



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 12 MELBOURNE V CARLTON

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PETER McLEAN – A DEMON AND BLUES PREMIERSHIP PLAYER

Peter McLean played his debut season with Melbourne in 1964. He was recruited from Old Melburnians (VAFA) and managed to play ten matches that season including being selected 19th man in the Demon's premiership side. Unfortunately he did not come onto the ground. Melbourne defeated Collingwood to claim the flag. In 1964 and 1965 the determined utility player recorded 28 games and kicked two goals for the Demons. From 1966 to 1968 he played with the Blues in 48 games and booted five goals. In his last VFL match he was a member of Carlton's 1968 premiership victory against Essendon. In front of a crowd of 116,828 at the MCG, McLean was selected 20th man. When Kevin Hall was injured McLean remarked, "As it happened I got my chance when Kevin Hall was injured and I managed to play the second half." He played on the half back flank. McLean was judged Best Clubman in his final year. He had played in a premiership with Melbourne in his first season and a flag with Carlton in his last year in 1968. He continued on Carlton's Board of Management in the premiership years 1970 and 1972. He also acted in the role of Chairman of Selectors. He later spent time as coach of his original club Old Melburnians (VAFA). Aged 67 Richard Peter McLean passed away on April 4, 2009. Carlton wore black armbands in his honour when they played Brisbane at Docklands.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS: HARRY DAVIE – A LIGHTLY BUILT FORWARD

Harry Davie played with both Melbourne in 1924-1927 in 49 games (160 goals) and Carlton in 1928 in 9 games (26 goals). He was a lightly built key forward at 5ft 7in (169cm) and weighing 58 kg (128lb). He was unlucky because of injury to miss Melbourne's 1926 premiership team. In 1925 (56 goals) and in 1927 (40 goals) he led Melbourne's goal kicking. In 1926, playing for Victoria against New South Wales, he booted eight goals. Harry Davie holds the record at Princes Park for the most goals in a match. In Round 14, 1925 he kicked 13.5 goals for Melbourne against Carlton.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

- In Round 9, 2005 the last match for premiership points was played at Princes Park. A crowd of 30,052 saw Melbourne 15.20 (110) defeat Carlton 13.14 (92).
- In Round 6, 1938 at Princes Park, Carlton's Jim Park took a spectacular high mark. Melbourne 16.11 (107) defeated Carlton 14.18 (102). The crowd was estimated at 20,000. Jim Park lost his life in World War 2.
- At the MCG in Round 22, 1970, Blues' champion Alex Jesaulenko kicked his 100th goal for the season. A crowd of 40,973 saw Carlton 14.17 (101) defeat Melbourne 12.15 (87).

OVER TO YOU

My father was a legendary Melbourne player and coach. I played 23 games and kicked 23 goals for the Demons in 1966 and 1967. I then played 15 games and kicked 10 goals with the Blues from 1968 to 1970.

WHO AM I?

I was Demon captain in 1977 and 1978 and won the Keith "Bluey" Truscott Trophy as Melbourne Best and Fairest in 1971 and 1976. I was runner up in the 1972 Brownlow Medal. I played for Carlton in 1980 to 1982. At Carlton I played 43 games with 24 goals. I was a member of the Blues' 1981 premiership team.

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This Round in History – Round 12 on the MCG

The highest Round 12 score on the MCG is 25.16 (166) by Richmond against South Melbourne in 1979. The overall Round 12 highest score is 29.15 (189) by South Melbourne against St Kilda 2.6(18) at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The highest score in a quarter for Round 12 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Melbourne in the last quarter against South Melbourne in 1936. The overall Round 12 highest score in a quarter is 17.4 (106) by South Melbourne in the last quarter against St Kilda at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The biggest bag of goals on the MCG in Round 12 was 10 kicked by Brian Taylor for Richmond against Fitzroy in 1982 and Jack Riewoldt for Richmond against West Coast in 2010. The overall Round 12 goalkicking record is 17 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Fitzroy at Victoria Park in 1930. The highest Round 12 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 2018 when 83,518 fans saw the Queen's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

Statistics for Melbourne v Carlton

Melbourne v Carlton by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Carlton	Drawn
Docklands	2	3	0
MCG	55	51	1
Motordrome	0	1	0
Princes Park	33	52	1
Punt Road	2	2	0
Waverley	4	9	0
	96	118	2

Highest Score

Melbourne	25.10 (160)	Rd 6	2004	MCG
Carlton	25.15 (165)	Rd 10	1986	MCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	2.4 (16)	Rd 3	1899	PP
Carlton	1.2 (8)	Rd 7	1903	MCG

Last Time They Met – Round 22, 2022, MCG

	Melbourne	Carlton
Quarter time	1.2	1.3
Half time	4.6	3.4
Three-quarter time	7.11	7.8
Full time	11.13 (79)	10.14 (74)

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	109 points	Rd 9	2018	MCG
Carlton	116 points	Rd 10	1986	MCG

THE LAST TIME A MELBOURNE v CARLTON MATCH DETERMINED THE PREMIERSHIP

Melbourne and Carlton have never played in a VFL/AFL grand final – although they were both foundation members of the League and played in its first season, 1897. Before then the Victorian Football Association (VFA) administered football in the colony, and it was a further two decades back, in 1877, before the two clubs ended the season positioned first and second on the premiership table. This was well before the concept of a finals series, or even a grand final, had evolved. But such was the dominance of Melbourne and Carlton in the early to mid-1870s that the premiership was essentially determined by the balance of matches between the two clubs. The same was so in 1877. At their first encounter that year on June 9 on the MCG, a crowd of 10,000 saw Carlton defeat Melbourne two goals to one, and then the Blues bested the Red Stockings again on July 14, this time four goals to nil before a crowd of 6,000 at Carlton's Madeleine Street Reserve. However, there were two more matches scheduled between the clubs that year, which by late August were dominating the premiership table again – both with 11 wins to their credit, while the third placed club, Hotham, had managed just six wins and a draw. Carlton were as yet undefeated but they had drawn twice. Melbourne had sustained three losses, two of these at the hands of the Blues, as well as three draws.

A Melbourne premiership now hinged on their August 24 match against Carlton on the Melbourne Football Ground, directly north of the MCG in Yarra Park. Some 6,000 spectators crowded the natural theatre looking over a temporary picket fence erected by the Melbourne Football Club to the permanent northern fence of the MCG. On the other side of the MCG fence the new Grand Stand, whose seats had been reversed to face the action in the park, was at capacity too. However, just 30 minutes into the match the Blues scored their first goal through Joseph Henry, and just before the change of ends the Blues scored another, this time by George Robinson. However, the Melbourne players were not done and in the excitement during the second half, as the players booted the ball to and fro, the ball was lodged high up in a tree! Soon after it was retrieved J. Johnson, a Red Stockings' player, broke his collarbone. Therefore, his team had to kick three goals, with one player down, and much of the remaining time ebbing away. However, after stellar teamwork Jack Booth kicked Melbourne's first, and this was followed by a 50-yard goal by James McDonald to equalise the scores. But it was too late. The draw virtually secured the title for the Blues. Although Melbourne won the fourth match between the clubs in 1877, three goals to two on September 29 at Madeleine Street, Melbourne's race had effectively been lost. It was the Blues' fifth premiership in seven years.

OVER TO YOU ANSWER: Peter Victor Smith was the son of Norm Smith.

WHO AM I? ANSWER: Greg Wells.