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### AFL 2026 ROUND 6 CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

#### RAY BREW – A TALENT ON AND OFF THE FIELD

From his early days John Raymond “Ray” Brew was clearly a man of many talents. At school he was a gifted pianist and an accomplished Shakespearean actor. He was also a talented footballer and athlete. Completing his schooling at St Kevin’s College, he went to Melbourne University where he completed his Bachelor of Law degree. However, sport was not neglected and in 1923, after training with Carlton, he was selected and made his debut against Richmond at the Punt Road Oval in Round 3. He went on to play 118 games (31 goals) for the Blues from 1923 to 1931, captaining the side in 1925 and 1926, and from 1928 to 1931. He was selected to play for Victoria in the Australian Football Carnival in 1924. In 1925, when appointed Carlton captain, he was just 22 years of age. At a time of discontent at the club Brew was appointed as caretaker coach until the appointment of Jim Cardwell in June that year. In 1926 and 1928 he coached the side 37 times for 22 wins. Later, he was appointed as a vice-president at Carlton and held the position from 1932 to 1934. Brew practised law for many years, turning down the offer of a position as a judge as he felt he would find it difficult to pass sentence on others.



*Ray Brew as drawn by Leonard Reynolds.  
Table Talk, September 18, 1930.*



#### JAMES F. ‘JOCK’ MCHALE MEDAL

A medal was first presented to the premiership coach after the 2001 AFL Grand Final. It was inscribed “James F. ‘Jock’ McHale Medal” and the inaugural recipient was the Brisbane Lions’ Leigh Matthews. It was presented by Robbie McHale, a great granddaughter of Jock McHale. Jock was credited with eight Collingwood premierships as coach. His coaching career spanned 1912 to 1949, and accounted for 714 matches, with 467 wins, 237 losses and 10 draws.

The medal was designed by Jarrod Whitcombe and Heath McCurdy, designers with AFL Publishing. The imagery on the face of the medal includes a pensive McHale wearing a fedora hat with his hand on his chin, the AFL premiership cup, and an aerial view of the MCG. To honour previous premiership coaches, retrospective James F. ‘Jock’ McHale Medals were also awarded in 2001 to VFL/AFL coaches from 1950, the year following McHale’s retirement as coach in 1949. A Premiership Coach’s Medal was retrospectively issued to honour premiership coaches who predated 1950 as well.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2001, along with the James F. ‘Jock’ McHale Medal for the premiership coach, the AFL Grand Final Runners-up Medal was reintroduced. The Runners-up Medal was first awarded in 1980, but it had not been presented since 1981, after the frustrated Collingwood captain Peter Moore threw his medal into the crowd in disgust. The AFL Premiership Medal was also redesigned for 2001. The three designs were by Jarrod Whitcombe and Heath McCurdy.

#### OVER TO YOU

Since 1950 Carlton has had five McHale Medallists and Collingwood has had four. Can you name them?

## THIS ROUND IN HISTORY – ROUND 6 AT THE MCG

The highest score on the MCG in Round 6 is 31.18 (204) by St Kilda against Melbourne 21.15 (141) in 1978. The biggest winning margin at the MCG in Round 6 is 107 points by Melbourne 19.23 (137) when defeating South Melbourne 3.12 (30) in 1939. The lowest Round 6 score at the MCG since 1925 is 1.11 (17) by South Melbourne against Melbourne 8.15 (63) in 1962. This is the overall Round 6 record. The biggest bag of goals in Round 6 at the MCG took place in 1993 when Geelong's Gary Ablett Snr kicked 14 goals against Essendon. The highest score in a quarter for Round 6 at the MCG is 11.5 (71) by St Kilda against Melbourne in the second quarter in 1978. The highest score for a quarter in Round 6 was when Essendon scored 15.4 (94) against the Gold Coast Suns in the first quarter at the Docklands in 2011.

## STATISTICS FOR CARLTON V COLLINGWOOD

### Carlton v Collingwood by venue

	Won by Carlton	Won by Collingwood	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	0	1	0
MCG	39	43	0
Princes Park	50	27	2
Victoria Park	30	53	2
Waverley Park	9	10	0
	129	135	4

### Highest Score

Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG

### Lowest Score

Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP
Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP

### Greatest Winning Margin

Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP
Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG

### Last Time They Met – Round 17, 2025, MCG

	Carlton	Collingwood
Quarter time	3.3	4.3
Half time	4.5	8.5
Three-quarter time	6.9	16.9
Full time	8.11 (59)	17.13 (115)

### Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallence	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
11	H. Vallence	Carl	PF	1932	MCG
11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

## FINALS RECORDS BETWEEN THESE SIDES

1. Carlton's lowest finals score is 3.5 (23) scored in a 1903 semi final, Collingwood scored 4.3 (27) to win a close affair.
2. Carlton's greatest winning margin in a final is 88 points when they defeated the Magpies in a 1931 semi final. Carlton 20.10 (130) defeated Collingwood 5.12 (42).
3. The Carlton player who has scored the most goals in a final is Harry "Soapy" Vallence who scored 11 goals against Collingwood in the first semi final in 1931 and then went on again to score 11 goals in the 1932 Preliminary Final, again against the Magpies.
4. The biggest Grand Final crowd is 121,696 when these two sides met in 1970.
5. These two sides have met in six Grand Finals with Carlton winning in 1915, 1938, 1970, 1979 and 1981 and Collingwood winning in 1910.

## 100 YEARS AGO

The May 1, 1926, edition of the *Football Record* told us:

"Some amusing stories are going the rounds. One is to the effect that a country champion (so called) has been scared stiff by the prospect of playing in League company, in which he says he would not shine like he did wayback, when his light illuminated the football world like a motor car's headlights full on a dark road at night. So he prefers to reign in the back blocks to second rate recognition among the experienced townies, and has written to his old club to refuse his application for a clearance."

## OVER TO YOU ANSWER

**Carlton** – Ron Barassi 1968, 1970, John Nicholls 1972, Alex Jesaulenko 1979, David Parkin 1981, 1982, 1995, and Robert Walls 1987.

**Collingwood** – Phonse Kyne 1953, 1958, Leigh Matthews 1990, Mick Malthouse 2010, and Craig McRae 2023.

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