

Dear Doo People, what a great week of footy we just witnessed! Port Mac welcomed us to their lovely corner of the world and for those who weren't willing to make the trek for fear of hypothermia their choice would have been warranted, it was an absolute stinker in the weather department. In saying this, if you ignored the hallowing wind and icy cold temperature and were willing to hop out of your car you would have been treated to one of the more riveting days of senior footy that we have had in a while.

The Bee's wandered over to the coast with a confident swagger in their step and Harry was looking to make the most of their recently discovered assurance in order to tackle their more highly touted opponents on their home-deck. The game kicked off with a more than significant breeze pushing across the ground, holding no real advantage either way. The Demons had the better of the first quarters and made the most of their limited chances, The Pies peppered the forward half but just weren't converting. Kalangadoo's second term was superb outscoring their much fancied opponents and wrestling back the momentum, if the boys had kicked a little straighter I'm sure a half-time lead would have been on the cards. In saying this, the Demons lead was only a miserly two points as the two teams settled in for half-time. Unfortunately for the visitors the break did them no favors as the Demons took the control back and made it count by opening up the biggest lead of the game. With the task at three quarter time looking gargantuan the Doo lads were going to have to pull something miraculous out of the bag if they were to pull this one off. Unluckily for the Maggies the gap between the two was too vast and the lead albeit diminished a little was maintained by the hosts as the final siren rang out. Even though a loss won't be the medicine the boys needed to get over their impending pneumonia they should find some solace in the fact that they took it up to the equal top of the ladder, just before finals. The lads are in good nick, and seem to be improving at a rate of knots. Best players for the Maggies on the day were lead by BOGWASH, Big Tiller, Matty May, Hayzee, Nesta and Camo.

Benny's mob headed to Port Mac determined to dish out a little payback after the Demons got the wood over the Pies earlier in the season. The Maggies were looking at being at full strength in the week leading up to the challenge however were forced to front up without gun recruit Wally Fatchen, a significant blow ahead of a very important game at a ground where a significant home-team advantage is held. The first quarter began in a typically fiery nature, with little scuffles popping up all over the ground as both teams tried to gain the edge and adapt to playing in a tornado. Unluckily for the Pies the hosts were able to get the most out of their entries and go into the first break holding a small lead. The second term saw Kalangadoo click into gear and play the free-flowing attractive style they have now become known for. Even with the likes of big Will in the ruck the Pies were able to gain control at stoppages and clearances started flowing the Maggies way. Five goals to two had Kalangadoo poised healthily going into the main break and with all the momentum. The quality of contests that these two clubs have are of such high caliber and as if scripted the Demons wrestled their way back into the game during the third quarter much to the delight of their adoring home crowd. Kalangadoo was unable to stem the flow of Demon jumpers moving forward and the scoring pressure became inevitable as the home team zipped out in front and maintained a thirteen point lead before the last break. In an impressive defensive display from the home team Kalangadoo were held goalless for the entire quarter, a feat no one else has been able to achieve this year. As the players took a breath panic ensued, the challenge ahead looming large, windy as all hell, a hostile home crowd and a very impressive outfit opposing us. A hush came over the group as Benny encouraged a sense of calm, and in typical fashion he was able to get the boy's heads back on the

job before heading out for the last. With options wearing thin the coaches made a bold move in putting the bustling full back down the other end and it was game on again. The last quarter was an enthralling contest, Port Mac getting the first two goals of the last had them sitting in what could only be described as a winning position until the momentum swung, and swung hard. The Mighty Pies were kicking goals like Berky eats food, fast. Jagg's to full forward proved to be an inspired move as he added three of his own in an unlikely display and the pies kicked six unanswered goals to roll away with one of the more well-deserved victories in recent times. The Pies were lead beautifully by their senior brigade and there were no real surprises to see Chrissy Mules listed as best-on, followed by Jonesy, Johnny Mules, Jaggs and Stoney. What a game by the boys!

Lessons from the week:

Port Mac would be a nice place to live if you were a kite.

I would love to see a Jagg's versus Berky eat-off, it would be one hell of a spectacle.

Will be interesting come Mail Medal night to see who got the votes in the One's, I'm tipping Umpire with the funny shirt is a lock for three votes though.

Number Thirteen for the Maggies might just be the thuggiest thug in country footy, seen at the bottom of a couple of scruffs again, boy would I feel safe with him running out next to me.

Kalangadoo was blessed to have four of the 'Red Bull' gals come down for a visit on Sunday, a lot of nervous sips of Red Bull were taken as the lads stood in stunned silence, not your usual Sunday Morning crowd in Kalangadoo, that's for sure!

Lastly, the goods and services auction was on the weekend and it was a raging success, wonderfully organized and orchestrated, big thanks to all that attended and helped out!

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