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AFL 2024 2ND ELIMINATION FINAL WESTERN BULLDOGS V HAWTHORN

BULLDOGS VERSUS HAWKS IN FINALS

The Bulldogs and the Hawks have played in finals five times, Hawthorn winning four of these and the Bulldogs one. The first time they met in a final was the 1961 grand final and their most recent final was the second semi final in 2016. Descriptions of both are below. Their other three finals were:

- 1985 qualifying final at the MCG – Hawthorn 22.23 (155) defeated Footscray 8.14 (62), attendance 58,367.
- 1985 preliminary final at Waverley Park – Hawthorn 16.13 (109) defeated Footscray 15.9 (99), attendance 55,246.
- 2008 second qualifying final at the MCG – Hawthorn 18.19 (127) defeated Western Bulldogs 11.10 (76), attendance 76,703.

1961 GRAND FINAL

Hawthorn finished on top of the ladder in 1961 with 14 wins and four losses, while Footscray finished fourth with 11 wins and seven losses. Hawthorn defeated Melbourne in the second semi final by seven points to reach their first VFL grand final. Footscray defeated St Kilda by nine points in the first semi final and then Melbourne by 27 points in the preliminary final to qualify for their second grand final. The game was played on September 23 at the MCG, in front of a crowd of 107,935.

The Hawks won by 43 points, the final scores being 13.16 (94) to Footscray 7.9 (51). Footscray led at half time by eight points but Hawthorn, coached by John Kennedy Snr, stormed home with a ten goal to two second half. Hawthorn's strong second half was attributed to their superior fitness; the team being given the nickname "Kennedy's Commandos". Brendan Edwards (Hawthorn), who finished equal fifth in the 1961 Brownlow Medal, was adjudged best on the ground. Led by Graham Arthur, other good players for the Hawks included Colin Youren, John Winneke, Ian Law, Morton Browne and John McArthur. The best for the Bulldogs included captain/coach Ted Whitten, Ian Bryant, John Hoiles, John Schultz and Charlie Evans. The leading goalkicker for Hawthorn was Morton Browne with three and Ted Whitten also booted three for the Bulldogs.

2016 SECOND SEMI FINAL

The Western Bulldogs finished the 2016 AFL season seventh on the ladder with 15 wins and seven losses. Hawthorn finished third with 17 wins and five losses. In the first week of the finals, the Bulldogs defeated the West Coast Eagles by 47 points in the second elimination final in Perth, while Hawthorn went down to Geelong in the second qualifying final at the MCG by two points.

Hawthorn and the Bulldogs met in a semi final the following week at the MCG before a crowd of 87,823. The Hawks kicked the first three goals of the game and held an 11-point lead at quarter time (3.4 to 1.5). A goal to Liam Shiels midway through the second quarter put Hawthorn up by 23 points, but the Bulldogs fought back in the latter part of the quarter to trail by only one point at half time (7.5 to 6.10). After Luke Breust goaled early in the third term to give Hawthorn an eight-point lead, the Bulldogs got right on top, kicking six unanswered goals during the remainder of the quarter. They went into the final break with a lead of 26 points (12.11 to 8.9). Three goals early in the final quarter put the Bulldogs 43 points up and, despite Hawthorn scoring the next four goals, the Bulldogs ran out comfortable winners by 23 points, Caleb Daniel kicking their final goal just before the final siren. The final scores were **Western Bulldogs 16.11 (107) to Hawthorn 12.12 (84)**. The major goalkickers for the Bulldogs were Jake Stringer and Liam Picken with three each and Clay Smith and Marcus Bontempelli with two each. The only multiple goalkickers for Hawthorn were Liam Shiels and Luke Hodge with two each.

The Bulldogs followed their win over the Hawks with a six-point win over the GWS Giants in a preliminary final at the Sydney Showground. They completed a remarkable finals campaign with a 22-point victory over the Sydney Swans in the grand final to secure their second AFL/VFL premiership.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who was the Bulldog full forward who kicked seven goals in their winning 1954 grand final against Melbourne?
2. In 1971 Hawthorn won the club's second premiership. Who did they defeat?
3. Which Bulldog player won the 2016 Norm Smith Medal?
4. In which season did Footscray play their first finals match?
5. Who has coached Footscray/Western Bulldogs to premierships?
6. When did Footscray become the Western Bulldogs?
7. In what season did Hawthorn first reach the VFL finals?
8. Which Hawthorn player was 38 when he played his last VFL match?
9. How many premierships were won by Hawthorn during the 1980s?

ELIMINATION FINALS EXPLAINED

The elimination final was first played in 1972 following the introduction of the McIntyre final five system. Elimination finals were played from 1972 to 1993 inclusive and were re-introduced in 2000. Between 1972 and 1990 the elimination final was played between the teams which finished fourth and fifth on the ladder. The loser was eliminated, and the winner proceeded to the first semi final.

