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ROUND SEVEN MATCH REPORT

A great day all round with six wins from six outings. The Seniors, Reserves and Thirds rout Carey with a combined 73 goals (and plenty of behinds) at Bulleen. The 19 Blues back on the winners list while the Golds and Colts get up in nail biters.

SENIORS

With a slight breeze favoring the end to which we were kicking we looked a bit flat early on. Carey looked threatening and had a couple of shots on goal before we had really got our hands on the footy. We then clicked into gear nicely and with Pickett, Indovino and Nicholson finishing the good work we banged on 7 first quarter goals in impressive fashion while keeping the home team to just 4 behinds. The ball movement from the back half was a highlight as was a preparedness to play attacking football.

For a team that was in complete control the second quarter inexplicably turned up our worst quarter of football for the some time - certainly the worst for the season and perhaps for several seasons. Carey got on the board early and from there they dominated play for the next 20 minutes. Our players were unwilling to run, laid minimal tackles, failed to support their teammates and took no care when shooting for goal. While we kicked 5 straight behinds (most from relatively simple shots) Carey kicked 6 unanswered goals to draw within 5 points. Many came as a direct result of turnovers as they moved the ball from one end of the ground to the other with minimal pressure. A nice snap from Nicholson from a classic 'front and square' close to half time gave us some breathing space and we led by an unconvincing 12 points at the main break. Understandably Carey could sniff an upset and were very upbeat heading into the sheds while the De La faithful pondered a Jekyl and Hyde first half performance which threw up some of the absolute best and the absolute worst.

The coach delivered a withering blast to the players and demanded a response – and respond they did. In the third quarter we generated 18 shots on the goal and while the conversion rate of 7 goals and 11 behinds was disappointing, it certainly demonstrated the intent, effort and desire of the group to redeem themselves. Forwards Tom Nicholls and the veteran Leigh Harrison really imposed themselves during this period. More of the same in the last quarter and only some continued indifference around the sticks marred and otherwise excellent second half. We dominated the game for three quarters but as we have done on a few occasions this season had an ordinary period, which allowed the opposition back into the contest. If we want to be seen as a genuine contender we need to remove these lapses from our game.

Sam and Luke Williams generated plenty of drive from half back, continually finding space and setting up forward entries. Liam Wood was superb in attacking the ball ferociously all day while Xavier Murphy, Sam Haslem (in his 100th game) and Damien Rayson were also stand out performers. Steve Hogan put in another solid effort across 4 quarters.

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With a big pack of clubs chasing, next weeks game is of critical importance. A real 8-point game as we take on Uni Blues with the teams separated only by percentage. A game we must win if we realistically want to challenge for the double chance.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Old Carey Grammarians	0.4 - 4	6.9 - 45	8.10 - 58	9.10 - 64
De La Salle	7.3 - 45	8.9 - 57	15.20 - 110	20.26 - 146

Goal Kickers: S. Pickett 4, A. Indovino 4, H. Nicholson 4, L. Harrison 2, T. Nicholls 2, J. Williams 2, L. Wood, S. Haslems

Best Players: S. Williams, L. Wood, X. Murphy, J. Williams, S. Haslem, D. Rayson

RESERVES

Round 7 and we travel out the luscious ovals of Carey needing to rebound after last weeks loss .We were confident we could do the job but after last round we knew we couldn't take anyone lightly. As it turns out we kick our highest score for the year. In recording a 159 point win but to Carey's credit they still played with a lot of spirit.

We had 13 different goal kickers with Cal Dooley 5, Luke Williams & Dan Close 3 each. Sam Harrington, Andrew Walker, Ben Humphrey, Jacob McGaw, Tom McMahon and Hamish Curtis all kicking 2 in a good percentage boost for our boys.

