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AFL 2024 ROUND 7

GEELONG V CARLTON

THE 1962 FINALS – VERY CLOSE AFFAIRS

At the end of the 1962 home and away rounds, Geelong had finished second on the ladder and Carlton fourth. On 15 September the preliminary final was played at the MCG in front of a crowd of 87,824 fans. The Cats were without full forward Doug Wade but got off to a strong start and led by three goals at the main break. Four goals to Carlton in the third quarter, to Geelong's two, saw the margin just two points at the final change. An enthralling last quarter saw the teams go goal for goal and with the very last kick of the day Carlton's John James had the chance to score and win the game for his side, but his snap went out of bounds near the behind post and the final siren went with the teams locked on 85 points apiece. Fred Wooller kicked four goals and Bill Miller three for the Cats, and Bruce Williams was Carlton's leading goalkicker with three.

Geelong 13.7 (85) drew with Carlton 12.13 (85)

So, a week later, the teams returned to face off again at the MCG, this time before a crowd of 99,203 fans. Doug Wade returned to the Geelong side, despite carrying an injury, but the Cats were without star ruckman Polly Farmer. Another heart-stopper ensued, with a point separating the sides at half time and the Blues up by just nine points at the final change. A fierce last quarter saw the lead change a number of times and at the twenty-third minute mark Neil Sutherland goaled for the Cats to put them in the lead by two points. Then, after a behind to Carlton's Martin Cross, James again had the chance to win the game for his side and this time he made no mistake, kicking a goal and putting the Blues ahead by five points. A pass to Wade from Wooller saw the full forward mark near goal, but a controversial free kick against him saw the decision reversed, to the horror of the Geelong faithful. The siren sound shortly after to give the Blues a five point victory.

Carlton 10.18 (78) def. Geelong 10.13 (73)

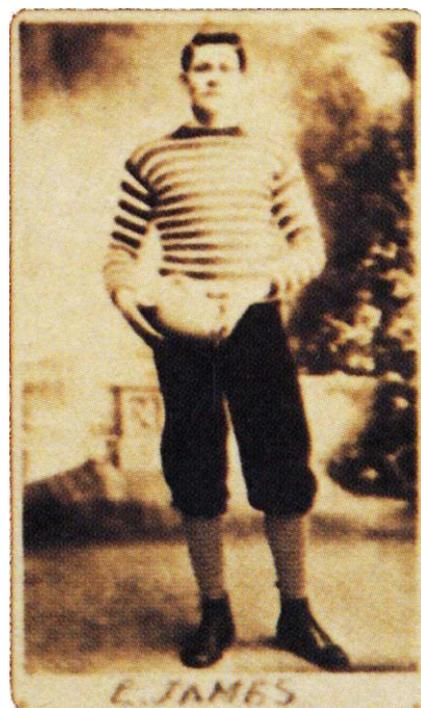
PLAYED FOR BOTH

Lachie Henderson, from Birregurra, was drafted by the Brisbane Lions from TAC Cup side Geelong Falcons. He played just 15 games (3 goals) for the club in 2008 and 2009. At the end of 2009 he was traded to Carlton where he started as a forward but in 2011 was moved to full back where he prospered. But injury saw him struggle for selection, and having been moved back to the forward line in 2014, towards the end of the 2015 season he requested a trade and went off to Geelong, having played 102 games (101 goals) for the Blues. He was a consistent player in Geelong's backline but was delisted at the end of 2019. He was picked up again by the Cats in the Rookie Draft, going on to play a total of 89 games (13 goals), and retired at the end of the 2021 season.

THEIR FIRST VFL MEETING

These two sides were both powerhouses in the Association competition in the 1880s, with Geelong finishing on top of the unofficial end of season ladder in 1880, 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1886 and second in 1881 and 1887. Carlton, at the same time, finished first in 1887 and second in 1880, 1889 and 1890. However, their power diminished and in 1896, the year before the formation of the Victorian Football League, Geelong finished 11th in the 13 team competition and Carlton 12th. Their first VFL meeting took place on Geelong's Corio Oval in Round 4 on May 29, 1897. A low scoring match saw the home side kick one goal two behinds to Carlton's one goal one behind in the first quarter. Carlton failed to score in the second quarter and at half time Geelong led by 24 points. They maintained their lead until the final bell, winning by 22 points. The only multiple goalkicker for the match was Geelong's Eddy James with three goals. **Geelong 5.14 (44) def. Carlton 3.4 (22)**

Eddy James (pictured right in 1899) started with Geelong's VFA side in 1889 at the age of 15 when the club was struggling for players. He played 68 games (64 goals) for their VFA side and then a further 46 games (85 goals) for their VFL side from 1897 to 1900. In 1897 he kicked a total of 22 goals in the home and away season to share the leading goalkicker award with Melbourne's Jack Leith, and he again headed the League goalkicking list in 1899 with 31 goals.



