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1st Semi Final Wrap

Seniors

A very disappointing day for us in week one of our finals campaign.

Airport West won the day 15.13.107 to our 6.11.47. We went into the game quietly confident that with the players we rested the week before would freshen them up for the big occasion. How wrong we were, and we played probably our worst game of the year on the biggest stage of the year thus far.

We went into quarter time only one point down but kicking with a slight breeze we should have been in front. Adam Bartrop injured his knee in the first quarter and looks like missing the rest of the year. Timmy Matson, in only his 4th game of senior footy, had a serviceable game off the halfback flank. Will Becker crashed the packs all day and was very hard at the footy.

At half time we were 10 points down, but you could feel that we were up against it with Airport West playing very good football across most parts of the ground. The message from DC was that we reset now and go out in the second half and play our brand of football. Unfortunately, the opposition was too good, and we went into the three-quarter time break 23 points down, not completely out of the game, but with our backs against the wall. Jack Kennedy was a little sore in the hamstring and Jono Hardman had copped a corked thigh and with Choppa off for the game we were struggling a little from the bench.

DC through the magnets around in the last quarter to try and spark some sort of resurgence, but to no avail and we eventually lost the game by 56 points.

We hardly had a winner on the ground all day, and at best maybe 5-6 players drew even with their opponent

So this week we take on Craigieburn in a preliminary final to advance to a grand final.

With a couple of players looking to come back from injury it is obviously a must win game and I am sure the boys will dig deep and give it everything they've got.