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R5 – 04/05/2019 - Mooroopna v Tatura

Netball

The old enemy awaited Tatura at Mooroopna on Saturday. With both netball programs evenly matched on paper and with changes a plenty in personnel the various outcomes were keenly anticipated.

A Grade

Mooroopna Gets the Cream

The Bulldogs went down to archrival Mooroopna by seven goals on Saturday.

Played in breezy conditions the Bulldogs were well placed at quarter time only trailing by one goal, but a difficult second made all the difference with the Cats outscoring the Bulldogs by seven goals which was the final margin.

The game was always within grasp for Molly Boyle and Co in a low scoring affair, due in part to the sublime defensive work of Alex Bertram and Jade Kay. The new pairing has featured prominently in the best players week-in, week-out. There's little doubt their work rate has kept the Bulldogs in the hunt for the vast majority of their games so far in 2019.

Although the Bulldogs were able to break even for all bar the second, they would be disappointed the second stanza lapse cost them the game.

Molly Boyle continued a consistent season playing in her preferred WD position and was well supported by her midcourters.

The Bulldogs would be hopeful of stringing together four quarters, confident in doing so they'll be able to get some wins on the board.

Score: Mooroopna 37 v Tatura 30

Best: Bertram, Kay and Boyle



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Netball Premiers • 1982 • 90 • 91 • 94 • 95 • 97

B Grade

B Gets its First Points of the Year

In a consistent display B Grade showed some real grit to secure its first points of the year with a hard fought draw against Moorroopna.

In a game that never saw a margin greater than three goals all day, the scores were locked at three quarter time with a thrilling last leaving both sides no doubt wondering what could have been with a 34-34 scoreline.

Savannah Zito delivered her best performance of the year in a best on court display. Her flexibility to the team cannot be underestimated with her ability to go into goals and the midcourt important if the team is to press for finals action.

Maddi Hall was prominent in the midcourt, with her pace troubling the opposition. Hall continues to impress in her maiden open age year.

It also probably goes without saying now that Kobi Worner was again inspirational in defence. Worner is a great example of the consistent effort required to succeed at GVL level.

Score: Tatura 34 v Moorroopna 34
Best: Zito, Worner and Hall

B-Reserve

Bulldogs Go Down in Physical Battle

B-Reserve couldn't quite get over the line for a second successive win, going down to the Cats 36-45 in a physical clash in the 11.45 am timeslot.

Only a couple of centre breaks separated the teams, who were closely positioned on the ladder, with a five goal differential in the premiership quarter the only major difference between the two.

Maddi Biggs was clearly the fastest player on the court and her exquisite skills kept the Bulldogs in the game throughout. Her tireless midfield work and ability to find position on the ring key to keeping her shooters fed.

The much improved Beth Seccull continues to reap the benefits of a pre-season campaign that has seen her fitness steadily increase. The strong shooter was stoic in the ring under significant physical pressure from her opposition.

While at the other end of the court, revelation defender Ash Svoboda also had to deal with some rough and tumble in the circle, however she was up to the task and was resilient throughout.

The team will be confident of securing further wins as the season progresses and pushing for a finals birth.

Score: Tatura 36 v Mooroopna 45

Best: Biggs, Seccull and Svoboda

17 & Under

17s Lament One that Got Away

The 17s would have been confident of securing a win against a Mooroopna team without a win so far in season 2019, but it wasn't to be.

The Young Bulldogs went down 48-51, after a devastating second quarter when they were outscored 8-16 with the Mooroopna shooter on song. An early injury to defender Emily Wilson didn't help the situation as her height and physical presence would have made it difficult for the Cats attackers to counter.

Lucy Somers continued to ply her trade through the midcourt and in the ring when called upon to shoot. The most improved player by far for the 17s in 2019, Somers' versatility puts her in rare air.

Even though the Bulldogs bounced back strongly and got to within a goal in the last quarter, the deficit was too much to overcome. It's unlikely they'll let such a quarter limit their progress in the return bout against the Cats later in the year.

Eliza Pyke performed well after making a steady recovery from her early season injury as she began to find range. Defender Hayley Rennie also acquitted herself well and battled all day after the departure of Wilson.

Score: Mooroopna 51 v Tatura 48

Best: Somers, Pyke and Rennie

15 & Under

15s Get the Job Done

In a scrappy affair the 15s secured the win despite not playing their best netball.

