



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET

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### AFL 2025 ROUND 15

### CARLTON V NORTH MELBOURNE

#### THEIR MOST RECENT MEETING AT THE MCG

These sides have not met at the MCG since 2004. Their Round 3 encounter that season attracted a crowd of 36,273 to the MCG. After Matthew Lappin opened the scoring with a goal for Carlton, the Kangaroos (as North Melbourne was officially known at the time) kicked five unanswered goals to lead by 22 points midway through the first quarter. The Blues then added two goals of their own to reduce the margin to just ten points. At the end of the quarter, the Kangaroos held a 14-point lead (7.0 to 4.4).

In another high scoring quarter, the Kangaroos added five goals in the second term, to four from the Blues, to extend their lead to 21 points at the main break (12.3 to 8.6). The Kangaroos still held a 29-point lead at the 17-minute mark of the third quarter, but four goals to Carlton in just over ten minutes toward the end of the quarter, brought the Blues right back into the game and they trailed by only four points at the final change (14.5 to 13.7). The Kangaroos kicked the first two goals of the final quarter, but Carlton then added the next three – Brad Fisher’s second goal for the game levelling the scores just after the 19-minute mark. Three behinds to the Blues put them in the lead and they were still one point in front when 32 minutes had been played. A goal to the Kangaroos Daniel Wells finally decided the outcome of the game, the Kangaroos winning by five points. The final scores were **Kangaroos 17.9 (111) defeated Carlton 16.10 (106)**.

The major goalkickers were Daniel Motlop for the Kangaroos and Brendan Fevola for Carlton, who both kicked four. The Brownlow Medal votes were awarded to Carlton’s Heath Scotland (3), and to the Kangaroos Adam Simpson (2) and Shannon Grant (1).

#### DID YOU KNOW?

North Melbourne has used the kangaroo as its mascot from 1954. The club decided that a new emblem was needed to replace the previous “Shinboners” moniker, and it should be something “characteristically Australian for a body which played an Australian sport”. Therefore, “Kangaroos” was chosen.

While a bounding kangaroo in profile was used on club publications from the 1950s, the League’s “Properties” department used the silhouette on a shield from 1976 for officially licensed North Melbourne products and promotions. Though initially facing left, the Kangaroo was switched to face right in 1983. From 1999 to 2007, the club dropped the name North Melbourne from their branding and were known simply as the “Kangaroos”. The logo used by the Kangaroos from 2002 until 2006 is pictured. It was the last of the club’s logos to use a silhouette of a kangaroo. The club reverted to the North Melbourne name before the 2008 AFL season.



#### OVER TO YOU

1. In which year did Carlton and North Melbourne last play each other in a game for premierships points at Princes Park?
2. In which year did North Melbourne and Carlton last play each other in a game for premierships points at Arden Street?
3. When did Carlton and North Melbourne play their first VFL/AFL game at the MCG that was not a final?
4. In which year did North Melbourne play their home games at the Coburg Oval?
5. Who were the coaches when the Kangaroos and Carlton met in the 1999 grand final?
6. How many times have North and Carlton met in AFL finals since the 1999 grand final?
7. Who am I? I played 182 games for North Melbourne from 1993 to 2001, kicking 233 goals. I was traded to Carlton in 2002, where I played 41 games (60 goals) over two seasons. I returned to North Melbourne in 2004, playing 14 more games (17 goals) before retiring.
8. Who am I? I played 287 games for North Melbourne from 1988 to 2002. I was then drafted by Carlton, where I played 13 games in 2003 before announcing my retirement from AFL football.

