

2025

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Another Legendary Brownlow Moment...

Can you feel it? That buzz in the air can only mean one thing: it's the final week in September, and the Toyota AFL Premiership Season is heading towards its thrilling conclusion.

Tonight, we celebrate individual brilliance, honouring the best and fairest in the game. This season, the Brownlow race has been wide open, with the lead shifting weekly as the AFL's biggest stars dazzled with skill, courage and consistency. Will Nick Daicos be rewarded for his dominance? Could Bailey Smith surge at the finish? Might Noah Anderson or Matt Rowell cap a breakout season for the Suns? Or will Jordan Dawson rise above them all?

Whoever claims the medal, it will be another legendary moment - for them, and for the game.

At Toyota, we're proud to stand alongside the AFL as Premier Partner. Nights like these shine a light on the stars, but we know footy's heart beats loudest at the grassroots. Local clubs are the backbone of the game, and through the Toyota Good for Footy Raffle, we've helped more than 900 clubs raise over one million dollars for the third year running.

In 2025, we proudly supported another unforgettable Gather Round in Adelaide, backed the National Inclusion and Wheelchair Carnivals, and celebrate the game's unsung heroes through the Toyota AFL Volunteer Awards. We also took the Premiership Cup Tour to communities across the country, giving local clubs a taste of September.

From local legends to national icons, footy delivers legendary moments at every level, and Toyota is proud to help drive them forward.

On behalf of Toyota, I'd like to welcome you to this night of champions. May the most deserving player take home the medal... and may this be a night we'll all remember.

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6.45pm

Pre-Broadcast Formalities

7.05pm

Main Course Served

8.00pm

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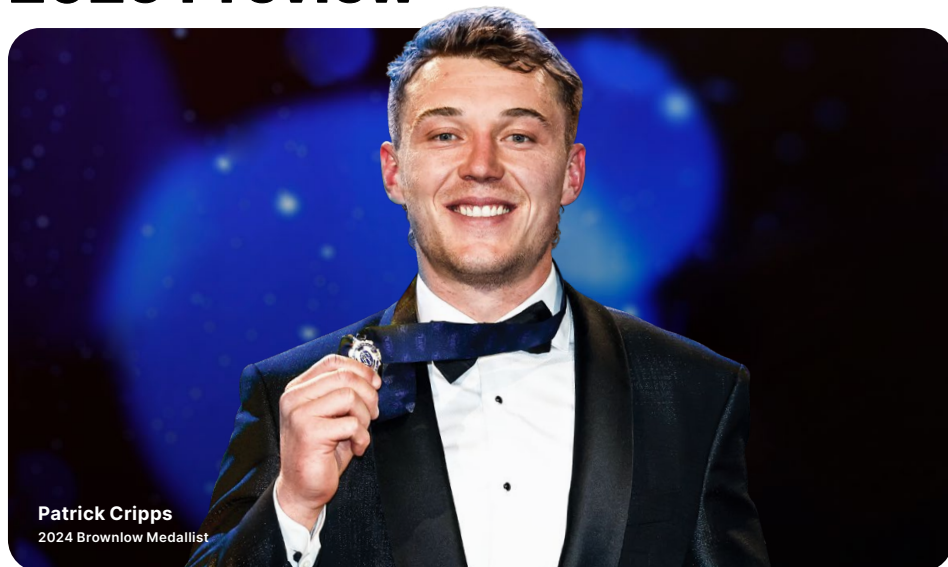
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2025 Preview



Nick Daicos would have won any other Brownlow Medal in history with the 38 votes he polled in 2024, but the Collingwood superstar had to settle for second in a historic count won by Patrick Cripps.

The stage is set this year, however, for Daicos to salute after back-to-back years on the podium, having also finished third in 2023 when he shared the lead with eventual winner Lachie Neale going into the final round.

The brilliant onballer will need to see off a hot field of contenders after Geelong star Bailey Smith made a triumphant return from a knee injury and Adelaide captain Jordan Dawson further entrenched himself as an elite midfielder and on-field leader.

Then there is Gold Coast duo Noah Anderson and Matt Rowell, who could lay claim to being the best midfield pairing in the game and will poll strongly after leading their Suns superbly.

Daicos enjoyed yet another brilliant season in the midfield, with the 22-year-old averaging 30.1 disposals, 6.2 clearances and 6.1 inside 50s, while kicking 17 goals across his 23 games.

His running power and sublime ball use made him a nightmare for opposition teams, with the 22-year-old rewarded with a third straight All-Australian blazer and the Leigh Matthews Trophy as the AFL Players Association's MVP.

Smith shapes as his main challenger after joining Geelong from the Western Bulldogs and flourishing in a new environment to enjoy a career-best year, leading the AFL for both disposals (31.2) and inside 50s (6.5).

The superstar midfielder has overcome personal challenges and scrutiny to turbo-charge Geelong's midfield with his tireless running and energetic style.

Dawson's ascent to be one of the AFL's best captains was a major reason behind Adelaide's minor premiership, with the former Sydney wingman named vice-captain of the All-Australian team after earning his second career selection.

Anderson and Rowell each took their games to new heights and created history by leading the Suns to their first ever finals campaign, with the midfield jets complementing each other superbly and becoming a stoppage force.

Anderson saved one of his best performances for the final round, dominating the rescheduled game against Essendon to finish with 34 disposals and three goals in a performance that could prove crucial when votes are tallied.



