

SORRENTO



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News from the
Sorrento Football Club

Note from the Editor

This week our thoughts are with the family and friends of Sorrento Football Netball Club life member, Les "Bood" Skelton who passed away peacefully on Sunday, 12 April, aged 98.

Les played 136 games between 1934 and 1950 for Sorrento in a career interrupted by World War II. He captain coached both the senior and reserves teams and also served on the committee for several years.

Les' legacy lives on today with two great grandchildren, Max Killey and Sophie Phillips playing for Sorrento. He will be sorely missed.

On the footy field, the Sharks this week made the long trek over to Devon Meadows in the hope of continuing the success that they achieved in round 1. The conditions were perfect with the sun shining and the ground looking great. Devon put up a tough fight, but in the end our boys continued on their winning way with all three teams getting their first away win for the year.

The netballers also headed over to Devon and put up a great fight once again. In the end, both senior teams (the B and C grades) were overcome by the more experienced opposition, but it was a great effort by the girls who will continue to improve throughout the season.

The under 17 netballers got their season off to a great start on Thursday night by defeating Dromana 24 to 10. That was Emma Ring's first match as coach and the girls really grew in confidence throughout the game.

Unfortunately, they were beaten by a strong Devon Meadows side on Saturday, but the girls have definitely showed some promising signs early on in the season.

Unfortunately, it didn't all go to plan this week on the footy field either with under 19s assistant coach and senior player Jarryd Ferguson suffering a season ending broken leg early on in the game. It was a devastating injury for Ferg who showed real promise throughout the pre-season and against Dromana and was hoping to perform a key role down back for the club this year. We are all hoping he will make a speedy recovery.

There was another injury scare in the seniors with Troy Schwarze sitting out the second half after feeling some muscle tightness. This appeared to be more of a preventative measure and he should be back after the week off.

Thanks to all the supporters who made the journey out to Devon Meadows and thanks, as always, to everyone who helped out on the day.

Next match is at home against Red Hill on Saturday, 2 May. We are hoping for a big turnout at Shark Park once again as the Hillmen always put up a good fight against us and the appointment of former Sharks' coach Tony Blackford this year adds another element to the often fiery encounter.

If you are able to get down there early to support the future stars of the club in the under 19s, please do. There is some real talent in the group this year and I know they

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really appreciate it when the crowd turns out to support them.

See you in two weeks' time.
Go Sharks!
Julian

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 16.12-108
defeated

Devon Meadows 11.8-74

Another good weekend for the sharks with wins in all grades.

I was very pleased with how our reserves toughed out a really good win. Some solid performances will keep placing pressure on the senior boys which is a strong position for the club to be in.

The senior team had a solid win. Having a week off isn't ideal early in the year and we probably played a half like we had come off a bye. Our second half was pleasing and especially our last quarter where we really kicked away.

We lost a key player for the season in the first minute with our full back Jarryd Ferguson breaking his leg in an unfortunate accident. Ferg had an operation Sunday morning and will be out for the season. Those who watched our first game against Dromana will know that Ferg looked really good and was going to be a key player this season. We will support him and get him back next year.

The best thing to come out of the weekend was that our young players were very good. Zac Byrns, James Brigden, Nat Diconza were

all key players. Our other players who were solid were Treeby and Pitt.

Another pleasing thing was we started to play to instruction in the last quarter and hopefully the boys will get an understanding about how and why we want to play to a structure as this was directly reflected on the scoreboard. I am confident that as the season plays out we will start to get some consistency with our game.

Another week off now and then some games week after week which will be nice.

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 6.5-41
defeated

Devon Meadows 4.12-36

The Reserves travelled to Devon Meadows to take on last season's Grand Finalists. The game was close throughout, with neither side able to gain a considerable advantage. Both teams' pressure was at a high standard, and inaccurate kicking for goal from Devon Meadows allowed us to stay well in the contest. We did not display our full capabilities in the first half, and I put it on the team to lift our overall work rate and build our own atmosphere out on the ground.

The team responded and showed increased endeavour in the second half. Our tackling and willingness to run for each other was evident, but Devon Meadows refused to throw in the towel. In the last quarter we were able to build a two goal break mid-way through the term, but a late goal to Devon reduced the gap to 5 points with about one and a half minutes remaining in the game. But

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Sorrento in the end held on for a nail biting 5 point victory. It was a massive win for our team, which has given us a 2-0 start to the season and increased confidence in our abilities.

Best players on the day were J. Seers in defence who has been a consistent contributor, J. Shepherd also in defence who is the anchor of the back line, L. Croad who is our only ruck man and an absolute work horse, L. O'Connor on a back flank, J. Falck in the midfield and L. Brigden playing deep forward who provided a target all day.

Coaches Report – UNDER 19s

Sorrento 12.7-79
defeated

Devon Meadows 3.15-33

This week our first real test of the season was upon us playing a team that finished top two last season. With a few boys representing our senior side, we knew it was going to have to be a big team effort to get the win today!

Big Lachie Rodway set the example early by laying some big tackles. It did come at a cost though, with a nasty gash under his eye which required 3 stitches after the game.

We won every quarter to slowly increase our lead and eventually won by 7 goals.

Great effort from Noah to shut down their full forward late in the game. Nathan Abbott was sensational on a wing using all his class. Mitch Towers finished with a wet sail as he appeared to be running out the game better than the others.

There were a few sore boys after the game with only have two rotations on the bench. We head into round 3 full of confidence in our structures and team mates and ready to give Red Hill a big shake.

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