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AFL 2024 2ND PRELIMINARY FINAL GEELONG V BRISBANE LIONS

GEELONG AND THE BRISBANE LIONS IN FINALS

These two teams have contested three finals before today. This will be the fourth time they have met in a preliminary final.

2004 SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL AT THE MCG

Brisbane finished the home and away season second on the ladder and Geelong fourth. The Lions defeated St Kilda in the second qualifying final to move into a preliminary final. Geelong lost to Port Adelaide in the first qualifying final in Adelaide but rebounded to defeat Essendon in the first semi final at the MCG. The second preliminary final was a night game on Saturday, September 18. Brisbane were captained by Michael Voss and coached by Leigh Matthews. Geelong were captained by Steven King and coached by Mark Thompson. In a very close game, where the margin between the teams was never more than 11 points, the Lions prevailed – 12.12 (84) to Geelong 10.15 (75). Brisbane led by four points at three quarter time and kicked three goals to two by the Cats in the final term. Daniel Bradshaw led Brisbane's goalkickers with four, while Michael Voss kicked two. Gary Ablett Jnr, Charlie Gardiner, Kent Kingsley and Cameron Ling kicked two each for Geelong. In the grand final Brisbane, premiers in 2001, 2002 and 2003, tried to equal the VFL/AFL record of four premierships in a row but were beaten by Port Adelaide, who took out their first AFL flag.

2020 SECOND PRELIMINARY FINAL AT THE GABBA

In a season severely affected by Covid, Brisbane finished second on the ladder and Geelong fourth. Brisbane went straight through to a preliminary final by beating Richmond in the second qualifying final, while Geelong lost the first qualifying final to Port Adelaide. The Cats then defeated Collingwood in the first semi final at the Gabba (no finals were played in Victoria due to Covid restrictions). On Saturday, October 17, the Cats and Lions faced each other at the Gabba, before a crowd of 29,121. Brisbane were captained by Dayne Zorko and coached by Chris Fagan. Geelong were captained by Joel Selwood and coached by Chris Scott. After a close first half, Geelong got right on top in the second half, kicking seven goals to Brisbane's two. The final scores were Geelong 11.16 (82) to Brisbane 6.6 (42). Gary Rohan kicked three goals for the Cats, and Gary Ablett and Tom Hawkins two each. Charlie Cameron and Lachie Neale were the leading goalkickers for the Lions with two each. Geelong progressed to the grand final (also at the Gabba), where they lost to Richmond.

2022 FIRST PRELIMINARY FINAL AT THE MCG

Geelong topped the ladder and Brisbane finished sixth. A thrilling six-point win over Collingwood put the Cats into a preliminary final, while the Lions progressed with narrow wins over Richmond (2 points) and Melbourne (13 points). There was a crowd of 77,677 when the Cats and Lions did battle in the first preliminary final at night on Friday, September 16. Geelong was led by Joel Selwood and Brisbane by Dayne Zorko; Chris Scott (Geelong) and Chris Fagan (Brisbane) were the opposing coaches. Although the Lions matched Geelong's opening goal to draw level early in the first term, the Cats were never headed during the game, leading by 14 points at quarter time, 30 at half time and 63 at the final break. Geelong eventually ran out convincing winners 18.12 (120) to Brisbane 7.7 (49). Tom Hawkins booted four goals for the Cats and Tyson Stengle three. Eric Hipwood was the only multiple goalkicker for the Lions with two. The Cats went on to defeat the Sydney Swans by 81 points in the grand final.

DID YOU KNOW?

Geelong and Fitzroy, who were both founder members of the Victorian Football League (VFL), played each other only twice in finals matches. These games were in 1903 and 1923. In 1903, Fitzroy finished second on the ladder and Geelong fourth. Under the finals system in operation at the time, the second and fourth placed teams played each other in a semi final in the first week of the finals. The Fitzroy versus Geelong game was played at the MCG before a crowd of 15,000. Fitzroy won by 52 points, the final scores being Fitzroy 11.15 (81) to Geelong 4.5 (29). The following Saturday, Collingwood defeated Fitzroy in the grand final. In 1923, Fitzroy finished second on the ladder again and Geelong fourth. They contested a semi final at the MCG on Saturday, September 22, the attendance being 56,240. Fitzroy won by 35 points, kicking 14.13 (97) to Geelong's 8.14 (62). Fitzroy went on to defeat South Melbourne in the preliminary final before going down to Essendon in the grand final. Fitzroy merged with the Brisbane Bears after the 1996 AFL season to become the Brisbane Lions. Geelong and the Brisbane Bears did not meet in a final during the Bears' time in the VFL/AFL (1987-96).

