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### EASTER MONDAY AFL 2025 ROUND 6 GEELONG V HAWTHORN

#### 1925 - GEELONG'S FIRST VFL (AFL) PREMIERSHIP TEAM

After 29 years in the VFL, Geelong broke through to win a long awaited premiership. Having finished fourth in 1923 and fifth in 1924, the Cats won 15 games in 1925, including 12 in succession, and lost two matches to finish on top of the ladder, two games clear of Essendon with Melbourne third and Collingwood fourth. Under the 'Argus' finals system in place at the time, Geelong then played Melbourne and Essendon played Collingwood. Surprisingly the first and second teams were beaten, Geelong by 15 points and Essendon by 10. Collingwood then beat Melbourne easily and therefore would have won the flag had not Geelong finished on top after the home and away rounds, which entitled them to challenge Collingwood to a playoff for the premiership. That match took place on Saturday, October 10, Geelong kicking 10.19 (79) to Collingwood's 9.15 (69). The match winner was captain-coach Cliff Rankin who kicked five goals. Others to feature prominently were Jack Chambers, Keith Johns, Ken Leahy, Arthur Rayson and Jim Warren. The team had an average age of 24 years and 96 days. Reserve players were not introduced until 1930.

<b>B</b>	<b>Les Smith</b> played 123 games (1921-29). Recruited from Newtown, Smith played initially on the wing or roving, but was then a very reliable defender for the remainder of his career.	<b>Keith Johns</b> played 64 games (1919, 1921-23, 1925). Recruited from Geelong High School, Johns was best and fairest in 1922. One of the leading full backs of his era, he was renowned for his prodigious kickouts.	<b>Dave Ferguson</b> played 39 games (1924-25, 1927-28). Recruited from the Kalgoorlie City club, Ferguson was a versatile defender who took a memorable match saving mark late in the grand final.
<b>HB</b>	<b>Bill Hudd</b> played 28 games (1922-25). Recruited from Queenscliff, Hudd was noted for his strong, straight ahead style. He later played for Essendon and Hawthorn, as well as in the VFA.	<b>Tom Fitzmaurice</b> played 49 games (1925-28). One of the outstanding players of the era, Fitzmaurice had crossed to Geelong from Essendon. He was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996.	<b>Ken Leahy</b> played 29 games (1925-27). After stints at West Perth and Railways Football Club in Kalgoorlie, Leahy timed his arrival at Geelong perfectly. He played a fine game in the grand final.
<b>C</b>	<b>Edward Stevenson</b> played 105 games (1922-29). Recruited from Chilwell, and diminutive at just 166cm (5'5"), Stevenson was an extremely quick and tenacious footballer with fine disposal skills.	<b>Edward 'Carji' Greeves</b> played 124 games (1923-31, 1933). From Geelong College, Greeves won the initial Brownlow Medal and was named in the club's Team of the Century and the Australian Football Hall of Fame.	<b>Jack Williams</b> played 175 games (1925-34). Recruited from Geelong West, Williams was a pacy and tough halfback or winger who was frequently given the job of looking after opposition stars.
<b>HF</b>	<b>Arthur Rayson</b> played 101 games (1924-31). Recruited from Cobden, Rayson was a top class rover or half forward who was particularly dangerous around goals. He represented Victoria four times.	<b>George 'Jocka' Todd</b> played 232 games (1922-34). From Queenscliff, Todd would become one of the finest full backs of his era. He was named in the club's Team of the Century and the Australian Football Hall of Fame.	<b>Jack Chambers</b> played 72 games (1924-28). Recruited from Essendon, Chambers was a solidly built forward and ruckman. Strong overhead, he performed well in the premiership decider.
<b>F</b>	<b>Cliff Rankin</b> played 153 games (1915, 1919-28) and kicked 399 goals. Recruited from Chilwell, he was a highly skilled forward and a fine leader. He also captained Victoria and was named in the Cats' Team of the Century (emerg).	<b>Lloyd Hagger</b> played 174 games (1917-29). From Barwon, Hagger was a top class key forward known for his spectacular high marking and accurate kicking. He topped the goal kicking in 1925 with 78 and also represented Victoria 12 times.	<b>Syd Hall</b> played 85 games (1922-27, 1930). Recruited from Queenscliff, Hall was fast, a long kick and a sure ball handler. Often selected on a wing, he was also useful around the goals. He played for Victoria three times.
<b>R</b>	<b>Eric Fleming</b> played 105 games (1922-28). Recruited from South Bendigo, Fleming was a high marking ruckman who was also effective in the forward line. He played for Victoria six times.	<b>Denis 'Dinny' Heagney</b> played six games (1925-26). Recruited from Creswick, Heagney was in the right place at the right time, playing in a premiership team in just his fourth game of League football.	<b>Jim Warren</b> played 57 games (1925-28). From Queenscliff, the stockily built Warren was a very effective rover who did not take a backward step when the going got tough. Handy around the goals.

