

Shark Bites

News from the Sorrento Football Club

From The President

This year's draw has been somewhat frustrating with the seemingly haphazard byes but the boys have managed to stay fairly focussed and in match condition. Our next game is at Shark Park v Tyabb, and then we are really into the run down to the finals.

The Past Players and Officials Association is holding its annual reunion on July 20 from 1pm, upstairs in the club rooms. Tickets available from Bernard Lynch and Steve Caspar.

Don't forget that silent bidding for the specially crafted Sharks Maton guitar finishes in less than a month at our last home game. This is an invaluable collector's item, and we have some excellent bids in already.

Presentation night will be held on Friday 13th of September, details on how to purchase tickets will be on the web site under the Events tab.

Coaches Report – SENIORS

Sorrento 22.18.150

Hastings 10.8.68

With a welcoming downpour to greet us at Hastings (may be good for the farmers but not great for the coaches) we challenged the boys to play a complete and committed performance against a dangerous opponent that has talent defying their ladder position. After losing the toss and kicking into the dying breeze it was clear from early on that the boys were switched on as we kicked the first 3 goals of the game to skip to a handy lead at quarter time. The only concern, which occurred a few times through the match were lapses in concentration, particularly from our midfield, that allowed Hastings to cut us up through the middle of the ground and kick some easy goals. We conceded 10 goals which was too many but the positives far outweighed the negatives. The ball movement of the boys to hit up the leading target and lower their eyes, made it impossible for Hastings to drop off and sit numbers behind the footy to deny space to Polks and Ben.

Structurally it was a really pleasing effort and especially with our bench gradually dropping from 4 at the start of the game to 3 by half time, 2 by 10 minute mark of third quarter and 0 early in the last the ability to ground out the game was pleasing.

It was a strong win and a great way to head into a break before we set course for the run home. Look forward to seeing you all back at Shark Park in a fortnight for our game against Tyabb.

Coaches Report – RESERVES

Sorrento 11.14.80

Hastings 2.4.16

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It was a windy cold day at Hastings, but with a bye the following weekend we set ourselves for a big effort against our opposition. The players looked focused during the warm up and came out to control the first quarter. Kicking with the aid of a 4 goal wind, we dominated the play but struggled to convert our opportunities kicking 3.6 to quarter time but keeping Hastings scoreless. Going against the wind in the second term, we encouraged the midfield to push down to support our back line. To the players' credit they followed the instructions, and led by Jayden Morgan in defence and James Pitcher playing on the ball we held Hastings to 1.1 while scoring 4.9 to half time.

Although we were controlling the game, there was room for improvement in a couple of areas of our play. Our tackling pressure had to increase and our attack on the disputed ball had to rise. We made a couple of positional changes also, one of which was to move Matthew Littlejohn from the back line down forward. With LJ providing an excellent target at CHF, our overall intensity at the man and the ball improving, we dominated Hastings to hold a comfortable lead at three quarter time.

With a 55 to 8 lead heading into the final period, we agreed a strong last quarter was needed to boost our percentage to keep top spot on the ladder. The players responded and ran over our opposition in the final 20 minutes. Luke Brigden at full forward led hard and kicked two goals, Atiba Jackson in the midfield ran amuck, Jayden Morgan marked the ball superbly in defence and our captain

for the day Matthew Littlejohn dominated down back and up forward.

We finished with 11.14 to Hastings 2.4, again our unselfish play and teamwork by hand and foot was a terrific sign that the team is in form and ready to peak come finals.

Coaches Report – UNDER 18s

Sorrento 14.5.89

Hastings 8.12.60

The 18's didn't turn up to Hastings switched on and played accordingly. We were made to play 16 v 16 with 6 interchange as Hastings only had 17 players (ridiculous rule). Then they played two loose in defence.

Anyway, the boys took 3 quarters to understand that they had to run and carry the ball through the middle to beat their flood, eventually winning by 5 goals.

Best were Nathan, William & James. Goals to James - 6 Will - 3. The coach is looking forward to a well-earned week off.

Next Game

Saturday July 13 Bye

Saturday July 20

Sorrento v Tyabb @ Home

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Footy Tipping

Eileen was undaunted by tougher conditions at the weekend getting 7 right to retain the yellow jersey. Ms "Sharkbites" was delighted to get 9 correct, but is languishing at the back of the peloton.

Rank	Score	11 12 13 14 15	
1st	99	Schillabeer, Eileen	45267
2nd	96	Strahan, Max	56467
3rd	95	Soapy,	66468
4th	94	Calzac,	45478
4th	94	Croad, David	46465

All results are on the website: sorrentosharksfc.com.au

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