

D Grade

With Seville unable to field a D grade side, the league has refixtures the D grade draw and the Tigers lined up against Alexandra at home on Saturday.

These two sides met only 3 weeks ago and the result was similar, Yea taking the game by 8 goals this time around.

Scoring was constant in the first half with the Yea girls having the edge, capitalising on turnovers to hold a handy 4 goal lead at half time.

Great defensive work all over the court in the third quarter made a huge difference to the game with Yea outscoring Alex by 5 goals and setting up a match winning lead at the last break.

The Tigers did what they needed to do in the last quarter, maintaining possession of the ball from their centre passes and scoring consistently to take the 4 points.

Youngsters Tegan Britton, Ebony Edge and the Broderick sisters, Caitlyn and Hannah all showing the continued improvement in their games since stepping up to senior level – well done girls.

Yea 29 def Alexandra 21

Goals: H Broderick 16, S Murray 11, K Schaeffer 2

Best: T Britton, S Murray, H Broderick

C Grade

This was a great game of netball to watch, the two teams fighting it out til the very end, Seville coming up with the points at the end.

Yea went into the game without the general of their backline in Deb Schickerling. Sarah Lobley stepped in admirably from C Grade and combined well with Elly Hendrie to really pressure the Seville shooters all day, exceptionally in the first half. The pressure out front of the defensive ring by Rach Normington and Jordan Watts was constant and aggressive, and they picked off many balls before they could reach the goal ring.

Yea's first half was amongst their best play for the season so far, with great passages of play and precision passing. The feeds from Jordan, Maggie McSpeerin, Fiona Purvis and Tara Gregory into the well positioned Rhi Aldous was superb to watch and Seville really had to adjust, bringing on more experienced defenders in the second half to halt the feed. The work from Fiona and Tara at GA, was unselfish and their body position and movement set Rhiannon up over and over again.

Yea led right through until the three quarter time break but it was Seville who came home stronger to take the win but full credit to the Tigers who played a fantastic game.

Seville 42 def Yea 35

Goals: R Aldous 28, F Purvis 5, T Gregory 2

Best: S Lobley, R Aldous, Jordan Watts

B Grade

Yea went down to Seville by 1 goal in a disappointing result that will put the fire in their bellies for the next encounter.

This game was very topsy turvy, played at a high standard, with the momentum changing often.

Seville pulled away in the last 5 minutes of the first quarter to take a 4 goal lead to the break.

Coach Mel asked her charges for a strong start to the second quarter and they delivered, playing what was their best display of netball for the season. Defensively Yea were on fire and Seville could only shoot 2 goals for the quarter. In attack the girls swung the ball around quickly and precisely to set the goal shooters up. A 15 goal turnaround in this quarter had the Tigers up by 11 at half time.

Yea extended this lead to 14 early in the second half but as small errors started to creep in, the momentum swung again, Seville chipping away at the lead and reducing it back to 7 at the last break.

Again the visitors came, and with their pressure, Yea struggled to keep possession of the ball. The lead slowly vanished and the Tigers struggled to hold on. Seville took the lead with not much time left and Yea had a chance to level the game through Cindy after the siren, but to no avail.

Yea have learnt a lot from this game and look forward to next time.

Seville 42 def Yea 41

Goals: M Sundblom 25, C Hayes 16

Best: L Cronk, C Hayes, S Watts

A Grade

This was a highly anticipated match for both players and supporters of A grade, their first real test for the season and an indicator of premiership favouritism.

Both sides were full of talent and this was shown from the first whistle, strong, fast and physical netball being played. Yeas powerful forward line of Mel, Rach, Gaby and Sam were impressive and set up the ball beautifully in and around the ring to shoot 13 goals for the quarter, leading by 5 at ¼ time.

Yea's depth of talent started to shine through in the second quarter with quality defensive pressure all over the court. Ruby O'Dwyer, Megan Leatham, Chelsea Spagnolo and Sarah Armstrong doing a power of work in the defensive end to pressure Seville into numerous mistakes which the Tigers capitalised on. Tigers by 13 at half time.

The second half was very evenly played, Yea winning the half by just 2 goals. Seville upped their physicality but Yea continued to play their style of game, not getting caught up in the Seville style.

A great game by the girls who now have the week off next week and then will test their form against fellow top 5 sides in Kinglake and Yarra Glen.

Yea 56 def Seville 41

Goals: M Martinov 36, R Hickey 20

Best: G Duncan, M Martinov, M Leatham

Yea 6.8-44 defeated by Seville 18.16-124

An undermanned Yea were always going to be up against it when they hosted Seville at the Recreation Reserve, but it was a disappointing result nevertheless, with the Tigers beaten comprehensively by 80 points.

Missing Michael Curcio, Michael Pitman, Daniel Evans, Ash Walsh, Dan O'Dwyer, Lachie Beattie and Daniel Belsten left a big gap in experience and this was felt as the Blues took control of the game early to hold a 21-point advantage at the first change.

This trend continued in the second term as Seville continued to be first to the contest and made the most of their opportunities forward, while Yea managed just one goal for the quarter to trail by seven majors at half time.

The result was quickly decided in the third as the visitors piled on seven goals to one, with the Tigers playing into their opponent's hands by kicking the ball long with an undersized side, before a more promising last quarter where they outscored Seville three goals to two.

Harrison Jarvie (one goal) was the host's best, working nonstop all day through the middle, where he was ably supported by Adrian McCarthy and Brad Clements in the ruck.

Riley Aldous was outstanding in the contest and set the tone early, James Ryan was as reliable as ever in an under-siege defence and Jack Salau impressed on debut, while Nathan Beattie chimed in with two late goals.

Despite the injuries to key players for the home side, the Blues simply wanted it more, constantly pressuring the Tigers into turning the ball over and locking it inside their front half.

Yea will use the bye to lick their wounds before squaring off against Kinglake in a crunch game at home.

Goal Kickers: N. Beattie 2, H. Jarvie, H. Witton, C. Graham, S. Bamblett

Best Players: H. Jarvie, A. McCarthy, J. Ryan, R. Aldous, B. Clements, J. Salau

Reserves

After a poor showing against Yarra Junction, Yea bounced back with an emphatic performance against Seville, downing the visitors by 72 points at home.

Despite the hefty final margin, the Blues looked on top early and led by three points at the first break after a tight opening stanza. The game opened up in the second, with the Tigers booting the only three goals of the term to take a handy 17-point break into the main change.

Yea's third quarter was superb, as they slammed on six goals while holding the opposition to a solitary behind, taking a commanding 55-point buffer at the last break.

The Tigers finished strong with a four-goal-to-one final term, ensuring a handy percentage boost to compensate for their heavy loss against the Eagles the previous week.

Dan O'Dwyer (three goals) was brilliant in a best on ground display, Emerson Daines made a strong return to form and Dylan Jannke continued his rock solid 2018 campaign in defence.

Julian Mahon had his third straight dominant performance, Josh Carroll controlled the ruck and there was an even spread of goalkickers, with Trent McMahon (three), Darcy Pell (three), Josh Keyte (three) and Ben Wilsmore (two) all contributing.

The win sees the Tigers jump to third position on the ladder heading into the interleague bye, with several senior players returning from injury sure to bolster the reserves playing stocks.

Yea will host fourth-placed Kinglake in a crucial contest after the bye.

Goal Kickers: D. Pell 3, T. McMahon 3, D. O'Dwyer 3, J. Keyte 3, B. Wilsmore 2

Best Players: D. O'Dwyer, E. Daines, D. Jannke, J. Mahon, J. Keyte, J. Carroll