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## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 15 AT THE MCG

The highest Round 15 score on the MCG is 27.20 (182) by Essendon against Melbourne 8.12 (60) in 1986. The overall Round 15 record is 28.23 (191) by Hawthorn against Geelong 13.6 (84) at Princes Park in 1977. The most goals by an individual is 11 by Peter Sumich for West Coast against Essendon in 1992 and by Gary Ablett Snr for Geelong against Melbourne in 1993. The overall Round 15 record is 12 which has been recorded by three players – Bob Pratt for South Melbourne against Footscray at the Lakeside Oval in 1934, Peter Hudson for Hawthorn against St Kilda at Glenferrie Oval in 1971 and Simon Beasley for Footscray against Melbourne at the Western Oval in 1985. The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Richmond in the last quarter against Hawthorn in 1997. Richmond kicked 22.13 (145) to win by 76 points. The overall Round 15 record for the highest score in a quarter is 12.6 (78) by Geelong against Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1989. Geelong kicked 22.19 (151) to win by 74 points after leading by only 21 points at three-quarter time. The highest Round 15 attendance is 81,099 in 1960 when Melbourne defeated Collingwood by 46 points at the MCG.

## STATISTICS FOR CARLTON V NORTH MELBOURNE

### Carlton v North Melbourne by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by North Melb.	Drawn
Arden Street	29	18	0
Bellerive Oval	0	1	0
Carrara	0	1	0
Coburg Oval	0	1	0
Docklands Stad.	10	15	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	9	8	0
Princes Park	48	12	0
Waverley Park	6	4	0
	103	60	0

### Highest Score

Carlton	31.13 (199)	Rd 1	1984	WP
North Melbourne	29.19 (193)	Rd 10	1983	AS

### Lowest Score

Carlton	4.6 (30)	Rd 4	2018	BO
North Melbourne	3.5 (23)	Rd 12	1971	PP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	137 points	Rd 1	1984	Wav Pk
North Melbourne	124 points	Rd 22	2003	Dock

### Last Time They Met – Round 6, 2025 Docklands Stad.

	Carlton	North Melb.
Quarter time	7.3	2.2
Half time	9.5	6.3
Three-quarter time	15.6	7.4
Full time	24.9 (153)	11.5 (71)

## OVER TO YOU ANSWERS

**Q1** 2004 (Round 16). **Q2** 1983 (Round 10). **Q3** 1985 (Round 14 – a Friday night match). **Q4** 1965. **Q5** Denis Pagan (North Melbourne) and David Parkin (Carlton). **Q6** None. **Q7** Corey McKernan. **Q8** Mick Martyn.

## PLAYED FOR BOTH

Born in Devonport, Tasmania, **Jarrad Waite** was recruited by Carlton from the Murray Bushrangers (TAC Cup) in the 2001 AFL Draft under the father-son rule. His father Vin played 153 games for the Blues from 1966 to 1975. Jarrad made his AFL debut in the first round of the 2003 season against the Sydney Swans and played 184 games for the Blues through to 2014. Playing mostly on the forward line, he kicked 252 goals during his career with Carlton. In late 2014, he signed a two-year deal with North Melbourne, exercising his rights to move clubs under the League's free agency rules. He eventually stayed with the Kangaroos for four seasons, playing 60 games (125 goals) from 2015 to 2018. He was Carlton's leading goalkicker during the 2014 season and North's leading goalkicker the following season.

## NORTH'S FIRST VFL FINALS APPEARANCE

After joining the VFL in 1925, North Melbourne made their first appearance in the finals in 1945. They finished the season in third place on the ladder with 13 wins and seven losses, ahead of Carlton, which finished fourth, on percentage. The first semi-final was played at Princes Park before a crowd of 54,846. (All finals that year were played at Princes Park as the MCG was unavailable.)

Carlton held the upper hand throughout the game, eventually winning by 26 points. The final scores were: **Carlton 14.10 (94)** defeated **North Melbourne 8.20 (68)**. North only had two goals on the board by three quarter time – Carlton having an unassailable 60-point advantage at the final change. North's poor kicking – they scored 1.8 to Carlton's 3.1 in the second quarter – certainly played a part in their loss. Following their first semi final win, Carlton defeated Collingwood in the preliminary final and South Melbourne in the grand final to claim the 1945 premiership. The grand final has been nicknamed "the Bloodbath" and is remembered as one of the roughest games in League history. North Melbourne finished on top of the VFL ladder for the first time in 1949 and played in their first grand final in 1950. Nevertheless, it was not until 1975 that they claimed their first VFL premiership.

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