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## R10 – 15 June 2019 – Seymour v Tatura

### Netball

The 2019 strong Lions outfit awaited the Bulldogs at Kings Park with important games for a number of finals hopeful Tatura teams.

### 15 & Under

#### **Lions Prevail in Low Scoring Affair**

A Seymour team sitting pretty in the upper echelons of the six was pushed all the way by Tatura, only pulling away through the benefit of two breaks in the last to secure a close win by two goals; 27 to 22.

The result was all the more meritorious given coach Fiona Boyer only had the bare seven to run with.

Savannah Clothier-Harris returned to her best form as the prime mover through the middle. SCH had been quiet recently but showed some real poise to almost get her teammates over the line.

Lainey Short was solid throughout and has begun to adapt to GVL netball under the tutelage of Fiona Boyer. Short has real strength and with continued development of her ball skills will benefit from the second half of the year.

Tayla Albrey-Mills was her consistent best with a great effort in defence against some quality shooting opposition who proved to be too accurate. It was that accuracy that got Seymour over the line.

Final Score: Seymour 27 v Tatura 22.

Best players: Clothier-Harris, Short and Albrey-Mills.

### 17 & Under

#### **Bulldogs can't Tame Lions**

The 17s were unable to get over the Lions on Saturday going down 46 to 33 with the Seymour GS the difference between the teams.

In a game that could have a lasting impact on Tatura's final ambitions, Seymour's goaler was the difference. Strategically the Lions also made a subtle positional change at the first break and began to physically pressure Elsie Boyer in the centre position. It was the second quarter that made the difference as the Lions outscored Tatura by six goals.

Boyer was Tatura's best in a physically demanding game for. Her patience and grind in difficult circumstances was impressive and kept the Bulldogs in the game.

Shooter Eliza Pyke played her best game of the year in her return from injury. She will only get better and better as the year progresses and competition heats up for finals spots.

Teah Ryan, who has been the most consistent Bulldog in recent weeks, was again a solid contributor. Co-coaches Gaye Eaton and Lisa Cullum have been most impressed by Ryan's improvement in 2019.

Final Score: Seymour 46 v Tatura 33.

Best players: Boyer, Pyke and Ryan.

### B Grade

#### **Quality B Outing Not Quite Enough**

B Grade lost no friends with a hard fought game against a Seymour who's pushing for the six. Going down in a low scoring affair 38-29.

Like A Grade the week before when only a few breaks proved costly it was the same for B Grade with only a couple of goals separating the two all day.

It was tight netball with scores locked at 9 a piece at the first whistle and then only a couple through the third. It was in the final that the game opened up as Tatura tried to secure an advantage.

Kobi Worner, as we must be used too now, was best on court. Only absent from these pages over the last few weeks due to being on holiday, Worner seamlessly slotted back into GK and was a large contributor to the meagre returns of the opposition.

Rachel Thomson is beginning to string a few good games together and was combining well with Worner as she transitioned down court. Thomson's endurance will be important down the stretch.

Emerging junior talent Maddy Hall was strong through the midcourt. Her attacking style make is difficult to match up on.

Final Score: Seymour 29 v Tatura 38.

Best Players: Worner, Thomson and Hall.

### B-Reserve

#### **Slow Start Costs Dogs**

Tatura faced a critical game against a Seymour team it had displaced from the six just the week before.

An indifferent first half proved the difference as the Lions were able to open up 17 goal difference, due in part, to positional changes brought that were unavoidable.

The second half proved a different story as Maddi Biggs, who played WD in the first half moved to her more familiar role at WA and young gun Caitlin Pogue came on to her favoured position at WD. The change was significant as the young Bulldogs were able to win the second half but just couldn't make up the deficit.

Biggs' continued good form, even in an unfamiliar position, was telling as she kept the Dogs in the game.

Chloe Lowden was solid in attack and was the main beneficiary of Bigg's move back into attack.

Tahlitha Samkakai, in her first game back from injury for the year, was outstanding in a high pressure role at GK with normal defender Ash Svoboda unavailable. Her agility and speed will be key as the fixture heats up for B-Res in the coming weeks with a number of must win games as the Doggies attempt to taste finals action.

Final Score: Seymour 48 v Tatura 33.

Best Players: Biggs, Lowden & Samkakai.

## A Grade

### **High Flying Lions Pushed by A**

Tatura's A Grade 2019 campaign has been hindered by an inability play four full quarters. Their ladder position would have been much different at this stage of the year for a team that has proven it can match it with the best in the competition.

The Kings Park encounter was no different with a telling second quarter – the achilles heel so far in 2019 – again proving the difference with Tatura going into the main break nursing a 12 goal deficit.

Seymour sported a number of VNL stars in its line-up & it was no surprise then that it was highly favoured to get the points. However it would have been worried in the third when Tatura played with some vigour to win the quarter.

Jade Kay continued to evolve in the ring with a best-on for the Bulldogs under extreme pressure from two VNL star defenders from Seymour. When she find her range Kaye is difficult to stop given her strength & height.

