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OLINDA WINS CONVINCINGLY

Norwood High School found that a two point first quarter lead was not enough to stop a tenacious Olinda in Saturday's preliminary final at Lilydale.

July 23rd 1966

OLINDA

Olinda defeated Norwood high school who are leaders in third division.

The first quarter opened with NHS doing most of the attacking, but Gammon, Milic and Peel were doing a sterling job in defence. NHS broke through first but then Fowler and D and B McCarthy showed the way for Olinda who led at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter there were some good passages of play with Hartley, Milic and Jones dominating round the ground. Olinda kicked inaccurately under pressure but went ahead.

Gammon played well in defence in the third quarter. He was ably supported by van Berkel and Versteege who was best on the ground at this stage.

NHS had no counter for the elusive Olinda side in which rucks and forwards were playing well.

In the last quarter NHS were a revitalised side and would have had Olinda in trouble but for the defence of Myers, Gammon, Peel. Rankin continued to play well when he was switched to defence.

Goal kickers for Olinda: Vernon, Hartley, B and D McCarthy 2, Jones, Brown, Fowler.

Best players, in an even side were: B and D McCarthy, Jones, Fowler, Versteege (best on ground), Rankin, Gammon, Milic, van Berkel, Peel.

The game was of a fairly high standard with the defences dominating, especially in the first and last quarters.

The first term opened up with the ball see-sawing up and down the ground; then Olinda broke through. D. McCarthy and Peter Jones were doing everything right for Olinda, using brain as well as brawn, ably supported by B. McCarthy. But for the good defence for NHS in Kilpatrick and Weist, Olinda would have been further ahead at the other end of the ground. Gammon and Matthews were playing a constructive game for Olinda. Nevertheless Olinda wasted many scoring shots through inaccuracy and carelessness.

Olinda 1.6, NHS 2.2.

A great battle between both sides for supremacy in the ruck and roving positions developed in the second term. Smith for NHS was going great guns, but his forwards were letting him down.

Milic Starts Up

Milic for Olinda was coming into his game, whilst Ising and Orr were going well on the wing. Vernon was proving his worth scouting well with intelligent football, ably supported by D. Brown. The McCarthy boys were in everything, and when the half time siren went

Olinda held a handy 2-goal lead.

Olinda 6.6, NHS 4.6.

The third quarter opened up with Hartley and Harris dominating and NHS seemed to have no counter for the brilliance of Fowler and Peter Jones. Rankin started to come into his own, whilst Van Berkel and Versteege were holding their own. Blair on the wing, and Young were burning for Norwood, also Smith, but the Olinda side kept plugging away.

Three-quarter time: Olinda 12.11, NHS 8.11.

The last quarter turned into a battle of defences, both defences being on top of the forwards, with Milic instrumental in every attack, ably supported by Van Berkel and Versteege.

The game developed into a hard tussle with Peter and Paul Jones, Gammon and Matthews all taking timely marks in defence, and when the siren sounded Olinda had won its way into the grand final.

Final scores: Olinda 12.14, NHS 9.14.

Goalkickers: Fowler, Vernon, D. McCarthy 3 each, B. McCarthy 2, Peter Jones 1.

Best players: Fowler, Peter Jones, Milic, B. and D. McCarthy, Vernon, Orr, Van Berkel, Versteege, Ising, Gammon and Matthews.