

MATCH REPORT Rd1 2011

ENERGETIC RAMS TOO INTENSE FOR HAPLESS EAGLES

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SENIORS FINAL SCORE – EAST BURWOOD 15-8-98 def VERMONT 11-5-71

It was a day of high expectation given our promising pre-season form. After our end of season clean out of players who had served us well it was time to welcome 7 new faces to our round one line up. Lachie Tindal from Noble Park, ruckman Kailem Post who is a Collingwood listed player, Kyle Emley from Bayswater but had played senior footy with Vermont, Mitch Bonuda from Worri Yallock, Jason Collins from Nurmurkah, Glenn Waters and Tyson Kruze from interstate. Ash Froud was playing his 150th game. Having watched the last 2 pre-season matches I thought pace was going to be our strength but East Burwood were very quick, physical and intense – their tackling was copybook.

It started as a warm day with a 4 goal breeze to the southern end. Late in the afternoon a squall came in from the south-east and all of a sudden the northern end was the scoring end. The Rams had first use of the wind but we scored first when Carmody goaled via Mullett. It took the Rams 12 minutes to kick their first. Carmody goaled again after taking a terrific mark via Nummy. When Carmody kicked his 3rd we were pretty satisfied going in at the break with a 3 point lead. ¼ time – Vermont 3-1-19 to East Burwood 2-4-16.

The Rams scored early in the 2nd quarter after we failed to defensively punch the ball in the goal square. It was obvious the intensity of the game had picked up. We had a purple patch with goals coming from Bonuda via Carmody, DellaQuilla from a long way out then Millhouse came off half back to kick a beauty. We led by 15 points and the signs were good. Things changed dramatically as they lifted and applied enormous tackling and physical pressure. Mullett applied a wonderful captain's tackle but the Rams kicked two goals. Carmody was yellow carded for a late tackle. It was a fiery 10 minutes with spot fires breaking out. Millhouse reacted after being bitten on the arm and was reported. The Rams were on a confidence roll as they goaled before half time. At ½ time – East Burwood 6-5-41 to Vermont 6-1-37.

Better players for the half were – Mullett, Nummy, McCarthy, Ross, Millhouse and Carmody in the first quarter.

We goaled immediately after the break through DellaQuilla. The Rams applied unbelievable pressure – they tackled in numbers, they were well organised all over the ground and they gave us no room to move. East Burwood kicked the next 6 goals as we looked lethargic and lifeless. Mullett scored a late goal via Millhouse. Ross was tireless in the ruck and Papillo was good in close. At ¾ time East Burwood led by 27 points 12-6-78 to Vermont 8-3-51.

With the wind in the last quarter we goaled in the first minute through Papillo. We went inside 50 five times to one in the next 7 minutes but could not convert. It was all over when East Burwood kicked 3 goals partly aided by a wind shift. We kicked a couple of belated goals through Carmody and Papillo. Both sides kicked 3-2 in the last term. Better players for the half were – Ross, Mullett, Collins, Papillo and Emley.

Goalkickers – Carmody 4, DellaQuilla 2, Papillo 2 with singles to Mullett, Bonuda and Millhouse.

Best Players – Mullett, Ross, McCarthy, Millhouse, Papillo, Emley and Collins.

RESERVES FINAL SCORE – VERMONT 19-16 130 def EAST BURWOOD 4-7-31

Lots of new faces and Clinton Jones is the new captain. My apologies for a limited report because I hosted the lunch and couldn't be in two places – John McCarthy collected best players and goalkickers for me. However I did see the first quarter with Ryan, Thompson and Bird kicking goals. The side looked very quick and the early signs for a good year were good. At ¼ time we led 3-4 to 2 behinds. After the break Wilson goaled to give us a 32 point lead. We added 3 goals to 2 after that.

1/2 time score – Vermont 8-7-55 to 2-2-14

¾ time score – Vermont 12-11-83 to 4-5-29

We finished the game off powerfully kicking 7-5 to 2 behinds.

Goalkickers – T.Bird 4, Ryan 3, Tippett 3, Thompson 2, Sonsie 2, Youseff 2 and singles to Ellis, Wilson and Cameron.

Coach's Best Players – T.Bird, Bull, Tippett, Pretto, Ryan, Wilson and Thompson.

Coach's Comments – Well done – a good win – we had 13 new players in the group - everyone contributed. Our last quarter was pleasing as we had 15 inside 50's kicking into the wind - 65 interchanges.

COLTS FINAL SCORE – VERMONT 20-18-138 def EAST BURWOOD 5-4-34

Coach Graeme Hocking was away interstate and Glen Burgess took over the reins – I don't think he has a very stressful day. Nick Johnson is the new captain. It was clear early that we were looking good. Early goals to Beacom, Symes and Cameron via Strachan set the tone for the day. O'Hara was terrific in the ruck getting every knock. Strachan goaled via Mendes and at 1.4 time we led 4-5 to one behind despite missing some easy shots.

We kicked 5-6 to zero in the 2nd term. Barnard goaled via Johnson then Esposito kicked two. Johns, Johnson and McCafferty were terrific. Johns took the 'mark of the day'. Strachan kicked his third but we were blazing for goal – we were not reading the wind. When Davidson goaled close to the siren we had kept them scoreless. At ½ time we led 9-11-65 to one behind.

Better players for the half – Johns, Johnson, McCafferty and Fisher.

We had a terrible patch in the 3rd quarter. East Burwood found some intensity – they kicked 3 unanswered goals – it was like the ghost of past years had returned. We completely lost direction. Walters kicked 2 goals but the Rams finished the quarter with the last two. They clearly won the term kicking 4-2 to 2-2. At ¾ time we led by 51 points 11-13-79 to 4-4-28. Johns was outstanding.

A rev during the break resulted in 9 goals to one last quarter. Smith kicked the first 2 goals then Johns capped off a perfect game with next two. Mendes goaled followed by McCafferty via Casterton. O'Hara continued to be outstanding in the ruck and some of his work with Johns was too easy. Johns goaled via O'Hara then Davidson and Strachan kicked the last two to complete the demolition job. Better players for the half were – Johns, O'Hara, McCafferty, Johnson, Gannon, Pretto, Mendes and Smith.

INVICTA BUS Play of the Day – Lachie Johns wonderful mark in the 2nd quarter.

Goalkickers – Strachan 3, Johns 3, Walters 2, Smith 2, Esposito 2, Davidson 2 with singles to Beacom, Symes, Cameron, Mendes, Barnard and McCafferty.

Coach's Best Players – Johns, Johnson, O'Hara, McCafferty, McCullogh and Beacom.