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## AFL 2024 ROUND 21 COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

### THE GRAND FINALS

These clubs have played each other in six grand finals: 1910, 1915, 1938, 1970, 1979 and 1981. Collingwood won the first of these, following Carlton's sensational suspension of two of their own players for accepting bribes (see the Round 16, Carlton v Richmond Fact Sheet for further detail). Carlton have won the other five grand finals.

### THE 1938 SEASON

Carlton and Collingwood met in Rounds 5 and 16 of the 1938 home and away season. Carlton won the first match by 16 points and Collingwood the second by 20 points. The Blues finished on top of the ladder, followed by Geelong, Footscray and Collingwood. Collingwood beat Footscray in the first semi final and Carlton beat Geelong in the second semi final. Collingwood then won the preliminary final to qualify to play Carlton in the grand final, a match which would draw a record crowd of 96,486 to the MCG. Captain-coached by former Subiaco and South Melbourne player Brighton Diggins, Carlton led by 20 points at half time and 22 at the final change, but Collingwood fought back in the last quarter and hit the lead. The game was in the balance for some time, but two late goals to Carlton saw them claim the premiership. **Carlton 15.10 (100) def. Collingwood 13.7 (85)**

### THE 1979 SEASON

These teams met in Rounds 10 and 21, Carlton winning the first match by 16 points and Collingwood the second by 19 points. The Blues finished on top of the ladder with 19 wins from 22 matches, the other finalists being North Melbourne (17 wins), Collingwood (15), Fitzroy (15) and Essendon (12).

Fitzroy thrashed Essendon in the elimination final, rover Gary Wilson starring with 42 possessions. Collingwood began well in their qualifying final against North, but a brilliant third quarter by the Kangaroos, during which they kicked ten goals to their opponent's one, resulted in victory by 39 points. The opposite occurred the following week when Collingwood kicked 7.6 to Fitzroy's 1.4 in the third quarter, the Magpies going on to win by 22 points to qualify for the preliminary final. Meanwhile Carlton beat North by 38 points to qualify for the grand final. Collingwood hit top form in the preliminary final and, aided by North's inaccuracy, won the match by 27 points.

Before a crowd of 113,545 patrons, the grand final was staged on a ground softened by two days of steady rain. Collingwood was on top in the early part of the game, but with scoring difficult in the heavy conditions they were unable to establish a sizeable lead. Carlton's forward line was so ineffective that they did not kick their first goal until the 19-minute mark of the second quarter, but from that point onwards it was "game on". In fact, Carlton had hit the front by the main break after adding a further four goals.

The Blues continued their good form in the third quarter, adding 5.5 to Collingwood's 2.3. The momentum was clearly with Carlton, but the Magpies rallied after the final break and reduced the lead to just four points by the 15-minute mark. Following further frenzied efforts by both teams, one of the most memorable passages of play in grand final history occurred. Wayne Harnes, having miskicked, raced after the ball himself and knocked it from close to the boundary to Ken Sheldon who was waiting in the goal square. Collingwood would not give in, however, and Allan Edwards scored a goal to leave his team just four points behind with minutes to go. The final score of the match, a behind, went to Carlton's Alex Marcou, and the siren blew with Carlton five points in front. Wayne Harnes was awarded the Norm Smith Medal. **Carlton 11.16 (82) def. Collingwood 11.11 (77)**

### THE 1981 SEASON

These clubs met in Round 6 and Round 16 with the Magpies winning both matches, the former by 57 points and the latter by one. Carlton went on to finish on top of the ladder with 17 wins, ahead of Collingwood on percentage, with Geelong, Essendon and Fitzroy making up the final five. The Magpies' finals campaign began badly with a loss to Geelong in the qualifying final, but they then went on to beat Fitzroy in a semi final and Geelong in the preliminary final to qualify to meet Carlton in the grand final.

