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2026/27 Sheffield Shield
Victoria v Western Australia

Victoria v Western Australia – The Last Time They Met

Last season Victoria hosted WA for its sixth game of the Sheffield Shield season. Victoria's captain, Peter Handscomb, won the toss and elected to field. In the ninth over WA lost its second wicket with the score at 26. The Vics' four-pronged pace attack of Mitch Perry, Cam McClure, Sam Elliott and David Moody took nine of the ten wickets to dismiss WA for 194, made in 75.2 overs. All-rounder Aaron Hardie (53) was the only WA bat to go on with an innings after a few others had made starts. Victoria's Elliott took 5/33 from 19.2 overs in a fine display of quick bowling after Perry had snared the first three wickets of the innings to finish with 3/45 from his 17 overs. At stumps on Day 1 Victoria was 0/51 with Blake Macdonald 25 and Harry Dixon 22.

Steady bowling by the WA attack saw Victoria all out for 255, a total that they hoped would have been larger given fine knocks by McDonald (79) and Matthew Short (62). WA veteran bowler Cameron Gannon took 5/47 from 20.3 economical overs, ably supported by Test hopeful Corey Roccechioli's off-spin which returned 2/61 from his 20 overs. By the end of the second day WA was 1/5 in its second innings with ex-Test opener Cameron Bancroft dismissed by Perry in the third over. Rain interrupted play on many occasions on day 3 and only 38 overs were possible. At stumps on the third day WA was 4/98 with skipper Sam Whiteman on 55 and another former Test player Hilton Cartwright on 11. WA was 38 runs ahead with six wickets to fall. Whiteman and Cartwright had a 129 run partnership before Whiteman was dismissed at 181 for a fine 101 from 252 deliveries with seven boundaries.

Hardie and WA 'keeper Joel Curtis provided a little more fight to extend the innings to 225. Matt Short's off-spin returned the best figures of the innings with 4/57. Elliott and Moody both picked up two wickets. Victoria was tasked with scoring 195 to win the game. McDonald batted enterprisingly for his 109 not out made from 116 balls including fourteen fours and one six. His partnership of 137 with Short (62, four fours and two sixes) ensured the Vics' victory target was achieved in 38.5 overs. WA quick (and ex-Victorian) Brody Couch picked up three of the four wickets to fall. Blake McDonald was the Player of the Match for his excellent match double of 79 and 109 not out.

At MCG, December 4-11, 2025: **WESTERN AUSTRALIA 194** (AM Hardie 53; SM Elliot 5/33) and **255** (SM Whiteman 103; MW Short 4/57); **lost to VICTORIA 255** (BD Macdonald 79, MW Short 62; CJ Gannon 5/47) and **4/195** (BD Macdonald 109*, MW Short 62) by six wickets. Player of the Match: BD Macdonald.

Fifty Years Ago

When Victoria played WA in January 1977 both teams were missing their regular Test players who were preparing to head to New Zealand for a short tour. Victoria batted first, having been sent in by WA's skipper, Ian Brayshaw. Western Australia proceeded to run through the Vics who declared at 9/83 scored in 33.7 (8-ball) overs. Four Victorians reached double figures, David Broad top-scoring with 19 not out. In the game the year before between the two sides at the MCG, Broad had top-scored on debut with 26 out of his team's total of 9/44 declared. Once again, WA swing bowler Mick Malone had a day out capturing 6/33 from his 16.7 overs, bowling throughout the whole innings. In reply WA batted to score 8/371 from 92 overs, thereby gaining a substantial lead. They had passed the Victorian total before stumps on the first day. Brayshaw top-scored with 95 and was ably assisted by solid contributions from Craig Serjeant (54) and Trevor Chappell (53,) who was playing his only season in the west. Colin Corstorphin, on his first-class debut, was the best of the Victorian bowlers with 4/98 from his 25 overs. Victoria commenced its second innings 278 runs in arrears, but this time the batsmen were able to put up a better fight. In 94.2 overs the team was able to amass 392, with Graeme Yallop (134) and skipper Richie Robinson (120) scoring centuries, and all-rounder Trevor Laughlin providing an even 50. Yallop's and Richardson's hundreds were both chanceless as they shared a partnership of 254 for the sixth wicket, having come to the crease with the score at 5 for 58. WA was left a target of 105 which they achieved for the loss of two wickets. Rob Langer finished with 52 not out and Serjeant completed a fine match double with 38 not out.

At MCG, January 28-31, 1977: **Victoria 83** (MF Malone 6/33) and **392** (GN Yallop 134, JD Robinson 120, TJ Laughlin 50); **lost to WESTERN AUSTRALIA 371** (IJ Brayshaw 95, CS Sergeant 54, TM Chappell 53; CJ Corstorphin 4/98) and 2/**105** (RS Langer 52) by eight wickets.

Did You Know?

Rob Langer, who made 52 in the second innings against Victoria at the MCG 50 years ago, was the uncle of the future Test opener Justin Langer. A dashing left-hand batsman and right-arm medium-pace bowler, Rob was a physical education teacher who, when his playing days were over, became the WACA Cricket Operations Manager. Having made his first-class debut for Western Australia in January 1974, Langer scored 2,756 runs at 43.06 in 44 first-class games until retiring as a professional cricketer in 1982. He was also selected in Australia's World Series Cricket Supertest team in 1977/78. His highest first-class score was 150 not out against Victoria at the WACA in 1974/75. Robert Langer died in September 2023 aged 74.

