

**AFL 2019
FIRST SEMI FINAL
GEELONG V WEST COAST**



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FACT SHEET**

THEIR FIRST ENCOUNTER

The West Coast Eagles joined the competition in 1987 along with the Brisbane Bears. West Coast met Geelong for the first time in Round 12, 1987, at Kardinia Park. The match was attended by 17,504 fans who saw a close finish with Geelong 13.13 (91) defeating West Coast 12.13 (85). Gary Ablett Snr. with five goals and Bruce Lindner with four led the goalkickers for the Cats. West Coast were best served by forwards Wally Matera and Phil Narkle who each kicked three goals. That season Geelong was coached by John Devine and captained by Damian Bourke. West Coast was coached by Ron Alexander and skippered by Ross Glendinning.

GEELONG'S CENTURY GOALKICKERS

George Moloney (right) – George Moloney was not a tall forward, at just 5 feet 9 inches (174cm), and weighing in at 11 stone 7lbs (73 kg), but his effectiveness on the forward line saw him kick 303 goals in his 88 games with the club between 1931 and 1935. He headed the VFL goalkicking in 1932 with 109 goals, played in the club's 1931 premiership side and was runner-up in the 1932 Brownlow Medal voting. In 1996 he was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame.



Doug Wade – Playing with the Cats from 1961 until 1972, Wade kicked a total of 834 goals for the side. He then went off to North Melbourne where he kicked a further 223 goals, before hanging up his boots at the end of 1975, having played a total of 267 League games. He led the VFL goalkicking on four occasions. His goal average per match was 3.96. He kicked more than 10 goals in a match on four occasions. He was the Cats' leading goalkicker from 1961 to 1972 apart from 1965 when Gareth Andrews headed their list, and only Gary Ablett Snr. has kicked more goals for the club. He was the Kangaroos' leading goalkicker for his three years with the club.



Larry Donohue (left) – Coming to the Cats from the Thomson club, Larry Donohue played 105 games from 1973 to 1980, kicking a total of 339 goals. He was the VFL's Coleman Medallist in 1976 with 105 goals, and was Geelong's leading goalscorer from 1975 to 1978. At the end of 1980 he went off to Fitzroy, but injuries prevented him ever playing a senior game with them.

Gary Ablett Snr. – After six games with Hawthorn in 1982, Gary Ablett Snr. joined the Cats in 1984. He went on to play 242 games with the club until his retirement in 1997, during which period he amassed 1021 goals and headed the League's goalscorers list in 1993 (124 goals), 1994 (129 goals) and 1995 (122 goals). He represented Victoria on 11 occasions and kicked a total of 43 goals in those games and captained the side in 1995. He was named in the AFL Team of the Century, Geelong's Team of the Century, and was named as an All Australian in 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995. He headed Geelong's goalkicking nine times, in 1985-1986, 1988-1990 and 1993-1996.

WEST COAST'S CENTURY GOALKICKER

Peter Sumich – Born in 1968, Peter Sumich was recruited from South Fremantle by West Coast, where he played his first VFL/AFL match in 1989. He was West Coast's 1989 rookie of the year and he headed the Eagles' goalkicking from 1989 to 1994, and in 1997, his final season. He played 150 games for the Eagles for 514 goals, and was a member of West Coast's 1992 and 1994 premiership teams. Sumich became the only Eagles player (and the first natural left footer) to kick 100 goals in a season, when he booted 111 in 1991.

A tribute to Danny Frawley will appear in the factsheet for the First Preliminary Final, Friday September 20

