

The very many things I learned or “Were you watching and learning from the Clinic Geelong put on tonight?”:

1. Don't play the same team that Geelong keep beating. Other than Stevens, all were older and none the wiser playing against the top team so far this year.
2. Don't kick out of bounds.
3. If you are going to pick up a Geelong player, can we get a better one please?
4. Don't expect the old guard to stand up in big games: Reiwoldt, Milne, Schneider, Gram, Gilbert, Baker.
5. Don't keep passing the ball to Geelong, they actually know how to turn that into goals.
6. Show leadership, for lessons in leadership watch Stevens, McEvoy, Jones, Armitage, Ray, Fisher, with a little help from Kosi, Dempster, Dal Santo, Gwilt, Peake, Dawson.
7. Watch how Geelong do it. Varco, Ottens, Taylor, Menzel was brilliant, Hunt, Johnson, Stokes, Scarlett, Podsiadly, Chapman, Vardy, Milburn, Wojconski, Enright and Ling. Almost their whole team, plus the ones I don't know so well, were so switched on and ready to go, even with 1, then 2, then 3 players down and very little on their interchange.
8. Don't play the same style of games that hasn't given us any success. Shock them with something different, either players or moves.
9. Make up your mind where you want Goddard to play.
10. Play Reiwoldt up the ground, centre or near there where no one expects a goal. Let him run and pass to others. Let him find his confidence again. Play him in defence. Do something that gives him some room to do his stuff.
11. Stop bombing the ball forward. Watch how Geelong move it from player to player. Watch how they lead out. Watch how they switch sides. Watch them full-stop.
12. Don't kick it out of bounds. Get that?
13. Oh, and don't kick it to their players either!
14. Try not to give away free kicks, especially in front of their goals.
15. Don't let your runners run across spoiling our OWN shots just out from goal.
16. Don't play players you are not confident in like Montagna, if he's not 100%, put someone on who is. Even he didn't understand why he was subbed of so early.
17. We lost this game, fair and square. We made so many errors, so many poor decisions, we gave this game away. We were in with a sniff and got whacked in the nose for our troubles. What is most disappointing is that we didn't back ourselves. We handballed the game to the happy Cats. They deserve their position. We deserve ours. No hope or joy this week.
18. Writing before bed after a bad game is good therapy.

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