



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 7 COLLINGWOOD V GOLD COAST

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THEIR FIRST ENCOUNTER

Following Gold Coast's entry to the AFL competition in 2011, their first clash with Collingwood was in a night match at the Carrara Stadium in Round 18 of that season. A crowd of 23,302 attended the game. Collingwood was captained by Nick Maxwell and coached by Mick Malthouse. Gold Coast was captained by Gary Ablett Jnr and coached by Guy McKenna. After the Suns kicked the first two goals of the game, the Magpies soon got on top and led by 21 points at the first break (6.4 to 3.1). Seven goals to two in the second term ensured that Collingwood had the game well in hand at half time, leading by 54 points. The Suns held their own in the second half, both sides kicking six goals. The final margin was the same as at the main break, Collingwood winning by 54 points 19.15 (129) to 11.9 (75). The leading goalkicker for the Magpies was Lachlan Keeffe with three, while Harley Bennell and Trent McKenzie kicked two each for the Suns. The best for Collingwood were Scott Pendlebury, Leon Davis, Luke Ball, Travis Cloke and Ben Johnson. The best for the Gold Coast were Gary Ablett Jnr, Danny Stanley, Nathan Bock and Campbell Brown. The Brownlow votes went to Collingwood players Scott Pendlebury (3), Luke Ball (2) and Ben Johnson (1). Collingwood recorded their 15th win of the season in this game and went on to top the ladder with 20 wins and two losses (both to Geelong). They qualified for the grand final after wins over West Coast and Hawthorn in the finals but they went down to Geelong for the third time for the season in the grand final to finish runners-up. Gold Coast finished their debut AFL season in 17th position on the ladder with three wins (over Port Adelaide, Brisbane and Richmond).

THE MAGPIES AND SUNS AT THE MCG

Collingwood and the Gold Coast have only met twice at the MCG. In both these clashes the Magpies have been victorious by convincing margins. Going into their Round 10 encounter in 2012, Collingwood had recorded seven wins and the Suns had yet to record a victory. Over 36,000 fans saw the Magpies open up a 15-point lead at quarter time and lead by 45 points at the main break. Collingwood continued to dominate the game in the second half and went on to win by 97 points. The final scores were Collingwood 23.11 (149) to Gold Coast 7.10 (52). Travis Cloke, Jamie Elliott, Ben Sinclair and Dale Thomas all booted three goals for the Magpies with Campbell Brown kicking three majors for the Suns. The next MCG game between the Magpies and Suns did not take place until Round 20, 2019, when they played before a crowd of 33,577. The Suns established an early lead following goals to Sam Day and Ben King but the Magpies replied with majors to Adam Treloar, Callum Brown and Jamie Elliott. A goal to Alex Sexton of Gold Coast brought scores level just on the 24-minute mark but a goal to Collingwood's Mason Cox and two behinds had the Magpies up by eight points at quarter time. The Magpies got right on top in the second quarter, kicking six goals to two and a six-goal third quarter pushed their lead out to 65 points at the final change. They eventually ran out winners by 69 points – 18.12 (120) to 8.3 (51). Will Hoskin-Elliott booted four goals for the Magpies, while both Ben King and Alex Sexton kicked three for the Suns.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who was Collingwood's first Brownlow Medallist?
2. In which year did Gary Ablett Jnr win the Brownlow Medal while playing for the Gold Coast?
3. Name the man who has played the most finals for Collingwood.
4. When the Gold Coast Suns commenced playing in the AFL in 2011, who was their most experienced player?
5. Who holds the record for playing the most AFL/VFL games for Collingwood?
6. What was the highest ladder position Gold Coast had achieved by the end of the 2019 season?
7. Which team did Collingwood defeat in the 1990 grand final?
8. Which team did Gold Coast play in their first AFL game in 2011?
9. In which years did Collingwood win a League record four consecutive premierships?
10. Name the men who have coached the Gold Coast Suns after Guy McKenna completed his term as inaugural coach in 2014.

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 7 on the MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 7 is 28.12 (180) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 22.11 (143) in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 37.17 (239) by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears 11.9 (75) at Carrara in 1992. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 7 is 122 points by Melbourne 25.16 (166) when they defeated North Melbourne 5.14 (44) in 1937. The overall Round 7 record is 164 points by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The lowest Round 7 score at the MCG since 1925 is 3.9 (27) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 15.21 (111) in 1927. This is the overall Round 7 record since 1925. The most goals by an individual in Round 7 at the MCG is 10 by Sydney's Tony Lockett against Collingwood in 1998. The overall Round 7 record is 17 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn versus Richmond at Waverley Park in 1992. The highest score in a quarter for Round 7 at the MCG is 10.3 (63) by the Kangaroos against Adelaide in the first quarter in 1999 and by North Melbourne against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 14.3 (87) in the fourth quarter by Geelong when playing the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The highest Round 7 attendance was in 2000 when 88,390 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 40 points at the MCG on Anzac Day.

Statistics for Collingwood v Gold Coast

Collingwood v Gold Coast by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Gold Coast	Drawn
Docklands	1	0	0
MCG	2	0	0
Carrara	4	2	0
Gabba	1	0	0
	8	2	0

Highest Score

Collingwood	23.11 (149)	Rd 10	2012	MCG
Gold Coast	13.10 (88)	Rd 17	2017	Carrara

Lowest Score

Collingwood	10.8 (68)	Rd 17	2020	Gabba
Gold Coast	6.10 (46)	Rd 17	2020	Gabba

Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2020, Gabba

	Collingwood	Gold Coast
Quarter time	2.2	3.1
Half time	4.5	3.5
Three-quarter time	7.5	5.6
Full time	10.8 (68)	6.10 (46)

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	97 points	Rd 10	2012	MCG
Gold Coast	7 points	Rd 17	2013	Carrara

PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS

Sam Iles, a highly-rated Tasmanian, was picked up by Collingwood in the 2006 Pre-Season Draft. Iles played in the VFL for Tasmania as well as for the state side in the TAC Cup. He made his AFL debut for the Magpies against Adelaide late in the 2006 season. He played four games during the 2006 season before being dropped for the finals. Iles found it hard to get a regular game with the Magpies in 2007, even though he played consistently for Williamstown in the VFL. He played only one senior game in the first half of the season and two further games in Rounds 14 and 15. Iles was delisted by Collingwood at the end of the 2008 season after seven senior games. He played for the Box Hill Hawks in 2009 and was drafted to the new Gold Coast franchise in the 2010 Rookie Draft. He made his debut for the Suns in Round 5, 2011, against Port Adelaide. He played 26 games, and kicked 11 goals for the Suns in seasons 2011 and 2012, before being delisted. He then returned to the Box Hill Hawks, where he was a member of their 2013 premiership team and their 2014 grand final team that lost to the Footscray Bulldogs. He was the Box Hill Hawks' vice-captain from 2013 to 2016. Iles took on a part-time development coaching role at Hawthorn in 2015 and 2016, and then moved to a full-time role with the Gold Coast Suns Academy.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Syd Coventry (1927). **Q2** 2013. **Q3** Gordon Coventry (31). **Q4** Josh Fraser (played 200 games with Collingwood between 2000 and 2010). **Q5** Scott Pendlebury (322 games from 2006 to present). **Q6** 12th in 2014. **Q7** Essendon. **Q8** Carlton in Round 2 (they had a bye in Round 1). **Q9** 1927 to 1930. **Q10** Rodney Eade (2015-17) and Stuart Dew (2018-present); Dean Solomon was caretaker coach for three games at the end of 2017.

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