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News from the
Sorrento Football Club

Note from the Editor

The season opener this year was our traditional Easter match against Dromana.

We got the season off to a great start with all three footy teams coming away with a win in front of a bumper crowd at Shark Park. The unveiling of last year's premiership flag before the seniors got going sparked the excitement levels around the ground and provided a reminder of the great success that can be achieved if we put the work in during the year.

On the netball courts, the C Grade netballers put up a great fight against a strong Dromana side, but fell short in the end. Nevertheless, it was a positive start to the season for the girls who have added a number of new players and coaches this year and will be hoping to improve throughout the season.

The weather was great and the crowds were out in force all over the Peninsula. This delayed some of the supporters in getting to the ground, but they all got there eventually as we recorded record numbers at the gate.

The clubrooms were also full with approximately 190 people piling in for the President's lunch which was this week sponsored by Coastcom. It was packed to the rafters (or at least up to the second level where the under 19s peered through the balustrade) as Sam Newman gave a great speech that had the crowd laughing from start to finish. Emma and Ella did a great job navigating their way through the crowd and all the helpers in the kitchen, on the barbecue, in the canteen, in the bar, on the gate and around the club worked tirelessly throughout the day, as always. Thanks for all your efforts!

We had a number of debutants take the field for each of the teams which was great to see. Leigh Pohlke got his first win for the season as coach of the under 19s and premiership player Mitch Nibbs' new role as fitness coach paid dividends as all the teams appeared to run out the games well, without any serious injuries.

On the membership front, we've had a great start to the season with the number of paid up members already exceeding the numbers at the end of last season. Many thanks to all the players and other people who assisted with the membership marquee over the Labour Day weekend as your efforts definitely contributed to this great result. This is a really important achievement for the club and we urge you all to renew your membership and encourage others to get on board as this is shaping up to be another great year for the Mighty Sharks.

We've also had a number of new sponsors join the club this year which is greatly appreciated. If any of you are thinking of becoming a sponsor or renewing for another year, please get in touch with David Simpson, Andrew Lilley, Maree Smith or myself as we are always happy to discuss sponsorship options to try and ensure that you get the best value for your money.

Our next game is at Devon Meadows on Saturday, 18 April. All of the teams will be hoping to build on their performances this week and we hope to see lots of you out there supporting them.

Go Sharks!
Julian

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Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 17.9-111

defeated

Dromana 10.9-69

Our annual Easter game didn't disappoint with great weather and a great crowd to match.

The game itself was always going to be difficult as we know our battles against Dromana are always tough games. This was the case again on the weekend for three quarters and eventually our fitness (thanks to fitness coach Mitch Nibbs) proved to be the difference in warm conditions.

We started well and had a bit of control until midway through the second quarter and into the third when Dromana played some very good footy. The end of the third quarter we steadied and showed some composure to kick a few goals to have a nice buffer at 3/4 time. The last quarter we ran away with the game to win by a nice margin.

Better players were Daniel Grant, Myles Pitt, Jarryd Ferguson, Tyren Head, James Hallahan and Leigh Treeby.

As coach, I was happy with our young players and thought they all looked good at senior level (we played 3 under 19s). They will all improve with more game time.

We now have a week off which probably isn't a bad thing as we can look to improve some areas that need work. Our inside 50s being one.

Look forward to seeing all our supporters in a fortnight at Devon Meadows.

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 12.10-82

defeated

Dromana 5.13-43

The Reserves entered our round 1 clash against Dromana slightly short on players. With the help of U'19 Bailey Glover, and assistant coach Burn Lynch's son, Matt Lynch, we were able to run out with 21 players for the day. The lack of numbers however didn't affect the on field performance of the Sharks. Our team work and pressure on the opposition meant we turned an 11 point lead at quarter time, into a 19 point lead going into the major break.

The third term was one-way traffic as we slammed on 5 goals to Dromana's 1. Although we didn't outscore our opposition in the last quarter, the damage had been done and we came away with a 12.10-82 to 5.13-43 victory. Apart from little periods in the game where we had our foot on their throat, but didn't capitalise on the scoreboard I was extremely pleased with how we went about it. The team work and unselfishness stood out to me, so that is now the standard we must take into the entire season.

Best players on the day were Brodie Webb on the wing, Max Killey in defence, Lockie Croad, Jack Falck and James Pitcher. Luke Brigden, Marc Senior and Marcus Gardner all chipped in with 3 goals each.

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Coaches Report – UNDER 19s

Sorrento 14.5-89

defeated

Dromana 8.10-58

The boys were nervous before the game in the warm up, but didn't show it in the first quarter kicking straight and taking their chances.

We went away from our structures in the second quarter and it really showed with our defence being put under enormous pressure from Dromana who were able to hit the scoreboard. The boys rallied late and got the game back in control and took a 3 goal lead into the major break.

We ran the game out well in the second half and were never headed in a good first up 6 goal win.

Jack Grant was damaging with 3 goals from 50. Stevo worked hard all day with Mitch towers showing his overhead ability. Tom Caspar and Dekka were sensational down back holding up all day. Thanks to the under 17's boys for helping us out with numbers. You were great.

Netball Report – C GRADE

Sorrento – 16

defeated by

Dromana – 24

What fantastic weather to start the season, warm sunny and no wind. Let's hope it's like that every Saturday. It has been a very

stressful build up to the season, but with the drama out of the way the girls were keen to get on the court and play. Only C grade played as the U17's will play their match after the school holidays are over.

The game started with a bang and Dromana quickly pulled away to a 4 goal lead as our girls worked through new player combinations. Many of the girls have not played together before and were working things through. The girls started to settle against a very strong Dromana side in the second quarter. Jessie and Ebony playing for the first time in the Football Netball League showed great courage and commitment to the ball. Emma, our U17's coach who is new to the club, also took the court and it's great to see her enthusiasm for netball and the players. However Dromana with a deadly accurate shooter proved too strong and eventually won 24 to 16.

With the season underway, fitness and skill training become our focus. All the girls I am sure were feeling a little sore on Sunday. They will be looking forward to Sue Roper's work outs in the weeks to come to build their fitness levels.

We are thrilled to have Jeanie Wright as our head coach, managing the B and C teams. Emma Ring will assist her and coach the U17s team. It will be a season of rebuilding with so many new players, but the girls are looking forward to the challenge.

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