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## Round 14 – St Kilda continues dominance over the Heat

Frankston Peninsula’s stunning winning form came to a halt in Round 14, as St Kilda dominated all grades against the Heat in hot conditions last Saturday and Sunday.

Playing at Harry Trott Oval in Albert Park, the firsts were asked to bowl first. Veteran Heat bowler Darren Groves soon found early wickets, dismissing Peter Handscomb and Daniel Forbes with the score on four.

Damon Rowan and Rob Quiney set about rebuilding the innings, adding 111 for the third wicket before Rowan was caught behind for 51 for Groves’ third scalp. At this stage, the Heat were lamenting various chances they had conceded in this partnership, preventing the crucial opportunity to have an early look at the St Kilda middle order.

The Heat continued the fightback, dismissing key St Kilda batsman Rob Quiney (68 off 129 balls) and Graeme Rummans (6 off 35 balls), both with the score on 134.

Late order partnerships between Andrew McGuinness and Mark Cleary (76 for the sixth wicket), Cleary (52 off 92 balls, 10 fours) and Daniel Mueller (37 for the seventh wicket), and Mueller and Daniel Babula (33 for the ninth wicket) turned around any advantage the Heat had gained, as St Kilda were bowled out late on Day One for a strong total of 10/286 (92.1 overs).

Groves finished with another quality return for his career of 4/40 from 16 overs. Chris McCormick enjoyed his first senior match of the season with 2/24 off 8 overs, James Miller secured 2/44 off 17.1 overs and Matt Chasemore collected 2/52 off 15 overs. Victorian representatives Jon Holland (0/57 off 20 overs) and Scott Boland (0/60 off 16 overs) bowled well without return.



Darren Groves, on his way to 4/40

Frankston Peninsula had an awkward four overs to face on Saturday night, which cost the wicket of Sam Wiese (0 off 10 balls) who gloved a short delivery from Mueller down the leg side to the keeper. Ben Clements and night watchman McCormick saw the Heat to 1/4 at stumps.

Resuming on Day Two in temperatures quickly increasing to close to 40 degrees, McCormick (4) soon departed after being unluckily run out by a direct hit from near fine leg after coming back for a third run. Matthew Gapes (2) was the next to go, after misjudging a short delivery from Cleary that forced him to make contact with his stumps.

Clements and Chasemore went about the rebuild of the innings from 3/12, and encountered some difficult bowling with numerous deliveries taking off from a good length to strike the batsman on the body. Clements finally succumbed LBW for 27 (67 balls) with the score on 4/49.

Ricky Damiano (0 off 10 balls) didn’t appear settled in his innings and was caught behind with the score on 5/52. Chasemore departed not long after for 24, which left the Heat struggling in their run chase at 6/58 well before lunch.



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Nick Jewell (28 off 45 balls) and Miller (30 off 46 balls) looked to regenerate the innings, but could only add 56 runs for the seventh wicket. Jon Holland (12) and Scott Boland (21 not out) added some lower order runs to the total, but the Heat fell well short, dismissed for 168 (56 overs) well before tea to lose by 118 runs.

The result continued a long losing streak against the Saints in the firsts, with an outright tie in season 2002/03 the closest the Heat have come to a win in all matches against St Kilda in the last 10 seasons.

The seconds won the toss and batted at Butler Oval, getting away to a good start at 0/35. The loss of Chris Dew (20) and Dale Elmi (16) sparked a collapse that saw the Heat fall away to 5/41.

Michael Edwards (10) and Kierran Voelkl (56 with 7 fours) tried to commence a recovery, adding 39 for the sixth wicket. Jack Benbow (27) added some useful runs, combining for 52 runs with Voelkl for the seventh wicket. The Heat were dismissed soon after for 159 off 73.4 overs.

St Kilda commenced their innings comfortably, reaching 3/105 at stumps on Day 1. Tom Baron continued his solid form with the ball, taking all three wickets to have 3/34 overnight.

St Kilda went on to pass the Frankston Peninsula total five wickets down. However, they failed to build a significant lead as they lost their last four wickets for 22 runs to finish on 10/186 off 65.2 overs.

Tom Baron finished with excellent figures of 5/48 off 20 overs with 10 maidens to complement his five wicket return last week. Chris Dew bowled very economically to collect 3/17 off 12 overs, while Jack Benbow and Ben Ashkenazi also collected wickets.

