



PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROFIT

The clock is ticking and the end of the season will come sooner than many clubs had hoped. While weary club administrators will be looking for a break, and perhaps a little sand and sunshine, there will no doubt be some long hours spent post-season in planning for the future.

The VAFA is continually working to make our Association stronger. With nearly eleven thousand registered players and many thousands more who support our clubs or take an interest in their fortunes, our tentacles have great reach.

Happily, our generous sponsors have identified potential in this, the most recent of these being Lion Nathan, which has come on board with a plan that will greatly benefit community football, the VAFA and most importantly, our clubs.

Lion Nathan has been involved in the sponsorship of many major events, including the Melbourne Cup, but after extensive research, has switched its strategy to concentrate more on support of community sports. In Melbourne, there is no better vehicle than Australian Rules, and in our view, no better competition than the VAFA.

Dean Matthews, a 300 game veteran at Bulleen Templestowe, a VAFA rep player and now a Business Development Executive at Lion Nathan is working hard with our clubs to make them stronger by introducing them to the Boag's range of beverages.

The days of companies forking out sponsorship dollars for no result are behind us. It's now all about building relationships and providing sponsors an opportunity to benefit from our patronage. The VAFA endeavours to give our

clubs those opportunities without applying compulsory compliances. However, the unified partnerships between sponsors, clubs and the VAFA can benefit us all.

Quite naturally, Lion Nathan will expect a return from its association with VAFA clubs, but the best part of the arrangement is that the greater the efforts of our clubs, the happier everyone will be in terms of reward.

The deal has potential to tip funds into club coffers 365 days a year, even when you are lying on that beach in January, reading a novel. Some of our clubs have already sealed the deal with Boag's and are hard at work with schemes to maximise their return from the deal. Quite frankly, this partnership could well be the most profitable that your club has ever had. It will take some effort, but it will be effort that is rewarded bountifully.

You should ask your club's committee whether they are on board yet, because the longer they leave it, the more funds they'll miss out on.

The VAFA is this week making available to clubs a short DVD extolling the virtues of companies getting involved in sponsorship of our Association and our clubs. Just as Lion Nathan has seen the benefit in backing us, it is to be hoped that many more major business organisations will support the VAFA and our clubs in the years ahead.

We'll be doing our best to attract them and we hope all of our clubs can do the same.

Michael Sholly
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RISING STAR

MATT LILLIE – OLD HAILEYBURY

Whilst captaining Haileybury College's First XVIII in 2007, Matt ventured down to the Old Boys toward the end of that season and made an immediate impact.

Matt played the last four matches of the season in the U19s before promotion to the Seniors), playing an integral part in only Old Haileybury's second win of the year.

A ruckman, Matt continued his development in the U19s in 2008 (playing one senior game) while working with the senior club's senior ruckmen.

Matt has really made his mark this season as the club's #1 ruckman, playing 13 matches so far. His work around the ground has been a highlight and he looks to be one player capable of playing a big part in his club returning to the top flight.

Congrats Matt.



Senior Coach of the Month – July

Lex Munro - Bentleigh

Lex Munro is in his first year as senior coach of the Bentleigh Football Club after a stint at Phillip Island in the Alberton Football League. Lex has held previous senior and assistant senior coaching roles at the Springvale Football Club; Whitehorse Pioneer Football Club, and Warrandyte Football Club. Lex has also had experience as a member of the coaching staff of the Eastern Football League Representative Side and acted as Chairman of Selectors at the Casey Scorpions VFL side.

He had a long and distinguished playing career at the East Burwood, Forest Hill and Upwey Football Clubs as well as administrative experience as President of the Warrandyte FC.

As coach of Bentleigh, Lex has adopted the role of educator to the young playing list. He is a 'no frills' coach who expects all players to adhere to the club's game plan. He gives respect to the players and in return expects respect back and is a strong believer in empowering players, especially the club's leadership group, to be involved in decision making processes.



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SUMMARY OF FINALS ELIGIBILITY 2009

(These can be found in Rules 51-55 of the VAFA Handbook)

Senior - (1st XVIII teams) Any registered player with a permit can play finals (except VFL or TAC players with a permit – see below).

Reserve - (2nd XVIII teams) Players must be registered and must have played at least four (4) reserve grade matches and not more than ten (10) senior matches in the home and away games (first round). Where both first and second XVIII's are playing on the same day the reserve grade player must only have played two (2) games in either the seniors or reserves to qualify. For clubs with teams drawn in semi finals on different days of the same weekend (ie. 1st semi Saturday, 2nd semi Sunday) read as above teams playing on the same day.

U18/U19 - Players must be registered and hold a permit. If a player has played 6 or more senior and reserve matches, he must have played 6 or more Under-19 matches during the season.

Where a Club is represented in a match in the Second Round of the Senior Grade OR Reserve Grade on the same day OR on the same weekend the 6 match provision above shall not apply.

Where a team has (2) U19 teams or is involved in hybrid arrangement, the following shall apply.

- (i) Where a club has two U19 teams, a player must have not played more than 10 matches with the U19 (1) side to play in the (2) team.
- (ii) To represent a hybrid team in the finals the player must have represented the hybrid team in (5) first round matches – not including finals.
- (iii) Under 19 Grade teams obtaining "Top Up" players during First Round matches from another Under 19 Grade team is not considered to be a hybrid team arrangement. "Top Up" players are not permitted in Second Round matches.

Club XVIII teams - Players must be registered and have played in at least four (4) Club XVIII matches (for the team they wish to represent) and not have played in more than a total of eight (8) senior and reserve matches during the first round.

Where a club has two or more Club XVIII teams, a player must have not played more than 8 matches with the higher placed side to play in the lower team's finals - if teams are in different sections.

Where both Club XVIII teams are in the same section the following to apply:

- (i) A player cannot alternate between teams after June 30. Once he plays with a team after June 30 he can only represent that team for the rest of the season.
- (ii) the player is only allowed to play finals for the team they represent after June 30,
- (iii) to be eligible for finals with either side, a player must have played a minimum of 4 matches with the side they wish to represent and
- (iv) the player must have played more games for the side they wish to represent than the other club side in the same section.

A VFL or TAC Cup listed player must play a minimum of five (5) VAFA First Round matches (i.e. home and away matches) including two (2) matches after 30th June for the team he wishes to represent in the Second Round. An Under 19 player may combine Senior and Under 19 matches in order to be eligible to play for his Senior Grade team in the Second Round. Players cannot combine matches for Reserves or U19 finals.



FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME...



Rupertwood were the last unbeaten team standing in the VAFA's senior sections, but they fell to Werribee last weekend. Old Melburnians Reserves and U19s have gotten through unscathed, as have Old Camberwell's 19s.



Luke Howard celebrates his 150th game at Old Xaverians this weekend against Old Ivanhoe. A premiership player in 2007, Howie's courage and relentless and unscrupulously fair attack on football and opponent alike have won him many admirers. Pound for pound, he is undoubtedly one the toughest players ever to wear red and black.



Sue Anderson returned to her desk this week after a long-service trip that took her to among other places, Istanbul, London, New York and Las Vegas. Highlights of the trip were many, (not the sparkling wine in Turkey) though she did confess visiting the VAFA website just to stay in touch with matters football.



Old Carey's **Chris Laidlaw** plays his 100th game for the Panthers this week. Known variously as Laidz, 'the big rig', 'the big ship' and 'tickets' he is renowned for his strength and determination in both the ruck and key positions. Sometimes resembling Wallaby Wycliff Palu as he splits the packs open, Laidz also has the ability for sublime moments of skill, snapping goals from boundary throw-ins. A team leader this year, a former under-nineteen captain, multiple award winner and a committee member, Chris is understandably a very popular member of Old Carey Football Club.



More Big V Father-son combinations: **Gus** (coach) and **Nick Mitchell** (St Bernard's); **Michael** (St Bernard's) and **Luke Mahoney** (St Kevin's); **Vic** (State Savings Bank) and **Frank Dunin** (Uni Blacks) coach.



Leigh Fletcher brings up the tone with Hampton Rovers this week. His pace and ability as a goal-kicker have made him become one of the premier midfielders in the competition and an extremely valuable member of the Rovers' side. Not only a great player, but also a passionate clubman, he has been a real asset at Boss James Reserve since moving across from the Sandringham Zebras. Hampton Rovers are having a Sportsman's Night at the club on Wednesday 12 August from 7pm. Michael Roberts will MC the night and guests include Cameron Bruce, Nathan Burke, Fraser Gehrig, Russell Greene & Neil Roberts with entertainment by The Music Men. Entry is just \$20 and includes finger food with drinks at bar prices. Tickets are available through the club or online at www.hamptonrovers.com.au



Benny Langford-Jones plays his 150th game for Old Haileyburians this Saturday. The extremely popular clubman played his first game for the club in 1994, although he appeared in the club's photo history in a 1984 snap as an aspiring footballer. Benny won the Richard "Dickie" Metherall Reserve Coach's Award in 2007. Renown for his aggression at the ball and willingness to play in almost any position, Benny has been a great clubman and personality around the club for many years. He and his father Andrew form part of only the second father/son combination to have both played 150 games for the Bloods.



