PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

There have been 27 players who have represented both Melbourne and Hawthorn. Three are profiled below.

Michael Byrne was recruited from North Shore in Sydney. He was a tall ruckman at 6'7" (200cm) and weighed 190lb (86kg). He first played with Melbourne from 1977 to 1982 in 56 games with 41 goals. He moved to Hawthorn from 1982 to 1986 where he played 90 games and contributed 97 goals. At Hawthorn he was a premiership player in 1983, the same year he finished fifth in the Brownlow Medal. His final club was the Sydney Swans where he played from 1987 to 1989 in 21 games with twelve goals. At Sydney he represented NSW in 1988. He was also appointed Swans' Reserves coach for 1992. He subsequently has become a noted rugby union coach who specialises in kicking and team skills. He has been the skills coach at Leinster (2002-2003), Scotland (2003-2005), New Zealand (2005-2015), Australia (2016-20) and Fijian Drua (2021 – present).

James Frawley. Recruited to Melbourne from North Ballarat Rebels in the TAC Cup, following his junior ranks at East Ballarat Junior Football Netball Club. At the Demons, the tall 6'4" (193cm) and 207 lb (94kg) defender was a tough and uncompromising player. At Melbourne he played from 2007 to 2014 in 139 games with eighteen goals. He then moved to Hawthorn from 2015 to 2020 where he recorded 100 games with six goals. He was selected in the All Australian team in 2010 and played in Hawthorn's 2015 premiership win. In 2021 he moved to St Kilda where he played two matches.

Jordan Lewis came from Warrnambool (Hampden FNL) and Geelong Falcons (TAC Cup). His career at Hawthorn spanned from 2005 to 2016 with 264 games and 145 goals. He was a member of four Hawthorn premiership teams – 2008, 2013, 2014 and 2015. He won the Hawthorn Best and Fairest (Peter Crimmins Medal) in 2014 and also won All Australian selection in 2014. He also, as vice-captain in 2012, took on the captaincy whilst captain, Luke Hodge, was side-lined. In seasons 2017 to 2019, he continued with Melbourne where he recorded 55 games and kicked 16 goals. In his AFL career he played a total 319 games and kicked 161 goals.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which two players have been in the most Demon premiership sides?
2. Which Melbourne players had the nicknames: "Ox", "Diamond Jim", "The Wizard", "Crackers" and "Wrecker"?
3. Which Hawthorn players had the nicknames: "Silk", "Dipper", "The Rat", "Mort" and "Lethal"?
4. Which player has played the most premierships with the Hawks?
5. In only one grand final has Hawthorn played Melbourne (the Demons' run-through for the match is pictured below). When was the match played, which club won, and what was the margin?
6. In which season did Melbourne win its first premiership?
7. In which season did Hawthorn win its first premiership?
8. Who am I? I played 241 matches between 1979 and 1991 and was a member of four Hawthorn premiership teams. My father coached the Hawks to flags in 1961, 1971 and 1976.

This Round in History – Round 2 on the MCG

The highest Round 2 score on the MCG was in 1990 when North Melbourne thrashed Richmond 32.17 (209) to 9.14 (68). North's John Longmire kicked 12 goals that night, still the most kicked by an individual in Round 2 at the MCG. The Roos kicked 13.3 (81) in the first quarter, which is the highest Round 2 quarter score. The highest ever Round 2 score was at Princes Park in 1969 by Carlton who defeated Hawthorn 30.30 (210) to 12.10 (82). Richmond's Doug Strang has the best Round 2 individual goalkicking performance with 14 goals at the Punt Road Oval against North in 1931. The biggest crowd at the MCG for Round 2 is 85,063 who saw Collingwood 14.16 (100) defeat Carlton 9.12 (66) in 1994. It is common for games to feature multiple goalkickers. However, in Round 2 at the MCG in 1934 only five players kicked goals when Melbourne 20.13 (133) defeated Hawthorn 6.8 (44). Melbourne's goalkickers were Allan La Fontaine (nine goals), Jack Mueller (seven) and Percy Beames (four). Jack Green (four) and Ted Poole (two) kicked Hawthorn's goals.

