

# Point Post

Round 9, 2013

## President's Report

Well done and thank you to Naushad and the merry band of Auskick coaches and parent helpers for their superbly run Gala day. The smiles on the childrens faces said it all. Sydney Swans in attendance: McGlynn, Bird and Brown were very gracious with their time and energy to spend with the Auskickers and we thank Sydney Swans for committing their players to attend our club Gala. Special thanks to **LifeHealthcare** for the separate coffee station to handle the demand of the Gala day.

Please welcome Brett Middleton in taking on the role of being umpire ambassador at our club. We currently have 5 umpires from families at North Ryde Dockers. Umpiring is another great way to enjoy and learn the game – they also get paid – and we encourage our members to consider being involved. Contact Brett if you have any questions by emailing him at [Brett@MRTperformance.com.au](mailto:Brett@MRTperformance.com.au).

Here are some important extracts from the Greater Sydney Junior Bylaws regarding umpires that we should all keep in mind.

**Conduct** In the interest of the game of Australian Football, the Board requires all persons to treat Umpires, all Club Officials, Players and supporters, and all related property, with respect.

Introducing Officials and Players to Umpires prior to the game, and encouraging those same Officials and Players to courteously acknowledge the efforts of the Umpires whatever the result.

## **Parents and supporters code of conduct include**

Lead by example and respect all Players, Coach, Umpires, Officials and spectators. Never publicly criticise Umpires, rather raise personal concerns with Club Officials in private.

**The Coaches Code of Conduct includes:** Displaying and fostering respect for Umpires, opponents, Coaches, Officials, parents and spectators.

## **Coach and Umpires**

Treat the Umpire with the utmost of good faith and respect. Introduce the umpire to the Players prior to the commencement of the game and encourage Players and Officials to courteously acknowledge the efforts of the Umpires. Instruct Officials, Players and supporters that there is an appropriate manner and time to address any problems that they have

with an Umpire or with any decisions and that time is not during the game, nor the intervals within a game, and certainly not when tempers are a bit frayed. Restrain any Official, Player or supporter from any inappropriate action, verbal or physical, toward an Umpire. Back up/support an Umpire's disciplinary action should the need arise. **Never publicly criticise the Umpire to Players or spectators.** Never incite Players or spectators to act against the Umpire.

Encourage supporters to act in a sportsmanlike manner, congratulating either team for good, fair play. Ensure that supporters do not interfere with the game, nor encourage Players to act in an unsportsmanlike manner. Quickly address any problems that may be brewing with supporter behaviour and **request the Club administration to act in a manner to diffuse any possible problems.**

### ***Approaching Umpires***

**No person, except as listed below, shall approach or talk to an Umpire** (Field, Boundary and Goal) during the quarter time, half time or three quarter time interval or when the Umpires are entering or leaving the field/ground.

- AFL NSW/ACT staff
- Members of the Regional Committee acting in their Capacity as a member of the Regional Committee
- **Ground Manager, including any designated assistants**

- Parents of the Umpires
- Club Umpire Ambassador
- Regional Umpire Coordinator.

### **Green Shirt**

**Green Shirt umpires are typically new Umpires in training who are learning and developing their umpiring skills.** The "Green Shirt" Umpire will generally only umpire Under 9's to Under 12's, ... Where possible a Mentor (allocated by the HOME Club or Regional Umpire Coordinator) shall be available either on or off field depending on the competency of the Umpire to assist with their training and difficult decisions and situations. Two Green shirts should not umpire together where possible.

### **U12-16 Prescribed Penalty – One Match suspension**

Disputing the decision of the Umpire.

### **Action during Match**

Any Player or Official who **seeks to or speaks to the Umpire may be referred by the AFLGSJ to the Tribunal** to deal with as the Tribunal thinks appropriate.

### **Send Off/Order Off**

**A Player or Official who breaches any of the Laws** shall be ordered from the field for a period of time equivalent to one quarter or for the remainder of the game if the breach was committed in the last quarter. In this instance, the Umpire will hold up a Yellow card.

A Player or Official who breaches any of the Laws twice in the same match for

separate incidents, or where there is a serious breach (such as those listed in Rule 9.3), shall be ordered from the field for the remainder of the match. In this instance the Umpire will hold up a Red card and must report the Player or Official.

**Umpire Review Completed by Coaches**  
Submission to Regional Umpires Coordinator via online facility

#### **Appendix 1 – Umpire Review Process**

AFLGSJ is taking all steps to deliver an acceptable level of competency for the junior Age Groups. This can only be achieved if Club Coaches and management of junior teams are prepared to provide constructive comment.

Coaches can use Appendix 2  
**Development Grade / Junior Rules 2013**

– Thomas Jubb  
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#### **Auskick**

After much planning the Dockers successfully hosted the 2013 North West Sydney – Auskick Gala Day on Sunday morning. We had some sensational weather (after a few nervous days leading up to it with the forecasts) and we think between 200 to 220 Auskickers participating from the Dockers, Lane Cove, Hornsby Berowra, Pennant Hills & Westbrook clubs. Along with

assistance from AFL NSW/ACT and the Swans it was a terrific opportunity for the club to promote the game in our local area. We had several first timers register for the day after either reading about it in the local press or at their local primary school and hopefully that will transfer into some extra Auskickers for the remainder of this season and next. We even had some visitors from the Lake Macquarie Dockers!

