



MELBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

AFL 2023 ROUND 7 ESSENDON V GEELONG

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GREAT GOALKICKING FEATS BETWEEN THE CLUBS

Jack Metherell, Geelong, in Round 9, 1936 kicked 10.4 against Essendon. Played at Corio Oval, Geelong 26.18 (174) defeated Essendon 14.13 (97). Metherall represented Geelong from 1932 to 1937 in 65 games with 221 goals.

In Round 8, 1952 at the Brisbane Exhibition Ground, Bomber full-forward, John Coleman, kicked 13 goals and seven behinds. All VFL matches that week were moved to country and interstate venues in an effort to spread interest in the game. The round was titled: the "Propaganda Round" by the press. Scheduled to be played on the Saturday afternoon, the match was rescheduled due to torrential rain. Essendon 23.17 (155) defeated Geelong 12.14 (86) by 69 points on the following Monday night in the first official VFL match to be played under floodlights. For Geelong two newcomers played at full-back on Coleman in half-back flanker, Geoff Williams, and Russell "Hooker" Renfrey. Regular full-back, Bruce Morrison, was representing Victoria that weekend. Coleman's 13 goals is the most by a Bomber against the Cats.

In Round 8, 1957 Bomber forward, Fred Gallagher, had a fine day kicking 12.4 against the Cats. Played at Windy Hill, Essendon 21.12 (138) defeated Geelong 15.12 (102). In season 1957 Fred Gallagher led Essendon's goal-kicking with 34 goals.

The Cats took on the Bombers at the MCG in Round 6, 1993, with enigmatic Geelong superstar, Gary Ablett, at the peak of his powers at one end and Essendon power forward, cum ruck-man, Paul Salmon, at the other end. Ablett ended up with 14.7, Salmon booted 10.6 and the Bombers ran out winners 23.18 (156) to the Cats 19.18 (132). At the MCG, 46,588 fans witnessed the match. At one end Ablett had three different opponents in Chris Daniher, Derrick Kickett and James Hird. Salmon also had three opponents in Tim Darcy, Stephen O'Reilly and Stephen Hooper. Ablett scored 14 goals in a losing side, the best total in a Geelong/Essendon match. For the record, Gary Ablett had 25 kicks, no handballs, 12 marks, six free kicks for 14 goals seven behinds and three Brownlow votes. Paul Salmon had 18 kicks, two free kicks, 10 goals, six behinds and two Brownlow votes. This 1993 shootout saw the key forwards kick 24 goals.

PLAYED WITH BOTH CLUBS

George Gonion was recruited to Essendon from Essendon Stars and Burnie. At Essendon 1948-1950, he played nine matches kicking 11 goals. At Geelong in 1950 to 1955 he appeared in 78 games, kicking 289 goals. Gonion was Geelong's champion goal kicker at full-forward in the 1951 and 1952 grand final wins. In 1951 Geelong 11.15 (81) defeated Essendon 10.10 (70) before an MCG crowd of 85,795. Gonion booted four goals for the winners. In 1952 the Cats triumphed by 46 points. Geelong 13.8 (86) defeated Collingwood 5.10 (40). An MCG crowd of 82,890 saw Geelong claim back-to-back flags. George Gonion kicked five goals for the victorious Cats. Gonion led the Cats' goalkicking in 1950 (45), 1951 (86), 1952 (59) and 1953 (65) and topped the VFL goal kicking in 1951 with 86. He was a reliable finals performer who kicked a remarkable 11 goals in a second semi-final in 1951 against Collingwood. He was controversially dropped for two of Geelong's finals, including the grand final, in 1953.

OVER TO YOU

1. Which Geelong players have won the Norm Smith Medal?
2. Who are the two players who have each won Essendon's Best and Fairest award on seven occasions?
3. What are the first four lines of the Geelong club song, played to the tune of the Toreador song by Bizet?
4. Which player has won Essendon's leading goal kicking award twelve times?
5. On how many occasions have Essendon and Geelong played a drawn game?
6. Who was selected as the captain/coach of Geelong's Team of the Century?
7. In his career with the Bombers, Essendon's Matthew Lloyd kicked how many goals between 1995 and 2009?
8. Who has led Geelong's goal kicking the most times?
9. Name the three Essendon players who have won the Stawell Gift.
10. Name the only Geelong player to have won the Stawell Gift.
11. Who are the two men to coach Essendon to four premierships?
12. Who are the two players to win four Best and Fairest awards at the Cats?

