



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2022 ROUND 19 COLLINGWOOD V ESSENDON

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THE FIRST COLLINGWOOD VERSUS ESSENDON GAME AT THE MCG

In the inaugural season of the VFL (1897) the four top teams on the ladder after the home and away season – Essendon, Geelong, Collingwood and Melbourne – met in a round-robin finals series. These matches were played at various venues with the clash between Essendon and Collingwood in the second week of the finals being held at the MCG. In what proved to be a close encounter in the first three quarters, Collingwood led by one point at quarter time, Essendon by six points at half time and Essendon by eight points at three quarter time. Essendon got right on top in the final quarter, however, kicking five goals five to Collingwood's three behinds to win by 40 points. The final scores were Essendon 9.16 (70) to Collingwood 4.6 (30). Essendon's Norm Waugh kicked four goals and Hugh Gavin two. George Callesen booted two goals for Collingwood. By virtue of winning all three of their finals games Essendon finished on top of the finals ladder and were premiers in the VFL's first season. Geelong finished second with two wins, Collingwood had one and Melbourne none.

COLLINGWOOD VERSUS ESSENDON AWAY FROM ANZAC DAY

In addition to the now traditional ANZAC Day clash between the Magpies and the Bombers, the sides usually meet twice during each AFL season. Due to the 2020 season being delayed by the pandemic after Round 1 all clubs met each other only once with the season being reduced to 17 rounds. The sole Collingwood versus Essendon game for the season did not take place on ANZAC Day as originally scheduled but at night on Friday 3 July before an empty MCG stadium. The Pies and the Bombers also did not meet twice in 2016. The following are the results of the last five non-ANZAC Day Collingwood versus Essendon matches, excluding the delayed ANZAC Day clash in 2020:

- 2021 – Round 23 – Essendon 16.6 (102) defeated Collingwood 9.10 (64); no crowd at the MCG.
- 2019 – Round 23 – Collingwood 10.16 (76) defeated Essendon 10.5 (65); 85,405 at the MCG.
- 2018 – Round 16 – Collingwood 12.6 (78) defeated Essendon 9.8 (62); 69,868 at the MCG.
- 2017 – Round 16 – Essendon 18.9 (117) defeated Collingwood 12.8 (80); 63,537 at the MCG.
- 2015 – Round 23 – Essendon 14.11 (95) defeated Collingwood 14.8 (92); 40,270 at the MCG.

DID YOU KNOW?

Between 1898 and 1901 no finals matches were played at the MCG because the ground was top dressed for the cricket season as soon as the normal season was over. During this period all teams also played three rounds of sectional matches after the normal rounds. The MCG was not available for these games either. Sectional rounds continued to be played until 1907 but the MCG was used for both these games and finals after 1901. In fact the VFL grand final was played at the MCG for the first time in 1902.

OVER TO YOU

- 1 Who was Collingwood's first Brownlow Medallist and in what year did he win?
- 2 Who was Essendon's first Brownlow Medallist and in what year did he win?
- 3 Name the Essendon player who was awarded the 1952 Brownlow Medal retrospectively after he had originally lost to Richmond's Roy Wright on a countback. In which year did this player win the medal outright?
- 4 In which year did Essendon's Graham Moss win the Brownlow Medal?
- 5 In which year did Peter Moore win the Brownlow Medal while playing for Collingwood? In which year did Moore win his second Brownlow Medal while playing for Melbourne?
- 6 Which Essendon player wore the number 10 guernsey from 1978 to 1989? Which guernsey number did this player wear in seasons 1974 to 1978?
- 7 Which Collingwood player wore the number 17 guernsey throughout his 264-game career with Collingwood from 1995 to 2008?
- 8 Who was Essendon's leading goal kicker seven times between 1967 and 1975?
- 9 Who kicked 262 goals in his 180 games for Collingwood between 1953 and 1963?
- 10 In which year did Collingwood and Essendon meet in their most recent grand final?

This Round in History – Round 19 on the MCG

The highest score is 27.11 (173) by Melbourne against Sydney 15.16 (106) in 1990. The overall Round 19 highest score is 27.16 (178) by Hawthorn against Fitzroy 15.14 (104) in 1988. The most goals by an individual in Round 19 at the MCG is eight by five players: Collingwood's Brian Taylor against Brisbane in 1988, Sydney's Simon Minton-Connell against Essendon in 1993, Melbourne's Garry Lyon against Essendon in 1994, Collingwood's Saverio Rocca against Essendon in 1995 and Melbourne's David Neitz against Carlton in 1996. The overall Round 19 goalkicking record is also the overall VFL/AFL record – 18 by Fred Fanning of Melbourne against St Kilda at the Junction Oval in 1947. Melbourne kicked 27.9 (171) to win by 93 points. The highest score in a quarter is 11.1 (67) by Carlton in the third quarter against Richmond in 1985. Carlton finished with 23.15 (153) to win by 73 points. The overall Round 19 highest score in a quarter is 13.4 (82) by Essendon in the second quarter against North Melbourne at Windy Hill in 1972. Essendon kicked 21.14 (140) to win by 45 points. The highest Round 19 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday July 24, 1992, when 88,066 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 22 points.

Statistics for Collingwood v Essendon

Collingwood v Essendon by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Essendon	Drawn
MCG	36	38	2
Lake Oval	0	1	0
East Melb. CG	16	7	0
Victoria Park	53	23	0
Waverley	4	5	0
Windy Hill	24	32	2
	133	106	4

Last Time They Met – Round 6, 2022, MCG

	Collingwood	Essendon
Quarter time	3.2	2.2
Half time	6.2	4.6
Three-quarter time	9.3	8.8
Full time	15.3 (93)	12.10 (82)

Highest Score

Collingwood	30.20 (200)	Rd 14	1971	VP
Essendon	28.6 (174)	PF	1984	Wav

Lowest Score

Collingwood	2.4 (16)	Rd 4	1900	EMCG
Collingwood	2.4 (16)	GF	1901	LO
Essendon	3.2 (20)	Rd 7	1898	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	147 points	Rd 14	1971	VP
Essendon	133 points	PF	1984	Wav

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TOM BAXTER – HERO TO VILLAIN

Tom Baxter (right), who was regarded as a hero of the club after the Magpies' grand final success against Carlton in 1910, became the villain in 1911 when Collingwood went down to Essendon by six points, 5.11 (41) to 4.11 (35). At the end of the 1911 grand final, it is said that Baxter "slunk from the field, ignored by his mates and hooted by his supporters." Baxter, a professional boxer and associate of John Wren, was known to have a bet, and suspicion remains to this day that he "threw" the grand final. What went against Baxter was that he was regarded as one of the most skilled and feared forwards of the time, so his making no less than five elementary blunders at a vital stage of the game caused many Magpie supporters to become highly suspicious, despite the fact that Baxter had created a number of other scoring opportunities for his teammates. The Collingwood committee held an inquiry into his performance and cleared him of all allegations "there being no foundation for the irresponsible talk". He never played for Collingwood again, however, he was cleared to St Kilda at his request. He played 89 games for Collingwood from 1907 to 1911, kicking 74 goals, and 11 games for St Kilda in 1912, kicking seven goals.



OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 Syd Coventry (1927). Q2 Dick Reynolds (1934). Q3 Bill Hutchison; 1953. Q4 1976. Q5 1979, 1984. Q6 Garry Foulds, number 38. Q7 Scott Burns. Q8 Alan Noonan. Q9 Murray Weideman. Q10 1990.

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