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AFL 2025 ROUND 12 COLLINGWOOD V HAWTHORN

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

There have been 39 players who appeared with both Hawthorn and Collingwood; here is a good example of one of those players.

Ernest Benjamin “Tich” Utting (1897–1948) was born into a large Collingwood family of thirteen children. In 1915 he enlisted in the army, serving overseas during the Great War. Utting played 16 games and kicked 29 goals for Collingwood from 1919 to 1922. He then joined Hawthorn in the VFA in 1923 and 1924 where he played 24 games and booted 16 goals. With Hawthorn’s entry in the VFL he played a further 101 games, and kicked another 28 goals, from 1925 to 1932. He also played in Hawthorn’s debut VFL side in 1925. He was small man at 5ft 5in (166cm) and weighed 161lb (73kg). Utting was Hawthorn’s best and fairest award winner in 1927 and 1929, and he was also the first Hawthorn footballer to play 100 VFL games. Utting left the senior side at the end of 1932 but captained the seconds’ side in 1933, winning the Gardiner Medal for the Reserve League’s best and fairest player. In Round 14, 1926 at Victoria Park, Collingwood 16.8 (104) defeated Hawthorn 3.10 (28), Ern Utting scored all the Hawthorn goals. Other honours included membership of the Hawthorn Hall of Fame and Hawthorn F.C. Life Membership. He died at a relatively young age of 51 and is buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery.

GREAT GOALKICKING PERFORMANCES BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- At Victoria Park in Round 13, 1929, Gordon Coventry kicked 16.5 goals against Hawthorn. In this match Coventry recorded eight goals in the first quarter. Collingwood 22.10 (142) defeated Hawthorn 7.14 (56).
- At Victoria Park in Round 14, 1934, Gordon Coventry kicked 14.5 goals against Hawthorn. Collingwood 23.22 (160) defeated Hawthorn 10.13 (73).
- In Round 4, 1938 at Victoria Park, Collingwood 21.15 (141) defeated Hawthorn 14.16 (100). In this match Ron Todd (Collingwood) kicked 9.4 goals and George Carter (Hawthorn) kicked 7.4 goals.
- At Victoria Park in Round 1, 1966, Peter McKenna kicked 12.2 goals against Hawthorn. Collingwood 17.13 (115) defeated Hawthorn 9.8 (62).
- At Princes Park in Round 3, 1976, Michael Moncrieff kicked 10.1 goals against Collingwood. Hawthorn 25.22 (172) defeated Collingwood 12.12 (84).
- In Round 16, 1989, at Princes Park, Jason Dunstall kicked 11.2 goals against Collingwood. Hawthorn 21.11 (137) defeated Collingwood 11.11 (77).
- At Waverley Park in Round 20, 1990, Jason Dunstall kicked 11.2 goals against Collingwood. Hawthorn 26.7 (163) defeated Collingwood 12.8 (80).

HAWTHORN’S FIRST WIN AT VICTORIA PARK.

In Round 13, 1960, Hawthorn won its first match against Collingwood at Victoria Park. The Hawthorn teams had lost the previous twenty-nine matches at Victoria Park. When the final siren sounded Collingwood was five points ahead. John Peck (Hawthorn) marked the ball just before the siren sounded and kicked the winning goal. Final scores read: Hawthorn 7.16 (58) to Collingwood 7.15 (57). The crowd was 18,637.

THE RECORD CROWD AT VFL/WAVERLEY PARK

In Round 11, 1981, Hawthorn and Collingwood played before a VFL Park (later renamed Waverley Park) record crowd of 92,935. It took place on Monday June 8, the Queen’s Birthday Holiday. The attendance shattered the previous ground record that was set just weeks earlier on May 16, when 79,326 saw Collingwood play Essendon. Waverley Park’s last AFL premiership game was in 1999, and its redevelopment as Hawthorn’s training base saw its seating reduced to about 2,000. Therefore, the ground record will never be challenged. Though the day was historic it might not have been too comfortable for the spectators who saw Hawthorn 18.19 (127) defeat Collingwood 12.9 (81). The following week’s *Football Record* noted that, “at present, the ground’s seating capacity is 70,000”. This would mean as many as 23,000 people were forced to stand squeezed in the stadium’s concourses, seating access stairwells, and aisles.

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 12 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 12 score on the MCG is 25.16 (166) by Richmond against South Melbourne in 1979. The overall Round 12 highest score is 29.15 (189) by South Melbourne against St Kilda 2.6 (18) at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The highest score in a quarter for Round 12 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Melbourne in the last quarter against South Melbourne in 1936. The overall Round 12 highest score in a quarter is 17.4 (106) by South Melbourne in the last quarter against St Kilda at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The biggest bag of goals on the MCG in Round 12 was 10 kicked by Brian Taylor for Richmond against Fitzroy in 1982 and Jack Riewoldt for Richmond against West Coast in 2010. The overall Round 12 goalkicking record is 17 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Fitzroy at Victoria Park in 1930. The highest Round 12 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 2018 when 83,518 fans saw the Queen's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V HAWTHORN

Collingwood v Hawthorn by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
Docklands Stad.	1	2	0
Glenferrie Oval	33	10	0
MCG	13	26	0
Princes Park	3	10	0
Syd. Showground	1	0	0
Adelaide Oval	1	0	0
Victoria Park	43	10	0
Waverley Park	5	13	0
	100	71	0

Highest Score

Collingwood	25.19 (169)	Rd 13	1979	VP
Hawthorn	25.22 (172)	Rd 3	1976	PP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	4.12 (36)	Rd 11	1961	GO
Hawthorn	2.8 (20)	Rd 15	1950	VP
Hawthorn	2.8 (20)	Rd 1	1952	GO

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	105 points	Rd 13	1979	VP
Hawthorn	125 points	Rd 16	1987	VP

Last Time They Met - Round 19, 2024, MCG

	Hawthorn	Collingwood
Quarter time	3.3	1.4
Half time	7.8	1.11
Three-quarter time	12.9	4.12
Full time	20.13 (133)	9.13 (67)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

16	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 13	1929	VP
14	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 14	1934	VP
12	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 1	1966	VP
11	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 16	1989	PP
11	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 20	1990	Wav
10	M. Moncrieff	Haw	Rd 3	1976	PP

PETER MCKENNA HAD A BAD DAY

In Round 12, 1969, at Victoria Park the usually accurate Peter McKenna had a bad day. He had 11 scoring shots for one goal and ten behinds. The final scores read: Collingwood 9.24 (78) to Hawthorn 6.11 (47).

HAWTHORN'S JACK HALE MISSES MOST OF THE GAME

In Round 11, 1957 at Glenferrie Oval, Collingwood experienced a 19-point victory before a large crowd, estimated at 27,000. Hawthorn's coach, Jack Hale, had been involved in a car accident and could not get to the match until around three-quarter time. The captain, John Kennedy, acted as the coach for the day. Final scores read: Collingwood 13.15 (93) defeated Hawthorn 10.14 (74).

HAWTHORN'S FIRST WIN AGAINST THE MAGPIES

At Glenferrie Oval in Round 5, 1942, Hawthorn had its first victory against the Magpies; it was after 29 unsuccessful games. The scores read: Hawthorn 13.10 (88) to Collingwood 10.20 (80).

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