



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 8 HAWTHORN V WEST COAST

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WA HALL OF FAME LEGENDS

The Western Australian Football Hall of Fame was established in 2002. Its role is "to recognise and enshrine players, coaches, umpires, administrators and media representatives who have made a most significant contribution to the game of Australian Football in Western Australia since its inception in 1885". Of the 18 "Legends" who have been named so far, nine played for Victorian clubs: **Haydn Bunton** (Fitzroy, Subiaco and Port Adelaide), **John Leonard** (Subiaco and South Melbourne), **Denis Marshall** (Claremont and Geelong), **Stan Heal** (West Perth and Melbourne), **Graham Moss** (Claremont and Essendon), **Jack Sheedy** (East Fremantle, East Perth and South Melbourne), **Graham "Polly" Farmer** (East Perth, West Perth and Geelong), **Barry Cable** (Perth, East Perth and North Melbourne) and **George Moloney** (Claremont and Geelong).

The Legends who did not play in Victoria:

Utility **Phil Matson** played a total of 153 games with West Perth, Sturt, North Fremantle, Subiaco and East Perth. After winning the 1913 premiership with Subiaco as captain-coach, he moved to East Perth where he was captain-coach of five consecutive premiership teams (1919-23) and non-playing coach of the 1926 and 1927 premiership teams. He captained the WA carnival team in 1914.

Centreman **William "Nipper" Truscott** (right) made his senior debut with Mines Rovers in the WA Goldfields League in 1907. In 1908 he represented WA, for which he played 16 matches. From 1913 to 1924 he played 202 games for East Fremantle, captained the club for seven years and played in premiership teams in 1914 and 1918. An outstanding all-round sportsman, he gained selection as a wicketkeeper in a WA side and later won an Australian pairs title in lawn bowls.

Full forward **George Doig** played 202 games for East Fremantle and was a member of premiership teams in 1933, 1937 and 1945. He was the leading WA goalkicker six times and the first WAFL player to kick 100 goals in a season. He also kicked a century of goals in nine consecutive years. His career total of 1103 goals was kicked at an average of 5.46 per game.

Rover **Steve Marsh**, the 1952 Sandover Medallist, played a total of 265 games with South Fremantle and East Fremantle. He won premierships as a player with South in 1947-48, 1952 and 1952-54, and coached Old Easts to a premiership in 1957. He captained WA in 1954.

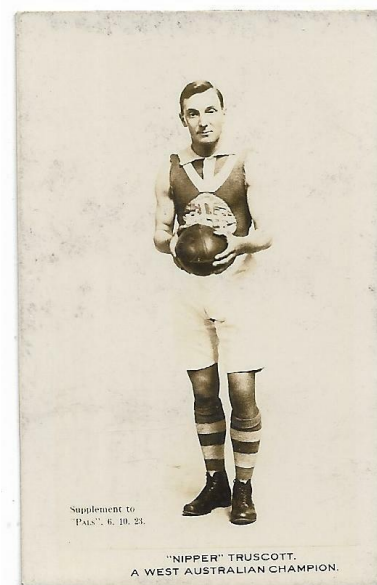
Ruckman **Merv McIntosh**, who won three Sandover Medals (1948, 1953-54), played 217 games for Perth and was a member of the 1955 premiership team. He won the Tassie Medal for best player at the 1953 interstate carnival.

Utility **John Todd**, who won the 1955 Sandover Medal in his first season at the age of 17, played 132 games for South Fremantle. He severely injured his knee in his second season and played the rest of his shortened career in a brace. He coached three WAFL teams to premierships, East Fremantle (1974), Swan Districts (1982-84 and 1990) and South Fremantle (1997). He also coached the West Coast Eagles in 1988/89.

Rover **Haydn Bunton Jnr**, the 1962 Sandover Medallist, played a total of 301 games with North Adelaide, Norwood, Swan Districts, Subiaco and Launceston. He won three premierships as captain-coach of Swan Districts (1961-63) and coached Subiaco to premierships in 1986 and 1988. He captained the WA carnival team in 1961.

Rover **Bill Walker**, who won four Sandover Medals (1965-67 and 1970), played 305 games for Swan Districts and was a member of three premiership teams (1961-63). He was also club captain (1969-75) and captain-coach (1969-71).

The Noongar man **Stephen Michael** played 243 games for South Fremantle between 1975 and 1985. He won the Sandover Medal in 1980 and 1981, was a member of the Bulldogs' 1980 premiership team, and was voted the club's best and fairest player five times. A regular in the WA state team, Michael was named captain of the 1983 All-Australian team, and was also awarded both the Tassie Medal and the Simpson Medal that year.



