

After last week's abysmal aberration against the bottom side, the lead-up to the game saw some soul-searching, some harsh words and a call to arms. These had the desired effect for, although not obvious on the scoreboard early, this was a much more committed Dingo outfit. It was not just about beating a team that we had failed to eclipse in three previous meetings, it was also about halting a dangerous slide down the ladder that had us precariously placed just above the relegation zone.

Conditions ensured that this would be a low scoring affair, with the centre a gluepot and mud and slush everywhere following the previous day's deluge, so there weren't too many white shorts to be seen after a while. Despite the heavy and greasy ball, skills were not totally defenestrated, and a number of players adapted well. Alex Falkiner roamed up and down the outer wing with aplomb, Brooksy bobbed up everywhere early, and Tony Lavars was in and under everything. Nevertheless the Combine had skipped away to what looked like a matchwinning lead by the main break, and the consensus in the outer was one of resignation.

It was fortunate that the players themselves had other ideas, and through sheer hard work, a tireless effort in the ruck by Morgs and a great amount of attack on the ball and running in straight lines by young Andrew Green, the lead had been whittled to ten points by three quarter time. Overhauling that still presented a formidable task given the paucity of goals scored up to that point. But the boys responded magnificently to whatever the coach may have said in his speech, none more so than Daniel Turcarelli, who is enjoying a rare patch of form and improved disposal at the moment. After he had slotted his third, it was a matter of everybody hanging in there and grinding it out, with much support from the diehards on the Hill, who during that last quarter recorded their most vocal performance of the year to date. At the siren those boys were rewarded with a spontaneous visit and mutual thank you by the entire, mud-covered playing group.

It is amazing what a win inspired by a true team effort can do for spirit and confidence, and a glance at other results in the league should serve as a reminder that any team with the right mindset can be competitive on their day. After the week's break we have a perfect opportunity to make it two on the trot when we face up to archrivals Heatherton at Ross St. Let's make sure the Dingley contingent is there in large numbers, as the Tunnors have agreed to set up a beer selling facility on the outer (scoreboard) side of the ground especially to cater for thirsty Dingoos.

### **COLTS Match Report – versus Skye**

After a terrific game earlier in the season we faced off against Skye again in what turned out to be another great game of Colts football – tough, hard, skilful and played in pretty ordinary conditions.

A slog was probably the best description of the game where every possession counted and everyone was committed to the contest. Steve Bagley led the way and was in and under all day as was Dan Morris who along with Baggers in the midfield continually put his head over the ball and forced it forward where Matt and Leigh Moore combined for 5 of 8 goals in a tough day for forwards, Andrew Bruce and Sam Williams once again provided the forward line pressure and again contributed on the scoreboard as did Luke Bartholomew who really stepped it up in the second half to be one of our best, Down back Jimmy Cullen and Chris Baxter carried out their roles to perfection and once again

Ryan Gordon was in top form capping off a great 3 weeks. Tom Cooper competed in the ruck all day and played an important role ably supported by Josh Pickford, Jack Zeler and others. Jimmy Ball continues to develop and was a star again controlling his wing, running hard and hitting targets in a great display of running footy.

In the end we won 3 of the 4 quarters and broke even in the other, we now enjoy a well earned rest of the next fortnight before we build up to the end of the season and finals.

Final Score; **Dingley 8 10 58 to Skye 6 6 42**

**Goal Kickers ; Matt Moore 3, Leigh Moore 2, Sam Williams, Andrew Bruce and Luke Bartholomew 1 each**

Congratulations to Leigh Moore, Adam Hickford, Dan Morris and Matt Moore on their selection in the SFL Colts Interleague team. The SFL play Riddell League on Saturday (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) at Springvale Districts ground (Newcomen Rd Springvale), I'm sure your support would be appreciated by our representatives.