



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 18 COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The Round 9, 1921 match between Carlton and Collingwood highlighted the skills of three outstanding forwards. Played at Princes Park, a crowd estimated at 35,000 saw just one point separate the sides at the half time break. However, the Blues took over in the third quarter, kicking five goals to the Magpies' solitary major. Collingwood reduced the gap in the final quarter but went down by 24 points. Horrie Clover kicked six goals for the winners while the legendary Gordon Coventry and Dick Lee each kicked four for the losers. – **Carlton 12.16 [88] def. Collingwood 10.4 [64]**

The sides were to meet again that season, this time in a semi final at the MCG on 1 October. A crowd of 37,813 fans were to witness a much closer fought tussle. Carlton appeared "home and hosed" at half time with a lead of 23 points, Collingwood having registered just one goal, but a Magpie fightback in the third quarter with Dick Lee kicking four of the side's five goals saw the side down by just four points at the final change. In a thrilling last quarter in which only three goals were scored, the Blues held on to win by 13 points. Again Horrie Clover and Dick Lee starred with four goals each. Gordon Coventry only managed one. – **Carlton 9.11 [65] def. Collingwood 7.10 [52]**

Carlton progressed to the Grand Final despite losing to Richmond in the Preliminary Final. As minor premiers at the end of the home and away matches, they were entitled to challenge the winner of the Preliminary Final, which was Richmond. However, in another thriller, the Blues went down to the Tigers by four points, with Horrie Clover failing to kick a goal. The *Football Record*, prior to the match, advised: "A big game hunter brought down a tiger in India, and the skin of the great cat has come into the possession of the Richmond Furnishing Company of Swan Street... the manager of the company has promised to give the skin, which is valued at 50 guineas, to the Richmond club if they win the premiership this afternoon... It is on view, with the ball with which the grand final was played last season, at the Richmond Furnishing Co.'s premises. In the tiger's mouth is a Kewpie dressed in Carlton colours." Volume 18 of the *Football Record* for 1921 could possibly be said to have been colourful with its description of the Magpies win over Richmond in Round 14: "There was sharp contrast in goal scoring at Victoria Park in a match that was splendidly contested. It was fast and vigorous, and fairer than a barmaid's hair. Richmond were accurate, but Collingwood were weak forward. Dick Lee was not like his old self with the popping for the sixer, but George Bayliss began quickly with success, and after that matters came his way. It reminded one of McDonald, our bowler, with Warwick and Co. Mac at one time made rather a poor job with the pill here if batsmen's wickets were not secured early in the day. But when he bagged two or three in his early overs it was most heartening to him and he rattled the wickets. Just so it was with the Tigers' shootist. He got going in great style. Bang! Down came the first goal. Bang! Down came the second. So he went on. He bagged a couple in each quarter, barring the third, and when the day's work was ended he had seven as his share of the spoil." – **Richmond 10.12 [72] def. Collingwood 6.10 [46]**

"LESSER LIGHTS"

These two sides have had a number of players who got to the top level but had trouble staying there. **Fred Mutch** played 3 games (0 goals) for Collingwood in 1924 then went off to Carlton and managed 7 games (3 goals) for the Blues in 1926. **Hector Ross** played just 2 games (0 goals) for Collingwood in 1927 before transferring to Carlton where he managed 9 games (10 goals) in 1928. **William Spears** played just 1 game for Carlton in 1901 but put together 6 games (2 goals) for Collingwood in 1903. **Les Abbott** (pictured), who managed to rack up games with Collingwood (1 game, 0 goals) and Carlton (1 game 0 goals), also went on to play with Richmond, Melbourne, South Melbourne and VFA sides Brunswick, Port Melbourne, and North Melbourne.



OVER TO YOU?

Can you name the four VFL clubs that continued playing football in 1916 despite the continuation of World War I?

FACTSHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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This Round in History – Round 18 on 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 Collingwood v Carlton

Collingwood v Carlton by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Carlton	Drawn
MCG	36	37	0
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Princes Park	27	50	2
Victoria Park	53	30	2
Waverley Park	10	9	0
Gabba	1	0	0
	128	127	4

Highest Score

Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG
Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP
Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG
Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP

Last Time They Met – Round 2, 2021, MCG

	Collingwood	Carlton
Quarter time	6.2	3.2
Half time	11.5	8.3
Three-quarter time	13.7	12.4
Full time	16.10 (106)	13.7 (85)

Most Goals in a Match

11	H. Vallence	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
11	H. Vallence	Carl	PF	1932	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

BEGINNINGS - EARLY DAYS OF FOOTY IN THE PARK

Bell's Life in Victoria and Sporting Chronicle of 21 May 1859 told us:

"FOOTBALL.--The first game of the season was played, on Saturday last, between two sides chosen by Messrs. Bryant and Smith. It was more of a scratch than a strict match, owing to there being no fixed rules of play ; some of the parties engaged following out the practice of catching and holding the ball, while others strenuously objected to it, contending that the ball should never be lifted from the ground otherwise than by the foot. The difference of opinion did not, however, prevent the enjoyment of the sport, for the greatest good humour prevailed. A preliminary meeting of gentlemen interested in the game was subsequently held at the Parade hotel, with the object of forming a Football Club. A list of fifty one members was submitted, and from amongst them the following were selected as a committee to draw up rules, etc.: — Messrs. Wills, Hammersley, Bruce, Smith, and Wray. Mr. Sewell was appointed treasurer, and Mr. J.B. Thompson secretary of the club. A deputation was also appointed to wait on the Ground Committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club to obtain permission to play on their reserve, at such times as may be hereafter arranged. The members of the Melbourne Football Club are requested by the secretary to assemble in Richmond Paddock at one o'clock this afternoon."

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Round 13, 1987 Collingwood's Brian Taylor kicked both of his side's total goals. The Magpies' score for the match was 2.6 (18) to North Melbourne's 10.12 (72).
- We believe that the VFL/AFL player with the shortest surname is Tom Re who played for Fitzroy in 1936-7. In his brief career he played three games for the 'Roys, all losses, and kicked no goals.

OVER TO YOU ANSWER: Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond.

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