

De La Delivers Belting

By 'The Haymaker'

De La Salle have demolished a battling Marcellin, defeating them by 139 points and handing the Eagle's their third straight loss over 100 points. The Dee's slammed on goal after goal in the win, led by Sam Pickett with 6 goals and Jordy Pollard who was excellent in the midfield all day.

De La started the game on a high after naming gun full forward Matt Moore to play his first game in over a year and he did not disappoint kicking the first two goals of the game and 3 in the first quarter to give De La a handy early break. The game started with both midfields looking reasonably even but De La just seemed to have a slight edge when the ball got free. This allowed the Dee's to smash the clearances 13 to 3. David Lowe and Luke Semmel lead the way in this department, kicking long to Moore (3 for the quarter) and Harrison (2 for the quarter). De La led by 7 straight goals at quarter time.

The second started in humorous fashion with party tricks from Sam Pickett, snapping the ball back over his head under pressure to score his second for the afternoon, and pretty much summed up how easily De La had done it thus far. Marcellin looked stunned by the immense midfield pressure that De La was applying, again led by skipper David Lowe, Jordy Pollard (Under 19), Jarrod Moloney, Sam Williams and Lachy Bull. The midfield also got among the goals in the second with Dave Lowe and Mark Collins both driving home long majors to take the lead to an intimidating 58 points at half time.

De La came out after half time and continued to dominate proceedings kicking 7 goals to 3 for the quarter. Although looking a little tired and allowing Marcellin to score a couple of easy goals, the Dee's were still well and truly controlling proceedings. Nick Saunders was easily the Eagles best with 2 goals for the quarter, while Leigh Harrison was excellent in the third, setting up numerous goals and kicking one himself. Nick Roberts and Josh Oakley continued to work opponents from one end to the other. Although, the lead was 85 points at the final change, the De La coaches didn't want to see a drop off in the last, and urged the team not to take their foot off the accelerator.

The last was but a formality, with De La slamming home 9 goals to Marcellin's one behind for the quarter. Hunt and Carroll continued to get free off half back and ran hard to deliver the ball forward. It destroyed any confidence the Eagles had left and boosting our percentage greatly. De La now sit outright second on the ladder behind the undefeated Collegian's. With a host of teams sitting just behind on 3 wins De La will most certainly be looking to retain the form they are currently in.

De La will now be looking forward to the clash against fellow La Sallian team, St Bedes Mentone next week, which funnily enough is to be played on the feast day of St John Baptist De La Salle.

DLS Goal Kickers: S. Pickett 6, M. Moore 4, L. Harrison 3, N. Roberts 3, M. Collins 3, D. Lowe 3, L. Bull, T. Hunt, N. Roberts, P. Carroll, T. Moloney, J. Pollard

DLS Best Players: L. Harrison, D. Lowe, S. Pickett, L. Semmel, J. Pollard, M. Moore

G B PTS

MARCELLIN 6 3 39

DE LA SALLE 28 10 178

Reserves:

De La Salle embarrassed Marcellin in a 205 point drumming.

The Reserves recovered from recent shaky form to record their third win of the season and move into fourth place on the ladder.

The win was set up by Steve Muller who finished with 9 goals, and the midfield led by Captain Peter Harrison who were clearly dominant. Joel Phillips who played on the wing dominated proceedings and definitely put his hand up for selection in the seniors.

De La will be looking to retain this form next week against St Bedes Mentone at home.

G B PTS

MARCELLIN 4 1 25

DE LA SALLE 35 20 230

Thirds:

The De La Salle made it three from three in the senior ranks when they also bowled over a hapless Marcellin by 141 points.

Although Marcellin didn't have a full list of players, De La still did extremely well to dominate the game to the extent which they did.

De La will be looking to continue the fine form against St Bedes Mentone.

G B PTS

DE LA SALLE 24 17 161

MARCELLIN 3 2 20

Under 19 Blues:

De La Salle have completed the clean sweep, defeating the under 19 Marcellin side, along with all the other sides by 116 points at Waverley Park.

De La started strongly, kicking 6 goals to 1 in the first term to get on top early. From then on it was about how much, with Marcellin failing to score a second quarter goal while De La kicked another 6 to take a comfortable 71 point lead into half time. De La continued the onslaught after the break and didn't let up for the rest of the afternoon. Luke Williams and Dave Hutchinson were both terrific across the middle all day, while Espinosa, Barda and O'Connell continued their form up forward.

De La will face a good challenge next week in St Bedes Mentone, who will be strengthened by the return of many TAC players.

DLS Goal Kickers: E. Espinosa 4, L. Barda 4, L. O'Connell 4, B. Humphrey 3, A. Papamiltiades 2, H. Nicholson , A. Bonaddio , B. Nethersole , E. Clinch

DLS Best Players: L. Williams, A. Papamiltiades, A. Streker, D. Hutchinson, M. Fort-Williams, H. Nicholson

	G	B	PTS
MARCELLIN	4	5	29
DE LA SALLE	21	19	145

Under 19 Gold's:

Robbie Smith's Gold's were the only De La team to suffer defeat this round, going down to Ajax by 100 points.

De La got jumped early and were 7 goals down at half time and never recovered. Ajax were able to consistently kick 5 goals a quarter which was too much for De La, who struggled to find a forward target.

The Dee's will be looking to bounce back next week against Ormond.

	G	B	PTS
AJAX	20	15	135
DE LA SALLE	5	5	35

Warriors:

It is always a happy moment when you get to report about De La beating St Bernard's, but I am thrilled to say that De La smashed St Bernard's by 86 points.

De La dominated play and were led by Ludovic Wilmann with 6 goals. Tim Nicholas and Kieran Ellis were both stand outs for De La in the win.

The Dee's will be looking to continue their form next week against Uni Blacks.

DLS Goal Kickers: L. Wilmann 6, R. Hancock 3, T. Bellomo 2, S. Wall , J. Adams , D. Ellis , K. Ellis , J. Davies , C. Coyle

DLS Best Players: T. Nicholas, K. Ellis, J. Adams, T. Bellomo, R. Hancock, L. Wilmann

	G	B	PTS
DE LA SALLE	17	11	113
ST BERNARDS	4	3	27