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AFL 2024 ROUND 9 CARLTON V MELBOURNE

THEIR FIRST FINAL

Carlton and Melbourne played their first VFL finals match in 1915. In that season Carlton finished second on the ladder and Melbourne fourth. Under the finals system in operation at the time the second and fourth placed teams met in the first of the semi finals, the loser being eliminated from the premiership race. Carlton were favoured to win but, kicking with the wind in the first quarter, Melbourne opened up a 10-point lead by kicking 3.5 to 2.1. Carlton kicked two goals to one in the second quarter and held a four-point advantage at the main break – 4.9 to 4.5. Four goals to three in the third term put Melbourne back in front by three points at the final change, the scores being Melbourne 8.7 to Carlton 7.10. The *Argus* (August 30) reported the following on the final quarter of the game:

Soon after the opening of the last quarter Gardiner with a very fine shot got Carlton's eighth goal, and once more they led by three points. They seemed to pass out of danger, when Fisher played the ball up to Valentine, who rushed a good ninth goal, and Green scored the tenth. But the reds were not yet beaten. Chiefly through Allan's fine play, J McKenzie got their ninth goal. Then Gardiner, with the first place kick of the day, scored (the) eleventh goal for Carlton. Elston came with the tenth for Melbourne, but though they were only a few points behind the bell rang before the reds had any further chance to equalise the scores and a very good game in the circumstances ended: Carlton 11 goals 12 behinds (78 points) def. Melbourne 10 goals 7 behinds (67 points).

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Described in *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "A big-hearted and honest defender", **Peter Rohde** came to Carlton from Sandhurst in the Bendigo Football League, making his debut for the Blues in 1985 and playing a total of 46 games (6 goals) for the club; but having been dropped by coach Robert Walls during the team's final series in 1987, he went off to Melbourne at the end of the season. From 1988 to 1995, whilst being plagued by injuries, Rohde managed to play 117 games (22 goals) for the Demons, retiring at the end of the 1995 season. As senior coach of the Norwood club in the SANFL, Rohde took the side to a premiership in 1997. He was appointed as an assistant coach of the Western Bulldogs in 2002 and when senior coach Terry Wallace suddenly resigned, he took over and was subsequently formally appointed to the position. With the club finishing 16th in 2003 and 14th in 2004, he was sacked with four rounds to go, but agreed to remain until the end of the season. Rohde was then appointed as Football Operations Manager by the Port Adelaide Football Club, a position he held until 2014.

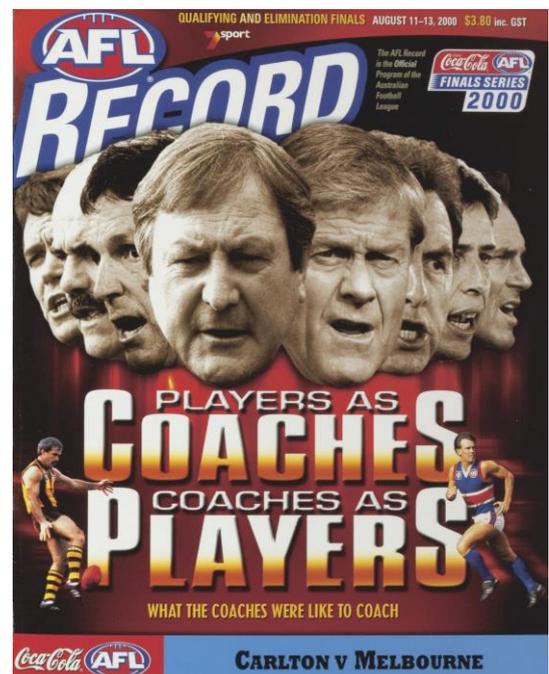
THE 2000 SECOND QUALIFYING FINAL

In the second qualifying final of 2000 (*AFL Record* pictured) these two sides met at the MCG before 75,570 fans. Carlton led at every change, by six points at quarter time, 16 points at the main break and 21 points at the final change. However, a stunning last quarter saw Melbourne kick seven goals to Carlton's two, and at the final siren the Demons prevailed by nine points. For the Demons Brad Green kicked four goals, with Cameron Bruce, Stephen Powell and David Schwartz each kicking two. For the Blues Matthew Lappin and Lance Whitnall each kicked three. **Melbourne 15.6 (96) def. Carlton 12.15 (87)**.

