

Finals Week 3 Results

A Grade

Preliminary Final	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	6.3	11.8	15.12	18.16	124
Gaza	4.0	6.0	7.3	12.5	77

Goal Kickers: Seb Moroney 5, Karl Siebels 3, Tom Ashby 3, Tom Barnes 2, Will Dalwood 2, Ben Gazzola 1, Drew Clayfield 1, Adam Perryman 1

Best Players: Adam Perryman, Brendan Papps, Gavin Hughes, Tom Ashby, Seb Moroney, Tom Barnes

It was an important day at Prospect Oval on Saturday for the A grade as we looked to atone for our performance against Unley the week prior and take advantage of our last chance to reach the Grand Final. After a productive week on the track the mood was good before the game.

We left this feeling somewhat in the changerooms as Gaza came out with a fierce desire to win the ball. Quite simply we couldn't get our hands on the footy early and before we knew it Gaza had kicked 4 straight goals. Our response was fantastic. Beginning in the midfield we willed ourselves to firstly win the ball then we began to get our game going. Our forwards enjoyed the increased supply as we piled on the next 6 goals to head into quarter time with a 2 goal lead.

It was important to begin the second term as we finished the first. Across the board all players were committed to this cause. Playing one of our best quarters of the year our ball movement was on point, combined with relentless pressure across all lines we out worked Gaza to extend our lead at half time. We recharged at the main break and after the much needed respite came out in the third quarter determined to shut the gate and end the contest. After an even first 10 minutes we were able to kick 2 goals quickly and a couple more late to give us strong momentum at the final change.

We battled the game out well in the last quarter. Despite the obvious toll our work rate had taken in the first 3 quarters we were able to maintain our advantage and run out the game convincing winners giving us one last chance at Unley this year.

This week will be an exciting time for the club. Three teams uniting together to take out our respective major prizes at Thebarton. Let's get as much support as we can to the ground, making it our home for the week. It will be great to see as many Old Reds and supporters as we can this Saturday. Rest assured we will be leaving no regrets on the field.

Super Saturday at Thebarton Oval

Saturday 19th September 2015

Grand Final: A Grade v Unley Mercedes Jets (Thebarton Oval, 2:30pm)

Grand Final: B Grade v Modbury (Thebarton Oval, 12:10pm)

Grand Final: D Grade v Flinders Park (Thebarton Oval, 10:00am)

C Grade

Grand Final	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	2.0	3.1	5.1	8.2	50
Unley Mercedes Jets	0.5	5.8	6.10	6.15	51

Goal Kickers: Nick Brooks 5, Justin Bonney 1, Tim Sanders 1, Alex Butenko 1

Best Players: George Treloar, Justin Bonney, Michael Phillips, Nick Braund, Ryan Winter, Josh Sarah-Katnich

After a week off, the C-grade were fresh and champing at the bit for the big dance against Unley Mercedes Jets on a beautiful day for footy at Prospect Oval. Unfortunately we were completely outplayed for two and a half quarters, and it ultimately cost us the game.

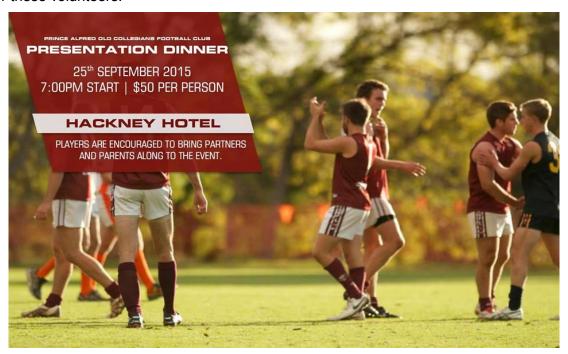
We started the game well with a couple of early goals in the first ten minutes, however we dropped our work rate, failing to create any run out of defence and butchering the ball by foot. This resulted in us trailing by 19 points at the main break. While we started the third quarter a lot better, we failed to capitalise and hit the scoreboard. It took a bone crunching and courageous contest between Nick Blanch and an Unley opponent that sparked us into gear, unfortunately it left Blanchy with a few stitches and his opponent with a broken jaw. We went into the final change trailing by 15 points ready to give it everything.

