



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2021 ROUND 22
MELBOURNE V ADELAIDE

LIBRARY FACT SHEET
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VALE JOHN LORD (1937 – 2021)

The Melbourne Football Club, Melbourne Cricket Club guides and football fans were deeply saddened by the passing of much loved Demon John Lord. Despite interest from Geelong, Lord was a player Melbourne wanted. He joined the Demons from Echuca in the Bendigo League, playing in the Seconds premiership in 1956 and senior flags in 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1964. He played from 1957 to 1965 in 132 games and contributed 80 goals. Lord was versatile, playing at centre half back, in the ruck or as a forward. He was centre half back in the 1957 and 1960 premiership sides, back pocket in 1959 and forward pocket in 1964.

Lord was a television executive at Chanel 0 (now Chanel 10) and Chanel 7. He was an MCC guide, involved with Melbourne Football Club Past and Present Players and Officials Association and a keen attendee at the MCC Library. He was named a Hero of the Melbourne Football Club during its 150th celebration in 2005. Lord donated his father John senior's scrapbook to the Library. Like his son he had played senior VFL football with Melbourne and also with St Kilda.



THE BROWNLOW MEDAL

On March 1, 1924, the *Age* reported that at an ordinary meeting of the Victorian Football League (VFL) the previous evening:

A resolution was passed tendering sympathy to the widow of the late Mr. Charles Brownlow, who, as vice-president of the council and secretary of the Geelong Club, had rendered yeoman service to the League. Mr E. W. Copeland (Collingwood) recommended that in order to perpetuate the name of the late Mr. Brownlow, a medal should be presented each year – to the best and fairest player in the League. This was agreed to unanimously.

Charles Brownlow had been a player for Geelong in the Victorian Football Association (VFA) prior to the establishment of the VFL in 1897. He later spent many years as an administrator at Geelong. He was the Club's secretary from 1885 to 1923 and its delegate to the VFL Board from 1902 to 1922. He served as VFL Vice-President and its delegate to the Australian Football Council from 1911 to 1916, and was chair of the VFL's permit and umpires committee from 1911 to 1922. He was the caretaker President of the VFL in 1918 and 1919. Brownlow died on January 24, 1924. In the *Herald* on April 24 it was explained that the winner of the Brownlow Medal would be determined by "the votes of the field umpires, who are being supplied with forms on which they will write the name of the player whom they consider the best each Saturday. These records will be forwarded in sealed envelopes to the Secretary of the League, and will not be opened until the end of the season. Umpires have been told that they must not discuss with anybody the name or merits of the players they may vote for." On September 19, the votes cast for the Brownlow Medal were counted by the permit and umpires committee. The *Australasian* reported that "the successful player" was the Geelong centreman, Edward "Carji" Greeves, who gained seven votes (only one vote was cast until 1930 when the current 3-2-1 system was introduced). Equal second were Bert Chadwick (Melbourne) and George Shorten (Essendon) with six votes each. Seventy-two votes were cast during the season with 37 players receiving votes. In addition to Greeves, Chadwick and Shorten, 13 players received two or more votes, while 21 players received one vote.

ADELAIDE'S BROWNLOW MEDAL WINNER

Mark Ricciuto is the only Adelaide Crows' player to win the Brownlow Medal to date. Consistently considered one of the best midfielders in the AFL in the early 2000s, he shared the 2003 medal with Nathan Buckley (Collingwood) and Adam Goodes (Sydney). Ricciuto was selected in the All-Australian team for four consecutive seasons from 2002 to 2005, captaining the side in 2004 and 2005. He retired at the end of the 2007 season, having played 312 games and kicked 292 goals for Adelaide.

This Round in History – Round 22 on the MCG

The highest Round 22 score at the MCG is 25.20 (170) by Hawthorn against Richmond 13.8 (86) in 1992. The overall Round 22 highest score is 32.16 (208) by Essendon against Footscray 9.8 (62) at the Western Oval in 1982. The highest score in a quarter is 10.4 (64) by North Melbourne in the second quarter against Fitzroy in 1991 (Fitzroy won by a point) and by Richmond against Fitzroy in the last quarter in 1988 (Richmond won by 103 points). The overall Round 22 record is 13.4 (82) by Essendon against Footscray in the third quarter at the Western Oval in 1982. The biggest bag of goals is 12 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1992 (see above for match scores). This is also the overall Round 22 goalkicking record. The largest Round 22 attendance is 87,984 when Essendon played Carlton at the MCG in 1995.

Statistics for Melbourne v Adelaide

Melbourne v Adelaide by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Adelaide	Drawn
Adelaide Oval	4	2	0
Carrara	0	1	0
Football Park	3	13	0
Marrara	0	2	0
MCG	7	7	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Traegar Park	1	0	0
	16	26	0

Highest Score

Melbourne	22.17 (149)	Rd 7	2011	MCG
Adelaide	23.14 (152)	Rd 22	2006	FP

Lowest Score

Melbourne	4.10 (34)	Rd 5	2009	MCG
Adelaide	5.11 (41)	Rd 3	2010	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	96 points	Rd 7	2011	MCG
Adelaide	76 points	Rd 8	2008	FP

Last Time They Met – Round 10, 2021, Adelaide Oval

	Adelaide	Melbourne
Quarter time	4.2	5.1
Half time	8.4	8.4
Three-quarter time	11.5	11.8
Full time	15.6 (96)	14.11 (95)

FACTSHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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

MELBOURNE BROWLOW MEDAL WINNERS

- **Ivor Warne-Smith** (1926 and 1928) – Warne-Smith played eight games for Melbourne in 1919 before moving to Tasmania where he played for Latrobe in the North-Western Football Union from 1920 to 1924; he was Latrobe's captain-coach from 1922 to 1924. Returning to Melbourne in 1925, he played a further 138 games (108 goals) for the Redlegs, being a member of their 1926 premiership team and captain from 1928 to 1931. He coached Melbourne from 1928 to 1932.
- **Don Cordner** (1946) – One of four Cordner brothers to play for the Demons, Don totalled 166 games (23 goals) between 1941 and 1950. He was a member of Melbourne's 1941 and 1948 premiership teams, club best and fairest in 1943, and captain in 1948 and 1949.
- **Brian Wilson** (1982) – Wilson joined Melbourne in 1982 after previously playing at Footscray (9 games, 1978-79) and North Melbourne (39 games, 1980-81). He spent nine years at the Demons, playing 154 games and kicking 208 goals. He was only 20 when he won the Brownlow Medal, the youngest winner since Bob Skilton in 1959. Wilson joined St Kilda in 1991, where he played a further seven League games.
- **Peter Moore** (1984) – Moore played 172 games (193 goals) with Collingwood from 1974 to 1982 and won the Brownlow Medal as a Magpie in 1979. He joined Melbourne in 1983 and played 77 games (51 goals) for the Demons over five seasons.
- **Jim Stynes** (1991) – Stynes was recruited to Melbourne from Ireland. He made his debut for the Demons in 1987 and played 264 games (130 goals) for the club before retiring at the end of the 1998 season. Before injuring his hand early in the 1998 season he played 224 consecutive League games. He won four club best and fairest awards in addition to his Brownlow Medal.
- **Shane Woewodin** (2000) – Woewodin joined Melbourne in 1997 and played 138 games (63 goals) through to 2002. He won the club's best and fairest in his Brownlow year. In 2003 he was traded to Collingwood, where he played 62 games (31 goals) over three seasons before returning to the WAFL and his original club, East Fremantle.

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