Melbourne went on to defeat North Melbourne by 50 points in the second preliminary final, but were outclassed by Essendon in the grand final, going down by 60 points.

OVER TO YOU

There are five current AFL coaches who have played for the Brisbane Lions and/or the Brisbane Bears. Can you name them?



THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 9 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 9 score on the MCG is 32.19 (211) by Geelong against Richmond 10.17 (77) in 1989. This is also the highest score for this Round on all grounds. The most goals kicked in this round is 14 kicked by Gary Ablett Snr. in the same game. The greatest winning margin here in Round 9 is 141 points by Melbourne over Hawthorn in 1926–21.28 (154) to 1.7 (13). There has been one drawn game in Round 9 on the MCG. Melbourne and Collingwood each scored 10.5 (65) in 1909. Four drawn games have occurred on other grounds in Round 9. The highest Round 9 attendance was at the MCG in 1964 when 86,664 saw Melbourne 10.13 (73) defeat Collingwood 8.15 (63).

STATISTICS FOR CARLTON V MELBOURNE

Carlton v Melbourne by venue

| | Won by Carlton | Won by Melbourne | Drawn |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|
| MCG | 53 | 56 | 1 |
| Docklands | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Motordrome | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Princes Park | 52 | 33 | 1 |
| Punt Road | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Waverley | 9 | 4 | 0 |
| | 120 | 97 | 2 |

Last Time They Met – 2023 First Semi Final, MCG

| | Melbourne | Carlton |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Quarter time | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| Half time | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| Three-quarter time | 7.11 | 7.5 |
| Full time | 9.17 (71) | 11.7 (73) |

Highest Score

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------|------|-----|
| Carlton | 25.15 (165) | Rd 10 | 1986 | MCG |
| Melbourne | 25.10 (160) | Rd 6 | 2004 | MCG |

Lowest Score

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|-----------|----------|------|------|-----|
| Carlton | 1.2 (8) | Rd 7 | 1903 | MCG |
| Melbourne | 2.4 (16) | Rd 3 | 1899 | PP |

Greatest Winning Margin

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|-----------|------------|-------|------|-----|
| Carlton | 116 points | Rd 10 | 1986 | MCG |
| Melbourne | 109 points | Rd 9 | 2018 | MCG |

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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<http://tinyurl.com/mcccatalogue>

EARLY DAYS

The Round 7 *Football Record* in 1923 told us of a meeting of two former champions:

“Sixty five years ago, and yet we have with us one who has played the game so far back, and who, if he were capable of doing so, would still be chasing the bounding ball. It was just 65 years ago when Mr. H. C. A. Harrison assisted to form the Australian game. He is now more than 80 years of age. On Saturday he was present at the Melbourne-Fitzroy match, being one of the keenest barrackers for Melbourne. He strolled into the Fitzroy dressing room, and seeing Wally Johnston, the old time brilliant half-back of Fitzroy, chaffed him about having retired from the field. ‘Too old,’ said Wally. ‘Old be blown,’ replied the father of the game; I wish I were your age. I know that I would not then be too old for it.’ The players were genuinely pleased to see the fine old gentleman looking so well under the weight of years.”

H.C.A. “Colden” Harrison (1926)
by Sir John Longstaff
oil on canvas
MCC Long Room (M13515)



OVER TO YOU ANSWER

Craig McRae (Collingwood), Chris Scott (Geelong), Brad Scott (Essendon), Michael Voss (Carlton), Ross Lyon (St Kilda)

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