Some of our better players were our two ruckmen McMahon and Hockey who dominated all over the ground. Ed Clinch gave us plenty of run down back, Dan Close was in everything and Lachie Bull had plenty of the ball . We need everyone to turn it on next week in our top of the table against Uni Blues. This will give us a true indication as to where we are at. We are up to the challenge and can't wait for the game.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Old Carey Grammarians	0.1 - 1	1.2 - 8	2.2 - 14	3.4 - 22
De La Salle	6.7 - 43	13.11 - 89	19.14 - 128	27.19 - 181

Goal Kickers: C. Dooley 5, L. Williams 3, D. Close 3, S. Harrington 2, A. Walker 2, B. Humphrey 2, J. McGaw 2, H. Curtis 2, T. McMahon 2, S. Vawser, H. Haley, L. Bull, R. McDonough

Best Players: T. McMahon, J. Hockey, C. Dooley, D. Close, E. Clinch, L. Bull

THIRDS

In recognition of a Carey player milestone we had the privilege of playing on the beautifully manicured main ground today, while the reserves playing at the same time were consigned to the more humble surroundings of the back oval. A similar scoreline however to the reserves game as we recorded a thumping win. You never really know what to take out of games like this but having been on the wrong end of a few of these score lines in recent years we are happy to take it. A solid 4 quarter effort with a nine goal to one third quarter the highlight.

A host of good players today including Josh Oakley, Nick Stewart (6 goals,) Dan Prendegast (5 goals) and Nick Fyfield. Warriors goal kicking machine Tom Kovarik bagged another 3. We are expecting a much tougher game next week against 2nd placed Ajax.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Old Carey	0.0	1.2 - 8	2.3 - 15	3.3 - 21
De La Salle	4.6 - 30	11.7 - 73	20.11 - 131	26.19 - 175

Goal Kickers: N. Stewart 6, D. Pendergast 5, T. Kovarik 3, J. Oakley 3, W. Agar 2, O. Keaney 2, J. Mallas, H. Zaia, S. McGraw, S. Moloney, N. Fyfield

Best Players: J. Oakley, N. Stewart, D. Pendergast, N. Fyfield, S. McGraw, S. Lowe

19 BLUES

De La Salle Blues welcomed University Blues to Waverley Oval for a chance to fine tune the "run and carry" and train together as a group in proper match conditions. Apart from poor conversion occasionally, there was some champagne Blues footy highlighted by Trussles' and Morg's 7 goals each (or was Darcy's last goal the real highlight ??).

Great to see newbies, Kye Beveridge and Tom Deftereos, linking well with Mason, Sean, Paddy, Swoop and Billy in a methodical and strong rebounding defence. In and under players like Bizzo, Sammy, Alex, Marek, Will and Nick set up many opportunities with quick hands. Dave Marchese set the place alight bringing speedsters like Wade, Chris and Geordie into the game so many times. Matt Colak destroyed opponents in the ruck and was ably supported in the middle or up forward by Matt Saunders and Zak.

Lots to like this week and now we have another chance to refine and polish team drills next week before some more big games. Congrats to Steve Ingram's all conquering Colts and Marty's brave Golds. Thanks to Mocca, Loz, Andre, Livio, Nick Taylor and various other helpers this season.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	7.5 - 47	12.8 - 80	15.15 - 105	22.20 - 152
University Blues	1.0 - 6	2.1 - 13	4.1 - 25	5.1 - 31

Goal Kickers: A. Trusler 7, X. Morgan 7, Z. Hawker 2, W. Wright, D. Roberts, M. Saunders, C. Northey, D. Marchese, S. Pennell

Best Players: D. Marchese, K. Beveridge, M. Colak, M. Lvovskiy, A. Lvovskiy, M. Martinez

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19 GOLDS

After seeing the Colts come from behind and win well against the top side Parkside it was then the turn of the Golds to get back into the winners circle against what was an unknown quantity in Old Geelong on the day of the parents lunch.

Kicking with the aid of a strong wind to the cricket nets end of the ground in the opening quarter we quickly established an early lead, and perhaps were lulled into a false sense of the state of the game, because it was not indicative of what was to happen for the rest of the game.

We were perhaps thrown out a bit once we lost Matt Simons to a shoulder injury after he was crunched by a rampaging Matt Howard, who had a few opposition players looking a little sideways, but we were winning enough of the ball, but just not using it well enough to keep and build upon our early lead.

The defence was holding up well despite there being a significant difference in height as Old Geelong had a number of taller marking players, one of whom was making life hard for Woody and for the 1st time this season he was probably shaded on the day.

The game was tightening up the longer it went on, and the 3rd quarter saw the visitors edge closer. They started to grow in belief that the game was there to be won as their talls got on top and we dropped off our work rate. After we had struggled to get the ball deep forward into the wind, the OGG's showed us how and we were looking increasingly under pressure as basic skill errors and a lack of concentration came into our play.

