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Seniors Rd 1 Redcliffe vs Kedron



By [Steve Brown](#), 5 April 2010

The 4 points went begging but a promising start to the season...

Round 1 arrived and it was tremendous to see so many of the senior players arrive very early as the excitement for the return of the footy season began to take over. The Tigers, hosting a strong Kedron outfit, were looking to gel together as a unit and implement some specific strategies that the coaching staff hope will become second nature, and were ready to earn the four premiership points.

As most people at the ground had expected, the first half was a classic Redcliffe-Kedron struggle, goal for goal, play for play and just a handful of points separating the two sides. The new-look Tiger backline led by the ever-consistent Tim Backhouse did all that was asked whilst explosive ball-winners in Ben Foley and James Niven turned their intensity levels to 10, making the rest of the game look slow in comparison. In a best afield performance U18 player Ben Strang was virtually unstoppable, racking up plenty of possessions and providing great drive forward in a display of poise fitting a very comfortable senior footballer.

At the major break Coach Kouvaras again instilled the vital parts of the game plan to his team and urged that with a half to go, we were yet to put our foot down. In the third term however it was the visitors that accelerated whilst the local boys added to their own pressure, producing several costly clangers, and against good opponents such as Kedron, the sniff was enough to get them moving, turning half chances into goals. The focus from here was to control the tempo of the game and slow the oppositions scoring chances, this would take a very determined effort relying on some newly gained fitness...ahh pre-season.. The Tigers can tick those boxes as the home-side made contest after contest with big-men Somers and Goodenough and U18 players Palmer and Gould demonstrating the work-rate it takes to play 4 quarters of football.

All in all the four points went begging in round 1 but the fact we played such positive football for the most part of the match will give Sippa and Taz a very good platform in which to assess and build from with several key players returning to the side over the next 2 weeks. A special mention to Tyson Brown who put his head over the ball when others may not have, and ended up with a precautionary visit to the hospital only to return with his usual "thats footy" attitude. Looking forward to the trip to Beenleigh this week for another big contest, one I think we're ready to hit running!

A quick call for volunteers. While we have some quality people doing so much for both sides on game-day, we really need some more help. Any injured players would be doing a much appreciated service by helping out with the water-carrying, boundary umpiring or running messages for the coaches. Also if you can ask around to friends and family, goal-umpiring or

scoreboard attending are two other jobs that enable footballers from all sides to get on with what they enjoy most.....playing football.

Shane Ward

Final Score

Redcliffe 12.3..75 defeated by Kedron 19.11..125

Goal Kickers

Jason Apps, James Niven 3, Ricky Loughnan 2, Damien Lee, Rick Williams, Joey Gould & Jason Burgoyne 1

Best Players

Ben Strang, Brett Somers, James Niven, Tim Backhouse, Jason Goodenough & Ben Foley

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