



Match Day Reports

Southport Sharks Junior AFL Club



Superstars (U6's) – Silver Team

By
Glen Forster

(report not received)

Under 8's – White

By

Matthew Dalgairns

29th July, Saturday

Wow, what a great day we had on Saturday. Two fantastic games played using the under 8 rules and then, for those going up to Under 9s next year a tackle game. All players did very well.

It is a great experience playing against someone new. It is the unknown that makes it exciting. We did ourselves proud.

Firstly, even with the heat no one gave up. By the end of the second game I could see the tiredness settling in. Much like the Suns against Collingwood a few weeks back there was not much left in the tank with a quarter to go. So to see everyone continue to play at full speed was impressive.

There was a lot of moving the ball around in the all of the zones and that allowed us to open up the play giving us much more space to play the ball forward and make better choices going forward. The other great thing was that instead of three players diving on a disputed ball there would always be one player holding their position waiting for the ball to come out.

The under 9's game was probably the first time that most of these players have played a full game of tackle. I think that everyone who played would agree that you just don't get as much time in under 9s to make a disposal. Let's take that experience back into under 8s for the last three games of the year really end the season playing well.

Under 8's – Black

By

Simon Collins

29th July, Saturday

Match 1: U8s Southport Sharks Black v Ormeau Bulldogs Yellow

Match 2: U8s Southport Sharks Black v Coomera Magpies

Match 3 intra-club U/9s rules practice game (older players)

The boys played 6 quarters in 2 games back to back against teams from Ormeau and Coomera. It was a warm day and the boys ran their guts out in both games and should all be very proud of their efforts. We played especially well in the first game with great skills, more use of handball and some precision kicking to players in the right spots. The second game we played 10 vs. 12 and while the boys were outnumbered and tiring, they all kept running and linking up, putting on a great show for the supporters. Following that some of the older boys played a 3rd intra-club game with U/9s tackling rules, getting them ready for next year. All our boys that played did well and each found plenty of the balls. Was an enjoyable day at the footy and a big thank you to everyone at the club for organizing such a great carnival?

Our captain against Ormeau was **Onyx** who, as always competed hard for the footy and continues to play beyond his size. **Sam** captained the team in their 2nd game against Coomera and again showed great touch with the footy, also playing especially well in the U/9s intra-club game. **Oskar** was reliable as ever, is proving to be a dead-eye in front of goal and looked very comfortable in the 3rd game as well. **Billy** gets better each week, wowing the crowd with his marking, ball-winning and long kicking in all 3 games. **Tayt** competed hard all day, inspiring his teammates with his defensive pressure and looked to handball to players in better position too which was very pleasing. **Owen** keeps improving his contested footy and reading of the play, which is great as his ball use is almost always spot-on when he gets it. Was consistent across all 3 games, **Orlando** bursts out of packs with the ball as good



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as anyone, and continues to use the footy exceptionally well, playing well across all 3 games also. **Koby** was back in the team after missing with illness and made up for it with a tone of possessions, all damaging and effective. Received close attention from some of the Coomera boys too who were obviously tired of seeing the ball in **Koby's** hands! Looked at ease in the 3rd game too.

Players of the day:

- 1) **Blake** - has taken his game to the next level the last few weeks, running harder to more contests, bringing teammates into the game with attacking handballs, while his kicking has improved noticeably.
- 2) **Harvey** was brave all day, taking plenty of marks, especially in defense, won the ball on the ground as well. Ball use and decision making has improved too. Well done **Blake** and **Harvey** - who also both went well in the U/9s intra-club game - enjoy your noodles and happy meals!

Thank you **Eve** for assisting with quarter time breaks, arm bands, etc, **Chanelle** and **Adam** for Goal umpiring, the **Beersmiths** and **Coopers** for the oranges, **Chanelle** for washing the jumpers through the week and all parents for getting the boys there in good time and supporting them in the right spirit. See you at training.

Under 8's – Silver By Garry Frenklah

29th July, Saturday

What a huge day of footy on the Gold Coast last Saturday! I am not talking about the yellow & black hordes which descended on Metricon, but the Sharks mini-carnival.

Nine Silvers played two shortened (3 x 8 minute periods per game) U8 games against visiting clubs, with another seven participating in an U9s rules interclub match - all were a huge success.

Our first U8s game was against the Surfers Paradise Demons, and the first period was goal-for-goal as their speed matched our skill. That seemed to spur the boys on to an avalanche of goals in the second and third periods - possibly the best footy they played all year (I know I've said that a few times but they just keep raising the bar!). My only criticism is that some of the boys became a bit goal-hungry and should have passed to their better-placed teammates. A sensational performance against a strong team. **Rio & Kaelob** won the awards.

Our second game was against one of the Ormeau teams, with the boys carrying on where they left off against Surfers - doing as they liked for the first two periods. Fatigue set in during the third and Ormeau halved the period. **Jettah & Harry** picked up the vouchers.

Thanks to all the Supporters for being there for the team and helping out **Brendon** and **I** with various tasks.

