

MCDFNL - Round 10 Reviews

Dunolly v Trentham

Trentham posted its biggest win of the season, besting its host, Dunolly by 227 points. Taking to Deledio Oval after more than a month off due to lockdown and the bye last round, the Saints were keen to jump back into footy in a big way — and that they did with a whopping 16 of Trentham's 22-player roster for Saturday goaling throughout the game.

Star forward Cooper Webber-Mirkin led the way with a seven-goal haul, followed by Alastair Ferrier (6), Jake Keogh (5), Riley Matricardi (3), Mark Strickland (3), Lewis Bruton (3) and Jeremy Steen (2) getting multiples in.

The biggest and most accurate term for the visitors was the opener by far with a massive score of 14.2 (86).

The Eagles took their limited chances up forward and used them, scoring one goal in the opening quarter and one in the closing, but unfortunately were again up against it all day in a 2.0 (12) to 37.17 (239) loss.

Dylan Bray and Josh Goodman were Dunolly's only goal kickers, with Tyson Cope, Dylan Lee, Matt Di Julio, Goodman and Shannon Moyle getting votes for their fight.

Ferrier, Matricardi, Zac Gervascioni, Jack Mighell, Dylan Holden and Steen were among Trentham's better players.

The victory marks seven straight wins for the Sainters, moving them into second place on the ladder and was their biggest scoring effort in 2021, beating out a 112-point defeat of Talbot in round six.

Dunolly has the misfortune of meeting Natte Bealiba on its uptick this weekend while Trentham is on the hunt for scalp number eight when it hosts Navarre.

Harcourt v Maldon

Despite a lacklustre second half, Harcourt's undefeated and top-of-the-ladder titles have remained intact, with the side besting Maldon by 29 points on Saturday.

Heading to the Bombers' hangar, the Lions knew this game was a big one with the hosts ranked fifth on the ladder and one of the tougher outfits the Lions have had to play this season.

Harcourt started with a bang, winning the first quarter by two goals and really turned on the jets in the second, kicking 5.1 (31) to Maldon's 1.2 (8) to sit ahead by a comfortable 35 points at the main break.

Returning to the ground for the all-important third quarter, both teams really had to earn possession in a tough contest, but neither had success in front of the big sticks with Harcourt scoring 1.5 (11) and Maldon just 1.1 (7) for the entire time period.

The Lions had a 39-point advantage heading into the last quarter of the day and luckily so for the gold and blue army with the Bombers winning the fourth 2.1 (13) to 0.3 (3) to chip the deficit down to 29 points by the end siren.

Sam Gale was the most plentiful in front of goals for Harcourt with three for the day, followed by Tom Walters and Jordan Gartside with two apiece.

The Lions have Edward Coulthard, Brayden Frost, Darby Semmens, Kayne Davidson, Kaleb McBride and Sean Moss to thank for keeping the win alive.

Maldon's better players in the disappointing loss were Adam Robinson, Beau Pertzell, Hayden Kelly, Brendan Josey, Tom Cain and David Wilson and Rhys Ford was again the best in front of goals, kicking three.

While the 10.12 (72) to 6.7 (43) victory wasn't what the Lions would've had planned heading in, it kept the side's winning streak alive and its healthy percentage has saved it from dipping out of first place on the ladder.

This weekend Harcourt is prowling for a big win over Lexton, while Maldon has the bye to recover from a tough clash.

Natte Bealiba v Lexton

The COVID break has done the reigning premier the world of good, with Natte Bealiba executing its best win of the season so far over previously undefeated Lexton on Saturday.

Challenging ladder leader Harcourt in the first round back after a one-win start to the 2021 season, the Swans have delivered an outstanding 36-point win over the Tigers on their home turf.

Natte started strong, leading 6.4 (40) to just a single behind from the home side at the first change, however Lexton switched on in the second, kicking 4.3 (27) to 1.2 (8) to sit 21 points in the ditch at half time.

A blow-for-blow third term saw an almost identical score from both teams, with Lexton outscoring Natte by a single point, kicking 3.2 (20) to 3.1 (19) shrinking the Swans' lead to exactly 20 points by the last break of the match.

With adequate scoring power in either jumper, the game wasn't in the bag with just a quarter to go.

Natte impressed with a five-goal closer, outscoring Lexton 5.5 (35) to 3.1 (19) to put the cue in the rack of one hell of a win.

Natte Bealiba coaches Zeik Johnston and Trent Mortlock led the side's votes, both kicking a bag of four snags, as did Mitch Olafsen, accounting for a combined 12 goals in the 15.12 (102) to 10.6 (66) victory.

Other vote getters for the Swans were Coby Polinelli, Kurt Mortlock and Jye Mortlock.

Nick Aringo was best on for the Tigers, followed by Tom Cullinan, Lochy Pett, Zac Egan, Pat McGuigan and James Templeton, with Lachlan Murray leading up forward with four goals, followed by Pett and Egan with two apiece.

Lexton will still be kicking itself with its first loss since preliminary finals in 2019, ironically where the side also fell to eventual 2019 premiers, Natte Bealiba.

