



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 18 CARLTON V GEELONG

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PLAYED FOR BOTH

George Dougherty (right) was a much travelled player. A ruckman, he was recruited by Carlton from the Beulah Football Club in the Southern Mallee Football League. Dougherty managed just 17 games for the Blues in his three seasons with the club from 1934 to 1936. His lack of opportunity saw him move to Geelong where he thrived, playing 98 games (158 goals) including against Collingwood in the side's 1930 premiership side. When Geelong was unable to field sides during the Second World War, Dougherty went off to Footscray where he played 25 games (30 goals) in 1942 and 1943. Going back to Geelong in 1944 he played a further 23 games (30 goals) before leaving during the 1945 season to play out the season with South Melbourne. A broken ankle in the last game of the season saw him retire.

Another much travelled player of that era was **Edward "Ted" Baker**, who is described in the *Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* as "a left-foot rover who excelled at the stab-kick". Joining Carlton from Wonthaggi, he managed only one game (0 goals) for the Blues in 1920. He was next found at Collingwood where he went on to play 33 games (24 goals) in 1922 and 1923. Four years later he is now seen at Geelong where he plays 95 games (101 goals) for the club between 1927 and 1932, including captaining the side to the 1931 premiership. During 1932 he returned to the Magpies, where he played a further 10 games (9 goals). In 1934 we find him at his fourth club, Footscray, where he plays just three games (5 goals) before retiring at the end of the season.

Jeremy Laidler was recruited to Geelong from the Calder Cannons with the Cats' second selection in the 2008 Rookie Draft. Having been selected for the senior side only twice in his three years with the club, 2008-2010, he was traded to Carlton and became a regular in defence for the Blues from 2011. However, with the advent of Michael Malthouse to the coaching position in 2013, Laidler did not fit into the coach's structure and played only one game for the season, and was delisted at the end of the season. He was then signed by the Sydney Swans as a delisted free agent. After playing 61 games (6 goals) for the Swans he retired at the end of the 2017 season.

EARLY DAYS – THE FOOTBALL RECORD

The first edition of the *Football Record* (April 27, 1912) told us, in precise terms what the values of the publication would be, with its motto being "Fair play is bonnie play":

"Its news will be up-to-date, and presented in a smart, crisp fashion, that cannot fail to meet with the approbation of readers. While the 'Record' will be widely read on the football grounds, it will possess features that will lead to the preservation of each number and, consequently, the little publication will go into the home – a recommendation which of itself will appeal to Advertisers."

OVER TO YOU

In the 1990s two Geelong players who had been appointed captain at the beginning of the season did not lead out the players once during the year as injury cruelled their season. Can you name them?

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

The MCC Library's matchday fact sheets can be accessed through the MCC website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue>



George Dougherty prepares to practice a place kick at Carlton's Princes Park.
Courtesy of <https://www.blueseum.org>

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 Carlton v Geelong

Carlton v Geelong by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Docklands	1	15	0
Kardinia Park	24	21	0
MCG	8	9	1
Princes Park	61	33	0
Waverley Park	4	3	0
Corio Oval	20	20	1
SCG	0	1	0
	118	102	2

Highest Score

Carlton	23.28 (166)	Rd 17	1944	PP
Geelong	24.18 (162)	Rd 2	2007	Dock

Lowest Score

Carlton	1.5 (11)	Rd 2	1899	PP
Geelong	3.4 (22)	Rd 4	1919	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	106 points	Rd 17	1944	PP
Geelong	78 points	Rd 2	2007	Dock

Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2021, MCG

	Geelong	Carlton
Quarter time	2.1	1.5
Half time	3.4	1.9
Three-quarter time	6.7	2.13
Full time	10.10 (70)	5.14 (44)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	L. Hagger	Geelong	Rd 4	1927	Corio
10	L. White	Geelong	Rd 19	1947	KP

DID HE REALLY SAY THAT?

Much loved Essendon star and media commentator Tim Watson is believed to have made the following comments whilst coaching St Kilda:

- After a narrow loss: "One minute you're sitting on the mantelpiece, the next minute you are in the fire."
- After another defeat: "Some of our players had heads the size of boarding-house puddings."
- After a controversial goal-umpiring decision went against the Saints: "In the words of Marcel Marceau ... "

OFF TO CORIO OVAL

The *Football Record* of 10 September 1921 told us:

"There was not a more lively town in Australia on Saturday than Geelong. It was like a gala day down there. Nothing like the crowd has assembled near the shores of Corio since the Head of the River races were decided on the Barwon. 5,000 left Melbourne in four trains. This was a record. In addition large numbers begged, borrowed, or hired motor cars and spun along the delightful track to the Pivot. Many motored from Maryborough, Camperdown, Queenscliff and Colac to see what had been predicted would be a great game. And so it was. Carlton had to go for their lives to win. They won." **Carlton 8.15 (63) def. Geelong 6.11 (47)**

OVER TO YOU ANSWER: Barry Stoneham in 1995 and Leigh Colbert in 1999.

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