

Point Post

Round 10, 2016

Editorial

Next Tuesday night's training, on 28 June 2016, will encompass 3 main additions to the usual experience:

- 1) The Sydney Swans will be visiting the Nth Ryde Dockers
- 2) Children from the Kent Road after school centre and the Meadowbank after school centre will be attending to see both the Swans players plus to see how our footy club trains
- 3) This will be our first official "PIE NIGHT" for the year

So please come down and support your local club, help out some potential budding new Dockers players, chat to a Sydney Swans player and grab yourself a piping hot pie...as there's nothing worse than a cold pie!

– Julian Turner

Rep carnival

The U13's North West Representative Day was held at Blacktown International Sports Centre over the June long weekend.



This was coached & managed by Brad and Debbie Charters (part of the Dockers family) with selections & training sessions held at ELS over the past month. The North Ryde Dockers Football Club would like pay huge thanks to Brad and Debbie for the great work they put into representing our club and making it a real success.

Congratulations also goes to all players selected, including the several U13s Dockers players who made the this team and played so well on the day. Below is a summary of how they went.

– Kyle Mahoney

The annual U13's North West Representative Day was played on the long weekend. The competition had teams representing five Sydney areas. Our team included our own Yianna F, Alexander H, Adam J and Matthew R. Although the 24 boys selected for the team had minimal training prior to the day due to poor weather, they bonded well as a group, played hard and showed their well-honed skills and speed.

The atmosphere was one full of excitement and determination between the teams. As we started with a bye, our team warmed up while the other teams played their

first game. There were a few nerves and the boys were keen to begin. Our first game was against Souths, where we controlled the ball for the duration of the game with strong marking and accurate handballing. We kicked a lot of behinds in this game but still won convincingly.

Our 2nd game against North was more of a challenge, where our defenders performed well and outperformed their opponents with pure grit and effort. The 3rd game against City was the most physical of the 4 games, and due to the boys playing 3 games back to back, they had to dig deep to combat their fatigue. Although we went down in this game by one goal, this is the game where I felt the boys showed their true skills and desire to win.

Their bond by backing each other in the contest was a credit to them, and the trust in their team-mates showed. The last game was against Western Sydney where high rotation was required due to fatigue. The boys stayed strong and achieved a good win.

I'd like to acknowledge and praise our Dockers boys, 3 of whom are non-academy players, who due to their commitment and skill held their own in a very talented team. At the end of the day as the kids

were leaving, it was nice to see the smiles on their faces, and the friendships that had been made.

– Debbie Charters

U9 Purple

In rainy conditions the game started with the Purples having a full squad of 16. Great to see the players enthusiasm is being maintained at the half way point of the season with 100% turnout. One player was lent to the opposition each quarter to balance up the numbers, thanks to Aiden, Ryan, Jeremy and Callum who played for the opposition.



We had three rotations per quarter for the Purples, thanks again to all players that sat a quarter out without complaint, this makes our jobs so much easier. Lastly a call out to all parents of Purples players. I am away until the game of July 24th, whilst Sharon is unavailable this

week due to travelling interstate. This means Kyle will be Running/Managing, Coaching and doing the Match Report alone next week. Sharon will be back for the game on 4th July. We desperately need engagement by some parents to assist over the next month, it is impossible for Kyle to do it all alone at training, and it is even harder on game day. Please assist where you can.

– Andrew Darnell

U9 White

Luck was with us as we headed to the Hills again early on Sunday morning to take on Westbrook Blue ... the forecast heavy rain had held off overnight, and fingers and toes were crossed that we would get through the game.

The squad was full, with only Coby away, superbly substituted by Miller, Harrison's younger brother. With Westbrook a few players light, the Dockers coaching staff kindly offered to loan them 3 of our players for the duration of the match, and for the opening period, Tommy, Archie and Harvey donned the yellow bibs and slotted into the opposition team.

Harrison started the game with a clean tap out, but our centres were

thwarted by a vigorous and talented Westbrook team. The ball quickly landed in our defensive pocket, and yellow-bibbed Archie marked and coolly opened the scoring with a goal for Westbrook! Westbrook dominated early play, both in possession and field position, and many Dockers players were called on to defend. Oliver and Miller did some lovely defensive work in centre field, with Alex also taking a couple of strong defensive marks.

Continued pressure from Westbrook saw them punch through another major. This seemed to spark our boys (and girl!) into action, with Will kicking long to Harrison, and a strong pick up and handball by Tommy to Aarish, who in turn kicked forward for Lincoln to finish the play with a twisting and turning run before goaling!

Friyana, Jackson and Nathan swapped into the yellow bibs for the second quarter. Aarish switched into full defensive mode and completed several clearances, strongly supported by Tommy, Archie and Harrison midfield. Xavier suddenly started to appear all around the rucks, and Alex and Miller did some great work, including a neat mark to the latter. Kaelan and Harvey were also busy

as we defended desperately into the end of the period, and the boys did well to restrict Westbrook to a rushed behind.

