

AFL 2019 ROUND 16 CARLTON V MELBOURNE



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FACT SHEET

THEIR FIRST FINAL

Carlton and Melbourne, both foundation members of the VFL, have never met in a grand final. The first of eight finals clashes between the clubs was in a 1915 semi final at the MCG before 14,446 spectators. Melbourne held a three-point lead at the final change but the Blues kicked four goals to two in the last quarter to win by 11 points – Carlton 11.12 (78) defeated Melbourne 10.7 (67). Carlton had only four goal-kickers, Vin Gardiner kicking five, Gordon Green (3), Herb Burleigh (2) and Viv Valentine (1). Melbourne, by contrast, had eight single goal-kickers with Harry Brereton (2) being their only player to boot more than one major.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

Melbourne finished the 1959 home-and-away season on top of the ladder, half a game ahead of the second-placed Carlton. The Blues had not made the finals the previous year, while Melbourne had lost the grand final to Collingwood when most expected them to win and equal the Magpies' record of four premierships in a row. Carlton had scored their first win over Melbourne since 1953 in Round 5 of the 1959 season (by 12 points at Princes Park) but the Demons had scored a 45-point win in the return match in Round 16 at the MCG. The second semi final between the sides, played at the MCG before a crowd of 72,822, also turned out to be a fairly one-sided affair with Melbourne leading by 34 points at half-time and maintaining their advantage to win by 44 points – Melbourne 11.15 (81) defeated Carlton 4.13 (37). Alan Rowarth booted four goals for Melbourne, while Leo Brereton (2) was the only multiple goal-kicker for Carlton. The Blues bowed out of the finals after losing a close preliminary final to Essendon by seven points. Melbourne then defeated the Bombers by 37 points in the grand final to win four premierships in five years.

THE SIX OTHER FINALS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- **1936 First Semi Final** – Melbourne 14.13 (97) defeated Carlton 11.22 (88) at the MCG (crowd: 55,094). Melbourne bowed out of the finals in the preliminary final when they were defeated by South Melbourne by 26 points.
- **1941 Second Semi Final** – Melbourne 16.13 (109) defeated Carlton 11.16 (82) at the MCG (crowd: 59,435). Melbourne proceeded to the grand final where they defeated Essendon to win their third premiership in a row. The Bombers had beaten Carlton in the preliminary final to qualify for the grand final.
- **1962 First Semi Final** – Carlton 11.12 (78) defeated Melbourne 11.10 (76) at the MCG (crowd: 82,773). Carlton drew with Geelong in the preliminary final and then defeated them by five points in the replay. Essendon defeated the Blues in the grand final.
- **1988 Preliminary Final** – Melbourne 19.6 (120) defeated Carlton 14.14 (98) at Waverley Park (crowd: 68,516). Melbourne then played in their first grand final since 1964 but were totally out-classed by Hawthorn which won by 96 points.
- **1994 Third Qualifying Final** – Melbourne 18.15 (123) defeated Carlton 14.12 (96) at the MCG (crowd: 56,111). Carlton lost to Geelong in the second semi final, while Melbourne defeated Footscray in the first semi-final. The Demons' finals campaign ended when they were defeated by the West Coast Eagles in the second preliminary final.
- **2000 Second Qualifying Final** – Melbourne 15.6 (96) defeated Carlton 12.15 (87) at the MCG (crowd: 75,570). Carlton then defeated Brisbane in the second semi final before losing to Essendon in the first preliminary final. Melbourne proceeded directly to the second preliminary final where they defeated North Melbourne. The Demons faced Essendon in the grand final and were defeated by ten goals.

OVER TO YOU – PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS – WHO AM I?

1. My father was a Demon legend, playing in four premierships and coaching the team to six flags.
2. My namesake was a famous explorer. I played with three clubs as a leading forward.
3. I was a premiership player with both Melbourne and Carlton. I was 19th man in both grand finals (1964 and 1968).
4. In the 1920s I kicked 160 goals for Melbourne and played one season with Carlton.
5. I played 109 games for the Demons and 102 games for the Blues. I was a member of Carlton's 1995 premiership team and of Melbourne's 1988 grand final side.
6. I played 224 games with Melbourne before moving to Carlton. I played in the Blues' 1981 premiership side.
7. I played with three clubs – Melbourne, Carlton and St Kilda. I excelled in a final for Melbourne against Carlton in the 1990s and was later recruited by the Blues.
8. I played my first league game in 1953 and my last in 1969. I played in two finals for Carlton in 1967.

