

# Round 15 Report

## By The Haymaker

De La Salle has run away from Old Scotch to record a memorable 54 point win at Waverley Park. Midfielders Aaron Shields and Xavier Murphy were welcomed back into the side before the match. The win itself was led up forward by Matt Moore and Sam Pickett who each booted 5 goals and was clearly the difference between the two sides.

The Dee's started well, being first to the ball and running in numbers; but Scotch's midfield pressure was causing simple foot errors and with over-possessive handballing, with the De La players feeling under perceived pressure. De La did though; transfer the play well from out of defence. With Michael Stinear really starting to hit his straps and Justin Baxter looking more and more comfortable every week, their foot skills were stand out, setting up Nick Roberts who was working hard up around half forward and was rewarded with an early goal. While Matt Moore's strong hands enabled him to kick the second of the afternoon. After a goal-for-goal first quarter the scores were level at 25 a piece at the first break.

De La dominated the second with a slight breeze towards the clubrooms end. De La kicked 6 unanswered goals to no score in the quarter and took the game out of Scotch's hands. Sam Pickett dominated up forward with 3 goals while David Lowe (28 disposals) and Sam Williams (35 disposals) stepped it up in the second and took control in the middle, a major catalyst for the clubbing. The ball didn't even look like passing Scotch's half forward line, with Tom Moloney and Michael 'Roast' Nankervis mopping up any ball that came into the back half. At half time, the margin had quickly blown out to 38 points.

The third proved to be a revival for Scotch who threw everything at De La to try to get back into the match. De La started well with pressure and tackling excellent, but that dropped off quickly and the momentum quickly swung. Matt Moore was working hard up forward for De La but terrible delivery and poor decision making, kept De La from scoring a third term goal. Scotch's transfer of play down the clubroom side wing, was terrific and while also leading De La to the ball, they were able to slowly eat into the lead. Luke Brennan was causing headaches up forward for De La with 2 third term goals. After an excellent quarter from Old Scotch, the margin was only 13 points at three quarter time and it was certainly game on.

De La again with the small breeze absolutely blitzed Scotch in the final term. Starting well, the Dee's kicked the first three goals to silence the Scotch crowd. Then a screamer from Sam Pickett, who used his Scotch opponent as a step ladder to bring down a huge mark topped off a fantastic game for Pickett and sent Scotch packing. De La slammed home a total 8 goals to 2 in the final quarter to run away with the match and record an excellent 54 point win and the victory also keeps their top two chances alive.

The De La coaches will have a bit to look at though, with a solid four quarter effort yet to happen for the Dees. But with 3 weeks to go, it gives De La just enough time to fine tune their game before finals. Next week's game against Old Trinity at Sportscover arena will be a good place to start.

**Goal Kickers:** M. Moore 5, S. Pickett 5, N. Roberts 4, J. Nicolopoulos , J. Baxter , T. Moloney , S. Nethersole

**Best Players:** S. Williams, M. Stinear, T. Moloney, S. Pickett, N. Roberts, J. Gotch

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**DE LA SALLE** 18 10 118

**OLD SCOTCH** 10 4 64

### **Reserves:**

De La Salle has smashed old Scotch at Waverley Park to the tune of 53 points.

Much too fast for their opponents, De La blitzed the Scotch side. The midfield was on top all day and led from the front. Up forward, Michael Duggan again put his name up for senior selection with an impressive game, which included 4 goals. Pat Carroll and Ben Corin also impressed for the Dee's and will both also come under consideration for this week's big match against Old Trinity.

#### **DE LA SALLE**

**Goal Kickers:** M. Duggan 4, L. Edwards 4, J. Jarvis 4, C. Mercuri , C. Kelliher , N. Roberts , J. Lamb

**Best Players:** M. Duggan, P. Carroll, L. Edwards, J. Harris, J. Jarvis, B. Corin

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**DE LA SALLE** 16 13 109

**OLD SCOTCH** 8 8 56

### **Thirds:**

The thirds made it 3 from 3 in the senior ranks this week against Scotch with a convincing 59 point win. De La led from the outset and were too good for Scotch.

Zac Dickinson, Jack Morwood, Adam Kovarik and Anthony Taylor led the win up forward with 3 goals each. De La will be looking to continue this form next week against Old Trinity.

#### **DE LA SALLE**

**Goal Kickers:** A. Taylor 3, Z. Dickinson 3, A. Kovarik 3, J. Morwood 3, D. Thomas 2, S. Crowe , J. Mannix , S. Murphy

**Best Players:** S. Bennetts, T. Naughtin, R. Sherman, S. Murphy, N. Gill, Z. Dickinson

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**DE LA SALLE** 17 17 119

**OLD SCOTCH** 9 6 60

## **Under 19 Blues:**

De La Salle has continued their undefeated season against Old Scotch with an excellent 36 point win. Mark Todd was the shining light with 7 goals up forward, while small Hugh Nicholson was again prominent with 3 of his own.

De La could have really made the score look completely one sided in the last, but squandered opportunities and kicked 12 behinds for the term. With top spot all tied up the Dee's will be looking to fine tune their game for the next 3 weeks before hitting the finals.

The Dee's will be looking for 16 on the trot when they face Uni Blues at home.

**Goal Kickers:** M. Todd 7, H. Nicholson 3, A. Papamiltiades , B. Nethersole , T. Humphrey

**Best Players:** B. Close, E. Espinosa, D. Murphy, H. Nicholson, M. Todd, M. Fort-Williams

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**DE LA SALLE** 13 21 99

**OLD SCOTCH** 9 9 63

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

De La has had a disappointing loss to Hampton Rovers, going down by 31 points.

De La just weren't on their game and looked slow. Dave Gullan and Harry Haley both played some of the best footy they've played all year and will surely be looked at for Blues selection.

De La will be looking to turn the result around when they play Old Haileybury next week away.

**DE LA SALLE**

**Goal Kickers:** M. Briglia 2, D. Gullan , N. Hyland , L. Grech , N. Beaumont

**Best Players:** J. Wood, H. Haley, D. Gullan, S. O'Donnell, S. Lowe, S. Hillier

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**DE LA SALLE** 6 11 47

**HAMPTON ROVERS** 12 6 78

## **Warriors:**

De La has finished off the year strongly defeating Prahran by 71 points.

De La was much too strong for the Prahran side who were undermanned and really didn't look like the finals side they're supposed to be.

Although the season is over, it would be great to see as many of the Warriors down to the Senior games to support the Dee's in the tilt for that illusive flag.

**DE LA SALLE**

**Goal Kickers:** T. Kovarik 4, J. Comerford 2, D. Colman 2, A. Coffey , S. Wall , B. Scanlan , T. Bellomo , M. Lafferty , W. Dwyer

**Best Players:** S. Byers, A. Coffey, L. Wilmann, M. Lafferty, J. Comerford, K. Grant

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**PRAHRAN** 4 6 30

**DE LA SALLE** 14 17 101