



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Last week we returned to Shark Park for the first time in a month and the boys certainly looked happy to be home as we came away with three strong wins. Each of our footy teams took to the field knowing how important another win would be, with all three teams a chance to finish in the top three if we're able to come away with maximum points in each of the remaining rounds this season.

The Under 19s started slowly, going into the first quarter two points behind, but managed to get themselves going in the second and third quarters, piling on ten goals to Pearcedale's two. In the end they ran away with a seven-goal win and kept their top-three chances alive.

The Reserves came out firing on all cylinders and never took their foot off the gas, winning every quarter and restricting Pearcedale to two goals for the match. Despite the fact that Pearcedale don't have the strongest of teams this year, it was a great performance by our boys as they ended up running away with a twelve-goal win and improved their percentage by twelve percentage points.

After a somewhat sluggish performance last week, the Senior boys showed great intent right from the start and ran away with a thumping 23-goal win that put them into the top three. It was an impressive performance by all the boys, including a ten-goal haul by Myles Pitt that puts him within five goals of Leigh Pohlke's tally so far this season and ten goals behind the league's leading goal kicker, Luke Clark from Hastings.

The netballers took to the court this week knowing that they were in for some tough physical matches and that's what ensued. Our girls put up a great fight as always and the matches were really entertaining, but unfortunately Pearcedale were too good for us on the day and they secured the points in all three matches.

The junior club wrapped up their home and away season on the weekend with four out of our five scoring teams securing spots in the finals which is a fantastic achievement. The Under 17s also had a really important win against the ladder-leaders Langwarrin and will go into this week's battle against their traditional rivals Mt Martha full of confidence.

This week we are heading over to Dromana to take on a team that we have had some great battles with in recent times. Regardless of our respective ladder positions, both teams seem to rise to the occasion whenever we play each other so this week is likely to be another tough battle.

It's easy to get carried away at this time of the year with the season coming to an end and finals looming, but it is crucial that we stay focussed on the challenge that each week presents. Let's hope that all of our teams can do that this week and each secure another important win against the tigers.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Go Sharks!



SENIORS

Sorrento 24.12-156

defeated

Pearcedale 6.6-42

Coaches Report

Pearcedale at home (finally!!!) on Saturday and the boys were on from the word go.

It felt strange driving into the ground and not heading to an away game with the white shorts packed.

In perfect conditions, we started well against a side that seemed to be more concerned about not losing by much, rather than winning. They started with eight defenders which gave us plus 2 behind the ball from the first bounce. We used those extra numbers well and spread well with ball in hand making it very difficult for Pearcedale to defend.

The week prior we hadn't used the extra numbers well at all so it was pleasing with the change this week. It is also good for me to be able to show the boys the difference between the two games.

Our better players were Treeby (16 tackles), Hallahan, Pitt (10 goals), Byrns, Croad, Webb.

We have a big game this week against Dromana away. They had a good win last weekend so will have plenty of confidence coming up against us this week.

Look forward to seeing everyone at Dromana Saturday.

SENIORS			
	Team	%	Points
1	Rosebud	167.77	44
2	Rye	146.64	44
3	Sorrento	178.18	40
4	Hastings	171.58	40
5	Somerville	128.56	40
6	Red Hill	122.81	36
7	Devon Meadows	106.1	24
8	Frankston	91.82	20
9	Dromana	88.11	20
10	Pearcedale	71.02	16
11	Crib Point	74.35	12
12	Tyabb	19.32	0



RESERVES

Sorrento 14.11-95
 defeated
Pearcedale 2.6-18

Coaches Report

Playing last placed Pearcedale, it was another opportunity to gain valuable percentage for our run towards the finals.

We played the first quarter well, and piled on 5.2 for the quarter while restricting Pearcedale to one straight goal.

We slowed a little in the second term, but still had most of the play. At half time we had a 46 to 8 lead.

After the main break, it was pleasing to see that we came out and stuck to our structures and didn't become complacent. Our run from half back and link up with handball stood out, and that resulted in the team adding 5.5 to our opposition's one point.

In the last quarter, the game played itself out, but I was happy that we outscored Pearcedale by a further five points.

The end score was The Sharks 14.11-95 to Pearcedale 2.6-18. We're starting to hit form at the right time of the season, and the team is now embracing our new team structures and playing the game 'smarter'.

A win next week will potentially slide us into the top three and give us a crack at the double chance.

Best players in this match included Jayden Seers, Heath Connolly, Marc Senior with six goals, Marcus Gardener and James Pitcher in the centre.

