

De La Continue to Impress

By 'The Haymaker'

After a tight first 3 quarters, De La Salle have again run out the match well, and defeated Collegians by 47 points at Waverly reserve. The win was a good one for De La seeing that Collegians were runners up in 'A' section last year and was set up by Ben Corin up forward kicking 5 goals.

After a few weeks of not starting games off well, De La were determined to start this one much better. They did this, in a high intensity and tight first quarter, De La were in front at quarter time by 7 points, which could have been more seeing they had two more scoring shots than Collegians. Corin was excellent up forward early kicking two goals and narrowly missing two others. Matthew Fieldsend's run off half back and long kicking was a highlight for De La, and Sam Williams getting plenty of it was another positive for the Dees.

The second quarter provided a real hard contest, with the contested ball going about 50/50. Neither team was really able to break away and do any real damage on the scoreboard. Both teams would have gone into halftime satisfied with the scoreboard, with only 9 points separating them. Ben Oakley was good in the second, nullifying his opponent and giving some run through the middle of the ground. Michael Davidson was also solid in the second quarter for De La, running the ball well of half back and keeping his opponent quiet.

After half time, a fired up and determined De La Salle took to the field and just looked like they wanted the footy more. De La's tackling was ferocious and their pressure on the ball carrier was definitely noticeable, with Captain David Lowe, Vice Captains Aaron Shields and Josh Oakley leading the way with fantastic pressure. But after kicking away to a bit of a lead, De La made some silly decisions when they did and didn't have the ball and Collegians were able to kick back into the match, and after kicking the last goal before 3 quarter time looked like they were still right in the match.

At 3 quarter time, the De La boys were fired up by coaches David Madigan, Gus Parker and Tony Morwood and came out after the break showing it. They slammed on 6 goals to 1 in the last to again claim victory, goals to Michael Duggan, Joel Phillips and Ben Corin early in the last sealed victory for the home side.

After the match Coach David Madigan was all praise for Sam Nethersole, Jarrod Moloney and Ben Oakley, "Sam Nethersole was excellent in the ruck today, especially considering that Nathan Roberts went down early with injury. Ben Oakley and Jarrod Moloney were also fantastic with the jobs that they got given on the Collegians big name players." President Marty Kelliher added "It was also a great win in front of a good home crowd on ladies day. It's good to see the boys really doing well against quality opposition who featured in last year's grand final, which indicates that De La as a club are really heading in the right direction."

De La Salle will be looking to back up today's effort next week away against Marcellin.

DE LA SALLE	3.4	7.7	9.9	15.12-102
COLLEGIANS	2.3	6.4	7.6	8.7-55

De La Salle Best: D. Hale, S. Nethersole, S. Williams, B. Corin, B. Oakley, T. Moloney

De La Salle Goals: B. Corin 5, J. Oakley 2, D. Hale 2, M. Duggan, M. Fieldsend, N. Roberts, S. Williams, J. Phillips, S. Pickett

Reserves:

De La Salle has lost a nail biting clash against Collegians at Waverly Park by 4 points. After starting slowly, De La clawed their way back into the contest with pressure and hard work. Collegians were challenged all day by the rapidly improving De La side.

Lachie Bull, who is improving with every game he plays, was best for De La in their narrow loss. De La Salle will now be looking to improve again next week when they face Marcellin.

DE LA SALLE	1.2	2.4	4.8	9.10-64
COLLEGIANS	4.3	7.4	8.6	10.8-68

De La Salle Best: L. Bull, M. Nankervis, P. Harrison, T. Kovess, L. Walker, J. Crowe

De La Salle Goals: R. McArdle 2, L. Walker 2, D. Browning, J. Crowe, P. Harrison, S. Morwood, J. Brown

Club XVIII

De La Salle, after starting well, has been smashed by Old Melburnians in the club XVIII competition.

De La lead at the first change, but it went down hill after that for the Dee's. Inaccurate kicking didn't help for De La, but really didn't get enough of the ball to be damaging on the scoreboard. Beau Hill was one of the best for De La.

Hopefully the boys can bounce back next week against Old Scotch.

DE LA SALLE	4.2	5.6	6.10	8.19-67
OLD MELBURNIANS	2.4	9.7	14.10	18.13-121

De La Salle Best: K. Smyth, M. Hill, R. Hancock, M. Butler, N. Brasher, B. Hill

De La Salle Goals: L. O'Donnell 2, A. Kovarik 2, M. Butler, R. Hancock, D. Reid, D. Meade

Under 19 Blues:

De La Salle has convincingly smashed Rupertswood, in their round 6 clash. The Blues are now truly on a roll, after stumbling in round 1.

Stephen Muller was awesome for De La kicking 14 goals in a dominating display.

De La will be looking to replicate the result next week when they face St Bedes/Mentone Tigers at home.

RUPERTSWOOD	1.6	2.9	4.10	7.13-55
DE LA SALLE (BLUES)	7.1	11.8	16.13	23.17-155

Under 19 Gold's:

De La Salle under 19 Gold's has also belted a disappointing Mazenod by 136 points. This win will be a massive percentage booster for De La and they will hopefully take a lot from the win.

De La will be looking for a repeat score line next week when they play Old Mentonians at home.