The premiership decider was played in slippery conditions, Carlton kicking 5.8 (38) to Collingwood's 5.7 (37) in the first half. By late in the third quarter Collingwood had opened up a lead of 21 points, but Carlton then scored two goals, going in to the final break just nine points behind. Although they kicked inaccurately (4.7), the final quarter was all Carlton, the Magpies managing just two behinds to go down by 20 points. The Blues' Bruce Doull was awarded the Norm Smith Medal. **Carlton 12.20 (92) def. Collingwood 10.12 (72)**

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 21 ON THE MCG

The highest Round 21 score at the MCG is 28.19 (187) by Richmond against Fitzroy 5.6 (36) in 1996. The overall Round 21 highest score is 35.15 (225) by Hawthorn against Geelong 13.12 (90) at Princes Park in 1986. The most goals by an individual at the MCG for this round is 11 by Bernie Quinlan for Fitzroy against North Melbourne in 1984. Fitzroy kicked 26.9 (165) and won by 54 points. The overall Round 21 goalkicking record is 13 by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Carlton at Waverley Park in 1991. St Kilda kicked 23.17 (155) to win by 54 points. The highest score in a quarter is 11.7 (73) by Richmond in the last quarter against Fitzroy in 1996. The overall Round 21 record is 13.4 (82) by Hawthorn against Geelong in the last quarter at Princes Park in 1986. The highest Round 21 attendance at the MCG was recorded on Saturday August 21, 1993 when 85,054 saw Carlton defeat Collingwood by 54 points.

### STATISTICS FOR COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

#### Collingwood v Carlton by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Carlton	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	40	39	0
Princes Park	27	50	2
Victoria Park	53	30	2
Waverley Park	10	9	0
	132	129	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 8, 2024, MCG

	Carlton	Collingwood
Quarter time	5.4	3.2
Half time	6.5	8.4
Three-quarter time	9.7	8.8
Full time	12.7 (79)	12.13 (85)

#### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallence	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
11	H. Vallence	Carl	PF	1932	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Carlton Football Club was founded in 1864, making it the third oldest of the original eight VFL (now AFL) clubs which broke away from the VFA in 1897. Collingwood, the youngest of that group, was founded in 1892.
- From 1892 to 1896 Carlton and Collingwood met 12 times in the VFA, with Carlton winning 4 matches and Collingwood winning 8. In these five seasons Carlton kicked 39 goals against Collingwood's 57 (only goals counted in this era).
- Collingwood won its only VFA premiership in 1896. Carlton, prior to the formation of the League, were the Victorian premiers in 1871, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1877, and 1887.
- These clubs have played each other 265 times in the VFL/AFL, Collingwood winning 132 of those matches, Carlton 129, and four have been drawn. Collingwood has scored 3,049 goals and 3,201 behinds, totalling 21,495 points against Carlton, while the Blues have kicked 2,989 goals and 3,073 behinds, totalling 21,007 points against Collingwood.
- Collingwood won its first VFL/AFL premiership in 1902 and Carlton won its first in 1906.
- Carlton has had 11 VFL/AFL premiership captains: Jim Flynn (1906, 1907), Fred Elliott (1908), Billy Dick (1914), Alf Baud (1915), Brighton Diggins (1938), Bob Chitty (1945), Ern Henfry (1947), John Nicholls (1968, 1970, 1972), Alex Jesaulenko (1979), Mike Fitzpatrick (1981, 1982) and Stephen Kernahan (1987, 1995).
- Collingwood has also had 11 VFL/AFL premiership captains: "Lardie" Tulloch (1902, 1903), George Angus (1910), Percy Wilson (1917), Con McCarthy (1919), Syd Coventry (1927, 1928, 1929, 1930), Harry Collier (1935, 1936), Lou Richards (1953), Murray Weideman (1958), Tony Shaw (1990), Nick Maxwell (2010) and Darcy Moore (2023).
- Carlton has had six Brownlow Medallists: Bert Deacon (1947), John James (1961), Gordon Collis (1964), Greg Williams (1994), Chris Judd (2010) and Patrick Cripps (2022). Collingwood has had nine: Syd Coventry (1927), Albert Collier (1929), Harry Collier (1930), Marcus Whelan (1939), Des Fothergill (1940), Len Thompson (1972), Peter Moore (1979), Nathan Buckley (2003) and Dane Swan (2011).
- Gordon Coventry heads the goalkickers at Collingwood with 1299, followed by Peter McKenna (838), Dick Lee (707) and Peter Daicos (549). Stephen Kernahan (738) leads at Carlton, followed by Harry "Soapy" Vallence (722), Brendan Fevola (575) and Alex Jesaulenko (424).

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