The 2025 Finalists

At the conclusion of the 2025 Toyota AFL Premiership Season, the League's Game Analysis Committee creates a shortlist for the AFL All-Australian selection panel of the best mark and goals from the season, which includes the 25 weekly winners.



The All-Australian panel then determines the three finalists based on a 5/4/3/2/1 vote given by each member of the selection committee.

The overall winner is determined by a combination of votes from the AFL All-Australian Panel and the public.

The winners will be announced during the Brownlow Medal count.

MARK OF THE YEAR

ROUND 10

Buku Khamis

v Essendon



High-flying Dog jumps clear over his Bombers opponent in classic style to leave Marvel Stadium in awe.

ROUND 21

Zac Banch

v St Kilda



First-year Roo throws caution to the wind and takes an incredible mark with a spectacular landing more spectacular.

ROUND 22

Sam Darcy

v Melbourne



A match-saving grab against the Demons as the big Bulldog soars to haul in a skyscraping kick.

GOAL OF THE YEAR

ROUND 4

Will Ashcroft

v Richmond



Star Lion thinks his way through a bouncing shot from a tight angle at the MCG that sets the MCG alight.

ROUND 12

Sam Flanders

v Fremantle



Suns mid pokes a soccer-style effort home with the outside of his boot from the tightest of angles.

ROUND 18

Noah Anderson

v Collingwood



The Suns skipper swoops on to a clearance, gives a 1-2 handpass and curls a crucial goal home from 35m.



2025 Rising Star

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A Telstra AFL Rising Star nominee is named after each round in the 2025 Toyota AFL Premiership Season, with a panel of experts voting for the winner at the end of the season. The 2025 Telstra AFL Rising Star winner is awarded the Ron Evans Medal at the 2025 Brownlow Medal, and receives \$20,000 from Telstra.

OR/ROUND 1

**Sam
Lalor**

Richmond



Stats: 18 disposals

2 marks

2 goals

ROUND 2

**Connor
O'Sullivan**

Geelong Cats



Stats: 15 disposals

7 marks

9 intercept possessions

ROUND 3

**Harvey
Langford**

Melbourne



Stats: 26 disposals

6 clearances

1 goal

ROUND 4

**Levi
Ashcroft**

Brisbane Lions



Stats: 22 disposals

4 marks

1 goal

ROUND 5

**Archie
Roberts**

Essendon



Stats: 28 disposals

8 marks

6 tackles

ROUND 6

**Murphy
Reid**

Geelong Cats



Stats: 17 disposals

8 score involvements

1 goal

ROUND 7

**Xavier
Lindsay**

Melbourne



Stats: 21 disposals

11 marks

5 score involvements

ROUND 8

**Hugo
Garcia**

St Kilda



Stats: 19 disposals

10 tackles

1 goal

ROUND 9

**Nate
Caddy**

Essendon



Stats: 16 disposals

7 marks

3 goals

ROUND 10

**Cooper
Lord**

Carlton



Stats: 15 disposals

7 marks

9 intercept possessions

ROUND 11

**Angus
Clark**

Essendon



Stats: 16 disposals

8 marks

3 goals

ROUND 12

**Ed
Allan**

Collingwood



Stats: 23 disposals

5 marks

6 tackles



2025 Rising Star

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ROUND 13

Dan Curtin

Adelaide Crows



Stats: 14 disposals

6 marks

6 tackles

ROUND 14

Tyrell Dewar

West Coast Eagles



Stats: 27 disposals

9 marks

2 tackles

ROUND 15

Finn O'Sullivan

North Melbourne



Stats: 18 disposals

3 marks

3 score involvements

ROUND 16

Clay Hall

West Coast Eagles



Stats: 22 disposals

4 tackles

3 clearances

ROUND 17

Isaac Kako

Essendon



Stats: 17 disposals

5 tackles

1 goal

ROUND 18

Luke Trainor

Richmond



Stats: 16 disposals

5 marks

5 tackles

ROUND 19

Ashton Moir

Carlton



Stats: 11 disposals

4 marks

4 goals

ROUND 20

Joe Fonti

GWS GIANTS



Stats: 14 disposals

4 marks

5 intercept possessions

ROUND 21

Ethan Read

Gold Coast SUNS



Stats: 13 disposals

7 marks

3 goals

ROUND 22

Hugh Boxshall

St Kilda



Stats: 14 disposals

8 tackles

5 marks

ROUND 23

Harry Rowston

GWS GIANTS



Stats: 12 disposals

4 tackles

4 goals

ROUND 24

Matthew Carroll

Carlton



Stats: 15 disposals

7 marks

5 score involvements



Jim Stynes Award

The Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award highlights the enormous contributions that AFL players make off the field to a wide range of communities and recognises the outstanding commitment of the three finalists.

Season 2025 marks the 14th occasion the award will be presented. In partnership with the Jim Stynes Foundation, the winner will receive \$40,000 to be donated to the charity or community program of their choice.

AFL Chief Executive Officer Andrew Dillon said the AFL is proud to continue honouring the legacy of Jim Stynes through this important award.

