Saturday saw the Cygnet Past and Supports Dinner held at the Clubrooms. The large crowd was regaled with humorous stories from John Thurley and Greg Howard of footy in the late 1970’s. Russell Young representing the SFL also spoke about the upcoming difficulties facing clubs and the need now more than ever for all people to come together to support local football. The Cygnet Football Club would like to thank John, Greg and Russell on their contribution. A big thankyou also goes to Tidsy Smith and the small hard-working Past Players committee who organise the day.   Don’t forget to mark June 22nd off the calendar when Darren Carr, Australia’s No.1 Comedy Ventriloquist will be putting on a show at the Cygnet Clubrooms.

Seniors

Cygnet were home to the Hobart Tigers last Saturday and with a large crowd of Past players and supporters to watch, the Port were out for a good showing.

Unfortunately, the Port lost key defenders Paddy O’Neill and Adam Duggan before the game to injury and illness. Luckily for the Port they were replaced with the ever-reliable Tom Slevin and young gun Luke Ashlin. Once again it was Reece Schuth and his on-ball brigade of Toby Cowen, Rhys Jennings and Braden Livingston that started well having the better of the centre clearances and the inside 50’s. Up forward Ben Halton was proving a handful for the Tigers defenders, as were the mosquito fleet of Luke Paton, Jake Dance and Noah Clifford.  Goals in this quarter went to Ben Halton (2), Braden Livingston, Mitch Direen and Jake Dance. Cygnet lead a quarter time 5.5.35 to Hobart 0.1.1

The second quarter agains saw Cygnet start the game strongly. A free flowing, running game was a feature of the quarter as the Port’s midfielders continued to impress.  The intensity in all areas of the ground was great. Goals this quarter went to Ben Halton (2), Jake Dance and Joe Direen. At halftime Cygnet held onto a 38 point lead.

Unfortunately a different Cygnet team returned to the filed after halftime. The intensity that had been shown in the first half had disappeared. To their credit Hobart hit back and were first to the ball and seemed to want it more. Within this quarter the Tigers were able to amass 6 goals in comparison with the Cygnet’s 2.  Closing to the gap to 16 at three quarter time. This made for an eventful final quarter. Goals this quarter went to Luke Paton and Braden Livingston.

A three-quarter time roasting from Coach Cato seemed to have the desired effect on the Cygnet side. Slowly and surely the intensity came back into the game for Cygnet and the fourth quarter saw the stoppages and inside 50’s even out but the Port were a little more constructive in-front of goal. Goals this quarter went to Ben Halton, Jake Dance and Noah Clifford. Better players for the Port were Jake Dance who provided plenty of spark up forward, Reece Schuth once again dominated the ruck around the ground, Rhys Jennings did a lot of hard work around the packs, Ben Halton dominated up forward, Noah Clifford and Toby Cowen provided plenty of run and a clean skill set.

Cygnet 14.14.98  def Hobart  11.9.75

Goal Kickers: B. Halton 5, J. Dance 3, B. Livingston 2, L. Paton, N. Clifford, J. Direen, M. Direen
Best Players: J. Dance, R. Schuth, R. Jennings, B. Halton, N. Clifford, T. Cowen

U19

The Southern Storm u19’s played home at Cygnet Oval this week against the Hobart Tigers.

The morning was a bit wet and dewy and both teams started with 16 on the field. This opened up the ground and suited the Storms running game.

Bruk Duggan started the scoring off for Storm with the first goal of the game coming from a great piece of crumbing and forward pressure. The first quarter saw both teams with plenty of the ball and Storm taking a small lead into the second.

Kade Francis and Josh Coad were working well in the centre clearances. Kayne Wouters and Reece Scotland provided great run with Austin Heald and Murray Bastick presenting great targets up forward.

Storm was a bit wasteful going forward by missing a few scoring opportunities.  The Storm backline has all year placed immense pressure on their opponents and this week was no different.  The Storm players consistently repelled the Hobart advances and rebound with some great run and delivery.

The third quarter continued in much the same vein, with Storm having a lot of the ball up forward and able to add 3.4 to Hobart’s 1 goal.  The only downside was a serious ankle injury to Dottie and we all wish a speedy recovery.

The final quarter saw the game open right up with a bit of a goal fest. Storm reap the benefits from their numerous inside 50’s, with 5.1 but Hobart was able to also post 4.1 for the quarter.

A mention has to go to Blake Sculthorp’s goal late in the quarter. A definite contender for goal of the year, on the boundary line around 40 meters out.  It sailed straight through the centre.

