9Bs  Scotch 10.19.77 def Geelong 7.1.49
As we drove down the long road to Geelong we knew we were on the brink of something special. We were a team resurrecting our credentials as legitimate contenders, shooting for 3 wins in a row, we had a chance to make the 9B competition stand up and take notice. As we approached the oval we discovered our first obstacle for the day. We had been dropped at the wrong location and our driver had left. Unperterbed we hunted him down, watching the year 7 soccer, and told him to take us to our match. Arriving 5 minutes before game time the distraction only served to further our resolve to get out there and smash the opposition. We dominated the first quarter with good, contested footy. However we were messy in front of goal with Lindholm slotting our only major with a ripping snap from the pocket. The second quarter brought us back to earth quickly as they slammed on 3 quick goals to take the lead, until Padbury snapped two of his own own to take a slight lead into half time. The third quarter continued the trend. With no real structure in our forward half we were kicking ourselves out of it as we bombed it in repeatedly only to see them rebound for 4 goals for the quarter. Only Collier's 2 excellent crumbing goals kept us level pegging at the final break. And then for a second week running, when called upon, we unleashed an awesome display of elite 9B footy, winning every position, and converting our good work through Padbury, Alateras with 2 goals and when Collier slammed home his 4th goal for the game we knew we'd arrived, the new force in 9B footy.

Best: Hermann, Crowston, Tan, Brock, Collier
Goals: Collier (4), Padbury (3), Alateras (2), Lindholm

8As  Scotch 10.9.69 def Brighton 4.7.31
The 8As bounced back with a committed team performance at Brighton on Saturday that saw the team win by 38 points. Morrisby led the way with his contested marking in the air and he finished off his work well finishing with 6 goals. Schilling, Joe and Townsend provided plenty of run and drive through the midfield while Tom Blenheim was smart and skilful up forward. Everyone else in the team played their role. In many ways this was the boys best win of the year.
Goals: Morrisby 6, Townsend 1, Blenheim 1, Nicholls 1, Longbottom 1
Best: Morrisby, Schilling, Townsend, Joe, Blenheim

7As  Scotch 13.7.85 def Carey 5.2.32
The 7As started with a bang against Carey, as we executed our run-and-carry game plan to kick six goals in the first quarter. Potter and Palumbieri were both really impressive in the forward 50, ensuring the opposition were under immense pressure every time the ball was in the zone. Wilson and the Loveridge boys played as they had all season, winning the contested ball and making smart decisions with their disposal, which helped us to build a seven goal lead by half time. The game was more even thereafter as the bigger Carey opposition worked harder – we only won the second half by a goal. But our defence held strong until the end, with Kelly, Maughan and Japp playing their best games of the year running the ball off half back and down the wing. That makes it seven wins on the trot – let’s make sure it’s eight next week.
Goals: Palumbieri 3, Fraser-Smith 2, C Loveridge 2, Potter 2, Brown, Hocking, Morrisby, Wilson
Best: T Loveridge, Wilson, Japp, C Loveridge, Kelly, Maughan, Brown

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SMASHING WIN NOW SET FOR FINAL SHOWDOWN
The Scotch First XVIII completely outplayed the winless Wesley on the Main Oval last Saturday recording a comprehensive victory by 127 points. In near perfect conditions Scotch played irresistible football and although there were patches of the game when Wesley appeared competitive the gap in skill between the sides became increasingly apparent as the game progressed. It was generally a pressure free game with the end result never in any doubt from early in the first quarter. This provided opportunity for the boys to put on a clinic and really enjoy themselves. After the pressure and disappointment associated with the previous two games there was a palpable sense of relief and release amongst the Scotch boys as they free-wheeled and responded with precision football that carved up their hapless opponents. With one round to play in the APS season the squad is now primed to finish in style. Standing in their way is another long time rival - Xavier College.
The boys from Barkers Road have not enjoyed a great season, with a 4 - 5 win loss record they sit in the lower half of the APS ladder. However, on their home ground they represent a huge challenge. Renowned for the tough and uncompro-mising approach that has always characterised their football, we can be sure that Xavier will be equally determined to finish the season on a high. It all points towards a fitting encounter to wind up the season. Match starts at 2:00 Friday! The boys will be doing their best to ensure the final game for the year 12s in the team will be a victory and one to remember!
Will “swingman” Carrington gets his chance at the scoring end!!

With pressure off and the game well in hand the coaching staff took the chance to try a few of the First XVIII boys away from their usual positions. The most significant move involved Will Carrington. A great servant on the last line of defence throughout the season to date Will relished the opportunity to switch ends and make an impact on the scoreboard. When his chances came it has to be said that he kicked like a backman!! However, to the delight of his team mates and certainly himself, he finally nailed one. The fateful kick was captured for Two Flags as evidence, although the goals are no where in sight!!

MATCH REPORTS FROM SATURDAY 27 JULY

**Firsts** Scotch 20.25.145 def Wesley College 2.6.18

A pleasing result against a team that has struggled all year. Wesley challenged our boys, particularly in the third quarter. The shackles were released this week, the pressures of having to win have disappeared and it was pleasing to see the boys play footy with a sense of freedom. Everyone played their part this week, all 21 boys did their bit and combined well from the backend to the forward line. Lachie Waddell was dominant in the ruck all day long and Darren Allen was not too far behind Lachie with a terrific game on ball where his defensive running was a highlight.