Unburdened by injury midcourter Jacqui James has continued to get back to her best form and had her best game for the season to date. Her drive to the ring is unmatched in the GVL & she will only get better as the season progresses.

Rounding out the best was Taylor Rokahr who has found herself in a rich vein of form in her first full season in GVL's top grade.

Final Score: Seymour 43 v Tatura 29.

Best Players: Kay, Rokahr & James.

## Football

### Under 18

### **Pups Grind Against Fancied Lions**

The young Pups came up against a strong Seymour that was sitting pretty in second spot on the ladder. And they were not disgraced in a performance that would continue to please the natives.

Harry Murdoch and Sean McAllister were gain excellent for the Dogs. Both bottom agers, the on-ballers would be pleased with their first season in the GVL. McAllister in particular, who hasn't been out of the best since his return from injury was the classiest player on the park.

But the ever reliable Matt Macansh would surely be leading the best & fairest at this stage of the season, & his cool demeanour has ensured he remains firmly in the eyes of the powers that be. It must be said he has pegged himself as a future star of the competition.

Morrie Serra also continued his solid season in front of the big sticks.

Final Score: Seymour 15.10.100 v Tatura 3.3.21.

Goal Kickers: Murdoch, Serra & Armstrong

Best Players: Macansh, McAllister, O'Connell, Dwyer, Green & Murdoch.

## Development Team

### **Powerful Seymour Maul Dogs**

Seymour showed why its percentage was the best in the league with a commanding win over the Dogs by a handsome 93 points, with a 12 goals to zip second half the telling factor.

While the Dogs battled hard all day, they couldn't counter the talent packed Lions outfit.

Jake Rennie, who's seems to be enjoying his return to the red/white/blue, was, as usual, fierce in the contest, with the umpire on the day noting his tacking was "11 out of 10".

Rennie's brother Tom was the leading goal kicker on the day with three to continue his consistent season in front of the big sticks. The only other goal scorer on the day was Charlie Hill with two, who did his chanced of a senior recall no harm whatsoever.

Luke McGill was the backbone for the Dogs on the day & was particularly resolute in the Lions onslaught in the second half.

Like Hill, Curt Ryan had a good game along with Jayden Armstrong and Jonah Vraca, the later of whom suffered an injury late in the game.

The Development Team face a testing two home games against potential finalist contenders and will be desperate to win at least one

Final Score: Seymour 20.9.129 v Tatura 5.6.36

Goal Kickers: T.Rennie 3 & C.Hill.

Best Players: J.Rennie, L.McGill, C.Ryan, J.Armstrong, J.Vraca & C.Minutoli.

## Seniors

### **Seymour Pip Dogs in After the Siren Classic**

Tatura will lament a disastrous third quarter against the Lions in which they were held to just one behind while Seymour piled on six majors to erase a six goal deficit at the half.

Jamason Daniels' men were sublime in the first half and completely outpointed the Lions in the second, holding them scoreless with former Lion Brandyn Grenfell doing all the damage, doing as he pleased at full forward and around the ground in the ruck.

Grenfell and small forward James Sullivan were particularly potent, forming a classic and damaging big-man/small-man combination throughout, both featuring prominently in the best. They were joined by Nick Fothergill and Matt Shannon who seemed to be doing as they please in racking up possessions and kicking goals.

Tatura took full advantage of the sending off of Seymour talent Phil Soloman, who was reported for a crude hit on coach Daniels, and looked to have the game in its keeping. Surely the words at half time would have been to stay the course in a battle for third spot between the two teams. A win to the Bulldogs would have put some major breathing space between them in the coveted third spot and the chasing pack, which of course included the Lions.

However it was a sorry affair in the third as the Lions forced their way back into the game and took a five point margin into the final break.

With the desperation of both teams on show the intensity lifted noticeably as both realised what was on the line for the victor. Goals by Grenfell and Fothergill bookended the sending off and report of

another Lion, this time Alex Johnstone at the 27 minute mark, for a hit to Billy Cooper, and stretched the lead to what seemed like a match winning margin with only four minutes to play.

But Seymour had other ideas as they applied relentless pressure to the Bulldogs and its players. Four consecutive free kicks to the Lions ultimately turned the game. The first from a centre square infringement that saw the ball sent deep inside the attacking 50 for Seymour and then a further free for shepherding and resultant major saw the margin reduced to less than a kick.

On the return to the centre a ruck infringement and then an in the back allowed the Lions a kick after the siren to steal a famous win.

Grenfell and Fothergill were outstanding on the day.

The Bulldogs will have to regroup ahead of a dangerous game against the fledging Swans, who easily accounted for finals fancy Euroa.

Final Score: Seymour 13.13.91 v Tatura 13.12.90

Goal Kickers: Grenfell 3, Sullivan 3, Thewma 2, Fothergill 2, Shannon 2 and M.Ryan.

Best Players: Grenfell, Fothergill, Sullivan, B.Ryan, S.Martin and Walls.