Under 8's – Yellow By Steve Yzel

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Under 9's – Black By Brendan Hall

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Under 9's – White By Glen Forster

29th July, Saturday

Another perfect day greeted the under 9s White team as we played our first game of the season down at the Burleigh Bombers Football Club.



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We had 3 late withdrawals which meant we had only 1 player on the bench. The game started with both teams doing their best to get the ball into the respective forward lines with neither team making a clear break before ¼ times. In the 2nd quarter Burleigh kicked a few goals which started to put pressure on our players to lift and keep them from scoring more goals.

At halftime all players had contributed to the contest which was great to see.

The signs were good going into the 2nd half of the game as we had some good passengers of play in the 1st half which was great to see.

The 2nd half was the better half of the game, we slowed down Burleigh's scoring and we started to play with more confidence as the game went on.

In the end all players fought hard and it was pleasing to see our training efforts are now starting to show on the field.

Our award winners today were **Lucy Ashcroft** with her great efforts to find the ball and dispose of in tight contests and **Solomon Davids** with his Best On Ground effort all game.

Under 9's – Silver By Josh Houlihan

(report not received)

Under 10's – Silver By Jeff Bell & Chris Harris

(report not received)

Under 10's – White By Jason Uffill

(report not received)

Under 11's – Black By Jason Swanson

(report not received)

Under 11's – White By Corey Gillie

(report not received)

Under 12's – Div 1

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Under 12's – Div 2 By Hayden Ewens

29th July, Saturday

Today we walked away with a 5 goal win but it definitely wasn't our best performance this year. I hope come end of regular season a couple of goals we let in during the last quarter don't come back to haunt us.

It was a crazy lead up to the game with injuries and illness, with the composition of the team changing numerous times throughout the week. A big thank you to a few Div. 1 boys and **Aidan** from under 11's filling in at the last minute.

Our first quarter was poor but we pretty much controlled the rest of the game. We did make some positional changes in the last quarter and it did show we still rely too much on our top up players. With that said I thought **Tom D**, **Payton** and **Jackson** had good games today.

Our biggest game of the season awaits us next week against Pac Pines with the winner most likely to grab the final spot in the finals. I have faith in this team that when it is time to stand up they will.

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Best players: **Julian, Noah, Zachary, Ollie, Jayden, Liam J, Reef**

Under 14's – Div 1 (report not received)

By
Amanda Garry Mann

Under 14's – Div 2 (report not received)

By
Amanda Garry Mann

Under 16's – Div 1 29th July, Saturday

By
Shayne Nicholls

GOALS

D.Lewis 6, A.Fyfe 3, S-Hilton-Joyce 2, M.Gloster, J.Molloy, D.Cihan

BEST

M.Fraser, D.Lewis, M.Gloster, J.Molloy, M.Riddle, A.Fyfe, J.Nieass, T.Gregory

Another cracker of a Saturday afternoon and home at Shark Park for this week's game against the Burleigh Bombers. A real challenge for the boys facing one of the strong top 4 contenders even though both sides had a few players away on rep duties.

The Sharks had one of the best first halves we have seen all season with a rapid pace of attack, aggressive spread and some really unselfish sharing of the ball, finding the best options to open up the opposition. The game-plan in action with everyone paying their role produced an outstanding result of an 8-goal lead at half time.

Burleigh came out after half time and adopted a much higher "keepings off" possession game when matched with a drop off in the Sharks intensity, threatened to bring **Burleigh** back into the game. The boys held off the refreshed **Burleigh** attack by reverting to the key things that worked so well in the first half. **Smothers** in particular were really strong, denying the opposition clean use and playing the game on the Sharks terms. A really strong final quarter sealed a strong win for the Sharks.

Shayne, Wayne, Corey and Paul.

Under 16's – Div 2 (report not received)

By
Rob Gerlinger

GIRLS Under 13's 28th July, Friday

By
Jeff Bell & Chris Harris

We ventured down to Tweed Heads & Coolangatta AFC on Saturday morning for what we hoped would be another solid victory in our journey toward 2017 finals.

Unfortunately a more determined side from TH&C arrived to take us head-on and they did just that!!

As much as we lost these game girls we are still a team to yet play at full strength and everyone is still improving every week.

Your determination and want to win attitude was never lost and once again everyone gave their 100% effort.

Our best players were as usual many but the stand-out for this game was **Rarni!!**

**GIRLS Under 13's
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Congratulations **Rarni** and keep up the great work.

We meet Palm Beach Currumbin this coming Friday night 28th July 2017, at Sharks Stadium and all players are expected to arrive with their usual enthusiasm to have a real good go and take home a much deserved win.

Also - Remember to wear black shorts!!

Parents we will again be looking for parental assistance this week for -

Boundary Umpire

Score Board

Time Keeper

Water Runner/s

Ground Marshall

Goal Umpire

Orange Suppliers

Please let Dave know if you can assist.

GO SHARKS!!

Cheers - **Harro, Jeff & Dave**

GIRLS Under 15's
By
Paul Redley

(report not received)

GIRLS Under 17's
By
Ty Hodgkin

(report not received)

Colts
By
Pete Doherty

(report not received)