Congratulations to **North Brunswick** and **Ely Park**, two clubs who exemplified the spirit of the VAFA in pulling together to help someone in need. During the first quarter of their senior game last week, field

umpire Sean Scully Sr. had a seizure on the field of play and both clubs jumped straight into action with all trainers attending to him, ensuring that basic first aid was being applied. During this time, no less than seven people called for emergency services to attend and assist. Once the emergency services were on scene, the two clubs worked together to ensure that the game could continue without any disadvantage to either side and with the understanding that only one field umpire would complete the remainder of the game. Well done to the trainers for their efforts and the professional care that they provided and to the players of both clubs.



Co-captain **Scott Lawry** rings up 100 games with Bentleigh on Saturday after coming up through that club's junior program. Renowned for his hard running and lightning speed, Scott provides great drive and ball delivery to the forwards.



Elsternwick's **Craig Mahony** brings up his 250th game this Saturday against Monash Gryphons. Craig continues the Mahony Legend at the Wicks. Since joining the club in 1995, this talented footballer has thrilled all with his speed and ability to kick with precision with either foot, a family trait. He has won the Wickers' B & F three times as well as the Competition B & F in 2004 and also represented the Big V in the C/D team in 2007. Craig has been the club's captain taking over in mid-season 2004.

Interesting scenes at one VAFA game last week. One captain called for a player count and the umps duly lined up the teams. Indeed, there were nineteen on the field, but for the team that called the count. Oops!



Power House's **Rod 'Rocket' Marshall** clicks over the 200 this week. A hard-at-it and consistent backman, Rocket has provided great leadership over many seasons mainly in the Reserves, both as captain and coach. Rocket's contribution extends beyond his on field via his work behind the bar and

the numerous jobs that he does behind the scenes.



Caulfield Grammarians' Reserves skipper **Eddy Kalaja** brings up three figures this weekend. Ed is a terrific young guy who is ably supported by his Dad, who goal umpires for the 2s each week in rain, hail or shine and his biggest fan is his sister Jess.



St Bernard's had a big lunch at the Snakepit to mark their top-of-the-table clash with OM's. Former AFL great Col Kinnear was an engaging guest speaker and told of his days at Uni High Old Boys. Snowdogs' President introduced each of the VAFA's contingent, and when he came to Board Member Bruce Ivey, let the multitude know that he had been responsible for a \$500 fine levied on the Bernies a couple of years back.



Monash Blues favourite **James Rosengarten** clocks up 150 games today. Rosie is a totally honest player who fully commits himself in every way for his club. Well done Rosie from all of your many mates at Monash Blues on this outstanding achievement, enjoy the day.

SEPARATED AT BIRTH IN THE VAFA



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VAFA IN THE MEDIA



SATURDAY

- 9.00-11.00am: *The VAFA Footy Show*
 1.45 pm: Exclusive Live Broadcast.
Old Scotch v Collegians
 6.30 pm: Local sports Round-Up



THURSDAY

- 3.30pm: John Kelly's live interview with VAFA CEO Michael Sholly, including a review and preview of VAFA matches.

SUNDAY

- 9:30 - 10:30am: VAFA SUNDAY



SUNDAY

- 6.00-9.00pm: North West Amateur Footy Report including special club features in all sections:

Old Essendon (A), University Blacks, St Kevins, St Bernards (B), Rupertswood, North Old Boys/St Pats, Fitzroy (D1), Therry Penola, Old Paradians (D2), West Brunswick (D3), LaTrobe Uni, North Brunswick (D4)



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From match reports to feature stories, reporters Paul Amy, Brad Beitzel, Megan Hurstwaite and Michael Gleeson have your VAFA news covered.

SUNDAY



All VAFA Match results in The Age & Herald Sun each Sunday



UMPIRES CORNER

by Steve McCarthy & Leah Gallagher



Get well soon

Just sending our best wishes to **Sean Scully Senior** who unfortunately suffered a seizure early in his game at **North Brunswick** last weekend. **Sean** was rushed to hospital but is now recovering well, which is great to hear. A big thank you must go to all involved at the **North Brunswick and Eley Park Football Clubs** as all jumped straight into action with all trainers attending to **Sean** and ensuring basic first aid was being applied. A pretty traumatic day for the **Scully family** but yet again the VAFA showed what a fantastic family it is. We know the family appreciates all that was done for **Sean** on the day and all the best wishes and kind thoughts that were sent during the week from many within the umpiring world as well as the clubs. We're sure the patriarch of this great umpiring family will be back on his feet very soon. He'll be a hard man to keep down. Thanks also to **Sean's** umpiring partner on the day **David Watts** for getting through the remainder of the game alone and for both clubs' understanding and patience.

We'd also like to send our best wishes to **Mazenod legend Nick Meehan** who went down with a serious head injury last Saturday in a "friendly fire" incident. His toughness can never be questioned and we're sure than when he recovers there's plenty more games left in him.



Big Milestone for Vinnie

Goal umpire **Vin Vescovi** will officiate in his **400th VAFA game** when he waves the flags with his good mate **Dom Napoli** at the **Old Scotch v Collegians** clash today. **Vinnie** started with the VAFA in 1991 as a boundary umpire and he recalls running his first game with a skinny little 14 year old called **Craig Brajtberg**. He moved to the field the next year and did that for about 8 years before taking up the flags. He was in good hands when he umpired his first match as a goalie with games record holder **Bobby Dunstan**. **Vinny** has many highlights over the journey and lists a few as follows: enjoying the match day camaraderie of the old guys such as **Chillie, Dom, BJ** and of course **Hoarey** and his "coffee", having some great grand final experiences with **AD & Macca**, being **Laddy's** taxi driver at most end of year functions, and of course just being involved with the many, many fantastic people he has met at the VAFA clubs.

His career highlights include a couple of **C section** grand finals in the goals. His advice to the youngsters is simple – enjoy it! Well done **Vinnie**, and share a drink with him back at the Umpires Function Room on Saturday night.

Man Crush

We know that **Joey (Buff-Boy) Hartwig** likes his body but now **Joel Morrison** has admitted to liking his physique. **Joey** happened to pop into the change rooms during a Sunday game dressed in the full uniform of our local constabulary and **Joel** was mighty impressed with his look, commenting on the fact **Joey** looks really buff in the tight uniform. **Joel**, are you developing a man crush?

Math Lesson

Calling for a count in a football match is a pretty rare occurrence and it happened in one of our under 19 matches last weekend. The captain of one side asked our young fieldy to line them up and he did so. It appears that the captain was right; the opposition **DID** have 19 players on the field, only problem was, **so did his!** OK, now what do we do? Took one off each and continued with the game. Easy fix!

Life membership

Congratulations to both **Rob Mayston** and **Tim Sutcliffe** on gaining **Life Membership** of the VAFAUA. Both were voted in at our last Association meeting and will be presented with their membership at the Pre Finals Dinner on 24th August.

Nominations

At our next Association meeting, we will be voting for positions for the 2010 executive committee. All positions are open and nomination forms can be obtained at the bar in the umpires' rooms also we will try to have the forms posted on the VAFAUA website.

Benny's Rule of the Week

CONTESTING THE CENTRE BOUNCE

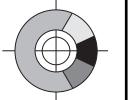
The centre bounce or throw up of the football shall be contested by one (1) nominated player from each team. The player contesting the centre bounce shall be positioned in his team's defensive half of the playing surface and with both feet within the 10 metre circle.

The player may only enter the teams attacking half after the football touches the ground, in the act of bouncing, or leaves the Field Umpires hand, in the act of throwing the ball up. The player shall not be permitted to block an opponents approach to the contest.

No other player may enter the 10 metre circle until the football touches the ground, in the act of bouncing, or leaves the Field Umpires hand, in the act of throwing the ball up.

The players must have both feet inside the 10-metre circle at all times until they contest the bounce or until the Field Umpire calls play-on due to an "offline bounce".

RESPECT THE UMPIRE – RESPECT THE GAME!!



D2 SECTION

by Caillin O'Shannessy

Some natural order was restored to the league last weekend as the season's more consistent performers were able to reassert some authority on the competition. In recent weeks we had begun to expect the unexpected, but last Saturday was a good weekend for the favorites to recapture form and distance themselves from some serious challengers coming from the south of the ladder.

