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Round 18 Wrap

Seniors

This week saw two very contrasting selection styles, we took the path of resting players, 16 in total, whilst Airport West went in at virtually full strength. It was a terrible day weather wise and was going to be a real slog from the first bounce.

APW won the toss and kicked with a 5-6 goal wind in the first quarter, we went in 32 points down at the quarter time break. With virtually our reserves side playing we were not unhappy with this result. Ryan Pretty played loose in defence in the first quarter and cut off a lot of forward fifty penetrations from APW.

We kicked with the wind in the second but didn't really take advantage of the strong wind and went into the half time break 21 points in arrears. DC's message at haltime was that spots were up for grabs and that not enough of the fringe players were making the most of this last game before finals.

At $\frac{3}{4}$ time we were down by 43 points but kicking with a strong breeze gave ourselves every opportunity to peg the lead of APW back in the last.

We through everything at them in last but eventually lost by 23 points, Tullamarine 8.11.59 to APW 11.16.82

Ryan Pretty kicked three goals and was easily in our best players, Matt Watts doubling up from the 19's kicked 2 goals and showed he is definitely a player of the future. Sidhom, Maric and Matson all kicked one goal each. Best players for the day were Jack Burns, Shannon Dowsett, Ryan Pretty, Angelos Sidhom, Timmy Matson and Matt Watts.

So, with approx. 13-15 changes next week for the first semi-final on Saturday, once again against Airport West, this is when the real stuff starts and a game we hope sets us up for a grand final appearance 2 weeks later.

Reserves

An interesting game for our reserve boys with more than half of them selected to play in the senior's this week and virtually the entire under 19's doubling up to play a second game, so we were not quite sure what to expect playing the top side.

But credit where credit is due, the guys can walk away from this game, and the season for that matter, with their heads held high as they really gave it a crack and never gave up all day.

Sammy Mc was as dangerous as ever and finished with two goals. Scotty Poynter marked everything that came his way and really dominated until running out of steam late in the game after playing in the 19's also.

We eventually lost 5.5.35 to APW 16.15.111

Best players were Sammy Mc, Liam Spurr, Simon Marchitto and Zac Hainslin.

A successful year for our reserves finishing 5th on the ladder with a lot to look forward to next season.

Under 19's

Another loss for the boys in the last game in what has been a long year. We went down 6.8.44 to Oak Park 10.15.75

It is important now that we get all the boys to pre-season and with a number of 17's moving up that we progress next year.

Well done to all involved with getting the boys on the ground every week, this is the first under 19's side we have had for a number of years and the entire club is very proud of the effort put in from everyone.

Well done and lets bring on 2019!!