

SORRENTO



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News from the Sorrento Football Netball Club

Note from the Editor

Last week was a mixed week for the club with the under 19s and seniors both coming away with convincing wins, but with the reserves falling short against Frankston.

The under 19s bounced back from their shock loss against Somerville to get us off to a great start down at Shark Park with a really convincing five-goal win. Assistant coach Jarryd Ferguson and senior superstar Johnny Caspar did a great job filling in for Leigh who was recovering from the flu.

The reserves match was always going to be a close one with both teams sitting side by side on the ladder going into the match. Our boys got off to a bit of a slow start and were never able to get in front against a Frankston side that appeared to be too strong on the day. It was a disappointing result for Stix and the boys as it now pushes them outside the top five, but only on percentage.

This week the senior boys carried on their form from the second-half against Pearcedale in a dominating display that has put them back in a reasonable position going into the latter parts of this season. The boys came out firing in the first half, piling on seven unanswered goals in the second quarter to go into the long break with a nine-goal lead. While they didn't set the world on fire in the second half, they got the job done and they appear to be building some good momentum which we all hope will continue for the rest of the season.

The netballers gave it their best shot once again with both teams that played on the weekend (the under 17s had a bye) performing really well and putting some real pressure on the Frankston girls. Frankston were too strong in the end in both matches, but there were some great individual

performances and the girls continue to improve with every week.

Inside the clubrooms, Ian Johnson did a great job filling in for Scotty Palmer as host of the President's lunch, with Mark Allen as the guest speaker. Mark had the crowd in stitches as he shared some stories from his career as a professional golfer and radio host on SEN. Sorrento Junior Club President Neil "Slippy" Schlipalius also gave a great speech about the junior club and some of its proud history which was a really nice addition to the lunch.

All the helpers in the kitchen and around the club did a great job once again, with special thanks going to Brian who filled in for Dane on the gate. Thanks to everyone for your efforts once again – only a few more home games to go now!

There are a few big names coming back into the senior side in the next few weeks with Luke Tapscott looking to open his account for the year and Myles Pitt coming back from the bright lights of Hollywood to resume his position in the spotlight at Shark Park. Competition will be tough for positions in the team which is a good sign for the club as we head towards the pointy end of the season.

This week we've got a bye, but we'll be back on July 4 at home against Hastings. Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing you all down at Shark Park in two weeks' time.

Go Sharks!

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Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 17.9-111
defeated
Frankston 8.10-58

The weekends game versus Frankston was very pleasing.

We started well and by half time had control of the game. Our ball movement was very good and we played for each other. The opposition didn't have many answers to our attack both on the ball and towards the man.

After playing in patches early in the year this was as close to a 4-quarter effort as we have put in to date.

Our stronger players were Leigh Treeby, Jamus Campbell, Tyren Head, James Brigden and Zac Byrns.

With a bye this weekend, a few boys are helping out country footy teams but most are freshening up.

Look forward to seeing everyone for our next game at home against Hastings. This will be big.

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 6.7-43
defeated by
Frankston 7.13-55

Sorrento Reserves once again went in short on numbers for this important match against Frankston. Chris Bagot generously pulled on the boots to allow us to run out with 21 players.

The Bombers started the game strongly, and it was quickly apparent this would be a tough four-quarter match. Trailing by 8 points at the first change, our play was very competitive. However, our attack on the ball only resulted in three goals up to half time. Coming out after the main break with a deficit of 11 points, I asked the boys for an extra gear of effort and to attack up the middle of the ground.

I can't fault the boys' intent or effort, but too many times we got caught wide. Repeat out on the fulls, and repeat stoppages out on the wings meant we couldn't get any flow in our play. Combining that with our inability to hit targets by foot coming out of defence, we couldn't reduce the 13 point deficit at 3/4 time and we got rolled in the end – 6.7-43 to 7.13-55.

I told the boys after the game that football sometimes isn't fair. Our determination in the last 3 games has been very good, but we only have one win to show for it. After the bye my gut feeling is that we'll be back on the winners list and back in finals contention.

Best players on the day were Matt Dobrowolski, James Pitcher, Heath Connolly and Luke Brigden.

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**Coaches Report – UNDER 19s**

Sorrento 10.8-68
 defeated
Frankston 4.11-35

The 19s went into Saturday morning with a new coach, Jarryd Ferguson, standing in for myself this week due to being crook.

Boys were up and about in the warm up and really keen to get back on the winners list after a disappointing second half against Pearcedale. Took us a little while to get going and we were trailing by 3 goals against a much taller Frankston side at quarter time. After a stern word from Ferg during the first break, the boys, to their credit, responded well, with Mitch Murgia hitting the scoreboard and Mitch towers showing how good a player he is going to be with clean hands and a great snap.

We knew after falling away the week earlier that we had to stay strong in the second half with no bench. Three goals to one in the 3rd quarter all but sealed the match and the forward pressure was super. Lachie Rodway showed some of the bigger Frankston boys what he is made of with three massive bumps (all fair and clean) that resulted in all 3 players leaving the field and gave our boys a big boost.

Two Frankston players were sent off, but we were able to stay disciplined and record our 7th win and cement out spot in the top 3. Rosebud isn't far away and there our biggest test and we are building nicely towards them. Can't wait for the challenge.

To Jonny Cas and Ferg, thanks for taking the boys Saturday. Obviously you blokes did a super job recording a comfortable 6 goal win. Well done boys!

Netball Report

B GRADE	C GRADE	UNDER 17'S
Sorrento-36	Sorrento-19	BYE
defeated by	defeated by	
Frankston-44	Frankston-29	

This week the weather looked dreadful with black skies threatening rain for the match up with Frankston. But in true Peninsula style the sun shone for the first game.

The C team were off to an awesome start with 5 goals apart by the 3rd quarter. It was a tightly fought match. Jen showed her great sense of defence, teaming with Nova and Meg to fight for every rebound and stray ball. Kirra, Courtney, Emily and Ally worked amazingly well working the ball down to the goal circle, putting into practise some of the systems we worked on in training. Emma, Jessie and Anna worked hard against tall defenders to find the space to shoot. It was a great match to watch, closely contested, but with a goal run at the end Frankston took out the win!

The B's game was also a tough tightly fought match. Our girls took a quarter to warm up as it was freezing, with the sun disappearing, but once they got going, it was fantastic. Rachel's direction and encouragement on court kept the defence team up and aware of the ball, ready for an intercept.

Sisters Mikkea and Tiahn once again showed some solid teamwork in the circle and were very accurate with their shooting. Beth was constantly on her toes and her reach over shooters placed effective pressure on the shot. Sammie worked tirelessly to defend the post against the accurate Frankston shooters. Tayla, Sophie & Jenae ran the centre court attack line, driving the ball through the vocal Frankston defence. It was a close match, but Frankston ended up taking out the win.

GO SORRAS!