

A Werribee Tigers promotion ***the inside word*** ***with PAUL SATTERLEY***

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We have just completed the first weekend of VFL finals and our Seniors have survived against an undermanned Box Hill side. We knew that the Hawthorn team had rested many of its AFL players which sent alarm bells through our camp. It is easy for players to automatically expect a win to just happen and potentially underestimate who we are playing. Fortunately, we won the game by 26 points after being challenged deep into the match by a young and enthusiastic opposition. Momentum in games can easily swing and teams can kick goals very quickly, we kept the door open and didn't put them away until the last 6-7 minutes of the match. In saying that, we live to fight another week.

Our Reserves side played Port Melbourne on Sunday and at one stage were 40 points down and looking like it would be a massive loss. Chris Gilham made some key moves and many players gave their all in one of our best performances of the year...unfortunately we just couldn't maintain the high intensity despite hitting the front early in the last quarter. We were really pleased with the effort that the players gave and whilst it was a loss it was certainly a positive for our club and Chris. Well done to Gillo and his coaches for their efforts this year. Danny Warren, Daniel Farrar and Glen McGaw have all provided great support in developing our young players.

This week we will play Casey Scorpions and we anticipate as many as 18 Melbourne listed players to represent their side this week. They beat us by 11 goals only 3 weeks ago, however we learnt a lot from that game and I believe that playing at the smaller, neutral ground of Port Melbourne will assist our side. This year, our side is number 1 in contested ball & hardball gets so a small ground is ideal for tight, congested footy.

Casey will be the firm favourites going into the game and with Brendan Fevola in super form we will need to ensure our 1% efforts are at a season high this week.

If you follow footy and your team is not participating in finals this weekend, our players and club would really appreciate your support in attending this game at Port Melbourne on Saturday at 2.00pm. We know that many of our opposition sides get plenty of supporters as a result of their alignments with the likes of Essendon & Carlton etc

The players will give their all and any support would be greatly appreciated!!



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