OVER TO YOU

In which season did Fitzroy win its first League premiership?

PRELIMINARY FINALS 1931-2023

1931	PF	MCG	Geelong	11.17 (83)	Carlton	11.11 (77)	36,653
1932	PF	MCG	Carlton	23.19 (157)	Collingwood	11.16 (82)	46,447
1933	PF	MCG	Richmond	13.5 (83)	Geelong	10.14 (74)	48,125
1934	PF	MCG	South Melbourne	15.18 (108)	Geelong	7.6 (48)	30,400
1935	PF	MCG	Collingwood	14.10 (94)	Richmond	9.12 (66)	46,191
1936	PF	MCG	South Melbourne	13.11 (89)	Melbourne	8.15 (63)	49,758
1937	PF	MCG	Collingwood	16.11 (107)	Melbourne	7.10 (52)	55,616
1938	PF	MCG	Collingwood	21.9 (135)	Geelong	14.14 (98)	60,956
1939	PF	MCG	Collingwood	20.14 (134)	St Kilda	15.15 (105)	66,848
1940	PF	MCG	Melbourne	12.18 (90)	Essendon	12.13 (85)	47,348
1941	PF	MCG	Essendon	13.15 (93)	Carlton	9.14 (68)	65,105
1942	PF	Princes Park	Essendon	19.10 (124)	South Melbourne	14.12 (96)	26,000
1943	PF	Princes Park	Richmond	12.14 (86)	Fitzroy	8.13 (61)	27,335
1944	PF	Junction Oval	Richmond	16.12 (108)	Essendon	12.15 (87)	38,000
1945	PF	Princes Park	Carlton	13.12 (90)	Collingwood	12.8 (80)	41,305
1946	PF	MCG	Melbourne	16.17 (113)	Collingwood	14.16 (100)	59,444
1947	PF	MCG	Essendon	16.13 (109)	Fitzroy	14.12 (96)	55,648
1948	PF	MCG	Melbourne	25.16 (166)	Collingwood	15.11 (101)	63,501
1949	PF	MCG	Essendon	11.12 (78)	North Melbourne	9.7 (61)	69,281
1950	PF	MCG	North Melbourne	14.16 (100)	Geelong	12.11 (83)	73,539
1951	PF	MCG	Essendon	10.10 (70)	Collingwood	10.8 (68)	50,414
1952	PF	MCG	Collingwood	11.15 (81)	Fitzroy	9.8 (62)	54,046
1953	PF	MCG	Geelong	8.15 (63)	Footscray	5.7 (37)	58,615
1954	PF	MCG	Melbourne	10.7 (67)	Geelong	7.8 (50)	50,985
1955	PF	MCG	Collingwood	14.12 (96)	Geelong	13.6 (84)	70,430
1956	PF	MCG	Collingwood	15.6 (96)	Footscray	7.15 (57)	94,104
1957	PF	MCG	Melbourne	22.12 (144)	Hawthorn	11.10 (76)	74,090
1958	PF	MCG	Collingwood	14.12 (96)	North Melbourne	10.16 (76)	77,656
1959	PF	MCG	Essendon	8.9 (57)	Carlton	7.8 (50)	65,896
1960	PF	MCG	Collingwood	9.11 (65)	Fitzroy	8.12 (60)	65,301
1961	PF	MCG	Footscray	13.7 (85)	Melbourne	8.10 (58)	86,118
1962	PF	MCG	Geelong	13.7 (85)	Carlton	12.13 (85)	87,824
