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AFL 2024 ROUND 23 COLLINGWOOD V BRISBANE LIONS

THE BRISBANE LIONS AND COLLINGWOOD – THREE GRAND FINALS

The 2002 Grand Final.

A crowd of 91,817 spectators witnessed the 2002 grand final at the MCG. This was a close match. Collingwood led by a goal at quarter time, Brisbane Lions by eight points at half time and Brisbane Lions by four points at the final break. The final score saw Brisbane Lions victorious by nine points. Brisbane Lions 10.15 (75) to Collingwood 9.12 (66). The Magpies were captained by Nathan Buckley and coached by Michael Malthouse. The Lions were captained by Michael Voss and coached by Leigh Matthews. The top goal kicker for Brisbane was Alastair Lynch with four goals and for Collingwood Anthony Rocca, also with four goals. The best for the Brisbane Lions were Michael Voss, Nigel Lappin, Clark Keating, Shaun Hart, Jonathan Brown, Alastair Lynch and Simon Black. The Collingwood best were Scott Burns, Shane Wakelin, Ryan Lonie, Josh Fraser, and Nathan Buckley won the Norm Smith Medal for best player on the field.

The 2003 Grand Final

Played at the MCG on September 27, the grand final saw Brisbane meet Collingwood. The match was attended by 79,451 spectators; the smallest grand final crowd since the 1946 VFL match. This was the result of the rebuilding and provision of new seating for the 2006 Commonwealth Games. Anthony Rocca (Collingwood) missed the grand final due to suspension from the preliminary final against Port Adelaide. The Brisbane Lions led at each break and took out the grand final by fifty points. The final scores read Brisbane Lions 20.14 (134) to Collingwood 12.12 (84). The Lions were coached by Leigh Matthews and captained by Michael Voss. The Collingwood team was coached by Michael Malthouse and captained by Nathan Buckley. Brisbane was the first team since Melbourne in the 1950s to win three successive premierships. The Brisbane Lions' best goal scorers were Jason Akermanis (5 goals) and Alastair Lynch (4 goals). Collingwood's leading goal scorer was Alan Didak with three goals. The best for the Brisbane Lions were Simon Black, Jason Akermanis, Clark Keating, Alastair Lynch, Martin Pike, Mal Michael, Michael Voss and Shaun Hart. Collingwood's best were Josh Fraser, Nathan Buckley, Shane Woewodin and Scott Burns. Simon Black of the Lions was awarded the Norm Smith Medal for being judged the best player. He accumulated 39 disposals.

The 2023 Grand Final

Attended by a capacity crowd of 100,024 at the MCG the 2023 grand final was played on 30 September. Although the Magpies led at each break the game was always close. In a nail-biting last few minutes Collingwood held on to win the flag by four points. Steele Sidebottom's sensational over-50 metre goal was a pivotal moment in a tense final quarter. Final scores were Collingwood 12.18 (90) to the Brisbane Lions 13.8 (86). Played in sunny and warm conditions the temperature reached 29.7 degrees. The Magpies were coached by Craig McRae and captained by Darcy Moore. The Lions were coached by Chris Fagan and captained by Harris Andrews. The leading goal kicker for Collingwood was Bobby Hill with four goals, while Brisbane's best goal scorers were Charlie Cameron (3) and Joe Daniher (3). The best for Collingwood were Bobby Hill, Nick Daicos, Jack Crisp, Jeremy Howe, Tom Mitchell and Scott Pendlebury. The Lions were best served by Hugh McCluggage, Joe Daniher, Keidean Coleman, Harris Andrews, Zac Bailey and Charlie Cameron. Bobby Hill won the Norm Smith Medal with all five judges giving him three votes as best player afield. Collingwood won its sixteenth flag to equal Carlton and Essendon for the most premierships in VFL/AFL history. There were ten lead changes in the first half which produced eighteen goals.

DID YOU KNOW?

