



## **MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 AFL 2025 2<sup>ND</sup> QUALIFYING FINAL GEELONG V BRISBANE LIONS**

### **QUALIFYING FINALS EXPLAINED**

The qualifying final was first played in 1972 following the introduction of the McIntyre final five system. One qualifying final was played each year from 1972 to 1993. Between 1972 and 1990 the qualifying final was played between teams that finished second and third on the ladder. The winner met the minor premier in the second semi final for a place in the grand final. The loser played the winner of the elimination final in the first semi final. In 1991, following the admission of Adelaide, which created a 15-team competition, the McIntyre final six was introduced. Under this system the first and second-placed teams played in the qualifying final, while the other four finalists faced elimination finals. The winner of the qualifying final progressed to the preliminary final and the loser played in a semi final. With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994, four qualifying finals were played in the first week when first played eighth, second played seventh, third played sixth and fourth played fifth. Under this system, the two lowest-placed losing teams were eliminated. In 2000, as part of the revised final eight system, two qualifying finals were played. Under the current scheme, the first-placed team plays fourth in the first qualifying final and the second-placed team plays third in the second qualifying final. The winners earn a week's break and progress to one of two preliminary finals. The losers must play the winners of the elimination finals in the semi finals.

### **PAST QUALIFYING FINALS AT THE MCG (1972-2023)**

The inaugural qualifying final was played at the MCG in 1972. Richmond 25.14 (164) defeated Collingwood 18.12 (120) before a crowd of 91,900. The largest qualifying final attendance was 95,028 for the 2017 second qualifying final between Geelong and Richmond. The highest score in a qualifying final is 198 points recorded by Essendon 31.12 (198) against the Kangaroos 11.7 (73) in 2000 at the MCG. The 125-point margin is also the greatest in a qualifying final. The overall highest score for a quarter in a qualifying final is 11.4 (70) by Carlton against Hawthorn in 1982 at the MCG. The lowest score in a qualifying final at the MCG is 5.13 (43) by Richmond against Essendon in the 2001 first qualifying final. The lowest at all venues is 5.12 (42) by Geelong against Port Adelaide in the 2020 first qualifying final at the Adelaide Oval. The best bag of goals in a qualifying final at the MCG is nine by Geelong's Billy Brownless against Footscray in 1992. Two years later, at the same venue, Brownless kicked a dramatic goal after the final siren to defeat Footscray by five points in the 1994 first qualifying final. Hawthorn's Michael Moncrieff (1978), Fitzroy's Bernie Quinlan (1983) and another Hawk, Lance "Buddy" Franklin (2008) have each kicked eight goals in a qualifying final at the MCG. Carlton's Warren Ralph (1984) kicked eight at Waverley. Ralph and Quinlan achieved their feat in losing teams.

## FINALS APPEARANCES

### GEELONG

First Final: 1897 Round Robin Finals at Corio Oval – **Essendon 5.5 (35)** defeated **Geelong 3.11 (29)**.

Most Recent Finals Appearance: 2024 second preliminary final at the MCG – **Brisbane 14.11 (95)** defeated **Geelong 12.13 (85)**.

Premierships (10): 1925, 1931, 1937, 1951, 1952, 1963, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2022.

Norm Smith Medallists: Gary Ablett Snr (1989), Steve Johnson (2007), Paul Chapman (2009), Jimmy Bartel (2011), Isaac Smith (2022).

Most Finals Appearances: Joel Selwood (40) – an AFL record.

Most Goals in Finals: Gary Ablett Snr (64).

Brownlow Medallists: Edward “Carji” Greeves (1924), Bernie Smith (1951), Alistair Lord (1962), Paul Couch (1989), Jimmy Bartel (2007), Gary Ablett Jnr (2009), Patrick Dangerfield (2016).

### BRISBANE

First Final: 1995 fourth qualifying final at the MCG – **Carlton 13.12 (90)** defeated **Brisbane 12.5 (77)**.

Most Recent Finals Appearance: 2024 grand final at the MCG – **Brisbane 18.12 (120)** defeated **Sydney 9.6 (60)**.

Premierships (4): 2001, 2002, 2003, 2024.