The Heat sensed the opportunity to set up a reverse outright result considering the low contribution from the St Kilda lower order. Dew (54, 5 fours, 2 sixes) and Elmi (30, 6 fours) took on the St Kilda bowling attack to quickly move the score to 2/93.

Glyn Trueman (26, 5 fours), David Nankervis (14, 1 six), and Jack Benbow (10) all batted with similar intentions as the Heat were bowled out for 172 off 42.5 overs, a ball before the scheduled declaration from captain Leigh Lowry.



Tom Baron hitting out to set a total

St Kilda found the run chase for outright points of 146 off 24 overs an attractive proposal, and their batting displayed the intent that the chase was on. The Saints lost regular wickets as they looked to maintain the required 6 runs per over, which kept the Heat's prospects alive of an outright result.

The Heat showed high standards in the field, creating wickets with solid outfield catches and powerful outfield throws for run outs as the batsmen pushed for extra runs. Nankervis utilised his vast experience and wicket keeping skills, assisting in two run outs and a stumping with quick glove work.

Baron attempted to bowl trademark full length deliveries in the final over to prevent the outright result, but St Kilda got over the line, whipping a delivery over mid wicket to secure an outright victory with two wickets and two balls to spare (8/146 off 23.4 overs).



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Baron collected 2/50, Benbow took 2/21, while Ashkenazi and Voelkl secured a wicket each.



David Nankervis shows quick glove work

The thirds were asked to bowl first at Ross Gregory Oval, and quickly made inroads into the St Kilda innings as the score fell to 5/58 and then 7/100. Crucial match turning partnerships of 38 for the eighth wicket and 24 for the tenth wicket took the St Kilda total to 10/162 off 73.1 overs on a pitch that offered plenty of assistance to the bowlers combined with a fairly slow outfield.

Peter Sofra was the stand out with the ball, collecting 4/38 from his 18 overs. Rob Fisher took 2/31 off 13 overs, and Tom Collett, Sean Wilson and Ben Coleman also took a wicket each.



Rob Fisher bowling in the thirds

Coen Chernishoff and Riley Shaw withstood a testing four over spell late on Day 1, with many appeals being declined by the Umpires.

The Heat however, soon found themselves in trouble in the resumption on Day Two, falling away to 6/40 on the challenging pitch in intense heat.

Peter Sofra (23) and Jason Wylie (27) bunkered down to revive the innings to take the score to 7/83, before Sofra's 133 minute stand was ended after he was stumped. Luke Reid contributed 20 not out batting at number nine, but the Heat fell short by 43 runs after making 119 off 66 overs.



Peter Sofra digs in during his 133 minute knock

Playing at Central Reserve # 2 in Glen Waverley due to ongoing ground renovations at the Jubilee Park East Oval, both sides had to contend with an amazingly slow outfield in the hot conditions.

After winning the toss and batting first, St Kilda crawled their way to 6/135 off 80 overs at stumps on Day 1. The Saints resumed their innings on Day Two, facing a further 17 overs to add 2/50 to finish at 8 dec 185 off 97 overs.

As would be expected, the Heat had some very economical bowling figures including: Bart Hudgson (2/35 off 26 overs with 12 maidens), Mitch Wilson (2/22 off 14 overs), Pat Damen (1/14 off 12 overs), and Nathan Harford (1/19 off 9 overs). Playing his first match for the Heat after arriving from overseas, Juvaunie Gayle also took 1/15 off 6 overs.



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Entitled to a reduced amount of overs, the Heat's run chase was always going to be difficult on such a slow outfield. The Heat finished up at 8/157 off 64 overs, with the match concluding as a draw.

In a fighting effort with the bat, Robbie Salerni (30), Gayle (35), Joel Wylie (25), Wilson (27 not out) and Hudgson (15), all scored valuable totals that would be worth much more at other venues.

Frankston Peninsula move into Round 15 looking to fight back against Prahran after failing to score any points across all grades in Round 14. In two day fixtures (February 5 & 12), the firsts will play at Butler Oval, the seconds at Toorak Park, the thirds at Central Reserve # 1 in Glen Waverley, and the fourths will play at Como Park in South Yarra.

Frankston Peninsula will also hold a celebration evening for club stalwart Darren Groves on the evening of Saturday 5 February. Make sure you get along for a free dinner as we reflect on the wonderful career of Darren (currently 412 wickets at an average of 19.88 from 203 matches).

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