

Dixon's Magnificent Seven

RECRUITERS that went along to Simonds Stadium on Saturday to run their eye over the talent on display would have left with an asterisk next to Scott Dixon's name. Dixon took advantage of the Geelong Falcons missing several key forwards to kick seven goals in their comfortable 55-point win over the Oakleigh Chargers to cement their spot at the top of the TAC Cup ladder.

In just his fifth game for the season, Dixon spearheaded the Falcons to a 15.7 (97) to 6.6 (42) win to give Coach Andy Allthorpe another key forward option heading towards the finals. The 18-year-old Dixon showed his potential to play that role in the second half of the Falcons elimination final victory over Murray last season.

Allthorpe said the 187cm and 90kg was a more than handy utility. "His role within the team will change a bit when we get a couple of our key tallies back in (Patrick) McCartin and (Hugh) Goddard," Allthorpe said.

"Scott is a fantastic one-on-one player, whether we play him isolated like that or whatever situation through the midfield. "He's very strong through the hips (and) he certainly made the most of the space he was provided".

"He's a really good player at leading whether, that's up or back. He's a really hard match up for any team." Dixon has kicked 12 goals in his last three outings for the Falcons. He has one more game to play in the APS with Geelong Grammar before being available for the rest of the TAC Cup season.

The Chargers started the game lively and stayed with the Falcons for most of the opening term before Geelong were able to open up a handy lead by quarter-time. They stretched the lead to 26 points at half-time and had the game well and truly in their control at three-quarter time.

Half-backs Jacob Sharp and Alex Hickey continued their great form, Billy Beardsell and Nick Dixon – Scott's brother – worked hard in the midfield while Luke Davis stood strong in the ruck.

The Falcons head to Box Hill next Sunday to take on the second-placed Gippsland Power. Allthorpe said up to a dozen players would be available for the Falcons after missing the Chargers game due to injury or resting from state commitments. But he's warned those players once they get back into the side they'll need to perform.

"This week will be the hardest week I've had (selection-wise)," Allthorpe said. "I've got to tell kids they've missed out (but) we have to be pretty honest and pick the best side that we can because Gippsland will be ready for us."

“It’s going to make it challenging. They can’t expect to just roll back in. They’re going to have to play well when they’re in because there’s guys who’ve been playing all year that are playing really good footy.”

Brad Green

SCOREBOARD

	QT			HT			3QT			Final Score		
Geelong Falcons	4	0	-24	8	4	-52	12	7	-79	15	7	-97
Oakleigh Chargers	2	2	-14	4	2	-26	5	3	-33	6	6	-42

Geelong Falcons:

Goal Kickers: S. Dixon 7, W. Flanders 2, K. Spokes, G. Cameron, M. Boag, M. Thompson, B. Beardsell, A. Christensen.

Best Players: J. Sharp, S. Dixon, B. Beardsell, A. Hickey, N. Dixon, L. Davis.

Oakleigh Chargers:

Goal Kickers: B. Hogan 2, J. De Goey, A. Indovino, A. Polidoros, K. Answerth.

Best Players: A. Urban, J. De Goey, J. Toohey, A. Indovino, B. Borland, B. Hogan.