1962	PF Replay	MCG	Carlton	10.18 (78)	Geelong	10.13 (73)	99,203
1963	PF	MCG	Hawthorn	11.11 (77)	Melbourne	10.8 (68)	86,546
1964	PF	MCG	Collingwood	7.6 (48)	Geelong	5.14 (44)	87,091
1965	PF	MCG	Essendon	14.13 (97)	Collingwood	6.6 (42)	95,386
1966	PF	MCG	St Kilda	15.4 (94)	Essendon	7.10 (52)	93,453
1967	PF	MCG	Geelong	17.6 (108)	Carlton	11.13 (79)	95,542
1968	PF	MCG	Essendon	11.25 (91)	Geelong	9.13 (67)	103,649
1969	PF	MCG	Richmond	15.17 (107)	Collingwood	12.9 (81)	107,279
1970	PF	MCG	Carlton	17.21 (123)	St Kilda	7.19 (61)	108,215
1971	PF	MCG	St Kilda	16.12 (108)	Richmond	12.6 (78)	102,494
1972	PF	MCG	Carlton	16.13 (109)	St Kilda	13.15 (93)	96,272
1973	PF	MCG	Richmond	15.15 (105)	Collingwood	14.14 (98)	98,652
1974	PF	MCG	North Melbourne	8.8 (56)	Hawthorn	7.9 (51)	88,262
1975	PF	Waverley Park	North Melbourne	10.16 (76)	Richmond	8.11 (59)	71,130
1976	PF	Waverley Park	North Melbourne	10.7 (67)	Carlton	9.12 (66)	69,234
1977	PF	Waverley Park	North Melbourne	16.16 (112)	Hawthorn	5.15 (45)	61,242
1978	PF	Waverley Park	North Melbourne	14.12 (96)	Collingwood	12.12 (84)	73,354
1979	PF	Waverley Park	Collingwood	18.14 (122)	North Melbourne	13.17 (95)	73,380
1980	PF	Waverley Park	Collingwood	13.15 (93)	Geelong	13.11 (89)	75,526
1981	PF	Waverley Park	Collingwood	12.10 (82)	Geelong	11.9 (75)	69,536
1982	PF	Waverley Park	Carlton	13.16 (94)	Hawthorn	8.15 (63)	61,307
1983	PF	Waverley Park	Essendon	25.14 (164)	North Melbourne	12.6 (78)	63,785
1984	PF	Waverley Park	Essendon	28.6 (174)	Collingwood	5.11 (41)	73,550
1985	PF	Waverley Park	Hawthorn	16.13 (109)	Footscray	15.9 (99)	55,246
1986	PF	Waverley Park	Hawthorn	16.14 (110)	Fitzroy	7.12 (54)	68,339
1987	PF	Waverley Park	Hawthorn	11.14 (80)	Melbourne	10.18 (78)	71,298
1988	PF	Waverley Park	Melbourne	19.6 (120)	Carlton	14.14 (98)	68,516
1989	PF	Waverley Park	Geelong	24.20 (164)	Essendon	10.10 (70)	67,892
1990	PF	Waverley Park	Essendon	18.13 (121)	West Coast	8.10 (58)	55,813
1991	PF	Waverley Park	West Coast	11.13 (79)	Geelong	8.16 (64)	46,638
1992	PF	MCG	Geelong	22.17 (149)	Footscray	12.13 (85)	71,841

