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## ROUND TEN MATCH REPORT

### SENIORS

Round 10 saw a top of the table clash and a chance to atone for our round 4 defeat at the hands of today's opponent. On that occasion Trinity proved too good in a game played in vastly different conditions. While that match was played on a warm autumn day and a dry track, today was cold and wet with three days of steady rain making the ground heavy.

A number of forced changes, including two of our most important players in Ant Forato and Jake Williams. Dan Close and Ed Muprhy also missing from the round 9 team and with a few others on the sidelines the playing stocks across the club are beginning to stretch.

While no strangers to senior football Sam Brooks and Lachie Bull came in for their first senior games of the year. Both have overcome a number of injury set backs with Sam in particular missing the best part of two full seasons. We also introduced another debutant in Andrew Walker who despite being eligible for U19s has played all season in the reserves and whose form demanded an opportunity. At this point 35 players have turned out for the seniors, a testament to the depth at the club right now.

Word reached us during the week that among some handy Trinity inclusions was Anthony Scott, an entrenched VFL player who was available due to a Richmond bye. A great challenge to be taking on a strong Trinity unit with a number of our prime movers missing.

We started in aggressive fashion and attacked the contest with real intent. Young Tom Nicholls was a livewire up forward, setting up the first goal for Hogan and then booting the second from a sharp angle. Our early ascendancy seemed to put the visitors on the back foot and while they created a few opportunities, our defence was well on top. Further goals to Clinch and Keely saw us lead by 20 points at the first break with the visitors managing just 1.0 for the quarter. The second quarter started in similar fashion. Clinch goaled from a set shot and we were on our way. The game then tightened up somewhat and while Trinity enjoyed a decent share of the play they were unable to hit the scoreboard. Goals to Indovino, Nicholson and Rayson and we were well on top and despite a late goal to the visitors they had just 2.0 to show for a half of football. We held a comfortable 39 point lead at the main break.

A bright start to the second half and an early goal to Nicholls extended the lead. Fair to say that Trinity looked a better side during this period. They were running the ball better and creating plenty of forward entries. For a time we battled to get the ball out of their attacking zone but the lads gritted their teeth, tackled with a bit more intensity and turned things around. We weathered the storm and ended the quarter in impressive fashion. Clinch booted his third following a brave mark and then Rayson ran into an open goal after a fantastic tackle from Indovino and we had won the quarter.

Some of our better players particularly prominent during the final quarter. Five goals to two and in the end a very impressive 10 goal win. Taking into account the quality of the opposition this was probably our best effort for the season and pleasing to have an even spread of contributions. Better players included

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Damien Rayson, who put together 4 fantastic quarters. Ed Clinch (a revelation since his return to the seniors) with 4 goals and Adrian Indovino with 3 were particularly damaging while midfielders Gotch, Nicholson (in his 100th game) and Murphy were terrific ball winners all day. Accolades also for the back six who defended superbly.

Next week another big game as we visit Collegians. Our last two visits to Harry Trott have seen us lead for much of the game but ultimately fall short. We need to keep the foot on the pedal and continue the momentum gained over the last month.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>De La Salle</b>	4.2 - 26	8.3 - 51	11.5 - 71	16.8 - 104
<b>Old Trinity Grammarians</b>	1.0 - 6	2.0 - 12	4.4 - 28	6.7 - 43

**Goal Kickers:** E. Clinch 4, A. Indovino 3, T. Nicholls 3, D. Rayson 2, D. Keely, H. Nicholson, J. Gotch, S. Hogan

**Best Players:** D. Rayson, A. Indovino, E. Clinch, J. Gotch, H. Nicholson, X. Murphy

## RESERVES

Back after the week off and our boys started like they were still having a bye. Fourth placed Trinity were always going to be a difficult opponent and a hotly contested game was expected. They kept us goal less in the first quarter as we were continually second to the footy. They capitalised on our turnovers and our skills were really letting us down.

By half time and we were down by 4 goals and the boys copped a bit of a rev up. We made a few positional changes and urged the boys to be first in and back each other up.

Tom McMahon was giving us first use of the ball and also going forward to kick crucial goals. Ryan McDonough's versatility was important, playing at each end when required. Luke Williams was outstanding in shutting down Trinity's best player after half time. Our midfield found more ball and we were able to get it moving our way as we worked our way back into the game. Jordy Bull was everywhere and was well supported by Hamish Curtis. Our defenders were great after half time led by Nick Hyland and Tyson Parker.

At the last change we lead by 11 points after a great quarter by everyone. We still had plenty of work ahead of us in the last quarter but after a few anxious moments we drew clear to win by 5 goals. We keep them to two goals after half time - a super response by the whole team. We still sit second on the ladder with 8 wins and 2 losses and look forward to next week v Collegians.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>De La Salle</b>	0.2 - 2	2.3 - 15	6.4 - 40	12.11 - 83
<b>Old Trinity Grammarians</b>	3.2 - 20	3.2 - 20	3.2 - 20	8.5 - 53

**Goal Kickers:** T. McMahon 3, C. Dooley 2, M. Moore 2, S. Harrington, S. Vawser, J. Hockey, J. Bull, S. Lowe

**Best Players:** J. Bull, H. Curtis, L. Williams, N. Hyland, T. McMahon, S. Harrington

## THIRDS

Perhaps there were a few cobwebs having not played for 3 weeks so this was a solid if not altogether convincing performance against a pretty good Parkdale side. They threatened a few times but despite the odd lapse we always seemed to be in control. Dan Pendergast continued his very good recent form and young Harry Zaia, who has not played for a few seasons, was excellent. Sam Morwood also prominent with 3 goals.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>De La Salle</b>	5.1 - 31	7.5 - 47	10.6 - 66	11.6 - 72
<b>Parkdale Vultures</b>	2.1 - 13	5.2 - 32	6.5 - 41	9.11 - 65

**Goal Kickers:** S. Morwood 3, T. Kovarik 2, D. Pendergast 2, M. Nankervis 2, H. Zaia, W. Agar  
**Best Players:** D. Pendergast, H. Zaia, S. Morwood, W. Agar, J. Hanley, A. De Luca

## 19 BLUES

De La Salle Blues took on 2nd placed Beaumaris. Unbelievably, two different teams played for us against a good quality opposition.

