



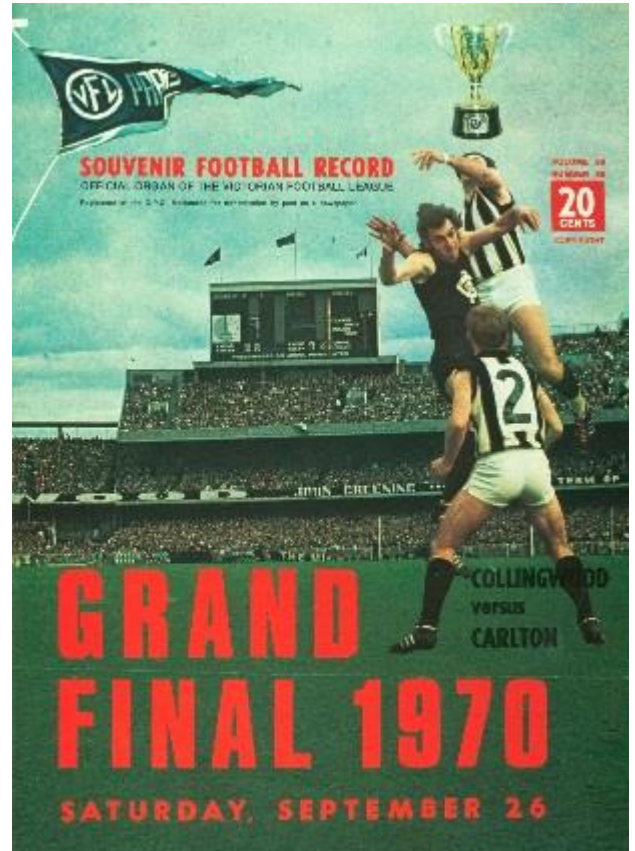
MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 23 CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

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GRAND FINALS BETWEEN THE SIDES

Most football followers are aware of the thrilling 1970 grand final between these two sides when the Blues came back from a 44 point deficit at half time to win the premiership by 10 points. The sides have featured in five other grand finals, the first of which was in 1910. 42,790 fans at the MCG saw a fast and fiercely contested match with an all-in fight in the third quarter seeing two Collingwood and two Carlton players reported. Inaccurate kicking did not help the Blues' cause and they went down by 14 points, 9.7 [61] to 6.11 [47]. Five years later they met again, this time in front of 39,343 fans. An even first three quarters saw the Blues up by just five points at the last change, but they slammed on five goals in the last quarter, including three to Herb Burleigh, to win the flag by 33 points, 11.12 [78] to 6.9 [45]. It was not until 1938 that the sides met again before what, at that time, was a record crowd of 96,486. With full forwards Des Fothergill (Collingwood) and Jack Wrout (Carlton) each starring with four goals, the Blues led at every change and ran out premiers by 15 points at the final siren, 15.10 [100] to 13.7 [85]. These two sides met for the flag for the fifth time in 1979. Despite being down by 21 points at three quarter time, the Magpies fought back, kicking four goals to one in the last quarter. However, it was Carlton's one goal that still remains controversial in the minds of the Magpie fans. Chasing the ball down the members wing, Wayne Harmes knocked the ball in to Ken Sheldon, who goaled to see the Blues hang on to win by five points 11.16 [82] to 11.11 [77]. To this day Collingwood fans believe the ball was well out of bounds before it was knocked to Sheldon. Harmes was awarded the inaugural Norm Smith Medal. The last grand final between them was in 1981. A huge crowd of 112,964 saw another thriller, with Carlton one point ahead at half time, and Collingwood nine points ahead at the last change. However, with Carlton piling on four goals seven behinds in the last quarter to Collingwood's two behinds, the Blues claimed the flag by 20 points 12.20 [92] to 10.12 [72].



DID YOU KNOW?

Carlton have played in 29 grand finals for 16 wins and 13 losses. They have played Collingwood in six grand finals for five wins and a loss. They have also met Richmond in six grand finals for two wins and four losses and Essendon six times for three wins and three losses. The Blues have defeated South Melbourne three times in grand finals and Fitzroy once. Fitzroy defeated them in two grand finals and South in one. Carlton did not play any other team in a grand final until 1986 when they lost to Hawthorn. They gained revenge over the Hawks the following year. In 1995 the Blues defeated Geelong to win their most recent premiership. They lost the 1999 grand final to North Melbourne.

WHO AM I?

I am a premiership player, and played over 200 League games. Whilst not having played for Victoria, I did coach the Victorian side. I kept Peter Hudson goalless in a League match and in my hundredth League game my team won by 100 points. During 1989 and 1990 I coached Fitzroy.

This Round in History – Round 23 on the MCG

Round 23 was first played in 1991 with the introduction of a 24-round season to compensate for a bye in the fixture caused by the inclusion of Adelaide. In 1992 and 1994, 24-round seasons were also played. The 1995 addition of Fremantle eliminated the bye and the AFL returned to a 22-round season. Following Gold Coast's entry into the AFL in 2011, a 24-round season was again played to compensate for a bye. Despite an even number of teams competing from 2012, a staggered mid-season bye meant Round 23 (but not Round 24) has been retained. The highest score in Round 23 at the MCG is 25.10 (160) by North Melbourne against Fitzroy 10.14 (74) in 1994. The 86-point margin is the biggest for this round at the MCG. The overall Round 23 highest score is 27.12 (174) by St Kilda against the Brisbane Bears 7.12 (54) at Moorabbin in 1991. The winning margin of 120 points is the greatest for this round. The only drawn match at the MCG in Round 23 was when Richmond and Port Adelaide drew 16.10 (106) apiece in 2012. The biggest bag of goals at the MCG in Round 23 is six by Richmond's Jack Riewoldt against Port Adelaide in 2012. The overall Round 23 goalkicking record is 11 by Adelaide's Scott Hodges against Geelong at Football Park in 1992. The biggest Round 23 attendance is MCG is 85,405 for the Collingwood v Essendon match in 2019 at the MCG.

Statistics for Carlton v Collingwood

Carlton v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	0	1	0
MCG	38	37	0
Princes Park	50	27	2
Victoria Park	30	53	2
Waverley Park	9	10	0
	128	129	4

Highest Score

Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP
Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallenge	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
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11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

Last Time They Met – Round 11, 2022, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	3.4	2.2
Half time	4.8	6.2
Three-quarter time	7.12	6.7
Full time	11.13 (79)	11.9 (75)

EARLY DAYS

The *Football Record* of August 5, 1921, told us of a wet day at the Brunswick Street Oval:

"The public went to Fitzroy to see the aquatic carnival in which Carlton and Fitzroy took part. The wind cut into one's very marrow as he looked at Carlton slogging away at the railway goal, towards which the breeze was blowing. It was football all right, but not the brand which has made the Australian code famous as the best in the world... All day long it was a case of slap, splosh, slap, splosh-every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost. Atkinson played a brilliant defensive game. He beat the Carltonians away from attack time after time, and, allowing for the adverse conditions, marked with extraordinary skill. He would not have been in the team if Hicks had not missed his train."

WHO AM I? ANSWER: Rod "Curly" Austin.

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