It was Oliver, Miller and Reid's turn to help out Westbrook for the third. The Dockers really hit their straps as the second half started with a deep clearance by Will leading to a goal by Xavier. Kaelan, Will and Xavier were furious up front, and Lincoln quickly added a second major.

The pace of the game picked up and suddenly both teams found spaces - Tommy, Aarish, Lincoln, Will and Friyana were busy, but so were the Westbrook players and they drove forward with good passes and responded with a goal of their own. Harrison made a beautiful long and penetrating run forward, and was desperately unlucky to just lose balance and push a shot wide. His disappointment was obvious and was a great example to his teammates of the passion he brings to his game each and every week.

For the final quarter, we sent our guns Alex, Harrison and Kaelan over to the other team. Once again, Will showed his value with a quick and long clearance from centre, and Tommy cleaned up and scored a lovely goal from a wide angle. We

saw some nice work from Will, Lincoln, Friyana and Oliver, and Aarish and Xavier both kept up their amazing workrate around the rucks. Westbrook drove the ball forward, and Lincoln managed to get a fingernail on the ball as it sailed over his head, leaving the goal umpire no choice but to rule a touched behind.

With rain just starting to fall as we came from the field, it was a strong team performance, and a much closer game than the boys and Friyana have seen for a while. Everyone responded well to solid pressure from a strong Westbrook side.

Best on Ground: Archie

Thanks: to everyone who helped out Westbrook

– Andrew Loadsman



Dockers U12s vs. St Ives

U13

This week the U13's played the Forest Lions and once again we had the rain clouds chasing us but we managed to squeeze in most of the game before the heavens opened.

With a full complement on board thanks to our U12 helpers added in, we dominated play with a great all-round team performance knocking up a convincing victory 10.14=74 to 0.4=4.

Once we maintained control of the of the slippery ball in the 1st quarter, the Dockers ran away with the game. Gabe scoring an awesome goal from the side pocket, definitely one for highlight reel (if we had one!). Others to lock in points were Fynn, Matt, Blake and Yianni. The backline was imposing, with all the boys keeping the points to the bare minimum. Flynn, Sam and Will were standouts, very rarely letting that ball through the oppositions sticks.

There wasn't one player that didn't touch the ball and contribute to the game, with the boys putting themselves on the line even with the big gap on the score board. Lucas made sure he left his mark on the game and the ground with a big bump on the head to prove it. Keeping the ball up off the ground

with clear clean disposals and direction still needs to be a focus in future games.



Looking ahead, the momentum needs to continue with strong performances like this week will ensure we finish high on the table come finals times. A great all-round effort boys keep up the awesome work.

– Bron Papandrea

U17

Round 10 and our ninth game for the season and the third time we've played St Ives at ELS.

With the impending threat of the second East Coast low in a fortnight the game was played in fine weather or a fine mist for most of the fixture.

Given how wet it got for a while towards the end, the phrase "one that got away" has a certain aquatic consistency. It was probably not the best day to be without our two biggest bodied midfielders in JamesB and TomM but you work with what you do have.

The vibe from the group pregame was badly out of tune, with bravado was running ahead of the skills. As usual we started slowly and this time it took a quarter and a half before we looked like we were ready to play. Too often we pushed too far forward jamming up the forward line and then were tardy getting back in defence. By this time St Ives had acquired a near match winning lead. We jagged a couple of long goals late in the piece and went into the long break three straight kicks down.

The team responded in the third quarter and got back to within a kick and then got the score tied up early in the last quarter. But St Ives found a way to force the ball forward and made the last two scoring shots and won by seven points, with final score Canada Bay Dockers 5.10=40 defeated by St Ives 7.5=47.

It wasn't a day for marking forwards and the back-men ruled the day. As can be judged from the score-line,

we blazed away at goal from distances and angles not suited to the conditions. In particular allowances wasn't made for how far tiring legs could kick a heavy ball. It wasn't a day to be second to the ball and while the midfield was good but we couldn't put together a strategy to reliably get shots on goal from close range.

You know those Swamp Man, Gator Wrestling, Turtle Catching TV shows? Watch out, RoryB took to the conditions as if he was auditioning for a role. In addition bombed an outrageous long distance goal from the boundary in the second quarter. Best game he's played.

My nominee for Played Strong Done Good, TylerF was the dynamo which kept us in the game for the first half and plenty of drive when we made our move in the third quarter.

As usual HarrisonG rucked all day and was the best big man on the ground. We need better strategies around the stoppages to take better advantage.

In conditions that required head down and no nonsense LaytonH stood out as a very capable defender.

EhsenS played an exceptional game, even by his lofty standards. The additional work and experience he, but even more than the improved defensive skills was the number of time he won the ball and turned defense into attack.

OscarS provided a consistent goal scoring avenue all game and in my view was our best forward on the day.

Quickly developing his handball skills, he's already a thoroughly competent kick, JeremyW played a handy game.

– Graeme Durrant

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