



## RAMS v CATS



For the first time, RINGWOOD and GEELONG meet in a Premier Final. For two relative newcomers to Premier Cricket, this is the most significant week in both clubs' history. RINGWOOD was admitted to VCA ranks in 1974/75, together with Waverley (now DANDENONG), while GEELONG came into the competition in 1993/94 along with FRANKSTON PENINSULA. It is just the third time that each club has made the finals.

Only two players on the field next weekend – the Cats' Damian Shanahan and Liam Buchanan – will have experienced the pressure of a Premier Final. Neither player has fond memories – Shanahan played in Camberwell Magpies' loss to Melbourne at the Albert Ground in 1997/98 and Buchanan in Melbourne's loss to St Kilda at the Junction Oval in 2004/05.

Both clubs have had outstanding individual performers throughout the season. For Ringwood, Michael King has set a new club record with his 55 wickets @ 13.09. For Geelong, both Aaron Finch (1081 runs @ 56.89) and Trent Walerys (57 wickets @ 16.61) have established new club records respectively for batting and bowling.

There have also been parallels with the two clubs' path to the Final. Each club has won two matches outright and won eleven others on the first innings. Each club lost one outright, interestingly both to St Kilda at the Junction Oval and each club had five losses in the home and away season.

RINGWOOD began the season slowly and, after Round 5, sat in twelfth spot on the ladder with its only points against the lowly Swans and Dragons. The turning point came in Round 6 against the Demons. Chasing MELBOURNE's imposing 345, RINGWOOD were 8/245 when Michael King was joined by cousin Daniel. The pair added an unbroken century partnership to get the Rams across the line. Michael's 73 not out went with his 6/98, and this was the first of six successive wins to set up RINGWOOD's season.

GEELONG began well and were sitting second after their Round 6 win over ESSENDON, but only one win resulted from their next six matches. "The experts" were nodding knowingly, expecting this to be an early start to another post-Christmas fade-out by the Cats, but they rallied and, apart from a hiccup at the Junction Oval in Round 14, GEELONG came home with a wet sail. They go into the Final with wins over DANDENONG (twice), CARLTON and successive outrights over CASEY-SOUTH MELBOURNE and NORTH MELBOURNE in the last two rounds of home and away action.

RINGWOOD	2007/08 DETAILS	GEELONG
Third	POSITION FINISHED	Fifth
25.64	RPW FOR	32.45
18.90	RPW AGAINST	22.15
8/346 v Melb at Albert Gr	HIGHEST TEAM SCORE	3/392 v Carlton at Geelong
75 v St Kilda at St Kilda	LOWEST TEAM SCORE	105 v St Kilda at St Kilda
127 MR King v Dand at Ring	HIGHEST IND. INNS	162* CJ Peake v Ess at Ess
7/25 MR King v F-P at C-Res	BEST IND. BOWLING	7/24 MA Carson v Dand at St K (SF)
720 TD Stray	LEADING RUNSCORER	1081 AJ Finch
55 MR King	LEADING WICKET-TAKER	57 TA Walerys

## THE FORM IN 2007/08

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9A	10	11	12	13	ODQF	14	15	16	17	QF	SF
Ringwood	5	L	L	4	L	6	6	6	A	6	5	5	L	6		10	L	4	6	W	W
Geelong	4	5	5	L	5	6	L	L	D	6	L	L	4	6	L	LO	6	10	10	W	W

## PATHWAY TO THE FINAL

### RINGWOOD

Rd	W	R	Opp	W	R	Res
1	1	80	C-SM	7	79	W1
2	8	203	NM	8	205	L1
3	10	196	GEEL	3	198	L1
4	3	245	NCTE	8	241	W1
5	9	173	UNI	10	180	L1
6	8	346	MELB	10	345	W1
7	7	342	PRAH	10	219	W1
	0	1				
8	10	93	ESS	10	134	L1WO
	2	203		10	161	
9						
9A	5	234	RICH	10	186	W1
10	10	190	FE	10	126	W1
11	4	155	CM	10	151	W1
12	10	123	H-MU	5	191	L1
13	10	192	FD	10	177	W1
	4	153				
ODQF						
14	5	97	FP	10	93	
	4	159		7	160	
15	10	211	CARL	10	241	L1
16	10	75	ST K	10	70	W1LO
	10	104		10	212	
17	10	298	DAND	10	142	W1
QF	10	201	ST K	10	150	W1
SF	4	132	UNI	10	83	W1
	164	4206		198	3744	

