

**AFL 2011
SECOND SEMI FINAL
HAWTHORN V SYDNEY**



**FRIDAY
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FACT SHEET**

THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

Playing in its first VFL season, Hawthorn met South Melbourne for the first time at the Lake Oval in Round 9, 1925. The *Football Record* of June 27, 1925 (the day of the game) explained: "It is South Melbourne's turn this afternoon to see and judge for themselves how the Hawthorn lads are shaping in League company. All the others who played against them say encouraging things for the baby team of the League. Hawthornians themselves say that they will come along in time, and that when that day arrives they will warm up those who have been their conquerors up to date." South Melbourne 15.14 (104) defeated Hawthorn 5.7 (37). South Melbourne full forward Ted Johnson kicked seven goals.

BETWEEN THE TEAMS

Hawthorn and South Melbourne/Sydney have met in 148 league matches. Hawthorn has been winners 81 times while South Melbourne/Sydney have been victors on 65 occasions. The clubs have had two drawn matches, both at Glenferrie Oval (Round 15, 1956 and Round 2, 1968). The clubs have a brief history at the MCG having first met there in Round 15, 2001 when Sydney 14.14 (98) defeated Hawthorn 11.11 (77) before a crowd of 34,394 fans. Tonight is the first final between the clubs at the MCG. The teams have met on nine occasions at the MCG with Hawthorn successful five times and Sydney winners in four games. The last time the teams met at the MCG was in Round 10, 2010 when Hawthorn 10.19 (79) defeated Sydney 11.11 (77). A crowd of 36,003 saw the close finish.

THESE TEAMS IN FINALS

A foundation member of the Victorian Football League (now the AFL) in 1897, South Melbourne played in 41 finals between 1899 and 1977. The club appeared in 11 grand finals and won three premierships in 1909, 1918 and 1933. South teams played in four successive grand finals between 1933 and 1936, winning only the 1933 match. These teams were dubbed "the Foreign Legion" because of the number of interstate players involved. A detailed article about this period appeared in the August 14 Fact Sheet, copies of which are available at the library reference desk (Level 3, MCC Pavilion). Since the 1982 relocation to Sydney, the Swans have appeared in 29 finals, winning the premiership in 2005. Having entered the VFL in 1925, Hawthorn has played in 67 finals (the first in 1957), winning 10 flags from 15 grand final appearances. The premiership years have been 1961, 1971, 1976, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1988-89, 1991 and 2008.

FINALS BETWEEN THESE TEAMS

South Melbourne and Hawthorn never met in a final, but Sydney and Hawthorn have played each other in three finals, the Hawks being successful in two of these. Carlton topped the ladder in **1987**, followed by Hawthorn, Sydney, North Melbourne and Melbourne. In a one-sided qualifying final at Waverley Park Hawthorn 23.18 (156) defeated Sydney 8.9 (57). Dermott Brereton kicked six for the winners, and Warwick Capper four for the losers. The Swans topped the ladder in **1996**, while Hawthorn just scraped into the eight. Although without the injured Tony Lockett, the Swans held on to beat Hawthorn by six points in the fourth qualifying final at the SCG. Craig O'Brien was the match-winner with five goals. The most recent finals meeting was in **2001**, Hawthorn 19.15 (129) defeating Sydney 11.8 (74) in the second elimination final at Docklands Stadium. John Barker led the goalkickers with four.

SOUTH'S LAST SURVIVOR

A South Melbourne player in 1981, Dennis Carroll played with the Swans between 1982 and 1993, and was the last of the former South Melbourne players to conclude his career with Sydney. Recruited from Albury, he played a total of 219 games and kicked 117 goals. Carroll captained the team from 1986-92 and represented both Victoria and NSW.

FOUR OF THE BEST

Recruited from University High School Old Boys, half forward flanker Bob Keddie played 132 games with the Hawks between 1965 and 1972. He is best remembered for his match-winning performance in the 1971 grand final when, after a quiet first three quarters, he was shifted to full forward and kicked four goals. Keddie represented Victoria and was selected in an All-Australian team.

OVER TO YOU.

1. To what tune is the Hawks' club song sung?
2. South Melbourne's longest winning run is 15 games. Against which club did this occur?
3. Which guernsey number did Gary Ablett Snr wear in his first VFL match?
4. How many best and fairest awards did Bob Skilton win for the Swans?
5. Name South Melbourne/Sydney premiership coaches in 1909, 1918, 1933 and 2005.
6. Which Hawthorn Brownlow Medallist was nicknamed "The Rat"?
7. Which Brownlow Medallist wore the highest guernsey number?

