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### AFL 2024 ROUND 20

### MELBOURNE V

### GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

#### ROUND 1 2016 – MELBOURNE GET UP IN A THRILLER

Greater Western Sydney entered the AFL in 2012 and their first AFL clash with Melbourne took place in Round 13 of that season. The first eight AFL games between the clubs (from 2012 to 2015) resulted in four wins each, the smallest winning margin being 25 points. The ninth encounter between the teams was at the MCG in the opening round of the 2016 season before a crowd of 28,505. Melbourne was captained by Nathan Jones and coached by Paul Roos, while the co-captains for GWS were Phil Davis and Callan Ward, and the coach was Leon Cameron. After GWS scored the first two goals of the game, Melbourne booted five of the next six goals to take an eight-point lead at quarter time, 5.0 to 3.4.

GWS then held the Demons goalless in the second term, while they added three majors to be ten points in front at the main break (6.8 to 5.4). Melbourne only scored one goal in the third quarter to two from GWS, giving the Giants a handy 21-point lead at the final change (8.14 to 6.5). Nevertheless, when the final quarter began the Demons suddenly found form up forward and kicked four goals in the first eight minutes of the quarter to hit the front. A goal to Steve Johnson of the Giants put the visitors back in the lead but goals to the Demons from Jesse Hogan and Aaron Vandenberg had the home team ten points up with only a few minutes remaining. Despite a late GWS goal to Toby Greene, Melbourne held on to win by two points.

The final scores were **Melbourne 12.8 (80) to GWS 10.18 (78)**. Jesse Hogan kicked three goals for the Demons; Jeff Gartlett and Aaron Vandenberg booted two each. Steve Johnson, Rory Lobb and Callan Ward all kicked two goals for GWS.

#### PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

**James McDonald** was nicknamed “Junior” to distinguish him from his brothers Anthony and Alex. Anthony (Melbourne 1997-2002, 104 games, 41 goals) and Alex (Hawthorn 1990-95, 46 games, 24 goals and Collingwood 1996-99, 61 games, 20 goals) were also AFL players. James McDonald joined the Demons from Old Xaverians in the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA) and had a celebrated career at Melbourne from 1997 to 2010 with 251 matches and 56 goals. A useful midfielder, he was noted for his determination in going for the ball and could be used as a tagger. Honours at Melbourne included the winning of the best and fairest award in 2006 and 2007, and he was the side’s captain for 46 games from 2007 to 2010. McDonald announced that he would retire at the end of the 2010 season, saying he felt he could have played on for another year, but that the club came first and the club’s decision was for him to retire at the end of the season. In 2011 McDonald played for his old side, Old Xaverians, while working with Greater Western Sydney’s Melbourne based players in a development role. At the end of 2011, McDonald signed a one-year contract with Greater Western Sydney. In 2012 he played 13 games and kicked four goals for GWS, while also assistant coach.

#### OVER TO YOU

1. Which club did GWS defeat to record their first AFL win?
2. What is the name of Greater Western Sydney’s best and fairest award?
3. Who won the Giants’ best and fairest award in 2023?
4. How many times was Jeremy Cameron leading goal kicker at GWS?
5. In which years did Kevin Sheedy coach GWS?
6. Who won Melbourne’s best and fairest award in 2023?
7. What is the name of Melbourne’s best and fairest award?
8. Who am I? I was a defender for Melbourne in 141 games and kicked 45 goals. I was club captain from 1924 to 1927, a member of the 1926 premiership team and runner-up to Edward “Carji” Greeves in the inaugural Brownlow Medal in 1924. I played one season for Hawthorn in 1929. I was captain/coach at Melbourne in 1925-27 and at Hawthorn in 1929. Later I was president of the Melbourne Football Club from 1950 to 1962 and president of the Melbourne Cricket Club from 1965 to 1979.
9. Who am I? I made my AFL debut with GWS in 2012 and played 13 games (four goals) for them in 2012 and 2013. I was then traded to Melbourne, where I played 94 games (40 goals) from 2014 to 2018. At the end of the 2018 season I was traded to North Melbourne. I played six games (one goal) in three seasons for the Kangaroos before I was delisted at the conclusion of the AFL 2021 season.