**First Half. Evil Twin DLS.** Slow to start, playing a bit in awe of the opponents, lacking the intensity and stubborn focus of the previous game. Second to the ball, giving away unnecessary free kicks. Whingeing and complaining about admittedly mysterious decisions and opponents' physical intimidation but nothing we hadn't seen or managed previously. Relying on individual efforts from the usuals: Martinez, Pennell, Burnell, Lvovsky twins, Colak and others occasionally. Totally losing the plot for about 15 minutes which effectively cost us the game. A few guys need to have a good hard look at themselves. Not one has yet apologised for their actions.

**Second Half. Good Twin DLS.** Playing for the jumper, mates and cause. Displaying true grit and character under difficult circumstances. Setting aside personal troubles. Slowly wearing down the quality opposition. Making our luck through sheer persistence. Winning the third and fourth quarters. Actually having a sneaky chance of stealing an undeserved win. Improving players contributing more for the team: Persson, Wright, Gheri, Mackie, Morgan, Bisognin and others occasionally. Just hoping the Good twin plays in the first half next week because unfortunately, the season will be basically lost if we don't give our best.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Beaumaris</b>	3.2 - 20	6.10 - 46	7.13 - 55	9.15 - 69
<b>De La Salle</b>	1.1 - 7	3.1 - 19	5.1 - 31	8.2 - 50

**Goal Kickers:** M. Lvovskiy 2, S. Pennell 2, P. Burnell, W. Wright, M. Griechen, C. Gheri  
**Best Players:** P. Burnell, M. Colak, M. Lvovskiy, S. Pennell, A. Lvovskiy, H. Persson

## 19 GOLDS

The Golds match against Beaumaris was all over at half time after the home side had been allowed to play with far too much time, too much freedom and with little respect by a poorly prepared Golds team who just thought they could dial a performance in.

It could be argued with a list of 25 missing, injured, unavailable and TAC players we were always going to be under the pump, but we were still able to put 21 on the ground, so it is a moot point as the effects of the missing 25.

Allowing the home side far too much space and time on the ball all over the ground, but particularly at stoppages was an indication of the less than ideal approach the player took to the game. And accordingly we were punished.

Statistics were damning in the first half, with the Golds being smashed at stoppages, with the result the game was effectively over. However, once a lesson had been given in the sheds at the long break the stats turned around to the point where the Golds won those key indicators and we were able to bring ourselves back into the game.

That said, as a result of the impromptu lesson to their credit the Golds players did tighten up and make the game a much more contested and harder contest for the home team, with the outcome we broke even on the scoreboard and shaded the stoppages in the centre and around the ground. However, in reality the damage had been done on a wet, muddy day for footy and we lose more ground to the top 2 in the section.

We were probably not helped by losing Pat Hounihan in the opening 10 minutes and then having Harry Morris impaired by a troublesome knee, and losing Stef Taranto for the 2nd half, but overall the better team on the day won.

It was pleasing to be able to welcome Pat Hounihan and Zac Grundmann both up from the Colts after some good form, and with Pat going down early it was good to see Zac acquit himself well against older stronger bodies.

We were well served by Daniel Melissinos who was one of the few to win his one-on-one along with Harry Jarvis, Rob Davis, Yoss and a few cameos from players, but overall it was a day where poor preparation lead to a poor outcome.

Next week we play at home and we look forward to a better more determined and more concerted effort across the 4 quarters from all.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Beaumaris</b>	2.3 - 15	7.10 - 52	10.10 - 70	11.11 - 77
<b>De La Salle</b>	1.2 - 8	3.2 - 20	4.7 - 31	7.7 - 49

**Goal Kickers:** D. Melissinos 2, O. Gunning 2, Q. De Luca, S. Taranto, P. Kony

**Best Players:** D. Melissinos, H. Morris, H. Jarvis, P. Kony, R. Davis, J. Yosiffidis

## 19 COLTS

We travelled to Dandenong and boys were asked to win their first contest and put in a good first quarter that has been lacking of late. To the boy's credit it was our best first quarter of the year and they followed up with another solid display in the 2nd.

We lost our way early in the third by zoning off, kick chasing and bombing the ball but reset and finished strongly with 8 goals in the last quarter.

It was great to see all the boys make the ball their focus and continue to put their heads over the ball and play strong footy for 4 quarters. Also pleasing to see a spread of goal kickers with 13 boys hitting the scoreboard. Back at home next week against the Parade boys.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>St Johns</b>	0.2 - 2	0.2 - 2	3.3 - 21	4.3 - 27
<b>De La Salle</b>	5.1 - 31	10.5 - 65	13.8 - 86	21.11 - 137

**Goal Kickers:** N. O'Sullivan 4, J. Epifanidis 3, H. Bowen 3, B. Melissinos 2, R. Watson, S. Leary, J. Squires, M. Jakes, M. Tyquin, J. Gregory, M. Riley, F. McCormack, H. Gill

**Best Players:** B. Melissinos, J. Wheatley, H. Bowen, J. Gregory, N. O'Sullivan, R. Rando