

**AFL 2011  
FIRST ELIMINATION FINAL  
CARLTON V ESSENDON**



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FACT SHEET**

Carlton was a foundation member of the Victorian Football Association in 1877 and Essendon joined the following year. The Blues won two VFA premierships (1877, 1887) and the Dons four (1891–94). Both clubs were original members of the Victorian Football League (now the AFL) in 1897, and have met in 19 VFL/AFL finals, Essendon being successful in 10 of those. They have played off for the flag on six occasions.

The first VFL finals meeting took place in 1904, Carlton being successful by three points. Then in **1908**, the year in which Richmond and University were admitted to the competition, Carlton and Essendon met in their first premiership play-off. Carlton went into this match as clear favourites, especially as their opponents had been so hard hit by injuries that they called up schoolboy Harry Prout for his first senior game. Essendon were very competitive in the difficult windy conditions, but could not break through the Blues' powerful defence often enough to post a winning score. Carlton won the match by nine points, thus claiming their third premiership in succession.

It took until **1947** for these teams to meet again in a grand final. Carlton finished on top of the ladder that year and then beat an inaccurate Essendon (11.17) in the second semi final. The following week Essendon overcame Fitzroy to qualify for the grand final. This match proved to be a thriller, Carlton's Fred Stafford kicking a goal with 44 seconds to go, giving his team a one point victory. Once again Essendon's inaccuracy (11.19) was decisive.

The great John Coleman began his career at Essendon in **1949**, his club finishing fourth on the ladder behind North Melbourne, Carlton and Collingwood. The Bombers then hit top form, beating Collingwood by 84 points and North by 17 to qualify to play the Blues in the grand final. After an even first quarter, Essendon bolted away to win by 73 points, Coleman kicking six goals to take his season's tally to 100.

Having finished seventh in 1961, Essendon topped the ladder in **1962**, followed by Geelong, Melbourne and Carlton. Essendon qualified for the grand final the following week, while Carlton beat Melbourne. But the Bombers' plans appeared to be upset when Geelong and Carlton drew in the preliminary final, the replay, which Carlton won, giving the flag favourites a two week break. In fact Essendon burst from the blocks, kicking 6.5 to Carlton's 1.1 in the first quarter. Although Carlton fought back, the Bombers ran out winners by 32 points.

Essendon topped the ladder again in **1968**, with Carlton second, but injuries to key players brought them back to the field, and they lost the second semi final by 36 points. But a 24 point win over Geelong in the preliminary final gave Essendon the chance to make amends, although they would be without injured captain Ken Fraser, bespectacled schoolboy Geoff Blethyn taking his place. Both teams struggled to cope with very windy conditions in the grand final and, with the Bombers kicking just five behinds in the final quarter, Carlton hung on to win a less than memorable match by three points.

The most recent grand final between these teams took place in **1993**. The youthful Essendon, having lost to Carlton in the qualifying final, then beat West Coast and Adelaide to earn a grand final spot. This time they began brilliantly and went on to win a one-sided affair by 44 points.