This Round in History – Round 16 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 16 on the MCG is 27.18 (180) by Hawthorn against Richmond 17.11 (113) in 1985. The overall Round 16 record is 34.18 (222) by Richmond against St Kilda 11.4 (70) at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1980. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Dermott Brereton for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1990. Hawthorn kicked 25.9 (159) to win by 91 points. The overall Round 16 goalkicking record is 13 by Tony Modra for Adelaide against Richmond at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1993. Adelaide kicked 26.15 (171) to win by 139 points. The highest score in a quarter is 12.1 (73) in the first quarter by the Kangaroos against Essendon in 2001. Despite trailing by 58 points at the first change, Essendon went on to win by 12 points: 27.9 (171) to 25.9 (159). The overall Round 16 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.3 (81) by Hawthorn against North Melbourne in the first quarter at Princes Park in 1982. Hawthorn went on to kick 32.14 (206) to win by 96 points. The highest Round 16 attendance at the MCG is 83,773 on Sunday July 19, 1998 when Essendon defeated Richmond by 19 points.

Statistics for Carlton v Melbourne

Carlton v Melbourne by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Melbourne	Drawn
MCG	51	52	1
Docklands	3	1	0
Motordrome	1	0	0
Princes Park	52	33	1
Punt Road	2	2	0
Waverley	9	4	0
	118	92	2

Highest Score

Carlton	25.15 (165)	Rd 10	1986	MCG
Melbourne	25.10 (160)	Rd 6	2004	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	1.2 (8)	Rd 7	1903	MCG
Melbourne	2.4 (16)	Rd 3	1899	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	116 points	Rd 10	1986	MCG
Melbourne	109 points	Rd 9	2018	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 9, 2018, MCG

	Melbourne	Carlton
Quarter time	3.4	3.1
Half time	10.4	5.3
Three-quarter time	18.6	7.6
Full time	25.9 (159)	7.8 (50)

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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“THE POET EXTOLLETH ANCIENT CARLTON”

An excerpt from a poem titled “Carlton v Melbourne. By An Old ‘Un.” that appeared in the 1877 edition of Thomas Power's *The Footballer*, pp.67-68. The first stanza was titled “The poet extolleth Ancient Carlton”.

Muscular Christians. Hurrah! Hurrah!
 Bet your last cent on the Blue and Grey—
 On that band of heroes, so young and strong,
 Whose fame has reached even to far Geelong;
 For I pin my faith on the men in Blue,
 And am proud in my heart that I'm Carlton, too!
 I have watched the Club since it first arose
 In the Royal Park against myriad foes—
 When Donovan stout, with a mighty rush,
 Through the serried ranks of the foe would crush;
 Leaving behind in a shapeless mess,
 A dozen of chaps on the slippery grass;
 When the fleet-footed Guy, along each wing,
 Like a streak of lightning the ball would bring,
 And the last kick get, though half a score,
 Vainly attempted to pitch him o'er.

I've watched young Lacey follow the ball
 With teeth firm clenched, yet a smile withal,
 Out of a scrimmage, without a cap—
 A most reliable, sturdy chap—
 And wherever he went there were cries of pain—
 Shall we ever look on his like again?
 Sam Wallace, too, I've watched with awe,
 A foeman scruffed in each iron paw—
 Two heads on the ground, four heels in the air.
 And Sam, with a grin, triumphant there.

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These doughty warriors have passed away,
 But men, quite as good, crop up alway
 To strengthen the glory of Carlton's name,
 And blazen her deeds on the scroll of fame!

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: **Q1** Peter Smith (Melbourne 1966-67; Carlton 1968-70). **Q2** James Cook (Carlton 1994-95; Western Bulldogs 1996-99; Melbourne 2000). **Q3** Peter McLean (Melbourne 1964-65; Carlton 1966-68). **Q4** Harry Davie (Melbourne 1924-27; Carlton 1928). **Q5** Earl Spalding (Melbourne 1987-91; Carlton 1992-97). **Q6** Greg Wells (Melbourne 1969-80; Carlton 1980-82). **Q7** Sean Charles (Melbourne 1992-97; Carlton 1998; St Kilda 2000). **Q8** Ron Barassi (Melbourne 1953-64; Carlton 1965-69).

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