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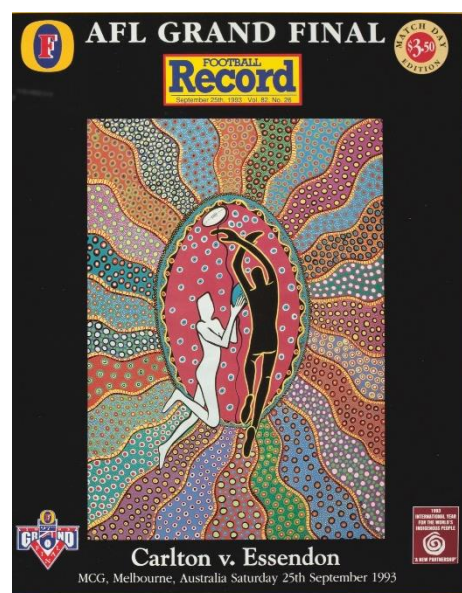
AFL 2025 ROUND 24 ESSENDON V CARLTON

AN EARLY BLUES STAR - ARCHIE SNELL

A rover, Archie Snell started his senior football career with VFA sides West Melbourne, Brunswick and Williamstown before going off to Carlton for the 1902 season. He was unfortunate to make his debut in Round 2 against South Melbourne at the Lake Oval. The Blues managed to score just 0.8 (8) for the afternoon with South scoring 8.13 (61). This remains Carlton's lowest score against both South Melbourne and Sydney. Snell was an elusive rover who specialised in wet conditions. He played a total of 92 games (56 goals) for the Blues from 1902 to 1907 including in the club's first grand final side of 1904, when, the team went down to Fitzroy by 24 points. He played his last Carlton game, against Essendon, in Round 16, 1907, when the Blues defeated the "Same Olds" by 31 points. However, something may have appealed to Snell about his opposition that day, as he went off to Essendon the next season. He made his debut for his new club in Round 6, 1908 and played well to see his side win a close tussle by four points. But he decided he had had enough and retired after that game.

THEIR LAST GRAND FINAL

It is 32 years since these two sides met in a grand final. The 1993 season home and away matches ended with these two sides equal on points at the top of the ladder, with the Bombers marginally ahead on percentage. Adelaide and the West Coast Eagles eliminated Hawthorn and North Melbourne in the elimination finals. Essendon and Carlton met in the qualifying final with the Blues victorious in a thriller by just two points. This saw Essendon take on the Eagles in the first semi final and Carlton meet Adelaide in the second semi final, with the two Melbourne sides victorious. The preliminary final saw the Bombers win a close fought battle with Adelaide by eleven points meaning that the grand final could well be another cliff hanger like the qualifying final. Sadly for the Blues fans this was not how it turned out. On a warm sunny day, Essendon got off to a flying start, and with their stars in Michael Long, Paul Salmon, Sean Denham and James Hird kicking goals, and Stephen Kernahan kicking Carlton's only goal, the Bombers took a 30-point lead into the second quarter. With Long and Dean Wallis kicking goals early in the quarter, things looked bleak for the Blues, but they steadied with goals to Rohan Welsh and Kernahan who kicked three for the quarter, but the Bombers still lead by 37 points at half-time. Early goals in the third quarter to Mark Mercuri and Salmon, meant the task was getting beyond the Blues and their deficit increased to 42 points at the last change and an even last quarter saw Essendon maintain their lead and the final siren sounded with them 44 points ahead. Paul Salmon, with five goals, Mark Mercuri with three and James Hird and Michael Long with two, were Essendon's multiple goalkickers. For Carlton a brave Stephen Kernahan kicked seven goals and Rohan Welsh two, they being the Blues' only multiple goalkickers. **Essendon 20.13 (133) def. Carlton 13.11 (89)**



OVER TO YOU

Essendon have had five Brownlow Medallists. Can you name them? To assist you the winning years were 1934, 1937, 1938, 1952, 1953, 1976, 1993 and 1996.

WHAT YEAR WAS THAT?

Can you name the year in which The Beatles released their Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band album, Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared at Portsea, Ross Smith won the Brownlow Medal and Red Handed won the Melbourne Cup?

THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 24 ON THE MCG

There have only been eleven AFL matches played on Round 24 at the MCG. These were played in 1991 (1 game), 1992 (1 game), 1994 (2 games), 2011 (2 games), 2023 (2 games) and 2024 (3 games). The highest score is 22.17 (149) by Hawthorn against Melbourne 20.11 (130) in 1992 and 22.17 (149) by Geelong against Collingwood 8.5 (53) in 2011. The biggest margin for this round at the MCG is 96 points by Geelong against Collingwood in 2011. The overall Round 24 highest score is 28.12 (180) by Adelaide against North Melbourne 16.11 (107) at Football Park in 1991. The largest winning margin on this round is Geelong's 96 points against Collingwood. The biggest bag of goals at the MCG in Round 24 is eight by David Cloke for Richmond against Carlton in 1991. This was the first Round 24 match at the ground and Cloke's last game of his 333-game career. The overall Round 24 goalkicking record is 11 by St Kilda's Tony Lockett against Sydney at Moorabbin in 1991. The biggest Round 24 attendance at the MCG is 85,705 for the 2011 Geelong v Collingwood clash. This is also the League record for this round.

STATISTICS FOR ESSENDON V CARLTON

Essendon v Carlton by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Carlton	Drawn
East Melbourne	14	11	1
MCG	39	32	4
Princes Park	28	48	1
SCG	0	1	0
Victoria Park	0	1	0
Waverley Park	11	6	0
Windy Hill	27	30	0
	119	129	6

Highest Score

Essendon	28.14 (182)	Rd 21	2005	MCG
Carlton	27.13 (175)	Rd 14	1975	WH

Lowest Score

Essendon	2.2 (14)	Rd 10	1903	PP
Carlton	1.2 (8)	Rd 15	1898	EMCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	109 points	Rd 6	1985	WH
Carlton	102 points	Rd 2	1936	PP

Last Match – Round 13, 2025, MCG

	Carlton	Essendon
Quarter time	6.4	1.1
Half time	8.6	4.2
Three-quarter time	9.8	8.3
Full time	11.12 (78)	11.4 (70)

OVER TO YOU ANSWER:

Dick Reynolds 1934, 1937 and 1938, Bill Hutchison 1952 and 1953, Graham Moss 1976, Gavin Wanganeen 1993 and James Hird 1996.

What Year was that? Answer: 1967

SUPER GOAL

The scoring system for all VFL/AFL premiership matches has been stable since the League's first season in 1897, when it was determined to award six points for a goal and one point for a behind (before then only goals were counted towards the score). However, for the AFL's 2003 preseason competition it was decided to introduce a "super goal" that was allocated nine points, while a rushed behind would concede three points. The three-point rushed behind was abandoned after the 2003 series, but the super goal would be retained as late as the AFL's 2017 preseason series.

A super goal was awarded when a player kicked a goal from outside the 50-metre arc. The 50-metre arcs were introduced to VFL/AFL grounds in 1987 purely as a means for spectators and players to judge distance from goal and had no bearing on the play let alone the result. With the advent of super goals, these arcs would have a practical purpose for one-and-a-half decades in the AFL's preseason series. For a super goal kicked on the run the player's foot had to be planted outside the arc, while for a set shot the defender on the mark had to be outside the arc. By initiating a super goal, it was hoped that it would encourage impressive long-range attempts at goal and keep the result of games alive longer, allowing teams that were well-behind to expedite a comeback. The goal umpire signalled a super goal by raising both arms up and waving two coloured flags (instead of the usual white).

Melbourne's Paul Wheatley scored the first super goal in the opening match of the 2003 Wizard Home Loans Cup against Richmond on February 21 at Docklands Stadium. The Demons won 2.12.0.15 (105) to 1.8.0.5 (62). Geelong's Andrew Mackie was the last player to kick a super goal when the Cats 1.17.11 (122) defeated Essendon 2.12.10 (100) in the second last match of the 2017 JLT Community Series on March 12 at the Queen Elizabeth II Oval, Bendigo. Essendon's Scott Lucas has scored the most career super goals with seven. Greater Western Sydney has scored the most super goals in a match with seven. The Giants 7.11.10 (139) defeated St Kilda 0.10.11 (71) in Week 3 of the 2014 NAB Challenge on March 1 at Robertson Oval, Wagga Wagga.

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