Well boys, the season has gone quickly and we have a many highs and a couple of lows also. This Friday will be a real test as we finish of the 2013 season with a game against an arch rival in Xavier on their home ground. Let's finish of the year with a win!! Go Scotch. .

**Best Players:** L. Waddell, D. Allen, W. Maginness, J. Billings, J. Halsall, D. Di Donato


**Goals:** 4 J.Beard, 3 J.Otter, 2 R.McDouggall, 2 L.Daggian, 1 B.Alvin, 1 S.Gaudion, 1 H.McCallum, 1 M.Wenn

**Best Players:** J.Beard, P.Williams, C.Matthews, A.Townsend, H.Webb, J.Gordon

**Seconds** Scotch 15.18.108 def Wesley College 4.0.24

Playing an under strength Wesley College, the Scotch Seconds took control of the game early and were never really challenged during the game. This gave Scotch the opportunity to experiment with player positions and take risks in general play. Scotch played its best football when they played on, moved the ball quickly and the forwards led up the ball. This type of football crucial against a very strong Xavier team next week.

**Goals:** 4 J.Beard, 3 J.Otter, 2 R.McDouggall, 2 L.Daggian, 1 B.Alvin, 1 S.Gaudion, 1 H.McCallum, 1 M.Wenn

**Best Players:** J.Beard, P.Williams, C.Matthews, A.Townsend, H.Webb, J.Gordon

**Thirds** Scotch 17.13.115 def GGS 6.2.38

With the scores level at half time and with only 16 fit men on the field Scotch 3rds were looking down the barrel against Geelong Grammar.

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**Goals:** 6 J.Brikic, 6 M.Gillies

**Best:** Gillies, McLellan, Hayes, Goodey, Brikic, Hatty

**Fourths** Scotch 5.3.33 def by Xavier 15.10.100

Best Scotch: M. Edwards, T. Kletzmayer, J. Johnson, Z. Herbstreit, H. Griffiths

**Goals:** 6 M.Edwards, 6 T. Kletzmayer, 6 J. Johnson, 6 Z. Herbstreit, 6 H. Griffiths

**10As** Scotch 7.12.54 def by St Kevins 11.12.78

In a tight opening qtr, against a powerful opposition Scotch started well and had all the play, but just could not convert and get goals on the scoreboard. As the qtr progressed St Kevins scored 3 quick goals, and that was the story of the match. We had more forward entries and won the contested ball but simply did not convert. St Kevins were also able to get numbers behind the ball and also able to get numbers from the running back. We from the running as we have been able to do all season, we on the other hand were unable/unwilling to match this intensity. Overall a disappointing result, and the lessons for this group are very clear. Our best is very good, in fact as good as this benchmark team from over the creek, but a couple of players down slightly and an unwillingness to work at 100% meant we just could not match it with them.

**Best:** Aiden Johnson, Harvey Hooper, Sam Dawborn, Alex Daly-Riva

**10Bs** Scotch 6.6.42 def by Geelong Grammar 11.14.80

After an early commute to Geelong, we were soon to learn that Tsaconas’ inspirational music on the bus was all but effective. The 10bs unfortunately went down to a bigger and stronger opposition. The first three quarters were hard fought and a late goal by Murray from a crafty tap out of the ruck by Hinge brought us within two goals at the final break. However, as the sun beamed down and the water-logged ball dried up, the Geelong boys kicked away. While we were short on numbers and up against an A side, it came down to a lack of determination that amounted in the huge swing in momentum in favour if the opposition in the final term.

**Best:** T. Levecke, W. Sincock, R. Draper-Devery, O. Beecroft, E. Randall, A. Lynch, W. Selbie

**10Cs** Scotch 1.3.9 def by Geelong 17.17.119

Our first inter-school game on the Meares for the season yielded a disappointing result on the scoreboard. The confident marking, kicking and positional play of the Geelong team made it very difficult for Scotch even to enter our forward zone. However we defended stoutly and the pressure our players applied contributed to the opposition’s variable accuracy in front of goal. Goal kicker: Alex Beniac-Brooks 1

**9As** Scotch 12.10.82 def Carey Grammar 1.2.8

The 9As ventured out to Bulleen to play Carey and fears relating to a rather cavalier atmosphere in the change rooms were allayed as the boys piled on 5 unanswered goals in the first quarter. Dec Poynter and Alastair Bailey were busy on their respective wings, providing plenty of run and dash. Sam Sherlock was given our midfield first use of the ball and some slick ball movement was rewarded by smart play up forward from Liam McClellan, Connor O’Brien, Matt Bennett, Max Martin and Toby Warwick. Carey dropped numbers back behind the ball in the second quarter and we struggled to find our way through. Despite winning plenty of the ball, the quarter was a stalemate, with Scotch kicking 1.1 to Carey’s 2 behinds. At half time we reassessed our delivery of the ball into the forward 50, focusing on short 30-35 metre kicks to the advantage of our teammates, rather than 50 metre deep bombs. The results were there for all to see, as the boys remained patient and spotted up targets superbly. The scoreboard started to tick again despite Carey’s defensive numbers, and we again kicked 5 goals (even Oscar Don kicked one!) to lead by 70 points at the final change. Perhaps expectedly the last quarter failed to reach any great heights, and we recorded a convincing 74 point victory against an opponent that, to their credit, never gave up.