There was no more resounding win than Peninsula's fifteen goal decimation of Yarra Valley, enjoying their home ground and playing a very good game despite numerous injuries and forced changes to the side. Peninsula have played a young side all year but this was one of their youngest, and they will be happy with what they saw. Despite Yarra Valley's determination for four quarters, Peninsula's class was simply too much for the bottom side. This weeks game against Glen Eira may see the Peninsula youngsters challenged further, but they are an impressive unit and it is hard to see them being beaten.

Williamstown also sent a message to the competition last week, with a big victory against a hapless Ivanhoe, who along with Yarra Valley have been consigned to D3 next season. It was an impressive display from Williamstown who started slowly but played a very good second quarter into the wind and were unstoppable after half time. With the midfield dominant and their small forwards running riot, the CY's kicked nine goals to two in the third quarter and a further eleven goals to three in the last to ruthlessly outclass the shell-shocked Ivanhoe. With this victory Williamstown are still a chance to take second position from Bayule, but must first face the challenge this week of fifth placed Old Paradians, who are certainly not to be taken lightly.

Last week the Paradians thwarted a late season charge by Westbourne towards the finals, who enjoyed a purple patch at the right end of the season until running into the desperate Paradians side. The winner of the match was to remain in contention for September action, while the loser

has very little chance. The Paradians clearly knew the equation, and came out of the blocks firing, completely dominating the first half.

Westbourne rallied in second half, but despite outscoring their opponent, it was too little too late. Possibly very symbolic of their season. The cream rose to the top for Paradians in an important match, with **Joseph Seneca** well supported by **Peter Brabender** and **Aaron Serafin**. Every match for Old Paradians is crucial now, and they must produce a miracle upset against Williamstown this Saturday to remain in finals contention.

Therry Penola snapped their losing streak in the nick of time against Eltham last weekend. It was beginning to look dire for Therry with a string of losses late in the season, and it wasn't until quarter time last Saturday that they were able to turn this around. The second quarter saw Therry Penola and **Corey Bannister** take control of the game, and while it wasn't a comfortable victory, Therry will be pleased to be back on the winners list. A game against Yarra Valley this weekend should provide them with even more much needed confidence. Eltham take on the challenge of old Westbourne, and despite having less to play for a win is not beyond them.

Despite a gutsy performance from Glen Eira, Banyule were simply too good for them last week, and showed why they are sitting in second position. It gets no easier for Glen Eira this week, going from the second placed team to the top.

TODAY'S D2 MATCHES

- BANYULE v IVANHOE
- YARRA VALLEY v THERRY PENOLA
- GLEN EIRA v PENINSULA
- OLD WESTBOURNE v ELTHAM
- WILLIAMSTOWN v OLD PARADIANS



LAST ROUND'S RESULTS – D2

	D2 SECTION			
BANYULE	0.1	5.7	9.11	13.12 (90)
GLEN EIRA	7.4	9.5	9.6	11.8 (74)
BANYULE: Goals: L. French 3, R. Iaconis 2, S. McKenzie 2, A. Brown, C. Buckley, T. Shepherd, D. Lucevic, H. Dickson, B. Willmore. Best: P. Jenkin, H. Dickson, S. McKenzie, L. French, C. Buckley, R. Young GLEN EIRA: Goals: P. Rohr 4, M. Farah 2, S. Diamond, J. Zagame, M. Fletcher, R. Clark, S. Elm. Best: A. Farah, T. Paterson, A. Spinck, P. Rohr, C. Higgins, S. Elm.				
OLD PARADIANS	5.3	10.6	12.8	14.11 (95)
OLD WESTBOURNE	0.0	2.3	4.7	8.9 (57)
OLD PARADIANS: Goals: J. Seneca 5, P. Brabender 4, P. Pratt 2, S. Corcoran, B. McAllister, J. Monro. Best: A. Serafin, J. Seneca, S. Corcoran, A. Rendina, P. Brabender, S. Rehlicki OLD WESTBOURNE: Goals: O. Hickey 2, R. Taylor 2, P. Hudson, P. O'Keefe, D. Lockwood, S. Collins. Best: B. Smith, P. Hudson, P. O'Keefe, R. Taylor, A. Maki, D. White				
PENINSULA	3.2	7.9	14.11	20.13 (133)
YARRA VALLEY	4.3	4.4	5.5	6.5 (41)
PENINSULA: Goals: J. Coghlan 8, G. O'Connor Price 2, V. Clarke 2, S. Nichols 2, S. Payne, N. Claringbold, R. Powney, R. Stainforth, J. Heron, C. Coyle. Best: S. Payne, R. Stainforth, G. O'Connor Price, J. Coghlan, R. Powney, S. Grigg YARRA VALLEY: Goals: D. Banks 2, M. Laing, N. Paton, D. Pagan, T. Pottage. Best: J. Trend, M. Neilly, R. Little, N. Paton, R. Drew, B. Nichols				
IVANHOE	3.1	4.6	6.6	9.8 (62)
WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS	6.4	12.8	21.12	32.17 (209)
IVANHOE: Goals: K. O'Dwyer 3, D. Neilson 2, J. Ritchie, C. Traeger, D. Wood, S. Mason. Best: D. Meredith, K. O'Dwyer, D. Neilson, J. Meakin, D. Adams, D. Wood WILLIAMSTOWN: Goals: R. Cassidy 10, S. Barlow 7, Z. Read 4, T. Wheeler 3, W. Cooper 3, M. Lishman 2, C. Richards 2, B. Gray. Best: M. Sultan, Z. Read, M. Lishman, M. John, S. Barlow, R. Cassidy				
ELTHAM	4.2	6.6	9.7	13.10 (88)
THERRY PENOLA	3.2	9.4	15.5	17.8 (110)
ELTHAM: Goals: A. McLaren 3, M. Crooks 2, B. O'Malley 2, R. Bux 2, B. Galvin, T. Powell, M. Hargrave, B. Strickland. Best: B. Galvin, J. Galvin, T. Powell, M. Crooks, A. Chapman, S. Mead THERRY PENOLA: Goals: C. Bannister 7, D. Rees 4, R. Skiatitis, M. Costello, J. Hanlon, D. Madden, M. Valenti, R. Pascoe. Best: M. Tsitonakis, J. Hanlon, D. Madden, C. Bannister, D. Rees, S. Morgan				
	D2 SECTION RESERVE			
ELTHAM	0.1	3.2	3.2	3.4 (22)
THERRY PENOLA	6.2	11.6	14.9	18.11 (119)
ELTHAM: Goals: T. Andrews, N. King, J. Patterson. Best: J. Patterson, R. Livock, E. Mc Dowell, R. Wall, A. Coath, M. Salter THERRY PENOLA: Goals: T. Goodwin 6, S. Bannister 3, J. Quinn 3, M. Muldoon 2, J. Crotty, C. Matton, J. Sacco, D. McKibbin. Best: B. Barron, D. Angus, D. McKibbin, D. O'Shea, B. Taylor, B. Ryan				
IVANHOE	0.1	0.2	3.3	3.3 (21)
WILLIAMSTOWN CYMS	6.8	13.11	17.15	28.23 (191)
IVANHOE: Goals: M. Brazzale 2, T. Trevan. Best: J. Trescowthick, R. Klitzing, T. Trevan, T. O'Neill, D. Diakoumakos. WILLIAMSTOWN: Goals: M. Tennant 6, G. Burgess 6, J. Buttigieg 4, F. Henry 2, L. Ryan 2, J. Dodd 2, M. Walsh 2, L. Henry, N. Knapman, D. Page, M. Carland. Best: B. Moore, G. Burgess, J. Buttigieg, L. Ryan, L. Henry, M. Tennant				
PENINSULA	3.1	8.4	9.7	13.11 (89)
YARRA VALLEY	3.1	4.2	4.3	5.4 (34)
PENINSULA: Goals: N. Coy 2, D. Smith 2, C. Stevens 2, A. Haley, M. Kenny, K. Krake, R. White, W. O'Loughlin, L. Heron, N. Baron. Best: C. Stevens, H. Tompkins, J. Smith, A. Creffield, A. Crean, A. Starkins YARRA VALLEY: Goals: T. Hale 3, B. Drew, B. Jurey. Best: D. Cripps, R. Thompson, T. Hale, A. Russell, L. McCleary, M. Letson				
BANYULE	6.4	12.6	19.10	22.17 (149)
GLEN EIRA	2.1	2.4	6.4	7.5 (47)
BANYULE: Goals: L. Richardson 5, M. Smith 4, Z. Wenke 4, K. Gray 4, R. Currie 2, M. Grinter 2, L. Van Maanen. Best: M. Grinter, M. Smith, S. Gray, L. Richardson, R. Currie, Z. Wenke GLEN EIRA: Goals: J. Halliwell 3, D. Eade, S. Hollow, D. Utano, A. Omar. Best: J. Halliwell, B. Zwar, M. Beddoe, D. Eade, S. Hollow, K. Taig				
OLD PARADIANS	1.5	1.6	2.9	5.12 (42)
OLD WESTBOURNE	2.3	7.6	11.9	16.10 (106)
OLD PARADIANS: Goals: A. Lago 2, A. Di Fabio, A. Asdaghi, A. Jolley. Best: D. Huntley, L. Harford, B. Vincent, A. Lago, S. Vyas, A. White OLD WESTBOURNE: Goals: T. Priest 8, T. Edwards 2, D. Stanley 2, S. Anderson, A. Horsburgh, L. Hudson, T. Perrett. Best: T. Priest, M. Whiting, S. Gill, S. Anderson, H. Hunter, J. Lawn.				

