



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET

## MARCH 16, 2024

### AFL 2024 ROUND 1

### ESSENDON V HAWTHORN

#### THE 1980s HAWTHORN – ESSENDON FIERCE RIVALRY

“It was a rivalry built not just on the big hits, but on the respect both teams, both clubs as a whole had for one another.”  
– Kate Salemmme

**1983:** North Melbourne finished on top of the ladder with Hawthorn in second position and Essendon fourth. Hawthorn set a record winning margin for a grand final with its 83 point annihilation of Essendon. There was nothing that Essendon could do to stop the rampaging Hawks, breaking the margin of 81 points set by Richmond against Collingwood just three years earlier. The final score read: Hawthorn 20.20 (140) to Essendon 8.9 (57). The leading goal kickers for the Hawks were Leigh Matthews (6) and Michael Byrne (3). For Essendon, Terry Daniher kicked two goals. Hawk, Colin Robertson won the Norm Smith Medal as best on the ground. Other than Robertson, the best players for the victors were: Michael Tuck, Peter Knights, Leigh Matthews, John Kennedy and Russell Greene, while for the Bombers, their best were: Terry Daniher, Garry Foulds, Simon Madden, Shane Heard, Darren Williams and Tony Buhagiar. A massive crowd of 110,332 witnessed the match.

**1984:** Essendon finished first on the ladder with Hawthorn in second position. Spurred on by the debacle of '83, Essendon stormed home with a nine-goal final term to take a famous 24 point victory over Hawthorn. The scores were: Essendon 14.21 (105) to Hawthorn 12.9 (81). For the first time since 1966, a team other than Richmond, Carlton, Hawthorn or North had won the flag. Leon Baker was the Bombers' leading goal-kicker with four goals, while the Hawks' best goal-scorer was Leigh Matthews, also with four. The crowd of 92,685 witnessed Billy Duckworth win the Norm Smith Medal. The best for Essendon were Billy Duckworth, Tim Watson, Mark Harvey, Glenn Hawker, Leon Baker and Shane Heard while the Hawks were best served by Terry Wallace, Richard Loveridge, Peter Schwab, Russell Greene, Leigh Matthews and Gary Ayres.

**1985:** The Bombers were hailed as one of the best teams in VFL/AFL history after their 78 point demolition job on Hawthorn in the teams' third consecutive grand final meeting. The scores read: Essendon 26.14 (170) to Hawthorn 14.8 (92). There were highlights aplenty – a wild brawl to kick off proceedings, Dermott Brereton kicking a record eight goals for the losers and Leigh Matthews being chaired from the ground in tears after his final game. A crowd of 100,042 attended the match. The Norm Smith Medal was awarded to Simon Madden. The leading goal kickers for Essendon were Paul Salmon with six, Roger Merrett with five and Mark Harvey with four. For the Hawks, Dermott Brereton dominated with eight goals, he was his team's only multiple goal scorer. The best players for the Bombers were: Simon Madden, Roger Merrett, Paul Salmon, Tim Watson, Leon Baker and Mark Thompson. The best for the Hawks were Dermott Brereton, Rod Lester-Smith, John Kennedy, Russell Morris, David O'Halloran and Richard Loveridge. This was the 332nd and last League game of Hawthorn champion Leigh Matthews.

For the three grand final appearances Hawthorn were led by captain, Leigh Matthews and coached by Allan Jeans, Essendon were skippered by Terry Daniher and coached by Kevin Sheedy. These are the only occasions when Hawthorn and Essendon have met in grand finals.

#### OVER TO YOU

1. From around 1959 Essendon's club song has been *See the Bombers Fly Up*. What is the tune of the Bombers' song?
2. Name the Essendon players who have won the Norm Smith Medal.
3. Hawthorn's club song since 1959 is *We're a Happy Team at Hawthorn*. What is the tune of the Hawks' song?
4. Name the Hawthorn players who have won the Norm Smith Medal.
5. Name the player who has won the Blues' best and fairest the most times (the award now carries his name).
6. Name the two Bomber legends who have won their club's best and fairest award the most times?
7. Name the tall left-footed brothers who each played more than 300 league games.
8. Which guernsey number did Gary Ablett wear in his first League match?
9. List the four consecutive seasons when Peter Hudson scored 100 goals or more for Hawthorn.
10. Name the club that Essendon recruited John Coleman from.
11. Two of Gary Ablett's brothers played league football. Name them.