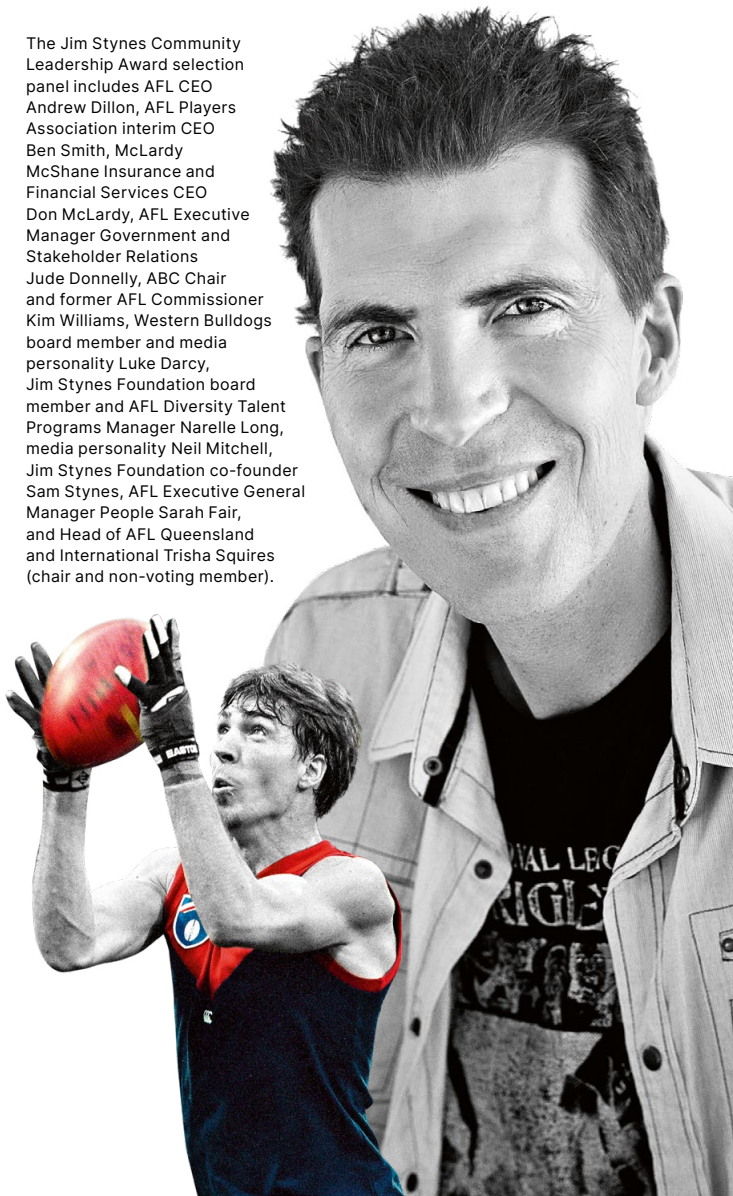
"Jim Stynes left a legacy that continues to inspire not just our players, but the broader football community. His belief in using football as a force for good continues on through this award," Dillon said.

"Each of our 2025 finalists have gone above and beyond to lead with compassion, purpose and generosity, which are the values that are at the heart of this award and central to what we stand for as a game."

"Reflecting the true spirit of making a difference beyond the field, I'd like to thank the Jim Stynes Foundation for their continued partnership to formally recognise the community contributions of our players."

Nominations for the award are submitted from AFL clubs and the AFL Players' Association before the judging panel selects the finalists.

The Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award selection panel includes AFL CEO Andrew Dillon, AFL Players Association interim CEO Ben Smith, McLardy McShane Insurance and Financial Services CEO Don McLardy, AFL Executive Manager Government and Stakeholder Relations Jude Donnelly, ABC Chair and former AFL Commissioner Kim Williams, Western Bulldogs board member and media personality Luke Darcy, Jim Stynes Foundation board member and AFL Diversity Talent Programs Manager Narelle Long, media personality Neil Mitchell, Jim Stynes Foundation co-founder Sam Stynes, AFL Executive General Manager People Sarah Fair, and Head of AFL Queensland and International Trisha Squires (chair and non-voting member).



Jim Stynes >

1991 Brownlow medallist



The 2025 Finalists



Callan Ward

A foundation Giants player and former captain, Ward has played a central role in the club's community engagement strategy through the GIANTS Foundation. In 2023, Ward helped launch a major campaign to build Western Sydney's first dedicated children's hospice in partnership with Rio's Legacy and Sydney Children's Hospitals Foundation.

The campaign raised \$3.3 million in initial funding, unlocking a \$20 million commitment from the NSW Government and an additional \$13 million in philanthropic support. The facility is due to open in 2027. Ward also mobilised widespread community involvement, including over 250 participants in the GIANTS Foundation's 2024 City2Surf team.



Harris Andrews

Harris Andrews is a committed advocate for creating safer and more respectful communities, focusing on empowering young people, particularly boys, to develop emotional intelligence and reject violence. Since 2018, he has been an active Ambassador for Beyond DV, engaging directly with vulnerable youth and volunteering at events to support those impacted by domestic and family violence.

Andrews played a key role in the 'Ask a Mate' initiative, a prevention program promoting respectful relationships, helping to mobilise over 20 public figures and teammates to amplify the campaign's reach, including the launch of a dedicated app in 2025.



Tom Liberatore

Tom Liberatore has played an ongoing role in the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation's Social and Study Club, a weekly after-school program supporting students from African cultural backgrounds in Melbourne's west. Attending sessions each week during school terms, he provides hands-on academic support, mentoring and encouragement to help improve student engagement and confidence. Liberatore also contributes to the program as a member of the Foundation's Youth Early Intervention and Prevention Community of Practice, helping shape strategy and youth engagement approaches.

