



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET

## MARCH 14, 2025

### AFL 2025 ROUND 1

### HAWTHORN V ESSENDON

#### THREE-IN-A-ROW GRAND FINALS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

In 1983 North Melbourne finished on top of the ladder with Hawthorn second and Essendon fourth. The grand final, played on 24th September 1983 at the MCG, saw a crowd of 110,332 witness the match. Hawthorn set a record winning-margin for a grand final with its 83-point annihilation of Essendon. The best for the Hawks were Michael Tuck, Peter Knights, Colin Robertson, John Kennedy Jnr and Russell Greene. For Essendon their best were Terry Daniher, Garry Foulds, Simon Madden, Shane Heard, Darren Williams and Tony Buhagiar. The best goalkickers included the Hawks' Leigh Matthews with six and Essendon's Terry Daniher with two. The Norm Smith Medallist, for best on the ground, was awarded to Colin Robertson from Hawthorn. The final scores read: Hawthorn 20.20 (140) to Essendon 8.9 (57).

The 1984 season saw Essendon finish on top of the ladder and Hawthorn in second position. The grand final on 29th September at the MCG drew a crowd of 92,685. The best players for Essendon were Bill Duckworth, Tim Watson, Mark Harvey, Glenn Hawker, Shane Heard and Leon Baker. For the Hawks the best were Terry Wallace, Richard Loveridge, Peter Schwab, Russell Greene, Leigh Matthews and Gary Ayres. The best goal kickers on the day were: Leon Baker with four goals for the Bombers and Hawk, Leigh Matthews, also with four. The Norm Smith Medal for best on the ground was awarded to Billy Duckworth from Essendon. Final scores read: Essendon 14.21 (105) to Hawthorn 12.9 (81).

In 1985 Essendon finished on top of the ladder with Hawthorn in third position. The Grand Final took place on 28th September 1985 at the MCG in front of crowd of 100,042. The Bombers 26.14 (170) defeated the Hawks 14.8 (92). This saw a 78-point demolition of Hawthorn in the teams' third consecutive grand final. 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. The Bombers were well served by Paul Salmon (6 goals), Roger Merrett (5 goals) and Mark Harvey (4 goals). The best player on the ground received the Norm Smith Medal and that was Simon Madden of Essendon.

#### PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

**Bernie Jones** was recruited from De La Salle as a raw-boned and awkward-looking ruckman. He was a tall man at 6ft 6in (197cms) and weighed 203 lbs (92kg). He played with Hawthorn in 1973 to 1977 and again in 1979 to 1980 for a total of 73 games with 32 goals. At Hawthorn he played in a losing grand final in 1975 and a victory in 1976. In 1978 he crossed for one season to play with Essendon for 13 games with 11 goals. His son, Dillon, played for Sandringham Football Club in the Victorian Football League.

**Peter Bennett** came to Hawthorn from Pakenham and in 1976 and 1977 played 13 games kicking five goals. He moved to Essendon in 1978 to 1981 where he played 67 games and kicked 22 goals. He was a fine possession-winner and a member of the Essendon team which won the 1981 night premiership.

#### SIX GREAT HAWK NICKNAMES

- “Mort” - Graham Arthur was Hawthorn's first premiership captain in 1961, leading them in the victory over Footscray. A nickname that was derived from his school studies of the Lord Alfred Tennyson poem, “Morte d' Arthur”.
- “Delicate” – Des Dickson. There was nothing delicate about Des who was a fearsome big man and with a well-deserved reputation for rugged play.
- “Lethal” – Leigh Matthews. He was known originally as “Barney” because of his likeness to the cartoon character Barney Rubble. Lou Richards, in the *Sun-News-Pictorial* gave him the more appropriate nickname “Lethal”.
- “Candles” – Clayton Thompson, a South Australian recruit, was unique in the 1950s because he was so tall – 198cms. He was also a youngster who was pale, tall and thin.
- “Conan” – Gary Ayres, a four-time premiership player, was the complete defender - cool, skilled and highly courageous. He was also likened to the lead character from Arnold Schwarzenegger's Conan the Barbarian, hence the nickname “Conan”.
- “The Freak” – James Morrissey was a three-time premiership player who had the nickname “The Freak” bestowed upon him because of his ability to kick uncanny goals and his awareness in general play.

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 1 AT 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 HAWTHORN V ESSENDON

### Hawthorn v Essendon by Venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Essendon	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	0	1	0
Docklands Stadium	7	5	0
Gabba	0	1	0
Glenferrie Oval	11	29	0
MCG	13	18	0
Princes Park	7	6	0
Waverley Park	10	7	0
Windy Hill	18	35	0
York Park	0	1	0
	66	103	0

### 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

### Last Time They Met - Round 1, 2024, MCG

	Essendon	Hawthorn
Quarter time	4.2	2.7
Half time	7.3	5.11
Three-quarter time	12.3	9.14
Full time	17.5 (107)	11.17 (83)

## GEORGIE DAY RECEIVES THE 2025 JACK TITUS SERVICE AWARD

MCC Library congratulates Georgie Day who received the 2025 "Jack Titus Service Award". The award recognises outstanding service at club level and, outside of the Hall of Fame, is the highest honour the AFL can bestow on an administrator or volunteer in the industry. A volunteer at St. Kilda for 45 years, Georgie has been St Kilda's Heritage Museum Coordinator and a long-term volunteer and staff member with the Saints. The Jack Titus Service Award has been presented since 1977, and Georgie is the first woman to receive the honour. Georgie helped establish the club's database of memorabilia and records, including the storage of all key items. Georgie has been a close associate with the Melbourne Cricket Club Library's staff and volunteers, and she was a foundation member of the Australian Football Heritage Group. The award is a well-deserved honour.

## FOUR ESSENDON PLAYERS WHO WERE SPORTING ALLROUNDERS

**Bill Carkeek**, nicknamed "Barlow", played 26 games with Essendon from 1903-05. He was also a highly regarded wicketkeeper with Hawksburn Cricket Club. "Barlow" toured England with the 1912 Australians and was selected to play in the Triangular Test Series against England and South Africa.

**Cyril Gove** was a perky little wingman but combined his football with his ability as a steeple-chase rider. On one occasion he rode in a race at Moonee Valley to finish third, also playing with Essendon the same day. (Essendon 1913-15 & 1918, 28 games).

**Simon Fraser** played with both Essendon and University. He was an accomplished oarsman who rowed for Australia in the eight at the 1912 Olympic Games at Stockholm. (Essendon 1905-06, 21 games & University 1909, 2 games).

**Clarric Hearn** was an Essendon utility player who was renowned for his dashing play. In 1929 he won the Stawell Gift. (Essendon 1929-35, 92 games).

## FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

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