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AFL 2025 ROUND 2

CARLTON V HAWTHORN

A THRILLER AT THE 'G

Round three of the 2022 season saw these two sides face off at the MCG. At the end of the 2021 season Carlton had finished 13th and Hawthorn 14th, and both sides had won their first two matches in 2022, so that the fans of both sides were on a high and expecting a close encounter, and they were not to be disappointed.

Carlton were fast out of the blocks and accurate kicking saw them score seven goals one behind to the Hawks' one goal three behinds. Things evened up in the second quarter with the Blues putting on a further two goals four behinds to the Hawks' three goals two behinds, giving Carlton a 30-point advantage at the main break. At this stage Harry McKay, Charlie Curnow and Jack Silvagni had scored two goals each for the Blues and Dylan Moore and Luke Bruest, also with two each, were Hawthorn's only goalkickers.

Things tightened even more in the third quarter with Carlton managing just one goal from Charlie Curnow to three for the Hawks with singles to Mitch Lewis, Connor Macdonald and Chad Wingard, meaning the Blues started the final quarter with a lead of 17 points. This was very quickly cancelled with the Hawks kicking three goals in six minutes courtesy of Tom Mitchell, Harry Morrison and Jack Gunston. This saw Hawthorn hit the front at the nine-minute mark. Ten minutes then elapsed with neither side scoring until a behind to the Blues' Corey Durdin saw the scores level. Another goal to Silvagni shortly after and then a rushed behind saw the Blues seven points ahead at the twenty-one-and-a-half-minute mark. Another frenetic period ensued and Jack Gunston's goal at the twenty-four-minute mark saw the Hawks' fans hopes rise. However, another five and a half minutes of scoreless play saw the Blues hang on for a one-point victory.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Glen Bowyer was a defender recruited by Hawthorn from the Murray Bushrangers. He made his AFL debut in the final round of the 1999 season, going on to play 35 games (14 goals) for the Hawks until the end of 2002. Personal struggles saw him away from the game in 2003, however he was picked up by Carlton in the 2003 Draft and he played 20 games (0 goals) for the Blues but injuries saw him retire at the end of 2005 after winning the club's Laurie Hill award for the club's best and fairest for the Northern Bullants. Bowyer is described in the *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "an enthusiastic and fearless player".

Brett Johnson came from Swan Districts in the WAFL. He was selected at number 23 by Hawthorn in the 1999 national draft. Johnson played 38 games (10 goals) for the Hawks from 2000 to 2003, spending a major part of this period playing with the Hawks' VFL side the Box Hill Hawks. He was picked up by Carlton and played 32 games (nine goals) for them in 2004 and 2005 before being delisted at the end of the 2005 season. He then went on to have a successful time with VFL side Williamstown as captain, being selected in the VFL Team of the Year in 2006, 2007 and 2008, winning the club's best and fairest award in 2008 and 2010 and leading them to victory in the inaugural Foxtel Cup competition in 2011. The *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* tells us of Johnson "As a midfielder he showed a willingness to burrow in for the ball and win essential clearances although there was always a question mark over his kicking".

DID YOU KNOW?

Carlton's all-time winning run against all VFL/AFL sides is 25 consecutive victories against Hawthorn from 1925 to 1938 and their highest score against any club is 30.30 (210) also against Hawthorn in Round 2, 1969.

WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?

Can you name the year in which Martin Luther King Jnr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech, John F. Kennedy was assassinated, Bob Skilton won his second Brownlow Medal, and Gatum Gatum won the Melbourne Cup?

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THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 2 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. The Roos kicked 13.3 (81) in the first quarter, which is the highest Round 2 quarter score. The highest ever Round 2 score was at Princes Park in 1969 by Carlton who defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82). Richmond's Doug Strang has the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931. The biggest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. It is common for games to feature multiple goalkickers. However, in Round 2 at the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44). Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven) and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

STATISTICS FOR CARLTON V HAWTHORN

Carlton v Hawthorn by Venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
Docklands	3	8	0
Euroa	1	0	0
Glenferrie Oval	30	11	0
MCG	6	13	0
Perth Stadium	0	1	0
Princes Park	58	22	0
Waverley Park	8	9	0
York Park	0	2	0
	106	66	0

Highest Score

Carlton	30.30 (210)	Rd 2	1969	PP
Hawthorn	27.18 (180)	Rd 12	2007	Dock

Lowest Score

Carlton	4.11 (35)	Rd 16	2015	Dock
Hawthorn	4.12 (36)	Rd 9	1954	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	128 points	Rd 2	1969	PP
Hawthorn	138 points	Rd 16	2015	Dock

Last Time They Met - Round 22, 2024, MCG

	Carlton	Hawthorn
Quarter time	3.3	3.5
Half time	3.6	8.9
Three-quarter time	4.7	12.14
Full time	5.8 (38)	16.16 (112)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	Greg Kennedy	Carl	Rd 21	1972	PP
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What Year Was That? Answer: 1963

MUSTARD POTS?

In 1933 the Hawthorn Football Club opted to change its guernsey design from brown with a gold V and HFC monogram to gold with a brown V, collar and cuffs (shown right). The change was granted by the League on Friday March 3, 1933. Harry Gordon in *The Hard Way* wrote:

"The effect of the brown dipping into the yellow provoked another nickname: the Mustard Pots. Barrackers now had three to choose from: the Mustard Pots, the Mayblossoms and the Mayflowers. All of them tended to lack a certain belligerence, and the new uniform was not generally popular either. ... At the start of the 1934 season, Hawthorn received permission to dump the mustard-pot jersey and revert to its old uniform." [p.63]

This design lasted just one season but a similar one, with a brown chevron on a gold jumper, was used by the Hawks on four occasions over three seasons, from 2019 to 2021.



EARLY DAYS

The Round 2 edition of the 1925 *Football Record* told us of this unfortunate incident:

"A player, who is a bricklayer, was asked by his mate to pass him a brick two or three days ago. He was absent-minded, and picking up the brick, hit it with his clenched fist. His knuckles were barked, and he let out a yell like a wounded lion. He had been training lately to accustom himself to the proper way of handpassing the ball, and when he biffed the brick he was thinking that he was playing football. He now favours the alteration of the rule, so that a man should be allowed to throw the ball."

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