## ELIMINATION FINALS SCORES

YEAR	FINAL	VENUE					ATT.
1972	EF	Waverley	ST KILDA	18.16 (124)	ESSENDON	10.11 (71)	52,499
1973	EF	Waverley	ST KILDA	24.14 (158)	ESSENDON	13.13 (91)	53,405
1974	EF	Waverley	COLLINGWOOD	19.10 (124)	FOOTSCRAY	6.19 (55)	57,912
1975	EF	Waverley	RICHMOND	11.11 (77)	COLLINGWOOD	10.13 (73)	65,512
1976	EF	Waverley	GEELONG	14.18 (102)	FOOTSCRAY	14.11 (95)	50,686
1977	EF	Waverley	RICHMOND	13.10 (88)	SOUTH MELB	7.12 (54)	63,663
1978	EF	Waverley	CARLTON	15.15 (105)	GEELONG	9.18 (72)	57,505
1979	EF	Waverley	FITZROY	17.22 (124)	ESSENDON	5.13 (43)	49,470
1980	EF	MCG	COLLINGWOOD	14.20 (104)	NORTH MELB	14.12 (96)	82,952
1981	EF	Waverley	FITZROY	16.13 (109)	ESSENDON	13.16 (94)	58,598
1982	EF	Waverley	NORTH MELB	19.14 (128)	ESSENDON	16.19 (115)	50,537
1983	EF	Waverley	ESSENDON	17.12 (114)	CARLTON	12.9 (81)	65,881
1984	EF	MCG	COLLINGWOOD	23.15 (153)	FITZROY	15.17 (107)	73,994
1985	EF	Waverley	NORTH MELB	20.6 (126)	CARLTON	16.11 (107)	49,126
1986	EF	Waverley	FITZROY	8.10 (58)	ESSENDON	8.9 (57)	59,420
1987	EF	MCG	MELBOURNE	22.26 (158)	NORTH MELB	5.10 (40)	72,628
1988	EF	Waverley	MELBOURNE	11.7 (73)	WEST COAST	10.11 (71)	43,438
1989	EF	Waverley	MELBOURNE	17.9 (111)	COLLINGWOOD	13.10 (88)	63,062
1990	EF	MCG	MELBOURNE	10.13 (73)	HAWTHORN	8.16 (64)	74,954
1991	1EF	Waverley	MELBOURNE	17.11 (113)	ESSENDON	11.9 (75)	46,032
1991	2EF	Waverley	GEELONG	15.14 (104)	ST KILDA	14.13 (97)	63,796
1992	1EF	Subiaco	WEST COAST	14.16.(100)	HAWTHORN	12.15 (87)	40,237
1992	2EF	Waverley	ST KILDA	13.13 (91)	COLLINGWOOD	12.11 (83)	74,253
1993	1EF	MCG	ADELAIDE	16.14 (110)	HAWTHORN	13.17 (95)	55,287
1993	2EF	Waverley	WEST COAST	17.18 (120)	NORTH MELB	11.3 (69)	29,147
2000	1EF	Docklands	HAWTHORN	14.8 (92)	GEELONG	12.11 (83)	44,709
2000	2EF	Gabba	BRISBANE	15.20 (110)	WSTRN BLDGS	10.16 (76)	25,925
2001	1EF	MCG	CARLTON	17.16 (118)	ADELAIDE	6.14 (50)	53,982
2001	2EF	Docklands	HAWTHORN	19.15 (129)	SYDNEY	11.8 (74)	32,910
2002	1EF	Docklands	ESSENDON	17.9 (111)	WEST COAST	11.12 (78)	37,475
2002	2EF	MCG	MELBOURNE	18.14 (122)	KANGAROOS	11.18 (84)	53,967
2003	1EF	Subiaco	ESSENDON	15.11 (101)	FREMANTLE	8.9 (57)	42,770
2003	2EF	Football Pk	ADELAIDE	16.17 (113)	WEST COAST	8.9 (57)	38,641
2004	1EF	MCG	ESSENDON	15.14 (104)	MELBOURNE	15.9 (99)	60,903
2004	2EF	Stad Aust	SYDNEY	11.9 (75)	WEST COAST	4.10 (34)	40,282
2005	1EF	Docklands	PORT ADELAIDE	26.8 (164)	KANGAROOS	11.11 (77)	25,195
2005	2EF	MCG	GEELONG	18.8 (116)	MELBOURNE	9.7 (61)	65,018
2006	1EF	MCG	WSTRN BLDGS	18.13 (121)	COLLINGWOOD	11.14 (80)	84,284
2006	2EF	MCG	MELBOURNE	13.12 (90)	ST KILDA	10.12 (72)	67,528
2007	1EF	Docklands	HAWTHORN	15.15 (105)	ADELAIDE	15.12 (102)	36,534
2007	2EF	MCG	COLLINGWOOD	18.17 (125)	SYDNEY	13.9 (87)	64,645
2008	1EF	Football Pk	COLLINGWOOD	19.11 (125)	ADELAIDE	14.10 (94)	37,685
2008	2EF	Stad Aust	SYDNEY	17.8 (110)	KANGAROOS	11.9 (75)	19,127
2009	1EF	Football Pk	ADELAIDE	26.10 (166)	ESSENDON	10.10 (70)	50,393
2009	2EF	Gabba	BRISBANE	16.15 (111)	CARLTON	15.14 (104)	32,702
2010	1EF	Stad Aust	SYDNEY	14.15 (99)	CARLTON	13.16 (94)	41,596
2010	2EF	Subiaco	FREMANTLE	14.10 (94)	HAWTHORN	8.16 (64)	42,719

## Elimination Finals at the MCG (1972-1993, 2000-2010)

The highest score in an elimination final at the MCG is 158 points recorded by Melbourne 22.26 (158) against North Melbourne 5.10 (40) in 1987. The highest score overall was 26.10 (166) by Adelaide against Essendon in the first elimination final at Football Park in 2009.

The lowest score at the MCG is 5.10 (40) by North Melbourne's in 1987 and Melbourne's winning margin of 118 points that year is the largest recorded in an elimination final. The lowest score overall is West Coast's 4.10 (34) against Sydney at Stadium Australia in 2004.

The highest score in a quarter is 10.7 (67) by Collingwood in the last quarter against Fitzroy in 1984. Collingwood kicked 23.15 (153) to defeat Fitzroy by 46 points after leading by only four points at three-quarter time. This is also the overall elimination final record.

The most goals in an elimination final at the MCG is six, shared by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn against Adelaide in 1993 and Mark Williams for Collingwood against Fitzroy in 1984. The overall record is nine by Tony Lockett for St Kilda against Geelong at Waverley Park in 1991 but St Kilda lost by seven points..

The highest elimination final attendance was recorded on Saturday September 6, 1980 when 82,952 saw Collingwood defeat North Melbourne by eight points at the MCG.

## Elimination Finals Explained

The elimination final was first played in 1972 following the introduction of the McIntyre final five system. Elimination finals were played from 1972 to 1993 inclusive, and were re-introduced in 2000.