1993	PF	MCG	Essendon	17.9 (111)	Adelaide	14.16 (100)	76,380
1994	1PF	MCG	Geelong	16.13 (109)	North Melbourne	14.19 (103)	80,121
1994	2PF	WACA	West Coast	16.21 (117)	Melbourne	8.4 (52)	34,317
1995	1PF	MCG	Carlton	18.10 (118)	North Melbourne	8.8 (56)	72,552
1995	2PF	Waverley Park	Geelong	20.9 (129)	Richmond	6.4 (40)	70,321
1996	1PF	MCG	North Melbourne	17.12 (114)	Brisbane Bears	11.10 (76)	66,719
1996	2PF	SCG	Sydney	10.10 (70)	Essendon	10.9 (69)	41,731
1997	1PF	MCG	Adelaide	12.21 (93)	Western Bulldogs	13.13 (91)	70,088
1997	2PF	MCG	St Kilda	15.14 (104)	North Melbourne	11.7 (73)	77,531
1998	1PF	MCG	Adelaide	24.17 (161)	Western Bulldogs	13.15 (93)	67,557
1998	2PF	MCG	North Melbourne	17.12 (114)	Melbourne	12.12 (84)	73,719
1999	1PF	MCG	Kangaroos	19.9 (123)	Brisbane Lions	11.12 (78)	61,031
1999	2PF	MCG	Essendon	14.19 (103)	Carlton	16.8 (104)	80,519
2000	1PF	MCG	Essendon	18.17 (125)	Carlton	12.8 (80)	84,778
2000	2PF	MCG	Melbourne	23.18 (156)	Kangaroos	17.4 (106)	63,937
2001	1PF	MCG	Essendon	11.10 (76)	Hawthorn	9.13 (67)	86,468
2001	2PF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	20.16 (136)	Richmond	10.8 (68)	37,032
2002	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	13.13 (91)	Adelaide	9.9 (63)	88,960
2002	2PF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	21.12 (138)	Port Adelaide	12.10 (82)	33,047
2003	1PF	Stadium Australia	Brisbane Lions	14.16 (100)	Sydney	8.8 (56)	71,019
2003	2PF	MCG	Collingwood	17.10 (112)	Port Adelaide	9.14 (68)	77,405
2004	1PF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	14.10 (94)	St Kilda	13.10 (88)	46,978
2004	2PF	MCG	Brisbane Lions	12.12 (84)	Geelong	10.15 (75)	55,768
2005	1PF	MCG	Sydney	15.6 (96)	St Kilda	9.11 (65)	73,344
2005	2PF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	14.9 (93)	Adelaide	11.11 (77)	43,009
2006	1PF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	19.13 (127)	Fremantle	14.8 (92)	61,373
2006	2PF	Football Park	West Coast	11.19 (85)	Adelaide	11.9 (75)	50,514
2007	1PF	MCG	Geelong	13.14 (92)	Collingwood	13.9 (87)	98,002
2007	2PF	Football Park	Port Adelaide	20.13 (133)	Kangaroos	5.16 (46)	43,953
2008	1PF	MCG	Geelong	12.11 (83)	Western Bulldogs	7.12 (54)	70,140
2008	2PF	MCG	Hawthorn	18.10 (118)	St Kilda	9.10 (64)	77,002
2009	1PF	MCG	St Kilda	9.6 (60)	Western Bulldogs	7.11 (53)	78,245
2009	2PF	MCG	Geelong	17.18 (120)	Collingwood	6.11 (47)	87,258
2010	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	18.12 (120)	Geelong	11.13 (79)	95,241
2010	2PF	MCG	St Kilda	13.10 (88)	Western Bulldogs	8.16 (64)	62,694
2011	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	10.8 (68)	Hawthorn	9.11 (65)	87,112
2011	2PF	MCG	Geelong	17.15 (117)	West Coast	10.9 (69)	59,455
2012	1PF	MCG	Hawthorn	13.19 (97)	Adelaide	14.9 (92)	69,146
2012	2PF	Stadium Australia	Sydney	13.18 (96)	Collingwood	10.10 (70)	57,156
2013	1PF	MCG	Hawthorn	14.18 (102)	Geelong	15.7 (97)	85,569
2013	2PF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	14.15 (99)	Sydney	11.8 (74)	43,249
2014	1PF	Stad. Australia	Sydney	19.22 (136)	North Melbourne	9.11 (65)	48,029
2014	2PF	MCG	Hawthorn	15.7 (97)	Port Adelaide	13.16 (94)	74,856
2015	1PF	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	10.7 (67)	Hawthorn	15.4 (94)	41,508
2015	2PF	Subiaco Oval	West Coast	10.20 (80)	North Melbourne	7.13 (55)	43,080
2016	1PF	MCG	Geelong	8.12 (60)	Sydney	15.7 (97)	71,772
2016	2PF	Syd. Showground	Greater Western Sydney	12.11 (83)	Western Bulldogs	13.11 (89)	21,790
2017	1PF	Adelaide Oval	Adelaide	21.10 (136)	Geelong	10.15 (75)	53,817
2017	2PF	MCG	Richmond	15.13 (103)	Greater Western Sydney	9.13 (67)	94,258
2018	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	15.7 (97)	Richmond	8.10 (58)	94,959
2018	2PF	Perth Stadium	West Coast	18.13 (121)	Melbourne	7.13 (55)	59,608
2019	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	7.10 (52)	Greater Western Sydney	8.8 (56)	77,828
2019	2PF	MCG	Richmond	12.13 (85)	Geelong	9.12 (66)	94,423
2020	1PF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	6.4 (40)	Richmond	6.10 (46)	24,292
2020	2PF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	6.6 (42)	Geelong	11.16 (82)	29,121
2021	1PF	Perth Stadium	Melbourne	19.11 (125)	Geelong	6.6 (42)	58,559
2021	2PF	Adelaide Oval	Port Adelaide	6.9 (45)	Western Bulldogs	17.14 (116)	26,400
2022	1PF	MCG	Geelong	18.12 (120)	Brisbane Lions	7.7 (49)	77,677
2022	2PF	SCG	Sydney	14.11 (95)	Collingwood	14.10 (94)	45,608
2023	1PF	MCG	Collingwood	8.10 (58)	Greater Western Sydney	8.9 (57)	97,665
2023	2PF	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	11.13 (79)	Carlton	9.9 (63)	36,012

