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EASTER MONDAY

AFL 2023 ROUND 4 GEELONG V HAWTHORN

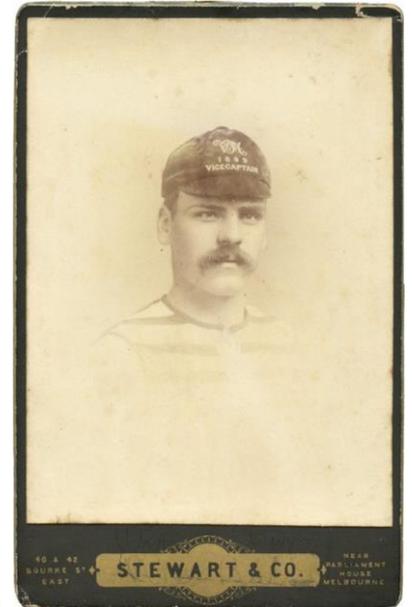
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REMINISCENCES OF A FOOTBALL LEGEND

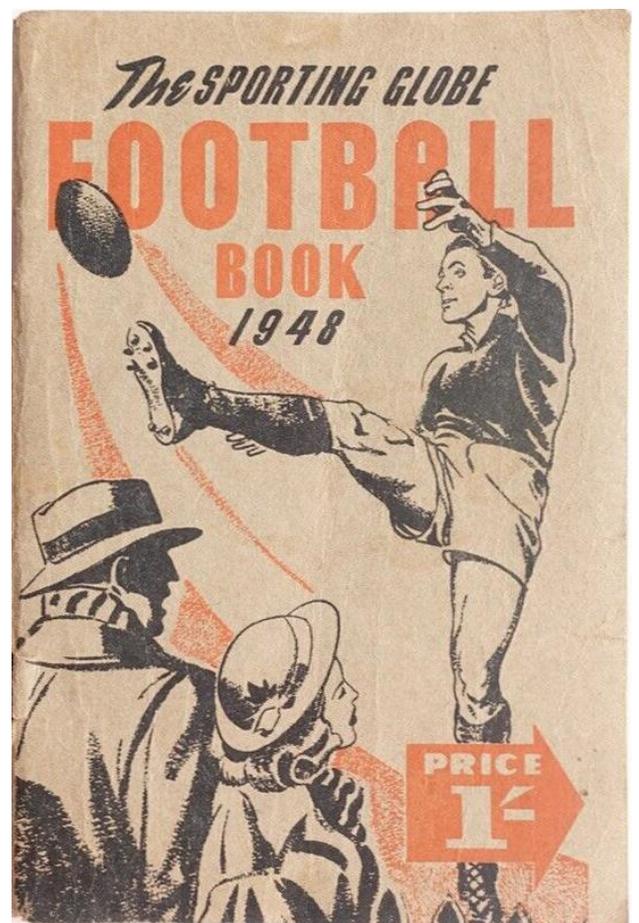
Peter Burns' senior football career spanned some 21 seasons from 1882 to 1902. He debuted with Ballarat Imperials in 1882, but in 1885 he transferred to South Melbourne where he would play 126 games. In 1892 he moved again, this time to Geelong where he played 177 games. He was Geelong's captain in 1896 and 1900, he represented Victoria 14 times, and captained his state side in 1899. Burns was Geelong's timekeeper from his retirement in 1902 until 1941. The following are excerpts from the 1948 edition of the *Sporting Globe Football Book* where Burns reminisced about the early days of Australian football:

Football has travelled a long road and seen many changed landscapes since that day, away back in 1882, when I donned the uniform of the Ballarat Imps... I was 16 at the time. I finished as timekeeper for Geelong, completing 50 years in the service of the club and 60 years in active football. Yes, I saw a lot of eucalyptus oil spilt in that time, and I am happy to have been fit in wind and limb to have been able to travel the road as a worker, not a passenger. As I look back I am sufficiently vain to love the old days, and sufficiently young to appreciate the present, so let's to the telling. Back in 1882 football was far from the game it is today... For one thing, we played 20 men a side... There were four followers and two rovers for each side in each ruck. The ball was thrown in from the boundary similarly to the manner of today, but with this vital difference - THE BALL HAD TO TOUCH THE GROUND AFTER THE UMPIRE HAD THROWN IT IN BEFORE THE FOLLOWERS WERE ALLOWED TO PLAY IT... Imagine that - the big huskies formed a ring around the place where it was likely to bounce, and tried to block the other crowd out. You were allowed to push a man from behind without a penalty. Think of the golden opportunities presented! There was the opposition high mark just settling under the dropping ball when you gave him all you carried right plumb in the small of the back. The busters were indescribable.

We had to buy our own uniforms, boots and knickers. Consequently, while the general color scheme of blue and white or red and blue was observed, the designs were weird and wonderful... Many players wore caps... other fellows on hot days wore felt hats... the knickers were tucked in the top of the socks like apple catchers youngsters wore a while back... If I remember rightly, Collingwood were the first club to adopt the bare knee style of knickers, such as are worn today. I think the players of today are spoonfed - too much so. They want everything done for them. They squabble over money. They won't buy a bootlace for themselves."



Right:
Peter Burns in
his 1889 VFA
premiership cap.



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 in the last minute. Ablett had 35 disposals, Dangerfield had 31 and Selwood 29.