### GEELONG

Rd	W	R	Opp	W	R	Res
1	4	172	UNI	6	171	W1
2	3	351	NCTE	10	142	W1
3	3	198	RING	10	196	W1
4	10	245	MELB	8	260	L1
5	2	227	PRAH	10	226	W1
6	7	341	ESS	10	269	W1
	6	188				
7	10	309	RICH	6	311	L1
8	10	137	FE	6	339	L1
	1	116				
9	6	236	CM			DR
9A	8	216	CM	9	193	W1
10	10	186	H-MU	7	188	L1
11	8	205	FD	6	207	L1
12	6	216	FP	5	207	W1
13	3	392	CARL	10	218	W1
ODQF	8	301	ST K	6	308	L1
14	10	158	ST K	10	176	LO
	10	105		10	135	
15	10	206	DAND	10	163	W1
	1	8				
16	6	213	C-SM	10	82	WO
				10	89	
17	8	304	NM	10	132	WO
				10	121	
QF	4	178	CARL	10	177	W1
SF	10	114	DAND	10	99	W1
	164	5322		199	4409	

## THE PLAYERS

### RINGWOOD

		DOB	Debut	M
BIGGINS	Joel P	02-02-82	2000-1	37
FLYNN	Sean	29-01-73	1989-0	225
GALE	Matthew G	28-11-83	2001-2	98
GILMOUR	Steven T	16-10-86	2003-4	46
KING	David A	31-12-87	2006-7	24
KING	Michael R	16-09-83	2001-2	56
KING	Daniel N	27-02-87	2004-5	58
KING	Matthew J	17-12-85	2006-7	19
LOORHAM	Joseph DB	01-11-90	2007-8	10
McDONALD	Michael J	24-03-91	2007-8	2
McKAY	Drew C	21-09-78	2006-7	31
OSBORNE	Benjamin A	16-10-80	1998-9	94
RAWSON	Daniel J	18-11-84	2005-6	23
STRAY	Tom D	18-01-87	2003-4	68
WALSH	Brendan T	18-01-89	2005-6	18
WILCOX	Scott M	18-12-87	2005-6	4
WILSON	Ryan K	12-12-84	2004-5	15

### GEELONG

		DOB	Debut	M
ALFORD	Cameron N	25-10-87	2007-8	5
BOROVEC	Andre P	03-12-77	1994-5	194
BUCHANAN	Liam GL	22-11-80	1997-8	152
CARSON	Marc A	15-10-81	2000-1	58
DAVIES	Joel A	15-02-88	2004-5	55
DEAN	Shaun M	14-01-87	2003-4	52
DEAN	Matthew J	02-03-89	2005-6	7
ELLIOT	Thomas S	25-01-85	2004-5	27
FINCH	Aaron J	17-11-86	2002-3	77
FOSS	Justin DE	03-08-82	2002-3	26
HART	Jeremy W	12-08-85	2004-5	10
McPHEE	Justin J	23-12-87	2006-7	11
MILLER	Justin P	02-03-79	1996-7	73
MORGAN	David J	30-03-79	2002-3	52
MULLER	Luke T	03-09-78	2002-3	100
PEAKE	Clinton J	25-03-77	1993-4	221
SHANAHAN	Damian R	08-04-76	1993-4	225
WALERYS	Trent A	10-06-76	1996-7	162