On the day the Auskick groups were put through 6 x 15 minute sessions consisting of 2 x games and 4 x drills. In between the two games we had kick-to-kick, poison ball (handballing), mine sweeper (goal kicking) and a marking & handballing drill.

The Auskickers had a terrific time playing with and against players from the other clubs, which is something they don't often get to do, plus they had the added bonus of being coached by several Sydney Swans players on the day.



Overall it was a great success and we'd like to especially thank Thomas and Trevor for their assistance, as well as the extended Dockers family who pitched in to give us hand on the day including the Auskick parents. We'd also like to thank AFL NSW/ACT, the Swans Ben McGlynn (photo above), Craig Bird (photo below) & Alex Brown, the NAB, the other clubs' Auskick coordinators and coaches and all other raffle sponsors for their support.

– Auskick Coaches



### U9 Purple

Although we were a couple of boys down today the Dockers fighting spirit lived on and the assistance we had from Cameron, Jack, Connor and Harrison from the Whites Team was greatly appreciated.

The boys battled hard for a full four quarters and I'm really proud of the huge effort put in by all players right to the final siren. Hugh had a fine game gathering many possessions

and a goal as well. His passing to team-mates was outstanding and for that he was awarded Player of the Week.

The forward line was on fire early in the first quarter with James booting 3 goals (one that big it got stuck in the tree) and with Matthew, Liam and Lachlan providing great support. Henry, Cameron and Matthew B were providing many opportunities to the forward line with some great work out of the centre.

Josh, Lachlan and Grechy had solid games in defence again. Ben was close to player of the week for his continual hard work in defence where he was our brick wall – they just couldn't get past him. Like the first quarter our third quarter was a flurry of goals to Cameron, Hugh and Matthew B who kicked one from what seemed like the 50m line!

A great team effort boys and keep fighting hard for the ball and you will keep being rewarded for your effort.

– David Lugsdin

### U9 White

Where is Winter?? Both teams were greeted by a glorious sunny afternoon at ELS Hall Park. The opposition was Westbrook Blue and with each side fielding 13 players, space was at a premium at times. Westbrook were the stronger side in

the 1st quarter although Dockers did manage the first major courtesy of Jack's left boot after a strong run. Harrison was a tower of strength throughout all four quarters, strong on the ball, with accurate and intelligent kicks.

Zach, Connor and captain for the day, Aarish, worked tirelessly around the ruck, tackling with gusto and picking up the crumbs from their older, taller teammates. Jacob was making intelligent leads and worked hard to get his hands on the ball, while also tackling with constant pressure when Westbrook had possession.



If Westbrook were on top after halftime, whatever was said during the break did the job (or was it the smorgasbord of fruit?) and the Dockers boys came out firing in the 3rd and 4th quarters and were hungry for every ball and played like they have been training of late full of commitment and tireless running. Both Alex and Ashton got in some long accurate kicks, with the

former's burst out of defence and booming kick a joy to witness. Once again Cameron was a standout, taking some spectacular marks and constantly moving and hungry for the ball. Thomas and Matthew also led by example as you would expect from some old hands as they are.

Thomas kicked a fine goal, while Matthew's intelligent offload under pressure in the final quarter deserved more. It was great to look on from the sidelines and see James involved every time the ball was near him. He was very unlucky not to score a 6 pointer when the merest of fingertip touches foiled his valiant attempt after gutsy play to gain possession.

It was a great game to watch and both teams and supporters enjoyed the spectacle. It was Henry's first game for Dockers Under 9s, having graduated from Auskick, and while the bounce didn't always go his way he worked hard throughout the whole game and was beaming from ear to ear when his teammates gathered around him to sing the club song at the final siren.

– Sean Cronin

### U11 Purple

This week marked celebrations for 8 of our 14 U/11 Purple players who now in their 4th year of grade

football, played and celebrated 50 games of footy together with the Dockers. Congratulations go to Blake, Fynn, Matt, Robbie, Ryan (Frysie), Harry, Jack and Nick!

In 2010, Ian (Rissa) Riley and I pulled together a group of about 11 players to play their first year of U9's. All but two of these kids were only 7 or 8 years old. That 1st year was a tough one, where the poor little guys were on the wrong side of some pretty big scores, but they stuck at it and formed a wonderful bond as a result. At the end of that year, our two older kids moved up to the older group where they're still playing today and our little guys started to make their mark in North West region AFL.

Eight of those original 11 are still in the team and along with four very welcome additions over the years, have gone on to be one of the

strongest teams in the region. To mark the occasion, a few of the Mum's got together and made a fantastic 50th game banner which the kids came crashing through to start the game. (Big thanks to Shelley, Robyn, Andrea and Debbie!)