SECOND SEMI FINALS 1931-2010

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 MELB	14.11 (95)	RICHMOND	11.11 (77)	49,303
1934	MCG	RICHMOND	19.20 (134)	GEELONG	7.8 (50)	35,934
1935	MCG	SOUTH MELB	15.14 (104)	COLLINGWOOD	11.17 (83)	53,766
1936	MCG	COLLINGWOOD	12.18 (90)	SOUTH MELB	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 Pk	RICHMOND	11.12 (78)	ESSENDON	8.8 (56)	32,000
1943	Princes Pk	ESSENDON	13.16 (94)	RICHMOND	9.17 (71)	24,100
1944	Junction Ovl	FITZROY	11.15 (81)	RICHMOND	10.10 (70)	32,000
1945	Princes Pk	SOUTH MELB	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 MELB	14.7 (91)	70,856
1950	MCG	ESSENDON	11.14 (80)	NORTH MELB	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 MELB	6.16 (52)	57,569
1975	Waverley	HAWTHORN	12.10 (82)	NORTH MELB	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 MELB	10.13 (73)	48,716
1979	Waverley	CARLTON	15.21 (111)	NORTH MELB	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 MELB	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 LIONS	26.14 (170)	CARLTON	10.13 (73)	21,767
1997	Football Pk	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)	WSTRN BLDGS	10.13 (73)	24,045
2000	MCG	CARLTON	23.13 (151)	BRISBANE	10.9 (69)	56,924
2001	Football Pk	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	FREMANTLE	14.18 (102)	MELBOURNE	11.8 (74)	42,505
2007	Subiaco	COLLINGWOOD	13.15 (93)	WEST COAST	10.14 (74)	43,627
2008	MCG	WSTRN BLDGS	16.10 (106)	SYDNEY	9.15 (69)	42,731
2009	MCG	WSTRN BLDGS	16.11 (107)	BRISBANE	8.8 (56)	47,030
2010	MCG	GEELONG	20.15 (135)	FREMANTLE	10.6 (66)	45,056

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.

The winner of tonight's second semi final will play Collingwood in next week's first preliminary final at the MCG, while the winner of tomorrow's first semi final between the West Coast and Carlton will meet Geelong in the second preliminary final. Both semi final losers are eliminated.

PAST SECOND SEMI FINALS AT THE MCG (1931-2010)

The highest score at the MCG is 22.20 (152) by Geelong against Collingwood 10.10 (70) in 1951. The overall highest score is 26.14 (170) by Brisbane 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 (see above for match scores). 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 (see above). 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 Hawthorn v Sydney

Hawthorn v Sydney/South Melb. by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Swans	Drawn
MCG	5	4	0
Lake Oval	22	22	0
Docklands	1	0	0
Glenferrie	16	19	2
Junction Oval	0	3	0
Princes Park	15	0	0
Punt Road	0	1	0
SCG	11	12	0
Waverley	11	3	0
Stadium Aust.	0	1	0
	81	65	2

Highest Score

Hawthorn	29.15 (189)	Rd 4	1979	Wav
South Melb.	28.15 (183)	Rd 10	1980	AP

Lowest Score

Hawthorn	4.10 (34)	Rd 17	1932	VP
South Melb.	4.7 (31)	Rd 15	1974	PP

Greatest Winning Margin

Hawthorn	99 points	QF	1987	Wav
South Melb.	123 points	Rd 17	1932	AP

Most Goals in a Match (10 or more)

13	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 11	1969	GO
13	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 8	1970	GO
11	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 12	1994	SCG
11	Tony Lockett	Syd	Rd 9	1998	SCG
10	Michael Moncrieff	Haw	Rd 3	1974	AP

Last Match – Round 9, 2011, SCG

	Sydney	Hawthorn
Quarter time	4.1	3.2
Half time	4.4	4.8
Three-quarter time	6.8	11.14
Full time	8.12 (60)	15.16 (106)

LEN THOMAS was the son of Bill "Sonna" Thomas, a member of South Melbourne's first premiership side in 1909. Bill was best afield at centre half forward in that grand final and the club captain-coach in 1910-11. (He also captained Richmond in 1914-16 and 1919).

Len was a gifted centremen recruited from Albert Park Stars. At South Melbourne from 1927 to 1934 and 1936 to 1938, he played 187 games and kicked 54 goals. He was among the best players when the Swans won the 1933 flag against Richmond. A class player, Len won the South Melbourne best and fairest in 1931 and 1938. In 1939 Len captain-coached Hawthorn for one season. That year he appeared in 16 games and kicked 15 goals. In his one season with Hawthorn in 1939 he managed four games for Victoria (one game as vice-captain). His final year at league level was at North Melbourne as captain-coach in 1940 (six games nine goals). He is one of only three men to captain three league teams.

Thomas abandoned his successful football career to enlist in the army. He embarked for the Middle East in May 1941. On his return to Australia, and then in New Guinea, he served as a commando with 2/3 Independent Coy, 2nd AIF. Corporal Len Thomas was killed in action by the Japanese at Salamaua, New Guinea on August 17, 1943. At the time he sadly left behind his wife Edith and two children Barry and Lynette.



Hawthorn's Len Thomas (left) shakes hands with Herbie Matthews, opposing captain and ex-teammate with the Swans.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 Yankee Doodle Dandy. **Q2** 15 versus Hawthorn (1929-37). **Q3** No. 35 for Hawthorn in nine games in 1982. **Q4** Nine: 1958-59, 1961-65, 1967-68. **Q5** Charlie Ricketts (1909), Herbert Howson/Henry Elms (1918), Jack Bissett (1933) and Paul Roos (2005). **Q6** John Platten. **Q7** John Platten, a 1987 Brownlow Medallist with No. 44.

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