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RUCK STRATEGY: BOUNDARY THROW-INS: FORWARD-LINE

Taken from Secrets of the Modern Ruckman compiled by Simon Madden and Darren Flanigan

The aim of the contest is to get the ball into the corridor to increase the opportunities for a successful shot at goal. With the ruckman and usually one or two other on-ballers forming a wall that is positioned a kick behind the play, it is usually the centre half forward or another tall forward who takes that tap out. Communication between the players is crucial to make sure that someone actually contests the tap. The tap receiver would run from the defending side of the contest into the space behind the ruck contest towards the goal with the tap being put into space in front of the running receiver. Another option for the player is to tap the ball to the front or side of the contest to a stationary player who then handballs quickly into the space in front of the player running towards goal through the corridor or kicks to the front of the goal square.

Smaller ruckmen should not get into wrestling matches with bigger opponents. A successful tap is likely to come from this person timing his leap to jump over the opposing ruckman and hooking the ball back into the scoring corridor or pushing the ball to the front or side.

If the person is physically strong enough to compete with the opposing ruckman then he may elect to work for front position and hook the ball back into the scoring corridor or push the ball to the front or side.

Another option is for the attacking team to assign someone to wrestle with the opposing ruckman and have a third person jump over the contest to win the tap and direct it to the advantage of the team.

Ball-ups around the ground

The fundamentals of ball-ups around the ground are virtually identical to the boundary throw-ins in the same areas. The main aim of forward-line hit outs is to get the ball to a receiver in space in the scoring area.

The centreline ball-up tactic depends on whether your ruckman is winning a majority of hit outs or not, much the same as boundary throw-ins. If the ruckman is winning more than losing, then the on-ballers can afford to be a bit more attacking. If the ruckman is losing more than he is winning, then players should man up and try to win the ball from the opposition ruckman.

A winning centreline tap should be directed into the attacking corridor to open up the avenues into the forward-line. If the ruckman is losing, then guarding the corridor is a must to make sure that the opposition do not enter the scoring area unopposed.

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NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES

August 15th, 2009



ROUND 16

A SECTION

OLD IVANHOE v OLD SCOTCH
SBM TIGERS v OLD XAVIERIANS
COLLEGIANS v OLD BRONCHITON
DE LA SALLE v MARCELLIN
OLD ESSENDON v UNI BLUES

B SECTION

OLD HAILEYBURY v OLD MELBURNIANS
OLD TRINITY v ORMOND
HAMPTON ROVERS v OLD CAMBERWELL
OLD CAREY v ST KEVINS
UNI BLACKS v ST BERNARDS

ROUND 17

C SECTION

MHSOB v MAZENOD
MONASH BLUES v BULLEEN TEMP
AJAX v PARKDALE
OLD GEELONG v OAKLEIGH
CAULFIELD GRAM v BEAUMARIS

D1 SECTION

PRAHRAN v FITZROY
NOBSP v AQUINAS
EMMAUS ST LEOS v STH MELB DIST
RUPERTSWOOD v WHITEFRIARS
WERRIBEE v OLD MENTONIANS

D2 SECTION

THERRY PENOLA v IVANHOE
GLEN EIRA v OLD WESTBOURNE
PENINSULA v BANYULE
ELTHAM v OLD PARADIANS
WILLIAMSTOWN v YARRA VALLEY

D3 SECTION

BENTLEIGH v HAWTHORN
ST JOHNS v POWER HOUSE
WEST BRUNSWICK v UHS-VU
ST MARY'S SAL v ELSTERNWICK
ST FRANCIS XAVIER v MONASH GRYPH

D4 SECTION

SWINBURNE UNI v ELEY PARK
BOX HILL NTH v MANNINGHAM
ALBERT PARK v NTH BRUNSWICK
RICHMOND v MT LILYDALE
KEW v LA TROBE UNI
STH MORNINGTON v CHADSTONE

U19 PREMIER

ST BEDES/MENTONE TIGERS v OLD XAVIERIANS
Brindisi St Oval at 9.30am
OLD SCOTCH v RUPERTSWOOD
OLD TRINITY v MARCELLIN
BEAUMARIS v UNI BLUES
UNI BLACKS v DE LA SALLE (BLUES)
Sunday at Melbourne University Oval at 12.00pm

U19 SOUTH 1

OLD HAILEYBURY v COLLEGIANS
ORMOND v MAZENOD
ST KEVINS v DE LA SALLE (GOLDS)
OLD BRONCHITON v CAULFIELD
OLD MELBURNIANS - BYE

U19 NORTH 1

MANNINGHAM SHARKS v OLD ESSENDON
OLD CAMBERWELL v BANYULE/VIEWBANK
BULLEEN TEMP v FITZROY
ST BERNARDS v OLD CAREY

U19 NORTH 2

IVANHOE v AQUINAS
LA TROBE UNI v EMMAUS ST LEOS
OLD WESTBOURNE v THERRY PENOLA
FITZROY v OLD GEELONG BLACKS
McHale Stadium at 2.00pm
OLD XAVS v RUPERTSWOOD
TBA - Refer to Website

U19 SOUTH 2

MONASH BLUES v PARKDALE
Frearson Oval, Monash University at 9.30am
BEAUMARIS v BENTLEIGH
Banksia Reserve at 11.40am
PRAHRAN v MHSOB
Gardiner Park at 11.40am
AJAX v OLD MENTONIANS
Lindsay Hassett Oval at 1.00pm
PENINSULA v HAMPTON ROVERS

CLUB XVIII (1)

Preliminary Final

Loser Second Semi Final v Winner First Semi Final
Sunday at Sportscover Arena at 2.20pm

CLUB XVIII (2)

Preliminary Final

Loser Second Semi Final v Winner First Semi Final
Sunday at Sportscover Arena at 12.00pm

CLUB XVIII (SOUTH)

Preliminary Final

Loser Second Semi Final v Winner First Semi Final
Friday Night at Sportscover Arena at 6.30pm

CLUB XVIII (NORTH)

Preliminary Final

Loser Second Semi Final v Winner First Semi Final
Sunday at Sportscover Arena at 9.45am

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... Retrospective

by Geoff Reilley

5 YEARS AGO – 2004

Perhaps the key game in C Section was the clash between Parkdale Vultures (3rd) and Old Camberwell (4th). The Vultures needed a win to challenge for the double chance and Old Camberwell had Monash Blues and Hampton Rovers snapping at their heels. It was a great start by the Vultures with 6.4 to 3.1 in the first quarter and with plenty of talent up forward the Wells had their work cut out. Camberwell did narrow the distance in the second quarter but Parkdale kicked right away in the third term and cruised to a 10 goal victory (21.11 to 11.8) with another solid effort in the last quarter, spearhead Rowley finishing with 5 goals. The loss saw Camberwell freefall to 7th. Best players – **Rochford, Atkins, C Sullivan, S Sullivan, Hayes, Liddell** (Parkdale) and **Bayford, Hardman, Ryan (3), Craven, Durling, Hanson** (Old Camberwell). Field Umpires were **Ken McNiece** and **Peter Liddell**.

Monash Blues announced three milestones – **Stephen Menth's 200 games** had seen some spectacular highlights, both on and off the field; slick wingman, **Nick De Young**, was playing career best footy at the time of his **150th** and **Luke Creamer** recorded his **century** while continuing to dazzle with his balance and poise across half back.

