

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR**

The Sharks' campaign in 2016 has begun with some mixed results, with the Under 19s and Reserves winning their first two matches in convincing style and the Seniors yet to notch up a win. It was always going to take some work to get the Senior team to gel this year, given the number of changes in the side, but the boys will need to bring it all together quickly, if they are going to turn their season around.

The Under 19s (who are this year led by senior-player, Luke Tapscott) have been the shining light for the club so far, with resounding wins in the first two rounds. The boys easily accounted for Dromana on Easter weekend in a 29-goal win and they backed it up again against Hastings, winning that match by over 20 goals. This is despite the fact they've had a couple of boys play in the Seniors and others off at Stingrays. It truly is a great sign for the club to have so many talented youngsters and we're all hoping that the boys can continue their impressive form throughout the year.

The Reserves have also had a great start to the season, winning their Easter-weekend match against Dromana by 16 points in what was a scrappy affair and easily overcoming Hastings in a very convincing 55-point win. The boys have been buoyed by the new additions to the group in the form of some newcomers, some returning familiar faces and a number of experienced campaigners who are attempting to force their way back into the Senior side. It seems like the boys have a really good mix at the moment and have come together well under the leadership of Brad Philips. Competition for spots in the Senior is always a good motivator and let's hope it continues to have a positive impact on the boys as we move further into the season.

As for the Seniors, they looked pretty good in patches against Dromana, but were unable to match it against the Tigers in the second half as the Dromana boys ran away with a pretty comfortable win. It was a similar story against Hastings as the boys matched it up to half-time, but we're unable to finish it off, as Hastings finished the match with a five goal win. On top of the disappointing results, we've also had some further injuries to add to those suffered during the pre-season matches, most notably with Kayle Stringer-Morris suffering a knee injury requiring a full reconstruction. As with the boys that went down over the pre-season, we wish "Choco" all the best in his recovery.

Senior coach, Nick Jewell, and the boys will really need to come together and lift in the next month if they are going to have another successful campaign in 2016. We all know how much the other sides in the competition love beating the mighty Sharks and their confidence will have grown following our early results this year. However, there's no doubt that we have the talent and experience in our club to continue achieving success for many years to come and it is incumbent on everyone who takes to the field for the Sharks this year to make sure they have the hunger and willingness to play their role and give it everything they have. If they do that, and the Reserves and Under 19s continue their impressive form, there's a real chance that the Sharks will be back at the top end of the table as we move into the latter stages of the season.

Next week we head off to Tyabb to take on the Yabbies. Make sure you get out there to support the boys as we attempt to come away with three wins for the first time this year.

Go Sharks!
Julian

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CURRENT FOOTBALL LADDERS

SENIORS**RESERVES****UNDER 19s**

Team	%	Pts	Team	%	Pts	Team	%	Pts
Frankston	406.06	8	Frankston	225	8	Rosebud	579.71	12
Rosebud	167.37	6	Somerville	207.87	8	Sorrento	950	8
Rye	124.07	6	Sorrento	195.95	8	Somerville	1971.43	4
Devon Meadows	271.43	4	Devon Meadows	260	4	Red Hill	514.29	4
Somerville	154.43	4	Red Hill	146	4	Tyabb	191.89	4
Red Hill	146.3	4	Rosebud	137.35	4	Devon Meadows	121.98	4
Hastings	142.31	4	Rye	105.1	4	Frankston	119.51	4
Dromana	79.26	4	Crib Point	68.49	0	Pearcedale	68.69	4
Sorrento	72.77	0	Pearcedale	56.18	0	Dromana	22.3	0
Crib Point	68.35	0	Dromana	54.74	0	Crib Point	19.44	0
Pearcedale	38.24	0	Hastings	38.2	0	Rye	13.96	0
Tyabb	27.7	0	Tyabb	23	0	Hastings	9.93	0

