



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

Sunday, August 20th

The last game of the season has come too quickly. Thinking back to how the team looked a few months ago I am very proud of the development that everyone has made.

Pretty much for this game I was not my usual vocal self. They still all did what was needed and asked of them.

Almost every ruck had players in position. There were no groups of 3 chasing the ball around. There was a lot of players running into space and looking to move the ball around.

It looked like a team performance and not a group of kids that wanted to go for glory and kick the cover off the ball. It brings a small tear to the eye...

Sadly though, now that we have this all sorted out the season is over...

It is always nice to have competitive games and I think that for the most part we can hold our heads high as a team throughout the season.

Under 8's – Black

By

Simon Collins

Sunday, August 20th

The Blacks played another tough game against a strong Silvers team this week. Officiated superbly by both umpires, the ball moved end to end most of the game. The Silvers were very strong around the ball, getting to it first a bit more often than the Blacks - once in their hands they were hard to stop and that were the major difference. The boys to their credit showed a lot of intelligence with the ball and have improved their decision-making and delivery which was pleasing to see. When the ball was in dispute, there were plenty of times they gave as good as they got. The building blocks are there, further improvement will come from greater run and confidence to play in front and make the ball their own.

Harvey captained the team today and used the footy well when he got it, moving the ball quickly up the field. **Blake** continued to read the play well, finding plenty of footy and kicked to advantage more often than not. **Billy** took some crucial marks and showed some nice long kicks, well played. **Onyx** fought hard to the end, always playing bigger than he is. **Owen** won a lot of his own ball, battling hard and passed well by hand and foot. As did **Orlando** who at times hit the ball like a train and sent the ball deep into the next zone. **Oskar** was on fire in front of goal, kicking 2 quickly in the first, ran hard all day and played very well as usual. Sam got in amongst it more as his confidence grew, with a couple of nice long kicks as well. **Tayt** made life tough for his opponents, always a strong presence around the contest.

Thank you **Chanelle** for assisting with quarter time breaks, arm bands, etc., **Adam** for the warm up, **Stuart** for Goal umpiring, **Dominic** for washing the jumpers through the week, **Cindy** for the oranges and all parents for getting the boys there in good time and supporting them in the right spirit. I hope you have all enjoyed the season. The boys should all be very proud; they have worked hard and all shown improvement. See you at Presentation Day.

Under 8's – Silver

By
Garry Frenklah

Sunday, August 20th

Less than six months ago U8 Silvers came together as a team – a collection of boys most of whom



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Under 8's – Silver Continued...

didn't know each other, under a strangely shaped and spoken coach, playing in jumpers of a different color to their name. The first month of training was effectively washed out, then one of the nine players broke his hand and was unable to train or play for several weeks.

Only three of the nine boys were either second-year U8s players or old enough to be second-year U8s players, the rest were fresh Auskick / Super 6 graduates.

Some couldn't kick properly from a still position, many couldn't kick on the run, most couldn't bounce or handball well.

However what all of them did have was enormous heart and competitive spirit, plus an ability to quickly pick up skills and follow instructions.

Week by week they improved their craft and teamwork, whilst maintaining the hard edge and feeding off each other. **Jettah** led by example with his incredible kicking, **Cruz** with his running, **Riley / Rio / Hunter** won the contested ground ball and made the opposition fear for their safety (but never in a nasty way), **Ace** brought teammates into play with handballs, **Tommy** marked everything that came his way, **Kaelob** won the ruck contests, and **Declan** simply imposed himself on games through his athleticism.

As I watched **Brendon** coach the boys in their final game, all of these thoughts were running through my head. Everything said above was right there on display thrilling the supporters and coaches alike.

We were missing **Ace** (away) and **Kealob** (sick) so Whites kindly lent us a player in each half (thank you **Owen D & Chloe**). In what was a free-flowing and high-scoring match against the Blacks, **Jettah** played the best first quarter of footy I can recall at U8 level, and kept it up for the duration to be named BOG. **Declan** and **Rio** took out the other awards but all the boys deserved and received vouchers.

I will not coach U8s or U9s in 2018 (trying to move to an older age group so as to coach Jake) but look forward to being at the games and following the Silver old boys' progress. I have the utmost confidence that they will not let down whichever teams they play for.

