



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2022 ROUND 5 HAWTHORN V GEELONG

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### THE FIRST TIME THEY MET

Hawthorn was admitted to the Victorian Football League in 1925. In Round 7 the team travelled down the Geelong Road to Geelong's home ground, the Corio Oval. An estimated crowd of 11,000 saw Hawthorn put up a brave fight in the first quarter, trailing by just four points at the first break. The home side took over after that, leading by 22 points at the main break and going on to win by 52 points with Geelong's champion forward Lloyd Hagger kicking seven goals. Hagger had been recruited from local club Barwon and played his first game in 1917. He played 174 games from 1917 to 1929, kicking 389 goals. He captain-coached the side in 1924, handing over both positions to Cliff Rankin at the end of the season. In 1924 he represented Victoria in the Carnival in Hobart. Against Western Australia he kicked seven goals including a last minute major to help the Victorians to an eight point win. He was a member of Geelong's first premiership side in 1925 and led the League's goalkicking that year.

### GEELONG NICKNAMES

The Geelong Football Club is the second oldest football club in the AFL, having been formed in 1859 several months after the Melbourne Football Club. For many of its early years the team was known as "The Pivot" or "the Pivotonians", with the City of Geelong and its substantial port being regarded as the pivot of commerce in Victoria at the time. The *Geelong Chronicle* of September 16, 1863, in its report of a match between Geelong and Melbourne on the Richmond Paddock for the Caledonian Challenge Cup noted, "Mr Rippon was fortunate enough to force the ball through the Melbourne posts, and thus terminate a short and sharp contest for the Champion Cup in favour of the Pivot."

The *Argus* of September 13, 1875 reported, "As a rule Geelong is looked upon as a very quiet place... but if any stranger happened to be on the Argyle ground on Saturday he would have thought that all the denizens of the Pivot had there assembled..."

The attraction was a match between the Geelong and the Barwon football clubs for the challenge cup. Bets of 2 to 1 were made that Hall the premier kick of the Pivot, would never get a mark..." One of the club's current supporter groups is still called "The Pivots". The *Geelong Advertiser* used the name "The Flour Baggers" in the club's early days, because of the similarity of the blue and white jumper to a flour bag being used at the time. It appears that, in the 1860s and 1870s, "The Seagulls" was also used because of Geelong's seaside location, or possibly because the city's name is taken from the Aboriginal word "jillong" meaning "the place of the native companion", referring to a long-legged water bird.

In 1923, after a dismal start to the season *Herald* cartoonist Sam Wells suggested [on Friday July 6] that the club needed a black cat to change its luck. Allegedly, a black cat had followed the Collingwood team onto the ground at three-quarter time during a junior match against Hawthorn, when Collingwood were trailing. Apparently Collingwood's luck changed and they went on to win. The following week after a losing streak, Geelong unexpectedly beat Carlton and the club decided to adopt the black cat as their official mascot. They've been known as "The Cats" ever since. [Quentin Miller, "What's in a name", *The Yorker*, No. 47, Autumn 2012, p.21.]



Above: A sketch of Geelong's mascot attributed to Geelong forward Lloyd Hagger in 1925. Hagger has been identified as an early artist behind the Cats' logo. [From the collection of the Geelong Football Club]

## **AUSTIN MCCRABB'S BAD DAY**

McCrabb was an old-fashioned footballer who played mainly as a dour defender, with some stints in the midfield or on the forward line. He played 36 games for the Cats from 1987 to 1991. His career highlight was against Carlton in Round 5, 1991 where he played against key forward Jon Dorotich at Kardinia Park. McCrabb kept Dorotich goalless and restricted his influence on the game greatly, as well as providing some drive from half-back. McCrabb was awarded three Brownlow votes for this game, which prompted hearty laughs from Paul Couch and a few others at the Geelong table at the 1991 Brownlow count. McCrabb's undoubted lowlight came in Geelong's inglorious loss to Hawthorn in Round 14, 1990 at Waverley Park. McCrabb broke a team rule in the first term and kicked across goal, which led to a Hawthorn major and subsequent avalanche. Coach Malcolm Blight was incensed with McCrabb's error and excluded him from the quarter-time huddle. Poor old Austin was left standing on his own in the middle of VFL Park, while Blight gave his charges one of his famous sprays and fired off long distance bakes to the banished McCrabb. After finishing his time at Geelong in 1991, McCrabb was drafted by Hawthorn where he added nine games in the number 38 guernsey, including a homecoming at Kardinia Park in Round 16 when the Hawks, as was mainly the case in the mid-1980s to mid-1990s, proved too strong for the Cats.

