

Point Post

Round 8, 2013

President's Report

Thank you to all the teams that pulled together to play when grounds were considered available. The deteriorating conditions made the task harder than originally assessed so it was great to see players and families pull together in the adverse weather.

With this team spirit in mind it is worth reinforcing the courage to stand alongside each other and help one another at our football club. In both games and training, on field and off, it is imperative to humbly recognise the importance of inclusiveness, and that to have friends we must first be a friend.

Thank you to the parents of our two U9 teams who made sure we had canteen and BBQ operating last Saturday. This provides great assistance the running of the club. Please see below the rostered schedule for remaining teams – get in quick to your team manager to put your name against an hour time slot of your preference.

– Thomas Jubb (0429 794 743)

Trivia Question

Last weekend Brent Harvey played the 350th game of his AFL career, for North Melbourne: do you know who holds the record for the most VFL/AFL games played? Answer later in this issue!

	setup	game time					
	7:30 till 8:30	8:30 till 9:30	9:30 till 10:30	10:30 till 11:30	11:30 till 12:30	12:30 till 1:30	1:30 till 2:30
Sat 20 July	U11 - 1 person from each team to cover 2 people per hour						
Sat 27 July	U12 - 2 people per hour				U16 - 2 people per hour		
Sat 3 Aug	U13 - 2 people per hour						

Auskick

Our first true taste of wet weather football for the year greeted us on Sunday. And despite ELS upper being under water, 7 brave Auskickers took to the very wet northern end of ELS lower. The group were fantastic on the day and even without enough numbers for a game they still had plenty of fun in the mud. The group were put through their paces with ground skills, kicking and handballing mixed in with some slipping and sliding.

From the coaches perspective the BBQ afterwards was probably the highlight of the day. Congratulations to all 7 Auckickers – Lauchlan, Harvey, Ryan, William, Harrison, Miller and Jeremy – for braving the conditions.



All were awarded Auckicker of the Week awards for their efforts and the added bonus of a freddo frog... Special mention must also go to

Jeremy who managed to prove the coaches wrong when he had at least 2 successful bounces of the footy!

– Auskick Coaches

U11 Purple

For our game vs. Kellyville (Jeremy Cameron) side, the kids started out looking forward to a muddy, slightly wet game, but as they went about their pre-game warm-up, the heavens opened up big time and the rained poured down.

As they ran out onto the field a cold wind picked up speed, leaving the Dockers, and no doubt the Magpies, to question their enthusiasm levels for playing a game, but play they did and it was a something to see kids run through puddles chasing a barely visible ball.

From outset the Dockers took it straight into their forward line where Nick put through a goal in the tough conditions. Through good midfield clearances from Matt, Nick, Blake and Reece, the ball quickly made its way again into our forwards where Fynn kick the 1st of his four goals for the day, which was a super effort on day when it was hard to score. It was a day when it would've been easy to give in to the cold & wet, but our young Dockers showed what they're made of & only further developed

their toughness and commitment to one another.

Our Captain for the day, Jack, who wasn't feeling well, led by example and demonstrated this strength as he crashed through the pack to kick another goal for his team. Later in the 2nd quarter, we saw other acts of courage when Blake who had a cold, but despite the conditions, would not sit out the match. Blake darted about hand-passing not only to help create goals for others, but kicked one of his own.

Most of the game was played in our forward line, but any time it did go toward the other end, Ned who played perfect wet weather football, defended strongly and quickly ran it back into our forwards. Just prior to half time the Magpies showed their fighting spirit by putting through a hard earned goal of their own.

At this point Coaches from both teams decided that the kids had done themselves proud, had nothing more to prove, and therefore decided to ask the players if they'd had enough. We didn't have to ask twice, and it was nice moment when both teams huddled together, shivering, but having a laugh about a game they'll remember for a long time.

A big thanks again to Julian and U/11 Whites players Will, Yianni and Reece who played their own game, then backed up in terrible conditions for a 2nd game and who all played hard. Great effort boys!

– Debbie Charters

U11 White

Well, there is really only one word to describe round 8's match at home against Pennant Hills Blue – WET!

Under the conditions of driving rain for 3 quarters of the match it was difficult for either team to show off their skills with a very slippery ball and playing field. The Whites never gave up, and tackled and contested for the ball with a lot of heart.



Joe seemed to be everywhere on the field and was involved in everything, defense, attack and getting a goal. Alex and Adam also had terrific games.

Watch for sales of napisan and stain remover to go up this week as the dedicated Mums get the mud out of those white uniforms!

– Liz Thomson

U 13

So let's start with the good things about last Sunday... my garden is now well watered and my car is cleaner than it has been for months.

That is about it. With most grounds closed across Sydney, it was left to the rough and tough under 13's to brave the elements. As the game started the weather turned from just rain to rain and cyclonic winds.

We were under strength with five of our hard ball getters from the midfield out injured or sick. As a result the ball spent the majority (all) of the time in the opposition attacking half. It meant that our forward line froze. The strategy was then to move all players into the defensive half to try and keep them warm.

As for the result, when the game was called off at half time, Manly was well ahead. Best on ground was Cory, with Ehsen, Sam, Zach and Connor having a non-stop crack in the unfamiliar conditions.

We look forward to returning to the dry fields of Kellyville following the long weekend.

– Christopher Whitnall

Trivia Answer

Michael Tuck, who played 426 games for Hawthorn between 1972 and 1991.

Thanks

Thanks to managers and coaches for their reports, and to Amanda Jubb for photos. Apologies for the low resolution image of the Auskick Gala Day in the last Point Post – the technical problems causing that have been overcome this time!



NORTH WEST AUSKICK GALA DAY

We would like to invite all club, community and school Auskickers to come along and join in the North-west Auskick Gala Day. Not only will you get the chance to join in the fun of some AFL skills clinics, but you will also get to meet some Sydney Swans players!

Bring along some friends so that they can see how much fun playing AFL can be!

Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM

Date: Sunday, 16th of June

Location: ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd, North Ryde

Please register your attendance at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SwansCommunityVisits>

Everyone who registers will go in the draw to win a signed Sydney Swans jersey.

For further information, contact Chris at chris.beachley@aflnswact.com.au