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Netball

B-Reserve

Drought Broken

B-Reserve broke a three plus year drought with a stirring win against the Tigers on Saturday.

In what can only be described as a complete team performance, the Bulldogs were down at the first change, but an imposing 14-2 second quarter set the tone for the rest of the match.

The defensive combination of Ash Svoboda and Sarah Nihill were the pillars in defence and provided great strength and netball smarts in the ring. Both did their best work when the game was hot, tough and tight inside; where only the willing were game to go.

Caitlin Pogue played her best open age game for Tatura to date with a fantastic display of midcourt dominance at wing defence, with intercepts a plenty and feasted on the work of Svoboda and Nihill. The whole defensive unit dominated Rochester with unrelenting pressure netball that could not be countered.

At the attacking end all shooters – Lauren Bertram, Chloe Lowden and Beth Secull – shot confidently, but it was their offensive rebounding that allowed second opportunities at goal that was the stand out. They simply outsmarted their opposition and put themselves in the right position to take their chances.

Pleasingly, when challenged in the third quarter the team responded well and were able to pull away in the last, after a smart positional change by coach Kobi Ismail, moving Svoboda to GK, who promptly shut down the tall and dangerous Roche GS.

It was a great win and combined with unlucky outings against Kyabram and Echuca, B-Reserve could well have been 3-1 to start the season.

Score: Tatura 44 v Rochester 38

Best: Pogue, Bertram and Nihill



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A Grade

Tough Beat for A Grade

In a tight, defensive game Tatura were unlucky not pull off a win against the much improved Rochester, going down by a solitary goal 27-28.

In a low scoring game goals were at a premium and there was never more than a two goal buffer quarter by quarter.

The combination of Alex Bertram and Jade Kaye in defence continued to bear fruit with their efforts limiting Rochester's goaling opportunities. Their continued improvement throughout the year will be vital.

Birthday girl Molly Boyle, fresh off her cover shoot for The Weekender moved into the middle and had an immediate influence. In her place Kobi Ismail moved to WD and acquitted herself well.

Although a loss was had on the day a win isn't far off, and judging by a few photos on social, the team appeared to enjoy themselves at the iPod Shuffle night, seamlessly re-inventing themselves as the all-conquering Average Joe's dodgeball team.

Score: Tatura 27 v Rochester 28

Best: Kaye, Boyle and Bertram

B Grade

Rapidly Improving B Not Far Off

B Grade continued a good run of form in their unlucky loss to the Tigers in another close finish, ultimately falling short by four goals.

In what seemed like the order of the day there again was no more than a three goal buffer throughout the quarters.

The Bulldogs were best served by their defender, with Sam Rennie and the ever reliable Kobi Ismail the stand outs. They say defence wins games and no doubt this will be the case as the season progresses.

New recruit Alysha Gill continued to impress in the midcourt and was a driving force into the ring. Her fitness and cool head was significant in the overall team performance.

Score: Tatura 34 v Rochester 38

Best: Ismail, Rennie and Gill

17 & Under

17s Take Heart from Comeback

The 17s will regret a slow start that saw them down by eight goals at the first break, a margin they could not counter despite winning the second and third.

The returning Bec Valentin from illness joined the game in the second quarter, which freed up Emily Wilson to return to defence to keep tabs on the Rochester attackers. Valentin quickly found her range and was dominant. Once her confidence is up there's few defenders who can stop her.

Teah Ryan played wing defence beautifully, with her athleticism on full display. Her height and agility caused continued problems for the Rochee attackers.

Lucy Somers again provide her versatility playing in the attacking ring and also in the mid-court. Her improvement continues week-in, week-out.

Although the young Bulldogs we defeated they will take heart from their improved performance against a quality team, and will look forward to the coming weeks when the fixture opens up for them a touch.

Score: Tatura 33 v Rochester 35

Best: Ryan, Valentin and Boyer

Young Pups Overwhelmed

15 & Under

Tatura tackled the 2018 grand finalist Rochester in the early game and were overwhelmed in a fast start by the Tigers.

A tall Rochester provided problems for the young pups from the first whistle, despite sound defending from Charlette Gray and Tayla Albrey-Mills.

Elliza Sibio continues to build form with a solid effort in the mid-court. Her coach-ability will see significant improvement throughout the year.

