

**AFL 2019 ROUND 20
COLLINGWOOD V
GOLD COAST**



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FACT SHEET**

NEVER FORGIVE, NEVER FORGET

The mercurial Ron Todd began his career at Collingwood in 1935 at the age of 18. As the great Gordon Coventry was the Magpies' full forward at the time, Todd had to wait for an opportunity. When it did come, he grasped it with both hands, kicking 62 goals as a half-forward in 1937. Agile, fast and possessing a spectacular leap, Todd took over at full forward on Coventry's retirement. He kicked 120 goals in 1938, including 11 in the preliminary final, and followed up in 1939 with 121, including a record 23 in the finals. Then Todd shook Collingwood to the core when, at only 23 years of age and at the peak of his powers, he decided to accept a very lucrative offer from VFA club Williamstown. Not surprisingly, Todd was hugely successful at his new club, kicking a total of 672 goals in 141 games, including a haul of 188 in 1945.

In 1997 the Collingwood Team of the Century was chosen, the selectors being Kevin Rose, Eddie McGuire, Ron Richards, John McHale (son of legendary coach Jock McHale) and Age journalist Trevor Grant. In an article written in March 2013, Grant explained that Ron Todd had originally been chosen at centre half forward. Then, after the meeting at which the team had supposedly been finalised, he received a phone call from Kevin Rose who explained that John McHale "wanted no part of Todd being in the team". Grant continued: "I was shocked but in the end any objection was useless. A Collingwood man carrying the name McHale was always going to have his way. I was informed that Todd had been replaced by Murray Weideman."

Grant summed up his feelings as follows: "Ron Todd deserved his place in Collingwood's Team of the Century. Sadly, though, this never happened, not because he wasn't deemed good enough, but because of a family grudge that had lasted almost 60 years."

GOLD COAST'S INITIAL DRAFT PICKS

As a start-up club, Gold Coast was granted generous recruiting concessions, including having picks 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 in the 2010 National Draft and first pick in each subsequent round. After pre-draft trading, the following players were chosen in the National Draft:

- David Swallow (pick 1) has played 135 games with the Suns and is now a co-captain of the team.
- Harley Bennell (pick 2) played 81 games with the Suns before being traded to Fremantle where he has played two games. Disciplinary issues have undermined his career.
- Sam Day (pick 3) has played 116 games with the Suns. Injuries have limited his appearances in 2018 and 2019.
- Josh Caddy (pick 7) played 24 games with Gold Coast (2011-2012) and 71 with Geelong (2013-2016) before moving to Richmond where he has found his niche in the forward line. He became a premiership player in his first year with the Tigers.
- Dion Prestia (pick 9) played 95 games during his six seasons with Gold Coast. Transferring to Richmond in 2017, he played a leading role in the Tigers' successful final series.
- Daniel Gorringe (pick 10) played 22 games with the Suns, his opportunities being limited due to a series of leg injuries. Traded to Carlton in 2016, he played just four games with his second club.
- Tom Lynch (pick 11) played 131 games and kicked 254 goals during his eight seasons with Gold Coast. Moving to Richmond after the 2018 season, he has played 18 games and kicked 45 goals this year.
- Seb Tape (pick 13) played 40 games with the Suns over six injury interrupted seasons. After being unable to secure a regular spot in the senior side, he was delisted at the end of the 2016 season.
- Jeremy Taylor (pick 39) played two games in 2011 and a further eight in 2012.
- Jacob Gillbee (pick 49) played six games during his three seasons with the Suns.



Ron Todd running on to the ground for his first game with Williamstown in the opening match at Yarraville in 1940.

This Round in History – Round 20 on the MCG

The highest Round 20 score at the MCG is 32.24 (216) by Hawthorn against Essendon 8.8 (56) in 1992. This is the overall record Round 20 score. The most goals by an individual at the MCG in Round 20 is 12. This record is shared by two players. Gary Ablett kicked a dozen for Geelong against Richmond in 1990. The Cats scored 24.14 (158) and won by 64 points. Jason Dunstall also kicked 12 goals for Hawthorn against Essendon in 1992. The overall Round 20 record is 13 shared by Doug Wade for Geelong against North Melbourne at Kardinia Park in 1971 when Geelong kicked 24.7 (151) and won by 75 points, and Peter Daicos for Collingwood against Brisbane at Carrara in 1991. Collingwood kicked 26.16 (172) and won by 101 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.3 (63) by Melbourne in the third quarter against North Melbourne in 1991. Melbourne finished with 20.20 (140) to win by 52 points. The overall Round 20 record is 11.6 (72) by Collingwood in the third quarter against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1970. Collingwood kicked 24.16 (160) to win by 81 points. The highest Round 20 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday August 5, 1994 when 75,565 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 28 points.

Statistics for Collingwood v Gold Coast

Collingwood v Gold Coast by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Gold Coast	Drawn
Docklands	1	0	0
MCG	1	0	0
Carrara	4	2	0
	6	2	0

Highest Score

Collingwood	23.11 (149)	Rd 10	2012	MCG
Gold Coast	13.10 (88)	Rd 17	2017	Carrara

Lowest Score

Collingwood	10.15 (75)	Rd 16	2014	Carrara
Gold Coast	6.11 (47)	Rd 22	2016	Dock

Last Time They Met – Round 15, 2018, Carrara

	Collingwood	Gold Coast
Quarter time	4.3	3.2
Half time	10.6	4.4
Three-quarter time	13.11	7.7
Full time	14.15 (99)	8.12 (60)

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	97 points	Rd 10	2012	MCG
Gold Coast	7 points	Rd 17	2013	Carrara

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These clubs have met on eight occasions since the Suns entered the competition in 2011, Collingwood winning six of those matches. The Magpies travelled to Carrara in Round 18, **2011**, and beat the Suns by 54 points. Scott Pendlebury, Ben Johnson, Leon Davis and Dane Swan topped 30 possessions for the Magpies, as did Gary Ablett for Gold Coast.

Gold Coast fared no better in Round 10, **2012**, kicking 7.10 (52) to Collingwood's 23.11 (149). However, the Suns turned the tables in Round 17, **2013**, leading at every change and winning by seven points. In the year in which he won his second Brownlow Medal, Gary Ablett was brilliant with 49 possessions. Dane Beams and Dane Swan were Collingwood's best. The Suns won again in Round 16, **2014**, this time by five points. The Magpies have won the last four encounters by an average of 48 points.

GOLD COAST'S ROAD TO THE AFL

April 22, 2008	The AFL invites Gold Coast businessmen and community representatives to prepare a submission for the inclusion of a 17th club in the AFL. It will be provisionally dubbed GC17.
June 27, 2008	AFL commission accepts GC17's proposal for player concessions in order to establish an AFL club on the Gold Coast by 2011.
July 29, 2008	GC17 signs its first players to play in the 2009 and 2010 TAC Cup competition.
August 13, 2008	GC17 appointed Guy McKenna as the club's first senior coach.
Sept. 4, 2008	The colours, logo and mascot are announced. The Gold Coast Suns' colours were chosen to symbolise beach culture, being red (sun), gold (sand) and blue (ocean and sky).
October 13, 2008	GC17's application for a license as 17th AFL club is presented to the commission.
March 31, 2009	The AFL grants GC17 a provisional licence from 2011.
April 10, 2010	The Suns play their first VFL match – a 12 point loss to Port Melbourne at Southport.
April 2, 2011	The Suns play their first AFL match – a 119 point loss to Carlton at the Gabba.

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