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AFL 2025 ROUND 11

HAWTHORN V BRISBANE

JONATHAN BROWN - A LIONS LEGEND

The son of former Fitzroy and Essendon player Brian, Jonathan Brown played his early football with Geelong Falcons in the TAC Cup competition. Having been a standout player in the 1999 National Carnival, he was picked up by the Brisbane Lions in the 1999 National Draft and went on to play 256 games (594 goals) for the club from 2000 to 2014, mainly at centre half forward. Known for his fearless, sometimes reckless, attack of the ball, he played in the club's premiership sides in 2001, 2002 and 2003, was named as an All-Australian in 2007 and 2009, was the club's leading goalkicker in 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013, captained the side from 2009 to 2012, was co-captain in 2007, 2008 and 2013, was captain of the Victorian side in 2008, won the AFL's Robert Rose Award for the Most Courageous Player in 2007, 2008 and 2011 and won the club's best and fairest award in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Two facial injuries in 2011, another in 2012 and yet another in 2014 which saw him badly concussed, finally caused his retirement. He was inducted into the Australian Football Hall of Fame in 2020.

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Beginning his senior football career with the Eastern Ranges TAC Cup side, **Brad Scott** was picked up by Hawthorn in the 1994 national draft, but he was delisted without playing a game. He was redrafted by the Hawks in 1996. He played 22 games (6 goals) in 1997 but was traded to his twin brother Chris's side, the Brisbane Lions, in 1998. He played 146 games (39 goals) for the Lions from 1998 to 2006 and, with his brother, were regarded as hard and fearless players. A member of the club's 2001 and 2002 premiership sides, injury saw him miss a place in their 2003 premiership win. After a stint as an assistant coach to Michael Malthouse at Collingwood, Scott was appointed senior coach at North Melbourne, where he coached from 2010 to 2019. Subsequently Scott was appointed as senior coach at Essendon where he has held the position since 2023. The *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* described Scott as a, "fierce competitor and in time the style of he and his brother would become a cornerstone of Brisbane's game".

Coming to Hawthorn from Xavier College, **Andrew Gowers** played 89 games (54 goals) for the Hawks from 1988 to 1994 including in their 1991 premiership side. At the end of 1994 he went off to the Brisbane Bears where he played 40 games (7 goals) and progressed in 1997 to the new Brisbane side, the Lions, where he played a further 11 games (2 goals) before retiring at the end of 1999. In 2013 he was appointed to the Board at Hawthorn and is currently President of the club. Andrew's father, Trevor, played 24 games for Richmond from 1964 to 1966 and his son Billy played 33 games for the Western Bulldogs from 2018 to 2020.

DID YOU KNOW?

With the Brisbane Bears playing from 1987 to 1996 and the Lions from 1997 to the present, neither side has ever met Hawthorn in a finals match.

EARLY DAYS

In 1925 Hawthorn entered the Victorian Football League. The Round 2 edition of the *Football Record* was complimentary of their first outing:

"Used to playing before a mere handful of spectators, it was calculated to make some of the Hawthorn men rather nervous for a while when they filed out and were greeted by something like 20,000 onlookers. As the nervy feeling wore off the Hawthornians, or Mayblossoms, whichever name you may be pleased to know them by, settled down to their stride and work, which they carried out most creditably."

However, they went down to Richmond at Glenferrie Oval by 39 points.

OVER TO YOU

Hawthorn has had six Brownlow Medal winners. Four of those winners shared the award with players from another club. Can you name the four Hawthorn players and the players with whom they shared the award?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 11 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 11 score at the MCG is 25.11 (161) by Collingwood against St Kilda in 1995. The overall record is 25.29 (179) by Fitzroy against Geelong 8.8 (56) at the Brunswick Street Oval in 1944. The most goals in a Round 11 game at the MCG is 12 by Bob Johnson Snr for Melbourne against Hawthorn in 1933. The overall Round 11 record is 15 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1933. The highest score in a quarter in this round at the MCG is 10.5 (65) which has been achieved twice, both times by Richmond against Footscray. The first instance was in the third quarter of a 1970 clash and the second in the last quarter in a 1978 match. The overall Round 11 record for the highest score in a quarter is 11.5 (71) by Fitzroy against Geelong in the third quarter at Brunswick Street in 1944. The highest Round 11 attendance at the MCG is 87,653 in 1989 when Geelong defeated Essendon by 54 points. The overall Round 11 attendance record is 92,935 at Waverley Park in 1981 when Hawthorn defeated Collingwood by 46 points.