The two top teams in D1 Section met out at Banyule and the home side were looking to take the 4 points and maintain their second place. The ladder leaders, **University Blacks**, were not about to upset their unbeaten record for the season and commenced in fine fashion to take the lead at quarter time by 3 goals. Banyule threw everything at the Blacks in the second term but only reduced the lead slightly. The Blacks, while not having it all their own way in the second half, proved to be too strong and talented, winning comfortably in the conditions, 10.6 to 6.10. Best Players – **Moffatt, M Kempton, Middleton, Rawsley, Savige (4), Katsaros (Uni Blacks)** and **Cantwell, Lorenzini (4), Wilmore, N Taylor, Wilson, Plant (Banyule)**.

Chris Keleher became the 21st player in Ormond's 72 year history to play **200 games**. 'Kels' began his junior football with Ormond in 1988 and over the journey his skills and ability, especially his high marking and goal scoring resulted in winning a number of **Reserves' best and fairest awards** and he was a key member of the **1998 Reserves' premiership**. Also a great clubman, Kels had made a significant contribution to CGFC.

D1 Senior coaches were – **Steve Bell** (Aquinis), **Greg Whitcroft** (Banyule), **Graham Burgen** (Fitzroy Reds),

Peter Russo (Old Mentonian), **Adrian Connolly** (Ormond), **Julian Sill** (Peninsula OB), **Leigh Stafford** (Prahran), **Peter Turley** (Salesian), **Anthony Parkin** ((Uni Blacks) and **Tim Kilworth** (Yarra Valley OB).



10 YEARS AGO – 1999

In A Section, the **Old Haileybury** versus **St Kevins** match had lots of drama, not the least being a very concerning injury, a fractured skull to St Kevins' player, **Dan Smith**. The subsequent report was that **Dan** appeared to be on the road to recovery and the **Haileybury Doctor** was thanked for assisting at the time of the accident. SKOBS, equal second at the time, lost the match conclusively, 15.12 to 25.15 and may have missed an opportunity to grab a double chance. Old Haileybury however, were thrilled with the win and were now a chance to avoid relegation. An 8 goal third term by the Bloods, as **Adam Hilton** and **David Lappage** cut the SKOBS' defence to pieces, was the major difference. Youngster **Matt Lucas** was the only highlight for St Kevins with 4 goals. Best players – **Forsyth, Jayasekera, Lappage (6), Adam Hilton (8), Hassett, Home (OH) and Marusic, O'Keefe, Lucas (4), Lowerson, M Dollman, Mahoney (SKOBS)**.

De La Salle's Phil Brasher, Club Captain for the past 2 seasons, was congratulated on recording his **200th game**. Phil was a fine example for the younger players at the club with his outstanding dedication and commitment. **Sam Taylor** and **Paul Capes** were also congratulated on playing their **150th games** for **St Bernards**. Both has progressed from the **Junior Section** and were loyal clubmen.

Significant changes to the B Section top four with **Old Brighton** and **North Old Boys** both moving gaining entry at the expense of **Mazenod** and **Collegians**. NOBS thrashed Collegians after half time and kicked 11.5 in an outstanding third quarter with multiple goal kickers. NOBS' 24.14 to 11.15 sent out a message to the other final four contenders and their supporters were relishing the weeks ahead. Best players – **Boyle (5), D Jordan (5), B Collison, Vavallo, J Barker (6), B Jordan (NOBS)** and **Irvine, Hoskins, Peters, Cleary, Jefferson, Davidson (Collegians)**. Relegation in B Section was far from settled in what had been a very even competition with four sides vulnerable over the coming weeks.

B Section Senior Coaches were – **Brett Marchant** (Beaumaris), **Tim Hart** (Collegians), **Russell Barnes** (Hampton Rovers), **Garry Connolly** (Mazenod), **Warren Faul** (MHSOB), **Frank Dunnell** (North Old Boys), **Dale Tapping** (Old Brighton), **Peter Bedford** (Old Paradians), **Leigh Carlson** (Old Trinity) and **Steve Grace** (Ormond).

20 YEARS AGO – 1989

With La Trobe University the only team safe in E Section's top four, the biggest game was **St Bedes** versus **Aquinas** with the winner taking second and the loser to come under considerable pressure in the final two games. At home, St Bedes were always a difficult challenge to overcome and this occasion proved no different. Aquinas never really threatened and were very pleased with their 17.15 to 9.10 victory and they could now start some serious planning for the finals. Aquinas dropped to fourth place and their poor percentage was a worry given **Old Essendon** and **West Brunswick** were both superior in this regard and waiting for Aquinas to falter again. Best players – **T Beasley, Berry, Hambridge (4), Lannan, Boag, Riordan (St Bedes)** and **M McCarthy, P Grierson, T Grierson, Speiss, Whittfield, L King (Aquinis)**.

Mazenod Old Collegians were undisputed favourites in F Section with a percentage in excess on 200 and an unassailable double chance. Against **Waverley** in this round however, Mazenod faced a real problem as Waverley stormed out of the blocks, kicked 5 straight in the first quarter and then held a three goal lead at half time. They were still ahead at three quarter time although Mazenod had their chances kicking 2.9 for the quarter. A right royal rev awaited the Nodders at three quarter time and it worked as they held Waverley scoreless in the last and won 10.24 to 9.4. Best players – **A Rogers (4), Robinson, Riley, G Smith, Polletti, Cox (Mazenod)** and **Nestor, Hands, Martin (6), Lawler, McNess, Polmear (Waverley)**.

30 YEARS AGO – 1979

In E Section, **Bulleen United** (4th) met **AMP Society** (2nd) in a game critical to the make up of the top four. Bulleen at home were a really tough proposition and they started well to put the AMP's behind the eight ball. Maintaining their lead at half time, Bulleen slipped somewhat in the third term as AMP's kicked three goals to one and it was all set for a tough last term. Bulleen peppered the goals for little result at first but once their forwards found their range they drew away from the struggling AMP's and coasted home 11.18 to 7.12. Best players – **G Jenkins, A Divirgilio (3), O'Brien, Pidutti, Bowden, Armitage (Bulleen United)** and **McCuskey, McLeod, McKinnon, Searle, Pottenger, S Withers (AMP Society)**. In the other critical game in this section, **Beverley Hill's** comfortable victory over **ANZ Bank** resulted in Beverley Hills replacing AMP Society who slipped to third. The big game in F Section was between **Princes Hill** (2nd) and **University Reds** (4th). After a great battle all day, Princes

Hill protected their double chance and although The Reds were defeated 11.16 to 8.18 they kept their fourth spot. Best players – **R Begbie, J Carroll (3), D Demir, Mannix, R Carroll, K Hehir (Princes Hill)** and **Thomas, Smale, Young, Toohey, O'Keefe, Hickey (Uni Reds)**.

40 YEARS AGO – 1969

The action "hotted-up" in A Section when **Caulfield Grammarians** (5th) toppled the leaders **Coburg** and in doing so reduced the margin behind **Collegians** (defeated in this round by Ormond); Caulfield now only one game out of the four. Coburg paid the penalty of inaccurate kicking for goal (2.8) in the first quarter with the wind. Caulfield slammed on 8 goals with their long kicking in the second term and maintained their lead winning 13.9 to 9.15. Best players – **Chaffey (3), J Hore, A Coffey, Pyman, Clark, Peel (Caulfield)** and **T Salter, Ebbage, Parkes, Malloy, L Beattie, Jebb (Coburg)**.

In B Section, a low scoring match between **Old Xaverians** and **Old Scotch** had quite an effect on the positioning of the teams vying for finals. The Xavs opened well and their 3.5 in the first quarter was the biggest tally by either of the teams in the match. For the remainder of the game it was a hard slog with Xavs winning 5.13 to 4.5. Best players – **Hayden, Prowse, McLellan, Ryan, Quinn, Callinan (Old Xavs)** and **Anderson, Symington, I Addison, Gillies, Welch, Nicholls (Old Scotch)**. **St Bernards** (fourth) went down surprisingly to **Kew** and were now only 1 game ahead of Old Xavs. **Scotch** remained two games ahead in third position with 2 rounds to go.

50 YEARS AGO – 1959

The undefeated **AJAX** team in D Section continued on their merry way with a resounding victory at ANZ Bank's expense, but what about their inaccuracy, 13.32 to 3.8? Despite the Bank's use of the wind in the first quarter, the AJAX defence was almost impossible to penetrate and ANZ did not score their first goal until the third quarter. Now three games clear of St Kevins Old Boys it seemed only complacency in the weeks ahead could ruin the party for AJAX. Best players – **Kalman, Burstin (4), R Merkel, Shostak (4), D Yaffe, Tauber (AJAX)** and **C Spencer, Lyons, Morton, Treleaven, Christenson, Penhale (ANZ)**.

