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News from the
Sorrento Football Club

From The President

The win against ladder leader Dromana makes us well placed for finals footy. We take on second placed Red Hill next week at home in what should be another thriller and a chance for the Sharks to show them what we've got.

We thank our sponsors of the day - **Rattray & Walker**. It was good to see Steve Caspar relaxing, as apart from their generous sponsorship, Steve is always at the club doing whatever needs to be done to maintain and improve our facilities.

Again we must thank our club doctor Richard Ward whose skills were critical in caring for a seriously injured player last Saturday. We are extremely fortunate to have him and appreciative of his time and experience. We wish LJ all the best for his treatment and recovery.

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 12.13.85

Dromana 8.12.60

We faced off against Dromana at home on the weekend in what was a big game for us.

Having not beaten a team above us this year it was a great opportunity to see where we were at.

Our form had been quite good in the last 3 weeks, but we had lost some key players to injury and, with Leigh Pohlke away on Victorian duties we knew it would be a huge challenge.

We began really well and were getting our hands on the ball but we just couldn't put it on the scoreboard. We also butchered the ball going inside 50 and then played one short as we had our first player sent off and reported. We went in at the first break just behind.

The second quarter was much the same however this quarter we had two players reported and sent off! Playing with 16 men is difficult but we managed to hold our own and even though they outscored us we went in at half time only 3 goals behind.

The third quarter we came out and hit the ground running, playing some of our best footy in a long time. We turned a 20 point deficit into a 20 point lead and never looked back.

The result was really pleasing and hopefully gives the boys some real confidence going into Red Hill this weekend.

Our better players were Treeby, Hallahan, Williams, Mattison, Head, and Johnson.

On a sour note and to continue our run of bad luck with injuries Matthew Littlejohn (LJ) a very consistent reserves player who has played at the club for a number of years, unfortunately did the worst injury I have maybe ever seen in my time in football. A player fell across his leg rupturing 3 ligaments and dislocated his leg. He also did nerve damage and couldn't feel his foot yesterday. I will keep everyone updated however LJ will never play again and has a long road in front of him. He will need as much support as we can give him in the next few months.

Goal Kickers: R. Jeffery 3, J. Hallahan 3, L. Treeby 2, Z. Byrns , D. Lawson , B. Schwarze , J. Brigden

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 2.9.21

Dromana 9.5.59

Our match against Dromana was critical to stay in touch with the top 5. Our effort for the game was good; we tackled and pressured the opposition. However currently we're lacking polish with our

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usage of the ball, and that's what is costing us the most.

We trailed by 5 points at quarter time, but we allowed Dromana to kick late goals in the second to increase the deficit to 14 points at half time. Although the effort was still there in the second half, we continually fumbled the footy and didn't execute simple skills. We kept the opposition to 4.3 in the second half, but were unable to add scoreboard pressure ourselves.

The final score was Dromana 9.5-59 to the sharks 2.9-21. I can assure supporters the boys are trying once they cross the white line; we're just down on form and lacking a bit of class in certain areas. Fumbling the football and not kicking high scores is an issue, but the great thing about footy is that there's another chance this Saturday to regain the form we have shown earlier in the season.

Jack Shepard was clearly our best player on the day, with Ben Russell and Jed McCulloch also contributing in defence. Some really bad news on the day was a serious injury to Matthew Littlejohn, which is very deflating for anyone who knows him because of his passion for the Reserves team and the club. We wish him all the best in his recovery.

Goal Kickers: B. Kenyon, L. Croad

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 10.11.71

Dromana 8.12.60

In testing conditions the under 18s held on for an 11 point win on Saturday. Dromana had to win to have any chance of making finals, so that leaves 7 teams fighting for 5 finals spots.

Dromana came out hard in the first quarter and really played well. Our boys had to work very hard for every possession as there were no easy kicks.

By half time we had our noses in front and gradually got on top by the last break. We kicked the first couple in the last quarter and thought we had it in the bag, and then Dromana kicked the next 3 goals thanks to some hard running by their mids. Lucky we held on in the last few minutes.

Best players were Shannon, Lachy, Danny, Tower and Strawberry

Goal Kickers: M. Towers 3, D. Stephenson 2, S. Gladman 2, S. Johnston, L. Rodway, J. Magee

Ladders

The top four positions on the Nepean Football League Senior, Reserves and Under 18 ladders are updated on our website every Sunday. There is also a link to the league website to view the entire ladders, plus detailed scores and news.

Next Game

Saturday July 19 v Red Hill @ Shark Park

Footy Tipping Results

1st	111 Scanlan, Warrick	8 4 5 8 9 7 7 9 5 7
2nd	110 Dickeson, Derek	7 4 4 5 7 8 6 7 8 7 7
2nd	110 Wilcock, Robyn	6 6 5 5 7 8 7 7 6 6 8
4th	109 Lilley, Andrew	7 4 3 5 7 8 4 7 8 7 9
4th	109 Pettit, Chris	6 6 5 5 8 7 6 6 8 7 8
6th	107 Lilley, George	7 5 3 5 8 7 6 7 7 6 8
6th	107 Soapy	7 4 4 5 7 7 5 8 8 7 8
6th	107 Strahan, Max	7 5 4 5 8 8 5 7 7 6 9

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