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ROUND 6

Seniors & Reserves -

AWAY vs **Sth Croydon**
@ Cheong Park

19's -

AWAY vs **Boronia**
@ Tormore Reserve

PRESIDENTS NOTE

Peter Sowersby

Unfortunately I'm almost sounding like a broken record, Seniors were in the game up until the last 10min, probably needed to take more of our opportunities in the 3rd. Over the coming weeks we should be getting back to pretty much full strength, so let hope we can just make a few slight adjustments & start winning games of footy, we are not far away.

Reserves/Development met a really good team & probably got shown how to play Reserves footy, full credit to Norwood their ball movement in tricky conditions was as good as you will see.

U19s took on The Basin, the top side & had a real crack and a bit like the Seniors they are not far off getting some wins.

This Saturday the players have their 1st function Mr DEFC - always a great fun night.

Ladies luncheon June 5th please contact Jenny Lowther 0425 749 755

Let's get as much support as we can to see us take on ladder leaders South Croydon.

Go Lions!!!

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 **ECOPLUMB**

Coaches corner

Steve Buckle

Round 5

Last Saturday we welcomed Norwood to Zerbes Reserve in what was a game that we needed the 4 points to get back on the winners list & stay in touch with the early leaders on the ladder.

The first quarter we kicked with a reasonable breeze but couldn't take full advantage of due to some great defence from Norwood & some poor ball use & structural mistakes from us. The game was hot early & our pressure was pretty good as we were able to create some good turnover through some outstanding defensive efforts from the likes of Luke McLeod & Simon White. Unfortunately we weren't able to capitalise on these & were quite wasteful in front of goal, kicking 2-3 for the quarter. We still went into the first break with a lead of 2 points though, 2-3-15 to 2-1-13.

The second & third quarters saw much of the same. The game was being dictated by Norwood & played on their terms. They were able to draw us into kicking long down the line & stopped any transfer of play or our usual ball through the middle. In saying this we were still able to stay with them & were only 3 points down at the main break & then 2 points down at the final change.

We'd had more scoring shots to this point but still didn't feel as though we had controlled the game at any point. In saying this, we still had some great contributors in the likes of T Gordon, K Trkulja, Sholakis, Cera & Whitey was also still doing his best to hold up the backline. We just weren't getting any value for the time we had ball in hand.

It would all come down to the last quarter & to see if we had learned from any of our previous couple of losses. It wouldn't be from the lack of effort that we would fall short but a combination of Norwood's pressure & structure as well as our incapability to adapt to what they were throwing at us. Our boys held up well until about 15mins into the last quarter when Norwood would finally break us open & kick the last 4 goals of the game to run out 27 point winners.

It's not a game that we are entirely proud of but also another learning opportunity against good opposition. It was still a game we thought we could win but credit to Norwood, they dictated play all day & we weren't at our best.

The great thing about football, is that there's always next week & an opportunity to put the wrongs behind us & try get things right for our next game on the weekend against one of the power houses of recent times, South Croydon. What better way than to respond against them & get a much needed win.

Please come out to watch the boys play at Cheong Park this week as I know our boys will give it their all to get the 4 points in another game we think we'll be right in right up to our eyeballs.

See you all out there.

Bucks
GO LIONS!!!



PORTER DAVIS

Coaches corner

Mett Bremner

Round 5

This round saw us coming back from the bye to take on Norwood who were on the same win/loss tally as us, 2-1. Needless to say, it was a big game for us, them and to roll out an early cliché, an early season 8 point game.

Winning the toss and kicking with the wind which was up the hill, we started poorly losing the first clearance, giving away a 25m penalty and Norwood capitalised kicking the first goal. Unfortunately it didn't really stop there, Norwood dominated possession and contested ball while when we had the ball, we blasted long kicks inside 45 to 1 on 4's. Norwood kept us scoreless and they kicked away to 3.4.22.

The 2nd quarter was always going to be a challenge kicking against the breeze however we managed to keep the scoreboard in check whilst maintaining a fair bit of possession ourselves. Our ball use was safe and we didn't look to take any risks which unfortunately became a theme throughout the day. The positive for the quarter was keeping Norwood to 1.4, only extending their lead to 31 points, 0.1.1 to 4.8.32.

The 3rd quarter we started to get our act together around the stoppages, Dylan Olley was huge for us in the 1st half and only got better as the game went on, while Matt Vaiano was the recipient of his tap work collecting multiple clearances. Unfortunately Norwood kicked away again to extend the lead to 42 points, 0.3.3 to 6.9.45.

To the boys credit, we had a crack in the 4th quarter and never dropped our heads. The backline group lead by skipper Brandon Rice, Lucas Gelsumini and Lachy Gresswell held tight all day and kept the scoreboard respectable in what could have been a blowout.

A disappointing day to say the least, we never had any momentum or flow when we possessed the footy and unfortunately Norwood outclassed us on the day, full credit to them.

Congrats again to Dylan Olley who was clearly our best on ground. His positive attitude, ability to learn, the want to improve and bring his teammates into the game is second to none.

The South Croydon game this weekend is another huge opportunity to go on the positive side of the ledger again. The dogs are 2-3 (5 games played) to us now being 2-2.