The Hawks got off to a slow start, but after a few minutes and some lovely clearances from Harry, Jack & Nick in midfield, the Dockers scored 3 or 4 goals through accurate kicks from our forwards, including great goals to Frysie & Blake. The 2nd quarter saw the Hawks come back and kick 3 goals of our own and it could have been more, had it not been for Robbie, Jack & Lachlan in defence.

Towards the end of the quarter Matt arrived, a little late, but a very welcome addition of toughness and along with Ned and the other midfielders, we started to even



things up again against the hard running Hawks.

The 3rd quarter saw a re-shuffle where Fynn moved to the backline, Lachlan to midfield and Nick up forward so by the end of the quarter the Dockers seized control back of the game through some great midfield running from Luke and Harry who was on fire.

In the 4th quarter, the Dockers got back to combining well and fast "play-on" footy which resulted in quick and frequent kicks into our forward line. Moved back into the forward, Fynn held every mark that came his way and kicked 4 for the quarter and an impressive 7 goals for the game.

On the final siren, the kids huddled around their 50th game captain, Blake, and Jack, who captained our toughest game 2 weeks ago, and together they quite rightly sang the Dockers song with great pride.

The game, and the 50th game milestone which the kids were able to reach together, is a fantastic achievement for them and made their families very proud, indeed. Thanks go to all parents & family who've joined in and helped along the way. I'd like to thank, our Managers and Coaches over the

years, Jo, Alice, Debbie, Rissa, Cooper & of course Brad for helping these kids get to 50 games. We can all now look forward to the next group of "50 Gamers", Janne, Lachlan, Ned & Luke who are not far away themselves. Go the Dockers!

– Kyle Mahoney

### U11 White

It was nice to be back in the sun at Rofe Park against Hornsby. This week, Alex H had an outstanding game, always contesting for the ball, getting hold of it and getting it away. He was able to top off his efforts with 2 goals – well done Alex! As always, Yianni never gave up, was involved in everything and also kicked a goal.



Joe and Luke were also involved in everything, usually marking much taller players than themselves. The third quarter was a great team effort, one of our best quarters for the year where the boys tested a strong Hornsby backline. The good effort continued in the final quarter

and other mentions for effort go to Mason for his defense and Tim and Henry for good all round games.

– Liz Thomson

## U12

Although we didn't record a win, the team played the sort of competitive footy that they boys can be proud of against a strong Pittwater side. When the teams played in round 5 we were handed a 55 point loss and although we went down by 14 points this time, the match was even closer than the scores indicate. With a number of players unavailable, 4 of the U11 Purples filled in and all made impressive contributions.

Ranga continued his great season with a sensational display at Full Back, spoiling many Tigers scoring opportunities. Dash worked hard to provide a target at CHF and in the midfield, while Bull won his share of contested ball in the packs.

Thanks to Matt, Nick, Luke and Harry (U11s) who helped us with their extra run. It was great to have Sticks and Rizza at the ground to support us in game number 50 for the Wizard.

NRD 4.5 = 29 lost to PT 5.13 = 73  
Goals: Super (2), Matt (1), Nick (1).

– Michael Hudson

## U13

A stark change in weather conditions from our last game greeted the 13's as we ventured west for the traditionally tough clash with Kellyville/Rouse Hill at Bruce Purser Oval. We had our largest squad of the year with only one missing, meaning we had a bench and were able to rotate players... very exciting.

The first quarter was an end to end scrap with a soccer score line of 2-1 and quarter time. The Dockers best quarter was the second with David B and Macca grabbing singles and Tom W snapping 2 goals for a solid lead into the half time break. The second half of the game was a physical struggle and the bigger Kellyville team tried their best to wrestle the lead, to no avail as we held on for a close 36 to 29 victory.

Sam P ran all day and was supported in the middle by Hurstie, Macca, Rory and Bryn. Down the back Rino, Ehsen and Jake battled all day. Zac was strong in the middle before moving forward to score a much needed goal. The forward line had limited opportunities although kicked straighter than the opposition with less chances to seal the bigger score. All round a good day for the team in purple and white!

– Christopher Whitnall

## U16

It's interesting how a team can win three of the four quarters and still lose the match, yet win the day.

This is exactly what happened with the U16's on Sunday. Glebe, sitting 2nd on the ladder, put on a spurt of 6 goals in the first quarter. With a squad of 18 (no reserves) against a team with a full bench, we were thinking here we go again – another tough day at the office. But Sunday 16th June will mark the start of something special.

The Dockers hit the paddock in the second quarter refreshed and renewed. We started playing as a team and even our shortest players stood tall. The team fought hard and won each quarter thereafter. While we went down in the end 78 to 49 we had Glebe worried and forced them to pack the backline to defend against us for the entire 2nd half. In the end, unfortunately we kicked 13 behinds, and gave Glebe too big a start in the first quarter. However, I would suggest the day was won by the Dockers, as the whole 18 man squad stood up and made sure they were counted – well done boys!

– Ian Whelan