

Gisborne flogged

Golden Square dishes out 159-point football lesson to the Bulldogs

Bendigo football | Paddy Higgs

GISBORNE'S build-up to finals took a hit on Saturday when it copped a 159-point caning against Golden Square.

The loss means earning a double chance in the Bendigo Football League finals will be difficult, although it will still take a couple of similar results to push the Bulldogs out of finals contention.

Those at Gardiner Reserve on Saturday would have seen little to indicate the carnage at hand after Golden Square pegged out a six-point lead at the first change.

But if the Bulldogs looked shaky in the second term – when they were outscored six goals to one – it was the second half when the wheels completely fell off.

The visitors booted 20 goals to one to shock Gisborne into an unfamiliar 100-plus-point loss.

While spearhead Callan Potter was back in the side on return from a hamstring injury, he was

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held to just one goal as the early supply dried up.

Gisborne was missing Darren Farrugia and Jason Duff-Tyler, but coach Ty Elliott was making no excuses.

“They were just a really good side, and probably showed the difference between what the top level of the comp is at the moment and where we’re at,” he said.

“The first 15 minutes were really good – we kicked four goals to their one – and I thought we were right to go.

“But that was it. We kicked one goal for the rest of the game and they kicked 29.”

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