

Shark Bites

News from the Sorrento Football Netball Club

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This time last year, the Sharks had just beaten Crib Point to claim their fifth premiership in seven years. Unfortunately, this year a sixth premiership wasn't to be as the Sharks bowed out last week against a really strong Somerville side that just lost in the dying moments against Rosebud in this year's Grand Final which was held at Frankston today.

It's been a mixed season for the Sharks this year as the Seniors came back from a rocky start to finish the season in second spot and make it through to the Preliminary Final. The Under 19s performed well throughout the year, finishing in third, but getting knocked out against Dromana who went on to win the Grand Final this morning. The Reserves were right on the cusp of a finals spot throughout the season and ended up missing out by the smallest of margins in the dying moments of the season.

Our netballers had a tough year, but never gave up and always showed great commitment to each other and to their continued improvement. They had a lot of fun throughout the year and had some great wins as well. There are a number of young guns in our list and we'll all be hoping that the girls stick together and continue to improve next year.

Our juniors also performed well, with our Under 13s making it to the Grand Final, our Under 17s making it to the Preliminary Final and our Under 11s and 12s also making a finals appearance. Having such a strong junior club is a really great sign for the senior club as we rely heavily on the talent that is developed in those junior ranks.

Thank you to everyone who helped out this season. There is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes every year and the club simply couldn't function without the support of the many volunteers, parents, sponsors and members that continue to support the club year after year. We have an amazing club down here at the end of the Mornington Peninsula and it's important that we continue to work hard to make sure it remains a strong club for many years to come.

As another season comes to an end, so too will the careers of some of the Sharks' champions. Of particular note this year, is our fantastic coach that has led us to five premierships during his nine years at the club. Last week, Troy announced his retirement in an emotional address after the siren sounded against Somerville. This club has completely transformed since Troy arrived nine years ago and we are currently enjoying one of the most successful periods that this league, let alone this club, has ever seen. In the words of Bobby Keegan, Troy has been one of the best players and coaches this club has ever had and he will be sorely missed.

Despite the loss of Troy and potentially some other champions this year, there is still a real depth of talent at this club, as the many youngsters that debuted for the Seniors this year demonstrated. Provided everyone sticks together, there will continue to be much more success in the future.

On a final note, if anyone has any feedback about this season and any suggestions for next year, both in terms of our work on the Committee or in any other areas around the club, please feel free to let me or any of the other committee members know. We will continue trying improve the Mighty Sharks over the off season and into next year and your feedback and suggestions are always appreciated.

Go Sharks!

Julian

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SENIORS

A very disappointing way to end the year on Saturday. We played in fits and starts, but never really got consistently going against a side that maybe had some more hunger than us.

Unfortunately, too few were left to do too much and when that happens, you compromise your chances of winning.

It felt like we were always playing catch up and in the end a few easy goals to them was the difference.

Our better players were Luke Tapscott, John Croad, John Caspar, James Brigden. As you can see, not enough winners.

So that's it, after nine years at the club and eight as coach, my time has come. Like most guys I assume when they hang up the boots it feels like I could go on but it's time for other people to take over. The constant battering on the body has taken a toll and I won't miss the constant abuse from all my lovely friends I have made from opposition teams.

Thanks to all our sponsors, supporters and members for your support over the journey. I will miss all the Sharks family, but rest assured the future is strong with the young guys coming through.

Good luck and go sharks in 2016!

JUNIORS

Well the SJFC season is officially over with presentation day held last Sunday down at Shark Park. It was a great day with upwards of 500 kids and parents attending in the beautiful spring sunshine to celebrate our age group Best & Fairest and other awards.

As this will be my last junior report for 2015, I would like to pass on my thanks to all at Sorrento Football Club for the support you have given to the junior club this year. To the President, Committee, Players, Luncheon Organisers, Supporters and a special mention to the editor Julian, a very big thank you. I am looking forward to 2016 and consolidating the relationship between the Junior and Senior clubs.

Without the Sorrento Junior Football Club, the senior club wouldn't be as strong as it is and I look forward to your continuing support in 2016.

Congratulations to the senior club on a great season. Whilst we don't have any teams playing Grand Finals this weekend, you guys have had a great year and have given so much joy and excitement to your supporters which includes so many of our junior kids. A special thank you to Troy Schwarze who has not only been an incredible player and coach for the club but has always been available to the junior club for anything we have asked for. Enjoy what 2016 brings Troy and if it means no footy for you please know that you have left the club as a champion who will always be admired.

"Go Sharks in 2016" Slip.

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Results of Junior Club Presentation Day 2015

Congratulations to Matthew King from the Under 17's who received the "John McCarthy Best Clubman" award.

Matt exemplifies the type of player and young adult that the club is very proud of and he is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award.

UNDER 10 SHARKS

Best & Fairest - Alex Inglese Runner Up - Lawrence Smith Most Consistent - Charlie Finlay Most Determined - Carter Bourke Most Improved - William Froomes Coaches Award - Fred Handley

UNDER 10

Best & Fairest - Hooper Robinson Runner Up - Tadhg Feehely Most Consistent - Matthew Rulach Most Determined - Asher Darlinson Most Improved - Thomas Cade Coaches Award - Judd White

UNDER 11

Best & Fairest - Jordan Doherty Runner Up - Angus Irvine Most Consistent - Will Jewell Most Determined - Jack Carroll Most Improved - Tyler Fox Coaches Award - River Evans

UNDER 12

Best & Fairest - Kane Reeve Runner Up - Lochie Harris Most Consistent - Logan Paunov Most Determined - Mason James Most Improved - Henry Bird Coaches Award - James Rulach

UNDER 13

Best & Fairest - Charlie Stokes Runner Up - Fin Clarke Most Consistent - Boston Riley Most Determined - Taj Barber Most Improved - Darcy Harris Coaches Award - Eden Matherson-Coles

UNDER 15

Best & Fairest - Nick Rowson Runner Up - Broady Fernee Most Consistent - Micky Walker Most Determined - Kobi Nichols Most Improved - James McPherson Coaches Award - Jesse Greer

UNDER 17

Best & Fairest - Chad Harris Runner Up - Jay Blair Most Consistent - Joey Boase Most Determined - Rhys Byrns Most Improved - Jett Erceg Coaches Award - Luke Garcia

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