FIRST SEMI FINALS 1931-2018

1931	MCG	Carlton	20.10 (130)	Collingwood	5.12 (42)	51,140
1932	MCG	Collingwood	17.12 (114)	South Melbourne	12.16 (88)	51,209
1933	MCG	Geelong	12.12 (84)	Carlton	10.11 (71)	40,225
1934	MCG	South Melbourne	11.12 (78)	Collingwood	9.21 (75)	52,022
1935	MCG	Richmond	19.11 (125)	Carlton	14.20 (104)	49,759
1936	MCG	Melbourne	14.13 (97)	Carlton	11.22 (88)	55,094
1937	MCG	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	Richmond	10.9 (69)	41,663
1938	MCG	Collingwood	18.9 (117)	Footscray	10.16 (76)	68,556
1939	MCG	St Kilda	10.12 (72)	Richmond	6.6 (42)	51,411
1940	MCG	Essendon	13.14 (92)	Geelong	10.14 (74)	44,187
1941	MCG	Essendon	21.9 (135)	Richmond	11.15 (81)	57,741
1942	Princes Park	South Melbourne	13.13 (91)	Footscray	7.22 (64)	25,000
1943	Princes Park	Fitzroy	13.16 (94)	Carlton	5.13 (43)	39,874
1944	Junction Oval	Essendon	14.17 (101)	Footscray	8.4 (52)	24,542
1945	Princes Park	Carlton	14.10 (94)	North Melbourne	8.20 (68)	54,846
1946	MCG	Melbourne	17.18 (120)	Footscray	15.12 (102)	61,277
1947	MCG	Fitzroy	16.7 (103)	Richmond	11.9 (75)	82,570
1948	MCG	Collingwood	17.17 (119)	Footscray	12.12 (84)	71,514
1949	MCG	Essendon	20.16 (136)	Collingwood	8.6 (54)	67,702
1950	MCG	Geelong	13.10 (88)	Melbourne	6.8 (44)	54,721
1951	MCG	Essendon	8.13 (61)	Footscray	8.5 (53)	66,135
1952	MCG	Fitzroy	10.9 (69)	Carlton	8.20 (68)	59,970
1953	MCG	Footscray	6.13 (49)	Essendon	5.11 (41)	68,533
1954	MCG	Melbourne	16.14 (110)	North Melbourne	11.14 (80)	41,971
1955	MCG	Geelong	9.7 (61)	Essendon	7.11 (53)	68,109
1956	MCG	Footscray	5.13 (43)	Geelong	6.5 (41)	79,402
1957	MCG	Hawthorn	10.11 (71)	Carlton	6.12 (48)	69,455
1958	MCG	North Melbourne	10.10 (70)	Fitzroy	9.12 (66)	68,213
1959	MCG	Essendon	14.16 (100)	Collingwood	8.14 (62)	86,198
1960	MCG	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Essendon	7.15 (57)	81,209
1961	MCG	Footscray	9.15 (69)	St Kilda	8.12 (60)	86,411
1962	MCG	Carlton	11.12 (78)	Melbourne	11.10 (76)	82,773
1963	MCG	Melbourne	9.17 (71)	St Kilda	8.16 (64)	88,914
1964	MCG	Geelong	12.12 (84)	Essendon	10.5 (65)	92,231
1965	MCG	Essendon	14.19 (103)	Geelong	7.9 (51)	89,833
1966	MCG	Essendon	15.6 (96)	Geelong	12.14 (86)	93,765
1967	MCG	Geelong	16.12 (108)	Collingwood	11.12 (78)	91,715
1968	MCG	Geelong	19.13 (127)	St Kilda	11.17 (83)	98,885
1969	MCG	Richmond	25.17 (167)	Geelong	7.7 (49)	101,233
1970	MCG	St Kilda	22.11 (143)	South Melbourne	13.12 (90)	104,239
1971	MCG	Richmond	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	11.11 (77)	99,771
1972	MCG	St Kilda	11.17 (83)	Collingwood	8.17 (65)	91,857
1973	MCG	Richmond	15.18 (108)	St Kilda	9.14 (68)	86,483
1974	MCG	Hawthorn	21.12 (138)	Collingwood	13.10 (88)	86,795
1975	MCG	Richmond	9.17 (71)	Carlton	9.8 (62)	76,967
1976	MCG	North Melbourne	14.9 (93)	Geelong	8.12 (60)	71,042
1977	Waverley	North Melbourne	16.14 (110)	Richmond	9.9 (63)	48,105
1978	MCG	Collingwood	15.18 (108)	Carlton	13.15 (93)	91,933
1979	MCG	Collingwood	16.20 (116)	Fitzroy	12.22 (94)	87,139
1980	MCG	Collingwood	22.20 (152)	Carlton	15.12 (102)	94,451
1981	MCG	Collingwood	19.19 (133)	Fitzroy	19.18 (132)	85,133
1982	MCG	Hawthorn	24.22 (166)	North Melbourne	18.6 (114)	61,729
1983	MCG	Essendon	16.13 (109)	Fitzroy	12.14 (86)	81,090
1984	Waverley	Carlton	14.9 (93)	Collingwood	17.16 (118)	70,634
1985	MCG	Footscray	19.23 (137)	North Melbourne	16.11 (107)	56,112