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Victoria's record against Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Match Results by Venue

Venue	City	State/Territory	M	W	L	D	%W/P	%L/P	%D/P
Bellerive Oval	Hobart	Tasmania	1	0	0	1	0.00	0.00	100.00
Junction Oval (St. Kilda C.G.)	Melbourne	Victoria	12	3	3	6	25.00	25.00	50.00
Karen Rolton Oval	Adelaide	South Australia	1	0	0	1	0.00	0.00	100.00
Melbourne Cricket Ground	Melbourne	Victoria	58	20	13	25	34.48	22.41	43.10
Princes Park (Carlton C.G.)	Melbourne	Victoria	1	0	0	1	0.00	0.00	100.00
Traeger Park	Alice Springs	Northern Territory	1	1	0	0	100.00	0.00	0.00
WACA	Perth	Western Australia	77	29	27	21	37.66	35.06	27.27
			151	53	43	55	35.09	28.48	36.42

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Highest Scores (One Innings)

Score	Wkts	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Balls	R/100b	R/6bo	Mins.	R/hr	Ave
654		WA	1st	1986/87	WACA	1386	47.19	2.83	927	42.33	65.40
616	4	Vic	1st	2022/23	St. Kilda	1008	61.11	3.67	688	53.72	154.00
613	3	Vic	1st	2003/04	WACA	882	69.50	4.17	571	64.41	204.33
608	3	WA	1st	2006/07	WACA	840	72.38	4.34	552	66.09	202.67
581	8	WA	1st	2013/14	WACA	854	68.03	4.08	575	60.63	72.63
568	6	Vic	1st	1969/70	MCG	948	59.92	3.59	510	66.82	94.67

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Lowest Scores (Completed Innings)

Score	Wkts	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Balls	R/100b	R/6bo	Mins.	R/hr	Ave
44	9	Vic	1st	1975/76	MCG	153	28.12	1.73	111	23.78	4.89
73	10	Vic	1st	1971/72	MCG	197	37.06	2.22	143	30.63	7.30
83	9	Vic	1st	1976/77	MCG	271	30.63	1.84	159	31.32	9.22
94	10	WA	1st	1985/86	WACA	316	29.75	1.78	247	22.83	9.40
98	10	Vic	2nd	2001/02	MCG	204	48.04	2.88	148	39.73	9.80
100	10	Vic	1st	1958/59	WACA	206	48.54	2.91	152	39.47	10.00

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Match Individual Innings

Player	Score	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Pos	BF	Mins	4s	6s
Handscomb, PSP	281 *	Vic	1st	1922/23	St. Kilda	3	367	535	23	7
Rogers, CJL	279	WA	1st	2006/07	WACA	2	397	534	36	0
Veletta, MRJ	262	WA	1st	1986/87	WACA	1	550	776	34	0
Jones, DM	243	Vic	1st	1984/85	WACA	3	350	435	33	2
Pucovski. WJ	243	Vic	1st	2018/19	WACA	3	311	430	30	0
North, MJ	239 *	WA	1st	2006/07	WACA	4	302	388	31	2
Hussey, MEK	223 *	WA	1st	2004/05	WACA	2	406	599	33	0
Wiener, JM	221 *	Vic	1st	1981/82	St. Kilda	1	413	561	18	0
Shepherd, BK	219	WA	1st	1962/63	MCG	4	198	-	-	-

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Best Innings Bowling Figures (8 Wickets +)

Player	Wkts	RC	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Balls	Ave	SR	R/6bo	Mdns
Brayshaw, IJ	10	44	WA	1st	1967/68	WACA	142	4.40	14.20	1.86	4
Behrendorff, JP	9	37	WA	1st	2016/17	WACA	80	4.11	8.89	2.78	5
Pattinson, DJ	8	35	Vic	1st	2010/11	WACA	93	4.38	11.63	2.26	5
Higgs, JD	8	66	Vic	1st	1974/75	MCG	173	8.25	21.63	2.29	2
Fawad Ahmed	8	89	Vic	1st	2014/15	Bellerive	240	11.13	30.00	2.22	9

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Hat Tricks

Player	For	Inn	Season	Venue	Match Start	Dates of HT	Match Days
Rocchiccioli, CJ	WA	1st & 2nd	2024/25	St Kilda	15 Nov 2024	16 & 18 Nov 1928	2nd & 4th

Victoria v Western Australia – Sheffield Shield Match Best Wicketkeeping

Player	Wkts	For	Match	Season	Venue	Start Date	Ct	St	Byes	Oppn R
Marsh, RW	11	WA	7th	1975/76	WACA	15 Nov 1975	11	0	4	424
Handscomb, PSP	10	Vic	30th	2024/25	WACA	15 Mar 2025	9	1	9	533
Gilchrist. AC	10	WA	27th	1997/98	WACA	5 Mar 1998	10	0	0	472
Becker, GC	9	WA	6th	1965/66	MCG	4 Dec 1965	8	1	5	420

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