

Round 16 Results

The Great Comeback

A Grade

Round 16	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	2.0	5.2	9.7	14.16	100
Modbury	6.1	13.6	14.8	14.11	95

Goal Kickers: Tom Ashby 4, James R Thomas 4, Will Dalwood 2, Tom Barnes 2, Seb Moroney 1, Karl Siebels 1

Best Players: James R Thomas, Josh Hall, Chris Hannemann, Drew Clayfield, Tom Ashby, Tom Brinsley

A huge challenge faced the A Grade Saturday with 2nd placed Modbury visiting Park 9. Modbury are a hard & fast running side. They are difficult to stop when you allow them first use of the ball. That is exactly what we did in the first half. Too often we were second to the ball. Modbury brought with them a fierce desire to win the contested ball and we were left in their wake. As a result we put out our worst showing of the season and went into half time down by 52 points.

The focus after the break was simple – get first hands on the ball. Inexcusably we were led to the ball in the first half but we were able to turn this around in the third quarter. Rather than playing reactive footy we began to dictate the terms. Our midfield set the tempo – every man lifting their performance to allow cleaner and more frequent opportunities for the forwards. Our pressure across the ground improved and as a result Modbury began to make the same mistakes that we made in the first half. By the last change we had chipped into the half time deficit but still needed to overcome a 5 goal lead in the last quarter.

Not to be satisfied with an honourable loss our last quarter effort was fantastic. The players set a new standard for themselves with their relentless pressure when the opposition had the ball and importantly we kept applying the pressure when we had the ball. Fast and efficient ball movement saw us pepper the goals and with 10 minutes remaining we got it back to a 2 goal game. From there we struggled to land the killer blow. Hitting the post a few times and missing some gettable opportunities perhaps it wasn't our day. But we kept pressing, not to be satisfied with getting close we pushed right to the final seconds and on the siren Moroney took his opportunity to seal a remarkable victory.

The players need to be recognised for the character they showed. A group with less care for each other would have rolled over at half time but to a man they showed what they are made of both individually and collectively. In the end a great day at Park 9 with the B's recording a strong victory against the 2nd placed Modbury. Well done boys.

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End of Season Dinner - Friday 25th September

B Grade

Round 16	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	2.1	4.2	8.5	11.10	76
Modbury	3.1	4.3	5.4	6.6	42

Goal Kickers: James Prest 4, Daniel Fry 3, Max Burford 1, Josh Morrell 1, Nick Rees 1, Hahns Sullivan 1

Best Players: George Burford, Cameron Pritchard, Blake Sanders, Ed Boyd, James Prest

With several returning from injury through the A/B squad, the B's fronted with a really solid team against second placed Modbury. The equation was simple - we lose and slip back to second on percentage but a win would virtually guarantee top spot 2 games clear.

We started the match ok but failed to settle into a groove and play with any real efficiency and composure. Modbury tended to be first to the ball and showed greater intensity as indicated by them getting first use in the middle more often. The even scoreboard flattered us a little at the main break but we knew we could only show lift as individuals and as always, we back our run late in the game. This proved to be the case and we showed far cleaner skills and more hunger to work and saw us kick away in the third despite conceding the first goal of the quarter. Some guys were down in the first half by their own standards but the heads stayed up and really worked themselves into the game thereafter to be effective contributors.

G Burford was a rock down back and repelled opposition forward entries for fun and Blake Sanders commitment to work and will himself to contests was a highlight. Cam Pritchard's output was good in the middle of the ground for the whole quarters. James Prest was a great target in the forward half and worked himself into the game to finish with 4 goals and Ed Boyd was intense at the ball and body for the duration.

Another solid game against quality opposition. Although satisfied with the win, I believe we still have a desire to play more complete games of Footy and improve further.

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6th Best \$60	Tom Brinsley		
B Grade \$60	George Burford		

Player	Dividend	Player	Dividend	Player	Dividend
Adam Perryman	\$1,990	Ryan Tromans	\$460	Ben Young	\$120
Ben Gazzola	\$1,470	James R Thomas	\$370	Josh Hall	\$100
Drew Clayfield	\$910	Karl Siebels	\$320	Jimmy Byers	\$100
Simon Potts	\$830	Cameron Pritchard	\$260	Aaron Manning	\$60
Cameron Graetz	\$820	Chris Hannemann	\$260	Daniel Fry	\$60
Gavin Hughes	\$730	Jake Pitt	\$240	George Choimes	\$60
Tom Ashby	\$700	Sam Gunning	\$230	Jos Builder	\$60
Will Dalwood	\$610	Will Hugo	\$200	Josh Graetz	\$60
Brendan Papps	\$610	Tom Barnes	\$200	Ned Holmes	\$60
Tom Brinsley	\$570	Nelson Ellis	\$160	Ryan Winter	\$60
James Dalwood	\$540	Will Curyer	\$140	Tom Wicks	\$60
		Lewis Crawford	\$120	George Burford	\$60

C Grade

Round 17	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	6.5	6.12	10.16	14.17	101
Hope Valley	0.0	1.1	1.1	2.8	20

Goal Kickers: Nick Blanch 5, Alex Davidson 2, Sam Johnston 2, Lucas Lovell 2, Nate Siebel 2, Ben Siebels 1

Best Players: Nick Braund, Will Latchford, Nate Siebel, Fergus Willsmore, Henry Basedow, Nick Sanders

While on paper it wouldn't seem much of a challenge, the C-grade travelled to Hope Valley to take on the bottom placed teams with the intention of starting the game well, trying to get the game on our terms early and maintaining our effort over four quarters. And for the most part, we achieved this in an 81 point victory in testing conditions.

