



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 14 CARLTON V GOLD COAST

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THE BLUES VERSUS THE SUNS

Today's match will be the 17th time Carlton have met the Gold Coast in AFL competition but the first time the two teams have met at the MCG. The first AFL game between the Blues and Suns was played at the Gabba in Brisbane in Round 2, 2011. As the Suns had a bye in the first round of the 2011 season, this was their first ever AFL match. A crowd of 27,914 attended the game. Carlton got on top early and had five goals on the board before Charlie Dixon registered the first major for the Suns. At quarter time Carlton led 9.5 to 1.1. The Blues continued to dominate the game and were 74 points up at half time and 92 points ahead at the final break. The final scores were Carlton 26.15 (171) to Gold Coast 7.10 (52). Andrew Walker and Jeff Garlett both kicked five goals for the Blues, while Charlie Dixon was the only multiple goalkicker for the Suns with two. Marc Murphy, who had 36 disposals, was awarded three Brownlow Medal votes, while Bryce Gibbs (also 36 disposals) received two votes and Robert Warnock (26 hit-outs) received one vote.

The Suns' first victory over Carlton was in Round 22, 2012, at Carrara. The Suns got on top early and led by 22 points at quarter time and 38 points at the main break. They had to withstand a spirited fight back from the Blues in the second half, however, Carlton kicking six goals to two from the 18 minute mark in the third quarter to the 12 minute mark in the final term. A goal to Jarrad Waite put Carlton just four points behind with plenty of time remaining in the game but the Suns soon answered with two goals of their own to push the margin back out to 16 points. From there, they held on to win by 12 points, despite Carlton having the last four scoring shots - all behinds. The final scores were Gold Coast 15.8 (98) to Carlton 11.20 (86). The Blues kicked 2.7 in the final quarter. Tom Lynch kicked four goals for the Suns and Josh Caddy three. Five Carlton players (Eddie Betts, Chris Judd, Brock McLean, Jarrad Waite and Chris Yarran) booted two goals each. The win for the Suns was their third for the year and ensured that they finished ahead of the Great Western Sydney, who debuted in the AFL in 2012. Carlton finished the 2012 season in tenth position on the ladder with 11 wins.

The Blues 119 point win in Round 2, 2011, remains the biggest winning margin by either team in Blues/Suns games. The closest game between the sides to date was in Round 4, 2019, when the Gold Coast won by just two points at Carrara. This game was close throughout with the Suns leading by 10 points at quarter time; the Blues held a six-point lead at half time and an 11-point lead at the final change. After goals to Ben Ainsworth and Nick Holman gave the Suns a one-point lead midway through the final quarter, a goal to Patrick Cripps just after the 20 minute mark put Carlton back in front. They held the advantage until Jack Bowes goaled for the Suns less than 90 seconds before the final siren to put them two points ahead. The final scores were Gold Coast 8.11 (59) to Carlton 8.9 (57). The Suns' biggest lead during the game was 10 points late in the first term, while the Blues held an 18-point lead early in the third term. Mitch McGovern kicked three goals for Carlton. The leading goal scorers for the Suns were Nick Holman and Alex Sexton with two each.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who am I? I played 148 games for Carlton from 1964 to 1976. I played in three premiership teams with the Blues - 1968, 1970 and 1972. I won the club's best and fairest award in 1969. I was selected on the wing in Carlton's Team of the Century.
2. Who am I? I played 106 games for Carlton from 1942 to 1951. I was a member of the Blues' 1945 and 1947 premiership teams and won the Brownlow Medal in 1947. I was selected at centre half back in Carlton's Team of the Century.
3. Who am I? I made my VFL debut in 1950 and went on to play 188 games for the Blues before retiring at the end of the 1961 season. I won the club's best and fairest award twice and was selected in the back pocket in Carlton's Team of the Century.
4. Who am I? I played 211 games for Carlton from 1945 to 1957. I was a member of the Blues' 1945 and 1947 premiership teams, and won the club's best and fairest award in 1953. I was captain at Carlton from 1952 to 1957 and later coached the side from 1959 to 1964. I was selected in the forward pocket in Carlton's Team of the Century.

