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AFL 2022 ROUND 4 HAWTHORN V ST KILDA

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THE FIRST TIME THEY MET

St Kilda, a foundation member of the Victorian Football League (now AFL), played its first League game in 1897, while Hawthorn entered the League in 1925. The *Argus* of May 25 tells us of Hawthorn's first meeting with the "Seasiders":

ST. KILDA STRIKES FORM

Phillips Kicks Seven Goals.

Playing against Hawthorn on the seaside ground, St. Kilda did much to restore the confidence of their supporters, which had been some what [sic] shaken by the poor form they showed against Melbourne at the opening of the season. Getting at once into their stride they practically won the game in the first half. Hawthorn found their feet after half time, but their effort came too late, and St. Kilda won comfortably. Although it was crowded at times, the play was never dull, and the spectators were given occasional glimpses of football of the highest class...

St. Kilda opened briskly, Mason scoring within three minutes of the opening. From then until half time, the home team never looked back. Beating their opponents badly in the ruck, they played the long-kicking, high-marking game, which is so good to watch. Phillips at centre-forward opened an account which was destined to be a long one, by picking the ball almost off his toes, to where it had been passed by Gunnyon, and punting a goal from about 40 yards out. Brief Hawthorn attacks were repulsed by Gambetta, who seemed to be everywhere at once, and three more goals (two by Phillips) went St. Kilda's way before Woodford dodged neatly through the opposing backs and raised two flags for Hawthorn. Within five minutes of quarter time, the seasiders had scored six goals without a behind, largely due to the accuracy of Phillips. At quarter time the scores were:—St. Kilda, 6.2; Hawthorn, 1.2.

With rucks and forwards continuing their dashing tactics, and with backs, led by Gambetta, holding the Hawthorn attacks in check, St. Kilda held their winning mood until half time. Play was crowded at times during the second term, and the umpire (McMurray) was kept busy opening up the game by "balling-up." Gunnyon electrified the spectators by taking a brilliant mark high above the heads of a number of opponents on the grandstand wing, and drop kicking a remarkable angle goal from 50 or 60 yards out. A few seconds before the quarter ended, Phillips came down heavily in a scrum near the goal, and although he raised two flags with the resultant free kick, was limping painfully afterwards. At half time, St. Kilda led by 12.5 to 2.5.

There was a marked change in the game in the third quarter. Hawthorn altered their tactics, and it was noticeable that when a St. Kilda man went for a mark, his Hawthorn opponent would try to knock the ball from his hands rather than secure the mark for himself. Thus play was kept on the ground rather than in the air, and it seemed to suit the visitors better. In rapid succession Elliman, Sellers, and Hendrie got goals, and it looked even at that late stage that the game did not entirely belong to St. Kilda. St. Kilda's only goal for the term came from Gallagher. The teams rested before the last quarter, with the scores, St. Kilda 13.9; Hawthorn, 5.7.

Hawthorn might have reached their opponents' score in the last quarter if their forwards had been more experienced, several easy chances were missed, and at least three of the five behinds scored should have been goals. St. Kilda, who perhaps had less of the play than their opponents, maintained their long lead by reason of their goal kicking accuracy. They have a nice "heady" set of forwards, most of whom should develop into first-class men. Phillips, despite his injury, finished his day out by kicking his side's last goal, and his own seventh. The final scores were:—

ST. KILDA, 17 goals 12 behinds—114 points.

HAWTHORN, 8 goals 12 behinds—60 points.

DID YOU KNOW?

Whilst 2019 saw the replacement of four coaches (Brad Scott, Alan Richardson, Brendon Bolton and Ross Lyon), this does not compare with the 2000 season which saw the inclusion into the then 16 team competition of six new coaches, Mark Thompson at Geelong (replacing Gary Ayres), Peter Schwab at Hawthorn (replacing Ken Judge), Danny Frawley at Richmond (replacing Jeff Gieschen), Michael Malthouse at Collingwood (replacing Tony Shaw), Ken Judge at West Coast (replacing Michael Malthouse) and Gary Ayres at Adelaide (replacing Malcolm Blight)

This Round in History – Round 4 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 4 on the MCG was 25.15 [165] by Melbourne in 2000 against St Kilda 11.9 [75]. The highest score in any quarter in Round 4 at the MCG was in 1938 when Melbourne kicked 11.5 [71] in the fourth quarter to beat South Melbourne by 52 points. The highest tally of goals by an individual in Round 4 on the MCG is 12 goals by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Melbourne in 1987. Gary Ablett's 10 goals for Geelong against Richmond in 1988 is the second-highest. There has been only one drawn game on the MCG in Round 4. It was the Anzac Day match of 1995 when Collingwood 17.9 [111] drew with Essendon 16.15 [111]. The only drawn game also drew the largest attendance at the MCG for a fourth round match – a crowd of 94,825.

Hawthorn v St Kilda

Hawthorn v St Kilda by venue

	Won By Hawthorn	Won By St Kilda	Drawn
Carrara	0	1	0
Docklands	5	6	1
Glenferrie Oval	17	21	1
Junction Oval	11	23	0
MCG	9	3	0
Moorabbin	11	10	0
Princes Park	11	2	0
Toorak Park	1	1	0
Waverley	15	6	0
York Park	2	2	0
	82	75	2

Highest Score

Hawthorn	25.41 [191]	Rd 6	1977	PP
St Kilda	24.12 [156]	Rd 10	1965	Moor

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	5.5 [35]	Rd 2	1950	JO
St Kilda	3.9 [27]	Rd 5	1956	JO

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	129 points	Rd 3	1983	Moor
St Kilda	109 points	Rd 2	1950	JO

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 15	1971	GO
11	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1989	Wav
10	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 17	1977	Wav

Last Time They Met – Round 7, 2021, Docklands

	St Kilda	Hawthorn
Quarter time	5.4	0.0
Half time	10.9	4.2
Three-quarter time	14.11	6.3
Full time	19.14 [128]	9.5 [59]

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>

PLAYED FOR BOTH

Russell Morris was a talented all-rounder who was at home on either the back or forward lines. He played a total of 93 games (52 goals) for the Hawks between 1984 and 1990, including in their 1985, 1986 and 1987 grand final sides. In 1987 he was chosen as an All-Australian and represented Victoria. At the end of 1990 he moved on to St Kilda where he played a further 66 games (32 goals). Retiring at the end of 1994, he became a boundary rider for Channel 7.

Shane Savage, a New Zealander, came to Hawthorn in 2009 from the Dandenong Stingrays. A midfielder, he played a total of 56 games (37 goals) for the Hawks before being traded to St Kilda at the end of 2013 with pick 17 for Ben McEvoy. He found a regular place with the Saints under coach Alan Richardson but when Brett Ratten took over in 2019 he was unable to keep a spot and was delisted at the end of 2020 having played 109 games (26 goals) for the Saints.



SOUTHERN SAINTS

In 1986 the St Kilda Football Club embarked on a re-branding exercise. It was discussed in their 1985 annual report, albeit details of the strategy were, according to recently appointed CEO Brent Needham, to be unveiled "in a series of announcements" in "the weeks ahead." A hint was on the cover of the report with "Southern Saints" replacing "Fortius Quo Fidelius" on the club's iconic crest (left). Coinciding with the club's 21st anniversary at Moorabbin, the Southern Saints declaration was a territorial claim, as the only club south of the Yarra, to the entirety of Melbourne's southern suburbs. It sought to mobilise southern businesses and residents behind the club. It did not catch on with supporters and formally it was still the St Kilda Football Club anyway. The campaign was short-lived. Needham resigned in May 1986.

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