Norm Smith Medallists: Shaun Hart (2001), Simon Black (2003), Will Ashcroft (2024).

Most Finals Appearances for Brisbane: Nigel Lappin and Justin Leppitsch (23).

Most Goals in Finals: Alastair Lynch (65).

Brownlow Medallists: Michael Voss (1996 tied), Jason Akermanis (2001), Simon Black (2002), Lachie Neale (2020 & 2023).

## GEELONG AND THE BRISBANE LIONS IN FINALS

These teams have contested four finals before today. All their previous finals have been preliminary finals:

2004 Second Preliminary Final at the MCG

**Brisbane 12.12 (84)** defeated **Geelong 10.15 (75)**; Crowd: 55,768

2020 Second Preliminary Final at the Gabba

**Geelong 11.16 (82)** defeated **Brisbane 6.6 (42)**; Crowd: 29,121

2022 First Preliminary Final at the MCG

**Geelong 18.12 (120)** defeated **Brisbane 7.7 (49)**; Crowd: 77,677

2024 Second Preliminary Final at the MCG

**Brisbane 14.11 (95)** defeated **Geelong 12.13 (85)**; Crowd: 93,066.

## THE COACHES

### Chris Scott (Geelong)

Both Chris and his twin brother Brad represented Brisbane in the AFL. Chris played his early football with St Kevin’s College (later completing Year 12 at Brisbane Boys’ College) and Eastern Ranges TAC. After being drafted in 1993, Chris played 215 games, and 79 goals, for Brisbane from 1994 to 2007 and was a two-time premiership player for the Lions (2001 and 2002). Appointed as an assistant coach at

Fremantle under Mark Harvey in 2008, he spent three years with the Dockers before being appointed senior coach at Geelong for the 2011 season. Geelong went on to win the 2011 premiership, defeating Collingwood in the grand final. He has coached the Cats to the finals in all but two seasons, including a grand final loss to Richmond in 2020 and a second premiership in 2022, when they defeated Sydney Swans by 81 points in the grand final.

### Chris Fagan (Brisbane)

Chris Fagan spent his entire playing career in Tasmania, representing Hobart, Sandy Bay, Devonport and North Hobart (over 250 games from 1978 to 1990). After retiring as a player, he was an assistant coach at North Hobart (1991-92), senior coach at Sandy Bay (1993-94) and coach of the Tassie Mariners (Tasmania U18s 1995-97). He then joined Melbourne as an assistant coach under Neale Daniher between 1998 and 2007, before moving to Hawthorn as General Manager of Football and an assistant coach from 2008 to 2016. During his time at Hawthorn, under senior coach Alastair Clarkson, the Hawks won premierships in 2008, 2013, 2014 and 2015. In late 2016 Fagan was appointed senior coach of the Brisbane Lions, replacing Justin Leppitsch. While the Lions made the finals each year from 2019 to 2023, losing to Collingwood in the 2023 grand final, it was not until 2024 that Fagan coached them to a premiership.

## QUALIFYING FINALS SCORES

1972	QF	MCG	Richmond	25.14 (164)	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	91,900
1973	QF	MCG	Carlton	13.13 (91)	Richmond	10.11 (71)	86,386
1974	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	15.13 (103)	Hawthorn	8.17 (65)	77,519
1975	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	14.12 (96)	Carlton	12.4 (76)	74,015
1976	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	14.19 (103)	North Melbourne	12.11 (83)	64,148
1977	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.11 (125)	North Melbourne	12.15 (87)	64,052
1978	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	23.16 (154)	Collingwood	14.14 (98)	79,931
1979	QF	MCG	North Melbourne	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	9.28 (82)	84,660
1980	QF	Waverley	Richmond	18.8 (116)	Carlton	10.14 (74)	59,014
1981	QF	MCG	Geelong	16.16 (112)	Collingwood	13.20 (98)	83,899
1982	QF	MCG	Carlton	25.13 (163)	Hawthorn	16.9 (105)	70,552
1983	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	19.13 (127)	Fitzroy	19.9 (123)	58,288
1984	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	18.14 (122)	Carlton	13.14 (92)	55,947
1985	QF	MCG	Hawthorn	22.23 (155)	Footscray	8.14 (62)	58,449
1986	QF	MCG	Carlton	18.12 (120)	Sydney	15.14 (104)	66,016
1987	QF	Waverley	Hawthorn	23.18 (156)	Sydney	8.9 (57)	47,752
1988	QF	MCG	Carlton	22.13 (145)	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	83,032
1989	QF	MCG	Essendon	24.13 (157)	Geelong	11.15 (81)	75,861
1990	QF	Waverley	Collingwood	13.12 (90)	West Coast	13.12 (90)	57,546
1990	QF Replay	Waverley	Collingwood	19.12 (126)	West Coast	9.13 (67)	53,520
1991	QF	Subiaco Oval	Hawthorn	18.16 (124)	West Coast	15.11 (101)	44,142

