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AFL 2022 SECOND SEMI FINAL MELBOURNE V BRISBANE

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THE ONLY FINAL BETWEEN THE BRISBANE LIONS AND MELBOURNE

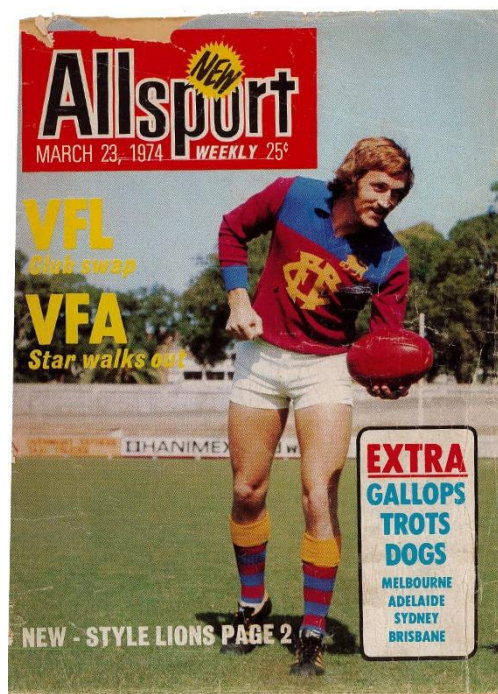
Melbourne had met Fitzroy in two finals prior to the amalgamation of Fitzroy and the Brisbane Bears during the 1996 post-season. Melbourne defeated Fitzroy in both the 1900 grand final at the East Melbourne Cricket Ground, and in the 1960 second semi final at the MCG. The Demons never faced the Bears in an AFL final, and its only finals meeting with the Brisbane Lions was the 2021 first qualifying final at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday August 28. Melbourne's ability to take the ball away through the midfield and convert opportunities into goals saw it proceed to the preliminary final. Melbourne 13.15 (93) defeated Brisbane 9.6 (60). Bayley Fritsch was Melbourne's leading goal scorer with four, and Kysaiah Pickett and Christian Petracca each kicked two. Brisbane's leading goal scorer was Charlie Cameron with five.

DID YOU KNOW?

John Northey coached Melbourne in 167 games from 1986 to 1992 for 90 wins, 76 losses and one draw. He later coached Brisbane from 1996 to 1998 in 59 games for 29 wins, 28 losses and two draws. Under Northey, the Demons made the finals for the first time since 1964, going through to the 1987 preliminary final where they suffered a heart-breaking two-point loss to Hawthorn. They also made the finals in 1988 (when they lost the grand final to Hawthorn), 1989, 1990 and 1991. Northey was the last person to coach the Brisbane Bears in 1996 before they merged with Fitzroy to become the Brisbane Lions in 1997. Brisbane made the finals in 1996 and 1997 but finished on the bottom of the ladder in 1998.

GOLD AND THE OLD FITZROY JUMPER

It is a myth that Fitzroy replaced its traditional white FFC monogram for a gold one solely for the introduction of color television to Australia in 1975 – although it may have been a motivating factor. Many early Fitzroy lace-up jerseys were reinforced with chamois, which turned yellowish over time, but gold officially became a part of the uniform when a patch featuring a gold lion was stitched "above the heart" of Fitzroy jumpers from 1968. However, this was an almost insignificant part of the guernsey. On the eve of the 1974 season John Murphy modelled that season's "New-style Lions" kit for the cover of the March 23 *Allsport* magazine (right), almost one year before color TV was launched on March 1, 1975. The new uniform with a gold monogram was debuted against St Kilda at Moorabbin on April 6, 1974. *Allsport* reported that Fitzroy, "has been considering a change for some time and Secretary Bruce Wilkinson's investigations overseas confirmed that the time was right. Mr Wilkinson feels that the added emphasis on gold will help when color TV is introduced." The small gold lion was removed in 1983. In 1997 the Brisbane Lions adopted Fitzroy's maroon, blue and gold colors, albeit with a darker maroon and a large gold lion on the chest instead of the FFC monogram.



