



The Bagger

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DALES VENGEANCE LEAVES DEVILS COLD

Two weeks ago a group of 24 Parkdale Supers set off to Northern Districts for a football mission that ended in disaster. On a ground that was as lop sided as a Gary Hansen extension the brave Dales struggled to stop a dripping tap of goals that quickly became a torrent and flowed on to a 5 goal loss.

This week at Gerry Green the same group faced their most mortal of enemy..... The Western Devils. The last 8 times these teams have met the margin has never been greater than a hand full of points. This contest is steeped in rivalry with a premiership stolen 6 years ago by Parkdale and the Devils gloating over last years victory gouged from the jaws of defeat on last free kick of the day. This was going to be an epic battle with the Dales on the back foot when form regulars, Hacky, Porno and Johnny Rotten failed late fitness tests. Not wasting his time on the sidelines, Hacky was a very interested observer taking notes of some fairly significant opposition body art on display. Also missing from the line up was 4 time Supers Body rubber of the year, Wayne “My name is Pain” Allen and “The gums full of fun” Ernie Edwards. Wayne and Ern were training at Ettiad for a visiting Indigenous team.

Yes sports fans a classic contest was about to unfold between two teams of finally tuned and slightly overweight, aging gladiators. The first quarter was played at a cracker pace with the Dales slamming on quick majors with the help of boom recruit Tony “Soprano” Sofinscas. (Ill get his name right next week) “Mad Dog” Matty Cox and Justin “Junk Yard” Cornford also scored. The Devils rebounded well despite some very hard defence from Dancing Danny, and Matty “The Bear” Rizin. “Dazzling” Darren Whyte also played a cheeky role in the first half whilst Dave “Arnie” Quirk continued his silky performance from last weeks BOG performance. “Jumping Jack” Tully put in his bid for the Buxton’s Real Estate mark of year when he flew from nowhere to drag down a screamer late in the second. Supers President Brendan “Archie” Ruddy said, “I thought he must have jumped out of a plane landing at Moorabbin airport he was so high above the pack.”

At the long break there was only a goal in it with Coach Hansen asking for a bigger effort from his chargers.

Big “Orson” Carts set the Dales alight in the second half lifting his work rate in the ball ups and around the ground with Wombat was finding holes in the Devils defence. A number of wasted opportunities dogged the Dales third quarter and too many shots from outside 30 featured. Nick “Red Dog” Linford was a culprit but was saw pawed by collecting 12 great possessions in the term. At the last break Parkdale held a four point break on the league leaders and a classic last quarter beckoned. The fab four of Goody, Corny, 17 and Tony Soprano got Parkdale machine really moving through the middle offering good supply to hungry forwards. Aussie (looking more and more like Mick Martyn every year) was a stone wall to opposition spoiling, tackling and



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driving out of defence. Tony “Sky Captain” Smith took some telling grabs up forward kicking a critical goal in the last quarter. With the game in the balance and with minutes to spare it was time for leaders it was the time for heroes it was the time for players to stand up it was time forsuper Sammy Ingram. Injured goal sneak Carmen Angeline tells the story. “I was doing the time keeping. My kid drew a picture of me for school. The teacher said it had to be what your dad did. I was behind this desk and had my hand on this box. I said to my boy is that a picture of me at work son. He said no dad it’s you doing the time keeping at the footy. I’m his hero even when I’m doing the time keeping. Anyway I digress. It was the 17 and a half minute mark of the final quarter. Parkdale were couple of points up but Western was pressing. Sammy swooped on a spilled mark, dodged one opponent, fended off another, blind turned a third and attempted to dodge another when he had his pants pulled down and was chicken winged by four Devils players who could only be described as escapees. Sammy was pretty dazed for about 13 seconds but 9 seconds later grabbed a terrific pass just off the turf and converted sealing the game with only 58 seconds remaining.”

Parkdale Supers by 11 points before a packed crowd.

Social note. Tell your mates, your wife and your girlfriends. The annual Supers Trivia night is on again. Mark it on the Calendar. Friday the 10th of July at the rooms. Get a table together.