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Rostrevor First XI Report – Intercol vs. Sacred Heart College

Rostrevor 5 defeated Sacred Heart College 0

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TEAM LIST

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Gianni Bergamin (VC)	Matthew Maio
Noah Blazeka	Marco Matto
Ethan Centofanti	Noah McNamara (C)
Michael Centofanti	Dion Meggetto
John Di Fede	Alessio Melisi
Giovanni Elias	Elian Pirone
Daniel Fedele	Alessio Ruggiero
Daniel Frangakis	Aidan Schirripa
Luke Frangakis	Tommas Tunno
Lachlan Fusco	Chris Votino
Oscar Knight	

After a poor outing against CBC in the *Messenger Cup* semi-final, the Rostrevor First XI used the week off to muster up all the motivation and energy it could for the Intercol clash against Sacred Heart at our home away from home - Campbelltown City Soccer Club. The Rostrevor outfit was keen to put on an exhilarating performance for the Year 12 cohort and other supporters - and exhilarating it was.

After paying our respects to Old Scholar and Indigenous footballer Elkin Reilly ('56), the Red and Black huddled up one last time and the words spoken by the leadership group were nothing less than inspirational. After setting up ready for kick off, the referee signalled for the commencement of the game and the Rossi boys locked the Hearts into their defensive half for the first five minutes.

The pressure continued and just prior to the clock ticking over 10 minutes, a pass out wide from midfield maestro Noah Blazeka fell to Ethan Centofanti, who found the bottom left hand corner of the Hearts' goal - helped over the line by the feet of a couple Sacred Heart defenders. Nevertheless, Ethan claimed the goal, but the most important thing was that the Red and Black was a goal to the good.



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Following this, another strong attacking play from Rostrevor found Luke Frangakis hugging the byline, running towards the goal. But shortly before entering the box, a poor tackle brought Frangakis down and a free kick was awarded. A short free kick from brother Daniel Frangakis found the feet of Alessio Melisi, who tucked it between the legs of the Hearts' goalkeeper, doubling the Red and Black's buffer before the break.

Just before the halftime whistle, a Sacred Heart cross was gobbled up by in-form shot stopper Lachlan Fusco, who was fouled and, consequently, the goal was ruled out and awarded as a free kick for the Year 11 goalkeeper. The referee's whistle blew for the interval and the Rossi boys were spurred on by their Red and Black brothers on the sidelines who didn't disappoint in creating a great atmosphere for the 32nd First XI Intercol match.

Vivid images were running through the minds of the squad members who played in the thrilling 4-3 game of 2019, and the repetition of the 3-0 turnaround wasn't on the agenda for the 2020 squad. The final instructions from Coach Terry Frangakis were nothing short of making sure we didn't embarrass ourselves and lose the first soccer game in 12 years.

The Red and Black was keen to add to the score sheet and did so through a second goal from Alessio Melisi assisted by Daniel Frangakis. Shortly after this, the three-goal lead turned to four with a rare strike across goal by Noah Blazeka finding the back of the net for the second time this campaign. But the Red and Black wasn't finished yet. Luke Frangakis had his turn to find the back of the net and did so in magnificent fashion with a right-foot rocket from outside the 18-yard box to find the bottom left corner and the back of the net for the fifth unanswered time.

Efforts by Ethan Centofanti to almost find his second goal with a looping right foot volley were denied by the crossbar and a right-foot shot from Captain Noah McNamara, which was inches from the top right corner, was denied by the outstretched hand of Sacred Heart goalkeeper. With the closing of the game on 81 minutes played, the Red and Black had retained the Brother Bourke Trophy for the 12th consecutive year.

The Rostrevor First XI campaign for 2020 isn't over yet though as we find ourselves in the State Knockout semi-final for second consecutive year. Scheduled to be played at the VALO Football Centre against Nazareth for a 1:15pm kick off, we hope to see as many of the RBA there as possible.