In E Section, **Old Brighton** defeated **Old Carey** in a thrilling game. For the first three quarters it was goal for goal and the standard was high as expected from two teams in the top four. It was only in the final term that Brighton took control with a 5 goal quarter. With the finals pending, Brighton remained on top of the ladder and Old Carey were safe in fourth place. Final score 15.19 to 11.18. Best players – **Reuss, Sedgwick, Mulligan (3), Kellaway, Peachey, Morris (Old Brighton)** and **Loft, McKay, M Edwards (3), Wilmot, Stein, Drummey (Old Carey)**.



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D2: Old Ivanhoe
D3: Monash Gryphons
Club XVIII (1): Old Melburnians

After 5:30pm

D4: Swinburne Uni
U19 (South 1): St Kevins
U19 (North 2): Aquinas

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C Reserve: Monash Blues (win/loss)
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Joey's Jargon

3 of 4 tips for the Jargon this week with the Tigers who are in worse form than Rudi Koertzen costing me the full compliment. Three sides still to fill two spots in the finals race with all sides having to play top two sides on the way home making it very difficult to shape the four. With the bottom three sides performing admirably on Saturday this competition has a lot of life left in it with three matches to play.

Last Round:

St Marys/Salesian v UHS/Flemington: In an absolute corker at Ferndale, UHS hung on by a whisker to a fast finishing St Marys/Salesian. UHS began well controlling the game through the midfield with a five goal lead at half time looked as if they were to go on with it. After the long break UHS maintained a steady hold on the match but it was in the last quarter where the St Marys lads started to move the footy quickly and began to make a dent on the scoreboard to come within 4 points with less than a minute remaining. But that was all she wrote as a tiring UHS hung on to take the points. Better Players for UHS were Bourke with 3 goals and the consistent Everist. The Saints had Bombas up and firing again with Reynolds also playing a key role.

St Bernards v Northern Bullants: The Bullants arrived early at the College for their clash with St Bernards. Although a slow start to proceedings the Bullants put their foot down remaining pretty comfortable to defeat the Snow Dogs by 74 points and holding the snow dogs goalless. Viola and Whelan were better players for the Bullants and for St Bernards, Sullivan remained in good form.

Therry Penola v Oakleigh: Well I called it a genuine 1 v 8 clash and couldn't have been further from the truth. To Therry Penola's credit they battled hard and were unlucky not to take the points against the top side. The travel was always going to be a factor for the Oaks but they are still out in front and have only been defeated once this year. Pappon had his ball magnet gloves on for the Oaks which most U18 sides would have become accustomed too. Therry had hard workers in the form of Trimble and Cox.

TODAY'S U18 MATCHES

OAKLEIGH v ST BEDES/MEN. TIGERS

W.A. Scammell Reserve at 9.45am

UHS-VU/FLEMINGTON v NORTHERN BULLANTS

Brens Oval at 9.45am

THERRY PENOLA v OLD CAMBERWELL

John Pascoe Fawkner Reserve at 12.00pm

ST MARY'S SALESIAN v ST BERNARDS

Ferndale Park at 2.00pm

Under 18s

by Joe Morsello



St Bedes/Mentone Tigers v Old Camberwell

In an upset, Camberwell travelled to Southern Rd Oval and led throughout to defeat a very disappointing St Bedes. The tigers are showing, well not really much at all in the run to the finals and have three matches to try and gain some very much needed momentum. Camberwell who have had a disappointing year in the shadows of their very good U19 side earned a much needed victory to keep away from the wooden spoon. Better players for the Victors were Opt' Hoog who bagged 3 big ones, with Dickson and Boyall also performing well. For the Tiggys, Schubert and Patounas tried hard.

This Week:

UHS/Flem v Northern Bullants: UHS always tough to beat home but the Bullants should have the class. Bullants by 45 points.

Oakleigh v St Bedes/Men. Tigers: Oakleigh should be to strong but perhaps the tigers can pull something out of the bag. Oaks to get the job done by 21 points.

Therry Penola v Old Camberwell: Old Camberwell to get over the line here but that's about it. Old Camb by 6 points.

St Marys/Salesian v St Bernards: The Saints are finishing with a flurry, can put a massive dent in the Snow Dogs finals aspirations. Saints by 17 points.

It is getting close to that time of the year for the U18 Team of the year side to be announced. Please send through any nominations to me. Any match reports, information, banter related to my column and correspondence will be most appreciated. Please send by 5pm Monday. Don't be shy. Please email to joe@vafa.com.au

LAST ROUND'S RESULTS – U18

ST BERNARDS 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.5 (5)

NORTHERN BULLANTS 1.1 5.3 9.4 12.7 (79)

ST BERNARDS: Best: T. Sullivan, M. Sweeney, H. Overman, L. Sullivan, J. Wheeler, J. Saundry **NTHN BULLANTS:** Goals: T. Yilmaz 2, B. Wilson 2, K. Moustafa 2, E. Cole, L. Winter, J. Dalton, G. Warton, P. David, D. Vozinidis. Best: C. Viola, B. Whelan, L. Winter, E. Cole, K. Moustafa, G. Dellaportas.

ST BEDES/MENTONE TIGERS 1.4 1.6 2.8 3.9 (27)

OLD CAMBERWELL 2.0 4.2 5.2 8.5 (53)

SMBT: Goals: T. Robertson, P. Cortazzo, S. Ary. Best: W. Schubert, J. Patounas, L. Cuthbert, W. Green, J. Morrison, S. Hyland **OLD CAMBERWELL:** Goals: J. Opt' Hoog 3, J. Le Cerf, J. Edwards, M. Cooney, N. Ross, A. Vickery. Best: J. Opt' Hoog, O. Dickson, M. Boyall, N. Ross, B. Dean, J. Le Cerf.

THERRY PENOLA 2.5 4.6 6.6 9.7 (61)

OAKLEIGH 2.1 3.3 8.6 10.8 (68)

TP: Goals: L. Vassallo 3, M. Trimble 2, K. Forbes 2, J. Molloy, A. Racliffe. Best: M. Trimble, H. Cox, L. Lentini, M. Jones, P. Nguyen, M. McCrae **OAK:** Goals: P. Tsoucalas 2, R. Jetta 2, T. Costigan, Z. Thiessens, D. Ruddy, E. Catalia, S. Stamos, C. Lavery. Best: J. Pappon, J. Olson, C. Mercun, Z. Thiessens, C. Lavery, D. Sutton.

ST MARY'S SALESIAN 2.2 2.4 5.6 9.11 (65)

UHS VU/FLEMINGTON 4.1 7.4 9.6 10.9 (69)

ST MS: Goals: D. West 3, A. Bombas 2, T. Phillips 2, S. Gatehouse, M. Kitchen.

Best: A. Bombas, K. Reynolds, L. Hawkins, E. Toms, D. West, T. Phillips **UHS**

VUF: Goals: M. Bourke 3, S. McSweeney 2, H. Everest, L. Allen, N. Pinto, H. Free, A. Musa. Best: M. Bourke, H. Everest, R. Williamson, A. Papagiannis, L. Allen, S. McSweeney.

UNDER-18

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Coach: S. Galofaro

1. S. Clarkson
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3. S. Calcedo
4. B. Wilson
5. B. Whelan
6. G. Dellaportas
7. J. Gatto
8. G. Warton
9. D. Calcedo
10. J. Dalton
11. J. Thomson
12. J. Dal Santo
13. L. Winter
14. K. Moustafa
15. E. Cole
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6. J. Pappon
7. S. Corfe
8. B. Quinn
9. T. Costigan
10. J. Olsen
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U19 SECTIONS

by Ross Mitchell (U19 Premier), Damien Ractliffe (U19 North 1 & 2),
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UNDER 19 PREMIER

Round 15 Review

Old Scotch jumped out to a flyer in their encounter with Uni Blacks. Playing in the early match of a triple header at the CSG, The Cardinals knocked in 8 majors to hold a very tidy 6 and half goal lead at the first change. From here though Uni Blacks fought back and got within 1 point at the half and were only 2 points behind Scotch at the last change and the upset of the round looked on the cards (pardon the pun). To The Cardinals credit though they steadied and went on to record a solid 16 point win. It was the two number 1's who reveled in the conditions, Old Scotch's Fraser MacFarlane headed the score sheet with four goals while in the black jumper Brayden Harkness booted three.

Goals were hard to come by at Marcellin College as The Eagles welcomed Beaumaris for their first run onto the #2 Oval. Lovers of attacking footy may have been better off heading elsewhere as these two sides failed to kick more than 10 goals between them. An under manned Eagles outfit only bothered the scoreboard attendant twice while The Sharks ran away with the game winning by 49 points.