This Round in History – Round 14 on the MCG

The highest Round 14 score at the MCG is 31.14 (200) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 10.13 (73) in 1990. This equals the overall Round 14 highest score of 30.20 (200) by Collingwood against Essendon 7.11 (53) at Victoria Park in 1971. The most goals kicked by an individual is 14 by John Longmire for North Melbourne against Melbourne in 1990. This equalled the previous overall Round 14 record of 14 goals by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Hawthorn at Victoria Park in 1934. The highest score in a quarter for Round 14 on the MCG is 10.7 (67) by Geelong in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1934. The overall Round 14 highest score in a quarter is 14.1 (85) by Carlton in the second quarter against Essendon at Windy Hill in 1975. The highest Round 14 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 1995 when 84,745 fans saw Carlton defeat Richmond.

Statistics for Carlton v Gold Coast

Carlton v Gold Coast by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Gold Coast	Drawn
Carrara	4	4	0
Docklands	3	3	0
Gabba	1	0	0
Marrara Oval	1	0	0
	9	7	0

Highest Score

Carlton	26.15 (171)	Rd 2	2001	Gabba
Gold Coast	17.6 (108)	Rd 4	2017	Dock

Lowest Score

Carlton	5.11 (41)	Rd 3	2016	Carrara
Gold Coast	4.3 (27)	Rd 13	2020	Marrara

Last Time They Met – Round 4, 2022, Carrara

	Gold Coast	Carlton
Quarter time	5.5	3.2
Half time	7.7	5.5
Three-quarter time	12.10	6.9
Full time	13.14 (92)	8.14 (62)

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	119 points	Rd 2	2001	Gabba
Gold Coast	54 points	Rd 3	2016	Carrara

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Matt Shaw was recruited by the Gold Coast Suns as an underage player from the Dandenong Stingrays. He made his AFL debut in Round 4, 2011, against Melbourne. Wearing the number 26 guernsey he played 102 games for the Suns from 2011 to 2017, mainly on the wing. He was delisted by the Suns at the end of the 2017 season and picked up by Carlton in the rookie draft. After playing two games for the Blues in 2018, he was delisted and headed back to Queensland where he played with Southport in the NEAFL.

Jarrold Garlett played for South Fremantle in the WAFL before being drafted by the Gold Coast Suns with pick 15 in the 2014 AFL Draft. He made his AFL debut in the first round of the 2015 season and was nominated for Goal of the Year after kicking a long running goal in his third game. He returned to Western Australia, and the WAFL, at the end of the 2016 season for family reasons, after playing 17 games for the Suns and kicking ten goals. He was drafted by Carlton late in the 2017 AFL Draft and made 13 senior appearances for the Blues in 2018 and 2019, kicking five goals. He was delisted by the Blues at the end of the 2019 season.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thirty-one people have been inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame for their services to football whose careers were either partially or entirely served with the Carlton Football Club. Of those, three Carlton players have Hall of Fame Legend Status – Ron Barassi, Alex Jesaulenko and John Nicholls. Those who played all or part of their careers with Carlton are: Peter Bedford, Craig Bradley, Horrie Clover, George Coulthard, Bruce Doull, Mike Fitzpatrick (inducted in 2022 as an administrator), Ken Hands, Ern Henfry, Ken Hunter, Wayne Johnston, Chris Judd, Stephen Kernahan, Anthony Koutoufides, Rod McGregor, Peter McKenna, Stephen Silvagni, Geoff Southby, Harry Vallence, Robert Walls and Greg Williams. Carlton senior coaches Percy Bentley, Mick Malthouse, Dan Minogue, David Parkin, Ian Stewart, Michael Voss, and Jack Worrall, and the administrator Sir Kenneth Luke, are also members of the Hall of Fame.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 Garry Crane. Q2 Bert Deacon. Q3 Bruce Comben. Q4 Ken Hands.

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