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 GEELONG V CARLTON

Geelong v Carlton by venue

	Won by Geelong	Won by Carlton	Drawn
Corio Oval	20	20	1
Docklands	15	1	0
Kardinia Park	21	24	0
MCG	10	9	1
Princes Park	33	61	0
SCG	1	0	0
Waverley Park	3	4	0
	103	119	2

Last Time They Met – Round 2, 2023, MCG

	Carlton	Geelong
Quarter time	2.6	2.1
Half time	6.8	5.6
Three-quarter time	12.11	9.6
Full time	13.12 (90)	12.10 (82)

Highest Score

Geelong	24.18 (162)	Rd 2	2007	Dock
Carlton	23.28 (166)	Rd 17	1944	PP

Lowest Score

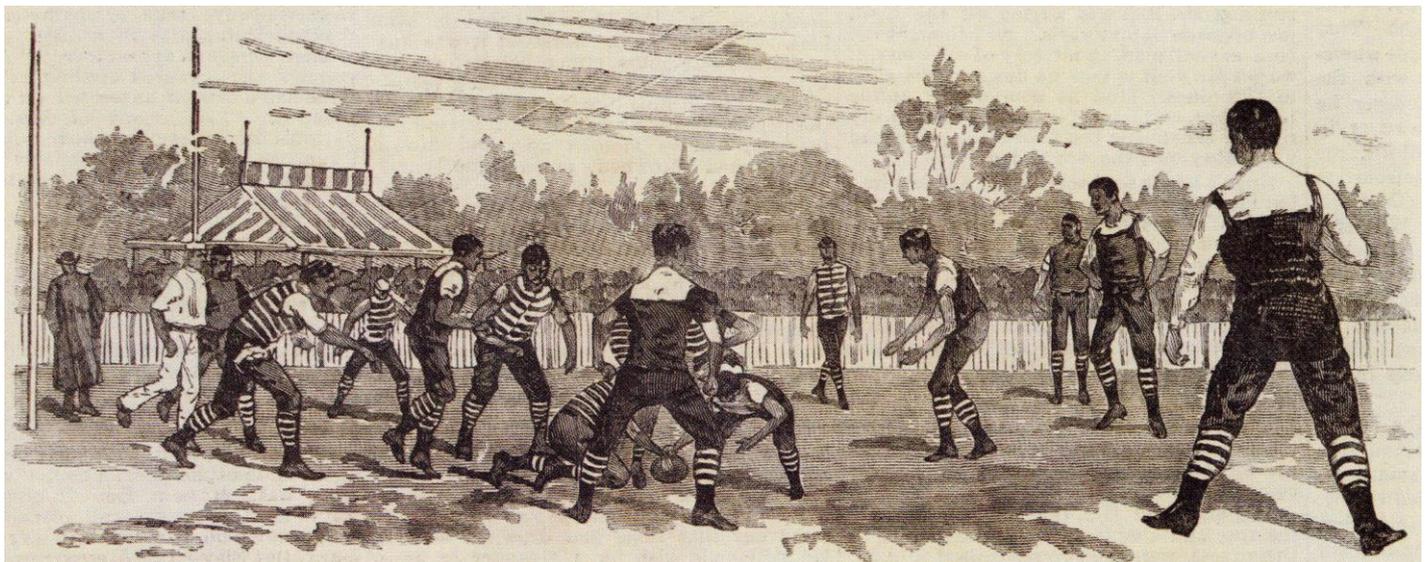
Geelong	3.4 (22)	Rd 4	1919	PP
Carlton	1.5 (11)	Rd 2	1899	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Geelong	78 points	Rd 2	2007	Dock
Carlton	106 points	Rd 17	1944	PP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	L. Hagger	Geel	Rd 4	1927	Corio
10	L. White	Geel	Rd 19	1947	KP



On June 23, 1888, the *Australasian* published a series of images from Carlton's match against Geelong at the MCG on June 9. The drawings were derived from "instantaneous photographs by Foster and Martin". This scene, captioned "Hand Play", is before the MCG's eastern goal. Carlton won five goals to three in front of an 18-22,000 strong crowd.

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