

Quick Return to the Winners List

By 'The Haymaker'

De La Salle has made a quick return to the winners list this week with a 21 point win over Marcellin at Waverley Park. De La welcomed back star forward Leigh Harrison and dominated the clearances in the win and kept their hopes of a double chance alive.

De La were on top of Marcellin early with youngster Jack Vickers in only his second senior match, with excellent his early touches proving very effective; one was to set up De La's first goal, through Michael Duggan, who kicked two for the term. The Dees' classic pressure, tackling and intensity were all up in the first quarter, which pleased Coach Dave Madigan at quarter time.

The Dees started the second just as they had played the first, slamming home a goal within the first minute. This was through midfielder Jacob Gotch, who played a vital role in the match along with midfield counterpart Skipper David Lowe, whose determination and attack on the ball around the ground is exceptional and he set up many forward opportunities, of which De La had 10 for the term. But after this early goal Marcellin kicked the five of the next seven and worked their way back into the match. Marcellin matched De La across the ground for speed and effort.

De La dominated the third term, kicking five goals to Marcellin's one. Marcellin struggled to control the ball and the Dees made sure that they paid or mistakes. With David Lowe making them pay for sloppy defensive work. Matthew Fieldsend as always was instrumental out of defense, his constant run and carry has been standout in the competition so far this year. Sam Nethersole and Chris Kelliher were both excellent in the ruck and their mobility around the ground is also good, being able to pick up possessions noticeably easier than other ruck-men.

Another good win was closed off, after Nick Roberts kicked the first of the last for De La. Marcellin rallied to kick the last four goals after that but it was not enough with De La's run out of the backline again a highlight. With Tom Moloney, Will Fenton, Dan Close and Matt Fieldsend rebounding excellently, as always.

The clearances which De La Salle smashed Marcellin, 40 to 20 which was a vital stat in the win. Jarrod Moloney, Jacob Gotch, Sam Nethersole, Chris Kelliher, David Lowe, Josh Oakley, Aaron Shields all working to control the clearances which would be very pleasing for Rob Bonnici, De La's Midfield coach. Also the Dees scored from 49.1% of forward entries; much improved from last weeks paltry 14%, which is a positive.

After the match Coach Dave Madigan commented on the fact that De La still had quite a bit of improving to do, "We really didn't play our best footy for at least half of the game. Marcellin are a competitive team, they tackled well and made the most of their turn with the ball. We were happy to have Leigh (Harrison) back, and we were very happy with the games of Adrian Gileno and Jack Vickers, but we still have a bit to go. We will taper training over the next few weeks and be ready to go for finals."

De La now looks to next week when they face Old Brighton away, to try to regain that elusive top two spot.

De La Salle Goals: M. Duggan 2, M. Fieldsend 2, D. Lowe 2, D. Hale 2, L. Harrison, S. Nethersole, J. Oakley, N. Roberts, S. Pickett, J. Gotch

De La Salle Best Players: J. Gotch, J. Oakley, T. Moloney, A. Shields, D. Hale, D. Lowe

DE LA SALLE	5.1	8.4	13.8	14.12-96
MARCELLIN	1.2	6.6	7.8	11.9-75

Reserves:

De La have smashed Marcellin by 89 points at Waverly Park, the win was lead by Ben Corin who kicked 5 goals.

In an even first quarter, De La struggled in front of goal, kicking two goals five to Marcellin's one goal one. After that, De La didn't look back, keeping Marcellin scoreless and kicking 5 goals to take a 27 point lead into the half time break.

After the break, Marcellin and De La both looked free flowing and goals came from everywhere. Fifteen goals were kicked for the half, with eleven of which De La goals. Marcellin jut did not have enough opportunities in front of the big sticks to be competitive, with De La running out comfortable 89 point winners.

De La will be looking for another strong performance next week against Old Brighton.

De La Salle Goals: B. Corin 5, J. Morel 4, J. Brown 2, R. Buckley, L. Casey, P. Harrison, R. McArdle, N. Roberts, S. Hogan, M. Lowe,

De La Salle Best Players: J. Morel, M. Nankervis, B. Corin, R. Buckley, J. Hansen, S. Dillon

DE LA SALLE	2.5	7.9	11.10	18.13-121
MARCELLIN	1.1	1.1	4.2	5.2-32

Under 19 Gold's:

De La has had another convincing win against St Kevin's by 34 points.

The Gold's are still in the hunt for finals, with one round to go they are just inside the top 4. So a win in their final round against Mazenod will ensure a finals birth for Robbie Smith and his men.

DE LA SALLE (GOLDS)	11.8-74
ST KEVINS	5.10-40