

## **Blown away with another win**

By 'The Haymaker'

In cold, windy and wintry conditions at Camberwell Sports Ground, De La Salle have defeated the fourth placed Old Scotch. It was a fierce match with both sides very physical in the difficult conditions. Both teams were hard at the ball all day, however, the match ended with the visitors taking the points after running out yet another game well.

De La started the day positively, winning the toss and kicking with the wind. Old Scotch settled first, but it was De La who able to get the first score on the board through second gamer, Lachie O'Connell. The poise and experience through the middle then took over for the Dee's, with Jacob Gotch, David Lowe, Aaron Shields and Jarrod Moloney, and both the big ruckmen, Sam Nethersole and Chris Kelliher winning the ball from the contests and kicking long to Ben Corin who drove home two majors for the quarter.

Old Scotch had their turn with the wind in the second and took advantage, with the ball hardly leaving their forward half for the first part of the term. But they struggled to convert, kicking 2 goals 5 behinds for the quarter. De La fought back to regain some momentum and forward movement but could only manage a single behind for the quarter. This fight back was mainly on the back of some smart work around the contests, winning the ball out and handballing to runners, such as Matt Fieldsend, Will Fenton and Damien Hale.

At half time De La coaches Dave Madigan, Tony Morwood and Gus Parker mentioned that they wanted a much more fired up, attacking and aggressive De La Salle in the second half. They also mentioned that the Dee's needed to take the opportunities they get, and apply scoreboard pressure.

De La did this but the game was still being played on Old Scotch's terms in the third quarter, with few breakaway runs and a lot of contested ball and stoppages. The tackling and pressure shown from De La was very impressive which was lead by the backline in particular, Tom Moloney, Luke Jarvis and Will Fenton. The third was a strangely long quarter, lasting just over 33 minutes, even though there were only 2 goals scored. The last looked to be a beauty with De La up by 26 but Old Scotch kicking with a howling wind in the last.

De La, as per usual, in the last ran the game out better than their opponents, and even though they kicked against a sizable breeze in the last, the Dee's were still able to win the last quarter and run over the top of Scotch to claim a 28 point victory to remain second on the VAFA 'A' section ladder.

Positives to come out of the match for De La were that even though it wasn't their best performance for the year they were still able to get the 4 points. Also, that they were able to run out the game fully even with 2 players on the bench for a period in the game.

After the match, De La Salle coach Dave Madigan commented on the fighting effort given by his players, "Scotch really took it up to us today. The conditions required brave efforts and that's what our boys gave. Particularly our mid-fielders. They really stepped up in the second half. "

The Seniors and Reserves have a week off and are hoping to have a few players represent the club and VAFA against the VCFL. They then travel to Sportscover Arena for a Sunday match on 26<sup>th</sup> July against Collegians.

**De La Salle Goals:** B. Corin 2, M. Duggan 2, M. Fieldsend, T. Kovess, B. Mannix, B. Oakley, N. Roberts, A. Shields, D. Hale, L. O'Connell

**De La Salle Best:** D. Lowe, J. Gotch, J. Moloney, C. Kelliher, S. Nethersole, T. Moloney

<b>OLD SCOTCH</b>	3.0	5.5	5.6	8.11-59
<b>DE LA SALLE</b>	6.4	6.5	8.13	12.15-87

### Reserves:

De La Salle were defeated by Old Scotch in ugly conditions at Camberwell Sports Ground. De La were excellent for the first 3 quarters, but were a bit unlucky in the last when kicking against the breeze, umpiring decisions not going their way and a few unlucky ordinary shots at goal, allowed the game to slip away.

It was another tough day for the reserves who have been very close so many times this year. De La will be looking for a bit to go their way when they face Collegians on Sunday week.

<b>OLD SCOTCH</b>	2.2	5.8	6.10	9.16-70
<b>DE LA SALLE</b>	2.4	3.5	8.8	9.10-64

### Club XVIII:

The club XVIII have lost a tight and close battle with Old Xav's at Waverly Park in a low scoring affair.

In a game which saw only 10 goals kicked, it was Xav's who limped over the line through weight of scoring shots; they had 15 to De La's 9, giving them the win, even if it was by just 6 points. De La will be looking to bounce back next week when they face Old Scotch.

**De La Salle Goals:** D. Reid 2, A. Kovarik, M. Rodgers, S. Byers

**De La Salle Best:** B. Hill, J. Adams, K. Smyth, D. Reid, P. Monaghan, L. Wilmann

<b>DE LA SALLE</b>	3.2	3.2	4.4	5.4-34
<b>OLD XAVS (1)</b>	1.3	3.5	4.8	5.10-40

### Under 19 Blues:

De La's Under 19 Blues have continued their impressive winning streak defeating Rupertswood by 118 points today, despite missing some star players.

De La dominated the game and all of the scoring and was a full ground demolishing. With players such as Lachie O'Connell (seniors) and Stephen Muller (Sandringham Zebras) to return???, the Blues are looking towards finals.

They will be hoping to continue their good run when they face Uni Blues next week, away.

<b>DE LA SALLE (BLUES)</b>	6.2	13.8	16.10	21.18-144
<b>RUPERTSWOOD</b>	1.1	1.1	2.2	4.2-26

### **Under 19 Gold's:**

De La's under 19 Gold's have gone down to Ormond in cold and wet conditions at Waverly Park. The Gold's were outplayed especially in the first half, only managing to kick 3 goals to 7 for the half.

To the Gold's credit they finished strongly but it wasn't enough, in the end being defeated by 44 points.

The Gold's next week play Old Melbournians away.

**De La Salle Goals:** S. Tomadin 2, A. Kamellooulos 2, N. Hogan, C. Watts

**De La Salle Best:** N. Hogan, A. Papamiltiades, X. Harkins, J. O'Halloran, M. Briglia, L. Godinho

<b>DE LA SALLE (GOLDS)</b>	1.1	2.2	4.3	6.5-41
<b>ORMOND</b>	3.0	7.1	9.3	13.7-85