# CLUB AVERAGES



## RINGWOOD

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Aver	100	50	0	C	S	O	M	R	W	Aver	BB	5i	10m	BPW	RPO	
BIGGINS	JP Ring 1	DNB																				
FLYNN	S Ring 19	22	5	658	113	38.71	2	2	4	14	4	0	22	0								5.50
GALE	MG Ring 19	20	3	284	66*	16.71	1	3	8	189	5	48	547	31	17.65	5/88	1					36.74
GILMOUR	ST Ring 18	14	2	216	41	18.00		2	8	202	4	48	639	28	22.82	3/23						43.43
KING	DA Ring 16	18	1	392	57	23.06	2	6	49	4	7	193	18	10.72	6/81	1						16.56
KING	MR Ring 18	17	4	393	127	30.23	1	1	2	6	249	1	64	720	55	13.09	7/25	6	1			27.18
KING	DN Ring 19	17	5	201	49*	16.75		1	6	141	22	515	21	24.52	3/20							3.65
KING	MJ Ring 12	17	1	375	118	23.44	1	3	5													
LOORHAM	JDB Ring 10	7	0	49	15	7.00		1	18													
McDONALD	MC Ring 2	1	0	6	6	6.00		3														
McKAY	DC Ring 19	11	7	23	5	5.75		2	1	203	40	681	27	25.22	5/49	1						45.11
OSBORNE	BA Ring 19	21	4	379	88	22.29	1	2	9	34	3	148	5	29.60	2/1							40.80
RAWSON	DJ Ring 8	6	1	52	33*	10.40		1	2													4.35
STRAY	TD Ring 18	22	3	720	77	37.89	6	2	20													
WALSH	BT Ring 9	9	2	133	30*	19.00		1	4	28	3	101	2	50.50	1/82							84.00
WILCOX	SM Ring 1	DNB						5	0	32	0											30
WILSON	RK Ring 1	DNB						2	0	12	0											6.00

## GEELONG

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Aver	100	50	0	C	S	O	M	R	W	Aver	BB	5i	10m	BPW	RPO	
ALFORD	CN Geel 5	2	0	12	12	6.00		1	3	51	15	152	9	16.89	4/29							2.98
BOROVEC	AP Geel 21	19	4	222	50	14.80	1	4	30	8												
BUCHANAN	LGL Geel 21	24	1	816	112	35.48	1	6	2	13	49	6	199	4	49.75	1/6						74.00
CARSON	MA Geel 21	8	4	22	9	5.50		2	4	272	55	887	44	20.16	7/24	2						37.20
DAVIES	JA Geel 19	21	0	598	81	28.48	4	3	6	53	13	159	9	17.67	2/18							35.33
DEAN	SM Geel 9	11	1	292	142	29.20	1	1	1													3.00
DEAN	MJ Geel 2	3	1	32	23	16.00		3	3	2	0	4	0									2.00
ELLIOT	TS Geel 10	11	1	203	51	20.30	1	1	6													
FINCH	AJ Geel 20	23	4	1081	137*	56.89	3	5	14	3	0	20	1	20.00	1/11							18.00
FOSS	JDE Geel 7	5	1	21	9	5.25		2	1	30	1	193	6	32.17	2/6							30.17
HART	JW Geel 3	1	1	1	1*					13	1	76	0									6.40
McPHEE	JJ Geel 6	1	1	0	0*					48	8	181	3	60.33	1/25							5.85
MILLER	JP Geel 3	3	1	21	18	10.50		1	1	40	4	155	1	155.00	1/56							96.00
MORGAN	LJ Geel 6	7	2	87	36	17.40		1	2	41	9	158	4	39.50	2/40							240.00
MULLER	DT Geel 21	17	7	241	57	24.10	1	6	217	45	703	28	25.11	4/84								61.50
PEAKE	CJ Geel 21	22	6	880	162*	55.00	3	3	1	7	50	16	125	7	17.86	4/20						46.50
SHANAHAN	DR Geel 16	14	2	353	63*	29.42	4	2	4	76	10	307	13	23.62	4/44							42.86
WALLERYS	TA Geel 21	13	4	146	38*	16.22		3	9	308	69	947	57	16.61	6/43	4						35.08
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																						3.07