Past Winners (2012-Present)

2012 Daniel Jackson
Richmond

2013 Zac Smith
Gold Coast Suns

2014 Beau Waters
West Coast Eagles

2015 Dennis Armfield
Carlton

2016 Jimmy Bartel
Geelong Cats

2017 Jack Hombsch
Port Adelaide

2018 Neville Jetta
Melbourne

2019 Stephen Coniglio
Gws Giants

2020 Bachar Houli
Richmond

2021 Travis Boak
Port Adelaide

2022 Joel Selwood
Geelong Cats

2023 Sam Docherty
Carlton

2024 Riley O'Brien
Adelaide Crows



Riley O'Brien (2024)
Adelaide Crows



Adelaide

Skipper Jordan Dawson has enjoyed a career-best year, leading the Crows to the minor premiership, and is rightly among the top overall chances.

Best Chance

Jordan Dawson

It could be Dawson's year. The Adelaide captain not only enjoyed a fantastic individual season, but he'll also benefit from few other Crows midfielders pinching votes from him. While the likes of Riley Thilthorpe, Izak Rankine and Ben Keays should poll across the night, we know it's the ball winners who steal the show. Dawson will see plenty of votes in the side's 18 wins. Enough to win it all? Let's wait and see.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Jordan Dawson
(14 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 32 Jordan Dawson
- 15 Riley Thilthorpe
- 14 Izak Rankine

Predicted Team Total

90

Quick Single

Mark Keane

v Sydney, Round 12

The Irishman enjoyed a fantastic season and could earn his first Brownlow votes following a win over Sydney midway through the year. Keane had 23 disposals, 15 intercept possessions and eight intercept marks in a standout display.

Ineligible Players

James Peatling, Mitch Hinge

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Mark Ricciuto (2003)



Brisbane Lions



Lachie Neale has long dominated the Lions' votes, but Hugh McCluggage should lead the way this year, and he could be among the top five vote-getters overall.

Best Chance

Hugh McCluggage

It was a season where McCluggage perhaps surpassed brilliant teammate Lachie Neale as Brisbane's No.1 option through the midfield. That should be reflected on Brownlow night, following a season where he also claimed All-Australian honours for the first time. The gun Lion combined prolific ball-winning with clearances and goals, which is always a good indicator for votes. Expect him to be among the frontrunners.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Lachie Neale
(22 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 28 Hugh McCluggage
- 17 Lachie Neale
- 13 Josh Dunkley

Predicted Team Total

97

Quick Single

Jaspa Fletcher v Fremantle, Round 23

A move into the backline paid dividends for Fletcher this season, and could see him notch his first-ever votes. He won a game-high 32 disposals to go with 17 marks and seven intercept possessions.

Ineligible Players

Zac Bailey

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Haydn Bunton (1931, 1932, 1935)
Wilfred Smallhorn (1933)
Denis Ryan (1936)
Allan Ruthven (1950)
Kevin Murray (1969)
Bernie Quinlan (1981)
Michael Voss (1996)
Jason Akermanis (2001)
Simon Black (2002)
Lachie Neale (2020, 2023)



Carlton



Patrick Cripps isn't going to be breaking records as he did in last year's win, but is still likely to be the Blues' best, with George Hewett close on his heels.

Best Chance

Patrick Cripps

It's not guaranteed the Cripps, a two-time winner, will top Carlton's count. But his previous history of racking up votes will work in his favour. While the contested beast wasn't always at his wonderful best this year, he still had enough of an impact during the side's nine wins to claim his fair share of votes. Will it be enough to top his fellow clearance bull in George Hewett and soar towards the top?



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Patrick Cripps
(45 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 13 Patrick Cripps
- 13 George Hewett
- 8 Harry McKay

Predicted Team Total

53

Quick Single

Francis Evans

v Essendon, Round 24

Evans has played 44 games at three clubs. Now, he could have his first Brownlow votes. Expect him to catch the umpires' attention following a strong end to the year, particularly in a win over Brisbane where he finished with 19 disposals, three goals and 12 score involvements.

Ineligible Players

N/A

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Bert Deacon (1947)
- John James (1961)
- Gordon Collis (1964)
- Greg Williams (1994)
- Chris Judd (2010)
- Patrick Cripps (2022, 2024)



Collingwood

Perennial favourite Nick Daicos looms as one of the leading contenders again after going so close over the past two years.



Best Chance

Nick Daicos

It couldn't be anyone else. After being so unlucky on Brownlow night across the last couple of seasons, could 2025 finally be Nick's year? Daicos was fantastic once again right the way through the campaign and should find himself among the votes in most, if not all, of Collingwood's 16 wins. We know he's a proven poller – reflected in the fact he's notched 28 and 38 votes across the last two years respectively – so don't be surprised if he finds enough to take home the Brownlow this season.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Nick Daicos
(38 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 31 Nick Daicos
- 13 Josh Daicos
- 12 Steele Sidebottom

Predicted Team Total

95

Quick Single

Ned Long

v Sydney, Round 5

Gather Round turned into a breakout party for Long. His performance in the Friday night blockbuster, where he had 29 disposals to go with nine clearances, six tackles and 10 score involvements, was his best game yet. Expect it to result in Long's first-ever votes.

Ineligible Players

Dan Houston

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Syd Coventry (1927)
Albert Collier (1929)
Harry Collier (1930)
Marcus Whelan (1939)
Des Fothergill (1940)
Len Thompson (1972)
Peter Moore (1979)
Nathan Buckley (2003)
Dane Swan (2011)



Essendon

Zach Merrett had a standout season and will likely poll heavily in the Bombers' six wins, while midfielder Nic Martin also impressed before injury.