Savannah Clothier-Harris or SCH again proved her versatility, playing a number of positions when asked, as coach Fiona Boyer toyed with different structures.

Score: Tatura 17 v Rochester 64

Best: Sibio, Gray and SCH.

Football

Seniors

Dogs Skip Away From Tigers

Tatura notched its second win of the season against a determined Rochester at home in Round 4 GVL action.

The Bulldogs now sit just outside the top six on percentage only after a tough opening fixture for the year. The re-visited 'zone' structure sees Tatura placed in the 'west zone', along with heavy weights Kyabram and Echuca, along with Rochester. Consequently each plays the other twice in 2019. The 'west' is clearly the strongest zone in the GVL this year and poses a great opportunity for a true test of the Bulldogs' mettle.

Tatura was in command of the match throughout and was never really headed by the winless Tigers, streaking away in the last quarter to grab the points with a solid 38 point win.

The key to the win was a strict adherence to the game plan that saw the run and carry of the Bulldogs return. Tatura was able to slow the tempo and play the match on its terms, including putting the foot on the gas when circumstances allowed – something that had been missing on Easter Saturday against Echuca, who dictated terms from the outset. The ability to craft a win after learning from its mistakes bodes well for the rest of the season. The impact was significant on the Tigers who were unable to execute effectively.

In a dominant first quarter Tatura banged on four goals with only a late goal restoring some confidence to the Tigers at the first break. The potent midfield run of the hosts was on full show with Nick Fothergill and Charlie Hill both contributing majors, along with Matt Ryan and Jayden Thewma, the latter of whom continued his hot streak of form, now having accumulated 10 goals in four games.

The game settled down in the second quarter with Jamason Daniels and Fothergill leading the charge from the midfield with a goal each. With both leading by example the Bulldogs would be confident they will inspire significant improvement throughout the year in the push for September action.

A minor lapse in a scrappy third quarter saw Rochester narrow the margin to just 19 points. Given the recent history of the Bulldogs giving up late match leads there may well have been some butterflies in the stomach of the coaching panel. However the cool heads of Lucas White and his off-field cohort steadied the ship.

The last quarter belonged to the Dogs, who piled on five goals in 10 minutes to put the result beyond doubt.

Ryan's return to form with a four goal haul would have pleased the brains trust. Ryan had been finding plenty of the ball in recent games but had not made the most of his opportunities.

Billy Cooper and Sean Martin were fantastic for the home team, with Martin in particular on song, playing his best game since his return from the Top End. Fothergill must also be featuring prominently in the Morrison count with another solid performance and eye catching three goals.

Goals: Ryan 4, Thewma 3, Fothergill 3, Hill, Daniels, Shannon and Grenfell.
Best: Cooper, Martin, Fothergill, Civarella and Tutt.

Development Team

Development Team Unlucky Not to Get the Chocolates

The Bulldogs went down by a goal to Rochester in a close, low scoring affair.

Returning from injury the man mountain The Great Wall was a clear BOG, including the go ahead goal in the last, before Rochester were able to steady and slot the last of the game to steal the points. Walls' flair was on full show and no doubt Hemsy would have been jealous.

Co-coach Luke McGill was also solid, while Benji Marshall was outstanding again and will feature in senior discussions this week.

Although only sitting 1-3, the development team has also faced some top tier opposition and only sits one game outside the six, with the draw now opening up for them.

Young forwards Zac Samkakai and Tom Rennie were able to provide an avenue to goals on a tough day for forwards with two and one majors respectively.

The brains trust would have also been pleased to see the return of Colby McDonald, who featured in the best, back from his overseas sabbatical. The ageless Dylan Burls also continued his good run of form.

Goals: Samkakai 2, Rennie, Walls and Danaher.
Best: Walls, McGill, McDonald, Morris, Burls and Samkakai.

Under 18

Under 18 Much Improved

The under 18s went down to Rochester but would be buoyed by a much improved performance backing up after a tough trip to Echuca.

The young Pups were well in the game up to half time but fell away in the second half. But for some inaccurate kicking the result would have been a lot closer and more reflective of general play where the Dogs held sway for large portions of the game.

Morrie Serra registered on the scoreboard and was in the best again. Captain Matt Rennie again played well and would find himself well ahead in the B & F at this stage of the season.

Goals: Serra
Best: Macansh, Dwyer, Rennie, Green, O'Connell and Serra