An update on the Storm’s captain Will Polley, who had suffered a serious injury a couple of weeks ago. Will has had an operation to repair his knee and he hopes to be back by finals.  We wish him all the best in his recovery.

Southern Storm 12.10.82

Hobart 8.3.51

Goal Kickers: A. Heald 4, M. Bastick 4, B. Sculthorpe 2, C. Soward, B. Duggan
Best Players: K. Francis, B. Dowling, E. Lovell, A. Heald, L. Slater, J. Burnett

Reserves

The Cygnet Reserves were keen for a great game against Hobart this week at Cygnet Oval. The Hobart team got off to a good start with Cygnet playing catchup for most of the first half. Although Cygnet had a bit of the ball, turnovers cost the side going forward. The Reserves lost their reliable full-back Tom Slevin to senior call-up and needed Jacob Burnett and Blake Sculthorpe to play a second game to fill a full side.  Hobart held a 15 point lead at halftime.

Cygnet started the third quarter well and were able to hit the scoreboard and restrict Hobart’s scoring.  The teams belief in being able to win their first game was growing, cutting the Hobart lead to just 4 points at 3 quarter time.  After a huge rev up from the coaching panel the Cygnet boys came out firing and was able to hit the front during the final quarter.  Hobart was able to respond with only two mintues to go to hit the front by 1 point. The game went down to the final seconds with the ball being held in the Cygnet forward line and a contentious free kick in the ruck contest to Hobart saw them being able to clear the ball.

Great effort by the Cygnet Reserves and hopefully they can take their form into next weeks game against Sorell.  One of these sides will register their first win of season 2019

Cygnet 9.2.56  def by

Hobart  8.9.57

Goal Kickers: M. Coulson 3, M. Darcy 2, D. Fahey, J. O''Neill, S. Burgess, J. Direen
Best Players: D. Millhouse, J. Direen, I. Coulson, M. Coulson, A. Dance, A. Hutchinson

Womens

For only the second time this season the Port Women ran out onto the Cygnet Oval. The oval was still in good condition after 3 games yesterday and several Sunday morning games, although conditions were slippery underfoot due to drizzly rain.

This week Serena Hubert and Tara Slater were asked to do the coin toss, in celebration of A.F.L  Indigenous round.

The women were reasonably confident this week, but they didn't have it all their own way with Hobart flooding our forward line, making kicking and marking quite difficult. The women had to work hard for their shots on goal which reflected on the scoreboard.Despite Hobart's congested pressure Port managed 2 goals 4 points in the first quarter both goals kicked by Hollie Hassell, keeping Hobart scoreless. Stacey Fox continued her impressive form in the ruck, assisted by Amy and Isabel Sharp on the wings with Sammy Kluga, Serena Hubert and Mady Eaves also had a cracking first quarter in the centre.

The second quarter saw Port spread and lead into space and getting our run on game happening. Coach Mark was happy with the girls implementing many of his training drills into passages of play. This was shown all over the ground but particularly by our backline Taylah Dillion, Jess O'Neill, Tara Slater Jaimie Noye, Grace Lovell Chantelle Coad and Liarna Reid who played a great first game. By the end of the second quarter Port had increased their lead by another 3 goals thanks to 2 from Hollie Hassell and a single to Stacey Fox.

After half time break the women came out a little flat and found the wet slippery conditions challenging, despite this they continued to apply plenty of pressure on Hobart who still remained scoreless for the game. Hannah Cowmeadow had a change of position going into the midfield and having an impact, and playing an awesome third quarter. Mady Eaves and Liarna Reid both contributing a goal apiece to Port's score.

The last quarter saw Ash Munnings, Hayley Kluga and Brooke Griggs all playing well in the forward line, with Port upping their shepherds and pressure. Dana Van Andel continues to improve and getting some good long kicks out of the backline. By the end of the last quarter Port had added a further 2 goals kicked by Hayley Kluga and Ash Munnings, with Hobart managing a single point.In the rooms after the game to Port song was sung loud and proud for the womens' first back to back win.Goal kickers for the game were Hollie Hassell 4, with single goals to Stacey Fox, Mady Eaves, Liarna Reid, Ash Munnings and Hayley Kluga. Best players in a great team game were Hollie Hassell, Sammy Kluga, Hannah Cowmeadow, Ash Munnings, Taylah Dillion and Hayley Kluga. Thanks to Jason Kluga, Paddy O'Neill, Eli Reardon and Jake Munnings.

The Port 10.11.71  def Hobart 0.1.1