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Netball

Tatura netballers headed to Benalla hopeful of another strong performance and more wins on the Queens Birthday long weekend.

15 & Under

Bulldogs Continue March

Tatura turned in a four quarter display to continue to stake its claim for a finals birth.

The display was particularly strong through the first three as the Pups held the Saints to 13 goals while piling on 40 of their own.

Improving GS Holly Halliwell was best with a dominant display in goals. Her pivots and ability to read the feeds in from her midcourt made the difference, along with her new found holds, made her the stand out on the day.

Fellow shooter Sanae Gagliardi also had a strong game. While not overly tall, Gagliardi is quick and smart and makes the most of her of opportunities. Her greatest strength is probably her creativity, that of course means the team as a whole is the winner.

Rounding out the best was Charlette Gray who has been finding herself in the best for most of the year and would be well placed in MVP and medal concerns.

Fiona Boyer's team faces an important two game stretch against fellow finals aspirants Seymour and Shepp Swans in the coming weeks, after which they will be left with no doubt about where they might find themselves come September.

Final Score: Benalla 18 v Tatura 46.

Best players: Halliwell, Gagliardi and Gray.

17 & Under

Two in a Row for 17s

The 17s continued their recent run of finals building form with a hard fought win over the Saints.

Benalla belied their bottom of the ladder position to push the Bulldogs all the way.

It was only a 12-6 second quarter that proved the difference with Benalla winning either side to set up a last quarter showdown, which Tatura got the better of.

Bec Valentin returned to something like her best form after being unavailable for about three weeks. Her accuracy in goals was the difference between the teams on the day. As mercurial as ever, Valentin, shot the lights out and continues to impress in her maiden 17s year.

Hayley Rennie, always called on to work hard in the key GD position, despite not being the tallest of defenders, was strong in the clinches and got the job done against a mobile attack from the Saints. Rennie's strength lies in her ability to strongly position and attack down the Court.

In a defenders day, Teah Ryan, put in another solid performance to round out the Tatura best. Ryan teamed well with Rennie down the court and her attacking midcourters down the stretch.

Almost in an identical situation to the 15s, the 17s face a tough two run blast against fellow finals contenders. Time will tell if they have the moxy to get the job done.

Final Score: Benalla 36 v Tatura 42.

Best players: Valentin, Rennie and Ryan.

B-Reserve

B-Reserve Find Themselves in the Six

Kobi Worner and her team made very hard work of their win against a spirited Saints who were sitting in a similar ladder position. There was plenty on the line as a win would see the Dogs finish the round in the six.

A strong first perhaps saw the Bulldogs think they were home. However that illusion was shattered when the Saints drew level at the half. The rest of the game was a ding-dong battle with multiple lead changes in the last until Tatura finally prevailed by a meagre two goals to secure a 44 to 42 win.

Defender Sarah Nihill played her best game of the year with a calm and menacing performance in the ring. Nihill's work kept Tatura in the game throughout the last when it got tight and her teammates were struggling to get the ball forward due to Benalla's persistent pressure in the midcourt.

Also cool was Lauren Bertram in the ring. Her resilient shooting enabled the win, particularly when the pressure was on in the dying seconds. A couple of deft majors made the ultimate difference between the two.

Seeing out the best on court was Maddi Biggs, who must surely be leading the best and fairest at this stage of the year. Her midcourt run was the key in finally getting over the lines. She provided the link from a defensive unit under enormous pressure to the attacking end.

So B-Reserve found itself in the top six and face another tough road trip to fellow contender Seymour this week.

Final Score: Benalla 42 v Tatura 44.

Best Players: Nhill, Bertram and Biggs.

B Grade

Slow Start Costs Dogs

A sluggish opening stanza ultimately proved too much for Tatura to overcome against a team it would have fancied its chances against.

While right in it for most of the match the Bulldogs found the initial margin too much to overcome, going down 51 to 30 and unable to put back-to-back wins together.

Sam Rennie played her best game of the year in defence. Rennie has had a slow start to the season with some nagging injury issues impacting her. Athletic and versatile she has now settled in well to GVL netball and will continue to improve as the year progresses.

In a relatively high scoring losing score, GS Jordyn Dealy made her presence known with a solid hit out in an attacking run-on for Tatura. Her solid holds enabled her to put her direct opponents under constant pressure.

Rachel Thomson would have been pleased with her midcourt performance after a recent quiet spell. She was solid through the middle in her preferred WD position and not only provided great run but stymied the Saints' attacking run where possible.

Tatura will look to re-group as they travel further still down the highway to tackle the Lions.

Final Score: Benalla 30 v Tatura 51.

Best Players: Rennie, Dealy and Thomson.

A Grade

Tatura Can't Capitalise on Quality start

Tatura produced its best start of the year, leading throughout the first quarter before tiring in the latter stages, to be one goal down at the first break.