OVER TO YOU

1. Who am I? I played with Melbourne in 32 games (28 goals) from 1984 to 1986 and Brisbane in 36 games (29 goals) from 1987 to 1990. I was originally recruited from North Launceston. I won Brisbane's best and fairest award in 1988.
2. Who am I? I played with four AFL clubs – Melbourne (1993-94), Fitzroy (1995-96), North Melbourne (1997-2000) and Brisbane (2001-05). I played in a premiership with North Melbourne in 1999 and flags with Brisbane in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

SECOND SEMI FINALS 1931-2021

1931	MCG	Richmond	15.9 (99)	Geelong	10.6 (66)	49,056
1932	MCG	Richmond	18.16 (124)	Carlton	14.15 (99)	63,326
1933	MCG	South Melbourne	14.11 (95)	Richmond	11.11 (77)	49,303
1934	MCG	Richmond	19.20 (134)	Geelong	7.8 (50)	35,934
1935	MCG	South Melbourne	15.14 (104)	Collingwood	11.17 (83)	53,766
1936	MCG	Collingwood	12.18 (90)	South Melbourne	10.17 (77)	55,623
1937	MCG	Geelong	19.11 (125)	Melbourne	16.17 (113)	47,730
1938	MCG	Carlton	16.17 (113)	Geelong	10.21 (81)	65,332
1939	MCG	Melbourne	15.14 (104)	Collingwood	12.18 (90)	54,446
1940	MCG	Richmond	16.11 (107)	Melbourne	14.17 (101)	54,763
1941	MCG	Melbourne	16.13 (109)	Carlton	11.16 (82)	59,435
1942	Princes Park	Richmond	11.12 (78)	Essendon	8.8 (56)	32,000
1943	Princes Park	Essendon	13.16 (94)	Richmond	9.17 (71)	24,100
1944	Junction Oval	Fitzroy	11.15 (81)	Richmond	10.10 (70)	32,000
1945	Princes Park	South Melbourne	13.10 (88)	Collingwood	11.11 (77)	46,224
1946	MCG	Essendon	14.16 (100)	Collingwood	13.22 (100)	77,370
1946 Replay	MCG	Essendon	10.16 (76)	Collingwood	8.9 (57)	64,903
1947	MCG	Carlton	14.15 (99)	Essendon	11.17 (83)	75,475
1948	MCG	Essendon	13.16 (94)	Melbourne	8.10 (58)	72,394
1949	MCG	Carlton	15.13 (103)	North Melbourne	14.7 (91)	70,856
1950	MCG	Essendon	11.14 (80)	North Melbourne	11.11 (77)	75,433
1951	MCG	Geelong	22.20 (152)	Collingwood	10.10 (70)	74,085
1952	MCG	Geelong	14.16 (100)	Collingwood	6.10 (46)	77,417
1953	MCG	Collingwood	13.12 (90)	Geelong	8.12 (60)	70,292
1954	MCG	Footscray	11.19 (85)	Geelong	8.14 (62)	64,686
1955	MCG	Melbourne	8.8 (56)	Collingwood	6.9 (45)	59,015
1956	MCG	Melbourne	11.14 (80)	Collingwood	8.16 (64)	91,480
1957	MCG	Essendon	12.11 (83)	Melbourne	8.19 (67)	70,232
1958	MCG	Melbourne	11.12 (78)	Collingwood	4.9 (33)	77,350
1959	MCG	Melbourne	11.15 (81)	Carlton	4.13 (37)	72,882
1960	MCG	Melbourne	14.18 (102)	Fitzroy	4.16 (40)	79,796
1961	MCG	Hawthorn	12.8 (80)	Melbourne	11.7 (73)	87,744
1962	MCG	Essendon	14.21 (105)	Geelong	7.17 (59)	95,393
1963	MCG	Geelong	14.17 (101)	Hawthorn	11.16 (82)	91,471
1964	MCG	Melbourne	19.20 (134)	Collingwood	6.9 (45)	93,010
1965	MCG	St Kilda	13.24 (102)	Collingwood	14.17 (101)	98,395
1966	MCG	Collingwood	15.9 (99)	St Kilda	13.11 (89)	95,614
1967	MCG	Richmond	20.21 (141)	Carlton	14.17 (101)	99,051
1968	MCG	Carlton	13.17 (95)	Essendon	8.11 (59)	106,365
1969	MCG	Carlton	16.11 (107)	Collingwood	10.11 (71)	108,544
1970	MCG	Collingwood	17.16 (118)	Carlton	17.6 (108)	112,838
1971	MCG	Hawthorn	12.18 (90)	St Kilda	12.16 (88)	99,822
1972	Waverley	Carlton	8.13 (61)	Richmond	8.13 (61)	54,338
1972 Replay	MCG	Richmond	15.20 (110)	Carlton	9.15 (69)	92,670
1973	Waverley	Carlton	15.17 (107)	Collingwood	12.15 (87)	60,072
1974	Waverley	Richmond	10.13 (73)	North Melbourne	6.16 (52)	57,569
1975	Waverley	Hawthorn	12.10 (82)	North Melbourne	10.11 (71)	52,076
1976	Waverley	Hawthorn	12.15 (87)	Carlton	9.16 (70)	60,105
1977	MCG	Collingwood	17.10 (112)	Hawthorn	16.14 (110)	87,421
1978	Waverley	Hawthorn	12.15 (87)	North Melbourne	10.13 (73)	48,716
1979	Waverley	Carlton	15.21 (111)	North Melbourne	11.7 (73)	69,142
1980	Waverley	Richmond	14.11 (95)	Geelong	11.5 (71)	65,303
1981	Waverley	Carlton	16.17 (113)	Geelong	11.7 (73)	66,078
1982	Waverley	Richmond	16.17 (113)	Carlton	13.12 (90)	65,611
1983	Waverley	Hawthorn	13.10 (88)	North Melbourne	6.12 (48)	41,063
1984	MCG	Hawthorn	16.17 (113)	Essendon	15.15 (105)	76,514
1985	Waverley	Essendon	14.18 (102)	Hawthorn	9.8 (62)	67,063
1986	Waverley	Carlton	16.16 (112)	Hawthorn	13.6 (84)	62,315
1987	Waverley	Carlton	11.14 (80)	Hawthorn	10.5 (65)	64,333
1988	Waverley	Hawthorn	9.12 (66)	Carlton	6.9 (45)	60,052

