

## **Rd 13 v Mordialloc**

## **Best efforts in vain at the Bloodpit**

It was a much better and sustained four quarter endeavour at Kavanagh Reserve on Saturday, an infinite improvement on the inglorious capitulation against the Tunnars the previous week. There was even a glimmer of hope at the last change of ends that with a reasonable breeze at our backs and some fortuitous bounces the four goal deficit stood a chance of being overhauled. That was not to be, but a seventeen point loss to a side entrenched in a finals position at least had a touch of respectability.

In the cold and windy conditions, a low scoring game was always on the cards, and the ball spent a lot of wasted time criss-crossing the respective backlines, so it was never pretty to watch. Mordialloc always had the upper hand, for whilst Dingley have a spread of talent, good fitness, a willingness to get in and under, and riches in the area of youth, it becomes patently obvious week by week that we are impecunious in the big, strong man department. If and when there is some recruiting to be done, this is where the focus has to be, a fact that would certainly not be news to the coach and the administration.

The most laudable performances of the day came from Boyle, Lavars, Morgan and a young bloke named Andrew Green who has this strange idea that when you get the ball you actually run in a forward direction and KICK it! Tough game also from Stevie Vinen and an encouraging debut from elevated Colt Jimmy Cullen.

St Pauls represent a formidable challenge back at Souter Oval this week. We did get within 3 or so goals of them last time (albeit aided by their policy at the selection table), so a similar show of disrespect this time may put us in with a sniff.

## **COLTS Rd 13 Match Report**

### **Versus Hampton,**

Coming off our Rd 12 bye we faced Hampton away and in a game where Hampton led the way with their attack on the ball and intensity, we quickly learnt that if we're not switched on we are vulnerable. In a game where 4 quarter performances were hard to come by we needed some individual efforts at various stages to get us through – Luke Bartholomew with 4 goals, Matt Moore with a terrific second half on the ball, Leigh Moore shutting down their goal kicking target after half time and some inspired running footy from Josh McLaren who had his best game of footy to date. Some cameo's from Chris Daniels, Josh Ellis, Dan Morris and a couple of others kept us in the game for 3 quarters before we ran away with it a bit in the final a quarter.

Full credit to Hampton who had a real crack at us and may have taught us a lesson on being focussed and properly prepared, hopefully we can learn from this round as we approach finals

**Final Scores Dingley 12 11 83 to Hampton 6 12 48**

**Goalkickers** - L. Bartholomew 4, C. Daniels 2, A. Hickford 2, M. Moore 2, D. Morris , S. Williams

Congratulations to Jimmy Cullen who made his senior debut on the weekend and performed admirably in a tight low scoring game. Jimmy has quickly become one of the competitions premier defenders and his selection was richly deserved. Jimmy's selection means that 6 of our Colts squad have now tasted senior football – a great sign for the future.