



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 10 CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

LIBRARY FACT SHEET MAY 21, 2023

MEMORABLE MATCHES BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- In Round 9, 1927, at Victoria Park, Collingwood 13.5 (83) were defeated by Carlton 14.11 (95). The Blues' centre-half back, Alec Duncan took 33 marks.
- In Round 5, 1938, Carlton 19.16 (130) defeated Collingwood 17.12 (114) at Victoria Park. Ron Todd (Collingwood) took a spectacular mark and kicked 11.5 goals. Harry Collier (Collingwood) was investigated following a Carlton complaint. He received a 14 match suspension for striking Jack Carney (Carlton).
- At Victoria Park in Round 19, 1970, Collingwood 13.23 (101) defeated Carlton 2.12 (24). Peter McKenna (Collingwood) kicked his 100th goal for the season. He also booted 9.6 goals that afternoon.
- The 1970 Grand Final was at the MCG before a record crowd of 121,696. Carlton 17.9 (111) defeated Collingwood 14.17 (101). Carlton won by 10 points after trailing by 44 points at half-time. Alex Jesaulenko (Carlton) took the mark of the season over Graeme "Jerker" Jenkin.
- The 1979 Grand Final at the MCG had an attendance of 113,545. Carlton 11.16 (82) defeated Collingwood 11.11 (77). Carlton's Wayne Harmes and Ken Sheldon combined to score the winning goal late in the match.
- In the 1981 Grand Final a crowd of 112,964 saw Carlton 12.20 (92) defeat Collingwood 10.12 (72). Scott Howell (Carlton) became the third generation of his family to gain selection in a premiership team.

HARRY RICHARD CURTIS (1892 –1968)

Curtis was a talented sportsman who attended school at Carlton College. He captained the cricket, football and athletics teams, was middleweight boxing champion of the school, handy at tennis, swimming and once third in the Victorian high jump. As a teenager he started his career as an all-rounder with Carlton First Eleven. In 1913 Harry Curtis played two games and booted one goal with Carlton. His brother, Charles, had played with the Blues earlier. Playing briefly for Collegians in 1914, Harry played a brilliant game against Collingwood District. Collingwood selected Curtis in Round 13, 1914. Between 1914 and 1923 he represented the Magpies in 122 games and kicked 149 goals. He was tall for his era at 189cm (6'2"), and therefore, he was used as a big marking forward who could play in the ruck. He was an important member of the 1917 and 1919 Magpie premiership sides. He also played in the 1915 and 1920 losing grand final teams. In 1923, his final season, he captained the Collingwood side. He also was a gifted centre-half-forward who combined well with Dick Lee at full-forward. The Collingwood Football Club president from 1924 to 1950, in 2007 he was inducted into Collingwood's Hall of Fame.



OVER TO YOU

1. Which Carlton player holds the record for finals match appearances?
2. How many grand finals have Collingwood won against Carlton?
3. Who captained Collingwood before Tony Shaw?
4. Carlton's Craig Bradley played his 350th game against Essendon; how old was he?
5. Who was the first Brownlow Medallist from Carlton?
6. Who is the only man to have coached both Collingwood and Carlton?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 10 on the MCG

The highest score for this round at the MCG is 27.11 (173) by Collingwood against West Coast 10.13 (73) in 2008. The overall Round 10 record is 31.10 (196) by St Kilda against Carlton at Docklands in 2004. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 10 is 116 points by Carlton 25.15 (165) against Melbourne 6.13 (49) in 1986. The overall Round 10 record is 138 points by Adelaide 30.8 (188) against Essendon 6.14 (50) at Football Park in 2006. The most goals on the MCG in this round is 10 by Tony Modra for Fremantle against Melbourne in 1999. The overall Round 10 record is 12 by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Brisbane at Moorabbin in 1992. The biggest attendance for a home-and-away match of 99,256 was in Round 10, 1958 at the MCG. Played on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Melbourne 12.12 (84) defeated Collingwood 10.13 (73).

Statistics for Carlton v Collingwood

Carlton v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	0	1	0
MCG	38	38	0
Princes Park	50	27	2
Victoria Park	30	53	2
Waverley Park	9	10	0
	128	130	4

Highest Score

Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG

Lowest Score

Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP
Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 23, 2022, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	3.5	0.3
Half time	5.6	2.5
Three-quarter time	6.8	10.8
Full time	11.9 (75)	10.14 (74)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallenge	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
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11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

WHEN CARLTON CAME TO COLLINGWOOD'S RESCUE

When Collingwood was admitted to the VFA as the 13th club in 1892, the Association, then the dominant football competition in Victoria, had not expanded since 1886, and had actually contracted in 1888, when South Williamstown merged with Williamstown, and Prahran and St Kilda amalgamated. In this era fixtures were not arranged centrally, but through the preseason negotiations of club secretaries. This situation led to fixture imbalances when some teams would play more games in a season than others, or play a particular club on multiple occasions but not meet another club at all. However, clubs had to play a minimum of 18 games against other VFA teams to qualify for the premiership. For the young Collingwood club, finding the requisite 18 matches at a meeting of the secretaries on March 26 proved a challenge. On April 30 the *Australasian* football columnist J.J. Healy, aka "Markwell", wrote:

"To a disinterested spectator the spectacle presented at the meeting of secretaries a few weeks back was undignified and thoroughly ridiculous, and... anything but satisfactory. A glance at the list of matches is sufficient to show that some clubs in the competition have a much more formidable programme to face than other clubs have... In the struggle for matches it was to be expected that the newcomers from Collingwood should be placed at a disadvantage, and it was not surprising to learn that they had been able to secure only 17 games, and were thus practically excluded from competing for premiership honours... However, the good sense of delegates at a subsequent meeting of the association, aided by the magnanimity of Carlton and South Ballarat, enabled them to secure their proper complement; and, though perhaps it would have been more satisfactory had they been set against Fitzroy twice, rather than against Carlton three times, they are grateful for the consideration shown them, and they deem themselves fortunate..."

Therefore, were it not for Carlton negotiating to switch its fixture against South Ballarat on the May 24 Queen's Birthday Holiday Monday, Collingwood would not have qualified for the 1892 VFA premiership, and would have been positioned outside the premiership table at the end of the season. But, having met the 18 game requirement in 1892, Collingwood was able to be placed in equal last position (12th) with Williamstown, each having won three games and drawn one of 18 matches. For the record, the Blues won their first two matches with Collingwood and lost the third.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Bruce Doull (29). Q2 One premiership in 1910. Q3 Mark Williams. Q4 37 years old (from 1986 to 2002, he played 375 games for the Blues). Q5 Bert Deacon (1947). Q6 Mick Malthouse.