Round 16 Port v Hobart Match Report

Seniors

The Port welcomed youngster Reece Scotland in for his first senior game after some great form in the underages. Cygnet started well with big man Reece Schuth and his midfield brigade dominating the centre clearances from the very first bounce. This resulted in the domination of the inside 50’s as the Port gave it’s forwards plenty of opportunities. The first quarter saw Cygnet pile on 6 goals while managing to keep the Tigers scoreless. Braden Livingston was on fire early, getting plenty of the ball and hitting the scoreboard with 2 goals. Better players in the first quarter were Braden Livingston, Toby Cowen, Andrew Palmer, Reece Schuth within the midfield and youngster Reece Scotland on the wing.  Goals in this quarter went to Braden Livingston (2), Ben Cato, Ben Halton, Joe Direen, and Jake Dance.  Cygnet 6.3.39 Vs Hobart 0.0.0

The start of the second quarter saw a more concerted effort from the Tigers as the intensity around the contest had picked up. The centre clearances within the second quarter were even but the Tigers clearly won the inside 50’s. Down back Jackson Gordon and Kane Nielsen were making life tough for the Tigers forwards repelling many forward thrusts. Up forward Ben Halton continued with his rich vein of form of late working well with James Zeitzen. Speedster Jake Dance gave the Tigers defenders some serious grief when the ball found its way to the ground. The Port managed 4 goals for the quarter while the Tigers managed 3 of their own. Goals this quarter went to Jake Dance, Ben Halton, Toby Cowen and James Zeitzen. Cygnet 10.7.67 Vs Hobart 3.3.21

The third quarter saw the Tigers win the centre clearances but Cygnet win the inside 50’s. Once again it was Kane Nielsen and Jackson Gordon creating turnover after turnover as the Tigers forwards struggled to make an impact.   With plenty of run off the backline the Port were able to set up many forward 50 entries.  Cygnet piled on 6 goals in the third quarter in comparison the Tigers could only manage the 2. Up forward big men Ben Halton and Joe Direen were having an impact – marking anything that came their way.  Jake Dance continued to impress in front of goal.  Goals this quarter went to Ben Halton (3), Jake Dance (2), and Joe Direen. Cygnet 16.11.107 Vs Hobart 5.5.35

To their credit the Tigers fought on in the final quarter despite the game being out of their reach. They again won the centre clearances – while the Port won the inside 50’s again. The Port piled on another 7 goals in this quarter the Tigers managed 3 of their own. Big forward Joe Direen was dominant in this quarter taking many contested marks and hitting the scoreboard with 3 goals. Goals this quarter went to Joe Direen (3), Ben Halton (2), Ben Cato (2). Better players on the day were: Braden Livingston was everywhere picking up possessions at will and attacking the goal front and Jackson Gordon provided plenty of run off the half back line. Andrew Palmer worked tirelessly in the midfield winning the contested ball all over the ground. Young gun Reece Scotland was very composed and looked a ready-made senior player. Ben Halton with 7 goals, dominated the forward half for the Port. Kane Nielsen continued his great form giving the Tigers forwards nothing to work with and providing plenty of spark out of defence. Coach Ben Cato had a great game filling the position on the forward line left vacant by new recruit Barry Hall – finishing with 3 goals.

Cygnet 23.18.156 def Hobart 8.7.55

Goal Kickers: B. Halton 7, J. Direen 5, J. Dance 4, B. Cato 3, B. Livingston 2, T. Cowen, J. Zeitzen  
Best Players: B. Livingston, J. Gordon, A. Palmer, R. Scotland, B. Halton, K. Nielsen

Reserves

In a cold and gusty conditions Cygnet Reserves took to the TCA against 5th placed Hobart Tigers. In a very close affair Cygnet jumped out of the blocks and put on three quick goals. Joel Davey was putting on a masterclass at full forward, pouncing on anything that went to ground to pop through the sticks. Hobart fought back and levelled the scores at quarter time. The second quarter continued in the same vein. Cygnet applied pressure all over the ground and was able to outscore Hobart to take a 14 point lead into halftime.

Big Bird dominating the ruck with Jules Direen and Jake Munnings providing plenty of run and pressure through the middle, giving their forwards plenty of opportunity with Joel Davey and Jack Brett looking very dangerous. In the back-line Jack O'Neill was playing his best game of the year, positioning himself well to take the intercept marks.

The third quarter saw Hobart bring their A game and start to win more of the contested footy and have more run in their game. Cygnet did not take a backward step and the game ebbed and flowed throughout the quarter. Cygnet found scoring quite difficult and only managed three points for the quarter whilst Hobart kicked 2 goals straight. The third quarter scoreline was Cygnet 8.6.54 to Hobart's 8.1.49. it was setup for a massive final term.

Unfortunately Hobart's' skill and persistence paid dividends in the final term and they were able to pile on 4 goals and again keep Cygnet goalless in the final term. Hobart ran away victors by 20 points in a very entertaining game.  Next week sees Cygnet's biggest opportunity to get another win under their belt, up against the bottom side (on percentage) Sorell on the Cygnet home ground.