However it was the second quarter woes that again came back to haunt the Bulldogs, giving up an eight goal deficit that made all the difference in an otherwise even affair for the balance. Benalla got to their position through a few handy breaks and a run-on that although subtle, was probably worth at least five goals.

Alex Bertram was again super in defence with her pressure causing enormous headaches for the Benalla attackers. She also combined well with Molly Boyle to have their opponent asking serious questions of each other.

Jacqui James and Taylor Rokahr was combining well in the middle and were quick into the circle. Both were joined by Elsie Boyer in the second half who provided plenty of drive with only a couple of goals difference between the two teams. However the damage was done.

The Bulldogs will face a stern test against Seymour next week as they face up against a team looking to go deep.

Final Score: Benalla 45 v Tatura 34.

Best Players: Bertram, Boyle and James.

Football

Seniors

Tatura Overcome Hoodoo in Tough Win

The Bulldogs overcame a near 10 year hoodoo to beat the very fancied Benalla at Benalla on Saturday, on the back of a stunning start and 20 point first quarter lead, stretching it to about five goals at the main break.

The remainder of the game was all about Benalla as it pegged the margin back ever so slowly and got within a kick in the last until Jonah Vraca kicked the sealer in a frantic last few minutes.

The Bulldogs came out with real intent, possibly off the back of a few views that they couldn't get the win at a venue traditionally unfavoured to them. James Sullivan was superb early doing much of damage in his crumbing role, including a clever toe-poke from a tight angle after clever reading of the play from the marking contest in the goal square.

Wingman Jason Tutt played his best game of the year to date with a brilliant performance on the wide expanses at Benalla. It was Tutt's work in the close last quarter, when he racked up double digit

numbers, that arguably proved the difference between the tiring Bulldogs and charging Saints. His exquisite disposal and leadership provided a beacon to his fellow players.

It was the midfield's day as Tatura's best included coach Jamason Daniels, who is playing some of the best football of his career, Nick Fothergill and Matt Shannon. Fothergill continued to enjoy hitting the scoreboard with two, who, along with Sullivan, were the only multiple goal scorers.

At half time the Bulldogs had 17 scoring shots to eight and it should have been game over. Tatura has learned the hard way over a number of years that inaccurate kicking is a costly dalliance. Interestingly, in the second half both teams went score for score, however it was Benalla's 5.5 to Tatura's 3.7 that began to cause some concerns for the brains trust heading into the last.

The last was a dour affair with the backline under fire the entire time and repelling attack after attack from a Benalla that all of a sudden found some run.

Brad Ryan was excellent along with Che Walls, who provided the necessary toughness in tight. The Dogs struggled to break through in the second half as Benalla double teamed big forward Brandyn Grenfell who had limited opportunities. However the big fella was able to get the ball to ground, which ultimately proved vital in securing the sealer to Vraca.

A tough, gutsy win that sees the Bulldogs grab third and head to Seymour with a chance to open a gap on the chasing pack.

Final Score: Benalla 9.8.62 v Tatura 10.17.77

Goal Kickers: Sullivan 3, Fothergill 2, Cooper, Thewma, Vraca, Hill and McGill.

Best Players: Tutt, Daniels, Sullivan, Cooper, Fothergill and Shannon.

Development Team

Development Team Hits Snag

After leading all day the Bulldogs were unable to hold off a barnstorming Benalla in the last quarter.

Cruelled by injuries throughout, the lack of rotations and depth finally caught up with Tatura as they surrendered five goals in the final period to go down by an unfair 26 points.

Jayden Armstrong continued a good run of form with a best on ground performance while Zac Samkakai had his most productive game of the year with four goals in a dominant small forward display.

Brayden Sutton made his return after a lengthy break with an ankle and did his chances of an immediate senior recall no harm with a solid display off half back.

Tom Rennie continued his consistent goal scoring performance and was joined by Gundo Winmar. The powers that be would be pleased with Rennie's consistency but also looking for him to snag bigger bags.

Final Score: Benalla 12.14.86 v Tatura 9.6.60

Goal Kickers: Samkakai 4, Rennie, Winmar, Green, Burls and Jones.

Best Players: Armstrong, Samkakai, Sutton, Mahoney, Maher and Green.

Under 18

Dogs Push Saints

The Under 18s held sway over a traditionally strong Benalla, taking a lead into the quarter time and stretching that margin out early in the second.

Morrie Serra was doing all the damage with two majors.

Benalla were clearly rattled and it took a bake from their coach at half time to sting them into gear, when they ultimately ran out comfortable winners over the ever improving Dogs.

Matt Rennie, Harry Murdoch and Sean McAllister were again prominent, while Corey Reardon continued his good run of form. BOG however went to Matt Macansh.

Final Score: Benalla 10.21.81 v Tatura 2.3.15

Goal Kickers: Serra 2

Best Players: Macansh, Rennie, Reardon, Murdoch, McAllister and Crowe.