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Sorrento Football Club

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 22.19.151

Devon Meadows 6.5.41

The final game of the season was played out at Devon Meadows with a simple equation, win and secure top spot, lose and finish second. Going into the game we made 6 changes due to injury so the need to win and earn the week off was immense. The great thing about the club this year has been that Sticks has built and developed a reserves team that has done an amazing job so we have depth to cover the missing players.

And throughout the day every one of the included players made a contribution as we took control of the game early and put in a really complete 4 quarter performance. Highlighted by Pohlke kicking 12 goals (all in 3 quarters) we were able to manage the group through the game (almost) injury free and earn top spot.

Fantastic home and away season but the hard yards start again and the playing group can't wait! Amazing effort for the football club to have 3 sides finish on top, well done Sticks and Merv! We can sit back, rest some bodies and get ready to play for a spot in a GF in 2 weeks' time. Can't wait to see you all there in a sea of Red & White!

Goal Kickers: L. Pohlke 12, J. Tomkins 2, B. Kenyon 2, C. Beetham, A. Jackson, N. Warner D. Grant, J. Hallahan, S. Cameron

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 7.6.48

Devon Meadows 6.9.45

Our final match for the home and away season against Devon Meadows was a dead rubber game in terms of ladder positioning. However it was our last chance to find top form before the finals series kicks off. Our enthusiasm we had prior to the bounce lasted for the first 15 minutes of the game, we attacked the contest with purpose but unfortunately we were unable to maintain our spark. We had a 13 to 7 lead after the first quarter, and although we kept up with our opposition on the scoreboard we were beginning to be outplayed all over the ground. We walked in at half time with a 2 point lead, but we were far from showing the form that we are capable of.

It was up to our leaders to lift the side in the second half to gain back control of the match. However, we came out very flat and allowed Devon Meadows to run the ball out of our defence with ease. Matthew Littlejohn was one who showed determination for the entire match, but without many helpers the opposition surged ahead to kick 4.2 to our 1 point for the third term. After playing listless football for two and a half quarters, I put it to the players to try anything to gain respectability back in the game and reduce the 23 point deficit. I'm not quite sure what happened but we saw a completely different side in the 4th quarter. We were hungry for the contest and led by our captain who we

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moved to the forward line, we had Devon Meadows on the back foot. Undisciplined play by the other team resulted in relay goals, combined with a Dale Perkins major late in the game and a pressure set shot by Aaron Balloch in the dying minute we hit the lead with 60 seconds remaining.

We kicked 4.3 in the final term to miraculously win the game, which will hopefully give us confidence that we can get the result no matter the situation. Best players on the day were Jack Shepard in defence, Matthew Littlejohn, Ben Feldhofer and Jacko Wells who played his best game of the season down back.

Goal Kickers: A. Balloch 2, H. Connolly, T. Daniher, B. Feldhofer, D. Perkins, N. Lever

We gradually got our noses in front and were a couple up at half time. The back 6 were fantastic playing hard tight football.

The Midfield gradually got on top in the third quarter and we should have been further ahead at the last break 2 goals 3 up.

Devon came out firing in the last quarter kicking the first 3 goals, gaining a 3 point lead. Brigga the acting Captain and Byrner then stood up and we regained the lead with 3 minutes to go, we hung on for a huge win.

Looking forward to the finals.

Goal Kickers: Z. Byrns 2, J. Brigden 2, E. King

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 5.9.39

Devon Meadows 5.7.37

Looking to gain some respect back after a 10 goal defeat the last time we met the 18's were ready for the challenge down at Devon Meadows.

We had 22 players prepared to put their bodies on the line for the Team. Goals were difficult to find with neither side kicking a major in the first quarter.

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