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 20 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 20 score at the MCG is 32.24 (216) by Hawthorn against Essendon 8.8 (56) in 1992. This is the overall record Round 20 score. The most goals by an individual at the MCG in Round 20 is 12. This record is shared by two players. Gary Ablett kicked a dozen for Geelong against Richmond in 1990. The Cats scored 24.14 (158) and won by 64 points. Jason Dunstall also kicked 12 goals for Hawthorn against Essendon in 1992. The overall Round 20 record is 13 shared by Doug Wade for Geelong against North Melbourne at Kardinia Park in 1971 when Geelong kicked 24.7 (151) and won by 75 points, and Peter Daicos for Collingwood against Brisbane at Carrara in 1991. Collingwood kicked 26.16 (172) and won by 101 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.3 (63) by Melbourne in the third quarter against North Melbourne in 1991. Melbourne finished with 20.20 (140) to win by 52 points. The overall Round 20 record is 11.6 (72) by Collingwood in the third quarter against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1970. Collingwood kicked 24.16 (160) to win by 81 points. The highest Round 20 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday August 5, 1994 when 75,565 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 28 points.

## STATISTICS FOR MELBOURNE V GREATER WESTERN SYDNEY

### Melbourne v Greater Western Sydney by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by GWS	Drawn
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	5	3	0
Manuka Oval	2	2	0
Syd. Showgrounds	0	2	0
Traeger Park	0	1	0
Docklands	1	0	0
	9	8	0

### Highest Score

Melbourne	22.12 (144)	Rd 4	2013	MCG
GWS	19.10 (124)	Rd 19	2013	SSG

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.16 (34)	Rd 21	2014	MCG
GWS	7.5 (47)	Rd 16	2023	Traeger

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	78 points	Rd 13	2012	MCG
GWS	64 points	Rd 21	2014	MCG

### Last Time They Met – Round 16, 2023, Traeger Park

	Melbourne	GWS
Quarter time	1.5	1.0
Half time	2.9	3.3
Three-quarter time	4.12	6.4
Full time	5.15 (45)	7.5 (47)

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<http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>

## FOURTEEN UNANSWERED GOALS

In Round 2, 2015 at Manuka Oval in Canberra, GWS 15.11 (101) defeated Melbourne 8.8 (56). The Giants won by 45 points. Late in the second quarter a goal to Melbourne's Ben Newton gave the Demons a 33-point lead, but from then to the half-way mark in the last quarter, GWS kicked 14 unanswered goals.

## THE GIANTS' FIRST GAME AT THE 'G

Although Greater Western Sydney joined the AFL competition in 2012, the club's first match on the MCG was in 2011. On April 30, in a curtain raiser to the Richmond v Brisbane Lions match, the Northern Bullants kicked 19.9 (123) to Greater Western Sydney's 5.4 (34). It was a Foxtel Cup game, a knock-out competition for clubs from the various state leagues. For many of the Giants it was the first time they had played on the MCG or been on a live national telecast. Prior to the match, GWS player Ben Casley told the club's reporter Beck Mills that he was, "trying not to think about it to be honest. It'll be my first time on the 'G so I'm pretty excited to get out there. I'll be thinking more about my own game and how we're going to win, not really worrying about the TV. I might get someone to record it on Foxtel for me and watch it when I get home." The Northern Bullants, previously known as Preston, had been aligned with the AFL team Carlton from 2003 to 2020. In this period it was effectively Carlton's reserve grade team, and traded as the Northern Blues from 2012 to 2020. Brett Thornton booted six for the Bullants, whose best players also included Brock McLean, Jaryd Cachia, Andre Gianfagna, Jarrod McCorkell, and Matthew Wilson. The best players for GWS that day were Anthony Miles, Dylan Shiel, Jonathan Giles, Curtly Hampton and Steven Clifton.

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Gold Coast Suns in Round 7, 2012. Q2 Kevin Sheedy Medal. Q3 Toby Greene. Q4 Nine times – 2012 to 2020 (inclusive). Q5 2012 and 2013. Q6 Christian Petracca. Q7 The Keith "Bluey" Truscott Memorial Trophy. Q8 Albert "Bert" Chadwick. Q9 Dom Tyson.

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