



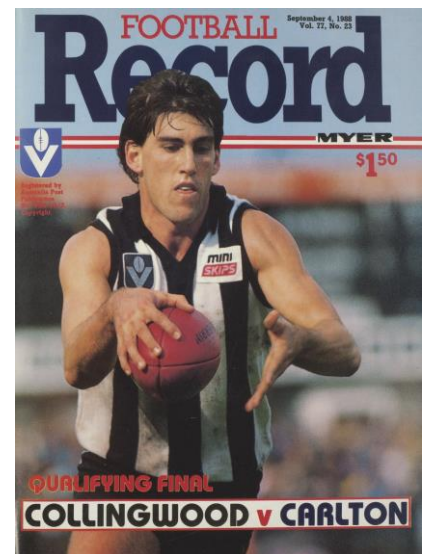
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AFL 2024 ROUND 8 CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

IT'S BEEN A WHILE

Collingwood and Carlton last met in a final in 1988 when the two sides played a qualifying final at the MCG in front of 83,032 fans. In a high scoring match, the Blues got off to a flying start, kicking seven goals to the Magpies' one in the first quarter. However, Collingwood fought back magnificently, kicking eight goals to Carlton's three in the second, and the Blues led by just 10 points at the main break. With Carlton kicking six goals in both the third and fourth quarters to the Magpies' total of seven, Carlton ran out the victors by 38 points. Peter Sartori kicked five goals for the Blues, with Stephen Kernahan, John Dorotich, Fraser Murphy and Paul Meldrum all kicking three for the winners. For Collingwood, Craig Starcevich, who was featured on the cover of that match's *Football Record* (pictured right) and Brian Taylor each kicked four. The final scores were **Carlton 22.13 (145) def. Collingwood 16.11 (107)**.

Collingwood had a second chance but was eliminated from the 1988 finals in straight sets, having been defeated by Melbourne by 13 points in the following week's first semi final before 87,407 at the MCG. The Blues bowed out of the 1988 finals with successive losses to Hawthorn and Melbourne. Both of these matches were at Waverley Park.



PLAYED FOR BOTH

Dale "Daisy" Thomas came to Collingwood from TAC Cup side Gippsland Power, making his debut in Round 1, 2006. A midfielder, he played a total of 157 games (121 goals) for the Magpies until he went off as a free agent to Carlton at the end of the 2013 season. He played a total of 101 games (34 goals) for the Blues until retiring, after several severe ankle injuries, at the end of 2019. He was nominated for the Rising Star award in 2006, won the Harry Collier Trophy for the best first year player that year. He was a member of Collingwood's 2010 premiership side with *The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* stating: "he was a leading member of the premiership side with brilliant efforts in both the grand final and the replay." He was selected in the All-Australian side in 2011.

A forward, **Alex Fasolo** came to Collingwood from East Fremantle in the WAFL, making his debut in Round 12 of the 2011 season, in the Queen's Birthday clash against Melbourne, kicking a goal with his first kick. He went on to play 101 games (133 goals) for the Magpies. He was nominated for the Rising Star award in his first season and won Collingwood's Harry Collier trophy for the club's best first year player that year. He topped the club's goalkicking in 2016 with 25 goals. At the end of the 2018 season he went off to Carlton as an unrestricted free agent, but after managing only three games (2 goals), he retired at the end of that season.

William "Billy" Strickland, recruited from the junior club Brunswick, played for Carlton from 1885 to 1888 and from 1890 to 1892. He vice-captained the Blues in 1887 and 1888, and was elected Carlton's captain in 1890. He represented Victoria on three occasions, in 1886, 1887 and 1890. He transferred to Collingwood in 1893 after a dispute with the Blues' hierarchy and a protracted delay in obtaining a clearance. He played for the Magpies from 1893 to 1897, and captained them from 1893 to 1896. Collingwood's 1897 *Annual Report* described Strickland as, "such a fair and honest man, combining as he did the qualities of a first-class player with the ability of an able general, will be hard to replace. What Strick has been to Collingwood and the game, only those closely associated with it can estimate and his fellow workers feel his loss will be a severe one." He was also Collingwood's first ever coach, having been appointed for just the one year in 1904. That year the Pies finished third. In volume 5 of Mark Pennings' *Origins of Australian Football* series, Collingwood historian Michael Roberts named Strickland in the centre for Collingwood's team of the 19th century, while Carlton historian Peter McLean named Strickland at half back in the Blues' team of the 19th century.

OVER TO YOU

1. Carlton has had four Norm Smith medallists. Can you name them?
2. Collingwood has had four Norm Smith medallists. Can you name them?
3. In 1993 Sydney had three coaches. Can you name them?

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 Richmond's 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 85,673 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 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	39	39	0
Princes Park	50	27	2
Victoria Park	30	53	2
Waverley Park	9	10	0
	129	131	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 20, 2023, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	3.4	3.4
Half time	4.6	7.5
Three-quarter time	6.11	10.6
Full time	10.16 (76)	14.9 (93)

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

EARLY DAYS

The *Football Record* of 1919 told us:

“On Wednesday evening Melbourne obtained a permit for [William] Shelton, who comes from Brighton. When asked how long he had resided in Melbourne's district Shelton said, ‘Sixteen years.’ ‘Where did you reside prior to that?’ asked Mr. [Charles] Brownlow [Geelong's delegate]. ‘Nowhere else,’ was the reply. Delegates were astonished at the fine physique of Shelton, who, although only 16 years of age, must turn the scale at over 12 stone. Mr. [William] Maybury [Richmond's delegate] remarked, ‘What a bonzer.’ It is to be hoped that he turns out a ‘bonzer’ player for the Red Legs.”

Shelton would play 54 games and boot 17 goals as a follower for the Red Legs from 1919 to 1925. In 1924 he was selected in three Victorian state sides.

A later *Football Record* shared with its readers its strong views on player payments:

“There is not the slightest doubt that the inflated salaries which a few favoured players are receiving will cause serious trouble before long. It is difficult to understand how any one player can be regarded as so greatly superior to the rest of the team, particularly when it is remembered that, as the game is played nowadays, the whole eighteen must work together as one machine to ensure success.”

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 Wayne Harnes (1979), Bruce Doull (1981), David Rhys-Jones (1987) and Greg Williams (1995).

Q2 Tony Shaw (1990), Nathan Buckley (2002), Scott Pendlebury (2010 grand final replay) and Bobby Hill (2023).

Q3 Gary Buckenara, Brett Scott and Ron Barassi.

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