



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 1

MELBOURNE V WESTERN BULLDOGS

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THE DEMONS' 2021 BEST & FAIREST

Held on Friday December 17, Melbourne's Best and Fairest was the last such AFL club award decided for the year. Melbourne on-baller, Clayton Oliver, won the Keith "Bluey" Truscott Memorial Trophy. The 24 year-old finished with 670 votes to edge out Christian Petracca (644) in second, with captain Max Gawn (542) finishing third. This is the third occasion Clayton Oliver has won the award, with victories in 2017, 2019 and 2021. Demon coach, Simon Goodwin, praised Oliver's performance in 2021: "To be awarded the Best and Fairest in a premiership winning side is an amazing honour, and Clayton should be proud." Goodwin said. Oliver had a memorable season, he gained All Australian selection, won the AFLCA Player of the Year award and finished third, behind Ollie Wines and Marcus Bontempelli, in the Brownlow Medal.

THE BULLDOGS' 2021 BEST & FAIREST.

Marcus Bontempelli was 25 years old when he collected a fourth All Australian blazer and was named All Australian vice-captain, the AFLPA's Most Valuable Player and Best Captain for the first time in his career. Marcus Bontempelli won the Western Bulldogs' Best & Fairest award and was runner-up in the 2021 Brownlow Medal. Only five players in Western Bulldog history have won more Best & Fairest awards than Bontempelli – Scott West (7), Gary Dempsey (6), John Schultz (5), Norm Ware (5) and Ted Whitten (5). Bontempelli previously received Best and Fairest honours in 2016, 2017 and 2019. He again won the award in 2021. He finished in first place with 353 votes, Jack Macrae second with 296 votes and Tom Liberatori third with 291 votes.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Greg Parke (1948 – 2021) originally recruited from Bentleigh, was 6'1" (185cm) and 187lb (85kg). Parke was a centre-half-forward, his best year in front of goals came with Melbourne in 1972 when he topped the club's goal-kicking with 63 goals. Parke played 119 games and kicked 169 goals with Melbourne from 1968 to 1973. He then moved to Footscray in 1974 playing 37 games and kicking 56 goals in two seasons. In the 1976 season he moved to Norwood in the SANFL. Parke returned to the VFL in 1977 for one last season when he played for Fitzroy in 15 games contributing 17 goals. He died on the day that two of his former teams, Melbourne and the Western Bulldogs met in the 2021 AFL grand final.

Kelvin Templeton (b.1956) was recruited to the Bulldogs from Traralgon in the Latrobe Valley Football League. He was a tall man at 6'3" (191cm) and weighed 207lb (94kg). A damaging forward, he played with Footscray from 1974 to 1982 in 143 games kicking 494 goals. At Footscray he was club captain in 1982, Best and Fairest in 1978 and 1980 and Brownlow Medallist in 1980. He won the Coleman Medal (leading goal-kicker in the league) in 1978 and 1979 and on five occasions was Footscray's leading goal-kicker in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980. Part of a buying-spree, moving to Melbourne from 1983 to 1985, he registered 34 games and kicked 99 goals. He led the Melbourne goal-kicking in 1984. His career was shortened by injury. Kelvin Templeton later became the CEO of the Sydney Swans.

OVER TO YOU

1. When did Footscray play its first finals match in the VFL/AFL?
2. Who was the first player to be selected in 250 league matches for Melbourne?
3. Why did Melbourne not participate in the league competition from 1916 to 1918?
4. Which team opposed Footscray in the 1961 grand final?
5. How many league matches did Ted Whitten Snr play for Footscray?
6. 52 different players played in Melbourne's six premiership teams between 1955 and 1964. Who was the only man to play in all of them with Ron Barassi?
7. Ambrose Palmer became Australian Heavyweight Champion. For which league club did he play?
8. Which West Coast and Melbourne full forward of the 1980s and 1990s was inducted into the San Diego/Los Angeles Chargers Hall of Fame (American football) in 2012?

This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon which kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only one has taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 90,151 for the Carlton-Richmond game in 2018.

Statistics for Melbourne v Footscray/Western Bulldogs

Melbourne v Footscray/Western Bulldogs by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Bulldogs	Drawn
Carrara	0	1	0
Docklands	9	10	0
MCG	46	29	0
Perth Stadium	1	0	0
Princes Park	0	5	0
Punt Road	2	2	0
Waverley Park	4	1	0
Western Oval	28	31	1
	90	79	1

Highest Score

Melbourne	23.21 (159)	Rd 9	1984	Wav
Footscray	26.13 (169)	Rd 15	1985	WO

Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.9 (27)	Rd 8	1932	WO
Footscray	3.6 (24)	Rd 11	1963	WO

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	80 points	Rd 12	1943	PR
Footscray	120 points	Rd 15	1985	WO

Last Time They Met – 2021 Grand Final, Perth Stad.

	Melbourne	Bulldogs
Quarter time	4.5	1.2
Half time	5.9	7.5
Three-quarter time	12.11	9.5
Full time	21.14 (140)	10.6 (66)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	Norm Smith	Melb	Rd 17	1941	MCG
12	Simon Beasley	Foos	Rd 15	1985	WO
11	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 12	1943	PR
10	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 18	1947	WO
10	Ron Grove	Foos	Rd 5	1946	PR

MELBOURNE AND FOOTSCRAY/WESTERN BULLDOGS FINALS

In only five finals between them, the clubs have met in two grand finals. Footscray were victors in 1954 and Melbourne in 2021. The teams met in the first semi-final in 1946 in front of 61,277 and the Demons won 17.18 (120) to 15.12 (102), the 1954 grand final when Footscray 15.12 (102) defeated Melbourne 7.9 (51) with a crowd of 80,897 in attendance, the 1961 preliminary final with the Bulldogs victors, 13.7 (85) to 8.10 (58) before a crowd of 86,118, 1994 semi final with a crowd of 65,577 Melbourne 21.18 (144) to 9.11 (65) and the 2021 grand final played at Perth Stadium when Melbourne 21.14 (140) defeated Western Bulldogs 10.6 (66).

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James Cook, born in 1974 played at North Hobart while still a teenager and was recruited by Carlton with the second pick of the 1990 AFL draft. His league career involved time at Carlton in 1994 and 1995 with 25 games and 35 goals, his next move was to the Western Bulldogs in 1996 to 1999 where played 49 games and kicked 96 goals. His last AFL season was in 2000 when he played the first three games of the season for Melbourne, he finished with eight goals but against the Kangaroos he booted a match-winning six goals; injuries ended his career.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 1938, against Collingwood in the first semi final – Collingwood 18.9 (117) defeated Footscray 10.16 (76).

Q2 Brian Dixon. **Q3** They did not return due to absence of players still committed to WWI. **Q4** Hawthorn.

Q5 321. **Q6** Frank "Bluey" Adams. **Q7** Footscray. (1933-1943, 83 games, 44 goals). **Q8** Darren Bennett.

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