

Point Post

Round 2, 2013

What a beautiful Autumn day it was today, everyone was in holiday mode. This was a recruiting day if ever there was one. Yes, we need to continue to increase our numbers. Well done to those who are finding success in this area and have courage those who persevere. Please find below a graph of our players showing existing in purple and targeted players—if you learn of a friend or neighbour who has Sundays free, then chat to them during the term break and ask them to come to ELS for Round 3 on Sunday 28th April.

Team	Current Numbers	Minimum number	Match number	Maximum on Field	Interchange
U9P	9	 9	 12	 15	 unlimited
U9W	12	 9	 12	 15	 unlimited
U10	0	 9	 12	 15	 unlimited
U11P	13	 12	Same as Minimum number	 15	 6
U11W	15	 12	Same as Minimum number	 15	 6
U12	17	 12	Same as Minimum number	 15	 6
U13	20	 15	 16	 18	 8
U14	0	 15	 16	 18	 8
U16	22	 15	 16	 18	 8

 purple player is existing  green indicates open position  green player with purple outline is targeted recruit

Saturday School Competition in Term 2

It is a great step forward for private schools to have their students playing AFL for Saturday Sport. Our ground, ELS Hall Park, has been chosen as one of three competition venues for Years 5,6,7 & 8 students from St Pats Strathfield, Knox, Waverly, Cranbrook, St Ignatius Riverview and Trinity. Accordingly we request for volunteers to help me run the canteen on 8 May, 1 June, 20 & 27 July, 3 August. Please let me know if you can assist.

Have a safe and happy term holiday.

Thomas Jubb, President North Ryde Dockers, 0429794743

Canteen

Coffee has become one of those nice luxuries that families purchase at the canteen. With this in mind, our remaining 14 rounds of the season and 5 school days we are investigating the possibility of a commercial coffee machine—if you have any information or contact details, please pass to our treasurer, Julian Turner at julian.turner@macquarie.com or 0418 144402.

Team Reports

Auskick

Another fun morning with 18 Auskickers taking the field. Skills practised included handballing, chest marks, overhead marks, and some kicking. Thanks to all the parents who without prompting jumped in to help out. Such support is always appreciated and no doubt helps the development of the Auskickers. With plenty of Auskickers keen to have a kick over the school holidays we will run a session next Sunday at 9am. For those Auskickers without a jumper Mitch has found them so we can get all Auskickers in them next Sunday.



U9 White

Today's game proved that a week is a long time in Footy, The Whites proved today that they learnt a lot from their first outing and on today's performance from both teams the future of North Ryde Dockers looks bright. Here was two evenly matched teams, mate against mate, trading goals and points from the initial bounce through to the final whistle. Both teams kept the goal umpires busy with some well taken goals and some very closely missed points. A draw was a very fair result to an exciting game which had it all, there was very strong marks taken on both sides, to the fore for the Whites were both Cameron and Thomas who led by example with strong safe hands and smart distribution. Tenacious tackling by the Whites showed that they had come to terms with the Release calls from the umpires, with Harrison, Connor, Jack & James all

getting telling tackles both in defense and attack. Alex, Ashton, Daniel and Jacob all got a taste of the action for both sides each playing a quarter for the Purples with equal determination and commitment in both Dockers jerseys. It was uplifting to hear the Club song sung with such gusto when both teams came together at end of the game and stood shoulder to shoulder and sang to their hearts' content, Mate with Mate



U11 Purple

This morning was a much better start than last week. The midfield did a good job of keeping the ball in full forward most of the first quarter, providing opportunities for a flourish of goals from multiple goal kickers. The team showed great marking and playing-on ability with a wet ball. The opposition came back in the 2nd quarter and kicked a couple of goals. The Dockers stepped up to stop their run. Improvement is needed in the accuracy of kicking to targets but overall the Dockers had a good match. We saw a particularly strong effort by Harry, Blake and Matt in midfield, Nick in midfield and forward and Robbie was solid as usual down back. Congratulations to our 2 new players, Lachlan Wilson and Sebastien Butler, both of whom kicked their first goals for the team.

U11 White

It was another tough game on another hot day for the U11 Whites. With a few players away on holidays it was great to have Nick, Harry, Finn and Matt from the U11 Purples back up from their earlier game to play for us as well. Congratulations to Connor for playing his first full AFL game. We played a hard running Hornsby side and put in a really good

effort. They may have had the advantage in size but we sure play with a lot of spirit. We had several goals and behinds kicked by different players, well done to all who kicked and assisted. Our defense is getting better each week and there was a lot of good hustling. We'll be training hard as there is pride on the line in a fortnight's time when we take on Kyle's U11 Purples, so, if you are around, training is on this week at 5pm (weather permitting of course). Thanks also to the parents who worked on the BBQ and canteen this morning and with other duties and support.



U12



Our match against Westbrook was in direct contrast to last week's game. The 1st quarter saw the team play "Champagne Footy" and kick 6 goals in an impressive display. Unfortunately after that our teamwork and discipline evaporated and while we won comfortably, a number of areas that need improvement were highlighted (including the Coach's performance). Bomber rebounded from a quiet game last week to kick 3 goals from midfield, while Super snagged" another 3. In only his 2nd game Justin got plenty of the ball and used it well, while Ryan and Dougal also caused problems for the opposition defense. After a BOG performance by Sticks at CHF (1 goal) & CHB, the win was soured

when he broke his forearm (again) late in the final quarter. While the team posted our first competitive win, we have lost one of our most important players.

NRD 10 - 6 66 def WB 6 - 8 44

Goals: Bomber (3), Super (3), Dash (1), Sticks (1), Justin (1), Ryan (1)

U13

Because of a bye, the players took the opportunity to challenge the Dads. Fun was had by all involved.



U16

U 16 3's suffered a loss 164 to 46 finishing round two with 1 win and 1 loss. The Dockers tried hard but failed to match Pennant Hills height and speed advantage across the park. There was a lot of heart shown by the boys in their one on one contests but head and shoulder height advantage was too much. Dockers also lost two players to injury leaving no-one on the bench in the second half on a very hot afternoon.

