



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 19 MELBOURNE V WESTERN BULLDOGS

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THEIR ONLY DRAW

Since Footscray, now the Western Bulldogs, entered the Victorian Football League competition in 1925, they have met Melbourne on 168 occasions. They have played only one draw in that time. This happened at the Western Oval in Round 5, 1929.

In the first quarter Melbourne put on 5.5 with the Bulldogs failing to bother the scorers at all. However, in a remarkable turnaround, Footscray scored 7.5 to Melbourne's 1.1 in the second quarter. From then on things got tight. Melbourne led by a solitary point at the last change, and it was only the Bulldogs' errant kicking that kept Melbourne in the game, with Footscray kicking 2.7 in the final stanza to Melbourne's three straight goals. This saw the scores at the final siren standing at 75 points each. A report in the following Monday's *Age* newspaper described the last frantic minutes of the game: "With only a minute left Footscray surged forward, but were turned aside by Abernethy and Wyatt, and Barlow brought them back again, and a free kick to Nunn near the behind post brought joy to Footscray's supporters. He kicked badly, and a terrific battle right in the goal mouth ended in a "ball-up". One good punch would have won the game for Footscray then, but a free to Deane saved Melbourne and the bell rang."

Alby Morrison (pictured right) was the Bulldogs' leading goalkicker with four, while Stan Wittman led Melbourne's scoring with five. **Footscray 10.15 (75) drew with Melbourne 11.9 (75)** This draw would prove costly for Melbourne, as they missed out on the finals at the end of the home and away rounds by just two points.



THEN AND NOW

The editor of the *Football Record* did not hold back in his feelings regarding the wellbeing of players in an editorial in a 1919 edition: "On arrival on Thursday the South Australians were welcomed to the city by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor (Alderman Cabena) at the Town Hall. Sir Baldwin Spencer (president of the Victorian League) and Alderman Gardiner also spoke. Mr. J. F. Bennett, the manager, replied on behalf of his team. Tom Leahy, the captain of the South Australians, says that the team playing to-day is a bit stronger than the one the Victorians triumphed over in Adelaide. Although Leahy sometimes follows for four quarters, he seldom needs a rub down. He considers that, unless a player is knocked about in a match, he requires very little massaging, and thinks it a mistake altogether to be rubbed down prior to taking part in a game. With this latter contention I am entirely in accord. In recent years there has been a tendency to overdo the rubbing business, and the players are no better for it."

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Luke Beveridge is the grandson of Collingwood premiership player Jack Beveridge. Recruited to Melbourne in 1989 from St Peters Football Club in East Bentleigh, Beveridge played 42 games (41 goals) for the Demons before being traded to Footscray in the 1992 Draft. Between 1993 and 1995 he played 31 games (29 goals) for the Bulldogs, but was again traded, this time to St Kilda, where he played a further 45 games (37 goals), retiring at the end of the 1999 season. From 2009 to 2010 he held a position at Collingwood as a player development manager, then going off to Hawthorn as an assistant coach. In November 2014 he was appointed head coach at the Western Bulldogs, replacing Brendan McCartney, and took them to their first premiership in 62 years in 2016. That year he was also awarded the All Australian coaching position, the AFL Coaches' Association Coach of the Year Award and a Spirit of Sport Award.

OVER TO YOU

1. Who succeeded Royce Hart as coach at Footscray in 1982?
2. With which VFA club did Melbourne legend Jim Stynes play before joining the Demons?
3. Where did Brisbane play Fremantle in the first round of the 1998 Ansett Cup?
4. How many coaches did Richmond have in the 1980s?

This Round in History – Round 20 on the MCG

The highest Round 20 score at the MCG is 32.24 (216) by Hawthorn against Essendon 8.8 (56) in 1992. This is the overall record Round 20 score. The most goals by an individual at the MCG in Round 20 is 12. This record is shared by two players. Gary Ablett kicked a dozen for Geelong against Richmond in 1990. The Cats scored 24.14 (158) and won by 64 points. Jason Dunstall also kicked 12 goals for Hawthorn against Essendon in 1992. The overall Round 20 record is 13 shared by Doug Wade for Geelong against North Melbourne at Kardinia Park in 1971 when Geelong kicked 24.7 (151) and won by 75 points, and Peter Daicos for Collingwood against Brisbane at Carrara in 1991. Collingwood kicked 26.16 (172) and won by 101 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.3 (63) by Melbourne in the third quarter against North Melbourne in 1991. Melbourne finished with 20.20 (140) to win by 52 points. The overall Round 20 record is 11.6 (72) by Collingwood in the third quarter against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1970. Collingwood kicked 24.16 (160) to win by 81 points. The highest Round 20 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday August 5, 1994 when 75,565 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 28 points.

Statistics for Melbourne v Footscray/Western Bulldogs

Melbourne v Bulldogs by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Bulldogs	Drawn
Carrara	0	1	0
Docklands	9	10	0
MCG	46	28	0
Princes Park	0	5	0
Punt Road	2	2	0
Waverley Park	4	1	0
Western Oval	28	31	1
	89	78	1

Highest Score

Melbourne	23.21 (159)	Rd 9	1984	Wav
Footscray	26.13 (169)	Rd 15	1985	WO

Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.9 (27)	Rd 8	1932	WO
Footscray	3.6 (24)	Rd 11	1963	WO

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	80 points	Rd 12	1943	PR
Footscray	120 points	Rd 15	1985	WO

Last Time They Met – Round 11, 2021, Docklands

	Bulldogs	Melbourne
Quarter time	2.2	6.5
Half time	6.5	9.6
Three-quarter time	6.8	12.8
Full time	8.11 (59)	13.9 (87)

Most Goals in a Match

12	Norm Smith	Melb	Rd 17	1941	MCG
12	Simon Beasley	Foots	Rd 15	1985	WO
11	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 12	1943	PR
10	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 18	1947	WO
10	Ron Grove	Foots	Rd 5	1946	PR

DID YOU KNOW?

The inaugural winner of the Brownlow Medal in 1924, Geelong's Edward "Carji" Greeves may have considered himself unlucky to also have been runner-up in 1925, 1926 and 1928.

DID HE REALLY SAY THAT?

"I think most footy players like it simple – the more information you give them, the more they get confused."

– Doug Hawkins

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 Ian Hampshire. **Q2** Prahran. **Q3** Cape Town, South Africa.

Q4 Five – Tony Jewell, Francis Bourke, Mike Patterson, Paul Sproule and Kevin Bartlett



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