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PRELIMINARY FINALS AT THE MCG (1931-2023)

The highest score in a preliminary final is 25.16 (166) by Melbourne against Collingwood 15.11 (101) in 1948 (the overall highest score is 28.6 (174) by Essendon against Collingwood 5.11 (41) at Waverley Park in 1984. The winning margin that day of 133 points is also the record for a preliminary final). The highest score in a quarter is 10.7 (67) by Carlton in the third quarter against Collingwood in 1932. This is the overall preliminary final record. Carlton kicked 23.19 (157) against Collingwood 11.16 (72) and won by 75 points. The biggest bag of goals is 11, which has been achieved three times. Harry Vallence kicked 11 for Carlton against Collingwood in 1932, while Collingwood's Ron Todd matched this feat twice, in 1938 against Geelong and in 1939 against St Kilda. The record attendance at a preliminary final was on Saturday September 19, 1970 when 108,215 fans saw Carlton defeat St Kilda by 62 points at the MCG. Since the northern side redevelopment of the MCG, which was completed in 2006, the largest preliminary final attendance was 98,002 for the 2007 first preliminary final between Geelong and Collingwood.

STATISTICS FOR GEELONG V BRISBANE BEARS/LIONS

Geelong v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

	Won by Geelong	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Carrara	3	2	0
Gabba	12	11	0
Kardinia Park	18	7	1
MCG	1	1	0
SCG	1	0	0
	35	21	1

Highest Score

Geelong	37.17 (239)	Rd 7	1992	Carrara
Brisbane	25.13 (163)	Rd 19	1990	Carrara

Lowest Score

Geelong	6.11 (47)	Rd 13	2005	Gabba
Brisbane	5.3 (33)	Rd 5	2009	KP

Greatest Winning Margin

Geelong	164 points	Rd 7	1992	Carrara
Brisbane	69 points	Rd 15	2000	KP
Brisbane	69 points	Rd 13	2005	Gabba

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 10	1988	Carrara
11	B. Brownless	Geel	Rd 4	1991	Gabba

Last Time They Met – Round 6, 2024, Gabba

	Brisbane	Geelong
Quarter time	2.5	2.1
Half time	3.8	4.4
Three-quarter time	4.11	6.6
Full time	4.13 (37)	9.9 (63)

STATISTICS FOR GEELONG V FITZROY (1897-1996)

Geelong v Fitzroy by venue

	Won by Geelong	Won by Fitzroy	Drawn
Brunswick St	26	34	0
Corio Oval	27	17	1
Junction Oval	5	8	0
Kardinia Park	35	10	0
MCG	0	2	0
Princes Park	4	4	0
Victoria Park	1	1	0
Waverley Park	3	3	0
Western Oval	2	0	0
	103	79	1

Highest Score

Geelong	29.10 (184)	Rd 5	1987	KP
Fitzroy	25.29 (179)	Rd 11	1944	Bruns

Lowest Score

Geelong	0.8 (8)	Rd 3	1899	Corio
Fitzroy	1.6 (12)	Rd 13	1900	Corio

Greatest Winning Margin

Geelong	127 points	Rd 13	1996	WO
Fitzroy	123 points	Rd 11	1944	Bruns

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	G. Moloney	Geel	Rd 16	1932	Corio
10	C. Rankin	Geel	Rd 14	1921	Corio
10	G. Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 3	1990	KP

Over To You Answer: 1898

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