



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2021 ROUND 16 MELBOURNE V GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

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### THE FIRST GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY COACH

In 2012 Kevin Sheedy was Greater Western Sydney's first coach. As early as November 2009, on his appointment, he let the Sydney press know his intentions. "Imagine you could create a club as good as the Sydney Opera House". He went on to explain that the opportunity existed to form "one of the greatest clubs this country has ever seen". In 2012 and 2013 he coached Greater Western Sydney in 44 games for three wins and 41 losses. The Giants' first victory was in Round 7, 2012 against the Gold Coast Suns at Manuka Oval, Canberra.

### A GWS AND DEMONS CONNECTION – THE POWER FAMILY

Luke Power played his junior football with Balwyn and Oakleigh Chargers. He represented the Brisbane Lions from 1998 to 2011 in 282 games contributing 226 goals. He then joined Greater Western Sydney in the club's first season, playing 20 games (0 goals). As a half-forward and half-back he played in three consecutive premierships in 2001, 2002 and 2003. He achieved All-Australian selection in 2004 and was a regular high finisher in the Lions' best and fairest award. A clever ball winner and fine goalkicker, he captained the club in 2007 and 2008. In 2012 he captained GWS with Callan Ward and Phil Davis. The new club valued his experience and reliable record. In 2013 he was appointed an assistant coach.

Luke's brother Sam played with the Western Bulldogs from 2002 to 2007 in 84 games (16 goals) and North Melbourne in 39 games (2 goals) in 2008-09. The grandfather of Luke and Sam Power was also a VFL player. Jack Power played with the Police and CYMS before his senior career. At Melbourne from 1930 to 1934 he appeared in 36 games, kicking six goals. He moved to Collingwood in 1935 where he played three games without a goal. Jack played in 18 games at the MCG during his senior VFL career.

### THEIR FIRST MATCH

At the MCG on Sunday June 24, 2012, Melbourne and Greater Western Sydney met for the first time at AFL level. A crowd of 20,070 witnessed Melbourne, captained by Jack Grimes and Jack Trengove and coached by Mark Neeld, and GWS captained by Callan Ward, Phil Davis and Luke Power and coached by Kevin Sheedy. The quarter time score read Melbourne 6.1 (37) to GWS 5.1 (31). The newcomers had kept up with the Demons in the first term, however then the home team took control. The Demons led 11.4 (70) to GWS 6.2 (38) at half-time and 18.8 (116) to 6.2 (38) at three-quarter time. Melbourne won the game convincingly 20.15 (135) to GWS 9.3 (57). Melbourne's leading goalkickers were Mitch Clark (4 goals), Jared Rivers (4 goals) and Colin Garland (3 goals). Greater Western Sydney's leading goalkicker was Jeremy Cameron with three. Melbourne were well served by Matthew Bate, Marc Jamar, Jack Grimes, Tom McDonald, Nathan Jones (33 possessions) and Jack Watts. The best for GWS were Taylor Adams, Jeremy Cameron, Shaun Edwards, Toby Greene and Rhys Palmer.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Melbourne reserves team was originally formed from the Armadale Presbyterian Football Club. In 1920 Armadale Presbyterian changed its name to the Melbourne Junior Football Club and played as Melbourne's feeder team in the Victorian Junior Football League. The team was renamed the Melbourne Football Club Second Eighteen in 1923, and then the Melbourne Football Club Reserve Eighteen in 1959. Melbourne last fielded a "reserve" team on September 11, 1999. It lost to Essendon's reserves in a Victorian State Football League semi final at the MCG. Instead of a reserves team Melbourne has since aligned with feeder clubs such as Sandringham from 2000 to 2008, and Casey Scorpions from 2009. From 2017 the latter club has played as the Casey Demons in kits based on Melbourne's AFL uniforms.

