

# Point Post

Round 14, 2016

## Editorial

Let's get straight into the match reports!

## U9 Purple

Brodie set the scene for the match on Sunday against Pennant Hills, taking a mark in our forward line, and finishing off with the first goal of the game. Hugo, in the midfield, made a strong tackle, hand balling to Callum, who kicked the ball into the forward line, where Charlie E finished off with a behind. The forward line of Charlie E, Jack, Jeremy and Brodie were kept busy, with Brodie scoring another goal in the first quarter. Sean moved the ball forward after the centre bounce, kicking the ball off the ground,

The second quarter had our defensive line, of Aiden, Jeremy, Brodie and Ryan getting a lot of play, and making strong tackles to hold up the ball and prevent opposition goals. Scarlett had a great quarter in the forward line, holding the ball up to prevent the opposition team clearing the ball. Jeremy held onto the ball in a strong mark in the backline to prevent a shot on goal, and kept on playing after sustaining an injury, to

again be instrumental with his running. A great quarter from midfield players Ali, Liam K Charlie C and Hugo. The quarter was finished with Ryan taking a mark, moving the ball to Scarlett, who kicked a great goal!

The third quarter saw Charlie E score a goal, and Ali make a handball off the ground under pressure. John made a strong tackle at the end of the third quarter to hold up play. The third quarter had some great team plays amongst the forward line players of Charlie C, Liam K, John and Ali.

The final quarter started strongly, with Liam R cleaning the ball out of the centre, and passing to Callum, who had a shot at goal. Ali was awarded a free kick in the centre, and quickly moved the ball to the forward line, which resulted in a goal to the Purples. Harry was solid in defence, with a big kick into the midfield, which was marked by Hugo. Ryan fought hard for the ball, and his hard work was rewarded with a goal. Sean and Jack help up the ball in the centre, preventing the ball moving into the opposition teams forward.

– Sharon Irish

## U9 White

The Dockers hosted the Demons at home, and our boys and girl knew it would be a tough match, particularly with some of our taller timber away this week. The team sends a "Get Well" to Will, Archie and Nathan!

Tommy opened possession for the Dockers with a nice defensive mark, but continued pressure from the Demons saw them score an early behind. Aarish started in his usual fashion, running hard and tackling, and Alex was about the busiest player on the field, putting himself in perfect position to take 4 defensive marks during the quarter.

Harrison made some beautiful tackles, and we needed them badly as the Demons were playing well, and our boys and girl seemed a little shell-shocked. Harrison, Lincoln, Coby and Kaelan defended well, with some nice marks, taps, clearances and ruck work. Tommy showed that training drills pay off, with a clever handball, and Coby really started to get into the game with a smother. The Demons kept pushing though, and scored the opening major midway through the term. Aarish and Tommy earned frees, and Lincoln and Alex made

long clearances.

The second quarter saw more pressure from the Demons, and Harrison and Aarish lifted to another level in defence. Really good teamwork and continuity from the Demons was converted into goals, and Miller, Tommy and Coby also stepped up to help try to stem the flow. Good work from Tommy and Coby pushed the ball forward and Lincoln made an incisive run before booting home a goal. The Demons responded again, and Harrison, Oliver, Aarish and Alex worked hard to keep them out leading into the main break.

Inspired half-time coaching led to a Dockers fightback in quarter three. Aarish was tackling at both ends of the field, and Harrison scored a quick behind which unluckily skewed right. Coby was also all over the park, and Tommy was forced to rush through a Demons behind. Coby, Oliver, Reid, Harvey and Friyana were busy, and we were in for a tussle in the final term.

In the final period, Oliver made some nice tackles, and fought hard for the ball. Tommy tried a nice over-the-head bicycle kick, and followed up with a defensive free kick. Aarish was once again

everywhere in defence, and often found himself fighting three or four Demons at a time. Then we saw some beautiful Dockers team play – Aarish earned another free, cleared to Lincoln, who ran and weaved and sent the ball long to Xavier, a quick and clean disposal to Friyana who ran into the goal and kicked her first ever goal for the Dockers.

Lincoln, Harrison and Coby were everywhere, supporting Aarish who continued to rove from one end of the field to the other. Coby took one of our marks of the year, with a high Demons bomb landing in a bunch of Demons, and Coby came out on top!

Kaelan tried really hard in several contests, making it difficult for the Demons to get quick or clean ball. Then we had one of the highlights of the year, with a strong run around the boundary by Aarish, and a long, low shot from a wide angle making another candidate for goal of the year. We finished the game with Jackson and Oliver desperately defending.

**Best on Ground** (shared this week):  
Coby and Friyana

**Debut Goal:** Friyana

**Best Multi-tasking:** Coach Naushad, working the field in the first

quarter, juggling a bacon and egg roll.

– Andrew Loadsman

### U13

This week the U13s headed to Drummoyne oval to face the Canada Bay Cannons and what an outing it was. An overall fantastic effort with plenty of points on offer, hitting the three figures early in the 4th quarter.

Sam had a cracker of game scoring goals. Points were also cemented with a bag full by Matt and Fynn, with Jayden and Blake also scoring. Plenty of others chipped in with the extras. Up the other end, Will was on point and of course Nathan and Adam were strong in defence and the midfield led by Alexander made sure that the ball wasn't out of our half much with a great team effort with everybody putting in the effort.

As we move to towards the semi finals, we need to bring our match fitness up to a higher standard. The last 10 minutes of this week's game saw the Cannons get back a few cheeky goals because we were tired and took our foot off the gas. This will be a major factor and a game changer in the do or die games ahead. As a team, we need

to be committed together to be strong and fit as a collective.

This week's Game was a great one to watch, better marks and kicks with light-footed weaving and side-stepping from the boys.

Final score: Dockers 17.9=111, Cannons 7.6=48

– Bron Papandrea

## U17

Canada Bay Dockers 3-7 (25) defeated by Forest Lions 21-11 (137).

It's certainly a long way to the top ... measured with precision in going down by mercy rule at three-quarter time.

Some sound individual efforts were on display today but a dearth of team cohesion cost any hope of being competitive. Not only that, despite us having 20 to their 16, they ran us off our feet and it all ended without much energy, except on the scoreboard which ticked over at rare speed.

Tyler had a blockbusting game, particularly in the first half. Angus crashed the packs a couple of times to good effect which is what we have been hoping to see from him

all season. Luke was competitive wherever he was positioned. James & Harrison battled hard despite being heavily tagged, Big H won the tap ruck all day. Sam was swung around the field trying to generate some possession and momentum. "Diesel" R. won the "Played strong done good award" with his usual display of relentless hard running effort.

Thanks to Matt who performed the runners duties, Khalid and George for waving the flags at the risk of RSI, and our U12s who provided us with two enthusiastic boundary umpires.

– Graeme Durrant

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