



FERNDALE FLASH

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AROUND THE GROUNDS

This week: Seniors (M) vs Williamstown CYMS (A) 2pm

The adage "A week is a long time in football" has never appeared more truthful than when reflecting on the Senior mens past two weeks. From the pride and joy felt two weeks ago in securing the clubs first 4 points in Premier football, the club experienced its worst defeat in recent history last week at the hands of Fitzroy.

The talking point in the lead up to the match was revolved around the tribunal, as opposed to the football. Star forward Manny Dolan was called into chambers of VAFA HQ at Elsternwick Park to plead his case to dismiss a 3 game ban after being given a straight red for "unduly rough conduct" in tackling a Peninsula opponent. The VAFA cameras was located next to the SMS coaches box and caught the vision perfectly, showing a single motion only one pinned arm, however QC David Malcolm could not get our star forward off, with the tribunal upholding a 2 game sanction.

Buoyed by the fact that Peninsula only went down to Fitzroy by 6 points, SMS were hopeful of causing another upset at the Ferndale Furnace. Unfortunately, the SMS coaches box flank took another victim as Louis Holmes smashed a pack and smashed his AC Joint in the process. Ferndale SMS coaches box flank 2 - SMS forward line 0. Moments later, Nathan Evans got up to his old tricks and found himself with concussion for what feels like the 100th time. Within 10 minutes, SMS were down to 2 on the bench.

After an arm wrestle for the first 15 minutes, Fitzroy gained ascending all over the ground. They were very well drilled with the calls of their set plays still ringing in SMS player ears. Their press was suffocating and SMS were simply unable to break through regularly enough. If SMS were unable to get the ball through, it came back..... With interest. Fitzroy continue to pile on goals.

By 3QT and 80 points down, injuries to Strangward and Elliston meant we had no rotations left. Fatigue took its toll and fitzroy kicked 13 goals to SMS 3 in the last qtr. SMS ultimately went down by 130+ points. A thoroughly disappointing afternoon.
Cameron Butler

This week: Reserves (M) vs Williamstown CYMS (A) 11:40pm

With the first win of the year in the bank, the next challenge lay in the form of an undefeated Fitzroy at Ferndale Park. There was a sense of confidence amongst the group, with coach Gatehouse reinforcing the message to take the game on and play our way.

This was evident in the first 10 minutes as the Saints dominated, bringing the pressure game that has served us so well over the past few years. Biiiiiiiiig Nick was a presence in the middle, Whits in and under as always and Baz was dominating in the ruck. However with only one goal to show for our early dominance, the 'Roys slowly gained the ascendancy back to stretch the margin out to 4 goals half way through the second quarter....

Enter Steven Guts. The big boy down forward, seemingly invisible throughout the first few rounds of the season, reminded everyone that he is the one and only Plugga at Ferndale, slotting home 3 in a row to break the game open and hand SMS a valuable half time lead.

However when the premierships quarter came around, SMS were unable to match it with the Roys, who demonstrated to us the level that is required in Premier C. Whilst there were positive signs, with our best clearly good enough, a four quarter effort is required if we want to make an impact this year.

Frankie Ravida

This week: Thirds (M) vs St Bernards (A) 11:40am

Chicken Dinners all around for the thirds this week, as we stuck out our first 4 quarter effort and waved the boys from PEGS goodbye on the long trek back to windy hill!

It was a blistering start from fellas, with many shocked to see McMahon take to the field for his second week in a row. Buoyed by the heightened interest in his return to the fern, McMahon put on a little show for the locals in the first quarter. After being absolutely robbed of a clear mark on the outer wing, the candy man McMahon offered two eager PEGS boys a killer python, before leaving them behind like Macaulay Culkin and spearing a pass deep into our 50. The big fella turned back the clock throughout the day in a bid to remind Erwin what could have been.

Some sublime attacking footy from Jimmy Ellis spurred the boys on as he made the most of the endless and ruthless inside work of the Skipper, Rowey. Gee Rowy has been good... although Byrnsey has banged on about it now for two weeks, and Meisel thinks enough is enough. When asked for a comment, all Vin Diesel could muster was, "There are two skippers in this team".

The boys were well and truly in the game at the half time break and you could tell we were a chance to take it all the way, we just needed to find something special to extend the slender lead.