The last was always going to be a test and the boys were challenged by the task at hand - they had the momentum, they had the wind and we had a number of boys probably not playing at their best. The instructions were pretty clear - keep persisting and keep the belief in the game style and it would come. The lead was slowly being eroded despite the best efforts of all the players, and when at the 21 minute mark of the last the visitors grabbed the lead which they probably deserved we made our cleanest centre break and Pat Cook marked about 45 out. He went back and kicked us back into the lead. Initially, I thought it was just beyond him, but it was a great kick and prided us with a bit more impetus in the last 3 minutes as we pressed for another goal to seal it.

The final 3 minutes were frantic for both teams - we had a chance to put the game to bed, but for a couple of ropey bounces and one last attack by the OGG's saw their best forward mark about 55 out with a chance to either drive it deep or kick the decisive goal. In the end it dropped just short and we were able to push it through for a minor score as the final siren sounded and we held on for a 3 point win.

In summary it could be said we were lucky, but outside of 2 minutes we had led for the whole game, and as such it would have been a hard loss to take. We were well served by a number of players including our defence led by Harry Jarvis, Woody, Yoss and Liam O'Callaghan. Pat Cook had a terrific 2nd half as did James Bailey who put his body on the line along with Daniel Melissinoss, Liam McCluskey who persevered all day and Max Robinson who gave us some forward pressure along with Nathan Monaco who made that decisive break in the last, coming back from injury.

Thanks to our loyal helpers - Tim Wood on timekeeping, John Lamoutzis for his support, Dharsh our trainer and team manager and assistant Stewie for all his help.

Next week we have the early start with a 9.20am start at Williamstown as we look to keep the run going.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	5.5 - 35	5.7 - 37	8.9 - 57	10.9 - 69
Old Geelong	0.2 - 2	4.5 - 29	6.7 - 43	9.12 - 66

Goal Kickers: P. Cook 4, M. Howard 2, M. Simons 2, C. Morris, Q. De Luca
Best Players: H. Jarvis, H. Morris, L. O'Callaghan, P. Cook, Q. De Luca, D. Melissinos

19 COLTS

Saturday presented a big challenge playing against an undefeated Parkside team who had been winning every week by large margins. We had some good INS, two of our hardnosed onballers Jordan Gregory and Adam Martuccio were back and Trent Shannon who has been playing really well with the Blues was a welcome addition to our midfield and forward line.

We started well kicking the first two goals of the match in very wet dewy conditions but we were then punished for a few errors and some sloppy ball handling. The well-drilled Parkside outfit kicked 7 unanswered goals but our boys began to rally towards the end of the 2nd qtr. The drying conditions helped our run and carry footy and we were looking a lot better as the half time siren sounded. We held our own in general play in first half but didn't capitalise on our efforts.

The 3rd quarter saw the boys begin to capitalise on their good general play and by holding Parkside scoreless, the game was set up for a thrilling final quarter of footy. Special mention to Jack Squires for his ruckwork and strength pushing the ball forward to the likes of Josh Ingram who was in and under and getting the ball out to our runners.

The last quarter saw the boys continue to run and work hard. Our pressure all game was terrific and this was a major reason for getting over the top of Parkside and getting a well deserved win. The backs again did a terrific job and was great to see Jamie Wheatley and Tom Harrington play real important roles for us and thanks to Jordan Gregory who moved down back after half time providing the team with strength and rebound.

Our mids worked tirelessly, Trent and Pat were great in winning many clearances, Adam, Harry and Jordan provided plenty of opportunities for our runners Ricky, Ben, Ollie and Jim. Our forwards worked hard all day, Riley Watson continues to provide a lot of strength and presence, Nick kicked another bag of 4 goals and Josh cashed in on his hard work with 3 last quarter goals. It was a great game of footy and played in the right spirit by two very even and competitive teams.

Thanks to all who helped out on day and to our 2 boys with foot injuries, Joe Squires for doing the board and Jakesy running water.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
De La Salle	2.3 - 15	3.7 - 25	6.9 - 45	10.10 - 70
Parkside Football Club	4.0 - 24	7.2 - 44	7.2 - 44	8.7 - 55

Goal Kickers: N. O'Sullivan 4, J. Ingram 3, R. Watson 2, T. Shannon
Best Players: J. Ingram, J. Squires, T. Shannon, M. Tyquin, J. Wheatley, B. Melissinos