1986	MCG	Fitzroy	13.16 (94)	Sydney	13.11 (89)	65,763
1987	MCG	Melbourne	21.23 (149)	Sydney	10.13 (73)	80,292
1988	MCG	Melbourne	13.17 (95)	Collingwood	12.10 (82)	87,407
1989	MCG	Geelong	22.21 (153)	Melbourne	12.18 (90)	69,082
1990	Waverley	Melbourne	15.10 (100)	West Coast	19.16 (130)	43,485
1991	Waverley	Melbourne	12.7 (79)	West Coast	17.15 (117)	41,136
1992	Wav	Footscray	19.5 (119)	St Kilda	14.6 (90)	59,512
1993	MCG	Essendon	16.12 (108)	West Coast	11.10 (76)	75,453
1994	MCG	Melbourne	21.18 (144)	Footscray	9.11 (65)	65,557
1995	MCG	North Melbourne	18.21 (129)	West Coast	10.11 (71)	53,759
1996	MCG	Essendon	22.12 (144)	West Coast	8.19 (67)	85,656
1997	MCG	North Melbourne	15.8 (98)	West Coast	12.13 (85)	55,781
1998	MCG	Melbourne	15.17 (107)	St Kilda	7.14 (56)	88,456
1999	MCG	Carlton	18.16 (124)	West Coast	10.10 (70)	55,682
2000	MCG	Kangaroos	16.14 (110)	Hawthorn	15.10 (100)	50,027
2001	MCG	Richmond	10.7 (67)	Carlton	7.14 (56)	83,323
2002	Football Park	Port Adelaide	11.17 (83)	Essendon	8.11 (59)	27,661
2003	Football Park	Port Adelaide	12.11 (83)	Essendon	6.8 (44)	36,557
2004	MCG	Geelong	10.14 (74)	Essendon	9.10 (64)	53,356
2005	Football Park	Adelaide	18.15 (123)	Port Adelaide	5.10 (40)	50,521
2006	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	16.17 (113)	Western Bulldogs	5.9 (39)	43,219
2007	MCG	Kangaroos	14.9 (93)	Hawthorn	8.12 (60)	74,981
2008	MCG	St Kilda	17.4 (106)	Collingwood	9.18 (72)	76,707
2009	MCG	Collingwood	12.11 (83)	Adelaide	11.12 (78)	62,184
2010	MCG	Western Bulldogs	11.11 (77)	Sydney	10.12 (72)	39,596
2011	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	15.11 (101)	Carlton	15.8 (98)	42,803
2012	MCG	Collingwood	10.13 (73)	West Coast	9.6 (60)	65,483
2013	Stadium Australia	Sydney	13.8 (86)	Carlton	8.14 (62)	37,980
2014	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	11.17 (83)	Port Adelaide	15.15 (105)	42,338
2015	Stadium Australia	Sydney	7.9 (51)	North Melbourne	11.11 (77)	31,162
2016	SCG	Sydney	18.10 (118)	Adelaide	12.10 (82)	38,136
2017	Syd. Showground	Greater Western Sydney	19.11 (125)	West Coast	9.4 (58)	14,865
2018	MCG	Hawthorn	10.11 (71)	Melbourne	16.8 (104)	90,152

FIRST SEMI FINALS EXPLAINED

Semi finals were introduced in 1902, the sixth season of the VFL competition. Under what was originally called the "Argus" system, the teams that finished second and fourth at the end of the home and away season played off in the first semi final and the teams that came first and third played off in the second semi final.

The winners played off in a final. However, if the team that finished on top, known as the minor premier, was defeated in either the second semi final or the final, it had the right to challenge for the premiership in a grand final.

With minor modifications this system remained in force until 1930, apart from 1924 when the VFL unsuccessfully experimented with a round-robin final series.

After the introduction of the Page-McIntyre finals system in 1931, the first semi final was played in the first week of the finals series between the teams that finished third and fourth on the ladder. The loser was eliminated and the winner faced the loser of the second semi final.