Statistics for Hawthorn v Melbourne

Hawthorn v Melbourne by venue

	Won by Hawthorn	Won by Melbourne	Drawn
Glenferrie Oval	15	29	0
MCG	46	42	1
Princes Park	11	4	0
Punt Road	1	3	0
Syd. Showground	0	1	0
Waverley Park	14	3	0
	87	82	1

Last Time They Met – Round 23, 2023, MCG

	Melbourne	Hawthorn
Quarter time	3.2	4.2
Half time	6.5	6.3
Three-quarter time	10.6	8.5
Full time	13.9 (87)	9.6 (60)

Highest Score

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

Lowest Score

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

Greatest Winning Margin

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

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

16	P. Hudson	Haw	Rd 5	1969	GO
12	B. Johnson Snr	Melb	Rd 11	1933	MCG
11	F. Fanning	Melb	Rd 11	1944	GO
11	L. Matthews	Haw	Rd 1	1981	MCG
10	P. Hudson	Haw	Rd 22	1971	GO
10	J. Dunstall	Haw	Rd 22	1996	MCG

Goalkicking Feats in Hawthorn v Melbourne Matches

- In Round 11, 1933, the left-footer, Bob Johnson Snr (Melbourne), kicked 12 goals two points at the MCG. The final scores read Melbourne 21.10 (136) to Hawthorn 15.8 (98). The attendance was 6,877.

- In Round 11, 1944, Fred Fanning (Melbourne) kicked 11 goals 11 points at Glenferrie Oval. The final scores read Melbourne 22.25 (157) to Hawthorn 7.10 (52). The crowd was estimated at 10,000.

- In Round 5, 1969, Peter Hudson (Hawthorn) kicked 16 goals and one point at Glenferrie Oval. The final scores read Hawthorn 21.10 (136) to Melbourne 14.20 (104) before a crowd of 13,288.

- In Round 22, 1971, Peter Hudson (Hawthorn) kicked 10 goals seven points at Glenferrie Oval. The final scores read Hawthorn 18.16 (124) to Melbourne 8.17 (65) in front of a crowd of 14,876.

- In Round 1, 1981, Leigh Matthews (Hawthorn) kicked 11 goals two points at the MCG. The final scores read Hawthorn 23.15 (153) to Melbourne 16.16 (112) in front of a crowd of 32,202.

- As merger talks between Melbourne and Hawthorn reached a crescendo in 1996, the Round 22 match between the clubs at the MCG was widely anticipated. The Hawks also needed to win to make the finals. In the end Hawthorn won by one point 15.12 (102) to 15.11 (101) before a crowd of 63,196. The Hawks' skipper Jason Dunstall was instrumental to the victory, booting 10 goals three behinds for the match. His ninth that game was his 100th for the year. On September 16 Hawthorn members voted to reject the amalgamation.

Over To You Answers

Q1 Ron Barassi and Frank Adams. Both in six flag teams in 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959, 1960 and 1964. **Q2** David Schwartz (Ox), John Tilbrook (Diamond Jim), Jeff Farmer (The Wizard), Peter Keenan (Crackers) and Brian Leahy (Wrecker). **Q3** Shaun Burgyone (Silk), Robert DiPierdomenico (Dipper), John Platten (The Rat), Graham Arthur (Mort) and Leigh Matthews (Lethal/Barney). **Q4** Michael Tuck. 1976, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1989 and 1991. **Q5** Hawthorn defeated Melbourne by 96 points, 22.20 (152) to 6.20 (56), in the 1988 grand final. **Q6** 1900 Melbourne 4.10 (34) defeated Fitzroy 3.12 (30). **Q7** 1961 Hawthorn 13.16 (94) defeated Footscray 7.9 (51). **Q8** John Kennedy Jnr.