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Sorrento Football Club

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 14.12.96

Rosebud 8.3.51

After some weeks in a row against sides outside finals contention Saturday's game against Rosebud was a test the lads were desperately looking forward. With a strong breeze blowing to our advantage the boys started well in what was a very physical and willing encounter. We kicked 3 goals and kept Rosebud scoreless and probably squandered a couple of chances. In the second quarter the boys defended really well and restricted Rosebud to 2 goals kicking 3 ourselves. The pleasing aspect was the "defend first" attitude that restricted the opposition.

Some contentious umpiring left us with 17 men for much of the third quarter; but some great effort to slow up Rosebud and deny their loose advantage, coupled with hard running forward when we had it, enabled us to get out to a match winning 3 quarter time lead. The final quarter had a bit of junk time to it and we allowed Rosebud to kick 6 goals which was frustrating but most pleasing was keeping a good side to 2 goals for 3 quarters.

A strong win and a great contribution from all players.

Special congratulations to Sticks and the reserves who due to other results can almost secure top spot next week with a win. Well done boys! This week's last home game, must win, Rye... Need I say more!!....

Goal Kickers: L. Pohlke 5, D. Hickey 2, T. Schwarze 2, J. Hallahan 2, T. Head, D. Grant, N. Warner

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 11.13.89

Rosebud 4.3.22

The Reserves were in for a tough game against Rosebud playing away. Escaping with only a one point win earlier in the season, a determined 4 quarter effort was needed to get the win against a physical Rosebud outfit. Kicking with a brisk wind in the first period, we managed to control the play and bang on 5 goals to take a 33 to 0 quarter time lead.

The team welcomed back Todd Daniher from injury and he made an immediate impact. Competing strongly in the air and hitting the scoreboard, he booted 3 goals for the day and was a focal point up forward. With the aid of a blustery wind Rosebud stayed in the match. They began to break even in the contested balls and kicked 3 goals to our 2 in the second quarter to trail 20 to 47 at half time.

Coming out after the main break the team knew we had a real fight on our hands. But to Rosebud's credit they took it right up to the Sorras physically, and at times made us look like a second rate side. The only positive of the term was the courage of Jayden Morgan. Selflessly he went back with the flight to take a strong mark, but the consequence was he was crunched in the process and was unable to take any further part in the game. The

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scoreboard showed we kicked 2.3 for the term to their zero, but that didn't reflect how the quarter was played, and in my opinion they won the third period.

During the final change I asked the boys to give it their all and play with real determination. They did, and I couldn't be prouder of the way they ran out the last quarter. Against an increasing blustery wind our tackling, attack on the ball and teamwork completely demolished Rosebuds hope of the big 4th term. It was arguably our best quarter of the season and we ran away to kick 4 goals to nil against the strong wind. 89 to 22 was the final score and we had winners all over the ground. Kyle Parker was outstanding in the ruck, Liam O'Connor was dominating in defence and James Pitcher is in season best form with his tenacity and precision kicking. Bring on Rye!!

Goal Kickers: T. Daniher 3, N. Lever 2, B. Kenyon 2, J. Wells , J. Pitcher , A. Balloch , J. Oppy , B. Feldhofer , L. Brigden

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 6.6.42

Rosebud 13.7.85

A real Reality Check for the 18's on Saturday against Rosebud; Rosebud needed to win to keep their Finals chances alive and Won Well

Picking their best possible side they taught us how to play tough MAN ON MAN Football.

They ran harder, tackled harder, and used the ball a lot better than us; five goals to zip in the first Quarter.

We fought back well in the second quarter but still trailed by 3 goals.

The game continued to be a hard finals like game for the rest of the day; eventually going down by 7 goals, our second loss for the season.

The only good thing is that they played all their aces in the game so we will be better prepared if we meet again in the Finals.

With two rounds to go we can't finish any lower than second, and we finish our last running session in preparation for the finals this week.

We need to improve quite a lot if we are to be competitive in the finals!!

Goal Kickers: M. Abbott 2, L. Callaghan, M. Gardner, E. King, J. Tomkins

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