Matthew Campbell, who played in the Brisbane Bears' first match in 1987, was the last player from that team to play for the Bears, finishing his career in Round 2, 1993. A wingman, he played 79 games and kicked 28 goals for the Bears. Other members of the Bears' first side still playing for the club as late as 1991 were Brad Hardie, Cameron O'Brien, David O'Keefe, Brenton Phillips, and Steve Reynoldson. These five players were forced to leave the Bears after the 1991 season, when financial problems hit the club and player payments were withheld. Hardie played a further two games with Collingwood late in the 1992 season. Mark Roberts, who also played for the Brisbane Bears in its first match, had been traded to North Melbourne before the start of the 1991 season. He would play for the Kangaroos into the 1999 season and was a member of their 1996 premiership team. The Bears' inaugural captain, Mark Mickan, was a member of the Adelaide Crows' inaugural squad in 1991 (though he did not play in the Crows' first game) and his last AFL game was Round 9, 1993.

WHO AM I?

I played with Collingwood and the Brisbane Bears. At the Magpies I captained the side from 1983 to 1986. I won the Magpies' best and fairest award in 1985. I coached Port Adelaide Power to its only premiership in the AFL.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 23 ON THE MCG

Round 23 was first played in 1991 with the introduction of a 24-round season to compensate for a bye in the fixture caused by the inclusion of Adelaide. In 1992 and 1994, 24-round seasons were also played. The 1995 addition of Fremantle eliminated the bye and the AFL returned to a 22-round season. Following Gold Coast's entry into the AFL in 2011, a 24-round season was again played to compensate for a bye. Despite an even number of teams competing from 2012, a staggered mid-season bye meant Round 23 (but not Round 24) has been retained.

The highest score in Round 23 at the MCG is 25.10 (160) by North Melbourne against Fitzroy 10.14 (74) in 1994. The 86-point margin is the biggest for this round at the MCG. The overall Round 23 highest score is 27.12 (174) by St Kilda against the Brisbane Bears 7.12 (54) at Moorabbin in 1991. The winning margin of 120 points is the greatest for this round. The biggest bag of goals at the MCG in Round 23 is six by Richmond's Jack Riewoldt against Port Adelaide in 2012. The overall Round 23 goalkicking record is 11 by Adelaide's Scott Hodges against Geelong at Football Park in 1992. The biggest Round 23 attendance is MCG is 85,405 for the Collingwood v Essendon match in 2019 at the MCG.

STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V BRISBANE BEARS/LIONS

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Docklands	2	2	0
Carrara	5	0	0
Gabba	11	15	0
MCG	7	7	0
Victoria Park	5	1	0
	30	25	0

Last Match – Round 4, 2024, Gabba

	Brisbane	Collingwood
Quarter time	1.3	5.3
Half time	5.8	5.3
Three-quarter time	6.10	10.6
Full time	10.12 (72)	14.8 (92)

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions Highest Score

Collingwood	26.16 (172)	Rd 20	1991	Carrara
Bris. Lions	22.17 (149)	Rd 17	2007	MCG

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions Lowest Score

Collingwood	5.4 (34)	Rd 15	2020	Gabba
Bris. Lions	6.6 (42)	Rd 15	2020	Gabba

Collingwood v Brisbane Bears/Lions

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	101 points	Rd 20	1991	Carrara
Bris. Lions	93 points	Rd 17	2007	MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

13	P. Daicos	Coll	Rd 20	1991	Cararra
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STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V FITZROY

Collingwood v Fitzroy by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Fitzroy	Drawn
Brunswick Street	37	27	2
Junction Oval	8	3	1
MCG	8	9	0
Princes Park	3	5	0
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	70	27	0
Waverley Park	4	3	0
Western Oval	1	0	0
	131	75	3

Collingwood v Fitzroy Highest Score

Collingwood	25.17 (167)	Rd 12	1930	Vic. Park
Fitzroy	25.10 (160)	Rd 17	1985	Vic. Park

Collingwood v Fitzroy Lowest Score

Collingwood	1.5 (11)	SF	1898	Bruns. St.
Fitzroy	3.1 (19)	Rd 15	1905	Vic. Park

Collingwood v Fitzroy Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	101 points	Rd 9	1967	Vic. Park
Fitzroy	95 points	Rd 8	1945	Bruns. St.

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

17	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 12	1930	Vic. Park
11	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 5	1927	Vic. Park
10	J. Moriarty	Fitz	Rd 2	1933	Bruns. St.
10	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 4	1971	Vic. Park

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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Who Am I? Answer: Mark Williams

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