



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 11 NARRM V FREMANTLE

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THEIR ONLY FINAL

The only time that Melbourne and Fremantle have met in the finals was in 2006. Fremantle finished the season in third position on the ladder with 15 wins and seven losses, while Melbourne finished seventh with 13 wins, eight losses and a draw. In the first week of the finals, Melbourne defeated St Kilda in the second elimination final and Fremantle lost to Adelaide in the second qualifying final. This led to the Demons and Dockers facing each other in the second semi final at Subiaco Oval on Friday, September 15. A crowd of 42,505 (still the largest attendance for any match between these teams) saw the game. The Dockers were captained by Peter Bell and coached by Chris Connolly; the Demons were captained by David Neitz and coached by Neale Daniher.

The game was a tight affair early on, the Dockers leading by three points at quarter time (3.3 to 3.0). Melbourne scored the first three goals of the second quarter and held a lead of 16 points just after the six-minute mark. The Dockers fought back, however, and when Ryan Murphy kicked their fourth goal of the quarter during time-on they hit the front again. They were six points ahead at the main break (7.9 to 7.3). A goal to David Neitz put Melbourne back in the lead early in the third term but the Dockers then got on top and held a 23-point advantage just before three quarter time. A late goal to Melbourne reduced the margin to 17 points at the final change. The Dockers' inaccuracy – they kicked four goals six to three goals one in the third quarter – had helped keep Melbourne in the game.

While the Demons kicked the first goal of the final quarter, the Dockers solidified their lead by kicking the next three majors. They eventually won the game by 28 points, 14.18 (102) to 11.8 (74). Matthew Carr, Jeff Farmer, Ryan Murphy and Matthew Pavlich kicked two goals each for the Dockers; Russell Robertson and David Neitz both kicked three goals for the Demons. This was the Dockers' first AFL finals win; they lost the first preliminary final to Sydney the following week. Their first final had been in 2003 when they were defeated by Essendon in the first elimination final. They did not make the finals again until 2006.

FIRST MCG CLASH

Melbourne won the first AFL clash between the Demons and the Dockers at the MCG in Round 20, 1996. The Demons led at every change – by 20 points at quarter time, ten points at half-time and 13 points at three quarter time. They eventually won the game by 21 points, the final scores being Melbourne 13.14 (92) to Fremantle 10.11. (71). Anthony Ingerson was Melbourne's leading goalkicker with three; Kingsley Hunter booted three for the Dockers. Melbourne players Stephen Tingay (3), Jim Stynes (2) and Glenn Lovett (1) were awarded Brownlow Medal votes.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who followed Gerard Neesham as coach of Fremantle?
2. At which venue did Fremantle win their first AFL game?
3. Who was selected at centre half forward in Melbourne's Team of the Century?
4. Who scored the first ever goal for Fremantle in the AFL in Round 1, 1995?
5. Who coached Melbourne in 1968, following Norm Smith's retirement at the end of the 1967 season?
6. Who was Fremantle's first captain?
7. In what year did Melbourne win their first premiership in the VFL?
8. How many times have Fremantle appeared in an AFL grand final?
9. Who am I? I made my VFL debut for Melbourne in 1931, being recruited from the Ballarat area. I was a member of the Demons' 1939, 1940 and 1941 premiership teams and coached the club from 1942 to 1944. I also played first-class cricket for Victoria and in later life became a respected football journalist. I passed away in 2004.
10. Who am I? I played 85 games for the Demons from 1967 to 1972. I came from Tasmania and also represented the Melbourne Cricket Club. I made my first-class debut for Victoria in 1969 and later represented Australia as a right-arm fast-medium bowler.

This Round in History – Round 11 on the MCG

The highest Round 11 score at the MCG is 25.11 (161) by Collingwood against St Kilda in 1995. The overall record is 25.29 (179) by Fitzroy against Geelong 8.8 (56) at the Brunswick Street Oval in 1944. The most goals in a game is 12 by Bob Johnson Snr for Melbourne against Hawthorn in 1933. The overall Round 11 record is 15 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1933. The highest score in a quarter in this round at the MCG is 10.5 (65) which has been achieved twice, both times by Richmond against Footscray. The first instance was in the third quarter of a 1970 clash and the second in the last quarter in a 1978 match. The overall Round 11 record for the highest score in a quarter is 11.5 (71) by Fitzroy against Geelong in the third quarter at Brunswick Street in 1944. The highest Round 11 attendance at the MCG is 87,653 in 1989 when Geelong defeated Essendon by 54 points. The overall Round 11 attendance record is 92,935 at Waverley Park in 1981 when Hawthorn defeated Collingwood by 46 points.

Statistics for Melbourne v Fremantle

Melbourne v Fremantle by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Fremantle	Drawn
MCG	9	7	0
Docklands	2	1	0
Subiaco Oval	3	11	0
WACA	1	2	0
Marrara	2	1	0
Cazaly Stad.	0	1	0
	17	23	0

Highest Score

Melbourne	25.10 (160)	Rd 20	2000	Dock
Fremantle	22.12 (144)	Rd 10	1999	MCG
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Lowest Score

Melbourne	4.9 (33)	Rd 16	2020	Caz
Fremantle	6.11 (47)	Rd 16	2020	Caz

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	83 points	Rd 20	2000	Dock
Fremantle	90 points	Rd 9	2013	Subi

Last Time They Met – Round 1, 2021, MCG

	Melbourne	Fremantle
Quarter time	4.4	0.4
Half time	7.6	3.8
Three-quarter time	9.8	6.9
Full time	11.14 (80)	8.10 (58)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

10	Tony Modra	Frem	Rd 10	1999	MCG
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DID YOU KNOW?

Tony Modra established his reputation as a champion AFL full forward for the Adelaide Crows from 1992 to 1998. In 118 games for the Crows, he kicked 440 goals. He topped their goalkicking every year from 1993 to 1997, including 129 goals in 1993. He led the AFL goalkicking in 1997 with 81. From 1999 to 2001 Modra played 47 games, and kicked 148 goals, for Fremantle. He led the Dockers goalkicking in 1999 with 71. At the MCG in Round 10, 1999, Modra kicked 10 goals for Fremantle in their 54-point win over the Demons. At the beginning of the 2022 season, this remained the most goals kicked by a Fremantle player in any AFL match.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Jason Norrish was originally recruited to Melbourne from Claremont in the WAFL. A determined tagger, who was often used to negate leading players from opposition clubs, he made his debut for the Demons during the 1993 season and played a total of 20 games (two goals) for Melbourne in 1993 and 1994. When the Fremantle Dockers came into the AFL, Norrish was targeted by them as a priority signing. The fact that the Dockers' inaugural coach, Gerard Neesham, had been Norrish's coach at Claremont clearly playing a role in his recruitment. Norrish made his debut for the Dockers in their first ever AFL match (Round 1, 1995 against Richmond). He was hampered by injury in his first three seasons for the club but played all 22 games in 1998 and was named club champion. From 1995 to 2002 he played 128 games for Fremantle and kicked 23 goals. He was the third Docker to record 100 games and was club vice-captain from 1999 to 2001. After retiring from the AFL football at the end of the 2002 season Norrish returned to Claremont and played one further season in the WAFL, before work commitments led him to retire.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 Damian Drum. Q2 Whitten Oval – Round 3, 1995, v Fitzroy. Q3 Ivor Warne-Smith. Q4 Todd Ridley. Q5 John Beckwith. Q6 Ben Allan. Q7 1900. Q8 Once (2013). Q9 Percy Beames. Q10 Max Walker.

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