This Round in History – Round 7 on the MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 7 is 28.12 (180) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 22.11 (143) in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 37.17 (239) by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears 11.9 (75) at Carrara in 1992. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 7 is 122 points by Melbourne 25.16 (166) when they defeated North Melbourne 5.14 (44) in 1937. The overall Round 7 record is 164 points by Geelong against the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The lowest Round 7 score at the MCG since 1925 is 3.9 (27) by North Melbourne against Melbourne 15.21 (111) in 1927. This is the overall Round 7 record since 1925. The most goals by an individual in Round 7 at the MCG is 10 by Sydney's Tony Lockett against Collingwood in 1998. The overall Round 7 record is 17 by Jason Dunstall for Hawthorn versus Richmond at Waverley Park in 1992. The highest score in a quarter for Round 7 at the MCG is 10.3 (63) by the Kangaroos against Adelaide in the first quarter in 1999 and by North Melbourne against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1982. The overall Round 7 record is 14.3 (87) in the fourth quarter by Geelong when playing the Brisbane Bears at Carrara in 1992. The highest Round 7 attendance was in 2000 when 88,390 saw Essendon defeat Collingwood by 40 points at the MCG on Anzac Day.

Statistics for Essendon v Geelong

Essendon v Geelong by venue

	Won by Essendon	Won by Geelong	Drawn
MCG	15	14	0
Bris. Exhib. Oval	1	0	0
Corio Oval	16	24	1
Docklands	5	13	0
East Melbourne	19	7	0
Gabba	0	1	0
Kardinia Park	19	23	0
Waverley	4	4	0
Windy Hill	36	15	4
	115	101	5

Last Time They Met – Round 1, 2022, MCG

	Essendon	Geelong
Quarter time	2.1	7.5
Half time	3.3	12.9
Three-quarter time	6.3	17.14
Full time	11.6 (72)	20.18 (138)

Highest Score

Essendon	26.9 (165)	Rd 21	1983	Kard
Geelong	28.13 (181)	Rd 9	1992	MCG

Lowest Score

Essendon	2.3 (15)	Rd 9	1902	E Melb
Geelong	2.9 (21)	Rd 8	1910	E Melb

Greatest Winning Margin

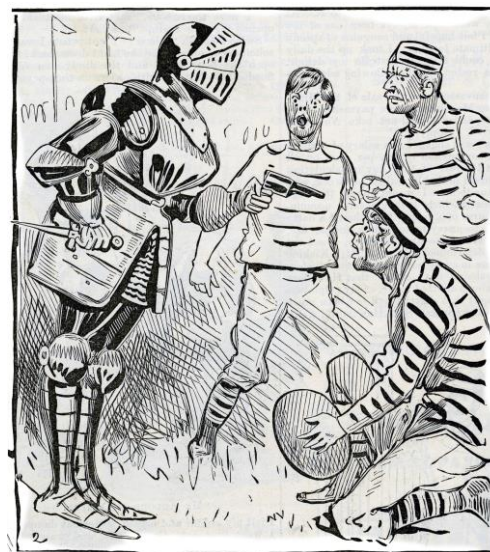
Essendon	97 points	Rd 2	1986	WH
Geelong	116 points	Rd 17	1934	Corio

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

14	Gary Ablett Snr	Geel	Rd 6	1993	14
13	John Coleman	Ess	Rd 8	1952	13
12	Fred Gallagher	Ess	Rd 8	1957	12
10	Paul Salmon	Ess	Rd 6	1993	10
10	Jack Metherell	Geel	Rd 9	1936	10

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS:

Q1 1989 Gary Ablett Snr, 2007 Steve Johnson, 2009 Paul Chapman, 2011 Jimmy Bartel and 2022 Isaac Smith. **Q2** Dick Reynolds (1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1942 and 1943) and Bill Hutchison (1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1953, 1955 and 1956). **Q3** We are Geelong, the greatest team of all / We are Geelong, we're always on the ball / We play the game as it should be played / At home or far away. **Q4** Matthew Lloyd (1997-2005, 2007-2009). **Q5** Five times. (1914, Round 1), (1952, Round 11), (1964, Round 15), (1969, Round 2) and (1987, Round 6). **Q6** Reg Hickey. **Q7** 926. **Q8** Doug Wade on 11 occasions in 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972. **Q9** George Stuckey (1897), Charlie Hearn (1929 and Lance Mann (1952). **Q10** Jack Grant (1938). **Q11** Dick Reynolds (1942, 1946, 1949 & 1950) and Kevin Sheedy (1984, 1985, 1993 & 2000). **Q12** Dick Grigg (1910, 1911, 1912 & 1914) and Garry "Budda" Hocking (1991, 1993, 1994 & 1996).



Suggestion for a Central Umpire
- Melbourne Punch, May 26, 1887 -

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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