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Rivals to meet

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STRONG: Cohuna Kangas' Angus Grigg marked ahead of two Tyntynder defenders during Saturday's Central Murray Football Netball League qualifying final victory.

THE Cohuna Kangas will take on Kerang at Cohuna on Saturday for a spot in the Central Murray Football Netball League grand final after defeating Tyntynder by 66 points in last Saturday's qualifying final.

In a complete reversal of the previous meeting it was the Kangas that set the early tempo, applied scoreboard pressure and forced their opponents into error.

Kicking with the aid of a four-goal wind in the opening term they made good use of the assistance and virtually put the issue beyond doubt.

The game was just five minutes old when Brett Collins sent through his second goal. He cleverly intercepted a shocking kick-in effort by Tyntynder for his first, then pounced on a loose ball after the Bulldogs again failed to clear the danger zone. The signs were good for Cohuna and early alarm bells were ringing for Tyntynder.

Finally Brad Carroll raised two flags, but not before the Bulldogs had passed up gettable opportunities.

Cohuna were hard at the ball and running it well once they won possession. They were well served by youngsters Mitchell and Martyn in the opening stanza, and with experienced campaigners Collins, Treacy and Tyson Bock winning plenty of the ball the Kangas imposed early dominance.

Cohuna closed out the opening term with the final three goals. After Christian Bock and Grigg pushed the buffer to 17 points, Eldridge capped off a positive rebound initiated deep in defence and sent Cohuna to the first change with a four goal advantage.

When it came their chance to use the breeze the Bulldogs made heavy weather of it. Errant disposal and lack of composure as they went forward made the job of mopping up in defence an easy task for Scambler, Treacy and Brendan Jay. An arm wrestle developed as respective defensive units were up to the task.

Brad Carroll nailed his second but the term was already 15 minutes old and the margin was still three straight kicks.

In the closing minutes of the quarter the Kangas made the move that effectively killed the contest.

Again it was Collins, and again he posted back to back goals. The first was from clever work at ground level after Martyn and Jade Keam affected a clever switch of play, and the second came from a mark that rewarded run through the corridor; again from a switch in play.

Thirty-two points was always going to prove difficult, and that is the way the second half panned out.

Tyntynder tried to rally in the third term, and with Brock Storer, Bunyan and Gilbert providing the spark they came hard at the Kangas.

It was to no avail. The firepower for the Kangas proved critical to outcome as they piled on the first five goals. The Bulldogs scored two late consolation six pointers in time on, as for the only time in the contest they were able to notch up consecutive goals. Scoreboard pressure was simply not allowed to be established.

Led by Treacy, the Bock brothers, young guns Martyn and Mitchell, and the dangerous Collins, Cohuna had all the answers and was able to double its' half-time lead and win emphatically. They finished full of run and by the final siren they had amassed almost double the amount of scoring shots, had won every term and kept the Bulldogs to their lowest total for the season.