**Great Day for ‘The Port’ at Cygnet Oval**

Supporters and players faced a wet and chilly day at Cygnet Oval last Saturday with rain and slippery conditions testing all teams on the day. The Port came out on top winning all three games with the Reserves winning their second game of the season in a great team effort.

**Seniors**

The game started evenly with both midfields winning their fair share of the centre clearances.

Around the ground the Port seemed to have the edge as Joe Direen in the ruck and the midfield brigade of Palmer, Cowen and Cato dominated the inside 50’s for the Port.

Ben Halton started the game where he finished the last – on fire, kicking 3 goals in the first quarter and marking the ball as if it were a dry day. Young James Zeitzen provided plenty of run off the wing helping himself to 2 goals in the first quarter and delivering to the forwards inside 50. The Port kicked 6 goals in the first quarter to be 5 goals up at the first break.

The second quarter saw the Port continue to dominate the centre clearances and inside 50’s.

Jason Shaw began to influence the game with clean skills across the half forward line in what were atrocious conditions at times. Halton kicking another 2 goals in the second quarter.

A big congratulations to senior debutant Noah Clifford who scored his first senior goal in this quarter. Noah showed plenty in this game to suggest that it would to be the first of many to come for the Port.

In this quarter the Port kicked 4 goals and 8 behinds – and were a little wasteful in front of goal at times. A spirited 4 goals in this term from Sorell saw the Port maintain a 6 goal lead at the main break.

The side lost Nathan Duggan early in the third quarter to a knee injury. The Port dominated all areas of this quarter again with 5 individual goal scorers and keeping Sorell scoreless. A feature of this quarter saw the Ports defenders dominate the Eagles forwards – in particular Will Ford with many strong contested marks. This meant that the lead of the Port was out to 73 points at the end of the third quarter.

Six goals straight to the Port in the final quarter and only the 2 to Sorell left a final winning margin of 96 points in what can only be described as a great team effort in very poor conditions for footy!

Better players included young James Zeitzen who dominated his wing, while Ben Halton showed all the class he is renowned for and finished with 6 excellent goals. Will ford had a great game while Jason Shaw really got the Port going when needed. Big Joe Direen returned and finished with 4 quality goals and Toby Cowen was his usual busy self.

**Reserves**

The Reserves recorded just their second win of the season on Saturday through a great team effort by all players. The Port led by just 2 points at quarter time kicking to the scoreboard in the first quarter but did the damage kicking to the town end with 5 goals in the second quarter and 4 in last to gain a difference of 41 points over Sorell.

A rousing speech from Coach Whitehouse at three quarter time lifted his side to a solid win after a slightly lacklustre effort from the Port in the third stanza.

Shane Clark was the dominant forward for the Port with 4 goals and the experience of Mark Bradley and Julian Direen was invaluable on the field. Bradley’s accurate kicking was a feature of his game.

Chris Coventry and Kyle Russell put their bodies over the ball several times to the great advantage of their team as was the attack on the ball of Matthew Coulson and Jack Brett.

The class of Jeremy O’Neill and Jacob Hayers was also notable through clearances and open play.

The game feature several quality passages of play that you would expect from a much higher level of football and in the slippery conditions. Saturday’s result showed what our side is capable off with just a couple of quality players returning from injury lifting the self-belief and commitment from the whole team – well done fellas!

**Southern Storm**

In wet and slippery conditions at Cygnet Oval the Southern Storm side faced Sorell on Saturday. The first quarter saw both teams struggle with their skills in the greasy conditions. It was a close quarter with both teams having their chances. Storm managed to take a slight lead of 4 points at the end of the quarter.

The Storm backline was playing well as usual with solid defence, with Kade Francis leading the way at centre-half back and Storm’s captain Dotty Coad providing some great drive through the centre.

The second quarter started as the first but Storm got its running game together halfway through and put on 5 goals to none, taking a 35 point lead. Brayden Dowling is in some great form at the moment and again was showing his best all over the ground with Dylan Gane in the ruck providing some great access to the midfield. George O’Neill was instrumental in and around stoppages, dishing the ball out to our running players.

Sorell came out strong in the third term and outscored Storm by 3 goals to 2. Coaches Daniel and Paddy asked the boys for a final effort in the last to finish the game off with a good win.

The players delivered going on to record a good win against a persistent Sorell side. Connor Soward finished the day with six goals at full forward with a number of assists as well.

Southern Storm 12.10.82 defeated Sorell 6.7.43

Goal Kickers: C. Soward 6, B. Dowling 2, M. Bastick, G. O'Neill, J. Coad, I. Memory
Best Players: C. Soward, B. Dowling, K. Francis, G. O'Neill, J. Coad, D. Gane

**Port Women**

It was a wet and wild day at Abbotsfield Park where The Port faced a tough game against North Hobart.

The first quarter was a fairly even contest with both teams finding it hard to score. Being so wet, it was hard yakka with the ball and players slipping and sliding all over the place.
The second quarter saw North Hobart kick 2 quick goals, but The Port rallied and defended well stopping the Demons from scoring again in the quarter.
Coming out after the main break The Port fired up and through sheer hard work managed to get their first goal through Anna Stanway. Unfortunately that would be our only goal for the game.
North Hobart had all the answers to what we threw at them and they managed another couple of majors and took the win 31-10.

The Port 1.4.10 defeated by North Hobart 4.7.31

Goal Kickers: A. Bellette-Stanway
Best Players: S. Hubert, S. Kluga, M. Cowen, M. Duggan, A. Dance, A. Bellette-Stanway

**Social Night**

Saturday was topped off by a great social night in the Clubrooms featuring well-renowned ‘hypnotist’ Matt Hale who had everybody spell-bound literally! It was a great night full of laughs and a fantastic crowd was in attendance to cap a great day at the football.

This Saturday we face arch-rival the Huonville Lions at Huonville. The Lions gave the Port a football lesson in their round one clash, but the Port have gained a lot of confidence over recent weeks and are ready for a good showing in all three games in front of what should be a block-buster crowd. Get along and support the boys! On Sunday our ladies team venture to Pembroke Park to tackle the Lauderdale with a 1.20pm start – get along and support our wonderful lady players!

**Upcoming Social Events**

Please keep the following dates free:

Sat. 30th June – The First to Bust/Get Your Game On! (more details to come)

Sat. 11th August – Past Players Reunion Dinner (details on Guest Speaker to be announced shortly)

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