



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET MARCH 21, 2024

## AFL 2024 ROUND 2 ST KILDA V COLLINGWOOD

### THE FIRST LEAGUE MATCH BETWEEN THE TEAMS

Collingwood and St Kilda were two of the eight original members of the Victorian Football League (VFL) and they met in the very first round of VFL matches on May 8, 1897. This first VFL encounter took place at Collingwood's home ground (Victoria Park) with Collingwood running out winners by 25 points. The final scores were Collingwood 5.11 (41) to St Kilda 2.4 (16). St Kilda had put two goals on the board in the first half and trailed by 13 points at half time, 4.3 (27) to 2.2 (14). They could, however, only add two behinds in the second half to Collingwood's one goal eight. Both the behinds were scored in the third quarter. St Kilda's goal-kickers were Danny Dunne and Reg Stewart, while Harry Dowdall, Jim Gregory, Frank Hailwood, Rhoda McDonald and Lardie Tulloch all scored single goals for the Magpies. Collingwood won the return match at the Junction Oval in Round 8 of the 1897 season and then proceeded to win their next 16 games against St Kilda. St Kilda's first win over Collingwood did not come until 1904, when they defeated the Magpies by 15 points in Round 7 at the Junction Oval.

### THE FIRST FINAL BETWEEN THE TEAMS

Despite the fact that Collingwood and St Kilda had both made the VFL finals in 1907, 1908 and 1913, the first finals encounter between the teams did not take place until 1918. Collingwood finished the 1918 home and away season in second place on the ladder with ten wins and four losses, while St Kilda was in fourth place with eight wins and six losses. Under the finals system in operation at the time, the second and fourth placed teams played a knockout match in the first week of the finals, so Collingwood and St Kilda met at the MCG on Saturday, August 17, before a crowd of 28,375. After an even first quarter, Collingwood led by four points at the first break – 2.5 to 2.1 – but four goals to St Kilda, and only two to Collingwood, in the second quarter gave St Kilda an 11 point lead at the main break. St Kilda were still in front by seven points at the final change, but they scored only one behind in the final quarter, while Collingwood kicked two goals five. The Magpies, therefore, ran out winners by nine points. The final scores were Collingwood 7.16 (58) to St Kilda 7.7 (49). Tom Wraith kicked three goals for Collingwood and Dick Lee two. Les Boyd and Dave McNamara both kicked two goals for St Kilda. Collingwood's win put them into what proved to be the grand final game against South Melbourne at the MCG on September 7. South won a very close game by five points after trailing for most of the day. South had finished on top of the ladder after the home and away season and were declared "minor premiers". Had Collingwood beaten them on September 7, South would have had the right to challenge the Magpies to another game, which would have decided the premiership. The 1918 football season was the last to take place during the First World War. It was not until the Second World War had commenced in 1939 that Collingwood and St Kilda met next in a final. On Saturday, September 23, 1939, Collingwood defeated St Kilda by 29 points in the preliminary final. The following week, the Magpies went down to Melbourne in the grand final.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In Round 10, 1918, at Victoria Park, Collingwood full forward Dick Lee was held goalless in a game against South Melbourne. Prior to this, he had played 97 VFL games in a row in which he had kicked at least one goal. It was in Round 8, 1910, against University at Victoria Park that he had last played a game without kicking a goal.

### OVER TO YOU

1. Name the captains and coaches of the Collingwood and St Kilda teams that contested the 1966 grand final.
2. Who kicked a behind in the dying moments of the 1966 grand final to give St Kilda the lead?
3. Who were the leading goal-kickers for each team in the 1966 grand final?
4. Name the single field umpire who was in charge of the 1966 grand final.
5. Name the four teams that contested the finals in 1966.
6. In what ladder positions did St Kilda and Collingwood finish the following season (1967)?
7. Who am I? I played 62 games for St Kilda from 1962 to 1966. I missed both the 1965 and 1966 grand finals due to injury. I took over the position of Chairman and CEO of the VFL from Jack Hamilton in 1986.

## 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.

### STATISTICS FOR ST KILDA V COLLINGWOOD

#### St Kilda v Collingwood by venue

	Won by St Kilda	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	0	1	0
Docklands	6	8	0
Junction Oval	21	37	0
MCG	11	18	1
Moorabbin	6	12	1
Toorak Park	1	0	0
Victoria Park	7	77	0
Waverley Park	8	9	0
	60	162	2

#### Highest Score

St Kilda	22.16 (148)	Rd 21	1982	Wav
Collingwood	32.19 (211)	Rd 17	1980	Wav

#### Lowest Score

St Kilda	1.0 (6)	Rd 13	1898	VP
Collingwood	3.8 (26)	Rd 15	1907	JO

#### Greatest Winning Margin

St Kilda	88 points	Rd 7	2009	Dock
Collingwood	178 points	Rd 4	1979	VP

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

11	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 7	1927	VP
11	Bill Mohr	St K	Rd 17	1931	JO
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11	Ron Todd	Coll	PF	1939	MCG
11	Phil Carman	Coll	Rd 20	1975	Moor
10	Bill Mohr	St K	Rd 8	1930	VP
10	Allan Davis	St K	Rd 8	1971	Moor

#### Last Time They Met – Round 5, 2023, Adelaide Oval

	Collingwood	St Kilda
Quarter time	2.2	2.2
Half time	4.4	4.3
Three-quarter time	6.10	6.4
Full time	10.10 (70)	9.10 (64)

## UNFURLING THE FLAG

While Collingwood succeeded in defeating St Kilda in the first VFL round of 1897, all did not go well pre-match when the 1896 premiership flag was unfurled. Collingwood had won the Victorian Football Association (VFA) premiership the previous season by defeating South Melbourne in a play-off match. The *Argus* reported the following:

Collingwood began with a bad omen. The new pennant was to be unfurled with éclat, and the mayor and mayoress were present for the ceremony. The mayoress was to have performed the office, but when the critical moment came, and Mr. Beasley, MLA, invited Mrs. Cody to pull the lanyard and release the pennant, there was a hitch, and the flag remained sulkily furled. Something had to be done. Councillor Cody seized the rope, and gave such a lusty pull that the flagstaff was momentarily in danger of being wrenched from its fastenings, when, fortunately, the rope broke just at the right place, and the flag fluttered out bravely in the light breeze, and a cheer announced the ceremony complete.

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

**Q1** Captains – Des Tuddenham (Collingwood) and Darrel Baldock (St Kilda); Coaches – Bob Rose (Collingwood) and Allan Jeans (St Kilda). **Q2** Barry Breen. **Q3** Kevin Neale (St Kilda) and Des Tuddenham (Collingwood); Neale kicked five goals in the grand final and Tuddenham three. **Q4** Jeff Crouch. **Q5** St Kilda, Collingwood, Essendon and Geelong. **Q6** Collingwood (4th) and St Kilda (5th). **Q7** Ross Oakley.

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