STATISTICS FOR HAWTHORN V BRISBANE BEARS/LIONS

Hawthorn v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

| | Won by Hawthorn | Won by Brisbane | Drawn |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Carrara | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Gabba | 6 | 13 | 0 |
| MCG | 6 | 2 | 0 |
| Princes Park | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Waverley Park | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Docklands Stad. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| York Park | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| | 35 | 20 | 0 |

Highest Score

| | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|------|------|-------|
| Hawthorn | 25.16 (166) | Rd 8 | 1994 | Wav |
| Bris. Lions | 21.22 (148) | Rd 2 | 2002 | Gabba |

Lowest Score

| | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|---------|
| Hawthorn | 5.11 (41) | Rd 7 | 1996 | Gabba |
| Bris. Bears | 2.5 (17) | Rd 12 | 1988 | Princes |

Greatest Winning Margin

| | | | | |
|-------------|------------|------|------|-------|
| Hawthorn | 99 points | Rd 8 | 1994 | Wav |
| Bris. Lions | 102 points | Rd 2 | 2002 | Gabba |

Last Time They Met – Round 11, 2024, Docklands

| | Hawthorn | Brisbane |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Quarter time | 4.3 | 1.3 |
| Half time | 9.5 | 5.5 |
| Three-quarter time | 10.8 | 8.12 |
| Full time | 15.10 (100) | 10.15 (75) |

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

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|----|-------------|-----|-------|------|---------|
| 11 | J. Dunstall | Haw | Rd 12 | 1987 | Carrara |
| 10 | J. Dunstall | Haw | Rd 22 | 1993 | Gabba |
| 10 | J. Dunstall | Haw | Rd 8 | 1994 | Wav |

STATISTICS FOR HAWTHORN V FITZROY (1925-1996)

Hawthorn v Fitzroy by venue

| | Won by Hawthorn | Won by Fitzroy | Drawn |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Brunswick St | 7 | 21 | 1 |
| Glenferrie Oval | 22 | 15 | 0 |
| Junction Oval | 4 | 9 | 0 |
| MCG | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| North Hobart | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Princes Park | 16 | 4 | 0 |
| Victoria Park | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Waverley Park | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Western Oval | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 63 | 52 | 1 |

Highest Score

| | | | | |
|----------|-------------|-------|------|-----|
| Hawthorn | 36.15 (231) | Rd 6 | 1991 | NH |
| Fitzroy | 27.8 (170) | Rd 17 | 1982 | Wav |

Lowest Score

| | | | | |
|----------|-----------|-------|------|-------|
| Hawthorn | 3.16 (34) | Rd 16 | 1930 | GO |
| Fitzroy | 4.12 (21) | Rd 15 | 1965 | Bruns |

Greatest Winning Margin

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|----------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Hawthorn | 157 points | Rd 6 | 1991 | NH |
| Fitzroy | 84 points | Rd 10 | 1925 | Bruns |

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

| | | | | | |
|----|-----------|-----|-------|------|----|
| 11 | P. Hudson | Haw | Rd 22 | 1970 | JO |
| 10 | P. Hudson | Haw | Rd 9 | 1968 | GO |

OVER TO YOU ANSWER:

Col Austen shared with Ron Clegg (South Melbourne) in 1949, Robert DiPierdomenico shared with Greg Williams (Sydney) in 1986, John Platten shared with Tony Lockett (St Kilda) in 1987, and Sam Mitchell shared with Trent Cotechin (Richmond) in 2012.

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