Best Chance

Zach Merrett

It was another stellar year for the Essendon skipper, who will poll a lot of votes throughout the first half of the campaign when he enjoyed much more midfield time. Clearly the side's most influential player, Merrett is bound to poll in the majority of the Bombers' six wins and could even notch some votes when trialled across half back. Nic Martin was also solid, but was struck down by injury.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Zach Merrett
(18 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 18 Zach Merrett
- 12 Josh Daicos
- 5 Steele Sidebottom

Predicted Team Total

51

Quick Single

Zach Reid

v Sydney, Round 9

The Essendon youngster had a career day in an upset win over Sydney, with his influence behind the ball perhaps putting him in line for his first career votes. Reid finished with 27 disposals, 14 marks and eight intercepts on a big afternoon.

Ineligible Players

Sam Durham

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Dick Reynolds (1934, 1937, 1938)
Bill Hutchison (1952, 1953)
Graham Moss (1976)
Gavin Wanganeen (1993)
James Hird (1996)



Fremantle

Caleb Serong could be a genuine Brownlow threat after another stellar season and could go all the way, while Andrew Brayshaw and Luke Jackson should also poll well.



FREMANTLE
DOCKERS

Best Chance

Caleb Serong

Don't discount Serong as a genuine Brownlow threat. He's a proven poller – evidenced by him winning 24 and 28 votes across his last two seasons respectively – and enjoyed another terrific campaign. Andrew Brayshaw will steal some votes, while Luke Jackson also had some standout games, but Serong's quality and his ability to win it at the coal face should see him score votes in most of the Dockers' 16 victories.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Caleb Serong
(28 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 20 Andrew Brayshaw
- 20 Caleb Serong
- 11 Luke Jackson

Predicted Team Total

80

Quick Single

Patrick Voss

v Collingwood, Round 19

Now this would be a popular vote. Voss quickly became a fan favourite at Fremantle this year and enjoyed his best game in a slender win over Collingwood at the MCG. Voss finished with a career-high six goals, which should see him land his first votes.

Ineligible Players

Patrick Voss

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Nat Fyfe (2015, 2019)



Geelong

Former Bulldog Bailey Smith has been an instant hit at the Cattery and could well claim his first 'Charlie' after a brilliant season.



Best Chance

Bailey Smith

What a first season at Geelong it's been for Smith. He's added so much to the Cats' midfield, with his prolific ball-winning abilities and his elite running power. He will be a genuine Brownlow contender, and might even be considered a certainty if not for missing three games due to injury. Max Holmes and Jeremy Cameron will steal some votes, but not enough to rule Smith out of contention. He'll be in the mix.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Jeremy Cameron
(16 votes)

Brownlow Predictor

- 31 Bailey Smith
- 19 Max Holmes
- 16 Jeremy Cameron

Predicted Team Total

91



Quick Single

Zach Guthrie

v Melbourne, Round 4

After notching the first four votes of his career last year, Guthrie is in some good Brownlow form. Expect him to continue that run following an early-season win over Melbourne, where he finished with a game-high 30 disposals to go with 17 marks, eight score involvements and seven intercepts.

Ineligible Players

Shannon Neale

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Edward 'Carji' Greeves jnr (1924)
- Bernie Smith (1951)
- Alistair Lord (1962)
- Paul Couch (1989)
- Jimmy Bartel (2007)
- Gary Ablett jnr (2009)
- Patrick Dangerfield (2016)



Gold Coast Suns

Noah Anderson's ball-winning ability and scoreboard impact, and Matt Rowell's work at the contest place them both firmly among the top contenders.



Best Chance

Noah Anderson

Gold Coast is in the unique position of having two genuine Brownlow contenders. Expect Anderson to narrowly shade teammate Matt Rowell in terms of votes, given his ability to find plenty of footy and hit the scoreboard. However, Rowell does a lot of the tough stuff that normally catches the umpires' attention. The big question, will they steal too many votes off each other to end up claiming the award?



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Matt Rowell
(25 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 30 Noah Anderson
- 27 Matt Rowell
- 7 Touk Miller

Predicted Team Total

79

Quick Single

Bailey Humphrey

v Sydney, Round 7

It was a breakout year for Humphrey, so expect him to poll his first-ever Brownlow votes. That could come in a win over Sydney, where he finished with 18 disposals and five clearances, as well as kicking four goals.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Gary Ablett jnr (2013)

Ineligible Players

N/A



GWS Giants

Tom Green has taken his game to a new level, dominating in the midfield, and is an outside chance to challenge the top fancies.



Best Chance

Tom Green

It was a career-best year for Green, so it's within reason to expect him to top last year's count where he notched a competitive 27 votes. Green is among the best contested and clearance players in the competition, which always bodes well on Brownlow night. While youngster Finn Callaghan might steal more from him this season, expect Green to still be a prolific poller. Could he be an outside chance to nick the medal?



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Tom Green
(27 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 25 Tom Green
- 21 Finn Callaghan
- 11 Toby Greene*

Predicted Team Total

87

Quick Single

Harry Rowston

v Gold Coast Suns, Round 23

Having spent much of the season in and out of the Giants' best side, could Rowston be heading towards polling his first-ever Brownlow votes? The club's Academy graduate spent a stint in the forward line against Gold Coast, finishing with four goals from 12 disposals and six score involvements.

