

Point Post

Round 7, 2013

President's Report

It is wonderful to see our club growing every week with new registrations across the age groups. Keep up the great recruiting 😊

Thank you to Brett Middleton who has taken on the role of umpire ambassador. Players can umpire from the age of 13. If you are at all interested, please contact Brett (Brett@MRTperformance.com.au).

AFL is spreading through high schools with the inaugural independent schools competition that started this term. It is considered a trial, so anything we can do to assist the quality of the event will assist this being taken on more permanently in future years.

Hosting these games and running a canteen aids the quality as well as brings needed funds into our club. Because of our work, the AFL will be putting funds into our upcoming club rebuild. A big thank you to the committee and Auskickers for volunteering an hour of their Saturday to help host the last two weekends. Please see below the rostered schedule – get in quick to your team manager to put your name against an hour time slot of your preference.

Draws for round 8 and 9 are now available.

May your kicks be long and straight.
– Thomas Jubb (0429 794 743)

	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 1 June	U9 - 1 person from each team to cover 2 people per hour						
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

A slightly soggy pitch greeted us on Sunday morning for Auskick but despite the conditions underfoot we had a solid turnout of 19 players including another debutant, Liam. This week we did an initial warm up with some run and handball skills. Some of the older kids also incorporated some leaping and bouncing of the footy. We then took the group through some ball handling skills, making sure they keep low to the ground and keep the ball close, but always in front of the hands (as the pic perfectly demonstrates).



As always, we finished the session off with a modified Auskick game and there were plenty of highlights and skills on display. A special mention must go to our three Auskick Certificate winners for the week – Leif, Nicholas and Ryan who showed great teamwork, skills and more importantly paid fantastic

attention to the coaches...! They also have the added bonus of going into the draw for the AFL's annual Auskicker of year award.

We hope to see as many as possible at training this week and next Sunday where there they'll be more Auskick Certificates on offer. We'd also like to remind parents about the upcoming Gala Day on June 16, which the Dockers are hosting at ELS Hall. Please pass on the flyer (see back page) to as many friends and family as possible.

– Auskick Coaches

U9 Purple

We have come a long way in such a short season, every player is improving week on week and the commitment shown from all players on the weekend was a great thing for parents to see.

The Hawks were a faster, taller and overall better skilled side on the day, but this doesn't mean we were easy beats. Yes the scoreboard was in favour of the Hawks but the Dockers won in terms of effort and never gave up the fight. Well done everyone and in particular Grechy for his 4 quarter performance around the ground in his second game with some great marking, passing and defensive work.

There was great support from the rest of the team to mention everyone individually this week. But one example I would like to call out of trying as hard as you can was James who ran all day to the point where he said "Coach, I just can't run any more ...". A great example of putting everything you have into a game of footy for your team mates.

Some great running and attacking football from Kyeton, Hugh, Ben, Matthew B, and Lachlan. Awesome defensive play from Josh, Liam, Gallows, and Noah this week. Bring on the other Hawks team next week!



A great team effort overall and sustained effort as evidenced by this photo.
– David Lugsdin

U9 White

It was a perfect morning and setting at Bruce Purser Reserve for a game of footy. Tough Uncompromising Footy! Right from the opening bounce Kellyville were straight onto the ball and Dockers were chasing hard for a fair amount of the first half. It was fair to say that Dockers got a lesson in how their opponents play, with quick skillful handballing and foot passes, and some very well take scores going Kellyville's way early in the game. Harrison and Daniel did their best to stem the onslaught in defence with both boys taking some very strong marks in the first quarter. This show of defiance slowly but surely flowed throughout the rest of the team and while always chasing the opposition on the scoreboard, Dockers never gave up even when it seemed that Kellyville had the ball was on a string between the centre and their forwards.

Tenacious tackling had to be the order of the day and Matthew, Cameron and Jack all worked hard around the ruck, coming off second best on occasions, however this inspired a mini revival with Dockers having a purple patch in the second quarter scoring a goal and a couple of behinds thanks to smart work around the goal square by Thomas and Alex. With a bit more luck the behinds could easily have been

majors. Captain Connor, along with Aarish and Jacob made up in heart for what they may have lacked in stature, being prepared to get their heads in over the ball against against some of the Kellyville talls.

The second half was more of a balanced affair with both sides kicking some good scores and not giving any quarter in their respective defences. Kellyville seemed to just get to the ball that one step quicker and while Dockers, through James and Ashton, did manage to get good possession at times, constant pressure from the locals made sure nothing came easy.

All in all it was a hard slog for Whites in Round 7, but in listening to the heart felt post match rendition of the Club Song, you got the feeling that while the boys may have been down they were far from out and to a man, they were looking forward to getting together on Tuesday evening for training with the goal to come back stronger next weekend in Pennant Hills. – Sean Cronin

U11 Purple

Our game against the Pennant Hills Blue team was an early 8am start and without three of our regulars, including no Janne after hearing news of a midweek school camp accident that has left her arm in

plaster for 6 weeks. We will miss her greatly, so get well soon, Janne. In true Dockers spirit, three of the U/11 Whites, Will, Joe & Yianni, answered the call for extra players and joined in to help out their brothers in Purple. Big thanks to the three of them, all of whom had fine games. The 1st qtr was a fairly even contest, but as the quarter went on, the Dockers started to get used to the slightly different team make up and settled in to play some good footy, kicking the only goal of the term.

