

POINT POST

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH RYDE DOCKERS JUNIOR AFL CLUB

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WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you the active member, that kind that would be missed - Or are you just contented your name was on the list

Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock - Or do you just stay at home, and criticise and knock

Do you take active part, to help the work along - Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belong

Do you push the cause along, and make things really tick - Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique

Think this question over, you know right from wrong

Are you an active member, or do you just belong ??

The successful running of any club relies on the support from its members, we are no different. As such, there are some necessary game-day duties that need to be done, jobs such as canteen, BBQ and Ground Manager, as well as any team specific requirements. There is an expectation that **ALL** parents/families will, on the odd occasion, give up some of your time to help out.

Please don't leave it to the same people who graciously volunteer week after week.

Round 6 Wash-up

Under 11's 9.7 - 61 def Westbrook Red 2.5 - 17

Under 12's 11.7 - 73 def Willoughby 4.3 - 27

Under 13's 2.3 - 15 def by St Ives 4.8 - 32

Under 14's 15.11 - 101 def Pittwater 6.4 - 40

Under 16's 10.12 - 72 def Mosman 8.9 - 57

Upcoming Events:

- Sun 30 May - Round 7
- Sun 6 June - Round 8

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Umpires on show at the SCG

One of the most underappreciated roles in footy is the umpires that every week allow the kids to have a game of footy. For many years the Dockers have relied on just a couple of ex-players to handle our umpiring efforts but this year we have 6 players who have offered to give umpiring a go.

U13 – Ben Mitchell

U14 – Lachy Drake, Harry Beauchamp, Nathan Mace

U16 – Lloyd Cuffe, Tim Cordner

This means on Sunday in addition to playing for their own team they are at Purple Park hours before their game to officiate at one of the junior matches. Not always that enjoyable when the weather was like it was on Sunday.

For the first time we were able to get the Umpires coordinator to run training sessions at our home ground and this means the boys also train for an extra hour each week on a Wednesday night before their team training. As a group the boys are doing extremely well and with a bit of hard work there should be some orange shirts umpires emerge from this group before too long.

On Saturday 3 of the boys were given the opportunity to umpire the AUSA KICK games at half time of the Swans vs Fremantle match at the SCG. A great opportunity to be on centre stage and enjoy the atmosphere of the big crowd. They all did a great job in running their games and the umpiring coordinator praised all of them for their great attitude and be great representatives of our club. Well Done Ben, Harry & Lachy!

I also want to recognise the efforts of Pierce & Brodie Cooper who act as our orange shirt umpires and umpire mentors on Sundays along with the great efforts of Mike O'Grady & Chris Hayter for coaching these boys.



Training Schedule:

Tuesday :- **U9/10's 5-6pm, U11/12's 6-7pm**Wednesday :- Auskick 4:30-5:30pm, U13 5:30-**7pm, U14/16's 6-8pm**

ROUND 7

Under 9 Purple vs Pennant Hills Red

9:00am Sun 30 May - Ern Holmes Oval

Under 9 White vs Kellyville Black

9:30am Sun 30 May - Bruce Purser Oval

Under 10 White vs Pennant Hills Blue

10:00am Sun 30 May - Ern Holmes Oval

Under 10 Purple vs Westbrook

9:30am Sun 30 May - Mike Kenny Oval

Under 11's vs Westbrook Blue

10:30am Sun 30 May - Mike Kenny Oval

Under 12's vs Forest

11:00am Sun 30 May - Lionel Watts Reserve

Under 13's vs Hornsby

11:45am Sun 30 May - Rofe Park

Under 14's vs Newtown

10:30pm Sun 30 May - ELS Hall

Under 16's vs Westbrook

3:25pm Sun 30 May - Mike Kenny Oval

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Team Talk

AUSKICK



Team Talk

Under 9 Purple



Team Talk

Under 9 White

No match report or photos this week

Team Talk

Under 10 Purple



Team Talk

Under 10 White

Our U10 Whites played our U10 purple team in the local derby on Sunday at Purple Park (ELS). It was overcast but not raining when Lachlan (umpire) and the coaches decided to go for the leather match Sherrin.

After making up the numbers with players from both U9's, from the first bounce the players from both teams were keen to impress the crowd. The rain started soon after but that didn't deter the players from going in hard for the ball or taking marks around the ground.

Some of the highlights of the game for me were the accurate drop punts out of the center and around the ground especially from Tom, Daniel, Connor, Bryn and Zac. Most of these quick movements ended up with a major score. Rory and Matt Riley (U9 purple) were on fire and ended up with 3 each, while Zac & Dylan snagged a couple and Ben Riley (U9 Purple), Tom and Daniel kicked one each.