Cygnet 8.7,55 def by Hobart 12.3.75

Goal Kickers: J. Davey 4, B. Smith, B. Sculthorpe, L. Smith, C. Stockfeld  
Best Players: G. Brereton, J. Munnings, J. O''Neill, J. Davey, J. Direen, J. Brett

Colts:   
  
After a devastating loss to Lindisfarne, the Southern Storm Colts travelled to the TCA ground to take on 3rd placed Hobart Tigers. The Storm went into the match with a much different side to the previous week but they were eager to make it their third win over the Tigers this season.  
The relatively hard and slippery surface saw a very even first quarter, Josh Coad stood out continually putting his head over the football, showcasing his mental toughness and his leadership qualities. The Storm had some strong passages of play through the midfield group with Josh Coad, Luke Ashlin and Jacob Burnett giving it their all to get the ball into the forward line, but unfortunately the Storm were unable to convert. The football was kept locked down for most of the first quarter, but unfortunately a few cracks in transition allowed two quick goals for the Tigers to slip through.  
  
At quarter time, the reality of the Storm underestimating their opposition sunk in, with the young Tigers really showing the Storm they were there to play. The morale around the boys needed to lift exponentially and Harry Tolhurst showed his team the confidence boost they needed, taking many big time marks across the half backline, as well as laying numerous tackles. Oliver Townsend too provided great run off the wing as well as stepping up in defense when called upon. The midfield group again gave it their all trying their best to keep the ball in the forward line but the Tigers did not make their job easy. Blake Sculthorpe gave the Storm a glimmer of hope kicking a goal to lift the team before half time. Unfortunately, a too relaxed style of play really let the Storm down, with too many players playing to far off their man, allowing Tigers to pull away kicking 3 goals for the quarter.  
  
The third term saw the Storm come out a bit more fired up and it showed. A massive third quarter effort from Coad, Ashlin and Burnett saw the Storm really making the most of winning the football out of the midfield, with the group getting the football cleanly into the hands of Kayne Wouters and Blake Sculthorpe who kicked one a piece for the quarter. Josh Coad kicked a big time captains goal from just inside the forward fifty to boost his team and really bring them back into the game. Continual efforts from Tolhurst and Townsend in the back kept the Storm strong, as well as Tolhurst and Burnett laying a massive sandwich like tackle to stop a shot on goal. This massive effort saw the Storm win their first quarter for the day and at three quarter time the Storm were back in the game and had the determination to get back on top.  
  
The slow start to the game unfortunately made the deed too difficult for the Storm to overcome, with a few quick goals out of the center early on from the Tigers really sealing the deal and proving to the Storm that they were the better team on the day. A goal to Blake Sculthorpe late in the day soften the blow but unfortunately the Storm took their opposition to lightly and the relaxed defense really let the Storm down. With two losses in a row, the Storm will have to use this as a learning curb and the losses will be used as motivation and preparation for games to come for the remainder of the season.

Southern Storm 5.10.40 def by Hobart 10.13.73  
Better players on the day included - Josh Coad, Luke Ashlin, Jacob Burnett, Harry Tolhurst, Blake Sculthorpe and Oliver Townsend.  
Goal Kickers include - Blake Sculthorpe 3, Josh Coad 1 and Kayne Wouters 1

Womens

This week the Port women travelled to the TCA ground to take on the Hobart Tigers. For the second week in a row the women played under lights playing a twilight game. With Hobart under-manned both teams started with just 15 players, this was reduced to only 14 during the game. The first quarter saw the Port women off to a slow start putting our backline under some pressure. The backline lead by Taylah Dillon at full back, Grace Lovell, Dana Van Andel, Jess O'Neill and Isabel Sharp, it made it hard for Tigers to get it back into their forward fifty. As the quarter progressed our midfielders worked hard to get the ball into our forward line where our forward pressure from Abbey Tromp, Hannah Cowmeadow and Hayley Kluga as well as Ash Munnings and Hollie Hasell resulted in a goal for Hayley Kluga and two from Stacey Fox. At quarter time the scores were Port 3.4.22 to Hobart 0.1.1. The second quarter saw our midfield structuring themselves and started to dominate lead by Stacey Fox in ruck with Serena Hubert, Sammy Kluga and Mady Eaves on ball and running the ball forward. Port could only manage a single goal by Mady Eaves despite their efforts throughout the mid and forwards. Halftime score saw Port up with 4.7.31 to Hobart 0.1.1. After halftime the Port women started to play a better team game with more talk, shepherds and handballs bringing their team mates into the game. This quarter saw Sophie Brouwer move into our forward line and Amy Sharp rotate into the midfield with Sammy Kluga moving out to the wing, moving the ball consistently into the forward line with their speed. This resulted into more scoring opportunities with Stacey Fox, Hollie Hasell, Abbey Tromp and Sophie Brouwer all kicking one goal a piece. Scores at three quarter time Port 8.10.58 to Hobart 0.2.2. The fourth and final quarter saw the Port switching it up with Jess O'Neill and Ash Munnings moving into the midfield with Amy Sharp into backline and Mady Eaves into the forward line. This quarter was mainly played in Port's forward half with the backline moving up the ground creating a wall across the midfield where our forwards and mids created numerous scoring opportunities which resulted in Stacey Fox kicking her fourth goal of the game as well as Sophie Brouwer with her second. The final scores saw Port with a win 10.16.76 to Hobart 0.2.2.

Best Players from a great team effort were: Stacey Fox, Abbey Tromp, Hannah Cowmeadow, Mady Eaves, Isabel Sharp and Amy Sharp.

Next week with finals just out of reach, we play our last game of the season Port have a home game against The South East Suns on Sunday at 11am.