



MAGPIES E-NEWS

EDITION: 16 DATE: 10th May 2010



STEVE'S THOUGHTS.....

There has been a lot of talk in relation to the Reserves competition. I would like to assure all Glenorchy supporters that our Club is adamant that reserves football be a part of it. We cannot speak too strongly on the importance of this group to our Club.

I would like to correct the misleading comment attributed to Scott Wade (Mercury 6 May 2010) in relation to Reserves footballers. These players are voting with their feet not because they aren't getting a Senior game by the time they are 20 or 21 rather I would suggest they are getting sick and tired of the AFL TAs endeavours to kill off the Reserves by not providing umpires, in fact instructing their contracted umpires not to, double up as has been the case in the past, nor umpire reserves games, advising the umpires association back in December that there would be no reserves so negotiated for them to give other Leagues their priority all with the knowledge that the Clubs wanted reserves, ensuring reserves games are scheduled prior to U/18's when teams travel outside their region thus endeavouring to reduce the reserves mindset to believe they are now third class citizens in the football world.

Despite strong representation from Clubs that Reserves teams were essential to the TSL community Clubs AFL TAS continue to have the elitist attitude that Seniors and U/18's are all that they want. This philosophical difference will always put Clubs in conflict with AFL TAS. The very fabric and survival of our Clubs is dependent, in a large part, on having Reserves players. It is totally wrong to suggest if players by the time they are 20 and haven't played Seniors they will never make it. Reserves players have been around for as long as I can remember and I am sure all believe they are only one or two best on ground performances away from a Senior game. It is interesting to note even at Senior AFL level most Clubs are reverting back to having reserves after flirting with the concept of no reserves. Not only that Reserves are part of the Club as a whole and have a lot to contribute to the Club at which they want to play albeit, maybe, in the Reserves. One of the best clubmen, in my time, Daniel Lamont being a case in question. Our club is, as are undoubtedly many others, littered with players who would have played more reserves games than Seniors but does that make them any lesser a Club member than their Senior mates. There are many former mainly reserves players holding positions of importance in current TSL Clubs, from Presidents, Coaches, Board members and volunteer staff. If all of these people are lost to Clubs the very culture and fabric of our Clubs will be put at risk.

The fact that AFL TAS has an elitist attitude is all very well but they also have an obligation to the future of football and the community Clubs in Tasmania. The present attitude towards reserves is appalling and disruptive whilst at the same time threatening to the future of affected clubs. There are too many Clubs steeped in history in Tasmania falling away. AFL TAS would be better served helping prevent that rather than putting others at risk by their decisions.

All 10 TSL clubs made a commitment to have Reserves teams for the remainder of the term of this Licence. There may well be one (Burnie in 2010) or two that struggle at times to field a team but the commitment was given by all. The desire is obviously there and all attempts should be made to ensure that commitment is met despite attempts by AFL TAS to achieve its ultimate aim of destroying the reserves competition. I only hope all 10 clubs are true to their word?

In conclusion Dominic Baker made a comment earlier in the week to get on with the footy. Well my response to that is tell your GM to refrain from making provocative statements that won't stand up to scrutiny and have the Board encourage clubs to actively pursue their goals of reserves football rather than try to bring it down. We would love to get on with the football but when the goal posts are continually moving it is difficult.

Steve Allie
President





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22ND MAY

HOME GAME LUNCHEON

*Why not grab a crew of workmates and friends and come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon upstairs in the new facilities of the Cresswell-Beakley Grand Stand. Tickets cost \$30 which includes a 2 course meal and your entry into the ground. **BOOKINGS** are essential. Please contact the club during business hours on 62729593.*

Guest speakers will include Ben Reid and Clarence Premiership Playing Coach – Brett Geappen.



'GREAT WIN'

SENIORS

Glenorchy	15.17	107
North Hobart	14.10	94

Goal-Kickers –

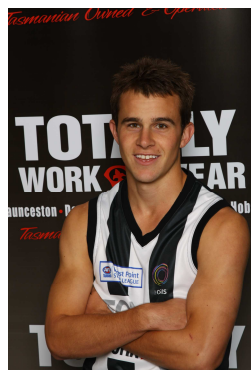
Micheal Darcy 3, David Hunt 3, Jake Cox 2, Jonathan Bowring 2, Bryce O'Garey 2, Zac Webb 1, Brayden Webb 1, Matthew Rainbird 1

Best Players –

Nathan Matthews, Jaye Bowden, Jesse Crouch, Simon Spencer, Zac Webb, Jason Chandler



Nathan Matthews
Shutdown Street



Jaye Bowden
Class Act





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RESERVES

North Hobart	17.6	108
Glenorchy	3.10	28

Goal-Kickers – Tyler Bowden 2, Jake Sharp 1

Best Players - Trad Duggan, Kyle Smith, Sam Medhurst, Daniel Joseph, Max Wilson, Matthew Hamilton

UNDER 18'S

North Hobart	12.11	83
Glenorchy	7.8	50

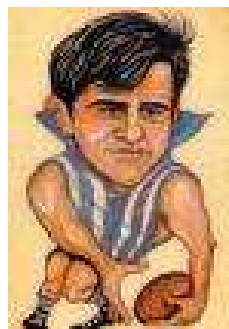
Goal-Kickers – Tyler Bowden 2, Jordan Bedford 2, Jack Boon 1, Matthew Bennett 1, Richard Hanley 1

Best Players - Blake Lockley, Brodie Jordan, Kaden Salter, Michael Badcock, John Geard, Tyler Bowden



CRESSWELL-BEAKLEY GRANDSTAND

*This weekend see's an **OPEN DAY** for our 2010 Financial Members. Please feel free to wander upstairs on Saturday from 12noon onwards on producing your card.*



DATES TO REMEMBER –

- 12th June *An evening with Sam Kekovich*
- 3rd June *An evening with Rodney Eade*

MORE DETAILS SOON

