



SENIOR COACH'S REPORT

ROUND 8, 2015 v CALOUNDRA

SENIORS

Caloundra 11.12.78

Moreton Bay 10.8.68

Goals: R. Nickalls 4, T. Cester 2, L. Simmons 2, T. Ricker, J. Wilkinson

This game became more important as it approached during the week. It also continued to have meaning after it was completed, and continues to create talk since its end. It was a chance to go two games clear in 4th position on the ladder — something we would not have even imagined at the start of this journey. It was a chance to play a side for the second time this season, so preparation was different because there was no element of surprise. They were always going to be ready to play because we beat them on their own ground in the first game of the year. It was payback time for them.

The game ended up being one of the most physical we have played this year, and it was between two very evenly matched teams — as indicated on the scoreboard throughout the day. Scores were even at quarter-time, two points their way at halftime, and one point our way at three-quarter-time. In the end, it was a 10 point win to Caloundra after they persisted for longer and minimised their mistakes late in the game. While I was far from disgraced by our effort, we immediately were able to revisit areas we knew we let ourselves down in. Our discipline was the most disappointing part of the day and it cost us dearly, and we know we are so much better than what we showed.

Sitting with players after the game we were already analysing the areas where we weren't at our best compared to previous weeks. Even as a coach, I was able to assess my own performance and would do a few things differently. What is new to our playing group is that, for the first time in a long time, we were the hunted. Opposition teams are taking us seriously and preparing for us and we have to be ready to step up even more so than what we have year to date. A really disappointing loss, but yet another dose of experience to put in the football maturing memory bank.

Lincoln Simmons continues to perform at a very high level week in, week out, as are leaders Rhys Nickalls, and Jake Huisman. Dan Dai has been showing his value for the last couple of weeks and is looking ready to really break loose. Shaun Morrice continues to compete hard and hold the backline together, and Ty Cester just seems to get to the right spots at the right time and is making his value known to all who play against him.

We now get to enjoy a bit of down time from a game perspective, but rest assured there is work to be done over the coming three weeks before our next game against Noosa on the 20th of June. Noosa embarrassed us early in the season, and on our home ground we will be looking for redemption.

Thanks to every one for your support and enjoy the break.

RESERVES

Caloundra 20.12.132

Moreton Bay 3.4.22

Goals: A. Brockman 3

Unfortunately the Reserves were going to be under the pump from the outset, with a number of players unavailable from our Senior list. Had it not been for the willingness of the 17s to play up, we may have been facing a forfeit. Lucky for us that didn't happen, but we were down to just one on the bench for the day. Although Caloundra are sitting third on the ladder, we thought that if we were able to control the ball and play at a pace that suited our side we could at least create some frustration for them. That becomes impossible if you can't get control of the ball. With the exception of a handful of players — mostly our 17s — most were still unable to place themselves in the right spots to be an option, or failed to apply the pressure we need to win possession. We know what to do and players talk about the areas that need improvement, but putting it into action is proving the hardest part. There were some great passages of play throughout, but too few to make a difference. Well done to Steve Clark, Tom McIlveen and Cody Rickertt from the 17s, who more than held their own and at times showed their teammates how to compete. Anthony Maher continues to work through the middle, as does Josh Burton who has been knocking on the door for a Senior birth for the last couple of weeks. A break until the 20th of June gives us a chance to refresh ourselves and work on the little things that haven't been consistently done during our games.

Thanks to all of our helpers and those who continue to come and support the boys. We sincerely appreciate it.



Regards

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