## **EASTER MONDAY FOOTBALL AT THE MCG**

The inaugural Easter Monday match at the MCG was in 1954 when Melbourne lost to Collingwood before a crowd of 45,848. Richmond's first match as an MCG tenant was against Melbourne on Easter Monday 1965. In 1982 Richmond and Essendon drew a record Easter Monday crowd of 90,564. An Easter Monday match at the MCG became a regular fixture in 1990. Since then Hawthorn has played seven "home" games in that slot, Geelong six, Essendon four, Melbourne and Carlton three, and Richmond and Collingwood two. Probably the best remembered incident from those matches is Mick McGuane's seven bounce run during the second quarter of the Magpies' match against Carlton in 1994. Taking the ball from a centre bounce, McGuane headed for the wing, cut back in at half-forward, feinted a kick to baulk a tackler and then, after a seventh bounce, slotted through a goal. It would be judged the Channel 7 Sportsworld Goal of the Year. In 2002 Melbourne kicked 10 unanswered goals from midway through the first quarter to eight minutes into the final quarter before Hawthorn booted the next nine in 27 minutes, including eight in 14 minutes. Hawthorn's Jade Rawlings kicked two goals without a centre bounce, with Melbourne's Nathan Brown being the offender. Melbourne still won by 26 points.

## **GEELONG VERSUS HAWTHORN ON EASTER MONDAY**

The AFL decided that from 2010 onwards, Geelong and Hawthorn would begin a tradition of Easter Monday matches, the Beyondblue Cup being presented for the first time that year. These clubs have met 10 times on Easter Monday at the MCG, and the Cats have won seven of those matches. Geelong also won the 2011 Easter Tuesday match against the Hawks. It was played on Tuesday as Easter Monday fell on Anzac Day that year. This allowed the traditional Anzac Day match between Collingwood and Essendon to proceed. The Collingwood v Essendon match drew a crowd of 89,626, which is the largest Easter Monday match attendance since 1982. The largest attendance for the Geelong v Hawthorn Easter Monday match was 80,222 in 2014.

Of the Geelong victories the 2012 Easter Monday match was memorable. After a tight first half the Hawks established an 18-point lead at the final break. Sparked by Jimmy Bartel, the Cats then kicked 4.1 to their opponents' 0.5 to win by two points. In the Round 1, 2013 match, the Hawks led by 20 points at half time, but the Cats kicked eight goals to Hawthorn's four in the second half to run out winners by seven points. The 2016 match is best remembered for Patrick Dangerfield's 43 possessions in his first game for the Cats (18 kicks and 25 handballs), his team winning by 30 points. In 2017 Geelong 20.14 (134) beat Hawthorn 6.12 (48).

Hawthorn's first Easter Monday win against Geelong came in 2015 when they kicked 17.21 (123) to Geelong's 8.13 (61). The Hawks' second win was a classic in 2018. Geelong's team featured Patrick Dangerfield, Joel Selwood and Gary Ablett in the middle for the first time. The Hawks led by 25 points early in the last quarter, before the Cats got a run on to draw level at the 26-minute mark when Brandan Parfitt goaled. Jarryd Roughead, Hawthorn's captain, kicked the winning point with a minute left. Ablett had 35 disposals, while Dangerfield had 31 and Selwood 29.

