

Round 3 – Yarra Junction v Yea

Football

By Patrick Evans

Yarra Junction 17.12-114 defeated Yea 12.14-86

Despite a bright start, Yea has suffered its first defeat of the season, running out of legs against Yarra Junction to the tune of 28 points

Adrian McCarthy worked tirelessly in the middle of the ground, as did Harrison Jarvie, while James Ryan was reliable as usual in defence. Patrick Evans finished with three goals, while Chris Graham and Nathan Beattie slotted two apiece. Daniel Evans returned to some strong form and found plenty of the footy before he was sidelined by an ankle injury, and he was ably supported in the back half by Xavier O'Dwyer and Jarred Sandells.

Goal Kickers: P. Evans 3, N. Beattie 2, C. Graham 2, D. Evans, D. O'Dwyer, L. Beattie, A. McCarthy, R. Aldous

Best Players: J. Ryan, J. Sandells, X. O'Dwyer, R. Aldous, H. Jarvie, D. Evans

Yarra Junction 19.5-119 defeated Yea 4.2-26

After an outstanding start to its 2018 campaign, Yea had a reality check against an extremely accurate Yarra Junction, going down by 93 points away from home.

Julian Mahon was excellent in the midfield, putting his head over the footy all day. Cameron Evans and Jaryed Garlick (two goals) both won a stack of possessions, while Ian Porter battled hard. Joshua Keyte booted two goals in his first outing for the year, Shaun Harry never gave up and Dean Clue ran hard both ways.

Goal Kickers: J. Keyte 2, J. Garlick 2

Best Players: J. Mahon, S. Harry, J. Garlick, D. Clue, C. Nash, I. Porter

Netball

By Cindy Hayes and Deb Shickerling

A Grade

Yea continued on their winning ways, disposing of Yarra Junction on Saturday. Junction provided plenty of defensive pressure but the Tigers were able to work their systems well and win convincingly.

Megan Leatham and Kath Duncan were outstanding in the defensive ring intercepting and forcing Junction errors all game, the 2nd quarter a standout, allowing the opposition only 3 goals for the quarter.

With a 27 goal lead at half time the Tigers continued with consistency for the rest of the game. Rachael Hickey was fantastic at GA providing great drives into the ring and feeding with precision to Mel.

The Tigers will face what may be their biggest competitors in Seville next week. Go Tigers!

Yea 72 def Yarra Junction 27

Goals M Martinov 46, R Hickey 26

Best: G Duncan, M Martinov, R O'Dwyer

B Grade

After a tight first quarter that Yea only won by 3 goals, the Tigers took control of the match and pushed away to a convincing 35 goal win.

It was the defensive end that propelled the Tigers into action, Lauren Cronk in stellar form at GK, Cindy Newcomen as dominant as ever at GD and Sarah Armstrong at WD, her closing speed resulting in many intercepts and deflections. This hard work, along with the defensive full court pressure from the Tigers, allowed Junction only 10 more goals in the remaining three quarters.

The quick and precise feeding into the goal throwers got better and better as the game wore on and Junction had to work hard for any little turnover they could get.

Despite the margin it was a well contested match and pushed the Tigers to perform at their best.

Yea 55 def Yarra Junction 20

Goals: M Sundblom 43, C Hayes 12

Best: M Sundblom, L Cronk, C Hayes

C Grade

The C grade girls clocked up their first win of the season and although it wasn't the best netball the girls can play a win is a win. Playing her 150th game Rhiannon Aldous started the first quarter in GS and sunk 5 of the 7 that were scored. The second was the Tigers best with Tara Gregory into wing attack where she effortlessly took defensive intercepts that kept the ball in the attacking end. The goalers didn't have it easy with a physical Yarra Junction defense but Jordan Watts playing her best game yet in Centre was able to feed it in. The third quarter was fairly even with Junction scoring 4 to Yea's 6. Then came the last which was one for the Tigers to forget, lacking intensity and drive, they let Junction win it 6 to 4.

Yea 26 def Yarra Junction 16

Goals: R Aldous 13, F Purvis 8, M McSperrin 3, T Gregory 2

Best: Tara Gregory, Jordan Watts, Rhiannon Aldous

D Grade

With a depleted team due to illness and injury the D grade girls played a solid game and came up victors 41 to 12. Maggie McSperrin dropping down from C grade to help out was the difference in the first half scoring 13 of the Tigers 21. Playing their first game of the

season in the yellow and black Kristie Schaeffer and Trudy Birchell did themselves and their team mates proud throughout the game. The second half defensive pressure of Jilly Hargreaves and Tegan Britton was impressive to watch and caused lots of turnovers. Ebony Edge playing out of position in WA proved shes not just a defender worked with Caitlin Broderick to bring the ball down for Stacey Murray to capilitise on in goals. This group is coming together as a real team and will be a force to reckon with this season.

Yea 41 def Yarra Junction 12

Goals: S Murray 22, M McSperrin 13, K Schaeffer 6

Best: Trudy Birchell, Caitlyn Broderick, Jillian Hargreaves