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## This Round in History – Round 16 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 16 on the MCG is 27.18 (180) by Hawthorn against Richmond 17.11 (113) in 1985. The overall Round 16 record is 34.18 (222) by Richmond against St Kilda 11.4 (70) at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1980. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Dermott Brereton for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1990. Hawthorn kicked 25.9 (159) to win by 91 points. The overall Round 16 goal-kicking record is 13 by Tony Modra for Adelaide against Richmond at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1993. Adelaide kicked 26.15 (171) to win by 139 points. The highest score in a quarter is 12.1 (73) in the first quarter by the Kangaroos against Essendon in 2001. Despite trailing by 58 points at the first change, Essendon went on to win by 12 points: 27.9 (171) to 25.9 (159). The overall Round 16 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.3 (81) by Hawthorn against North Melbourne in the first quarter at Princes Park in 1982. Hawthorn went on to kick 32.14 (206) to win by 96 points. The highest Round 16 attendance at the MCG is 83,773 on Sunday July 19, 1998 when Essendon defeated Richmond by 19 points.

## Statistics for Melbourne v Greater Western Sydney

### Melbourne v Greater Western Sydney by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by GWS	Drawn
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	4	2	0
Manuka	2	2	0
Syd. Showgrounds	0	2	0
Docklands	1	0	0
	8	6	0

### Last Time They Met – Round 3, 2021, Manuka

	Melbourne	GWS
Quarter time	2.3	5.1
Half time	6.5	7.1
Three-quarter time	10.7	8.1
Full time	15.12 (102)	11.2 (68)

### Highest Score

Melbourne	22.12 (144)	Rd 4	2013	MCG
GWS	19.10 (124)	Rd 19	2013	SSG

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	7.5 (47)	Rd 3	2014	SSG
GWS	9.3 (57)	Rd 13	2012	MCG
GWS	8.9 (57)	Rd 23	2018	MCG

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	78 points	Rd 13	2012	MCG
GWS	64 points	Rd 21	2014	MCG

### FACTSHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

## THE MELBOURNE CLUB SONG IN ENGLISH AND ARRENTE

It is believed that the lyrics for Melbourne's club song, below left, were written by prominent supporters J.O. Smith and Frank Lonie. It is based on the patriotic American tune, *You're a Grand Old Flag* (1906) by George M. Cohan. The players first sang *It's a Grand Old Flag* on a tour of Tasmania in 1912. The second verse refers to the club's 1926 and 1939 premierships and it is lore that it was drafted by club hero, Keith "Bluey" Truscott. A version in the central desert language of Arrrente was recently composed by Warren H. Williams for Melbourne's 2021 Doug Nicholls Round match. To acknowledge NAIDOC week, July 4-11, the Arrrente version is shown below right with a literal English translation in brackets. (Note: A Woi wurrung (Yarra Valley) dialect version was also translated by Joy Murphy)

*It's a grand old flag, it's a high-flying flag  
It's the emblem for me and for you  
It's the emblem of the team we love  
The team of the red and the blue*

### Chorus

*Every heart beats true, for the red and the blue  
As we sing this song to you (What do we sing?)  
Should old acquaintance be forgot  
Keep your eye on the red and the blue*

*Oh, the team played fine in the year Thirty-Nine  
We're the Demons that no one can lick, lick, lick  
And you'll find us there at the final bell  
With the spirit of Twenty-Six, Six, Six.*

### Repeat Chorus

*Flaga ingwee-ar, flaga kd-niji-njar*  
(Old flag, it's a high flying flag)  
*Indar-ithinjar nwungar per nookar*  
(It's painted for you and me)  
*Indar-lthinjar teama noon-naa-kar*  
(A painting of our team)  
*Teama ther-thar-kar ul-kar-ra*  
(Team of the red sand and blue sky)  
*Doo-koo-d kung-kara marr, ther-tharperul-kar-ar*  
(Every heart beats true for the red sand and blue sky)  
*Yingar-ngwungar yil-lthar-mar*  
(And we sing this song to you)  
*Noo-nar itjara ngwere-rraa-mar*  
(We are remembering the old people)  
*Flage ther-thar-kar ul-kar-ar*  
(Keep your eye on the red sand and blue sky)