

**AFL 2011 ROUND 18  
MELBOURNE V HAWTHORN**



**SUNDAY JULY 24, 2011  
FACT SHEET**

#### **Vale John Phillip "Sean" Wight (1964-2011)**

All football fans were saddened by the death on June 30, 2011 of former Melbourne footballer Sean Wight aged 47. He was acknowledged in the publication *Heroes – 150 Players, 150 Years – Melbourne Football Club* as: "...fearless and athletic, with a great spring, Sean Wight will go down in history as the first player to be brought to Australia by club legend Ron Barassi and Barry Richardson, under 'The Irish Experiment'." Sean Wight, actually a Scot by birth, was recruited from Ireland as a former soccer and Gaelic football star with Kerry minor (Under 18) team. A fine defender, he rose from Melbourne's Under 19s where he played in a premiership in 1983 to debut with the seniors in Round 8, 1985. Wight often beat key forwards with his exceptional ability to not only spoil opponents' marking attempts but take high marks himself. He played 150 games between 1985 and 1995 and scored 63 goals. His achievements included membership of the 1987 and 1989 night premiership teams, membership of Melbourne's 1988 losing grand final team, Melbourne Football Club life membership in 1994, All-Australian selection in 1987 and Victorian state selection in 1988. He was inducted into the Melbourne Football Club's Hall of Fame in 2008 and served as a director of the club from 1996 to 1997. Melbourne great Robert Flower offered: "Sean's life was always of the highest integrity. He was honest and tough, both on and off the field, and to the last minute of his life." Jim Stynes, who also came to the club under the Irish experiment, paid this tribute to Sean's fighting spirit in his battle with cancer: "It's like some of the jobs he had to do on the football field. He never got the easy ones, he always got the toughest, and he took 'em on with huge courage and bravery and with a smile and he never complained. He absolutely gave everything, and I would say without a doubt he was the most courageous player I have played with, and gifted."

#### **HAWTHORN'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS AGAINST MELBOURNE**

Melbourne regularly defeated Hawthorn after the new club entered the Victorian Football League in 1925. Melbourne posted nine wins in a row, from Round 11, 1925 at Glenferrie Oval to Round 11, 1930 at the MCG. The *Football Record* for Round 18, 1930 noted: "Hawthorn have yet to open their scoring account against Melbourne, who have won every one of the nine games they have played." In a surprise at the Glenferrie Oval, Hawthorn 12.10 (82) defeated Melbourne 10.17 (77) before a crowd of around 5000. The match description, in the *Football Record* the following week, stated: "Hawthorn's defeat of the Redlegs was the sensation of the year, being quite unexpected by football fans." Hawthorn then had another horror run against Melbourne, losing nine games in a row from Round 14, 1932 at the MCG to Round 3, 1937 at Glenferrie Oval. The two winning runs of nine matches is Melbourne's best sequence of wins against Hawthorn.

#### **Vale Allan Jeans (1933-2011)**

Hawthorn players and on-field officials will wear black armbands today as a mark of respect for Allan Jeans. The legendary coach passed away on July 13, aged 77. Jeans was a great motivator and one of the league's most successful coaches. Recruited from Finley (NSW) he played 77 games at St Kilda from 1955 to 1959 and kicked 26 goals. A strongly built utility player, he was vice-captain in 1959 and gained state selection against Tasmania that year. Jeans retired young at 26 and then coached St Kilda from 1961 until 1976 in 332 games. He took the Saints to their only premiership in 1966, a one-point victory over the Magpies. He also coached St Kilda to grand finals in 1965 and 1971. Following 16 years with the Saints, he was appointed coach of Hawthorn and served in 221 games from 1981 to 1987 and 1989 to 1990. He took the club to three premierships, in 1983, 1986 and 1989. This was despite suffering a brain haemorrhage in November 1987 which required him to stand down for 12 months. His impact on players went well beyond the game and was best summed up by Dermott Brereton who said: "Ninety per cent (of what Jeans said) ...was not about football, it was about life, and how you conducted yourself." Jeans later had a short coaching stint at Richmond in 1992. Among the accolades bestowed on him were membership of the Australian Football Hall of Fame at its inception in 1996 and selection as coach for the St Kilda Team of the Century. Beyond football he was a much respected senior policeman whose career spanned 28 years. Allan "Yabby" Jeans was much more than a football coach. He was revered by his players as a mentor who was renowned for his droll wit and his ability to motivate and to demystify football.