A more entertaining affair was played out next door as Old Trinity gave The Claret and Stout the fright of their lives. Jumping Xavs in the first term to take a handy lead into the second term it looked like being Trinity's day. Solid work from James Woods and Liam Grigg ensured Xavs would get back into the contest and they did that eventually clawing their way back to hold a slender 8 point lead at the last change. Through some great work from Will Oldfield and Harry Tinney The T's won the last quarter but fell agonisingly short when the final siren sounded. While Old Xavarians won by 4 points there is plenty to like about this Old Trinity side who have now pushed the big 3 and showing plenty of ticker.

No such problem for De La Salle Blues as they stormed Brindisi St smashing St Bedes Mentone Tigers by 96 points. Shane Griffin had a day out for the Blue and Gold and was well supported by Ryan Harris (4 goals) and Kieran Ellis. For The Tigers Sebastian Faulkner and Todd Bastion were dangerous but could not contain a rampant De La.

It was a similar story at Melbourne Uni as Uni Blues made Rupertswood's visit about as uncomfortable as it comes thumping The Woodsman by a massive 123 points. Already up by 10 goals at half time The Bluebaggers piled on another 13 second half majors to pick up plenty of percentage that may prove handy as they stake their claim as finals contenders. Best for Uni

Blues were Oliver Robertson and Will Hartnell (7 goals) while for Rupo Ahren Berry and Brendan Grech were solid on a dirty day for lads from Sunbury.

Round 16 Preview

At home again this week Uni Blues have everything to play for, keeping in mind that Beaumaris play De La Salle and will most likely lose The Bluebaggers can pinch forth spot with a win against Old Scotch this week. I penciled this one in as a win to The Scotches a couple of weeks ago but after last weeks scare against Uni Blacks combined with Uni Blues' red hot form I'm leaning towards the Uni side. Uni Blues by 2 goals. As mentioned I think The Sharks will find De La Salle too hard to handle this week but will go down swinging. De La Blues by 5 goals.

Marcellin and St Bedes Mentone Tigers had shockers last week and will be keen to get back on track, The Tigers need to stay in touch with the top 4 and The Eagles need the win to get away from the drop zone. I'll take SBMT to halt the losing streak and win by 4 goals. Rupertswood will host Old Trinity at Salesian College this week and will need to play well to get past an Old Trinity side that has been very impressive recently just falling short against more fancied opponents. I'm tipping The T's to win by a couple of goals.

Old Xavs head back to Stradbrooke Park where they should prove too strong for Uni Blacks. Dino-mites by 4 goals.

UNDER 19 NORTH 1 AND 2

DAMO'S BALL

Round 15 Review - North 1

Fitzroy has failed to create an upset as Old Camberwell knocked them off comfortably by 7 goals. Killworth was back to his best for the Wellers with 5 goals, the win knocking Fitzroy out of the four.

St Bernards has all but ended Manningham's hopes of playing finals with a 55 point thumping, however the losing side played it tough throughout the day with falling soldiers. Di Bartolomeo and Massarotti took most of the grunt for the Sharks, whilst Cribbin was best on ground for the victors.

Old Essendon has kept Banyule goalless in their 12 goal



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win over Viewbank. Big Butch Hinkley was outstanding as usual for the Bombers.

And in the other match, Old Carey has continued its push for finals with a 133 point smashing of Bulleen. Stellas was the only light for Templestowe, while Cushen was outstanding with 8 majors, a vital player in next week's clash with OEG.

Round 15 Review - North 2

Ivanhoe has kept their final aspirations alive with a relaxed over Fitzroy by 34 points. Clinton-Morgan was outstanding for the Hoes, while Manoli kicked 4 goals for the losing side.

Aquinas has lost another match, this time at the hands of Emmaus by 88 points. Mills was outstanding for St Leos, whilst Ramsden played another good game for the Collegians.

Old Geelong has all but sealed top spot with a 98 point demolition of Old Westborne. Officer kicked 6 for the top of the table Cats, as signs look weary for OW, who rate themselves a chance this season.

Rupertwood spot on the bottom was evident in Saturday's 147 point drubbing to Therry. The Lions dominated after quarter time thanks to Milanovic and Leroy.

And Old Xavs got home in a tough one by 11 points over La Trobe Uni. Prowse was the star for Old Xavs in the tight win.

Round 16 TIPS - North 1

Old Carey by 1 point

Old Camberwell by heaps

St Bernards by 78 points

Fitzroy by 55 points

Round 16 TIPS - North 2

Old Westborne by plenty

Fitzroy by 40 points

Old Geelong by 120 points

Ivanhoe by 35 points

Therry Penola by 65 points

UNDER 19 SOUTH 1 AND 2

South 1 - Review:

Wowee!! Do we have a tight race on our hands for that final spot in this years finals series as there are 4 teams in a very tight tussle just nipping at each others heels wanting that 4th position on the ladder. Kick things off with an upset in my book as the Fielders took it to the Monders this week in a thrilling 2 point win which really keeps their season alive. Solid contributions from T. Baker and D. Allanson helped bring Caulfield back into the finals hunt.

Collegians enjoyed a 100 point drubbing of the Nodders this week as they had a wide spread of goals kicked across the board and even contributions from the likes

of T. Bulling, L. Fitzpatrick and M. Kyroussis.

Old Brighton remained in 4th spot this week after further enhancing their percentage with 97 point belting of the Old Haileyburans. C. Kennett and L. Anthony kicked 12 between them and were well fed by P. Healey.

St Kevins just thought they'd upstage the ladder leaders this week in defeating the Old Melburnians by 21 points. An outstanding win which really sends a message through the top 6 sides in that any one can win on any given day its going to come down to who wants it more. De La Salle Had the BYE

Preview:

De La Salle vs. Caulfield: Ripper game both need the win in an 8 point game. Going to go with Caulfield by 3 kicks.

Mazenod vs. Old Brighton: Brighton to boost their percentage further with another 100 point drubbing.

Collegians vs. St Kevins: Kev's by plenty.

Old Melburnians vs. Old Haileybury: Melburnians by plenty.

Ormond BYE

South 2 - Review:

The top four in South 2 is done and dusted in my opinion and can not change as a minor miracle would need to occur. The Blues would need to win all 3 of their remaining games by at least 20 goals+ which I just can't see happening. Stay with Monash for the time being as they enjoyed another victory over Prahran to the tune of 5 goals. Solid games from A. Moles and M. McCart helped the Ashes to an enjoyable victory.

Parky felt the need this week to wipe the floor with Beaumaris as they enjoyed a 80 point belting at Gerry Green Reserve. A. Coles booted 5 and was well fed by T. McLennan and N. Koop who dominated general play.

There is a new leader in the house this week as the Hampton Rovers defeated the Jackers by 5 goals to take the mantle with a healthier percentage and a real hunger to succeed. J. Massie and N. Hoban were the thorns in the jackers side as the pair ran a much at Boss James Reserve this week. What a finals series we are in for this season.

Peninsula Belted MHSOB this week to the tune of 131 points to enjoy some minor success as they look to go on to bigger and better things in season 2010. W. Sanson, A. Bouten kicked 10 between them and had a heap of the prune which proved to be too big a mountain for the school boys to climb.

And finally this week Bentleigh doing what they have done best over the past 2 months, MAULING the Old Mentonians by 138 points as they only have one thing on their mind and that is the Premiership Cup and My Oath they will give it a shake don't you worry about that. B. Morrison jagged 8 (wow this kid can play) and B. Lovell just had it on a string.

Preview:

Bentleigh vs. Hampton Rovers: Game of the year, the two inform teams of the competition. I'm going to go with the away side by a kick.

Ajax vs. MHSOB: Ajax 100 points

Parkdale vs. Prahran: Parky by 6 goals.

Old Mentonians vs. Monash Blues: Monash to still dream about a Miracle 4 goals.

Peninsula vs. Beaumaris: Peninsula by 60 points.



TODAY'S U19 MATCHES

U19 PREMIER

RUPERTSWOOD v OLD TRINITY
MARCELLIN v ST BEDES/MEN. TIGERS
UNI BLUES v OLD SCOTCH
DE LA SALLE (BLUES) v BEAUMARIS
OLD XAVIERIANS v UNI BLACKS
TBA - Refer to Website

U19 SOUTH 1

DE LA SALLE (GOLDS) v CAULFIELD
Waverley Park at 11.40am
ORMOND - BYE
COLLEGIANS v ST KEVINS
OLD MELBURNIANS v OLD HAILEYBURY
MAZENOD v OLD BRIGHTON

U19 NORTH 1

FITROY v MANNINGHAM SHARKS
W.T.Peterson Community Oval at 2.00pm
BANYULE/VIEWBANK v OLD CAMBERWELL
BULLEEN TEMP v ST BERNARDS
OLD CAREY v OLD ESSENDON

U19 NORTH 2

AQUINAS v OLD WESTBOURNE
Westbourne School at 2.00pm
RUPERTSWOOD v FITROY
Salesian College Sunbury at 11.40am
THERRY PENOLA v EMMAUS ST LEOS
OLD GEELONG BLACKS v OLD XAVS
IVANHOE v LA TROBE UNI

U19 SOUTH 2

BENTLEIGH v HAMPTON ROVERS
Bentleigh Recreation Reserve at 9.30am
AJAX v MHSOB
Lindsay Hassett Oval at 1.00pm
PARKDALE v PRAHRAN
OLD MENTONIANS v MONASH BLUES
PENINSULA v BEAUMARIS

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CLUB XVIII SECTION

by Norm Nugent

Round 15 produced its share of surprise results, which would have left several teams wondering what had stopped their progression to next week's finals. My success rate was 75%.

