

Point Post

Round 16, 2013

President's Report

Congratulations to all players and officials on another season. You all make North Ryde Dockers a very special place to be.

Hope to see you supporting our finalists, U12 and U13 teams at Picken Oval.

Remember if you know you are coming back in 2014: take advantage of paying \$50 deposit between now and Presentation Day (Sep 8) and we will apply 2013 fees for the respective age group you are entering. That way you are assured a position in the team and we know how many we may need to recruit over Summer. ☺

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– Thomas Jubb (0429 794 743)
President, North Ryde Dockers

Presentation Day

The Dockers Presentation Day will be on Sunday, September 8th from mid-morning onwards. More details in next week's issue of Point Post!

Auskick

Whilst Sunday was the last official Auskick training session for the

Picken Oval (Western Suburbs)

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Time	Competition	Division	Game	Team 1	Team 2
9:00	Syd Hbr -Red	U12 Div 2	1 st Semi	Hornsby	North Ryde
10:30	Syd Hbr -Red	U13 Div 3	2 nd Semi	North Ryde	Hornsby

The U12s and U13s are in the finals this weekend. I intend to be at both games to cheer on our players. We have loads of purple crepe paper in case needed for the cheer squad. Let me know if someone is able/willing to use it.

season, Naushad and the Coaching Staff have volunteered their time to continue right through the finals until Sunday September 1st. Of course it's not compulsory but anyone is welcome including 'Friends of Auskickers' and we still have a few footballs to give away for any Dockers bringing first timers along. Despite the season drawing to a close we're still very much on the recruitment drive for 2014 and appreciate any help parents can give in this area.



We had a great turnout of regular Auskickers on Sunday morning and after a light warm up of kicking, handballing and marking we got straight into a game. In the first stanza we had some terrific goal kicking from Ollie the Roo who put through at least 3 majors. Jeremy and Aarish we certainly working in tandem down the other end in defence, in fact at times it was almost like they we having their own session of kick to kick!



The centres were all paired evenly in the middle Hugo on Liam, Harrison on Luke and Ryan on William, which kept the ball going in both directions. The second stanza had plenty of highlights including a brave mark by Jack going back with the flight of the ball. He earned himself a shot on goal and an Auskicker of the week certificate for his efforts. Congratulations again to all the weekly award winners and hopefully we'll see a good turnout next week.

– Auskick Coaches

U9 Purple

Well the time has come, the final match report for the year!

Firstly, a BIG thank you to Emma for all of her great work in managing the Team this year as without this support things just

don't happen on game day. Well done and thanks to Emma for a sterling job.

Secondly, to Michael for his support in coaching the boys, again your help has been greatly appreciated.

Thirdly, to all the parents, a BIG thank you for your support and help throughout the year. As I say to the boys, it's a team game and I think the parents performed well as a team all year to ensure everything ran well each week.

To the boys, I wish I could be your coach for the remainder of what I suspect will be some long AFL careers for you. You have been an absolute pleasure to coach and I have seen each and every one of you improve your games significantly since the start of the season. You should all be very proud of what you have achieved this year both individually but also as a team. We've had a lot of fun and a few laughs along the way which is nice to see, particularly in the games at training when the parents join in. Thank you for being such great little players and working with me this year.

On the weekend we came up against an older, taller and faster

team in Hornsby. Although the scoreboard might have shown Hornsby as the winners on the day, I thought we won the game in many other departments. Our team work and commitment to playing as a team and ensuring all our players were involved in the game was fantastic. Our passing to each other was again a highlight always looking for a team-mate to kick to when we had the ball. We played with great spirit and fought till the final siren, at no time did we give up, and you should all be congratulated for that. And finally, no one can sign the team song as well as you guys.

A couple of highlights from the game: James with three goals in the first quarter, one of those where he wrestled the ball from two opponents, ran round three others and went on to kick a magnificent goal from about thirty metres out. Kyeton's tackling and fight for the ball was strong again this week. Henry provided heaps of drive from the back line with a power of possessions. Hugh weaved his magic around the opposition, copped a knock to the head, got back up and went on the play another great game. Ben was strong in defence with a heap of marks and long kicks back into the centres. Matthew G and Grechy

took a heap of marks in defence and blocked Hornsby's way to goal on many occasions. Josh took a number of fantastic overhead marks and kicked strongly to his team-mates in the forward line. Liam and Lachlan roved the rucks superbly all day and got many possessions around the ground. Lachlan's speed and evasive skills were a joy to watch.

Well done boys a great game to finish off the season.

Reminder:- This Sunday we have a Gala Day at Pennant Hills which will be the last chance for a game this season. If you haven't already done so, please let Emma know if you are able to play. We will issue the details of times etc once we find them out this week but you can safely assume it will be in the morning on Sunday.

– David Lugsdin

U9 White

You would be right in thinking it was summertime with the weather that greeted a sizeable Dockers travelling contingent at Charles McLaughlin Reserve yesterday morning for the Round 16 clash with Baulkham Hills Hawks Under 9 Nippers. However any thoughts of sun and lazing on the beach were

dispelled immediately after the start of the game. Baulko were here to play and without putting too negative a spin on it they taught our Dockers' Boys a footy lesson in the first quarter. It was as well no one was keeping score.



Maybe the tactic of playing the extra man around the middle was causing more confusion than good as it was one-way traffic from the outset and the first siren couldn't come early enough for either the team or the coaching staff. Several sets of eyes had to be checked to see if the owners had woken up after the long drive north-west. It was very clear that resolute defence was going to be the order of the day for the remainder of the last game of the season. Some tactical positional changes were employed and suitable words of

questioning and then encouragement dispensed and it was off out for the second quarter!