LAST WEEK

Seniors (M) Rd 5 vs Fitzroy

SMS 10.4 - 64
Fitzroy 29.24 - 198

Goals: J. Tanner 2, N. Baxter 2, J. Hunt 2, B. Borland, N. Bussell, J. Sharp, D. Waters
Best: J. Mattiske, J. Tanner, M. Bulte, J. Elliston, B. Borland, C. Angley

Reserves (M) Rd 5 vs Fitzroy

SMS 5. 11 - 41
Fitzroy 13. 12 90

Goals: S. Gusts 4, O. Baxter
Best: N. Ludwig, J. Ryan, S. Gusts, T. Whittle, M. Howard, X. Leonard



Stefan thinks he's funny

1. I just got told I was deaf..
2. What do you call a chicken looking at a salad?

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AROUND THE GROUNDS cont...

Enter Sammy Garlepp, a doting mother type, who happened to notice that one of the boys on the other team was looking particularly cold in the second half. Being the kind fella that he is, he chased him around for the entire second half, hugged him for warmth when it was appropriate and incidentally, didn't let him get a kick for the entire second half. The difference made, the boys romped home to a stirring and significant win.

The boys discovered that winning is way more fun than losing, and after much searching, it appears an identity has been found.

Sam Matheson

This week: Seniors (W) vs West Brunswick (H) 2pm

The second win of the season for the seniors with a big hit out against Brunswick Renegades. Moving us into 4th position on the ladder. Coach Damo commented it to be one of the best games yet, with every single player who stepped onto the field contributing. A big congratulations to Alicia S and Zoe V who stepped up into the senior side.

Captain Gill placed focus on our efforts to back one another with quick handballs to get it out of packs and using our voices on the field which definitely worked in our favour. The run from our team was spectacular, specifically from our on ballers who covered the ground with ease and were able to shut down Brunswick's best midfielders.

Our backline was as solid as ever, hats off to Grace, Emily, Sasha, Mads, Ruby and Kayla. The teamwork displayed and skill winning one on one contests; they were able to keep Brunswick to just one behind for the whole game.

Starring in the second quarter was our asset Holly, being the core to our defensive wall; taking contested marks one after the other and then having the poise to hit up targets in the forward line. First gamer; Joelly kept her defender on her toes, one instance marking the ball and slotting it through for her first goal!

The beginning of the third quarter we saw two incredible corridor plays where we were able to hit targets and offer accurate handballs, making Brunswick pay on the scoreboard. Damo applauding the efforts of players including Mads and Alicia for taking on the game and backing themselves to take a bounce, weaving effortlessly between the opposition.

Unfortunately during the third quarter a Brunswick player went down with a nasty knee injury so play was called off. Although it was a bitter sweet ending, we are extremely excited and look forward to our grand final rematch against West Brunswick. One of our biggest

challenges yet but after such a great game last weekend we can walk in feeling as confident as ever. #YTG'
Nicki Shue

This week: Reserves (W) vs West Brunswick (H) 12pm

The reserves came in hot on the weekend, claiming the win against Brunswick Renegades. It was a slow game off the mark, with both teams holding great pressure and intensity. Our backline upheld their structure to be the perfect wall of defence which saw the renegades unable to bring it into their forward line for most of the game.

Despite continuously locking the ball in our forward, the saints had difficulty translating this to the scoreboard, leading into half time with only 2 points. Thankfully, a perfectly timed goal by 'Superboot' Kailey in the final minute of the first half, gave us the advantage and reignited the fight in the girls for the remaining two-quarters.

Competing on the calendar with Groovin' the Moo, we were fortunate enough to give some new players a run last week. Flick, Kate, Madi and Ruby proved their place in the reserves, contributing significantly midfield and on ball. Ruby moved into the forward line for a mere 5 minutes before slotting a goal, and Kate was tireless in her efforts bringing down girls 3 times her size.

A few changeups in the last 10 minutes of the game, saw the Renegades sneak a concerning 2 goals past our defence lines, however it proved too little too late as the siren sounded their defeat. As we progress further into the season and with players returning this week, it will be hot contest to see how the playing list shapes up. We will be looking to play our fiercest side this weekend against West Brunswick who are currently holding 2nd place on the ladder.
Fiona Murphy

This week: Thirds (W) vs West Brunswick (H) 10am

Saturday saw the thirds get their first win! In a very close match up against Brunswick Renegades we managed to get over the line and take the win by 4 points!

