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AFL 2025 Round 22
Hawthorn v Collingwood

A Brief History of Collingwood v Hawthorn Games

Collingwood won the first 29 games against Hawthorn, Hawthorn had its first win in Round 15, 1942, it then had a second win in Round 11, 1943, both games played at Glenferrie Oval. The Hawks then lost 19 games in a row. It was not until 1960 in Round 13 when Hawthorn won its first game at Victoria Park. The margin was one point, with John Peck taking a mark as the siren rang and he kicked a goal to win the match.

Finals Between the Clubs

- 1974 first semi-final saw Hawthorn 21.12 (138) defeat Collingwood 13.10 (88). The crowd of 84,846 witnessed Hawk's Leigh Matthews kick seven goals and Michael Moncrieff four, while for Collingwood Peter McKenna, Ray Shaw and Bob Heard each kicked three apiece.
- 1977 second semi-final played at the MCG before a crowd of 87,421 fans. The final scores read Collingwood 17.10 (112) to Hawthorn 16.14 (110). For the winners Phil Carman and Peter Moore each kicked four goals, while for Hawthorn Peter Hudson kicked four goals and Leigh Matthews kicked three goals.
- 1978 qualifying final. Hawthorn 23.16 (154) defeated Collingwood 14.14 (98) in front of an MCG crowd of 79,931. For the Hawks Michael Moncrieff kicked eight goals and Peter Russo four goals. The Collingwood best goalkicker was Phil Carman with three.
- 2011 first preliminary final at the MCG before a crowd of 87,112. Collingwood 10.8 (68) defeated Hawthorn 9.11 (65). For the winners Chris Dawes and Travis Cloke each kicked three while Hawthorn's Lance "Buddy" Franklin kicked three goals.
- 2012 first qualifying final. In front of an MCG crowd of 85,639 Hawthorn 20.15 (135) defeated Collingwood 15.7 (97). The leading Hawthorn goal kicker was Lance "Buddy" Franklin with four goals, while for Collingwood Travis Cloke kicked six goals.

Played With Both Clubs

There have been 39 players who have appeared with both Collingwood and Hawthorn. Here is a one of those players.

John Dennis "Jiggy" Harris. John Harris once explained he was nicknamed "Jiggy" simply because he "kept jigging" about." He was recruited by Collingwood from Brighton, and he played with the Magpies from 1925 to 1929 in 88 games (48 goals). As a wingman or half-forward flanker, he was a member of the Magpies' 1927 and 1928 premiership sides. After the 1926 season the *Sporting Globe* commented, "His spectacular dashes and the manner in which he weaves his way through a bunch of players, has caused his opponents many anxious moments." Standing just 5'4" (162.5cm) and weighing 9st6lb (60kg) he was "slippery as an eel" and "busy as a bee". He was surprisingly dropped for the 1929 grand final denying him a third flag. He took it so badly, in fact, that he crossed to Hawthorn as captain/coach. At Hawthorn from 1930 to 1931, he played 34 games (10 goals). He then played with Coburg (VFA) in the losing grand final of 1933. He also coached Kew and Ivanhoe Amateurs, being named in Ivanhoe's Team of the Century. He did return to the Magpies for number of roles. Away from football, "Jiggy" Harris was a successful businessman. In 1979 he received an OAM for medical research and treatment, especially in the area of liver cell transplants.

Over To You

1. In what season did Hawthorn first reach the VFL finals?
2. Who was the captain of Collingwood's Team of the Century?
3. Who am I? In 31 finals at the MCG, I kicked 111 goals. I was the first player to kick 100 goals in a season. I played in Magpie flags in 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1935.
4. Which great Hawthorn player was 38 when he played his last VFL/AFL match?
5. Who am I? Despite an asthma problem I managed to score many goals and play more than 200 league matches. My vigorous style sometimes upset defenders. In 1960 I scored the winning goal after the final siren to give my club its first ever victory at Victoria Park. A year later I was a member of my club's first ever premiership.
6. Who has won Collingwood's best and fairest award, the Copeland Trophy, the most times?
7. Who coached Collingwood immediately before Leigh Matthews?

This Round in History - Round 22 at the MCG

The highest Round 22 score at the MCG is 25.20 (170) by Hawthorn against Richmond 13.8 (86) in 1992. The overall Round 22 highest score is 32.16 (208) by Essendon against Footscray 9.8 (62) at the Western Oval in 1982. The highest score in a quarter is 10.4 (64) by North Melbourne in the second quarter against Fitzroy in 1991 (Fitzroy won by a point) and by Richmond against Fitzroy in the last quarter in 1988 (Richmond won by 103 points). The overall Round 22 record is 13.4 (82) by Essendon against Footscray in the third quarter at the Western Oval in 1982. The biggest bag of goals is 12 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1992 (see above for match scores). This is also the overall Round 22 goalkicking record. The largest Round 22 attendance is 87,984 when Essendon played Carlton at the MCG in 1995.

Statistics for Hawthorn v Collingwood

Hawthorn v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Docklands Std.	2	1	0
Glenferrie Oval	10	33	0
MCG	26	14	0
Princes Park	10	3	0
Syd. Showgrnd.	0	1	0
Adelaide Oval	0	1	0
Victoria Park	10	43	0
Waverley Park	13	5	0
	71	101	0

Last Match – Round 12, 2025, MCG

	Collingwood	Hawthorn
Quarter time	4.1	3.3
Half time	10.3	6.3
Three-quarter time	14.9	8.5
Full time	16.11 (107)	8.8 (56)

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

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

The 1979 Night Grand Final

Hawthorn and Collingwood have never met in a VFL/AFL grand final. Nor have the clubs played off in an AFLW, Reserve Grade/VFL, VFLW, or Under 19 Grade grand final. However, the clubs did meet in the 1979 Night Series grand final. Organised by the VFL/AFL-initiated Australian Football Championships Pty. Ltd., the series had a knock-out format and was arguably the closest thing to a national club competition from 1979 to 1986. The 1979 series featured all 12 VFL (later AFL) clubs from Victoria, the eight senior Western Australian clubs, as well as the representative teams of Tasmania, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. In their respective semi finals, Collingwood defeated Fitzroy on Tuesday June 5, and Hawthorn defeated East Perth on Tuesday June 19. A Night Series record crowd of 37,753 attended VFL Park (later renamed Waverley Park) to watch the grand final on the evening of Tuesday July 3. It was a close first half with the teams entering the major break tied, the Pies scoring 5.1 (31) to the Hawks 4.7 (31). Collingwood would kick away in the second half, booting seven goals to three, and ultimately won by 28 points. The final scores were Collingwood 12.8 (80) to Hawthorn 7.10 (52). Collingwood's Peter McCormack was adjudged best on ground and the Magpies' Geoff Austen was the game's leading goalkicker with four.

Over To You Answers

Q1 1957 – Hawthorn's first final was the 1957 first semi final. Hawthorn 10.11 (71) def. Carlton 6.12 (48).   **Q2** Sydney Coventry.   **Q3** Gordon Coventry.   **Q4** Michael Tuck in the 1991 grand final.   **Q5** John Peck (Hawthorn).   **Q6** Nathan Buckley with six Copeland Trophies (1994, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2003).   **Q7** Bob Rose in the first three matches of 1996.

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