This Round in History – Round 8 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 8 at the MCG is 25.17 (167) by Richmond against Footscray 17.15 (117) in 1981. The overall Round 8 record is 33.21 (219) by the Brisbane Bears in beating Sydney 8.9 (57) at the Gabba in 1993. The highest score in a quarter for Round 8 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Fitzroy against Richmond in the third quarter in 1992. The overall record is 12.5 (77) by North Melbourne in the third quarter against Footscray at Arden Street in 1983. The most goals by an individual in Round 8 at the MCG is 10. This feat is shared by Melbourne's Fred Fanning against St Kilda in 1947, Jeff Hogg for Richmond against Collingwood in 1991 and Matthew Richardson against the Bulldogs in 2004. The overall Round 8 record is 14 by Gary Ablett for Geelong against Sydney at the SCG in 1994. The highest Round 8 attendances have been at the MCG. Top was 85,659 in 1980 when Richmond defeated Carlton 19.24 (138) to 12.13 (85). In 1992, 83,262 fans saw Carlton 16.9 (105) defeat Collingwood 9.18 (72) and 81,550 saw Melbourne 11.16 (82) beat Geelong 4.11 (35) in 1963.

Statistics for Hawthorn v West Coast

Hawthorn v West Coast by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by West Coast	Drawn
Docklands	1	1	0
MCG	6	2	0
Princes Park	1	2	0
Subiaco	7	14	0
WACA	1	2	0
Waverley	2	5	0
York Park	5	2	0
Perth Stadium	1	1	0
	24	29	0

Highest Score

Hawthorn	23.10 (148)	Rd 2	2013	Subiaco
West Coast	21.18 (144)	Rd 7	1991	PP

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	5.12 (42)	Rd 17	2003	Subiaco
West Coast	6.14 (50)	Rd 14	1989	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	91 points	Rd 14	1989	PP
West Coast	82 points	Rd 7	1991	PP

Last Time They Met – Round 12, 2020, Perth Stadium

	West Coast	Hawthorn
Quarter time	3.4	0.0
Half time	6.5	2.3
Three-quarter time	11.7	5.6
Full time	12.9 (81)	7.7 (49)

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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IT'S A LONG WAY TO THE TOP: HAWTHORN (1902–1961)

The youngest of the Victorian VFL/AFL teams, Hawthorn Football Club joined the Metropolitan Junior Football Association (later the VAFA) in 1902. In 1914, Hawthorn successfully applied to join the VFA (founded in 1877), losing to Port Melbourne in their first match on Easter Monday 1914. But on June 20 the "Mayblooms", as the club was known at the time, beat Port in the return match. Hawthorn's overall record in the VFA between 1914 and 1924 would be 57 wins, 81 losses and two draws. From about 1920, Hawthorn began lobbying for admission to the prestigious VFL (founded in 1897), but it was not until January 9, 1925 that the VFL decided to expand its competition to include Hawthorn, Footscray and North Melbourne. VFL success would prove to be elusive for Hawthorn, the club finishing last or second last 17 times between 1925 and 1949. The 1950s began with a split over the captaincy, and bottom place after a winless campaign. But in that year John Kennedy began his playing career with club, and went on to win the best and fairest award four times in his first five seasons. Morale was boosted in 1954 with the recruitment of giant South Australian ruckman Clayton "Candles" Thompson. Hawthorn won his services after a highly publicised (and expensive) battle with Melbourne. The club made the finals for the first time in 1957, beating Carlton in the first semi final, but lost to eventual premiers Melbourne in the preliminary final. After playing 165 games, John Kennedy retired at the end of the 1959 season, and was then appointed coach. His team was reasonably successful in 1960, missing the finals on percentage. The following year the Hawks were in eighth place by Round 8, but then followed ten straight victories, which saw them finish on top of the ladder for the first time, followed by Melbourne, St Kilda and Footscray. Footscray beat St Kilda by nine points in the first semi final, then Hawthorn just outlasted Melbourne to qualify for the club's first grand final. Footscray beat Melbourne easily in the preliminary final, which suggested that the Hawks would have a fight on their hands the following week. This proved to be the case, with Footscray leading at half time, but a six goal third quarter by the super-fit Hawks set up the club's first premiership win, the final scores being Hawthorn 13.16 (94) to Footscray 7.9 (51).