MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 2
COLLINGWOOD V ADELAIDE

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ONE WAY TO WIN A FLAG

After beating Melbourne in Round 9 of the1902 season, Collingwood took advantage of a two-week break to travel to Tasmania before their next match. Disembarking in Launceston from the SS Coogee, they played a local team before heading to Hobart. Once there, a race was staged to the top of Mt Wellington and back (right), with a trophy being awarded to the winner. One player described the event: "There was plenty of snow and the track was very primitive. It was tough going but Lardie Tulloch, our skipper, went like a mountain goat. He was the winner and broke a record." The group eventually returned to Launceston and, after a rough return crossing, just made it in time to catch the train to Geelong for their next match. Despite this less than perfect preparation, Collingwood won the game by 40 points. The Magpies also won their remaining seven matches to finish on top of the ladder, and then went on to beat Essendon by 33 points in the grand final.

THE MAGAREY MEDAL

First presented to Norwood's Alby Green in 1898, the Magarey Medal is the oldest fairest and best award determined by the votes of umpires. The medal is the most prestigious individual honour in South Australian football, outside the AFL. It was named after its initiator William Ashley Magarey, a sports administrator who became the chairman of the South Australian Football Association (now SANFL) in 1897. It is thought that Magarey did not want his name attached to the medal. Unlike equivalents in other competitions, the design of the Magarey medal changed annually until 1990, albeit with the same inscription template on the back: "Fairest and most brilliant player … [year] season, won by … [name]". The Evright Trophies design (left), emblazoned with a profile of Magarey, has been issued to Magarey Medallists from 1991.

Seven players have been triple Magarey Medallists: Tom MacKenzie who played for West Torrens and North Adelaide (1902, 1905, 1906), South Adelaide's Dan Moriarty (1919-21), Norwood's Walter Scott (1921 shared,1924, 1930), Sturt's Len Fitzgerald (1952, 1954, 1959), West Torrens' Lindsay Head (1955, 1958, 1963), North Adelaide's Barry Robran (1968, 1970, 1973) and James Allan (2007, 2010-11). Port Adelaide's Russell Ebert is the only player to have won the medal four times (1971, 1974, 1976, 1980).

DID YOU KNOW?

- Len Fitzgerald, a triple Magarey Medallist, played his first senior game for Collingwood a few weeks before his 16th birthday in 1945. He switched to Sturt in 1950 after a Double Blues' supporter offered him a job.
- Three players have won both the Magarey Medal and the Brownlow Medal – Malcolm Blight, John Platten and Nathan Buckley.

HIGHEST SCORES

Collingwood's highest-ever score is 32.19 (211) which was kicked against St Kilda in 1980.
Adelaide's highest is 30.8 (188), kicked against Essendon in 2006.

This Round in History – Round 2 on the MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. The Roos kicked 13.3 (81) in the first quarter, which is the highest Round 2 quarter score. The highest ever Round 2 score was at Princes Park in 1969 by Carlton who defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82). Richmond's Doug Strang has the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931. The biggest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. It is common for games to feature multiple goalkickers. However, in Round 2 at the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44). Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven) and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

Collingwood v Adelaide

Collingwood v Adelaide by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	4	2	0
Docklands	3	4	0
Football Park	9	6	0
MCG	7	3	1
Victoria Park	6	0	0
	29	15	1

Last Time They Met – Round 12, 2021, Adelaide Oval

	Adelaide	Collingwood
Quarter time	1.1	5.0
Half time	5.6	7.0
Three-quarter time	8.10	11.3
Full time	10.13 (73)	12.6 (78)

Highest Score

Collingwood	23.22 (160)	Rd 15	1991	VP
Adelaide	22.19 (151)	Rd 21	2005	FP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	5.9 (39)	Rd 21	1997	FP
Adelaide	5.7 (37)	Rd 15	1991	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	123 points	Rd 15	1991	VP
Adelaide	110 points	Rd 21	2005	FP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

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THE NORM SMITH MEDAL

The Norm Smith Medal has been awarded to the best player in the AFL (previously the VFL) grand final since 1979. It is judged by a panel of five, including former players, journalists and media personalities. Prior to the 2002 season, the judges lodged their votes before the end of the game. This was changed after the 2002 grand final when Brisbane's Michael Voss had five important possessions in the last five minutes. Three of the five judges admitted they may have voted differently had they completed their voting after the siren. The Magpies' Nathan Buckley, playing in the losing side that year, won the medal. At present, there cannot be a tie for the medal. In the event of two or more players recording the same number of votes, there is a countback and the player with the most three votes will win. If this does not separate the players, then the player with the most two votes wins. If this does not solve the problem then the panel chairperson makes the decision. The medal is presented after the game by a preselected former recipient.
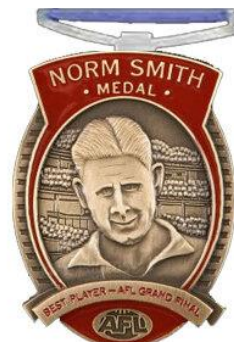

1979 – 1989   1990 – 1999   2000 – 2001   2002 – present

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