Ineligible Players

Toby Greene

PREVIOUS WINNERS

N/A



Hawthorn



Midfield bull Jai Newcombe should poll well after a stellar year, with Karl Amon, Dylan Moore and surprise packet Jack Gunston also tipped to pick up votes.

Best Chance

Jai Newcombe

Newcombe established himself as a big Brownlow poller when he racked up 24 votes last year, ensuring he will again be a sneaky chance this time around. Newcombe had a stellar first half of the year, but will vie with goalkickers Jack Gunston and Dylan Moore for votes. With the Hawks notching 15 wins for the campaign, expect to see Newcombe's name pop up more than a few times.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Jai Newcombe
(24 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 14 Jai Newcombe
- 10 Jack Gunston
- 8 James Sicily

Predicted Team Total

80

Quick Single

Lloyd Meek

v St Kilda, Round 17

The big ruck is a fan favourite at Hawthorn and could find himself in line for his first-ever Brownlow votes at a few different stages this year. Expect him to be a contender against St Kilda, where he finished with 20 disposals, 59 hitouts, five clearances, six tackles and 10 score involvements.

Ineligible Players

Conor Nash

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Col Austen (1949)
- Robert DiPierdomenico (1986)
- John Platten (1987)
- Shane Crawford (1999)
- Sam Mitchell (2012)
- Tom Mitchell (2018)



Melbourne

Max Gawn has banked another dominant season and could surpass his 2018 tally of 20 votes, after earning a record-equalling eighth All-Australian nod.

Best Chance

Max Gawn

Gawn polled a career-high 20 votes in 2018, but could knock that record off this season. Another terrific campaign, resulting in an eighth All-Australian blazer, saw the Melbourne captain almost go to another level. He was prolific, dominant in the ruck, and once again established himself as one of the best marking big men in the game. Expect him to see plenty of votes in the Demons' seven wins, and maybe even more in their losses, such was his significant impact each and every week.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Christian Petracca
(16 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 27 Max Gawn
- 11 Kysaiah Pickett
- 8 Christian Petracca

Predicted Team Total

66

Quick Single

Kade Chandler

v West Coast Eagles, Round 8

Chandler has a couple of Brownlow votes to his name already, courtesy of a three-goal game back in 2023, but could see more this year. He was fantastic in a win over West Coast, finishing with 26 disposals and a goal to go with eight tackles and seven score involvements.

Ineligible Players

Aidan Johnson, Steven May

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Ivor Warne-Smith (1926, 1928)
Don Cordner (1946)
Brian Wilson (1982)
Peter Moore (1984)
Jim Stynes (1991)
Shane Woewodin (2000)



North Melbourne

With ruck Tristan Xerri ineligible, expect on-baller Luke Davies-Uniacke to back up his club-leading showing from last year.



Best Chance

Luke Davies-Uniacke

Tristan Xerri should poll North Melbourne's most votes, but since he's suspended you can expect Luke Davies-Uniacke to be the Kangas' best chance. Having started the year by inking a seven-year contract extension, Davies-Uniacke followed the news by reaffirming his status as the side's premium contested and clearance option in the midfield. Expect him to vie with Xerri and Harry Sheezel as the side's leading vote winner.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Luke Davies-Uniacke (18 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 17 **Tristan Xerri***
- 7 **Luke Davies-Uniacke**
- 5 **Tom Powell**

Predicted Team Total

41

Quick Single

Cam Zurhaar

v Richmond, Round 10

Zurhaar is always a shot at bobbing up with a vote and will consider himself a chance once again following a four-goal performance against Richmond. Helping to inspire one of North's five wins this year might see the forward add to his career tally of 13 votes.

Ineligible Players

Tristan Xerri, Jackson Archer, Paul Curtis

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Noel Teasdale (1965)
Keith Greig (1973, 1974)
Malcom Blight (1978)
Ross Glendinning (1983)



Port Adelaide



Zak Butters should be among the top handful of vote getters after a brilliant 2025, while partner-in-crime Connor Rozee had a strong start but faded late.

Best Chance

Zak Butters

Butters might have been a legitimate Brownlow contender, had he not missed Port Adelaide's first three games due to injury. The superstar midfielder once again combined his brilliance with his toughness, compiling a campaign where he was one of the best players in the game once more. Having polled 27 and 29 votes across the last two seasons respectively, Butters will again rack up plenty of votes this year and should be considered an outside chance to be among the contenders.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Zak Butters
(29 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 26 Zak Butters
- 18 Connor Rozee
- 6 Mitch Georgiades,
Jason Horne-Francis

Predicted Team Total

63

Quick Single

Jordon Sweet
v Hawthorn, Round 19

It was one of the best individual games this year, according to AFL Player Ratings, and Sweet will be hoping it earns him his first career Brownlow votes. The big Port Adelaide ruck finished with 22 disposals and a goal to go with 42 hitouts, 10 clearances and seven tackles.

Ineligible Players

Ollie Wines, Darcy Byrne-Jones

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Ollie Wines (2021)



Richmond

The Tigers should expect a better showing than last year's club record low of 19 total votes, with Tim Taranto likely to go close to that number himself.



