

AMATEUR FOOTBALL

Old Iggies are back where they belong



Old Ignatians players console each other after losing the division three amateur football grand final against PHOS Camden.

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PREMIERSHIP ELUDES OLD IGNATIANS BUT SIGHTS NOW SET ON DIVISION TWO

Gordon Armstrong

OLD Ignatians is where it should be for next season says coach Jeremy Cini after the side's loss to PHOS Camden in their division three amateur football grand final at Thebarton Oval on Saturday.

Old Iggies, despite their loss, will be promoted to division two along with the Phantoms. After leading by 13 points at quarter-time, Old Ignatians went down 15.11 (101) to 11.7 (73).

The Phantoms got on top in the second to leave Iggies

trailing 6.3 to 4.5 at half-time and 10.9 to 7.6 at the last change. PHOS threatened to run away with the game but Iggies held strong to run the game out solidly with late goals.

Cini, who played his last game in the B-grade final against the Phantoms, said his side was spirited.

"They (PHOS) were better on the day but I am super proud of the boys," he said.

"It was very disappointing to lose but they are where they should be in division two next year. As disappointing as it was we have a

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strong group of players who can do it next season for the club."

Best for Old Iggies were Lachlan Murdoch, Luke

Washer (two goals), Sam Cooke, Thomas Kolesnik (two goals) and Cameron Orlepp (two goals).

Old Ignatians lost the division three reserves grand final by a point to PHOS Camden, 4.4 (28) to 3.9 (27), after trailing 3.2 to 0.3 at half-time. Zac Borlace was best.

In division one, Payneham Norwood Union continued on its winning way by beating Henley in the first semi-final at Henley. The Falcons won 13.10 (88) to 11.9 (75) after leading 8.6 to 6.4 at half-time and 12.9 to 10.7 at the last change.

Falcons coach Garry McIntosh was pleased that his players stood up in another tough final.

"The players are pretty resilient," he said. "We had to fight tooth and nail but to have that little buffer for most of the day was handy."

PNU faces minor premier Tea Tree Gully in the preliminary final this Saturday.

Best for the Falcons were Tyler Brimacombe, Mitch Caon and Cameron Milne.

Rostrevor Old Collegians beat Sacred Heart Old Collegians in the reserves first semi final, 9.5 (59) to 6.6 (42).

