MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 12
MELBOURNE V SYDNEY

LIBRARY FACT SHEET
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PLAYERS WHO APPEARED WITH BOTH CLUBS

Noel McMahen – A Demon champion and a South Melbourne coach

Noel McMahen was recruited to Melbourne from Mordialloc. He played with Melbourne from 1946 to 1956 in 175 games with 28 goals. He was a strong and feared defender who found his place as a dashing half back. He had good judgement and ball control. He was a member of the Demons' 1948 flag victory against Essendon. McMahen captained Melbourne to their 1955 and 1956 premierships. Honours included the Melbourne best and fairest award in 1951 and state selection on four occasions. After success coaching country side, Rochester, McMahen joined South Melbourne as coach for the years 1962 to 1964. He was honoured by being named a half back flanker in the Demons' Team of the Century in 2000.

Percy Taylor – Three Clubs due to War Time

Taylor was a rover at 5'6" (168cm) and 11st (70kg). He joined Geelong from local team Geelong West and represented Geelong from 1939 to 1941 in 25 games with 21 goals. Geelong were absent from the VFL in 1942 and 1943; in 1943 he joined South Melbourne for one year with seven games, contributing 16 goals. He then joined Melbourne from 1944 to 1945 where he played nine games and kicked 19 goals. In his VFL career he played 41 games and kicked 56 goals.

Harry Brereton – A Leading Forward who Topped the VFL Goalkicking

Recruited from Port Melbourne, Harry Brereton played with Melbourne in 1909 to 1912 and 1915. He recorded 85 games and registered 187 goals. He returned to League football in 1919 to 1922 when he played with South Melbourne in 17 games with 52 goals. His VFL career involved 102 matches and 239 goals. In 1912 he led the league goalkicking with 56 and represented the VFL against the Ballarat League team. He was Melbourne's leading goalkicker in the years 1909, 1911 and 1912. Brereton was a keen district cricketer with South Melbourne where he played as both a wicket-keeper and batsman. He later joined Port Melbourne in sub-district cricket. Harry Brereton was secretary of the Victorian Cricket Association for 25 years until his death, after a long illness, on December 31, 1950, aged 63.

DID YOU KNOW?

The tradition of the umpire bouncing the ball in the centre of the ground for the ruck contest was not the original method for ball ups. Early footage shows umpires striking the ball by hand. The ball would then strike the ground and rise for the ruck contest. Umpires were still using this method up until the 1930s.

OVER TO YOU

1. South Melbourne triple-Brownlow medallist, Bobby Skilton, was involved in only one finals match in a playing career that spanned 237 games. When was it?
2. In 1965 Norm Smith was dramatically sacked. Who replaced him for just one week and where was the match played?
3. How many wooden spoons did the South Melbourne club win during the 1970s?
4. Who was the former Melbourne player who won three consecutive Swans club best and fairest awards during the 1980s?
5. What was the year? Ron Barassi Snr was selected in a winning grand final team. A skinny Tiger scored 100 goals for the season. Dick Reynolds coached for the first time.
6. Who was appointed coach of South Melbourne before Ricky Quade and how many games did he coach?
7. Name the South Melbourne coach who never played VFL football.
8. Who was the Melbourne player who led the VFL goal-kicking in 1947?
9. One of the biggest stories of 1961 involved a South Melbourne ruckman named Ken Boyd. He was suspended for a total of 18 matches in that year alone. Who is he alleged to have knocked out against Carlton at Princes Park?
10. What nickname did Melbourne have before it was known as the Demons?

