



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 1 HAWTHORN V ESSENDON

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THEIR FIRST FINAL

Hawthorn entered the Victorian Football League in 1925, but it was not until 1983 that they came up against the Bombers in a final, having beaten Carlton by 33 points in the elimination final, Fitzroy by 23 points in the first semi final and North Melbourne by 86 points in the preliminary final. Hawthorn, meanwhile, had beaten Fitzroy in the qualifying final by just four points and North Melbourne by 40 points in the second semi final. Before 110,333 fans at the 'G, the teams lined up on September 24. The *Canberra Times* of September 25, reported that it was..:

"Too easy for the Hawks

A rare smile broke across the face of Hawthorn coach Allan Jeans after his side demolished Essendon by a record 83 points in yesterday's VFL grand final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The last time Jeans is jokingly reputed to have smiled was when he coached St Kilda to its first premiership in 1966. And 17 years later Jeans smiled again before more than 110,000 fans after Hawthorn scored 20.20 (140) to Essendon's 8.9 (57) to win its fifth premiership. It was the highest winning margin in a grand final. The previous record was 81 points by Richmond when it beat Collingwood in the 1980 grand final.

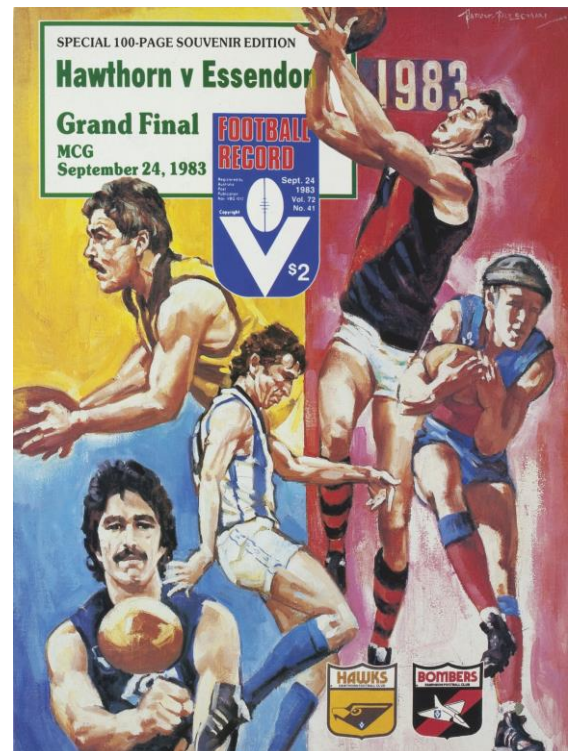
For the entire game yesterday, Hawthorn was never behind and Essendon could not match the discipline and class of its opponent. Jeans said after the game it had been a great team effort. "I don't want to single out any player for special praise," he said. "Each grand final is different and it brings the best out in players."

Jeans thought Hawthorn won the match in the second quarter when it piled on seven goals to Essendon's one. "The lead at halftime was eventually good enough to carry on for the rest of the game," he said. "I believe Essendon had its chances to come back in the second quarter, but it failed to do so."

Jeans said he had a feeling of sadness for Essendon coach Kevin Sheedy over the Bombers' performance yesterday. "I've experienced losing two grand finals before [St Kilda 1965 and 1971] and I know it's an awful feeling," he said. "But that's part of coaching and you must take your ups and downs. But you must have the guts to go on with it when you lose." ...Hawthorn captain Leigh Matthews was an inspiring leader - kicking six goals for the match. Matthews said the Hawks just outplayed Essendon on the day. "Our backline was superb today," he said. "We were confident at halftime after taking such a good lead. I think the pressure got to Essendon because, like all its other final matches this season, it was a do or die effort." Matthews dominated the forward line yesterday and Sheedy tried four different opponents in an attempt to curb the champion.

The more experienced Hawthorn players showed top form all day, with ruck-rover Michael Tuck doing as he pleased around the ground while Peter Knights was a constant attacking threat at centre half-forward.

The Hawks defence was brilliant, particularly across the half-back line. To make things worse for Essendon its centre half forward Roger Merrett was reported twice in two minutes after he allegedly hit centreman Terry Wallace and then allegedly stiff-armed Matthews in front of goal. Two Hawthorn players were also reported during many of the fiery clashes. Forward Ken Judge was reported for allegedly striking [Glen] Hawker and ruckman Michael Byrne for allegedly striking Essendon forward Paul Van der Haar."



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 which 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 one has taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011. 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 Hawthorn v Essendon

Hawthorn v Essendon by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Essendon	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	0	1	0
Docklands	7	5	0
Gabba	0	1	0
Glenferrie	11	29	0
MCG	13	16	0
Princes Park	7	6	0
Waverley	10	7	0
Windy Hill	18	35	0
York Park	0	1	0
	66	101	0

Last Time They Met – Round 8, 2022, Docklands

	Essendon	Hawthorn
Quarter time	2.2	3.7
Half time	6.3	8.9
Three-quarter time	8.10	10.13
Full time	16.12 (108)	11.15 (81)

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS "HABS" – THE KEEPER OF THE HAWKS' HERITAGE

Longtime Hawks Museum curator, and a good friend of your MCC Library, **Peter Haby** was recently honoured with the AFL's prestigious Jack Titus Recognition of Service Award for 2023. In 1978 "Habs" began researching the Hawthorn Football Club at the MCC, VFL House (Jolimont) and at State Libraries. In 1984 he assisted Harry Gordon with his seminal Hawthorn history book *The Hard Way*, and was a foundation member of "Hawks Forever" in 1992 as historian and collection curator. Honoured with a Hawthorn Life Membership in 2001, and instrumental with the publication of numerous Hawthorn history books, our knowledge and preservation of the Hawks' heritage would be much poorer without his volunteering. Your MCC Library, its staff, and cohort of volunteers are delighted to celebrate Peter's recognition by the League.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Paul Barnard was a utility player who was recruited by Hawthorn from East Perth in 1994. He managed only 11 games (4 goals) in his two seasons with the Hawks. In 1996 he went off to Essendon as part of a trade for Paul Salmon. In his eight seasons with the Bombers he totalled 140 games (75 goals) including four second half goals in Essendon's 2000 Grand Final win over the Demons. Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "strong and hard at the ball", his body told him, after managing just 11 games for the season, that it was time to retire at the end of the 2003 season. He is quoted as saying: "Every footballer knows his expiry date – some like to push it back a bit, but mine's finished." Barnard went on to coaching positions with Craigieburn and Essendon Dousta Stars in the Essendon District Football League.

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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