



# SHARK TALES

Round 17 - 2017



## SHARKS FADE IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT

### MATCH DETAILS

**Gold Coast Suns** 4.5 5.7 9.9 **14.14.98**

**Defeated**

**Southport Sharks** 3.1 4.2 5.3 **6.4.40**

**Goal Kickers** – Baxter 2, Shephard 2, Erickson 1, Budarick 1.

**Best Players** – Boston, Crowley, Keras, Tape, Thurlow, Chadwick, Watson, Pantic.

### MATCH REPORT

The Suns rolled into Fankhauser Reserve on Saturday with 11 listed AFL players and 11 Academy players. The feeling around our group was very positive and Coach Nathan Bock asked the players for a physical effort after a poor tackling display last week in Canberra.

A promising opening half saw the deficit at only 11 points and we were well in the game. Boston was on fire in the middle and with the support of Thurlow and Keras, an upset looked to be on the cards.

This was still the case 20 minutes into the third quarter but what was to unfold in the final 40 minutes was extremely disappointing.

Shephard had kicked 2 and looked a real threat, but a missed set shot changed the momentum of the match. The Suns responded with 2 quick goals and the margin at 3/4 time was out to 30.

The Suns banged on 5 unanswered goals in the first 10 minutes of the final term and the game was over in a flash. We just didn't compete at the start of the last quarter and faded to a 58 point defeat.

Shawn Watson made a very promising debut for the club and along with Nick Crowley, battled hard in defence against the Suns tall timber.

We now head to Darwin this weekend, hoping to keep our good NT record intact.

**Jarrod Field GM – Football Operations**



Co-Captain Andrew Boston was in great form on Saturday against the Suns. - Photo courtesy TJ Yelds

### CURRENT LADDER

POS	TEAM	P	W	L	%	PTS
1	Sydney	15	14	1	251.8	56
2	Brisbane	14	12	2	165.01	48
3	Sydney Uni	14	10	4	136.17	40
4	NT Thunder	15	9	6	107.93	36
5	Gold Coast	15	8	7	122.3	32
6	Aspley	14	6	8	76.15	24
7	Canberra	14	5	9	58.57	20
8	Southport	15	4	11	65.87	16
9	Redland	15	3	12	75.1	12
10	Giants	15	2	13	59.98	8

### NEXT GAME – ROUND 18

**NT Thunder V Southport Sharks**

**TIO Stadium, Darwin**

**Saturday 29th July, 3pm local time**

**Live stream [www.neafl.com.au](http://www.neafl.com.au)**

**Colts V Springwood (away) 9.30am**



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