When Daniel played in the backline, he was like Tadhg Kennelly, the way he read the play and repelled the purple's attacks. Wil also defended well with some solid marks in defence. The Whites were a little more polished on the day especially with their delivery down the ground and made more of their opportunities in front of the goals. In saying this, the Purple team never gave up all day and put pressure on right up to the final siren.

Both coaches thought about swapping players at 3 quarter time but we were happy that all players were having fun so decided against it. Best for the whites were Daniel, Rory, Matt Riley, Zac, Dylan and Tom with the coach's award going to Matt Smith for his effort around the scrimmages.

Lachlan umpired very well in one of the best umpiring performances of a new umpire I have seen this year.

I would like to thank the parents for cheering on good play from both teams and putting up with the rain as well as Matt, Ben and Robert from the U9 purple team playing for the Whites.

Go the Dockers!

Garry Furey

Under 10 White Coach



Team Talk

Under 11's



Team Talk

Under 12's



Team Talk

Under 13's

The roller coaster season for our boys continued this week against a determined St Ives opposition.

Defence is one of the strong points of this team, and yet again the boys faced the challenge presented to them right from the start. The game was fairly even with the *Dockers* leading for the most part, displaying some good passages of play blitzing their opponents however through some tough counter-defence, our boys were not able to stamp their authority on the match.

A lapse in concentration and a bit of luck saw St Ives take a slender lead going in to the last break courtesy of late goal. Another 2 quick goals at the start of the last quarter was enough to hold off our boys who finished hard, desperate to escape the jaws of defeat.

In what was a true battle of the defenders - as highlighted by the low score, we ultimately paid the penalty for not adapting our quick, run-on style of play to the damp conditions. Some valuable lessons learnt and areas identified to improve on, but overall still a valiant effort by all the boys. Let's hope that we can turn it all around next week and come away with a sound victory.



Team Talk

Under 14's

It was a totally different team that turned up to ELS Hall on Sunday.

Each boy was ready to play. The embarrassment of the defeat to St. Ives the week before had everyone hungry to make amends. You could sense it in the warm up.

In the Change room we were privileged enough to have the footy manager and the General manager of the Fremantle Dockers, fresh from their victory over the Swans, give the boys a rev up by telling them it was time to take footy seriously.

It did the job.

Every boy that played on Sunday kicked, handballed and backed themselves in with amazing timing and gusto that resembled a well oiled machine. The hapless opposition, the Pittwater tigers, although trying as hard as they were allowed to, were on the end of a purple haze that engulfed them.

Special mention must be made to Angus who nailed 7 goals. I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome the Willoughby boys and the other new boys who have come to the Dockers this year. They have strengthened the team.

It was great to see Simon play with great passion and intent on Sunday, it would have made his well groomed father proud. He was hungry for the ball and tough in the contest. Felix as well played a great game, exploding from the half back flank, onto the ball and starting numerous attacking raids, well done. Nathan Mace, after umpiring just before the game, played another blinder, tough, strong and with beautiful coordination and pace.

Well done boys and coaches, it was pretty to watch and something that left us all wanting more. Hopefully we will keep the purple machine rolling.



Team Talk

Under 16's

It is not too often a team wins a game having been beaten on the scoreboard in 3 of the 4 quarters, but that was the case for the Under 16s last weekend.

Yet again we were very slow out of the blocks, and the fact that the Dockers were only 12 points down at quarter time was more by good luck than good management.

But the second quarter was a sight to behold, one of the best quarters of footy you could hope to see. In 20 minutes the Dockers managed 13 scoring shots, kicking 6 goals 7 to a solitary behind to turn a 2-goal deficit into a 5-goal lead at half time.

From then on it was a matter of trying to hold off the fast-finishing Swans, who never gave up, and constantly threatened to break the game open as they had in the first quarter.

Credit for the victory must in the end lie with our amazing back six, who stood up to intense pressure time after time (notwithstanding the absence of one of our key defenders due to illness). To those guys – Lloyd, Chris, Seth, Liam, Jono, and Nick – well done on a wonderful effort which secured what may end up being a very important victory for your team.

Elsewhere there were many other good players also. In the middle of the ground Simon and Greg were excellent contributors all day, well-supported by a sprightly Ben O, while up forward the Twin Towers (Jacob and Jordan) terrorised their opponents to create opportunities for those around them.

With players missing, and no reserves to rotate, this was a gutsy performance, and reflected the team spirit that is growing every week amongst a really impressive group of young men.

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