Between 1972 and 1990 the elimination final was played between the teams which finished fourth and fifth on the ladder. The loser was eliminated and the winner proceeded to the first semi final.

In 1991, following the admission of Adelaide which created a 15-team competition, the McIntyre final six system was introduced. Under this system two elimination finals were played with the fifth-placed side playing sixth and the third-placed playing fourth. The losing teams were eliminated. This arrangement was amended for the next two seasons, when fourth played fifth and third played sixth.

Elimination finals were not played from 1994 to 1999. With the introduction of the McIntyre final eight system in 1994, four qualifying finals were played in the first week when first played eighth, second played seventh, third played sixth and fourth played fifth. Under this system, the two lowest placed losing teams were eliminated.

The elimination final was re-introduced in 2000 as part of the revised final eight system. Under the current scheme, the fifth-placed team plays eighth and sixth-placed plays seventh. The losers are eliminated and winners play the losers of the qualifying finals in the semi finals.

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### OVER TO YOU

1. Name the father and son who have each won Carlton's best and fairest award.
2. Who was both a Carlton and Essendon premiership coach?
3. Name the only Carlton player to be selected in teams with both Sergio and Stephen Silvagni.
4. For which representative team did the four Daniher brothers all play together?
5. Who am I? - I was recruited from Moe. I played with the Blues from 1968 to 1971 in 29 games, kicking 10 goals. I was a mop-topped blonde rover. In 1970 I was selected on the bench in 12 of my 19 games that season. I was a match winner with four goals in the 1970 grand final.
6. Which guernsey number did Roger Merrett wear at Essendon?
7. Fill the gaps in the 1993 Essendon and Carlton grand final teams. The missing players' numbers are in brackets.

#### ESSENDON

<b>B</b>	Wanganeen	Fletcher	(21)
<b>HB</b>	(29)	Harvey	Thompson
<b>C</b>	(47)	(38)	(11)
<b>HF</b>	(2)	Hird	(24)
<b>F</b>	(32)	Salmon	Long
<b>R</b>	(19)	O'Donnell	(8)
<b>Inter</b>	(7)	(48)	

#### CARLTON

<b>B</b>	Ratten	Silvagni	McKay
<b>HB</b>	(39)	(14)	Hanna
<b>C</b>	(9)	Williams	Brown
<b>HF</b>	(31)	(11)	(22)
<b>F</b>	(38)	S. Kernahan	(17)
<b>R</b>	(44)	Bradley	(12)
<b>Inter</b>	(25)	(33)	

## Statistics for Carlton v Essendon

### Carlton v Essendon by venue

	Won By Carlton	Won by Essendon	Drawn
MCG	22	30	3
East Melb.	11	14	1
Princes Park	48	28	1
SCG	1	0	0
Victoria Park	1	0	0
Waverley Park	6	11	0
Windy Hill	30	27	0
	119	110	5

### Highest Score

Carlton	27.13 (175)	Rd 14	1975	WH
Essendon	28.14 (182)	Rd 21	2005	MCG

### Lowest Score

Carlton	1.2 (8)	Rd 15	1898	EMCG
Essendon	2.2 (14)	Rd 10	1903	PP.

### Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	102 points	Rd 2	1936	PP
Essendon	109 points	Rd 6	1985	WH

### Last Match – Round 18, 2010, MCG

	Essendon	Carlton
Quarter time	4.2	5.3
Half time	8.3	9.4
Three-quarter time	8.4	17.8
Full time	12.7 (79)	24. 9 (153)

### OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

**Q1** Sergio Silvagni (1962, 1968) and Stephen Sivagni (1990,1996). **Q2** Jack Worrall coached premiership teams at Carlton (1906, 1907, 1908) and Essendon (1911, 1912). **Q3** Bruce Doull. **Q4** Anthony, Chris, Neale and Terry all played for NSW against Victoria on May 22, 1990. **Q5** Ted Hopkins. **Q6** 25.

**Q7 Essendon:** Dean Wallis (21), David Grenvold (29), Ricky Olarens Shaw (47), Sean Denham (38), Paul Hills (11), Mark Mercuri (2), Joe Misiti (24), Tim Watson (32), Peter Somerville (19), Darren Bewick (8), Chris Daniher (7), David Calthorpe (48). **Carlton:** Angelo Christou (39), Michael Sexton (14), Brett Sholl (9), Tom Alvin (31), Earl Spalding (11), Tim Powell (22), Rohan Welsh (38), Brent Heaver (17), Justin Madden (44), Adrian Gleeson (12), Mark Athorn (25), Matthew Hogg (33).

Arthur Ford, Carlton's secretary (an equivalent of a CEO) breaks clear of Essendon players in the 1911 second semi final at the MCG. (*Australasian* September 23, 1911 p852.) The Dons won 9.15 (69) to the Blues 6.12 (48). Ford played for the Blues from 1903-12 and was secretary at Carlton in 1910-11. He took over from Jack Worrall during a club dispute over the payment of players.



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