This Round in History – Round 12 on the MCG

The highest Round 12 score on the MCG is 25.16 (166) by Richmond against South Melbourne in1979. The overall Round 12 highest score is 29.15 (189) by South Melbourne against St Kilda 2.6(18) at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The highest score in a quarter for Round 12 on the MCG is 10.5 (65) by Melbourne in the last quarter against South Melbourne in 1936. The overall Round 12 highest score in a quarter is 17.4 (106) by South Melbourne in the last quarter against St Kilda at the Lakeside Oval in 1919. The biggest bag of goals on the MCG in Round 12 was 10 kicked by Brian Taylor for Richmond against Fitzroy in 1982 and Jack Riewoldt for Richmond against West Coast in 2010. The overall Round 12 goalkicking record is 17 by Gordon Coventry for Collingwood against Fitzroy at Victoria Park in 1930. The highest Round 12 attendance was recorded at the MCG in 2018 when 83,518 fans saw the Queen's Birthday clash between Melbourne and Collingwood.

Statistics for Melbourne v Sydney/South Melbourne

Melbourne v Sydney/South Melbourne by venue

	Won by Melbourne	Won by Swans	Drawn
MCG	50	45	2
Junction Oval	0	2	0
Manuka Oval	0	3	0
Waverley Park	2	4	0
Punt Road	2	3	0
Docklands	0	2	0
SCG	10	15	0
Stadium Aust.	1	0	0
Lake Oval	28	39	0
Princes Park	1	1	0
Cazaly Stadium	0	1	0
	94	115	2

Highest Score

Melbourne	26.21 (177)	Rd 15	1991	SCG
Sydney	29.15 (189)	Rd 17	1986	SCG

Lowest Score

Melbourne	0.8 (8)	Rd 12	1912	MCG
South Melb.	2.3 (15)	Rd 6	1898	MCG

Greatest Winning Margin

Melbourne	107 points	Rd 6	1939	MCG
Sydney	124 points	Rd 17	1986	SCG

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

12	L. White	South Melb.	Rd 5	1942	PP
10	R. Osborne	Sydney	Rd 13	1993	SCG

Last Time They Met – Round 8, 2021, MCG

	Melbourne	Sydney
Quarter time	3.1	3.3
Half time	5.6	3.7
Three-quarter time	8.6	6.8
Full time	10.7 (67)	8.10 (58)

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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http://tinyurl.com/mcclcatalogue

THE TWO FINALS BETWEEN MELBOURNE AND THE SWANS

- The 1936 preliminary final at the MCG saw South Melbourne 13.11 (89) defeat Melbourne 8.15 (63) before a crowd of 49,758. For the Swans Bob Pratt recorded five goals while Melbourne's Eric "Tarzan" Glass kicked three goals. The Swans continued to the Grand Final against Collingwood but were defeated by eleven points.
- The first semi final in 1987 at the MCG (*Football Record* shown right) saw Melbourne 21.23 (149) soundly defeat Sydney 10.13 (73) before a crowd of 80,292. Goalkickers for the Demons were: Robert Flower (4), Tony Campbell (3) and Greg Healy (3). Three Sydney players each kicked two goals, they were Tony Morwood, Dennis Carroll and Gerard Healy.
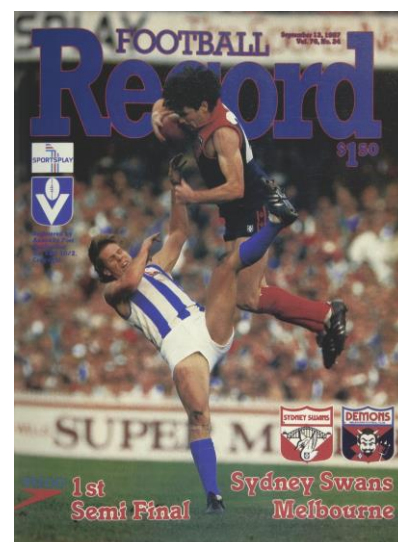
OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 1970 first semi-final against St Kilda, who won the match. Q2 F.V. "Checker" Hughes at Coburg against North Melbourne. Q3 Three (1971, 1973 & 1975). Q4 Gerard Healy (1986-88). Q5 1940. Q6 John Rantall. He coached no games. Q7 Allan Miller. Q8 Fred Fanning (97 goals). Q9 John Nicholls. Q10 The Fuchsias.