

Olinda's Bloods have a decisive win

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THE Olinda Bloods would have started hot favourites for the flag by defeating Belgrave easily in their semi final encounter.

The Magpies did it the hard way and were fortunate in the close preliminary final win over Powelltown. On Sunday however, as the game progressed Belgrave's staying power diminished and what most thought would be a desperately fought close match turned out an easy and decisive win by the season's most consistent side — Olinda Ferny Creek.

In a see-saw first term Belgrave began by doing most of the attacking. Alexander scored the first goal in the opening two minutes, and it was taking a while for both sides to adapt to the gusty wind conditions which really didn't favour any end, but was proving just to be a nuisance.

Hill finally steered one through beginning a five goal run for Olinda. Rose at full forward was too strong for his opponent and booted three goals in the space of about five minutes. There was plenty of ill feeling between the teams and an almost traditional Grand Final fracas broke out in Olinda's forward zone resulting in umpires taking out their books and also giving the Bloods a charity goal.

The Magpies were now trailing by three and a half goals, but inspirational play by Fleming, Painter, and Dean Argoon, quickly closed the gap and at the first

break scores were level at 30 points each.

Olinda was looking the better side in the second term and dominated most of the play. Their score of four goals nine behinds showed that accurate kicking could have closed the door on Belgrave.

Greenall playing in the centre was winning the ball with regular monotony and Denjerink and Smith were running rings around the Belgrave defence.

The Magpies had limited chances however, being the opportunists they are, when the ball was near the goal they converted with both the Argoon brothers doing most of the goal kicking and were fortunate to be trailing by only eight points at the main break.

Olinda 9.9.63 to Belgrave 8.7.55.

As is so often the case the third quarter can be where the game is won or lost and Olinda's piece de resistance was certainly in this term. They systematically took the Magpies apart and added seven goals five points for the term to Belgrave's two goals three.

When the rain came and the wind ceased, the Magpies did an act straight from the classics and were definitely Gone with the Wind. King and Denjerink had two goals each for the Bloods and just couldn't be curbed. In defence Pallott, Clark and Beale were making it look too easy and were giving the Belgrave forwards a good old bath.

Slater and Argoon finally scored for the 'pies, but their side still trailed by

almost seven goals coming into the last quarter.

Belgrave proved last week against Powelltown that it had the ability to come back under pressure but in the game that counted the boys in black and white just couldn't find what was needed in time of crisis.

Olinda just went on with the show and slammed the door with another brilliant exhibition of seven goals. Symmons finished off a good day with a four goal burst in the term, but the good drive all day was still coming from probably best men afield: Faull, Greenall and Denjerink. Belgrave's Dean Argoon booted a couple of late goals and in a badly beaten side he was one who never tired and would have been the Magpie's best on the day.

When the siren eventually sounded, the Olinda Bloods were relishing a 10 goal victory and in a typically Victorian four seasons type of day the sun began to shine brightly when Captain Coach Ian Symmons held up the premiership cup and his conquering team did the lap of honour.

Final Scores: Olinda 23.17.155 d. Belgrave 13.16.94.

Best: Olinda: Denjerink BOG; Faull, Smith, Greenall. Belgrave: Dean Argoon, Slater, Pallott.

Goals: Olinda: Rose, Symmons 4, Denjerink, Scott 3, King 2. Belgrave: Argoon 6, Fleming 2.

Wandin: a field day

RESERVES:

WHAT started out to be a close game soon became a totally one sided affair.

By half time Wandin went to a 30 point lead and aspirations of a come back in the second term were completely dashed when the reserves extended the lead to nearly 10 goals.

Wandin's small men had a field day and scored goals with relative ease. The Belgrave side tried to rally in the final term and managed a couple of early goals, but the damage had been done and the Wandin Reserves ran out easy Premiers with a 49 point win.

Wandin 16.14.110 d. Belgrave 9.7.61.

Upset in the Under 17s!

THE young Emerald Bombers pulled off the upset of the season in defeating the odds on favourites Woori Yallock in the under

a kick and a bit behind at the half way mark 4.4 to 3.2.

There was no stopping the bolting bombers after the long break. Dale Foltyn aerial supremacy and the

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