Brunswick were big and physical, and lead the game going into the second half, but we were able to use our speed and skill to come out firing in the third quarter and get ahead! With the scores very close at three quarter time, we knew we had to give it everything in the last quarter to maintain our lead. Everyone was hard at the ball, particularly Tash, Lucy and Fran, and our consistent teamwork around the ball was critical in getting the win. The backline had their work cut out for them, and proved to be far too strong for the opposition, especially as things got close in the final minutes!

Next week we face West Brunswick at home, which is sure to be another tough match for the girls given their history with St Mary's!! We'll be aiming to get our second win on the board then continue kicking goals at the ball!
Maisie Barry

LAST WEEK

Thirds (M) Rd 5 vs Pega

SMS 10. 12 72
PEGS 7. 7 49

Goals: J. Yodgee 2, M. Flora 2, H. Meiselbach, L. Hawkins, D. Perree, T. Ham, C. McMahon, J. Hall

Best: S. Garlepp, R. Nickless, T. Fly, T. Ham, J. Hall, J. Ellis

Seniors (W) Rd 4 vs Peninsula

SMS 4 8 32
Brunswick Renegades 0. 1 1

Goals: N. Shue, J. Firmin, R. Grant, A. Schifferle
Best: R. Grant, J. Cannizzo, M. Stanley, J. Firmin, H. Ellis, N. Shue

Reserves (W) Rd 4 vs Brunswick Renegades

SMS 4. 7 31
Brunswick Renegades 3 .2 20

Goals: K. Wilson 2, E. Burton, R. Edwards
Best: K. Wilson, M. Furphy, E. Tivendale, A. Nunan

Thirds (W) Rd 2 vs Brunswick Renegades

SMS 9. 8. 62
Marcellin 16. 16. 112

Goal: K. Macfarlane, F. Di Natale, V. Gandy and V. Pettas
Best: Maddie Crossford, Maddie Campbell, Arielle Milecki, Lucy Turnbull, Tash Sutherland, Carrie bell

ST MARYS SALESIAN ANNUAL BALL

Back in the day it used to be called a Dinner Dance, but now it's our Gala Annual Ball. This year we are looking at 210 people spread over 20 tables in what is indeed the Social Event of the Year! However it wasn't always so grand!

In the St Mary's Premiership years of 1978 & 1979 a chicken/champagne breakfast was the centrepiece of the club's social events which included Car Trials, Gambling Nights, Picture Nights (Saturday Night Fever was a stand-out) and a Snooker Tournament.

In the Premiership year of 1980, dancing had still not returned but dinner was elevated back to its rightful position – Dinner at the Baron of Beef Restaurant was the highlight! In 1985 we extended to a formal evening, and in the Premiership Year of 1990 it was a cocktail night. By 1996 it was a cocktail party and disco night.

Fast forward to 2007 and the era of the Gala Ball began! The 75th Anniversary of the St Mary's Football Club was celebrated that year with a Gala Ball at the Ashwood International. "WOW what a night – the music was pumping from Big Harro (Life member Francis Harrison) and the Resignators, and a floor show with Elvis and Roy Orbison featuring Joe Piastrino, and Johnny O'Keefe starring the one and only Issy Dye And all this compered by the immaculate Norbert Graetzer." 2007 Club website

After the heady days of 2007, attendance at The Ball dipped to an all-time low of 88 in 2010 but a change of venue to The Amora in

Richmond in 2011 restored momentum – "Our mid year ball was a raving success. A great night was had by all in attendance, all 113 of them, the music supplied free by Sam and Hugh was a key to the night, and the number of dates and friends bought largely by our younger players!" Sean Francis, 2011 Annual Report

In 2012 the Ball was elevated to a formal affair, and in the U/19 Premiership year of 2013 attendance peaked at 180 with a massive take-up by U19 and U18 players – both years at The Amora.

The big move to the Lincoln on Toorak was made in 2014, which allowed for the introduction of the famous afterparty. Heath Chipperfield's social report in the 2014 Annual Report was delicately under-stated: "The Location of the venue also allowed for reverllers to further continue their escapades downstairs at the nearby nightclub, 'Trak'. As always, all that attended have spoken fondly of their night.



Alas, not everyone made it to the after-party. It provided sport for venue security to randomly remove people from the entry queue and send them on their way, so last year we made the move and organised our own after-party at The Marquee, immediately below The Lincoln, where we will gather again this year!

