**STRAIGHT KICKING GETS PORT WOMEN HOME**

With the SFL Representative games played last weekend, there were no men’s roster matches played. However, the Port Women lined up for their Gala Day clash against the Hobart Tigers at New Town Oval last Sunday.

Congratulations to Noah Clifford, Josh Coad, James Zeitzen, Reece Scotland and Dylan Gane who played for the SFL Under 18 team against the NTFA and Elijah Reardon, Joe Direen and Toby Cowen who were selected to represent the SFL Senior team. Although both SFL teams went down quite comfortably to their Northern opponents, the Southern Storm and Port lads did themselves and their Club proud.

**Port Women**

On a chilly Sunday afternoon, and with a few of their players away, the Port Women started their game against the Hobart Tigers with a few players in different positions, including April Pottinger taking on the ruck duties backed by Serena Hubert.

The first bounce saw the ball head to the Tiger’s end and lots of toing and froing during the first quarter saw the Tigers come away with the lead 1-2-8 to 1-0-6. Taylah Dillon played a great defensive quarter stopping the ball on several occasions while Emily Direen kick the Port’s only goal for the quarter. The second quarter saw the sun pop out and a fresh cool breeze pick up and the Tigers again wanted the ball more than the Port did, but they were only able to manage two behinds to the Port’s one behind and the Tigers held a narrow three point lead at half time.

After a quiet half time break and some reflection and talking from Coach, Renee Schuettpelz, the Port girls came back out with more oomph and within the first few minutes Anna Stanway had kicked a goal followed by goals from Keren Scotney and Sherilyn Atkins. Scotty (Keren) was dominant in the quarter, doing some ruck work, working the back line, kicking the goal, and covering a lot of ground. At the end of the third quarter the Port were in front 4-1-25 to 1-5-11.

As the sun disappeared behind the clouds in the last quarter and conditions started to cool down, the Port girls were warmed up and with great team play scored further goals through Anna and Keren to extend their lead and run out jubilant winners by 25 points, 6-1-37 to the Tigers’ 1-6-12.

The Port thanked Taylah Darwin for coming up from Storm U17 to fill in and play a very good game. With all the team working hard to get the Port across the line, choosing the best players was a very difficult task, but Anna Stanway (2 goals), Holly Upston, Annaliese Dance, Keren Scotney (2 goals), Sherilyn Atkins (1 goal) and Hayley Flakemore were excellent contributors all day. The Port’s other goal kicker was Emily Direen.

This Sunday the Port Women take on University at the University Oval with the game commencing at 12 noon. A win for the Port will have them move into sixth place on the SFLW ladder.

**This week’s Men’s games**

This Saturday the Cygnet Senior and Reserve teams have their bye round and another week’s rest, while the Southern Storm Colts will travel to Anzac Park to take on third-placed Lindisfarne at 10am.