



TRINITY COLLEGE

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## STATE CHAMPIONS

Trinity College are state knockout champions, after a miraculous 3-2 golden goal, come-from-behind win against Rostrevor at Burton Park last night.

Five minutes into extra time, in teeming rain and a howling gale, a deft header by Dylan Pickert sealed an amazing comeback and sent the Trinity faithful into raptures as the College captured its first ever state soccer title. Trailing 2-0 with less than five minutes remaining in the match, many in the crowd had resigned to a gallant loss, but an opportunistic goal from captain Declan Stimson retained a faint pulse. A frantic final few minutes ensued, and when Cameron Wilson nailed a perfect cross past the keeper seconds before full time, the Trinity fans were delirious.



Moving into a golden-goal extra time against the might of Rostrevor, however, was not an enviable task. Rostrevor had won five out of the last seven state championships, and inflicted Trinity's worst loss of the season, a 5-1 rout in the season opener, *and* they had the wind. But there was now a quiet, steely resolve from the boys, while Rostrevor seemed to dissolve in the torrential rain, and Dylan Marinelli's perfect cross found Pickert, whose header sealed an unlikely and astonishing victory.

The first half was a tug-of-war, with Rostrevor dominating the early opportunities, and managing to convert for a 1-0 lead at the half. Trinity's defence was resolute, but scoring opportunities were rare, and a 1-0 deficit at the half was a win for Trinity. By half time, however, rain was pouring down. The game had slowed, and Trinity looked tired. Rostrevor's forward line continued to create opportunities, and when they broke through for the second goal late in the game, Trinity's hopes for a maiden state title seemed to have washed away in the downpour.

On the biggest stage, under the worst conditions, against the strongest team, with the bleakest scoreline, Trinity College Soccer created history.

**Goals:** Declan Stimson, Cameron Wilson, Dylan Pickert

**Best players:** Sam Voigt, Brandon Reeves, Ben Langdon

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