



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 22 MELBOURNE V CARLTON

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MELBOURNE VERSUS CARLTON IN FINALS

Melbourne and Carlton have met eight times in finals, but never in a grand final. The Demons have won six of these games and the Blues two. Their first finals match was in 1915 and the most recent was in 2000. Here are some brief details on each of these games:

- **First Semi Final 1915 – Carlton 11.12 (78) defeated Melbourne 10.7 (67).**
Melbourne led by three points at the final change but the Blues kicked four goals to two in the final term to win the game. Carlton's Vin Gardiner kicked five goals. Carlton went on to beat Fitzroy in the (preliminary) final and Collingwood in the grand final to claim the premiership.
- **First Semi Final 1936 – Melbourne 14.13 (97) defeated Carlton 11.22 (88).**
Melbourne were ahead at every change but the Blues kicked three goals six to Melbourne's two goals two in the final quarter to nearly steal the game. Carlton kicked six thirteen after half time to Melbourne's five goals six. Melbourne bowed out of the premiership race when they lost the preliminary final to South Melbourne by 26 points.
- **Second Semi Final 1941 – Melbourne 16.13 (109) defeated Carlton 11.16 (82)**
Melbourne were on top throughout the game, scoring seven goals to two in the first quarter and maintaining their lead to the end. Ron Baggott kicked six goals for the Demons and Jack Mueller five. Carlton lost to Essendon in the preliminary final, so the Demons faced the Bombers in the grand final. Melbourne won the grand final by 29 points to claim their third successive premiership.
- **Second Semi-Final 1959 – Melbourne 11.15 (81) defeated Carlton 4.13 (37)**
Melbourne kept Carlton scoreless in the first quarter and had opened up a 34-point lead by half-time. They increased their lead in the third quarter and maintained their superiority to win by 44 points. Alan Rowarth kicked four goals for the Demons. Carlton lost the preliminary final to Essendon, who were defeated by Melbourne in the grand final.
- **First Semi-Final 1962 – Carlton 11.12 (78) defeated Melbourne 11.10 (76)**
Melbourne finished third on the ladder and Carlton fourth. The Demons led by 14 points at the final change but the Blues kicked two goals five to one behind in the last term to win a thriller by two points. Graham Donaldson was the Blues' leading goalkicker with three. Carlton beat Geelong by five points in the preliminary final but Essendon were too strong for them in the grand final, winning by 32 points.
- **Preliminary Final 1988 – Melbourne 19.6 (120) defeated Carlton 14.14 (98)**
Melbourne came from finishing fifth on the ladder to play Carlton (third) in the preliminary final. The Blues led by two points at half time but the Demons kicked seven goals to one in the third term to have the game in hand at the final break. Ricky Jackson kicked five goals for Melbourne. The win put the Demons into their first grand final since 1964 but they were overwhelmed by Hawthorn the following Saturday, losing by 96 points.
- **Third Qualifying Final 1994 – Melbourne 18.15 (123) defeated Carlton 14.12 (96)**
This was a major upset as Melbourne had finished seventh on the ladder and Carlton second. The Blues led by two points at the main break but Melbourne had the better of the second half to win by 27 points. Carlton followed this loss with another to Geelong, which put them out of the premiership race. Melbourne defeated Footscray in the first semi-final but were well beaten by eventual premiers West Coast Eagles in a preliminary final in Perth.
- **Second Qualifying Final 2000 – Melbourne 15.6 (96) defeated Carlton 12.15 (87)**
Carlton, who finished second on the ladder, seemed in control of the game until the final quarter. The Blues led by 21 points at the final change but the Demons (who finished third) kicked seven goals to two in the final term to achieve an exciting win. Carlton's loss put them on course to meet Essendon in a preliminary final and the Bombers, who had lost only one game for the season, won by 45 points. Essendon defeated Melbourne by 60 points in the grand final.

This Round in History – Round 22 on the MCG

The highest Round 22 score at the MCG is 25.20 (170) by Hawthorn against Richmond 13.8 (86) in 1992. The overall Round 22 highest score is 32.16 (208) by Essendon against Footscray 9.8 (62) at the Western Oval in 1982. The highest score in a quarter is 10.4 (64) by North Melbourne in the second quarter against Fitzroy in 1991 (Fitzroy won by a point) and by Richmond against Fitzroy in the last quarter in 1988 (Richmond won by 103 points). The overall Round 22 record is 13.4 (82) by Essendon against Footscray in the third quarter at the Western Oval in 1982. The biggest bag of goals is 12 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1992 (see above for match scores). This is also the overall Round 22 goalkicking record. The largest Round 22 attendance is 87,984 when Essendon played Carlton at the MCG in 1995.

Statistics for Melbourne v Carlton

Melbourne v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Carlton	Drawn
MCG	54	51	1
Docklands	2	3	0
Motordrome	0	1	0
Princes Park	33	52	1
Punt Road	2	2	0
Waverley	4	9	0
	95	118	2

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Last Time They Met – Round 9, 2021, MCG

	Melbourne	Carlton
Quarter time	4.3	3.2
Half time	8.6	6.5
Three-quarter time	12.9	8.7
Full time	13.16 (94)	10.8 (68)

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

PLAYED FOR BOTH – GREG WELLS

Wells was a centreman or rover who joined Melbourne from Bentleigh-McKinnon Youth Centre. During the 1969 season he played with the Demons' thirds and reserves sides before making his senior debut in the Round 18 match against Carlton. He wore the number 50 guernsey in 1969 but changed to number 11 in 1970, when he became a regular in the senior side. From 1969 to 1980 he played 224 games and kicked 251 goals for the Demons. He was runner-up in the 1972 Brownlow Medal and finished fourth in 1976. He was Melbourne's best and fairest in 1971 and 1976 and leading goalkicker in 1975. He was a member of the Demons' night premiership side in 1971. He was elected captain in 1977 and served in that position again in 1978. Midway through the 1980 season he crossed to Carlton, where he played 43 games and kicked 24 goals from 1980 to 1982. He was a member of the Blues' 1981 premiership team. Wells is a member of Melbourne's Hall of Fame and was selected as an emergency in its Team of the Century. When Melbourne's 2021 premiership flag was unfurled in the Round 1 match against the Western Bulldogs at the MCG this year, Wells joined with other Demon greats as one of the flag bearers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Melbourne has played in 19 grand finals for 13 wins, five losses and a draw. In 14 of these games they have faced either Essendon or Collingwood. Melbourne defeated Collingwood in the 1926, 1939, 1955, 1956, 1960 and 1964 grand finals and were defeated by the Magpies in 1958. They were victorious in grand finals over Essendon in 1941, 1948 (after the first grand final was drawn), 1957 and 1959, while the Bombers had wins in the 1946 and 2000 premiership deciders. Melbourne's only other grand final opponents have been Footscray/Western Bulldogs in 1954 (Footscray won) and 2021 (Melbourne won), Fitzroy in 1900 (Melbourne won), Richmond in 1940 (Melbourne won) and Hawthorn in 1988 (Hawthorn won).

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