

Olinda Just Last To Defeat Coldstream — GAME HECTIC

Olinda just lasted to defeat Coldstream in a hectic encounter on the Lilydale Ground last Saturday. Hard physical clashes were a feature of a high standard exhibition.

In the first quarter Olinda started like race-horses and the Blues could not hold them.

Paul Jones was again on the job, whilst Cavanagh, for Coldstream, was having a hard time keeping him in check.

Jones notched first goal from a towering mark.

The Blues were making hard work of forcing the ball forward.

Good defence by Versteege, Van Berkel and Gill for Olinda were keeping Coldstream out.

Coldstream persisted.

Van Zetten marked over the pack, passed to Kelsey, whose kick fell short, right into the hands of Coldstream coach Fletcher who made no mistake.

Olinda were going straight down the centre and making it look easy.

Gill cleared to Hartley, who found Paul Jones for a major. Milic to Jones brought up another, and Orr on the wing, showing pace, found Fowler for Olinda's fifth goal.

It was all Olinda, and they had gained the break which eventually led to the Blues' downfall.

Olinda 5.4 (34), Coldstream 1.0 (6).

The Blues were at last starting to improve.

Kelsey Goals

White in the centre was in everything, and combin-

ing with Davenport on the wing brought the ball to Kelsey, who was freed and made no mistake.

Coldstream were getting plenty of opportunities. Cooper twice missed from kicking range.

Van Zetten for Coldstream and Gill for Olinda were having a great tussle, as were Davenport and Orr on the wing. Gammon twice kept the Blues out—for 15 minutes it was a battle of the backmen.

Cowley and Cavanagh were stumbling blocks to Olinda.

McCarthy, playing well, dodged a pack to slam one through.

Milic and then McCarthy ran into open goals but missed. It was Olinda's turn now to worry.

Washusen for the Blues found McHarry, who played on, was flattened after kicking and the free downfield went to Kelsey, who goaled.

Doubtful Free

A big knock from the ruck from Jones found Harris, who kicked to the goal square, where a very doubtful free to Jones right in front yielded another major to Olinda.

At this stage all Olinda defenders were on top of their opponents, and Coldstream with the exception of D. and J. Madden, had very few good players.

Olinda went to a 5-goal lead at half time.

Scores: Olinda 7.8, Coldstream 3.3.

The third quarter saw a revitalised Coldstream side, Fletcher, Van Zetten and Kelsey all doing well for them, whilst Olinda's Peter Milic, Rankin, Gill and Gammon were trying hard to prevent their recovery.

Points Only

Coldstream threw everything into a final onslaught.

Rankin marked and sent the ball forward for Olinda, only to see John Madden in the way.

His kick found B. Madden, who streaked downfield with three bounces to find Kelsey, but only a point resulted.

The Blues were trying hard, but points only were added by Cooper and Lambert.

Gill and Paul Jones, now on the ball, were stumbling blocks to the Blues. Kelsey was carried off and J. May replaced him at full forward.

Ric Davenport for Coldstream kept bobbing up everywhere around the ground, ably supported by Lambert, Fletcher and Croxford, while Washusen was doing well on the wing.

Peel and Gammon were playing well for Olinda, and Hartley was beginning to fire.

Only for the determination of the Olinda defence, Coldstream would have been closer.

Olinda 10.12, Coldstream 9.8.

The last quarter was fought out right to the siren, with Coldstream refusing to give up.

Fowler in Defence

Lambert and Fletcher were playing hard football for them, and it was not their fault that they could not bridge the gap.

Rankin, Hartley and McCarthy were keeping Olinda's hopes alive over a fast finishing Coldstream, but Fowler, who had switched to defence, came right into his own to hold Coldstream out.

With ten minutes to go the Blues were within two goals of victory when Vincent Croxford cleverly screwed one over his shoulder for a goal, and May, accepting a pass from Washusen, made no mistake with a direct shot.

Coldstream kept the ball in the attacking zone, but Olinda's defence, led by Gammon, held firm, and they won by 12 points.

Final scores: Olinda 10.14 (74), Coldstream 9.8 (62).

Goalkeepers for Olinda: Paul Jones 4, D. McCarthy 2, Peter Jones, Vernon, Brown and Fowler 1 each. Coldstream: Kelsey 2, Croxford, May, Law, Hooper, Davenport, McHarry, Fletcher one each.

Best for Olinda: Gill, Fowler, Peter Jones, Milic, D. McCarthy, Paul Jones.

Coldstream: A. White, R. Davenport, R. Lambert, J. Madden, K. Fletcher and B. Madden.