

Seniors – Round 6 v Cheltenham

Rosellas give Dingley the Bird



We had anticipated going all out to pluck the Rosellas' feathers but instead it was the Dingoes who had their tails docked in no uncertain manner by a very cocky and slick Cheltenham outfit, boasting a couple of tall, big bodied forwards that we would kill for.

To avoid the jumper clash that had marred the reserves game, Dingley ran out in their blue heritage strip. We welcomed a debutant from the Colts, Matt Ravenall, and second gamer Leigh Moore. Missing were the injured Pitty and Turks, the latter nursing a sore ankle.

For a welcome change, the start was bright enough, and we actually had the better of the opening quarter despite poor accuracy.

Cheltenham upped the ante after quarter time and skipped clear, until a mid-quarter cameo from the constantly improving Rowy Watson, with two good goals, got us back somewhere near it. With six minutes to go before half time, we were having a shot that would have only put us ten points down at the main break, but then the rot set in and by the time the mid-game siren sounded we were six goals down. From that point on, nothing was going to obfuscate the fact that we were being outclassed.

Some players simply couldn't get a touch, others such as Feehan and Ford drifted in and out with occasional flashes. Wonnacott, Morgan and Watson toiled away, but the only real four quarter contributors were Josh Boyle, Tony Lavars and the improving Alex Falkiner.

Things are not set to become any easier over ensuing weeks, as we are still to face East Brighton and the two powerhouses of the competition, Chelsea Heights and St Kilda City. Many around the club are starting to wonder where our next win is coming from, and that almost certainly won't be until the second round when the return bouts start.

Hard to know where to go from here if the general feeling of flatness that the coach touched on Thursday night continues to pervade the club. Maybe it's time for some experimentation, but above all we need to tackle the coming period with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Let's get vocal supporters to East Brighton in droves!

Colts - Round 6 v Cheltenham

We welcomed Cheltenham to Souter Oval on Saturday and while winning by 46 points Cheltenham's led the way with their pressure and commitment, particularly in the 3rd quarter where Cheltenham outscored and outplayed us.

Dan Morris was clearly our best player and his running, tackling and multiple efforts were terrific, Adam Hickford was also one of our best out of the midfield and led the team by example and Sam Williams, Phil Ball, Matt Moore and Andrew Bruce were able to capitalise with multiple goals. Jimmy Ball and Jimmy Cullen continued their good form and Josh Pickford provided a target and contest up forward in the absence of Leigh Moore who played in the seniors and in his second game (after debuting last season) performed admirably.

Finals Scores;

Dingley 15 17 107 to Cheltenham 9 7 61,

Goal Kickers: S. Williams 4, A. Bruce 3, M. Moore 3, P. Ball 3, A. Hickford, L. Walmsley

Congratulations to Matt Ravenall who debuted in the seniors on the weekend and quickly showed he is a ready made senior player – well done Matt! As mentioned Leigh Moore played in the seniors after a late season debut in 2009. Leigh looks set for a long senior career. 2009 Colt Andrew Green continues to impress in the seniors and reinforces the view that the Colts are critical to the future success of the footy club – well done to all.