



### **SNESA Grand Final Bound - Get on board!**

SNESA will take on Jandakot in the league Grand Final of the C3 competition at Wyong Reserve in Bentley, this Saturday the 14th of September at 2.30pm, after a come from behind win against Secret Harbour in the Preliminary final.

The saints were on the ropes early with the Dockers kicking the first four goals of the game. Ben Hall put the visitors on the board but Secret Harbour kicked another two to go five goals up. Late goals to Colace and Greg Hall gave the visitors hope. However, a goal on the siren to a Dockers marquee player, who was dominant early, gave the hosts a three goal lead at the first change.

The saints needed to change things up in the second with the breeze and they did, resulting in an early goal to Farina. Caius Kelly said midfielders can kick goals too when he goaled from 45 out and when Farina kicked his second, the saints were on the march. Secret Harbour managed only five behinds for the quarter thanks to a mammoth effort from a backline that applied immense pressure.

It was goal for goal in the third, with the Dockers leading the way. Skipper Mark Colace decided drop punts were overrated and opted the googly instead to kick his second. The Dockers fired back quickly but of a bit of Jacob Jones brilliance surged the saints forward giving Colace his third. The margin was 16 points at the final change.

The three quarter address was collected but motivating as Coach Mark Lupica marshalled the troops for one final assault. SNESA's ancillary forces nicknamed "The shed" had made its way over to the saints' goal kicking end. SNESA's 100 family and friends were all voice and faith. The scene was set.

Michael Guest was huge in the ruck giving the saints a competitive edge. Andrew Farina found Ben Hall inside 50 who kicked truly and brought the margin back to 10 points.

After an outstanding effort shutting down Secret Harbour's number one clearance player, Marcello Campo decided it was time to fly. The opportunistic live-wire delivered a goal that will be talked about for years to come to put the saints within four points and more importantly brought the crowd to their feet. They could feel the change coming.

Another inside 50 from the saints saw an opportunity come to the feet of Dylan Mitsopoulos. He was told he had time, he used the time and snapped truly to put the saints in front for the first time in the game, halfway through the last quarter.

The continued to shower their forward line and when Kelly kicked two in a row, the Grand Final was within reach. With the saints up by 14 points, Campo then suffered a huge knock resulting in him resulting in him being taken from the field. As he sat on the bench the physio asked him who he was playing, he responded with "Secret Harbour." He was then asked if he knew what day it was, to which he replied, "yeh... it's Snes day baby."

Secret Harbour tried to claw back the lead kicking a late goal, but the saints fans were counting down the seconds to a glorious victory in a truly competitive encounter.

The saints now take on Jandakot in the C3 grand final which will be played Wyong Reserve this Saturday at 2.30pm.

Fans are encouraged to meet at the club's new sponsor, the Bentley Hotel from 11am with more info to come.

### ***Match Summary***

Q1

SNESA 3.0.18

Secret Harbour 7.2.44

Q2

SNESA 6.2.38

Secret Harbour 7.7.49

Q3

SNESA 9.3.57

Secret Harbour 11.7.73

Q4

SNESA 14.5.89

Secret Harbour 12.9.81

Goals: B Hall Kelly Colace 3 Farina 2 Mitsopolous Campo G Hall

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**See you all this week!**

### **Join the Saints' March**

SNESA supporters will be meeting at 11am at, the club's new sponsor The Bentley Hotel on Saturday, before beginning the journey on foot to our old stomping ground at Wyong to cheer the boys on!

Wear your blue and gold and wear it proud!

Be a part of creating this history. See you at the Bentley Hotel, 11am Saturday or at the Grand Final at Wyong Reserve for 2.30 bounce down!