In 1991, when the admission of Adelaide created a 15-team competition, the McIntyre final six system was introduced. Under this system two elimination finals were played with the fifth-placed side playing sixth and the third-placed playing fourth. The losing teams were eliminated. This arrangement was amended for the next two seasons, when fourth played fifth and third played sixth. Elimination finals were not played from 1994 to 1999.

With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994, four qualifying finals were played in the first week when first played eighth, second played seventh, third played sixth and fourth played fifth. Under this system, the two lowest-placed losing teams were eliminated. The elimination final was re-introduced in 2000 as part of the revised final eight system. Under the current scheme, the fifth-placed team plays eighth and sixth-placed plays seventh. The losers are eliminated, and winners play the losers of the qualifying finals in the semi finals.



ELIMINATION FINALS SCORES

Year		Venue					Att.
1972	EF	Waverley Park	St Kilda	18.16 (124)	Essendon	10.11 (71)	52,499
1973	EF	Waverley Park	St Kilda	24.14 (158)	Essendon	13.13 (91)	53,405
1974	EF	Waverley Park	Collingwood	19.10 (124)	Footscray	6.19 (55)	57,912
1975	EF	Waverley Park	Richmond	11.11 (77)	Collingwood	10.13 (73)	65,512
1976	EF	Waverley Park	Geelong	14.18 (102)	Footscray	14.11 (95)	50,686
1977	EF	Waverley Park	Richmond	13.10 (88)	South Melbourne	7.12 (54)	63,663
1978	EF	Waverley Park	Carlton	15.15 (105)	Geelong	9.18 (72)	57,505
1979	EF	Waverley Park	Fitzroy	17.22 (124)	Essendon	5.13 (43)	49,470
1980	EF	MCG	Collingwood	14.20 (104)	North Melbourne	14.12 (96)	83,033
1981	EF	Waverley Park	Fitzroy	16.13 (109)	Essendon	13.16 (94)	58,598
1982	EF	Waverley Park	North Melbourne	19.14 (128)	Essendon	16.19 (115)	50,537
1983	EF	Waverley Park	Essendon	17.12 (114)	Carlton	12.9 (81)	65,881
1984	EF	MCG	Collingwood	23.15 (153)	Fitzroy	15.17 (107)	73,994
1985	EF	Waverley Park	North Melb	20.6 (126)	Carlton	16.11 (107)	49,126
1986	EF	Waverley Park	Fitzroy	8.10 (58)	Essendon	8.9 (57)	59,420
1987	EF	MCG	Melbourne	22.26 (158)	North Melbourne	5.10 (40)	72,628
1988	EF	Waverley Park	Melbourne	11.7 (73)	West Coast	10.11 (71)	43,438
1989	EF	Waverley Park	Melbourne	17.9 (111)	Collingwood	13.10 (88)	63,062
1990	EF	MCG	Melbourne	10.13 (73)	Hawthorn	8.16 (64)	74,954
1991	1EF	Waverley Park	Melbourne	17.11 (113)	Essendon	11.9 (75)	46,032
1991	2EF	Waverley Park	Geelong	15.14 (104)	St Kilda	14.13 (97)	63,796
1992	1EF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	14.16 (100)	Hawthorn	12.15 (87)	40,237
1992	2EF	Waverley Park	St Kilda	13.13 (91)	Collingwood	12.11 (83)	74,253
1993	1EF	MCG	Adelaide	16.14 (110)	Hawthorn	13.17 (95)	55,287
1993	2EF	Waverley Park	West Coast	17.18 (120)	North Melbourne	11.3 (69)	29,147

Elimination finals were not played from 1994 to 1999.

2000	1EF	Docklands Stadium	Hawthorn	14.8 (92)	Geelong	12.11 (83)	44,709
2000	2EF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	15.20 (110)	Western Bulldogs	10.16 (76)	25,925
2001	1EF	MCG	Carlton	17.16 (118)	Adelaide	6.14 (50)	53,982
2001	2EF	Docklands Stadium	Hawthorn	19.15 (129)	Sydney	11.8 (74)	32,910
2002	1EF	Docklands Stadium	Essendon	17.9 (111)	West Coast	11.12 (78)	37,475
2002	2EF	MCG	Melbourne	18.14 (122)	Kangaroos	11.18 (84)	53,967
2003	1EF	Subiaco Oval	Essendon	15.11 (101)	Fremantle	8.9 (57)	42,770
2003	2EF	Football Park	Adelaide	16.17 (113)	West Coast	8.9 (57)	38,641