And that's exactly what we did, we ran hard, made good decisions when we had the ball and lifted our pressure when Unley had the ball. Nick Braund gave us first use in the ruck, the mids like George Treloar, Mick Phillips and Ryan Winter took the game on and Nick Brooks was able to hit the scoreboard and bought us back to within a kick. Unfortunately Brooksy missed a relatively easy chance that would have allowed us to hit the front with five minutes to play, but Brooksy got us back into the contest and would never be blamed, that's footy! In fairness Unley also had their chances to put us away but kicked four behinds. The ball ping ponged between the arcs for final three minutes, however devastatingly with 20 seconds to play, an Unley forward took an uncontested mark 35 metres out straight in front. He got to live a childhood dream for so many footballers and win a game after the siren. It's a feeling you wouldn't wish upon anyone!

So many if, buts and maybes, however all we can do is let the result drive us to get better over summer and come back for another crack in 2016. Full credit to Unley Mercedes Jets on their victory in a game that was played in great spirits.

Congratulations to the A-grade on being promoted back into Division 1. We hope you can do something we couldn't do Saturday and beat Unley Mercedes Jets in a Grand Final! Good luck also to the B & D grade, we look forward to getting out to Thebarton and offering our support on another big day for the club.

Finally, thanks to everyone that's been a part of the C-grade set-up this season. Special mentions to our team manager Shane Butenko, our goal umpire Nick 'Skipper' Wilton and boundary umpire Campbell Heitmann, the parents who are always on the sidelines supporting and helping out, the trainers and medical staff, and the likes of Jim Parkinson, Geoff Prest, Michael Siciliano and Tim Hall - we wouldn't be able to do what we do on a Saturday if it wasn't for these volunteers.



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E Grade

Grand Final	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Tot
PAOC	1.0	3.1	5.2	6.3	39
SMOSH West Lakes	1.4	4.7	7.8	7.11	53

Goal Kickers: Will Farminer 5, Scot Tyndall 1

Best Players: Lachie Griffiths, Tom Prest, Will Farminer, Ben Newbery, Hugh Perks

A most enjoyable season sadly did not have the desired conclusion however the side certainly gave it their all against SMOSH. In the end we were beaten by a better and more experienced side who knew what they had to do to get the win.

Our first quarter was solid as we kicked into the breeze. We were confident going into quarter time that we had put down a solid foundation for the remainder of the game. A few things didn't go our way in the second quarter and we were lucky to still be in the game at half time. Inaccurate kicking by SMOSH had left us still in the game.

Coach Marsh delivered one of the all-time great sprays at half time which left the room shacking and the paint falling off the walls. The highlight of the spray was when he began reflecting on his career as a rover. It was much needed though and the boys started the second half focused and ready to overcome our opponents.

Kicking into the breeze again in the third quarter we were unable to kick consecutive goals to close up the margin. It was frustrating as our efforts were not being reflected on the scoreboard. Things got even more difficult when SMOSH got the last goal of the quarter to extend their lead.

The side took the game on in the last quarter knowing we had nothing to lose. Unfortunately all our forward pressure led to little being made up on the scoreboard. It was a shattering result but proved just how difficult flags are to achieve in lower grade football these days.

Special mention must go to Sam Duffield and Jack Bailey. Both players were very unlucky to miss selection but were there helping out all day and showed how committed they were to the side. Add to this the hard work of people like Grant England, Andrew Heitmann, John Coop, James Katsaros, Logan Mahadeva, Mitch Kirkham, Tyler Kirkham, Nick Katsaros, Nick Woolmore, Daniel Ajak, Will Heaslip, George Waterhouse, Harry Bilyk, and many other players who continually put their hand up for jobs through the finals series when they missed selection showed what a great team spirit the E Grade had.

The side will all be out at Thebarton next week supporting the A, B and D Grade to flags!