1989	Waverley	Hawthorn	16.16 [112]	Essendon	11.10 [76]	66,003
1990	MCG	Collingwood	17.15 [117]	Essendon	7.12 [54]	91,555
1991	Waverley	Hawthorn	13.17 [95]	Geelong	13.15 [93]	63,733
1992	MCG	West Coast	20.13 [133]	Geelong	14.11 [95]	71,745
1993	Waverley	Carlton	13.8 [86]	Adelaide	8.20 [68]	59,233
1994	Waverley	West Coast	16.21 [117]	Melbourne	8.4 [52]	53,160
1995	MCG	Richmond	12.14 [86]	Essendon	11.7 [73]	88,308
1996	Gabba	Brisbane Bears	26.14 [170]	Carlton	10.13 [73]	21,767
1997	Football Park	Adelaide	11.10 [76]	Geelong	9.14 [68]	46,101
1998	SCG	Adelaide	14.10 [94]	Sydney	10.7 [67]	37,498
1999	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	19.12 [126]	Western Bulldogs	10.13 [73]	24,045
2000	MCG	Carlton	23.13 [151]	Brisbane Lions	10.9 [69]	56,924
2001	Football Park	Hawthorn	10.12 [72]	Port Adelaide	10.9 [69]	30,613
2002	MCG	Adelaide	20.10 [130]	Melbourne	17.16 [118]	51,533
2003	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	18.16 [124]	Adelaide	12.10 [82]	32,432
2004	MCG	St Kilda	16.11 [107]	Sydney	8.8 [56]	50,671
2005	SCG	Sydney	7.14 [56]	Geelong	7.11 [53]	39,079
2006	Subiaco Oval	Fremantle	14.18 [102]	Melbourne	11.8 [74]	42,505
2007	Subiaco Oval	Collingwood	13.15 [93]	West Coast	10.14 [74]	43,627
2008	MCG	Western Bulldogs	16.10 [106]	Sydney	9.15 [69]	42,731
2009	MCG	Western Bulldogs	16.11 [107]	Brisbane Lions	8.8 [56]	47,030
2010	MCG	Geelong	20.15 [135]	Fremantle	10.6 [66]	45,056
2011	MCG	Hawthorn	19.8 [122]	Sydney	13.8 [86]	55,198
2012	Football Park	Adelaide	12.9 [81]	Fremantle	11.5 [71]	31,742
2013	MCG	Geelong	13.18 [96]	Port Adelaide	12.8 [80]	52,744
2014	MCG	Geelong	13.14 [92]	North Melbourne	14.14 [98]	65,964
2015	MCG	Hawthorn	21.9 [135]	Adelaide	8.13 [61]	70,879
2016	MCG	Hawthorn	12.12 [84]	Western Bulldogs	16.11 [107]	87,823
2017	MCG	Geelong	15.8 [98]	Sydney	5.9 [39]	55,529
2018	MCG	Collingwood	9.15 [69]	Greater Western Sydney	9.5 [59]	72,504
2019	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	11.14 [80]	Greater Western Sydney	12.11 [83]	30,034
2020	Carrara	Richmond	12.8 [80]	St Kilda	6.13 [49]	13,778
2021	Gabba	Brisbane Lions	11.12 [78]	Western Bulldogs	11.13 [79]	30,647

