

Round 4 Shepparton

Sunday 11th November

Remembrance Day began sunny with promise yet marred by a chill wind. At 8am and jackets still zipped we met at the Rumbalara Reserve in Shepparton for the game against Central City. This beautifully maintained pitch looked more encouraging than Saturday's venue and its name, the aboriginal word Rumbalara meaning end of the rainbow, seemed to offer us hope.

Once more a slow start and goals in quick succession to Central City during the first half but our boys did not look defeated. Loddon Mallee's structure was less compromised, the passing much improved on Saturday's match and importantly, the boys were managing to get in front of their opponents. A beautiful sequence of one-two passes beginning with a free kick resulted in an effortless looking goal for Isaac and a half time score of 6 - 1.

The second half was an exciting display of football by our boys. There was tenacity in the tackling along with a number of good passes and through balls which resulted in 2 goals for Frank and some opportunities at goal for Eli and Jesse. The midfield moved the ball around well and the LML defenders along with our goalie, Lachie P, prevented Central City from scoring many more goals than they otherwise would have. LML nearly matched their opponents goal for goal in the second half and our boys more than matched them with their adroit play. The final score was 9 - 3 to Central City but the scores did not accurately reflect what an exciting and skillful game this was to watch.