With the ball up in the 2nd quarter, the Dockers kicked into gear and then came a flurry of goals to the kids in purple. Fynn booted three 2nd quarter goals & Nick with his ever safe hands marked everything and went on to kick a few as well. These goals were only possible due to the work that the midfielders (Ned, Lachlan, Yianni, Matt, Luke & Harry) put into clearing the ball & getting it into the forward line. Harry was again on fire, but on top of his fantastic ability to get the ball and run it into the forward, he added more accurate kicking to deliver the ball to his forwards laces out. Purples also lead the way in the 3rd quarter with further goals to Frysie, Matt & Ned. Our backs again did a great job to hold the opposition goalless for the 1st three quarters. Pennant Hills fought back in the last quarter and

kicked a goal to make the last quarter a real battle. Special mention to goes to Joe from the whites team who was given a job to stop the Demon's biggest and best player, which he did with great effort and effectiveness. Next week sees us come up against the Magpies for the 1st time, so Carlton-loving Purple coaches will be looking for a big effort against any side sporting Collingwood colours.

– Kyle Mahoney

U11 White

It was another lovely sunny morning in Rouse Hill and it was certainly a fast and furious game against Kellyville/Rouse Hill Devon Smith team. Adam, Joe and Will had already played in the U11 Purple team and Nick, Luke, Harry and Robert from the Purples backed up and played for the Whites too. It was an even first quarter and a good physical contest with lots of scrambling for the ball, Kellyville had a strong second quarter but the game evened out again in the third. We finished with a very strong final quarter to round out our best and highest scoring game of the season so far.

Samuel G stood out for his athletic skills and great marking as did Adam for his tireless defense and never letting go of his player. Many of the boys had kicks for goal during the

play with Harry (2), Adam (2), Luke, Mason, Samuel G and Joe getting 6 pointers. It's fantastic to see the improvement of this team over the past 2 games and at training we'll be working on skills and fitness to keep this going.

– Liz Thomson

U12

What a difference a week makes! The boys rebounded strongly from our disappointing effort of last week, accounting for the high-flying Hornsby Eagles in our best team performance of the year. Hornsby had easily beaten the previously undefeated Pittwater last round. A repeat of our close first match appeared to be on the cards at half time, with only 1 point separating the teams, however, our hard running, contesting and discipline saw us overwhelm the opposition and kick 5 goals to 1 in the second half to post a well deserved win.

Every player made a contribution, with Bomber setting the example in a winning midfield, while Bart and Super kicked 2 goals each and provided a target up forward when not rucking. Ryan had a great game also kicking 2 goals as a small forward. Corey and Connor F (U13s) dropped back to their correct age group for this match, with both doing important jobs for the team.

If we play to this standard every match, the finals beckon boys – it's up to you. Well done.

NRD 8.4 = 52 def HB 4.3 = 27.
Goals: Wizard (2), Super (2), Bart (2), Ryan (2).

– Michael Hudson

U13

Our under 13's had another convincing win over the Pittwater Tigers on Sunday at ELS. Scores to half time (which are the final scores to be recorded because mercy rule was in effect); Dockers 10.7= 67 to Tigers 1.0= 6.

It was a lovely sunny day and ideal for footy. With Em unavailable and Rory our rover out injured, moving Hurstie from the wing to rover proved to be a winning move. He was my player of the match and some of his side steps and dummies around 2 or 3 Tiger players were amazing. Tom had his best game for the year and had bagged six goals by half time break and ended with 7 for the match.

Our midfielders are really running opposition off their feet with Bryn (2 goals) Connor, Cory, and Sharpie winning clearances across centre. Zac had another solid performance and dominated the ruck (1 goal) and

Macca played his usual high intensity game on the ball with his pace just too quick for his opposition. Our Dockers were harder at the ball, Ehsen was tireless at fullback, Sam provided the run from centre half back, and another good effort from Buddo (scored goal up forward) and Ben was good up forward and in defence.

Marley, Hurstie, Ehsen all kicked a goal in 2nd half, but we missed a couple of goal scorers as I made so many moves in last half to even things up (to give the Tigers a chance to get a few goals because of the mercy rule) that our stats person missed a couple.

This week we play second-placed Manly at ELS and with our Dockers a game clear on top, we need to be really focussed as they would love to have bragging rights over us. We are looking forward to the challenge, and to improve on our 5 wins and 1 loss record. This will be a good test for the team to see how well our players stick to the game plan without myself and Stephen Plummer, my assistant coach, as we are both away on Sunday. Go the Dockers!

– Garry Furey



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!

Why not also 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