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CURRENT NETBALL LADDERS

A GRADE		B GRADE		C GRADE		UNDER 17s	
Team	Pts	Team	Pts	Team	Pts	Team	Pts
Tyabb	12	Somerville	12	Somerville	12	Rosebud	12
Crib Point	8	Devon Meadows	8	Devon Meadows	8	Red Hill	8
Devon Meadows	8	Crib Point	8	Dromana	8	Devon Meadows	8
Somerville	8	Tyabb	8	Tyabb	8	Tyabb	8
Dromana	4	Dromana	6	Pearcedale	6	Dromana	4
Rosebud	4	Rosebud	6	Crib Point	4	Rye	4
Sorrento	4	Sorrento	4	Rosebud	4	Sorrento	4
Pearcedale	4	Frankston	4	Sorrento	4	Crib Point	0
Frankston		Hastings	0	Rye	4	Pearcedale	0
Red Hill	68.35	Pearcedale	0	Frankston	2	Rosebud	12
Rye	38.24	Red Hill	0	Red Hill	0	Red Hill	8
Hastings	27.7	Rye	0	Hastings	0	Devon Meadows	8

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SENIORS

Round 1

Dromana (16.6-102) v Sorrento (11.11-77)

It was a great start to the season for the Under 19s and Reserves however a very disappointing start to the season from the Senior team. A finals-like atmosphere was waiting for us on Easter Saturday and unfortunately we were unable to match the intensity and fierce attack at the contest which Dromana brought to the table. We knew this was going to be a tough battle and would require a strong physical, and mentally tough, performance to get the required result. Unfortunately, we came up well short.

We now have two weeks to think about our performance as a group and consider individually what we can offer the team when the chips are down and things are not going our way. I'm really looking forward to seeing how we respond. Action is king!

Nick

Round 2

Sorrento (11.12-78) v Hastings (16.15-111)

The pressure of being hunted. We need to be able to deal with this pressure if we are to grow and be a dominant team again. The competition is smelling blood and hunting us from the first bounce till the last. These next few weeks will be the making of this group, those who stand up and fight will be the corner stone of our club moving forward.

Time stands still for no one. We must change and adapt, lead from the front and drag those around you along in the wake. I can't wait to see the response over the next 4 or 5 weeks when sides will be coming at us hard. We will find out who still has the fight in them and which new faces will announce themselves as new leaders.

Success only comes with hard work, and tough minds!
Nick

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RESERVES

Round 1

Dromana (6.4-40) v Sorrento (8.8-56)

First game of the season and as always we had some new faces and familiar names come into the team.

After a few years' break, Gerard Hammond, Jake Main, Jimmy Peart and Wes Doyle made welcome returns. Sam Duewell and Mitch Murgia came up from the 19s. We also had the trio of Plugger Lawson, Nick Muller and Jamus Campbell adding a wealth of experience and knowledge to the side.

The pre-game build up was excellent and we got away to a good start. Luke Brigden continued his excellent pre-season form to dominate the ruck. We took a 13-point lead into quarter time.

An even second stanza saw the lead increase by only a point although we had plenty of inside 50's. Our attack on the ball and the contest was great, as was our work around the stoppages. Our Skipper, Benny Feldhoffer was lively up forward and Paddy Hall worked hard around the packs.

The second halve proved scrappy as the opposition got numbers back and whilst we dominated play, it wasn't reflected on the score board. We eventually ran out 16 point winners to get the Easter chocolates.

Good contributors were James Pitcher in the middle, Adam 'Boggy' Morrison up forward and the ever reliable Michael Pattison down back.

A late injury was an issue with Vice Captain Heath Conolly suffering a hamstring strain. The team first attitude displayed before, during and after the game was very pleasing.

A tough gig next game against Hastings will test the group but we are confident of a good showing.

Cheers Flip

Round 2

Sorrento (13.11-89) v Hastings (4.10-34)

A good team performance produced a solid 55-point win for the Reserves in the game against Hastings.

