

What a day



Dean Millhouse, leads the Senior team off obviously attracted by the thought of hot showers.

For those who braved the antartic regions of Scoresby, can you remember a more uncomfortable day at the footy. If you can, I know which ground it was at. The freezing wind howled in our faces all day, then got worse with rain and the wind for most of the second half of the seniors. The only thing you can get out of a day like that was the points. Which thankfully, we mostly got. Seniors by 20pts, reserves by 7 and sadly the much depleted under 19s, who lost by 65.

There were plenty of outstanding efforts on the field, but there was much to commend off the field. The Vermont supporters who turned up for a start. Special mention again to Bobby Scott and Snoop who were as usual behind the goals in the back of trusty green ute, with a few modcons. The coaching staff, team managers and trainers, who for the second game in a row did their work saturated and very cold.

My highlight effort was our statistician Wayne Brasher who took the full brunt of the freezing conditions whilst trying to convey the stats to Jason Hunt who was huddled in the back of our trailer trying to keep the laptop etc dry. Even when the rain was pouring down and visibility close to zero, Brash stood his ground.

Playing footy in the these conditions was very difficult a not a day for your first games of senior football, but Jarryd smith and Connor McCafferty did very well as did young Rory Lehman in his third senior game.

But, my hero was Matt Greig who played in the Reserves with a hand that really should have been in warm gloves and inside of a car. He hurt it again during the game and yet stay out and tried to compete with an obvious disability, laying two vital tackles in the final quarter. Well done Greig, a true champ.

Far Right. Head Trainer Jacqui Ilott, who managed a smile when game was finally over. **Right,** stand in Board Man Shane Cooney (whilst Jon Easy is overseas) and a Senior Coach Kris Barlow trying to keep warm.



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Senior Report By David Watson

In absolutely appalling conditions Vermont defeated a plucky Scoresby by 20 points to maintain second place on the First Division ladder.

Gale force winds, rain and Icelandic conditions made for a scrappy contest at the Scoresby Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The last time the Eagles ventured out to this very venue way back in round one it was a much different picture with defeat at the hands of First Division newcomers Rowville by a slender one point.

That margin come the final siren in this contest certainly was the biggest story of the day as the Premiership race became a little less one horse with the news that Balwyn are human after all losing their first match of the season at South Croydon. The Eagles have the more favourable draw in the final three weeks of the home and away campaign and look odds on to tie up their current ladder standing.

Missing the likes of Matt Greig (who resumed in the Reserves), Ash Froud, Grant McCarthy, Paul Chadwick, Tim Johnson, Travis Bird and Daniel Mendes, the Eagles blooded another two debutants in Connor McCafferty and Jarryd Smith. But it was another of the recent debutants that stole the show, with Rory Lehman elevated recently from the under 19's playing a fine game in the trying conditions.

Ryan Wilson also put in what was possibly his best outing for the campaign with a solid four quarter effort with plenty of outside drive.

Full forward Justin van Unen maintained his lead at the top of the goal scoring charts with a five goal haul to move to 66 for the season. Once again his uncanny ability to win the ball and his equally determined efforts to defend makes him more than just an out an out goal kicker.

With the aid of the breeze in the first quarter the Eagles made sure that they at least made that advantage pay despite at times over using the ball needlessly. With three goals to van Unen and one a piece to Shane Davidson and Simon Taylor Vermont held an 18 point lead at the first break.

The second quarter was a tight affair with little given from both teams. The Eagles and their hosts both recording 1.3 for the quarter respectively as the lead remained at 18 points with the sole Vermont goal coming from the boot of Lachie Johns.

The Premiership quarter as it is known set up the Eagles victory with five goals to three extending the lead to 28 points. Van Unen kicking two for the term to bring up five goals with Kyle Emley, skipper Ryan Mullett and Kris Bardon all chipping in with a goal apiece.

Mathematically the home side with the aid of the breeze in the final quarter was still in the hunt. But the trying conditions certainly took its toll on both outfits and while the Magpies won the final quarter kicking 2.2 and holding the Eagles to just six points the home side never quite looked like causing yet another upset on their home turf despite never throwing in the towel.



The two debutants Jarryd Smith (left) and Connor McCafferty.

Vermont 5-3-(33) 6-6-(42) 11-8-(74) 11-14-(80) dft. Scoresby 2-3-(15) 3-6-(24) 6-10-(46) 8-12-(60)
Vermont Goals: J.van Unen 5, K.Emley, S.Taylor, R.Mullett, K.Bardon, L.Johns, S.Davidson 1 each
Vermont Best: (Watson's choice) R.Wilson, R.Lehman, J. Van Unen, S.Taylor, K.Emley, A.Ellis.

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Reserves

The Reserves struggled with an undermanned side all day and looked likely to drop the game in final quarter kicking to the end not favoured by the very strong cross wind. Thankfully Adrian Gileno kicked two vital goals to seal the issue. The two Nicks, Johnson and Carrodus were clearly our best

Vermont 7-6-48 dft Scoresby 6-5-41

Best :- Nick Johnson, Nick Carrodus, James Shambrook, Paul White, Jarryd Conroy and Cameron Dore.
Goals:- Nick Johnson 2, Adrian Gileno 2, Paul White, Matt Greig and Luke Strachan 1 each



No easy day for the Super Coach Jeff Rudd



Adam Hanley is superbly prepared for his role as runner but did find the wind a challenge. When he actually got out of the box !!!



Three of our best, James Shambrook, Paul White and Nick Carrodus

Under 19's

A team very much missing many of their best players and also playing their worst footy for the year, our boys were never in the race. Was also missing the Coach John Harley who recovering from a knee operation. Good day to miss.

Vermont 3-7-25 dft by Scoresby 13-12

Best:- Tyson Hyams, Matt McCluskey, Michael Rice, Luke Molyneaux, Jake Lacriarde and Christian Vassis.
Goals:- Tom Langmaid, Tom Pretto, and James Pritchard

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