

Shark Bites

News from the Sorrento Football Club

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 11.15.81

Dromana 12.10.82

Saturday's game against Dromana was a classic battle against 2 sides that have had very good years. Our boys worked extremely hard for the majority of the game but unfortunately we couldn't get it done. Our last 15 minutes we moved away from what had gotten us in front and stopped running and didn't convert the opportunities we had to ice the game.

To Dromana's credit they made every post a winner and were able to sneak ahead when it mattered most. The beauty of our efforts since March is that we earn a double chance and will take on Rosebud this weekend for a spot in the Grand Final. Hope to see you all there Saturday and if the boys put in a 4 quarter effort we will hopefully get the job done and get another crack at Dromana.

Goal Kickers: B. Schwarze 3, L. Poholke 3, K. Stringer-Morris, T. Head, D. Grant, J. Hallahan, J. Tomkins

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 9.7.61

Red Hill 8.8.56

After a terrific home and away season finishing on top of the ladder, we met Red Hill in this semi-final with the winner progressing

to the Grand Final. The Hillman had beaten us earlier in the season so we knew this match would be a true test to see if we had improved from our previous encounter. The team was all business pre-match, and the game began as we expect a final should. It was a hot footy early and both teams looked determined to get the result. The first period was an arm wrestle with neither team gaining an advantage.

At quarter time the scores were tied at 14, so I asked the team to dig a little deeper to gain control of the match. The boys responded, and with our backline not giving an inch led by Michael Patterson at full back and Jack Shepard on a flank we kicked 3 goals to 1. We had a 35 to 21 lead at the half, but we knew there was plenty more work to do to get the win.

Although we were playing aggressive football, we were unable to gain total control of the match. Red Hill really dug deep and kept within reach of us in the third term. Both teams scored 2.2 for the quarter so we had a 14 point lead with one term to play. We managed to gain a mini break early in the last period with a Jacko Wells pressure set shot, and a major from Todd Daniher who tried his guts out all day at full forward. However to Red Hill's credit they pegged a few back late to get within 5 points with just a couple of minutes to play.

Our boys put it all on the line in the final minutes and with a couple of critical mistakes from our opposition, we held on for a nail biting 5 point victory. I couldn't be prouder of



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the way the boys committed themselves to the contest, and now we have a spot in the Grand Final to play either Dromana or a rematch with Red Hill. The whole backline was sensational all day with Matthew Littlejohn starring at CHB and Todd Hounsell lived up to his reputation with a battering-ram type game in the midfield. They were well supported by Todd Daniher with 5 goals and Gerrard Hammond on the wing was also outstanding.

Goal Kickers: T. Daniher 5, A. Briggs, J. Grant, J. Wells, A. Balloch

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 12.15.87

Devon Meadows 8.16.64

The Under 18's became the 3rd Under 18 Sorrento Team ever to make the Grand Final in the clubs 100 year History. Twenty- Two determined young men put in their best performance for the year.

Despite a number of players going down with cramp in the last quarter we hung on for a four goal win.

Best Players were Diconza, Brigdon, Stephenson, Byrns, Harbinson, Callaghan, Seddon, and Gardener.

Goal Kickers: J. Brigden 3, F. Holt 2, M. Gardner 2, N. Seddon 2, Z. Byrns , D. Stephenson , L. Callaghan