No mention of the Annual Ball would be complete without reference to the Roo-Cha-Cha! The origins of the Roo-Cha-Cha are shrouded in mystery and participation is only for the initiated! Michael 'Leo' Learmonth is the custodian of the tradition which has been handed down through generations from playing group to playing group. It did however gain a rare mention buried deep in the 2012 Annual Report: "Leo performed the hallowed Roo-cha-cha which was a roaring success!" Be on notice - there is something brewing this year!

..... as for me, I'll be there on Saturday night to defend my title of King of the Ball! It will be PERECTION! I'll see you all there!
Peter Leman

UNDER THE GRILL



Nick Baum
Reserves/Thirds (M)
Lawyer



Chloe Soderstrom
Reserves (M)
Digital Marketing

Who peaked in high school? Erwin Leyden
Who clogs the toilet at their friends house and doesn't say anything? Chris McMahon
Who was the bully in High School? Sam Matheson
Who will have a statue made in their honour? Nick Baum
Who is currently reading a self help book? Stef Gusts

Who hasn't finished reading a book in the last two years? Nicole Shue
Who will marry someone who isn't born yet? Lisa Davies
Who cant name all seven contients? Simon Brownhill
Who seems like they were homeschooled? Will Douglas

FLASH RANKINGS

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. L Holmes 28.2 | 19. F Murphy 15.96 | 37. M Stanley 12.19 | 55. J Hunt 8.48 |
| 2. S Gusts 27 | 20. K McFarlane 15.4 | 38. J Ryan 11.44 | 56. E Mcdonald 7.93 |
| 3. M Dolan 25.29 | 21. A Angley 15.29 | 39. C Bell 11.43 | 57. A Thorbecke 7.7 |
| 4. R Nickless 24.92 | 22. H Meiselbach 14.78 | 40. M Campbell 11.32 | 58. A Tickle 7.5 |
| 5. S Lawrence 24.18 | 23. N Rappos 14.69 | 41. J Elliston 11.31 | 59. N Evans 7.34 |
| 6. T Whittle 23.17 | 24. M Quin 13.87 | 42. R Grant 10.65 | 60. Z Hibert 7.3 |
| 7. C Angley 20.83 | 25. A Kerr 13.56 | 43. S Byrnes 10.56 | 61. R Svarc 7.19 |
| 8. K. Wilson 20.46 | 26. T Wightman 13.54 | 44. K. Aabryn 10.46 | 62. J Evans 7.1 |
| 9. A Morris 19.69 | 27. G. Barry 13.48 | 45. X Leonard 10.41 | 63. J Firmin 6.99 |
| 10. B Borland 19.18 | 28. N Shue 13.26 | 46. J Mattiske 10.4 | 64. A Bush 6.93 |
| 11. M Flora 19.16 | 29. L Turnbull 13.21 | 47. S Haughton 10.08 | 65. C Gibbs 6.91 |
| 12. E Tivendale 18.69 | 30. F Di Natale 13.2 | 48. D Hicks 9.88 | 66. N Ludwig 6.87 |
| 13. R Gill 18.21 | 31. J. Newton 13.02 | 49. N Alexopolous 9.87 | 67. M. Boyd 6.66 |
| 14. T Fly 18.15 | 32. T Ham 12.81 | 50. J Tanner 9.75 | 68. J. Gallus 5.99 |
| 15. A Milecki 17.87 | 33. T Sutherland 12.65 | 51. N Baxter 9.58 | 69. Z Rayment 5.96 |
| 16. V Gandy 16.7 | 34. J Strangward 12.51 | 52. M Leung 9.54 | 70. J Cannizzo 5.88 |
| 17. B Andrew 16.48 | 35. V Pettas 12.5 | 53. M Bulte 9.25 | |
| 18. A Schifferle 16.23 | 36. N Hastie 12.41 | 54. K Wilson 9.15 | |



Stefan thinks he's funny ANSWERS

1. That was hard to hear
2. Chicken Caesar Salad

COMING UP



SMS Annual Ball
7pm-11:30pm
Saturday 12th
May
Lincoln of Toorak



SMS x Avalon Clothing Drive for the less fortunate
15/5 - > 31/5
Drop off at Training



Womens Football Lunch
12pm
Saturday 26th
May
Ferndale Park