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 1 ON THE MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon who kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only two have taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011, and Carlton drew with Richmond 8.10 (58) apiece on March 16, 2023. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 90,151 for the Carlton-Richmond game in 2018.

### STATISTICS FOR ESSENDON V HAWTHORN

#### Essendon v Hawthorn by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	1	0	0
Docklands	5	7	0
Gabba	1	0	0
Glenferrie Oval	29	11	0
MCG	17	13	0
Princes Park	6	7	0
Waverley Park	7	10	0
Windy Hill	35	18	0
York Park	1	0	0
	102	66	0

#### Last Time They Met – Round 1, 2023, MCG

	Hawthorn	Essendon
Quarter time	4.5	3.1
Half time	5.7	8.5
Three-quarter time	5.9	14.8
Full time	9.11 (65)	19.10 (124)

#### Highest Score

Essendon	26.16 (172)	Rd 1	1968	WH
Hawthorn	32.24 (216)	Rd 20	1992	MCG

#### Lowest Score

Essendon	5.13 (43)	Rd 4	1974	GO
Hawthorn	3.7 (25)	Rd 12	1944	WH

#### Greatest Winning Margin

Essendon	107 points	Rd 12	1944	WH
Hawthorn	160 points	Rd 20	1992	MCG

#### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

13	J. Coleman	Ess	Rd 18	1952	WH
12	J. Coleman	Ess	Rd 1	1949	WH
12	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 20	1992	MCG
11	L. Matthews	Haw	Rd 3	1973	Wav
10	T. Reynolds	Ess	Rd 10	1939	WH
10	J. Coleman	Ess	Rd 1	1954	GO
10	R. Evans	Ess	Rd 12	1960	GO
10	P. Hudson	Haw	Rd 1	1968	WH
10	M. Moncrieff	Haw	Rd 20	1972	Wav

## HAWTHORN'S TASWEGIAN HOME

Launceston's York Park, so named in 1901 after the Duke of York (later King George V) who had visited Tasmania during the Federation celebrations, was officially opened on January 1, 1921. It was the home ground of the North Launceston Football Club from 1923, and soon became the major football venue in Tasmania's north-east. York Park was the venue where Tasmania's state team defeated Victoria (albeit the Vic's B side) for the first time ever on June 10, 1960.

Hawthorn home matches have been scheduled there since 2001. The first AFL match at York Park was Hawthorn's Round 6 match against Adelaide on May 6. The Hawks won, 16.8 (104) to 12.19 (91), before a crowd of 17,460. While the Hawks played two games there from 2002 to 2005 and three games in 2006, they generally played four games at the ground annually from 2007. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Hawks hosted no games there in 2020 and played six games at the venue in 2021. St Kilda also scheduled two matches annually at York Park from 2003 to 2006. One of these was controversial when the umpires, who had not heard the final siren, allowed St Kilda a shot on goal against Fremantle to "win" the Round 2, 2005, match. Later the AFL overturned the result awarding Fremantle the premiership points. The venue has hosted AFL elimination finals during the COVID-19 pandemic era, with Greater Western Sydney defeating the Sydney Swans by one point in the 2021 second elimination final, and the Western Bulldogs defeating Essendon the next day in the first elimination final. The stadium's biggest attendance was 20,971 for the Hawks' Round 12 game against Richmond on June 18, 2006. In 2004 the arena was renamed Aurora Stadium after Aurora Energy purchased the commercial naming rights. On October 22, 2016, the University of Tasmania purchased the naming rights to the stadium.

**OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:** Q1 *Sunny Side Up* by Johnny Hamp (1929). Q2 Billy Duckworth (1984), Simon Madden (1985), Michael Long (1993) and James Hird (2000). Q3 *Yankee Doodle Dandy* by George M. Cohan (1904). Q4 Colin Robertson (1983), Gary Ayres (1986 & 1988), Paul Dear (1991), Luke Hodge (2008 & 2014), Brian Lake (2013) and Cyril Rioli (2015). Q5 John Nicholls – five times – 1959, 1963, 1965, 1966 and 1967. Q6 Dick Reynolds – seven times – 1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1942 and 1943 and Bill Hutchison – seven times – 1947, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1955 and 1956. Q7 Simon and Justin Madden. Q8 No 35 for Hawthorn in 1982. Q9 1968 – 1971. Q10 Hastings. Q11 Geoff (Hawthorn, Richmond & St Kilda) and Kevin (Hawthorn, Richmond & Geelong).

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