

**AFL 2011 ROUND 16  
COLLINGWOOD V  
NORTH MELBOURNE**



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FACT SHEET**

**A TRUE KANGAROO CHAMPION – LES FOOTE**

Acknowledged by all football fans of the era as one of the league's most skilful players, Les Foote began his career as a 16-year-old with North Melbourne in 1941, having been recruited from the North Colts. Foote played 134 games (105 goals) for the Kangaroos until his retirement in 1951.

He was profiled by Hugh Buggy in *Footy Fan* as follows: "Les Foote, who swept across the football firmament like a flashing meteor just after the war, was the nearest approach to the ideal all round footballer since Dick Reynolds... a magnificent athlete, dashing and tireless, aimed at perfection in his football... The ideal footballer is the man who can play well in any position without being a misfit. This was the ambitious object of Les Foote and he came as near to it as any player I have ever seen."

Given the North Melbourne captaincy at the age of 23, he held the position until his retirement. He won the Kangaroos' best and fairest award in 1945, 1949-50 and led the side into their first grand final in 1950. The Essendon champion Dick Reynolds acknowledged that Foote had been the outstanding player of the finals series that year.

Foote was lured out of retirement by St Kilda in 1954 and he played 33 games (4 goals) with the Saints as their captain/coach until finally giving the game away in 1955, having failed to lift the side off the bottom of the ladder. He added the Saints' best and fairest award in 1954 to his already impressive record.

He returned to North Melbourne in 1960 to coach their reserves side, which he did successfully, leading his team to a premiership in 1967. It is a sign of his outstanding skills that Les Foote also represented Victoria in basketball and won a state Under 13 swimming title as a boy.

**THE KANGAROOS' HIGHEST SCORE**

At the end of Round 5 in 1993 the Kangaroos were on top of the AFL ladder with four wins and one loss. The Sydney Swans were on the bottom with no wins, and had lost 19 consecutive games. The two sides met in Round 6 at Princes Park before a small crowd of 9272 fans. Those that did attend saw a magical display from second-gamer Adrian McAdam who kicked 10 goals to improve on his debut effort of seven the week before. The Kangaroos kicked 11 goals to one in the first quarter. Sydney fought back in the second quarter, kicking seven goals to North Melbourne's four. But the second half was a one-sided affair with the Kangaroos registering another 20 goals to Sydney's eight. As well as McAdam's 10, Sydney's newly appointed coach John Longmire kicked nine goals for the Kangaroos. North Melbourne's score of 35.19 (229) is still their highest, and is only 10 points short of the VFL/AFL record of 37.17 (239) held by Geelong.

**COLLINGWOOD'S DRAWN FINALS**

The Magpies, after their thrilling 68-point draw with St Kilda in last year's first grand final, have now played in five drawn finals matches in their history. All except one has taken place at the MCG. The first of these was in a 1928 semi final when they drew with Melbourne, 62 points apiece. This was the first tied final since the inception of the VFL in 1897 and was controversial as Bruce Andrew had kicked a behind on the three-quarter time siren which was disallowed, wrongly according to the Melbourne side. Eighteen years later the Magpies again drew, this time in the 1946 second semi final against Essendon, with both sides scoring 100 points after the Bombers came back from a 16-point deficit at three-quarter time. No-one will forget the 1977 grand final draw with today's opponents North Melbourne, with "Twiggy" Dunne kicking a goal in the dying moments of the final quarter to level the scores on 76 points. In 1990, with Peter Daicos and Peter Sumich both kicking four goals for their respective sides, the Magpies and the West Coast Eagles fought out an enthralling 90-point draw in a qualifying final at Waverley Park, the only Collingwood finals draw not occurring at the MCG.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

1. Playing for Claremont in the WAFL in 1981, brothers Phil and Jim Krakouer both kicked 50 goals for the season.
2. North Melbourne player John Cassin created a league record in 1977 when he played 27 games during the season, including the two grand finals. North Melbourne played five finals in 29 days that year.
3. During the 1950s the North Melbourne Football Club adopted the kangaroo emblem. Prior to that they were unflatteringly known as "The Shinboners" allegedly due to their reputation for aiming kicks at the opposition players' shins.

## This Round in History – Round 16 on the MCG

The highest score in Round 16 on the MCG is 27.18 (180) by Hawthorn against Richmond 17.11 (113) in 1985. The overall Round 16 record is 34.18 (222) by Richmond against St Kilda 11.4 (70) at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1980.

The most goals by an individual is 11 by Dermott Brereton for Hawthorn against Richmond in 1990. Hawthorn kicked 25.9 (159) to win by 91 points. The overall Round 16 goalkicking record is 13 by Tony Modra for Adelaide against Richmond at Football Park (Adelaide) in 1993. Adelaide kicked 26.15 (171) to win by 139 points.

The highest score in a quarter is 12.1 (73) in the first quarter by the Kangaroos against Essendon in 2001. Despite trailing by 58 points at the first change, Essendon went on to win by 12 points: 27.9 (171) to 25.9 (159). The overall Round 16 record for the highest score in a quarter is 13.3 (81) by Hawthorn against North Melbourne in the first quarter at Princes Park in 1982. Hawthorn went on to kick 32.14 (206) to win by 96 points.

The highest Round 16 attendance at the MCG is 83,773 on Sunday July 19, 1998 when Essendon defeated Richmond by 19 points.

## Statistics for Collingwood v North Melbourne

### Collingwood v North Melbourne by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by North Melb	Drawn
MCG	11	13	1
Arden Street	28	16	0
Coburg	1	0	0
Docklands	7	3	0
Manuka	1	0	0
Victoria Park	47	10	1
Waverley	6	6	0
	101	48	2

### Most Goals in a Match

11	P. McKenna	Coll	Rd 5	1972	AS
10	Ron Todd	Coll	Rd 6	1938	AS
10	G. Coventry	Coll	Rd 17	1929	VP

### Highest Score

Collingwood	26.20 (176)	Rd 9	1990	VP
North Melb	25.15 (165)	Rd 21	1974	AS

### Lowest Score

Collingwood	2.6 (18)	Rd 13	1987	Wav
North Melb	2.8 (20)	Rd 18	1934	VP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	113 points	Rd 14	1937	VP
North Melb	91 points	Rd 21	1974	AS

### Last Match – Round 2, 2011, MCG

	Collingwood	North Melb
Quarter time	5.5	1.4
Half time	9.8	2.9
Three-quarter time	15.12	4.12
Full time	21.17 (143)	7.14 (56)

## GLENN ARCHER – A North Melbourne Strongman

Recruited from Lyndale to the North Melbourne Under 19s in 1990, Glenn Archer's senior career did not start until the 1992 season. He played 311 games (143 goals) for the Kangaroos and developed a reputation as a fearless and physical player.

*The Encyclopedia of AFL Footballers* quoted Archer thus: "I'd hate to be known as a jib or 'remember Archer, he used to duck his head'. I've always been conscious of that. I couldn't think of anything worse than someone thinking that."

Having won the club's first Norm Smith Medal after his side's 1996 grand final victory over the Sydney Swans, Archer was also a member of the Kangaroos' 1999 premiership side. He represented Victoria in three State of Origin matches and was selected as an All-Australian in 1996 and 1998.

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