



# MCC LIBRARY FACT SHEET

## JULY 13, 2025

### AFL 2025 Round 18

### MELBOURNE V NORTH MELBOURNE

#### ROUND 13, 1965

Following Melbourne's 1964 premiership win, the Demons started the 1965 season with eight straight wins. They then lost three of their next four games, however, and faced a North Melbourne side in Round 13 that had only recorded two victories to date during the season. This game, played at the Coburg Oval (North's home ground during the 1965 season) on July 24, attracted a crowd of 8312. The Friday night sacking of coaching great Norm Smith provided a sensational prelude to the game. Growing tension between the Melbourne Football Club Committee and Smith was a catalyst for the sacking as was a writ issued by umpire Don Blew against Smith, which had been taken out following comments Smith made on radio about Blew's umpiring the previous season. Smith wanted the Demons to pay any legal expenses he might accrue as the result of the writ but was told on July 1 that while he had the Committee's "full moral and wholehearted support" in the matter, he would not receive its financial support.

Following Smith's sacking, Frank "Checker" Hughes was installed as coach. Hughes had served as Smith's Chairman of Selectors for many years after coaching the Demons to premierships in 1939-41 and 1948. Melbourne played raggedly in this game and was soundly defeated by a confident North Melbourne team. Melbourne was led by Hassa Mann and North by Noel Teasdale. The Kangaroos were coached by Alan Killigrew. **North Melbourne 11.15 (81)** defeated **Melbourne 9.6 (60)**. Norm Smith was reinstated as coach after Melbourne's Round 13 defeat, but the Demons' poor form continued, and they finished the season in seventh position on the ladder with ten wins and eight losses. North finished ninth with five wins.

#### FILL THE GAPS

Fill the gaps in the premiership teams (the missing players numbers are in brackets).

##### Melbourne 1964 Premiers

<b>B:</b>	(5)	B. Massey	R. Johnson
<b>HB:</b>	T. Anderson	B. Roet	(40)
<b>C:</b>	(9)	D. Williams	(6)
<b>HF:</b>	B. Kenneally	(20)	(32)
<b>F:</b>	(4)	(14)	J. Townsend
<b>Foll:</b>	(23)	R. Barassi Jnr.	H. Mann
<b>Int:</b>	P. McLean	(10)	

##### North Melbourne 1975 Premiers

<b>B:</b>	R. Henshaw	(23)	(38)
<b>HB:</b>	(8)	M. Blight	(5)
<b>C:</b>	K. Greig	(11)	(40)
<b>HF:</b>	W. Schimmelbusch	(6)	S. Kekovich
<b>F:</b>	(28)	D. Wade	P. Feltham
<b>Foll:</b>	M. Nolan	(32)	B. Cable
<b>Int:</b>	B. Goodingham	(13)	

#### PLAYED FOR BOTH

**Gerry Donnelly** played 12 games and kicked four goals for Melbourne in 1925. A wingman, Donnelly gained selection in a Victorian interstate team during his one season at the club. Towards the end of 1925, his playing permit was cancelled after the League determined that he was residentially bound to North Melbourne. As a result, he crossed to North Melbourne in 1926 and took over as captain/coach when Wels Eicke resigned from the position after three rounds. Donnelly did not have a win in his 14 games as coach of North Melbourne, but in their Round 13 clash against fellow newcomers Hawthorn at Glenferrie Oval, his team did come away with a draw. The result was controversial as Hawthorn was leading by a point when the bell sounded. Donnelly was running with the ball when the bell sounded and kicked a behind to level the scores. As the umpire had not heard the bell the point stood. After 1926, Donnelly moved to the country to play football, but he returned to Melbourne after suffering an eye injury during the 1929 season. Essendon was keen to secure his services as a player, but North Melbourne would not clear him. He played two senior games for North in 1930 (bringing his total number of games as a player at North to 14), before he eventually gained a clearance to Essendon mid-season. He played three senior games with Essendon during the remainder of the 1930 season.