2004	1EF	MCG	Essendon	15.14 (104)	Melbourne	15.9 (99)	60,903
2004	2EF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	11.9 (75)	West Coast	4.10 (34)	40,282
2005	1EF	Docklands Stadium	Port Adelaide	26.8 (164)	Kangaroos	11.11 (77)	25,195
2005	2EF	MCG	Geelong	18.8 (116)	Melbourne	9.7 (61)	65,018
2006	1EF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	18.13 (121)	Collingwood	11.14 (80)	84,284
2006	2EF	MCG	Melbourne	13.12 (90)	St Kilda	10.12 (72)	67,528
2007	1EF	Docklands Stadium	Hawthorn	15.15 (105)	Adelaide	15.12 (102)	36,534
2007	2EF	MCG	Collingwood	18.17 (125)	Sydney	13.9 (87)	64,645
2008	1EF	Football Park	Collingwood	19.11 (125)	Adelaide	14.10 (94)	37,685
2008	2EF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	17.8 (110)	Kangaroos	11.9 (75)	19,127
2009	1EF	Football Park	Adelaide	26.10 (166)	Essendon	10.10 (70)	50,393
2009	2EF	Gabba	Brisbane	16.15 (111)	Carlton	15.14 (104)	32,702
2010	1EF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	14.15 (99)	Carlton	13.16 (94)	41,596
2010	2EF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	14.10 (94)	Hawthorn	8.16 (64)	42,719
2011	1EF	MCG	Carlton	21.23 (149)	Essendon	13.9 (87)	90,370
2011	2EF	Docklands Stadium	Sydney	12.10 (82)	St Kilda	8.9 (57)	39,205
2012	1EF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	24.18 (162)	North Melbourne	9.12 (66)	41,790
2012	2EF	MCG	Fremantle	14.12 (96)	Geelong	11.14 (80)	44,460
2013	1EF	MCG	Richmond	14.12 (96)	Carlton	18.8 (116)	94,690
2013	2EF	MCG	Collingwood	9.9 (63)	Port Adelaide	12.15 (87)	51,722
2014	1EF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	20.12 (132)	Richmond	11.9 (75)	50,618
2014	2EF	MCG	North Melbourne	14.9 (93)	Essendon	12.9 (81)	78,561
2015	1EF	MCG	Richmond	14.4 (88)	North Melbourne	15.15 (105)	90,186
2015	2EF	MCG	Western Bulldogs	14.18 (102)	Adelaide	16.13 (109)	60,872
2016	1EF	Adelaide Oval	Adelaide	21.15 (141)	North Melbourne	12.7 (79)	49,007
2016	2EF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	7.10 (52)	Western Bulldogs	14.15 (99)	42,079
2017	1EF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	10.16 (76)	West Coast	12.6 (78)	41,172
2017	2EF	SCG	Sydney	19.7 (121)	Essendon	8.8 (56)	46,323
2018	1EF	MCG	Melbourne	10.15 (75)	Geelong	6.10 (46)	91,767
2018	2EF	SCG	Sydney	4.6 (30)	Greater Western Sydney	10.19 (79)	40,350
2019	1EF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	17.14 (116)	Essendon	9.7 (61)	59,216
2019	2EF	Syd. Showground	Greater Western Sydney	16.17 (113)	Western Bulldogs	8.7 (55)	19,218
2020	1EF	Gabba	St Kilda	10.7 (67)	Western Bulldogs	9.10 (64)	10,561
2020	2EF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	11.9 (75)	Collingwood	12.4 (76)	32,865
2021	1EF	York Park	Sydney	10.13 (73)	Greater Western Sydney	11.8 (74)	8,635
2021	2EF	York Park	Western Bulldogs	13.7 (85)	Essendon	4.12 (36)	9,760
2022	1EF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	16.10 (106)	Richmond	16.8 (104)	35,013
2022	2EF	Perth Stadium	Fremantle	11.7 (73)	Western Bulldogs	8.12 (60)	58,982
2023	1EF	MCG	Carlton	11.8 (74)	Sydney	9.14 (68)	92,026
2023	2EF	MCG	St Kilda	11.11 (77)	Greater Western Sydney	15.11 (101)	68,465

ELIMINATION FINALS AT THE MCG (1980-2023)