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

(report not received)

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

(report not received)



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Jason Upfill

Under 11's – Black
By
Jason Swanson

(report not received)

Under 11's – White
By
Corey Gillie

Friday, August 18th

Round 16, Friday night footy, last game of the year against Palm Beach.

Tonight, we came up against a very good strong outfit in Palm Beach. Right from the very first bounce they looked switched on and we didn't. They jumped away to an early 3 goal lead at quarter time.

The 2nd & 3rd quarters were much more even with both teams going in hard in what was a very physical contest. With a couple of injuries (**Taite** with a badly dislocated finger, **Xavier** a kick in the you know where) plus a couple of sick kids it made the going a bit tough but to our boy's credit they stuck to their guns and held in the match right up until the final 7-8 minutes of the game.

I big congratulations and thank you to all the boys on their efforts this year. They were a great bunch of boys to coach and very respectful to their coaches etc. so well done.

Personally, I want to thank all the parents who helped through the year, I've never been involved with a team that we've had to turn away help every week, it was very much appreciated.

I'd also like to thank **Breckan & Stu** my manager and Assistant coach, you guys were awesome and did what I need you to do all year so thanks again.

Thanks to **Jeff Bell & Chris Harris** for their ongoing support this year it's been amazing to have you guys on tap whenever I've need guidance and or assistance in any matter.

The final scores were: Sharks White 3-0-18 to Palm Beach 10-6-66

Goal kickers were: **Flynn Upfill, Callum, Noah** all 1 each

Awards were: **Ben, Zade, Flynn Upfill**

Thanks to all the parents again who helped out on the night it's greatly appreciated.

Under 12's – Div 1

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Under 12's – Div 2
By
Hayden Ewens

Sunday, August 20th

A convincing 5 goal victory for our boys against Coomera today. Not our best win but considering the circumstances leading up to the game our boys are to be commended for the positive attitude they brought to the contest.

Zachary and **Beau** were outstanding for us today and more than influential in our victory. **Beau** kicking 7 goals was a real season highlight. Others boys who played well were **Jayden, Kellen, Liam, Lockie, Ollie, Seb** and **Nathan**.

At season end our boys deserve to be playing finals next week but unfortunately the history books will show the wrong team was promoted. The Div. 2 boys plus our regular top ups can be proud of their efforts this year as you have been a pleasure to coach.

A huge thank you to Manager **Mel** and Runner **Seth** for their amazing support this year. Finally a special mention to all the boy's parents who have been a tight united group of positive supporters who have made this year so enjoyable.

Under 14's – Div 1
By
Amanda Garry Mann

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Under 14's – Div 2
By
Amanda Garry Mann

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Under 16's – Div 1

Saturday, August 19th



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By
Shayne Nicholls

GOALS

A.Fyfe, J.Molloy, S.Hilton-Joyce, N.Hill

The last Home and Away game for the year against Surfers away in a warm and breezy Saturday Afternoon. The Surfers home ground was rock hard and had a solid breeze blowing to the northern end. Lucky the Sharks won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first term, piling on a 32 point lead. The tricky wind led to 8 points, so the score could have been more in easier conditions.

Aiden Fyfe and **Josh Molloy** led the way with 10 goals between them, leading into space with some great delivery out of the midfield. Surfers were hard at the ball for the entire game and the defenders, especially **Jack Bartlett** and **Tyson Skiller** limited the opposition entries to only 3 goals for the game. Although there were opportunities lost during the day to really put the opposition away, a win away with no injuries was a good outcome.

A welcome return of **Riley** and the addition of **Isaac.B** and **Liam.G** had great games and thanks for their help. Next week the Finals campaign commences. Really looking forward to bringing all the experience and learning's from Players to Coaches into the pointy end of the Season.

Shayne, Wayne, Corey and Paul.

Under 16's – Div 2

By
Rob Gerlinger

Saturday, August 19th

After not playing for 3 weeks, we played our final game of the regular season at Burleigh. It was a tough slog all game with Burleigh really giving us a run for our money. It was a good pressure game for us to blow the cobwebs out going into finals.

After a 4 quarter fight, it is safe to say that it was not our best game, but we did improve over the 4 quarters to get the win.

Well done gentlemen, time to prepare for Palm Beach next week.

GIRLS Under 13's

By
Jeff Bell & Chris Harris

(report not received)

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)