## **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>

## EASTER MONDAY FOOTBALL AT THE MCG

DATE	RND	HOME TEAM				AWAY TEAM				MARGIN	ATT
19/04/1954	1	Melbourne	9	10	64	Collingwood	15	12	102	-38	45,848
18/04/1960	1	Melbourne	14	15	99	North Melbourne	5	14	44	55	36,966
19/04/1965	1	Richmond	6	5	41	Melbourne	7	5	47	-6	36,283
15/04/1968	1	Melbourne	14	10	94	Fitzroy	12	18	90	4	25,064
7/04/1969	1	Richmond	15	21	111	Essendon	12	10	82	29	62,152
12/04/1971	2	Richmond	10	9	69	Collingwood	16	10	106	-37	82,191
3/04/1972	1	Richmond	16	9	105	Collingwood	14	17	101	4	72,659
23/04/1973	3	Melbourne	11	9	75	Carlton	11	16	82	-7	49,439
15/04/1974	2	Melbourne	11	20	86	St Kilda	14	16	100	-14	36,708
19/04/1976	3	Richmond	14	18	102	North Melbourne	12	11	83	19	41,413
11/04/1977	2	Richmond	19	6	120	Hawthorn	17	17	119	1	42,192
16/04/1979	2	Richmond	13	18	96	Carlton	23	9	147	-51	59,942
12/04/1982	3	Richmond	25	22	172	Essendon	16	14	110	62	90,564
31/03/1986	1	North Melbourne	15	11	101	Sydney	20	6	126	-25	22,579
4/04/1988	1	Richmond	16	12	108	Melbourne	23	16	154	-46	34,824
16/04/1990	3	Melbourne	18	14	122	Essendon	14	11	95	27	59,894
1/04/1991	2	Richmond	17	7	109	Essendon	16	17	113	-4	31,793
20/04/1992	5	Melbourne	14	14	98	Collingwood	19	17	131	-33	63,711
12/04/1993	3	Essendon	16	13	109	Collingwood	21	13	139	-30	87,638
4/04/1994	2	Carlton	9	12	66	Collingwood	14	16	100	-34	85,063
17/04/1995	3	Essendon	14	14	98	Melbourne	12	10	82	16	60,057
8/04/1996	2	Collingwood	27	11	173	Melbourne	11	13	79	94	53,268
31/03/1997	1	Essendon	16	10	106	Carlton	15	9	99	7	82,363
13/04/1998	3	Carlton	14	14	98	Essendon	14	15	99	-1	68,177
5/04/1999	2	Carlton	15	22	112	Collingwood	12	11	83	29	70,506
24/04/2000	7	Richmond	10	9	69	Carlton	18	12	120	-51	63,149
16/04/2001	3	Melbourne	18	16	124	Geelong	15	14	104	20	48,551
1/04/2002	1	Hawthorn	15	13	103	Melbourne	20	9	129	-26	43,484
28/03/2005	1	Collingwood	11	14	80	Western Bulldogs	16	16	112	-32	53,259
9/04/2007	2	Hawthorn	17	14	116	Melbourne	14	10	94	22	43,197
5/04/2010	2	Hawthorn	13	13	91	Geelong	14	16	100	-9	68,628
25/04/2011	5	Essendon	11	11	77	Collingwood	16	11	107	-30	89,626
9/04/2012	2	Geelong	14	8	92	Hawthorn	13	12	90	2	69,231
1/04/2013	1	Hawthorn	12	14	86	Geelong	13	15	93	-7	76,300
21/04/2014	5	Geelong	15	16	106	Hawthorn	12	15	87	19	80,222
6/04/2015	1	Hawthorn	17	21	123	Geelong	8	13	61	62	73,584
28/03/2016	1	Geelong	18	8	116	Hawthorn	12	14	86	30	74,218
17/04/2017	4	Hawthorn	6	12	48	Geelong	20	14	134	-86	62,360
2/04/2018	2	Geelong	18	9	117	Hawthorn	17	16	118	-1	73,189
22/04/2019	5	Hawthorn	13	12	90	Geelong	17	11	113	-23	66,347
05/04/2021	3	Geelong	10	9	69	Hawthorn	9	10	64	5	50,030