Reserves			
	Team	%	Points
1	Somerville	261.34	56
2	Rosebud	156.31	44
3	Red Hill	126.57	40
4	Sorrento	150.08	36
5	Frankston	145.55	36
6	Devon Meadows	117.85	36
7	Hastings	131.31	28
8	Rye	123.94	24
9	Crib Point	58.01	16
10	Dromana	63.34	8
11	Tyabb	29.16	8
12	Pearcedale	44.35	4



UNDER 19s

Sorrento 13.14-92
 defeated
 Pearcedale 7.8-50

Coaches Report

Pearcedale hey!

We owed them one as they ran over the top of us earlier in the year after we led by four goals at half time. The boys know we need to keep on winning if we want to finish in the top three so we were very focused before the game about taking it on and not giving them a sniff.

The game started with a lot of mistakes and inaccurate goal kicking which meant we trailed 1.2 to 1.4 at the first break.

We threw big Lachie Rodway to the goal square and Dekka into the ruck which got results straight away with Lachie too big and strong for anyone they put on him. He kicked a couple of goals in the second and third to cap off a near best on ground performance. We led by four goals at half time (again), but only this time we weren't going to let them back in the match!

With Chappy and Harry getting plenty of the footy on the wings and our mids doing a great job of opening the game up, we were able to blow the game open to lead by sixty points with 10 mins to go! That gave us a good opportunity to put some blokes in the middle that wouldn't usually play there. That move was justified by Davey "String Bean" Stringer getting a clearance straight away!

With Dromana and Rye to come, we have qualified for finals but still need to win both games to finish top three!

Under 19s			
	Team	%	Points
1	Rosebud	224.78	52
2	Crib Point	245.51	44
3	Somerville	222.73	44
4	Sorrento	188.47	44
5	Red Hill	231.43	36
6	Dromana	151.96	36
7	Pearcedale	100	24
8	Frankston	69.34	24
9	Devon Meadows	65.92	16
10	Hastings	55.59	12
11	Tyabb	33.65	4
12	Rye	20.5	0

**NETBALL REPORT**

B GRADE	C GRADE	UNDER 17'S
Sorrento – 39	Sorrento – 17	Sorrento – 26
defeated by	defeated by	defeated by
Pearcedale – 42	Pearcedale – 38	Pearcedale – 50

With rain threatening we welcomed Pearcedale for what we knew would be some tough physical matches. The Under 17s had a slow start, but definitely picked up in the second with Mikkea and Emma proving to be a strong goaling team. Jemma played with strong hands over the ball and is improving in WD every week. It was a convincing win to Pearcedale, but our girls played confident and positive netball right to the end. It was a great match to watch!

It wasn't a great day at the office for the C Grade game, we just seemed to lack some of our usual spark. Our shining lights in defence were Georgia and Rachel whose on court experience, advice and positive encouragement really lifted the girls. Anna shot well given that she lost about a foot in height to her defenders. The centre court, after lots of practise the week before, were able to break Pearcedale's presses. Jen had to play both ends, testing her reflexes, and Jemma again proved how important her strong drives are to the game!

The B Grade match was always going to be a tight battle with both teams next to each other on the ladder and that's exactly what it was. Matching each other goal for goal until the final few minutes of the game when Pearcedale gained the lead. Jenaë, back from illness, was fantastic. She goaled beautifully, including sinking some very long bombs. We needed tough circle defence to compete against their accurate shooter. Sammie, also returning from illness, really showed her strength. Great match play by each member of the team.

GO SORRAS!



JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

This With our last week of home and away footy now in the bag I'm pleased to report that four out of our five scoring teams have made finals which is an amazing achievement.

Our two Under 10 sides are finished for the year and have loved playing footy each week for Sorrento.

Our Under 15 team came agonisingly close to making finals and only missed out by percentage after a 26-point loss to Rosebud. The group has been a fantastic side this year and Coach Jeff Voight and the boys should be congratulated on a great year of footy.

The Under 17's had a great win over top of the table Langwarrin and have set themselves up for a great chance, having beaten the two teams above them on the ladder. Thank you to all of the senior players and supporters who came down to cheer the boys on last Sunday, your support was very appreciated.

Our other teams all had wins and made Elimination Finals this week with game times being:

Sunday 16th August

U11s play Beleura at Pearcedale at 11.00am

U12s play Red Hill at Hastings at 10.40 am

U13s play Mt Martha at Hastings at 12.00pm

U17s play Mt Martha at Pearcedale at 2.15 pm

Good luck to our teams for the finals – Go Sharks!

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