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AFL 2025 ROUND 4

COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

A THRILLING COMEBACK

The last round of the 2022 season saw 88,287 fans turn up at the MCG to see these two sides face off. Carlton had lost their previous three games, but, with 12 wins for the season, still had the possibility of making the finals if they won. Collingwood had already cemented a place in the finals with 15 wins for the season. The Blues did not start well, kicking just three behinds in the first quarter, with the Magpies scoring three goals five behinds. Two goals each in the second quarter saw Collingwood 19 points ahead at the main break.

Then things changed, to the delight of the Blues' supporters. Two goals each to Adam Cerra, Charlie Curnow and Jesse Motlop and singles to Sam Docherty and Harry McKay for the Blues and just a solitary goal to the Magpies through Jack Ginnivan saw Carlton ahead at the last change by 24 points. The euphoria was not to last, however. In a remarkable turnaround, goals to Ash Johnson and Mason Cox in the first 12 minutes of the last quarter saw the Magpies close on Carlton's score. Things remained the same until the 19th minute mark, with Carlton a relatively comfortable 17 points ahead.

Then an exhilarating last eight minutes saw Jamie Elliott score two goals and Beau McCreery one and the Magpies hit the front by a point at the 26-minute mark and hold on for the last four minutes to record a memorable victory and destroy Carlton's slim finals chance. Carlton had scored only six behinds for the quarter. **Collingwood 11.9 (75) def. Carlton 10.14 (74).**

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Coming to Collingwood from VFA side Sandringham, **Geoff Brokenshire** made his debut with Collingwood against North Melbourne in Round 1 of the 1948 season. A ruckman, he played 13 games (19 goals) for the Magpies but at the end of the season he transferred to Carlton where he played 21 games (18 goals) including in the Blues' 73-point drubbing at the hands of Essendon in the 1949 grand final. Struggling to find a place in the senior side he retired after Round 10 of the 1950 season. Brokenshire had served with the RAAF in the torpedo/bomber squadron after volunteering at the beginning of World War Two, attaining the rank of flight-lieutenant.

Originally a half forward who was later moved to the backline, **Jim Crowe** came to Carlton from local club Royal Rovers, making his debut in the first round of the 1929 season. He played 83 games (37 goals) for the club before retiring at the end of the 1934 season and being appointed coach of the club's reserve side. He made a surprising comeback to VFL football in 1936, signing with the Magpies where he played in the back pocket in the side's premiership victory that year. Retiring in 1937 after 21 games (0 goals) he went on to coach the Footscray side in 1947.

EARLY DAYS

The July 29 edition of the 1922 *Football Record* advised us how things were a little less organised in the earlier days:

"Carlton and Collingwood were the teams which played the first premiership match on the Carlton Oval. It was opened on 22nd June, 1897, the year when the League battles began. I recall an interesting incident in connection with that match. The record of the goal umpires as to the scores differed. One reported that Collingwood had kicked 6,5 and Carlton 6,5, but the other umpire's figures were not the same. Subsequently the latter notified the League that he had made a mistake, and that the scores as I have given them were correct."

The July 12 edition of the 1924 *Football Record* told us:

"At a Wednesday match the other day in one of the suburbs one of the goal umpires had only one leg. The umpire at the opposite goal was a one-armed man. The players did not mind so long as the field umpire possessed two eyes."

DID YOU KNOW?

1. These two sides have faced each other in six grand finals (1910, 1915, 1938, 1970, 1979 and 1981) of which Carlton have won all but one (1910).
2. In 2022, with Charlie Curnow winning the Coleman Medal and Harry McKay winning the Medal in 2021, this was the first time since 1900/1901 that different players from the same club led the League goalkicking in successive seasons.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 4 AT THE MCG

The highest score in Round 4 on the MCG was 25.15 (165) by Melbourne in 2000 against St Kilda 11.9 (75). The highest score in any quarter in Round 4 at the MCG was in 1938 when Melbourne kicked 11.5 (71) in the fourth quarter to beat South Melbourne by 52 points. The highest tally of goals by an individual in Round 4 on the MCG is 12 goals by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Melbourne in 1987. Gary Ablett's 10 goals for Geelong against Richmond in 1988 is the second-highest. There has been only one drawn game on the MCG in Round 4. It was the ANZAC Day match of 1995 when Collingwood 17.9 (111) drew with Essendon 16.15 (111). The only drawn game also drew the largest attendance at the MCG for a Round 4 match – a crowd of 94,825.

STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

Collingwood v Carlton by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Carlton	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	41	39	0
Princes Park	27	50	2
Victoria Park	53	30	2
Waverley Park	10	9	0
	133	129	4

Last Time They Met – Round 21, 2024, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	2.2	1.8
Half time	6.6	3.11
Three-quarter time	11.9	6.14
Full time	12.12 (84)	11.15 (81)

Highest Score

Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG
Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP
Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG
Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallence	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
11	H. Vallence	Carl	PF	1932	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

BYRON AFL



A SCOREBOARD MALFUNCTION

The 2015 Queensland Amateur Football Association (QAFA) grand final was played between the Byron Bay Magpies and the Tweed Coast Tigers at the Byron Bay Sports Complex. Both sides were leaders in the competition, with the Magpies premiers in 2007, 2008 and 2009, and the Tigers in 2010, 2012 and 2013. The Magpies had gone through the 2015 season undefeated, including a 63-point win over the Tigers in a qualifying final two weeks previously.

In a close fought encounter, the Magpies' strength saw them 16 points up at the last change. The Tigers were known for their strong finishes however and they kicked the last three goals of the game. However, the scoreboard showed the Magpies five points ahead when the final siren sounded, and their celebrations commenced. But then it was noticed that the field and goal umpires were conferring, and confusion reigned.

It was found that the scoreboard had not registered one of the Tigers' goals and suddenly the Tigers were premiers by one point and their celebrations started. The Magpies were suddenly left to lament what was nearly the perfect season only to see it ruined by a solitary point!

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