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Preliminary Final Wrap

Well our senior boys are off to the 'big dance', the Grand final, after a hard-fought win over Craigieburn in the Preliminary final at Coburg City oval.

The theme for the day was 'resilience' and 'family'.

Resilience because the footy club has been able to rebuild itself and continue to be competitive over a number of years when the odds were stacked against it.

Family because we are a family club and all our supporters and family ride the highs and lows with the playing group.

We started the game well kicking against a slight breeze, Adam Scott marked everything that came his way and gave our small forwards first use of the ball.

We went into the first quarter break 1 point down, a good result kicking against a 2-3 goal wind.

We knew the wind wouldn't do it for us and the second quarter was very tight once again. Jack Kennedy was dangerous inside our forward 50 and ended up with 3 majors to his name, clearly one of our best for the day, his finishing skills were brilliant.

At half time we were still one point down in what was a very tight contest.

Russ Laurie was having the better of Craigieburn's gun forward Limbach and every time the ball came to Limbach, Russ was there to spoil the fun and clearly won the contest on the day.

At about the 20-minute mark of the third quarter, with the game still in the balance, Shannon Dowsett flew into a marking contest and unfortunately a Craigieburn player came off second best and was concussed. This resulted in approx. a half our break while an ambulance was called. This changed the game as we started to get on top from this point. At three quarter time we were 4 points down. In the last however we kicked away scoring 5.4 to their 1.2 to run out winners by 22 points, 13.15.93 to 10.11.71.

Best players were Jack Kennedy, Russ Laurie, Caleb Harward, Dean Simmonds and Adam Scott.

Both Kennedy and Harward finished up with three goals each.

Next week we seek redemption in the Grand Final against Airport West at Windy Hill.

Best of luck boys!!!!