## 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 Beyond Blue Cup being presented for the first time that year. These clubs have met 13 times on Easter Monday at the MCG, and the Cats have won 10 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 1960 JULIUS MARLOW MEDAL

In 1960 the men's shoe manufacturer Julius Marlow sponsored a medal for the best League player as voted by the football-going public. Each week throughout the home and away season this company took a full-page advertisement in the *Football Record*, the League's match day program, that included a voting slip for patrons to clip out and lodge in special voting boxes at Julius Marlow retailers, or mail to the company's postal address in Alexandra Parade, Collingwood.

In the first issue of the 1960 *Football Record*, the advert promoting the medal read: "For the first time FOOTBALL FANS will choose the year's BEST League footballer." Any footy patron who had purchased a *Football Record*, a magazine that was only available from a matchday venue, could cast a vote for whoever they adjudge to be the best player each week of the home and away season. These votes would be counted and allocated as follows: 3 points "to player receiving most votes" for a match, 2 points "to player receiving second highest number of votes", and 1 point "to player receiving third highest number of votes". The points after each round, and the overall tallies, were then published in the following week's *Football Record*. The player who received the most points would be presented with the silver Julius Marlow Medal valued at 30 guineas, as well as "£250 cash".

The Julius Marlow Medal for 1960 was won by Fitzroy's Kevin Murray with 29 points, from Melbourne's Ron Barassi and Collingwood's Murray Weideman, who had obtained 27 points apiece. The medal winner was determined in the final round as both Murray and Barassi were tied at the lead with 26 points, while Weideman was running third with 25. That Round Murray collected 3 points in the Roys' game against St Kilda, Barassi got just the 1 point for the Demons' match with Essendon, and Weideman received 2 points against North Melbourne. The Julius Marlow Medal was presented to Murray on GTV9's Julius Marlow-sponsored live telecast of the first semi final at the MCG on September 3. It seems that the Julius Marlow Medal promotion was not resumed after the 1960 season. Julius Marlow did not advertise in the *Football Record* in 1961, and GTV 9 did not telecast the last quarter of VFL football matches live in 1961 either (GTV9 had telecast the last quarter live from 1957 to 1960 and would have replay and preview shows in subsequent years).

Kevin Murray, an inaugural inductee of the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 1996, was raised to Legend status in 2010. In May 2010 Murray kindly loaned his 1960 Julius Marlow Medal to the National Sports Museum (now the Australian Sports Museum) at the MCG (N2020.11, pictured). It is on display with Murray's other memorabilia in the Australian Football Hall of Fame gallery. The Julius Marlow Medal has been long forgotten by most, but the prestige it conveyed should be untarnished. After all, it was for (1.) the best player in the dominant competition (2.) as voted by spectators at games (3.) through that competition's official organ – the *Football Record*.