If the truth were told the Hawks scoreboard continued to tick over, albeit at a much more leisurely pace in the second quarter. This was due in no small measure to the tenacious tackling and ruck work of many of the Dockers and Zach, Cameron and Alex were stand outs.

In defence Ashton, Harrison and Daniel did their best to clear any loose ball and better man marking paid off with constant pressure now being applied whenever the Hawks attacked. With the halftime hooter came the opportunity to refresh, regroup and remind.

Minds were cast back to the countless Tuesday evenings spent training, their hard work on the basics of the game was highlighted, and the Boys – now all awake – went out with renewed vigor for the second half of the contest. Stalemate and shutdown footy was on display for the next two quarters with Tom and Jack giving their all to try and get the ball into the forwards who were barely surviving on scraps.

Jacob, Aarish and Connor didn't give up when faced with physically

stronger opponents but the opposition managed to clear their lines whenever a Dockers score seemed on the cards.

The Hawks scoring machine had lost its vigor and once again strength in the face of adversity was on display from James, Henry and Nicholas coming up to the last break. The final quarter started and finished as had much of the third... a stop-start stalemate.

At least everyone got a chance to compete in the numerous ball ups. For a game where Baulkham Hills had taken the early initiative, Dockers had clawed their way back into the contest with steely determination and never say die attitude... and that's how the regular season finished.

Thanks must go to all the parents who have supported the boys throughout the year with non-stop encouragement, and orange cutting, canteen duties, bbq stewardship, not to forget some memorable goal umpiring performances.

As has been and always is the case with the Whites, the mild disappointment was soon replaced with Dockers pride and all round smiles from the boys to a man

when the now famous rousing rendition of the club song reverberated around Baulkham Hills... Who said We didn't win?



Thanks again for a great season Dockers Under 9 Whites and roll on next year when the footy adventure can continue for one and all!

– Sean Cronin

U11 White

We had almost a full team to play our last round match against Pennant Hills Blue, only missing Alex H who was away on a cub camp. Pennant Hills are a strong side and, even though we put up some good pressure and strong tackling, we weren't able to contain them.

A highlight was Henry scoring a goal for the third week in a row. As

always, the team gave 100% effort and displayed good support of each other and the club, forming a tunnel for the U12's to run on for their game. This was the last game the U11 Whites will play together as some are playing U11 and some U10 in the gala so, for the record the team for this year was: Henry, Tim, Yianni, Rhys, Samuel G, Sam G, Alex H, Adam, Luke, Mason, Connor, Joe, Flynn, Zann, Alex S, Aiden and Will.

Thank you to our "Supercoach" Juliian, Beth, our enthusiastic runner and Jess who has goal umpired for many of our games. And a big thank you to the parents who have stood on the sidelines and cheered the boys on every week. See you at the gala day on the 25th.

– Liz Thomson

U12

Another week, another challenge – playing the top team without Bomber and Wizard. A disappointing Q1 effort earned a spray from the coach at the break, with the team rising to the challenge and playing the sort of competitive footy we know the team is capable of.

Sacrificing his own game, Diesel tagged Penno's most dangerous

player and also provided one of the season's best shepherds which allowed Bart to kick a goal. Bull played his usual tough in and under game, with Merlin providing support at the contest.

In the second half, injuries to Ranga and Jacko placed extra pressure on the defence, where Phantom won plenty of the ball. On the day, however, the Demons had too much firepower. We now look forward to our first final against Hornsby, knowing that if we play our best we can win, but only with all players doing their bit.

NRD 4.2=26 lost to PHD 11.11=77

Goals: Dash (2), Bart (1), Bull (1)

– Michael Hudson

U13

We were greeted by another sparkling day at the spiritual home of junior footy in Sydney (ELS) for the final game of the regular season. Coach Garry stressed the importance of starting well against our taller opponents from Kellyville. The team listened and then executed the coaches instructions perfectly and we played the most solidly consistent four quarters of the year. It was

great to have Ehsen back to strengthen our backline and with Oscar, Jake, Ryno and Dylan all performing we kept the opposition to two goals all game. Zac had a best of ground performance in the ruck and won nearly every tap. The engine room fired with Conor and Rory leading the way with assistance from Thomas, Matt, Oscar and Marley. Rory always brings his A game against Kellyville and some of his ferocious tackling had parents on the sideline wincing, he also kicked the first goal of the game! Ben also put some massive tackles on his opponent who looked twice his size. Sam and Cory ran all day... again.

Bryn worked hard and kicked 3 first half goals before a head knock saw him subbed. Up front the forward line found good space and combined well as a unit. Tia toiled hard with limited opportunities, David is finding his feet in this new game, Emlyn was everywhere and kicked a goal while Tom had another solid day up front slotting 6 goals and assisting with a number of others.

It was a really pleasing performance and a big congratulations to the team who have finished on top of the table. We will take plenty of

enthusiasm and confidence into the major semi next week against Hornsby!

– Christopher Whitnall

Keeping fit over summer

Get ready for the next Footy Season by having fun and keeping active and fit at Ryde Little Athletics!

It's smart for footy players to do other things in the summer to keep up their fitness and have fun at the same time. The best way to do this is to join Ryde Little Athletics from September through to the end of March. Athletics helps you work on your speed, strength, endurance and jumping, all great skills for next season on the footy field. Little Athletics is a fun activity for the whole family on Saturday mornings at Ryde Little Athletics Centre. Everyone can join.

How can I join up?

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[athletics.org.au/content.asp?ID=11](http://www.ryde-athletics.org.au/content.asp?ID=11).

Our Pre-season Registration Day is on 25th August 2013, at Dunbar Park, Sobraon Road, Marsfield.

You can also register on any Saturday morning from 7th September 2013 at Dunbar Park.

Find out more at

www.ryde-athletics.org.au.

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