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Sorrento Football Club

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 10.15.75

Rye 4.9.33

Final home game for the year saw a record luncheon crowd for the traditional rivalry game against Rye. However with some inclement weather the crowd seemed more content inside with a glass than outside with an umbrella so the atmosphere lacked its usual energy. Similarly the playing group lacked spark early and despite leading at half time there was plenty of work to do.

The second half brought the rain and the players hunger for contest and we were able to really turn things around and perform much better. So on a day when I learnt once again that wet denim should only be seen on 16 year olds riding their push bike off Frankston pier we managed to have a good win against Rye. Unfortunately the game took its toll with a raft of injuries to key players.

It was terrific though to have Myles Pitt in for a cameo performance for the week slotting 5 goals. We wish him all the best for breaking back into the Port side for finals.

So with 1 game to go the equation is simple. Win and we will secure top spot. It would be great to get as many Fin heads over to Devon to support the boys as we can. Rumour has it the Devon Burger is one of the best in country footy so could be worth the trip alone!! See you there.

Goals: M. Pitt 5, J. Hallahan 3, L. Pohlke, L. Treeby

Leigh Pohlke is leading the goal kicking competition for the with 62 goals, and is third on average goals per match with 4.13

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 7.9.51

Rye 3.8.26

Our last home game for the season against Rye was an important match for the Reserves. If we won, we were basically guaranteed top spot on the ladder after the home and away season. However, if we lost we would leave the door open for Red Hill to pinch that position at the end of the year. We ran out before the bounce focused on the job at hand, but the first quarter did not start how we had envisioned.

Although we led at quarter time 14 to 6, Rye had come to play and was more aggressive at the contest. It was a similar story in the second period. Rye was first in for the ball all over the ground, and as a result they were getting the majority of the free kicks. Both teams added just one goal in the second term, we led the Demons by 7 points going into half time.

After a stern talking to at half time, the Sorras looked like a different team in the third quarter. The hunger was back and we managed to secure a mini break kicking

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three goals to one for a 20 point lead at three quarter time. Although we were unable to kick away from Rye we continued to pressure our opposition, holding them goalless in the final term while adding 1 goal ourselves. The end score was a 51 to 26 victory and a cemented spot on top of the ladder. A game clear on top, combined with our superior percentage makes it a nearly impossible task for Red Hill to overtake us with one round to go.

Best players on the day were Atiba Jackson, who came to life after a slow start. Todd Hounsell was a leader all day, Julian Grant was a standout off halfback and Matthew Littlejohn tried his absolute hardest all day after a quiet game last week.

Goals: T. Hounsell 2, A. Balloch 2, T. Daniher, A. Briggs, A. Jackson

players out. We will have to play out of our skins to get the 4 points. Looking forward to the challenge!

Jayden Tomkins leads the season goal kicking competition with 57 goals and also has the highest average with 5.18. **James Brigden** is third in the goal kicking with 38 goals and has the fifth highest average of 2.71

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 23.12.150

Rye 1.2.8

It was a comfortable win as expected on Saturday; the boys worked hard on the team stats, 30 effective tackles & 6 smothers.

Best were Brigdon, Stephenson, Gardener and Holt, Goals: Briggs 5 Tomkins 4 Stephenson 4

It will be a Battle for the Minor Premiership this week at Devon Meadows. We are facing a big challenge with a couple of our best

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