Thunder rumbles the Lakers

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LAST Saturday saw the Lakers travel off the mountain to take on Yarra Glen at the Yarra Glen showgrounds, the scene of our club's last premiership in 1994.

Unfortunately, Yarra Glen was the better side of the day and ran Kinglake off their feet on a ground that is wider than it is long.

The Seniors staged a second half comeback that wasn't quite enough to get them over the line, but they certainly reduced the Thunder's winning margin to much less than it could have been.

We met earlier this year at Kinglake with the Seniors winning by 27 points and the Reserves being beaten by 25 points, so our Reserves side is yet to win a game against Yarra Glen, with the Seniors having one win and one loss from our two encounters this year.

Next Sunday, July 13, is a big day for the club - possibly our biggest fundraiser ever- with our Reverse Draw Day, with a chance to win a Yamaha WR 450 motorbike, valued at $12,800.

There will be special guests Brendan Fevola, Kinglake's own Rohan "Darky" Francis (Stingers, Blue Heelers) a Kinglake footballer, actor and comedian, and 2002 Comedian of The Year, Pommy Johnson.

To purchase tickets call Adrian on 0419 768 181 or Andy on 0419 313 619. Tickets will sell fast, so you'd better be quick.

Your ticket entitles you to entry on the day for two people, free beer, wine, soft drink and half price spirits from 12pm to 4pm. Finger food will be available, and there will be a DJ, sports memorabilia and more!

Most of Kinglake will be there, will you?

Tackle: Damian Pywell (62) and Steve Hurst (38) tackle a Yarra Glen player.

Seniors

A number of changes were made with 11 players out for various reasons.

Yarra Glen got off to great start, keeping the seniors to just four points for the entire first half.

After half-time Kinglake staged a comeback and got within three goals, but it wasn't enough to catch Yarra Glen, who were winners in the end.

This leaves the seniors sitting in fifth position, but only on percentage alone with both Kinglake and the sixth-placed Belgrave with seven wins, five losses.

We must beat Alexandra next week to keep our finals hopes alive and just stay in the five.

Kinglake 0.3 0.4 7.5 11.7 (73) defeated by

Yarra Glen 2.2 10.7 13.10 15.11 (101)

Kinglake

Goals: Brenton Styles 4, Brent Gallicho 2, Michael Nott 2, Damian Pywell 2, Steve Hurst.

BEST: Alexander Carpenter, James Walker, Adam Butterworth, Kevin Smith.

Reserves

The Reserves started poorly and it was mostly Yarra Glen's inaccuracy and some of our back line pressure that prevented Yarra Glen from getting on top in the first half.

Kinglake went in at the half-time break with a one point lead that they were lucky to have.

Unfortunately, our lack of fitness, failure to man-up and work for our team let Yarra Glen back into the game and once they got a run-on, they kept it up, playing wide on the wings and really making us work hard to return the ball to the centre corridor so we could play our style of footy.

It wasn't to be, with Yarra Glen winning in the end by just eight points.

We still sit in third position on the ladder, with eight wins and four losses and we are one game clear of fourth-placed Yarra Glen, which means we need to win next week to at least maintain our third spot.

Kinglake 3.1 5.2 6.5 9.5 (59) defeated by

Yarra Glen 1.4 4.7 7.9 9.13 (67)

Kinglake

GOALS: Cameron Caine 3, James Ashley Grundy 2, Daniel Hamilton, Glen Jenkins.

BEST: Darryn O'Keefe, James Morgan, Cameron Caine, Darren McCumber.

club rooms from 7.30pm and the Reverse Draw this Sunday, July 13 from 12 noon.

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