**Steven Icke** was a player who made a considerable contribution to both the Kangaroos and the Demons. His father (Laurie) was a tough half back for North Melbourne from 1952 to 1955, playing 57 games. Recruited from Noble Park, Steven Icke represented North Melbourne from 1975 to 1981 in 120 games (33 goals). He was a versatile player, who played in several positions at North. He was a member of the Kangaroos' premiership side in 1977 and was selected for Victoria in both 1977 and 1980. In 1982, Icke moved to Melbourne, along with teammates Alan Jarrott and Brian Wilson. From 1982 to 1987 he represented Melbourne in 78 games, kicking 17 goals. In his debut season for the Demons, he won the Keith "Bluey" Truscott Trophy as Melbourne's best and fairest player. After retiring as a player, Icke was General Manager of Football Operations at Carlton between 2007 and 2011.

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY - ROUND 18 AT THE MCG

The highest score at the MCG this Round is 25.19 (169) by Sydney against Melbourne 7.11 (53) in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score is 30.21 (201) by Carlton against Footscray 10.12 (72) at Princes Park in 1982. The most goals by an individual is 10 by Harold Harker of Melbourne against Geelong in 1921. Melbourne kicked 16.19 (115) and won by 44 points. The overall Round 18 goalkicking record is 13 by John Coleman of Essendon against Hawthorn at Windy Hill in 1952. Essendon kicked 20.12 (132) and won by 55 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Sydney in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score in a quarter is 11.6 (72) which has been scored twice. Carlton was the first to do so, in the second quarter against St. Kilda at Junction Oval in 1932. Carlton finished with 20.21 (141) to win by 87 points. Richmond equalled the record in the first quarter against Footscray at Waverley Park in 1980 when they booted 23.18 (156) to win by 115 points. The highest Round 18 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on July 30, 1993, when 87,573 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 68 points.

## STATISTICS FOR MELBOURNE V NORTH MELBOURNE

### Melbourne v North Melbourne by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by North Melb.	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	1	0	0
Arden Street	28	21	1
Bellerive Oval	2	3	0
Coburg	0	1	0
Docklands Stad.	1	9	0
Manuka Oval	1	0	0
MCG	57	37	0
Punt Road Oval	0	1	0
Waverley Park	0	6	0
	90	78	1

### Highest Score

Melbourne	28.14 (182)	Rd 21	1986	MCG
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North Melb.	31.14 (200)	Rd 14	1990	MCG

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.9 (27)	Rd 8	1946	AS
North Melb.	3.9 (27)	Rd 7	1927	MCG

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	122 points	Rd 7	1937	MCG
North Melb.	129 points	Rd 10	1981	Wav

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

14	J. Longmire	NM	Rd 14	1990	MCG
12	G. Margitich	Melb	Rd 17	1931	MCG
11	A. Jakovich	Melb	Rd 20	1991	MCG
11	W. Carey	NM	Rd 17	1996	MCG
10	R. Glendinning	NM	Rd 9	1979	MCG
10	K. Good	NM	Rd 20	1981	AS

### Last Time They Met – Round 2, 2025, Docklands Stad.

	North Melb.	Melbourne
Quarter time	3.5	4.5
Half time	8.9	6.9
Three-quarter time	11.10	8.10
Full time	19.11 (125)	9.12 (66)

## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1925, the VFL admitted three new teams – Footscray, Hawthorn and North Melbourne – to the competition. As it had not been one of the stronger teams in the VFA prior to the establishment of the VFL, North Melbourne had not been invited to join the League when it was established prior to the 1897 season. North also failed in its bid to join the League when it expanded to ten clubs in 1908 – Richmond and University being the two clubs admitted at that time. While North had not enjoyed much success in the VFA before the VFL was established, the club was very successful during the early years of the 20th century, winning VFA premierships in 1903, 1904, 1910, 1914, 1915 and 1918. The VFA competition was in recess in 1916 and 1917 due to the Great War. Although North did not win another VFA premiership in the years leading up to 1925, it was still considered one of the more powerful VFA clubs and this helped it gain admission to the League in 1925.

## FILL THE GAPS ANSWERS

**Melbourne:** Neil Crompton (5), Frank Davis (40), Brian Dixon (9), Frank Adams (6), Graeme Jacobs (20), Barrie Vagg (32), John Lord (4), Barry Bourke (14), Graham Wise (23), Ken Emselle (10).

**North Melbourne:** David Dench (23), Frank Gumbleton (38), Brent Crosswell (8), John Rantall (5), John Burns (11), Peter Chisnall (40), Arnold Briedis (6), Garry Farrant (28), Barry Davis (32), Gary Cowton (13).

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