1992	QF	MCG	Geelong	26.16 (172)	Footscray	17.9 (111)	68,753
1993	QF	MCG	Carlton	15.10 (100)	Essendon	14.14 (98)	79,739
1994	1QF	MCG	Geelong	15.16 (106)	Footscray	15.11 (101)	61,182
1994	2QF	Waverley	North Melbourne	15.24 (114)	Hawthorn	13.13 (91)	38,223
1994	3QF	MCG	Melbourne	18.15 (123)	Carlton	14.12 (96)	56,111
1994	4QF	WACA	West Coast	11.16 (82)	Collingwood	12.8 (80)	31,824
1995	1QF	Waverley	Essendon	11.8 (74)	West Coast	8.7 (55)	36,102
1995	2QF	MCG	North Melbourne	17.12 (114)	Richmond	12.12 (84)	68,226
1995	3QF	MCG	Geelong	24.11 (155)	Footscray	10.13 (73)	59,889
1995	4QF	MCG	Carlton	13.12 (90)	Brisbane Bears	12.5 (77)	52,092
1996	1QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	18.17 (125)	Carlton	10.10 (70)	41,501
1996	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Bears	15.11 (101)	Essendon	15.10 (100)	21,964
1996	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	19.17 (131)	Geelong	9.17 (71)	69,323
1996	4QF	SCG	Sydney	13.12 (90)	Hawthorn	12.12 (84)	37,010
1997	1QF	Football Park	Adelaide	14.15 (99)	West Coast	9.12 (66)	43,831
1997	2QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.11 (119)	Sydney	12.12 (84)	62,432
1997	3QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.13 (79)	Geelong	9.7 (61)	55,561
1997	4QF	Waverley	St Kilda	20.15 (135)	Brisbane Lions	13.11 (89)	50,035
1998	1QF	MCG	Melbourne	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	9.13 (67)	60,817
1998	2QF	SCG	Sydney	12.17 (89)	St Kilda	13.9 (87)	36,056
1998	3QF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.13 (121)	West Coast	7.9 (51)	43,025
1998	4QF	MCG	North Melbourne	11.16 (82)	Essendon	8.12 (60)	71,154
1999	1QF	MCG	West Coast	9.11 (65)	Western Bulldogs	8.12 (60)	41,227
1999	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	20.18 (138)	Carlton	8.17 (65)	26,112
1999	3QF	MCG	Kangaroos	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	31,476
1999	4QF	MCG	Essendon	18.15 (123)	Sydney	7.12 (54)	57,687
2000	1QF	MCG	Essendon	31.12 (198)	Kangaroos	11.7 (73)	68,443
2000	2QF	MCG	Melbourne	15.6 (96)	Carlton	12.15 (87)	75,570
2001	1QF	MCG	Essendon	17.11 (113)	Richmond	5.13 (43)	78,253
2001	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	12.16 (88)	Port Adelaide	8.8 (56)	32,380
2002	1QF	Football Park	Collingwood	16.12 (108)	Port Adelaide	14.11 (95)	33,131
2002	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	17.13 (115)	Adelaide	5.14 (44)	31,854
2003	1QF	Football Park	Sydney	15.10 (100)	Port Adelaide	13.10 (88)	33,968
2003	2QF	MCG	Collingwood	9.12 (66)	Brisbane Lions	7.9 (51)	66,092
2004	1QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	18.9 (117)	Geelong	9.8 (62)	39,250

