

SORRENTO



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News from the Sorrento Football Netball Club

Note from the Editor

It was another beautiful day down at Shark Park this week and it looked as though we were in for another successful day for the club as the under 19s and reserves got us off to a perfect start with another two wins. Unfortunately, the senior team were unable to hold off a well-drilled Red Hill side that took their chances when they came and were too good on the day.

While we weren't able to repeat the success we had in the first couple of weeks, a loss at this stage of the season could prove to be good motivation as it looks like we will be facing some tough competition throughout the season this year.

The strong performance of the under 19s and reserves was also a good sign for the club as it highlights our depth which could prove to be very important in the latter stages of the season. If those teams continue to perform as they have done in the first few weeks, there will be a number of boys pushing to get into the senior side which may leave the selectors with some tough decisions.

The netballers had a mixed week with the B Grade team securing a great win against a strong Red Hill side and the other two teams just coming up short. There was a lot of promise shown by the girls in each of the divisions and the teams appear to be improving with every week. Linda also did a great job stepping in as coach for the C Grade team which was much appreciated.

Inside the clubrooms, Scotty Palmer was in top form as MC for the President's lunch that was this week hosted by Heritage Finance. John Blackman

had the crowd laughing throughout his routine as he shared some of his favourite moments from Hey Hey It's Saturday and told some great stories about the other members of the Hey Hey team. We also had impromptu interviews with senior players Luke Tapscott and Myles Pitt which the lunch goers loved.

The team in the kitchen did another great job serving up close to 140 meals in a record-breaking 28 minutes. Everyone else who helped out with the lunch and around the ground did a fantastic job, as always, and we thank you all for your efforts!

This week we head over to Somerville in what is set to be a cracking battle in each of the matches throughout the day. The clubs are sitting side by side on the ladder in all three divisions which means that a win here will allow one club to skip ahead and take an important step towards cementing their position in the top five.

We will be without senior coach Troy Schwarze again this week, but the senior boys will be hoping that they can bounce back from last week and put in a strong performance against Somerville. The under 19s and reserves will be hoping to repeat their success in the first three weeks with another couple of wins.

We look forward to seeing lots of you out there supporting the boys and girls in sunny Somerville.

Go Sharks!
Julian

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Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 8.9-57
defeated by
Red Hill 10.13-73

It was good to play football again after a real stop start season so far. It was round 3 for us with the first three rounds played over five weeks and it was going to be a test of our match fitness and mental will against a really well-coached and well-drilled Red Hill.

The game was even at half-time with all Sorrento players playing accountable football and working to the game plan.

After half time a different Sorrento came out and we were undisciplined, did not work hard enough to man up and weren't accountable. The damage was done in the third quarter. We worked hard and fought the last quarter out, but could not hit the front.

Better players for the day where Pitty and Polkes down forward, new player to the club and first gamer, Jamus Campbell, who won his position down back. Croady across half back was in everything and was great.

Looking forward to two games in a row with Somerville this week. Some big names to come back over the next few weeks which will only strengthen our depth at the club

Travis (tractor) Sawers

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 9.8-62
defeated
Red Hill 7.6-48

Sorrento Reserves had a strong side on paper, and coming off a good week on the track we were confident about getting the result against a good Red Hill side. Our opposition however surprised us early and were first to the ball and outplayed us for the first 5 or so minutes. But we did steady and at quarter-time got the game back in our favour. Sorrento carried a 15 point lead heading into the second term and we sustained our momentum for the entire second quarter. Scott Cameron provided a great target deep forward as he piled on 4 goals in the first half. We went into the main break with a 6.5-41 to 2.3-15 lead.

The third quarter was a real arm wrestle between the two teams. We were not able to extend the lead we had built, but our constant pressure and team work enabled us to carry a 25-point lead into three-quarter time. Red Hill to their credit threw everything they had at us in the last 20 minutes of footy. It appeared they had a bit more run and match fitness, maybe due to their weekly run of games, whereas we started the season playing only two matches in the first month. With a very lucky goal from the boundary, they cut our lead to 7 points with roughly 6 minutes to play. But as the Sorrento Reserves have done in the past, the boys dug very deep and slammed on a goal with only a minute or two remaining to cement a victory.

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The final scores were Sorrento 9.8-62 to Red Hill 7.6-48. With this week's win, we have started the season 3 and 0.

Best players on the day were Adam Morrison in the midfield, M Barnes who had severe leather poisoning in his first game for the club, James Pitcher who has had a consistent start to the season and Michael Patterson at full back.

Coaches Report – UNDER 19s

Sorrento 12.16-88

defeated

Red Hill 7.6-48

Last week, the under 19's boys rolled out against an under-strength Red Hill side.

We had to start well and take the game on early to plant the seed against them. Red hill gave it a good crack for the first quarter but we were able to break free in the second quarter and slowly increase our lead.

With big Dekka playing well at centre half back and Stevo doing a ripper job at centre half forward we were able to control the tempo of the game and run it out well.

Mitchy Towers kicked 3 and played well along with Tom Clarke and young Joey Boase who was sensational in his first game up from the under 17's.

The boys are really looking forward to a tough match this weekend against Somerville.

Netball Report

B GRADE	C GRADE	UNDER 17'S
Sorrento – 36	Sorrento – 19	Sorrento – 22
defeated	defeated by	defeated by
Red Hill – 32	Red Hill – 26	Red Hill – 45

It was great to meet Redhill in Tootgarook on a beautiful calm, crisp and cold autumn Wednesday night. The 17s started strong with Mikkea and Brooke in goals on fire. Coming into the 2nd quarter Redhill had warmed up and their goal shooter had us covered in height. The girls tried to hang on with Ebony in WA dominating, but they were too strong in the end.

The C girls played at the same time and took their time to warm up, giving the Redhill girls a strong start. However, by the 3rd quarter our girls were driving and moving much better. Tiahn shot beautifully as the girls fought hard to reduce the score difference. However, the deficit was too big and the Redhill girls took the win. Thank you to Linda for stepping in as coach for the night.

The mist came in for the B game with dew covering everything including the score books making for some fun scoring. It was a great game of netball and it would be impossible to single any one of our girls out as they all play brilliantly. Even with a few new players, they quickly combined to form strong defence, speed through the centre and accurate shooting. Against a strong and committed Red Hill side, our girls took the win.

Both umpires came away at the end of the games commenting that it was a fantastic game of netball to umpire and watch. Great commitment by both teams to playing the ball.