We welcomed a new player in Jake "Deano" Kellar for his first game for the Sharks. Dan Hickey made a welcome return to the club after a few seasons away and Lochie Croad eased his way back into the fold after overcoming a nasty illness during the off-season.

The defensive work of the side was the highlight with an impressive amount of tackles laid. The back six were great with Jack Shepherd, the wily veteran, Michael Pattison, and tyro Kellar leading the way.

Some good moves forward saw Ben Feldhoffer, Stix Kenyon and Marcus Gardner scored multiple goals each. Hickey, Muller, Lawson, Hall and Pitcher all created great drive through the midfield and sent us inside 50 often.

The groups focus is to keep working hard at training and have a team first ethos moving forward.

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UNDER 19s

Round 1

Dromana (3.1-19) v Sorrento (30.16-196)

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Round 2

Sorrento (22.14-146) v Hastings (2.5-17)

The under 19s kick started our first home game for the season against Hastings. It was a tight start with Hastings being on their game right from the first bounce.

Our boys slowly warmed into the game and played our style of footy after the first quarter. With Hastings being light on numbers, our run and carry got us right on top and were able to kick away comfortably in the second half.

Our best for the day was Dekka Thompson-Irwin in the ruck who gave the mids first look all day. Joey Boase, Jack Grant and Will tucker were dominant through the midfield allowing Nath Abbot and Harry White to hit the scoreboard for the second week in a row.

Our best team man was Bailey Holt!

Luke

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Welcome to season 2016. Well a lot has been happening at the junior club in the off-season and the kids are rearing to start season 2016.

This year we will have 8 teams wearing the junior Sharks' jumpers, which is one more team than last year and is again a record number of kids playing for Sorrento. Approximately 170 kids will represent the club this year and our Auskick numbers are also strong which is encouraging and this year we are also introducing a girls Auskick group to build towards a girls team in the future.

Teams for 2016 will consist of:

- Under 9 – Coach Peter Whelan. Ass. Coach Adam Norris
- Under 9 Sharks – Coach Richard Bulmer
- Under 10 – Coach Jono Cade
- Under 11 – Coach Kim Tucker
- Under 12 – Coach Grant Gladman
- Under 13 – Coach Steve Reeve
- Under 14 – Coach Noel White
- Under 17 – Coach Jeff Voigt. Ass. Coach Gerry Diconza

All teams have been training hard and are ready for the first game day, which is today, Sunday April 17th. All teams are playing away at Crib Point. Our first games at home will be played on April 24th with our 3 younger groups playing at Stringer Rd Reserve and Under 11's -17's playing at Shark Park.

Off the field, our junior committee have been working hard to consolidate our new and existing sponsors with exciting news that a new major sponsor has joined SJFC.

Our new Major Sponsor is Atlas Car Hire, a name that will be familiar to those in the senior club and I would

like to say a massive thanks to John and Pam Murphy for their support of SJFC. All players will wear the Atlas brand on our jumpers for the next 3 years. Special thanks to Ian Lamerton who arranged to get the new Atlas logo's sewn on to all of our 200+ jumpers.

The committee also conducted a very successful "Sponsors Pledge" night at the 3 Palms Spiegletent a few weeks ago which raised some much needed funds for the club. A very well received and controversial "on the couch" discussion headed by Mike Sheehan and Caroline Wilson put some great AFL names under the pump with the audience enjoying a very special night.

Special thanks to Mike, Caro, Tony Jewell, Don Scott, Mark Maclure who all offered their support to help out our junior club. Thankyou to all the senior club members and supporters who came along to support the SJFC. Your support is invaluable to the success of our junior club.

We still have plenty of room for kids to join the club in all age groups so if you have a child or grandchild who is thinking of playing footy please get in contact with either myself or our Secretary Kathy Doherty and we would love to see them join our junior Sharks.

Here's to a great 2016.

Go Sharks!

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