The weekend's defeat has subsequently shifted the Tiges from second place on the ladder to fourth and has also moved Natte up one place to 10th ahead of the rescheduled round seven games this weekend where Natte is up for a big win against Dunolly and Lexton faces undefeated Harcourt in a massive game for both teams.

Avoca v Newstead

Avoca got off to a quick start on Saturday as they held Newstead to just two goals till half time in the Bulldogs exciting twenty-eight-point victory. 12.8.(80 to 9.8.(62).

Jack Duke got off the leash kicking seven of the Bulldogs twelve goals as Avoca held on in an exciting final quarter.

It was a hard physical contest, but the Bulldogs were in control of the play for most of the game, but Newstead were coming home strong in the final quarter kicking the first three goals to reduce the margin to just fourteen points, but Duke kicked a settling goal to regain some ascendancy and they withstood the challenge

It was a disappointing loss for the Steaders who went into the game favoured to win, but

the Bulldogs youngsters stood up and showed what they are capable of with their run and carry through the lines and precise use of the ball.

Avoca's Nathan Coghlan was in great form in the opening term taking some strong marks, but unfortunately went down with what was thought to be a broken leg, but fortunately, the diagnosis is a stress fracture, but he will be a loss for the Bulldogs.

Hugh Bucknall was solid in defence for Avoca as he was named their best player, and Bradie Thomas is having a consistent season, while youngsters Sid Robinson, Shaun Cudmore and Angus Ostarcevic played some inspiring football for the Bulldogs.

Newstead's best players were Ben Pedretti, Matt Lorenz, Anthony Robins, Mitch. Stevens and Jonathon Pollock, while Tyler James kicked four goals.

The victory moved Avoca back into sixth position on the ladder and they now face Maryborough Rovers at Avoca next week, while Newstead meet Talbot at home in what should be a great contest.

Royal Park v Navarre

A close game was expected at Hedges Oval on Saturday and a close game was the result with several lead changes, but it was Navarre that kicked away in the final term to win by 23 points. 9.12.(66) to 6.7.(43)

The return of Josh and Jayden Fowkes was a key to Navarre's victory as was Bill Parry's six goals.

The first term was one way traffic as Navarre kicked three goals including two goals to Parry who was proving difficult to manage. One of his goals came from a strong pack mark and the other he outpointed his opponent and snapped over his shoulder.

Royal Park were having difficulty breaking through Navarre's defence and had their first forward entry at the twelve-minute mark, but they could not get on the score board.

The second term saw a fightback from the Tigers with four straight goals including two goals from Jacob Rollason including the goal to take the lead.

However, Navarre fought back late in the term with goals to Riley Bibby and Bill Parry kicking an amazing long snapshot on the run from the boundary line for the Grasshoppers to lead at half time by eight points.

A low scoring third term favoured Royal Park with two goals to nil including a 45-metre set shot from Karson Guareschi for the Tigers to regain the lead by two points at the fifteen-minute mark.

A one-point lead by Royal Park was taken into the final quarter, but it was Navarre that took the ascendancy as Bill Parry led the way on the score board kicking three final quarter goals to break the shackles and set up the victory for the visiting team.

Parry was inspiring all day for the Grasshoppers as was Josh Fowkes, and Louis Hannett around the ground while Jayden Fowkes led the back half with many attacking runs out of defence.

Royal Park's better players were Luke Parker, Jackson Lanfranchi, Mark Ashmore and Jacob Rollason and Karson Guareschi with two goals apiece.

Royal Park now must restock as they face a big challenge next week against third placed Carisbrook who are coming off a massive victory over Rovers and Navarre make the long trek down to Trentham where the undefeated Saints will be waiting for them.

Maryborough Rovers v Carisbrook

Carisbrook were simply far too strong for Maryborough Rovers on Saturday as they averaged ten goals a quarter to win by a massive 258 points.

42.26.(278) to 3.2.(20)

Carisbrook had sixty-eight shots on goal in what was basically a training drill as they constantly ran the ball out of the centre bounce and peppered the goals all game.

Leading goalkicker Anthony Zelencich kicked fourteen goals for the game, Zac Rinaldi kicked nine goals in his second game for the season, while Tim Rinaldi snagged seven goals.

Zelencich is now sitting on sixty-seven goals and is averaging eight goals a game as he heads the goal-kicking table by fourteen goals from Maldon's Rhys Ford on fifty-three goals.

Rovers managed to break through the defence of the Redbacks on occasion and kicked truly through Brohdie Smyth, and the Gahan brothers, Billie, and Dwayne both scored a goal each, but there were not too many opportunities as the ball was down the Carisbrook end for most of the day.

Carisbrook named their better players as Zac Rinaldi, Steve Patterson, Anthony Zelencich, Lachlan Edwards, Matt Jukes, Tim. Rinaldi.

Rovers players that gave their all under extreme pressure were Alex Mahony, Marshall Murray, Brohdie Smyth, Brett Monk and Jayden Humphrey, but there were many others who tried hard all day in the difficult circumstances.

Carisbrook will now meet Royal Park next week as we return to the Round seven games that were rescheduled and Maryborough Rovers venture out to the Avoca Public Park to meet the rejuvenated Bulldogs.

