



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 12 HAWTHORN V COLLINGWOOD

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JOHN KENNEDY'S UNEXPECTED COACHING DEBUT AT HAWTHORN

John Kennedy Snr played a total of 164 games for Hawthorn from 1950 to 1959. He was the Hawks captain from 1955 until he retired from playing at the end of the 1959 season. He then took over as Hawthorn's senior coach from Jack Hale in 1960.

Kennedy was, however, unexpectedly thrust into the role of coach for one game before his playing career ended. As Richard Allsop and Peter Haby explain in *Mud, Muscle and Blood. The Story of the 1957 Hawks*, Kennedy's unexpected coaching debut occurred in the Round 11 match against Collingwood at Glenferrie Oval in 1957. On his way to Glenferrie Oval coach Jack Hale was involved in a car accident on the corner of Elgin and Denham streets, Hawthorn. In the car with him was his wife (Jean), his two young daughters (Janice and Elizabeth) and three of his daughters' friends. All were taken to the Alfred Hospital following the accident where Jack received 16 stitches in a badly cut hand. Jean was more seriously injured, having suffered a fractured pelvis and head injuries, and Jack waited at the hospital until she was admitted. By the time Jack joined the crowd of 27,000 at Glenferrie Oval the last term was underway. In his absence captain John Kennedy had taken over the coaching duties, addressing the team before the game and during the intervals. The Hawks trailed by just four points at three quarter time but they ran out of steam in the last quarter and the Magpies won by 19 points – 13.15 (93) to 10.14 (74).

John Kennedy eventually coached 412 league games, including guiding the Hawks to premierships in 1961, 1971 and 1976. He had a winning percentage of nearly 60 for his entire league coaching career and it was even higher during his time at Hawthorn. Nevertheless, things started slowly when Kennedy first took over at Glenferrie Oval. Not only did the Hawks lose the one game in which Kennedy was in charge in 1957 but it wasn't until Round 6, 1960 (against North Melbourne) that they recorded their first win under his coaching.

FIRST HOME AND WAY CLASH AT THE MCG

While the first VFL/AFL clash between the Hawks and Magpies at the MCG was the 1974 second semi final, and they played each other in finals again at the MCG in 1977 and 1978, it was not until 1995 that the clubs first met in a home and away game at the 'G. In Round 20, 1995, a crowd of 51,746 saw Collingwood hold on to win a Friday night game by just three points. The Pies were in control for most of the game, leading by 15 points at the first change, 28 points at half-time and 20 points at the final change. The Hawks stormed home with four goals to one in the final term, however, and just failed to win the game. The final scores were Collingwood 15.14 (104) to Hawthorn 15.11 (101). Jason Dunstall kicked four goals for the Hawks and Saverio Rocca booted four for the Magpies.

OVER TO YOU

1. In which year did Collingwood win their first VFL premiership?
2. In which year did Hawthorn win their first VFL premiership?
3. How many times have Collingwood and Hawthorn met in a League grand final?
4. Who coached Collingwood's 1990 premiership side?
5. Who coached Hawthorn's 1988 premiership side?
6. In which year did Hawthorn first play in the VFL finals?
7. Following Hawthorn's entry to VFL competition in 1925, in which year did they first finish above Collingwood on the ladder after the home and away season?
8. In which year did Jock McHale retire as Collingwood coach?
9. In which year did Allan Jeans commence as Hawthorn coach?
10. Which former Melbourne champion was captain and coach of Hawthorn in 1929?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

This Round in History – Round 12 on the MCG

The highest Round 12 score on the MCG is 25.16 (166) by Richmond against South Melbourne in 1979. The overall Round 12 highest score is 29.15 (189) by South Melbourne against St Kilda 2.6(18) at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The highest score in a quarter for Round 12 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Melbourne in the last quarter against South Melbourne in 1936. The overall Round 12 highest score in a quarter is 17.4 (106) by South Melbourne in the last quarter against St Kilda at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The biggest bag of goals on the MCG in Round 12 was 10 kicked by Brian Taylor for Richmond against Fitzroy in 1982 and Jack Riewoldt for Richmond against West Coast in 2010. The overall Round 12 goalkicking record is 17 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Fitzroy at Victoria Park in 1930. The highest Round 12 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 2018 when 83,518 fans saw the Queen's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

Statistics for Hawthorn v Collingwood

Hawthorn v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Docklands	2	1	0
Glenferrie	10	33	0
MCG	24	12	0
Princes Park	10	3	0
Syd. Showgnd	0	1	0
Victoria Park	10	43	0
Waverley	13	5	0
	69	98	0

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

Last Time They Met – Round 21, 2021, MCG

	Collingwood	Hawthorn
Quarter time	4.2	2.2
Half time	8.3	3.3
Three-quarter time	13.5	8.5
Full time	15.7 (97)	12.6 (78)

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

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Ian Bremner joined Collingwood from Pearcedale in 1966 and played one game for the Magpies in the final round of that season. He moved to Hawthorn the following season and had an illustrious career for the Hawks, playing 158 games from 1967 to 1976. He was a member of Hawthorn's 1971 and 1976 premierships sides and their grand final team that lost to North Melbourne in 1975. After retiring from VFL football Bremner moved to Tasmania where he coached TANFL side North Hobart in 1977 and 1978.

Jack Carmody was recruited to Collingwood from Fairfield. He played 94 games for the Magpies from 1933 to 1939, being a member of their back-to-back premierships teams in 1935 and 1936. He was mainly used on the wing and in the late 1930s often found himself on the sidelines because of the strength of Collingwood's teams. He crossed to Hawthorn in 1940 and recorded 64 games for them from 1940 to 1944 and in 1946. He played up forward for Hawthorn, kicking 46 of his 58 League goals during his stint with the brown and gold.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 1902; **Q2** 1961; **Q3** They have never met in a grand final. **Q4** Leigh Matthews. **Q5** Alan Joyce. **Q6** 1957. **Q7** 1943 – Hawthorn finished fifth and Collingwood tenth. **Q8** 1949. **Q9** 1981 (he had previously coached St Kilda from 1961 to 1976). **Q10** Bert Chadwick.

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