



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 1 HAWTHORN V NORTH MELBOURNE

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FINALS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

Hawthorn and North Melbourne have met in 15 finals, including three grand finals. The first of these was in 1975 when, fifty years after both clubs joined the VFL, the Kangaroos won their first flag: North Melbourne 19.8 (122) defeated Hawthorn 9.13 (67). The next time they met in a grand final was 1976 when Hawthorn reversed the result, kicking 13.22 (100) to 10.10 (70). The most recent grand final they appeared in was 1978 when Hawthorn were victorious again: 18.13 (121) to 15.13 (103).

HAWTHORN'S AND NORTH'S FIRST VFL GAME

Hawthorn joined the Victorian Football League in 1925 together with North Melbourne and Footscray. Hawthorn and North Melbourne met for the first time in the VFL in Round 6 at the Arden Street Oval. The previous week Hawthorn had recorded their first VFL victory, defeating Footscray by 16 points at the Glenferrie Oval. North had won their inaugural VFL game against Geelong, who later won the 1925 premiership. Hawthorn were coached by Alec "Joker" Hall, while North Melbourne were captained and coached by Wels Eicke. In a close and exciting game, Hawthorn led by one point at quarter time, 17 points at half time and three points at the final change. North kicked three goals to two in the final quarter to win by four points. The final scores were North Melbourne 8.13 (61) to Hawthorn 8.9 (57). Harold Johnston kicked four goals for North and "Mick" Ennis kicked three for Hawthorn. The *Argus* reported that:

Flushed with victory over Footscray the previous week, Hawthorn took to the field against North Melbourne on Saturday confident of their ability to defeat their erstwhile Association rivals. North had excellent performances against established League teams to their credit, and were equally confident of victory. A good game was expected, and in the last half these expectations were realised.

The *Argus* nominated Eicke as being the best on the ground and Clem Splatt as being the best for Hawthorn.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS.

Josh Gibson.

After a junior career with a number of Melbourne local teams, Gibson was drafted onto the Kangaroos' rookie list from the VFL club, Port Melbourne, in 2006, where, from 2006 to 2009 he played 65 games and kicked 2 goals. He missed a number of games during 2007 after suffering a serious head injury, but returned to the team in Round 21 and was able to shut out Lance Franklin, who had kicked seven goals in the previous round. He transferred to Hawthorn and from 2010 to 2017 he distinguished himself as an important and reliable defender in a strong Hawthorn line-up. He featured in 160 games for the Hawks, kicking 3 goals. He was a member of three Hawks' premiership sides; in 2013, 2014 and 2015, winning the Peter Crimmins Medal (Hawthorn's Best and Fairest) in two of these flag-winning years – 2013 and 2015. He achieved All Australian selection in 2015. In a 2016 match against West Coast Eagles he ended the match with an equal-club record of 44 disposals. Gibson, whose father was born in Barbados, retired from AFL football at the end of 2017 after accumulating a total of 225 games and kicking 5 goals.

OVER TO YOU

1. How many premierships did North Melbourne win in the Victorian Football Association?
2. Which clubs have a bird as their emblem?
3. Since 1897, which clubs have had nicknames based on flowers?
4. Who was acting captain of North Melbourne's 1977 premiership team?
5. Can you name the venues which Hawthorn has called their home grounds?
6. Who was named at full-forward in the Kangaroos' Team of the Century?
7. Name the Hawthorn forward who was twice runner-up in the Brownlow Medal count.
8. Against which club was the Kangaroos' first finals match victory?
9. Name the brothers who shared North Melbourne's leading goal scorer honour in 1983.
10. In which year was Michael Tuck born?

This Round in History – Round 1 on the MCG

The MCG has witnessed some big wins in Round 1. The biggest was Geelong's 127-point victory over Melbourne in 1996. This bettered Melbourne's 105-point win over South Melbourne in 1971. The Cats' score of 27.21 (183) in 1996 is also the best Round 1 score on the MCG. The best score in one quarter was by Essendon which kicked 11.3 (69) during the second quarter against Melbourne in 1935. Drawn games have figured prominently in Round 1 over the years. However, only one has taken place on the MCG, when Melbourne drew with Sydney 11.18 (84) apiece on March 27, 2011. The highest tally of goals kicked in Round 1 on the MCG was 12 by Essendon's Ted Freyer against Melbourne in 1935. The top attendance for a Round 1 game at the MCG is 90,151 for the Carlton-Richmond game in 2018.

Hawthorn v North Melbourne

Hawthorn v North Melbourne by venue

	Hawthorn	North Melb	Drawn
Arden Street	19	28	0
Docklands	8	6	0
Glenferrie Oval	27	13	1
York Park	5	3	0
Princes Park	10	4	0
MCG	17	14	1
SCG	1	0	0
Waverley Park	11	10	0
	98	78	2

Highest Score

Hawthorn	32.14 (206)	Rd 16	1982	PP
North Melb.	25.23 (173)	Rd 3	1994	MCG

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	2.13 (25)	Rd 10	1931	GO
North Melb.	3.6 (24)	Rd 11	1950	AS

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	115 points	Rd 10	2012	YP
North Melb.	127 points	Rd 3	1994	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 9, 2021, York Park

	North Melb.	Hawthorn
Quarter time	1.1	5.3
Half time	5.2	8.6
Three-quarter time	9.7	5.8
Full time	13.9 (87)	12.8 (80)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

13	Lance Franklin	Haw	Rd 10	2012	YP
10	Alec Albiston	Haw	Rd 1	1940	GO
10	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1988	PP

DID YOU KNOW?

Former Brunswick player **Keith Greig** made his debut with North Melbourne against Carlton in the first round of 1971 and Ron "Curly" Carter of *The Age* said of him: "A half-forward flanker and a ready-made League player. In North's side to stay and could make a champion." An excellent forecast because Greig won the Brownlow Medal in both 1974 and 1975.

Roy Simmonds, one of Hawthorn's greatest players, trained with Melbourne before he made the grade with Hawthorn in 1950. After playing in his first Melbourne practice match, Simmonds, a country recruit from Barham, was crossed off the list by the selectors. Melbourne secretary, Alex Gray, had other ideas and had Roy's name relisted. This occurred for a second time but on the third occasion, Gray relented and Simmonds returned to the country, coming back the next year and choosing Hawthorn because it had finished last on the ladder. Simmonds eventually played 192 games and kicked 78 goals for Hawthorn from 1950 to 1961.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Six (1903, 1904, 1910, 1914, 1915 and 1918). **Q2** Adelaide-Crows, Collingwood-Magpies, Hawthorn-Hawks, Sydney-Swans and West Coast-Eagles. **Q3** Melbourne-Fuchsias and Hawthorn-Mayblossoms. **Q4** David Dench. **Q5** Glenferrie Oval, Princes Park, Waverley Park, MCG and York Park. **Q6** Jock Spencer. **Q7** Jason Dunstall (1988 and 1992). **Q8** Geelong (1950 preliminary final). **Q9** Jim and Phil Krakouer (44 goals). **Q10** 1953.

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