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GO LIONS!!!



Coaches corner

Vas Niksic

Finally we get a home game aligned with the seniors.

We hosted The Basin who are on top but the boys were looking forward to the challenge.

The first qtr was a tight affair with both sides going hard at it in what was an entertaining contest. Our boys fought hard to get the ball forward numerous times but we let our selves down with execution of both forward entries & forward play. In the end The basin kicked away with cleaner football to hold a lead at the break. DEFC 1-2-8 The Basin 3-4-22

Second qtr was once again a real arm wrestle. We managed to control large parts of the game but just couldn't capitalize enough on the scoreboard kicking 1-3 to 1-1 for the qtr.

DEFC 2-5-17 The Basin 4-5-29

The Basin really put the foot down in the third and as hard as we tried we just couldn't get the game back on our terms. They outplayed us for the majority of the qtr with numerous forward entries. Our defence held up as best they could which was a credit to them.

DEFC 3-6-24 The Basin 7-7-49

Another big last qtr effort was asked for and we threw the magnets around to try and manufacture a result. As hard a s they tried we were just unable to break down The Basin's defence who repelled us time & again. We kicked a goal after the siren which was great to see us fight it out right to the end.

Round 6

Final Score

DEFC 5-8-38 The Basin 8-8-56

Goals

Stef 2, Alex, Mack, Presti 1.

Best

Keogh, Stef, Crawford, Presti, Warren.

I was really proud of the boys efforts this week. We tried to change a few things around for this game and they accepted it well and tried so hard but unfortunately our errors keep getting punished.

Still a long way to go this season. We'll keep chasing the results & I'm confident we can turn things around soon.

Vas!

GO LIONS!!!



Congratulations to Josh Warren and Stefan Papahronis making their Senior debut this weekend



RESULTS & TEAMS



SENIORS

Round 5

DEFC 7.11.53 lost to Norwood 12.8.80

Goal Kickers: S. Rowe 3, J. Green 2, J. Summers, J. Sholakis
Best Players: T. Gordon, J. Green, M. Stoneham, A. Ceravolo, L. McLeod, J. Sholakis

RESERVES

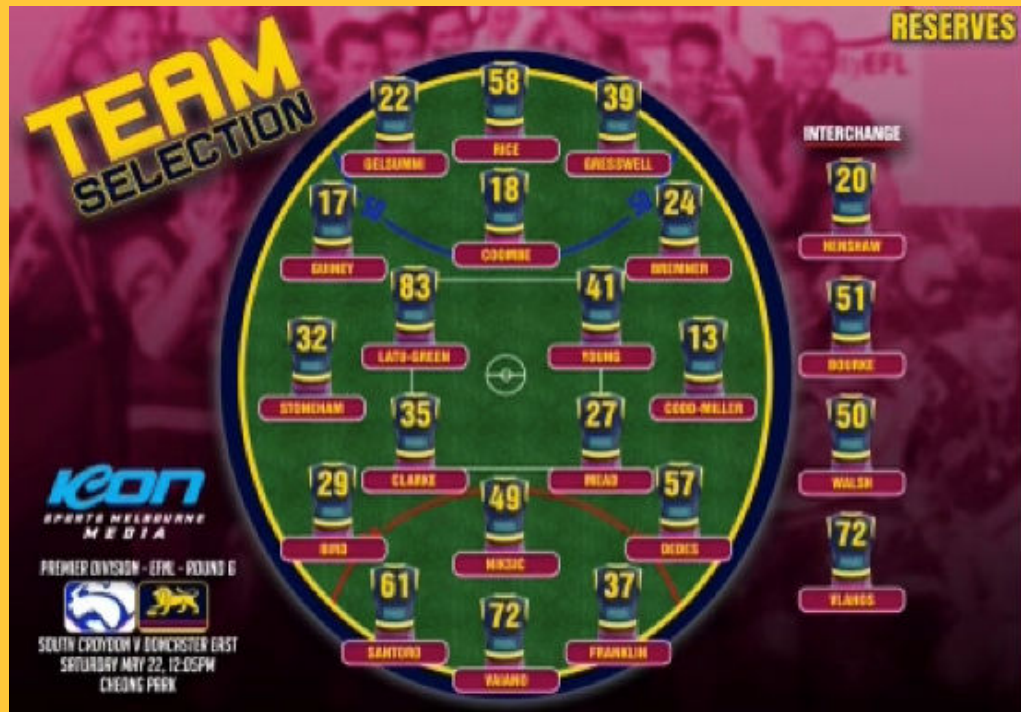
Round 5

DEFC 1.4.10 lost to Norwood 9.12.66

Goal Kickers: M. Walsh
Best Players: D. Olley, M. Vaiano, L. Gelsumini, J. Henshaw, M. Walsh, J. Dedes

No.	Doncaster East	Kicks	Handballs	Disposals	Ranking Points
23	Jackson Green	15	9	24	137
33	Simon White	24	6	30	132
10	Zac Clarke	10	6	16	111
11	Tom Gordon	20	3	23	109
9	Chris Phelan	15	15	30	108

ROUND 6 TEAMS



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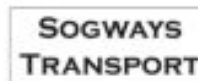
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