

PRACTICE MATCH AT ROSEBUD

What a start to the season - both Senior and Junior sides scored convincing wins over the Rosebud 1st & 2nd eighteens at Rye last Sunday.

In the curtain-raiser, a display of fast, play on football from the bounce, gave the Junior side the edge. They were not "headed" all day. BILL FITZPATRICK inspired his side with tenacious and intelligent roving. To pick the best players would be unfair, as everyone pulled his weight. KELVIN GELLIE, new centreman, gave a polished display and coach BOB GOODLUCK was well pleased with his team's performance.

The main game began at 2.30, and from the start weight was used freely, and the standard of play was good. Rosebud went to an early lead which they maintained to half time. This was due to their "nippiness" around the packs, high marking, and their direct play down the centre. After the break however, Reservoir settled down and their fitness began to tell on the home team. From 1 point down at $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and kicking against the wind, Reservoir went on to win comfortably by 3 goals. NEV. WARD notched his usual 6 goals, DON SUTTON gave great drive from the pivot, while rovers "PUDDIN" WOODS and JOCK GRAY created openings all day. All players played well, which indicates that this is REZZA'S year.

Unfortunately, BOB CHANDLER injured his ankle and could be idle for some time. BRIAN BIRCHALL and PETER BULLIVANT sustained hand injuries which could jeopardize their chances for our final pre-season warm-up against "Lakeside Rovers" at Crispe Park. This should be a good game and both sides will experiment with players and positions in an effort to ensure a good line up for the opening round.

TRAINING NOTES

Training for 1959 commenced on the 17th. February under coach Alan Chandler. Quite a large number of players attended, and new men included LES BYNON, HARRY RODDA, TERRY FRAUMANO, TED BAHEN, JOCK GRAY for the seniors, while KEL. GELLIE, IAN BOND, G. KEANE, DON & JOHN WARREN, RON KERR, and DON JAMES turned out for the juniors.

PETER BOURKE and BRIAN OSMOND are already quite fit and these two look like having another good season.

When the balls came out, players to show early form were: NEV. WARD (full forward), DON SUTTON, ROY WEIR, RON McARTHUR, BILL FITZPATRICK, GORDON RICHMOND, IAN WOOD and JOHN JAMES.

BARRY McCRIMMON, heavier than last year, is marking soundly and his kicking has improved. This will make him the "Iron Man" of the back line this season.

New player LES BYNON moves nicely, and could be an asset to the side, while TONY MERRETT (Brother of Thorold) looks a winger of great promise. KEL GELLIE from Geelong Amateurs is a "Natural" and PHILIP LANE who has developed since last year, should be a tower of strength for the juniors.

KEN FAULKINGHAM, BRIAN BIRCHALL, and KEVIN CHATLEY, entering senior ranks this year, are displaying good form and hope to "crack" the side for the first game.

Players to show out in the Easter practice match against the E.S. & A. Bank were: TED LOVETT, BRIAN OSMOND, BOB & ALAN CHANDLER and BILL FITZPATRICK.

Only players absent from last year's seniors are Bill Allenby (footrunning) and Reg Kavanagh (now living in N.S.W.).

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RESERVOIR

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NORTH MELBOURNE

1. McArthur, R.	1. Healy, K.
2. Chatley, K.	2. Plain, C.
3. McCrimmon, B.	3. Belford, R.
4. Ward, N.	4. O'Bryan, K.
5. Chandler, R.	5. Morrow, W.
6. Osmond, B.	6. Marsden, R.
7. Chandler, A. (Capt)	8. Rickards, B.
8. Merritt, T	9. McKenzie, R.
9. Lovett, E.	10. Jones, Roy
10. Hosking, K.	11. Kinniburgh, P.
12. Coxhill, D.	12. Boyd, C.
13. Sutton, D. (V.C.)	13. Christian, A.
14. Richmond, G.	14. Horesfield, M.
15. Hatton, J.	15. Hooper, J.
16. Trewella, E.	16. McColl, D.
17. Bynon, L.	17. Simpson, J.
18. Bahon, T.	18. Clear, M.
19. Birchall, B.	19. Cashen, D.
20. Hawkless, W.	20. Gates, W.
21. Bourke, P.	21. Pearson, B.
22. Faulkingham, K.	22. Jones, W.
23. Skene, J.	23. Dooley, D.
24. James, J.	24. Wilson, M.
25. Weir, R.	25. Wharton, E.
26. Cooper, J.	26. Hassell, W.
28. Keogh, R.	27. McCulloch, D.
29. Wood, I.	28. Jones, Ross.
	29. Cunningham, R.
	30. Davidson, R.
	31. Green, L.

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