## ANZAC DAY AT KARDINIA PARK

The first time an ANZAC Day match was played at Kardinia Park was on Friday April 25, 1980, Round 5 of the season. In what was to become a close fought affair against Hawthorn. Geelong led at every change, by 18 points at quarter time and 29 points at the main break. However, the Hawks fought back in the third quarter to be only 13 points down at the last change. A fierce last stanza saw the Cats hang to win by just five points. For the Cats, David Clarke and Bruce Nankervis both kicked three goals, with Michael Moncrieff scoring four for the Hawks. The hit out statistics showed Geelong ruckman Rod Blake totalled 36 hit outs whereas Hawthorn's total was 28. **Geelong 14.10 [94] def. Hawthorn 13.11 [89]**

## This Round in History – Round 5 on the MCG

The two highest scores in Round 5 matches on the MCG are Hawthorn's 31.19 (205) against North Melbourne in 1988 and Richmond's 29.25 (199) against Fitzroy in 1980. Richmond's winning margin of 118 points in the latter game is also the greatest on the MCG in Round 5. The best score in any quarter in Round 5 matches on the MCG was in the above Hawthorn-North Melbourne match when the Hawks kicked 11.7 in the third quarter to extinguish any half-time hopes of a North Melbourne victory. The largest attendance for a Round 5 match was set when 90,508 people gathered at the MCG for the 2007 Collingwood-Essendon ANZAC Day game. This bettered the previous record of 87,549 for the 1996 match between the clubs at the MCG on ANZAC Day.

## Statistics for Geelong v Hawthorn

### Geelong v Hawthorn by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Corio	1	12	0
Docklands	3	4	0
Glenferrie	18	16	0
Kardinia Park	16	32	1
MCG	12	21	0
Princes Park	11	3	0
Waverley Park	13	4	0
York Park	1	0	0
	75	92	1

### Highest Score

Geelong	25.13 (163)	Rd 6	1989	PP
Hawthorn	35.15 (225)	Rd 21	1986	PP

### Lowest Score

Geelong	5.10 (40)	Rd 8	1975	Wav
Hawthorn	3.6 (24)	Rd 9	1933	Corio

### Greatest Winning Margin

Geelong	109 points	Rd 9	1933	Corio
Hawthorn	135 points	Rd 21	1986	PP

### Last Time They Met – Round 3, 2021, MCG

### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

	Geelong	Hawthorn
12 Jason Dunstall Haw Rd 1 1990 Wav Quarter time	3.3	2.1
12 Jason Dunstall Haw Rd 1 1992 Wav Half time	6.4	3.5
10 Wally Culpitt Haw Rd 3 1944 GO Three-quarter time	9.7	5.7
10 Lindsay White Geel Rd 1 1950 GO Full time	10.9 (69)	9.10 (64)

## THE RANKINS

The *Football Record* of July 30, 1921, informed their readers of a prominent Geelong football family:

"The Rankins, father and sons, have a rather unique record in Victorian football. Ted Rankin, the father, played 21 seasons with Geelong and represented Victoria in three Interstate games, viz., Victoria v South Australia, 1901 and 1902, Victoria v N.S.W., 1905. Bert Rankin, besides playing ten years with Geelong, has also been selected in three Interstate teams, in one of which he was vice-captain. Cliff, who leads the 'True Boot Artists' competition, has not played as long as his brother, but has been selected in two Interstate teams, viz., N.S.W. last season and the carnival team this year. Never before in Victorian football have two brothers been selected in the same Interstate team. Altogether the Rankins have reason to be proud of this record. Footballers and supporters will, I am sure, join me in wishing them every success in the future, and although the sons may not attain the record of 21 years' service with the Geelong club, 'Chatterer' hopes that they will go mighty near it. It can truly be said that they have all played the game for the game's sake, and with no thought of any monetary gain. Such players are ornaments in any branch of sport."

## DID YOU KNOW?

The "Aussie Footy Dictionary" by Ian Ferguson and Brad Kingsbury gives us the following definitions:

- "Aerial Ping Pong" – A derogatory term for football often used by rugby supporters, who lack both an insight into thinking sports as well as a neck.
- "Dropping the Ball" – A favourite decision for theatrical umpires, who love the exaggerated signal that applies to this penalty, particularly when the crowd is baying loudly for the rule to be applied.

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