The first quarter did the trick for the Bulldogs after some quality shooting by Hollie Halliwell secured a six goal lead at the first break.

However, coach Fiona Boyer would have been concerned as the Cats gradually fought their way back into the game to have it all squared up at the last break. However some deft changes, including Halliwell to defence in a straight swap for Charlette Gray to shoot, made the difference as they got the job done 23-20.

Jolie Anderson played through the midcourt in her best game for the year to date and will only improve as she adapts to GVL netball.

Score: Mooroopna 20 v Tatura 23
Best: Halliwell, Gray and Anderson

Football

There was plenty on offer on the field as the Seniors fought for the Rodney Cup and bragging rights throughout the Shire.

Seniors

Dogs Give Cats a Touch Up

In signs of a maturing team, the Bulldogs retained the Rodney Cup with a resounding thrashing of its west river rival by 102 points on Saturday.

The win was the biggest Tatura win for a number of years and gives great promise to a forward structure that has significantly increased its output in 2019.

The powers that be would be pleased the team could put the pedal to the medal with previous incarnations potentially being happy just to coast to a 'no fuss, no muss' victory. But not this team. In a year when percentage could play a telling role in the final jostle for top spots on the ladder, it was satisfying to see the Dogs go for the throat against the Cats.

The Nick Fothergill show continued on its merry way with the gun midfield jet helping himself to four goals and another best on ground performance. The addition of Fothergill, Jason Tutt and Jordan O'Dwyer has made a significant impact at The Kennel and provided cool heads at the helm of a talented midfield group. Those cool heads will go a long way to moving the Bulldogs up the ladder as the season progresses.

Tatura could well have won by a far greater margin but for inaccurate kicking with 40 scoring shots to eight a fair indication of the difference between the teams on the day. The backline shouldn't be discounted as it held Mooroopna goalless from the 5th minute of the third quarter for the rest of the game.

Captain Moustache Brad Ryan and sweeper half back O'Dwyer were key in their defensive posts and constantly fed a hungry midfield intent on hitting the scoreboard. In addition to Fothergill, that output saw Billy Cooper, Andrew Ciavarella, Matt Shannon and Jamason Daniels all snag multiple majors. Any team with deep September action aspirations must have a midfield capable of kicking multiple goals and the signs are promising in this regard.

Ciavarella played his best game for the year and would no doubt be enjoying the ability to run and carry with the increased midfield depth on show freeing him up. The lightning quick Cooper and inside bull Daniels also had good outings.

Daniels indicated post game that as the team continues to bond there is significant scope for improvement which bodes well for the balance of the fixture.

Congratulations and best of luck to interleague representatives Nick Fothergill, Jamason Daniels, Brandyn Grenfell, Brad Ryan, Matt Ryan, Matt Shannon and Billy Cooper.

Score: Mooroopna 5.3.33 v Tatura 19.21.135
Goals: Fothergill 4, Cooper 3, Thewma 3, Ciavarella 2, Shannon 2, Daniels 2, C.Ryan, Kirby and Grenfell.
Best: Fothergill, Ciavarella, Daniels, Cooper, B.Ryan and O'Dwyer.

Development Team

Development Team Back on the Winners List

After going close in recent weeks the Development Team got a win, but went the hard way to get there and should have got over the line by a bigger margin.

Che Walls continued his fine form after coming back from injury and was pulled from the ground at three quarter time to play seniors after a late injury to Wheels Hill in the senior warm up...much to the chagrin of his father.

Luke McGill again proved to be the leader of the pack with a general like performance that secured best on ground bragging rights. McGill's solid leadership of a young group has been excellent in 2019.

After being quiet in recent weeks big Tom Rennie was the difference between the teams with five goals putting him further up the GVL goalkicking ladder.

The Development Team just needs to build belief and will go far in September.

Score: Mooroopna 6.10.46 v Tatura 8.9.57
Goals: Rennie 5, Walls 2 and Lovett 1
Best: McGill, Rennie, Danaher, McDonald, Borelli and Walls

Under 18

Bulldogs Persist Across the Day

The Young Pups were outmatched by a strong Mooroopna that has built a quality junior program in recent years.

It was a hard slog for the Under 18s who gave it their best on the day.

Interleague representative Matt Rennie shone on the day along with Harry Murdoch and Jonah Green.

Score: Mooroopna 21.23.149 v Tatura 1.5.11
Goals: Armstrong
Best: Macansh, Rennie, Armstrong, Murdoch, Green and Reardon