



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 7 MELBOURNE V NORTH MELBOURNE

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CHAMPION PLAYERS MAKE CHAMPION TEAMS

The Melbourne Football Club has experienced two “golden eras”, the first between 1939 and 1941 when three of the club’s total of 13 premierships were won. Then between 1955 and 1964, a further six flags were claimed. The other premiership years in the twentieth century were 1900, 1926 and 1948.

The Melbourne Team of the Century lists a starting 18 plus six interchange players. Of the starting 18, Ivor Warne-Smith played in the 1926 team, and Allan La Fontaine, Norm Smith, Percy Beames and Jack Mueller were members of the 1939-41 premiership sides. Smith and Mueller also played in the 1948 team, along with Don Cordner, Denis Cordner and Noel McMahan. Denis Cordner also played in the 1955-56 teams, as did Noel McMahan. John Beckwith, Tassie Johnson, Don Williams, Brian Dixon, Hassa Mann, Ron Barassi and Stuart Spencer all played in multiple premiership teams during the period 1955-64. Only Gary Hardeman, Gary Lyon and Robert Flower were not in premiership teams.

Of the interchange players named, Bert Chadwick played in the 1926 team and Wally Lock in 1941. Frank “Bluey” Adams and Laurie Mithen played in multiple premierships (1955-64). Only Jim Stynes and Todd Viney did not play in premiership teams. Overall, 19 of the 24 members of the Team of the Century played in premiership teams, 17 of those in 1939-41 or 1955-64.

DID YOU KNOW?

Melbourne Football Club was formed in 1859 and was a foundation member of the VFA in 1877 and then the VFL in 1897. The club won its first VFL premiership in 1900, beating Fitzroy by four points in the grand final, and its second in 1926, beating Collingwood by 57 points in the decider.

The current North Melbourne Football Club can trace its origins directly to a team known as “Hotham” which was formed in 1877 and became one of the founding members of the VFA in that year. In 1882 the club moved to the Arden Street Oval and in 1888 became known as North Melbourne when the name of the municipality changed from Hotham. The club won six VFA premierships before joining the VFL in 1925. Its first VFL premiership was won 50 years later.

These clubs have met in 165 matches, the Demons winning 87 of those, the Kangaroos 77 and one match was drawn. Melbourne has averaged 93 points in those games and the Kangaroos 90. They have played in five finals, Melbourne winning four of those. They are yet to meet in a grand final.

Melbourne’s Norm Smith (coach) and Ron Barassi were named in the AFL/VFL Team of the Century, along with North Melbourne’s dual Brownlow Medallist Keith Greig. Both Smith and Barassi have also been named as AFL/VFL Legends, as have North’s Barry Cable and Malcolm Blight.

Melbourne’s Allan La Fontaine, Jim Stynes and Clayton Oliver have won their club’s best and fairest award four times. Brent Harvey was North’s best and fairest five times.

FILL THE GAPS

Fill the gaps in the premiership teams (the missing players’ numbers are in brackets).

Melbourne 1964 Premiers

B:	Neil Crompton	Bernie Massey	(8)
HB:	Tony Anderson	(18)	Frank Davis
C:	(9)	(35)	(6)
HF:	(22)	Graeme Jacobs	Barry Vagg
F:	(4)	Barry Bourke	(16)
Foll:	(23)	Ron Barassi	(29)
Int:	Peter McLean	Ken Emselle	

North Melbourne 1996 Premiers

B:	Robert Scott	(4)	(11)
HB:	(2)	Ian Fairley	(12)
C:	(34)	(37)	Dean Laidley
HF:	Glenn Freeborn	Wayne Carey	(33)
F:	Craig Scholl	(31)	Darren Crocker
Foll:	Matthew Capuano	Anthony Rock	(10)
Int:	Stuart Anderson	Mark Roberts	(26)

This Round in History – Round 7 on the MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 7 is 28.12 (180) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 22.11 (143) in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 37.17 (239) by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears 11.9 (75) at Carrara in 1992. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 7 is 122 points by Melbourne 25.16 (166) when they defeated North Melbourne 5.14 (44) in 1937. The overall Round 7 record is 164 points by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The lowest Round 7 score at the MCG since 1925 is 3.9 (27) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 15.21 (111) in 1927. This is the overall Round 7 record since 1925. The most goals by an individual in Round 7 at the MCG is 10 by Sydney's Tony Lockett against Collingwood in 1998. The overall Round 7 record is 17 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn versus Richmond at Waverley Park in 1992. The highest score in a quarter for Round 7 at the MCG is 10.3 (63) by the Kangaroos against Adelaide in the first quarter in 1999 and by North Melbourne against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 14.3 (87) in the fourth quarter by Geelong when playing the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The highest Round 7 attendance was in 2000 when 88,390 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 40 points at the MCG on Anzac Day.

Statistics for Melbourne v North Melbourne

Melbourne v North Melbourne by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by North Melb.	Drawn
Adelaide	1	0	0
Arden Street	28	21	1
Bellerive	1	3	0
Coburg	0	1	0
Docklands	1	8	0
Manuka	1	0	0
MCG	55	37	0
Punt Road	0	1	0
Waverley	0	6	0
	87	77	1

Highest Score

Melbourne	28.14 (182)	Rd 21	1986	MCG
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North Melb.	31.14 (200)	Rd 14	1990	MCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.9 (27)	Rd 8	1946	AS
North Melb.	3.9 (27)	Rd 7	1927	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	122 points	Rd 7	1937	MCG
North Melb.	129 points	Rd 10	1981	Wav

Last Time They Met – Round 10, 2022, Docklands

	Melbourne	North Melb.
Quarter time	4.4	3.0
Half time	8.9	6.1
Three-quarter time	10.13	8.3
Full time	14.16 (100)	8.5 (53)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	J. Longmire	NM	Rd 14	1990	MCG
12	G. Margitich	Melb	Rd 17	1931	MCG
11	A. Jakovich	Melb	Rd 20	1991	MCG
11	W. Carey	NM	Rd 17	1996	MCG
10	R. Glendinning	NM	Rd 9	1979	MCG
10	K. Good	NM	Rd 20	1981	AS

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

North Melbourne ruckman Noel Teasdale polled 20 votes in the 1965 Brownlow Medal to tie with Ian Stewart, but because Stewart was rated best on ground six times to Teasdale's five, he was proclaimed the winner on countback. In 1989 the League decided to award medals to the eight players who had been beaten in this manner, so Teasdale became North's first Brownlow winner retrospectively, Keith Greig having won the first of his two medals in 1973. Teasdale played 178 games with the Kangaroos, captained the club for three seasons, won four best and fairest awards and represented Victoria 19 times. In August 2001 he was named as first ruckman in North Melbourne's Team of the Century.

FILL THE GAPS ANSWERS:

Melbourne: Tassie Johnson (8), Brian Roet (18), Brian Dixon (9), Don Williams (35), Frank Adams (6), Bryan Kenneally (22), John Lord (4), John Townsend (16), Graham Wise (23), Hassa Mann (29).

North Melbourne: Mick Martyn (4), Glenn Archer (11), Wayne Schwass (2), John Blakey (12), David King (34), Adam Simpson (37), Brett Allison (33), Corey McKernan (31), Anthony Stevens (10), Peter Bell (2).

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