## EASTER MONDAY FOOTBALL AT THE MCG

Date	Rnd.	Home Team	G	B	Total	Away Team	G	B	Total	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
07/04/1969	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
03/04/1972	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
04/04/1988	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
01/04/1991	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
04/04/1994	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
05/04/1999	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
01/04/2002	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
09/04/2007	2	Hawthorn	17	14	116	Melbourne	14	10	94	22	43,197
05/04/2010	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
09/04/2012	2	Geelong	14	8	92	Hawthorn	13	12	90	2	69,231
01/04/2013	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
06/04/2015	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
02/04/2018	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
10/04/2023	4	Geelong	19	13	127	Hawthorn	6	9	45	82	65,335
01/04/2024	3	Hawthorn	10	10	70	Geelong	17	4	106	-36	67,020

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## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 6 AT THE MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 6 is 31.18 (204) by St Kilda against Melbourne 21.15 (141) in 1978. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 6 is 107 points by Melbourne 19.23 (137) when defeating South Melbourne 3.12 (30) in 1939. The lowest Round 6 score at the MCG since 1925 is 1.11 (17) by South Melbourne against Melbourne 8.15 (63) in 1962. This is the overall Round 6 record. The biggest bag of goals in Round 6 at the MCG took place in 1993 when Geelong's Gary Ablett Snr kicked 14 goals against Essendon. The highest score in a quarter for Round 6 at the MCG is 11.5 (71) by St Kilda against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1978. The highest score for a quarter in Round 6 was when Essendon scored 15.4 (94) against the Gold Coast Suns in the first quarter at the Docklands in 2011.

## STATISTICS FOR HAWTHORN V GEELONG

<i>Hawthorn v Geelong by venue</i>				<i>Highest Score</i>				
	Won by Geelong	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn	Geelong				
Corio Oval	12	1	0	Hawthorn	25.13 (163)	Rd 6	1989	PP
Docklands	4	3	0	Geelong	35.15 (225)	Rd 21	1986	PP
Glenferrie Oval	16	18	0	<i>Lowest Score</i>				
Kardinia Park	33	16	1	Geelong	5.10 (40)	Rd 8	1975	Wav
MCG	23	13	0	Hawthorn	3.6 (24)	Rd 9	1933	Corio
Princes Park	3	11	0	<i>Greatest Winning Margin</i>				
Waverley Park	4	13	0	Geelong	109 points	Rd 9	1933	Corio
York Park	0	1	0	Hawthorn	135 points	Rd 21	1986	PP
	95	76	1					

### *Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2024, Kardinia Park*

	Geelong	Hawthorn	<i>Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)</i>					
Quarter time	4.5	1.1	12	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 1	1990	Wav
Half time	9.7	4.3	12	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 1	1992	Wav
Three-quarter time	13.11	7.5	10	Wally Culpitt	Haw	Rd 3	1944	GO
Full time	16.14 (110)	9.5 (59)	10	Lindsay White	Geel	Rd 1	1950	GO

## 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.

## COMPARING PETER HUDSON AND JASON DUNSTALL

- Peter Hudson played 129 games for Hawthorn and kicked 727 goals. Jason Dunstall played 269 games and kicked 1254 goals.
- Hudson averaged 5.64 goals per game. Dunstall averaged 4.66. Hudson is one of only two players to average over five goals per game, the other being John Coleman (5.48).
- Hudson kicked 100 goals or more in a season five times. Dunstall did it six times.
- Hudson kicked ten or more goals in a match 12 times. Dunstall did it 16 times.
- Hudson's highest tally in a season was 150 (1971). Dunstall's was 145 (1992).
- Hudson won the Coleman Medal four times. Dunstall won it three times.
- Hudson was Hawthorn's best and fairest twice. Dunstall won the award four times.
- Hudson was his club's leading goal kicker six times. Dunstall achieved this 12 times.
- Both Hudson and Dunstall were All Australians twice.