SECOND SEMI FINALS EXPLAINED

Semi finals were introduced in 1902, the sixth season of the VFL competition. Under what was originally called the "Argus" system, the teams that finished second and fourth at the end of the home and away season played off in the first semi final and the teams that came first and third played off in the second semi final. The winners played off in a final. However, if the team that finished on top, known as the minor premier, was defeated in either the second semi final or the final, it had the right to challenge for the premiership in a grand final. With minor modifications this system remained in force until 1930, apart from 1924 when the VFL unsuccessfully experimented with a round-robin finals series.

The Page-McIntyre system operated from 1931 to 1971. Under this system the third and fourth-placed sides met in the first semi final with the loser being eliminated. The first and second-placed sides met in the second semi final with the winner proceeding directly to the grand final, while the loser received a second chance in the preliminary final.

With the introduction of the McIntyre final five system in 1972, the first semi final was played

between the loser of the qualifying final and the winner of the elimination final. The loser was eliminated and the winner proceeded to the preliminary final. The second semi final was played between the top side at the end of the home and away matches and the winner of the qualifying final. The winner went directly to the grand final while the loser played the winner of the first semi final in the preliminary final.

This system remained in operation until 1990. It was replaced by the complicated McIntyre final six system from 1991 to 1993 and the even more complicated McIntyre final eight system from 1994 to 1999. Under both systems, two semi finals were played in the second week of the finals series. Under the current final eight system, introduced in 2000, the first semi final is played between the loser of the first qualifying final and the winner of the first elimination final. The second semi final is played between the loser of the second qualifying final and the winner of the second elimination final.

PAST SECOND SEMI FINALS AT THE MCG (1931-2018)

The highest score at the MCG in a second semi final is 22.20 (152) by Geelong against Collingwood 10.10 (70) in 1951. The overall highest score is 26.14 (170) by the Brisbane Bears against Carlton 10.13 (73) at the Gabba in 1996. The highest score in a quarter is 9.6 (60) by Geelong in the last quarter against Collingwood in 1951. This is also the overall second semi final record. The biggest bag of goals is 11 by George Goninon for Geelong against Collingwood in 1951. This is the overall second semi final record. The highest second semi final attendance was recorded on Saturday September 12, 1970 when 112,838 saw Collingwood defeat Carlton by 10 points at the MCG.

Statistics for Melbourne v Brisbane Bears/Lions

Melbourne v Brisbane Bears/Lions by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Brisbane	Drawn
Carrara	2	3	0
Docklands	1	1	0
Gabba	8	14	0
MCG	15	3	0
Waverley Park	1	0	0
Marrara	0	1	0
Showgrounds	1	0	0
Adelaide Oval	1	0	0
	29	22	0

Highest Score

Melbourne	22.21 (153)	Rd 18	1987	MCG
Bris. Lions	25.16 (166)	Rd 14	2005	Gabba

Lowest Score

Melbourne	6.10 (46)	Rd 12	1996	Gabba
Bris. Bears	4.6 (30)	Rd 5	1994	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	95 points	Rd 18	1998	MCG
Bris. Lions	85 points	Rd 12	1997	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 23 2022, Gabba

	Brisbane	Melbourne
Quarter time	1.1	6.2
Half time	2.3	13.3
Three-quarter time	5.6	17.4
Full time	8.9 (57)	18.7 (115)

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>

Statistics for Melbourne v Fitzroy (1897-1996)

Melbourne v Fitzroy by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Fitzroy	Drawn
Brunswick St	23	38	1
East Melbourne	1	0	0
Junction Oval	5	5	0
MCG	45	30	2
North Hobart	0	1	0
Princes Park	4	5	0
Punt Road	2	4	0
Victoria Park	0	1	0
Waverley Park	5	4	0
Western Oval	3	0	0
	88	88	3

Highest Score

Melbourne	27.18 (180)	Rd 2	1991	PP
Fitzroy	36.22 (238)	Rd 17	1979	WP

Lowest Score

Melbourne	0.2 (2)	Rd 16	1899	Bruns
Fitzroy	2.11 (23)	Rd 14	1901	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	131 points	Rd 2	1991	PP
Fitzroy	190 points	Rd 17	1979	WP

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	B. Merrick	Fitz	Rd 16	1919	Bruns
11	R. Osborne	Fitz	Rd 18	1989	PP

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 Mark Withers. Q2 Martin Pike.

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