

Reserves 2016 season report

Well what a year, we started with one of the best squads I have seen at Tullamarine for a long time. The seconds were looking strong and exciting.

We started off in the first round with a very strong side and a full side at that. But we suffered a very narrow 4 point loss, which I believe really deflated us heading into round 2, then again with a very strong side, we came up against Taylors lakes and got beaten heavily, so that really set the tone for the season.

We had players unavailable, leaving due to not able to sustain the high intensity needed to win games and push for senior selection and losing commitment to training, but also keeping in mind a very long list of injuries. . So this started to make it very difficult again during the season, with low numbers and playing every week with no bench.

But in saying that, our core players again stepped up highly. A very interesting stat to keep in mind is that, out of 16 games, we were in a winning position at 3 quarter time in 12 games, but just run out of legs due to having no players on the bench. That was certainly the difference this year. If we had won at least 8 of them, we would have finished in the 4. Only 4 games this year we have been comprehensively beaten.

So the improvement from last year was there and the commitment from the core players was outstanding. Al though the ladder shows no improvements, the score of each game certainly does.

I was proud of our team on how they played their footy and how well they represented our club. We had no reports and no incidents on the ground all year. As coach of the seconds for the past 2 years, I can honestly say we gave 100% every week.

Another major point to make is, the seconds players that were promoted throughout the year stood up in the ones, and played a big part in us finishing second. This must not go unnoticed.

Disappointingly we finished second last, but pleased with the improvement.

I can only hope the Tullamarine seconds can continue to improve and break history by playing finals in the new season.