The first eight elimination finals from 1972 to 1979 were held at VFL Park, Waverley. In 1980 Richmond was to play in the qualifying final, but as a MCG tenant the Tigers were forced, under then League rules, to play this match at the neutral VFL Park. As both qualifying and elimination finals were to be played at the same time, the 1980 elimination final was scheduled for the MCG. The highest score in an elimination final at the MCG is 158 points recorded by Melbourne 22.26 (158) against North Melbourne 5.10 (40) in 1987. The highest score overall was 26.10 (166) by Adelaide against Essendon in the first elimination final at Football Park in 2009. The lowest score at the MCG is 5.10 (40) by North Melbourne in 1987 and Melbourne's winning margin of 118 points that year is the largest recorded for an elimination final. The lowest score overall is Sydney's 4.6 (30) against Greater Western Sydney at the SCG in 2018. The highest score in a quarter at the MCG is 10.7 (67) by Collingwood in the last quarter against Fitzroy in 1984. Collingwood kicked 23.15 (153) to defeat Fitzroy by 46 points after leading by only four points at three-quarter time. This is also the overall elimination final record. The most goals in an elimination final at the MCG is six, shared by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Adelaide in 1993 and Mark Williams for Collingwood against Fitzroy in 1984. The overall record is nine by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Geelong at Waverley Park in 1991, but St Kilda lost by seven points. The highest elimination final attendance was recorded on Sunday September 8, 2013, when 94,690 saw Carlton defeat Richmond by 20 points at the MCG.

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VALE
ALAN JOHN "JOHN" SCHULTZ,
1938-2024

The football world was saddened to learn of the death of Footscray/Western Bulldogs' legend John Schultz on Sunday September 1. A ruckman, Schultz came to Footscray from country club Boort having previously played briefly with Caulfield Grammarians. Playing with the Bulldogs from 1958 to 1968 in 188 games (37 goals), he was the club's best and fairest in 1960, 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1966, and was awarded the Brownlow Medal, the League's most prestigious annual individual honour, in 1960. He represented Victoria on 24 occasions and was selected in the All-Australian side in 1961. He was amongst the team's best players in their losing 1961 grand final side. Schultz was an inaugural inductee into the AFL Hall of Fame in 1996, and he was selected in the Bulldogs' Team of the Century in 2002. In 2010 Schultz was an inaugural inductee into the Footscray -Western Bulldogs Hall of Fame and he was raised to Legend status in 2012. Schultz became a mentor to Western Bulldogs' players later and he was chosen by the club to present the 2016 premiership cup to their captain Easton Wood after the grand final. The citation for Schultz when he was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame read: "Rucking giant who never let the side down. Set the standard for the modern ruckman."

STATISTICS FOR FOOTSCRAY/WESTERN BULLDOGS V HAWTHORN

Bulldogs v Hawthorn by Venue

	Won by Bulldogs	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	1	0	0
MCG	5	7	0
Docklands Stad.	6	11	0
Glenferrie Oval	21	24	0
Princes Park	4	9	1
Waverley Park	7	8	0
Western Oval	34	22	1
Yarraville Oval	1	0	0
York Park	2	5	0
	81	86	2

Highest Score

Footscray	23.27 (165)	Rd 18	1946	WO
Hawthorn	28.26 (194)	Rd 3	1982	Wav

Lowest Score

Footscray	3.3 (21)	Rd 11	1964	GO
Hawthorn	3.10 (28)	Rd 14	1953	GO

Greatest Winning Margin

Footscray	112 points	Rd 18	1946	WO
Hawthorn	143 points	Rd 3	1982	Wav

Last Time They Met - Round 8, 2024, Docklands

	Bulldogs	Hawthorn
Quarter time	5.1	4.2
Half time	6.3	7.5
Three-quarter time	8.7	9.9
Full time	14.7 (91)	14.14 (98)

Most Goals in a Match

14	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 19	1996	Wav
12	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 14	1968	GO
11	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 16	1970	Wav
10	Alby Morrison	Foot	Rd 17	1928	GO
10	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 11	1994	Wav

DID YOU KNOW?

Hawthorn and the Bulldogs have not met at the MCG since Round 2, 2019. A crowd of 39,368 saw the Western Bulldogs win by 19 points, 16.10 (106) to Hawthorn 13.9 (87). The teams were level a tick over 22 minutes into the final term, but three unanswered goals to the Bullies in time-on made the scoreline look more comfortable than the play throughout much of the afternoon would otherwise suggest. Josh Schache was the Dogs' best goalkicker with four goals while Jack Gunston also booted four for the Hawks. The Bulldogs' Jack Macrae was awarded three Brownlow Medal votes, Hawthorn's Jaeger O'Meara received two, and Schache got one.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

Q1 Jack Collins. **Q2** St Kilda -Hawthorn 12.10 (82) d St Kilda 11.9 (75). **Q3** Jason Johannisen. **Q4** 1938 1st semi-final, when Footscray 10.16 (76) were beaten by Collingwood 18.9 (117). **Q5** Charlie Sutton (1954) and Luke Beveridge (2016). **Q6** 1997. **Q7** Hawthorn played in the 1st semi final in 1957. Hawthorn 10.11 (71) defeated Carlton 6.12 (48). **Q8** Michael Tuck -1991 grand final. **Q9** Four -1983, 1986, 1988 and 1989.

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