Best Chance

Tim Taranto

Don't expect any Richmond players to be among the Brownlow contenders, but Taranto should poll the most votes of any Tigers player. Taranto was the standout in most of Richmond's five wins this year and has a good Brownlow record, having polled 15 votes in 2021 and another 19 votes in his first year at Punt Road back in 2023. Nick Vlastuin and Jacob Hopper also had solid years, but expect Taranto to shine on the night.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Tim Taranto,
Shai Bolton (5 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 16 **Tim Taranto**
- 5 **Nick Vlastuin**
- 4 **Jacob Hopper**

Predicted Team Total

30

Quick Single

Dion Prestia

v GWS Giants, Round 12

Prestia missed the first 11 games due to injury, but made his mark during his comeback game. The veteran midfielder finished with 31 disposals and a goal to go with seven clearances, five tackles and nine score involvements.

Ineligible Players

Tom Lynch, Rhyan Mansell

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Stan Judkins (1930)
Bill Morris (1948)
Roy Wright (1952, 1954)
Ian Stewart (1971)
Trent Cotchin (2012)
Dustin Martin (2017)



St Kilda

Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera had a season to remember and that's likely to be reflected on Brownlow night, while Jack Sinclair always attracts votes.



Best Chance

Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera

If Wanganeen-Milera is even a slight sniff at the halfway point of the year, he might become an outside chance to take home the Brownlow having come home like a steam train. AFL.com.au's Brownlow Predictor has Wanganeen-Milera polling best-on-ground votes in six of seven matches towards the end of the campaign, ensuring he joins the contenders for the game's most prestigious individual honour. Will his late run be enough?



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Rowan Marshall
(16 votes)

Brownlow Predictor

- 25 Nasiah Wanganeen-Milera
- 9 Jack Macrae
- 8 Marcus Windhager

Predicted Team Total

67



Quick Single

Max Hall

v Hawthorn, Round 17

It was a breakout season for Hall and he should be rewarded with his first Brownlow votes. His game against Hawthorn was a standout, as he finished with 27 disposals and three goals in an influential performance.

Ineligible Players

N/A

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Colin Watson (1925)
Brian Gleeson (1957)
Neil Roberts (1958)
Verdun Howell (1959)
Ian Stewart (1965, 1966)
Ross G Smith (1967)
Tony Lockett (1987)
Robert Harvey (1997, 1998)



Sydney Swans

Isaac Heeney is a proven vote-getter and should poll well again this year, while Brodie Grundy also had a standout season so should feature.

Best Chance

Isaac Heeney

Heeney polled 28 votes last year, proving he could be a future Brownlow winner if afforded more midfield time. He's likely to solidify that standing after another impressive campaign in 2025. Brodie Grundy and Chad Warner will steal votes across the course of the night, but Heeney was the Swans' best player this year and enjoyed a series of dominant performances. Will it be enough to put him in contention?



2024 Leading Vote Winner

I. Heeney
(28 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 20 Isaac Heeney
- 11 Brodie Grundy
- 10 Chad Warner

Predicted Team Total

66

Quick Single

Riley Bice

v North Melbourne, Round 4

The mature-aged recruit had a strong start to his AFL career and could be in line for Brownlow votes after starring in an early season win over North Melbourne. Bice finished with 26 disposals, 15 marks, seven score involvements, nine intercepts and five intercept marks in a terrific performance.

Ineligible Players

Callum Mills, Joel Amartey, Aaron Francis, Justin McInerney, Lewis Melican

PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Herbie Matthews (1940)
- Ron Clegg (1949)
- Fred Goldsmith (1955)
- Bob Skilton (1959, 1963, 1968)
- Peter Bedford (1970)
- Graham Teasdale (1977)
- Barry Round (1981)
- Greg Williams (1986)
- Gerard Healy (1988)
- Paul Kelly (1995)
- Adam Goodes (2003, 2006)



West Coast Eagles

With just one win it's hard to see where votes will come from for the Eagles, but Tim Kelly and Harley Reid are chances to register votes in multiple games.



Best Chance

Harley Reid

Don't expect any Eagles to be among the contenders this year, though Reid should be the club's top poller. The star former No.1 pick was the side's most consistent and impactful performer across the campaign and should see votes in a number of games. Liam Baker, Brady Hough and Jack Graham will also be among the votes.

2024 Leading Vote Winner

Elliot Yeo
(8 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 3 Brady Hough
- 3 Tim Kelly
- 3 Harley Reid

Predicted Team Total

11

Quick Single

Brady Hough

v St Kilda, Round 10

Hough might poll his first career Brownlow votes in the side's only win of the season, where he finished with 24 disposals, five tackles, six score involvements and a goal. Given the nature of West Coast's season, that might see him do enough to be the club's leading vote winner as well.

Ineligible Players

Bo Allan, Liam Duggan

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Chris Judd (2004)
Ben Cousins (2005)
Matt Priddis (2014)



Western Bulldogs

There's plenty of eye-catching stars at the Bulldogs, with Marcus Bontempelli sure to poll well again, as will Ed Richards and Tom Liberatore.

Best Chance

Marcus Bontempelli

It's a shame Bontempelli missed the side's first five games, otherwise he would have been a legitimate Brownlow contender. The superstar Dogs captain maybe had the best season of his career, such was his influence when he did return. It should see him join the contenders, even if he arrives late, while it could also mean a fifth season where he polls in excess of 20 Brownlow votes. Expect the likes of Ed Richards, Tom Liberatore and Sam Darcy to also poll well across the night.



2024 Leading Vote Winner

Adam Treloar
(26 votes)



Brownlow Predictor

- 20 Marcus Bontempelli
- 14 Ed Richards
- 13 Tom Liberatore

Predicted Team Total

90

Quick Single

Sam Davidson

v Carlton, Round 3

The mature-aged pickup had a fantastic debut season in the AFL and could cap his hot start with his first-ever Brownlow votes. Davidson was great in an early season win over Carlton, finishing with a game-high 31 disposals to go with 10 marks and seven score involvements.