REVIEW OF ROUND 15

Section 1

Prahran finished with a satisfying eight point victory over St Bernard's. Old Melburnians scored an eighty nine point win over St Kevin's, who finished 2009 without victory. Leaders, Old Xaverians 2 outplayed De La Salle, to record a thirteen point victory. Collegians retained the double chance through their thirty three point win over University Blues. Old Xaverians received a forfeit from Old Scotch.

Section 2

The early morning match between Old Camberwell and Whitefriars, provided the closest result of the Round because Old Camberwell won by the minimum margin. Monash Blues defeated Old Trinity by forty nine points. Form side, Old Brighton avenged their Round 5 loss to Fitzroy, by winning the return match by ninety five points.

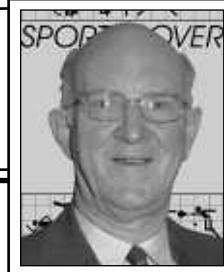
Marcellin set themselves as the side to beat when the Eagles doubled University Blacks score by winning by sixty three points.

In the afternoon match, Mazenod ran out thirty one point winners against North Old Boys/St Patricks.

North

Therry Penola finished their season in a blaze of glory, when they defeated Whitefriars by fifty eight points. Banyule tuned up for today's final at Gillon Oval with a one hundred and eighteen point win over North Old Boys/St Patricks. Old Westbourne's twenty nine point win over Werribee lifted them off the bottom of the ladder. In a preview of Saturday's second Semi Final, Old Essendon, at home, defeated Old Ivanhoe by twenty five points.

Bulleen Templestowe were left to ponder what might have been, when they defeated finalist Old Carey by eight points. The 'Bullants' asserted their superiority early but Carey fought back to lead narrowly at half time before Bulleen Templestowe regained control after the long interval. In windy conditions Williamstown CYMS took control of their game against the tiring Kew. In the second half, the CY's won by twenty eight points. Their best were winger Dion Clemmens and fast goalsneak



Michael Sneddon. For Kew, Tarren Colwell in the ruck was best.

South

St Marys/Salesian ended their disappointing season, with a good win over Hampton Rovers. In a preview of today's First Semi Final, Old Scotch led Caulfield Grammarians throughout their game, which Old Scotch won by twenty points. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers proved me to be a poor judge when they defeated Oakleigh by forty four points. Leaders Old Melburnians inflicted a ninety four point defeat on second placed Ormond, who recorded a mere four scoring shots. Old Geelong had the Bye.

REVIEW OF SEMI FINALS

Section 1

First Semi Final

Last season's Grand Finalists Old Xaverians and University Blues, meet at Sports Cover Arena. Each team has comfortably defeated the other during the season. The Xaverians have gradually gathered momentum as the season progressed, except for their Round 10 loss to today's opponents. The Blues who started well, slumped as injuries and vacation robbed them of players. Recently their form lifted, although Collegians had their measure last week. My 'Cyrstal Ball' gazing prompts me to select Old Xaverians.

TODAY'S CLUB 18 (1) MATCHES

1ST SEMI FINAL

OLD XAVERIANS (1) v UNIVERSITY BLUES
SUNDAY AT SPORTSCOVER ARENA AT 12.00PM

2ND SEMI FINAL

OLD XAVERIANS (2) v COLLEGIANS
SUNDAY AT SPORTSCOVER ARENA AT 2.20PM

Second Semi Final

Old Xaverians 2 and Collegians last met in Round 9, when the ménages won by a goal. Their leading goal scorer Altis was held to a solitary goal that day and his contribution must be minimised today for Collegians to win. An unanswered question is, will the Xaverians miss ineligible players, who have contributed during the season? The Collegians forwards have been the best in the business, and can kick their side to victory providing the Sportscover Arena winds don't deviate

the kicks. The Xaverians too may be apprehensive at this venue where they lost to the Blues in Round 12. It is difficult to forecast the result of this game as there are strong arguments in favour of each side. I select Collegians, who will be anxious to erase memories of 2008 defeats at Sportscover Arena.

Section 2

First Semi Final

Old Brighton the form side of the competition, enter today's match against Monash Blues as favourites following their eighty point win over Monash in Round 10. Monash had won the Round 2 game by three points. For Monash Blues, Paul Coughlin and Sam O'Meara did well in both games. They must receive more support from their team mates today for Monash to do well. Old Brighton have proven stars in the Jackson two, goal sneaks Maguire, Eastgate and Earl who must be negated for Monash to win. I select Old Brighton, mindful of their form and with the thoughts of previous Monash finals fadeout.

TODAY'S CLUB 18 (2) MATCHES

1ST SEMI FINAL

MONASH BLUES v OLD BRIGHTON
SUNDAY AT ALEC GILLON OVAL AT 12.00PM

2ND SEMI FINAL

UNIVERSITY BLACKS v MARCELLIN
SUNDAY AT ALEC GILLON OVAL AT 2.20PM

Second Semi Final

For the second successive week, University Blacks play Marcellin, who won at home last week by sixty three points. University Blacks who boasted an impressive record in the season, won the Round 8 game by twenty points. Marcellin have a reliable forward in the veteran Gary Petroff, whose skills can still win a game for the Eagles. The Blacks scoring seems to have tapered off later in the season and their forwards need to be in form to hold out the Marcellin defenders. I select Marcellin, who have often impressed during the season and suspect the Blacks have lost momentum over recent Rounds.

North

First Semi Final

Banyule enters this game, aided by their game at Gillon in Round 15. Old Carey comes to the game after the pain of last week's loss to Bulleen Templestowe. Old Carey has won the two matches against Banyule this season; by one point in Round 4 and by twenty points in Round 12. Big Luka Guerra was among the goals each time for Old Carey and he looms as a danger again for Banyule. Nick Everett, with his weaving runs and long left foot kicks is another threat

to Banyule. Like the mid Twentieth Century West Indies Cricket team, the 'Three Ws' from Banyule pose a major threat to a Carey victory. Brad Willmore, David Witchell and David Williams can all add to their records by leading Banyule to victory. Who will win? Old Carey should be too fast, but Banyule have the experience and ground knowledge. Providing Banyule players adjust to the finals tempo, I feel they will be too fast for Old Ivanhoe.

TODAY'S CLUB 18 (NORTH) MATCHES

1ST SEMI FINAL

BANYULE v OLD CAREY

SATURDAY AT ALEC GILLON OVAL AT 12.00PM

2ND SEMI FINAL

OLD IVANHOE v OLD ESSENDON

SATURDAY AT ALEC GILLON OVAL AT 2.20PM

Second Semi Final

Today's opponents Old Ivanhoe and Old Essendon have met twice during the season for one win each. Old Ivanhoe won by fourteen points at home in Round 10, whilst Old Essendon won at home last week by twenty five points. I favour Old Essendon to win this game for two reasons; several of their players know the Gillon Oval and from what I have observed during the season they will be too fast for Old Ivanhoe.

South

First Semi Final

Old Scotch will enter this game with confidence following their win over Caulfield Grammarians last week. Earlier in the season, Caulfield at home defeated Scotch by eighteen points. That day Caulfield had star forwards in S. and R. Sinclair, who kicked multiple goals. Providing Old Scotch kick straight and attack the ball as they did last week, they should win.

TODAY'S CLUB 18 (SOUTH) MATCHES

1ST SEMI FINAL

OLD SCOTCH v CAULFIELD GRAM

SATURDAY AT SPORTSCOVER ARENA AT 9.30AM

2ND SEMI FINAL

OLD MELBURNIANS v ORMOND

FRIDAY NIGHT AT SPORTSCOVER ARENA AT 6.30PM

Second Semi Final

On Friday night at Sports cover Arena, Old Melburnians and Ormond meet for the third time this season. Old Melburnians have won each of these games. They won by fourteen points in Round 2 and by ninety four points last week. The Old Melburnians have an enviable record this season and should add to it with victory in this game.