THE FIRST LEGENDS MATCH AT THE MCG

For many, Easter time in Melbourne is synonymous with charity, specifically the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. From 1957 footballers and other local celebrities would spend a part of their Good Friday on the phones to receive pledges from the public on live television. But the connection between football and fundraising for the Children's Hospital is older than one may expect. On Saturday June 13, 1891, the MCG hosted its first legends match and proceeds from it were directed to the Children's Hospital. The game, played under "old rules", was between a team drawn from old Carlton players and another from old Geelong players. The *Argus'* football columnist reported that:

“The players were, for the most part, a remarkable, robust and stalwart set, with here and there men of almost Herculean proportions, and the efforts of any players of average stature to stay the progress of those giants were productive of the most ludicrous incidents of the match. The varieties of uniform, the number of bearded men on the field and the disparities of height, weight, and appearance gave a droll aspect to the playing ground, and the game frequently degenerated into a reductio ad absurdum of play under the old rules and with lax umpiring, as the field umpire entered into the spirit of the contest, and probably enjoyed himself as much as the players and the spectators. The usual deafening shouts of the football ground gave place to peals of hearty laughter, only choked during the tedious obsolete system of ‘kicking off’ after goals. Pushing from behind, fierce scrimmaging, wrestling bouts, without regard to the whereabouts of the ball, and other amenities of the old fashioned game were entered into with droll earnestness...”

The old Geelong players ran out victors by five goals to four before a crowd of 700 to 800. The game raised £33/11/6 for the hospital, and following the match the teams were formally entertained by the Carlton Football Club with a dinner at Clements' Hotel in Swanston Street.

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
18/04/2022	5	Hawthorn	14	8	92	Geelong	11	14	80	12	48,030

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 4 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 4 on the MCG was 25.15 [165] by Melbourne in 2000 against St Kilda 11.9 [75]. The highest score in any quarter in Round 4 at the MCG was in 1938 when Melbourne kicked 11.5 [71] in the fourth quarter to beat South Melbourne by 52 points. The highest tally of goals by an individual in Round 4 on the MCG is 12 goals by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Melbourne in 1987. Gary Ablett's 10 goals for Geelong against Richmond in 1988 is the second-highest. There has been only one drawn game on the MCG in Round 4. It was the Anzac Day match of 1995 when Collingwood 17.9 [111] drew with Essendon 16.15 [111]. The only drawn game also drew the largest attendance at the MCG for a fourth round match – a crowd of 94,825.

Statistics for Hawthorn v Geelong

Hawthorn v Geelong 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	13	21	0
Princes Park	11	3	0
Waverley Park	13	4	0
York Park	1	0	0
	76	92	1

Highest Score

Hawthorn	35.15 [225]	Rd 21	1986	PP
Geelong	25.13 [163]	Rd 6	1989	PP

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	3.6 [24]	Rd 9	1933	Corio
Geelong	5.10 [40]	Rd 8	1975	Wav

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Last Time They Met – Round 5, 2022, MCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

						Hawthorn	Geelong	
12	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 1	1990	Wav	Quarter time	5.3	1.4
12	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 1	1992	Wav	Half time	8.4	6.6
10	Wally Culpitt	Haw	Rd 3	1944	GO	Three-quarter time	10.4	11.10
10	Lindsay White	Geel	Rd 1	1950	GO	Full time	14.8 [92]	11.14 [80]

EARLY DAYS AT HAWTHORN

It is generally acknowledged that the formation of the first Hawthorn Football Club commenced in 1873 with a meeting at the Hawthorne Hotel in Burwood Road attended by some 20 people who signed up for membership despite the fact there was no team, no home ground and no competition to join! Unfortunately, the club did not survive, and it was not until 1902 that various small clubs in the area came together and established the club that was accepted into the Metropolitan Junior Football Association and has gone on to become the current Hawthorn Football Club. In its first season the team played 15 matches for 10 losses and five draws.

Their early games were played on what is now St James Park, but in 1904 they moved to the Richmond Cricket Ground; then in 1906 it again moved, this time to the "Hawthorn Sports Ground" beside the railway line, subsequently called Glenferrie Oval. The club at this stage was called Hawthorn City. In 1905 the club amalgamated with the Boroondara Club, and adopted their colours of a black guernsey with a red sash. The club's home ground was the East Melbourne Cricket Ground. In 1912 the club merged with Hawthorn City Rovers, playing in gold guernseys with a blue V. These colours had to change in 1914 when the club entered the Victorian Football Association, as Williamstown already wore those colours, so a brown and gold uniform was adopted.

The club struggled in its early VFA days, losing 31 matches and winning only four. In 1919 the club made an official approach to join the Victorian Football League, but was rejected, and despite several more applications, it was not until 1925 that the club was finally admitted to the League, together with Footscray and North Melbourne. They played their debut game against Richmond at Glenferrie Oval on May 25 before a crowd estimated at 20,000. Richmond, runners-up the previous year, had little trouble accounting for the newcomers by 39 points, 11.11 [77] to 5.8 [38]. Jim Jackson was the club's first VFL captain. At this time the team was known as the "Mayblooms". It was not until 1942, under coach Roy Cazaly, that the team became the "Hawks", Cazaly feeling the team needed a more aggressive approach. The club's colours have been brown and gold in various designs since 1914, but it was not until 1950 that the current striped guernsey was adopted.