## This Round in History – Round 18 on the MCG

The highest score is 25.19 (169) by Sydney against Melbourne 7.11 (53) in 1997. The overall Round 18 highest score is 30.21 (201) by Carlton against Footscray 10.12 (72) at Princes Park in 1982.

The most goals by an individual is 10 by Harold Harker of Melbourne against Geelong in 1921. Melbourne kicked 16.19 (115) and won by 44 points. The overall Round 18 goalkicking record is 13 by John Coleman of Essendon against Hawthorn at Windy Hill in 1952. Essendon kicked 20.12 (132) and won by 55 points.

The highest score in a quarter is 10.5 (65) by Sydney in the first quarter against Melbourne in 1997. Sydney went on to kick 25.19 (169) to win by 116 points.

The overall Round 18 highest score in a quarter is 11.6 (72) which has been scored twice. Carlton was the first to do so, in the second quarter against St. Kilda at Junction Oval in 1932. Carlton finished with 20.21 (141) to win by 87 points. Richmond equalled the record in the first quarter against Footscray at Waverley Park in 1980 when they booted 23.18 (156) to win by 115 points.

The highest Round 18 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday July 30, 1993 when 87,573 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 68 points.

## Statistics for Melbourne v Hawthorn

### Melbourne v Hawthorn by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Hawthorn	Drawn
MCG	35	38	0
Glenferrie Oval	29	15	0
Princes Park	4	11	0
Punt Road	3	1	0
Waverley	3	14	0
	74	79	0

### Most Goals in a Match

16	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 5	1969	GO
12	Bob Johnson Sr	Melb	Rd 11	1933	MCG
11	Fred Fanning	Melb	Rd 11	1944	GO
11	Leigh Matthews	Haw	Rd 1	1981	MCG
10	Peter Hudson	Haw	Rd 22	1971	GO
10	Jason Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1996	MCG

### Highest Score

Melbourne	26.20 (176)	Rd 17	1940	MCG
Hawthorn	26.22 (178)	Rd 11	1982	PP

### Lowest Score

Melbourne	3.11 (29)	Rd 2	1966	GO
Hawthorn	1.7 (13)	Rd 9	1926	MCG

### Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	141 points	Rd 9	1926	MCG
Hawthorn	115 points	Rd 21	1983	Wav

### Last Match – Round 2, 2011, MCG

	Hawthorn	Melbourne
Quarter time	2.8	3.1
Half time	3.13	8.2
Three-quarter time	11.24	9.3
Full time	16.26 (122)	12.5 (77)

## NUMBER 6

Guernsey number six has featured prominently at full forward since the First World War. These spearheads each scored at least 250 goals wearing the “half-dozen” on their back – Cliff Rankin (Geelong), Jack Moriarty (Fitzroy), Fred Fanning (Melbourne), John Dugdale (North Melbourne), Peter McKenna (Collingwood), Arnold Briedis (North Melbourne) and Michael Moncrieff (Hawthorn).

Wearing guernsey number six, Melbourne full forward Fred Fanning kicked 18 goals from 19 scoring shots in one afternoon against St Kilda at the Junction Oval in Round 18, 1947. This was his last VFL appearance and he recorded the most goals by an individual in a single match. Fanning played 104 games and kicked 411 goals with the Demons in 1940 and from 1942-47. He was only 25 when he left to coach at Hamilton.

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## NUMBER 23

Number 23 has been prominent at Hawthorn with four greats donning that guernsey. Leading full forward John Peck wore the number in 213 games (475 goals) from 1954 to 1966. Dominant skipper and ruckman Don Scott carried the number in 302 games (133 goals) from 1967 to 1981. Dermott Brereton, the Hawks' flamboyant champion, assumed the number from 1982 to 1992, wearing it in 189 games (427 goals). Current gun forward, Lance “Buddy” Franklin, now carries it. All four have donned the famous guernsey in premiership teams.

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