2004	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	23.11 (149)	St Kilda	10.9 (69)	33,582
2005	1QF	Football Park	St Kilda	10.5 (65)	Adelaide	8.9 (57)	48,768
2005	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	10.9 (69)	Sydney	10.5 (65)	43,302
2006	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Sydney	13.7 (85)	West Coast	12.12 (84)	43,116
2006	2QF	Football Park	Adelaide	10.16 (76)	Fremantle	7.4 (46)	42,208
2007	1QF	MCG	Geelong	23.18 (156)	Kangaroos	8.2 (50)	77,630
2007	2QF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	9.14 (68)	West Coast	9.11 (65)	37,750
2008	1QF	MCG	Geelong	17.17 (119)	St Kilda	8.13 (61)	71,653
2008	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	18.19 (127)	Western Bulldogs	11.10 (76)	76,703
2009	1QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.8 (80)	Collingwood	7.10 (52)	84,213
2009	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.12 (96)	Western Bulldogs	12.10 (82)	74,007
2010	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	17.22 (124)	Western Bulldogs	8.14 (62)	66,672
2010	2QF	MCG	St Kilda	12.11 (83)	Geelong	11.13 (79)	63,785
2011	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	12.10 (82)	West Coast	9.8 (62)	67,502
2011	2QF	MCG	Geelong	14.14 (98)	Hawthorn	9.13 (67)	73,601
2012	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	20.15 (135)	Collingwood	15.7 (97)	84,625
2012	2QF	Football Park	Sydney	11.5 (71)	Adelaide	5.12 (42)	44,849
2013	1QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.15 (105)	Sydney	7.9 (51)	59,615
2013	2QF	Kardinia Park	Geelong	9.18 (72)	Fremantle	12.15 (87)	32,458
2014	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	12.15 (93)	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	35,998
2014	2QF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.14 (104)	Geelong	10.8 (68)	74,757
2015	1QF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	10.9 (69)	Sydney	7.18 (60)	40,071
2015	2QF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	14.12 (96)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	42,663
2016	1QF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	7.13 (55)	Greater Western Sydney	12.19 (91)	60,222
2016	2QF	MCG	Geelong	12.13 (85)	Hawthorn	12.11 (83)	87,533
2017	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Adelaide	12.12 (84)	Greater Western Sydney	6.12 (48)	52,805
2017	2QF	MCG	Geelong	5.10 (40)	Richmond	13.13 (91)	95,028
2018	1QF	MCG	Richmond	13.17 (95)	Hawthorn	9.10 (64)	91,446
2018	2QF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	12.14 (86)	Collingwood	10.10 (70)	59,585
2019	1QF	MCG	Geelong	7.9 (51)	Collingwood	9.7 (61)	93,436
2019	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	8.17 (65)	Richmond	16.4 (112)	37,478
2020	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	9.4 (58)	Geelong	5.12 (42)	22,755
2020	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	10.9 (69)	Richmond	8.6 (54)	22,104
2021	1QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	12.14 (86)	Geelong	5.13 (43)	19,712
2021	2QF	Adelaide Oval	Melbourne	13.15 (93)	Brisbane Lions	9.6 (60)	13,784

2022	2QF	MCG	Melbourne	10.9.(69)	Sydney	14.7.(91)	78,377
2022	1QF	MCG	Geelong	11.12 (78)	Collingwood	10.12 (72)	91,525
2023	1QF	MCG	Collingwood	9.6 (60)	Melbourne	7.11 (63)	92,636
2023	2QF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	19.9 (123)	Port Adelaide	11.9 (75)	36,020
2024	2QF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	7.12 (54)	Geelong	20.18 (138)	50,342
2024	1QF	SCG	Sydney	13.10 (88)	Greater Western Sydney	12.10 (82)	43,189

## **LAST TIME THEY MET** **ROUND 15 2025, KARDINIA PARK**

	GEELONG	BRISBANE
Quarter Time	1.3	4.2
Half Time	3.5	7.4
Three-quarter time	5.10	11.6
FULL TIME	6.15 (51)	14.8 (92)

## **FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE**

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