

Round 3 of the Year 10 ACC season began with a 2014 Grand Final re-match between St Joseph's College Geelong and Parade College Bundoora at Elderslie Reserve on Tuesday the 28th of April. Both teams were really eager to get stuck into the game and set the benchmark for the rest of the competition. Prior to the match, the coaches told the boys this game would be a challenging and tireless match, so don't get ahead of ourselves after winning the first two games. We knew they would come out strong and give us a really hard contest so we had to be switched on and ready to go.

As the first quarter got underway both sides had even amounts of possession and were looking to go forward and put scores up on the board. Three goals went back to back between schools during the first quarter to be dead even on 19 points each. Fraser Toohey had 2 in the opening turning whilst Harry Ling kicked the other after bursting through space and running into an open goal. The signs looked like we were in for a contest.

The second term began and the boys were looking to break the game open and give themselves a good lead going into half time. But things didn't go to plan. Parade dominated the centre clearances in the second quarter and kicked 5 unanswered goals to shellshock our midfielders and putting enormous pressure on our backline. St. Joey's went on to kick a goal less quarter which hadn't been done before in a Year 10 football match. At the end of half time the score was 3.1.19 St Joseph's trailing 8.5.53 Parade. Heads started to look down.

At the start of the third quarter the boys still believed we could get up and put enough pressure on them going into three quarter time. That again was proven not to be with Parade kicking 4 goals 7 to St. Joseph's 1 behind. Another woeful quarter with our midfielders and defenders always chasing their men in the forward and getting easy uncontested marks inside 50 against us. A lack of quick movement through the corridor forced turnovers and easy entries to goal for Parade. Heading into the last quarter Parade lead Joeys by 64 points.

In the last term, there was a few positives to bring out of a very negative day. St. Joeys won the quarter 2.4.16 to 2.2.14. We finally managed to kick a goal from the first quarter. Jack Brogden kicked a nice goal burning of two opponents and finishing off on the run. After a very disappointing day, the boys took a good look at themselves and are really determined to do better in the next game against Whitefriars.

Charlie Lang

Vice Captain

SJC 5 . 7 . 37 def by Parade 14 . 14 . 98

GOALS: Fraser Toohey 2, Jacob Bakker 1, Harrison Ling 1, Jack Brogden 1.

BEST: Fraser Toohey, Jye McEwan, Jack Purcell, Ayden Gras, Jack Brogden, Zac Walter

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