



Scott Kelly strikes his opponent. PHOTO: JEFFREY ANGUS

Sharks draw once again

Nambour Crushers command tough game

CALOUNDRA SHARKS

match report with *The Sharkman*



Nambour Crushers did what many other teams couldn't manage this year and that was to hold the Sharks to a draw.

Both sides came off the field at full time, stuck together at 6-6, with players on both sides carrying injuries.

With only five minutes on the clock, Caloundra's Brad Ibbs was forced to leave the field with an eye injury which was a huge blow to the Sharks, trying to rebuild their side after a few weeks of injuries was taking its toll.

Caloundra were awarded a penalty in the 25th minute close to the Crushers line but chose to attack.

A poor pass and pickup soon put pay to Caloundra's attack and Nambour were let off the hook.

Adam Shuttlewood once again was our saviour when he broke the Crushers line in the 30th minute and with Smyth's conversion, the Sharks led by 6-0.

Shortly after, Nambour were pinned in their own goal and had to defend for two sets of six tackles but managed to hold out the Sharks.

With a minute remaining in the first half, Nambour squandered the chance to draw level and both sides

left the field fairly bruised and battered.

The Sharks had not quite got going again after the break and Nambour took full advantage with a try in the 43rd minute.

With the conversion, the scores were level at 6-6.

The next 35 minutes saw both sides try to get on top but through solid defence and some fairly average ball handling, neither could gain the upper hand.

With 10 minutes to go, Nambour's No 6 caught the Sharks napping and popped a shot at field goal.

The ball faded away to the right and the Sharks crowd gave a sigh of relief. Caloundra slowly worked their way back up to the Crushers line and with three minutes on the clock, Chris McGill had his chance to snatch victory with a field goal, but like Nambour's attempt, the ball faded to the right.

The siren sounded shortly after and Nambour had held the Sharks to a tough 6-6 draw.

In other games on Sunday, the C grade went down to Bribie Island by 26-10 and the under 18's had a great win over seconde-placed Nambour by 50-10.

With that win under their belt, I'm sure other sides higher on the ladder will now be looking over their shoulders.

Reserve grade also had a huge win over Nambour, defeating them by 44-22. Next week we travel to the Snake Pit to take on Caboolture.

Docs' eyes on the pink ball



Club captain Stuart Spalding with doctors Peter Watt, James Orford and George Bogiatzis.

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Sunshine Coast doctors swapped their blue scrubs for whites on Sunday to help raise money for breast cancer support.

Twelve members of the Cindy Mackenzie Breast Cancer Foundation took on representatives from the NAB health division.

"These health professionals take things seriously," captain of the CMBF XI Stuart Spalding said.

Cindy Mackenzie passed away on April 20, 2006 at age 39, after an eight-month battle with breast cancer.

During that time, she and her husband, John, met numerous young women on the Coast suffering not only from cancer but financial hardship as well.

Before she died, Cindy expressed a

desire for John to give back to the community. Mr Spalding said the Foundation had assisted 45 Sunshine Coast families with everything from household bills to breast prostheses.

"Because we are breast cancer charity, the cricket game is something good for men to be involved in," he said.

"We didn't start off with great expectations but we have now held around 70 games over two-and-a-half-years and have raised more than \$50,000 from them."

The match, held at the Caloundra Cricket Club on Sunday, raised more than \$2000 for the Foundation through game fees, sponsorship and donations. CMBF XI won 201 - 185.

Best amateur fight for years

Craig Hill from Craig Hill Boxing Promotions was under a little pressure by having to re-match most of the fights for the Caloundra City Boxing Tournament, at the Arthur Street Stadium after the withdrawal of the Western Australian team.

"But with a lot of hard work re-matching at such short notice, the night eventually provided one of the most exciting boxing tournaments seen on the Sunshine Coast for many years," Hill said.

Caloundra City's Nick McNeil-Jones and Ethan Winterburn were unlucky, with split points decisions going against them, while Louis Peoples, Tyson Emmerson, and Liam Rosen, who was having

his first amateur fight, all had comfortable wins.

Billy Buttriss-Ching fought Brody O'Malley from the Pioneer Valley Boxing Club for the vacant Australian Global Boxing Junior Lightweight Title (60kg).

Billy "The Kid" added to his hoard of Queensland and Australian titles with a systematic jabbing encounter over four two-minute rounds.

In the exciting ladies bout, Amie "The Cracker" Mazaracca was up against the seasoned Jessica Kacheal from Logan City Boxing, in what proved to be a crowd-pleasing hard-fought contest that ended in a draw.

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