Ineligible Players

Oskar Baker

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Allan Hopkins (1930)
Norman Ware (1941)
Peter Box (1956)
John Schultz (1960)
Gary Dempsey (1975)
Kelvin Templeton (1980)
Brad Hardie (1985)
Tony Liberatore (1990)
Scott Wynd (1992)
Adam Cooney (2008)



Brownlow Medallists

1924	Edward 'Carji' Greeves	Geelong
1925	Colin Watson	St Kilda
1926	Ivor Warne-Smith	Melbourne
1927	Syd Coventry	Collingwood
1928	Ivor Warne-Smith	Melbourne
1929	Albert Collier	Collingwood
1930	Stan Judkins	Richmond
	Allan Hopkins	Footscray
	Harry Collier	Collingwood
1931	Haydn Bunton	Fitzroy
1932	Haydn Bunton	Fitzroy
1933	W. 'Chicken' Smallhorn	Fitzroy
1934	Dick Reynolds	Essendon
1935	Haydn Bunton	Fitzroy
1936	'Dinny' Ryan	Fitzroy
1937	Dick Reynolds	Essendon
1938	Dick Reynolds	Essendon
1939	Marcus Whelan	Collingwood
1940	Herbie Matthews	Sth Melbourne
	Des Fothergill	Collingwood
1941	Norman Ware	Footscray
1946	Don Cordner	Melbourne
1947	Bert Deacon	Carlton
1948	Bill Morris	Richmond
1949	Ron Clegg	Sth Melbourne
	Col Austen	Hawthorn
1950	Allan Ruthven	Fitzroy
1951	Bernie Smith	Geelong
1952	Roy Wright	Richmond
	Bill Hutchison	Essendon
1953	Bill Hutchison	Essendon
1954	Roy Wright	Richmond
1955	Fred Goldsmith	Sth Melbourne
1956	Peter Box	Footscray
1957	Brian Gleeson	St Kilda
1958	Neil Roberts	St Kilda
1959	Bob Skilton	South Melbourne
	Verdun Howell	St Kilda

1960	John Schultz	Footscray
1961	John James	Carlton
1962	Alistair Lord	Geelong
1963	Bob Skilton	South Melbourne
1964	Gordon Collis	Carlton
1965	Ian Stewart	St Kilda
	Noel Teasdale	Nth Melbourne
1966	Ian Stewart	St Kilda
1967	Ross Smith	St Kilda
1968	Bob Skilton	Sth Melbourne
1969	Kevin Murray	Fitzroy
1970	Peter Bedford	Sth Melbourne
1971	Ian Stewart	Richmond
1972	Len Thompson	Collingwood
1973	Keith Greig	Nth Melbourne
1974	Keith Greig	Nth Melbourne
1975	Gary Dempsey	Footscray
1976	Graham Moss	Essendon
1977	Graham Teasdale	Sth Melbourne
1978	Malcolm Blight	Nth Melbourne
1979	Peter Moore	Collingwood
1980	Kelvin Templeton	Footscray
1981	Bernie Quinlan	Fitzroy
	Barry Round	Sth Melbourne
1982	Brian Wilson	Melbourne
1983	Ross Glendinning	Nth Melbourne
1984	Peter Moore	Melbourne
1985	Brad Hardie	Footscray
1986	Robert Dipierdomenico	Hawthorn
	Greg Williams	Sydney Swans
1987	Tony Lockett	St Kilda
	John Platten	Hawthorn
1988	Gerard Healy	Sydney Swans
1989	Paul Couch	Geelong
1990	Tony Liberatore	Footscray
1991	Jim Styne	Melbourne
1992	Scott Wynd	Footscray
1993	Gavin Wanganeen	Essendon
1994	Greg Williams	Carlton

1995	Paul Kelly	Sydney Swans
1996	James Hird	Essendon
	Michael Voss	Brisbane Bears
1997	Robert Harvey	St Kilda
1998	Robert Harvey	St Kilda
1999	Shane Crawford	Hawthorn
2000	Shane Woewodin	Melbourne
2001	Jason Akermanis	Brisbane Lions
2002	Simon Black	Brisbane Lions
2003	Nathan Buckley	Collingwood
	Adam Goodes	Sydney Swans
	Mark Ricciuto	Adelaide
2004	Chris Judd	WC Eagles
2005	Ben Cousins	West Coast Eagles
2006	Adam Goodes	Sydney Swans
2007	Jimmy Bartel	Geelong
2008	Adam Cooney	Western Bulldogs
2009	Gary Ablett	Geelong
2010	Chris Judd	Carlton
2011	Dane Swan	Collingwood
2012	Trent Cotchin	Richmond
	Sam Mitchell	Hawthorn
2013	Gary Ablett	GC Suns
2014	Matt Priddis	WC Eagles
2015	Nat Fyfe	Fremantle Dockers
2016	Patrick Dangerfield	Geelong
2017	Dustin Martin	Richmond
2018	Tom Mitchell	Hawthorn
2019	Nat Fyfe	Fremantle Dockers
2020	Lachie Neale	Brisbane Lions
2021	Ollie Wines	Port Adelaide
2022	Patrick Cripps	Carlton
2023	Lachie Neale	Brisbane Lions
2024	Patrick Cripps	Carlton



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