



# MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

## AFL 2022 ROUND 3 COLLINGWOOD V GEELONG

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### THEIR GRAND FINALS

These two clubs have met in four grand finals, in 1937, 1952, 1953 and 2011.

**1937** – The 1937 grand final is regarded by many as one of the most exciting in the League's history. With Gordon Coventry at full forward, and Albert Pannam and Ron Todd on the forward line, the 'Pies were a formidable scoring machine. 88,540 fans were in attendance, the largest football crowd in Australia to that time. Collingwood were fast out of the blocks and led by three goals at the first break. Speed and high marking featured and Geelong fought back, and at three quarter time the clubs were locked on 80 points each. The Geelong speedsters took over in the last quarter, with the side scoring a further six goals to just one registered by the Magpies and seeing the side win by a convincing 32 points. Major goalkickers for Geelong were Jack Evans with six and Jack Metherall and Clive Coles each kicking four. For Collingwood Todd scored four goals and Coventry, in his last match for the club, three.

**Geelong 18.14 (122) def. Collingwood 12.18 (90)**

**1952** – Geelong met Collingwood three times in 1952. The first was at Kardinia Park, where the Cats won by a comfortable 29 points, the second was in the second semi final, where the Cats again won, this time by 54 points, and the final time was in the Grand Final after the Magpies had defeated Fitzroy by 19 points in the preliminary final. So, Geelong started hot favourites and their fast play-on game saw them 19 points up at the first change. The second quarter is described by Graeme Atkinson in *The Complete Book of AFL Finals*, "Geelong, not relishing the Magpies' regular doses of vigour, took almost into time-on to score their only goal of the quarter, but still led by 12 points at half-time." Six goals to the Cats in the third quarter saw them take an unassailable lead of 39 points into the final quarter, and with the Magpies goalless for the quarter, they ran out 46 point winners. George Goninon kicked five goals and Neil Trezise four for Geelong, with Jack Parker kicking three and Thorold Merrett two for the Magpies.

**Geelong 13.8 (86) def. Collingwood 5.10 (40)**

**1953** – For the second year running, the Cats and the Magpies finished first and second on the VFL ladder at the end of the home and away rounds. This time, however, Collingwood progressed straight to the grand final with a 30 point victory over Geelong in the second semi final. The Cats then beat Footscray in the preliminary final to see the same two sides meet again for the flag. After an even first quarter, inaccuracy by the Cats saw them waste many opportunities and go into the final quarter 29 points down. A spirited comeback in the last quarter was not enough to change the result, and the Magpies ran out victors by 12 points. Full forward Keith Batchelor kicked four goals for Collingwood, with Bob Davis (3) and Noel Rayson (2) being Geelong's only multiple goalkickers.

**Collingwood 11.11 (77) def. Geelong 8.17 (65)**

**2011** – Fifty-eight years later, the two sides again headed the AFL ladder after the home and away rounds were completed. The two sides had met twice during the season, with the Cats victorious on both occasions. In Round 8 they hung on to win a thriller by three points. Round 24 was quite different with Geelong winners by a massive 96 points. After Collingwood had defeated West Coast and Hawthorn, these two sides met in front of 99,537 fans. In a hard fought, tight, tussle the two sides were separated by just one point at quarter-time, three points at half time, with Geelong seven points up at the last break. The Cats broke free in the last quarter scoring five unanswered goals, winning the premiership by 38 points. Steve Johnson (4), Tom Hawkins and Travis Varcoe (3 each) were the Cats' main goalkickers and Travis Cloke, with three prodigious length goals, and Andrew Krakouer, also with three, were the main scorers for the Magpies.

**Geelong 18.11 (119) def. Collingwood 12.9 (81)**

### 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>

## This Round in History – Round 3 on the MCG

The biggest Round 3 winner on the MCG is North Melbourne by 127 points in 1994 when the Kangaroos 25.23 (173) defeated Hawthorn 6.10 (46). The highest score in all Round 3 matches on the MCG was registered by Richmond 31.25 (211) in 1985 against St Kilda. The best score in a quarter was also recorded in this game when Richmond kicked 9.7 (61) during the third quarter. In Round 3 there have been seven drawn games, two of which have been at the MCG. The last draw at the MCG in Round 3 was in 1980 when Richmond 18.20 (128) drew with St Kilda 19.14 (128). The most goals kicked by an individual in Round 3 on the MCG is 13 by Essendon's Matthew Lloyd in 1999 against Sydney. The top attendance for a Round 3 game is 90,564 for a Richmond-Essendon game at the MCG in 1982.

### Collingwood v Geelong

#### Collingwood v Geelong by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Geelong	Drawn
Corio Oval	22	21	1
Docklands	2	2	0
East Melb.	1	1	0
Kardinia Park	22	19	0
MCG	23	28	0
Victoria Park	57	25	0
Waverley	6	5	0
Perth Stadium	1	0	0
Gabba	0	1	0
	134	102	1

#### Highest Score

Collingwood	28.16 (184)	Rd 9	1972	VP
Geelong	23.18 (156)	Rd 13	1940	Corio

#### Lowest Score

Collingwood	1.4 (10)	Rd 10	1897	Corio
Geelong	3.2 (20)	Rd 13	1902	VP

#### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	102 points	Rd 8	2006	MCG
Geelong	96 points	Rd 24	2011	MCG

#### Last Time They Met – Round 11, 2021, MCG

	Geelong	Collingwood
Quarter time	4.4	1.0
Half time	9.6	1.0
Three-quarter time	9.8	1.1
Full time	15.10 (100)	5.2 (32)

#### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 9	1972	VP
11	G. Goninon	Geel	SF 2	1951	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	PF	1938	MCG

### THEIR FIRST FINAL

In 1897, the first year of the Victorian Football League, the finals system was somewhat different to today. The top four teams after the home-and-away rounds played each other once in a round robin series, with the side with the best record being awarded the premiership. Having lost to Essendon in the first ever final, then beating Melbourne the week before, Geelong met Collingwood at the East Melbourne Cricket Ground in the third round of the finals. Geelong kicked five unanswered goals in the first quarter, with Collingwood failing to trouble the scoreboard. After two even quarters, Geelong led by 27 points at the last change. Undaunted, Collingwood staged a spirited fightback scoring three goals five behinds, with Geelong, this time, not scoring, but holding on to win by just four points. Included in Geelong's side was Ted Greeves, father of the VFL's first Brownlow Medallist "Carji" Greeves. – Geelong 8.4 (52) def. Collingwood 6.12 (48)

**EARLY DAYS OF RECRUITING:** The *Football Record* of July 30, 1921, advised:

"One player, who shall be nameless, has an opinion of his own importance which was not shared by the committee managing the team to which he wanted to go. 'I shall expect the club to pay my tram fares and my dinner money, to provide me with two sets of uniform, to pay my sister's fees for learning to play the piano, and to settle with a dressmaker for a new costume for my mother. Then I must be allowed to play in what part of the field I like best; otherwise there might be friction.' The poor old club secretary had to see him after the committee had recovered its second wind – it had been knocked out when the terms were read out. The secretary met the modest player and said, 'Stay where you are. Don't come near our club, as they will pay you only 10/- a week and no fares, no feed money, no dressmaker, no piano, and poor mother will have to wear the year before last dress.' Tears trickled from the secretary's eyes, for he had delivered a painful message. The player was so affected that he said in great hurry, 'Never mind, I'll play for 10/-', but the heartless committee would not have him as a gift, and he has reluctantly followed their advice, which was, 'Clear out; go rabbit trapping'."

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