Our first quarter was one of our better quarters for the year, kicking 6-5 to a solitary behind. We got plenty of drive off the half back line and through the middle of the ground, allowing Nick Blanch to get his hands on the footy, and when he wasn't kicking them, smaller players like Sam Johnston and Lucas Lovell were at his feet and making the most of their opportunities. The second quarter was disappointing, our effort dropped away and we were inaccurate in front of the big sticks, kicking seven behinds for the term.

A rev up from the interim coach and some changes to the line-up made for a much better second half. We were able to switch and move the ball with purpose from the back half, and our delivery to Blanchy was much better. Unfortunately Blanchy didn't have his kicking boots on, kicking 5 goals from 12 shots! Nick Braund was moved from CHB to CHF and had an immediate impact getting his hands on the footy through the middle, as well as two chase down tackles which resulted in the ball being turned over for goals. Fergus Willsmore continued his improvement moving into the vacant CHB position. Will Latchford, Nate Siebel, Henry Basedow and Nick Sanders all provided plenty of run from defence and through the middle as a result of our aggressive ball movement, while Ben Siebels finished the game off really well, winning a number of clearances late and kicking two goals.

We will be hoping for a similar showing this Saturday against Modbury at Park 10, with plenty still to work on in the lead up to finals.

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday 15th August 2015

A Grade v Broadview (Park 9, 2:15pm)

B Grade v Broadview (Park 9, 12:15pm)

C Grade v Modbury (Park 10, 2:15pm)

D Grade v Adelaide University (Park 9, 10:15am)

E Grade v Modbury (Park 10, 12:15pm)

D Grade

Round 16	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	1.0	5.0	5.0	7.2	44
Flinders Park	4.3	5.3	8.5	8.8	56

Goal Kickers: Tom Simpson 2, Jack Dent 2, Josh Palmer 1, Harry Collison 1, Nick Brooks 1

Best Players: Shaun McFarlane, Tom Gray, Ben Glover, Will McPhee, Andrew Sykes, Lachlan Griffiths

The D grade came up short away against Flinders Park in a 2 goal loss. With a strong breeze favouring one end Flinders Park got an early jump in the first quarter kicking 4 goals to our 1. The 2nd we had the breeze and the scores were reversed to have the game even at the main break. In the 2nd half this trend continued however our inability to break the game open at any time allowed the opposition to close down the game and resulted in disappointing loss

In looking back there are a number of positives that we should take forward as well as opportunities for us a team to improve. The game was played in tight and on our oppositions terms, Flinders Park were an older and experienced team and it was pleasing that we were able to match them however at no time we able to break out and assert our style. Our defence yet again held very strong and the effort in the contest was commendable. Our game is based on matching at the contest and then using spread and carry to open up the ground and deliver to our forwards. This aspect we were unable to execute. As we settle the team and structures over the next couple of weeks this is what we will be concentrating on.

On to the last 2 minor rounds starting with Adelaide Uni this week at Park 9. A great opportunity to rebound and start to settle before finals.

On a side note, PAOCFC is growing and becoming a very strong club within the SAAFL however we need the support of the greater community and our players assisting each weekend, especially when it may not be as convenient as being at home. It was disappointing for the D grade to have no boundary umpire or runner (the coach ended up switching through both roles) especially in a game that was for top spot. A great amount of work goes into preparing 5 sides to play each week and everyone's support is needed.

E Grade

Round 17	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	5.8	11.9	14.16	19.25	139
Hope Valley	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.5	5

Goal Kickers: Scot Tyndall 7, Jon Temme 4, Sam Duffield 2, Nick Pemberton 2, Will Farminer 1, Christos Karageorgos 1, Declan Russell 1, Brad Weidenhofer 1

Best Players: Isaac Taylor, Tom Prest, Jon Temme, Scot Tyndall, Nick Pemberton

The lovely trip to Hope Valley was one the side had been looking forward to all season and with the late inclusion of Andrew Heitmann to the team we knew we had a side that could win against the bottom of the table side.

The match started in a promising fashion with the side kicking the first 19 goals of the game. Sadly after we kicked our third goal all players smelt blood in the water and moved themselves inside 50. Playing with an 18 man forward line can have its challenges and the side did itself no favours.

Scot Tyndall managed to find space (potentially because he takes up a fair bit of it) and kicked 7 goals. Coach Marsh is unsatisfied with Tyndall's body shape currently and has demanded a trip to the snow this week followed by a trip to the USA mid finals to ensure he doesn't drop any weight at this key time of the year. We are confident this will pay off in the long run.

Will Farminer highlighted the hungry hungry hippo approach to the game in the last quarter, floating inside 50 and kicking 1 goal 4 behinds. He will no longer be allowed inside 50.

Other positives to come from the day includes Tom Prest finding form after going missing the week earlier. Jon Temme also came out of the medical room finally and looked good up forward.

Ed Thomas was faultless on the team manager book and can certainly lay claim to best team man on the day as he remained unselfish on the sidelines recording goal kickers rather than trying to get on the ground and snag one himself. Ed has claimed he is the difference for the side given the impressive win record since he came on board mid-season.

Round 18 next week and we have adopted a new home ground at Park 10. A win against Modbury could potentially see us finish top at the end of the minor round depending on the result between Payneham NU and Old Ignatians.