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MATCH REPORT

SENIORS AND UNDER 19 BLUES DEFEATED IN IMPORTANT GAMES. RESERVES, THIRDS, 19 GOLDS AND 19 COLTS ALL WIN AND REMAIN UNDEFEATED.

SENIORS

A big challenge today as we ventured out to Bulleen to take on the top team Old Trinity. Both have set their seasons up nicely and along with Uni Blues remain the only undefeated teams in Premier division. While at this early stage you cannot place too much significance on ladder positions, today's winner would likely claim top spot.

Both sides missing some key personnel so a bit of a different look about today's line-ups. The selection of a couple of young debutants always generates some excitement and last years U19 B&F Scott Vawser was joined by Tom Nicholls for their senior debuts. Scott showed promising signs in the practice games and while Tom has not played a lot of football in recent seasons, he has a bit of 'X Factor' about him and looked the goods in the reserves in recent weeks. Ryan McDonough was another addition, rewarded for some consistent form in the 2s.

We had first use of a stiff northerly breeze and in some respects this was where the game was won and lost. Our 4.2 for the quarter was a reasonable return with Rayson particularly damaging however the home side managed 5 straight into the breeze and it was all up hill from there. Trinity play the wide expanses of the ground very well. While we tended to get caught on the flanks they attacked through the corridor, hit their targets and gained maximum reward for their forward entries. It must be said that the majority of their goals came far too easily.

For a time in the second quarter they looked like blowing us away but as we did for much of the game we hung tough and some late goals saw us trail by just 10 points at half time. The highlight of the quarter was an outstanding passage of play along the pavilion side ending with Tom Nicholls booting his first senior goal. Unfortunately we put in another disappointing quarter with the breeze and managed just 1.2 in the third quarter as the Ts extended the margin to 17 points at the final change. Despite some stout defending and some good work around the clearances we gave our forwards no chance, continually missing targets with poor disposal. We fought on gamely and tried to take the game on into the wind in the last. We kept at it and remained within reach for most of the last quarter but in the end the home side were too polished and ran away with it in the latter stages.

Despite the loss we did have some good contributors. By the time Tom Humphrey was shifted onto their key forward late in the 2nd quarter he had 5 majors to his name. 'Puck' completely shut him down and did all he could to drag us back into the contest. Jack Vickers had another fine game and was one player who used the ball efficiently. Jake Gotch and Joe Black continued their fine seasons while Steve Hogan and Sam Williams ran hard and created opportunities all day. Dan Keely and Josh Tyquin other good performers but overall we had many players who had little or no influence.

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The 33 point margin probably did not reflect the effort but was a fair measure of the skill differential as the home side were far more efficient with ball in hand. Next week another big game as we take on Old Melburnians at home. The Redlegs also sit at 3 – 1 and this already looms as something of an 8 point game. For the first time all season the entire season group – seniors, reserves and thirds are all at home on the one day.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Old Trinity	5.0 - 30	9.2 - 56	11.5 - 71	15.11 - 101
De La Salle	4.3 - 27	7.4 - 46	8.6 - 54	10.8 - 68

Goal Kickers: A. Kneebone 2, D. Rayson 2, T. Nicholls 2, S. Pickett, D. Keely, L. Harrison
Best Players: T. Humphrey, J. Vickers, J. Black, J. Gotch, S. Hogan, S. Williams

RESERVES

Round 4 and we head out to huge grounds of Trinity who like us they had won their first three games. Once again quite a few changes and our depth challenged with Scott Vawser, Ryan McDonough and Tom Nicholls being promoted to the senior side. We needed to spread the load, as that trio have been our leading goal kickers. We had a real focus on defence and as usual the back six were outstanding keeping Trinity goal less in the first three quarters. The most pleasing thing about the game was that we did share the load with ten different goal kickers. Steve Catros, Jacob McGaw and Luke Williams all kicking 2 each. We also had a season high 68 tackles and 64 handball receives - a real indication that we were working hard.

We are at home next week against Old Melburnians. Currently we are second on the ladder and they are third so another big game for us. We've been up to every challenge and I don't think we will take our foot off the gas. We know we must keep working hard for each other.

Goal Kickers: S. Catros 2, J. McGAW 2, L. Williams, D. Anastasio, T. Parker, J. Hockey,
 L. Bull, C. Dooley, S. Lowe, N. Beaumont
Best Players: L. Bull, B. Close, D. Close, N. Hyland, J. McGAW, S. Brooks

THIRDS

With a few injuries across the seniors and reserves our player numbers looked to be the main impediment today. Fortunately some lads answered the call including Ben Mannix, an all time great of the club who despite being in his mid forties managed to slot 3 goals.

Another very bright start with 6 goals in the first quarter. From there we did enough and cruised to a comfortable victory, restricting the opposition to just 5 goals for the day. Dan Millwood, back after an extended absence and another club stalwart 'Roaster' Nankervis were standouts. Nick Fyfield (3 goals), Dan Pendergast, Mannix and Tynan John also good performers.

After three road trips we finally get a chance to play on our own deck next week as part of home game triple-header.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Parkdale Vultures	2.2 - 14	3.6 - 24	3.7 - 25	5.12 - 42
De La Salle	6.1 - 37	8.3 - 51	12.7 - 79	13.7 - 85

Goal Kickers: B. Mannix 3, N. Fyfield 3, T. Kovarik, D. Pendergast, D. Millwood, B. Cranage, D. Dobric, J. Mallas, S. Moloney

Best Players: TD. Millwood, M. Nankervis, N. Fyfield, D. Pendergast, B. Mannix, T. John

19 BLUES

De La Salle Blues hosted second placed Beaumaris in a game, which would test our depth of players against some high quality opposition. Whilst we certainly had our share of the play and ran the ball very well at times, the bigger bodies of Beaumaris nevertheless chased hard and hassled us well and then kicked long and used the wind extremely well.

