corio

Lowest Score

Collingwood	1.4 (10)	Rd 10	1897	Corio
Geelong	3.2 (20)	Rd 13	1902	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	102 points	Rd 8	2006	MCG
Geelong	96 points	Rd 24	2011	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 8, 2018, MCG

	Geelong	Collingwood
Quarter time	2.4	1.3
Half time	4.7	1.6
Three-quarter time	7.10	4.11
Full time	9.12 (66)	5.15 (45)

Most Goals in a Match

12	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 9	1972	VP
11	G. Goninon	Geel	SF 2	1951	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	PF	1938	MCG

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

"There's Koutoufides – more vowels than possessions today." – Dennis Cometti

"Some people might say that was a set play, but if it was, the Swans must have copied it off a Portuguese bus timetable." – Dennis Cometti

"He plays as an inside mid who can get on the outside as well." – *Monash Leader*, describing an AFL Draft nominee.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD – EARLY DAYS

A *Football Record* of June 1919 advised of some fun at a VFL meeting:

"Roars of laughter greeted a letter read at the League meeting last week from the secretary of a country club. He stated that a player had kicked a beautiful goal, but to the amazement of everybody the goal umpire gave it a behind. It was not until after the game that, continued the writer, it was discovered that the umpire had a fiver on the match. The secretary was highly indignant, but he did not state whether or not he had anything on also. Anyhow, he is to be told that if a ruling of the League is required on the matter he must forward a full statement through his association."

The *Football Record* from Round 11, 1918 tells us of a get together of the Collingwood and South Melbourne teams the day after they had played against each other:

"Many of the South players got on to Cobram for the National, and when they heard of the win they gave rousing cheers at Collingwood. The victory sent them out against the Magpies in great spirit. On Sunday several of the lucky ones hired a car and motored out to the owner's house at Ferntree Gully. They congratulated him, and he entertained them at tea. Eggs were served up, and to the surprise of the players some were red and the others white. One of the Southerners, who is a better footballer than a fowl breeder, was surprised, and commented on the extraordinary colour—a red egg! The host explained that the white eggs came from his White Leghorns and the others from his Rhode Island Reds. And the footballer firmly believed that. He is not aware that when they were being boiled a colouring matter was dropped in the water by the genial host, who wanted to pay a neat compliment to his visitors by serving the meal in the colours of the club."

OVER TO YOU ANSWER: Gary Ablett senior (1989), Steve Johnson (2007), Paul Chapman (2009) and Jimmy Bartel (2011).