In 1972 the McIntyre final five system was introduced. The first semi final has been played in the second week of finals since. Between 1972 and 1990 the game was played between the winner of the fourth and second-highest placed qualifying finals winners.

With the introduction of the McIntyre final six system in 1991 the first semi final was played between the winner of the elimination final and the loser of the first qualifying final. In 1992 and 1993 the system was revamped with the first semi final being played between the loser of the qualifying final and the lower-placed elimination final winner.

With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994 the two lowest-placed losing teams were eliminated in the first week. The first semi final was held in the second week between the fourth and second-highest placed qualifying finals winners.

Since 2000, as part of the revised final eight system, the first semi final has been played between the winner of the first elimination final and the loser of the first qualifying final.

FIRST SEMI FINALS AT THE MCG (1931-2018)

The MCG last hosted a first semi final in 2018, when Melbourne defeated Hawthorn. The record attendance for a first semi final is 104,239 for the match between St Kilda and South Melbourne at the MCG in 1970. The record score for a first semi final is 25.17 (167) by Richmond against Geelong 7.7 (49) in 1969. The 118-point margin is a record for a semi final. The highest score for a semi final is by Brisbane 26.14 (170) in the second semi final against Carlton 10.13 (73) in 1996. The greatest aggregate score in a semi final is 280 points in the 1982 first semi final when Hawthorn 24.22 (166) defeated North Melbourne 18.6 (114). The overall record for a quarter in a semi final is 10.10 (70) by Geelong in the first semi final against Melbourne in 1989. The best bag of goals in a first semi final is 11 by Carlton's Harry Vengeance at the MCG in 1931.

Statistics for Geelong v West Coast

Geelong v West Coast by venue

	Won by Geelong	Won by West Coast	Draw
Kardinia Park	15	8	1
MCG	1	3	0
Subiaco	8	10	0
WACA	1	2	0
Waverley	0	2	0
Perth Stad.	0	1	0
	25	26	1

Highest Score

Geelong	28.14 (182)	Rd 13	2008	Subi
West Coast	20.23 (143)	GF	1994	MCG

Lowest Score

Geelong	5.14 (44)	Rd 9	1998	KP
West Coast	4.9 (33)	Rd 14	2002	KP
West Coast	5.3 (33)	Rd 21	2005	KP

Greatest Winning Margin

Geelong	135 points	Rd 13	2008	Subi
West Coast	80 points	GF	1994	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 6, 2019 Kardinia Park

	Geelong	West Coast
Quarter time	7.1	2.1
Half time	8.6	3.3
Three-quarter time	12.11	5.3
Full time	15.14 (104)	7.4 (46)

GEELONG VERSUS WEST COAST IN FINALS

Geelong and the West Coast have met five times in AFL finals. The Eagles won the first four of these, including the 1992 and 1994 grand finals. The Cats versus Eagles finals have been:

- 1991 preliminary final at Waverley Park. West Coast 11.13 (79) defeated Geelong 8.16 (64). Attendance: 47,638. The Eagles opened up a 22-point lead in the first quarter and maintained their advantage throughout the game, although the Cats outscored them in the second half.
- 1992 second semi final at the MCG. West Coast 20.13 (133) defeated Geelong 14.11 (95). Attendance: 71,745. The Eagles led at every change and ran out comfortable winners by more than six goals.
- 1992 grand final at the MCG. West Coast 16.17 (113) defeated Geelong 12.13 (85). Attendance: 95,007. Geelong led by 12 points at half time but the Eagles kicked ten goals to the Cats' four in the second half to take out their first AFL premiership.
- 1994 grand final at the MCG. West Coast 20.23 (143) defeated Geelong 8.15 (63). Attendance: 93,860. The Cats held a one-point lead at quarter time but it was all the Eagles after that, as they ran away with the game to win by 80 points.
- 2011 second preliminary final at the MCG. Geelong 17.15 (117) defeated West Coast 10.9 (69). Attendance: 59,455. The Cats controlled the game from the outset and were ahead throughout. The Cats went on to beat Collingwood in the grand final.



AFL Record for the last time the Geelong and West Coast met in a final. The 2011 second preliminary final at the MCG.

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