The effort cannot be questioned and the morale was good under pressure but we still need to be more efficient in the forward line with ball use and maximise our fair share of tap-outs in the middle. Three tough games have indicated our position in this competition and that can still definitely be in the finals.

Congratulations to all the backmen for soaking up enormous pressure, especially Mason, Will T, Nick and Sean. Many midfielders ran hard and it was frustrating to often get first use, turn it over and then Beaumaris slam us on the rebound. Great efforts from Liam, Will M, Sam, David, Alex and Marek showed how we do fight and persevere. Michael was really good at making the most of minimal opportunities.

Congrats to the Steve's Colts and Marty's Golds who continue to get the job done with fewer players against tougher opposition. Looking forward to the weeks ahead. The Blues simply have to put away Scotch next week and get back into the top four.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	4.1 - 25	4.1 - 25	8.3 - 51	9.7 - 61
Beaumaris	1.4 - 10	8.8 - 56	10.12 - 72	17.13 - 115

Goal Kickers: M. Griechen 4, M. Lvovskiy, D. Krelle, T. Shannon, D. Marchese, M. Colak

Best Players: N. Catrice, W. Taylor, M. Griechen, L. Bisognin, W. Mackie, M. Martinez

19 GOLDS

With a swirly, yet quite strong breeze favouring the cricket nets end the game was probably always going to be affected by that and all players judgements being awry due to the ball being pushed in odd directions and impacting on the overall skills on display.

The Gold's started quite well with the breeze at our backs, and despite a pretty scrappy opening where our opponents were looking to close down space at every opportunity we were still able to score, but not with any great sense of the style or dominance we were looking for. Beaumaris did kick a couple of goals into the wind, which showed to the Gold's that we would be able to score.

The 2nd quarter was even on the scoreboard, but the players would have been disappointed to go in having conceded the last goal of the quarter and it could have been worse, if Woody had not held onto a mark deep into our defensive line with less than 10 seconds to go before the siren. Our defence was holding up well led by Woody, Tom D, Harry Jarvis and Squeak.

During the break we looked at some key indicators which showed we were getting smashed in contested ball and at the stoppages, and as such a bit of a challenge was laid down to the players. As a result, the 3rd saw us start with a little more vigour and urgency in the middle, and quickly rectified that particular part of the game.

It should be noted we had no bench as Nathan Monaco (a heavy knock to the ribs) and Rob Davis (a "Wallace & Gromit " at ½ time) were both off, and we were shuffling players around to spread the load. Again, the 3rd was a scrappy affair and we just were not able to hold our marks, and some of our running play was not as fluent as we would like, but we managed to open up a 33 point lead at the final break.

Given conditions that 33 points may not have been enough, but it was made even worse when Yoss went down after he'd popped his shoulder forcing us to play the last 22 minutes with 17. Despite being a man down the players committed to the run and carry and selfless team oriented play we were able to increase our lead and restrict Beaumaris to only minor scores. A terrific effort from the players and one they should justifiably be proud of.

Next week we play Old Scotch at the Camberwell Sports ground and then get behind the Blues.

Thanks to Tim Wood for timekeeping, John Laoumtzis for waving the flags and Sean Kelliher for running the boundary. To the Colts – another good win and to the Blues sometimes effort doesn't always get the results you deserve.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	4.2 - 26	7.7 - 49	11.12 - 78	13.15 - 93
Beaumaris	2.2 - 14	5.3 - 33	7.3 - 45	7.8 - 50

Goal Kickers: M. Simons 2, L. McCluskey 2, J. Vance 2, T. Deftereos, C. Morris, D. Melissinos, N. Monaco, P. Kony, M. Robinson, M. Horrigan

Best Players: H. Morris, S. Taranto, H. Jarvis, P. Kony, L. McCluskey, M. Laoumtzis

19 COLTS

A big challenge against a very good Mazenod side saw a tight struggle all game. It was a game of lots of pressure being applied by both sides, which brought about some skill errors but despite this the boys continued to take the game on and run the ball into our forward line.

We gained control in the second part of both the 3rd and 4th quarters which was pleasing as even though we had a numerical advantage in number of players, we had a number of boys who were a bit off colour or sore from school footy.

The Mazenod lads hit the lead 15 minutes into last quarter, so it was great to see boys dig deep, run harder and kick 4 goals in the final 10 minutes to win the game. Great contributions by first gamers Jamie Wheatley and Chris Buseti. Let's all get to training, we have a number of boys not training at present, a good indicator of why there were so many dropped marks and missed handballs.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	1.0 - 6	4.2 - 26	7.5 - 47	11.10 - 76
Mazenod	1.3 - 9	3.6 - 24	4.8 - 32	7.11 - 53

Goal Kickers: N. O'Sullivan 4, J. Mullaly 2, T. McDonald, B. Melissinos, O. Gunning, P. Hounihan, C. Ferris-McDonald

Best Players: J. Roberts, M. Tyquin, O. Gunning, Z. Grundmann, J. Wheatley, P. Hounihan